

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH NOT GUILTY OF PROFESSIONALISM AMONG FOOTBALLISTS

PITT'S GREAT RISE IN ATHLETICS MADE ON SOLID AMATEUR BASIS

Charges That Football Players Are Imported Appear Unfounded—Police Develop Great Athletes. Notes on Scholastic Football

Since the University of Pittsburgh football team started on its sensational string of victories critics have intimated that wealthy men interested in athletics at Pitt have been offering financial inducements for an athlete to matriculate.

Pitt is rising in the college world from an athletic and educational standpoint because it has been built upon the proper lines and because the citizens of Pittsburgh take pride in the institution since the college changed its name from the Western University of Pennsylvania to the University of Pittsburgh.

It has been intimated that Pitt would import athletes from all parts of the country and that this accounted for its great rise in the football world; but the fact that all excepting five of the 32 men in the varsity squad come from what can be termed Pittsburgh territory and that the scholastic requirements are as strict as any university in the country indicate that these charges are unfounded.

Five Men Only Are Outside Pittsburgh Territory

The five men who do not come from western Pennsylvania or eastern Ohio are Williamson, captain and quarterback; Peck, said to be the greatest center in the country; O. A. Ammons, substitute end; Dale Sies, an unusual guard, and George Heil, substitute quarterback. All of these went to Pittsburgh without athletic inducements and probably did not have a thought of playing on any team.

Williamson was the roommate of a son of Alfred R. Hamilton, a Pittsburgh millionaire, at the New Mexico Military Institute, and entered Pittsburgh only because young Hamilton decided to follow his father's footsteps. Mr. Hamilton has been the greatest factor in the wonderful rise of Pittsburgh University, which now has 4000 students and twice as many professors as it had students 10 years ago. He donated the beautiful training camp at Windber and presented the immense training house.

Peck, generally considered the greatest center in the game, attended Pawling School on the Hudson before entering Pitt. He was a Pittsburgh boy and attended Pawling School to prepare for Pitt. Ammons comes from the Arkansas City High School; but as all of his brothers have been athletes at Pitt and Western University of Pennsylvania, it is not surprising that he should follow their footsteps.

Players Prepared for Pitt in Adjacent Schools

Dale Sies, the brilliant freshman tackle, who is ineligible for the Penn game, graduated from the Davenport, Iowa, High School, and entered Pittsburgh because his father is a member of the faculty at Pitt and on the Executive Committee of the Athletic Council; while Heil is a brother of Andy Heil, star quarterback at Pitt prior to Williamson's sensational debut two years ago. He prepared for Pitt at the Topeka High School. None of these players will appear against Penn as regulars, excepting Williamson and Peck.

The other 27 varsity men at Pitt all hail from nearby schools, and entered that college because they were convinced that Pitt offered just as much as any other institution in an educational way and because of the pride that western Pennsylvanians take in this wonderful institution since its awakening.

Strict Scholastic Standing in Force

Pitt, like all other colleges which have athletic teams, is naturally proud of its rapid athletic growth; but an investigation shows that athletes who cannot keep up in their studies are not tolerated. The authorities realize that the rise of Pitt's football teams is likely to give the impression that athletics come ahead of studies at Pitt, and for this reason have been unusually harsh on students with football aspirations. Mr. Hamilton points with pride to the scholastic marks of the 32 varsity football men, who have proved better students than the majority of those who have no athletic aspirations.

Sloman's Performance to Be Expected

When Frank Sloman, the Pacific coast schoolboy, broke Ted Meredith's world's interscholastic 440-yard running record of 48.4 seconds at San Francisco Saturday the announcement did not surprise athletic authorities, who believe Sloman will prove to be one of the sensations of the age.

In the coast meet Sloman breezed to the wire in the wonderful time of 48.1-5 seconds, which bettered Meredith's schoolboy mark made May 12, 1912, in this city. Meredith wore the colors of Mercersburg Academy when he put up his high-water figures, and improved so well immediately after that he broke the world's record for the 800 meters and the 880-yard distances at the Stockholm Olympics.

Just at present Meredith appears to have the edge on the sensational young athlete of the far West, for in the quarter-mile national championship held at San Francisco last August the Philadelphian virtually ran the youngster into the ground. Meredith that afternoon started the athletic footrace of the world by coming under the wire in 47 seconds. This equaled Maxey Long's long-standing figure, thought to be beyond the reach of any present-day athlete.

