

"KID" KEINATH SAYS PRESENT RULES HAVE RUINED INTERCOLLEGIATE BASKETBALL

COLLEGE BASKETBALL DEAD ISSUE, BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN RULES, SAYS KEINATH

Tampering With Code by Directors With Playing Inexperience Has Made Cage Game Slow and Uninteresting

CHARLEY KEINATH, known as "Kid" when he was a star at Penn and one of the few athletes to play on the football, baseball and basketball teams at a large university, says basketball is a dead issue as far as the intercollegiate game is concerned.

Keinath was one of the greatest basketball players in the history of the game when he was in his prime. He was easily the greatest of college players and was one of the few who have played intercollegiate rules who could go into the regular cage game as played by the Eastern League without losing his effectiveness.

As a dribbler his equal has never been seen in the East and he would probably have joined the professional ranks if his eyes had not gone back on him as he was offered a contract for the largest amount ever played to a basketball player, barring the one Harry Hough signed with the Southside team of Pittsburgh in the old Western Pennsylvania League.

Keinath Also Believes Pitt Was Stronger Than Cornell

While in a fanning mood, Keinath stated that it was his opinion that Pitt's football team would have beaten Cornell had the two teams met when both were in top-notch condition. As a scout for Penn, Keinath followed Pitt for three weeks and then spent two weeks at Ithaca looking Cornell over, and had an excellent line on both.

Pitt's offense was balanced better than Cornell's, according to Keinath, and he believes that Warner's ends and tackles were strong enough to have troubled Barrett. Keinath believes the Pitt secondary defense was also so strong that Barrett's gains would not have been great even if he got around an end or outside tackle. Needless to say, few critics agree with Keinath.

Posters Boost Bill Hollenback

The most remarkable event connected with the football history at Pennsylvania was the circulation of posters throughout the city, and particularly about the campus and fraternity houses at Penn, boosting Bill Hollenback for head coach of the Varsity eleven for 1916. In heavy type, the poster states that there are six reasons why the old regime which has controlled football at Penn for years does not want Hollenback appointed to the position.

Just where the posters came from nobody seems to know, but their publication has caused great excitement among the students and alumni. It is said that a committee of undergraduates who are in favor of giving the younger generation a chance to pull Penn out of the football rut had caused the posters to be published.

Opinion Differs as to Effect of Remarkable Poster

Just what effect the remarkable and unusual procedure will have on the coming elections is not known. Some of the students and alumni eligible to vote think that it will clinch the election of Hollenback to the board of directors of the Athletic Association, which will virtually assure him the head coaching position next fall, while others are inclined to believe that the impression will be general that Hollenback caused the posters to be circulated and will hurt his chance.

The following is the poster, which speaks for itself: "Six reasons why the present football regime does not want 'Bill' Hollenback for head coach:

- 1. 'Bill' Hollenback will not be dictated to on the football field.
2. 'Bill' Hollenback makes his team up from players, not friends.
3. Pennsylvania first, social privileges second.
4. 'Bill' Hollenback would be too busy coaching a winning team to officiate at other games.
5. 'Bill' stands on merit—not tradition; what do you stand on?
6. 'Bill' Hollenback stands for the regeneration of athletics at Pennsylvania.

Are Pitchers Ball Players? They Don't Act the Part

Is a pitcher a ball player? This question will make an interesting subject for discussion. If records and general actions prove anything, 90 per cent of the pitchers in the major leagues are not ball players. The majority cannot hit, run bases, and many cannot even field their own positions. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, as Walter Johnson, Joe Wood, Alexander, Otis Crandall and a few others have proven. They are often used as pinch hitters and all of them are great fielders but slow on the bases. Apparently there is no reason for this lack of general ability of pitchers, unless it is due to the failure of hurlers to get into the game regularly.

