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TY COBB EXPLAINS WHY THIRD BASE IS EASIEST TO STEAL-OTHER SPORTING COMMENT

COBB AND HERZOG DIFFER ON REASON WHY THIRD IS EASIEST BASE TO PILFER

Reds' Manager Blames Most Steals of Third on Men Playing the Bag, While "Georgia Peach" Contends Lead From Second Is Responsible

TS IT easier to steal third base than second?

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Ty Cobb insists it is easier to steal third. The "Georgia Peach" is not quits sure why it is easier, but believes it is because he is able to get a larger lead from second. Charley Herzog, who is not only an excellent baserunner, but has played third, short and second, handling throws intended to stop base stealers, does not agree with Cobb as to the reason, but admits It is the casiest bag to pilfer.

As it is the same distance between second and third as it is between first and second, with the catcher having the advantage of making a shorter throw, it would seem that Cobb's argument is correct, but Herzog blames the number of steals of third base on the men playing the bag. The Cincinnati manager admits that a baserunner can get a better lead off second than he can when on first base, but he points out that the runner has two men, both of whom are behind him, to watch and who "hold him" to the keystone sack, which makes his lead off second no greater than a clever man will get from first base.

Herzog argues that the throw to second is longer and the catcher invariably throws to a moving man. It is the custom of major league catchers to throw the ball about two feet to the left of second base if the shortstop is covering, so that the fielder can take the ball while on the run and be in perfect position to tag the runner. If the ball is thrown to the right of the bag, the fielder is invariably unable to stop, and a runner sliding to the front of the bag can escape him. In throwing when the second baseman is covering, the backstop aims to the right side of the bag. If helthrew to the left or straight over the bag, the second baseman in covering would either be forced to overrun the bag or reach over for the ball and then come back the other way to tag the runner. . . .

Cobb's Slide Makes Third Easier

Herzog claims that Cobb finds it easier to steal third base because the baseman must have the ball before Cobb is within 10 feet of the bag, or he will find it almost impossible to tag him, as he must turn completely around after taking the throw. He adds that there are few third basemen in the game today who do not fear the runner's spikes on a steal, and the majority are out of position when they receive the catcher's throw.

After watching some of Mack's third sackers, including Frank Baker, miss Cobb time and again when the throw arrived soon enough to have retired the Detroit marvel easily, one is inclined to believe that Herzog is right. There are many highly rated third basemen who are almost helpless with a runner stealing, particularly if the batsman is wise enough to bluff a bunt when the steal is coming off. Indeed in this list is Honus Lobert, formerly of the Phils.

If one had argued that Lobert was a mark for a baserunner when he was with the Phils the fans would have resented it, but last season Whitted, Bancroft and others stole third and got away from Lobert when the Giant catchers made perfect pegs. It is an interesting argument and one which probably never will be decided to the unanimous satisfaction of the fans, but Herzog's opinion will be approved by third basemen who realize how difficult it is to watch the batter and baserunner, when he is invariably far in fr nt of the bag, until two men are out. The third baseman is forced to play up even then if a lefthander or fast runner is at bat.

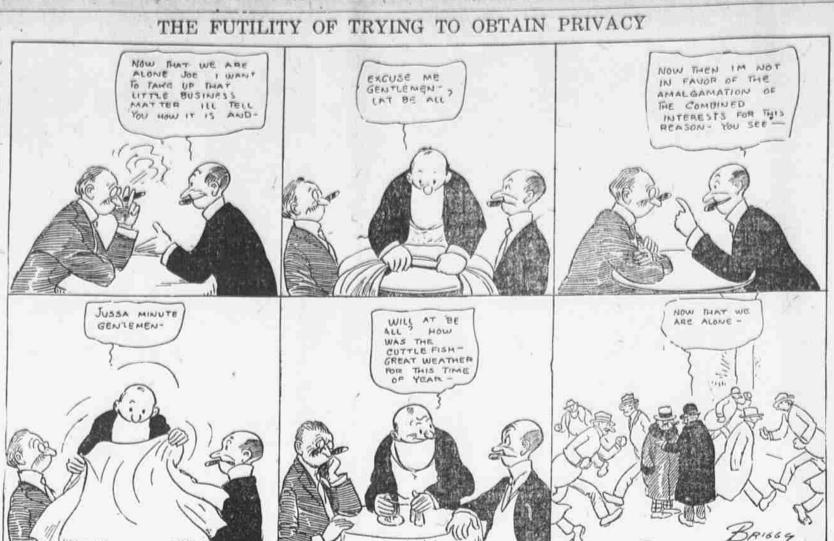
Perhaps the cleverest man in either league in putting the ball on a runner at third base is Bobby Byrne, of the Phillies. Herzog has always been rated as a star in this department, but he succeeds because he is aggressive and takes desperate chances in "riding" runners into the bag; whereas Byrne is clever and is always out of the way of the runner's spikes.

