

BASKETBALL NEEDS ASSISTANCE OF REFEREE TO MAKE FASTER GAME—OTHER SPORT NEWS

REFEREE COULD SPEED UP PLAY AT BASKETBALL

Many Nominal Fouls Might Be Overlooked by Both the Officials

BIG GAME ON TONIGHT

Table with Eastern League Standing and Tonight's Schedule. Columns include team names, scores, and game times.

By SPICK HALL

We once knew a football referee who was recognized as one of the most competent on the list of the convalescing who declared that he often failed to penalize a player on the offense for holding when it was evident to him that the violation of the rule was done more through the excitement of the moment than intent.

Nominal Fouls

While the majority of fouls are called on the man with the ball and his immediate opponent, there are many others called the commission of which does not hurt the player, nor does it have any effect on the progress of the game except when it is called it makes a bad break in the continuity of play.

A basketball game that resolves itself into a tossing contest between two men who try time and again to locate the net from the fifteen-foot line is not a game at all. They might as well be playing quills as far as their competition is concerned.

On the other hand, when there are comparatively few fouls and the play is fast, the fans work up an enthusiasm for the game and for their favorite team which does not wear away between scheduled plays.

Of course, it is true that some players intentionally make fouls, particularly in jumping for the ball. This should not be tolerated, nevertheless there are other cases where the official or officials could overlook a nominal offense and greatly help the game.

Big Game Tonight

Tonight's game at the Camden Armory between the Sixteens and the Greylocks probably will be the most interesting of the week. In the first place, it will be their initial clash for the season of 1916-17. Then, as both the Greys and Camden are heavy favorites for the season in their respective communities, the outcome eagerly will be awaited by hundreds of basketball followers.

Camden, with the same line-up as last season, is many per cent stronger because Manager Henry has the men working together as they never have done before. Last year the Sixteens ran wild, as far as team play was concerned. Now they have their orders from Henry either to get together and play the game of which they are capable or look for another job.

Henry is well versed in basketball, and the players have the greatest respect both for his sage astuteness and judgment. Consequently, the habits of the Camden Armory have rooted in the team two victories out of two starts, and they will strive to make it three in a row this evening. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock.

Both teams will use their regulars. Steels and Adams will be opposed by McWilliams and Cross, while the Grey forwards, Fogarty and Sugarman, will be guarded by Brown and Diogenes. The battle at center will be a keen one. Dolin has been putting up a fine game this year, which means that Lawrence will have to go at a fast clip to keep up with him.

Basketball Notes

The Rockwood Scholastic team games with last teams. Write F. Brennan, 2200 West Lehigh avenue.

Teams wishing to arrange games Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays should communicate with Mr. Nicholas, 304 North Franklin street.

The 109 Club of William F. Murphy's Sons Company game for Wednesday night. Write H. W. Kiefer, 509 Chestnut street.

Scholastic Notes

Henry Heuser, formerly of Northeast High School and now at the Allentown Hoop, has been taken to the Allentown Hoop coach for so long that he has become a familiar figure in the game with Lehigh last Saturday. Heuser has been playing in brilliant form.

Maurice Collins, left guard of the West Philadelphia High School, suffered a bruise on his right leg in the practice and will be unable to play this season. The loss of Collins will not be felt so bad, because Collins has returned to school, and he will be groomed to fit in at left guard. He will play that position against Central High on Saturday.

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YALE VICTORY OVER BROWN ON SATURDAY WOULD MAKE SEASON SUCCESS FOR COACH TAD JONES

It Has Been a Long Time Since Old Eli Has Beaten Back All Preliminary Opponents Before Princeton and Harvard Struggles

By GRANTLAND RICE

"Now is the winter of our discontent—So speed the poet of a sooner day; And will I know just what that famed bard meant When he evoked that pessimistic lay.

With golf and tennis on a southbound train, My plane is bound for a football game. With baseball done and football on the way, When wild gales howl against the window pane.

I look ahead now to the final run, And when that comes, with all the dope I have, My plane is laid to wear a loaded gun. For him who says, "Hey, pretty soft for you."

Tad Jones's Start

TAD JONES can steer his Yale machine safely by Brown on Saturday his first season at New Haven can be voted a substantial success, whatever happens in the two remaining games.

It has been a long time now since Yale beat back all preliminary opposition before her Princeton and Harvard games.

Washington and Jefferson, Brown, Colgate, Notre Dame and others have been peeling off patches of Bulldog hide for a good many seasons. So if Jones can run the gamut of early season battles his system will be well under way toward success.

No Yale man would view the proceedings with any great cheer if the Blue line-up should lose to both Princeton and Harvard. But even two defeats here would take no credit away from Jones and his system, considering the fact that he has had less than a year on the job.

It took Houghton five years at Harvard to score his first touchdown against Yale, although he started his career with a victory. Last season Princeton lost both to Harvard and Yale, and yet Rush received just credit for being the best coach Nassau had known in almost a decade.

