

Star-Bulletin's Page of Sports

PITTSBURG TEAM IS SENSATION OF SEASON; RANKS HIGH IN EAST

Whenever a college football team so far forgets itself as to walk; one of the "big" eleven and then keeps on the good work by handing a trimming to a couple of others in the select circle, the howling mob immediately arises to its feet, points the finger of suspicion at the victorious team and shouts: "Hey! Wheredye get that stuff? Whad'ye mean by playing all those 'pros'? How much did the team cost 'you'? No matter what happens, the aftermath is the same. It seems as if a team on the outskirts has no license to be anything but a doormat for the older colleges, and if good work is done, many shoulders are shrugged, and the football fan murmurs: "Well, any college can put a good team on the field if it pays the price."

Pitt Team Deserves Credit

The University of Pittsburgh eleven has made a wonderful record in the last two years, going through difficult schedules without losing a game. Glenn Warner, regarded as the best coach in the country, has developed the team to the highest state of efficiency, the players know more football than any other eleven playing today, they play the game as it should be played—hard, but cleanly and fairly. This year it stands out as the best in America, yet little credit is given where credit is due. The football fan firmly believes that each man on the team receives a salary, the players range all the way from 25 to 35 years of age, and few, if any, attend classes. It has been heard on all sides in the last few weeks and it is about time to set things right—without the knowledge or any suggestion from the authorities at the University of Pittsburgh.

Clean Athletics

These charges are unfair to Pitt. Professionalism has no place in the university, no more than in any other Princeton, Penn or Cornell. Every big institution like Yale, Harvard man on the team is a bona fide student, keeps up in his class work and is not allowed to play unless he maintains a passing grade. The oldest man of the team is Capt. Peck, who is 24, and the youngest is George McLaren, aged 20. These are the varsity men. On the scrub team some of the players are only 18 years old. As for the charge that "ringers" are used, it is too ridiculous even to be taken seriously. A representative of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger visited the office of the registrar at the University of Pittsburgh last fall

and saw the list of students, their prep schools, how they passed their entrance requirements and their standings in the classrooms, which are compiled every week. There isn't a college in the world the size of Pittsburgh, which would even tolerate a shady athletic policy, so that list in the registrar's office answers the questions of the doubtful ones.

Players Come From State

The University of Pittsburgh is 129 years old, has an enrollment of 4000 students, with about 2500 eligible for the teams. It is purely a western Pennsylvania institution, the majority of students coming from the prep schools in that section. This is shown in the personnel of the football team. Capt. Peck comes from Lock Haven, Pa.; Sutherland, a varsity guard, from Sewickley, a suburb of Pittsburgh; Soppi, another guard, from Latrobe, Pa.; Thornhill and Seidel, the tackles, are from Beaver High school and Bellefonte Academy, respectively; Herron, the great end, hails from Pittsburgh, and Carlson, the other end, lives in Fayette City, 30 miles from Pittsburgh. Dale Seis, the other varsity guard, comes from Davenport, Ia. He is a brother of Dr. Seis, a member of the university faculty.

Worrow, the quarterback, prepped at Carnegie High, a few miles from Pittsburgh; Jimmy De Hart and Andy Hastings come from Kiski school, at Saltsburg, Pa. and George McLaren played football on Peabody High, in Pittsburgh. All of which goes to prove that Pitt now is drawing the students who once preferred to attend the Eastern colleges.

Bars Freshmen

The one-year rule, which bars freshmen from participating in varsity athletics, went into effect this year and the college now stands on a par with the others in the East and West. The entrance requirements, too, are very strict, and only recognized prep school graduates have a chance to enter. The university is fast gaining fame as an educational institution, and the graduates from the professional schools are recognized all over the United States. For that reason athletes are clean at Pitt. The football team is the sensation of the year, but instead of being hailed as possible champions, it gets knocked instead. It's the old story of an outsider trying to break into select society where no recognition is given unless it cannot possibly be avoided. But Pitt has "broken in," cleared the barriers and from now on the other

Y. M. C. A. WILL HOLD SWIMMING MEET SATURDAY

Lovers of the aquatic sports will have the first opportunity of witnessing a swimming meet on Saturday evening when the Y. M. C. A. stages an inter-club meet at the association pool. Altogether 15 events have been planned for the evening, and many of the star swimmers among the association members will compete.

There will be two divisions of competition for members of the association. In the first events the Triple A Club, Seniors and H. A. C. will compete for honors in five events. These will be the 60-yard swim, 150-yard backstroke, 100-yard swim, 167-yard relay and plunge for distance. Many of the best swimmers of the association are members of one of these clubs, and strong competition is expected.

