

A STRONG FIELDING NINE.

Baseball Team Begins Its Easter Trip—Four Pitchers Taken—Individual Criticism.

The University Baseball Team left New Haven on their Easter Trip yesterday morning and were scheduled to play Manhattan College in New York yesterday afternoon. The men had the benefit of ex-Captain Keator's coaching the last three days of last week and made considerable improvement in their general play. As it now stands the team is a good fielding one, but the men have not yet got into the best batting form. The make-up for the trip will be: J. W. Wadsworth, Jr., '98; first base; C. A. H. deSaulles, '99 S., second base; S. B. Camp, 1900, shortstop; J. J. Haen, '98, third base; G. C. Greenway, '98 S., left field; J. W. Wear, '99, center field; H. B. Wallace, '99, right field; M. L. Fearey, '98; C. M. Hall, '99 S., G. L. Cadwalader, 1901, and G. S. Chauncey, '98 S., pitchers and C. E. Sullivan, 1900, and P. C. Kiefer, 1901, catchers. It will thus be seen that four pitchers are taken on the trip. E. S. Bronson, 1900, and E. M. Eddy, '99 S., have been taken as substitute infielders and outfielders respectively. Some surprise was occasioned that L. W. Robson, 1901, who played third up to last week and who seemed a very promising man, was not taken. The pitchers will have their first real chance to show what they can do on the trip, as the two games that were played last week afforded scarcely any opportunity for judging. The following will give some idea of the work of the individual players who compose the team:

THE INFIELD.

Wadsworth, who will play first, is as good a fielder in that position as Yale has had for several years. He is tall and has a good reach and is especially strong on low throws and pick-ups. He is well up in all the fine points of the game and exerts a steadying influence on the rest of the infielders. As a batter he is not as strong, but has improved rapidly since the team began practice and gives promise of being at least a fair hitter by the time of the championship games.

The playing of Camp and deSaulles at short and second, respectively, is too well known to need much explanation. deSaulles played on the University team in his Freshman year, but from then till now he has had no practice and so has not yet fully regained his form. When in form he is a fast and sure fielder, covering a large extent of territory and throwing well. In his batting he is strong and leads off for the team, being pretty sure to reach first base in one way or another. Camp's greatest fault in his fielding is his tendency to take bounding balls on the pickup, instead of on the long bound, a thing which Mr. Carter gave special attention to correcting when he was here. He covers a great deal of ground and tries for everything that is within possible reach, thereby making some phenomenal stops. On high flies he is perhaps the surest man in the infield, covering not only his own position, but a part of short and left and center fields. In covering second on thrown balls he is sure, putting the ball on the runner with the same motion that he catches it. Any one who saw the championship games last year will remember his batting. He seems to have a peculiar faculty of making a hit just when it is most needed, his home run in the first Princeton game and his two-base hit in the last Harvard game being examples. On the bases Camp and deSaulles are both fast, shifty runners and excellent sliders. Both use their heads to good advantage

and in that way gets bases where other runners would be out.

At third, Hazen is steady, but a little slow and inclined at times to fumble. Last year he played second in the big games in a finished manner. He has had a long experience at the game and never in the most trying moments loses his head. His throwing is fair. Like Camp he can hit the ball in a pinch. He is rather a slow runner, but makes this up to some extent by his sliding. Robson, a Freshman, who has played third part of the time, is a little apt to be too anxious. He is left-handed, and a very strong, accurate thrower. His throwing is perhaps his strongest point, as he is a weak hitter and a poor base runner, not using his head. He has not yet had enough experience in college playing and does not fully understand the game, but will undoubtedly develop into a strong baseman next year.

Of the outfielders, Captain Greenway has been handicapped a good deal so far this Spring by his arm, which he strained last year in the first Princeton game. He is getting the use of it more and more every day, however. As a fielder he needs no mention, covering all the left field territory strongly. His batting is even stronger than his fielding and he is perhaps the best judge of pitched balls on the team.

Wear, in center field, is a strong all-around player, covering a large field and throwing well. He played with the nine on the Easter Trip last year and up to that time led the team in batting, but was prevented from playing later by low scholarship. He has a thorough understanding of the game and plays it for everything there is in it. He is equally good as a batter and as a base runner.

The right fielder, Wallace, is an uncertain player. On balls in front of him he is strong, but on long flies over his head he is weak. As a batter he is only fair and cannot be depended on to hit in a tight place. He is a fair base runner and in this uses his head well.

Taken as a whole, then, the fielding department will, barring accidents, be very strong this year and the success or failure of the team will depend on the batteries. All the men are seasoned, heady players with a good deal of experience and who work well together.

Fearey, as was predicted some time ago, has proved to be the leading pitcher. He has already shown great improvement in control over last year, when he was wofully erratic and wild. In the Holy Cross game he started out by striking out the first two men and holding the team down to two hits in the four innings that he pitched. He has good speed and curves and watches the bases well. He has changed his slow "pretzel" delivery of last year into a faster and simpler one, giving the runner much less time to get a start than formerly. He is a good batter and base runner and bids fair to be Yale's mainstay in the big games.

