



Here's Early Slant on Major Eastern Grid Alma Mosses

YOUR scribble may as well put his neck out among the celebrated gentlemen who boast to be the rare hand-picked, most humanly erratic sport with prim statistics. Herewith is the dope concerning the 1936 prospects of the East's trading gridiron alma mosses.

YALE—After two years of probation Bob Beckwith is back at center and the line seems likely to be as strong since Pond and Neale took over the coaching assignment. Bob Train will be missed but if Scott passes his exams and teams up with Wright at tackle, they'll make a strong combination.

HARVARD—Fair enough line, especially at the tackles, where Gaffney and Kerkorian perform. Offense seems woefully weak, though, and, unless some sophomore back surprises, Prof. Harlow may need to call out some of those marines who seem to perform for him at Western Maryland.

PRINCETON—When Gil Lea, last and greatest of the football Leas, graduates in June Princeton took kick and other frustrating ends also were missing. This is the only spot causing Coach Crisler much concern now and the Soxos insist he really has nothing to worry about. Charley Toll who may go down in Nassau history as another such tackle as Ceppi, Barfield, Keck, Cooney, Hart, Hillebrand, Bifley Lea and Hector Cowan, is the one to watch in the line. Although there is no fullback quite as good as the departed Pepper Constantine, Chick Sandmeyer and Ken Sandmeyer are dashing half-carriers and it is difficult for neutrals to believe the Tiggers will not be as good as last year.

PENN—Veteran, mostly seniors, team which should be one of the best but which probably will encounter the customary Penn political reverses. Gilsbore is the key tackle.

COLUMBIA—Far better than last fall. Sid Luckman, triple-threat back, and Art Badvillas, a fine end, are the best of some unusually strong soph. While Tackle Baitman is the ace of the line, it is DARTMOUTH—Weak at guards and none too sure Mutt Ray will recover sufficiently to resume starting at center. Hollingsworth, late 1933 discovery, may star as a triple threat along with several other neat backs.

CORNELL—Several teams will find the Big Red tough to take but Cornell is at least a year away from what old grads hoped for when they hired Coach Sweeney. Very good sophomores and Captain Jack Batten, already celebrated as a defensive star, may be the season's best kicker.

FORDHAM—Spies insist Jimmy Crowley is working with numerous rugged and powerful candidates, but that the Rams are by no means as strong as touted. There may be some trouble filling the tackle gaps left by Sarno and Sabo.

MANHATTAN—Line is certainly big and fast and probably dumb. Turkey could be the best fullback in the East. Chick Meenan is optimistic as usual and he may be right about several of those surprises he promises to spring.

N. Y. U.—Not as strong as last year and definitely misses the kicking and passing of Big Ed Smith.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE?

FOOLS are mumbling about the way the Yankees are handling their World Series ticket sale. Babe Ruth says his only batting practice this year came when he missed on the first three cuts and broke the bat when he finally connected. . . . Is a celebrated sports hero, rather new to the turf and reported to be winning and losing vast sums at the tracks, really betting for one of the best educated books? . . . Adolfo Lopez, the very able coach of the Giants is one of the most accomplished rumba dancers of the generation. . . . Cards and Dodgers picked Fred Fitzsimmons to give Curt Hubbell the most pitching help in the World Series. They say the big fellow is almost as fast as he was five years ago.

What celebrated college is squawking about letting its basketball team add to the Garden profits this winter? The reason seems to be that the front for the Garden's court activities is too closely and actively connected with a track bookmaker and minor politician. . . . Tom Laird, the celebrated sports editor who flew in from California a day or two ago, says that Joe Marty, latest high-priced Pacific Coast league sensation, is by no means a DiMaggio. Dan Morgan, who used to manage him, says that Trainer Bill Schaefer of the Giants was the best gymnasium fighter he ever saw. . . . Frankie Franks' legs are black and blue from hip to ankle due to the beatings he took while attempting to rally the Cards by personal appearances at second base.

If it is true what they say about Dixie, Georgia will have the best football team down that way this season. . . . Spec Towns, the Olympic hurdling ace who plays end, and Tommy Haygood, 200-pound junior tackle, are the keymen of a really great line. . . . Also you might keep an eye on Glind, Boston college's 197-pound sophomore. When Gil Dohie gets a back that big and fast he usually goes places.

Lefty O'Doul, the former Yankee, Dodger and Giant, who now manages the San Francisco club, will witness the World Series. . . . If New York state racing officials ever get time to wander off to the track, they'll be coming into the paddock they might notice something which could be changed to the benefit of unwary taxpayers. Under the present layout sharpshooters have too much access, or, at least, ways of getting in touch with jockeys at local tracks. . . . Wally Clarke says that Leo Durocher, once a woeful hitter, now drives a ball back at a pitcher harder than any other National league batter.

Olympic Stars May Turn Pro If Real Money Put Up
If some of those babbling promoters lay some real money on the line a flock of track stars immediately will turn pro. Several Olympic stars admit frankly that they are much interested in open meets but do not wish to lose their amateur standing until they are guaranteed a better proposition. . . . Frank Graham, the famous sports columnist, started writing baseball twenty years ago. In his first week he saw Jim Lavender pitch a no-hit game for the Cubs against the Giants and watched Bancroft and Stock make a triple play if it really could have been completed by Bancroft alone in a Philly-Giant contest. . . . Bill Farnsworth and Toney Betts, the eminent sports writers, were reading it in such huge chunks that Aqueduct clubhouse bookies and the jitters while paying off recently. . . . Doc Morris, the famous tight pacificist, has been picked as press agent for the Rev. (Share the Wealth) Smith, who soon will speak at the New York Hippodrome.

Coach Clair Lee says his Long Island U. quintet, undefeated last year, will be very good again this winter but that it is a senior combination and will lose three or four games. . . . Dutch Bergman, Catholic U. coach has prepared a book called "Fifty Football Plays." . . . International leaguers say that McCarthy and Koy of the Newark Bears were almost ruined by the night baseball game on the Yankee farm this summer. . . . The Yankees made 26 home runs off Philadelphia pitchers this season.

Wade Killefer of Indianapolis and Donie Bush of Minneapolis manage their ball clubs without signing contracts. . . . Harold Lloyd of the movies owns a private golf course. . . . Billy Sullivan, Cleveland catcher, returns to his job as salesman for a Chicago tailoring company after the baseball season. . . . Hal Trosky's right name is Trojovskiy.

Don Rudge uses the heavy racket in tennis. . . . It weighs 15 1/2 ounces. . . . Ellsworth Vines uses a 15 1/2 ounce racket. . . . Southern California has a Japanese amateur back on its free-man football squad. University of Texas is not issuing No. 33 on its football jerseys. . . . That was the number worn by Babe Hilliard, who scored the touchdown that beat Notre Dame in 1924. . . . "Whenever a back is coming along who lets him have the jersey," Coach Jack Chevigny told his squad, "but until then the number is in the trash room."

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