If First Inning Were Last and Last First, A's and Phils Might Have Finished Above Cellar

FIGURES SHOW PHILS AND A'S TO BE GREAT 9TH-INNING BALL CLUBS

Macks Won Ten and Lost Six, While Wilhelm's Athletes Split Even in Final-Frame Fights—Should Run Games Backward

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THERE is hope for the A's and Phils next year if a few slight changes are made in the rules which govern our national game. This information was spilled this morning by none other than Ernie Lanigan, who is out for the winter. Mr. Lanigan was interned during the football season, but when he failed to see his shadow the first day out he decided to linger among us.

"I have been busy," confided the noted Figger Filbert, "and have some startling information to hand out. I have been considering the case of the A's and the Phils. Because of the limited number of clubs in the American and National Leagues, the ball teams representing your city have had it easy in finishing in eighth place. I admit this is a wonderful accomplishment, because once upon a time big league clubs finished tenth and fourteenth in the pennant races.

"But Philadelphia need not worry about the future. They have a wonderful chance to shine in the large time if the rules are changed. You see, the local clubs have won the pennant backward on several occasions. That has become such a habit that they are winning ball games the same way.

"In other words, the Athletics and the Phils did better in the ninth inning than in any other. They were great eleventh-hour athletes, and if the games had been started in the ninth instead of the first, and then play the game backward, the cellar champs—both of them—might have gained such a big lead that they never would be headed. They also might have landed outside of the well-known cellar.

"According to the figures," continued the snappy statistician, "the Athletics won ten and lost six in the ninth, while the Phils split even in fourteen scraps of this character. This probably is because the other team got so tired running the bases in the other innings that they couldn't defend themselves properly in the final frame. However, history was made and we gotta hand it to the Phils.

"The National Leaguers had the distinction of wiping out the largest ninth-inning lead of the year. Honest they did, an' I will submit the facts. It was in Boston on September 8. The Braves were leading 6 to 0 when the last inning was performatorily called. Joe Oeschger was twirling for the Beanmen and had our heroes looking like a goldfish with a new pair of roller skates. He fanned the side with nine pitched balls and made them realize their lowly position in large league circles.

"But you never can tell, as they say in cricket. Before the inning was over Joe had been Joe Gelbered out of the game, eight runs were scored and the Phils won the ball game.

Macks Made Startling Record

"AND now for the A's. They, too, kicked in with a startling piece of work that astounded the populace. The fans were stunned and shocked for almost a week when the true significance of the feat dawned upon them. The men of Mack won two games in one day. Usually it takes a couple of weeks to strengthen the percentage column to that extent, but here was something entirely new. They not only won both games, but won them in the ninth inning.

"This happened on Saturday, June 25, and you can get the dope from the papers. No one has explained how it was done nor why the thrilling rallies in the ninth were put on, but that is what actually happened.

"The real champion finishers, however, were the Dodgers, who failed to repeat in the National last season. Those guys grabbed twelve games in the ninth and lost only two. Not such a bad record. In the other league, and on the other hand, Washington claimed the best performance. One day the Griffs were four runs to the bad, and when they batted against Cady Mass in the ninth they nicked the submarine expert for five healthy tallies, with two out and one to go.

"From what I figger out, and figgers don't lie," resumed Mr. Lanigan, "Boston climate aided the other clubs in the twilight of the contests. There were more ninth-inning rallies up there than in all of the other parks put together.

"In order to make this juicer in-tricky and hand out the expert stuff, which can be checked up by any one who wishes to read all of the papers for six months, I have prepared the standing of the clubs for your benefit alone. It will make a big hit in Philadelphia, because cellar clubs are in the majority of position. Here is the league in which the ninth-inning A's and Phils covered themselves with glory:

Brooklyn	12	1	.857	*St. Louis Cards*	6	2	.562
St. Louis Browns	10	1	.811	*Cleveland*	4	3	.444
Washington	8	1	.667	*Giants*	7	9	.438
Athletics	10	6	.625	*Red Sox*	8	11	.421
Braves	9	8	.529	*Cubs*	4	6	.400
Phillies	7	7	.500	*White Sox*	5	8	.385
Yankees	10	10	.500	*Detroit*	5	12	.294
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	*Cincinnati*	4	10	.286

Wants Change in Basketball Foul Rules

"DEAR SIR—Don't you think some change should be made in basketball rules regarding fouls?

