

KENDRICK ADVOCATES SCHOLASTIC STANDING AS THE BASIS OF ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY CODE IN COLLEGES IS ABSURD, DECLARES KENDRICK Former President of Intercollegiate Association Says Present Rules Can Be Interpreted to Fit Any Case—Urges Elimination of Distinction

By MURDOCK KENDRICK

AS ONE who for 10 years was actively interested in the administration of the affairs of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of America, and of some experience in the management of athletic affairs at the University of Pennsylvania, I have followed the newspaper reports in regard to the eligibility rules discussed recently. Practically every year some question arises with regard to the amateur standing of one or more contestants on the larger university teams, and generally the facts connected with each particular case are aired in the newspapers, and the final decision as to the eligibility of the particular individual is not made by the authorities of his own college or university, but by the action or inaction in the form of a protest by the authorities who control the rival team.

These annual discussions have not led to any better definition of the rules, nor any solution of the difficulties, and it seems to me that the present absurd eligibility rules show a lack on the part of those interested in the subject of a sufficiently broad view of the questions involved.

That some solution should be found is clearly shown by the absurdity to which interpretation of the present rules may lead. This is shown by the recent Trinity-Brickley case. I have received a letter from one of the most prominent officials in the I. C. A. A. A. and in the A. A. U., which contains the following:

There is but little doubt that the fellow members of Brickley on the Trinity football team knew that he was an out-and-out professional, and, therefore, when they competed with him, they themselves became professionals. Trinity very pertinently asked the question, "What would happen to the Columbia football team if they had competed against the Trinity players other than Brickley?" Any rules which permit any doubt as to the answer to this last question certainly need review and revision.

The principal difficulty in the legislation and the interpretation of the rules arises from a vague understanding of the purpose of such athletic contests. Intercollegiate athletic contests are not conducted so as to represent the average athletic strength of the various educational institutions. They are conducted for the purpose of developing a certain definite number of higher specialized athletes in the various sports, which athletes represent a very small proportion of the total number of students.

It is not expected that every undergraduate should participate in every sport. If the average athletic ability of each institution were to be ascertained, then 10 different football teams of Pennsylvania should play against 10 different football teams of Cornell; or 15 different baseball teams of Yale should play against 15 different baseball teams of Harvard, and the college which has the greatest number of victories would be recognized as the winner in the particular branch of sport.

We fail to remember that the purpose is to obtain athletes who represent educational institutions. We have become so anxious to protect and insist upon the amateur standing of the athlete and have forgotten that the principal purpose of the institution is to spread education. For this reason we have, therefore, endeavored to adopt certain distinctions between professionals and amateurs which have no logical basis. That distinction was originally based on two grounds:

First—The professional, devoting his entire time to athletics, could necessarily more readily and easily become more proficient in the sport; and, Second—The social reason that an amateur was a higher type of athlete and assumed a higher social tone than the professional.

This first distinction does not apply to college athletes, for the reason that an amateur is compelled to pass his examinations in his scholastic work, which must require as much, and probably more, of his time to acquire his scholarship, and he has only a limited amount of time to give to sport.

"GENTLEMEN" ARE AMATEURS. The second distinction is largely historical. It is indicated by the rule that existed in England that only "gentlemen" were amateurs, and those who were engaged in any vocation for a livelihood were ineligible for amateur contests. Subsequently, the rule was broadened, and I recall that within recent years the eligibility of the Philadelphia crew to compete in an international regatta depended upon whether or not some of the crew were engaged in manual labor for a livelihood.

And now, apparently in England, the only distinction between an amateur and a professional in cricket games is whether or not "Mr." shall be placed before the name in the reports of the games. We know now that this social distinction is of no practical effect in this country. We have had professional ball players elected to the highest position in the State. Men like George Woodruff, of Pennsylvania; Houghton, of Harvard; Sharpe, of Yale, and Brooks, of Swarthmore, are received and respected in every vocation in life.

Like many others, I know of a number of men who solely by reason of their athletic ability were assisted in obtaining an education, and who have since been elected or appointed to positions of respect and responsibility in public and private business.

