

Harvard and Yale Should Whip Into Line

The United States, therefore, is even more likely than Canada to turn in 1918 to a deeper embrace of athletic outlet to emotion. This country during more than a decade was the leader of all nations in games and recreations of healthful nature.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association, representing practically all of the colleges and universities of note, with the exception of the Big Three-Yale, Harvard and Princeton-at its annual meeting in this city week indorsed a platform of athletics and sports activities for their institutions quite in harmony with the wishes of the secretaries of the War and Navy departments. Intercollegiate athletics and games will be revived in all their glory the coming season. Those in control of other games of national character such as golf and tennis, had already announced a determination to revive the championship classics as a means of swelling needed funds for war relief and war charities.

While no official declaration has been forthcoming from Princeton it is pretty well understood that old Nassau would welcome a return to intercollegiate sports. Harvard, on the other hand, has strongly intimated its intention to pursue nothing more pretentious than the programme of informal activity that prevailed with the Crimson this year. Harvard, Yale, Princeton recognize only the authority of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America, which has not declared its policy for the ensuing year. But in view of the government's interest an indifferent attitude to major college sports should be remedied among the Big Three. The idea for informal sports originated in Harvard, Princeton, and Yale before the government's desires on the subject had been publicly expressed. Now that the government has spoken, it would well become the part of patriotism for the Big Three to sacrifice personal prejudice and pride on the altar of common good.