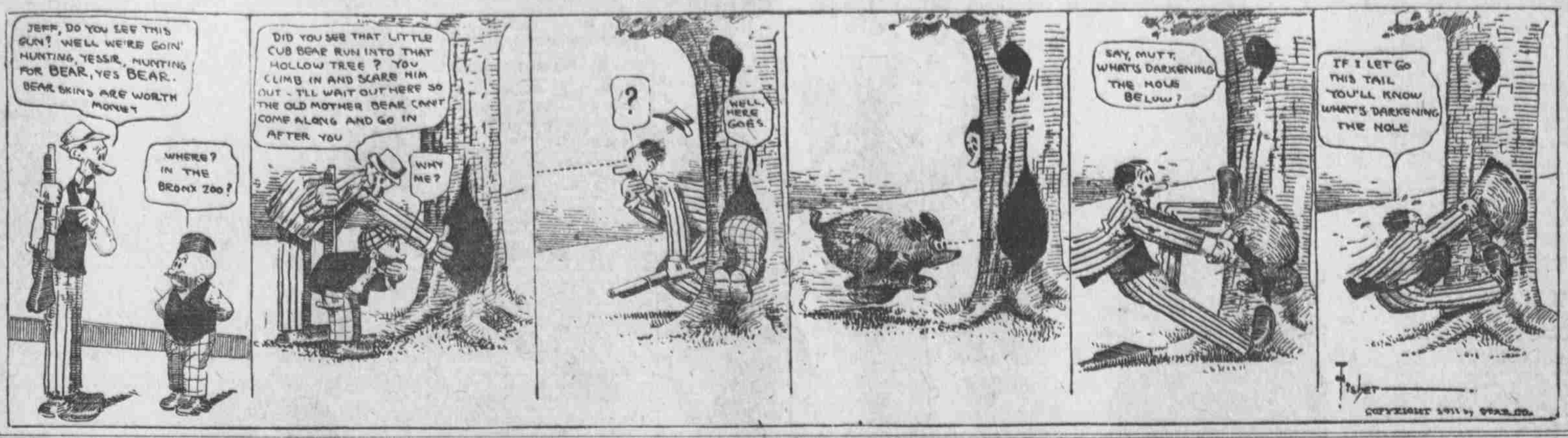
For the First Time in His Life Mutt Does Jeff a Favor ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ By Bud Fisher



Judgments

THE National commission has postponed action on the New York ticket scalping case until December 1. It is to be hoped that is not the first step in a plan to evade action, for the game, to say nothing of John T. Brush, cannot afford that. Thus far Ban Johnson does not appear to any great advantage in this controversy. He made a very strong declaration about the evidence he had against Brush, but disappointed a good many people by not disclosing it right off the bat at the first opportunity. And yet, Mr. Brush must not plume himself too gally with the thought that "it is up to Johnson," for as the Sporting News says, it was not Johnson who originally preferred these serious charges against Brush. It was the friendly base ball writers of New York, who have, to use the Sporting News' words, "turned thousands of dollars into the gates of the Polo grounds."

These men in the press box, who have overlooked shortcomings, forgiven faults and shielded tactics that were not approved in their hearts—always with the larger view that it was for the good of the grand old game—could not smother their indignation at the wrongs they felt were being perpetrated upon the patronage that makes base ball an institution in New York—and they made the charges. They made them first; they made them strong, and they made them because in their judgment they were warranted. How is John T. Brush then going to "put it up" to them?

Charges made by friends are not so easily waived aside. They bear considerably weight before a court or jury. No, we rather think, that despite Ban Johnson's gusto, that this is "up to" Mr. Brush more than Mr. Johnson. Mr. Brush stands accused by his friends of a most serious offense. It is for Mr. Brush to disprove the charges before he calls on Johnson to prove them. In the meantime, it would have been as well, perhaps, for the American league president to kept his hands off this case until the proper time came for doing something, for it is action, not talk, that is needed to clear the situation.

