

PHILLIES HAVE NO REAL CLAIM ON THE SERVICES OF GEDEON, WASHINGTON'S CAST-OFF

PHILS' FIGHT FOR GEDEON MAY AFFECT PLAYING OF BERT NIEHOFF NEXT YEAR

Confidence of 1915 Second Baseman Probably Will Be Shaken by Knowledge That Club Is Looking for Successor

ALL the talk about the Phillies being so bitterly disappointed at not getting Joe Gedeon, who was purchased by the Yankees from Harry Sinclair, is not going to improve Bert Niehoff's confidence. Lack of confidence in his own ability and the feeling that some one was always hustling for his position affected Niehoff's work last year, and the knowledge that the club is trying to secure another second baseman may ruin a pretty good ball player.

If the Phillies had a chance to get Gedeon by lodging a protest with the National Commission, there would be some excuse for the publicity; but as Sinclair has a perfect right to sell any player whose contract he holds, according to the peace agreement, and did not accept the Phillies' offer, it is hard to see where the local team can profit by airing the fact that it is dissatisfied with Niehoff.

Coast Leaguers Not Much Impressed With Gedeon

As to Gedeon, it is doubtful if he will make good despite the large batting average he had last season. Excellent judges of ball players on the Pacific coast declare that Gedeon got his large average because there were few good curve ball pitchers in that league. This is evidently the truth, as Bill Orr, Harry Heilmann, Jimmy Johnston, Jack News and several other sluggers in the Pacific Coast League were marks for a good curve ball when tried in the major leagues.

When Gedeon was with Washington he chased curve balls a foot outside the plate and did not look like a natural hitter, having a bad stiff arm swing, so noticeable in many long hitters on grove balls. The fact that Manager Griffith, of Washington, who knows him better than any other baseball man in the East, had turned him over to Minneapolis in spite of his excellent record at Salt Lake indicates that the leader of the Senators is certain Gedeon will never be able to hit in the major leagues, although Griffith is now fighting for him in order to sell him to the highest bidder.

In this connection it might be well to remark that Cliff Blankenship, manager of Salt Lake, scouts for the Washington Club, having been the discoverer of the wonderful Walter Johnson, and he advised Griffith not to bother with Gedeon. The best recommendation for Gedeon is that "Cap" Neal, the Philly scout who picks but few bad ones, recommends him highly, but it must be remembered, however, that Neal did not see much of him, and not against high-class pitching.

That a small floor handicap the Red and Blue was apparent when it went down to defeat in its first intercollegiate game away from home. Penn profited by its mistakes, and in the future will open up its game, even on the smaller floors away from home. Even with the handicap of lack of weight and size, Penn has a wonderful chance to win the championship. The games at Cornell and Princeton are the only ones remaining on Penn's schedule which should cause unnecessary worry, unless Jourdet's men show a complete reversal of form.

Local clubmen are wagering on George Brooke and Joseph Wear to win the national doubles racquet championship at Boston next Saturday. Brooke and Wear have shown wonderful form, and twice within the last 16 days defeated C. C. Pell and S. G. Mortimer, the champions. Brooke has taken off a great deal of weight and is in better shape than ever before.

More and Better Athletics at Penn

The Student Committee at the University of Pennsylvania is following in the wake of many other colleges in the United States in its efforts to put athletics on sounder and more universal basis. This committee has recently recommended to the Athletic Association that it take control of all class competition as well as those contests in which the University is represented by varsity teams.

This conclusion was reached, unfortunately, not by the maturing of the idea which has been fostered for a decade by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, but by a fatal accident.

Shortly after the death of a Penn student in the recent bowl fight between the freshmen and sophomores, the student committee decided to make up for the abolition of this event by substituting more interclass contests of both major and minor sports.

Collegiate Control of All Athletics

As mentioned, it has been a hobby of the N. C. A. A. for many years to develop athletics by putting everything in the hands of either the faculty of the various universities or under the guidance of the athletic associations, who would be guided in all final decisions by the faculty.

That this condition of affairs is being brought about is shown by a recent investigation by Dr. G. L. Meylan, physical director at Columbia University. His report shows that after investigating athletic conditions in 252 American colleges, 145 are working to have absolute collegiate control over all athletics. He states that as late of 1910 only four institutions had such control and but 32 others were considering it.

Doctor Meylan shows the trend of the times also by proving that at present 90 per cent. of the college athletic directors have chairs in the faculty, while five years ago, only 75.7 per cent. had faculty voting privileges.