The Conference Upset

Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois and Wisconsin, especially the former three, have ruled the Western Conference so long that no one took it for granted that a stranger ever would be admitted to the top. In this conference championship Ohio State and Northwestern have been the Cardinals and Herds of the melee.

They rarely have been taken seriously. Yet today these two are the only unbeaten conference teams.

In Chick Harley Ohio State has one of the great halfbacks of the season. His fame may not be known in the East, but few in the East ever heard of Elmer Olliphant until he came from Purdue to West Point. Harley so far has done even better all around work than La Gore or Casey. He has beaten State's two hardest rivals almost without help.

Other Upsets?

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Scraps About Scappers

Toledo, O., promoters are about to put one over on the big boxing centers. Johnny Kilbane is expected to meet the champion of the East in a twelve-round, no-decision match shortly before or after the first of the year.

Freddy Welsh is all excited about meeting Johnny Dundee. If the Scotch-Wag guarantees him a "salary" of \$10,000, he will accept the offer. Dundee is expected to meet Welsh in a twelve-round, no-decision match shortly before or after the first of the year.

Tonight's week will be the occasion of the first special show in this city. Philadelphia will have an opportunity to witness two of the greatest lightweights before the public. Johnny Dundee and Benny Leonard. One is a boxer, the other is a singer and comedian.

Benny Leonard, we are informed, has abandoned his quest for the lightweight crown—only to make a comeback in a few days. He has accepted a fight with Freddie Welsh for a length of time. He has a chance to win the title, but he is not sure of it.

Frankie White, benedict, is enjoying a honeymoon. He will be ready to get back into ring business in a week or two. He is expected to meet Freddie Welsh for a length of time. He has a chance to win the title, but he is not sure of it.

Art O'Leary was outpointed by Jimmy McCabe the other night, but the New York former is improving in every respect. He is expected to meet Freddie Welsh for a length of time. He has a chance to win the title, but he is not sure of it.

A good bantamweight match has been clinched for Kensington fans at the Nonpareil for Friday night. Eddie O'Leary has been booked up with Harry Hunt, Preston Brown and Grover Hoxey are on the same program in the semifinals.

Allie Nelson saw Art O'Leary and Jimmy McCabe the other night, and he says that while McCabe is improving in every respect, he is confident he can repeat his victory of several weeks ago. He is expected to meet Freddie Welsh for a length of time. He has a chance to win the title, but he is not sure of it.

Disagreement about terms has proved a hitch in a bout at Haddon between Steve Latio and Jack Britton. For this reason the up-state fans will not see either of them, some critics concede the waterweight championship November 20. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds.

A plan just has been inaugurated by a western promoter which is bound to make star boxer Harry Sherman, of St. Paul, Minnesota, several hundred dollars more than their purse call for. The scheme will be introduced Friday night in connection with the Jack Dillon-Mike Gibbons bout. Dillon will get an extra \$1000 if he wins by a knock-out.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

NEW YORK—Frankie Burns defeated Henry McCoy, and Moore won from Benning. Lavin Kid Taylor outpointed Fred Jacoby. Frankie Wilson beat Bill Thompson. Duff's career lost to George West.

ALLENTOWN—Jackie Clark outpointed Jack McCarron, fifteen rounds.

KILBANE EARNEST ABOUT WELSH MIX; HE POSTS FORFEIT

Featherweight King Puts Up \$5000 to Bind Go With Lightweight Czar

DUNN FAVORS OWN MAN

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, evidently is a firm believer in that old adage about "money talks." After reading the latest "spout" by Harry Pollak, manager for Freddie Welsh, the lightweight titleholder, aent a bout between his protegee and Kilbane, Champion Johnny wrote his check for \$5000 and posted it with a Cleveland newspaper as a guarantee of good faith for a match with the conqueror of Willie Ritchie.

Once before Killy posted a check in Cleveland, but inasmuch as Welsh & Co. didn't come to bat with a response to Johnny's challenge for a bout for the lightweight honors, Kilbane pulled it down. But No 2 is now up, and it will remain there until Pollak and Welsh to do one of two things—sign for a bout and actually stage the match, or call off proceedings altogether.

Manager Jimmy Dunn says he is willing to send Johnny against Welsh in a six, ten, twelve, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five or forty round bout. "The distance doesn't make a particle of difference to us, for I feel certain Johnny will outpoint him by a big margin over a short route and actually send Freddie kicking should they book up for twenty or more rounds," Dunn said.

Welsh has made weight for Charley White and other lightweights whom he considers tougher game than Kilbane, and he shouldn't offer any strenuous objections to "coming in" at a poundage within reason for the king of the 125-pound brigade.

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Kilbane is only a little fellow, and while he could stand it to give away seven or eight pounds to Welsh, he would be making a grievous mistake in trying to master a man who tipped the beam at anywhere from fifteen to eighteen pounds more than he did. This weight advantage probably would wear Johnny down in a long bout.

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