

ADDED TO OTHER WORRIES, CONNOLLY MUST BEAR BURDEN OF MAKING 17-INNING DECISION

"WILD BILL" BREAKS SILENCE; GIVES DOPE ON 17-INNING GAME

Late Silk O'Loughlin Accused of Giving Decision Which Cost Athletics Pennant, but "Smiling Wilyum" Says Tom Connolly Rendered Famous Verdict

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WILD WILLYUM DONOVAN beamed complacently upon the vast throng at the National last Saturday night.

Willum the Wild exposed a million dollars worth of ivory when he allowed a smile to appear on his face. Muggsy Taylor and Bobby Gunnis were interested onlookers, because it was the first time they ever had been able to agree with the noted star of the diamond at a boxing show.

Battling Murray had walloped the daylight out of Battling Leonard, and Donovan let his dog license on Murray. After that Willum was contented to rest on his laurels.

"Now that I have departed from the maiden class," he said, "the show no longer interests me. However, I would like to burst into oratory and tell a story which, to my mind, never has been pointed. It gives a clean bill to one of the best umpires who ever called 'em behind the plate, and now that he has passed to the great beyond let's respect his memory."

While Jack Russo and Oscar Gardner roared through a sloppy semiwind-up Donovan told the following story:

"Remember that game between the A's and Detroit 'way back in 1907, when Harry Davis hit one on the nose to deep center and was called out when it was claimed a spectator collided with Sam Crawford just as he was about to catch the ball? Well, there was lots of trouble over that play, and I'll bet many of the old fans are arguing about it yet."

"Silk O'Loughlin, who was working behind the plate that day, has been accused of giving the decision which virtually put the Athletics out of the running for the pennant."

"That umpire was in bad with Connie Mack and all of his players for a long time, and I want to say right now that he had nothing to do with the decision. He was blameless, but never offered an alibi. He took his medicine like a man."

Connolly Called Out Davis in Memorable Game
TOMMY CONNOLLY was the man who called Harry Davis out and claimed there had been interference on the part of a spectator in center field. In fact, Tommy will admit it any time you ask him about it.

"I distinctly recall the play and the events following it, because I was pitching for Detroit on that day. It was near the end of the season and we were fighting it out with the A's. We came here one-half game behind, but took the lead after winning the first game. The next day, I believe, we were idle because of rain and then came the crucial battle."

"An enormous throng turned out and the spectators were allowed to go upon the field. Every time I looked back to get a line on my outfielders I saw that bank of humanity which seemed to be getting closer to second base. Dave Jones in left and Ty Cobb in right were backed against the crowd. In center, Sam Crawford had more leeway, for a sort of 'V' was formed out there and Sam stood in the center."

"That was the layout when Harry Davis stepped up. I can see him now swinging that long bat, and recall that sinking sensation when he reached out and hit the ball full on the nose. Straight toward center it sailed and I thought it would go into the crowd."

"Crawford, however, ran back and then toward left field, and a spectator, who evidently was excited, ran near him. Just as Sam was leaning back to make the catch this man bumped him and everything was spoiled. The crowd went wild, Davis started around the bases and the Detroit players entered a protest on the grounds of interference. There was quite an argument and O'Loughlin was appealed to for a decision."

"Silk walked over to Connolly and said: 'How about it, Tom?' 'The man's out!' replied Connolly. 'O'Loughlin walked back to the plate and another heated discussion began among the players. Once more Silk approached Connolly. 'What was that decision?' he asked. 'I tell you the man's out for interference!' stormed Tommy. 'Get that! He's out!'"

"Then O'Loughlin made his ruling for which he has been blamed to this day. I am in a position to give the real story, for I was standing near Connolly both times when Silk appealed to him."

"I SHOULD have been figured out that it wasn't O'Loughlin's decision, anyway. He was behind the plate and the umpire in charge, but Connolly was on the bases and it was up to him to render a verdict on anything that happened there and in the outfield. That's the real story of the feud between Silk and Connie Mack."

