

PITT OVERCOMES HANDICAP, ANSWERS CRITICS AND MAKES GOOD ON THE GRIDIRON

FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON PITTSBURGH IS SENSATION IN PRESENT-DAY FOOTBALL

Rigid Athletic Policy and Bona-fide Students From Western Pennsylvania Warrant Commendation of the Big Eastern Colleges

WHENEVER a college football team so far forgets itself as to wallop one of the "big" eleven and then keeps up the good work by handing a trimming to a couple of others in the select circle, the howling mob immediately arises to its feet, points the finger of suspicion at the victorious team and shouts: "Hey! Wheredye get that stuff? Whadye mean by playing all of those 'prom'? How much did the team cost you?" No matter what happens, the aftermath is the same. It seems as if a team on the outskirts has no license to be anything but a doormat for the older colleges, and if good work is done, many shoulders are shrugged, and the football fan murmurs: "Well, any college can put a good team on the field if it pays the price."

Pitt's Great Team Deserves Credit—Not Scorn

THE University of Pittsburgh eleven has made a wonderful record in the last two years, going through difficult schedules without losing a game. Glenn Warner, regarded as the best coach in the country, has developed the team to the highest state of efficiency, the players know more football than any other eleven playing today, they play the game as it should be played—hard, but cleanly and fairly. This year it stands out as the best in America, yet little credit is given where credit is due. The football fan in this section of the country firmly believes that each man on the team receives a salary, the players range all the way from twenty-five to thirty-five years of age, and few, if any, attend classes. We have heard this on all sides in the last few weeks, and it is about time to set things right—without the knowledge or any suggestion from the authorities at the University of Pittsburgh.

Only Clean Athletics Are Tolerated

THESE charges are unfair to Pitt. Professionalism has no place in the university, no more than in any other big institution like Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Penn or Cornell. Every man on the team is a bona-fide student, keeps up in his classwork and is not allowed to play unless he maintains a passing grade. The oldest man on the team is Captain Peck, who is twenty-four, and the youngest is George McLaren, aged twenty. These are the varsity men. On the scrub team some of the players are only eighteen years old. As for the charge that "ringers" are used, it is too ridiculous even to be taken seriously. A representative of the EVENING LEDGER visited the office of the registrar at the University of Pittsburgh last fall and saw the list of students, their prep schools, how they passed their entrance requirements and their standings in the classrooms, which are compiled every week. There isn't a college in the world the size of Pittsburgh which would even tolerate a shady athletic policy, so that list in the registrar's office answers the questions of the doubtful ones.

Majority of Players Come From Western Part of the State

THE University of Pittsburgh is 129 years old, has an enrollment of 4000 students, with about 2500 eligible for the teams. It is purely a western Pennsylvania institution, the majority of students coming from the prep schools in that section. This is shown in the personnel of the football team. Captain Peck comes from Lock Haven, Pa.; Sutherland, a varsity guard, from Sewickley, a suburb of Pittsburgh; Soppitt, another guard, from Latrobe, Pa.; Thornhill and Seidel, the tackles, are from Beaver High School and Bellefonte Academy, respectively; Herron, the great end, hails from Pittsburgh, and Carlson, the other end, lives in Fayette City, forty miles from Pittsburgh. Dale Seis, the other varsity guard, comes from Davenport, Ia. He is a brother of Doctor Seis, a member of the university faculty.

Morrow, the quarterback, prepped at Carnegie High, a few miles from Pittsburgh; Jimmy DeHart and Andy Hastings come from Kiski School, at Saltsburg, Pa., and George McLaren played football on Peabody High, in Pittsburgh. All of which goes to prove that Pitt now is drawing the students who once preferred to attend the Eastern colleges.

One-Year Residence Rule Bars Freshmen From Teams

THE one-year rule, which bars freshmen from participating in varsity athletics, went into effect this year and the college now stands on a par with the others in the East and West. The entrance requirements, too, are very strict, and only recognized prep school graduates have a chance to enter. The university is fast gaining fame as an educational institution, and the graduates from the professional schools are recognized all over the United States. For that reason, athletics are clean at Pitt. The football team is the sensation of the year, but instead of being hailed as possible champions, it gets knocked instead. It's the old story of an outsider trying to break into select society where no recognition is given unless it cannot possibly be avoided. But Pitt has "broken in," cleared the barriers, and from now on the other institutions simply MUST give the team the recognition due it.

BROWN is in the same boat this year. If the team beats Harvard next Saturday the same ridiculous charges will be made against the students from Providence.

Carleton Another Small College Sensation

EARLY this season a small western college broke into the limelight by defeating the University of Chicago eleven in a hard game. The newcomer was Carleton College—unheard of until this unexpected victory. Carleton, says Frank Menke, is situated in Northfield, Minn. The husky football team was selected from an enrollment of 600 students, and the players showed a wonderful knowledge of the game. However, the college was accused of playing "ringers," and one Chicago sports writer went so far as to telegraph the coach asking if Solon, the famous All-American end from Minnesota, was on the team. The answer came back, short, but to the point. "Solon not here," it read. "Doubt if he could make the team."