Hall, '99 S., pitcher well against Wesleyan Saturday. He has had a lame arm all the Spring, but seems to be getting over this. He has had good control and fair curves and speed and uses his head in pitching to great advantage. He watches the bases very closely. He is a fair runner, but a weak batter.

Cadwalader, the football center, has not done as well as was expected as a pitcher, being thus far only fair in his work. He depends mostly on a quick drop ball and has fair control and speed. In the last two innings of the Holy Cross game, which he pitched, he was hit quite freely, but the day was cold and raw and he had had no chance before. Towards the last he steadied down and did better work. It is very doubtful if he develops so as to be used in any of the big games.

Chauncey is a pitcher who has been made this year and for one beginning has done very well. In the game last Saturday he was given a chance for the last four innings and with a wet and slippery ball kept Wesleyan down to two hits, but gave five bases on balls.

Behind the bat Sullivan and Kiefer have done all the work. Sullivan seems now to be the leading man. He is a good backstop and a slow but accurate thrower. In the last two games he has made several fine catches of foul flies. He is very cool and watches the runners closely and steadies the rest of the team as well as his pitcher. He is not a strong batter, but is fair. On the bases he is slow.

Kiefer is a quicker man than Sullivan, but not as steady a backstop. He is a Freshman and as yet has had but little chance to show what he can do. In the game on Saturday he seemed to be weak on foul balls.

Yale's First Two Games.

YALE, 6; HOLY CROSS, 4.

The University nine played its first game of the season with Holy Cross on Wednesday, March 30th. Yale won by a score of 6 to 4, the game being called in the sixth inning on account of darkness. The game was devoid of brilliant plays with the possible exception of Sullivan's catching of two foul flies. In fact the game was of such a character that little estimate of the strength of the team can be made from it.

Behind the bat Sullivan, who played the first four innings was more steady than Kiefer, who finished the game. Wadsworth fielded first base well and made one of the four hits. At second deSaulles had no chances. Camp batted well, but as yet does not seem to be up to his form in fielding. Hazen, who played his first game at third, had but two chances. His error was a poor throw to first.

The most promising feature of the game was the pitching of Fearey. He exhibited considerable speed and had good control of the ball. Cadwalader, who pitched the last two innings, was rather unsteady.

The score.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Yale	0	0	5	1	0	0-6
Holy Cross	0	0	2	0	2	x-4

YALE.

	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
deSaulles, 2d b...	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazen, 3d b.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wear, c. f.....	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Greenway, l. f....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Camp, s. s.....	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Wallace, r. f.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Wadsworth, 1st b.	3	1	1	0	4	0	0
Keifer, c.	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Sullivan, c.	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Cadwalader, p. .	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fearey, p.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
	18	6	4	0	15	2	2

HOLY CROSS.

	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Larin, l. f.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	1
Curley, 2d b....	3	0	1	0	3	0	0
McTeague, 1st b..	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dye, c. f.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fox, 3d b.....	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Gaffney, s. s....	3	1	2	0	1	1	0
Brennan, c.	3	0	1	0	4	3	0
Kenney, r. f....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Linnehan, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKena, p.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	22	4	4	0	15	4	2

Stolen bases, deSaulles, Hazen, Camp, Wadsworth, Fox and Gaffney. Bases on balls off Fearey (2), off Cadwalader (1), of McKena (7), of Linnehan (2). Hit by pitched ball, Hazen. Struck out by Fearey (4), by Cadwalader (2), by McKena (5). Wild pitches by Fearey (1), Cadwalader (1). Time of game 1 hour 36 minutes. Umpire, Gruber.

YALE, 12; WESLEYAN, 5.

The second game of the week was played on Saturday against Wesleyan. After the fourth inning the game was played in the rain, spoiling all chance of good work. Wesleyan was weak at all points and showed the lack of practise, especially in batting. For the first three innings with Hall in the box and the regular team behind him, Yale played well and blanked Wesleyan, but in the fourth Eddy, Bronson, Robson, Chauncey and Kiefer were substituted for Greenway, Camp, Hazen, Hall and Sullivan, and did not do so well. This is partly accountable to the rain. Wesleyan scored all her runs in the sixth on two hits, two bases-on balls and errors by Bronson and Robson. Yale's runs were mostly the result of Wesleyan's loose fielding, except in the seventh, when Wallace, Chauncey, deSaulles and Wadsworth bunched their hits and netted three runs.

The score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Yale	3	3	0	1	0	2	3-12
Wesleyan	0	0	0	0	0	5	0-5

Summary: Stolen bases—Yale 5, Wesleyan 7. Base on balls—By Hall 2, by Chauncey 5, by Townsend 2, by Fox 1. Struck out—By Chauncey 4, by Townsend 2, by Fox 2, by Manly 1. Passed balls—Kiefer 1, Williams 1. Time of game—One hour 50 minutes. Umpire—Gruber.

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