

# PENNSY TEAMS WINNER IN OPENING ELIMINATION CONTESTS--WILLARD MUST FIGHT

## WILLARD MUST FIGHT FULTON; TO CLAIM TITLE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—On Thursday, December 27, Mike E. Collins will claim the heavyweight boxing championship for Fred Fulton unless by that time Jess Willard consents to a match. Willard has been most elusive in dodging a fight with Fulton, according to Collins, who is not at all backward in presenting some facts which he says are sufficient to support his claim.

"On November 15, 1917," said Collins, "the Minneapolis Boxing Club offered Willard \$50,000 to box Fulton ten rounds. Since that time the Capital City Athletic Club, of St. Paul, offered Willard \$45,000, and a club represented by J. W. Randolph, of Denning, N. M., has posted \$10,000 and offered Willard \$50,000 to box Fulton twenty rounds to a decision any time in three months.

"Money Posted

"On November 30, 1917, I posted

\$1,000 with T. S. Andrews, of Milwaukee, Wis., to go as a forfeit and to prove Fulton's faith in a match with Willard. We also agreed to post an additional \$5,000 more as a forfeit and side bet the same day Willard signs articles, if he ever does.

"On December 20, if Willard does not accept a match with Fulton for the heavyweight title, I will claim Willard's title for Fulton, and from December 29 on will bill Fulton as heavyweight champion of the world.

"Since boxing was first organized it has been a standing rule, the custom of a hundred years in boxing, that a champion must defend his title at least once every six months or forfeit same. Jess Willard has had the right to fight for the title in the last three years, and that was a ten-round, no-decision affair."

### Number of U. S. Troops Killed by German Bomb

With the American Army in France Dec. 13 (by The Associated Press).—A number of American railway engineers have been killed by a German aerial bomb in a town somewhere behind the British front.

Complete details are not yet known, but it is permitted to announce that a German bomb fell to a street in a town through which American troops were passing. Pieces of the bomb shattered the windows of a house in which there were officers, showering them with glass but hurting no one.

Two American soldiers have died in hospitals from gunshot wounds.

### High Price Paid For Catcher "Bill" Killefer

By Associated Press Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—It was learned from a trustworthy source here that the money consideration involved in the sale of Pitcher Grover C. Alexander and Catcher William Killefer by the Philadelphia National League Club, to the Chicago Nationals is \$50,000. Of this amount \$25,000 is to be paid at once and the remainder is to be turned over before the 1918 season opens, provided Alexander is not drafted into the National Army before that time.

## LOCAL ATHLETE PENN STATE STAR

Richard H. Rauch Is Given Football Letter; Others Who Made Good

State College, Pa., Dec. 14.—Fifteen football men at Pennsylvania State were awarded their varsity letters to-day at a meeting of the football executive committee. The coveted insignia was voted to the following:

**One Harrisburg**  
Captain L. S. G. Conover, of Atlantic City; Richard H. Rauch, of Harrisburg; Percy W. Griffiths, of Taylor; Stanley Czarnicki, of Erie; Harry D. Robb, of Pittsburgh; Walter S. Gross, of Pittsburgh; Rudolph G. Kraft, of Wilkes-Barre; Alfred W. Pond, of State College; Charles A. Way, of Downingtown; William M. Firsching, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lee G. Hills, of Clearfield; James Black of Oshanter; Otto H. Tavenner, of Devon; Robert S. Clarke, Jr., of Pittsburgh, and student manager, Robert K. Cochran, Jr., of Pittsburgh.

**For Faithful Service**  
All of the players excepting Clarke and Tavenner earned their letters by playing the requisite time in prescribed games. Clarke was rewarded for faithful service as a substitute quarterback for four years. Tavenner's letter was awarded because at the time he entered military service he was only on game short of the requirement.

### Ten Minor Leagues Are Ready to Start Next Year

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 14.—In a statement Secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National Association, said ten minor leagues have signified their intention to operate next season. He also said each of the clubs in these leagues will play at least one benefit game early in the season, the proceeds to be donated to the Soldiers' Bat and Ball Fund.

The baseball official announces that the association will grant protection to lower classification leagues by giving them permission to play on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays in order to perpetuate baseball in certain territory.

Secretary Farrell said the new clause inserted in the contract of baseball players will apply only while the war lasts. This clause also makes it necessary for managers to tender contracts to players in the Army in order to retain title to their services.

Mr. Farrell would not say whether or not the New York State League, of which he is president, is one of the leagues that will open.

