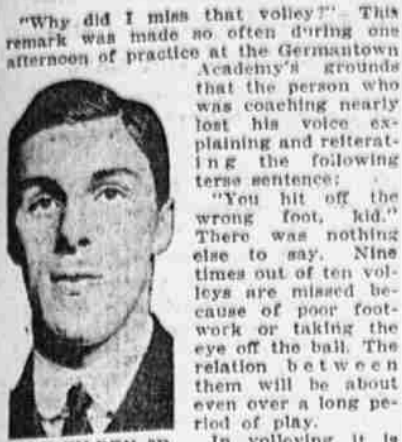


COMMENT ON LOCAL BASKETBALL SITUATION—RINGSIDE NEWS AND OTHER SPORTS

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

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"Why did I miss that volley?" This remark was made no often during one afternoon of practice at the Germantown Academy's grounds...

He can stand many matches that would try stouter men simply because he saves every step. PEARSON AN EXAMPLE. Stanley Pearson, city champion in doubles with L. C. Wister, is also a remarkable example of wonderful footwork.

A point is never over with Pearson until the ball has bounced twice, and the reason he gets the shots he does is due to his perfect control of footwork. He is a natural exponent of footwork on a tennis court and would serve as a good example 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 next year, or certainly within a few days, get a little interest 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 Position and Court Generalship." In reading the excellent article of Mr. Gibbons in the Public Ledger on Sunday, in which he mentioned Karl Fisher, of Cynwud, as our coming star, I am willing to agree that Karl looks very good, but wish to put the following ranking of boys under 18 around Philadelphia: 1. Samuel Pennock, Germantown Academy. 2. Rodney Beck, Germantown Academy. 3. Headley Harper, Episcopal Academy. 4. Karl Fisher, Cynwud Club. 5. Thomas Vischer, Germantown Academy.

Pennock and Beck are at least "B" better than Fisher, judging by their showing against boys of their own age and ahead of the right. The weight is on the right foot until the ball is met, and then it shifts toward and onto the left with the shot. To volley across court meet the ball in front of the body and, using a stiff wrist and short swing, chop the ball across. This shot 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 be nearly parallel with the side line and the left foot advanced about 15 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 ball. Volley always with your weight coming into the ball, not away from it. If the return to you is so quick, or if you are 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 body. 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 ball is coming directly 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 be said that every man will develop his own method of hitting this shot, usually based on his service, but there are several fundamentals necessary to make a 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 the shot into the shot. It adds speed and direction. 3. 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, as the only way to hit a ball consistently is to have your footwork correct. Therefore, in summing up the two articles on footwork the following is found: Forehand Shots GROUNDSTROKE OR VOLLEY. Left foot ahead of right, weight travels from back to front foot on to front foot 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 right) foot at the moment of meeting ball. Cross-court shot, right foot farther across or nearer side line than for the straight shot down the line. OVERHEAD. Left foot ahead of right and nearly parallel to side line for the line of the desired 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 for any young player to study their methods. These men are Wallace F. Johnson, of Merion, and Stanley Pearson, of Germantown. Johnson, known to all tennis players as one of the most dangerous men in America, is the most striking example of footwork in its best form. Johnson's game is the peculiar undercut chop range shot, right foot farther across or nearer side line than for the straight shot of cleverness and subtlety but it is Johnson's footwork which makes him the great player he is. He never hits off the wrong foot. You never see him forced to volley in front of him, always at the side, never hurried in his shots nor caught out of position, except by a perfect return.

CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL'S BRILLIANT BAND OF FOOTBALL GLADIATORS



The men are, reading from left to right: Top row—Brown, assistant coach; Scholtzhauser, Mackenzie, Conway, Hunsberger, Searing, A. Boggs, Dungan, Daily, Quinlan, Bunn, Wilson, and Sohl, coach. Middle row: Manager Dickie, Butterworth, A. Gehris, Whitman, Waldis, Schetz, 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

Now that Charlie White, whose left hook made him famous, has been elected to be Fred Welsh's opponent in a championship fight with the lightweight crown at stake, who will stage the match? The Chicagoan'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 big question.

