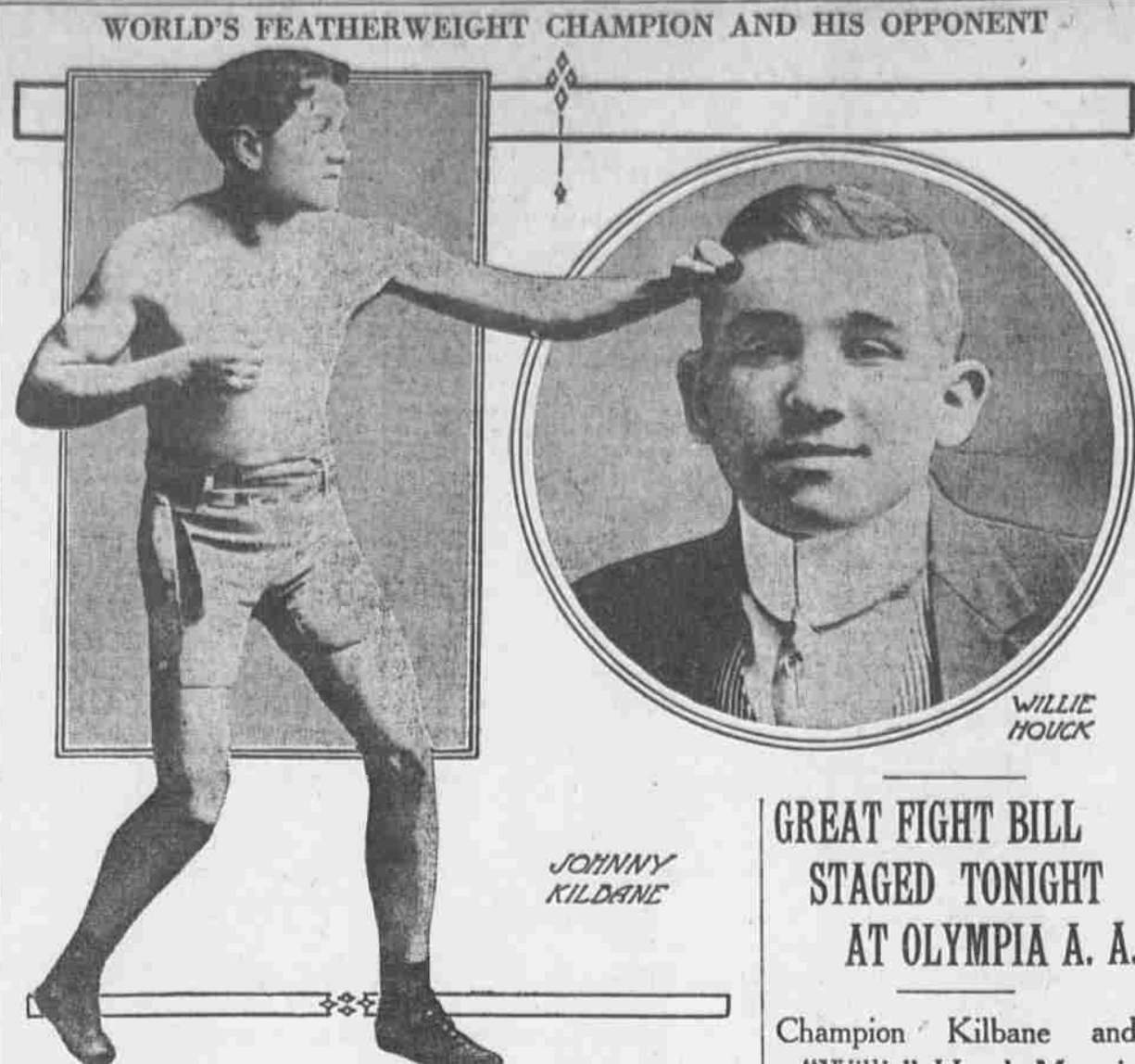


WORLD'S CHAMPION FEATHERWEIGHT KILBANE, MEETS WILLIE HOUCK HERE TONIGHT

FAILURE OF TRADE FORCES DOOM TO JOIN FEDERALS McGraw and Moran Fail to Effect Deal, So "Charlie" Will Soon Sign Up With Outlaw League—Ten-Day Notice Has Expired.