"The great majority of games are not professional, and I do not believe that on an average more than fifteen fouls are called in a game, but in the games in the professional leagues they run average at least fifty fouls.

"The spectator wants to see as much of the forty minutes of possible taken up with floor play, and the almost constant 'shooting' of fouls ruins the game from his viewpoint.

"Toward the end of the game the side that leads will take a full minute to toss for goal.

"It seems to me that all fouls, such as tripping, pushing, etc., should count a point for the opponent, and all other fouls, such as running with ball, should be tossed up at present.

"I hope you might be in position to bring this matter before the Eastern League people, and I can assure you that I am only one of their constant patrons who would like to see some change made.

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Y'S KRAX

STEVIE writes in to state that John D.'s favorite song is: "Oil, by myself—."

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Horse sense has a lot to do with the success of polo.

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Also headwork wins a lot of soccer games.

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With the women's golf championship at White Sulphur, Phyllis bets there will be a lot of good matches.

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Nig Hayes hopes dice won't be included when they scrap all the shooting implements.

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Billiard tables have a fascinating appeal—it's the long green, wool.

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Tommy Lynch pipes up that even if the draft is restored it will have no effect on the trade winds.

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'Tis not surprising when Itchy Koo is scratched, remarks the w. k. racing expert.

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Hughey doesn't believe because a boxer commits a foul he's chicken-hearted.

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A good tip—the end of Jake Schaefer's cue.

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Barnstorming, not drag-dancing, now while the sun shines.

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Separating a ball player from his money is touching him in a legal tender spot.

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It's gonna be a "slippery" Xmas for a lot of gents.

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It's easier in ice hockey than in many other sports to put the game on ice.

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A's ought to be a good buy for somebody. The club is free of income taxes.

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1924 will be a great year for high jumpers. Don't be silly—it's leap year.

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Many Christmas belles will be found in stockings this year.

Express Five Wants Games

The American Railway Express five, of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' League, desires games away with first-class teams having floors. The Express five wants games out of the city. Address John Weir, manager, 1942 South Fifty-seventh street.

Boots and Saddle

Veto may redeem himself in the fourth race at New Orleans today, which is an allowance affair for older horses. Rapid Transit and Tom McTaggart appear best of the others.

Horses which seem best in other races are: First race—Billy Burton, Prudence, Execution; second—Rodo, Harp of the North, Golden Autumn; third—Arrowhead, Skinner entry, Panamint; fifth—Wolf's Cry, Modoc, Commander, McMeekin; sixth—Lady Lillian, Tody, Blarnetrome; seventh—British Liner, Miss Nell, Malse.

At Havana: First race—Molino, Hazel W., Surgent; second—Sir William Johnson, Mable Reynolds; third—Mangulvan, Cy Merrick, Meadow Worth; fourth—Ernoombs, Don Thrush, John D. Casey; fifth—Sunrose, Brizz, Fiend; sixth—Allaire, Forbid, Second Cousin.

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PENN-LAFAYETTE GAME IS LIKELY

Eastonians May Appear on Schedule Expected to Be Announced This Afternoon

PLAN SPRING PRACTICE

The long-looked-for complete football schedule of the University of Pennsylvania may be announced this afternoon, according to Acting Graduate Manager of Athletics Bachnell. Last Friday night the tentative schedule was released, with several dates left in the doubtful class, the 14th and 21st of October and the 5th of November.

Lafayette, one of Penn's old-time rivals, was left off the early schedule, but since that time it is expected that negotiations have been renewed with the Easton alma mater and it is expected that they will be announced for a date this afternoon.

According to the dopesters, Lafayette will be played on October 21, with Swarthmore taking the 14th. This eliminates the University of Maryland from an early game this year, but gives it an opportunity for the first game in November.

Negotiations are still pending with the Maryland authorities and also those of the University of Alabama for the November 4 game and the problem of which team will appear on Franklin Field is expected to be decided definitely this afternoon.

