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WE ARE LED TO BELIEVE BY THE REPORTS FROM THE BIG COLLEGES THAT THE VARSITY IS IN A FRIGHTFULLY CRIPPLED CONDITION

A. A. U. Officials Are Not in Sympathy With Gustavus T. Kirby, Who Wants Pro-Amateur Contests.

THE revolutionary ideas of Gustavus T. Kirby on amateurism will shake the Amateur Athletic Union to its foundation. His utterances, in which he favors contests between amateurs and professionals, come at a time when the other big men of the union over which he presides are trying to establish an amateur status in this country that neither England nor any of the other nations can question. The Britons, still smarting under the walloping handed them in the stadium at Stockholm, will make a lot out of Mr. Kirby's remarks. Even now, every critic in England is busy writing criticisms on our way of doing things in amateur athletics. They will denounce the amateur status of our athletes in harsher terms than ever before.

IT is not likely that Mr. Kirby's ideas will be adopted by the controlling body. Several years ago a plan of this kind was suggested but it aroused such loud protest that nobody dared bring it up until we heard from the President of the A. A. U. James F. Sullivan, who probably has something to say now. He will oppose it as strongly as will every head of the different associations throughout the country. The college would not tolerate anything that has the slightest taint of professionalism.

BILLY GIBSON says he will soon retire from the boxing game. That he will sever all his connections as a promoter, Gibson, however, will always be a devotee of the glove game. Pressure of other business compels him to step out. When he returns, which will be next spring, he will appear as a promoter. Gibson, however, will always be a devotee of the glove game. Pressure of other business compels him to step out. When he returns, which will be next spring, he will appear as a promoter. Gibson, however, will always be a devotee of the glove game.

THE past few days have developed a rich crop of baseball rumors. First we had Knostochy coming here from St. Louis in exchange for half of the Giant team. The amusing part of this report, which was applied by Manager McGraw, is that in St. Louis they still insist that the deal is under way. McGraw, as is the way of a baseball manager, denies that he is going to trade Babe Marquard for Tyler, the young pitcher from Boston. There is more to the Marquard deal than any of those mentioned since the season closed. Marquard gave the New York club a heap of trouble last season. He didn't come into the fold until shortly before the season opened, and this meant that the Giants didn't have much of his services until the season was well under way. As it happened Marquard's holdout methods did not hurt much, as the Giants won the pennant. But the New York club insists that McGraw in particular, did not like Marquard's demands and actions during the time he was touring the country in vaudeville.

MANAGER MCGRAW never had any use for a player who begged to be traded. He doesn't want a man around who might break up the discipline of his organization. Some people still believe that the little leader that drew out of something that happened that cold day in Boston a little more than a year ago when the Giants were about to start the final game of the Boston Red Sox. Marquard was the man slated to pitch in that final struggle. But Matty was compelled to work at the last minute. We are told that Marquard complained of the cold on an eventful day. McGraw never had any use for a man who got a chill when important work was to be done.

IN Cleveland, which is Johnny Kilbane's home town, they say he is a practical man and doesn't take any chances with his title of featherweight champion. Yes, Kilbane is a practical business man. He doesn't insist that he is in danger of losing his title by catching a cold. When he can be induced to appear he compels the other fellow to give him practically all the money, makes him get down to the featherweight limit and insists that he be made an champion, should be permitted to box at catchweights. Yes, Johnny Kilbane is a practical man. He is more than that.

Packey McFarland was talking the other night about knockouts. He insists that he doesn't believe they are necessary in this encounter to prove one man's superiority over another. "I was criticized for not knocking Tommy Murphy out in our California fight and I honestly admitted I couldn't have done so if I had wanted to. Then Ad Wolgast, one of my critics, the Michigan Feather-weight Welter, tried to do it and he got a knockout. I never try to knock anybody out." Just then somebody reminded Packey that he had knocked out Jack Goodwin and he replied Packey, "accidents will happen."

Kirby Comes Out for Contests Between "Pro" And Amateur Athletes

President of A. A. U. Argues for More Liberal Policy in Sports - Cites Golf as Example That No Harm Can Come From His Ideas.

THE proclamation of Gustavus T. Kirby, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, which advocates letting down the barriers between amateurs and professional athletes has thoroughly aroused the people who have for years been striving to keep amateur sport free of professionalism. Coming from a man so high in authority it has shocked the leaders of track and field sports throughout the country. Mr. Kirby in his radical utterances last Tuesday before the members of the Philadelphia Columbia Alumni Association cited baseball, golf and other sports that have been benefited by having amateurs meet professionals in competition. He points out that in golf there are annual championships in which the amateur golfer has a chance to measure his prowess against such men as J. H. Wadsworth of the game. He believes that much good will accrue from contests between the leading athletes of both branches.

