STILL HOLDING PLAYERS DOWN BY "COVER UP" METHODS MAJOR LEAGUES ARE

PRACTICE OF COVERING UP PLAYERS IS STILL USED BY MAJOR LEAGUE BALL CLUBS

Case of Bill Taylor, Philly Youngster, Recently Repurchased by Local Team, Proves Evil Has Not Been Stamped Out

A THREE-LINE telegraph dispatch to the effect that the Phillies had purchased Pitcher Bill Taylor, of the Wilkes-Barre team of the New York State League, excited little comment from the fans, but it is really a most important item. It proves conclusively that major league clubs are still "covering up" blayers. The Players' Fraternity fought this system of "covering" players, and t was one of the main points in the Federal League's testimony in the suit which is still in the hands of Judge Landis.

Few of the fans know Taylor or remember him as the lad who received a trial four years ago. He was a promising looking youngster, but needed more experience and was sent to a minor league club under an optional agreement. There was nothing irregular with this proceeding. It was an excellent thing for Taylor, but it did not stop there.

Player Should be Declared Free Agent

At the expiration of the option Taylor should either have been recalled and given a fair chance to make good or should have been declared a free agent. Instead of being a free agent Taylor was still the property of the Phillies. He Is to this day, but never appeared in a Philly uniform. He has been used as part payment for players received and to fullfil obligations of the Phillies to minor league clubs for several years.

Taylor has been sent to Louisville, Montreal, Wilkes-Barre and perhaps a few other places. He was recalled always, so that he could be used as part payment for some player the Phillies had gotten, but he has never been given a aecond major league chance. Perhaps Taylor may not be of major league calibre, but if he is it would do him no good unless the Phillies wanted him, as no other club can get him as long as the local team is willing to exercise its

It is not likely that Taylor has been signed for use by the Phillies in the National League race. Indications point to his transfer to a Pacific Coast League Club as part payment for one of the youngsters picked up by Scout Neal a few weeks ago but whose named has not been announced yet. Covering up players is one of the evils of the present system which should be eradicated before it causes serious trouble,

Camden Figures in Another Basketball Fiasco

Jack Adams, captain of the Camden five, is either very badly advised or is too obstinate to hold such an important position. This has been clearly demonstrated by the two great basketball flascos of the last two seasons in which Camden has played a leading role.

Rather than play a game under protest because Jasper has signed Billy Kummer, its former star forward, who quit the team last year, Adams withdrew his team from the floor and disappointed more than 1900 spectators last Jasper has had a hard road this season and is the one big loser, financially, of the Eastern League, and the disappointment of those who paid their admissions last night will make the Jewels' road harder, even though it was no fault of the Jasper management.

Even if Kummer is ineligible, as Camden claims, it does not alter the case. President Sheffer was in the hall and instructed Camden to play the game under protest, but Adams obstinately refused. The league owes it to its patrons to thoroughly investigate the matter and severely punish the offender. If Adams was to blame he deserves a long suspension, regardless of the effect it has on the Camden team. If one man or one team wants to run the league and is allowed to get away with it, the ruin of the organization is in sight.

. . . Kummer Will Strengthen Jasper Five

It is beginning to look like old times in the Eastern League basketball race. The return of Billy Kummer, the sensational forward, to Jasper assures the Kensington fans that the Jewels will soon be winning games with great regularity. Kummer is one of the best forwards in the game, and paired with Barney Sedran should be even better than he was two years ago, when he was one of the important cogs in Jasper's championship team.

The Jasper management has accepted Kummer's terms, and he will return to this city in a few days to play regularly. Kummer is in business with his two brothers at Butler, Pa., and must arrange his business before he can remain in this city. Kummer's brothers want him to retire from the game. and it may require about a week for the brilliant forward to convince his partners that they can spare him.

Murphy, W. and J. Manager, Corrects Wrong Impressions

Much has been written about the future of Bill Hollenback. Some people em to take it for granted that Bill is to take Bob Folwell's position at Washington and Jefferson. It also has been stated that Washington and Jefferson had offered Folwell a contract calling for \$8000 a year. In a telegram to the Evening Ledger, Graduate Manager of Athletics R. M.

Murphy, of Washington and Jefferson, says: "Hollenback has not been elected coach of Washington and Jefferson. His name has been considered, however, with 10 or 12 others. I offered Folwell \$4500 to return to Washington and Jefferson. He-received \$4000 last year."

