COMMENT ON LOCAL BASKETBALL SITUATION—RINGSIDE NEWS AND OTHER SPORTS

WILD VOLLEYING USUALLY RESULT OF DEFECTIVE FOOTWORK ON COURT

Tilden Explains Different Positions Which Lawn Tennis Players Should Assume to Drive Ball Correctly and Effectively

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d

"Why did I miss that volley?" This | He can stand many matches that would remark was made no often during one try stronger men simply because he saves afternoon of practice at the Germantown Academy's grounds

Academy's grounds

PEARSON AN EXAMPLE that the person who was conching nearly lost his voice explaining and refterat-

ing the following terms sentence: "You hit off the foot, kid." was nothing There else to say. Nine times out of ten volleys are missed be cause of poor foot-work or taking the eye off the ball. The relation between them will be about even over a long pe-

riod of play. In volleying it is not always possible T. TILDEN, 2D.

to get the feet in the exact position wished, owing to lack of time, but the effect will be the same if the weight of the body is on the correct foot. the body is on the correct foot.

For the forehand volley: If there is time get the left (or front) foot over and shead of the right. The weight is on the right foot until the ball is met, and then it shifts toward and ento the left with the shot. To volley cross court meet the ball in front of the body and, using a stiff wrist and short swing, chop the ball across. This short should be made with the left foot way across the right, with the weight coming forward to it. For the straight volley the feet should For the straight voiley the fest should be nearly parallel with the side line and the left foot advanced about 16 inches.

BACKHAND VOLLEY.

For the backhand volley shot the same rules apply, only substitute right foot for left foot as the one to advance into the Volley always with your weight coming into the ball, not away from it. If the return to you is so quick, or speed so great that there is not time to get your feet in position, have your weight on the foot nearest the ball and coming into the line of its flight.

Never volley a ball in front of your ody, always make your footwork such that the volley will be made at your side, and about a foot and a half from your body. If the hall is coming diyour body, rectly at you, do not advance your front foot, as this would bring your body into the ball's flight, but retreat your back foot, thus removing your body from the line of the shot, yet allowing it to pass close to you, so as to volley comfortably. In taking up the question of footwork and the overhead smash, or kill, it must he said that every man will develop his own method of hitting this shot, usu-ally based on his service, but there are several fundamentals necessary to grasp fully before the overhead can be made winning or individual shot.

1 Do not jump in the air to make this shot unless absolutely necessary. It takes your eye off the ball and your weight off the shot.

2. Keep your right foot on the ground, with your full weight on it, make your shot at the top of your serving, taking the ball a little in front of your head and hit with a flat racquet face, swinging your full weight onto your left foot with the shot. If this is made correctly your racquet would continue to the ground and land between your feet. This puts all the force and weight of your body into the shot. It adds speed and direction.

1. Do not start off your left and end on Your right foot, as this will pull your weight out of the shot.

All short lobs should be hit overhead, and hit hard, and the only way to hit a ball consistently is to have your footwork

Therefore, in summing up the articles on footwork the following i

Forehand Shots

GROUNDSTROKE OR VOLLEY. Left foot ahead of right, weight travels from back (or right) foot onto front (or left) at the moment of meeting ball. To hit cross court left is farther across or nearer side line than for straight shot down the line.

Backhand Shots

GROUNDSTROKE OR VOLLEY Right foot ahead of left, weight travels from back (or left) foot onto front (or left) at moment of meeting ball. Cross-court shot right foot is farther across or down the line.

OVERHEAD. nearer side line than for the straight shot

Left foot ahead of right and nearly parallel to side line (or the line of the festred shot); weight travels from right to left always at moment of hitting ball.

There are two examples of as nearly perfect footwork on a tennis court as one can find playing around Philadelphia every year, and it would be a great thing any young player to study their metheds. These men are Wallace F. Johnson, of Merion, and Stanley Pearson, of Gertown.

