

SCHOOLBOYS OPEN 1916 CAGE SEASON TODAY—OTHER NEWS OF THE SPORTS WORLD

SIDELIGHTS ON TOM SHEVLIN CARRY UNENDING INTEREST

Late Yale Hero Endeavored to Get Mike Murphy Taken on Eli Faculty—Was Arrested Here for Speeding

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE same spirit that the other fellow is a good deal of, but you are the best in the world.

An Invulnerable End "The scrum team in 1906 was the best Yale ever had. In those days the substitutes were used on it, as well as ineligible and star freshmen, yet it was a red letter day when we gained two yards and had him in practice, and we lost more ground by far in trying him than we ever gained, despite our plotting and planning.

High Brow Staggered "At one time Tom tried to get Mike Murphy taken on the Yale faculty, but was informed when he appeared before the board that body to press Murphy's cause that there would probably be some opposition to him. Tom chose to put his own interpretation on the remark, and with a grin answered that he was sure he could overcome Murphy's objections at having to serve on a faculty which had so many narrow-minded men on it, which answer staggered some of the high brows severely.

Tom was always a very high stand student indeed and never flunked an examination. I don't believe he ever took a drink in his life.

Many remarks were attributed, unfortunately, to Tom which he never made; the worst, perhaps, of these was what he was supposed to have said in his freshman year: "Look at me now and think what I'll be when I'm a senior."

"He was a wonderfully fast skater, a fine baseball player and a remarkable boxer, but concentrated on football and hammer-throwing at college.

"His tremendous self-assurance and confidence served two purposes—it made him greater, just as it makes Ty Cobb, and it made every man on it, which answer staggered some of the high brows severely."

GOLFERS PRACTICE THE INDOOR GAME ON STORE COURSES

Three Big Department Stores Start Winter Season of Training for Approaching and Putting

There isn't any bonny heather, nor are there any lusty lunces at the ball, but indoor golf furnishes just the same inspiration for causing and much of the fascination that the outdoor game affords.

The winter drive on the game started yesterday afternoon at Gimbel's, and the big crowd, both hitting the ball and on the links, gave another sample of how popular the game of golf is getting to be here. Though the play is all with a nibble, or mashie, and a putter, the shots are the touch and the niceness of control that is essential outside on the turf.

Wanamaker's will open a course tomorrow. At Snelben's there is a golf school, but no course.

"Use, he ain't got the ball's eye conceit," said a man-boy, thereby adding much to the care-free air of the golfer at the bat. In a few days the heavy traffic over the courses will commence.

PENN ATHLETIC COMMITTEE APPROVES COACH SELECTION

Bob Folwell the Man, Although Red and Blue Directors Refuse to Make Statement

There was no meeting of the University Athletic Committee this morning to approve the selection of Pennsylvania's Football Committee as the 1916 gridiron coach, nor was a meeting scheduled for this afternoon, as announced yesterday.

In spite of the lack of official confirmation it was considered virtually certain that Robert C. Folwell, captain of the 1907 team, would be named as head coach.

This conviction was as strong among Pennsylvania's athletic authorities as they assembled for the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors at the A. A. office this afternoon, as through the official announcement had already been made.

"The plans of the Football Committee were rudely upset yesterday," by information from the University Athletic Committee, the body which represents the faculty as the court of last resort on all undergraduate athletic matters, that its appointment would not be approved by this committee before being presented to the board of directors.



C. H. S. PLAYERS IN POOR SHAPE FOR HARD GAMES

Coach Uslilton's Squad Idle While Other Teams Worked

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Today's Basketball Games: Northeast High at West Philadelphia High, Central High School at Southern High, Trade School at Darby High School, Temple Prep at Vineland High School.

With the High School League basketball series upon them the Central High School basketball players find themselves in comparatively poor physical shape as a result of failing to indulge in a single practice throughout the holiday season.

Jim Uslilton, coach of the Central players, claims that it is not his fault that the men were unable to work. He said: "No hall was secured by the Basketball Committee for us to use. The Central High School gymnasium was closed and the men could not play there."

Chestnut Hill Academy students are interested in the selection of the football coach at Penn, and wonder whether Mike Bonne will be selected.

It's the old, old story in the High School Basketball League! They never seem to know just where the games are going to be played.

Northeast High School's athletes, now attending Germantown High, seem to be popular with the Manhattan boys.

Dwason, of the Southern High School basketball squad, is in line for the position of forward on the first team.

West Philadelphia High School will lose a number of sterling athletes next month when the February class graduates, and among them will be Buritt, the star field goal thrower.

Kerrigan, of the Northeast High School basketball team, has been showing up so well in the recent practices.

