

SOCCER INCREASING IN POPULARITY—FOOTBALL COMMENT—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTDOM

AMERICANS SHY AT SOCCER, AS WITH ALL ALIEN SPORTS

It's an English Game, Bred-in-the-Bone, but Gaining in U. S.—Phillies Will Maintain This Year's Line-up for 1916 Campaign

BRITISH visitors to this country often have expressed their surprise at the lack of interest taken in soccer football in the United States, particularly since the people of this country are real sport "bugs."

Personal Equation in Sports, Most Potent Influence
In England and Scotland there is scarcely a man or boy who at some time in his career has not played soccer, consequently they feel an interest in it, because even if they are spectators at a match they can live the game over and mentally place themselves in the battle.

Soccer Slowly Gaining Foothold in America
The interest in soccer in England and the lack of it here are just the same, reversely, as in baseball. Americans love baseball because every boy and many girls begin playing it as soon as they can walk, while Britishers who play it have learned it after they were grown, the result being that baseball is the "national pastime" of America, while it has about the same sports rating in England as cricket and soccer have here.

Moran to Stick by Phil Line-up of 1915
Before leaving Philadelphia Manager Moran declared that the Phillies, as they lined up in the world's series, were strong enough for him for the 1916 race, and he expected them to win again.

About Time for Frank Baker to Be Sold
New Yorkers insist that a deal is under way for the sale of Frank Baker to the White Sox or Highlanders, but Manager Mack, of the Athletics, insists that he knows nothing about it. There is little doubt in the minds of local fans that Baker eventually will be sold, and it is hoped that New York will get him.

Yale Athletes, Conscience Stricken, Fess Up. It is to Smile
With one blow Yale's Athletic Association has deprived its football and baseball teams of five of the Blue's best athletes. On the face of things, Yale did this of her own volition, because in accepting their expenses for playing baseball on a club team during the summer the men violated the college amateur code.

Record of Drop-Kicked Goal Broken by Westerner
A football record which stood for 33 years was broken at Aberdeen, S. D., last Saturday when Mark Payne, halfback of the Dakota Wesleyan eleven, sent a drop kick 63 yards for a field goal in a game against Northern Normal School. Payne is slated to enter the University of Chicago next fall.

Avant, Ye Horrors of "Athletic Heart"
For years men who were athletically inclined have been hounded by warnings that some day or other they might contract the "athletic heart." While all this is more or less of a bugaboo, still the findings of an eminent specialist are of more than ordinary interest.

Fritz Pulling for C. H. S. Title
With Captain "Bill" Butler, Central High School's fullback, playing a bang-up game, and Gotwals showing brilliant form in running the team, Coach Harry Fritz believes the Crimson and Gold can regain the scholastic gridiron championship for Northeast High this season.

Harry Legore, declared ineligible to represent Yale on the gridiron or ball field, turned down many large contracts from major league clubs in order to finish his career at Yale. He is now free to sign, but it is hardly likely that he can command the same money. Now he must play professional ball or give up the game, and the magnates will take advantage of conditions.

In the death of Robert B. Ward, baseball loses one of its best supporters. Ward was a true sportsman, and was the first magnate in the history of the game who refused to allow his team to play on Sundays, which is always the best money-making day of the week in the West.

The injury to Captain Heck, Penn Charter's fullback, has handicapped the Little Quakers to a great extent. However, Heck is expected back in the game before the end of the week.

Hard luck is following Coach Jacoby's Friends' Central eleven early. Already Comerford and Captain Stoddard, both stars, are on the sidelines. The former is suffering a broken nose, while the team's leader has a bad leg.

CORNELL FEARS BATTLE WITH HARVARD TEAM

Ithacans Have Had Easy Time in Preliminary Games—Face Real Test

YALE IS NOT WORRIED

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
Three teams will face critical tests next Saturday and on the results of the games to be played will hinge the success or failure of the 1916 football season. The time has come for the coaches to get results from their early season tutoring and the week-end battles will bring joy or gloom to the various camps.

Cornell has played several games, but as yet has not been tried out by a good, strong opponent. Gettysburg, Williams and Bucknell were defeated by huge scores, but the attack and defense of Doctor Sharpe's warriors has not been given a thorough test. Any team looks good against a weaker opponent, and this has been the case at Cornell all season.