Johnson, known to all tennes men in as one of the most dankerous men in America, is the most striking example of feetwork in its best form. Johnson's Johnson, known to all tennis players footwork in its best form. Johnson's game is the peculiar undercut chop stroke of fair but not great force, magnificently placed and his whole game one of cleverness and subtlety but it is John-son's footwork which makes him the great player he is. He never hits off the wrong foot. You never see him forced to velley in front of him, always at the side, hever hurried in his shots nor caught out of position, except by a perfect return.

PEARSON AN EXAMPLE.

Stanley Pearson, city champion in doubles with L. C. Wister, is also a remarkable example of wonderful footwork. Pearson's game is a soft, well placed heady game, unfortunately it is too soft. Yet he can always drive a good man hard and beats many of them, owing to his wonderful speed and ability to make remarkable "gets."

A point is never over with Pearson until the ball has bounced twice, and the rea-son he gets the shots he does is due to his perfect control of footwork. He is a natural exponent of footwork on a ten-nis court and would serve as a good ex-ample for anyone to study who wishes to improve this department of their game, so essential to real success.

It took a Pittsburgh boy to win the Metropolitan championship this year at New York, when 'Charles S. Garland, usually called 'Chuck,' went down and cleaned up with ease. Why not have a few Philadelphia boys think this matter over and see if we can't have the Metropolitan title here next year, or certainly within a few. Let's get a little interest up in the titles played far away from our own home club. Go and get this title next year:

My next article will be on "Court Po-sition and Court Generalship." . . .

In reading the excellent article of Mr. Gibbons in the PUBLIC LEGGER on Sun-day, in which he mentioned Karl Fisher, of Cynwyd, as our coming star, I am willing to agree that Karl looks very good, but wish to put the following rank-ing of boys under 16 around Philadelphia: 1. Samuel Pennock, Penn Charter.

2. Rodney Beck, Germantown Acad-Headley Harper, Episcopal Academy. Karl Fisher, Cynwyd Club. Thomas Vischer, Germantown Acad-

Pennock and Beck are at least "15" better than Fisher, judging by their show-ing against boys of their own age and older. This is not at all detracting from Mr. Gibbons' judgment, for he has never seen either of the other two boys play,

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CAGE LEAGUE STARTS DECEMBER 6

Schedule for Southern Section of Circuit Announced

The Grammar School Basketbal! League of Philadelphia will get under way during the week of December 6. Lawrence S. Lavine, of the McCall School, and manager of the southern section of the league, has announced the following schedule for the downtown school teams:

WEEK OF DECEMBER 6. Campbell vs. Sharswood. Drexel vs. Wilson. Hancock vs. Poe. Practive vs. McCall.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13. Campbell, Drexel, Hancock, Poe, Sharswood, Practice, Wilson, McCall, WEEK OF DECEMBER 20.

McCall, Wilson, Hancock, Sharawood, Drexel, Practice, Campbell, Poc. WEEK OF JANUARY 3.

Practice, Campbell, Sharswood, Drexel, Wil-on, Hancock, Poe, McCall. WEEK OF JANUARY 10.

Wilson, Campbell, Drexel, Poe, Hancock, Practice, McCall, Sharawood, WEEK OF JANUARY 17.

Campbell, Hancock, Drexel McCall, Pruc-ice, Poe, Sharswood, Wilson, WELK OF JANUARY 24.

Practice, Sharswood Wilson, Poe, Drexel, Hancock, Campbell, McCall. Gridiron Solons and Cagemen to Meet

The annual football rame between the football and basketball managers of the University will be staged on Fronklin Field this atternoon, and there is certain to be some good gridfron performances when these two agaregations get together on the gridfron to certae the college championals. Both elevens have been training (athfully for this annual affair, and just which one will be returned the winner is a matter of much doubt about the

Harvard Crew Announcement

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 2.—It has just seen announced by the Hsrvard Rowing Combittee that Yale. Cornell and Princeton will so the Crimson's regatta schedule next prings. Harvard expects to have a winning rew this year, and it is the opinion of those a close touch with rowing affairs that the Trimson's chances are excellent in all of its cheduled events.