Indians Didn't Suffer in Trade With Mack
THE Bobby Roth trade, which was announced by Manager Mack yesterday, was not much of a surprise to the readers of these columns. More than a month ago we said Larry Gardner, Elmer Myers and Charlie Jamieson would be sent to Cleveland in a trade, but apparently made an error when Joe Evans, the third-sacker of the Indians, was included. Perhaps that end of the deal will be announced later, for at present it does not look as if Connie got any the best of it.

Bobby Roth is a great player, a wonderful outfielder and slugger and will fit in nicely with Kopp and Tilly Walker in the long grass. But he is no more valuable to a ball club than Larry Gardner. That being the case, why include Myers and Jamieson? From where are we sitting, it looks as if Cleveland should have handed Connie a couple of players along with Roth for the best third baseman in the league, instead of being nicked for Jamieson and Myers. Mack is a real David Harum, but didn't show it in this transaction.

But before we go any further, let this thought sink in: Connie is boss of his ball club and he can do anything he wishes with the players. He always is seeking to strengthen the A's, and perhaps he is doing that very thing now. However, there MUST be something else to the trade, or no man of Connie's ability would consent to a swap like that unless it had something up his sleeve. Perhaps it is a pitcher or even Joe Evans. Time will tell and it will be up to us to await developments.

This guy Kinney, who also comes here, once belonged to the A's, but didn't do much. Fred Thomas, the Red Sox third baseman who was grabbed by the waiver route, is a swell fielder, but a weak hitter. However, he is young and may develop.

BOBBY ROTH will strengthen the outfield and the absence of Larry Gardner will weaken the infield. Good third basemen are scarce, so what's the idea of the deal? There MUST be something more coming, for Connie is not losing his old-time shrewdness.

Last Week Record One for Boxing Clubs
LAST week was one of the best boxing weeks Philadelphia has ever seen from an attendance standpoint. Record crowds turned out to witness the shows at the Olympia, Cambria and National, thereby proving the sport is exceedingly popular. It also proved that Philadelphia fans will attend good shows, no matter where they are staged.

At the Olympia, which presented Johnny Murray and Joe Burman last Monday night, the receipts were greater than in any regular show, according to Leon Rains. Johnny Burns packed 'em in at the Cambria with Tommy Gorman and Jimmy Pappas, and Jack Hanlon's show at the National on Saturday night drew the largest crowd since the club has been operating under the new management.

JOHNNY MEALEY will have an opportunity to step into the real top-notch class tonight if he wins decisively from Johnny Dundee at the Olympia. Mealey's quick knockout over Gusie Lewis shows he flings a nasty right, and if he connects tonight we are likely to have another championship aspirant in our midst.

THE death of Charles E. Van Loan, which occurred at the Abington Hospital yesterday, came as a shock to his many friends. Van Loan was one of the leading sport writers of the country and was making a name for himself in magazine circles. He had been ill less than two weeks.

WHEN FELLERS NEED FRIENDS



SWEENEY LEADING COLLEGE SCORER

Penn Forward Now Tops Nearest Rival in Cage League by 10 Points

VAN SLYCK'S 62 SECOND

Mike Sweeney, the flashy Penn forward, is virtually assured of the season's individual scoring honors in the Intercollegiate League. Sweeney has a lead of ten points over Van Slyck, of Yale, and will play in two more games while the Yale player engages in but one.

Table with columns: Player, Team, Position, G, Pts, Reb, Fld. Includes Sweeney, Van Slyck, and others.

TEAM SCORING
Team, G, W, L, Pts, Reb, Fld. Includes Penn, Yale, and others.

McGHEE BROTHERS STAR

Lead Merchant B to Victory Over Hog Island Soccer Eleven

Diminutive, feet-footed "Bert" McGhee, outside left of the Merchant "B" team, aided by his brother "Jimmy," were responsible for four of the eight goals registered against the Hog Island soccer eleven yesterday.

McGhee cleared the net and tied the score. Again on the replay the islander's goal was threatened by the Brits. McGhee, on a cross, was booted into Pearce's hands again who for the second time made a sensational return.

