

OUR BEST COLLEGES NOW PROCEED TO DEVELOP BANTAMWEIGHT FOOTBALL TEAMS

FALL FOR ROWING COACHES IN THE CREATION OF 150-POUND CLASS OF COLLEGE WATERMEN

Innovation a Good Move if Aquatic Tutors Avoid Grinding Pupils Down to Required Weight. Ley a Real Speed King

THE plan to put on crew races for oarsmen weighing 150 pounds or less, which has been so enthusiastically received by the college coaches, seems to be a good one if it is not abused. There are many collegians who desire to take part in aquatic, but who were barred in the past because of their lack of poundage. There is no adequate reason why a man whose natural weight is in the neighborhood of 150 pounds should be barred, but will the innovation lead to too close training—will coaches yield to the temptation to train down men whose natural weight is 160 or more in order to reap the advantage of having powerful oarsmen in their boats? The question is a serious one, worthy of careful consideration, for in any sport where a weight limit is imposed this evil is likely to creep in. "Getting down to weight" may be a useful phrase in professional sports circles, but it has no place in the college athletic world, where it is calculated to work far more harm than good. A mature athlete, a man from twenty-five to thirty-five years of age, can train down to a certain unnatural weight with comparatively little danger, but the college youths of from nineteen to twenty-two cannot train beyond a certain limit without undermining their physical constitutions. They may appear to be rugged and powerful, but they have neither the reserve strength nor toughness that comes with maturity to undergo a rigid course of training necessary to take off natural poundage.

All of which might be construed as borrowing trouble, but attention is called to the fact that several prominent rowing coaches have already considered this phase of the project. Doctor Spaeth, of the Princeton crews, calls attention to the fact that the evil may creep in, and Joe Wright, of Penn., has this to say: "I warmly recommend the 150-pound race to all colleges and hope that the Board of Stewards will soon see its way clear to add this event to the regatta at Poughkeepsie. I strenuously object, however, to the grinding down of men to make the weight. I mean by this that if a man weighs 170 pounds, or even 160, no coach should attempt to drill him to a low weight and have him enter for this feature. Little fellows who scale at 155 and who, by a normal amount of training, will weigh 150 pounds, and even men who will go below 150 pounds, are the types I would like to see developed by this event."

PERHAPS a better arrangement would have been to have made a higher weight limit, say 160 pounds, and then weighed the men before starting work. In other words, to have made ineligible any man who tipped the scales at 160 pounds or more before the season started.

Why Limit the Scheme to Rowing?

IF THIS one danger could be eliminated, the scheme of a weight limit appears to be a splendid one that could be carried even further. Is there any reason why it could not be applied to football as well as to rowing? There are many collegians who would like to take part in the gridiron game but never have a chance to feel the pigskin because of their small stature—men who should enjoy the fruits of this form of athletic training. Of course, there is not the same premium put on beef in the game today as there was ten years ago, and gridiron coaches will tell you that they are after speed and not flesh in building up a modern football team. At the same time, there is small chance for a youth under 135 or 140 pounds to "make" a big college eleven, no matter how fast he may be.

The same scheme might work in the shot-put and hammer-throw. At present only the big, powerful men can hope to represent their college in these events, and there are many miniature Goliaths who take their athletics from a point in the cheering section who should be out there deriving the benefits of active participation.

Double Portion From the Pessimist Served With Figures

ACCORDING to some of the literary masterpieces emanating from the Southland, both Pat Moran and Connie Mack have some flashy youngsters under their managerial wings this spring. Amazing tales of terrific hitting and superhuman base-running are daily finding their way across the line made famous by the well-known Messrs. Mason and Dixon—all of which would be most encouraging were the yarns accompanied by figures and statistics. Perhaps we are unduly pessimistic for delving into the records of some of the youths now coveting over the sun-baked diamonds of Florida, but it is with real pleasure that we submit the fruits of our industry. Fred Ley, the Colorado youngster with Connie at Jacksonville, is a real flash—the records prove it. Frederick holds several Rocky Mountain track records and is therefore something of a base-runner. Now all he has to do in order to win a place on Mack's team is to prove that he can hit and field in major league style. Ley is twenty-five years old and a native of Boulder, Col. He attended the University of Colorado and it was while there that he hung up some track records in the furlong and quarter. Here are the works on Ley:

He has romped over the 100-yard stretch in 10 seconds flat, which is considerable running, even in our best athletic circles. But that isn't all. Frederick has done 220 in 21.4 seconds and the quarter in 51. Need more be said? Where is the catcher who can nip this speed merchant at second or third? Where is the man who can drop a Texas leaguer to the sod with such a flyer flashing around the outfield? Perhaps the American League is full of them—perhaps it isn't. Who but Father Time can tell?