Strangely enough, some of baseball's greatest all-around stars started their baseball careers as pitchers. Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, Bobby Wallace, Hal Chase, Jesse Burkett, Jimmy Callahan and a host of others had pitching ambitions until a manager discovered that they were too valuable to have sitting on the bench four or five days a week. The great exception to the rule is the collegian. Invariably the pitcher in a college ball team is the greatest all-around player.

Ebbetts Will Probably Cause Later Baseball Start

President Charles Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn National League Club, wants the major league teams to open the season one week later than usual. Ebbetts argues that April 19 would be a more suitable opening day, with fewer days off during the playing season, and that this program would be a good one for baseball in general. Ebbetts is likely to find many supporters in the coming National League meeting, as cold weather has marred opening day games, particularly in the West, for several seasons.

As Ebbetts is a member of the schedule committee of the two major leagues, he is likely to carry his point. Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pirates, favored a later start last season, but Ebbetts was one of those who voted down the proposition. The edge was taken off the Dodgers' opening last season by the cold weather and Ebbetts quickly changed his mind.

Georgetown Made a Great Record on the Gridiron

Georgetown's great gridiron record in the South has been generally overlooked because of the brilliant season Virginia enjoyed and the fact that the latter beat Yale and played Harvard to a close game, in which the Crimson failed to cross the goal lines. Georgetown, in its first season under Al Exendine, the great Indian end of a few years ago, had its strongest team in years and completed its schedule with but two defeats charged against it.

Princeton was going at its best when it trimmed Georgetown, 13 to 0, while the Washingtonians blamed the 10-to-0 defeat at the hands of West Point to the slippery condition of the field which prevented Gilroy from performing his usual open-field stunts. The latter was the unanimous choice of all critics for a halfback with Mayer, of Virginia, at the other half, on the All-Southern eleven and is looked upon as a better back than Harry Costello, Georgetown's sensation of a few years ago. Incidentally Princeton and Army were the only teams which scored on Georgetown while 254 points were scored.

Spears' Ineligibility Recalls Marks Case at Dartmouth

The ineligibility of Spears, the great Dartmouth guard, for next season, recalls the case of Jack Marks, the Green's fullback of 1907, 1908 and 1909, who was elected captain for 1910 but was barred because he had played several games with South Dakota before entering the Hanover institution. The difference in the two cases is that Spears went to the faculty and told them he had played with Knox College, of Galesburg, Ill., while Marks tried to conceal his guilt.

Harvard to Drop State From Its Schedule for Roughness

Harvard has decided to drop Penn State and Brown from its schedule, according to an official announcement made by one of the members of the Crimson football committee. State is being dropped because of "rough tactics," according to the same source of information. After reading reports of the Harvard-State game, one would be inclined to believe that State was the victim of the "rough tactics."

RIGHT WILL BEAT WELSH FOR TITLE, DECLARES WHITE

Chicagoan Will Not Depend on That Left Hook Against Champion

MIRACLE MAN OF RING

Everyone knows Charley White's left hook is the best of its kind in the game today, and that it has been the Chicagoan's chief asset in his ring battles the last two years. Yet Left-Hook Charley now comes to the front with the declaration that he will whip Champion Fred Welsh with his right hand when they clash in their proposed championship ship.

Though most fans may be inclined to think White is chattering through his hat, there is a chance that his words will come true. White, in his own way, is the miracle man of pugilism. Less than three years ago Charley could not knock anyone's hat off. He was an out and out parlor type boxer. Now he is giving George Chancy a hard run for the "Knockout King" moniker.

If White could change himself completely from a boxer to a puncher, left it remains to be seen that he might be able to bring the efficiency of his right hand up to the standard of that noted left. Welsh already has proved that he has a defense for a southpaw welter. Charley was unable to reach the champion in their recent 10-round match in New York.

White's left wallop—referred to as the perfect punch—is delivered via a quick, short hook with a downward snap of the wrist at the instant of landing. This blow does not play a big part in his contests with shifty boxers. Practically all of his spectacular work has been done in bouts with rugged mixers, who are none too feeble of foot.