TO THE FAN Who rules the baseball game with steady hand? Who threatens when it wobbles on the straight? And narrow path? Ban Johnson and his hand? Not so! The court of last resort's the gate. The gate controls the pastime's final fate, And fannish holds the gate all o'er the head. Though magnates thunder orders, praise, berate, The masters sit in judgment in the stand. What matters it if Fultz or Johnson afood, If Feds and majors o'er the profits fight, Or moule order Chubby in or out? The fans decide who's wrong, and who is right. There's in the calm, unanswerable might, That's in the arm that holds the finish clout; Were fannish and its silver not in sight, Ban might have peace, and naught to rave about. Here's to the fan, then, master of the game; Before success is near, he will be won; Despite the boasts of strong-lunged men who claim, That Ban's influence weighs at least a ton. What though the Fed, the rushing baseballer, Blusters about his right to gold and fame, The fan is still the pastime's real big gun. The game still hangs upon his praise or blame.

seven positions at various times, that he is one of the most valuable players that ever donned a uniform. His hitting kept the Phillies from sinking lower than they did, and without that terrible bludgeon in 1913 Moran's team will have a splendid chance of tussling with the Cincinnati Reds for the tail-end position in the National League race. Looking over Walter Camp's first All-American team for 1914 one might be led to believe that the expert had deserted his alma mater and matriculated in Harvard. Frank Baker is quoted as saying that he will not join the Federal League, and that there is one man, anyway, who agrees with Connie Mack. "Johnny" Kilbane will be in our midst tonight, as the popular world's featherweight champion is to battle "Willie" Houck at the Olympia Athletic Association. Fight followers are of the opinion that he is a good fight to be witnessed, and so are we. Kilbane must be conceded to be the cleverer of the two, but Houck is so rugged and such a boring-in fighter that even an expert like Kilbane is liable to forget that he could be clever and so are we. Houck is a man who is expected to see one of the best fights of the present winter here tonight. It is remarkable what one good fight will do for a boxer. "Young" Shugrue, who has been struggling along to get matches among the lightweights, was pitted against "Freddy" Welsh, the world's lightweight champion, recently and many thought Shugrue was to be the "goat." However, one of the biggest surprises of the fight year was sprung when the Jersey City lightweight (yes, he hails from Jersey) whipped the champion at his own game. Shugrue scouted the lead and held it to the end, proving that even champions can overrate their skill and strength. It is a dollar to doughnuts, and generally believed, if Welsh had fought his usual careful fight, the result would have been different. Now the public will pay the freight, for the American boy must surely again be made to feel that he is a man, and it costs money to see such men in action. Maybe "Johnny" Kilbane will enlighten us on the matter of the fight recently between himself and "Joe" Mandot. In the reports received here there was a diversity of opinions. "Kilbane won," "Kilbane didn't win," "Kilbane almost won" were some of the sample decisions.



Kilbane, the tiddler, is to meet rugged "Willie" Houck and fur is sure to fly. Kilbane, the boxer, will find his hands filled in his effort to subdue the local fighter at the Olympia Athletic Association.

TEAM WORK PUTS DE NERI ON TOP IN BASKETBALL

Other Teams in Eastern League Have Individual Stars, But Musical Fund Hall Boys Show Them Up By Brilliant Playing Together.

The value of team work in basketball, as opposed to individual stars, has been thoroughly demonstrated this season in the Eastern League. By virtue of their ability to play together, not occasionally, but in every contest, has placed the De Neri five at the top of the league, and unless some accident happens in the ranks of the Musical Fund Hall boys, they will sail away with the pennant this season as easily as the Braves took the world's series from the Athletics. The individual members of the De Neri quintet are clever players; no one can gainsay that. But without team work they would be fruitless. For example, most for man, the De Neri men are little, if any better, than the Trenton group. On the latter team are Hough, Kane and Geig, three men, who are the equal of any basketball player in the country. Yet Trenton is now vying with Greystock for last place. It is their failure to play together that has caused the Pottery to drop eight out of their dozen contests this year, while the De Neri procedure has given De Neri nine victories against three defeats. Not one of the last five games played by De Neri resulted in defeat. They have been going at a whitening rate since literally had their opponents up in the air trying to stop passes which are never made, or running after the ball only to have it cleverly bounded under them. Hough, Kane, Geig, Kane, Neuman, Fogarty and Keenan have become so accustomed to playing together that they seem to feel each other's purpose. Their passing is so deftly done that they seldom get the ball without it, and finally working it up to a point where an easy goal can be made. In its game with Trenton on Saturday night De Neri proved its pronounced superiority, winning 21 to 20. The great passing ability of the De Neri team is shown in the assist column, where they are credited with 14 for the one game, a record for this season in the Eastern League. Joe Fogarty, who is one of the mainstays of the De Neri team, has been engaged by the Athletic Commission, directors of Lafayette College to coach the basketball team. Fogarty will devote much of his time to the collegians and will endeavor to give them some idea about the college game which he gathered in his many years' experience as a professional player. Wilmer Crowell, who coached the Lafayette football team and who has been engaged to instruct the

