



By Eddie Ash

Sox Criticised for Altering Ball Field

Al Simmons Is Placed in Tough Spot

SHORTENING the foul lines at Comiskey park, home of the Chicago White Sox, has not met with the approval of many Windy City baseball fans and several major league scribes have criticised the move. The Sox park always has been pointed out as an ideal playing field, where a home run was a home run, and where the outfielders were compelled to demonstrate speed and fly catching skill in chasing long drives. The foul lines have been decreased in length by fifteen feet, left and right, and naturally the baseball sharps think the club officials deliberately reduced the distance to the walls to aid in the manufacture of four-base wallops.

It was only by accident that newspapermen discovered the change, a park workman having "remarked to a friend who remarked to a friend" until this information reached news channels. The workman disclosed the facts by informing his neighbors he was occupied in digging up the home plate preparatory to pushing it out farther from the grandstand to enable the groundkeeper to build a new diamond.

THE club officials finally admitted they were "pulling the walls closer to the home plate" to assist their star outfielder and slugger, Al Simmons. It was said he had complained the fences were too far away for his shoulder power, and blamed the size of the park for a hitting slump this year. This explanation went over until Simmons was advised of it. The high-priced pastime saw himself being made a "goat" and he visited Chicago to deny the announcement of his bosses. However, Al was hard put to advance a reason for his inability to smash home runs in Chicago like he used to lift 'em over the fences at Philadelphia when he was wearing the colors of the Athletics. He drew down \$3,000 with the Sox this year and failed to deliver up to expectations. Pressed for facts to explain his shortage of home runs in 1933, Simmons declined to admit he had lodged a complaint against the size of the Comiskey park. Feeling it was necessary to offer some defense, Simmons settled on the Lake Michigan wind, saying: "It blows in from left field so much my drives fall short of going over." It was the best laugh of the early stove drives season.

FOOTBALL score forecasts on twelve of today's games, sent in by Times readers, were piled high in this office at the noon deadline. Efforts will be made to clear up the checking of the slips in order to publish the names of the high pickers Monday, but this is only a promise. It may require more time to double check in the search for Perfect Picker Pete. The fan experts made a big push this week and the smashing attack is expected to produce more than one perfect prognosticator. In last week's selections several "actual" scores were overlooked, but as a whole few complaints were registered. Amos N. Gerth, Columbus, who picked nine winners in sixteen tries, had two "actual" results among his selections. Ohio State-Illinois, 7 to 6, and Georgia-Georgia Tech, 7 to 6. Halford Brinley, Zionsville, who turned his eleven winners, also knocked two over right on the button, Nebraska-Iowa, 7 to 6, and Stanford-California, 7 to 3.

ONE football argument in the east threatens to continue forever, in season and out. In the close Navy-Princeton game this fall the count was 0 to 0 for three quarters. In the fourth period Princeton scored two touchdowns and it was one of the markers that started the endless controversy. On fourth down Spofford of Princeton was stopped short of the Navy goal, but the ball slipped out of his grasp and over the last stripe, where John, Princeton guard, fell on it—a touchdown—when points were valuable. Fans and officials agreed it was a legal six points, but an unorthodox touchdown. However, others asserted that Spofford, realizing he couldn't make the distance, fumbled deliberately with an unobserved shove of the ball toward John. It was another incident of the game "that something should be done about."

NOT all of what goes in comes out at the big college football stadium. For instance, there's the caretaker of the stadium at the University of California, at Berkeley. He knows crowds and their "accessories." Moreover, he has given feature writers a new slant on football crowd statistics. For instance, the California-Southern California battle this fall. He found 2,000 empties after the game, and he didn't mean empty seats. He meant "dead soldiers," or "mourners." The St. Mary's-California game left the caretaker 1,800 "killed in action." Now we wonder who takes care of the caretaker after he takes care of the glassware.

