

"BOB" FOLWELL IN LINE FOR HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT PENNSYLVANIA—OTHER SPORTS

PENN UNDERGRADUATES SAY POOR FOOTBALL SHOWING DUE TO CLIQUES

Expert Investigation of Athletic Conditions Necessary to Save Game for Red and Blue—Other Sports Comment

FOOTBALL affairs at the University of Pennsylvania have reached such a crisis that heroic measures are necessary if a solution is to be found that will be acceptable to the students, the alumni and the thousands of Philadelphians who want to see the Quakers regain their former gridiron supremacy.

The appointment of such a committee, made up of men known to be capable and impartial, and not associated in any way with the present football regime or the other element seeking to gain control, will save the situation.

There are two facts which Pennsylvania's athletic authorities cannot afford to ignore. One is that the present system has been a failure, in that it has not made the best use of its material. The other is that there is a deep-seated conviction throughout Pennsylvania's undergraduate and alumni body that a particular clique has dominated the football situation for the last 19 or 20 years.

It is of imperative importance to Pennsylvania that there should be no factions and that the University should have an opportunity to avail itself of the best football brains and experience it possesses.

The same sensible course would be for the board of directors, either at its last monthly meeting of the year this afternoon, or the new board before it selects its football committee, to appoint a special committee of competent and absolutely impartial football men to investigate the entire situation, point out where it has failed and propose definite remedies for its correction.

A report from Chicago yesterday stated that "Stuffy" McInnis, the brilliant first baseman of the Athletics, contemplated jumping to the Whales. Just a week ago McInnis, in a letter to the Evening Ledger, declared that there is absolutely no chance for the Federal League to induce him to leave the Athletics.

McInnis stated that he was seriously considering an offer from the Newark Feds in the middle of last season, but that, after thinking the matter over, decided he owed his baseball success to Connie Mack and would not desert him.

Last season McInnis was disappointed at the showing of the Athletics and because the championship team had been shot to pieces. His work in the early part of the season was excellent individually, but of little value to the team, and the dickering with the Federal League also had its effect on his work.

After leaving the team in midseason for two weeks, McInnis had a long talk with Mack on his return, and from that time on played like the McInnis of old. At the close of the season McInnis says he announced to the other members of the team that he was going to remain loyal to the Athletics, as he was firmly convinced that Connie Mack would again have a championship team if the men stuck together.

In his letter, McInnis says: "You are liable to hear a lot of rumors about me before the baseball season opens, but there is not a chance of me jumping the Athletics. I admit that I listened to them last summer and even contemplated leaving the Athletics, but I soon realized that I owed everything to Connie Mack, and I am with him as long as he wants me."

"Connie has always treated me fair and square and I believe he will always continue to do so. You can say for me that I will be playing first base for the Athletics next season, regardless of what the Feds offer, and I will play the best ball of my career. Things were pretty much upset last season and I guess my work fell a little, but watch me in 1916. We will have a young team, but it looks good to me. It will only be a short time before Connie will have another championship team."

The National League averages showed several freak records. One was that Gabby Cravath, the Phillies' fence-breaker, struck out more times than any player in the league, barring Baird, of Pittsburgh, but that Cravath also drew more bases on balls than any other player, showing that he was the most feared man in the senior league, despite his tendency to miss his third swing.

Other oddities are shown in the strike-out and base-on-balls statistics. Charley Herzog, of the Reds, turned in the lowest average in years in strike-outs, fanning but 21 times in 153 games. Six of Herzog's strike-outs were registered by Alexander the Great, the Reds' manager falling twice before the Nebraskan in a game in this city.

Perhaps the greatest freak of all was the mark made by Arthur Fletcher, of the Giants, in the base on balls record. In 155 games Fletcher drew but six bases on balls, which bears out the contention made by Manager McGraw two years ago. At that time McGraw refused to talk of a trade of Fletcher for Doolan, declaring that Fletcher's habit of swinging at bad balls and not waiting the pitcher out, was the only thing which prevented him from being the leading hitter of the league. A player who draws but six bases on balls in 155 games does not know the meaning of the word patience.

One of the quickest and most effective methods of killing the boxing game is the institution of the present plan of the New York Boxing Commission. This body is trying to devise a means to collect the State's share of the receipts, relieving the commission of that duty. It is said that fight clubs in New York have recently been suspected of holding out on the State's end of the proceeds, and that it is impossible to collect the proper amount because there are not enough deputies to watch the gates.