Any boxer with a good left hand is hard to reach with a right, but just the same White's chances against Welsh could be decided if he is able to develop a right-hand punch to accompany his wonderful left.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

There is an American boxing championship in good repair waiting for a claimant to prove his claim. Willie Ritchie, recognized American light-weight champion, virtually vacated his throne when he signed to meet Ted Lewis in New York December 28 at 112 pounds rimside.

"His cold is in his feet," is the way Dan McKeetrick greeted the announcement of Mike Gibbons' postponement of his match with Young Ahearn in St. Paul tonight. "He never wanted to meet Ahearn anyway," says Danmack.

It's on. A return match between Jim Coffey and Frank Moran finally has been closed. They will meet at the Madison Square Garden, New York, January 6. This will be a good opportunity for Coffey to solve the mystery of his "glass jaw."

Joe Borrell and Eddie Revoire, rival middle-weighters, will appear in the feature fray on the New York program tonight. At the Madison Square Garden, New York, January 6, will be the wind-up.

NONPAREIL CLASH. First bout—Billy Van, Kensington, vs. Fred Hoos, Kensington. Second bout—Werner, Kensington, vs. Billy Votts, Richmond. Third bout—Eddie Hanlon, Richmond, vs. Joe Revoire, Kensington. Fourth bout—Al Fox, 12th Ward, vs. Bobby McKeetrick, Scotland. Wind-up—Eddie Revoire, 18th Ward, vs. Joe Borrell, Kensington.

QUAKER CITY CLUB. First bout—Tommy Lavin, Richmond, vs. Johnny Maloney, Kensington. Second bout—Tommy Lavin, 12th Ward, vs. Eddie Miller, Kensington. Third bout—Tommy Lavin, Fairmount, vs. Paul Lawrence, North Penn. Fourth bout—Sam O'Donnell, Fairmount, vs. Joe Hastings, North Penn. Fifth bout—Willie Lucas, Fairmount, vs. Joe Hastings, North Penn. Wind-up—Kid Broad, Shenandoah, vs. Johnny Miller, Manayunk.

Two new faces will be seen in the National ring tomorrow night. Johnny Hillen and Patry McMahon will make their Philadelphia bow in bouts with Mattler, early and today, respectively. McMahon is the lad Jack Dillon believed would win the lightweight championship to Indianapolis.

Fred Welsh, lightweight king, is filling dates as contentedly as ever. Last night he met Tommy Palmer, a Mexican, in Memphis. Jimmy Murphy will be his opponent at the Olympia here Monday night and two nights later Welsh will do battle with his sparring partner, Eddie Roy, in a 10-round bout at Toronto, Can.

Jack Toland, of this city, who has proved himself to be a good one in Brooklyn, will meet Young Kuriz, at the Broadway Sporting Club, of that city, tomorrow night.

Amateur Bouts Tonight. The amateur tournaments and special bouts will be continued at the Gayety Theatre tonight. There will be a number of bouts in the 110 and 125 pound classes and three special bouts between Battling Buddee and Frankie Russell, Young Goodwin and Henry Lewis and Jimmy McCarry and Kid Keesler.

FRED WELSH HARD PRESSED IN ENCOUNTER WITH PALMER

Mexican Lightweight Holds Champion to Even Break

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Champion Fred Welsh was closely pressed to save himself from a defeat in Brooklyn, in an eight-round bout here last night with Benny Palmer, a Mexican lightweight, billed as an "unknown." The Mexican forced the fighting in every round with the exception of the final frame and many of the spectators believed the title-holder had been beaten.

Welsh loafed until the eighth, and when the final gong rang he barely earned a draw.

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WHO WILL COACH PENN TEAM NEXT FALL? SOMMER HAS MADE WONDERFUL RECORD

Former Central High Star Has Never Lost a Big Game in Coaching Career



FRANK SOMMER

THE remarkable coaching record of Frank "Dutch" Sommer has earned him many supporters for the position of head coach at Penn. Bill Hollenback and Bob Folwell have turned out great teams at State and Washington and Jefferson, but the record of Sommer at Mercersburg, Colgate and Villanova compares favorably with that of either.