BOB LASSITER, captain of the Yale grid team, is no believer in "soft soaping." His warriors were favorites to knock off Harvard last week and were upset, 13 to 6. It was a sound pasting. Old Yale grads and other Bulldog supporters rushed to the Yale dressing room after the game and endeavored to console Lassiter. "Don't take it to heart, old boy, the breaks were against you. Yale played a great game." And the Yale pilot is said to have replied: "Aw, we got the hell kicked out of us."

JACK Adams, manager of the Detroit Red Wings pro hockey team, was fined \$100 for "using acrimonious language" in an argument with referee Bill Stewart. It may have been "acrimonious" to the league officials, but the referee probably has a different word for it.

The Notre Dame B eleven lost to St. Bonaventure on Turkey day. The Irish failed to score, suffering a shutout, 12 to 0. Well, I guess that calls for the anvil chorus to put the bee on the B coach.

Somebody has an amusing way of describing 3.2 beer, referring to it as three-speck-two.

News items from Glasgow: Whisky-laden liner, carrying 30,000 cases of Scotch, sailed for New York today. Now will you quit boasting about Indianapolis being the greatest inland city in the country?

It was the last whistle today for many star grididers and next it will be the professors' turn to blow the whistle when classroom exams roll around, and some profs never heard of a bear story.

Love Tosses Arizona Foe

ABARGAIN bill wrestling program has been arranged by matchmaker Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A. C. and the show will be held at the Armory Tuesday night. He has scheduled a "double main go" and also an opening bout, with well-known heavyweights performing in each match.

Pat O'Shocker, popular Irish giant, will tackle Frank Speers of Georgia in one of the top features, and in the other top attraction Andy Rascher, Hoosier favorite, will clash with Al Baffert, French-Canadian star. Each of the features calls for the matmen to grapple over the two-falls-in-three route.

In the lid lifter Tom (Bad Wolf) Marvin, Oklahoma Indian, will take on Babe Caddock, New York. The entire program promises to supply the usual "thrill a minute" action, the matchmaker promises. Frank Speers is a former Georgia Tech football idol and uses the flying tackle chiefly, along with a mixture of rough "formations."

NEBRASKA WANTS GAME

AT HOLLYWOOD—Art Lasky, 190 Madison Avenue, Fred Astaire, 177 Madison, Ward, 31; Rudy Mezner, 148 Madison; Domingo Lopez, 148 Madison.

AT KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Rou Stevens, Springfield, Mo., 158, won from Ted Charro, Kansas City, on the last (3). Steve Ketchell, Leader, heavy weight, and Pauline, beat K. O. Morgan, Toledo, beat Mike Kohnke, Detroit.

AT PITTSBURGH—Mike—Ralph Morgan, Boston, stopped Jimmy Sawyer (4); Farmer Brown, Bath, knocked out Tommy Long, Boston, 2; and Eddie, Bath, knocked out Jimmy Walker, Boston (2).

AT LAREDO, Tex.—Carlos Garcia, 135, Mexican, outpointed Carl Oser, 134, New Orleans, ten rounds.

MATES HONOR SCHILLER

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 2.—Teammates of Robert Schiller, Milwaukee, have voted him the most valuable player on the 1933 University of Wisconsin football team. Schiller, quarter back, had an average gain of 3.5 yards for each time he carried the ball.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL FRIDAY

Sterson, Miami (Fla.), 0, (tie); Murray (Ky.), 30; Mississippi Teachers, 18; Yale Juniors, 4.

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Upsets May Lurk in Last Part of Gridiron Parade

Notre Dame Battles Army, Yale Will Try to Stop Princeton, Georgia Invades Southern California in Big Games on Today's Program.

BY CARLOS LANE

The 1933 football season is almost a memory of colorful crowds and marching bands, of the clash of padded figures on striped turf, and of several notable surprises in all sections of its parade into history.

A baker's dozen of games this afternoon, and a few tilts a week from today will sign off the procession for another year.

