

WEIGHMAN HAS BEEN COOKING UP WHITTED DEAL FOR SOME TIME, STATES CHICAGO PAPER

FORMAL SPORTS SAD FAILURE, PROVIDING NEITHER GOOD PLAY NOR WORTH-WHILE EXERCISES

Full-Blooded Young America Not Satisfied With Drills and Calisthenics—College Spirit Shy and Campuses Deserted Week-Ends

THE WHO laughs last has the final whoop. This ancient axiom or venerable saw finds responsive echo among the smaller colleges and those larger ones that decided to go ahead with regulation varsity sports despite our conditions, while Harvard, Yale and Princeton announced policies of "informal" contests only.

Substituted sports did not offer the sort of exercise demanded by a full-blooded young American athlete nor did they supply that interest that produces college spirit and that holds the student on the campus and draws his attention from undesirable outside influences.

The authorities at New Haven in particular have been outspoken in their expressions regarding the change. Yale professors who did not care to give vent to their feelings while the university athletic authorities were groping about in the dark and making mistakes now have come forward with strong pleas for the return, to the old—even if it was honeycombed with faults.

No one will question for a moment the motive of the big institutions in taking the stand that they did. It was patriotic, but the idea proved impractical and has gone the way of other exploded theories.

Detriment to Student Health and Well-Being PROF. MATTHEW ABBOTT, the Yale crew coach, is stronger still in his expressions. He states: "We have found that the absence of organized athletics has had a detrimental effect upon the health and well-being of the students.

"With regard to drill and calisthenics being enough exercise to build up and maintain a man's physical condition I should like to say a few words. If such is the case, why has the Government already spent millions in the formation of organized athletics in all cantonments and naval training stations?"

"In the camps the drills are much longer and more strenuous than they are here in the university, yet the authorities of both services have gone to immense expense in the encouragement of athletics. The Government has received the best available coaches and physical instructors and has instituted intercamp and interbase contests."

IN THE movement backward toward normal conditions Harvard has met renewed charges of overzealousness. Neighboring colleges that have yearly filled out their baseball schedule do not take kindly to the idea that the line has been drawn by official announcement to apply to Yale and Princeton alone.

MOGUL WEIGHMAN is not flirting with George Whittied, for he has so far forget himself as to do such a thing, nor even to please a player who was sick for the society of old playing friends.

One Chicago paper at least, however, does not consider the story a fake, for it says that Whittied is there, is said to have had several conferences with President Weighman and that it has been known for some time that the Cub spendthrift was working on a scheme to bring Whittied there, the only hitch being the absence of Manager Fred Mitchell.

But to be sure that no wrong construction may be put upon the narrative in question it is hereby reproduced in the exact language of Billy Birch, who signs the story in the Chicago Herald:

"Once again that Cub bankroll has stirred up a hornet's nest. This time the Philadelphia club has taken a running jump at the North Side officials and their glittering gold, accusing them of tampering with George Whittied, Phil outfielder, who is supposed to be in Chicago trying to induce President Weighman to rescue him from Quakerstown. The player says he has been given permission to arrange a trade for himself and he wants to follow his old pals—Alexander, Killefer and Paskert.

"It has been known for several days that Owner Weighman has been working on a proposition that would make 'Lucky George' a member of the Bruin outfield, and he is awaiting the arrival of Manager Mitchell to put his O. K. on the deal.

"Whittied, it is said, has held several conferences with the Bruin executive, but like Weighman, he refuses to say anything about his prospects of summering on the North Side.

"When the news that Whittied was dickering with the Cubs reached Philadelphia the Quaker owners proceeded to hit the ceiling and accuse the locals of scheming to get players. According to the dispatch, Owner Baker denies having given 'Lucky George' permission to trade himself to some other National League club, asserting that this is an abili of the Cubs to escape punishment on the league rule which forbids one owner talking with another club's players.

"ON TOP of this Baker charges Weighman with using his advertised \$200,000 bankroll to make his players dissatisfied, hoping to force the Quaker officials into making a trade."

Stallings Would Corner the Remaining Smiths LAST season the St. Louis Cards carried three members of the well-known Smith family representation in the National League, the Braves, Giants and Dodgers sporting one each. Stallings now has added another, and another J. Smith at that, and is attempting to make a run on the good one by threatening to bring back into the harness the former Brave first baseman, Butch Schmidt, a distant connection, thus making this outfit have at least a technical claim to rival the Cards, provided this effort is successful.

Jim and John are the natural pretenses to the main title and with the acquisition of the Giants' infielder Stallings has two Jameses, although "J. Carlisle" may be said to be more distinctive than plain "J." St. Louis' Smiths are John, James and Fred, and the two "J's" last season proved decidedly confusing to the scorers. Fred, who like J. Carlisle, is aristocratic, spelling his name with a "y," played third base and in one game in Philadelphia J. Smith, who played in the outfield, appeared as throwing runners out at first base on infield grounders. Scorers tackling Boston games with the two J. Smiths in the case may be expected to have like troubles this year. Probably "J. C." will be used to designate the Braves' third sacker.

Elmer Smith was the lone representative of the family in the American League last season. He worked on two clubs, however, Washington and Cleveland. He will have a technical running mate in the Ban Johnson circuit the coming year in Paul Smith, a pitcher bought from Montreal, but who has been drafted by Uncle Sam's big league. Sherrod Smith, Dodger southpaw, the sixth of the name in the National last year, has been caught in the draft.