Since the University of Pennsylvania discontinued holding the intercollegiate gymnastic championship meet the schoolboys in this section have taken little interest in inter-school gymnastic competition.

Prayers defeated St. Edwards in a well-played American League game at the Quaker City Athletic Club's Hall last night by 32 to 21.

DE NERI QUINTET TROUNCES TRENTON

Rush in Last Few Minutes of Play Gives Dudley's Men Game

Standing of the Clubs: Greystock 13, Trenton 12, Camden 11, Norristown 10, Philadelphia 9.

TRENTON, Jan. 4.—Trenton made every effort to defeat De Neri in an Eastern League contest here last night, but failed.

To help fill out the hole at guard during the enforced absence of Ally McWilliams, the Greystock Eastern League club yesterday signed "Big Bill" Herron, who last year played with Camden.

The local opening of the Intercollegiate Basketball League season will be held at Weightman Hall next Saturday evening.

Penn has not played any league games yet, but several minor contests, including Villanova and the Navy, have shown that the Red and Blue has been well coached.

Chasers still in the running: Chicago, Jan. 4.—Hal Chase, the first baseman who left the Chicago Americans in mid-season to join the Buffalo Federals, will find his erstwhile teammates in the White Sox, who says that Manager Rowland was free to sign any player from the Federal League who he could get.

CUBS MAY BE SOLD TO WEEGHMAN TODAY

Chief Boss Will Talk Over Deal With Taft in Cincinnati. League Meeting Postponed

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The sale of the Chicago Cubs by C. P. Taft to Charles Weeghman, principal backer of the Chicago Federal League, is expected tonight.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, but Taft returned from a vacation on his ranch at Corpus Christi, Tex., sooner than he had expected, and desires to have the matter settled at once.

The only business of importance scheduled for today is the election of the chairman and secretary of the National Commission. Garry Herrmann is to be re-elected chairman, while John E. Bruce will be retained as secretary.

Tigers Let Out Jim McGuire: DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.—Jim McGuire, veteran pitcher, who for several years has been employed by the Detroit baseball club as scout and coach, has been released by President Navin. His place will be taken by "Hilly" Sullivan, former catcher and scouting manager of the Chicago Americans, who recently signed a Detroit contract.

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AN AMATEUR IS AN AMATEUR WHEN HE IS ONE—THAT'S ALL

This Sums Up Finding of the Sports Governing B dies, Who Gathered Together in New York City

By KRITIC

PERHAPS much was accomplished by the delegates attending the daily conferences of the various sport governing bodies in New York last week—but if so it is not evident. In fact the conclaves were disappointing, individually and collectively, to the Sporting Citizen, if not to the representative persons who took part.

It was with infinite grief that the Sporting Citizen read that the assembling bodies would settle the pesky amateur problem by the throat and throttle it forever and a day.

Bitter was the awakening. The delegates came, they saw—and then they departed. Much talking was done and a new amateur code adopted.

The humble paragrapher does not wish to speak unkindly of the delegates or their code. We perpetrate our criticism for the same reasons that we would question the wisdom of a physician who administers a dose of opium to a patient dying with brain fever.

Reform It With a Club: There is only one way to reform the amateur code. It has been tried with a club. Basically, the existing code is all wrong, and the evils of the present system can never be eliminated until the foundation is corrected.

Build an amateur code on such a foundation and then enforce it. We understand that Harry Legros, George Brickley, Abel Kiviat and Harry J. Smith are endeavoring to make a reform in the existing code.

According to the story, which was not turned over to the police for business reasons and in an effort to avoid publicity, Fulton walked into a Chicago cafe for a drink of buttermilk.

While imbibing Fulton heard strange cries from the back room. It aroused his suspicion, and as an excuse to hang round to see what was going on he ordered another buttermilk.

He was about to leave the place when the cry was repeated, this time in a muffled tone. This was too much for the cleaning-farmer boy. He did not go to see harm done to an innocent party while he was in the neighborhood.

She couldn't have been more than 20, he says. She was bound and gagged and her captors were endeavoring to torture her into telling the hiding place of the family jewels.

They pulled revolvers and "blisses" and attempted to fight back. The young heavyweight would not be denied, however. He stung mighty and whenever his fist landed a man hit the floor.

This story, Fulton untied the girl, carried her to her limousine awaiting without and proceeded downtown, where he went through his usual work-out at a gymnasium, boxing four rounds.

P. S.—This happened at a moving picture studio, where Fulton is being featured in a three-reel drama, entitled "From Farmer Boy to Challenger for the Heavyweight Championship of the World." It was a part of the sketch, you know.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—He Takes Notice of a Really Striking Bit of Femininity!—By WALT McDOUGALL

