

SOLDIERS WHO STICK TO BOXING IN SPARE TIME RARELY GET STUCK BY BAYONETS IN ACTION

BOXING SERVES TWO PURPOSES IN ARMY, SAYS CAPT. GRIFFITH

Camp Pike Athletic Officer States That Sport Has Recreative and Military Value; Leads Soldiers to Perfection in Bayonet Fighting

BOXING in military camps served a twofold purpose, according to Captain Griffith, the athletic director at Camp Pike, who attended the National Collegiate Association meeting in New York last week.

"Boxing teaches a natural attack and defense," Captain Griffith explained. "The game shows one how to lead and how to parry. The same principles can be applied to bayonet work. It has proved true at Camp Pike that the men who were proficient in boxing also were the leaders in bayonet drill.

"We had an elaborate system of sports at Camp Pike and we were able to get every man into the games. In boxing, for example, we had group shadow boxing and group practice in attack and defense. We held elimination tournaments to decide the company champion, the regimental champion and the camp champion in six weeks.

Captain Griffith is a staunch supporter of athletics in a competitive form, and paid an excellent tribute to intercollegiate sports as a method to develop the best in Americans.

"Competitive athletics teaches aggressiveness," he said, "and aggressiveness is essential to a good soldier. It was proved in camp life and particularly at Camp Pike, where I had a chance to study conditions, that the college athlete always made a good soldier.

"There is no fault to find with collegiate athletes. The only criticism that can be offered to the present system of collegiate sports is that it does not produce enough athletes. The system is too limited."

Built Stadium to Seat Eight Thousand in Sixteen Hours

AN EXAMPLE of the obstacles which face athletic directors and the speedy methods with which they are overcome was recited by Captain Griffith during one of the rest hours at the collegiate convention. Camp Pike was scheduled to meet Camp Funston in a football game, and on the day before the game it was learned that the stadium which had been selected for the scene of the battle would not be available.

"The owner of the ball park where we intended to play the game," said the captain, "tried to hold us up for more money than we believed we could pay. The matter was placed before the commanding officer, and he determined to build a stadium. He called in one of the officers under him and handed out the assignment with the nonchalance of a man ordering ham and eggs for breakfast. It was a big job the officer had before him, but he set to work immediately, and in sixteen hours had a stadium large enough to seat 8000. As the last nails were being driven into the stands the gates were opened and the soldiers admitted.

"There are some big jobs assigned in the army, but any man used to big jobs, and at that time there were enough men and material available to put it through. It was an example of the excellent co-operation which athletic directors received."

Sometimes They "Cross" the Umpires

A FEW years ago, when Wilmer Crowell was in charge of athletics at Lafayette, he led the baseball team on its annual southern jaunt. The boys opened in Georgia and toured North, playing all the important southern college nines. The Eastonians put up a fine article of ball, but always were up against one big handicap—that of umpiring. Most of the arbiters were far from authorities on baseball and in most instances displayed very poor judgment. As a result, Lafayette suffered from the inferior work.

As the trip was near its close the team found itself in Lexington, Va., awaiting the game with Washington and Lee. Shortly after breakfast the boys were seated leisurely around the lobby of the only hotel in the city. Coach Crowell was scouting around, as is the custom with most successful tutors. Seated in a remote corner of the lobby the alert Crowell discovered a familiar figure. He quickly advanced toward the unsuspecting person. There he found Al Orth, former pitcher of the New York Yankees and later umpire in the National League. After exchanging greetings and a few short stories Crowell returned to his team.

"Say, that looks like Al Orth," said one of the Lafayette regulars. "Give us a knockdown."

Coach Crowell then took his brood to the Orth headquarters. The boys were very retiring, for they had all the respect in the world for a big league official. Finally one had sufficient courage to speak.

"Tell us a few big league stories," the Lafayette hero quickly exclaimed. "Oh, I don't know any now. I cannot recall anything just at present. But let me think."

AFTER a few minutes of uninterrupted thought Orth turned toward his auditors.

Sherwood Magee, the Haughty, Surprises

I BELIEVE one of the best sprung during my big league umpiring career happened right in Philadelphia. Sherwood Magee was holding down an outfield berth for the Phillies. I think the Phils were playing the Giants. Anyway, Sherwood was having a terrible day. All he did was drop two flies and fumble three grounders which came his way. At the bat he was just as bad. On his first try a fly which was very unceremoniously fanned. His next effort was a fly which was easy to the catcher. His third attempt was a feeble grounder to the first baseman.

"By this time the crowd surely was 'riding' the sensitive Sherwood. I was working behind the plate. Sherwood came up for the fourth time with two on, one out and one run needed to tie.