New Orleans and Denver are the only two places in this country where contests 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 getting any nearer a solution to the problem than before Harry Pollok, manager of the champion, lifted the barrier and invited them all to come.

Smooth sailing for the Charlie White-Freddy Welsh 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 25 per cent. of the gate receipts, he was expected to concede a few points to Maxey Glumhault, 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.

Pollok and Glumhault have virtually agreed on 20 rounds. A featherweight bout is the attraction at the Broadway Club tonight. Benny 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 Lee, 20th Ward. Second bout—Feggy Sullivan, Smoky Hollow, vs. Jack Deary, 20th Ward. Third bout—Hook Bone, Memphis, vs. John Holland, 20th Ward. Fourth bout—Ritz Walters, Atlantic City, vs. Billy Horn, Navy Yard. Fifth bout—Benny Kaufman, Southwark, vs. Joe O'Neil, North Penn.

Bobby Wood, of Scotland, is matched for two bouts in three days. Tomorrow night he will tackle Marty Kane at the Nonpareil and Joe Lavigne will be the Scot's opponent at the Olympia, Monday night.

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

Johnny Ertle, the St. Paul Kewpie, who will make his Philadelphia debut in combat 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 connection with his proposed all-lightweight card printed in the Evening Ledger. Hindin says he was glad to see Buck Fleming's name mentioned in the show, but "A Fan's" reasons "were positively wrong, as Fleming beat O'Keefe and also Hickie 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 \$100 each if he defeats Jumping John.

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

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

Foiling Fate There was an epoch when I wept Above my lofty standing, Because I could not make the heights Where other blokes were landing; But now I'm satisfied to know That when a cyclone rushes, It sweeps the lofty oaks and pines And not the little bushes.

For looking back across the year Above my lofty standing, Because I could not make the heights Where other blokes were landing; But now I'm satisfied to know That when a cyclone rushes, It sweeps the lofty oaks and pines And not the little bushes.

As I look back across the year At ex-champs holding session; At Mack, McLoughlin and McGraw And Oulmet in depression; As I look on the all-star list Where souls have known the iron, I'm glad that I was what I was And not a Kcats or Byron.

Shortstops One day last summer late in the season we advanced the opinion that Buck Herzog was a shortstop to be rated with Maranville and Bancroft. Loud and prolonged laughter followed. But the records 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.

Comparative Punches Comparative scores in football have nothing on comparative punches in boxing. Willard beat Johnson; Johnson beat Moran; Moran knocked out Coffey; Coffey knocked out Gunboat Smith, and Gunboat Smith outpointed Willard.

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 shortstop, is doing even better work. He isn't the greatest hitter in the realm, but at that he outbatted Maranville and Bancroft.

The New York venture of the Feds isn't so erratic as it seems. By charging 10 cents a quarter the entire picture of John L. Sullivan to the sole survivor.

Easy Stages Many advocates of preparedness overtook one of the main essentials—viz., the ability to travel 100 yards in 10 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.

Freddie Welsh refuses to meet Charley White for \$12,500. And who can blame him? The idea of offering a pugilist only \$12,500 an hour when the President of the United States can make that much in three months!

Military Note.—Field Generals McGraw 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 a winter in last place, where the bright-frost frosts is said to be well high unbearable.

Brickley Rumor Denied The rumor that Charles Brickley, Harvard's former star basketball player, had been approached by the University of Pennsylvania football authorities in regard to the coaching of the Quakers' football team is unfounded. states Wharton Shuler, chairman of the Football Committee at that institution. Information was received yesterday that the former Crimson athlete had received an offer to take charge of the Red and Blue gridiron eleven in 1916.

Boxing at the Gayety In the 105-pound class at the Gayety Theatre last night Frankie Conway defeated Frankie Wilson in three rounds. In the 125-pound class K. O. Wilson defeated Spitz McLennell in three rounds, while in the 122-pound class Eddie Egan beat Johnny Lerdy in four rounds. In the special bouts Young Higgins drew with Sammy Hays and Young Kravitz defeated Eddie Stanley in four rounds.