If Pennsylvania finally decides to put all its athletics in the hands of the association, or at least under a control higher than the students' committee, there is no doubt that with its vast enrollment the Red and Blue will take its place at the head of collegiate competition in all branches of sports and will develop a stronger and better student body.

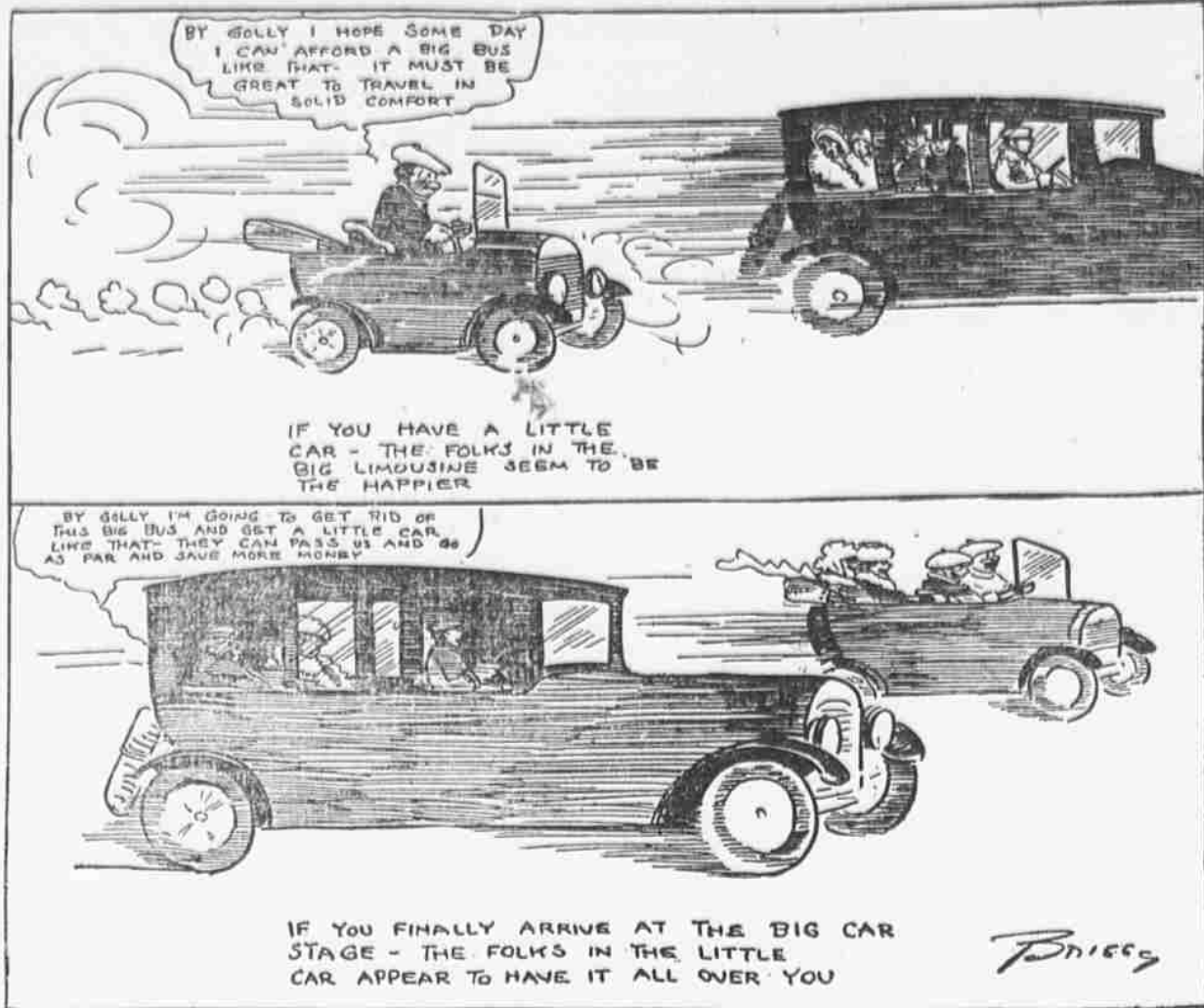
Scholastic Coaching for Athletes

Columbia University oarsmen are doing college athletics a good turn by the emphasis they are placing on the scholastic standing of all crew candidates. It is true that the primary purpose of the rowing authorities is to get and keep their men eligible rather than to make scholars of them. But the result will be the same. The scholastic standard of the university will be raised and the crews will be stronger in consequence.

