

# Prof. Ash Ducks and Takes I. U., Irish, Butler, Minnesota

Games picked, 178; winners, 130; losers, 37; ties, 11. Baiting average for season to date, .766.

By EDDIE ASH

After what happened in the way of football surprises the past two weeks the grid experts are becoming immune to punishment and write everything off by calling it a strategic retreat in this business of calling the turn in upcoming games.



ASH

This week's college schedule presents as many problems as any crystal gazer cares to handle. It probably will be another week end of distaster to the prognosticators, but who's going to stop 'em from risking their necks?

Top billing in the Hoosier State goes to Iowa at Indiana. The Hoosiers are due to win one after losing two tough tilts. So, come on Indiana and do it.

Notre Dame meets an old foe in Carnegie Tech and we are picking the Irish over the Kilts. And Butler over Wabash. Last year Illinois stopped Tom Harmon and upset Michigan. But we like the Wolverines. And Minnesota over Ohio State and Tennessee over Alabama.

Selections for the week on all fronts:

## STATE COLLEGES

Indiana over Iowa. This is against the ratings. Notre Dame over Carnegie Tech. Irish take off wraps. Butler over Wabash. Superior power and more reserves. Ohio Wesleyan over DePauw. On a limb on this one. Swarthmore over Earlham. A battle between Quakers. Valpo over Cent. Normal. 'Nother big day in Danville. St. Joe over Evansville. Pumas are up and coming. Ball State over Manchester. It's usually a thriller. Ind. State over Grand Rapids. Groping without lights. Franklin over Hanover. Tab it as a toss-up.

## MIDWEST

Minnesota over Ohio State. Gophers lost it last fall. Michigan over Illinois. But don't sell Bob Zuppke short. Northwestern over Wisconsin. Wildcats seem to have it. Marquette over Creighton. This rates a close encounter. Nebraska over Kansas. Based on comparative early form. Missouri over Iowa State. Depending upon Paul Christman.

Toledo over Scranton. Rockets are becoming a power. Oklahoma over Kansas State. May be fre-scoring here. Dayton over Miami. O. A faint fling on the Flyers.

Tulsa over St. Louis. Figures to be a toss-up. Xavier, Cincinnati, over St. Vincent. Scoreless tie last year. Oberlin over Hamilton. Come on, ye, Yeomen.

## EAST

Fordham over Pitt. But Panthers are still tough. Cornell over Syracuse. Big Red peels the Orange. Boston College over Idaho. B. C. has a lot of class. Dartmouth over Yale. Both Green and Blue are weak. Detroit over Manhattan. It was free-scoring last fall. Harvard over Army. Crimson prevailed in 1939. Pennsylvania over Princeton. Based on last week's form. Navy over Drake. Putting it up to Middies. Penn. State over Lehigh. Nittany Lions keep rolling. Duke over Colgate. Blue Devils look safe. Holy Cross over N. Y. U. It may be a close affair. Georgia over Columbia. It's in the toss-up bracket. Franklin-Marshall over Muhlenberg. Diplomats are veterans. Boston U. over Cincinnati. It's tougher than tough. Michigan State over Temple. A rousing contest indicated.

## SOUTH

Tennessee over Alabama. Old South's leading attraction. Mississippi over Duquesne. A bitter battle promised.

Georgia Tech over Vanderbilt. They're rated about equal. Texas A-M. over Tex. Christian. Stringing with the Farmers. Georgetown U. over Virginia Tech. The former is undefeated.

Florida over Maryland. Just toss a coin and guess. Centre over Louisville. A scoreless tie last season. Lou. State over Mercer. It shapes up that way. Rice over Tulane. The former has powerful forwards. Southern Methodist over Auburn. Another bitter battle. Texas over Arkansas. By a one-point margin last fall. Kentucky over Geo. Washington. Both are undefeated. N. Carolina U. over N. Car. State. But not by too much. Villanova over Baylor. Out on a long limb.

## FAR WEST

U. C. L. A. over California. Giving Uclans the edge. St. Mary's, Cal., over Loyola, Cal. Looks about even. Southern Calif. over Oregon U. It was a deadlock last fall. Utah over Utah State. Annual rivalry attraction. Oregon State over Washington. Seattle. Call it a toss-up. Stanford over Wash. State. By not more than a nod. Montana over Montana State. It was a squeak last year.

## So You Picked the A. L., Chortle. The Readers at Colonel Joe

Yes, Joe Did Select the Tigers, but He Still Has The Figures on His Side, Says He

By JOE WILLIAMS

Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—At the suggestion of our National League admirers we are having our tailors rig us up a snappy, form-fitting sack cloth, liberally sprinkled with ashes and when it is ready we are going to walk up and down the streets with a sign on our back reading: "This is the dope who said the American League was stronger."