The unusual part of Sommer's record is that he has never lost a big game and has never had an assistant to help him. Starting his football career as a lineman at Central High School, in this city, Sommer secured an excellent education in the art of playing a forward position. When he was at Central High Sommer played tackle until his senior year. Then he was moved to the backfield.

At Penn Sommer was tried at center in his first season, but his great line plunging and secondary defense play caused Coach Smith to switch him to the backfield. By playing so many different positions, Sommer acquired quite a great deal of knowledge about how each should be played.

This early education proved a great thing for Sommer, for without it he would not have been able to coach the line, ends and backfield without aid and turn out such powerful teams. Sommer's first coaching position was at Mercersburg Academy in 1911, where he turned out a team which not only went through a hard schedule without being defeated, but also prevented its opponents from scoring a single point. This remarkable record attracted the attention of Colgate and he was offered a contract to coach the New York Staters in 1912.

When Sommer took up his duties at Colgate he had but five of the varsity squad of 1911 eligible to play, and was forced to build a new team. That he did his work well was proved by the great record made. The Army game was lost in the second half by the score of 12 to 12 after Sommer had taken out many regulars to save them for the Yale game the following week.

This was the only defeat of the year, as the Yale game which Sommer had planned for was postponed because of the death of Ted York, a Philadelphian, who was a regular guard on the Yale eleven when he was taken ill. He died in a New Haven hospital just before the game scheduled with Colgate and the game was postponed. Colgate offered Sommer a contract for 1915, but he would not sign, as he believed he would be appointed an assistant to George Brooke at Penn. Before he was turned down by Penn Colgate had engaged another coach and Sommer was without a big job. He went the fall coaching Pennsylvania Military College, of Chester, which did not lose a game, and also developed the backs at Penn who would be eligible the following year.

JOHNNY EVERS PLAYING BALL, BUT NOT IN THE BEST HEALTH

Trojan Will Begin His Fourteenth Season in 1916. Ill-fated, but Manages to Play Great Game Under Heavy Handicap

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Six-Day Race. They prind and prind around the ring. The snacer, circle or ellipse. And here or there one gets a fling. And here or there another slips. And then the winning One Best Bel. We're here and there our darts. How many furlongs does he get? He finishes just where he starts.

We in this little whirl called life. We're in and out of our own skin. We spin around the Spin of Strife. And then we very far we've gone. And then a winner—or a bust—A spinning drift of weary hearts. We're here and there our darts. Each one to finish where he starts.

MODERN football carries a decided temperamental touch, but in this temperamental detail the olive must be slipped to Syracuse. Syracuse lost to Princeton, then smashed the conquerors of Yale last year, and they could not score on Dartmouth. Through the West Syracuse smothered the powerful Oregon Aggies, but could only tie Montana, a line-up bereft of any fame.

Is preparedness worth while? Harvard was prepared and Yale wasn't. Write your own answer.

The Trojan. A day or two ago we received a note from Johnny Evers, in which he said that while still playing ball he was far from being in first-class health. The Trojan is one of the most remarkable characters that ever played the game. Although weighing less than 150 pounds—a human splinter—a bundle of nerves, his handier by far than any man in the game, Evers is still under the Big Tent after 13 campaigns.

Only a vital spark of excessive flame—a rare spirit—could have held on as the Trojan has, fighting himself, fate, the opposition club, that catches our breath to be all through, a nervous wreck, five years ago, when he lasted but 41 games. But he expects to be ready for his 14th season next April, always with one eye on fate to see where the next wallop will fall.

Is there any truth in the rumor that Yale is waiting to select her next football coach until she sees how Coach Ford's blocking and interference operate against the European war? We wonder.