What the Columbia men are doing leads at once to the query: Why should not college athletic associations have a committee to investigate and keep tab on the scholastic standing of all athletes? The Syracuse athletic authorities started such a system several years ago, only they employed a member of the faculty to watch up the athletes and get reports from all departments. If he found an athlete on the ragged edge scholastically, he either coached him back into good standing or warned him.

Doubtless some purists will insist that this sort of aid to an athlete because he is an athlete, savors of favoritism. But if it makes better students of athletes, it is worth while.

A MOTORIST IS NEVER CONTENTED



SOCIETY SHOWS CAGE QUINTETS HOW TO PLEASE

Elite of Washington, D. C., and Kensington See Fists Fly in Rage

JASPER BEATS CAMDEN

Clubs' Standing

Table with 2 columns: Club Name and Score. Includes entries for W. L. P. C., W. L. P. C., and others.

Following the public example of former Secretary of the Navy G. Von L. Meyer and society lion Truxton Beale, who stirred Washington's upper set yesterday by a common street brawl, the Camden and Jasper teams of the Eastern Basketball League brightened up the corners of Nonpareil Hall last evening with a similar title production.

Hadzel refereed the Kensington bouts which occurred simultaneously with the basketball game. Hadzel was not able to handle the delicate situation and called in the cops much to the disgust of the big crowd. The blowouts put an end to the exhibition of the manly art, then Jasper proceeded to trim Camden, 34 to 21.

The game last night was the play-off of the contest scheduled for January 6, which Camden refused to play because Bill Kummer was in the Jasper line-up. Jack Adams caused the trouble before and was the centre of the hectic attraction last night.

Friedman started the fuss by flooring Adams, who, because of his slight build, is essentially a delegate of perpetual peace. Then Roy Steele, the demon South Jersey slugger, crashed his right to Friedman's form. That started a hurly-burly of blows that might have continued indefinitely but for the rude interference of the law.

As for the game itself, there was nothing to it but Jasper. Camden was without the services of Dickson. Further more, little Barney Seifran shut out Jimmy Brown, while Friedman and Fix held the Camden forwards to one lonely field goal.

While these stirring events were taking place in the northeast section Greylock was trimming the Tigers in Trenton by the count of 53 to 21.

Shooting writers throughout the Pennsylvania State League have nicknamed Jimmy Brown "Mugsy" because of his crummy disposition.

Ive Thompson, the former Eastern League player, has made a hit with the patrons of the sport at Plymouth. He is now captain of the team.

Freddy Sager, who has had trouble with the Pitston management all season, has quit the team and is looking for another berth. He is a star player.

Taggart, the best official in State, has quit the Pennsylvania State League because of the making of the Williamsburg club. President Lewis is having no end of trouble in securing officials who are blinder than the players.

The winning club in the Interstate League has the solution of that body to play the champion team of the Eastern League. This match would not be any more interesting than the Troy-Reading games of several years ago, because of the vast difference in the race under which the teams play.

St. Andrew's second team has won 12 games in a row in the Brotherhood Second Team League.

RACQUET CLUB STILL LEADS SQUASH TEAMS

Takes Six Matches From the Cynwyd Men Yesterday

The results of yesterday's matches in the interclub squash racket championship introduced the Racquet Club firmly in the lead. The Racquet Club players did quite what was expected of them in defeating the Cynwyd Club at the Racquet Club by six matches to none. Team B, of Germantown, not only served the Racquet Club a good turn by winning one match from Team A, of the same club, at Marheim, but thereby virtually put their own club out of the running for the championship. The Racquet Club will meet Team H, of Merion, tomorrow, and can afford to lose one match and still win the championship.

BOWLING RESULTS

Royal Arcanum League

In the Royal Arcanum League rolled on Tuesday evening last night, Haverford, Philadelphia, No. 2, and Germantown won their series from West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia No. 1 respectively.

Table with 2 columns: Club Name and Score. Includes entries for Philadelphia No. 1, Philadelphia No. 2, Germantown, and others.

Western Electric

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American League

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Jolly Five Bow Bowlers

Last night at Starr Garden, the Jolly Five defeated the Randolph Club in a bowling match, score 560 to 241. The features of the match was the bowling of Captain Marks, of the Jolly Five, who made the highest score, 2017. Five, by virtue of this victory, went into unassisted first place in the league.