Just as a good natured gesture, understand. For years we have been saying just that and when the recent World Series rolled around we said it again, though not with our customary arrogance because we realized the Tigers were a patchwork ball club with a creaky infield and uncertain pitching. We admitted all this in our sparkling epic but added... "Maybe it won't take a great team to beat the Cincinnati."

The Mail Pours In. It wasn't until today that we had time to go through the accumulated mail. And how our National League admirers have poured it on. We are classified as everything from a simple dope to a subsidized writer dominated by the office of President Will Harridge.

Most of the more tender expressions of admiration came, naturally enough, from Cincinnati.

Here is an example: "Ha, ha, ha. Dopey you. Just close your eyes and pick the American League team to win. Oh, how smart. I know you'll alibi yourself out of this one because you can't take it. But take it from me anyway, H. D., this admirer refers to our opening day epic in which we preferred to think it took no great amount of vision to dope the Series."

We wrote: "One thing the National League can't get away from is figures. We've been covering these things for 20 years. In the time the American League has won 13 out of 20 championships; they have won seven out of the last 10; they have won five out of the last five. Nobody's going to tell us these figures aren't significant. Having presented this cold factual testimony we added that it was silly to attempt a technical examination of the two teams; the thing to do was just pick the American League team all the time and let it go at that."

Joe Still Says... This was one year we were wrong. But even so the figures are all in our favor. Instead of having won seven out of the last 10, the American League has won seven out of the last 11; instead of having won five out of the last five, they have won five out of the last six. Until these figures are narrowed down to a more even point we are going to stand by our guns that the American League is the stronger league and should continue to be made the favorite in any World Series.

Our National League admirers have been saying that it was not a question of league superiority but of one team (the Yankees) superiority. With becoming modesty and restraint (one letter begins "You big fat head") these gentlemen remind us that the Yankees weren't in this Series, therefore the result was inevitable. The National League had to win.

Of course, that's going as far overboard on the National League as we have been going on the American League. Besides, the figures refute the stand. Let's exclude the Yankees from consideration and see what we find. Each league has won the Series 11 times. So not counting the Yankees' eight wins at all the National League is not better than an even bet any time the playoffs start. This would seem to dispose of the claim that the American League is a one-team league.

Yes, Mr. Dawson. So much for that. Many of the clippings which have been returned to us deal with our review of the Series. One of our observations was that Bartell and Gehring had gone back so far they no longer could make double plays. It was our revealing notion that this was one of the reasons why the Tigers lost the Series. Pertinently one Sterling Dawson of Chicago writes: "Where were you all season? How did it happen that you had to wait until the World Series was over to find out that Bartell and Gehring couldn't make double plays?"

A fair question. We suppose we were just dumb about it. We'd like to mention that we saw the Tigers play only three games all season (the final three against the Yankees in Detroit) but this no doubt would come under the head of what our aforementioned admirer, H. D., calls our ability to alibi, so we'll skip it. Anyway, the Tigers won all two of those three games and all teams look pretty good winning.

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## Yawkey Buying All of Colonels

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—Tom Yawkey, wealthy owner of the Boston Red Sox, and Frank McKinney, Indianapolis banker, meet today to complete transfer of the entire holdings of the Louisville American Association Club to the Red Sox magnate.

McKinney and Yawkey, who each own one-third of the club, along with Donnie Bush, former major league manager, made preliminary arrangements for the purchase yesterday. The sum involved was not disclosed.

"The chief reason for the sale," McKinney said, "is the fact that my lifelong friend, Bush, has been ill most of the time since we went into the project, while I'm primarily a banker who hasn't time enough to devote to the club." Louisville led the American Association in attendance the past two seasons, breaking the league record with a total of 311,000 in 1939. The Colonels finished fourth both years and won the playoffs each time. They defeated Rochester for the Little World Series title in 1939 but lost to Newark in this year's Little World Series.

## No Staff Changes Due for Colonels

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 16.—It was reported here today that Tom Yawkey's purchase of full interest in the Louisville baseball club would involve no changes in the staff of the team.

Yawkey, owner of the Boston Red Sox and one-third of the Colonels, is buying out the two-thirds interest held by Ownie Bush, former big league manager, and Frank McKinney, Indianapolis banker.

Bruce Dudley, executive manager of the Louisville club, said today it was his understanding that he would continue in the same capacity and that the same applied to Bill Green, left field manager for the last two seasons.

Yawkey, Bush and McKinney bought the Colonels in 1938 from the estate of the late Col. William Knobelkamp for a reported \$200,000. Since then, attendance at the Colonels' games has gained steadily until last year it led the league in paid customers.

## Pepper Pilots Coast Club

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—Pepper Martin, former member of the St. Louis Cardinals' famous Gas House Gang and new manager of the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific League, said today that he'd teach his boys "to hit the ball and run like hell."

Martin, who starred in the Cardinals' 1931 world series victory over the Philadelphia Athletics, signed a one-year contract yesterday to manage the Cardinal farm club.