baseball team players next spring, was mentioned some time ago as a possibility for the position of basketball coach. However, Crowell has a number of other duties this winter and was unable to take the place. He will be in Easton, however, early in the spring to begin work on the diamond. Fogarty will have two young local players on his staff of candidates for the basketball team. They are smartly former St. Cagman of the West Philadelphia High School, and Taylor, of Camden High. Both of these players have a good chance to land regular berths on the basketball team. The Penn basketball team did not get a good start Saturday night. Their teamwork was poor, and it was with little difficulty that Muhlenberg won at Weightman Hall by the score of 20 to 11. Coach Jourdet has, however, on his squad a number of able players, and before he selects the team which will play through the Intercollegiate Basketball League season he will no doubt have a hand well able to hold up their end with the best that Yale, Princeton, Cornell or Columbia can put on the floor.

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MANY CANDIDATES FOR N. E. HIGH CAGE TEAM

Coach Keating Arouses Great Interest in Basketball. With Walter Keating, the Chicago Cubs' outfielder, coaching the Northeast High School basketball team, the Red and Black candidates for the varsity five have started diligent practice in hope of capturing a berth. About 20 aspirants for the team are working out daily. Captain Hedelt reported for practice last week. He took a well-earned rest of about a fortnight, following the close of the football season. Other stars of last year who are working out in the cage are Wilson, Fulton, Newton, McComas and Hayes. Keating will give the Northeast basketballers a hard drill for the next few days, and on Wednesday he will be ready to announce the line-up that will face the Catholic High team Thursday afternoon. This contest will open up the Red and Black season. As Catholic High has been playing a stellar game in the cage, Northeast will have to put up a rapid-fire contest to be in the running.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS HAVE BUSY WEEK

West Philadelphia Closes Season With Game Against Northeast. West Philadelphia High will close its soccer season this week, when its eleven clashes with Northeast High's championship team on the latter's field, 29th and Cambria streets, Thursday afternoon. The Red and Black play a postponed game with Central High this afternoon. One other game remains on the Northeast schedule and it will be played next Monday with the Germantown Academy team. Episcopal Academy has three soccer matches on tap this week. This afternoon the Churchmen eleven plays Haverford School at 6th and Walnut streets, while Chestnut Hill will be the Episcopal opponent tomorrow afternoon on the latter's field, and on Saturday the Churchmen travel to George School, Pa., for a match with the institution of that place. Episcopal Academy has three soccer matches on tap this week. This afternoon the Churchmen eleven plays Haverford School at 6th and Walnut streets, while Chestnut Hill will be the Episcopal opponent tomorrow afternoon on the latter's field, and on Saturday the Churchmen travel to George School, Pa., for a match with the institution of that place.

GREAT FIGHT BILL STAGED TONIGHT AT OLYMPIA A. A.

Champion Kilbane and "Willie" Houck Meet in Battle That Promises to Be Real Treat for Fans.