A. A. U. TO GET SHARE OF GATE RECEIPTS. A contest between John Paul Jones, recognized champion under and the champion miler from the professional ranks would arouse great enthusiasm, but the after results would be damaging to amateur sports. It would send all our leading amateurs chasing after the money when they see how easy it was to get it.

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CAN HOLD MEMBERS IN CHECK. "More and more are amateur sports men listening to the advice and suggestions of those who might be said to be professionals because they make a profession of amateur sport and many and more are amateur sportsmen standing on the firm foundation of sport for sports sake and raising the barrier against the encroachment of the professional into competitions in which amateurs take part.

SPORT BRIEFS. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 23.—Five thousand fans from St. Louis City and vicinity crowded Inverness Ball Park yesterday to get a glimpse of the Giants and White Sox in action. The Giants won the game, 6 to 2. Both teams played one of the best games of the trip. Entrance for the Giants and Sox for the White Sox did the twirling. Ten thoroughbreds from the Sanford Harbison Stock Farm will be shipped today to France. They will sail on the ship, "The Minnesota" in charge of Thomas Cooke. Five of the horses, Bally Cliff, Cooper, Brumley, Mon Cliff, and Wagon Hill, have won at Saratoga for several weeks schooling for steeplechase racing. The trial races, even though such a boat speed will be considerably larger than the defender. Mr. Morgan inherited the Columbia from his father, who headed the syndicate that built her and who purchased her after the first of the Lipton cup races. The Columbia rested on the stocks at Island for more than ten years. She is reported to be in excellent condition, and can be placed in commission with comparatively little expense.

Mr. Gaffney Apologizes for Row He Started Over World Series Tickets.

James E. Gaffney, President of the Boston Nationals, yesterday apologized to the Giants' president for the harsh things he said about the way tickets were handled for the world's series in New York. It was Mr. Gaffney's allegations about speculators having bunches of tickets that led to the investigation by District Attorney Whitman. "District Attorney Whitman informed me," said Mr. Gaffney, "that his investigators had learned that box number 13, one of the four I had, reached the hands of the scalpers and that it was sold to them for \$300. "No sooner had I learned this than I got in touch with Mr. Hempstead and arranged to talk with him in his office. When I spoke to him he was as much surprised as I was when I learned what had been done. With only four chances to be double crossed, one of the four chances came through in my case. Mr. Hempstead had upward of a thirty thousand chances to be betrayed. I thought of this as soon as I got the news of what happened to me, and my very first impulse was to go and tell him so, which I did. This ends the crusade Mr. Gaffney started when he failed to get what he wanted.

Tigers' Strength Will Be Judged Against Dartmouth

Hanover Eleven Is Known to Be Well Advanced and Very Strong.

Special to The Evening World. PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 24.—Merely a short signal drill intervenes between the six weeks of preparation and the first test of the season, when Princeton faces Dartmouth on Osborne Field tomorrow. The Tigers have met no team in the same class with them this season, and the result, therefore, of the contest tomorrow will be the first standard by which Princeton can be properly judged. Her place among the big teams of the East will be partly fixed by her record tomorrow, for although Dartmouth has not played any of the big teams her strength is known well enough to be a criterion to Judge Princeton.

On College Gridirons

Light Practice for Cornell Eleven on Eve of Struggle With Pittsburgh University.

Special to The Evening World. ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Another day of light work for the Cornell varsity. The football squad spent yesterday in the most elementary work, no scrimmages engaged in whatever. The line men practiced charging without any opponents, and the ends spent considerable time in running down punts, although there was no tackling. Practice in this department was carried on by means of a dummy, and each man on the team was given a chance to display his abilities. JUNGLELAND tomorrow, were added this afternoon. Practice was held earlier than usual and consisted principally in secret signal drill. When this was ended the clamoring student body was allowed inside of the grounds. An open-air mass meeting was held, at which Coach Kavanaugh and the dimwit Capt. "Bobby" Hogsett addressed the crowd. At four forty-five the members of the team filed into the old-time stage. The football squad spent yesterday in the most elementary work, no scrimmages engaged in whatever. The line men practiced charging without any opponents, and the ends spent considerable time in running down punts, although there was no tackling. Practice in this department was carried on by means of a dummy, and each man on the team was given a chance to display his abilities.

France to See Our Best Heavy Men This Winter

Smith, Langford, McGoorty and Klaus Are Getting Ready to Clean Up on the Other Side.