The present rules have led to a ridiculous distinction between amateurs and professionals by referring to some as "semiprofessionals." There is not now and never has been any class that can be termed "semiprofessionals." Any

EXPERT POINTS OUT FLAWS IN ELIGIBILITY RULES

Murdoch Kendrick, an ex-president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America; one of the leading lawyers of this city and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, proposes a new amateur and eligibility code for intercollegiate athletics. In brief, he suggests: First, The elimination of the present distinction between the amateur and the professional. Second, Making scholastic standing the only test for athletic eligibility. Third, Retaining the present freshman and one-year residence rules. He contends that the present rules cannot be enforced; that they are unnatural and illogical, and that they make liars and cheats of students.

Mr. Kendrick discusses this problem, now the subject of a conference between Harvard, Yale and Princeton, and later to be taken up at an intercollegiate conference in New York, in two articles. The second will be published on Monday.

one who receives either directly or indirectly in consequence of his participation in any sport, or solely by reason of his athletic ability, any financial assistance, either by the receipt of income or the reduction of expenses, should be classified as professional; and unless you make the definition that broad it cannot be successfully defined or enforced.

There is no definition now which will render ineligible a student whose expenses through one of our leading colleges may be entirely paid by some alumnus of that college, whose only interest in the student is the fact that the student while at the college will participate in some athletic sport; and the effort now to escape from the stringency of the present rules has resulted in many surreptitious acts of generosity (7) whereby one or a number of alumni of a university contribute toward the expenses of some football or baseball player; a good athlete may have special opportunities for securing lucrative positions, such as waiting on tables, securing advertising privileges for programs of college papers, writing signed articles for the newspapers, playing summer baseball or acting as teacher at some school or summer camp.

Any one of these privileges, and many more which might be mentioned, are, as a rule, reserved only for some undergraduate who is particularly proficient in sports, and when it is reserved for such purpose the beneficiaries become professionals in every sense of the word.

WEST BRANCH ATHLETES' CLEAN SWEEP AT POTTSWOM Quakers Win Every First in Meet With Home and Reading Squads TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORING. F.V. P.V. H.J. R.P. P.R. D.J. T.L. West Branch ... 8 5 8 5 4 6 36 Pottstown ... 0 4 1 1 0 1 10

West Branch Y. M. C. A. won the triangular indoor track and field meet held at Pottstown, Pa., last night, defeating its nearest rival, the home Y. M. C. A. squad, 36 points to 16. Reading Y. M. C. A., the other entrant in the meet, scored but 2 points.

It was a clean sweep for the locals, who won every first place. Captain M. J. B. McDonough, Levick Brechemin, Reed and H. J. McCreath made up the Philadelphia team.

The summary: Pole vault—Won by L. Brechemin, Philadelphia, second, H. Vespa, Pottstown; third, P. Seasholtz, Pottstown. Height, 9 feet 4 inches. Running—Philadelphia, distance, 20 feet; second, W. H. Young, Pottstown, distance, 19 feet 6 inches; third, H. J. McCreath, Philadelphia, distance, 19 feet 5 inches. Hurdling—High jump—Won by L. Brechemin, Philadelphia; second, J. B. McGrath, Philadelphia; third, E. Christman, Pottstown. Height, 3 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Fence vault—Won by H. J. McCreath, Philadelphia; second, Brechemin, Philadelphia; third, Vespa, Pottstown. Height, 6 feet 4 1/2 inches. Shot put—Won by L. Brechemin, Philadelphia; second, P. Seasholtz, Pottstown; third, H. Young, Pottstown. Distance, 41 feet 2 1/2 inches. Points race, first heat—Won by Brechemin, Philadelphia, second, Reed, Reading; third, P. Seasholtz, Pottstown. Time, 21 2/5 seconds.

Points race, second heat—Won by Mohr, Pottstown; second, Eckert, Reading; third, McGrath, Philadelphia. Time, 20 1/5 seconds. Points race, third heat—Won by P. Seasholtz, Pottstown; second, H. Young, Philadelphia; third, Stinger, Reading. Time, 20 2/5 seconds. Points race, fourth heat—Won by M. J. B. McDonough, Philadelphia; second, Reed, Pottstown; third, Vespa, Pottstown. Time, 20 2/5 seconds.

Best place winners counted 5, 3 and 1. The team with the best total won. Race resulted in tie between Philadelphia and Pottstown, 14 points each. Official judge, F. Jenkins, Pottstown. Referee, Fritz, Reading. Announcer, Campbell.

PENN PLAYS HARVARD Intercollegiate Soccer Battle on Franklin Field Today FRANKLIN FIELD, Dec. 4.—The University of Pennsylvania and Harvard soccer teams met this afternoon in one of the crucial games of the championship season. Pennsylvania entered the game leading the league, but with the knowledge that a victory was necessary to retain first place. Soccer is gaining in popularity at the University, and the best contest in years was out.