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READING TO PROMOTE BOXING FOR AMATEUR PUGILISTS THIS YEAR

Commissioner John S. Farrington Has Announced Interesting Indoor Work for Pretzelites

John S. Farrington, athletic commissioner of the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union at Reading, has completed a great outdoor year of 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.

Reading will be represented by a stellar squad of distance runners in the annual senior championship race at Germantown next Saturday afternoon. In the way the Readingites have been running in competition means other entrants will have stiff work out for them.

George F. Pawling, president of the Middle Atlantic Association, and likewise of George F. Pawling & Co., engineers, has moved their offices to 142 South Penn square.

Johnny Overton, Yale intercollegiate cross-country champion, has applied to the Amateur Athletic Union for the privilege of representing the New York Athletic Club in open competition. The Metropolitan officers have announced that if it is found he is a resident of the district a registration card will be granted him.

George Goulding, world's champion pedestrian, whose amateur status was attacked, will not have to worry about his standing for some time, as the Metropolitan officials, at their meeting in New York, decided to let the matter drop until a future date.

Amateur Union followers will be interested to know that the Court of Appeals will order a new trial of Abel Kviat and Smith. Both club runners were expelled 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 fastest 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 distance runners when right.

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 up mercenary athletes from the ranks of the organization. Some one has been unkind enough to remark: "Well, if he does, he won't 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 12, Princeton at New York; January 23, Cornell at New Haven; February 12, Harvard at Boston; February 15, Princeton at New Haven; February 23, Harvard 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.

READING FIVE PLAYS JASPER AT KENSINGTON

Home Floor Dope Should Run True to Form at Nonpareil Hall

GREYS BEAT CAMDEN

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W. L. P. G. Greystock... 3 4 1385 Reading... 3 0 372 Jasper... 4 4 508 In North... 2 7 222

The home-floor dope, which ruled supreme in the Eastern Basketball 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 Nonpareil Hall, Kensington avenue and Ontario street, tonight. Three weeks ago such a statement would have been greeted with shouts of derision, but since then one Garry Schmeck 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 them.

Reading has been going rather poorly in the recent games, and although the up-State five usually gives a good exhibition 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 armory, the league leaders taking a go-as-you-please contest by a score of 30-22. 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 Doll landed Camden's first two-pointer, a long shot from midfloor. Dolligan tallied shortly afterward, and before the close of play Brown backboarded two from the side of the cage. Sugarman and Cross scored two apiece for Greystock, and McWilliams, Wilson and Lawrence one each.

Adam's foul-rod 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 15 out of 24. For the third time this season, Alby McWilliams shot 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 EASTERN LEAGUE. Greystock, 30; Camden, 25. AMERICAN LEAGUE. St. Edward's, 25; Columbia, 13. Maconia, 36; Xavier, 20. NORTHWEST LEAGUE. Carleton, 30; Acadia, 10. PHILADELPHIA MIDGET LEAGUE. Viola, 12; Parkway, 11. INDEPENDENT GAMES. Olney, 11; York, 10. Philadelphia All-Stars, 39; Beaver, 14. Erie, 24; Wilkes, 23. Salem, 40; Tabernacle, 25. Shermans, 39; East, 30.

TONIGHT'S GAMES. EASTERN LEAGUE. Jasper vs. Reading. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Western Electric vs. Electric Storage. Hale & Kilburn 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 squash tennis tournament, which begins Saturday in the courts of the Yale University Club, shows that 61 contestants will represent a dozen clubs.

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

Donovan Meets Baker WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 2.—Captain Houston, of the New York Americans, and Manager Bill Donovan held a conference at the Hotel Fox Post last night with Frank Baker, and the trio took dinner following, after which they left the city.

The trains in our yards and the boats at our docks never linger long. "IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS" is a hobby here. Edward F. Henson & Co. Structural Lumber and Timber Poplar St. Wharves, Phila.

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

