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BALL PLAYERS LIKENED TO BIKE RIDERS-HOW LONG HAVE UMPIRES BEEN CALLED BIKES

AMATEUR QUESTION BIG PROBLEM IN THE RULE CHANGES TO BE MADE BY TENNIS MEN IN N.Y. SESSION

Whether "Selling Goods" Is Professionalism Will Be Decided Tonight, and the Decision Holds Interest of World of Sports

ONE of the best eye-to-eye fights since the spearing at Bunker, thill will start of in the dying of today when the tennis gladintors get together for the big fraces in the Waldorf Astoria, in New York, to plan the lines for amateur play during another season and if possible for the rest of time. There is bound to be a very Intense clash on the matter by all hands, for nearly all the districts which will be represented at the meeting have held their own meetings and come to some sort of an agreement on the subject. They will attest the meeting tonight full of the enthusiasm of their own decisions and full of their own argoments. Each will, be willing to step in the middle of the floor, lay the right hand on his chest and no to it in deep nasal, basal or tenor tones. It has all the earmarks of a desperate battle for the winning edge.

The proposed law is to make all tennis players selling tennis supplies professionals. This is the essence of the dispute, though there are many other proposed changes in the national tennis law which will be hung out for the wallops of the delegates. But the amateur problem is the big noise. It holds more than the interest of the tennis followers. It holds the interest of the golfing world and indeed, nearly every sport which has an amatour problem. Drawing strict amateu lines among tennis players will have a deep effect on other sports. To collect will mean the upholding of their recent decision, while casting down the bars will mean that the golf law is Easty to come up for renewed assault in an effort to break it down. The Far Wost early in the sensor sent out a bitter letter to chilar all over the country urging that no votes be east in favor of the law which the executive committee of the United States National Laws Tennis Association proposes. It was torn apart, section by section, by the Westernors who, if it passes, will lose those premier lights, Manrice McLoughlin, Tom Bandy, William Johnston Roland Roberts and a couple of other loss famous stars

Philadelphia Against Proposed Amendment

THE Middle West has also voted against the proposition and delegates from that section will line up, roll up their sleeves, figuratively speaking, and do battle for the opposition.

It looks as if the Philadelphin vote also would be against the proposed amendment. The Philadelphia and District Association is against it and the body will so vote. The New Yorkers seem to be strong for the amendment and this will have considerable weight, since that district is said to have nearly 230 votes on the subject. Boston will rally around the proposal of R. Norris Williams, the national champion, that those players already in the tennis business should not be affected by the amendment; that it should be only for those entering the business in the future. If this is carried out, all those intending to enter the tennis business had better get in while the getting is good; for there is not much time left.

. A contemporary says there are two kinds of amateurs, one who doesn't need the money and the other who can't get it.

One Reason Why Boxing Prospers in Philadelphia

Boxing promoters of other cities would do well to take a page out of the book of the Philadelphia impresarios by introducing additional measures to protect the men who appear in their rings. Dirty gloves, poorly padded floors and improperty covered ropes virtually are unknown in the boxing clubs of this city. As a result the danger of severe injury is minimized and the gladiators are not subjected to unnecessary discomfort in the pursuit of fame and fortune. Comparatively few poorly padded floors can be found where boxing is legalized, but the evils of di ty gloves and improperly covered ropes are not infrequent. Prob ably there is slight actual danger in poorly wrapped ropes, although many a boxer suffers the agony of having the skin ripped from his body by the rough hemp, but the menace of dirty gloves is not one whit less terrifying than hard, unpadded floors.

Several boxers are either suffering with blindness or threatened with eternal night because of unclean gloves, and there is no way of estimating the number of mitt wielders who have become infected in the same way. The spectacle of Tommy Houck's unseeing eyes will ever be a reproach to careless promoters and boxing fans who have not domanded better protection for the men who provide them with amusement. Darky Griffin, the negro featherweight of New York, is the most recent victim of the filthy glove. The colored youth is going blind-slowly but surely the night that never ends is descending upon himall because some china egg who stages fights saved the \$3 necessary for a new pair of floves.

