

REVIEW OF ATHLETIC EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1915—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED IN MANY ATHLETIC SPORTS DURING 1915 COMPETITION

Mrs. Vanderbeck, Moran, Alexander, Sharpe and Berry Are Among Season's Notables. War Eliminates International Flavor

By SPICK HALL

The usual international flavor in the various sports conducted in the United States in 1915 was lacking because of the European war; nevertheless there were just as many new marks set in the athletic world as there have been in the past.

For the first time since its institution there were no Davis Cup tennis matches. Practically all of the British, Australian, French and German players are, and have long been, enlisted in the armies.

William T. Tilden, 24, won the championship of Philadelphia and vicinity. Francis Gulmett failed to win in either the open or amateur golf tournament.

Jerome Travers won the open tournament. Tom McNamara, of Boston, was runner-up.

There were no changes in boxing championships except the heavyweight title. After a long parley Jess Willard signed articles to meet Jack Johnson, the colored champion.

The growth of soccer football throughout the country in 1915 has been extremely rapid during the past year. In Philadelphia the spread of the game has been particularly noticeable.

Admittedly the best team in the United States in 1915 was the Bethlehem eleven. This organization won the national cup, otherwise known as the Dewar Trophy.

Cornell had a well-balanced team, both offensively and defensively, and was driven with excellent judgment by its captain and quarterback, Charles Barrett.

The University of Pennsylvania had the most disastrous athletic season in its history, although there was apparently a wealth of material.

The Philadelphia National League won its first pennant under the management of Pat Moran, but the team was not nearly the equal of the Red Sox and was easily defeated in the world's series four games to one.

Connie Mack picked out the year 1915 to break up what was probably the greatest baseball combination ever gotten together.

Joe Tinker, formerly of the Cubs, led the Chicago Whales to victory in the Federal League. The race was close and ended many fans "humped" to the "outlaws" because they were disgusted with some of the methods of organized baseball.

Fortunately for the national game the leaders of organized baseball and the Federal League have gotten together and there will be a merger which will bring baseball back to its normal popularity.

The ever-increasing popularity of golf and lawn tennis attracted large and high-grade lists in all the tournaments during the 1915 season. Another Californian, William M. Johnston, came into the line.

TWO BIG MATCHES SCHEDULED HERE FOR NEXT MONTH

Ertle to Box O'Keefe and Kilbane-Cline Bout Arranged

INTEREST IN BOTH MIXES

Before the first month of the 1916 season goes down into history Philadelphia fight fans will have had an opportunity to witness two big matches—bouts that are expected to see, viz., Johnny Ertle vs. Eddie O'Keefe and Johnny Kilbane vs. Irish Patsy Cline.

Ertle and Cline, at the present time, are holding forth in this city. The Kewpie's quick knockout over Young Dietz and his easy win against Joe O'Donnell have boosted his stock, so much degree that a match with Kid Williams would prove a great magnet for the state.

While less than three months ago Cline virtually was unknown, intelligently, his constant winning in combat with worthy opponents has made him the idol of National patrons.

One hundred and thirty-two rounds of boxing are scheduled for New Year's Day matinee here. Six bouts, with Benny Leonard and Joe Welch in the wind-up, will make up the Olympia program.

The public cannot be fooled. Tom Jones showed that he was aware of this fact when he called off the scheduled Frank Fulton-Jess Willard match at New Orleans, March 1.

Willie Fichte got \$3000 besides the licking suffered at the jobs, hooks and by Ted Lewis. On the strength of this victory the Briton now claims the world's welterweight championship.

After his match at the Olympia Saturday with Stanley Hincote, Hal Stewart, of Indiana, will meet Young Otto in the semfinal to the Frank Moran-Jim Coffey bout in New York, January 7.

Six feet seven inches of man mountain is in New York in search of bouts with Jess Willard's confederates. He is Lew Bodie, of Oakland, Cal.

Shelvin Funeral Today MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 31.—The funeral of the late Mrs. M. J. Shelvin, 66, was held at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Shelvin, 1512 N. 13th St.

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ROBERT E. LAMBERTSON Tackle of 1908-1909 eleven of University of Pennsylvania.

DETROIT MEN MAY BUY SOMERS' CLUB

Ban Johnson Still in Cleveland Trying to Interest Local Capital

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 31.—It was reported in baseball circles here yesterday that P. D. Craig or H. J. Porter, or both, of Detroit, may buy the Cleveland American League Baseball Club, which is for sale.

Johnson was still here today trying to help the bankers put over a deal for the sale of the club. He expected to take up negotiations by wire today with President Ben Minor, of the Washington club, regarding the sale of three players, which it is reported Minor has offered Cleveland.

Caddies Will Be Dined At a special meeting of the 100 A. C. Country Club, of Philadelphia, last evening, the amendment to the by-laws to increase the caddy membership was rejected and the new lease of the grounds was referred to the league governing body for action.

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Hockey College champion—Harvard. Amateur League champion—St. Nicholas team, New York.