. . . Detroit Greatest Bowling City in the United States

The announcement that Philadelphia probably would be unable to organize and finance the 32 teams necessary to make it eligible to compete in the National Bowling Tournament next month brings out clearly that there is little interest in league and match bowling in this city-although the game is growing in popularity. Probably there are 10,000 steady bowlers in this city, but it seems that Philadelphians bowl more for exercise and pleasure than for competition.

Detroit, which is now looked upon as the leading bowling city in the from the championship eight of last sea-son, while Dave and BHI Feaster are the only men available from the second eight. In spite of the dearth of veteran oursmen United States, expect to enter at least 150 teams. The growth of the ancient pastime in Detroit has been marvelous. A census recently taken by the secretary of the combined bowling clubs of Detroit reveals the fact that there Captain Forbes believes another fast eight can be developed from the material that reported today. Outdoor workouts will begin on the Schuylkill River about are close to 50,000 howlers in that city, or one-fourth of the male population.

The report of the Alley Keepers' Association shows that over a million games were bowled in the Michigan city last year. There are 300 alleys, 225 leagues and 1450 teams. Several leagues for women bowlers have been organized this winter and some unusual bowlers have been developed among



75 CANDIDATES FOR W. PHILA. HIGH CREW

row-Ed Marsh May

Coach Again

Pennsylvania.

summers

Easter

The Bears are going strong in Mucko League, Practice Begins in Gym Tomor-A special match between a picked team Mucko League and a Camden auntet will rolled on Keystone Alleys tonight. Harry Mount had his new ball working in great shape.

T. B. Smith ran up against a hard proposi-tion in Tioga and lost the odd game.

Seventy-five embryo oarsmen, candi-dates for the West Philadelphia High School crew, reported to Captain Forbes and Manager Brown in the symnasium or the Orange and Blue school at 2 o'clock All teams in Philadelphia League look allke to Liberty Rell.

ing do Six hundred or no count for Fred Fick these balmy nights.

this afternoon. Tomorrow the candidates will commence practice on the rowing machines loaned by the University of It took the tailenders, Progressive, to stop Avil's flying Underdown sound, It was announced three weeks ago that

Scores of 1000 or more are of common ac urrence on Keystone alleys.

Northwestern and Underdown are having a tussle for the leadership of Artisans' Section

It was announced three weeks ago that the call for candidates would not be issued until the first of March, a month later than usual, because the Red and Blue needed the machines now at West Philadelphia. However, Penn has pur-chased new machines and the old ones will not be needed. Pirates occasionally have an off-night, but they continue to hold a good lead in Keystone Section A.

Manager Brown and Captain Forbes are endeavoring to obtain Edward Marsh, Boosters continue to set the pace in Key-tone Section B and are a hard team to beat. of the Malta Boat Club, to coach the eight

again this spring. *Marsh coached the Westerners last season and turned out a crew which captured the B. F. Keith tro-Edouard bettered its position at the expense of the Rangers and is now within striking dis-tance of the leaders.

phy, symbolic of the city scholastic cham-pionship, and will again take up the Columbus continues to improve and is hold ing its advantage in Knights of Columbus League. onship, and will again take up the aching duties if time can be spared from

Haven.