In the Employed Boys' division, which will feature the younger swimmers, the events will count for points in the league standing. Among the events which will be staged are a Japanese lantern parade, 50-yard swim, 40-yard backstroke, 100-yard swim, ping pong race, tub race, full dress race, 80-yard relay and diving.

Jack Hjorth, one of the leading divers of the city will give a number of exhibitions during the evening. The competition is open only to members of the association. Admission is free.

FOOTBALL CLASSIC PLAN FOR WINDUP

Plans are now under way for the biggest football game of the year. This is to be between the National Guard eleven, which, if it wins from the 32nd Infantry on Christmas Day, will be clearly the champion of the islands, and a picked team from all the teams in the service series.

This game would be played on New Year's Day and it would doubtless institutions simply must give the team the recognition due it.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Star Lineman



Sidney Nicholson, one of the stars on the College of Hawaii team who will be seen in action with the Town Team later in the season. He is expected to play a guard position when the Towners meet the 25th Infantry team on December 30. Nicholson has played both at center and at guard on the College of Hawaii eleven, where he proved to be a star. He is also an excellent basketball player.

draw a record crowd for the year. The National Guard has a very fast and clever eleven and such a picked team from the army should give the guardsmen the contest of their lives. The National Guard will meet the fast Company G team of the 25th Infantry this coming Saturday. Then it will work toward the big game on Christmas Day with the 32nd Infantry, which will be the last of the service series. The N. G. H.-All-Service game would be a post-series game.

The Country Club of Erie, Pa., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$30,000.

NATIONAL GUARD WILL HAVE HARD GAME SATURDAY

National Guard will play their first game against a 25th Infantry company team when they meet Saturday afternoon. To date the Guard team has not been defeated, and they are expecting a victory over the colored gridiron stars. That Company G has a strong team is the word that comes from Schofield, and the local muckless artists are certain to have a hard game.

Dick Whitcomb, the big tackle, will be out of the game on Saturday and Aldriff will be unable to play. This will necessitate a shift in the backfield, and Correa will perhaps play quarterback, with Hicks in the half-back position and Woodward at center. Gen. Johnson, Rosa and Bresh will also be seen in the positions behind the line.

Company G will have two stars in the backfield, in addition to a likely pair of ends, and some beef on the line. The loss of Whitcomb and Aldriff will undoubtedly slow up the play, and the Schofield contingent will naturally take advantage of this fact. There will be but one game on Saturday at 3 o'clock.

FANS CONFIDENT AYAU WILL MAKE GOOD IN LEAGUE

When the announcement was made yesterday afternoon that Vernon Ayau had signed a contract with the Seattle Club of the Northwest League, many fans of Honolulu ventured the statement that Ayau would prove to be a real star in that circuit. His playing in Honolulu during the series with the All-Americans has been of the best, and if he can continue this performance in Dugdale's hamlet then the Seattle residents will be due to witness some good baseball.

Ayau will work out in Honolulu until March, when he will leave for the Washington metropolis. He may spend a day or two in Portland visiting Doty, who played with the Travelers last year. His teammates in Honolulu are confident that he will stick up in the Class B league, and are pleased that he has been given an opportunity to show his worth.

LOCAL BOWLERS MEET VALLEJO FIVE TONIGHT

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- PACIFIC COAST BOWLING LEAGUE AT Y. M. C. A.
- Honolulu First Team—Carl Wikander, J. W. Canario, Leslie Scott, Phillip C. Hall, J. C. Chamberlin.
- Second Team—Geo. K. Mills, James Winne, Cyril Tinker, R. E. Scott, O. P. Soares.
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Honolulu will bowl against the Vallejo team in the Pacific Coast Bowling League match tonight. The Honoluluans roll on the "Y" alleys at 7:30 o'clock and will be there with some high rolling. The locals have a good reputation for high bowling and must live up to this "rep." While the first team is rolling against the mainlanders the second team will also perform. In tonight's match Captain Geo. K. Mills will use Carl Wikander, J. W. Canario, Leslie Scott, Phillip C. Hall, and J. C. Chamberlin on the first team, and he will bowl on the second team with James Winne, Cyril Tinker, R. E. Scott and O. P. Soares.