YALE coaches are bolstering the defense for the Princeton game next Saturday. It will take considerable bolstering, as the linemen are not yet up to the "big-league" standard, and only two seem to know how to play their positions. The center is a weak spot, but it stands to reason that a man cannot play full-back one week and center the next and get away with it.

Swarthmore vs. Haverford

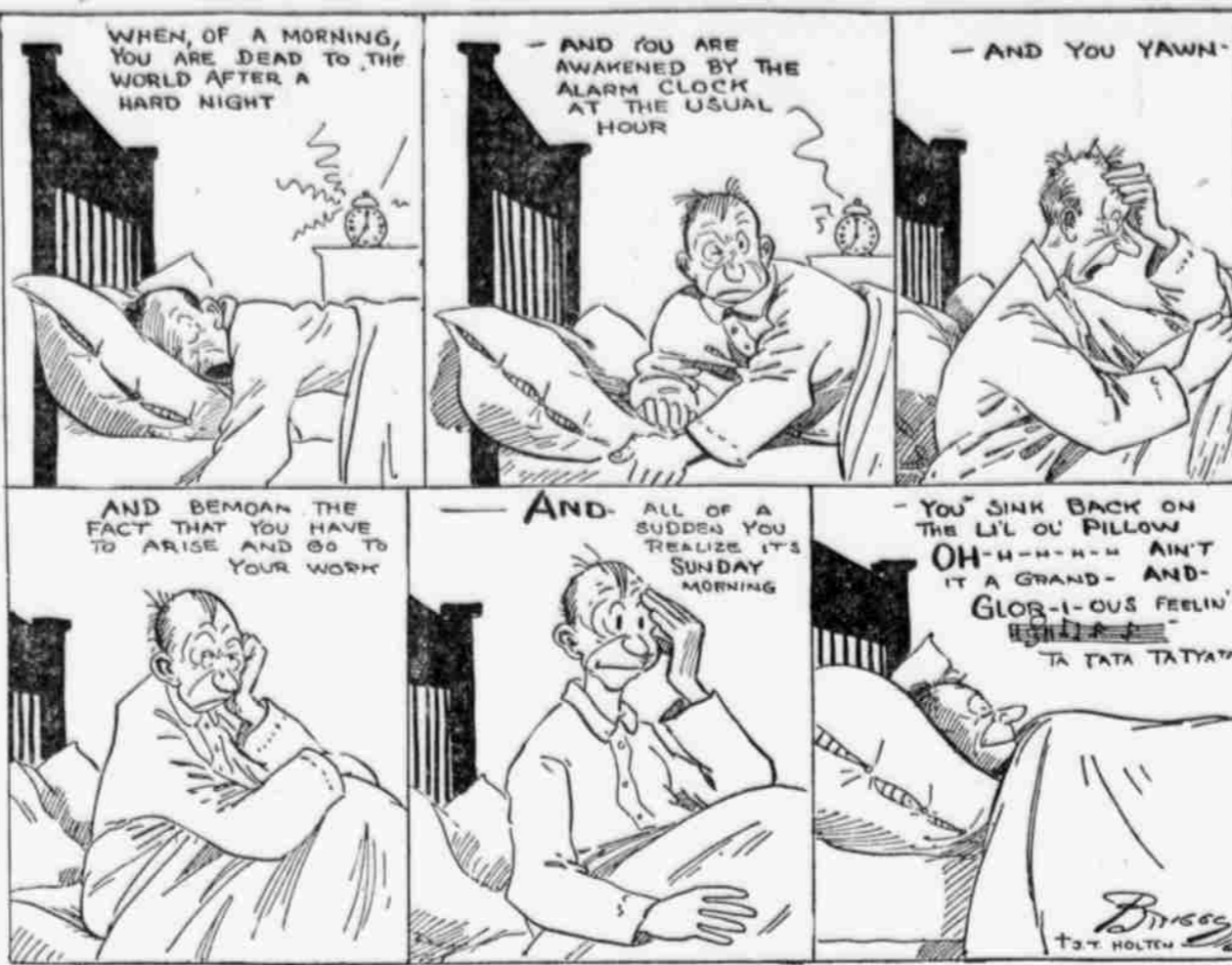
WHILE we are looking forward to the big games that are springing up on all sides, it might be well to bear in mind that Swarthmore's undefeated eleven will meet Haverford's undefeated team at Haverford on November 25. It will be the biggest game played in this city on that date and well worth seeing. Haverford's backfield is one of the fastest in the East, and Swarthmore's defense has been the feature of every game.