The Pennsylvania team had been getting better every week and Coach Douglas Stewart expected a victory. The team the Quakers fear most is Haverford College.

BIG THREE HOLD CONFERENCE ON AMATEUR CODE

Yale, Harvard and Princeton Discuss Eligibility Rules in N. Y. Meeting

LE GORE CASE IS UP NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Harvard, Yale and Princeton delegates to the number of 15 met at the Yale Club last night and began a session which is expected to have an important and lasting bearing on intercollegiate sport as it affects those three. The whole subject of amateurism and eligibility will be discussed at length, and before the delegates are through they hope to arrive at a definite understanding as to what changes are needed toward bringing about a betterment of the situation.

The meeting last night lasted until after midnight and another long session is to be held today. Those present were as follows, various departments of sport in each university as well as the faculty of each being represented: Harvard—Dean Briggs, Fred W. Moore, graduate manager of athletics; Barratt Wendell, Jr., and George B. Gardner; Princeton—Dean Fine, Dean McClellan, Professors Kennedy, Knox, Taylor and Howard Henry; Yale—Professor Corwin, George B. Case, Fred Allen, John Kilpatrick, John Field and George P. Day.

Final disposition of the case of the Yale athletes who were disqualified for playing summer baseball—Henry Legore, Spencer Pumpely, Arthur Milburn and William Easton—is likely to be made at this meeting. Summer baseball and what is to be done about it forms a leading subject of discussion and action and with them the question whether the Yale players named are to be reinstated or remain without the pale.

MORGAN BOXES CLINE IN WIND-UP TONIGHT AT NATIONAL ARENA Charley Collins Will Oppose Marty Farrell in Semi—Jim Murphy and Fred Welsh Are Matched

Six out-of-town boxers will appear in competition at the National Club tonight with Irish Patsy Cline, of New York, and Eddie Morgan, English fistulian, who is making Philadelphia his home at the present time, appearing in the wind-up. Cline's stable-mate, Marty Farrell, will show his mettle in the semi. Charley Collins, of Columbia, will be his antagonist.

The program follows: First bout—Frankie McCarthy, Southwark, vs. Benny Buck, Bell road. Second—Wille Jackson, New York, vs. Benny Kaufman, Southwark. Third—Frankie McCarthy, New York, vs. Charley Thomas, Southwark. Wind-up—Marty Farrell, New York, vs. Charley Collins, Columbia. P. vs. Eddie Morgan, Philadelphia.

The knockout scored by Howard Truesdale, of Kensington, over Tyrone Costello, of North Penn, at the Quaker City last night, was one of the cleanest victories ever scored in a local ring. Previous to the finishing punch, Truesdale dropped his antagonist with a well-directed punch to the jaw. Ty took the count of nine. When he regained his feet, Howard rushed Costello to the ropes and a short right-hand uppercut sent the latter reeling through the ropes, where he was counted out.

In other bouts Eddie Miller and Eddie Newton fought six rounds to a draw. Kid Patillo added another victory to his consecutive string by defeating John Holland. Johnny Newton knocked out Farrell Lynch in the fourth round. Joe Kennedy stopped Charley Moulton in the third and Young Jack O'Brien went out in the same round in a match with Jimmy McParland.