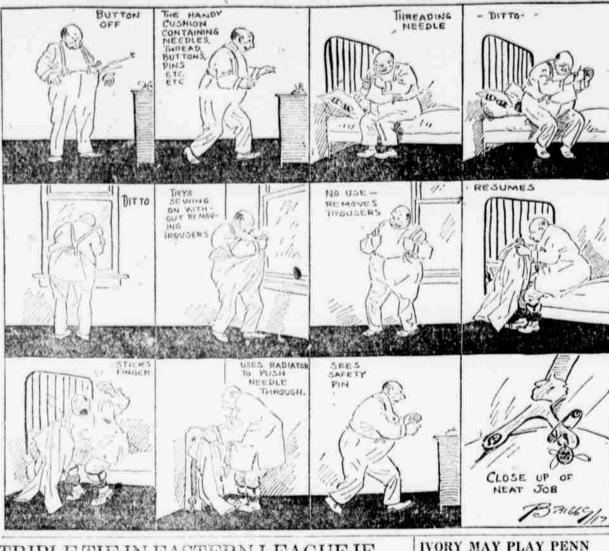
There is only one way to keep boxing alive and that is to conduct it properly. The game is constantly open to the menace of adverse legislation and it behaves those in power to watch their step, and to watch it carefully. The sport prospers in Philadelphia because those most vitaBy interested are canable and farsighted men.

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Bob Folwell and His Assistants at Penn

HEAD COACH FOLWELL, will have an able corps of assistants on Franklin Field next fall to aid him in whipping the team into shape for one of the

MOVIE OF TRAVELING SALESMAN SEWING ON BUTTON '



TRIPLE TIE IN EASTERN LEAGUE IF CAMDEN DEFEATS GREYSTOCK IN CONTEST AT COOPER HALL TONIGHT

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WHAT do you intend to do toright?" Wurs asked of Manager Joe Balley, of he Greys, in regard to the Eastern League ontest at Cooper Battalion fiall, Twentythird and Christian streets, between Greyook and Camilon.

ires starts.

Reading

"You can say that we intend to beat this sunch and retain our lead. I have just returned from a trip and am not quite so onvorsant with dub affairs, but I feel er-tain our boys will add the scalps of the keeters to their number." Bailey also was interested in the new

necketball league, but feels the newcontern are not acquainted with the financial ob-stacles to be encountered in the cage sport.

It will be necessary for the present league leaders to win to hold their advantage. A defeat will cause a triple tie with Cauden and Jasper. Contexts between the Skeeters and Churchmon are always fast affairs, with plenty of excitement, as the personal clushes are keenly fought, especially there between McWilliams and Adams and Brown

"We'll Fool Them Next Time"

"Youse guys do the same thing every time youse hit this here village." was a Jasper fan's comment on the Jewels' deteat to Marty Friedman on Wednesslay hight. "Youse let them guys trail in de rear and

ment of this rule is until they see a few matches. Of course, there is always a cer-tain amount of excitement at these matches. run to the enthusianm of the schoolboys and in civility existing among the various houls, but the piny would be much faster the dribble were permissible, as it is the

ettiest play in the game." Trenton fell a victim to Jasper at Non-ried final host night, 34-29. The game as fairly clean throughout and was feapproceed

Washington on business, but Leonard Frost aved an able substitute, and Al Cooper s out in uniform, the first time in several rs. Mr. Kuser also accompanied the COTE. slavers, and said at the conclusion of the game that in his opinion it was cleanly

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ATHLETES, IN THE COURSE OF WAR. WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OVER CIVILIANS UNTRAINED IN SPORTS

Much Difference Between Enmity and Athletic Competition, Yet Development Through Exercise Would Be of Benefit to Soldier

By GRANTLAND RICE

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By GRANTLAND RICE "Walks," advises a contemporary, "is guite a different game from sport. There is absolutely no connection between the two. To be efficient in sport means no part of efficiency in war. A small weaking with a rifle is the equal of the greatest athlete that ever lived. And shrappel is no athlete that ever lived and shrappel is no respecter of speed or strength or athletic

in peace and slackers in war. An few who are decent persons are so outclassed numerically as to be shadowed and crowded out. skill This is true enough-and interesting enough, as far as it goes-but the trouble is that it doesn't go far enough. For there is more than a thin connection between

sport and war. Tennis, golf, baseball, football and track work all develop a certain physical stamina needed in long murches. The man who plays thirty-six holes of golf twice a week is soon able to walk fifteen or eighteen miles day without the slightest fatigue. He will therefore have a big advantage over the man lifted from some indoor occupation who would need considerable training to walk ten or twelve miles without being worn down. And competition in sport

raft, linked with a certain amount of con-One weakling with a rifle night he the equal of a Wilding. But 100,000 weaklings with 100,000 rifles would not be the equals of 100,000 Wildings when the last test came at the end of a long, hard march or in some charge where courage and stamina were essential.

tends to develop a certain coolness

A nation of athletes, untrained in war. would be no match for a nonathletic nation trained to shoot. But other things being nearly equal, there would be a decided advantage with the athletes.