Polo Senior championship—Meadowbrook, Long Island. Junior championship—Irvin Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Turf Champion—Boomer. National amateur champion—Clarence C. Pell, New York.

Court Tennis National amateur champion—Jay Gould, New York. World's professional champion—Walter A. Kinsler, New York.

BIG INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TENNIS PLAYERS

Philadelphia Leads in Developing Young Wielders of the Racket

GREAT INTEREST SHOWN

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 24

When one starts to review a season of a sport it is pretty hard to keep away from personalities, yet it is the general trend of the season which really counts.

First, we may say that there was a sign of real awakening of interest among the younger players of Philadelphia, a most hopeful sign, and a raised standard of scholastic play.

Secondly, there was the regrettable but unavoidable absence of some of our leading stars. William J. Clothier, Richard Norrie Williams, Ed and Dr. P. H. Haver, being among the missing players.

The interclub season was the real opening of the season, although the school year had begun before this. It was a season with a team which included Wallace Johnson, Joe Armstrong, Rowland Evans and Craig Biddle, with several others.

The Women's Pennsylvania State tournament was the single event which has been the most important in making the members of many of the Pennsylvania teams are fraternity men, but the reason for this is patent to any college man.

The following week came the Women's National tournament, and many prominent players were present. The final, since Miss Mary Browne did not defend, carried the title with it and resulted in a win for Miss Bjurestedt over Mrs. George W. Wright.

The Pennsylvania State title play resulted in an upset when Joseph J. Armstrong defeated Wallace F. Johnson in an exceedingly hard match.

The city title play was, unfortunately, marred by the absence of Johnson and Thayer, who were both out of town.

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The doubles resulted in a terrific five-set battle before Pearson and Water defeated Thayer and Dixon.

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Carter in Fine Form FINCH HART, N. C., Dec. 31.—In the second round of match play in the holiday week tournament yesterday, Carter, 23, easily defeated C. L. Becker by 7 to 6. He won in 20 minutes, but Carter had a long help, which cost him a 2-3. A four on the fifth and five on the sixth, and 2-3 added to Carter's tally. Today he will meet John Broderick.

LAMBERTON DECLARES THAT FRATERNITY POLITICS DO NOT RULE AT PENNSYLVANIA

Former Red and Blue Star Says Men Are Chosen for Varsity Eleven on Their Merits Alone

THIS appended communication from Robert E. Lambertson, former varsity football player at the University of Pennsylvania, has just been received by the Sports Editor of the Evening Ledger:

"I have read with great interest the interview with Vincent Stogerson, coaching in your paper on the afternoon of December 20. The statements are so unfair, misleading and in many instances absolutely untrue, that I am inclined to think my old friend 'Stevie' must have been misquoted or misunderstood.

"Let me state at the outset, lest I be classified as a 'reactionary' and 'pull-back,' and therefore my statement be discounted, (1) that I voted for 'Bill' Hollenback for the Board of Directors, (2) that I believe in change in coaching in our varsity football team, (3) that I believe in the election of an entirely new Football Committee and that Hollenback and myself supported the same men for the committee, though possibly for different reasons.

"I played football for four years at Pennsylvania, and was a regular member of the University Athletic Association, and was secretary of the same for three years. From my experience, I can assert positively that the charges of fraternity favoritism in the selection of the varsity teams is untrue. The men are tried on their merits and win or lose their positions without regard to what fraternity they belong to, or whether they belong to any at all.

Stories of fraternity favoritism arise rarely from disgruntled ex-players who have not been successful in making the team. I have frequently been told that such a man would have made the Pennsylvania football team if he had been a member of some of the fraternities, but I have never known a man who has been so familiarly with conditions and with the men themselves has almost invariably turned the charge into a joke, for some of the best players who have made varsity teams, men who could hardly have made a preparatory school team, have been held up as martyrs sacrificed to the cruel fraternity influence.

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Students do not 'make' the team because they are fraternity men, but the 'make' the fraternities because they are sportsmen. After exhaustive suggestions, conclude conference in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—After an exhaustive discussion of the "make" of the team and passing upon the suggestions made for the future conduct of athletic sports, the conference of delegates from sports governing bodies throughout the country, which was adjourned from last Monday until yesterday, concluded the session late last night with the understanding that a similar conference will take place in this city about the same time one year hence.

Gustavus T. Kirby, of the advisory board of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, presided over the session. He invited unlimited discussion on the suggestions which were made last Monday, and made it clear that everything adopted by the meeting will be only in the form of recommendations to the governing bodies of the different sports, with the hope that in the near future the different organizations will recognize one another's rulings until they can establish an alliance.

It was unanimously agreed that an amateur sportsman is one who engages in sports solely for the pleasure and physical, mental, moral and social benefits that he derives therefrom and to whom sport is nothing more than an avocation.

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Four New Champions Make Philadelphia T. O. Poole Centre—Ray Ziegler. MISS CLAIRE GALLIGAN Latest Star in Swimming Firmament—L. de D. Handley.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—His Thoughts Were Far Up Toward the Milky Way!—By WALT McDUGALL