Should Lafayette be selected for an October game, and there is every reason to believe it will, Penn will have a very formidable offensive. Franklin and Marshall, which held Penn to a 20-to-0 score during the last season, will have a veteran team next fall. The University of Lehigh team is great shape during the last fall and should provide plenty of action for Hollenback's eleven.

After the Southern eleven Saturday, some fans think the Garnet should have a fairly easy time getting by the rest of the schedule. Penn is to play Princeton, Navy, Cornell, Dartmouth, University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, Brown, Williams, Harvard and Carlisle. Navy is the only game scheduled in the city named, Penn having to travel to Ithaca, Hanover, Cambridge and Boston to meet its foes.

With such a strong schedule ahead of the football team, the Red and Blue should have a very busy time in the next few months. Coach Sharpe is now at his home in Pittsburgh, but is expected here next week. The coaches intend to call a number of candidates next fall that will be eligible for service during previous years, instead of the history of the University.

It takes a little more than a few weeks' spring practice to make a football team, as any one who has seen a number of the football teams in action in the past can tell. Sharpe, Bachnell and Wilson, when they get together, will have a practice schedule for the spring practice, and it is expected that Sharpe will be on the Penn campus for a few days next week.

On the Penn campus at the moment there are a number of candidates for the varsity quarterback position, the position left vacant by the graduation of Gene Mack.

Gene Mack, who played in the eleven last year, is now in the 4th or 5th of January to start indoor practice for track purposes. More than 300 have signified their intention of trying for the varsity track team, in the spring, and Coach Mike Ryan will have his work cut out for him in the coming weeks. Assisting Coach Ryan will be Coach Wilson, who has charge of the freshman track team. Wilson is a former Penn star himself, and is just as well known in track circles as Sharpe is in football circles. The coaches have made no definite plans for the Freshman track team, but the Freshmen will be given every opportunity to make the varsity team. Wilson is also in charge of the Freshman cross-country team.

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JOHNNY HAYES vs. K. O. KID GROSS
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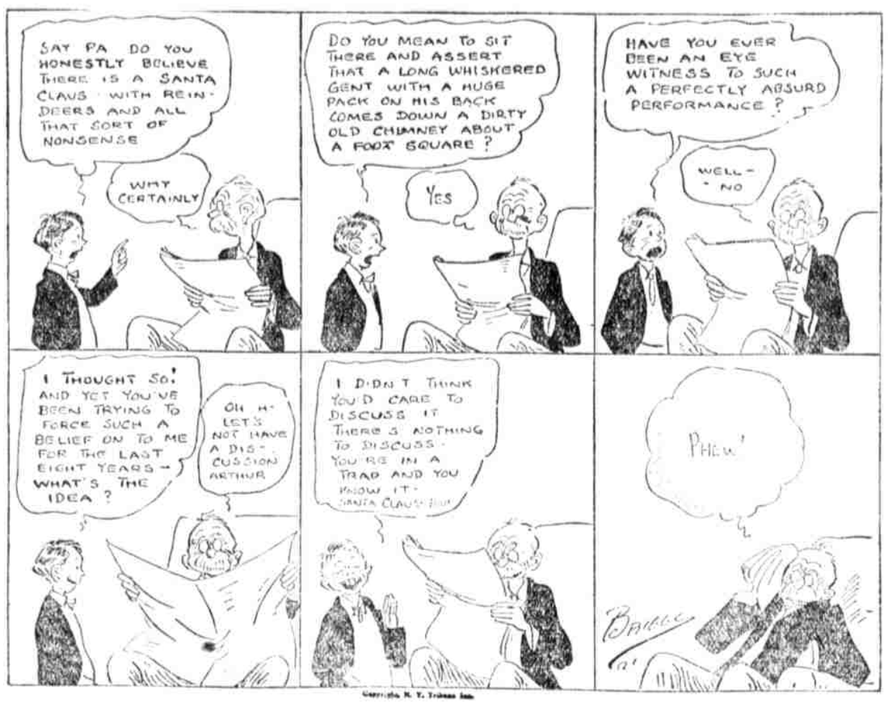

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TWO TEAMS IN SOCCER RACE FOR CRICKET LEAGUE LAURELS

Contest Narrows Down to Duel Between Phila. Whites and Germantown—Penn Has a Chance in Second Division

By DOUGLAS STEWART
Coach of the Penn Soccer Team and President Football Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and District.

