# ENN FACULTY'S COMMITTEE'S RULING BARRING BIG GUARD HARD BLOW TO QUAKER ELEVEN

## LOSS OF NEILL, PENN'S STAR GUARD, WILL BE FELT IN GAME AGAINST HARLOW'S STATE TEAM

## Action of Faculty in Declaring Big Lineman Ineligible, Combined With Henning's Absence Through Illness, Handicaps Folwell

THE loss of Billy Nell, who was declared ineligible by the Penn faculty yester-, is a severe blow to the Red and Blue football team, and the first effects Il be felt in the battle with State College tomorrow. The big guard was one of stays in the line and was used principally to open holes for the backs on he attack. He also did well on the defense, few yards being gained through n this and last sesson. His work was not of the flashy sort and attracted little ation in the games, but he played a steady, consistent game, was fighting and from start to finish and could be depended upon at all times. The coaches knew his true worth, and some tall hustling must be done to get a man to take

Henning's loss crippled the team considerably, but the coaches felt that Neill lend some aid to his substitute, Manny Wirkman. Nelli helped the new man and probably would have been of more assistance had he remained in the Now Wirkman is the veteran and he in turn must lend a helping hand to wann, Wagoner or Ertresvaag, or whoever is selected to play right guard. It can be seen that Penn's chances to win from State are not so rosy as beare and Bob Folwell's men will be mighty lucky if the battle does not turn against About twenty-five per cent of the team's strength is lost.

The guard positions are the most important on the team. They flank the center, next him while passing the ball, and it is up to them to put up a stone wall dese against the attacks that are hurled at the center of the line. The guards st think quickly, diagnose plays, get into interference and do everything the men are supposed to do. In other words, they must be experienced players, and it takes time to develop them. It is a certainty that Buck Wharton, line coach, will not have time to teach a man all of the tricks in a couple of days, or even a couple of weeks. A good guard must have had some experience in big games, and the first lesson for the new man-whoever he may be-will be against State.

## Penn State Uses Line-Smashing Attack

Dick HARLOW has a terrific line-smashing attack which is directed at the center and tackles. Most of the gains are made through these plays. Larry Whitney, the famous pile-driving Dartmouth fullback, is assisting Harlow, and ne of the old Hanover tricks have been taught the players. Two inexperienced uards will have lots of trouble stopping those plays, and it's a cinch that they will be used constantly. It means that the brunt of the work will fall on the houlders of Lud Wray, at center, and Captain Mathews and Little, the tackles. and the question is, will they stand up under the strain?

Mathews and Little are two of the best tackles in the East, and no doubt will sh the plays directed at them. That being the case, Ewing, the State quarterack, soon will find the weakness in the line and shoot the plays at the guards Instead. Some excellent line plunging should be seen in the game. If Wirkman can hold his own Wray will be able to help the new man. If not-well, it looks very sad for the home folks.

Howard Berry, the intrepid soldier-athlete, will strengthen the backfield, and Light should be a big improvement at quarter. Both of these men are fast and run well with the ball; but as Grant Rice says, "What good is a speedy man to a team If he is nalled before he starts?" All of which places the onus on the linemen, and it is SOME onus. Bob Folwell is having tough luck at Penn this year, but there one consolation: Every coach in the country, including Glenn Warner, Al Sharpe, Percy Haughton; Alonzo Stagg, Tad Jones, Bill Hollenback, Frank Cavapaugh and Bill Roper, could not turn out a team, even if they worked together. provided there was no material with which to build a team.

### Princeton and Harvard Will Have Easy Time

DRINCETON and Harvard will have a nice, easy time with their opponents tomorrow, the former meeting Lafayette and the Crimson mingling with the Massachusetts Aggles. Billy Crowell's Eastonians are not what might be called a strong team this year, and should offer little opposition to the Tigers. The Aggles, o gave Harvard a hard battle last year, are not likely to repeat, as the Crimson already has felt the sting of defeat, and will take no chances. The game will be dress rehearsal for the Cornell conflict a week hence, and Percy Haughton will a better line on his men. Cornell tackles Bucknell at Ithaca, but little trouble expected up there. Bucknell lost to State by an overwhelming score, and Docfor Sharpe's athletes will attempt to duplicate the feat.