**FIRE STOPS 200 MINERS**  
Operations in Twelve Shafts were Also Suspended For Day  
Portage, Pa., Dec. 14.—Two thousand miners and twelve mines in this district were idle yesterday as a result of a fire early this morning, which destroyed the New York tower of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The origin of the fire is unknown. Traffic on the Portage branch of the railroad was delayed several hours, all the signals having been destroyed. It was announced this evening that the mines would probably resume to-morrow.

## PLAN FOOTBALL CHANGES FOR BENEFIT OF FANS; SAYS MINNESOTA COACH

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Dr. Harry L. Williams, the former Yale athlete, who is now football coach at Minnesota, predicts that the football rules committee at its next meeting will suggest some new device by which the spectators will be better able to understand the plays as they are made on the football field.

Dr. Williams says that the newspaper make a mistake in making heroes of football players. He says it is an injustice to the other players to praise the work of one individual player to the skies for making a great play, because it is usually owing to the concerted action of the other ten players that one man is able to make a spectacular play. Football, he says, is a game in which eleven players should share equally in the honors of victory.

When the rules committee meets in New York City after the first of the year Dr. Williams says that some system will be devised by which the spectators will get all the information possible about the different plays. While it isn't within the province of the committee, according to their own verdict, to pass a rule compelling the eleven to number players or anything of that sort, they can recommend a plan to give the crowds the necessary information about what is going on in the game.

**New World's Series Plans Now Under Consideration**  
Chicago, Dec. 12.—One of the principal topics under consideration here by major leagues refers to the future conduct of world's series championships.

President emeritus of the National League, does not believe the players' pool, according to present arrangements too much. He does believe, however, that more equitable distribution should be made of the spoils, and his league will back him up in the idea.

The Tenger plan is to have all the players of all the clubs but one of the participating league to share in the world's series pot. The principal beneficiaries, of course, would be the respective pennant winners. A premium would be placed on victory, of course. The world's champion would annex the lion's share, but the other clubs would be given a part of the pot, graded down inversely from second place clubs to second division teams. The tail-enders would receive nothing, and the share of the various place teams of the respective pennant winners. A number of baseball high honors in proportion to the difference between the winners' and the losers' end of the big show.

### Olympic Star Training Soldiers in Mississippi



**MEL SHEPPARD**  
Melvin Sheppard, the former Olympic middle-distance champion, who is down in Mississippi looking after the athletic work of the 4700 soldiers stationed at Camp Selby, near Hattiesburg, declares that he could develop a first class national championship team from the athletic material that he has observed in the various regiments forming his division.

## INDOOR MEET GOES BEGGING

Chicago or St. Louis May Have Annual Event For Asking

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Chicago or St. Louis can have the national indoor track and field championships of the American Athletic Union this winter, for the asking. Buffalo, which held the meet last winter, has not put in a bid for the 1918 title games and none of the clubs in and around the Eastern district is willing to stand sponsor for them.

The result is that the A. A. U. officials would welcome a bid from either Chicago or St. Louis and would lose little time in awarding the meet to the West for the first time in the history of the indoor championships. Boston is keen to run the games and it would be next to impossible to hold them in Philadelphia, unless at enormous expense. The West, therefore, is keen to assume responsibility, the Amateur Athletic Union will have to finance the meet itself. In the event that this is the case, the meet would probably be held in the West, anyway, because the East is lacking in junior athletes of more than mediocre ability, while there are a score or more youngsters in the West who would bring the games up to the standard of other years.

Perhaps the best of the Westerners are W. A. Miller, of the Illinois A. C., who ran a second in the national half-mile junior race at St. Louis last fall and Waldo Ames, of the Chicago A. C., who ran second in the 120-yard senior high hurdles. Miller has run in the East on one or two occasions and has always shown good speed.

Ames is one of the best hurdlers the West has developed and would have been recognized as a star long since had he been for the fact that Robert A. Simpson, of the University of Chicago, absorbed all the limelight. Ames has run second to Simpson on innumerable occasions and has shown that he was capable of coming within a fraction of a second of Simpson's best figures.

Other Western athletes who have shown more than average ability in the junior races are A. T. Bush, who was second in the 120-high hurdles race in the junior till meet at St. Louis; J. Cameron, of the Illinois A. C., a miler; D. French, also of the Illinois A. C., a distance man; A. Parker, of the Danish-American A. C., a walker; H. Howard, of the Illinois A. C., a shot-putter, and W. A. Dowling, of the Illinois A. C., a broad jumper.