The Glory That Was Cap Anson. Dear Sir—You say that Wagner has played 19 years, Lajoie 29 years and Anson 22 years. Now I take decided exception to the record you give Anson. Anson played 27 in the major leagues, although all records only give him 22. He played five years in the old National Association, 1871-1875. And 22 years after that in the National League. If you toss out this association you will have to throw out the records of such men as Spalding, Barnes, McVey, White, Andy Leonard, Fisher and others. Taking Anson's record from the time he started with the Athletics, you will have to add at least 39 hits to his

592. This will still leave Cap well ahead of Wagner's total of 255 hits. R. G. McCONNELL. We gladly accept the amendment. Not for all the glory of the ages would we take away from Old Cap one day of his playing career or one base hit. The record stands—1871 to 1888—in the Big League, but only who can bathe in the fabled fountain of eternal youth shoot against the mark.

Experience. "No man's knowledge," said John Locke, "can go beyond his experience." As applied to sport, no truer line was ever penned. In football, baseball, boxing, golf, tennis and the rest of them, Experience is still the greatest coach or instructor of them all.

A good coach can hammer a bale of stuff into a player's dome, at times, but the Game itself can always hammer more.

Maxims of the 19th Hole. He that hitteth with a clear eye and a steady hand, hitteth with a club of finest steel.

A putt that stops two inches short may add 20 yards to the length of the hole. Fate is the Hunter that catches our shots, but Nerve is the Nihilist that gets us clear again.

Any Wagers? R. L. F. desires to know how the All-time All-American eleven would line up. We don't know, but we'd be willing enough to let any outfit shoot against this picked array—Centre, Schultz, Michigan; guards, Heflinger, Yale; Hare, Pennsylvania; tackles, Hogan, Yale; Curtis, Michigan; ends, Hinkey and Sheylin or Kilpatrick, Yale; quarterback, Eckerrell, Chicago; halfbacks, Mahan, Harvard; Thorpe, Carleton; fullback, Coy, Yale. From this lineup Yale gets five men, Heflinger, Hogan, the two ends and Ted McCoy.

You can judge from this how great Yale's football descent has been. "Under every deep" wrote Mr. Emerson, "is lower deep opens," which is no sort of news to break to Messrs. C. Mack and J. J. McGraw.

JACK MCGUIGAN'S SHOW. National A. C. National A. C. TOMORROW NIGHT—TOMORROW NIGHT. First Prize Club vs. Pat Moore. Battling Reddy vs. Johnny Rieble. Bobby McManus vs. Pat Moore. Frankie McManus vs. Lew Stinger. Ritz Walters vs. Joe Brock.

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MLINN GETS FAREWELL FROM HOST OF FRIENDS

Former Sports Writer of This City Tendered Banquet, Bingham Toastmaster

George E. McLinn, former sports writer of this city and who resigned as Associate Sports Editor of the Evening Ledger to accept the editorship of a new publication, called the "American Shooter," is being honored in Baltimore, the greatest last night of more than one hundred of his friends at a testimonial banquet tendered him at the Bingham Hotel.

Success for the affair from the standpoint of entertainment was assured by the selection of Ralph Bingham as toastmaster. Hughie Dougherty, veteran minstrel entertainer, made his first public appearance in a considerable time, to speak a word of gentle regard for a valued friend.

Charles L. Martin, president of the La La Temple Country Club, spoke of the high esteem in which the departing guest is held by his many connections in the Masonic fraternity. Harry Evans, of the same organization, further testified the same sentiment in an original song, dedicated to the guest of the occasion, and admirably sung by Mr. Evans himself.

Connie Mack told of the steadfastness which Mr. McLinn had always shown in the interest of clean baseball, and of his many services to baseball players and club officials. Baseball was further represented in the presence of Otto Knabe, Hans Lobert, Harry Davis, Sherwood Magee and Charley Doolin. Mr. Doolin joined with Jim McCorrd in singing some of the Irish songs for which they are famed. Their act was riotously encored.

Wolgast-Homey Bout Off. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—At a meeting at the Boxing Commission it was decided to postpone the Wolgast-Homey match, scheduled for tonight, until December 27. Wolgast meets Leach Cross next Friday at the Harlem

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