"The first pitch was right at Sherwood's head. He ducked, but suddenly the ball took a sharp break and shot over the outside corner for a perfect strike. Magee stepped out of the box, glared at me, then went back for more.

"Again the pitcher shot one on the outside. The ball had a fast hop and curved over for another strike. By this time Magee was ferocious. He was devoting so much time to me that he neglected to watch the pitcher, and when the third strike was grooved before he could get set I called out, 'Three strikes; yer out!'

"Magee tossed his bat toward the bench and walked in my direction. 'Be careful, Sherwood; don't lose your head,' I cautioned him. 'You know that was a good one.'

"Sherwood sputtered, walked three or four steps in the direction of the bench and suddenly reversed and started after me.

"QUICKLY took off my mask, expecting a real battle. Imagine my surprise when Magee suddenly advanced close to me and uttered: 'Well, Al, we're both pretty rotten today!'

Big Revival Due in Wrestling

SINCE the armistice was signed much has been written about the great revivals due in boxing, baseball and track athletics. But there is another sport which will benefit greatly by the return to pre-war conditions. We refer to wrestling. Virtually all the leading matmen of the country did their bit in the service and now are mustered out or awaiting such orders. Lieutenant Earl Caddock, one of the claimants of the heavyweight title, still is serving with his regiment in France, but Strangler Ed Lewis recently received his discharge, while Joe Stecher now is at his home near Dodge, Neb., having been discharged from the Great Lakes Station. With Lewis, Stecher, Wladek Zbyszko, John Olin and other big grapplers available, the game is due for a real comeback.

According to reports, the training which he received at the Great Lakes Training Station did Stecher a world of good. He put on about twenty pounds in weight. While awaiting his turn to be assigned to a submarine chaser Stecher volunteered to act as a wrestling instructor to the jockies. So well did he handle the assignment that he made the wrestling game one of the most popular sports in the cantonment. Joe will have the support of every jock who shared mess with him at Great Lakes.

Ed Lewis already has started a series of contests which he hopes will bring him the championship. A few days after receiving his discharge from the hospital Stecher is returning.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



By 1916

Rubien Picks Eight Philadelphia Athletes for 1918 Track Teams

Ganzemuller, Landers, Haymond, Gustafson, Swede, Barron, Woodring and Bartels Among Track Selections

CREED HONORED TWICE

Two Phila. Boys Picked by Rubien for Places on 1918 All-Scholastic

Allen Swede and Allen Woodring, two Philadelphia boys who represent Mercersburg, have been placed on Rubien's 1918 all-scholastic track and field team. The selections follow: 100-yard dash—James Dwyer, Anderson; 220-yard dash—A. Woodring, Mercersburg; 440-yard run—W. Smith, Exeter; 880-yard run—T. Campbell, University of N. S.; One-mile run—R. Crawford, Flushing H. S.; Two-mile run—Allen Swede, Mercersburg; Cross-country—J. Nulty, St. Benedict's; 120-yard hurdles—W. E. Massey, Jr., Hill School; 220-yard hurdles—A. Doesch, St. Bernard's; Running broad jump—W. Lowrie, Exeter; Pole vault—T. P. Gardner, Hill School; Putting twelve-pound shot—C. Beck, Harrisburg Tech.; Throwing twelve-pound hammer—W. Augell, Mercersburg; Throwing the discus—J. Wells, Perkiomen Sem.; Throwing the javelin—F. Davis, Mercersburg.

New York, Dec. 30.—Eight athletes affiliated with Philadelphia organizations have been honored by Fred W. Rubien, the secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, by being placed on his all-American track and field selections for 1918. Rubien made his choices for the Spalding 1918 Athletic Guide. Five of the eight gained places on the national aggregation, another on the