Captain-elect Forbes is the only veteran Jim Dalton is rolling a strong game for

Physical Director at

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL WHEN the Yale athletic authorities ap-

well-known graduates, Vance McCormick,

Hill School May Be

Named Graduate Manager at New

Columbus and easily leads for high average in Knights of Columbus League. The champion Switchbeard again is setting the pace in Western Electric League. Sogelken struck his gait and cracked out a 237 score.

Actna downed Camden in the odd game and is now only two games back of the leaders. The champion Mather & Co. has at last struck its stride and is rapidly forging to the front in the Insurance League.

Station S surprised Accounting by taking two games from them, which made it neces-sary for the latter to roll off the tle with firstallation for the championship of the first reason in Philadelphia Electric League.

If Fourth Street can keep up its recent spurt about soon overhaul the crack Franklin quad of the National Bank League.

Four Races for Middies

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 1.—The first crew t the Naval Academy will row four races its season, all but one of them on local aters. On May 13 the first and second eights. Aninapo Deat a atostan Deat a nis. On May 6 will bring Its erews to Anna will row

Jockey Ambrose Suspended

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—The stewards ere dissulated with the way Jockey Am-roace rode JI Barey, the 3 to 2 favorite, for 16 fifth ruce at the Fair Grounds track yea-rday, and suspended bin for the remainder of the meeting. Jim Basey nover was a factor the race, but held down inst place consistent

Goldsworthy Wounded NEWS OF LOCAL BOWLING ALLEYS LONDON, Feb. 1.-Elmer C. Goldsworthy, of onters, CaL, well known as a track athlete of tennis player, who received a medal for atmguished conduct in carrying dispatches user (fre at Yntree, has been wounded wo badly r inc at rives, has been wounded so robably will be invalided room the i worthy, who was working in Canao suthersak of the war, enhanded will use Patricia Regiment, and won a t rrying orders to the Canadana, who y wined out at Ypres. While lead of nine bomb-throwers recently he d 80 wounds from a German gre i killed all the other members of

Giants' Player to Coach Rutgers HAMMONTON, N. J., Feb. 1.—Charles Plez, a former crack Hammonton baseball player, new with the New York Glanta, will coach the Ruigers College team this spring.



CONTROL OF NEW

JUNIOR TENNIS

Interacademc League to De-

cde Whether Boys Can

Manage Own Affaors

MEETING TOMORROW

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D.

One of the most important moves

the new junior development plan in ph

adelphia tennis, which Dr. E. B. De

hurst, Mr. P. W. Gibbons and William

Tilden, 2d, are organizing and direction

is now at hand. The proposed Jun

Interacademic Tennis League, the k

note of which plan is to have the learn

run by the boys themselves, with sur vision by the schools, thus teaching youngsters how to handle tennis are

comes up for acceptance before the In academic Athletic Association at its nual meeting at Friends' Central Sci

It is believed, since the athletic administrates of junior tennis are, unquestion and the desirability of teaching the be

to run their own activities and make i self-supporting is evident, that the

will be accepted as a whole. Since

keynote of the whole plan is the Ju Committee management, a totally und thing here, but successful elsewhere,

since it is the first junior league a formed in Philadelphia, the idea sa of progress in a marked degree, juniors at all of the schools express th

selves as quite sure they can manage t lengue if allowed to try. The eyes of t Philadelphia tennis world are on the pla

and if it is given a fair trial and pro a success it will without doubt stamp schools in the league as having the m

advanced and progressive tennis p in the city and will win the approval as support of all our leading tennis me Should the plan be defeated, it will pro-

a great disappointment to all the fol-lowers of the game and show conclu-sively that the schools, at least, are un willing to co-operate in making Philade.

Giants Release Herbert

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-The New York ye tional League Club has announced it in released Pitcher Fred Herbert to the Tormu Club, of the International League. Herber played with Toronto has season, and was give a short trial by the Glants hast fall.

phia a tennis factor under the pr

system of development.

tomorrow afternoon.

