# DREYFUSS CLAIMS FEDERALS' BIG BATTING AVERAGES WERE RESULT OF LIVELY BALL

## FEDERAL LEAGUE BALL WAS NOT MORE RESILIENT THAN ONE USED IN O. B. LEAGUES

Barney Dreyfuss Fails to Examine Both, But Makes Claim That Lively Sphere Was Responsible for High Averages

BARNEY DREYFUSS, president of the Pittsburgh National League Club, recently declared that the high averages in the Federal League were due to the fact that the independent league used a livelier ball than that which is used in the National and American Leagues. Mr. Dreyfuss says that he made this remarkable discovery by holding a Federal League ball in one hand and a National League ball in the other, finding that the Federal League official ball was lighter than the official Reach ball used by O. B. and, there-

Dreyfuss based his remarks entirely on his own idea of the relative weight, without taking the trouble to examine both balls carefully by taking the cover off and unraveling the yarn. Scribes throughout the country have commented on this subject without taking the trouble to look into the matter themselves. They took Dreyfuss' word for it and immediately predicted that there was a lean year ahead for the Fed sluggers.

Perhaps 1916 will be a lean year for some of those who made excellent averages in the outlaw league, but it will not be due to any difference in the balls used, because they are alike. The "rabbits," as lively balls are called, are made more lively than the regular ball without making any material difference in the weight. It is possible for the makers to produce a lively or dead ball by increasing or decreasing the amount of cork or rubber in the

It has been proved that the cork centre makes a ball livelier, and as the National and American Leagues use a cork-centre ball and the Feds do not. it is hard to see where the claim is justified, because, barring the centre, both balls are identical. Several years ago a certain team made so many long hits that visiting players suspected that it was "ringing in" "rabbits." No proof could be obtained, but it is a fact that the long hitting suddenly ceased after the investigation.

### Dreyfuss' Claim Denied by Makers of Ball

It would have been possible for the Feds to have used a livelier ball, but the Victor Company, which made the official Federal League ball, denies this, and an examination of several balls used last year shows that there is no difference in weight or resiliency, as claimed by Dreyfuss.

The high averages in the Federal League of several players who had never been rated well as batsmen in the National or American Leagues were due entirely to the fact that the batsmen faced an inferior brand of pitching. Each club in the independent league had two star hurlers, while the rest were far below the average, and there were also very few good curve ball pitchers in the Fed circuit last year.

A careful survey of accords for the year reveals the fact that almost every man who was "batting above his gait," according to O. B. followers failed to hit the good curve ball pitchers. The case of Charley Deal, a weak hitter when he was with the Braves, and who batted over .300 for the St. Louis Feds, is a striking example.

#### Change in Batting Style Improves Deal's Average

It has been claimed that Fielder Jones changed Deal's style, and this was responsible for the improvement. The change of position at the plate may have improved the average of the former Boston third baseman, but the improvement was due more to the fact that he did not see as many sharp-breaking curve balls. Deal was a mark for a good curve ball in the National League and the same was true last summer when he faced the better brand of Federal

A glance at the Federal League scores for the last year and the pitching records prove conclusively that the lack of well-balanced staffs was responsible for the hitting and not "rabbits," Invariably there would be two great pliching duels staged in each series, with the other two contests slugging matches, because no teams, barring St. Louis, Chicago and Plitsburgh, could boast of more than two high-class twirlers who were in shape to pitch, and some of the tail-enders did not have two twirlers going right at the same time during the greater part of the season.

### Penn Football Material Should Be Plentiful

Pennsylvania's football team took a step in the right direction when it appointed Lon Jourdet coach of the freshmen eleven for next season. In recent years the freshmen team has been handled ! . . member of the football eleven of the previous season, and that is why me o apparently should have been ensylvania system reported for benefited by a season of coaching under th the varsity team in their sophomore year were found "too green."

This is no reflection on the football knowinge of any of the former stars who have handled the first year team, as the could hardly be expected to make good in their first season. A glance at the coaching records of leading instructors throughout the country will convince one of the fallacy of such a system. Few football coaches have made good the year following their graduation from college, even though a man may have been known as a bril- Is Anxious to Beat liant and brainy player,

Folwell and Hollenback succeeded in making a great impression in their first season, b. t both made many mistakes which they readily admit now, Experience is a great teacher and this is particularly true of coaching a football team. The first season is usually a horrible nightmare to a college star who is branching out into the coaching field, but thereafter, if he is a good man, he will profit by his mistakes and launch himself on a successful career in his second season.

## Jourdet Has Experience to Make Good

In selecting Jourdet Pennsylvania has not picked a man with much football coaching experience, but the former star end has been out of college long enough to have corrected mistaken ideas, and he has had enough experience as coach of the basketball team to assure him success next fall. One of the most important things Jourdet has proved is that he can handle a large squad of men perfectly. Another is that he can instill harmony and get everything possible out of material at hand.

