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THE YALE CREW.

A Fine Spirit of Work among the Men—Make-up Most Uncertain.

Half of the preparatory season for the great triangular boat race at New London has passed, but no one can make much of a guess as to who will finally represent Yale in the University boat. An unprecedented number of experienced men who reported at the call for candidates last December have been thinned down to sixteen, constituting the First and Second University crews. Of the first boat, Allen at No. 6 and Whitney at bow are the only members of Captain Bailey's crew who held their seats, six of the record Freshman Eight filling the remaining positions. Thus the greater part of the veterans were forced into the second boat to begin a steady uphill, but so far unsuccessful, struggle for a place.

The only change of importance in the make-up of the First boat in the last two weeks has been the substitution of H. P. Wickes, 1900, for W. B. Williams, who has been rowing alternately at No. 1 and No. 2. Wickes will be tried at No. 2, a place which has given Mr. Cook much concern. His great leg strength and good body and blade work should make him a formidable rival to overcome. Williams, who has been unfortunate in having an illness which necessitated absence at a critical period of development, will drop from the University squad for the present and stroke his class crew.

McGee, 1900, is a possibility at No. 4 or 5. He has been kept out of the boat by low stand, but when that difficulty is ended he will make a strong bid for a seat. He is the heaviest and at the same time the strongest on the squad.

It is too early in the year to make an individual criticism of the Crew as it stands, who have yet many faults of inboard and outboard work to overcome, faults that are inseparable from the early season's work and which will be largely removed between now and the first of June. Mr. Cook is greatly pleased with the eagerness of his men to learn what he has to teach. They are faithful and earnest and his instructions are obeyed without question, with the result that the general form of the boat is better, and the speed faster than at this date of practice for some years. No question is raised by an oarsman when a course which is pursued for a good reason, seems to lead away from the established stroke, and thus countless annoyances and misunderstandings among the graduates and undergraduates are removed. Captain Undergray has shown himself broad-minded and earnest in his position with a desire to have no friction whatever with the coach.

Very valuable aid is given by J. O. Rodgers, Captain of last year's football team. Being prevented from rowing himself for physical reasons, he gives himself up to constant coaching of University and Freshman oarsmen, working harmoniously with both Mr. Cook and Mr. Whitney, who value his services very highly.

There is an impression that the present University Crew is a marvel of physical perfection and strength. The truth, however, is directly opposite, for the men, according to Mr. Cook, are not in their pulling strength on a par with many crews he has handled during the past ten or fifteen years, and any extra skill they may possess as an eight is handicapped by their comparative weakness. The men weigh up well, but a portion of it is fat and will come off when the hard four-mile pulls become frequent.

The statistics of the men now rowing in the boat follow:

Bow—Payne Whitney, '98; prepared at Groton; age 22; height 5 feet, 10½ inches; weight 169.

No. 2—H. P. Wickes, 1900; prepared at Andover; age 19; height 5 feet, 10½ inches; weight 171.

No. 3—J. P. Brock, 1900; prepared at St. Paul's; age 18; height 5 feet, 10 inches; weight 180.

No. 4—J. H. Niedecken, 1900; prepared at St. Paul's; age 20; height 6 feet, ¾ inch; weight 173.

No. 5—J. W. Cross, 1900; prepared at Groton; age 20; height 6 feet; weight 184.

No. 6—F. W. Allen, 1900; prepared at Andover; age 20; height 6 feet; weight 184.

No. 7—J. C. Greenleaf, '99 S.; prepared at Westminster; age 19; height 6 feet; weight 172.

Stroke—R. P. Flint, '99 S.; prepared at Lawrenceville; age 22; height 5 feet, 11½ inches; weight 170.

The Freshmen Oarsmen.

The Freshman Crew squad will shortly be reduced to about eleven men from whom the final eight will be selected. The material is good and the crew is well advanced.