UP FOR DEBATE

Cap Nock feels at home now and is knock-ng down double centuries with great reg-

MIKE SWEENEY BEST MAN

TO REVIVE ATHLETICS AT YALE

the fair sex. Detroit stands willing to match the winner of the Women' League championship, with any team of women bowlers in the country.

Little Chance for Seven-Inning Double-Header Rule

E. A. Batchelor, baseball writer for the Detroit Free Press, has suggested to President Johnson, of the American League, that both games of doubleheaders next season be limited to seven innings. Batchelor says this would enable the teams to start the games a little later and would also assure nine-innings of the second game unless the first contest was an over-time affair. It is said the American League will pay no attention to the suggestion.

There are several reasons why this rule would be unsatisfactory in the major leagues. The Southern League has passed no rule limiting games to seven innings, but during the 1915 seasons all double-header contests were shortened. The result was that several great records were not recognized and the short contests did not meet with the approval of the fans.

Fans in major league cities are paying well for their favorite sport and would not like the idea of having a contest cut short, particularly if the home team happened to have an excellent chance for victory. If the players did not waste too much time going to and from their positions, and in other ways delay games, there would be no need for protesting the late hour double-headers usually finish.

Local Experts Pick Reiselt as Coming Pool Champion

Billiard experts believe that a man has been developed who can take the pocket-billiard title from Alfredo De Oro, the world's champion, and who will be able to defend it successfully. The man picked by experts to topple De Oro from his throne is Otto Reiselt, the Philadelphian who won the open championship at the Regent Academy last week.

Reiselt is young and has not had as much match play experience as Ralph and a few others who have won from De Oro, but could not hold the title, Reiselt plays the style of game which should be effective mostly against the champion. It is conceded that the man who beats De Oro must be a player with plenty of nerve, and one who can execute successfully difficult shots which the average player would not try, as it is almost impossible to defeat the Cuban at the safety game.

In his matches with Ralph, former world's champion, and Fink, former Sate champion, both of which resulted in easy victories for Reiselt, the new marvel proved conclusively that he is a wonder at pulling almost impossible shoto at a critical stage. His safety play, when it was absolutely necessary, was remarkably clever, and during the entire tournament Reiselt seldom missed a shot after the balls had been opened to any extent.

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John McGraw is at it again. Two years ago the Giants' manager stirred up trouble by dickering with players of other teams when O. B. was staging its wonderful act of "saving them from the Feds." Now he is trying to get the veteran, Eddle Plank, claiming that the former Mackman is a free agent, his contract with the St. Louis Feds having expired last fall. As a matter of fact, Plank's contract with the Feds does not expire until after next season; and if it Penn Bowl Fatality Influences Wesdid. McGraw would not have a chance to induce the Browns to give up this great twirler.

The University of North Carolina has selected Tom Campbell, halfback on Harvard's 1911 Icam, as football coach for 1916. The selection of Campbell was a great surprise as his name had not even been mentioned in connection with the position previous to the meeting of the football committee. Campheil's souching experience has been confined to tutoring the Morristown, N. J. High School for the last two seasons.

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Basketball Notes Girard College played its first game under stercollegiate rules against Wenonab Military cademy Saturday. The only Philadelphia chools that are not playing under the inter-ollegiate idea are the three Catholic school cams-St. doe's. Catholic High and La Salle. t will be difficult for a team to map out a chedule next segmon unless they denire to play he intercollegiate rules.

The sconer the Eastern League magnates get (ter the officials and force them to disqualify layers for punching and unnecessary rough lay, the sconer the spirit will change for the eiter among the teams which are now at words rounds. points. -

It wouldn't be a bad idea for the Swarth-more crowd to slick the name of "sure shot" on Donnelly. Aby time he is allowed to get act he rime the ball.

Charley O'Donnell goes along for several games without getting a goal, but when one is needed, or the rest of the team is unable to score the Frackville speed boys marks up a few. He scored four of the five that Read-ing made against Jasper Saturday.