One of the main horrors of any definite

POSITION FOR M'NICHOL

break with Germany, whereby war was assured, would be a conscription that would chester Ivory, a local boy, and former uard of the West Philadelphia High School ve, is expected to be given his first chance w on the Penn varsity quintet when the Red and Blue lines up against Rutgers on the Weightman Hall court tomorrow on the night.

Due to injuries sustained by Captain Eddie McNichol and Johnny Lavin, neither will be in the line-up against the New Brunswick delegation. Coach Lon Jourdet is planning to use tvory in McNichol's place at guard and Johnny Connolly to pair off oith Lou Martin at forward.

PITT FIVE PLAYS GARNET

f Pittsburgh basketball team plays warthmore here tonight. Captalu "Andy"

crafty ducking they should at fast be forced to partake of a pastime so utterly devoid of gate receipts. It would all he so utterly true and depressing that we shudder to think of the outcome. We are surprised think of the outcome. We are surprised that the President did not consider the painfulness of this situation when he de-cided upon this course. The boxing game, as an institution apart



Their Favorate Silver King-F. W. Woolworth. Willow -Harry K. Thaw. Blue Flash-Guglisian Marconi; Red Honor-A. Giovanili. Colorad 31-Emma Dunn. Taplow-Sandy Pers-al-Emma Dunn. Taplow-Sandy Pers-sector William H. Ince, Black 31-Emma son. Paramount-William H. Ince. But Circle-Blanche Eing. Glory Dimple-But Burke. The Floater-Annette Kellerman Burke. The Floater-Annette Kellerman bag such people as Freddy Welsh and Les Darcy. It would be nothing less than a crime if after their careful sidestepping and Their Favorite Books Connie Mack-"Driven Out of Eden." John McGraw-"Beating Back." Tris Speaker-"The Seats of the Mighty. Francis Ouimet-"The Amateur

as it is.

Christy Mathewson-"The Red Badge d "The Kaiser-"With Fire and Sword."

And the

Limerick of the Links

There was an old golfgr named Sapp, Who swung a foot wide with each rap; When they asked why he missed 'em He said, "That's my system of plays well short of each trap."

With the returns virtually all in, George Adee and Julian Myrick have apparents won, with a landslide to spare, in their batts for a higher type of amateur play. Then has been a decided change in popular sent-ment the last few weeks, and the feeling today is that as far as possible amateur sport should be lifted out of the realm of commercial enterprise.

commercial enterprise. There was a time when we felt that merule should be in any way retroactive. We still feel this is an unfortunate section d the case. But a rule that makes one man professional and leaves another an amateur engaged in the same line, is sure to develop certain complications and unfortunate spinodes. The bituation is complicated enough so it is

commercial enterprise.

Their Favorite Golf Balls

31-Emma Dunn. Taplow-Sandy son. Paramount-William H. Ince.

hardest seasons Penn has had for many years. Hard games will be played from the middle of October on, and the eleven must be at top form to emerge with victories. The Army is strong, Pittsburgh will be as good, if not better, than last year, Michigan is said to have wonderful prospects. Dartmouth will have the pick of the great freshman team last year, and Cornell also will be bolstered by neveral high-class first-year men. For that reason, special effort was made to get the best men for jobs as assistants, and the selections cannot be improved upon. Dr. Buck Wharton will have charge of the line men; Harold Gaston, the scrubs, and Lon Jourdet, the famous basketball coach, again will tutor the freshmen-whoever they are. Wharton's work last year brands him as one of the best line coaches in the business. Gaston is the official scout and Jourdet will have the most important job of all-molding green material into a team using the Pennsylvania system.

A freshman coach has a hard task on his hands. He gets players from all parts of the country, players who have played different styles of football, and It is his first duty to teach them to forget all that they have learned. Sometimes this is not difficult, as there is nothing to forget; but occasionally a prep school star appears with a style all his own and the trouble begins. Unless the freshmen are taught the college system of play, the head coach will suffer the following autumn. In these days, when the first-year men are ineligible for the teams, it is necessary to teach this green material football from the ground up, and that is a man's job. Jourdet was successful last year and should repeat. Harold Gaston, too, is an important cog in the cuaching machinery, as he watches Penn's opponents play the Saturday before the game with the Red and Blue, and he directs the attack and defense to be used against them. Gaston has had this position for years and is a valuable man, despite the lack of publicity connected with his job.

