

SPORTS

By

Prof. M. L. Turner

So the 1945 edition of the World Series is now history. The Detroit Tigers are once more the champions in baseballdom, Perhaps everyone who was at all interested is already aware of this fact since the results of the games were broadcast throughout the world, It is highly entertaining, to say the least, to read the various comments made by writers in reference to this series. It was a series in which new records were made or old records tied. The series set a new record in the amount of money taken in. This was well over a million and a half dollars. Of course, the fact that seven games were played had a lot to do with the amount of cash taken in. Another record-breaker was the time required to play one of the games, the sixth. This game rocked along for three hours and twenty-eight minutes. The final score in this particular game was eight to seven in favor of the Chicago Cubs. One of the bright lights in the series, in which the playing as a whole was not up to par, was the pitching of Claude Passeau of Chicago. In regard to this game one scribe wrote as follows: "Against Passeau's sinkers and sliders, nary a Tiger reached second base. For the first time in 39 years, the World Series had a one-hitter."

Pitching had a great deal to do, as is usually the case, with the outcome of this year's World Series. The manager of the Detroit Tigers had assembled a collection of pitching TNT-Trout, Newhouser and Trucks. So fine hurling plus some heavy stickwork

by Hank Greenberg helped to swing the title Detroitward.

As was stated above the playing as a whole did not seem to be up to par. But as one writer stated, many of the players were fugitives from the minor leagues. "They made bush-leaguemistakes in the field (in a single game three pop flies were allowed to fall as safe hits), swooned in the face of first-rate pitching, and did nothing more invigorating than tilt their eyebrows at umpires! decisions. "It was strictly a second-rate show".

This is nearly the middle of October and the football season is well under way. So we should like to give those in service a little football news. In order to avoid trying to cover too much territory we shall try to write briefly concerning a few of the games in which you might be interested and which were played on Saturday, October 14th. Naturally we are chiefly interested in what the teams from North Carolina are

doing.

The big game in the Old North State for October 14th was the Duke-Wake Forest contest. Both of these teams had suffered set-backs the week before. Duke had been decisively defeated by a powerful Navy team, while Wake Forest went down before the West Point Cadets by the lop-sided score of 54 to 0. Duke was the pro-game favorite in the tussle between the Methodists and the Baptists. But it was expected that Wake Forest would put up a game fight. The contest got under way with Wake kicking to the Duke's 32 yard line. On the first play after the kick-off Duke's George Clark took the ball and lit out for the pearly gates, He ran 66 yards to hit pay-dirt for the first score of the game before the spectators had settled comfortably in their seats. Duke was leading by the score of 6 to 0.

After the Duke score the Deacons forthwith proceeded to get into the ball game. They returned the kick-off to their own 34 yard line. Then began a drive which culminated in a Wake Forest score. The Deacons, too, failed in the try for the extra

(Continued on next page)