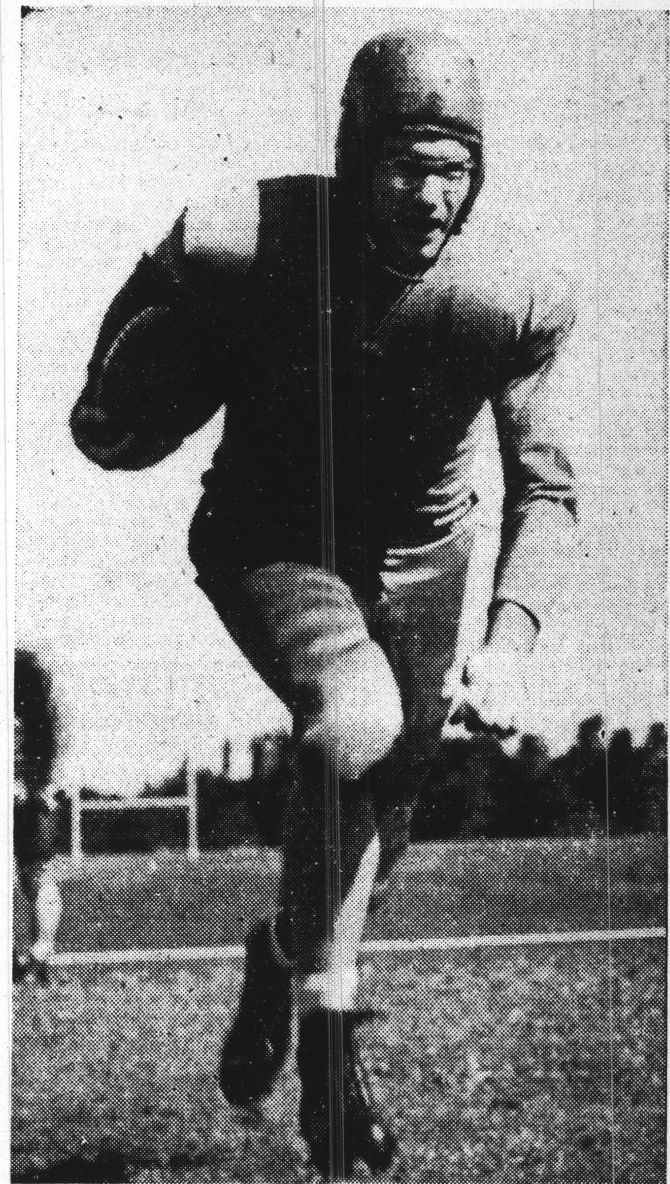
"I'm going to teach Gas House Gang baseball to my team," said Pepper, who is now 36 and plans to be a player-manager.

Pepper said he didn't know if his new job was a promotion or not but before signing the contract he was assured the use of one of the Cardinal organization's tractors on his Oklahoma farm.

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## Mrs. Arcaro Would Be Rich If They Paid Off On Love

By HENRY M'LEMORE

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Love is a beautiful thing, but they don't pay off in it at the race track.

They still go by the numbers that flash on the board. If love conquered all, as the poets would have us believe, Ruth Arcaro would be so rich that her husband, Eddie, never would have to slip into silks again, never would have to lift his whip to a thoroughbred in a drive for the wire.

Ruth has a bet on Eddie whenever he goes to the post, and that's quite often since he is one of the country's great jockeys. It doesn't matter what he's riding—a claiming plate or a stake champion—she digs into her purse and plays her man to win.

I sat with Mrs. Arcaro at Jamaica yesterday—and it's a pleasure to sit with her, too, because she's as pretty as a 10-to-1 shot pulling away in the stretch—and talked to her about the life of a jockey's wife.

"I'm slowly going broke," she said. "Even if Eddie were riding a goat, and the other boys were riding Chaldean, Midland and Whinaway, I'd have to bet on him. Only twice since we have been married have I failed to back him. And was I sorry. The first time was a year after we were married when he rode Lawrin to win the Kentucky Derby."

Mrs. Arcaro still sighs when she thinks how she failed to back Eddie when he rode Corydon in the Withers Mile this year. "He told me he was riding a good horse, but I had heard so much about Bimelech, and thought he was so invincible, that I bet on him."

Mrs. Arcaro doesn't watch the races through binoculars. That brings them too close. She doesn't like to see her husband slip through needle openings or weave his way to the rail. Scars her too much.

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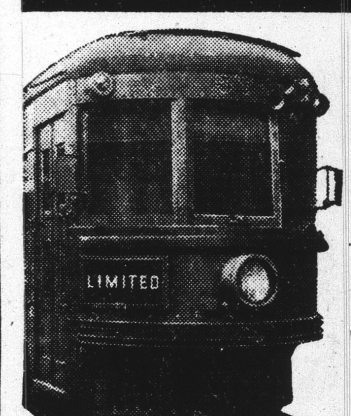
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