WITHOUT wishing to discourage the speedy Mr. Ley, attention is called to another wonderful runner who scamped across the Philadelphia baseball horizon in the spring of 1913. His name was Ralph Capron, and we use the verb "scampered" advisedly. Capron was touted as the fastest thing in baseball, and he probably was; but he played one game and then the minors swallowed him up. Ralph could run, but that let him out.

Talking It Over With Our Friend "JMF"

AN EARNEST fan signing himself "JMF" takes his typewriter by the throat and bangs out a letter to the Sporting Editor taking Bert Niehoff over the hurdles for an incident alleged to have taken place last season at Broad and Huntington streets. "JMF" takes exception to the displeasure Niehoff is charged with having displayed when Stock made an error which did not count in the scoring, and adds that the culprit himself made two errors later in the same game which virtually lost the contest. While we hold no brief for Niehoff, our recollection of the affair is that Bert was encouraging Stock and not condemning him at that occasion, and while we may be wrong, the fact that Niehoff and Stock are close friends would seem to bear out our construction. Seldom do those in the grandstand hear the words which pass between players, and they (the fans) sometimes interpret their gestures wrongly. The fact that a player shakes his doubled fist and probably his head at a teammate who has just made an error does not necessarily mean that he is calling the culprit down. On the contrary, he is more likely to be telling him to "forget it and get the next one."

IN PASSING, it may be suggested that a player can "call" another without displaying poor sportsmanship. Johnny Evers, Charlie Herzog, Maranville, Knabe and a lot of other first-class baseball sportsmen do it repeatedly, and who will say that it does the erring one no good?

Hugh Willoughby Too Fast for Second Division

HUGH WILLOUGHBY, former golf champion of Philadelphia, is proving a trifle too speedy for the second flight of the Florida championship, now being played at Palm Beach. He won the championship last year but failed in his effort to qualify this year by being tied for last place and then, by the luck of a draw, falling back into the second division without a chance to defend his title at match play. Willoughby ended his first round match in a walkover by ousting C. J. Graham, of Pittsburgh, at the twelfth hole. Willoughby had won most of the holes to this point and was eight up. He then had John Shepard, Jr., Providence, hanging on the ropes at the turn of his next match with a lead of four holes and only nine to play. To make things more spectacular, the Philadelphia tried out some theories which wouldn't work and allowed the opposition to draw even at the home hole. Willoughby could only get a half at the nineteenth, but took the twentieth and the match was his. If he had played his qualifying round in one stroke better than the 84 which he made, so as to have got in the championship division, it is likely that Willoughby would have repeated in his win of the title, for he appears to be better than the straggling few now in the last throes for the hunting.

Dame Fortune Has Smiled on Frank Moran

THE history of pugilism teems with the names of "lucky guys," but who was luckier than Frank Moran, the fellow who annexed close to \$90,000 with two punches? Always when fight fans gather the conversation finally veers around to the "horsehoe" boys. And ever the opinion is unanimous that the blond pugilist has been the favored child of Dame Fortune. "Moran has fought five times in a year and a half, hasn't scored a clean knockout in any of them, took beatings and yet cleaned up a fortune—beat that for luck," is the challenge. Moran's career since the summer of 1915 savors much of fiction. It's a story that is so startling as to seem almost unreal. He came back to his hometown with books and seemingly all-in. He was considered a "has-been" of the boxing variety. And then, when his fortunes were on the lowest ebb, fortune seemed to be breaking against him, the tide shifted suddenly, and fortune, and fame and gold engulfed him.

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Governor and Mayors of This City, Camden, Reading and Trenton Also Are Invited—Tome Questioned at Next Meeting in Trenton

BILLY KELLY, an Eastern League official, was picked last evening to referee the series for the basketball championship to be played by Jasper and Greystock. The subject had held up the games for several days. Kelly will receive \$15 a game for his services.

The board of governors were of the opinion that as the league had gone along all season with the regular officials, they failed to see the necessity of going out of town to get a man to umpire. When it was moved to have an Eastern League official in the cage the vote was unanimous, with the exception of Camden, that club not voting.

One member did not even see the necessity of going out of the city to play the series, his contention being that the Academy of Music should have been secured and have dancing after the games. In concluding the details, it was decided to invite the Governor of Pennsylvania and Mayors of Philadelphia, Camden, Reading and Trenton to witness the games. Resolutions were also made for the local and all-out-of-town newspapers.