In an intersiew given out in Pittsburgh on the Folwell case Murphy said that Folwell could probably have gotten an increase of \$1000 over his salary would have to be raised among the alumni, as the Athletic Association at Washington and Jefferson would not think of appropriating more than the original offer, and probably would not sanction anything above \$5000 for any coach. He intimated in this interview that the larger part of Folwell's salary for the last two seasons had been raised by

Penn Needs More Grounds for Athletics

It is Pennsylvania's misfortune that when Rob Folwell, the new coach, prepares for the much needed spring practice with which he will start his aching career, he must be handicapped by the total lack of a suitable practice field. The Franklin Field enclosure will be monopolized by the baseball and track teams all spring, so that the football men cannot use it, at least not to advantage. Museum Field is taken by the lacrosse and soccer teams. That is all the ground the University possesses for recreation unless the dormitory quadrangle could be used.

The crying need of Pennsylvania's whole recreation system is a big playground. It is the one thing the Board of Trustees should provide at the rilest possible moment. Princeton, Cornell, Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth have from 10 to 20 times as much playground acreage as Pennsylvania. Should the Quaker institution eventually secure possession of what is known as the Museum tract it would provide an opportunity to put aside a field of nearly 36 acres. Until that is done Pennsylvania will be under a tremendous handicap to compete successfully with its present big rivals,

Jim Coffey and Frank Moran Ready for Battle

An opponent for Jess Willard will be selected tonight when Frank Moran and Jim Coffey play a return engagement at Madison Square Garden. At the ast meeting Moran stopped Coffey in the third round, but the Roscommon Giant ed to take it seriously and insisted on a return match. To prove that he will had the goods, Coffey boxed Gunboat Smith a couple of weeks ago and won

The contest tonight has aroused as much interest as a championship battle and a record crowd is expected. It should be a real scrap from the tap of the hell and it is doubtful that the fuss will last 10 rounds. Both men possess knockout wallops in either hand and the first fighter to get over a telling blow should eturned the victor. Merely outpointing Moran will get Coffey nothing. The ble Irishman will have to put the Pittsburgher away for keeps if he is to be considered championship timber.

Vincent Stevenson makes the suggestion that Penn's football committee ercise greater care in the appointment of coach for the freshmen eleven for next fall. The famous quarterback believes that it is a serious mistake to since a green man from the Varsity team of the previous year in charge of he men who should spend their first season being groomed for the varsity leven. The suggestion is an excellent one, and many will agree with "Stevie" that poor judgment has been used in the selection of the freshmen coach in at years. Stevenson thinks an experienced veteran should handle the

Harold Irelan, sent to Montreal by the Phillies under an optional agreeand recalled last fall, has been sold outright to the Omaha team of the storn League. Irelan was with the Phillies in 1914.

LEGS VS. ARMS WHEN KILBANE **MEETS CHANEY**

Champion's Asset Is Speed; Contender Depends on Hard Punching

MATCH IS NOT DEFINITE

When definite arrangements for the pro-When definite arrangements for the pro-posed featherweight championship bout hetween George Chaney, contender, and Johanv Kilbane, champion, are consum-mated, the greatest pair of arms in the small-fighter class will be pitted against the greatest pair of legs. The Baltimore

If Chaney and L. Ibane are matched for their proposed 20-round bout in Baltimore, March 17, it will be the second time the champion will place his crown at stake. Johnny has appeared in but one titular tilt since he won the laurels four years ago from Abe Attell. He defended the championship against Johnny Dundee, April 29, 1913, in a 20-round draw.

Two Shows Tonight

Hobby McLeod and Young McGovern will appear in the headliner at the Non-parell, while Charley Thomas tac.ies Danny Ferguson in the windup at the Quaker City tonight. The program:

NONPAREIL CLUB.

First boot-flack Dixle, Coontown, vs. Fighting Benn. Lamester.

Second bout-Angly Burns, Kensington, vs.
om Kingslow, Kensington,
Third bout-flatsy Rearlon, Germantown, vs.
harley Smith, Fairmount.

Fourth hout-Ford Munger, Kalamazso, vs.
Ville Moody, Richmond.