Eighteen minutes the game had been underway when with a terrific smash McGhee cleared the net and tied the score.

Marty McHale May Go Abroad

New York, March 3.—Marty McHale, the baseball pitcher of the Yankees and the Red Sox who is now in vaudeville, was going to make an application to go abroad as a professional baseball player if he doesn't land the job as coach of the Giants.

Soccer Officials Want More Pay

Members of the Soccer Association, a local organization, want more pay for their services in the Allied Amateur Cup competition. The Allied American Football Association was notified last Thursday that the referees desire \$3 for each game in the rounds, \$4 for semifinal matches and \$5 for the final.

Paterson Eleven Advances

Paterson, N. J., March 3.—The crack Paterson eleven advanced into the final of the national challenge competition yesterday by defeating the Fore River, O. C. eleven, 2-0, in a game at the Olympic Park, before 4000 spectators, in their regular season.

Gibbons Predicts Bright Future for Vinc. Richards

Local Critic Says Youthful Sensation Should Come Through in National Singles in Short Time

WONDERFUL VOLLEYER

VINCENT RICHARDS'S sensational playing in the middle states boys' tournament on the roof of the Wannamaker store during the last two weeks has set the tennis fans throughout the country to wondering as to how the conqueror of Ioliva Kunnakee and Wallace Johnson will fare in the national singles championships in the next few years.

The consensus of opinion is that the youthful star has a wonderful future. Some predict that he will win the American classic in two years, while others say three or four. Paul W. Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association and one of the leading critics of the country, is confident that Richards will come through in a short while, barring accidents and sickness. Gibbons gives some interesting facts to back up his statement.

Better Than McLoughlin
"Richards has a wonderful future," said Gibbons this morning, "because he is further developed than any of the present American stars were at his age. Richards will not be sixteen years old until the 21st of this month. Maurice McLoughlin, the American title in 1909, was three months past nineteen, while Renshaw, the youngest English champion, was one month younger than Campbell."

Has Great Control
"Richards," continued Gibbons, "has acquired already what it has taken the leading exponents of the sport many seasons to get—control and accuracy. This comes only from experience in tournaments, and Richards is fortunate in having participated in so many big tournaments. His control is almost uncanny. It is a wonderful asset."

"Contrary to the popular belief, Richards is not a player of the brilliant type. Neither is he a pugger who sticks at the base line and uses his strokes mainly as a defense. He can play the back court, mid-court and net equally as well. Many times in the present tourney I have seen him kill lobs from the base line."

Studies Leading Players
"His greatest strength, however, is in his volleying. He is the greatest volleyer I ever have seen. It is simply marvelous the way he strokes the ball on the full. His overhead also is excellent. These two strokes, augmented by a great tennis head and an exceptionally fine temperament, are the chief reasons why he is rapidly forging his way to the pinnacle of American tennis."

"Richards is a student of the game and therefore bound to succeed. He watches the leading players every chance he gets and studies their strong and weak points. Before each match he plans his style of attack and defense. This was shown clearly in his five set match with Tilden on Friday. Many times Tilden would make a fine return only to discover that Richards had an

SCORING HONORS FOR OBEY O'BRIEN

Northeast Captain in Front in Final Averages With 216 Points

KNEASS TAKES SECOND

"Obey" O'Brien, captain of the Northeast quintet, won the individual scoring honors for the 1918-19 season. O'Brien in ten games scored sixty-five field goals and eighty-four goals for a total of 216 points. Captain Kneass, of West Philadelphia, was second with 177 points and "Chick" Passon, the former Southern leader, who was graduated in February, third.

Only five players in the first division—O'Brien, Kneass, Passon, Hechtel and Voeglein—tallied more than a hundred points. Chick of Central High, was the only member of the second team league who passed the century mark. He scored 130 points, sixty-seven more than Passon, of Southern, the runner-up.

The final scoring records follow:

Table with columns: Player, Team, Pts, Reb, Fld. Includes O'Brien, Kneass, Passon, and others.