There is one game which probably will be buried among the others, but it its like one of the best of the day. The strong Navy team meets West Virginia at Annapolis, and some real football will be shown. West Virginia gave Penn a ard battle and came back against Virginia Poly, beating it, 20 to 0, last Sat-The Morgantown eleven is exceptionally strong, and will test out the ited strength of the Middles. The Navy, however, played a hard game with Pitt last Saturday, and several of the best men have been haid up with injuries. If these players get back into the game West Virginia will have a hard time.

But the REAL combat will be staged in Syracuse, N. Y., where Large William enback is laboring with a gang of steam rollers on the Syracuse football team. This flock of feroclous fighters will go up against the University of Pittsburgh, and at the end the championship aspirations of one team will be laid away on the shelf for another year. Both Pitt and Syracuse look like the best teams this year. notwithstanding the early splurges made by Yale and Princeton.

and a bigger standard-which is more important. Pitt went through the season last year with a clean string of victories, and Syracuse lost only one game-Princeton winning, 3 to .0. A tie game was played with Dartmouth, but all of the other eastern games resulted in victories. Pitt looks good, but so does Syracuse, and the result is a toss-up.



## CAPTAIN MATHEWS TELLS WHY BILLY NEILL WAS DECLARED INELIGIBLE BY THE FACULTY

## By NEIL MATHEWS

## Captain Penn Football Team

deal, it served to put more fighting spirit into our players, and you can rest assured that there will be a battle royal staged to-morrow against State. Harlow's team is Penn appears to be getting lots of tough breaks this season. Just when we thought our line-up was settled and the team had at last struck its stride a ruling by the faculty deprived us of the services of our best guard, the veteran Billy Neill. If Neill had been barred before the season opened had been barred before the abad way now, as we would not be in such a bad way now, an another guard would have been schooled to take his place; but his disquilification, coming on the eve of the State game, is a bet we will

A few weeks ago we lost Charley Hen-

State may beat us, but Harlow's team will have to fight all the way, and you can bet we will fight just as hard if the score is 50 to 0 against us as we would if we were leading in a close game. We have a par-ticular reason for wishing to beat State, and Penn teams generally come through when playing games of this sort. ning, who is, to my way of thinking, the best guard in the country today, and I think the majority of critics will agree with me. As a team Henning and Neill were as good **Practice Handling Ball** 

As a team Henning and Nell were as good as any pair in the country, all things con-sidered, and losing them makes a great hole in a department of the team that was causing the conches the least worry. I want to explain our position in the Nell chars, so that no one can have any doubt but what Pennaylvania acted in good faith and did not intentionally use an ineligible player is in the set of some The weather interfered with the practice Coach Folwell had outlined for us yester-day. Folwell intended sending us through day. a stiff scrimmage with the scrubs, but when he saw the condition of the field he decided to take no chances. We got nome excellent practice handling the ball, nowever, and ran through a stiff signal Before the season opened every player drill.

During the signal drill Swann was sta-tioned at right guard in Neill's old place, and indications are that he will start the game against State. Swann has shown wonderful improvement, and if he gets off to a good start, should develop into a star. Until two weeks are Swann's football exin the squad was compelled to fill out and sign a blank telling of his past experience in football. These blanks were turned over to the faculty committee on athletics, and unless they were passed by this body a man could not represent Penn on the grid:ron.

Until two weeks ago Swann's football ex-perience had been limited to leas than a season in high school, and he did not re-In filling out his blank Neill stated clearly that he had played football for three years at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash, but explained that in his first year port for practice until after the regular season had opened.