After the league had reached the conclusion as to who should officiate, the man to be picked came next. Placing the names of Kelly, Tommie Adams, and Reservations were also made for the local and all-out-of-town newspapers.

In the disposal of tickets five were allotted to the managers of the various teams.

The Tome Fine Unpaid

Morris Tome has yet to pay his fine and the subject will be continued at the next meeting to be held in Trenton when the league will be the guests of B. C. Kuser at a shad dinner.

At this meeting there will be summoned to give testimony: Tome, Rumsey, the scorers, and President Scheffer. The board of governors will decide the case.

Havana Entries for Tomorrow

First race, three-year-olds and upward, selling, 5/8 furlongs—Toto, 97; Fast, 98; Lolo, 102; Palm Grove, 102; Onie, 102; Eddie Mott, 104; Captain Lincoln, 105; Yorkshire Boy, 108; Captain Bravo, 108; Purple, 108; Gold, 108; Zodiak, 111; Narciso, 111; J. R., 111.

Second race, three-year-olds and upward, selling, 5/8 furlongs—Lance, 108; Dasher, 99; Jim Hutch, 92; Bob Blossom, 99; Isaac Bay, 99; Margaret, 101; 101; Heaven, 101; Pleasant, 101; Edna, 101; Eddie, 101; Budge, 107; Eleanor, 111; E. F. Albee, 111.

Third race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, 3/4 furlongs—Dr. Lame, 102; Bunice, 109; Lucille B., 110; Monerlet, 110; Flute, 111; Divan, 112; King Williams, 112; Two Rocks, 117; Snadrach, 122; Sure Get, 122.

Fourth race, handicap, three-year-olds and upward, 1 1/4 furlongs—Imogene, 105; Friendless, 100; Bird Man, 101; School Boy, 105; Jerry, 105; Bonnie Tess, 107; Borax, 108.

Fifth race, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, mile—Old Man Crit, 90; Afternoon, 95; Stars, 100; Little Cottage, 109; Malabar, 105; Tamerlane, 106; Fonctionnaire, 109; Ray of Light, 105; Pin Money, 115; O'Brien, 115.

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By GRANTLAND RICE
Spring Signs
"A-chavin' straws and thinkin'," As Riley useter say, Is how I'd like to spend my time When spring comes in to stay.

IF ANY fighter has an all-time time of war it will be Jess Willard. Standing in the average trench, his head would be three or four inches above the top, and those three or four inches might easily embrace at least one vulnerable spot. In a charge across the open Willard would be a target that even a blind gunner couldn't miss. All that would be necessary would be for aforesaid gunner to blaze away in the Kansan's general direction. If Willard could be encased in armor he would make a wonderful rampart for a company or a regiment to use on defense. But to ask him to offer that immense bulk known as his anatomy as a target would be asking more than any other citizen would have to give.

Besides, if it came to a showdown, Willard could prove officially that he was a circus man, and not a fighter.

The Vet
If Hans Wagner drops out this season, baseball's major league veteran will be Wahoo Sam Crawford.

Twin Possibilities
Wagner will quit—he's through with play—He will not start again this year; And John D. may be broke by May—If you believe all things you hear.

Changes Made in Football By the Rules Committee
Substitutes cannot be sent into game to carry information from coaches to team. Multiple kick and artificial tee cannot be used to score goals. Penalty for charging into player who has kicked ball. Referee may change wet ball at end of second quarter. Penalty for interfering with receiver of forward pass changed from loss of fifteen yards to loss of ball.

MOHR BEATS FOLWELL IN COURT TENNIS MATCH

Pulls Through Hard-Earned Victory in Two Straight Sets in Racquet Club

A thrilling match was witnessed between H. K. Mohr and W. H. Folwell in the Class B court tennis tournament at the Racquet Club today. Mohr pulling through with a hard-earned victory, 4-7, 8-7. From the start to the finish the result was always in doubt and there might have been a different ending to the contest if Folwell had claimed a blique in the fourth game. He forgot that one was coming to him, so he lost that game and the next. The set went to his opponent by 8 games to 7.

JENNINGS IS VICTOR AT SQUASH RACQUETS

Several interesting matches were played in Classes A, B and C of the squash racquets singles handicap at the Racquet Club today. In Class A, C. B. Jennings and S. P. Clarke, who received three aces from his opponent, had a strenuous contest, despite the fact that Jennings won by three games to one.

TEX RICKARD PASSES UP GARDEN TO STAGE BOUTS

NEW YORK, March 17.—Tex Rickard today said he was not greatly interested in the probability of being able now to get a lease on Madison Square Garden for staging boxing matches. The uncertainty regarding the future of boxing in this State, he said, makes him cautious.

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