

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 Association the use of one of the museum plots for a recreation centre, some group of alumni ought to be generous enough to provide the crews with an up-to-date boathouse on the west bank of the Schuylkill river.

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.

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.

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?

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.

West Philadelphia High Deserves Athletic Field Followers of schoolboy sport are watching with interest the campaign of the West Philadelphia High School students, faculty and principal in their endeavor to interest influential business men in an athletic field for the institution.

Had to Rent Grounds In the past the West Philadelphia school has managed to conduct athletics without a regular field, but private grounds had to be rented for the various games, and practice was conducted any place and any time a generous property owner or institution loaned a field for the purpose.

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.

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.

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They Come and Stay Awhile, and Yet They Soon Depart and All the Fans Forget

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 plain.

And then I saw him in a higher league. A kid just coming on to know his worth, Who looked ahead.

I saw him next When he had reached the top; A mighty ruler in the Realm of Sweat, Where raving thousands cheered his regal sway.

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.

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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 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 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.

The renowned fence buster has a flock of Macon youngsters at his call every afternoon, and they never seem to tire chasing 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 R. Johnson to the Red Sox has been announced by President Lammie, of the Boston Americans. The price was \$300, he said.

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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 the greater evil? From my standpoint, I don't know whether I would rather be ranked 60-70, with 10 men that I have beaten the same year ranked ahead of me, or go out and owe some dub "30" every game, play for about three hours and either beat him or get beaten about 6-1, 6-1.

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 "two 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 either with or against a handicap.

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.

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.

There are many other arguments against handicapping, so many and various that we will not go into them; then the EVENING LEDGER is exceedingly careful of the language used in its pages, and the language of many of the arguments used by tennis players on handicapping would not look well.

What is the solution to the question of handicapping? 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 whatever the event may be.

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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, be rowed on Lake Cayuga, at Ithaca, on or about June 24.

In this letter Mr. Bogue stated that the railroad authorities had definitely stated the impossibility of making adequate arrangements for the race at Poughkeepsie, on June 30 or 31.

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 there.

Miss Samuel Foil Champion Miss Dorothy Samuel won the title in the women fencers' tournament for Pennsylvanians at the Herrman's Physical Training Institute.

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