Swann was with the scrubs only two days when his strength and aggressiveness at-tracted the attention of Coach Wharton, who took him in hand and brought him at Whitman that institution was not known as a college, but was considered a prepara-tory school, on the same plane with some of the business colleges in this city. In his first year at Whitman Neill took a pre-paratory school course, as he never had a diploma from any high school, but before the following term Whitman was bequeathed a large sum of money, built new buildings, put in new departments and branched forth as a full-fledged college. Neill back two years at Whitman when matches

#### **"JOE" ARMSTRONG** bens, Ted Whitney, E. W. Wilson, Jr., T. R. Pell and Richard Harte. He was beaten **MOST VERSATILE** by Washburn in three sets in the semifinals. Then came the national, when he fell **RACQUET WIELDER** before the terrific attack of Willis E. Davis in one of the finest matches of the whole ournament.

## By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

Following closely on the heels of Harold A. Throckmorton, and, in fact, in the minds of many students of tennts quite on a pai with him, is a Philadelphian, Joseph J. Armstrong, 1915 Pennsylvania State champion. Armstrong made a magnificent record this year, and but for his unfortunate defeat by Hunter at Newport would un-

doubtedly have been a first ten-man. Armstrong went to the third round of the

Pennsylvania State, in which he was the playing-through titleholder, when he went down in defeat in straight sets before Tilden.

Then came the Delaware State. in which he was challenger. He defeated Stanley W. Pearson, our 1916 Philadelphia champion. two sets to one, in the semifinals, and won from Tilden in the finals, 1.6, 8.6, 3-6, 6-4 default, when Tilden at 4-3 in his favor in the fourth set went out with a pulled tendon and a case of cramps. Armstrong was beaten by Church, three sets to one, in the

challenge round. Then came Longwood, where he made his

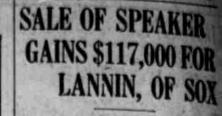
Then came Longwood, where he made his greatest record of the year. He defeated E. E. Ingram, H. V. D. Johns and Billy Mc-Elroy in the first three rounds with the loss of only one set, that to McEllroy. Then he met "Peck" Griffin, who had previously defeated in turn R. N. Williams, 2d, and T. R. Pell. He defeated Griffin in five sets, 5-3, 3-6, 5-3, 5-7, 5-4. He followed bis hy crushing Irving Wright in straight this by crushing Irving Wright in straight sets and capped the climax of his triumphs by putting out Ichiya Kumagas in straight sets in the semtfinal.

In the final he was swamped by John-sten, who by a momentary lapse allowed him one set. It was but natural that there should be a reaction from such a string of

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Armstrong did not play at Seabright. Kewport he fell badly and was smeared



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HAS any one stopped to figure out the

the Speaker sale last April? Symaking of high finance, which quie a few are, this sale was the record break of them all.

To begin with, Lannin got \$50,000 \$

cash. In the next place, he saved \$10,000 work of salary with Walker in Speaker's place. In the third place, instead of Breaker up the American League race area August, as he would have done with The on hand Latting .355, he played to crowds through the West in September The difference between a close race of a one-sided one was easily worth \$10,000

With Speaker on hand, the Red Box we have come fairly close to making it straight, as Brooklyn's only victory won or, a drive to center field that of

won of, a drive to center field that one Speaker could have caught. This earn game was worth \$37,500 more. So, by the simple process of addition taking a few "ifs" for granted, Owne Lannin all told cleaned up about \$117,600 on the Speaker sale. Or, rather, he was about \$117,600 richor than he would have been if Tris had been retained.

### Not to Forget

In addition to which Speaker brought is or was responsible for more than \$10,50 extra at the Cleveland gafe.

