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TILDEN EXPLAINS METHOD OF HITTING THE "OVERHEAD"

McLoughlin Has Style Peculiar to Himself Which the Ordinary Tennis Player Cannot Acquire

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mean strength he gots from this samp to put speed into his short. This is probably at the loss of his slowing move that sequent, since his muscles have probably been stretched so for that they lock the power to react with the same speed that they formerly did. McLanghin may be muscle-bound from his overhead. This is only a possible explanation of this and see loss of speed on "Mac's" part and effered as such.

Costs Energy
The fast remains, however, that any shot which costs a service physical strains inct a shot to develop as a regular asset to one's game, since it costs you far more in the end than you gain.

The overhead should be developed from the standpoint of greatest result for least effort. The shot should be fast, flat, and either straight or angled equally easily to either side.

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To do this careful attention must be paid to footwerk and the development of correct racquet technique.

The overhead should be made with a fat racquet face and direction decided by the position of the feet and swing of the arm, not by angling off the racquet. Thus learn to hit your overhead by meeting the hall full and driving it straight ahead of you.

The weight should rest on the right foot, which is back, and shift onto the left as the shot is made. The left foot may be raised to increase the swing into the ball, but he sure to bring it down with the weight on it as the ball is hit. Above all things, do not jump into the air to make your overhead unless alsoolutely necessary, since it takes your whole body out of position and weakens the swing.

Method of Hitting

Hit all overheads as far as possible with the forehand swing. This is the only shot one should turn around to take on the forehand, since you should make or hise the point on your overhead shot. Always shoot for the point if the ball is hit overhead inside the service line. Do not try to kill shots overhead behind the service line, play them back deep and wait for the short lob to kill.

Rely about 60 per cent. on speec, and 40 per cent, placement for your overhead shots, or in other words, count more en beating the man by speed than by direction, since an overhead bounces high and gives him plenty of time to run after li; thus direction loses its value as the length of the bounce increases. Never "pat," a short lob, always hit it hard.

The greatest need in developing the overhead is confidence, Expect to make your should be affail to hit.

Joe Carpenter, of the Philadelphia Chub, Hit all overheads as far as possible with

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The overland must be considered urely as a shot to wore points with and the somer you were fill in a point the better since every man misses a lot of overhends and to have to hit joh after lob will result in a miss somer or later. So hit for the point quick.

This ends the series of offensive of attacking shots, with the exception of the occasional use of the chop stroke. This will be taken up as "the chop" under defensive strokes.

The point that has been emphasized in all these articles on offensive strokes is

all these articles on offensive strokes is when attacking force the play all the time, shoot for the point quickly but always remember a shot must win better than 50 per cent, of the times used to be worth anything. Your attack must be stendy as well as brilliant, and it ust depend quite as much on your brain work

depend quite as much on your brain work as on your racquet work.

My next article will be on defensive shots, the lob and the chap stycke.

Tomis needs a big boom next senson in Philadelphia and will receive it if all the clubs and schools will join and put through the plans talked over during the state.

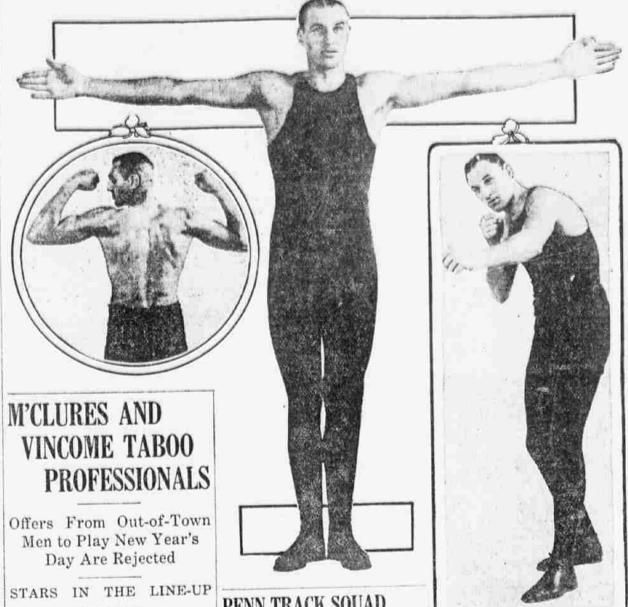
The receiver of good dees that through the plans taked over during the winter. The amount of good ideas that the a natural death during the winter is really a disgrace. Why not put some of them into execution?