IN LOOKING over the standing of the teams in the First Division of the Cricket Club League soccer competition, one is impressed with the fact that the race for the championship is not only intensely keen but more widely distributed than hitherto has been the case.

Up to last Saturday there were four teams in the running for the championship, but the wins by Philadelphia Whites and Germantown have eliminated the Merion White and Marion teams, leaving the battle to Philadelphia Whites and Germantown, with the odds in favor of Philadelphia.

Germantown last season beat Philadelphia Whites for the championship and also won the intersectional championship, defeating New York. The triumph of Germantown last season was the closest of the most successful season Germantown has ever had, and it did the team a great deal of good as well as reviving interest in the game in Germantown Cricket Club, which was one of the original Cricket Club League clubs. At no time before had Germantown won two soccer championships in one season.

Of course it was not to be expected that Philadelphia would lay down under the last season's defeat and the rivalry between the two clubs has reached a high pitch. Philadelphia has been striving to win the championship for many years and several times got second place.

For many years the Belmont-Merchantville-Merion White team seemed to have a mortgage on the cup, but this aggregating has been forced to give place to the younger element emanating from Pennsylvania, Haverford and other college teams, and it is only a matter of a short time before all the Cricket Club teams will be made up entirely of players who learned the game at their respective colleges.

The College Element

As it now is, the Merion Maroons, Philadelphia Reds and Moorestown Stars teams are made up of the older players and some of the younger element, while the Philadelphia Whites, Merion Whites, Germantown and Moorestown First are almost entirely composed of the younger element, and constantly being added to by young men graduating out of their college varsity teams.

This is the element which is responsible for four out of seven teams being in the running for the championship until ten out of twelve games are played, and it is likely the contest for the championship will be even more widely distributed next season. Moorestown has a collection of young men from whom it should be possible to select a combination which would be the equal of any.

As a matter of fact, it was freely predicted at the beginning of the season that the present Moorestown team was going to give the best of the teams in the first division a hard battle for first place, but for some reason or other, mainly because the other teams had more experienced players, it did not come through.

One of the curious features of these first division teams is the number of college stars in their ranks: Philadelphia Whites have two Penn varsity captains in their line-up, Merion Whites one and at least one or two Haverford varsity captains, while Moorestown has three Haverford and one Cornell varsity captains in its ranks.

Forget the Ball

None of the teams in the first division play, as a rule, the quality of game they are able to play, and which they sometimes do play, but the standard is surely rising over what it has been in the past. Probably due to lack of practice the passing is poor and inaccurate and there still seems to be a strong tendency to play the man and forget the ball.

In the second division the battle for first place seems to be limited to the Moorestown second and Pennsylvania third teams. Each team has lost one game. The chances are in favor of Moorestown winning this championship, for the personnel of that team is more experienced. The Pennsylvania team, which is made up entirely of freshmen, has had only school and this season's coaching experience. However, Penn third still has Germantown and Merion second division teams to beat before it is tied with Moorestown.

The Germantown second team should have made a much better showing than it has because it has a lot of good material on it. Merion and Philadelphia second division teams are essentially junior teams, made up of younger members who are keen on learning the game and ultimately getting into the first division teams.

Some years ago Philadelphia, Merion and Germantown clubs had a sort of a junior league whereby they played teams made up of the sons of members. These teams were in the hands of experienced coaches and the majority of the younger element on the first division team is made up of the boys who were on the teams in the junior league where they got their first knowledge of the game, then went to college and had it considerably increased.

With the growth increased interest in outdoor sports and the amateur and better facilities for its prosecution, there seems to be an ideal season when the Junior League of the Associated Cricket Clubs should not be reorganized and put into action.