STAR ATHLETES WILL BE LOST BY GRADUATION

Twelve Letter Men Get Diplomas at Northeast. C. H. S. Drops Eleven

33 INCLUDED IN LIST

Graduations to be held this week will cause a depletion in the ranks of Central, West Philadelphia, Northeast and South Philadelphia High Schools and incidentally send a host of well-known student-athletes out into the business world or waiting for colleges in the fall.

Every high school will send its quota of football, baseball, track and basketball men away with sheepskins—every school except Frankford and Germantown, who are still in the infant class and as yet have no seniors. In all, 23 students who have dashed into print on account of their athletic ability will get diplomas.

Northeast, in graduating an even dozen, suffers the greatest loss while Central follows closely with 11. West Philadelphia has seven and South Philadelphia three.

Football Men to Go

At Northeast the heaviest drain will come in the ranks of the footballers. Lynch, Stewart and Fullmore, who was unable to accept the captaincy on account of illness. The baseball team will be forced to work along without Barker, Dickel and Laddy, center; Lechler, guard and Dudley Thomas, captain of the 1915 team, are looked to go. From the soccer champions last fall will be graduated Lynch, Stewart and Fullmore, who was unable to accept the captaincy on account of illness. The baseball team will be forced to work along without Barker, Dickel and Laddy, center; Lechler, guard and Dudley Thomas, captain of the 1915 team, are looked to go.

One of the most notable athletes to leave Central is Hampton, the champion high jumper of last year's indoor and outdoor meets. Joe Labrum, a distance man, Russell, a timber-topper, and Tarr, a miler and basketball player, also will be missed. Completing the list are White and Lieberman, cage men.

West Philly Grads

The depletion in ranks of the West Phillies is not so great, although Behrens, Bierman and Bruitt, of the basketball team, are scheduled to depart. Along with this trio will go Richardson and Coffin, football players and oarsmen; Ed Sherman, coxswain of the championship crew, and Craig, a barrier. Brenzel, a member of the football team and a hurdler, and Heath, a pole-vaulter and high-jumper, have left and will not complete their courses.

South Philadelphia will graduate only three athletes; but their loss, coming at this time, will be felt keenly. They are members of the basketball team—Black, Lipkowitz and Dessen. As Black is captain of the team, another leader will be elected when the Athletic Committee meets. Morse has been chosen to succeed Manager McCloskey, who also graduates.

EAST TOPS BASEBALL WORLD IN DEVELOPING INFELDERS

Best Pitchers Hail From West, While South Gets Call for Gardeners—Other Comment in Poetry and Prose by Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

More Verse Libel  
Jess Willard fights for 35,000 bones, Iron neither ducts, as you brand the stuff;  
For 30 minutes he will peer and poke, And hardly raise a good, old-fashioned sweat,  
Yet for each minute he will get more dough  
Than many earn by labor through the year;  
And though by hard pan value see should  
That 30 cents was closer to the mark,  
Yet for the Thirty Thousand he will get  
Deep in his heart he thinks he's underpaid.

Sip—I travel with your recent correspondent from Cleveland to Chicago. This change may not be able to do much, but even in 10 rounds I think he will show as much stuff as Willard does—and maybe a little bit more.  
W. L. K.

Almost 21 years ago scuttled by since John Lawrence Sullivan fell with a thud at New Orleans. How long after his scintillating feat have nestled in the sawdust will any of the present crop be regarded as institutions?

Baseball by Sections  
Various sections produce various baseball talents. The East leads by a wide margin in infielders with Daubert, McInnis, Collins, Evers, Barry, Wagner, Marvillo, Healy, Baker, Cobb, and others. The West has the call in producing able-bodied pitchers with Johnson, Alexander, Leonard, Foster, Treanor, James, and others. The South, which has Cobb, Speaker, Jackson and Milan to offer.

Joe Jackson and 1916  
Which recalls the impending future of Joe Jackson, labeled by Gordon Mackay as "The Carolina Crashsmith."  
For some reason or another Joseph suffered a serious depletion of base hits last summer. He finished above .300 but not very far above, at .308, where in the old days his mark extended from .340 to .408.

Jackman was translated last summer from Cleveland to Chicago. This change may have been responsible for his slump. As a White Sox regular he may rise again to his old-time heights at first mate on the Wallingford Window Blind, captained by T. Raymond Cobb. And then again he may not. But Jackson cannot afford to slump. As Ty Cobb's only batting rival he is needed for a number of specific space-filling purposes. For three years he gave Ty the battle of his dizzy young life and thereby added copious quantities to the galaxy of things.