Policeman Noel's Performance Noteworthy

Visitors at the police carnival preliminaries held Saturday at the Phillies' park had a rare afternoon of sport; but as only heats in the various events were run, the chief fun, of course, is reserved for next Saturday, when the finals will be run.

In last Saturday's meet the most wonderful performance of any "copper" was the mile run, in which J. T. Noel, of the 21st District, won in 4:45. A Philadelphia policeman is about the best trained man in the world; but such speed from one who is not a competitive athlete, save on one day a year, is indeed remarkable. Noel covered the mile on the grass and under poor foot conditions.

Slim Chance of Louisiana-Williams Championship Bout

Some time ago Jack Hanlon threatened to make a present of \$500 to Bantamweight Champion "Kid" Williams as soon as he signed for a boxing match with the title at stake. Hanlon and the Philadelphia boxer have severed their connections since. As there is no probability of Louisiana himself parting with \$500, Sammy Harris will never agree to give the former a crack at the bantam crown.

Armstrong, Central High School's center, proved on Saturday he was a wide-awake athlete on the gridiron. The Crimson and Gold's only touchdown came as a result of Armstrong's alertness when he pounced on the ball three yards from the line and placed it behind the goal posts after Miller, of Bethlehem Prep, knocked down Voss' attempted goal from the field. Three other Prep players with Miller were so surprised at Armstrong's quick thinking that none even tried to tackle him.

West Philadelphia High School will be represented by a great football team this season, developed under the leadership of Captain Bill Feaster, fullback. In the game with Norristown High School Saturday, Feaster scored both of the Speedboys' touchdowns. He played a beautiful game throughout. Captain Ide, of Norristown, made the stellar play of the contest by a 55-yard run through a broken field for a touchdown.

Unsportsmanlike conduct on the gridiron was shown by Wilson, of Pennsylvania Military College, and Smart, of Delaware College, when the players exchanged blows during the game at Newark Saturday. Both were banished from the contest.

Chief Bender, unconditionally released by the Baltimore Feds, is not all in as a pitcher by any means. He held the hard-hitting Victrix team to a no-hit, no-run score even when the team behind him made four errors. Such players as Letters, Biddle, Cashman, Homer and Livingstone, of Victrix, are not in the habit of going through nine innings without getting a safe blow.

Voss, field goal from the 25-yard line for Central High, was a beautiful kick and cleared the bar with feet to spare. The Crimson and Gold kickback may prove himself the best drop-kicker in local scholastic ranks.

Hoyt, Swarthmore Prep's fullback, made two of his team's four touchdowns against Perkiomen. He showed brilliant form throughout the game.

GREATEST TEAM IN EAST IS PITT, AVERS WARNER

Penn Must Look for Real Battle, Predicts Pittsburgh Coach

INTERFERENCE A FACTOR

"This afternoon you will see the greatest team I have ever handled." This statement was made by Glenn Warner, Pittsburgh's coach, who is generally considered one of the greatest football teachers the game has ever produced, to the EVENING LEDGER representative just before the Pitt-Indian game in Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"I have coached several teams that I thought pretty well of, but none of them compares with the Pitt team this year. It is the best all-around aggregation I have seen in years, and I don't think there is a team in the country which can beat us. Perhaps Penn, Washington and Jefferson or Carnegie Tech might trouble us, but I hardly think so, unless the team goes to pieces completely.

"It is a pleasure to coach here. The material was excellent, and I did not have to start from the bottom up as I did with the Indian School, where some of the boys had never played the game before. When I took the Pitt squad to Windber I found that I had many strong, natural players who knew more football than one generally sees in a college eleven. This was new experience to me and it enabled me to get off to a flying start.

FRESHMEN OUT.

"Of course, we are going to miss four of our freshmen stars who are ineligible to play against Penn, but we will have a team on Franklin Field that I think will be by far the strongest that will be seen on that field this season. Next year the freshman rule goes into effect at Pitt and the enthusiastic fans throughout the country will have to consider us along with Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Penn, Cornell and other Eastern universities in awarding the championship.

"Judging by the freshman material at hand, we will be just as strong, if not a trifle stronger, next season. I do wish we had Harvard on our schedule this season, as I am sure we could beat them. The Crimson is evidently not so strong as last fall, and I am sure our present team could have beaten the Harvard team of 1914.