SIX TACKLES

Six tackles, all of whom have played varsity football and are good enough to make any Penn team in a normal season, will be out for the two posts. These are, besides Little, Johnny Tittel, sub tackle in 1916; Carl Thomas, 1917 regular, and Jim Neyley, Thomas Wilmington and Dick Supton, 1918 veterans. Supton, however, was with the 1918 squad only a few weeks before he enlisted.

Eddie Maynard, 1917 regular, also may return. It is likely that the surplus tackle will be moved over to the guard post, for Herb Deiter, 1917 regular, is the only real veteran guard who will be back. Numbered among the other guard candidates will be Crawford, Armstrong and Bradley, all of whom played on last year's line.

The center position will be well taken care of by the Wray brothers, Alex and Lou. The latter was the 1916 quarterback and was successful in the following years by his brother. Both of them were endcaps in the navy. Alex has returned to college and Lou will re-enlist next fall. Frank, the 1918 center, also will be a candidate.

Two Great Ends
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Track Dates for Navy
Annapolis, Md., March 3.—Four dual and four meet events have been arranged for the Naval Academy team, to take place in Annapolis during the coming season. The preliminary meet will be held at the University of Pennsylvania relay races at Philadelphia on May 26. The meet are: April 18, Johns, Md.; May 3, University of Pennsylvania; May 10, University of Pittsburgh; May 17, Cornell.

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LITTLE WILL RETURN TO PENN NEXT FALL

Famous Tackle, Now Captain With Army of Occupation, Plans Another Football Campaign

GREAT LINE MATERIAL

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

ON PAPER, Penn is going to have a football line next fall that will rival the great combination turned out by Dr. Charles Wharton in 1916, but that is no indication that it will be a line with "name" strength. It reports come true, there will be few halfbacks, if any, gaining ground through the Red and Blue first defenses.

The latest report, rumor or whatever you want to call it, is that Lou Little, famous tackle of a few years ago, will be back with us at Franklin Field before another academic year is launched at the University. Lou is now a captain in infantry with the army of occupation. It is believed that he will not get back home until next summer.

The news that Captain Little would return to Penn was contained in a letter from Helme Miller, former Penn captain, to Alex Wray, another Penn footballer. Miller saw Little in France and at that time Lou announced his intentions of wearing the Red and Blue again.

Promoted to Captain
Captain Little entered the army in the summer of 1917. He tried to get into the service several times before, but was turned down on account of poor eyesight. Later things were fixed up and he enrolled in an officers' training camp. A few months later he was commissioned a first lieutenant and he went overseas with that rank. After seeing service in France and accomplishing his war work with honors he was promoted to a captain.

Any line coach in the country would be pleased to have the material on hand which is reported to be available for Penn next fall. College youths have a habit of changing their minds, but if the quicker changing hold to their present plans there will be at least fifteen first-class men who can be named off-hand for the five positions from tackle to tackle.

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Cubs Arrange Spring Games
Chicago, March 3.—The Chicago Cubs have completed one-half their spring training schedule. Twelve games have been played with California, Arizona and Texas teams, beginning March 29.

Retain Double Empire System
Chicago, March 3.—The double empire system will be retained in the American Association, it was announced last night. George Johnson, of Chicago, is the first umpire to sign.

Horse Sale at Havana
Havana, March 3.—Thirteen horses were sold in the saddle at Oriental Park yesterday. Jack of Spades was bought by J. E. Smith for \$1700. Cello also went to Smith for \$1700. C. J. Fitzgerald paid \$125 for Brindley.

Barnes and Brady Win
Baltimore, Md., March 3.—James Barnes of Sunset Hill, paired with Mike Brady of Oakley Hill farm, defeated Fred and George Smith of Wyckoff, on the Blue here yesterday by 3 and 2 to 1.

Advertisement for Herbert London Cigarettes. Features a portrait of a man and the text: 'There's something about them you'll like.' 'Twenty to the package.' 'Trade Mark.' 'Herbert London Cigarettes.'