FIVE LOCAL ATHLETES SELECTED FOR 1918 NATIONAL TRACK TEAM

Selections for the 1918 national track and field team as made by Fred W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, follow: 60-yard dash—M. A. Devaney, Boston Navy Yard; 100-yard dash—W. H. Gansmuller, Meadowbrook; 220-yard dash—Howard B. Drew, Drake University; 440-yard dash—W. Creed Haymond, Penn.; 880-yard run—Sherman Landers, Penn.; 1760-yard run—Frank J. Shea, Pittsburgh; 3520-yard run—Marvin Gustafson, Penn.; 7040-yard run—T. Campbell, University of N. S.; 14080-yard run—M. A. Devaney, Boston Navy Yard; One-mile run—W. H. Gansmuller, Meadowbrook; Two-mile run—E. J. Gervay, Paulist A. C., N. Y.; Charles Paves, Pelham Bay Naval; Three-mile run—W. Kyzorek, Millrose A. C., N. Y.; Cross-country—M. Bohland, Paulist A. C., New York; 120-yard hurdles—H. E. Barrow, Meadowbrook Club; 220-yard hurdles—W. E. Massey, Jr., Hill School; Running broad jump—C. Beck, Harrisburg Tech.; Pole vault—T. P. Gardner, Hill School; Putting twelve-pound shot—C. Beck, Harrisburg Tech.; Throwing twelve-pound hammer—W. Augell, Mercersburg; Throwing the discus—J. Wells, Perkiomen Sem.; Throwing the javelin—F. Davis, Mercersburg.

RUBIEN PLACES TWO PENN MEN ON 1918 ALL-COLLEGIATE TEAM

Two Penn men, Haymond and Bartels, have been picked by Fred W. Rubien for his 1918 all-collegiate track and field team. His selections follow: 100-yard dash—Howard P. Drew, Drake University; 220-yard dash—W. Creed Haymond, Penn.; 440-yard run—Frank J. Shea, Pittsburgh; 880-yard run—C. Shaw, Columbia University; One-mile run—W. G. Kleinspehn, Lafayette College; Two-mile run—L. C. Dresser, Cornell University; 120-yard hurdles—W. Smith, Cornell University; 220-yard hurdles—C. R. Erdman, Princeton University; Running high jump—C. Rice, University of Kansas; Running broad jump—C. E. Johnson, Michigan; Pole vault—Roy Easterday, Pittsburgh; Putting 16-pound shot—W. C. Beers, Dartmouth College; Throwing 16-pound hammer—S. R. Sutherland, Pittsburgh; Throwing the discus—E. Gillilan, Notre Dame; Throwing the javelin—J. Wilson, University of Illinois; Pentathlon—Johnny Bartels, Penn.

AMERICAN FIVES IN CLOSE RACE

Winner Hard to Pick and Play-Off Looks Foregone Conclusion

With three teams—Dobson, Hancock and Yours Truly—deadlocked for first place, it is a difficult task to select the probable winner of the first half of the American Baseball League pennant.

Each team must play two games more before the first half is finished and it is quite likely that a play-off will be necessary. The remaining schedule of the leading teams follows: Hancock vs. Vitrix and Wilbur, Yours Truly vs. Wilbur and Vitrix and Dobson vs. S. P. H. A. and St. Columbia.

It will be noted that both Yours Truly and Hancock draw the same opponents in the remaining games, while Dobson has by far the hardest road to travel, especially when they oppose St. Columbia next week.

Jim Coffey, manager of the champions, has waited all along for George Dietrick and Tom Duvinsky to be released from the navy, and now that they have not returned has bolstered his line-up by signing Jack Lawrence, Big George "Horse" Haggerty and Lou Martin. Hancock again made the best showing for the week and their 22 to 21 victory over Dobson was well deserved. Mitch Hopkins' crew captures the honors for teamwork and passing, and this is only natural, when it is considered the many years this crew has been working together.

RATICAN SAVED BETHLEHEM Scored Tying Goal in Final Minute of Play

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Behind 1 to 0, with only six seconds to play, Harry Falkan, Bethlehem, scored a goal and enabled Bethlehem to tie the St. Louis in the second game of the series yesterday with an all-star selection from the local league. Bethlehem won the first game here on Saturday defeating the Innfalls team 3 to 0. The next game will be played Wednesday.

ALL-STARS TRIUMPH Defeat Merchant "A" Eleven in Benefit Match, 2 to 1

The All-Stars, composed of speed players from the various shipyards, defeated the Merchant "A" team in a benefit match yesterday afternoon on the new athletic field at Harbortown by the score of 2 goals to 1. The feature of the game was the head kicking of Night and the aggressiveness of Harry Parker. The All-Stars outplayed the Merchant "A" team throughout the match.

LEONARD-DUNDEE DATE IS CHANGED

Meeting Between Classy Lightweights in Newark Set Back to Jan. 20

GOOD NEW YEAR SHOWS

Wash Wants \$15,000 Purse for Pal Moore to Meet Jimmy Wilde

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Tom Walsh, manager of Wilson (Pal) Moore, this morning announced he would permit Moore to meet Jimmy Wilde in a return bout in London for a purse of \$15,000 and one-third of the movie-plate money.

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

Benny Leonard doesn't plan to take any chances with Johnny Dundee when they clash in Newark next month. Originally this pair of high-priced, high-class lightweights were scheduled to clash on January 13, but the latest dope has the date set back one week to January 20. The report has it that Leonard wants to be in perfect condition.

