

SLUGGING AND ROUGHING ART FEATURE OF 1915 FOOTBALL PLAY—GRIDIRON AFFAIRS

FOOTBALL RULES AND OFFICIALS
PERMIT ROUGH STUFF THIS YEAR

Yale-Lehigh Mix-up Direct Result of Laxness—Penn Coaches Overlook Good Bet—Indoor Track Meets Will Hold Boards This Winter

FOOTBALL is essentially a game for red-blooded men. It was never intended for mollycoddles. But this year there has been much of the rough play, which the rules committee and officials should unite to eliminate. Rough tackling led to a fight in the Lafayette-Muhlenberg game three weeks ago, and alleged unfair piling up on a man after he had been downed led to a row between the Lehigh and Yale players last week.

On many other gridirons in the East there have been instances in which players have been purposely tackled out of bounds or jostled and bumped when not concerned in the play.

Officials As Well As Rules Are to Blame

Tackling a player when out of bounds is contrary to the rules, so is piling up on a man after he has been downed. But it is the exception rather than the rule when officials inflict penalties for such violations. They rarely take action unless it is conspicuously open and flagrant or a man is hurt. Another cause of roughness for which the rules are responsible is failure to provide legislation making it illegal for a player of the kicking side when going down the field to bump another player just for the fun of bumping him. It invariably irritates the player jostled and leads to further roughness.

Penn Coaches Overlook Those Who May Be Future Greats

The University of Pennsylvania football coaching system, in some respects the greatest in the country, does not measure up to that of most of the other big institutions in at least one important particular. There are too many idle men on Franklin Field. Scrimmages are usually limited to just two teams, the varsity and scrubs. Nearly every day the second and third varsity teams and a second scrub team are restricted to the usual preliminary drill and possibly a little signal practice. They do not get the scrimmage work, which alone develops football ability. There are usually four or five coaches following the varsity team and one for the scrubs; but rarely any for the substitutes, some of whom never even get into a practice scrimmage more than once in a week or 10 days.

Cross-Country Run Paves Way for Penn-Princeton Meets

After a short respite track and field athletes will now turn their attention to the fall and winter sports. Cross-country running will come in for a big boost here, and the general interest indicates that the 1915 period will be a record-making one.

Pennsylvania will set the pace in the hill-and-dale game in this vicinity, for the Quaker runners have the gigantic task of overcoming the squads which Princeton and Cornell will send here next month.

For the first time in the history of the sport Penn and the Tigers will meet in a dual cross-country run. The date is November 5. Athletic relations have never been quite as warm between the two great universities as it should, but followers believe better things are in store. It is not a far stretch of the imagination to picture Penn and Princeton in a dual set of track and field games before another year rolls around.

Cornell will be here November 13, and the supreme test of all the intercollegiate distance teams will be November 29, when the championship contest is staged. Cornell made a runaway of it last year, and will have another strong aggregation in the reckoning this season.

Y. M. C. A.'s Prepare for Active Indoor Season

By November 1 every athlete representing the Young Men's Christian Associations of the Philadelphia district will be in active training for the indoor track and field meets to be promoted here during the winter months. At Central a number of dual contests are to be arranged, while West Branch, as usual, will have dual contests with Victor Catholic Club, Penn freshmen and other local organizations. The other branches of the district all have scheduled big athletic events, and all will be represented in the annual board championships at the Central building in March.

Last year was a season crammed with activities; but from the present outlook the remainder of the year 1915 and the first part of 1916 will be a record-breaker. More contests are on the program than ever before.

"All-for-Glory" Run Starts "Open" Ball a Rolling

West Branch Y. M. C. A., with its headquarters at 52d and Sansom streets, the first Philadelphia organization to take up the "all-for-glory" idea of athletics, will promote its first set of "just-for-run" races next Friday night.

Owen V. Davis, physical director at the "branch," has extended an invitation to all local training athletes to take part. The race will be a starter for the big events to follow. The distance of the first race will suit even the middle-distance runners, as the route mapped out is about a mile and a half long. Last year these runs were held and champion athletes competed.

No prizes are given, the athletes simply getting sport and training out of it. Handicaps are awarded the less speedy individuals, so that all starters have an equal chance.

The first race of an "all-for-glory" nature was held here last fall by the West Branchers, and so successful was the venture that it was decided to continue them this year.

Red Sox Wide Awake on Signals in Series

It was generally supposed before the world's series games began that the Phillies, having won the National League pennant largely through the exploiting of so-called inside baseball, would spring a few stunts to open Red Sox eyes. But the reverse proved to be the case, just as the enemy pitchers outthrew the Moran moundmen.