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- By GRANTLEND RICE
- After Yale-Princeton Game.
- The Yok can't whip the Elephant
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- The Digidig doesn't like to hold
- The Buffalo at bay;
- The Leopard is a husky beast
- Along the wild divide,
- And yet he rarely sinks his teeth
- In a Gorilla's hide;
- The Zebra, when he meets the Lion,
- Is set against the squall;
- But the Tiger finds the Bulldog is
- The toughest dish of all.
- The Tiger has a noble swipe
- In either regal hoof;
- He's not the type of animal
- A stranger likes to spook;
- And most of those in Jungleville,
- From Elephant to Toad,
- Will give him all the right of way
- He needs along the road;
- Not even Lions or Rhinos drive
- The Tiger to the wall,
- But he finds the bally Bulldog
- Is the toughest of 'em all.
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AMERICA HAS THREE CHAMPIONS IN SQUARED CIRCLE FOR PRESENT YEAR

In less than three weeks the fight fans throughout America and the rest of the world will be summing up the champions of 1916. There is not likely to be any change in the present situation regarding the boxers who will lay claim to the title.

Jess Willard, who has been touring under the big tent, is the undisputed champion of the world in the heavy weight class. At the present time there does not appear to be anyone who can give him a match, although promoters have been looking at Fred Fulton, in hope that he would furnish a little argument for the big cowboy.

Few Champions

It has been 34 years since John L. Sullivan won the championship of America from Paddy Ryan in Mississippi. Ten years later Jim Corbett took the crown from Sullivan in their memorable battle in 1892 in New Orleans. Five years later, Bob Fitzsimmons, the Australian, took the title away from Corbett at Carson. Two years later, Jeffries defeated Lanky Bob and retained the title, until 1906 when the champion declared the title void. Then Tommy Burns took the crown and lost it to Jack Johnson in 1908. For seven years the colored champion held sway until he lost it last year to Jess Willard.

A number of candidates have come up to take the crown away from Willard, but Moran and Coffey proved of poor caliber, and Fulton is the only candidate for the office at present. That the caliber of present day fighters is far below the average is acknowledged by nearly all critics. California has only short bouts, and here in Honolulu the fans have to be satisfied with the exhibition bouts at Schofield.

Few Great Batters

The Corbetts, Fitzsimmons, and men like Tom Sharkey, Kid McCoy and Jack O'Brien are gone, and few batters of today made the record of Jack Dempsey. In recording the men of the year in the ringed circle, 1916 lost a friend of the game in Billy Jordan, who was one of the most noted figures in the realm of the squared circle. Jordan lasted longer than boxing in California, and the one regret of the announcer was that he had to see the sturdy game die in his home state.

Without a doubt the middleweight championship of the world goes to Australia this year. Les Darcy, who was the pride of the Antipodes up to a few weeks ago, when he quietly slipped out of the country for America without informing the public, has the best claim to the title. Darcy has defeated Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Jimmy Clabby, Buck Crouse and other noted ringsters in Sydney. In America the leading candidates

have been Jack Dillon, Mike Gibbons, Clabby and Chip. The latter boxers have been defeated by Darcy, and Gibbons won a decisive victory over Jack Dillon. Gibbons would without doubt give Darcy a great battle for ten rounds, but the Australian, who is much like Stanley Ketchel, looks the best over a longer route. This title will without doubt be decided in 1917 to the satisfaction of all concerned, but still Darcy has a slight edge.

Britton Leads Writers
Jack Britton stands supreme in the welterweight class. It has been a long while since there has been a real welterweight, perhaps not since Joe Walcott stepped out of the game. Twin Sullivan, Melody and Jimmy Gardner have of course laid claim to the title, but few will dispute the claim of Britton to the honor this year.

Freddie Welsh is still the lightweight champion of the world. Charley White and others have endeavored to usurp his crown, but he has two stepped his way out of it. His recent victory by a narrow margin from Charlie White in Denver gave him the edge for the year. Johnny Dundee, Benny Leonard and others have been angling for his job, while Ritchie and McFarland are unable to make the weight.

Kilbane Heads List
Johnny Kilbane is the undisputed holder of the title in the featherweight division. George Chaney of Baltimore, who was considered a strong contender for the title, was knocked out this year by the Cleveland boy. Kilbane has scored victories during his career over Abe Attell, Eddie Moy, Jimmy Walsh, Monte Attell, Patsy Branigan, Jimmy Conley, Charlie White and others. Kilbane is 27 years old.

Kid Williams still retains the title in the bantamweight class, although there have been many arguments on this point this year. Johnny Ernie of St. Paul lays claim to the title because he won on a foul in 1915. Williams is not the same boxer who defeated Johnny Coulon, Eddie Campi and others, and it is doubtful if he can retain the title through the coming year.

Honolulu has no champions in the boxing game, and there is hardly any possibility of bringing out a champion. Boxing is encouraged in the posts around Honolulu, and these affairs as a rule draw a larger crowd than any other athletic fan. Despite the fact that the game is far from being alive here, there are nevertheless hundreds who are interested in the doings of the hempen squares.

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