RED AND BLUE CREWS SADLY IN NEED OF NEW BOATHOUSE ON THE SCHUYLKILL

PENNSYLVANIA IN SORE NEED OF AN UP-TO-DATE NEW BOATHOUSE FOR CREW

Future of the Sport Depends on Action Taken in This Important Matter-Other Comment on Sports

Now that the University of Pennsylvania trustees have given the Athletic group of alumni ought to be generous enough to provide the crews with an up-toits boathouse on the west bank of the Schuylkill river. Not until such a boatuse is secured will the Quakers be able to make rowing the popular sport it is

For years Pennsylvania has been the most important rowing organization along Boathouse Row, but it has the poorest facilities for the development of its crews. Virtually all of the clubs on either side are better equipped.

For the last 20 years the Pennsylvania rowing authorities have been laying plans to finance a new boathouse. The last attempt was made three or four years ago, and a sum of five or six thousand dollars was raised for a boxthouse designed to cost about \$59,000. But the movement failed on account of hard times, and the committee in charge was obliged to return the money

Better Rowing Facilities in Great Need

The only way to make rowing popular at any university is to provide facilities so that the average student can indulge in rowing without being obliged "to make" a crew. At both Harvard and Princeton there are facilities for the students to go out in singles and doubles whenever they wish. At Pennsylvania students can take part in rowing only by making a crew, and that kind of rowing is hard work, never for pleasure,

It is the plan of the rowing authorities, if the finances of the association again make a movement possible, to have the boathouse on the west side of the river, where it can be reached from the University. To get to the present quarters requires a three-quarters of an hour trip. When a boathouse on the west river bank is a reality, with accommodations for singles and doubles, rowing at the Quaker Institution will boom.

Colleges Not Obligated to the A. A. U.

Why should any one assume that college athletes are under any obligation to support the national A. A. U. indoor championships Saturday night? Yet one New York critic rebukes Princeton and Pennsylvania because they are sending their relay teams west on that occasion instead of to New York. Even Secretary Rublen, of the A. A. U., is quoted as contemplating some drastic punishment Because Harvard and Yale, with no other meets to attract their athletes, decide to send two or three of their best men is no reason why Pennsylvania and Princeton should cancel western dates made long ago.

As a matter of fact, Pennsylvania always has given more generous support io A. A. U. meets than any other university in the East. All winter long the Quakers have been sending Meredith and other men to various indoor games in New York and Brooklyn. During the outdoor season, too, the Quakers have frequently been represented.

Judged only from the athletic standpoint, the A. A. U. ought to be glad that the Quakers and Tigers are sending their one-mile relay teams to the West. There they will do a lot of good missionary work and interest many more youngsters in track and field sports than by going to New York. Not only that, but those who feel peeved that Captains Meredith and Moore are leading their teams West should remember that the alumni of these two institutions, who pine for a view for their representatives, also deserve some consideration.

Thorpe Not Improving as Baseball Player

The case of Jim Thorpe is one of the most peculiar in athletic history. With the exception of baseball, no greater all-round athlete ever lived than the ex-Carlisle student. At the Olympic games in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912. Thorpe proved conclusively that he was the world's greatest track and field athlete by winning both the pentathion and decathion. Since then his trophies have been taken away from him on the ground of professionalism, but that does not affect the fact that he won them.

On the football field Thorpe was a marvel. He could run as often as needed with the ball and always gain ground. He was a splendid defensive player and a remarkably effective punter, an accurate and long distance drop kicker and a wonderful forward passer. In short, he was everything that a football player should be. Thorpe is also good in minor sports, such as swimming, rowing and of all the fun basketball

Yet the chances seem to be that Jim will never make good as a major league baseball player, in spite of his speed, clear eye and athletic knack. The trouble is that he hasn't any baseball instinct. What he has done has been acquired by hard work under the careful tutelage of John McGraw. This spring Thorpe does not seem to have improved any, and it appears very much as if he will be released in the near future unless he takes a sudden brace in both batting and

West Philadelphia High Deserves Athletic Field

Followers of schoolboy sport are watching with interest the campaign With endless speed of the West Philadelphia High School students, faculty and principal in And power for the peg. their endeavor to interest influential business men in an athletic field for the Institution. The campaign has been in progress more than two weeks, with the result that a dozen business associations have pledged to give the school a helping hand.

A suitable field for conducting interclass and interschool sports has always been the pressing need for the West Philadelphians. The lack of a field is all the more keenly felt, because the West Philadelphia students have always shown an eagerness for athletics, and in interschool sports their closest rivals, Central High and Northeast, both have fields.