As coach of the basketball team, Jourdet has been forced to build up teams from light and mediocre material. His success this winter speaks for Itself. The Red and Blue material was below the usual standard and pronounced too light, but by careful coaching Jourdet has instilled team play into it to such an extent that Penn's larger opponents have been bewildered.

The selection of an older and experienced man as coach of the freshmen team was due to a suggestion made by Vincent Stevenson, famous quarterback and one of the Evening Ledger's football experts. Stevenson impressed upon Head Coach Folwell that the freshmen would never be of much use to the varsity team in their sophomore year until the Red and Blue discarded the system of putting the graduating captain or a star of the previous season in charge of the freshmen team, and appointed an older and more experienced man.

Chamberlain, Nebraska's wonderful end, who was picked for the All-America eleven by every critic who saw him play, is to be barred from athletics at Nebraska if the charges made by former Coach Johnny Bender are proved. Bender contends that Chamberlain has played five years of college football already, despite the fact that he is supposed to have two more years at Nebraska. The charges have not been made public, but it is known that Bender claims to have coached Chamberlain several years ago at another college.

## Expect Tuthill to Make Good

Eastern college men will watch with much interest the career of Harry Tuthill, the former West Point trainer, who is to take a similar position with the Michigan football team. The wonder is that some half a dozen eastern universities did not grab Tutbill before Michigan got him. Tutbill has proved his ability as a conditioner of anateur and professional athletes over a long period. West Point teams never knew what condition was until Tuthili began

Michigan has had a lot of trouble to find a successor to Keene Fitzpatrick since the latter went to Princeton. A. C. Kraenzlein was satisfactory until he save up this work. Steve Farrell, the Michigan track coach, does not like football work, and will devote himself exclusively to the track hereafter. Thus Tuthill has a chance to make a name for himself as a football trainer.

## APPROPRIATE BOXING MUSIC: BEATING THE IVORY



## HINDMAN VETS' CENTRE FORWARD PROLIFIC SCORER

Leads Second Division Players With 21 Goals Scored in 12 Games

OTHER CORNER KICKS

Hindman, of the Veteran A. A. soccer eleven, bids fair to break all scoring records this season. The centre forward of the second division Allied League leadof the second division Allied Learne leaders is settling the pace in that circuit with 21 goals, which is 11 more than his nearest rival, McGes, of the same team.

While the goal-scorers of a soccer eleven are not necessarily the best men on the team, nevertheless the front liners must receive due credit for their work in front of goal. Poor shots can offset

brilliant halfback and fullback lines, for no team can win unless they score. The summary of the leading scorers in the second division of the Alico League fol-

Hindman, Veterans, 21, McGee, Veter-ans, 10; Flaxman, North American Lace, 3; Fisher, Wilmington, 7; McGee, Somer-

set, and Placket, North American Lace, As the Veterans are almost certain to win the second division championship th win the second division championship this year, their promotion to the first division will follow as a matter of course. It will be interesting to see how prollife Hindman and McGee are in the first division.

Only 16 teams have entered for the Amateur Cup competition, but these 16 are the pick of the amateur clubs of the city. The surviving team will have a just claim to the amateur soccer cham-

just claim to the amateur soccer cham

pionship of Philadelphia.

It is rather unfortunate that the American League is so weak this year, because this has been an excellent year for soccer. While there is some talk of the best teams in the American, Allied and United Leagues combining this has often been predicted, but nothing has ever developed. Such an organization would do soccer in Philadelphia worlds of

chain the good will of the Allied League officials, they must assume a different attitude. The American League has always been Jealous of the popularity gained by the other organizations and such an attitude does the game no good ation is the thing to be desired id be brought about by those who have the interests of soccer at heart.

### Y. M. C. A. Swimmers Tie

senior team of the Central Branch, Y. A. defeated the senior team of West h by the score of 34 to 19 points, in all a pool has night, but the junior team est Branch evened matters up by defeat he junior team of Central Branch, the below 24 to 16.

# DAVE CALDWELL MAY TRY

Former Cornell Athlete Ted Meredith at His Best — Has Beaten Penn Flyer

SOME time this year Dave Caldwell, the former Cornell runner, intends to try for a world record in either the half or mile run. Furthermore, Jack Moakley, mile run. Furthermore, Jack Moakley, his former trainer, thinks he will suc-ceed. Caldwell's one ambition is to beat Ted Meredith. of Pennsylvania, in a half mile run, with both men in their best condition. That, he thinks, will be equiv-alent to the creation of a new world's record for the half mile.

Caldwell, who holds the intercollegiate half-mile record of 1:532-5, has already

half-mile record of 1:53 2-5, has already started his indoor campaign, and last week heat Meredith and a group of other middle-distance stars in a 1000-yard run. But his great effort he will reserve for some outdoor meet.