It may not pass without some rousing thrills. Today particularly there are opportunities for some queer picks by whatever impious jockey of fortune controls the trend of football battles.

Perhaps the best prospect of a stirring upset is in Yankee stadium at New York, where the unbeaten West Point Cadets meet a battered Notre Dame eleven that has weathered only two of its eight games successfully.

The Irish, blemished an injury list they say will rob them of the services of Don Elser, Hugh DeVore and Kitty Gorman, are the underdogs in the battle. But the Army-Notre Dame series, dating from 1913, is marked in several spots with incidents in which the favored team went down before an allegedly inferior foe.

Yale May Upset Tigers

Another fair chance for the foot-dollie bucket to go tumbling its contents all over the sports pages will be in the Yale bowl where an unimpressive Blue eleven will face the undefeated Princeton Tigers in a renewal of an historic grid rivalry.

The sideliner prophets who have forecast a stumble for the Tigers in New Haven have based their seeming heresy on allegations that Princeton has played more or less in the "minor leagues" this fall, meeting tough opponents only in Navy and Columbia.

Duke Faces Georgia Tech

However, inasmuch as Yale has dropped games to Army, Harvard and Georgia, the Blue is figured as only a mediocre team. The art of comparing scores leaves any attempt at a logical forecast of the result far up in the foliage.

Princeton trounced Brown, for instance, 33 to 0, while Yale was able to lick the Iron Men only 14 to 6.

On the other hand, the Tigers defeated Washington and Lee 6 to 0, while Yale piled up a 14-to-0 count on the Presidents. Probably Princeton's greatest show of power was a 20-to-0 win over Columbia.

It is more than slightly possible that Duke's unsmirked record may be nullified by the Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech, as the southern foes meet in Atlanta. Duke is favored, but the Engineers are pretty tough.

Plainfield Meets Trojans

Two Indianapolis high school basketball teams which opened their season on foreign courts last night, came home and left the victories. Like Mary's lamb left his tail, behind them.

Plainfield high school downed Washington's Contingents, 43 to 10, at Plainfield. Cathedral dropped a game, 30 to 24, to Brownsburg on the Presidents. Both Washington teams will play against Greenwood in the west side deal, it was said.

Summary:

Washington (10), Plainfield (43). FG PT PP

Cherry, f. 0 0 2 Pope, f. 1 0 5 1 0

McDonald, f. 2 2 0 Bab, f. 2 2 1 0

Greech, g. 0 0 0 Thorpe, g. 3 0 6 0

Costek, g. 0 0 0 Baylin, g. 3 2 2 0

Luzar, g. 0 0 0 Hines, g. 0 0 0

Carroll, g. 0 0 0 Haworth, c. 0 0 0

Hines, c. 0 0 0 Swartz, c. 0 0 0

Moore, c. 0 0 0 Schwier, g. 0 0 0

Fidger, g. 0 0 0

Hill, g. 0 0 0

Totals 4 2 10 Totals 18 7 4

Score at Half—Plainfield, 24; Washington, 10.

Referee—Green.

Cathedral outscored Brownsburg from the field, but the hosts took the advantage with free throws, tallying fourteen times from the foul ring.

Brownsburg led at half time, 15 to 11, but baskets by W. O'Connor and N. O'Connor tied the count.

Staff writers who took part in the selections were of a unanimous opinion that the first team represents one of the most powerful and colorful in years.

Cathedral reserved won from Brownsburg reserves, 26 to 16.

Summary:

Cathedral (24), Brownsburg (30). FG PT PP

Jackson, f. 0 3 0 McCellind, f. 0 2 3

Brown, f. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Killinger, f. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Topmiller, g. 0 0 0 Salmon, c. 3 5 2

Carroll, g. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

M. Mahon, g. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

O'Connor, g. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Sweeney, f. 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Totals 0 6 12 Totals .. 8 1 10

Score at Half—Brownsburg, 10. Cathedral, 11.

Referee—Perry.

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