John P. Kilbane, just ordinary plain "Johnnie" to the fight followers of the country, will step to lively music at the Olympia Athletic Association tonight when he exchanges punches with "Willie" Houck, the Mount Airy whirlwind. Kilbane, who wears the world's featherweight championship crown, is said to be in great shape, and fans know what this means as Kilbane arrived in Philadelphia on his arrival. In Houck Kilbane will meet a slugging first water, and if the fight is not a great one many persons will be much surprised. The complete fight program follows: Main bout—Johnny Kilbane, world's featherweight champion, vs. Willie Houck, Mt. Airy, Second best—First vs. Joe Jefferson. Third bout—Buck Fleming vs. Jimmy Conner. Fourth—Johnnie DeLeon vs. Willie Moody. First bout—Johnny Mack vs. Charley Lewis. Two Philadelphia fighters will appear at the Vanderbilt Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, next Friday night. George Ashe is booked to box Johnny McGee, and Bobby Seymour is on the cards to meet the Kalmia Kid.

SOCCER SNAPSHOTS

The several changes made in the Haverford College line-up for the Pennsylvania game on Saturday certainly were decided improvements. Shively in goal, played a rattling game, as did Moon, at fullback, and Crooman, at center. The Haverford College football team for next year, and Carey, who scored their only goal on Saturday as the leader of this year's gridiron team. But one thing marred the playing of the team. The first quarter of the first game was a footrace, and the game was a croquet just as one of the players was shooting for the goal, and he just managed to save, but it was a brilliant piece of work. Merchantsville won again on Saturday, and now holds a comfortable lead of five points in the Cricket Club over Moorestown, who were the second division Cricket Club League champions. Moorestown has to win all three of their remaining games, but should Merchantsville win its remaining game, it will clinch the championship. We certainly would like to have been among the spectators at the Shamrock-O'Hara game on Saturday. The very names of the two teams, the Shamrock and O'Hara, are so familiar, and one is further convinced of this when in the line-ups such names as McNamee, Fitzgerald et al. are seen. It would not be at all surprising if the University of Pennsylvania second team should follow the example of the first team, and win the second division Cricket Club League championship. They are pressing behind slowly, and are now but a single game behind the leaders. They played a 6-0 draw with Haverford College on Saturday, and a stirring game that was featured by the fine playing of Edwards, the Red and Blue left fullback.

DARTMOUTH IS PLACED SIXTH IN RANKING BY NEW YORK EXPERT

Mack Whelan, of the Globe, ranks Harvard first, naturally, with Washington and Jefferson second. Pennsylvania is placed ninth. Team Coach Captain Harvard Washington and Jefferson Yale Princeton Dartmouth Cornell Syracuse Rutgers Pittsburgh Colgate Brown Columbia Pennsylvania Navy

INDOOR TRACK AT C. H. S.

Dr. O'Brien Starts Early Practice With Crimson and Gold Candidates. Dr. Matthew J. O'Brien, physical instructor of Central High School and reputed to be one of the best schoolboy athletic trainers in the country, has a mighty hard proposition on his hands relative to developing a winning indoor track team for the Crimson and Gold this year. But few veterans from last season's fast combination are in school at the present time. Although the indoor track season will not start until after the first of the year, Dr. O'Brien has announced a call for track candidates. More than 40 youngsters have reported and the Central High track has commenced diligent practice with the men. The stars who were lost last year by graduation included Captain Bertolet, McCombe, Cullberg and Brooks. The quartet of mentioned athletes are displaying fine athletic ability with different colleges. McCombe, Bertolet and Brooks received their freshman cross-country letters at the University of Pennsylvania. E. P. Smith, who was a crack one-mile runner last year, will captain the Crimson and Gold track team this season. Other boys who give promise to make the team are Hamilton, Robertson, Hannum and Brackus. The latter is the colored athlete who established a good reputation for himself at West Philadelphia High. He is a fast sprinter and a corking good hurdler.

STATE ATHLETE DIES

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 14.—Ralph Waido Humble, Penn state's cross-country runner, died from blood poisoning in the Bellefonte Hospital. He was ill only a little more than a week. A short time ago a carbuncle appeared on his hip, and blood poisoning developed last Monday, when his condition became so serious that he was taken to the hospital.

ATHLETES HONORED

West Philadelphia High Class Honors Given Out. Four of the seven honor men elected by the graduation class of West Philadelphia High School are prominent athletes, and each has earned quite a reputation in competition under the colors of the school across the Schuylkill. H. E. Harron, a member of the track team and star hurdler, was chosen first honor man; soccer honors were awarded to Oley, end on the football team; McNeagh, the cheer leader and also a track man, was elected third honor man, while the other athlete honored is Parker, first baseman on the club. Eley was selected as poet, Bradley to be historian, and class prophet fell to Killian. Oley is the president of the class.