Semiwind-one-Knockout Farrell, 17th Ward,

S. Tyrone Costollo, North Penn.

Wind-up. - Boshe McLeod, Richmond. vs.
oung McGovern, Kensington,

QUAKER CITY CLUB. GUAKER CITY CLUB.

First bout-Young McLonald. North Penn,
vs. Tommy O'Hara, North Penn,
Second bout-Marty Haves, 12th Ward, vs.
Johnny Lerzer, Fairmour.
Third bout-denny Kelly, North Penn, vs.
Young O'Dennell, Falls.
Semilyind-un-Johnny Krause, Nicetown, vs.
Buck Fleming, Gray's Verry,
Wind-up-Charley Thomas, Southwark, vs.
Danny Perguson, Manayunk.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Able Gordon, 105-pound champion of the Pacific coast and a former Philadelphian, will rrive here from Portland, Orc. next month, fortish has a record of more than 40 bouts, havy Bancroft, of the Phillies, who halls from Portland, says Gordon as a clever boxer with hard wallop.

New life seems to be destined for the welter-eight class, with such stars as Willie itvidie, Ted Lewis, Packey McFarland, Rid raves, Mike Glover, Jack Britton, Joe Hirst nd Sam Robideau boxing around the 142-ound mark.

Unless Les D'Arcy is shie to "sneak" away rom Australia he may not be seen in action in lis country. Word from the Antipodes says hat the Government is trying to force D'Arcy o loin the army and fight for England.

Battling Levinsky, with one victory to his credit over Tom Cowier, again will meet Jim Corbett's heavyweight. They will box 12 rounds at Boston Tuesday night. . . .

am Taylor, United States navy heavyweight, i be opposed to Willie Mechan in the samishing to the Johnny Killhane-Irish Patsyne heat at the National tomorrow night, ording to reports from Cheinnath, the mpion has shifted his style from boxing to thing which reason critics in Recitows give littchile Mitchell's victory over Kilhane.

once again Philadelphia fans will have an portunity to see a lover against a fighter sen Mckey Ronley and Fishting Bob leet see will show in the semi to the match become Johnny Dundee and Jimmy Murphy.

Johnny Ertle's brother, Mike, will make his first appearance in New York tonight. He will be opposed to Johnny Reilly in a 10-pound

WEST PHILADELPHIA BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Games Arranged Principally With Local High School Nines

The West Philadelphia High School baseball schedule for the season of 1918 has been announced by Manager Herbert Calves. The schedule is made up princi-pacy of High School League games. Owing to the admission of the two ner high schools, Gerrmantown and Frank-ford, the customary games with out-of-town teams will not be so numerous as in years past. The game with the Atlantic City High School, an annual contest, is to be played at Atlantic City on May 20. The other two outside games are with Penn Charter and Haverford School, also an-nual contests.

On Wednesday of this week Prof. John Alker issued a call for the battery candidates for the baseball team. The men who reported as pitchers are as follows: Trimble, Powers. Allen, Wroe, Dickson, Waugh, Hahn, Hoyt and Brown. The men who reported as catchers are Pasquariello, Dandrea, Bartholomae, Grossman Guiton, Lacobs, Phir Steinman man, Guiton, Jacobs, Phig, Steinmetz Holdan and Engle. Professor Alker wil

most likely coach the team this year.

The schedule as arranged by Manager Calves, subject to the approval of the S

South Philadelphia High

April - 2, South Philadelphia High School, away; 5, Central High School, home; 7, Philadelphia Trades School, home; 7, Philadelphia Trades School, away; 19, Catholic High School, home; 12, Frankford High School, home; 39, Penn Charter, away; 19, South Philadelphia High School, away; 25, Philadelphia Trades School; 25, Catholic High School, away; 25, Frankford High School, home; 36, South Philadelphia High School, away; 37, Germantown High School, home; 5, South Philadelphia High School, away; 20, Haverford School, away; 10, Central High School, home; 12, Philadelphia High School, home; 13, Frankford High School, away; 15, Germantown High School, home; 19, Frankford High School, away; 20, Atlantic City High School away; 24, Northeast High School, home; 26, Germantown High School, home; 26, Atlantic City High School away; 24, Northeast High School, home; 26, Germantown High School, away; 27, Mortheast High School, home; 26, Germantown High School, away; 27, Mortheast High School, home; 26, Germantown High School, away; 27, Mortheast High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, away; 27, Mortheast High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, away; 28, Mortheast High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, away; 28, Mortheast High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, away; 29, Atlantic City High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, away; 29, Atlantic City High School, home; 28, Germantown High School, home; 29, Atlantic City High School, home; 29, Atlantic City High School, home; 20, Atlantic City High Sch