At least the four schools of the Interacements Lengue Penn Charter, Episcopal, Germantown Academy and Friends Control will show some results, as

copal Germantown Academy and Friends' Central-will show some results, as plans are now complete for three new tennis events next spring. There will be a Junior Tennis League, an individual interacademic championship, open only to the boys who have played in the league matches, and a junior individual interacademic League championship, open only to the hoys who have played in the Junior League matches. This is cer-

"SIMON PURE" ATHLETES?

HEAVYWEIGHT WHO MAY LOSE CHANCE TO MEET CHAMPION VICTORY OF PHILS IN 1915



Because he is a complete stranger, pugilistically, the match between Fred Fulton and Jess Willard, scheduled for March 4, probably will be canceled. Fulton weighs 220 pounds, stands 6 feet 4 inches and has a reach of 841/2 inches.

A SENSATION IN BASEBALL

Bringing of the First National League Pennant to Philadelphia Most Notable Mark of Season, Says Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

The play drifts by in a sluggish flow; The play arter by the cheer is still; Only a day or two until The year fades out and the cheer is still; Only a day or two before The Book is closed on the season's score; The player fles through the outbound gate;

The season ends-but the Records watt.

The dusk comes soon whatever the game;
The day is brief on the trail of Fame;
But we louf along and we look ahead
Till the race is run and the dream is
dead;
Until, far back of the winning score,

We find that we Come to But no more. We carse the lack and we call it Fate— The season ends—but the Records watt,

The season ends, but records, like the poor, we have with us to the end of all time. But as for the records of 1915 in baseball, they are hardly likely to be used as beacon fires for the dope of all

The standard of play was distinctly be-low the average, and while there were some steamy pennant races, in the main it was the competition of medicerity. Outside of the Red Sox and the Tigers there wasn't a first-class big lengue ball club in the game.

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Yet 1915 in balldom had its share of freworks. The most notable mark of the year went to the National League, where Pat Moran, a debutance manager with a ball club riddled by fate and bereft of nearly all its stars, won for Philadelphia the first National League flag that proud

city had ever known. Connie Mack had deluged Quakertown Connie Mack had deluged Quakertown with pennants and world series championships, but in 60 years' campaigning Philadelphia had never floated a National League flag. And then it remained for a new manager working his first year, working with a club that in two years had lost Seaton, Brennan, Magee, Doolan, Knabe, Lobert and Dooin, to step forth and finish first in the best-balanced National League race ever filmed upon the field.

There was not a terrific amount of

The dusk comes soon and the Game is a superman in the box; the slugging of Cravath and Luderus, and the work of young Bancroft at short were the four leading features which finally put the Phillies out in front of the Braves and Dodgers, giving hard battle to the last week of the race.

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One bad Western trip put the Dodgers out of it. The injury to Evers and the defection of Bill James with a sore arm were more than enough to drop the Hraves, who with their full atrength would have cantered home by several learnths. engths.

lengths.

The rise of the Phillies was no more spectacular than the dewnfall of the Glants. At midseason McGraw's pitching staff collapsed uiterly, and in its descent dragged the rest of the club until the entire smear hit the bottom with a thud. Even the genius of McGraw wasn't sufficient to turn the tide, and at the finish the club that won a pennant only two years ago was in complete rout, floundering in overy department.

Nineteen fifteen in the National League

Nineteen fifteen in the National League marked the retirement of Fred Clarke as manager of the Pirates, after serving that club for two decades. Clarke joined the old Louisville club in 1894 and went with the transfer to Pittsburgh in 1900, where he won four pennants before he finally decided to retire to his Kansas oil wells.

decided to retire to his Kanaas oil wells. His record stands as one of the finest and most consistent in the same.

Nineteen fifteen also marked the nineteenth big league year for Hans Wagner, who led the shortstops, despite his 40 years. It struck a sadder note for Christy Mathewson, who found his lith year his worst, the deficit being due to an attack of neurilla in the left shudden. tack of neuritis in the left shoulder and

tack of neuritis in the left shoulder and the neck.

The American League, before a blow was struck or a ball had been pitched, was slated to be a three-club affair, with Boston, Detroit and Chicago represented and the others nowhere. For two months the White Sox, with Collins leading the charge set the nece. But early in July charge, set the pace. But early in July Comisicey's club caved in as Boston and Detroit swept on to the front and fought out the issue.

The Tigers, using the heavy artillery of Cobb, Crawford and Veach, made a brave assault; but Manager Carrigan had too many good pitchers to be stopped. With Wood, Ruth, Shore, Foster and Leonard he had five stars, and these five stars wers class to the N. L. last season, but there was plenty of class to the game way the Phillies swung on, and to the way Alexander pitched and Cravath and Luderus batted. The pitching of Alexander, Speaker, Lewis and l'ooper.