Orvie Overall, the big Cub pitcher, who "laid off" last year to run a California gold mine, appears to be the center of a very interesting situation. First, he says he will never play outside of California again. The Cubs still own him. He is ineligible because failing to report last year. San Francisco in the Pacific Coast league wants him and he wants to go there. Murphy cannot sell or give him away under present circumstances. Orvie must apply for reinstatement to the National commission. If he gets it, he must report to the Cub boss for duty. Then, if Murphy saw fit to let him go to 'Frisco, he would have to call for waivers and there is the snag. Two National league teams, it is understood, will not waive. Now, then, another outlaw league is threatened on the coast. Cal Ewing, owner of San Francisco, and President Baum of the Pacific league, say Overall has been offered $5,000 to pitch two days a week for the Stockton club in the Outlaws. Orvie prefers going to 'Frisco, but if prevented by the National league or Murphy, will join the Outlaws. Ewing and Baum argue, therefore, that organized base ball will be the gainer by awarding Overall to 'Frisco, for without him the Outlaws will have the backbone broken. Whether that is so or not, why should the National league or Chicago insist on holding to Overall when it was certain he would never be of service to a major league team for the simple reason that he refusedto play there? He was not of much service the last year he pitched for the Cubs and it would be passing strange if they made a fight to hold him. As to the California outlaw revival, it is interesting to know that the talking emanates from a young man who has recently fallen heir to his father's fortune. We do not know of an easier way to dissipate father's estate.

Jimmy Austin closed the American league season with a batting average of .281, which is a plenty for a man of Jim's speed, but it is not as high as he is to go. Every year for a number to come that he bats left-handed, he is bound to improve.

The National commission takes enough stock in the New York ticket scalping story to determine that herafter world series tickets will be handled only by the commission. It is a good determine.

We think Pa Rourke is wise in adopting the plan of training abroad. It should produce better results than working at home, where the boys can see them too frequently.

This talk of an outlaw league on the Pacific coast menacing the majors sounds fishy to us. There are three ball players now for every job.

Perhaps if Des Moines should not get ready to place by spring Colorado Springs might take up the franchise, making three Colorado cities in the league.

If the public never know before how great an umpire Bill Brennan was, it knows it now, since Bill is on the stage to tell 'em, himself.

Another think you have to say for old Cy Young: he never went on the stage.

DEFENDERS AND EXCELSIORS

Two Big Battles Will Be Fought Today at Benson Park.

BOTH TEAMS EVENLY MATCHED

Several Important Games Scheduled to Be Played by Well Known Aggregations in Various Parts of the City.

At Benson Eagle park the first foot ball game today will be between the Excelsior herd and the Defenders, and the second fuss will be between the Shamrocks of South Omaha, and the town team from Valley, Neb. These latter two teams will bump each other with a remarkable record as neither team has lost a game this season. The Shamrocks were scored on once by a drop kick, but the Valleyites have a spotless record.

There is not much difference in weight, the Shamrocks averaging 165 3-11, and the Valley boys tip the beam at 163 2-11. Harry Callahan, one of the best linemen in this state, will play a tackle for the Shamrocks.

First game called at 2 o'clock sharp. Second game at 3 o'clock. Following is the lineup of the second game:

SHAMROCKS.		VALLEY.
O'Brien	C.	W. Hanger
Ettcher	R.G.	L.G. Smith
Phillips	L.G.	R.G. Jensen
Callahan	R.T.	L.T. Fulkins
Kennelly	L.T.	R.T. Carl Hall
O'Connor	R.E.	L.E. Payne
Coady	L.E.	R.E. Chester Hall
Fagan	Q.B.	Q.B. L. Hanger
Quigley	L.H.B.	L.H.B. Sumner
Fitzgerald	R.H.B.	R.H.B. Cox
Tuttle	F.B.	F.B. Enfield

Substitutes, Valley: Claybaugh, Whitmore; Shamrocks, E. Fitzgerald, Thomas, Paxton.

Following is the lineup of first game:

EXCELSIORS.		DEFENDERS.
Paul	C.	C. Lanyon
Dineen	R.G.	L.G. Dean
M. Shulsky	L.G.	R.G. Morrissy
A. Shulsky	R.T.	L.T. Miller
Moran	L.T.	R.T. Fitzgerald
Foran	R.E.	L.E. Staples
Gloden	L.E.	R.E. Sullain
Brown	Q.B.	Q.B. Germany
Moore	R.H.B.	R.H.B. Ritchey
Guinane	L.H.B.	L.H.B. Curtis
Sandan	F.B.	F.B. Sawtelo

At Florence Gridiron.

On the Florence gridiron this L. O. P., or, rather, the Laughing Office People of Council Bluffs will lock horns with the Monmouth Parks. On account of injuries received in last Sunday's argument, Frank Golden will not be able to play. Wright, the Parks' star quarter, may also sit on the shelf. The game will be the second mix of a double header, the first duel to be between the Swifts of Porkville and the Monmouth Park Reserves. Both games will undoubtedly be classy affairs, as the contesting teams are about evenly matched.

The South Omaha Ramblers will go to Council Bluffs, where they will battle with the Dodge Light Guards. The Soldiers are strongly figuring on walking away with the gravy, but expect a tough argument. The south-town warriors will be outbeefed, but as they are game to the core, a little extra avoirdupois don't worry them.