Every one who has seen Caldwell run agrees that he has it in him to equal or better Meredith's record for the 880 yards if he can correct two weaknesses. These are poor racing judgment and a tendency to start his final sprint too late. He has lost a great many races he should have to start his final sprint too late. He has lost a great many races he should have won for just these reasons. Some time things may break just right for him, and if so he might accomplish his aim in spite of his handicaps. But he is not likely to succeed, if Meredith, in condition, is one of his competitors.

Caldwell has a tremendously long stride and lots of speed. They form a combination admirably adapted to the haif mile, but more endurance is required before he can make good Moskley's prediction that he has it in him to make a new world record for the mile event.

The ex-Cornell star thinks he can go the longer distance, for he has been steadily

The ex-Cornell star thinks he can go the longer distance, for he has been steadily lengthening the distance of his runs. Originally he was a quarter-miler. That was when he was a student at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Here he was discovered by Bill Young, the old Amherst quarter-miler and intercollegiate champion. Young persuaded him to try for the American Olympic team. He did so, and by getting second to Mei Shepdid so, and by getting second to Mei Shep-pard, at Hoston, made the team. When he came back he entered Cornell, but had only one year of intercollegiate eligibility. He is now running for the Boston A. A. and is doing some great work.

Reiselt Defeats White Otto Reiselt won his sixth straight victory in the Regent Academy pocket billiard tournal ent inst hight, defeating Edward White. 125-1. By winning Reiselt clinched the chambonship.



# **BUDD QUINTET DEFEATS DOBSON** FOR LEADERSHIP

Standard Roller Gets the Decision Over Electric Storage Five

WHITE IS THE STAR

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE.

The triple tie, which has existed in the Industrial League for nearly a week between E. G. Budd, J. & J. Dobson and Western Electric was broken last night when the Budd boys, playing a brilliant floor game, defeated the Dobson quintet. The final score was 29 to 22. At the finish Dobson was rapidly gaining on Budd, and at the rate they were shooting field goals yould have tied their opponents in an-

other three minutes of play. In the Bidd-Dobson game, White was the man who held the balance of power. He managed to convert 16 out of 25 tries Battling Levinsky has from the 15-foot mark, besides one neat field goal from halfway down the floor. The game appeared to be a walkaway at the end of the first half, as the Budd men held the commanding lead of 18 to Quaker City hall, and made 14 points, while Budd was making a couple. Never-Budd men went away with the game that gave them the lead in the league

Opposed to White's clever foul shoot-Opposed to White's clever four shoot-ing was the indifferent work of Kindon, who began tossing the free ones for Dob-son. After he had failed seven times out of nine trials Kindon gave way to Lees in this department of play. Lees managed to cage 10 out of his 16 chances. Bactzel, the Eastern League referce, did the officiating. As usual, he called so many fouls that the game was not as snappy as it might otherwise have been. He also managed to call the same num-ber of fouls on both teams, hence there was no opportunity for either team to do

Standard Relier Bearing won from Eleostandard Relief Bearing won from Elec-tric Storage in a spiendid exhibition of up-hill work. Until the last few minutes of play, Electric Storage was leading by a comfortable margin, but a spectacular series of passes by the S. R. B.s gave them a one-point lead just as the whistle blew. The score was 24 to 22.

Swarthmore Track Schedule SWATTAMORE, Pa., Jan. 2d.—The 1916
rack schedule of Swarthmore College, an
trawn up by Manager William T. Fuhlig,
shows a total of eight meets for the season,
tve dual and three intercollegiate meets.
April 22, John Hopkins, at Raitimore; April
S. Fean voluys, at Philadelphia.
May 6, Rutgers, at Swarthmore; May 13,
fliddle States Intercollegiates, at New York;
May 17, New York University, at Swarthmore,
May 18, New York University, at Swarthmore,
May 19, Hayerford, at Hayerford, May 24,
adaysets, at Swarthmore; May 24,
A. (place undeciden).

OTHER SPORTS ON PAGE 9

# DAVE CALDWELL Don't Rack Your FORD apart it's the bumps and not the miles that show in your repair bill. Shock Absorbers e double acting. Protect your car from the imp and the "upthrow," too. Add to your com-rt and the life of your car. Durable because rings never carry weight of car. Attach with-ut drilling or cutting. \$15.00 per set of four. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Gaul, Derr & Shearer Co.

## PIANO IN TRAINING QUARTERS WOULD IMPROVE BOXERS' WORK

Kid Howard Originates Idea and Ad Wolgast Hammers Sparring Partner to Tune of "Die Wacht am Rhein"

### By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

BOXERS will train by note in the ager of a baser, I do not want to make a future. Instead of pickling their want to make a protest are loss. hands and face to harden them for the coming battles, they are practicing all of the latest dance steps, and a pleasant time is being had by all-

A couple of days ago kid Howard, the Chicago pugilistic impressario, moved a piane into his symmanium, and an ambitious musician began to perform. Har-mony was hurled among the boxers, who were taking their daily workout, and the result was startling.