Fulton Will Jump to Front if He Beats Weinert

FRED FULTON'S battle with Charley Weinert at Madison Square Garden next Monday night is of great importance to the pugnacious plasterer. A victory over Charley will put Fredward in the limelight again, and his manager, Frank Force, will have a perfect right to seek a match with Willard. By that we mean that Force can challenge the champion without getting arrested for trying to foel the public. It's funny how a big match is arranged nowadays. Fulton knows he is going to meet Willard and Willard is certain that he will box Fulton. Both men have known of the match since last year; yet they will be surprised when the subject is broached in a week or so. Fredward seems to be the logical contender for the title, and the thing that makes it more logical is that Big Jess picked him out. The large person knows he can trim the Gopher Goliath and would feel very sad if deprived of the chance to spoil his map. The readers of this column have been informed from time to time of the battle, and it is interesting to follow the moves of the managers. First, Fulton trimmed Reich, but made such a poor showing that he went back home where he sold popcorn and pop at the fair grounds. He came back this winter and in his first bout flattened Tom Cowler with a couple of punches. That was enough for hysterical outbursts on the part of the Willard-Fulton boosters, but it was decided that the time was not yet ripe to pull the big noise, therefore the match with Weinert was arranged, because Charley has been trimmed by a number of heavies and is used to it. After that will come Jim Coffey, perhaps, and then the regular show. In the meantime, the Dear Old Public is saving up fts spare change to spend for high-priced tickets. Then the show will be a BUCCESS.

Moran Against Changing of Baseball Rules

DRESIDENT TENER, of the National League, and several managers of clubs have been suggesting ideas recently to give the batter an opportunity to improve his average. Their suggestions are wrong, so far as Pat Moran is conserned, and Pat should know what he is talking about.

Pat Moran says: "If the rulemakers decide to allow a batsman to walk on hree called balls, I can see games lasting until 7 o'clock. Some of these wild ing pitchers would give thirty passes in one game. The rules and the game are all right, and there shouldn't be any change."

Moran has proved that his baseball knowledge is far superior to that of a lot Timen in the game. His opinion about changing rules should carry much weight. .

WALTER J. TRAVIS, the grand old man of American golf, continues on his erry way at Palm Beach. All the cyclone about his having been made a y at Paim Beach. All the pages up North, far, far away from scause of his links landscaping rages up North, far, far away from alms of Fierids. Travis, accepted his fate when he was last seen alms of Fierids. Travis, accepted his fate when he was last seen

then win out." "All right, kid." was the star g comment. "We'll fool them next th ir guard's ause we'll work it different and try their ame. We'll lay behind and come across at in finish and win out just to please you." Three times the Kensingtonians have visited the fown across the river and last or In the same manner after half the second half was played. Incidentally, Jasper up-held its reputation as a drawing card. It is doubtful if ever such a crowd witnessed a pattle in Camden

It Couldn't Be Done

A could be be been been been been been was under the former regime and going hadly, there was a possibility of Jasper turning Billy Kummer over to the Southwark man-agement for the sum of \$1 and buying him hack at the constitution of the season for said \$1. There was considerable conjecture over the deal and one night it was the subject of "comet" debugs. the deal and one high it was proven that of 'some' debate. It was proven that there was nothing in the Eastern League rules to hinder such a deal and the writes was asked if he knew anything to stop it, and answered without hesitation in the and answered without hesitation in the affirmative. The first part of the deal could be consummated O. K. without any undue publicity of the "great" sum exchanging hands for so valuable an negulation as Kummer, but the hitch would come when De Nei: enleavered to transfer him back at the termination of the season. Here is the obstacle that blocks such a move: Section 15 (2) the measuration of charge

the obstacle that blocks such a move: Section 15 (2)—On reservation of play-ers: "Any member of the lengue shall have the right to well or dispose of its players at any time up to February 154h and such players shall not be eligible to play with the team selling or disposing of them during the balance of the season, or the succeeding measure, without the consent of the lengue." It will be seen that when Kummer would transferred back it could not be done without being subject of league business and, while the Eastern may have its faults, he managers are not so lax as not to flag such a deal.

He Was Misunderstood

George Cartwright, the former Eastern League official, was quoted early in the week as saying that the Southern High-German-town High schoolboy game was the fastest he had witnessed in six or seven years. "Carty's" friends were at a loss to interpret such a statement, thinking he included the big professionals in his remarks. "No, you misunderstood me." sold George 'No, you misunderstood me." said George

"No, you misunderstood me." said George in speaking on the subject today. "I meant games played under the intercollegiste rules. Basketball under these is not to be com-pared in speed to that under the Eastern League code. Ite you realize that our big professionals. like Greystock, Jasper and Camden, could take a couple of college teams and lose them at one time? Why, the average college man would not know whether he was playing one or ten men, the play would be that fast."

Should Restore Dribble

Asked what made the Eastern League games so much faster, he immediately an-swered: "The use of the dribble. The elimination of this has been a big blow to the schoolboys and colleges. The spectators of Eastern League ball do not understand