Instead of the Phillies using the squeeze play and the hit-and-run with effect, as they did during the season, they did not on a single occasion in the five games get away with the former and only once with the latter.

Once the Hit and Run Play Counted

In the first inning of the final game Stock was hit by a pitched ball and was on first when the hit-and-run play was signalled, with two strikes and two balls on Bancroft. Scott ran over to cover second as Stock started down, and Bancroft neatly shot a single through the hole Scott made. Even at that, the fast fielding of Lewis prevented Stock even taking a look at third base.

If the Phillies did pull the squeeze and the hit-and-run on the National League clubs, why is it they did not do so on the Red Sox, particularly as the opportunities were so numerous? The answer is that the Phillies were doing on several of these occasions and did not get the sign, and when they did get the sign, the Red Sox also got it and broke up the play.

Phillies Were Asleep and Failed to Get Signals

Twice in the series, in the eighth inning of the first game and the sixth inning of the last game, Luderus was to all intents and purposes thrown out stealing. But the play was a hit-and-run, the sign for which the Boston players had obtained.

The result was the Red Sox catcher signalled for a pitch-out and Luderus was an easy victim. These plays made the Philly captain look foolish, as he was caught by yards each time, while the real trouble was that the Phillies were unable to conceal their signals.

Paskert Dozed and Plays Went for Naught

In the third game, played at the Braves' field in Boston, Stock started the contest with a hit that went for two bases when Speaker lost the ball in the sun. Bancroft sacrificed him to third, and Paskert was up with one down and a runner at the last turn.

Manager Moran gave the signal for the squeeze play, but Paskert was not alert enough to get it. Stock got it, but he would have been out at the plate had not Paskert, who was supposed to hunt, hit a high foul to Gardner, giving Stock plenty of time to get back to third base. Had Paskert been alive to the situation, Alexander might have gained the decision over Dutch Leonard instead of being beaten 2 to 1.

Moran Planned Well But Players Failed to Execute

Paskert failed again to get the squeeze signal in the third inning of this same game, and lost another run, as he hit the ball to short center field and Barry made a great catch, holding Alexander at third base.

This goes to show that Moran mapped out his attack correctly; but that his men were so upset by the fact that they were in the series they were not able to execute his plays.

THE NINE AND A HALF TEE

JOHN ERTLIE, BANTAM,
WILLIAMS' CONQUEROR,
IS HERE FOR BOUTS

Hanlon and McGuigan Are After Services of Lad Who Won on Foul From Champion

WILL BOX IN TWO WEEKS

Johnny Ertlie, St. Paul bantamweight, who recently won from Champion Kid Williams on a foul, arrived in Philadelphia with his manager, Mike McNulty, today. The little fellow is the picture of health, and says he will be prepared to make his Eastern debut in this city in about two weeks.

Offers have been made McNulty by Matchmakers McGuigan and Hanlon, of the National and Olympia, respectively. Mike has not made any definite arrangements with either for his first fight here. McNulty and Ertlie will remain in Philadelphia until Monday, and then will spend a few days in New York.

On his return here Ertlie will start training at a local gymnasium in preparation for his initial showing on this side of the Mississippi. McNulty wants to match Ertlie with Battling Reddy. Hanlon mentioned three bantams for McNulty to pick as Ertlie's opponent.

Speaking of the probability of a return match with Williams, McNulty said: "Yes, Johnny will give Williams a return date, but the match will have to be six or ten rounds at the present time. After 'Kewpie' has four or five fights here, then we may box him 20 rounds. The weight for a Williams match will have to be 116 pounds, ringside, and I think that it is my place to be the dictator this time."

"Sammy Harris got all the best of it, from a financial standpoint, in our first meeting. Now, I think that I should get a bit of the best of it."

"Kewpie" stands 5 feet 11 inches in his boxing shoes and weighs 113 pounds in fit trim. He has a reach of 61 inches. Johnny is 18 years of age and was born of German parentage.

Among some of Ertlie's opponents were Young Solberg, Chick Hayes, Ruby Hirsch, Johnny Ritchie, Jimmy Walsh and Eddie Colson.

Amateurs Clash at Gayety

Amateurs occupied the limelight at the Gayety last night. In the 100-pound semifinals, Willie Hines defeated Eddie Dunne, and Tommy White out to Young Tandler in the second round. In the 110-pound preliminary, Andy Mitchell beat Young Haney. Danny Geilen, by knocking Jimmy Woods in a special bout, sound up the fight.