The men have been rowing under the supervision of J. O. Rodgers, '98. Mr. Robert J. Cook gives them some individual coaching in pair oar work. Work was begun in the shell shortly before the closing of College, for the Easter recess, and since that time several short races have been rowed against the University Eight.

The training-table was started before the Easter recess with the following men: Atkinson, Thomas, Gilbert, Stillman, Montague, F. G. Brown (temporary Captain), Auchincloss, Keppelman and Chittenden (coxswain). In addition to these Paterson, 1901; Cameron, 1901; Dowd, 1900 S.; Waterman, 1901; Olcott, 1901, and Kelly, 1900 S., remained in New Haven to train.

The following are the complete statistics and order of the First boat:

Bow—J. M. Patterson, 1901; prepared at Groton; weight 163; height 5 feet, 10½ inches; age 19.

No. 2—L. M. Thomas, 1901; prepared at St. Paul's; weight 163; height 5 feet, 11 inches; age 20.

No. 3—R. H. Gilbert, 1900 S.; prepared at Hotchkiss; weight 179; height 5 feet, 11½ inches; age 21.

No. 4—G. S. Stillman, 1900; prepared at St. Paul's; weight 184; height 6 feet; age 18.

No. 5—T. S. Montague, 1900 S.; prepared at Hotchkiss; weight 173; height 6 feet, 1 inch; age 19.

No. 6—F. G. Brown, 1901; prepared at Groton; weight 195; height 6 feet, 3 inches; age 19.

No. 7—H. Auchincloss, 1901; prepared at Groton; weight 168; height 6 feet, ½ inch; age 20.

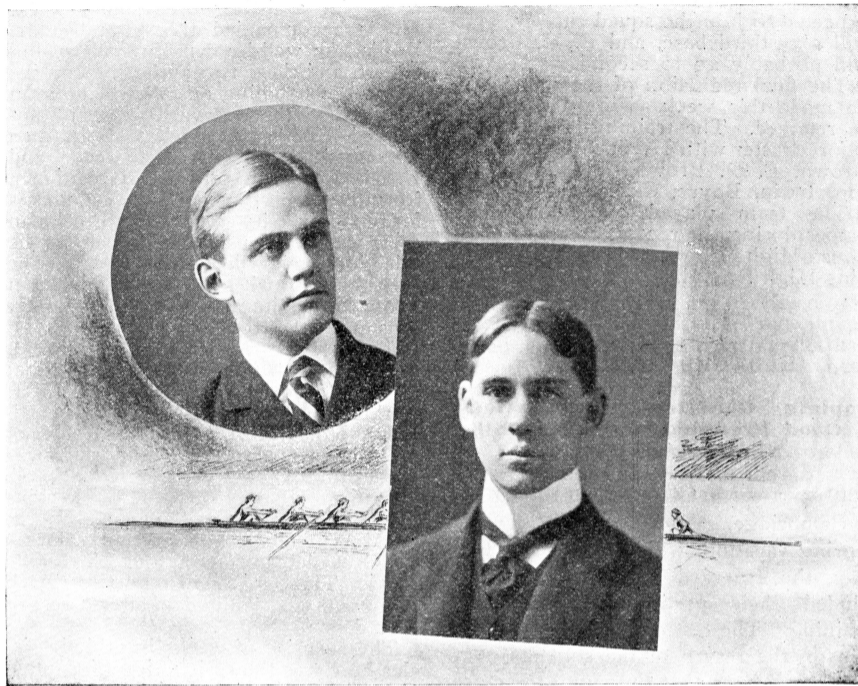
Stroke—J. A. Keppelman, 1901; prepared at Andover; weight 165; height 5 feet 8¾ inches; age 19.

Junior and Sophomore Crews.

The crews from the Junior and Sophomore classes, which will take part in the annual regatta on Lake Whitney May 7, have been in active training for the last two months. Unfortunately no crew will represent the Senior class. Both eights have been materially strengthened by men from the second boat of the University squad.