Princeton has this to remember—she must face a far better Yale eleven this next week than the one she met last year. Tad Jones has improved conditions at least forty per cent, and with Le Gore around to lead an attack, the Yale offense will not be forced to depend upon haphazard smashes, waiting for a Princeton mistake. In addition to which Yale has the confidence that comes from a high average against her old rival from Tigertown. And this confidence keeps an eleven hustling hard, even when it is thrown to the rear for an uphill fight.

"WHY don't they give Berry more of a chance to play at Penn?" is the principal howl of the fan these days. The answer is simple. Bob Folwell is coach and he knows what he is doing. He is turning out a good team at Penn for the first time in years, so it would be a good plan to let him alone.

THE circus season is drawing to a close. Jess Willard has not broken into print for some time, so we are prepared to hear any day that the 300-pound champion has challenged the world. As the world means Fred Fulton and no one else, Jess evidently cares no more about his title than his eyesight. But the Dear Old Public will fall for the bunk stuff the same as of yore.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



BIG LOCAL CLUBS GROOM GOLF LINKS FOR BIG TOURNEYS

Leading Courses Planting Bunkers and Other Improvements for 1917

CLUBS PREPARING TO BID

By SANDY McNICOLL
Two national golf championships for next year headed this way have made some of the local clubs sit up, and improvements to the courses are being set out to the extent of the treasury in more than one case.

Next year the open championship is due to be played in Philadelphia, as well as the women's championship. It is expected that the professional championship will be played in the West next year, but the Quaker City has been advocated and there is just a remote chance that a last-minute change may be made.

With this prospect of more than one gorgeous event of country-wide importance to be fought out in the confines of the City of Brotherly Love, it is only natural that some of the big clubs should be preparing to bid for the tourneys.

Whitemarsh came out early in the season through some of its prominent members with the frank desire to stage the United States open title tiding and it is expected that a formal bid will be made. The Whitemarsh course will be in beautiful shape for medal play next year and would be a popular choice locally.

One new green is now in the process, the home flat, which is being brought up to the foot of the veranda, thus lengthening the hole and making it possible for a gallery on the clubhouse porch to witness the finish of matches.

Golfers will be able to play right for the flag on the new green. The course is being generally groomed, even though all the members are not in favor of turning it over for the week of championship play next year.

Despite the fact that Huntingdon Valley each year stages the two leading local tournaments, when the class of the field is taken into consideration, the Lynnewood Hall and Berthelton Cup events, several of its members have expressed the thought that they intended presenting the matter of making a bid for one or the other of the national tourneys next season.

Improvements now being set out rather anticipate this move, and the Noble Club, which has always been considered one of the Big Three locally, may hold the lead next year. Nothing has been done as yet about the second shot to the first hole, a shot that has baffled many local experts and called down maledictions on the hole, but the new second green has been in operation for some time.

Pinks have been built along the creeks and some of the bunkers have been cut away on holes up to the ninth. Extensive work is going on at the left of the fairway on a bunker belt that divided the ninth fairway from the eleventh.

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Kieckhefer Wins Billiard Match

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New World's Motorcycle Record

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ONLY ONCE WITHIN TWELVE YEARS HAS PRINCETON UPSET THE DOPE IN YALE MEETING

Sammy White's Recovery of Fumble in 1911 Brings Only Tiger Triumph Over Long Stretch of Reverses Against Elisians

By GRANTLAND RICE
The Yek can't whip the Elephant
Along the jungle way
The Bulldog doesn't like to hold
The Buffalo at bay
The Leopard is a husky beast
Along the wild divide,
And yet he rarely stinks his teeth
In a Gorilla's hide;
The Zebra, when he meets the Lion,
Is set against the equal;
But the Tiger finds the Bulldog is
The toughest dish of all.

The Tiger has a noble snipe
In either regal hoof;
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A stranger likes to snipe;
And most of those in Jungleville,
From Elephant to Toad,
Will give him all the right of way
He needs along the road;
Not even Lions or Rhinos drive
The Tiger to the wall;
But the Tiger finds the Bulldog is
The toughest of 'em all.

The Record
THE above lyrical outburst is written, not in behalf of Yale, but rather in behalf of the Record.
In the last dozen years Princeton has had many better football teams than Yale has known.
But in the last dozen years Princeton has beaten Yale but once. That event took place in 1911, and even that one Tiger victory was more of an individual triumph for Sammy White than it was for Princeton.
Princeton undoubtedly should have beaten Yale in 1910, in 1912, in 1914 and in 1915.
Yet Yale won three of these games and tied up the other.

Taking no credit from Yale, it has happened that Yale has been at her best against Princeton and Princeton at her lowest ebb against Yale.

Last fall no one would have recognized the Princeton team that faced Yale as the same machine that gave Harvard's fine eleven an even fight the Saturday before. What happened was merely another chapter in an old book.

Princeton last season should have beaten Yale at least 15 to 0. The Tiger then was,

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