"The greatest help to me at Carlisle was the spirit of the Indian Indians, who loved football. They did everything that I asked of them. They talked football all the time and could not get enough of the game, and that is why they picked it up so fast. The greatest material in the country will not make a first-class football team unless the spirit is there, and that is something they have here at Pitt.

"I knew after one week at Windber that we would have a great team, because the boys are crazy over the game and have more real college spirit and pride than I have ever seen before. Just watch them today and you will see something that will open your eyes."

Warner never made a truer speech in his life. The Pitt team had been strongly booed in the EVENING LEDGER by Bob Maxwell, and he had implied in the Pittsburgh-Navy game, that the Pitt team appeared to be general that the wonderful showing of Pitt against the Navy was due more to the weakness of the latter than to Pittsburgh's strength, but the Pitt-Indian game was not long under way before the 10,000 spectators knew that they were watching one of this year's greatest teams.

WARNER AS A COACH.

The greatest Indian team Warner ever turned out was the 1912 eleven, which won Penn's first ever beating in years. This team included Jim Thorpe, Pete Hausser, Frank Mount Pleasant, Wauseka, Luby, Burd, Exendine and other equally famous Indian football warriors. That team with its sensational stars who first showed the possibilities of the forward pass, does not compare with the Pitt team at the present time, according to Warner.

For years the football fans throughout the country marveled at the interference of the Indians. Warner always has been known as a marvel for developing interference, and with men who are intellectually superior to the Carlisle students Warner has built up the greatest interference he has ever shown.

Interference and balance appear to be the greatest factors in the success of Pitt. The men appear to know more football than the average college players. Whether this is due to the teaching of Warner, or to his legacy from Joe Duff, Pitt's ex-coach—an unusually bright bunch of players—is not known, but this Pitt team is certainly further advanced than a team generally is in October.

Warner is a thorough teacher, and the glaring fundamental weaknesses which have been noticeable in Penn's play this season are not to be found in the work of the Pitt team. Its second string men are powerful players, and against the Indians they played just as well as the first team, except that the quarterbacks used in the second half did not mix up the play as well as Captain Williamson did in the first half.

At the start of the second half but one regular, the wonderful Peck, was in Pitt's line-up, but there was no slowing down of the team. In fact, the substitutes sent in for the final half appeared to be better line smashers than the first-string backs.

With two first-class backs in Calac and Broker, the Indians expected to have but little trouble gaining through the scrub line, but then Sies, who gained most of the 27 yards registered by the Indians against Harvard were helpless. McLaren, a great fullback from Peabody High School, of Pittsburgh; Seidel, right tackle; Sies, left guard, and Stahl, right guard, are ineligible for the Penn game, while Gougler, McNulty and Smith, second string backs, are also barred because of the freshman rule. The absence of these men and the injury to Miller, first string halfback, are going to weaken Pitt considerably, but Warner will present a team that will startle the fans even with the men out of the game.

No statement has been issued by Pitt on Miller's condition, but the EVENING LEDGER representative was in the Pitt dressing room after the game with the Indians, and three physicians who examined the speedy back declared that he had fractured his right ankle and would play no more this season.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



CENTRAL HIGH SCORES ANOTHER HARD VICTORY

Keeps Up Winning Streak By Defeating Strong Bethlehem Prep

WEST PHILLY ALSO WINS

Central High kept up its winning streak Saturday by defeating the strong Bethlehem Prep eleven on Houston Field. It was a hard-fought battle and victory came only after Armstrong had scored a touchdown and Voss booted a goal from the field. This victory puts Central in the lead among Philadelphia high schools. West Philly and Northeast having been tripped up by Haverford School.

It was the first hard game the Crimson and Gold eleven has been up against—and the showing of the players was pleasing to the coaches. The defense was much stronger than was expected and the attack was good for many points. If the team continues to improve it is likely that the Gimbel Cup will be on exhibition at Broad and Green streets this winter.

West Philly won a hard game from Norristown High at Norristown, winning by the score of 19 to 6. Norristown scored in the first period on a 55-yard run by Captain Ide, but the Speed Boys came back strong in the second half and scored three touchdowns. Captain Ide was the star of the game, tearing through the line for two touchdowns. Bob Crowley also made a bid for fame, when he scooped up a fumble and scampered 50 yards across the goal line.