The two crews are at present rowing in the following order: Junior crew—Stroke, Hewitt, '99; 7, Griswold, '99, Captain; 6, Parkhurst, '98 S.; 5, Whitehouse, '99; 4, Cogswell, '99; 3,

THE CREW LEADERS.



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Grenville Parker, Manager.

Payne Whitney, Captain.

Ridgway, '98 S.; 2, Marvin, '99; bow, O'Fallon, '99. Sophomore crew—Stroke, Campbell, 1900; 7, Williams, 1900; 6, Greenway, 1900; 5, Havemeyer, 1900; 4, Schweppe, 1900; 3, Hunn, '99 S.; 2, Babcock, 1900; bow, Patterson, 1900; coxswain, Walton, '99 S.; substitutes, Clarke, 1900, and Minor, 1900. Of these men Hewitt, Griswold, Parkhurst, Williams, Greenway, and Patterson are in the second University boat.

W. E. S. Griswold, '99, is coaching the Junior, and H. B. Wilcox, '98, the Sophomore Crew.

YALE NINE WELL TOGETHER.

What the Work of the Season Thus Far Has Shown.

Extensive comment on the work of the University Nine on the Southern Trip was impossible last week on account of the WEEKLY's date of publication.

In general the showing of the Nine was well up to the performance of the average Yale team at this time last year. The steady work at crucial times and the feeling of mutual confidence, which seems to prevail among the players, were especially gratifying. The team on the whole fielded sharply and gave excellent support to the pitchers. The work of the infielders, Wadsworth, deSaulles, Hazen and Camp, justified the hope expressed earlier in the year, with regard to the strength of this part of the Nine. Greenway, Wear and Wallace, in the outfield, showed themselves sure men on long, difficult flies, but were weak in returning the ball quickly to the plate. The work of Fearey, as pitcher, and Sullivan, behind the bat, gave encouraging indications of strength in the battery positions. Fearey played in two games, during which he held the opposing nines down to a total of nine hits, and allowed but five bases on balls. He has improved greatly over his last year's form in control, curves and speed, and showed increased steadiness at critical points.

Sullivan caught in all of the six games, with but one error scored against him. His backstop work was uniformly steady and his judgment of high foul flies excellent. His principal weakness lay in his inability to throw quickly and accurately to the bases. The pitching of Hall, who has been looked upon with Fearey as one of the mainstays in the box, was rather disappointing. He was, however, handicapped by a lame arm and lack of practice, and his work on the trip did not afford a fair opportunity of judging his ability. Chauncey and Cadwalader were also tried in the box, the former doing fairly well.

The batting of the Nine, which was weak at first, showed improvement during the progress of the trip. A noteworthy fact was the disappointing stick-work of some of the players who are ranked among Yale's strongest hitters. Sullivan, on the contrary, who had before done rather indifferent work at the bat, had seven hits to his credit and Wallace nine hits, including two home runs, a three-base hit, and a double. The batting of Wadsworth and Fearey was also encouraging.

Yale, during the six games, made 37 runs to her opponents' 25, 51 hits to 36 of her opponents', and 16 errors to 34 of her opponents'. Of the players in all of the six games, Wadsworth made 8 hits and 1 error; deSaulles, 4 hits and 2 errors; Wear, 7 hits and 3 errors; Greenway, 3 hits and no errors; Hazen, 5 hits and 2 errors; Camp, 4 hits and 3 errors; Wallace, 9 hits and 1 error, and Sullivan 7 hits and 1 error. Fearey in the two games he played made 3 hits and 2 errors; Chauncey in three games, 1 hit and no errors; Hall in one game, no hits and no errors, and Cadwalader in one game, no hits and 1 error.

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The Freshman Nine.

The progress of the candidates for the Freshman Nine has been greatly hampered, by the lack of a suitable practice diamond, due to the changes made last Fall in the location of the football field. The Nine was coached by various members of the University squad until outdoor practice began. B. C. Chamberlin, P. G., then took charge of the can-