At Fort Omaha the Athletics and Sherman Avenue Merchants will tie up at 3 this afternoon. These two teams average about 18 years old, and weigh in at about 155 pounds. It will be a good game, as they are evenly matched. Unless the soldiers find some team to play them today they will rest up. If they can secure a game they will play the initial argument at 2 o'clock.

Seen from the Side Lines.

Friday the husky Woodbine aggregation will play the Valley team at Valley, Neb.

At right end Edward Misery O'Connor is playing a grand game for the Shamrocks.

Thanksgiving day the Monmouth Park foot ball army will meander down to Valley, Neb.

Last Sunday the Belmonts surprised the Shamrocks when they held the fast Irish lads to two touchdowns.

Four of the old Waterloo stars are hitched to that Valley, Neb., team. They are a hard quartet to beat.

By next Sunday Leo McCreary will be back in the ring. He is one of the main stays of the Monmouth Parks.

Frank Quigley has been playing the leather egg game for thirteen years and has never been seriously injured.

The Dodge Light Guards are not very light, but still they don't happen to be as heavy as the Fort Omaha troupe.

Foot ball players will have to travel a long way before they get a better men than they serve at Valley. The "All Stars" visited said town election day and heartily agree that they had the best food foundry in the country.

For mixes with the fast Belmont combination address George Hageman, 1512 North Seventeenth; telephone, Webster 2345.

The Monmouth Parks have an open date for Sunday, November 26. To arrange this date call Lou Devine, Douglas 2765.

Carlyle, the main squeeze of the Dodge Light Guards, is highly elated over the grand showing made to date by his husky warriors.

Manager Breely would like to arrange a game with some fast horde for Thanksgiving day. Call Red 5954 and ask for Bill Byerly.

Although the "All Stars" got trimmed at Valley, they put up a plucky fight and would have fared much better with a little signal practice.

Hatchen of the Superiors is a valuable asset to their back field. He is a doodle giving interference, can carry the pigskin and is a sure tackler.

Today the Shamrocks probably will have their hardest tussle of the season when they meet the fast Valley team at the Benson Eagle park.

At fullback for the Excelsiors Sandan is a wizard. He tips the beam at 158 and when he gets his pedals to working he is a tough gazaboo to stop.

The Valley, Neb., squad, accompanied by about 200 rooters will arrive over the Union Pacific this morning about 10:30. They depart tonight at 5:30.

Those Elmwood Parks are rather averse to leaving their own gridiron, but they can't expect every team to go out in the jungle where their field is located.

Sissy Golden was the particular star for the "All Stars" at Valley, Neb. He performed at center and always was on the job, with lots of vim and pep.

Those Joe Smiths that rest on the other side of the muddy would like very much to have the Woodbine family come to Council Bluffs and battle with their team.

A couple of all-star teams will be mustered together [illegible] Thanksgiving. Frank Quigley will pick one aggregation and Harry Callahan will pick the other gang.

Fitzgerald, Tuttle, Coady and O'Connor are four old timers hitched to the Shamrocks that have stood all the hard knocks of foot ball and are still there with the goods.

It is an evident fact that Wright of the Monmouth Parks was wrong when he said the Superiors did not score two points during the Monmouth Park-Superior jangle.

No, the Spaldings haven't tumbled off the bridge yet, but they are about to commit suicide or something else if a few good foot ball players don't come to their assistance.

Three of the Monmouth Parks were ditched into the crippled column last Sunday by the Excelsiors. [illegible] Johnson were the boys that rode home in the soft cushion wagon.

For the second time this season the Monmouth Park Reserves and the strong Athletic organization played a tie game. As a rule the third offense is the charm, so they ought to lock horns once again this season.

For games with the Shamrocks, address Frank Quigley, 2111 Maple street, telephones Douglas 4024 and Webster 2585, or Captain Harry Callahan, 539 North Twenty-fourth street, South Omaha; telephone, South 1886.

They have a good team at Valley and they might possibly be able to whip any Omaha combination that could be mustered but nevertheless if you do drop a game to the beforementioned town you receive excellent treatment.

SPRINTER OF THE WOLVERINE TRACK ATHLETIC TEAM.

RALPH C. CRAIG,
University of Michigan.

Shooting Good on the Platte

W. A. WUNRATH, OMAHA.

A two days' shoot on Platte river, three miles west of Melbia, at Fred Masters' hunting lodge. Fred Masters and W. A. Wunrath of Omaha shot ninety-nine birds in two days. They were mostly mallards and widgeons.