Ad Wolgast was merely killing time with a sparring pastner, and was going through his stunts with the zent and en-thusiasm of a coatheaver working on a hot day. He seemed slow and listless and not day. He seemed slow and listless and was about ready to quit for the day. Suddenly there came a crash from the plano, and soon the strain of "The Wacht am Rhein" wafted in his direction. Wolgast stopped a left jab in midsir and lowered his hands. A look of surprise came over his face and he turned to see what was hancening. Then he grow mittely happening. Then he grew patriotic, sailed into his sparring partner and had him slumbering peacefully on the mat after two minutes of fighting. Two more boxers were called, and they, too, were laced unmercifully.

"I have boxed at shows where music was played between bouts," said Wolgast, "but this is the first time I have boxed to any tune. It is a good idea, and I shall have a plano in my training quarters in the future."

### Ryan Approves Idea

Adam Ryan also is enthusiastic over the idea. He gave out the following in-terview in his gymnasium today:

"Great stunt! Music and entertainment while boxers are in training would be of much benefit to them. Kid Howard has the right idea. With some one tickling the keys while the boys are working out, it would make them take training more it would make them take training more seriously. There would be some attraction in the sym for them. Some fighters figure a 10 or 15 minute workout daily is sufficient training for a match, and there are several who work even less time than that when only a few boxers are present. "However, it does not necessarily take a piano to be an attraction for training. Whenever Charley Theorems."

a plane to be an attraction for training. Whenever Charley Thomas is working in the gym the boys generally add 15 or 20 minutes to their training, for they are sure to hear the Kid sing. There are times when Thomas sings for fully half an hour while he punches the bag, skips the rope and shadow boxes.

"Then, again, little Benny Kaufman is about the funniest comedian I have ever seen in the gym. Whenever he and Bobby seen in the gym. Whenever he and Bobby Reynolds get together they get a laugh from the boxers working out because of their 'kidding' each other and joshing others. Everybody gets a call from them, whether it he newipaper man, manager, trainer or fighter,"

### Same Fred Welsh

Fred Welsh nearly won another fight. Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, O., outpointed the champion lightweight by a slight margin in a E-round no-decision bout in Cleveland last night. Griffith assumed the aggressive in most of the rounda, while Freddle, excepting in three of the rounda, played 1 oatly a defensive game. The first half of the battle was mostly a boxing exhibition, but the later rounds produced considerable slambang stuff. In the sixth and tenth Welsh forced Griffiths to the ropes after stinging him with his wicked left, but Griffiths kept well covered and the champion w: unable to covered and the champion w unable to

Battling Levinsky handed a fine past-ing to Al Reich, of New York, in their 2-round bout in the Boston Armory A. A. Levinsky never let up and pep-pered Reich with jabs that had him be-wildered. Reich almost toppled Levinsky with a right-ingrand music in the third. theld the commanding lead of 18 to
But Dobson came strong, much to
delight of the big crowd in the
laker City hall, and made 14 points,
liker City hall, and made 14 points,
like Budd was making a couple. Neverwhere Reich want d him to be.

Otto Wallace, sensational Milwaukee lightweight outpointed Packey Hommey, of New York, in a 10-round bout at Min-neapolis last night. Hommey off for this city after the bout. He meets Johnny Kilbane at the Olympia Monday night.

## Miss Marshall's Alibi

Here we have it. Miss Lozette Mar-shall wants another chance in Philadel-phia for her brother, Clarrie. The woman minager states her "compaion was duzed with a punch tanded by Harry Smith after the bell sounded at the end of the second round and although she advised Mirshall and his accords to claim a foul the bo fought on gamely, but he was unable to recover sufficiently to Salsh the fight. Misa Marshall's letter follows: Sir-Although billed as the only female m

itis to hox Smith again, as

## SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Enter Jim Coffey, Billy Gibson has sheed Frank Moran's two-time cictum before the spoilight again by challenging Jess Willard on behalf of the Onoline tilant. Giscon antounes he will your \$25,000 at once if the champin

### Bancroft Is Billiard Phenom



FREDDY WELSH LOSES HENRY HAUBER WINS YOUNG JACK O'BRIEN Feb. 3th 15 Rds. 15 Rds.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc. Makers

PALACE CLUB, Norristown, 50c, \$1, 81.50 Nonpareil A. C. Avenue Avenue Avenue

Young McGovern and Andy Burns



EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—O, SUCH INCANDESCENCE! IF EDISON COULD ONLY SEE YOU NOW, CARBONICUS!