Those on the speaking tour of the business associations point out that numerous vacant lots in West Philadelphia are available. All that is needed to transform one of them into a field for sports would be the permission from Councils. The intention is to prevail upon the business men to influence their Councilmen to pass a bill which will turn one of these lots over to the school, The Athletic Association at West Philadelphia promises to do the rest, and has already devised several schemes whereby money can be raised for the

Had to Rent Grounds

In the past the West Philadelphia school has managed to conduct athletics Of easy fame without a regular field, but private grounds had to be rented for the various And royal circumstance. games, and practice was conducted any place and any time a generous property owner or institution loaned a field for the purpose. In many instances games that would bring a revenue to the athletic treasury had to be played on public property. As no admission could be charged, the sports would not pay for themselves, and the maintenance of athletic affairs came about by levies on the students.

The worst drawback, however, has not been to the students that compete in Interschool contests, but to the average student that goes into sports for the exercise and not the competitive feature. Such students have been unable to play baseball, tennis and such minor sports, made possible at the fields of the other high schools. Moreover, the students of the Girls' West Philadelphia School lack a place for exercise. In this day athletics are growing in favor more and more among the schools for girls, and naturally their need of a field has likewise become pressing.

The campaigners, therefore, take every opportunity to emphasize that the athletic field, should it become a reality, will be shared by the students of the girls' school. Plans for the field have been drawn up to show the public just what is wanted. They call for nothing that other Philadelphia high schools do not already have.

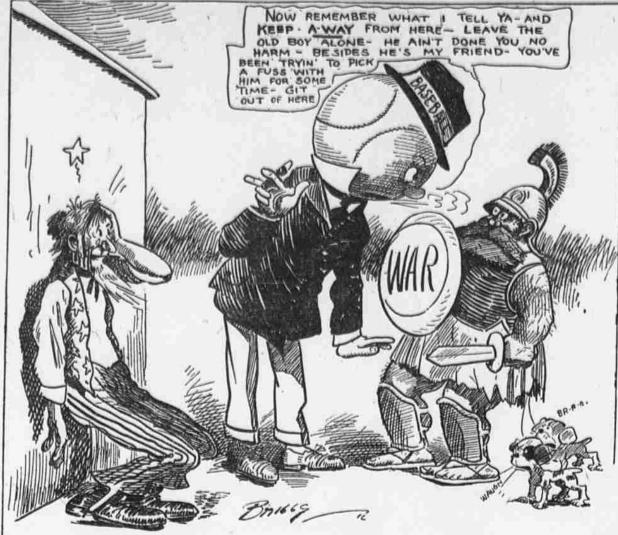
Those Cornell oarsmen who are having their stroke set for them by an electric bulb, which relentlessly flashes the signal for them to heave to, will soon imagine themselves galley slaves. Rowing always did look like a cruel sport

Interest in the ten-round match between Mike Gibbons and Jeff Smith at St. Paul Friday night is causing even more interest in the Twin City than the Gibbons-Young Ahearn scrap that ended so disastrously for the Brooklyn middleweight. According to reports, the bout will attract more gate money than the latter centest did. Mike, of course, is the favorite.

Joe Evers and Paul Cobb, of the Terre Haute baseball club, have brothers with the Hoston Braves and Detroit Tigers, respectively, John and Tyrus.

Bonny Kauff, down at Marlin, Tex., With the New York Giants, admits that his tatting will be equally as good with McGraw's club as it was in his eld barth. Sen, say reports, is doing little loading, and has been among the first players to start for the ball lot these mornings.

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I saw him next
Back in the Bush again.
The circle finished and the journey done;
An old and broken man at thirty-three,

Still heard from far away.

From other years,
The mighty roar of twenty thousand men

And still they wondered

Of some lost June Back in another age Where Youth, raw Youth, Was sweeping him along.

Like this each afternoon."

A fuded dream

mocking, in its course

Why he was a crab.

By GRANTLAND RICE

There-Up-and Back

I saw him first a kid— A hard, free swinging devil in the Bush; Fast; as the winds that sweep the open

Fast; as the winds that the plain,
plain,
As fast as lightning-flashes down the sky,
With rippling muscles wrought of tempered steel,
Steel springs within his arm And in his legs.

And in his face The burning glow of Youth,
Raw Youth that turned his labor into
play,
And made him romp and revel

That he was having there.

And then I saw him in a higher league.

A kid just coming on 10 know his worth, Who looked ahead who tooked ahead
And dreamed of Big League fame,
The plaudits of ten thousand raving fans,
And all the Hip-hip and the rest of it
That halled "Another Cobb,"
4 coming Teles

l saw him next When he had reached the top; A mighty ruler in the Realm of Swat, Where raving thousands Cheered his regal sway

And all the world lay at his steel-shod feet; Where blazing headlines Gave his Batting Eye High place with War And armies on the march, Or precedence above

Such tawdy things as diplomats and exars; For he could hit With any man that lived And range afar for hits that others made.

