

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

Games picked, 178; winners, 130; losers, 37; ties, 11. Batting 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.

This week's college schedule presents as many problems as any crystal gazer cares to handle. It probably will be another week end of disaster 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 Kilties. 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.

**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 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 pounced 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 that time the American Leaguers have 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 still all in our favor. Instead of having won seven out of the last 10, the American Leaguers have 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 heel") 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 14 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 referred to us do not mention the results 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 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 two of those three games and all teams look pretty good winning.

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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. Valparaiso 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.

Olema over Scranton. Rockets are becoming a power. Oklahoma over Kansas State. May be free-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 shaped 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 squeek last year.

# Reagan Pushes Penn's Ranking Into Championship Class

He's Outshone Harmon on Occasions—Which Poor Ol' Yale Will Ne'er Deny

By LESLIE AVERY  
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NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Francis Xavier Reagan, who actually outshone the great Tom Harmon of Michigan in a man-to-man duel last year, has sent Penn's football stock booming and today the Red and Blue must be ranked close to Cornell, Boston College and Fordham in Eastern standings.

In handing Yale its worst grid defeat in history (50-7) last week, Penn's big gun was Reagan, who seems to be able to do anything with a football but swallow it.

This home-grown product of Northeast Catholic High in Philadelphia can hit the line, sweep the ends, pitch passes and catch 'em. He scored three touchdowns, the last the easiest, and after returning a punt 35 yards down the sidelines, another after returning a punt 45 yards to the five, then pounding over on fourth down, and a third with a 19-yard off-tackle reverse.

Although Michigan nosed out the Quakers, 19-17, last year, Penn rooters never will let you forget that Reagan was a better man than Harmon that day. He rolled up 355 yards for Penn from scrimmage, punt returns, kickoff returns and passing while Harmon totaled but 294.

## 14 With Perfect Records

With Cornell still the top club of the East, the Penn-Cornell meeting on Nov. 23, final game for both teams, shapes up now as fitting climax to settle any question of superiority between the two.

According to today's standings for the Lambert Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Eastern champion ship, Cornell, Boston, College and Fordham rank one, two, three, with Georgetown in the fourth slot and Penn fifth.

Including the above five undefeated, United clubs, the East still boasts 14 perfect-record teams, which gives the section one of best starts in recent years, despite the decline of the big three—Princeton, Harvard and Yale. The others

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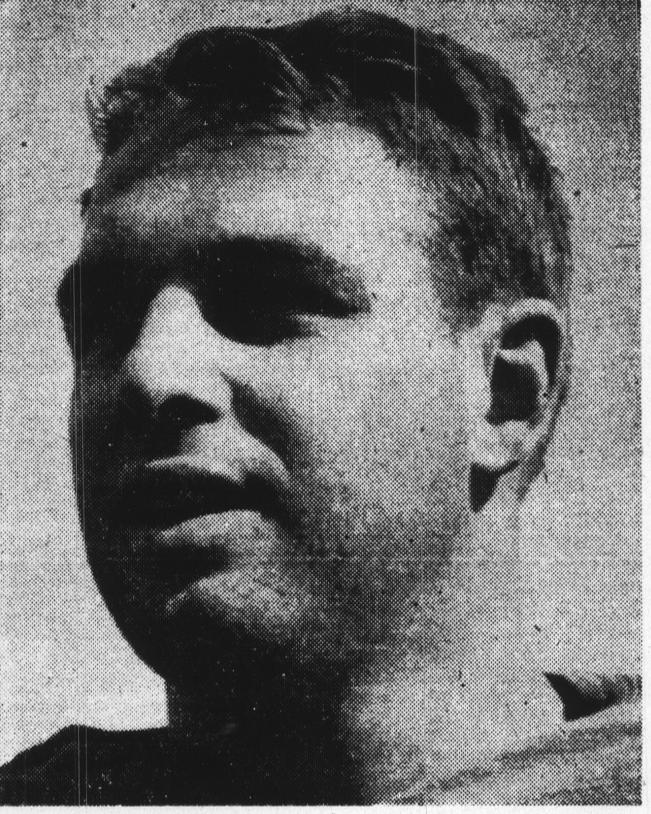
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# Mrs. Arcaro Would Be Rich If They Paid Off On Love

By HENRY McLEMORE  
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NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Love is a beautiful thing, but they don't pay off on 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 showing going broke," she said. "Even if Eddie were riding a goat, and the others were riding Challedon, Midland and Whirlaway, 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 of her failure to back Eddie when he rode Gorydon in the Preakness Mile this year. "He told me he was riding a good horse, but I had heard so much about Bimblech, 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 to the rail. Scares her too much.

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