The remarkable feat of Alfred DeOro in running out his second string of 50 points against Kieckhefer in 25 innings and in making 150 points in 145 innings compiled a record which has never been approached in a championship three cushion billiard match. It will go down in the annals of the game on a par with Willie Hoppe's famous 100 average for 500 points in a match against George Sutton several years ago. Hoppe made his mark at the height of his career, but here is DeOro after 23 years as a top-notch pool and billiard expert making a new record.

The University of Syracuse football team finished its Western invasion yesterday by defeating Occidental College in Los Angeles by the score of 35 to 0. It was the third game played on the trip, and the New Yorkers won without difficulty. The Eastern eleven played brilliant football, exposed a dazzling attack which could not be solved and put up a good defensive game.

Syracuse defeated the Oregon Aggies and played a tie game with the University of Montana in the other battle. The work of the team demonstrated the superiority of Eastern football over that played in the West and can be used as a basis of comparison of the elevens playing in both sections.

ERTELE DEFEATS YOUNG DIGGINS IN 45 SECONDS

St. Paul Kewpie Drops Local Fighter Three Times in the First Round

BURNS HOLDS WILLIAMS

Johnny Ertle played a short engagement before a huge flock of home folks at the Olympia last night, and in 45 seconds demonstrated that he is to be considered seriously when the bantamweight title is discussed. The St. Paul Kewpie lived up to his reputation when he disposed of Young Diggins in short order, flooring the local boy three times before the battle got under way.

Diggins was on his feet just 23 seconds. The rest of the time he was on the floor, listening to the kind, sweet voice of Referee Frank O'Brien as he practiced counting up to ten.

Ertle won from Kid Williams on a foul some time ago and immediately jumped into the ring tonight. His performance last night showed that he had a right to claim a couple of titles if he cared to, and is the logical opponent for Williams.

The spectators had little chance to see Ertle's real fighting ability. His three punches were aimed, each by Ertle and Diggins went to the mat the same number of times. Johnny rushed at Freddy, missed a left swing and followed with a right-hand punch on the jaw. Diggins dropped and took a count of "nine."

When Freddy regained his feet Ertle again clubbed at Diggins, crossed a short right-hand punch on the jaw and Fred crumpled to the floor. Diggins was up in the next occasion Diggins took a "three" toll. He clinched with the Kewpie, but a right-hand punch sent Diggins to the floor on the first of his back.

Before Ertle again appears before an audience in this city he will take part in two New York fights. He will box Harry Henry next Wednesday night and on the 20th will encounter Jack Salls. His manager, Mike McNulty, said last night Ertle would meet Eddie O'Keefe, Battling Reddy, Louisiana or any of the boys who are selected, but the weight must be 115 pounds, ringside. However, it was rumored that Johnny's next fight here may be with Young McGovern, followed by a fight with Andy Brennan, New Orleans.

Kid Williams and Frankie Burns fought 20 furious rounds in New Orleans last night and the champion was lucky to get a draw. Burns, who was the favorite before the battle, lived up to the reputation which upon him. In the third round he staggered Williams with a solid right to the jaw and in the eighth the bantam boss was floored with a left to the chin.

Burns took the lead early in the contest and held it until the fifth round, when Williams started to force to the front. From then on it was an even break, the little fellows engaging in slugging tactics with Williams' strength asserting itself on many occasions. The decision rendered by Referee Ed Smith was a popular one.

In the other bouts at the Olympia, Leo Treadler, 115, defeated Jimmy Smith, 115, from Kili, 115, Arthur Rhinow, 117, from Kili, 117, and in a four round match, Al Salski, 116, handled Joe Fisher, 116, and Bobby McLeod, 116, handled Joe Layvine, 119, in a round-and-a-half contest.

John Ertle, a professional boxer, and who will be the amateur feature of the night, arrived here yesterday afternoon, and will start a professional career while in the East.

The winner of the fight type will appear in the first round of the Olympia tonight. Young Joe Treadler, 115, will be the first to go, followed by the other bouts. The program follows: Leo Treadler, 115, vs. Al Salski, 116; Arthur Rhinow, 117, vs. Al Salski, 116; Bobby McLeod, 116, vs. Joe Fisher, 116; and John Ertle, 116, vs. Joe Layvine, 119.

Charles Thomas and Tommy O'Keefe, south-western stars, will have an opportunity to settle their old rivalry in a 15-round battle at the Palace A. C. tonight. The general opinion among fight fans, however, is that Thomas and O'Keefe met in six-round bouts, but were poor chess players.

A host of Willie Moore's admirers have decided to follow the champion to the States. He will meet Steve Latta in a 10-round match.