Houston Gets Tom Denoville

Houston, Tex., Dec. 21.—Houston [illegible]

How Soccer Teams Stand in Cricket Club League

FIRST DIVISION

	Games P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals for	agst.	Pts.
Phila. Whites	9	4	1	4	34	5	12
Germantown	10	4	1	5	20	10	13
Merion White	10	4	4	2	19	17	10
Merion Maroon	10	4	4	2	19	18	10
Moorestown	8	2	3	3	8	6	8
Phila. Reds	8	2	5	2	11	21	6
Penn Second	8	1	7	0	9	28	2

SECOND DIVISION

Penn Third	6	5	1	0	13	5	10
Germantown 2d	7	2	5	0	11	21	4
Merion Second	7	2	5	0	10	20	4
Phila. Second	8	2	6	0	13	21	4
Moorestown 2d	8	1	6	1	9	26	3

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YANKS IN FOR BATTLE WITH PACK IN 1922

With Ruth and Meusel Out for Five Weeks, New York Won't Get Any Running Start—Indians Uncertain, So Looks Like Race

By GRANTLAND RICE

THROUGH the year 1921, now taking its final hurdle, Jack Dempsey was permitted to battle just eleven and one-half minutes, net. It was through no fault of his own, but he hopes to reduce this in 1922 to eight and one-half minutes if some one can only dig up the party of the second part.

The Scrambled Chase

ONE always stumbles into an exceptional risk when he begins outlining baseball prospects several months away.

The old game is full of uncanny twists over night, to say nothing of the gap between December and October.

But if the American League race for 1922 isn't a wild scramble we have lost all track of the situation.

The Yanks, 1921 winners, lose Ruth and Meusel for five weeks. That certainly is no vast help.

Cleveland, a machine that reached its crest in 1920, was slipping last summer and, with many veterans and a fading pitching staff, may have an even harder fight to care for.

With the two leaders a trifle lopsided, there is always the chance for other persons to step forth and reach for the pudding where teams such as Washington and St. Louis will have loads opportunities to start trouble.

As the case looks at this early juncture, the American League should offer enough excitement to make up for the two-club race of the last campaign, where the other six clubs were merely completing a schedule most of the route.

THE ALL-STAR PARADE

No. 8—The Star King-Killer

THIS title, for one tournament at least, must be awarded to Jess Guilford, of Boston, Mass.

Guilford lopped away more crowns in the last amateur golf championship than we ever saw fall in a single week.

In his first match the Siege Gun dropped George von Elm, Pacific Northwest and Trans-Mississippi champion. Two crowns.

In his next test he stopped Dewey Weber, Chicago district champion. One crown.

Thereupon he beat Harrison Johnston, Minnesota champion. One crown.

After which he put away "Chick" Evans, national and Western champion. Two crowns.

So in his march to reach the final test with Bob Gardner, ex-amateur champion, the Woodland star accounted for no less than six champions en route. Even Attila had nothing on Guilford as a scourge incarnate.

"HOW many miles will football teams travel next fall?" inquires a reader. Just at this moment we haven't the vital statistics under our thumb, but at least more miles than to Marlebright.

HARVARD, offering an open date to Penn State, California or Pittsburgh, can hardly be charged with nominating a submissive opponent for her last October game on the rim of her big November whirl.

"TILDEN and Dempsey sure to return their titles another year," comments an exchange. It sounds possible enough. There is no definite reason that one can offer. But a year ago at this time how many were prophesying the downfall of Willie Hoppe? The word "sure" has only a fickle lodging in the realm of sport.

H. L. F.—No, we can't indorse any "pennant buying." The big towns have all the best of it. But one of the first baseball stories we remember writing was panning some owner for not spending more money to buy a better team. But where the happy medium is we don't know.