PENN TRACK SQUAD The open season for corralling New Year's football players is closed. Managers of the rival Vincome and McClure elevens, hich play for the independent championship of Philadelphia on January I, announced last night that the personnel of their respective teams have been made up, and that the teams will settle down to hard practice this week Recruiting is now a closed book. The hostile managers were forced to make this announcement on account of mylad requests from college and professional players all over the country who are anxious to take part in the coming struggle. TO START TRAINING EARLY IN JANUARY

Coach George Orton to Put Big Team Through Paces for Indoor Contests-Meredith Resting

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stringgle.

It is the intention of the two managers to retain as far as possible the players that represented McClure and Vincome on the gridiron this season, and the only new players that will take part in the game will fill the vacancies made by men unable to play through liness or business Coach George Orion, of the University of Pennsylvania track and field team, has issued a notice to the athletes to This statement will cause grave disappointment to the members of the Massillon, Tigers, Canton Bulldogs and Altoona Indians, who, for the last few days, have been sending urgent telegrams, telephono calls and special delivery letters to have places reserved in the line-ups for them. In reply to these men looking for salaries, McClure and McDonald said that their services were not needed, and that players from professional teams were absolutely tabooed. report immediately after the New Year's holiday. The indoor schedule which has holiday. The indoor schedule which has been announced is a heavy one, and the men will have to be worked strenuously to round into condition for the first set on January 25 at New York.

Ted Meredith world's middle-distance champion, has been taking life easy the last few months, but will get down to hard work after the helidays. To keep in condition Meredith has been playing handball.

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However, the names of the men called upon to fill the ranks read like one of Walter Camp's all-America selections, especially when Camp goes a few years back for his players. This is the cast: handball. walter Camp's all-America selections, especially when Camp goes a few years back for his players. This is the cast:

VINCOME.

Scott Smith, Pennsylvania Military Academy, one of Bill Hellenback's best linemen.

Gustavus T. Kirby, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the L. C. A. A. A. admitted last night in New York that some of the suggestions of the intercollegiate body looking toward a clearer definition of an amateur would meet with opposition from various of the organizations governing amateur sport. However, opposition from various of the organiza-tions governing amateur sport. However, he looks to see the situation cleared up-considerably as a result of the conference of delegates from these bodies which be-Ralph Mills, Penn State, an understudy to Higgins, an All-American.
Harry Swartz, former captain of the
West Philadelphia High School eleven
and end on Willie Crowell's 1914 Lafayette

gins Monday. tain and Muhlenberg College star. Harold Lentz, of the old Central Man-ual School, a sensational drop kicker and a member of this season's Holmesburg

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 24.—The tentative schedule of the Trinity College football team for next senson has been announced.

The annual game with Wesleyan has not yet been decided upon, as the Wesleyan authorities are delaying action pending a decision by Trinity concerning changes in its eligibility rules. The schedule:

schedule:
September 20. Norwich University at
Hartford: October 7. Brown at Providence; October 14. Springfield Y. M. C. A.
College at Hartford: October 21. Army at
West Point; October 28, Boston College at
Hartford.

McCLURE.

Charlie McGuckin, Villanova, intercollegiate field goal champion for 1915.

Dutch Forst, Villanova, who, with McGuckin, played at halfback, and is one of the best players ever developed at the Main Line college.

Norman McKissick, Swarthmore, a wonderful broken-field runner, and mentioned for an all-America position in 1913.

Texas Ramadell, University of Pennsylvania, one of the best halfbacks and fastest sprinters Penn ever had. Commodore a Real Leader NEW YORK, Dec. 27 - The high wind played haves with the clar bacons straing from the Larchmont. Yacht. Only the who appured the Take Home truth, but the who appured the Take Home truth, brokes I out of his 50 blue Take Home truth, brokes I out of his 50 blue Take Home truth, brokes I out of his 50 blue Take Home truth, brokes in out of his 50 blue 100 kg. The high hardsen stree went to W. B. Short with a total of 70 on his handsen of 4. T. J. McCahill, the scratch man, rolled up a total of 70.

Johnson to Aid Somers CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Freathert Ean Johnson, of the American League, will leave tonight for Cleveland to Arrange produmingsy details of the leave meeting b calleday, at which the financial distress of Charles Semeral Indians will be used the.