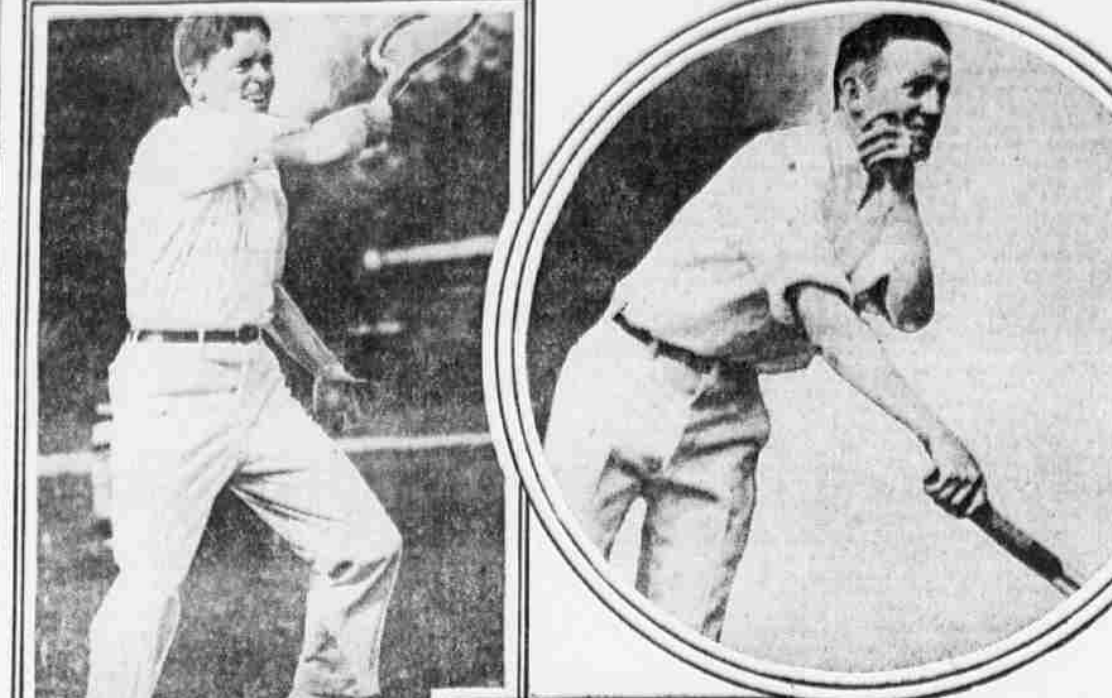
Jack Tilden and Porky Ryan met in Brownsville, Pa., on the 20th of last month. The winner of the fight will be decided at Philadelphia, New York's afternoon.

Walter Johnson has the best hurling record in American League Speed Demon Tops List for 1915

According to the official averages, Walter Johnson the speedy hurler of the Washington Club, topped the other pitchers in the American League for 1915. Johnson's average of earned runs per game was 1.53. He was in 47 games; faced 1205 batters in 387 2/3 innings; allowed 258 base hits; issued 66 bases on balls; allowed 82 runs, 55 of which were earned.

Joe Wood was the nominal leader. The former star of the Red Sox held the mound during 151 1/3 innings of 25 games. Joe allowed 120 hits, divided among 553 batters, who scored 149 earned runs per game.

EXPERTS DIFFER ON WHICH SHOULD BE FIRST



M. E. McLOUGHLIN

GOOD BOUT STAGED IN TRENTON CAGE

Basketball Game Featured by Hoffman-Steele Fisticuff Affray

Eastern League fans in Trenton last night went to see Camden and the Pottery play basketball. They saw more, instead of the wind-up being a gloriously hot goal or a foul thrown from the 3-foot line, it was a double knockout for Battling Roy Steele, of Camden, and Hammering Hoffman, Trenton. Referee Whitey Mullon counted both players out after they had exchanged a number of blows and the crowd had become so hoodlumpy that a general riot was imminent.

The game was finished after some delay, Trenton winning from the South Jerseyans, 38 to 27. Good teamwork marked the play of the Pottery, while Camden, as usual, played a loose game. Jackie Adams, men fumbled continually and thereby lost whatever chance they might have had to win by their non-handling of the ball.

There are no games scheduled in the Eastern League tonight.

Two games were played last night in the Camden City League. Whitman Park defeated Parkside, 35 to 15, and Superior won from Quixotes, 38 to 24.

Seniors and Juniors Win

WELLS, AMPTOWN, Mass., Dec. 7.—By winning the seniors and juniors title for the first time, the Wells basketball team defeated the 1914-15 team in a 21-16 victory in a round-and-a-half contest.

Boxing Commission Astrir

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The reorganized state boxing commission, after a long session here yesterday, took action to investigate the reports that various boxing clubs had secured the right to receive a percentage of the gate receipts from the promoters of fights.