Watts Freshman Tank Captain

C. S. Watts, a freshman at the Universit of Pennsylvania, was elected captain of the 1919 swimming team at that institution at meeting held yesterday by the yearling an phibana. Watts halls from Osweso, N. Y. where he attended high school in that city and since his coming to the Cunker scho has given promise of developing into one of the best fluids that has been uncovered by Couch George Kistler in a number of years.

Chess Champion Wins Boris Kestle, the Hungarian chess master made his initial bow before the chess fans of this city at the Franklin Chess Club, when he met 15 strong players in a simultaneou exhibition, winning 12% and leaing 2% game in less than two hours. The master contests a regular game over the board against S. 7 Sharp, State champien, who was defeated by the visitor in 56 moves.

Tigers to Train in Texas WAXHACHIE, Tex., Dec. 2.—A telegram announcing this city as the spring training grounds of the Detroit American League baseball team has been received here from President Frank Navin, of the Tigers, CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL'S BRILLIANT BAND OF FOOTBALL GLADIATORS



The men are, reading from left to right: Top row—Brown, assistant coach; Scholtzhauer, Mackenzie, Conway, Hunsberger, Searing, A. Boggs, Dungan, Daily, Quinlan, Bunn, Wilson, and Sohl, coach. Middle row: Manager Dickle, Butterworth, A. Gehris, Whitman, Waldis, Scheetz, J. Gehris, Captain T. Boggs, Carson, Fell, Henderson and Freeston. Bottom row—Woodbury, Sullivan, Unger, Detwiler, Hemmerley, Long, Smith, Kallenbach and Sigmund.

WHO WILL PROMOTE WELSH-WHITE BOUT? **BIG FIGHT QUESTION**

Kaufman and O'Neil Are Principals in Main Mix Scheduled at Broadway Club Tonight

OTHER JABS AND JOLTS

Now that Charlie White, whose left hook made him famous, has been elected to be Fred Weish's opponent in a champlouship fight with the lightweight crown at stake, who will stage the match? The Thicagoan's selection as the most popular choice for a crack at the Briton's laurels was somewhat expected. But who will be the man, or in other words "the goat." to promote the battle seems to be a mighty bly question.

New Orleans and Denver are the only two places in this country where con-tests of more than 15 rounds are sanctioned by law, and to those places only can Welsh and White look for encouragement in an undertaking that already has been given wide publicity without get-ting any nearer a solution to the problem than before Harry Pollok, manager of the champion, lifted the barrier and nvited them all to come. Smooth sailing for the Charlie White-

Freddy Weish title bout was promised in New York today before the promoters met to sign agreements for the mix-up. Though Pollok has held out for \$15,000 flat with an option of 35 per cent. of the gate receipts, he was expected to concede a few points to Maxey Blumenthal, White's representative, if necessary.

The articles were to be signed at 3 o'clock. Whether the city for the scrap would be selected today or be announced.

later was one question neither man would discuss. Denver and New Orleans are making strong bids. If the Pollok and Blumenthal have virtually agreed on 20 rounds.

A featherweight bout is the attraction at the Broadway Club tonight. Kaufman, the rugged Southwark fighter will concede several pounds to Joe O'Neil, who has been boxing in good form recently, in the windup. The program follows:

First bout-Whitey Beamer, 20th Ward, vs.
Reddy Kelly, Point Breeze.
Second bout-Peggy Sullivan, Smoky Hollow.
Set Jack Brady, Smoky Hollow.
Third bout-Hock Bones, Memphis, vs. John
Holland.
Semiwind-up-Ritz Waiters, Atlantic City,
Vs. Hilly Horn, Navy Yard.
Wind-up-Benny Kaufman, Southwark, vs.
Joo C'Nell, North Penn.
Bobby McLeod, of Scotland, is matched
for two bouts in three days. Tomorrow.

for two bouts in three days. Tomorrow night he will tackle Marty Kane at the Nonpareil and Joe Lavinge will be the Scot's opponent at the Olympia, Monday

night. The bouts preceding the Eddle Jorgan-Patsy Cline match at the National, Saturday night, follow: Charley Collins, of Columbia, vs. Marty Farrell, Charley Thomas vs. Frankie Conifrey, Willie Jackson, New York, vs. Benny Kaufman and Frankie McCarty vs. Johnny Stack.

Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul Kewpie, who will make his Philadelphia debut in comhat with Young Diggins at the Olympia Monday night, will arrive here on Sunday. The Westerner will take part in his third New York match Saturday night.

Herman Hindin is out with a strenuous howl about "A Fan's" reasons in con-nection with his proposed all-lightweight card printed in the EVENING LEDGER. Hindin says he was glad to see Buck Flemling's name mentioned in the show, but "A Fan's" reasons "were positively wrong, as Fleming beat O'Keefe and also Hinckle five times."

A ten-round setto between Johnny Dundee and Phil Bloom will be staged in New York tonight. The latter has been promised a contract calling for ten fights at \$1000 each if he defeats Jumping John.

Sunny Jim Coffroth will be among the bidders for the proposed Weish-White championship match. He wants to stage the battle New Year's Day at Tia Ju-

RECORDS SHOW BUCK HERZOG BETTER SHORTSTOP THAN BANCROFT, OF PHILS

Cincinnati Manager Also Outplays Maranville in Accepting Chances-Second to Wagner-Other Comment in Poem and Prose by Grant Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Winning Combination

quarterback, fast greens; left halfback,

lice; right halfback, Hook; fullback,

The Million Dollar Entrance

The Feds may or may not be bluffing about spending \$1,800,000 to break into New York. The complexities of these

baseball magnates have long since passed

Comparative Punches

In view of this, the best scheme we see

y playing to an average of only 28,000 a

Easy Stages

Many advocates of preparedness over-cold one of the main essentials—viz., the

ability to travel 100 yards in 16 seconds,

There are also times when the bad play

of one team makes the average play of the other look like a world-beating flash.

Add new outdoor or indoor sportsthinking up the names of people you'd like to send over on the Ford peace ship.

Freddie Weish refuses to meet Charley White for \$12,500. And who can blame him? The idea of offering a pugillat only \$12,500 an hour when the President of the

United States can make that much in three months!

Military Note.-Field Generals McGraw

Brickley Rumor Denied

Boxing at the Gayety

playing a whole lot of golf.

our simple understanding.

ther competition.

Foiling Fate There was an epoch when I wept Above my lowly standing, Because I vould not make the heights Hut now I'm satisfied to know That when a cyclone rushes, It weecks the lofty oaks and pines

And not the little bushes.

For looking back across the year Where smoking upsets simmer, All littered up with busted champs And stars bereft of glimmer. Where those on high came back to roost, Where fame was somewhat colder, I'm glad I'm just a bush-league bard, And not a titleholder.

As I look back across the way At ex-champs holding session At Mack, McLoughlin and McGraso And Onimet in depression; As I look on the all-star list Whose souls have known the iron, I'm glad that I was what I was And not a Keats or Byron.

Shortstops

One day last summer late in the seaso we advanced the opinion that Buck Her-zon was a shortstop to be rated with Maranville and Bancroft. Loud and prolonged laughter followed. But the rec-ords show that Herzog accepted more chances than any other shortstop in his league—and, having accepted more chances, finished second to Wagner In the way of fielding averages. What makes a good shortstop if it Isn't

ability to go and get 'em? Valuable Athlete

Herzog is a far better ball player than he is generally ranked. He has a fine bean, and there is no better hustler in the game. He ranked with the best third basemen of his time, and now, shifted to short, is doing even better work. He isn't the greatest hitter in the realm, but at that he outbatted Maranville and Ban-tar that he outbatted Maranville and Banat that he outbatted Maranville and Ban-



BENNY KAUFMAN Joe O'Neil, of North Penn, will be the rugged Southwark boxer's opponent at the Broadway tonight.

READING TO PROMOTE BOXING FOR AMATEUR PUGILISTS THIS YEAR

ton Has Announced Interesting Indoor Work for croft, rated as the two Wagnerian suc-Pretzelites

"Only 600,000 golfers in U. S."-Johnny Anderson. There seems to be more than that on each public course every Sunday.