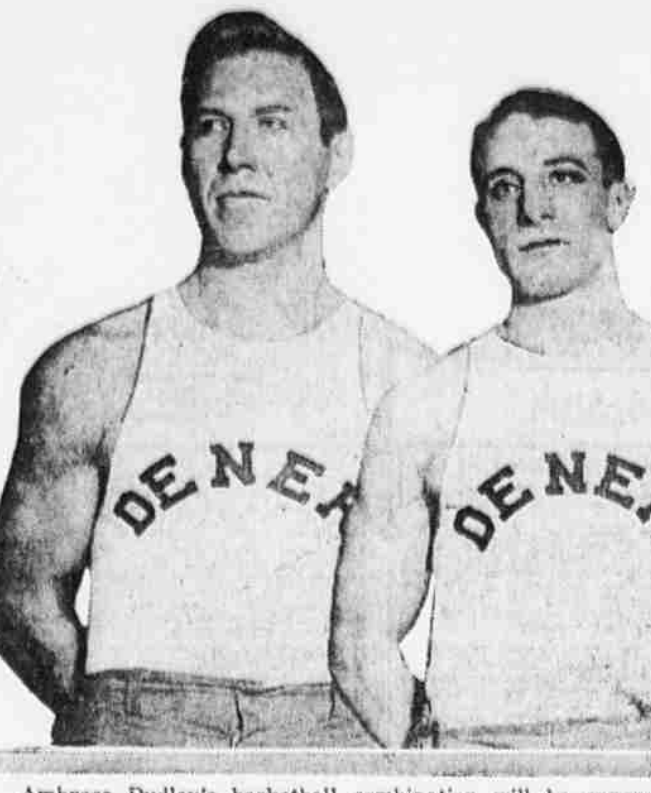
Jack Toland was substituted for Joe Heffernan against the veteran Terry Martin in the main mix at the Nonpareil last night, and although the former was an 11th-hour performer, he displayed enough form to earn the decision. The best bout of the night was between Lew Stinger and Johnny Plazal, and after six sessions of sizzling scrapping Stinger left the ring with the long end of the decision. Kid West and Joe Smith battled to a draw. Bobby McLeon won from Mike Daley. Billy Donovan defeated Jack McAvoy and Jimmy Mack took the count in the third round against Tommy Kinnow.

Following his spectacular setto with Ad Wolkaat, Jimmy Murphy, local contender for lightweight laurels, will be given an opportunity to show in combat with champion Fred Welsh. They will clash at the Olympia, December 12.

Tommy Buck, local featherweight, has finished his vaudeville engagement in Kansas City. He now is training for a 10-round match there with Benny McGovern, of St. Louis, scheduled for next Friday night.

WISAHICKON ELEVEN SEEKS GAMES The Wisahickon Soccer Football Association would like to arrange games for December 18 and 25 and next Tuesday night class teams. The management will pay carriage for 11 men. Address Ernest Anderson, 3900 Lauriston street, Wisahickon.

DUO OF DE NERI STARS



Ambrose Dudley's basketball combination will be opposed to the Trenton quintet at Musical Fund Hall in an Eastern League match tonight. Kincaid and Beckman, shown above, from left to right, are mainstays of De Neri's five.

NEW CAGE RULES TO BE EXPLAINED DURING CONTEST

Big Delegation Attends Meeting to Interpret Basketball Code Recently Adopted

More than 50 representatives of Philadelphia's public and private schools and colleges of the State took part in a meeting at Houston Club this morning to interpret the new basketball rules adopted by not only the Intercollegiate Basketball League, but by the Y. M. C. A. and the Amateur Athletic Union. The meeting was called to order by Ralph Morgan, secretary and treasurer of the Intercollegiate League, who then introduced Dr. J. H. Raycroft, director of the Department of Physical Education at Princeton.

Doctor Raycroft permitted the delegates to ask questions on any part of the rules which were not clear, and either he or Mr. Morgan answered all queries. The questions involved explanations of the wording and spirit of the rules. They were explained verbally and then demonstrations were given of points wherever possible.

As a result of this meeting, Mr. Morgan agreed, on behalf of the University of Pennsylvania, to arrange for a practice game in Weightman Hall some time in the near future, with the best of the intercollegiate officials in charge to explain all rules. The plan is to have two of the local school teams play a practice game and to invite all players, managers and coaches who are interested to attend.

The officials are to call fouls, and then before inflicting the penalties, they will explain to the players and spectators what the foul was called for. This plan, which was suggested by Fred Vail, of the Physical Department of the West Philadelphia High School, met with much enthusiasm.

One of the points cleared up was the meaning of the rule prohibiting centers from "catching" the ball until it had been touched by another player. The word "catch" was interpreted to mean "touch." Centers, Doctor Raycroft explained, may not again touch the ball on the jump off until it has been touched by another player.

EVERETT IN SHAPE Ready for Championship Game With Detroit Team DETROIT, Dec. 4.—Everything, including the weather, was perfect this morning for the big game in the afternoon between the Everett High School football team and Detroit Central High. Coach O'Donnell, of Everett, announced that he would use Bray at right half back instead of Bradley.

It was expected here today that fully 15,000 spectators would see the game, which will decide the intercollegiate championship of the United States.