Gilman May Lead Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 7.—The Olympic team will be headed by the Harvard Club of Boston, at the Olympic Plaza here tonight. The election of a captain for next year's eleven is expected for next Friday, Joseph A. Gilman, of the All-American tackle, is the logical choice for the honor.

Jourdet Cuts Squad

One of the best of the Penn. basketball squad, Jourdet, has been cut from the varsity squad. There are still 43 men eligible and trying for the team.

Who Will Coach Penn Team Next Year?

BOB FOLWELL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

He Will Not Withdraw His Name From List of Eligibles to Tutor the Red and Blue

WILLING TO STAND ON THE RECORD MADE WITH ELEVEN REPRESENTING WASH. AND JEFF.

BOB FOLWELL, the first Pennsylvania-born to public criticism the football coaching system at Penn., has denied that he intends to withdraw from the field of candidates for the position of head coach of the Red and Blue eleven next fall.

TENNIS MOGLIS MADE BLUNDER, TILDEN DECLARES

Local Champion Says That R. Norris Williams, 2d, Should Be First

HE GIVES HIS REASONS

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d Philadelphia Champion for 1914

William Johnston "No. 1" for 1914. When the dust of battle cleared away and the Tennis Committee announced this decision, there was no appeal, and we had our new tennis king, but still I would like to mention just a few incidents worthy of remembering.

Richard Norris Williams, 2d, has the year only lost two matches in tennis, namely, to McLoughlin and to Johnston. He defeated Washington, Johnston, Behr, Pell, Church, Washburn, Griffin and all the other "first ten" men. There is not one man in the first ten whom Williams played that he did not beat.

Yet with these two statements of record fact staring them in the face and it being admitted that except for five days of marvelous tennis in which he defeated Griffin, Behr, Williams and McLoughlin, William Johnston, after a season of mediocre tennis, was ranked No. 1 in the United States by the Ranking Committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. How can they overlook the record and select a man who has not won a match since he was not only by Johnston, but by such men as Pell and Miles from the first ten and by two men and string men, Johns, of California, and Heath H. York of Chicago.

The committee last year ranked, and I think justly, Maurice McLoughlin No. 1 over R. N. Williams, 2d, the national champion, owing to a superior record for the entire year. Owing to the form created by that decision it was given out that the rankings would be based not alone on the national championship, but the record of the whole year in tournament play. If Johnston's record truly bears comparison with the record made by Williams, then the committee is serving to rank above it the committee is above reproach, only they must have facts at their finger tips which we poor mortals, who only follow the results, cannot get.

There can be no criticism of the remainder of the "first ten," it is representative of the best we can offer, but why not at least start off (1) Williams, (2) McLoughlin, (3) Johnston, Philadelphia, and (4) Williams, 2d, the national champion, but with Beck, one of the best players in the world, and the end of the "No. 1" man of the world, which is at least a little consolation.

SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL IN WILMINGTON THIS WEEK

Swarthmore Fresh Plays Friends School on Friday

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 7.—Two important scholastic basketball teams will open their season here this week. Friends School, which has one of the strongest teams in its history, will play Friday with the Swarthmore College Freshmen, and Salisburg High School will open its season Saturday, with Dover as the opposing team.

The Wilmington High School team will begin practice this week. The team will play at the high school which will contain the gymnasium but not yet completed, the Friends School is allowed the use of its gymnasium for practice.

Delaware College is getting in shape for its opening this week. The team will play at the high school which will contain the gymnasium but not yet completed, the Friends School is allowed the use of its gymnasium for practice.

Members of the Pennsylvania Railroad Athletic Association have occupied their new suite of rooms in the Evening Journal Building, at 13th and Spruce streets, and have the finest headquarters of any similar organization in the city. These rooms will be equipped by the city. The members of the association can afford to buy a building of its own.

On account of the recent dinner of the Delaware Horse Show Association having proved out a marked success, it is believed that more interest will be shown in horse in the future.

Reds Release Pitcher

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 7.—President August Hermann, of the Cincinnati National Association, last night said that the Pioneer club has accepted his offer for the release of pitcher Clarence Mitchell to the Cincinnati club.

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PALACE A. C. NORRISTOWN TILDEN, 2d, R. NORRIS WILLIAMS, 2d, TOMMY O'KEEFE vs. CHARLIE KID THOMAS WILMINGTON, PA.—8 P. M. FRANKIE SIGAURE vs. R. N. WILLIAMS, 2d

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—IT COULD BE DONE AT THAT, PHYSICUS, BY SEVERING IT'S CONNECTION WITH GRAVITY. AIN'T WE NEWTONESQUE?