Colonel W. B. Hanna has picked an all golf eleven. Here is one that can beat his all five ways: of the Amateur Athetic Union at Reading, Centre rush, Bunker; right guard, sand has completed a great outdoor year of trap: left guard, water bazard; right tackle, out of bounds; left tackle, ditch; right end, cuppy lie; left end, high grass; work in sports. He now is mapping out plans for a successful indoor period. The outdoor season just closed has been the greatest in history of the Pretzel city. Commissioner Farrington has advised

that the athletes of his section are to take up boxing in earnest. Several tournaments have been arranged, and as in track and field and cross-country branches, Reading may be heard from before the season ends.

We don't know just what we would do if we had \$1,500,000. But the first thing we wouldn't do would be to lug a Fed team or any other sort of team into further consulting. Reading will be represented by a sterling squad of distance runners in the an-nual senior championship race at Ger-mautown next Saturday afternoon. The way the Readingites have been running competition means other entrants will Comparative scores in football have nothing on comparative punches in boxhave stiff work cut out for them.

George F. Pawling, president of the Middle Atlantic Association, and likewise of George F. Pawling & Co., engineers, Willard beat Johnson; Johnson beat Moran; Moran knocked out Coffey; Coffey knocked out Cunboat Smith, and Gun-boat Smith outpointed Willard. has moved their offices to 1432 South Penn

Johnny Overton, Yale intercollegiate ahead is to corral the entire cluster in one ring and award an action picture of John L. Sullivan to the sole survivor. eross-country champion, has applied to the Amateur Athletic Union for the privilege of representing the New York Ath-letic Club in open competition. The Metropolitan officers have announced that if it is found he is a resident of the dis-The New York venture of the Feds isn't so erratic as it seems. By charging 10 cents and a quarter they can easily pay all expenses anent the \$1.000,000 investment. trict a registration card will be granted

George Goulding, world's champion pedestrian, whose amateur status was at-tacked, will not have to worry about his standing for some time, as the Metropoli-tan officials, at their meeting in New John G. Anderson postcards us from Scotland that, while he hadn't played a lot of golf, he had gone around St. Andrews in 79. Off-hand we should call that decided to let the matter drop us til a future date.

Amateur Union followers will be inter-ested to know that the Court of Appeals will order a new trial of Abel Kiviat and Smith. Both champion runners were ex-pelled for padding their expense accounts last summer. . . .

Ted Meredith, the Olympic champion, who is wearing the big letter of Pennsylvania, is far from being in tip-top physical condition. In the New York race Saturday he lacked the punch that has carried him through the world's fast-set field of pridle distance. est field of middle distance runners.

Harry Gissing was not in condition and he did not start in the Irish-American games at Madison Square Garden, New York, last Saturday. He is one of the strongest middle distancers when right.

and Mack are now planning to start their drive up from the Barren Lands into Polite Society again. They report that a winter at Valley Forge was as nothing to George J. Turner, the newly elected president of the A. A. U., has issued a statement at Baltimore that he is going to do all he can to clean out mercenary a winter in last place, where the fright-ful frost is said to be well nigh unbearathletics from the ranks of the organization. Some one has been unkind enough to remark: "Well, if he does, he won't The rumor that Charles Brickley, Harvard's former star barkfield player, has been approached by the University of Pennsylvania football authorities in regard to the coaching of the Quakers football team is anfounded, states Wharton Sinkler, chalruman of the Football Committee at that institution, information was received yesterday that the former crimien athlete had received an offer to take charge of the Red and Blue gridien eleven in 1916. have an athlete left."

The 7th Regiment A. A., of New York, will hold its indoor set of closed games next Saturday.

Yale Hockey Dates

The Yale University hockey schedule includes games on January 13, Princeton at New York: January 25, Cornell at New Haven: February 12, Harvard at Boston: February 25, Frinceton at New Haven. In case of a tie in the series a third game will be played with Princeton at Princeton February 23 and with Harvard at Boston March 4. In the 103-pound class at the Gayety Theatre last night Frankie Conway defeated Frankie Wilson in three Frankie Lin the 133-pound class K. O. Wilson defeated Spikes McDonnell in three rounds, while in the 122-pound class Eddle Fibry best Johnny Brady in four rounds. In the special bouts Young Higgens slew with Sammy Gains and Young Krause defeated Eddle Stanley in four rounds. with Princeton Petral interest at Boston March i.