So Cleveland has Speaker and a profit or the sale, while Lannin has \$117,000. Con-siderable institution. Mr. Speaker,

"In Speaker," queries a fan, "any greater outfielder than Jimmy McAleer used to be at his best?" Jimmy in his prime was a trille before our sightseeing epoch, m we are in no position to render an official disp nosis. Speaker is certainly the greater outfielding outfielder of the last twenty ware tournament. Jeseph J. Armstrong has one of the most versatile and well-rounded games in Ameri-can tennis. He is equally at home in the back court or at the net. His foreband is either a severe chop stroke or a swift and topped drive. His backhand is an accurate slice shot that skids low off the ground when it bounces. Accuracy and intelli-gence coupled with fighting ability, mark Armstrong as one of the great tournament players of America. He is never so good as when he is behind. at his best?" Jimmy in his prime was a trille before our sightseeing epoch, as we trille before our sightseeing epoch, as we soutfielding outfielder of the last twenty years. **Force of Habit** 



## Look for Action When Tennis Solons Meet

FINE young scrap is scheduled to be staged at the annual meeting of the A United States National Lawn Tennis Association this winter in New York. The edict of the executive committee barring all players engaged in selling sporting goods from competing as amateurs will come up before the delegates to be acted upon, and a rousing time is expected. The ruling of the executive committee gives players now in the sporting goods business until the spring of 1918 to find another ans of livelihood. But the feeling among the rank and file of tennis players is so strongly against the rule that it is not likely to be passed.

straw that broke the camel's back was the recent action taken by the assostation's acrobatic president, George Townsend Adee, barring Miss Claire Cassell competing in tournaments held under the auspices of the national association, on the ground that because she was a professional skater she was also a proonal tennis player.

Miss Cassell happened to become a professional skater by the merest accident. e night at a roof-garden rink in New York her remarkable gracefulness and skatare ability attracted the attention of the manager of the place, and he immediately raged her to give exhibitions. She then attracted greater attention and went with the "Hip, Hip, Hooray" company, now playing at the Metropolitan Opera House. And because of this she is a professional tennis player, along with John Philip Bousa and other members of the company:

The ineligibility of Billy Neill probably will cause the Penn coaches to rush Bill Henning into the line-up sooner than was expected. It is hoped that Doctor Hancock makes sure that Henning has recovered entirely from his operation for licitis before he is allowed to do any scrimmage work, as he will be needed more against Michigan and Cornell than against Lafayette and Dartmouth.

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Penn coaches declare that Johnny Weldon, the Lafayette halfback, is the best all around back in the East. They contend that he is the ideal combination man and the most dangerous individual back who will oppose Penn this season. Weldon's work against Penn and Lehigh last fall was wonderful, but only one or two critics even mentioned his name in picking All-America elevens. It is another care of a star being buried on a smaller college team.

great blow.

player in its early games.

**Took Prep Course** 

Nelli played two years at Whitman when It was considered a college and while he was taking a college course, but he did not consider that his first year should be counted against him. He did not try to deceive the faculty committee in any way, and it passed him without question, which made him eligible for our early games.

According to the rules, a player is not permitted to play more than four years of college footbal altogether, and cannot represent a large, college for more than three years. As last season was Neill's first on the Penn team and we did not consider that the first year at Whitman should be counted against him, we believed that he was eligible for another year of college foot-

bail, and so did the faculty committee until days ago. The coach of one of the teams on ou

The coach of one of the teams on our schedule wrote to a member of the faculty committee asking that Nelli be withdrawn, and in order to assure other colleges and the public that Penn was aboveboard so far as its eligibility code is concerned, the hvaky guard was declared ineligible, though the faculty committee really believes that Nelli should be allowed to play. While the eleventh-hour disqualification of Nelli has weakened the team a great

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F. T. Hunter in the second round after he bad defeated Fred Baggs in the first. At Southampton, Armstrong again struck American Places Ban on Players of



Plans for the 1916 campaign were mapped out at a special meetine of the American League of Raskethall Chube held in Our Lady of Mercy's Clubrooms last night. A resolution was adopted as follows, "Any man signed by an Eastern, Pennsylvania State or Informatic League club shall not be eligible to play in the American League while his mome is on the router of any club in said league. The following officers were elected: Presi-dent. William Allen, Mee president, William Bythlost; secretary, D. J. Dunn; assistant sec-retary, A. S. Hauck; treasurer, Y. J. O'Connor. The games will be played on Monday and Pri-day nights at Natatorium Hall.

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