By John Pollock. The contest between Gunboat Smith and Charley Miller, the California heavyweight, which was slated to be fought at the Garden A. C. on Oct. 23, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, Nov. 11. The officials of the club did not care to stake the boat so close after the Ritchie-Cross ten-round go at the Garden A. C. on next Wednesday night. Without Ferns of Kansas City, who is another scrapper that is claiming the welterweight title, is going over to Australia for fights. He has just accepted a flattering offer from "Snowy" Baker, the fight promoter of that country, to engage in three bouts between the most important go of the three will be a twenty-round bout with Johnny Summers, the English champion.

Why Don't They Stop Picking At Dahlen?

Charles H. Ebbets is on the warpath. He can't understand why everybody is trying to run the Brooklyn club. Ebbets' latest spasm was brought on through the time-worn rumors that Dahlen will be deposed. Charley Murphy of Chicago comes to the rescue of Ebbets this time. He wires from the West denying that Roger Bresnahan has been traded to Brooklyn and would succeed Dahlen. "There is absolutely no truth in the report," says Murphy.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Manager Evers has called off the remainder of the Cubs barnstorming tour when baseball promoters over the storm bell wired that they intended to cover with the Cubs had engagements booked until the first of next week.

The Cleveland club has secured Rodgers, the prize second baseman of the Pacific Coast League. Rodgers played with the Portland club.

The New Polo A. A. will hold its regular boxing show to-night. In the three ten-round bouts to be fought, Day will go against Jimmy Blaine, Pete Collins will swap punches with Artie Thomas and Joe Grady will hook up with Johnny Burt.

Tennis at Columbia. Semi-finals were reached in both singles and doubles yesterday in the annual championship tennis tournament at Columbia University. J. M. Shimmom, a freshman; A. Bernheim and H. Adler, both seniors, and A. Brown, another freshman, survive in the singles. Brown is the most promising of the new men. He won an easy victory over A. Mayer, also a first-year man, 6-0, 6-2, to gain his place in the semi-finals.

Dartmouth Cross Country Dates. HANOVER, N. H., Oct. 24.—The Dartmouth Athletic Council announces the following cross-country dates: Oct. 25—varsity dual meet with Maine, at Hanover. Nov. 5, freshman dual meet with Pennsylvania, at Hanover; 15, New England intercollegiate championships, at Hanover; Nov. 21, freshmen in Andover invitation meet; Nov. 23, varsity in intercollegiate invitation meet.

YALE WINS TOSS FOR POSITION IN RACE WITH TIGERS

Ellis Chose Shore of Lake Carnegie, Which Is Sheltered From Wind.

Special to The Evening World. PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 24.—Yale and Princeton are ready to meet on the water in the first fall regatta among the colleges of the East. Both crews will take very light work this afternoon in preparation for the race to-morrow of Lake Carnegie. In the race to-morrow Yale will start the west shore of the lake, Princeton going over the canal side. The captain of Yale has been stationed to taking a short sprint before breakfast and then a stiff row in the afternoon in order to harden the men for the race. Princeton has been practicing only once a day with the exception of Wednesday, when Spaeth took the men out for an hour's work before breakfast. Yale came in on the 13 yesterday afternoon of their drill and appeared three hours before and some freshmen had taken it down to the lake, so that Yale was able to go down to Carnegie and practice immediately. Coach Harriman, who came along, gave her a one trial out, due to the failure of one of the watches, no time was taken for the course, which is a mile and three-quarters long. Princeton's work consisted largely in racing starts, Spaeth having given his crew a time trial at the day before. The seating is as follows: Yale—Low, bow; Rogers, 2; Denegro, 3; Rapp, 4; Woodruff, 5; Fitzpatrick, 6; Fines, 7; Crocker, stroke; Moore, coxswain. Princeton—Hunsell, bow; Pryne, 2; McKibben, 3; Quimby, 4; Heffron, 5; Purdy, 6; Briggs, 7; Putnam, stroke; Sykes, coxswain.

RACING SELECTIONS.

- Laurel. First Race—Gallon, Executor, Sister Lady. Second Race—Bonnie Blossie, Spring Maid, Towson Field. Third Race—Wilson entry, Springdale, Helmsman. Fourth Race—Isabel, Dr. H. L. Swardner, John Reardon. Fifth Race—Glyn Yandee, Lane, Connaught. Sixth Race—Top Hat, Marguerite, Meise, Sand Bar. Latonia. First Race—First Cherry, Linder, Just V. Second Race—Boala, Ida Lavina, Elsie Williams. Third Race—Oakland, Belleo, Bac. Fourth Race—Cream, Winning Witch, L. H. Adair. Fifth Race—Amion, Brookfield, Foxy Mary. Sixth Race—Brava, Billy Hooper, Sir Catesby.

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