This game shows the relative strength of West Philly and Penn Charter, and spectators now have a chance to compare the teams before the game next Friday. Penn Charter won by two touchdowns to one, and Dr. Keough's athletes made three scores. That should give the high school boys an advantage of one touchdown, but you never can tell what will happen to the grand old dope.

Lawrenceville won from Tome School, at Port Deposit, in one of the most important prep school battles in the East Saturday. Davidson, who played fullback for the victors, scored both the touchdowns. Allie Miller's team was handicapped by a wet field and was forced to bow to the heavier opponents. St. Joseph's College journeyed to the Shore Saturday and lost a football game to Atlantic City High School by the score of 7 to 8. A volley of forward passes and a fake kick formation proved too much for the Philadelphia team. Swarthmore Prep, aided by Lungron, a

A NEW GOLF CHAMPION



Miss Mildred Caverly won her first golf title last week, when she succeeded Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck as the women's champion of the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Her opponent in the final was Miss Catherine Davis.

DAYS ALL GONE WHEN OLD ELI WAS THERE ALL SEVEN WAYS

Overconfidence and Careless Wrecking Football Hopes at Yale—Baseball in American vs. National League

By GRANTLAND RICE

A Medley in Blue
In days of old when Yale was bold
And Ted Coy hit the line;
When Kid Desautels caught punted balls
Or cracked some rival's spine;
When Skeels struck the Crimson buck—
When Brink Thorne had 'em frayed—
O, vanished years of Eli cheers—
How long ago they played.

In days gone by when old Eli
Was there all seven ways—
When Hopes broke the Crimson smoke
And rolled back Tiger plays;
When Glass and Brown held Harvard
Down
Upon old-fashioned teams—
When Greece and Rome brought captives
Home—
How long ago it seems!

Yale is still suffering the fate that befalls all victors who grow overconfident and careless in years of success. It so happened that her period of reconstruction came just at the time that Harvard was reaching her leading heights and attaining the finest system the Crimson ever knew.

In ordinary Harvard years such as the Crimson knew in the main from 1900 to 1910, Yale's process of reorganization would not have made her look so badly. She might have been beaten oftener than in the old days, but the margin would have been narrow. It has been only the combination of Yale at her lowest point of efficiency and Harvard at her highest that has resulted in such overwhelming discomfiture for the Blue, where in the last three seasons Harvard has rolled up 75 points to 5.

The Little Ball

Here is a golf yarn that Colonel W. B. Hanna relates atwart a certain noted sport writer who only recently took up golf.

When the new golfer had first taken up the game and had played as many as two rounds he became so proud of his apparent success that he invited his wife out to see what a phenom her lesser half was at Scotland's ancient game.

So in the presence of his wife he teed up the white pill, took his stance and made a terrific lunge at the ball. The clubbed passed about four inches above the untouched sphere. A second wipe followed—and then a third, all over the ball, but all delivered with the same terrific force.

Finally, after the third vain swing, the lady spoke as follows: "Oh, I think it's a wonderful game; but what's the idea of the little ball?"

We have heard it announced that the magnates are facing a busy winter season. If there is enough keen wisdom in the camp of the magnates to fill a thimble

this will be the quietest and most sedate little winter they have ever known.

Tough Sledding for the N. L.

After several seasons of pain and sorrow the National League had a big revival last fall, when the Braves demolished the Mackmen. But 1915 has let the old circuit in the same deep rut, suffering more anguish than ever.

Exactly 15 post-mortem battles were played this fall, with Red Sox, White Sox and Browns pitted against Phillies, Cubs and Cardinals. Of the 15 games played the American League won 12 and the National League three. The National League's post-season percentage is 20— which is nothing to arise and rave about.

Those who saw Cravath whale out long smashes on American League soil for nothing but outs to Lewis and Speaker can now understand why it is that Crawford, Jackson and Cobb average less than six home runs, while Gavy is collecting his 23. There's quite a difference between slapping one over a short fence that doesn't move than hitting one over Lewis, Speaker, Hooper, etc., who are fairly spry upon their roving progs.

If it wasn't for being labeled a club better, we'd like to have any part of a half million on Glen Warner and that Pittsburgh football team against any other line-up in America. Given the material, Warner won't be very far away with the rest of it.

Tris Speaker's \$18,500 contract ends this fall, but Tris can buy food for a month or so on what the season and the world series has left in his kale box. Only a trifling over \$30,000 for the year. That's all.

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