## WELLY'S CORNER

Major League magnates may not be able to do much business in Chicago to-day. They got right into the midst of a blizzard last night and it was a question whether they would get to Chicago in time.

One busy man at Chicago will be Edward G. Barrow. Now that he is out of a league job it is expected that his friend Ban Johnson will find him a berth as manager of an American League team.

Kicks are many around the big league circuit over the announcement of deals between the Phillies and St. Louis Cardinals. Quaker fans are not taking kindly to the sale of Killifer and the St. Louis patrons are yelling like madmen over the prospect of losing Hornsby. By the time the clubs are ready to start the season the present troubles will have been forgotten.

Charley Herzog wants to be sold or traded. He claims that good work is impossible with Manager McGraw as his boss. Herzog is honest. When a player does not take kindly to his leader it is time he should quit.

Benny Leonard says he will fight

O'Dowd if the latter agrees to weight and other terms. When it comes down to business methods, Leonard is no slacker.

Enbaut Ex-High basketball team will journey to Middletown to-night for a game with the Middletown High five. This game is the first of a series for this season's county honors. Both teams have reputations for good work.

Pennsylvania athletes last night made good in the opening of the season's elimination contests, taking two victories from the Schuylkill Valley division teams. Harrisburg is going after honors in the System contests.

**ORANGEMEN FOR UNION**  
Winnipeg, Man.—The supreme grandmaster of the Loyal Orange Association of Canada has wired all the provincial masters as follows: "Issue the strongest appeal in my name urging the brethren to drop all other considerations and to unite in support of the Union government. This government must be sustained or Canada disgraced."

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### An All-Time All-Star Team (In Serial Array)

FOREWORD

Back in the closing days of the late campaign in ballroom, an argument was turned drift one afternoon as to what group of players might constitute the make-up of an All-Time All-Star team—a team to be picked from the complete span of the game with its beginning nearly 50 years ago. Naturally, a vast number of words were unfurled upon the occasion, with any number of entries named and listed as worthy members of the All-Star cast.

Taking the cue, we decided to try the experiment of picking such a cast—not solely from our own limited observation, extending over a period of some eighteen or twenty years—but in the main from the collective opinion of those who have known a wider range. With this end in view, we discussed the possibilities and probabilities with such veterans as Frank Bancroft, forty years with the Reds; Clark Griffith, one of the game's wisest students, and with such veteran and keen-observing baseball writers as Sam Crame, William B. Hanna, Joe Vila and others who have watched the long parade file by for periods, on the average, covering more than a quarter of a century.

As we expect to be held to a restricted output very shortly, due to the exigencies and demands of the artillery game, this seemed to be a fairly fitting period to unfold the results of the long investigation.

We can say in advance that out of the nine positions only one seems to rest in doubt. The others were almost unanimously backed.

**NO. 1—CATCHER**

Here we came to a long array—Frank Flint, Charley Bennett, Zimmer, McGuire, Robinson, Bergen, Fling, Bresnahan and various others. But the bulk of the votes went to Buck Ewing, of New York and Cincinnati.

Those who had watched Buck's play over a period of years and who had seen most of the others up through Ray Schalk put the old Red Giant on top of the heap.

Wherein did Ewing excel?

He was a great mechanical catcher. He had a wonderful arm and no man was surer of the bat. As a batsman he ranged above .300 for nine years, reaching .371 near the finish of his career.

But above this had a keen brain, uncanny judgment, and those who worked with him say that he had no rival at diagnosing the weakness of opposing batsmen, or at handling his pitchers with rare skill.

**BUCK WINS**

He could hit, throw, catch and work his pitchers to the last degree; and he combined with this a personality that was always in driving force. Mention the run of catchers to almost any of those who have been watching baseball closely for over 25 years, and the verdict is immediate: "BUCK EWING—there was only one Buck!"

**KLING FAIRLY CLOSE**

There was also a general vote to the effect that Johnny Kling was fairly close, close enough to be Ewing's runner-up.

Kling was also a fine thrower, hard hitter and brilliant strategist. The game has known few smarter catchers—a few who could get more out of a pitching staff.

But as brilliant as Kling was over a span of years, we found no one who placed him over the immortal Buck.

"Ewing could do all that any other catcher could do," remarked one of the veteran critics, "and a few things in addition. He was brilliant, yet consistently so. His play was never in streaks. And no man ever knew more baseball. There have been any number of great catchers in the game, but you'll find only one Buck Ewing."

Being practically the unanimous pick of players and writers, who have watched them all file by, Ewing draws the top award.

(To-morrow—The Pitchers.)

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