It is the same in the Dartmouth-Princeton game. The big Green team has run through a flock of weaker opponents, scored heavily against all of them and showed that their plays could gain ground. These performances are likely to give the players too much confidence, however, and may work with reverse English next Saturday.

Princeton is ready to take them on as they come. Having ruined the hopes of Georgetown, Rutgers, Syracuse and Lafayette in succession, Dartmouth does not seem so formidable as she did last year. The Tigers are in wonderful shape and Speedy Kunk has a team that can give any of the big ones a hard tussle.

Washington and Jefferson has not shown anything startling this year, and unless a big improvement is made, Yale should have little trouble in winning the game. There is one thing about the Elis that has been overlooked thus far. The defense has been growing stronger all season, and the offense is said to be working better than ever before.

New Olympic Club Opens
LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 20.—There was a big crowd in attendance at the opening of the New Olympic Athletic Club, at Cohecton Park, under the management of Jack Milroy, formerly of the Lancaster A. C. In the 10-round win-up Tim Doney was returned the winner over Johnny Greiner, as he forced the fighting throughout Greiner not boxing up to his standard.

Azevedo Wins Again
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 20.—Joe Azevedo continued his winning streak when he stepped Richie Mitchell, the pride of Milwaukee, in ten fast rounds. Azevedo was badly handicapped by the new rules of the Polish Commission, which prohibit infighting. The boys were torn apart every second, which made Azevedo's chances for a knockout. Azevedo will be matched in November with the winner of the Dundee-Rivers fight, Mickey Donley, of Newark, defeated Tommy Durkin, of Milwaukee.

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The match race was between Senator James P. McNichol's R. H. Brett, 2:03 1/4, and W. B. Eckert's Peter Stevens, 2:02 1/2, which was scheduled at Belmont Park this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow.

The track was declared unfit for the race. R. H. Brett and Peter Stevens will race for a purse of \$1500 a side and a division of the gate receipts. Three other events will be on the card, and some excellent sport is promised. Both pacers have been at Belmont for several days and are reported to be in fine condition for the race.

WEST PHILA. HIGH HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF FIELD FOR PRACTICE

Given excellent material to start the season Jack Keough, former Penn star, who is coaching West Philadelphia High's football team, finds himself handicapped so much by conditions that progress has been slow.

Lack of a suitable practice field has been Keough's greatest handicap and many days have been lost because the team had no place but the small lot back of the school for practice. The West Philadelphians use the old Belmont Cricket Club field at 45th street and Chester avenue for their minor games, but they cannot get this field for practice, as in the past.

Permission was obtained to use a large level stretch of ground in the women's department of the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane for a limited number of days and this aided Keough for a time, but it was not until two weeks ago that the team got the kind of practice that it needs most through the generous offer of Episcopal Academy to allow the West

Philly team to practice with the inter-academic eleven every Tuesday afternoon.

Episcopal, since its consolidation with De Lancy School, has a big and experienced eleven, and scrimmage with Washburn's team has caused a great improvement in the work of the West Philly line.

From the start of the season West Philly's backfield has been strong, but the line material, aside from the regulars, was so weak that the regulars received little practice that did it good. In the game against Norristown High last Saturday the work of the West Philly line was the feature of the game. Norristown High had been making a great record, and with heavy line-plunging backs, expected to have but little trouble gaining through the local team's line. But in the entire game Norristown registered only five first downs, and but one of these was due to the weakness of the West Philly line.

Dave Feaster, captain and fullback, is the all-round star of Keough's team. Quarterback Walters is not far behind. Excellent judges predict that Walters will develop into the best quarterback in local scholastic circles before the close of the season. Keough was a quarterback at Penn and his knowledge of the position has caused Walters to improve wonderfully in the last two weeks.

The team has been built around Feaster. He is the punter, forward passer and field goal kicker. In the latter department he compares favorably with Vose, of Central High, and his field goal against Norristown High, clinched the victory. Feaster is big and strong, is a good line plunger, fairly effective on end running and handles kicks well. Bill Feaster, brother of the captain and star of the team, plays on halfback while Griffith has been stationed at the other. The backfield as a whole is strong and well balanced. In this department West Philly looks stronger than Norristown, but not quite as strong as Central High.

Langford Given Decision
DENVER, Col., Oct. 20.—Sam Langford, of Boston, was given the decision over Jim Jones, of Tennessee, at the end of a 15-round bout here.

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