Leonard meets Paul Doyle at the Olympia on New Year's afternoon. This will be the champion's first real trial in many months. Following this skirmish with the rangy Doyle, Benny will settle down to serious work for the Dundee battle. The boys will come in at catchweights. Each will receive a percentage of the receipts, minus the State's 10 per cent tax.

Big Shows Here

This city will not be forgotten on New Year's afternoon. The Olympia, National and Cambria have arranged virtually the best shows carded for local fans in months. The Olympia went out and booked a champion, The National has a number of title hopes on its list. Even Johnny Burns did not overlook anything. He claimed the flyweight title for Battling Murray, then proceeded to place him in the windup at the Cambria against Young McGovern.

Jeff Smith, the clever middleweight, will have a rugged customer in the person of Billy Kramer in the National feature. Kramer's last appearance here was at the National over a year ago. Larry Williams and Bartley Madden, a brace of light heavyweights, entertain in the semi-wind-up.

Interesting Bouts

The fans have not overlooked these good shows. The advance sale at all three clubs has been unusually heavy. Yesterday Leon Rain, acting manager of the Olympia, announced only a few seats remained and that the Olympia had the largest advance sale on record for that club. The first day the tickets were placed on sale more than \$3000 worth were sold.

The National also reports a good sale. Matchmaker (Pop) O'Brien has a "fighting" card and one that is sure to bring forth all kinds of action. Battling Levinsky was only able to get a place in the fourth bout, this against Paul Sansom. Johnny Burns, the Cambria king, merely smiled when asked how it looked for New Year's.

Burr, Williams Pitcher, Killed

Williamstown, Mass., Dec. 30.—Lieutenant Thomas Burr, a former Williams College student, who was rated high as a pitcher, but who was killed in the big league before he could represent the Purple on the diamond, was killed in France during the last days of the fighting, according to news received here.

PICKERING SUGGESTS MASS SPORT METHOD

Aviation Major Believes Athletics for Group Should Be Run by Penn Physical Education Department

TELLS OF ARMY LIFE

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

MAJOR MYLIN J. PICKERING, who has been released from the service and will return to Penn State, has been released from the service and will return to Penn State. He played on the Cleveland eleven, which saves the University of Pittsburgh team its first defeat in four seasons. He also played with Georgia Tech. It was first rumored that Harlan would go back to the Atlanta institution, but he has denied this and signified his intention of going to State at the beginning of the second semester.

Harlan, Gridiron Star, Gets Release From Navy to Return to Penn State

Julie Harlan, the sensational half-back of the Cleveland Naval Reserve, has been released from the service and will return to Penn State. Harlan played on the Cleveland eleven, which saves the University of Pittsburgh team its first defeat in four seasons. He also played with Georgia Tech. It was first rumored that Harlan would go back to the Atlanta institution, but he has denied this and signified his intention of going to State at the beginning of the second semester.

Praises Colonel Miller

"I formed friendships in the army which I shall always cherish. Colonel Miller, who was the commanding officer at Waco, is a plan worth knowing. I am fortunate to be able to count him among my friends. When he was sent to Garden City he took me with him and when there was a mission overseas he sent me.

"It was unfortunate that Colonel Miller did not get a chance to get into action. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, in which he made an excellent record, but he was such an expert in handling aviators that the Government believed him more valuable on this side of the Atlantic.

"Colonel Miller is one of the few who holds a congressional medal awarded to him for distinguished service and bravery in the Philippine campaign. The natives had a machine gun trained on our lines and Colonel Miller, who was then a second lieutenant, spiked the gun almost single-handed. He was wounded twice.

"It is with such men that I am now associated and I hate to break away."

Wells to Meet Carpenter Paris, Dec. 30.—Articles have been signed here for boxing bouts between Georges Carpenter and Bombardier Wells and Charles Ladoux, the French bantamweight, and Jimmie Wells.

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Olympia A. A. Broad and Balaclava. Harry Edwards, Mar. New Year's Aff., Jan. 1, 2:30 P. M. Pete Ritter vs. Jimmy Myran. Harry Williams vs. Kid Porter. Donny White vs. Jimmy Brady. TRIPLE WINDS vs. WELLS.

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To reassure you about the price of the Standard Eight

Peace reductions in automobile prices have begun. Their general object is to offset the upward jump made in prices during the war.

The effect has been to make the prospective buyer wait. He suspects that if he waits one month, two months, three months, he may be able to save one hundred dollars, two hundred dollars, possibly three hundred dollars.

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