Two Omaha Youths Stars on Eastern Foot Ball Teams

Georgetown's splendid showing against the Army team at West Point last Saturday was the highest tribute that could be paid to Omaha's great coach, Fred K. Nelson. Georgetown foot ball teams, in the past, have been rather inferior to the other branches of athletics in the school on the Potomac. Coaches from the most famous eastern foot ball machines have from time to time been enlisted to put the Southern eleven up to par. All of them failed until Nelson, a one time Nebraska star, was engaged for the 1910 team. The result was a successful year with a victory over Virginia, the first in many seasons.

Of the Army game the Washington Post says:

"Georgetown must be conceded the honors, because it outplayed its opponents at every angle of the game. Army's shifting offense, the strongest attack of its calendar of plays, and one which wrought havoc with the Yale line, did not baffle Georgetown, and Georgetown's attack showed to a much better advantage than did the opponents'.

"After the game Coach Beecher of the Army lauded Georgetown, saying that the team was the best that had been on the Army field this year. He said that there had been just two real foot ball teams at West Point this year, Yale and Georgetown, and if given his choice he would take Georgetown."

Tom Lanphier, a former Creighton player, now at West Point, plays substitute right end for the Army and started the game. He was taken out and the regular Gillespie put in his place as soon as Georgetown started to march toward the goal line.

His Long Wait.

The man who had been waiting for a chance at the pay phone began to show signs of nervousness.

"Aren't you almost through there?" he demanded of the stranger with the receiver. "You don't seem to be doing any talking."

"No, I ain't through," snapped the other man. "An' the reason I ain't talking is 'cause I'm waiting. I just called up a number I wanted an' th' girl said th' phone had been taken out—an' I'm waitin' for 'em to bring it back."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CRUCIAL GAMES ARE COMING

Cornhuskers Are to Meet the Jayhawkers in a Week.

FAULTS IN PLAY OF NEBRASKA

Where E. O. Stiehm Must Make Improvement if Kansas and Michigan Are Defeated or Held to Low Score.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Two games of great importance remain to be played in the Missouri valley this fall. Nebraska will be a contestant in each of these. The first, which comes a week from today at Lawrence, Kan., where the Cornhuskers go against their ancient and honorable rivals, the University of Kansas Jayhawkers, probably will decide the championship of the local conference. The second is the big western battle between the University of Michigan and the local eleven.

No contest of recent years in the west and no game at any time in this portion of the west has ever attracted so much interest as the coming Michigan-Nebraska battle. It will be the greatest game ever played here and will be attended by thousands. Its bearing on the championship of the middle west is such that should Michigan be held to a low score by the Cornhuskers, Minnesota will have a clear claim to the title in this section, for Minnesota so far has made a brilliant showing. There is to be no meeting between Michigan and Minnesota this fall, the battle through which the championship was decided during the last two years. The Gophers defeated Nebraska four weeks ago, 21 to 3. It is now up to the Ann Arbor players to better this showing. Local supporters of the Cornhuskers do not believe the Wolverines are strong enough to beat the Cornhuskers by twenty-one points. Those who have seen the Cornhuskers in action in all their games are of the same opinion.

Kansas Game Important.

The game with Kansas next Saturday should result in the elimination of one of the two teams from the conference struggle. Until the clash with Ames last Saturday, the Cornhuskers were rated as the sure thing for the title. Now there is doubt whether they can conquer the Jayhawkers. This meeting is the Yale-Harvard battle of the Missouri Valley conference. Neither eleven has yet been defeated by a conference school and will go into the battle with high ratings. Should Kansas win it will have a clear title, provided it also defeats the Missouri Tigers the Saturday following. Nebraska can secure a clear title through the defeat of Kansas and by the Drake victory over Ames in the final game of the season. Ames is now an undefeated claimant for the chief honors. Its showing against the Cornhuskers was brilliant and the tie result gives it a chance to make a counter-claim to that of the Cornhuskers.

Cornhusker rooters look for a victory over Kansas and expect a low score for Michigan in the last game of the fall. But neither of these expectations can be realized unless Cornhusker play improves wonderfully during the next two weeks.

Nebraska has made a fizzle of the forward pass this fall, and its kicking department is one of the worst in the valley. Then, too, the players have handled the ball in miserable fashion, the fumbling in both the Minnesota and Ames games being responsible for the bad showing. Ames would have been defeated by several points had the Nebraska men held the ball. Minnesota would have gained a smaller score if the oval had been kept by the Cornhuskers when received on punts and passes from center.

What Rules Have Done.