In the matter of Jackson's slump Noll Goldenpenny had the right idea: "He fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where feeders accumulate and batsmen decay; Pitches or catches may flourish or may fade; The Bush can make them—as the Bush has made; But a great slugger—his township's pride. When once destroyed can never be supplied."

Down South recently we lapped two bluebirds, Harbingers of Swat. The bluebird is the forerunner of "Play Ball," a quaint phrase sometimes used to denote Opening Day or the First Game.

We wish Johnny Evers would go back to the Cubs and Vic Saler would change his name to Frank Chance. There was the bonnie days in Swatland.

The Joy Taker  
Sip—The Glants for the first division—no chance—not a chance in the world. Braves, Cubs, Phillies and Dodgers have the first four places tied up. Post-late, by, ab-so-lutely. The Glants may finish fifth, but they will have to go some to beat out the Reds or Pirates. But as for 1-2-3-4—those places are already ill-jammed tight. Watch and see.

Maxims of the 19th Hole  
In both Golf and Life more shots are played in bunkers than out on the fairway. Therefore it profiteth one greatly to practice the gentle art of emerging tidily in one stroke out of Trouble.

We predict a green and tender spring, fragrant with apple blossoms and base hits, in infielders a snow-rimed, gale-fringed springtide the reverse is due this March and April. If we are wrong, any pretor or protestant will receive an action snapshot of Bennie Kauff beating Christie Mathewson a game of chess down at Marlin.

"If McGraw," writes Lucretius, "should drop Kauff, what would he be?" A has-been.

"Is it pronounced Kowf or Koff?" requests Kollie. Kauff, undoubtedly.

"Fred Toney, the Red star, says he would like to get more money." So say we all of us, as the old chorus runs. But that doesn't always mean, etc.

Fred Toney would have made good with the Cubs six years ago if some one hadn't printed that yarn on him about killing a rabbit with a rock. That was enough to discourage any original young farmer just breaking in.

The U. S. of A., horrified at the money Europe is wasting on war, is willing to pay Willard \$20,000 for 30 minutes. Who's looney now?

Fable  
Once upon a time there was a pitcher, who, after winning a ball game, was never advertised as "having had a hop on his fast one."  
Moral—Can't you take a joke?

Hans Wagner is now writing his baseball experiences. As if any man could ever recall incidents that happened nearly a hundred years ago.

This is the first time Hans has ever fallen for the writing game. He held out for 41 years, but nature at last seized her course.

Rocky Mountains are going to keep coming and coming again until not so far in the future a new name will send the list of finishers in the Hudson classic.

THE FAR WEST IS DEVELOPING GREAT ATHLETES

University of Washington Has Made Wonder Record on the Gridiron

NORTHWEST CHAMPIONS

"A new era has come in athletic affairs in the Far West and along the Pacific slope, an era that has brought the Western universities to a point where they rank alongside the greatest in America in athletic achievement," says Conrad Brevik, of the University of Washington.

"Just a few years ago athletics in the big colleges in the West were just aborning. The colleges were comparatively new, and up to that time so much attention had to be paid to providing the proper courses of book learning that athletic activities were neglected.

Now at Front  
"But the Western athletes have come to the front with a rush; they have developed in every department in a remarkable way, and today they rank as the equals of the best in the East in football, baseball, track or rowing."

"University of Washington has just finished its eighth year of football supremacy in the Northwest Conference—record unexcelled. In those eight years not one of the Washington eleven suffered defeat—an unparalleled record. "Washington and Leland Stanford crews, finding that the mountains would not come to Mahomet, themselves went to the mountain, and followers of rowing everywhere remember the splendid ability and rowing power that these two crews displayed on their trips to Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Stanford's crew will be back in the spring, and Washington will line up for the gun in 1917, a faculty ruling prohibiting their competing before. And these brawny big boys from the far side of the

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 25.—A \$5,000,000 corporation, to operate a pig iron and ferro manganese plant in this city, will be incorporated on Tuesday of next week in Wilmington, Del. A 25-acre tract of iron-making land has been acquired at Waukon, Ia., from which the firm will get raw material, while, with the advantages incident to cheap coke and river transportation, it is expected the plant will be able to produce pig iron \$2 cheaper a ton than it is now produced in Pittsburgh and other iron centers of the Eastern States.

The incorporation is to be effected in Delaware because the Missouri law prohibits one corporation from owning the stock of another. It was found necessary to take over several firms in the organization of the new corporation. The most important of these is the Missouri Iron Company, which has expended more than \$1,000,000 in developing Iowa iron properties.

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