

# CENTRAL HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS DO THEIR BIT BY CUTTING OUT BANQUET

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### Money to Be Turned Over to American Red Cross Society

Believing that by doing so they could perform a dual service to their country the Central football squad unanimously decided to cut out the annual football banquet. They will contribute the money saved to the American Red Cross Society. By doing this the boys feel they are doing their "bit" in conserving food and also helping to finance the work of the society that is doing great things. Giving up this banquet is no small sacrifice for the boys, every one of whom has been looking forward to this event since the beginning of the season.

**Players on Squad**  
The football banquet has been an annual event at Central for the past several years. The squad is as follows:

Noble Frank, Ben Wolfe, Art Fields, Orpheus Page, Carlton Goodie, Elmer Herring, Herman John, Paul Roder, Huce Rose, Harry Good, John Shoemaker, William Rodgers, Kenneth Wingard, Seymour Nissley, Arthur Gardner, Blair Smith, Jay Stoll, John McCaleb, Earl Wolfe, Arthur West, Steve Bolan, Mel McClintock, Bud Levan, Harry Fluss, Earl Feist, John Neff, Thomas Caldwell, William McBride, Ross Hoffman, Albert Hinkenbach, Armon Compton, Vance Butler, Wilmer King, Earl Stauffer, John Nye and Winston Romig. Letters will be presented to the varsity and to the scrubs to-day and all senior varsity men will be given sweaters.

## No Cash For Alexander; Old Contract Turned Over

New York, Dec. 21.—Grover Alexander, former star pitcher for the Philadelphia National League Club, recently sold to the Chicago Nationals with Catcher Killifer for \$50,000, will receive no part of the purchase money, according to President William Baker, of the Philadelphia Club.

"If Alexander wants any bonus he must look to it from President Weegman, of Chicago," said Baker here last night. "I see no reason why we should turn any of the money received for Alexander over to that player."

"As a matter of fact, there is no need of Alexander signing a new contract with Chicago. We have assigned his contract, which covers the seasons of 1918 and 1919, over to the Chicago Club. By the provisions of the new contracts signed by players last spring they agreed to go to whatever club they are sent, whether major or minor, at the same or smaller salary."

## CICOTTE IS KING PITCHER ON AMERICAN LEAGUE LIST



EDDIE CICOTTE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Eddie Cicotte, of the world's champion Chicago White Sox, is the king of American League pitchers. The official pitching averages announced here credit him with being the most effective pitcher in the league. He allowed only a fraction over 1½ earned runs per nine innings pitched. His average was 1.53.

Carl Mays, of the Boston Red Sox, came in for second honors. His pitching record showed that he gave 1½ earned runs per nine innings pitched, with the veteran Eddie Plank, who took part in twenty games, a close third with an average of 1.79.

Cicotte did more twirling than any other American League. The records show he pitched a total of 346 innings and served 1,215 batsmen. Walter Johnson holds the record of strikeouts in 1917. He fanned 185 men. Jim Bagby passed over more hits than any other pitcher, while Jim Shaw, of Washington, sent more men to first on balls. Opposing batsmen registered 277 hits off the Cleveland twirler. The grand total of 123 bases on balls were distributed by Shaw during the season.

**DUCKPIN BOWLER STARS**  
In the Casino Duckpin League series last night, the Keystonees lost to the Senators, scores 1916 to 1982, G. Hargest of the victors was first man with 183 and 488.

## JOE FOGARTY ON GREYSTOCK TEAM

### Will Play Forward in Game With Independents Saturday Night; New Referee

Joe Fogarty, manager of the Greystock team which appears here Saturday will have his regular line-up.

Joe himself will play one of the forward positions, Zahn will play opposite him. Jack Lawrence, the star center of the Eastern League last winter, will be pivot man. Bilson, the leading guard of the league, will play one of the guard positions. Bilson during last season had the least number of goals thrown on him in the league and with Joe Campbell his running mate for the other guard position, makes one of the strongest basketball pair ever together.

The Greystock team took the lead in the Eastern League early last season and were never in any great danger of losing their lead. The Independents are practicing hard to make a creditable showing Saturday.

The one great difficulty the Independent management has been having with refereeing, but this has been overcome. "Clint" White was signed to toss the ball the rest of the season. "Clint" is on the referee board of referees and as no games appear on Saturdays he will officiate for the local tossers. Dancing will follow the game. The lineup:

Greystock: Harrisburg, N. Ford, f. Zahn, f. McCord, f. Lawrence, c. Souther, c. Campbell, g. G. Ford, g. Bilson, g. McConnell, g.

**LOSE FIRST GAME**  
The Commonwealth five last night met with their first defeat. The Weaver A. C. won, score 38 to 23. Felker of the Weaver team, was the star. The game was fast and interesting.

## INTERNED GERMAN PRISONERS ADD BASEBALL TO THEIR SPORTS



When the Germans interned by the United States at Fort McPherson, Ga., return to Germany after the war they will have a thorough understanding of the American game of baseball, and perhaps will teach it to the citizens of what may then be the German Republic.

## WILLARD QUILTS CIRCUS BUSINESS

### Will Dispose of His Tent Office; Anxious to Fight

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Jess Willard, looking in better condition than in several years, announced to-night that he is done with the circus life and will not strike the sawdust trail another year. He is going to dispose of all of his circus holdings which are now located at Jacksonville, Fla.

"I don't know what I'll do next," says the big fellow, "but I'll drop into some line or other. I'm not going to loaf."  
"This was the day set by Mike Collins to declare Fred Fulton heavyweight champion if Jess didn't come to bat, but the champion is on the job."