And so for ten great years he held his And saw the world but in the rose-eared

And then I saw the arm once made of steel Begin to rust and creak and lose its snap; I saw the drag that came upon his speed

As cheers turned into jeers

Where day by day

His waning blows popped into waiting
hands;

I saw the smile fade out from his face That urned, bewildered, to a crowd that Had been his friend, but now



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FRANK BAKER BUSY WITH BAT CHASING KIDS AFTER DRIVES

Fence Buster Takes Long Practice in Hitting Every Day

MACON, Ga., March 15 .- Frank Baker at his worst represents a grade of stick work which the average ball player would be well satisfied to reach, but evidently Baker is far from satisfied with his present standing as a Son of Swat.

Working along the theory that practice beggets improvement, even when it cannot

begets improvement, even when it cannot bring about perfection, the home-run king spends every possible minute of the daily practice sessions in tuning up that famous

"Back to the Bush, you bonehead, on the jump." "Go get a crutch, go out somewhere and die!" practice sessions in tuning up that famous batting eye.

Those injured fingers may be somewhat frail when the championship season opens, but there is every indication that Baker's batting eye and shoulder muscles will have reached their full development. With his trusty stick Baker spends most of these afternoons out near the right-field fence, batting just as long as anybody can be found to pitch to him.

found to pitch to him.

The renowned fence buster has a flock of Macon youngsters at his call every aft-Who played as in a dream,
And who above
The taunting jeers that came
From tank town fans that jeered his
labored play ernoon, and they never seem to tire chas-ing his drives, which range all the way to the foul line in left field.

R. Johnson Sold by Red Sox BOSTON, March 15.—The sale of Pitcher A. Rankin Johnson to the Fort Worth Club, of the Texas League, has been announced by President Lannin, of the Boston Americans. The price was 1300, he said.





TILDEN SAYS HANDICAPPING IS WORSE THAN RANKING

Offers Some Solution of the Problem of Giving Points in Various Classes of Tennis Tournaments

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

RANKING or handicapping? Which is insure keen competition in each class. It also means that the best man wins, a thing which seldom happens under our landicapping system.

Query. Oh, what is so rare as a day to line? that I have beaten the same year ranked ahead of me, or go out and owe some ahead of me, or go out and owe some dub "20" every game, play for about three hours and either beat him or get beaten about 6-1, 6-1. Both of these are among "the unspeakable atrocities of tennis."

It certainly is a blow to consider 60-70, but it is worse yet to slave for hours beating some person that under ordinary circumstances you would beat in about 20 minutes.

Consider for one moment what handicapping does. It robs a brilliant man of his chief asset-speed-since against any handicap bigger than "owe 15," the loss of one of the first two points means practically loss of the game, and you don't dare take a chance. It is discouraging. Secondly, it absolutely does away with any comparison of players' merits, since no man can play his normal average game

The man playing with it takes all kinds of chances he otherwise would not take, while the better player dare not take the ordinary chances, since to do so might place him in a hole.

either with or against a handicap.

Thirdly, what credit is there coming to a person for beating a good man if you have been given a handicap. None. You didn't beat him. He beat himself. Handicaps kill competition, and development and progress in tennis depends on keen

competition for incentive.

There are many other arguments against handicapping, so many and various that we will not go into them; then the Evening Ledoen is exceedingly careful of the language used in its pages, and the language of many of the arguments used by tennis players on handicapused by tennis players on handicap-

ping would not look well.

What is the solution to the question of handicaps? Class tournaments. Rank players by classes and play regular elimination tournaments in each class, the winners of those classes to play off an elimination event to decide the championship of ation event to decide the championship of whatever the event may be. This plan is especially suitable for club champion-ships, the favorits hiding place of handicap tournaments. This class system will keep the man who growls about "meeting men too good for him" quiet. It also will

in June? Answer. A fairly handicapped tennia tournament. It is so rare that it is ex-

COLLEGE REGATTA DATE MAY BE SET FOR JUNE 24

Big Crew Race Probably to Be Held on Lake Cayuga

Although the date for the Intercollegiate Regatta has not been definitely decided upon, the races will, no doubt, he rowed on Lake Cayuga, at Ithaca, on or about June 24. J. Howard Elsenbrey, chairman of the Bowing Committee at Penn, received a letter from Morton G. Bogue, the Columbian representative on the board of stewards, yesterday.

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In this letter Mr. Bogue stated that the railroad authorities had definitely stated the impossibility of making adequate arrangements for the race at Poughkeepsle, on June 30 or 31. This leaves but June 17 and 24 open. Pennyauthorities, however, feel that it is an impossibility to choose the earlier date, on account of the examinations held around that date.

The Rowing Committee will meet today.

The Rowing Committee will meet today in the offices of John Arthur Brown, a member of the committee, and the matter will in all probability be threshed out

Miss Samuel Foil Champion Miss Dorothea Samuel won the title in the women fencers' tournament for Pennsylvania prestige at the Herrmann's Physical Training Institute.

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