Aberg to Meet Masked Marvel NEW YORK, Dec. 27. Alexander Aberg, called the world's chambion in the annuacements of the international wresting Dournament at the Manhattan Opera House will be his hand, or hands, against the Masked Marrid this evening. The encounter will be the feature of a loss program of wreather losses.

Stebbings First in Pennant Run NEW YORK, June, 27.—The Fennant Kull was not dismissed by vesterday's storm, held its usual road run, which was win its stebulars of the freshe that of the time was it minutes that and it is a tracked, included right at his like it.

"He will be a pathfinder for an army of conquerors" -Australasian Nation

> Who is the American about whom this thrilling prediction comes from around the world? A soldier? No; we have no military genius about whom foreigners would forecast such a future. A statesman? No! A scientist? Again, No!

But there is such a man. If you want to know all about him see

SUNDAY'S PUBLIC LEDGER

THERE ARE NO SUCH ANIMALS

DELEGATES from some 15 worthy organizations governi amateur sports and confer in New York tomorrow and labor to adopt a universal definition of what constitutes an amateur atalete. It is to be hoped that the gentiemen are prepared for a long stay in the Metropolishay a year or go. The joy of renovating the Augean Stables sinks to insignificance the Augean Stables sinks to insignificance of a trivial undertaking when compared to the task these intrepld persons have

The surest way of preventing fractures to the task these intrepld persons have set for themselves.

Undoubtedly something will be accomplished before the delegates separate and go to their respective homes. Perhaps they may even rectify a condition which permits a party of amateur track athletes to trek across the country at the expense of other persons, and yet brands a football player "professional" simply because he accepts a day's board and lodeling at a support years!

and lodging at a summer resort.

Even though the delegates abolish a
few such inconsistencies, they will have
accomplished little for amateur sportsmanship unless they find some way to enforce their code. A perfect amateur code is a spiendid thing to have—it makes a fine decoration for the club-room when properly framed—but unless some way is found to make it work it has no received.

has no practical value.

And, if they succeed, perhaps we will bear no more of the star college athlete who receives \$1000 per unnum for winding an eight-day clock, or of the leading gridiron mauler who cuts grass so well they pay him \$500 per cut.

The meeting, we are told, will define

of amateur rules. Aboush the rules.

Let everybody tell all he or she knows.

Then let the simon pure amateurs compete together—both of them.

Is This a Promise?

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The latter part of the week will see the Intercollegiate Football Association in session, and we are led to believe that it will be made compulsory for all colleges to number their players. It is to be hoped that the delegates go through with it, despite the stand taken by Haughton, the Harvard gridiron impressario. Percy, it will be remembered has intimated that the game of football belonged to the college man alone, and the comfort of the contributing public is not to be considered. not to be considered.

Football, it's a college game
And not for common feet;
Played for Alma Mater's fame;
Two dollars for a seat.
The Harried Reader is willing to
wager large sums of money that the
D-o-ve keys on every baseball writer's
machine are showing signs of wear.

"Joe Tinker Out of Danger"—head-line. He is one of the few former Federal League players who is.

est aprinters Penn ever had. D'ARCY STOPS M'GOORTY IN EIGHTH IN AUSTRALIA

> Antipodean Again Knocks Out American Middleweight Boxer

Bill Stephens, former Central High cap-

The open season for corralling New

struggle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Les D'Arcy, Australian middleweight, proved his superiority over Eddle McGoorty, of Oshkosh, for the second time in their bout in Australia Saturday night, knocking him out in eight rounds, according to a cablegram received by Chris Brown, agent for Hugh McIntosh, promoter of the fight, here today. It contained no details of the scrap.

Famous Oarsmen Killed LONDON Dec. 27.—R. C. Le Blanz Smith, the famous Cambridge University carsman, has been silled in action in the revent fighting in Northern France. He represented the Cantains three times in the University boat race. At Exon he met with many successes and twice represented the Cailoge at Henley.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER-What's a Few Yards of Sausage to a Good Book?-By WALT McDOGALL WHY, HE DOESN'T THIS ODE TO COX BOOK STORE I THINK I'LL TAKE HUNGARIAN GOULASH ABOUT THREE POUNDS WOULD MAKE AN EPIGURES LIKE THIS NOW! OF THOSE SAUSAGES THIS IS GENUINE MOUTH WATER! TH LPON MY WORD ATTIC WIT! THIS IS A FIRST I'LL HAVE IT RECALL EDITION OF OLD HAVING A BOOK REBOUND! DAD MARQUIS'S WRAPPED BOOK OF BOOKS UP! OLD BOOKS BOUGHT AND SOLD Countyle, 1912, by McCles Strengers Surfaces