Ebbets Says He Could Take the Field at Once CHARLEY EBBETS, of the Robins, had a lot of worry lifted from his shoulders when he received the signed contract of his veteran league catcher, Otto Miller.

Although there are still several men on the club's roster who have signed, Ebbets is not worrying. He says that if necessary he could manage the team with the men who have already signed their contracts.

His assistants are evidently believing that Marnaux will more than make up for the loss of Larry Chase, one of the club's leading twirlers, who was called up by the Braves.

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AFTER LOOKING FORWARD ALL WEEK TO A NICE COZY SUNDAY AT HOME WITH YOUR TRAVELLING MAN HUSBAND—AND ON SATURDAY A BLIZZARD HAS SPRUNG UP—

—AND BY AFTERNOON RAGING HARDER THAN EVER—AND YOU'RE PERFECTLY CERTAIN THAT ALL THE RAILROADS ARE TIED UP, AND YOU JUST KNOW THAT HE CAN'T GET IN

—AND YOU FINALLY FALL ASLEEP BUT WAKE UP ABOUT 4-30 HEARING AN AWFUL NOISE IN THE BASEMENT AND YOU TREMBLE WITH FEAR

—WHEN—ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU REALIZE THAT IT IS 'HUBBY' DOWN THERE SHAKING THE FURNACE

OH—H—GIRLS! AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



PHILS AND MACKMEN WILL RESUME SERIES

Will Meet April 13 for Benefit of Family of Late Billy Weart

BROKE RELATIONS IN '15

The William G. Weart Memorial Game of April 13 will mark the resumption of cordial relations between the Phillies and Athletics. The two Philadelphia teams will meet for the first time in years in order that the family of the famous baseball writer may be adequately provided for.

To Play at Phil Park

Members of the local chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America and the sports editors of Philadelphia newspapers, contending with Mr. Sietelshin yesterday afternoon in the office of Joseph M. McCreedy, in the Keith Building, Mr. Mack could not attend, but had notified Mr. McCreedy that any action taken would be acceptable to him.

Old Series Tied

Dust off your memories and you shall recall that the 1916 series between the Phils and Mackmen came to a decisive end with a 3-3 tie in the final contest of the series played at the Philadelphia park on April 11, 1916.

Sports Served Short

The fourth game of the national amateur basketball tournament at the Harvard freshman swimming team.

More than \$2000 was added to the American League players' ambulance fund through the collection of a fund-raising event held in Chicago recently.

Albert Marnaux, the Brooklyn pitcher, may not play this season or if he does he will likely do so in an emergency.

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Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Connie's Plans Are Snagged

IF ISN'T a cinch to construct a new club, nor is it an easy task to grab players to fill a somewhat empty left vest by the departure of a flock of stars.

Thomas in Movies

"Chet" Thomas, former Boston Red Sox catcher, who has been earning some winter money by working in comedies at the Fox Film plant, has announced his retirement from baseball.

Not Anxious to Sign

Judging from the outside dope, Connie's players are not anxious to sign the new contract.

Believe International Will Give Up the Ghost

Indications Show That Collapse of League May Shortly Be Announced

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A definite decision on the part of the International League to close its books for the season of 1918 is expected soon, it was said here today.

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WILLARD WILL FIGHT, ASKS FOR MORE BIDS

Champion Says He Is Ready to Box Fulton for Heavyweight Title

LOGICAL MAN, HE SAYS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 28.—Upon Jess Willard's return from a nearby resort today, he declared he appreciated the offer of Dominick Torofich, who offered \$100,000 for a battle between the champion and Fred Fulton, but desired to give other promoters an opportunity to bid for the big battle.

KEARNS SAYS DEMPSEY CAN'T BE SIDETRACKED

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 28.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, the San Francisco heavyweight, is up in arms today over the reported refusal of both Jess Willard and Fred Fulton to meet his man.

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DAVIDSON HERRON, GOLFING STAR FROM PITTSBURGH, PICKED AS ONE OF BRILLIANT YOUNGER PLAYERS

Light of Princetonian Obscured by Fowles and Other Smoky City Golfers Who Are Better Known in Tourney Play

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, JR.

THE 1917 national golf championship was playing the game of his life during the first few rounds at Detroit.

Long, Consistent Hitter

There was one thing of which I felt very sure on that first morning of the qualifying round at Detroit—a fellow who could make 73 on that course was a good golfer.

Life History of Terry McGovern

NUMBER TWO Some Boyhood Fights

TERRY lived in a rough neighborhood where every boy delighted to mix it up with the other boys.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

BALTIMORE—Steve Flescone revealed referee's decision over the Tiber fight between Eddie Moran and Paulie Walsh.

Scrap About Scrappers

Frank "Doc" Bailey, the manager of another local fighter, has added another name to his stable.

Frank Donato has taken Frankie Primo, a hunk of Albany, and has been named to meet Billy Valier.

Low Hunter, a local bantam, has signed with a new manager and expects to make a "big haul" in a short time.

Mike Christie wishes it to be known that Lou Peter, of Southway, is training fairly for his future bouts.

Tommy Carey, who staged a sensational "comeback" this winter, but was recalled to the ring by the referee, is expected to meet Eddie McAndrew in the final fight of the Cambria A. C. tomorrow night.

Jack McFadden has arranged a well-earned card for the weekly show of the Cambria A. C. on the 11th of March.

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