FRANKFORD HIGH ATHLETES HANDICAPPED WITHOUT "GYM"

Boys Unable to Get in Shape for Basketball and Indoor Track Season-Other School News

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Northeast High School has no symmasium, but the runners are making the best of conditions by using the school corridors, and later hope to use the Second Regiment Armory. In basketball the Northeast High School students are within reasonable distance of halfs for practice. The Frankford High School is not located near a basketball hall, and consequently this year will see Frankford without a cage team.

The Frankford High School Athletic Association officers and officials are C. W. Meadowerott, chairman of Athletic Committee; president, Charles Soeffing; vice president, Alfred Strickler; secretary, Earl Harrison; treasurer, Andrew Simons

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I rot. James Sigman, of the Northeast High School, coach of the Red and Black track team, thinks that Rogers, the col-ored sprinter, will break all scholastic records this season. He said: "Rogers was only 15 years old last year when he ran the quarter in 61 1-5 seconds. He ranked high in his class at that time. This year he will better this record, fors a year makes a big difference to such a compagater."

Schedule for Today

Southern High School vs. Swarthmore
High, at Swarthmore.
Kennett Square High School vs. Media
High School, at Media.
Chester High vs. St. Joseph's College,
at 17th and Stiles atreets.
Philadelphia Trades School vs. Abington High at Abington High.
Germantown High vs. Germantown
Academy, at Germantown Boys' Club.
Brown Treparatory vs. Atlantic City
High School, at Atlantic City
Lower Merlon High vs. Lower Merlon
Alumni, at Ardmore.

FIELD HOCKEY Episcopal Academy Fifth Form vs. Episcopal Academy Sixth Form, at Episcopal.

been added. They are in earnest over the lee hockey program, too, for a rame has already been scheduled with Episcopal for next Tuesday.

Camden High School's students hope Camden High School's students hope to include swimming on their list of competitive events and a movement is now on foot to organise a team. The University of Pennsylvania meet will be University of Pennsylvania meet will be held next Saturday a week and the Camden High students would like to be represented. Jack Small, swimming instructor at the Camden Y. M. C. A., has

knockout artist possesses the biggest and strongest pair of arms ever boasted by a featherweight in the history of fistiana. (Ilbane's underpins probably are the greatest legs of any boxer in his class. The wallop in Chaney's left hand is indicated by his remarkable knockout rerorded. He has scored decisive victories in office and prove than 81. Kilbane is the shiftiest vice president, Alfred Strickler; secretary, boxer since the days of Jim Corbett. His speed afoot enabled the Cleveland man to keep out of reach of his opponents and to keep out of reach of his opponents

CROWDS AT AUTO SHOW INCREASE

About 35,000 Attended Yesterday's Exhibition in New York City

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 .- Military day swelled the attendance at the 16th National Automobile Show at the Grand Central Palace yesterday to far the highest figure of its history. Officials said more than 35,000 persons visited the exhibits, making it probable that 250,600 will have entered the gates when it is

untshed Saturday. Preparations made to receive guesta of military rank and those interested in defense and motor equipment problems were repaid by the presence of many uniforms and of many gaily dressed women. The attendance of women, which had rapidly increased each day, was particu-larly large yesterday.

In the evening many of the guests of the Automobile Chamber of Commerce met in the ballroom at the Billmore to discuss motor problems and army equipment and preparation. S. Stanwood Men-ken, president of the National Security League, presided. Luncheons during the day were nu-

Lincheons during the day were nu-merous. Two of the largest were those of the Hupmobile Eastern dealers at the Biltmore and the annual New York show agents' tuncheon of the Mitchell-Lewis Motor Company, also at the Biltmore

KOSHLAND'S FAMOUS Six Sixty Six Sale



Suits and Overcoats that were \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$22.50, now \$6.66.



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THE OTHER NIGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE THE CAR IN WHICH I SAY TOMMIS, WHAT HELD IT UP? FOUR WHEELS! (HELD UP?) WHY DIDN'T YOU FOR ME TO GET THERE I WAS RIDING WAS ATTEND THE BOXING OH HELD UP MATCH