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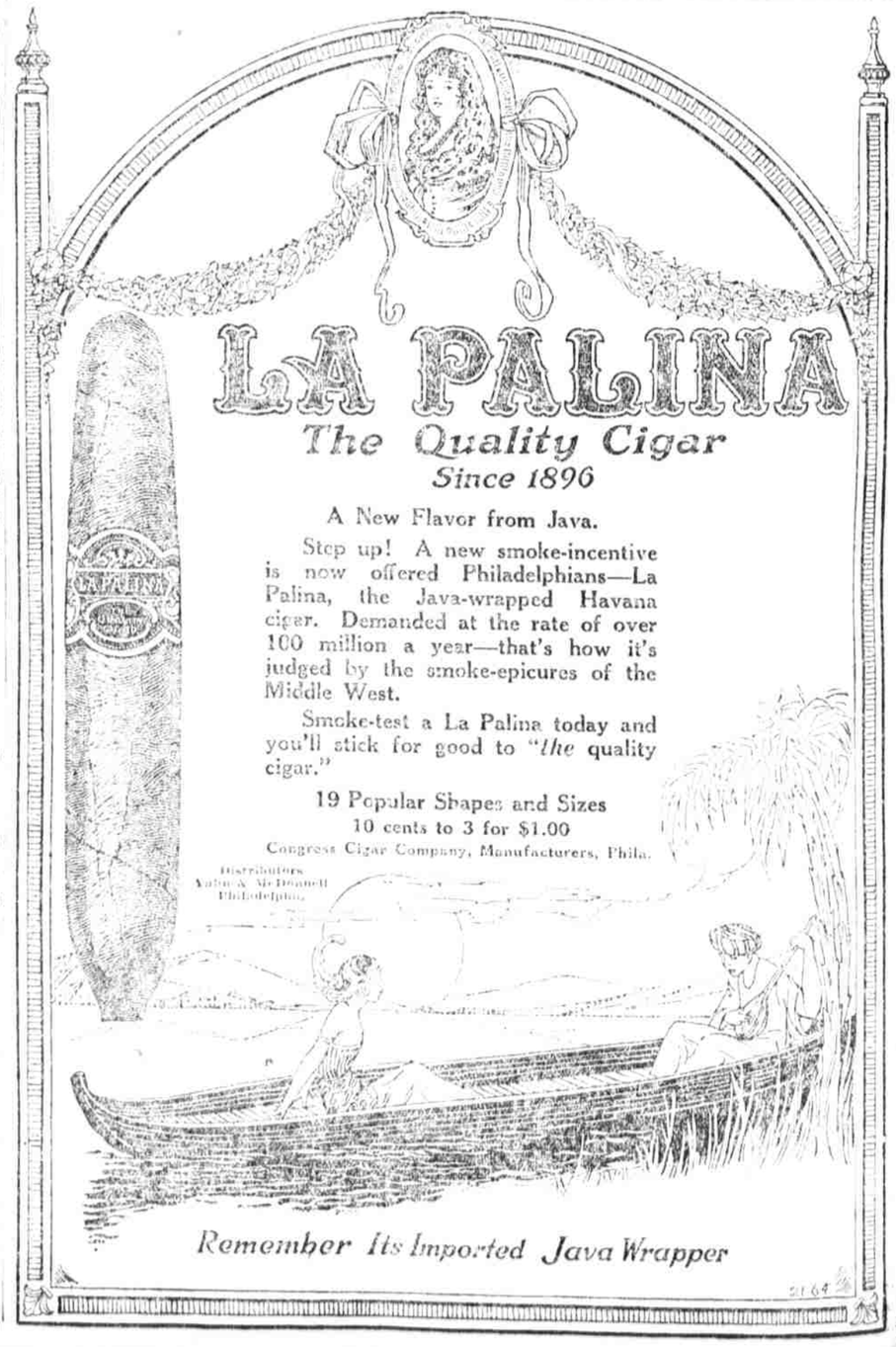
Shevlin Takes Doyle's Measure

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Eddie Shevlin, of Boston, Dartmouth College boxing instructor, took the measure of Paul Doyle, of New York, rather easily in their welterweight feature bout at the Armory A. A. in Mechanics Building, before a capacity house. The Dartmouth professor took eight of the ten rounds. Shevlin's victory virtually assures him of a Madison Square Garden match with Jack Bratton.

Intersectional Game for Lafayette

Easton, Pa., Dec. 21.—Lafayette College will play an intersectional football game with the University of Richmond next season, according to Graduate Manager of Athletics D. Le Roy Reeves. The game will be played here September 30 and will usher in the Lafayette season.

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