Twenty-seven games have been wen by visit a trains in the Eastern League this season at year the home clubs dropped 3d games be season still has seven weeks to run.

When it comes to sticking, no pair of guards have a thing on Fox and Friedman, of Jasper, but this sticking game doesn't get any points for the team, as one will note from the funding of the Jasper Club. The idea of bas-cettail is to play the ball, and not the man; but some players think the idea of the game is wrong. -

Anything is likely to happen in the Inter-cholastic League from pow on as nearly all f the scholastic teams lose their best players brough graduation.

Swarthmore Preparatory School, with an en-tirely new five, hus one of the best looking teams about these parts.

George School with a veteran team, is by long odds the best scholastic team in this sec-tion this winter.

They're having a great fight for first place in the Pennsylvania State League. Wilkes-Barre and Freeland are tied for first with Car-bondale one game back.

Not content to challenge the Eastern l champions to a series of games, the Int Lengeno offinials have also serie a defl Pennayivania Lengue. In order to make 1 interesting why not a three-cornered sci the fille? Reading had won five of its seven game with the Camden club, which is a pretty goe thelestions that Reading has something on th "excepter."

Eastern League magnates will gather for a outab at Cooper Battallon Friday night.

TO DROP "CANNON SCRAP"

leyan University Students

Optimization of the second state of the sec

tivanto studenta. The 'sorrap' has been held at midnight, pre-ding Wisehington's hirthday, the frashingen denvoring to bring the old Douglas camon the compute against the efforts of the soph-

Brink Thorne and John Kilpatrick, to investigate the football situation and secure a coach, it was thought that their work would be done when a successor to Frank Hinkey was picked. But out of this investigation a new movement has started. It is to give Yale a Department of Ath-letics, with a graduate manager or an

pointed a special committee of three

athletic director in charge. Yale is about the only big university In the country that never has had all its

athletics under the direction of one asso-ciation with a graduate manager in charge. Every sport has its own asso-ciation with students as its officers, though there is a graduate advisory system. Yale always has been conservative, and since the present system won for so many years the Elis believed it would

again strike its winning stride, although their rivals were finding that efficiency as well as athletic success were due to

the installation of a graduate manager. Yale is beginning to see the light, and such men as Professor Corwin, chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee, as well as the Yale Alumni Weekly are ad-

vocating the new system. With T. A. D. Jones picked as head coach of the football team, the problem is only half solved. Yale men seem to think that Michael F. Sweeney, former

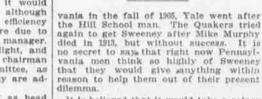
champion high jumper, now director of athletics at the Hill School, Pottstown, a necessary to complete reforms. Fur-

thermore, they are willing to take Sweeney under almost any conditions that he can be secured. He would be accept-able as track coach and football trainer or as director of all athletics.

or as director of an athietics. But how to get Sweeney is a different matter. If Yale has advanced any propo-sition tempting enough to get Sweeney away from the Hill School, a good many other universities would like to know as a matter of curiosity just what it is. For it is a well-known fact that for years Sweeney has had standing offers from

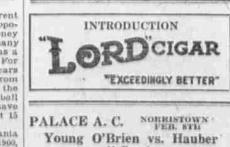
Sweeney has had standing offers from several of the loading universities of the country to act an track coach and football trainer. Both Pennsylvania and Yale have ried regularly for him within the last 15 years.

years. When Mike Murphy left Pennsylvania and went to Yale in the summer of 1960, Pennsylvania tried hard to get Sweeney. Then when Murphy returned to Pennsyl-JACK EARROL vs. LEW FINK-10 Rounds 50c. \$1.00. \$1.50



MICHAEL F. SWEENEY

It is believed that it would take a salary well over \$5000 to tempt Sweeney. At the Hill School he is so well thought of that he has been made an officer of the school and given a number of assistant coaches, so that he is now more of athletic unperviser than coach. It is because he supervisor than ceach. It is because he is so well connected at Hill School that his friends will be greatly surprised if Yale succeeds in getting him.



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