Heavyweight Arrives Here Homer Smith, a 6-foot-2 1/2-inch heavyweight and weighing 190 pounds, arrived in Philadelphia today from Keams, Mich. He will make this city his home while in the East. The Michigan star has had a total of 14 fights, including six knockouts. His manager, W. E. Randall, says Smith not only is a hard puncher, but he also possesses great cleverness for a big man. Ford Mungler, of Kalamazoo, who boxed here last year, is with the heavyweight. Mungler is boxing as a welterweight.

NEW BALTIMORE CLUB Well-Known Athletes Form Track and Field Organization

Thomas P. McDonagh, the South Atlantic track champion; Herman Frank and Warren A. Freeburger have formed a new track and field club to be known as the Baltimore A. A. The promoting athletes are well known in Philadelphia, having competed here in a number of meets last summer.

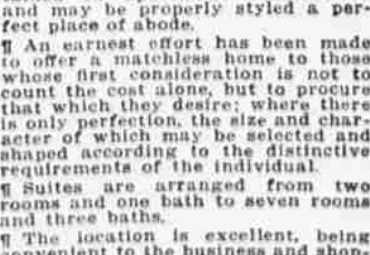
Bill Meanly, New York 400 low hurdle champion, is working out great guns in the 30, and is sure to be heard from on the boards this winter.

William H. Taylor, the lanky jumper from Chicago, who is now a resident of New York city, will be able to represent the Irish-American Club in competition next March. Taylor, it will be remembered, outjumped the Adams brothers in the national championships.

Willie Gordon, of the New York A. C., is in tip-top condition for so early in the season, and unless he over-trains he should have another great season on the boards. Gordon won the three-quarter mile run at the recent indoor games in New York from scratch. To do this he had to plow his way through a big field.

Coach Melvin Sheppard, of the 8th Regiment, N. Y. N. G., is working hard to get his proteges in condition for the annual indoor meet to be held December 11.

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TWO COLLEGIATE SOCCER MATCHES ON TAP TODAY

Harvard Plays Penn Here and Columbia Tackles Yale at Cambridge

TIE MAY BE BROKEN Penn vs. Harvard, at Franklin Field. Columbia vs. Yale, at Cambridge.

Table with 4 columns: Team, P, W, L, D, Pts. Penn vs Harvard, Columbia vs Yale, Princeton vs Cornell, Haverford College vs Cornell.

Two games hold the interest of the fans of the Intercollegiate Soccer League today. Penn is at home to the Harvard eleven, while Columbia plays Yale at Cambridge.

A finer muddle than that in the league this year would be hard to find. For a time the Princeton Tigers looked like the kings of the organization, and just when her followers were certain of a sweep, the whole structure collapsed.

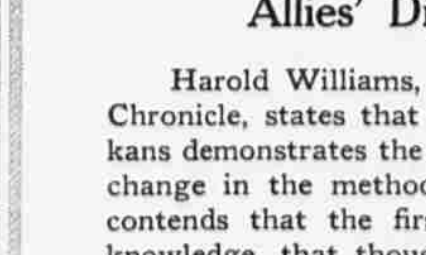
Eligibility rules played havoc with the Juniors' clan. As a result of the loss of three star forwards, the team was held to a tie by Yale, and badly defeated by Haverford. They came back in fine fashion, however, and now enjoy a tie for second position with Haverford and the Blue.

When the protested game with Cornell was ordered replayed, the Tigers beat the Ithacans easily. Princeton's inherent strength is no better shown than the 5 to 0 victory over Columbia. Up to this defeat Columbia had seemed to be the class of the league, but their pace slackened also. The Morningstar Heights players beat Penn, last year's champions, and Harvard largely through the work of the Brooklyn Schanholts boys. When Columbia visited Haverford this week the game was thought to be all over but the shouting. Haverford sprang a surprise by decisively defeating the Blue and White.

A glance at the standings of the teams at this time shows that any one of the five leading teams, Penn, Columbia, Yale, Princeton and Haverford, Lafayette's soccer eleven will clash with the representatives of the Lehigh University, at March Field, Easton, Pa., this afternoon. Interest is keen in this event.

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Noted English Critic Attacks Allies' Diplomacy Harold Williams, of the London Daily Chronicle, states that the crisis in the Balkans demonstrates the necessity for a radical change in the methods of diplomacy. He contends that the first requisite is expert knowledge, that thousands of lives are endangered because gentlemen sitting at ease in cool embassy gardens consider it bad form to mingle with the populace and learn the rough realities of the land they live in. Read his article in Sunday's Public Ledger.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—Who Would Have Suspected He Was an Inspector?—By WALT McDUGALL