**Ready to Talk Business**  
"You can tell Fearless Fred I am here and ready to talk business. I'm prepared to fight anybody that thinks he has a chance. I think I'm the best heavyweight and if I'm not I want to find out about it. I'll consider any propositions. Fearless Fred looks as good to me as any of them."

Willard doesn't want to fight before spring as he says he doesn't know of a building big enough to put on the sort of a bout he wishes to stage.

"I want to put on a monster bout for the Red Cross and in order to accommodate the crowds I would want to assemble, I think it would be necessary to stage the bout in an outdoor arena, or possibly in some of the big ballparks."

"I don't care so much for the 20-round stuff so this match will have to be a 16-round affair. Just as much money can be realized from a short bout."

"I'm in good shape; haven't been down to weight so well in a long time. I'm twenty-two pounds lighter than I was a year ago and I'm still the champion and doing business at the old stand."

**CAMP FIRE GIRLS' WAR CHEST GROWS**  
New York, Dec. 21.—The Camp Fire Girls started a few months ago to raise among themselves \$50,000 as a war chest to carry on the various forms of war work which have made the food administration and several state and national government departments recognize them as a factor in the country's organization for war, and which caused President Wilson to accept the honorary presidency of the Camp Fire Girls. Fifty thousand dollars is a lot of money for even a hundred thousand girls to raise when they do it all themselves, but the war chest is growing weekly.

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## "Good By" Baseball Is Belief of Reading Fans

Reading, Pa., Dec. 21.—The local baseball fans were handed a jolt yesterday morning when it was announced that the Farmers' National Bank, of Reading, has sold the Circus Maximus baseball park to Samuel M. Sherman, the well-known Reading contractor and builder, for \$40,000, who intends turning the tract a city block, into building lots in the spring.

The Circus Maximus was built by William Abbott Witman, Sr., member of City Council, in 1907, and since 1910 has been the scene of local Tri-State and New York State League games.



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An All-Time All-Star Team  
NO. 7.—THE OUTFIELD

The supply here is overwhelming. Great outfielders have grown in thick profusion from the game's drawn down through the year just closed. Yet the remarkable part is that the jury of old players, managers and veteran scribes there was hardly a dissenting vote.

The verdict was practically unanimous, full proof that the selected had earned their right to live at the crest.

**THE LONG PARADE**  
The parade of outfielding stars is a mighty one. It goes far back to the days of A. J. Reach, Paul Hines and James O'Rourke.

It takes in Jimmy McAleer, one of the greatest fielding stars ever known, a ground-covering centipede on defense. And then King Kelly. It comes through to such eminent stars as Fred Clarke, Billy Hamilton, Joe Kelly, Willie Keeler, Mike Donlin, Hugh Duffy, Ed Deleahant, Jimmy Sheppard, Bill Lange, Jess Burkett and countless others.

It seems almost impossible to leave out such men as Mike Kelly and Ed Deleahant—or men like Joe Kelley and Bill Lange. But since only three can be picked, these three must prove their worth.

**NUMBER ONE**  
Number one answers itself. A man who can lead his league nine years in succession at bat.  
A man who can lead his league at bat in ten out of eleven seasons.  
A man who can run up the record for base hits and runs scored in a year—also runs driven in.

Well, the name Ty Cobb answers the rest of it.  
Cobb, a fine fielder, isn't the greatest of the lot in defensive play. But he is good even here and his far-ranging superiority on attack lifts him well above all rivalry.

With brains, speed, nerve and rare natural ability, he overtops the heap. Cobb is to the outfield what Wagner is to the infield—the Sceptre Holder.

**NUMBER TWO**  
The man who gives Cobb the hardest battle is Tris Speaker. Veteran observers like Clarke Griffith all say that Speaker is the greatest defensive outfielder baseball has ever exploited.

There have been others as fast. There have been a few others who could do as far for a man who could throw as well. But there has been no other who could do all these things as well, and who in addition had the uncanny knack of playing each batsman—who seemed to drift like a shadow from one spot to another—and always be in the right place. We have seen Speaker on three successive batsmen play right center, left center and then close in back of second place—gauging each man to a few yards. Speaker can cover more ground before a ball is pitched than any other man. And if he guesses incorrectly, which he seldom does, he can go a mile to retrieve the ball for judgment.

As an outfielder he handles a ground ball with the ability of a crack infielder. And to this impressive, defensive strength must be added the fact that he is a powerful hitter, not only a normal .350 man, but one who can tear the cover off the ball for extra bases.

Speaker is a remarkable offensive and defensive combination, and there are any number who rank him for all around value on a par with Cobb.

**NUMBER THREE**  
Mike Kelly and Joe Kelley—Jimmy Sheppard and Fred Clarke—the slugging Deleahant—the rare Bill Lange—Billy Hamilton.  
The remaining list is a great one, but how can we Willie Keeler be put aside?

Ask Joe Kelley, or John McGraw, or others who played with Keeler and who remember his work.  
Keeler was one of the most scientific batsmen that ever chopped a timely single over third or first.

For thirteen years he batted well above .300, at times moving up to a .400 range. His average for all time is almost as high as Cobb's. And Keeler was also a great defensive batsman—could play a fine ground coverer—a great thrower—a star in every department of play.

Mike Kelly was a marvel, more of an all around sensation, but those who watched the work of both figure Keeler on top for outfield worth. So the combination stands—Cobb, Speaker, Keeler. Who can name a better man?

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