READING FIVE PLAYS JASPER AT KENSINGTON

Home Floor Dope Should Run True to Form at Nonpareil Hall

GREYS BEAT CAMDEN

STANDING OF THE CLUBS ystock W L P.C. W, L P.C. nteel. W, L P.C. 1 888 Camden 4 3 44 nteel. 3 4 500 De Nort. 2 1 202 Reading at Jusper. SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT.

The home-floor dope, which ruled aupreme in the Eastern Baskerball League during the season of 1914-1915, but which has received many a jolt during the present campaign, should run true to form when the Reading Bears tackle Bill Kennedy's Jasper five at Nonparell Hall, Kenssington avenue and Ontario street, tonight. Three weeks ago such a statement would have been greeted with shouts of derision, but since then one Garry Schmeelk has moved from Paterson, New Jersey, to Kensington, and immediately thereafter the Jewels started a winning streak that carried Camden, Trenton and the league-leading Greystock fives before

Reading has been going rather poorly in the recent games, and although the up-State five usually gives a good exhi-Commissioner John S. Farring- bitton against Jasper, their chances of winning tonight's fray are very slim.

Camden proved no match for Greystock in last night's battle at the Camden X-COUNTRY TEAM HERE

In last night's battle at the Cambridge armory, the league leaders taking a goas-you-please contest by a score of 30-25.

The home five failed to register a field
goal in the first half, which ended with
Greystock leading, 15-11. Ten minutes of
the second half had elapsed before Dolla
landed Cambridge. Before Dolla
landed Cambridge. Delshan tailled short from midfloor. Delghan tallied shortly afterward, and before the close of play Brown backboarded two from the side of the case. Sugarman and Cross scored two apiece for Greystock, and McWillams, Wilson and Lawrence one

Adams' foul-goal throwing was all that kept Camden in the game, the leader of the Jerseymen landing 17 out of 21. Wilson was not far behind, with 16 out of 24. For the third time this season, Ally Mc-Williams shut Adams out, while Cross repeated on Steele. Although Sugarman was credited with but two tosses, he played better ball in the 40 minutes last night than ever before.

Last Night's Scores Greystock, 30: Camden, 25,

AMERICAN LEAGUE. St. Edward's, 35; St. Columba, 18, Magonna, 36; Xavier, 20. Corinthian, 60; Adelphia, 10. PHICADELPHIA MIDGET LEAGUE. Viols, 12; Parkway, 11. Noise Terrory, 11.

Noise Pendent Games.
Olivet, 11; York, 10.
Philadelphia All-Stare, 59; Beaver, 16,
Cape May, 44; Wildwood, 29.
Salem, 40; Tabernack, 29.
Shemokin, 29; Baptist, 10.

TONIGHT'S GAMES EASTERN LEAGUE, Jasper vs. Reading. INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE, Western Electric vs. Electric Storage, Hale & Riburn vs. J. & J. Dobson.

NATIONAL SQUASH TENNIS

TOURNEY HAS 61 ENTRIES

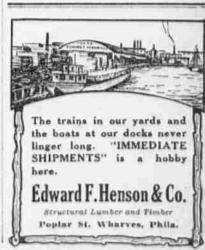
Bull, of Crescent A. C., and Riley, of Princeton Club, Honor Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.-The drawing of players for the national handicap squasi-tennis tournament, which begins Satur-day in the courts of the Yale University Club, shows that 61 contestants will rep-

Charles M. Bull, Jr., of the Crescent Athletic Club, and A. W. Biley, of the Princeton Club, are placed on the honor mark with minus eight aces, while a half dozen players are rated at minus-

Donovan Meets Baker

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 2.—Capiain Flus-ton, of his New York Americans, and Manager Bill Donovan held a conserence at the Hotel du Pont last night with Frank Baker, and the trie took dinner following, after which they left the city.



ABSENT-MINDED ABNER-He Had the Right Idea, Anyhow!-By WALT McDOUGALL