No team should expect to play consistent ball under the reformed rules without an accurate field goal kicker, a long-distance punter and variety of forward pass formations which can be used with an accurate, quick passer and a sure receiver. Nebraska has none of these essentials, and, for that reason, is a weak foot ball eleven in opposing a strong defensive eleven.

In the battles with the Kansas Aggies, the Kearney Normals and Missouri the Cornhuskers ran up large scores because the fleet backfield was able to get by the wings. There was not a good end on any of these elevens. In the Minnesota and Ames struggles the ends were strong, and the plays built around the fast Cornhusker backs failed. They will fail against Kansas and Michigan, too, and Coach Stiehm should take this fact into account right now in preparing for the final battles of the fall.

If Nebraska is to win from Kansas it must develop its forward pass plays and create deception formations. The men must be drilled for hours in throwing the ball on the pass and in receiving it. A drop or place kicker must be trained. (How easy a victory would the Ames game have been had Nebraska had an accurate goal kicked!) The Ames Aggies were practically helpless on the offense. But they were strong on the defense and kept Nebraska from scoring. They had the kicker, though, and were able to get a tie through two goals from placement. Two kicks gave a weaker eleven a chance to dispute Nebraska's claim to the championship.

Kansas Has Great Kicker.

Kansas, in Delaney, has a long-distance punter and a good field goal kicker, who won the Washburn game with three successful boots from field. He is apt to repeat this performance in the Nebraska game. His long punts will puzzle the Cornhuskers, too, and may be disastrous if the Cornhuskers do not improve in their handling of the ball. Coach Stiehm has been drilling his men in receiving punts, but their work must improve rapidly during the next few days if they are to do well with Delaney's kicks.

Because of Nebraska's weakness in the use of the forward pass and its poor handling of the ball, the Kansas game will be a close struggle, unless, of course, these defects are removed before next Saturday.

Certainly, they will have to be taken away before the Michigan engagement, or the Cornhuskers will bow in deeper defeat than they did when at Minnesota. Several successful forward pass formations will do a great deal toward scoring on the Wolverines and toward holding down the size of the Wolverine registration. It is out of the question to do anything with the Ann Arbor eleven's line. The ends will meet any attempt of the Cornhuskers to skirt the wings. It would not be surprising to see the Wolverine forwards and the ends drive into the Nebraska interference and smash plays which are just barely started. Then there must be strong defensive formations on the Nebraska side in order to stop the Michigan forward passes. Fielding Yost is a wonderful coach and knows the value of the pass. He will be prepared with a deceptive assortment of the forward flings.

Interference Still Weak.

Nebraska's interference is still a weak part of the machine. It was slow in forming in the Ames game and did not protect the runner much. The individual interference is better than the team protection. There will have to be a decided improvement in this line before the Kansas and Michigan games. Mayhap the Cornhuskers will come through these final days of the season and round into shape with all defects remedied, and play the ball of which they are capable. Unless they do their defeat—and by a large score—is a certainty in the Michigan game. Kansas also will find them much easier than has been expected if conditions do not change. If there is fumbling and poor handling of the ball on punts and forward passes in the Kansas battle, the Cornhuskers will be lucky to get away with a tie score.

HE HAS HELPED MAKE ATHLETIC HISTORY THIS YEAR.

JACK ELLER.
Hurdler of the Irish-American Athletic club of New York.

Harvard Base Ball Squad Practicing For Next Season

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 11.—Being a strong advocate of fall work, Coach Sexton has been having a large base ball squad out practicing at Harvard. In spite of unfavorable weather some encouraging work has been done.

From present indications next year's team will be one of heavy hitters, and Coach Sexton is therefore very happy.

Coach Sexton has been devoting a great deal of attention to the material for the box position, but the weather has been so cold that the pitchers have had little chance to show their real ability. The pitching staff at present consists of Babson, Berquist, Bird, Buffum, Ernst and Hardy. All of these men have been working hard, and at present Babson, Ernst and Hardy seem to be the most promising. Gibson, who played third in both of the Yale games last year, has been moved to second and will be given a tryout in the position in the spring, while Captain Potter will undoubtedly be given a chance to show what he can do in the initial sack position.

Wingate, captain of the freshman team last spring, looks to be able to secure a place elsewhere on the team if he does not make good at third. Dean, at short seems to be assured of a position on the team in the spring, as his playing last year in the big game was of high calibre, and he has been showing up especially well this fall. Reeves has been doing the catching for the first squad during fall practice and will probably hold that position in the spring. In the outfield the following have been showing up well: Benson, Haas, Bolton, Hogge, Gannett and Randall. None of these, with the exception of Babson, has played on the varsity team.

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