CURTIS LEAGUE OPENS

Bowlers Battled on Terminal Alleys Last Night

The Curtis Bowling league began its season last night in the Terminal alleys. The results follow:

POST	SCORE	POST	SCORE
Harpur	118 146 86	Wellers	145 144 136
Crutcher	137 160 151	Wells	102 710 101
Schuler	125 153 147	Alger	140 152 174
Phinney	132 145 161	Boyd	138 152 174
Lyons	136 162 141	German	175 204 161
Handicap	47 58 71	Forbes	138 152 174

Totals	812 821 486	Totals	800 803 812
COUNTRY CLUB	148 118 136	CHAS	180 170 168
Graham	157 145 148	Chas	180 170 168
Krimmel	135 110 128	Stuck	141 135 138
Carr	120 104 120	Thinning	151 135 144
Marshall	127 113 147	Rohrbacher	167 191 191
Handicap	52 68 62		

Totals	786 725 763	Totals	809 775 825
LEADER	170 139 132	WILSON	145 220 138
Webster	133 128 117	Kinnans	114 25 25
Went	110 127 131	Hick	144 132 180
Crimshaw	156 154 128	Klein	203 157 124
Handicap	59 44 47	Wright	178 178 128

Totals	787 752 683	Totals	732 803 708
COLOR PRESS	139 151 167	Pike	145 158 149
Webster	133 128 117	Dunn	144 132 180
Pagan	140 144 164	Littman	95 130 125
Hill	169 124 141	Morris	172 206 120
Handicap	129 134 167	Stole	175 179 179

Totals	792 726 808	Totals	766 831 777
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TO REVISE INDOOR

COLLEGE MEET CARD

New List of Events Will Be Listed for Group and Team Competition.

Profiting by the mistakes made last spring upon the occasion of the initial group competitions and relay races in Madison Square Garden, the Interscholastic Association of Amateur Athletics, through the medium of the executive and advisory committees, will change some of the conditions governing that series in the future.

There will be no more simple lap scrambles, which will be remembered to have resulted in more foul running than had been anticipated by the proposers of the games.

If the amendments to the by-laws, which were exhaustively discussed at a special meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria by the members of the executive and advisory committees, are adopted, and it almost goes without saying that they will at the next season, a special meeting to be held in Boston November 19, the day before the holding of the intercollegiate cross-country championship, the events will be as follows:

Another all-bantam show will be held at the Olympia October 25. Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester, and Al Shubert, of Bedford, Mass., will meet in the final. The other bouts follow: Young Marino vs. Eddie O'Keefe, Young Solberg vs. Arthur Simons, Young O'Leary vs. Johnny Campi and Young Diggins vs. Alf Mansfield, an English flyweight.

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BANTAM, WHO BEAT CHAMPION, AND MANAGER
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WELSH PICKS FOES
FOR BOUTS BEFORE
HE QUILTS BOXING

Dundee, White, Mandot and Ritchie Will Get Crack at Lightweight Crown—All-bantams at Olympia

HANLON-LOUISIANA SPLIT

Following Fred Welsh's threat to retire with the ceasing of the biff, bang, bang of fireworks on the coming gloriole Fourth, the lightweight champion has selected four opponents he would like to meet before he passes from the pugilistic limelight. They are Johnny Dundee, Charley White, Joe Mandot and Willie Ritchie.

According to Harry Pollok, Welsh's adviser and manager, the Englishman started training in New York last Monday. He will be ready to meet any of the quartet mentioned in a championship bout in about two months and then defend his title against the others two months apart.

"After these matches," reads Pollok's announcement, "Freddie is done and they can fight it out among themselves." It seems as if Pollok is certain Welsh can defend his laurels successfully in the four bouts mentioned. He may be a surprised man after a bout with either Dundee or White, as Jumping Johnny probably would outpoint Welsh, while the chances are that the titleholder would run into one of White's left-hand sheep politicians in a 20-round bout.

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LAST THREE WORLD'S SERIES GAMES
HAVE PROVED HONESTY OF BASEBALL

Fans Realize That Former Charges Against Pastime Were Absurd—Rice Says There "Ain't No Such Animal" As "Another Mathewson."

By GRANTLAND RICE

(Translated from the original of Theodore O'Hara.)

The Bivouac of the Dope

The muffled cheer's dull roar has beat the Baseball's last tattoo;
No more upon the sporting sheet the Box score holds review;
On Fame's black headlined camping grounds they flash no balm of hope
Where winter guards, with solemn round, the Bivouac of the Dope.