THREE GAMES WITH PENN

Cornell Baseball Team Meets Quakers in the Spring. ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The Cornell baseball team will play 13 games on its regular schedule next spring, according to an announcement made by the Athletic Association. The Cornell team will cross bats twice with Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Columbia and Michigan, and will probably play a three-game series with Pennsylvania. Notre Dams will play Cornell in May, and the Washington and Lee team will play the Ithacans on its trip through the North. Cornell will open with Bucknell in Ithaca on April 10. The final game of the year will be played with Pennsylvania. In addition to the regular schedule, Cornell will play seven games early in April with Southern teams. The team will utilize the spring recess for a short dash to a warmer climate.

Southern's Five Meets Camden

Although the Southern High five went down to defeat at the hands of the Penn Fresh team, the Scholastic League champions were not disgraced. Captain Weinstein's boys succeeded in holding the Red and Blue first-year men to a score which differed by three points. Weinstein tallied all of the points for the downtown aggregation, scored 13 foul shots and one field goal. Southern's next big game is scheduled for Friday afternoon. The team will cross the Delaware and encounter the Camden High School five on the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. floor. Camden High is represented by a fast team, and the local team will have no easy matter in annexing a victory.

Trust Company Five Wants Games

The Haddonfield Title and Trust Company will be represented in the one this season by one of the fastest second, third and fourth-class teams in the city. The game address is 1004-10th Street, Haddonfield, a care Haddonfield Title and Trust Company.

OPEN THEIR SEASON

Brown Prep. and St. Joe Meet in Cage Today. Brown Prep. and St. Joseph's will meet in the St. Joe's cage at 10th and Erie streets this evening. The game will be a feature of the season, and the two teams are expected to give the spectators a fine show. The game will be held at 8 o'clock.

LIT BROTHERS ORGANIZE FIVE

A basketball team has been organized to represent Lit Brothers this year. The quietest will be under the management of A. M. Friedenberg, formerly of the De main Eastern League team and the champion Campbell Ave. He has started signing Lit Brothers' team's schedule and is anxious to hear from all first-class five.

WILL FIGHT BY STRATEGY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Fackey McFarland and Mike Gilbons will fight each other tomorrow night in a strategy. Fackey has been training for some time, and Gilbons has been training for some time. The fight will be held at the Madison Square Garden.

JOHNNY KILBANE TO WRITE FIGHT ARTICLE TOMORROW FOR THE EVENING LEDGER

John P. Kilbane, world's greatest champion, has agreed to write an article on the fight game which will be of particular interest to Evening Ledger readers. The story by the champion will appear in tomorrow's edition, and will deal with subjects near to the hearts of all pugilistic followers. He will tell how he got his start in the game and his timely comment on his fight with "Willie" Houck tonight. Kilbane is one of the most popular fighters the country has ever had, and his timely article will prove very interesting.

DR. KEE ON COMMITTEE

Dr. Kee, the new physical instructor at Southern High School, has been appointed to the Red and Black Athletic Commission. The other members of the committee are Mr. Bolca, chairman, and the committee are Mr. Miller, who, with Dr. Kee, represents the faculty. Dr. Kee is a member of the faculty, and is a member of the athletic commission.

Boys' Club Seeks Contacts

The South Philadelphia Boys' Club five would like to arrange a game with the team of the Philadelphia Athletic Association. The game will be held at the Philadelphia Athletic Association.

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Walter Camp Selects All-American Eleven

Walter Camp, the great football authority, has selected an All-American eleven from the various colleges. The team includes players from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and other top schools.

SCHOLASTIC NOTES

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BUCKS COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB IMPROVES LINKS

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EVERS GREATLY IMPROVED

EVERS GREATLY IMPROVED. A report on the progress of a local athlete, Evers, who has shown significant improvement in his performance.

WHITE AND MURPHY READY

WHITE AND MURPHY READY. Two athletes are preparing for an upcoming event, and are in excellent condition.

OLYMPIA A. A. Prep and Philadelphia

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FIVE COLUMNS OF MUSICAL COMEDY—"TRY IT ON YOUR PIANO"

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