No rumor of "It's Leonard's turn" now brings the England thrill;
No throbbing thoughts that haunt or burn where Foster crowns the Hill;
No vision of tomorrow's strife ahead of the green-tinted mist;
No cheer or jeer forever rife as Gavvy comes to bat.

"Long had the doubtful conflict waged o'er all the Philly plain;
For never fiercer fight had waged the vengeful blood of Spain;
And, trailing where the pack leads rough, they fought without a faint;
Till Lewis piffled Keeler's stuff and 'hit 'em where they ain't."

The reigning Bug, the bunt well played, the bleacher's stirring blast,
The steal, the Hooper cannonade, the din and shout are past;
Nor Cody's peg nor Speaker's whack shall thrill with force acclaim
Dull breasts, till April gathers back the Glory of the Game.

SOME one must have shouted out the Shell's curse upon Boston as a world series city. The old town has won only four of them out of four starts.

If There Had Been Trickery

The honesty of baseball as the game is fought upon the field doesn't need any defending. Any one who believes that in any way there is a touch of crookedness in baseball play is too crazy to be involved in a sane discussion. But for the benefit of those who desire a good, sound point to support an argument along this line the following might be used:

The last three world series have been played in a limit of 14 games—five in 1913, four in 1914 and five in 1915. The limit for these three years—number of games that might have been played—was 21. If there had been any trickery seven more games might have been crowded in since 1913 alone. Each of these seven games that were never played cost \$50,000 in cash. The entire seven cost \$350,000 in cash. Baseball as a financial proposition has paid small dividends, or no dividends, or has lost money for the last year or so. Which hasn't prevented a total of \$350,000 in three years being turned back to the fans solely because each game was played strictly on the level, without regard to cost.

Alexander is a fine pitcher, but he isn't "another Mathewson." Neither is anybody else.

After Alexander has drawn his world series we are yearning to see Walter Johnson get his chance. Johnson is going back? Well, with a club that finished fourth in place of first he won seven more

games than any single member of the Red Sox staff. If this be "going back," kindly assist us with a shove.

The Gnashional, an F. P. A. Call

The National League has won one world series since 1908—one out of the last six starts.

It has a world series average of .34 since the Pirates trimmed the Tigers six years ago. Isn't it about time the older circuit was producing something except the short end of box scores?

Shows You Should See

Tom Beda—by Alexander and Cravath. Some Baby—Duffy Lewis. Under Fire—by Eppa J. Rixey.

"Do you think that you have given Eddie Burns credit for his fine catching through the series?" writes a Philly fan. Very few have. Business of keeping Eddie's pardon as we reach for the largest spike olive at hand. He was one of the stars.

When Mr. Keeler suggested that ambitious batters should "hit 'em where they ain't" he has never seen an outfield composed of Lewis, Speaker and Hooper. Otherwise he would have revised his motto to read, "Hit 'em out of the State."

Having cornered the world championship in baseball, Boston hasn't any use to go out and gather the football championship except Haughton, Mahan, Wright, King, Soucy and perhaps eight or seventeen more. Sad case. Very.

You don't hear Yale and Princeton jostling those who are scoffing at the Phillies for not winning a game in Boston. Both Yale and Princeton still have games to play in the same town.

An Allibi Via Cravath

Please form us no when, through fatigue, we fall down in the Winter League. Please cheer us not when in the park. Our stuff is very muchly bush.

If we slip, remember, please, before you brand us as cheaters. That is in a very recent drive Big Gavvy hit .125.

Such are the operations of fame. A world series was to make Alexander the most famous name in the land. Yet with the populace at large how much higher up the Hill of Renown he would be today if the Phillies had finished second and some other unlucky bloke had been thrust in his place before Boston bats. The one thing that was to make his fame enduring took away part of the fame, in two days, that he had collected through six months.

How about the dope now? In the advance forecasts we figured that Boston had the edge in outfielders, pitching, batting and at second and third, giving Philadelphia the edge at first and short. Our innate modesty forbids any further comment.

"To settle a bet," writes H. H. K. "who was the pitching star of the recent series?" The Red Sox outfield, as Jimmy McAleer remarked as far back as 1912.

Last Outdoor Meet Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The next big athletic event, closing one of the most successful outdoor seasons in A. A. T. history is the James E. Sullivan memorial meet tomorrow at the reservoir playground, Jersey City. Tom Cassidy, secretary of a committee of 200 of Hudson County's citizens who are promoting the games, declares one entry will total over 200. Every cinder-path athlete who was befriended by Mr. Sullivan in one way or another has asked Cassidy to be sure and place him among the entrants.

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