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COMMENT ON SPORTS

Bridging the Closed Season for Lovers of Baseball.

MYSTERY OF ON-SIDE KICK

News and Views on Live Topics of the Day, Both Amateur and Professional.

The long closed season for the rampant baseball fans is bridged each year by the annual meetings of the major leagues in this city. As a rule there is enough action, particularly at the sessions of the National League, to arouse much interest and to provide plenty of material for discussion and more or less acrimonious arguments. This makes the time "seem" shorter for the real fun to begin. These meetings are at hand. The Eastern League will go into session to-day, the National League will be called to order on Wednesday, while the American League owners will gather for their annual love feast on Thursday. Of the three, chief interest centres in the doings of that band of self-opinionated men who swear allegiance to the National League. Lovers of the sport have not forgotten the merry little war over the election of a new president and the extension of the playing dates a year ago, when it looked for a time as if Christmas dinners must be sacrificed, so hard and fast was the deadlock. Mutterings that presage more strife have been heard this year, and there is no telling what will happen at a meeting of National League owners. It is a safe wager, however, that Thomas J. Lynch will be re-elected president, perhaps for a term of three years, and that out of the star chamber session will come the words "complete harmony," no matter what differences of opinion and outspoken criticism may be aired behind closed doors.

Thomas J. Lynch, named as a compromise candidate by John T. Brush a year ago, after the warring factions in the league had split wide asunder over the election of a president, has proved himself a capable and efficient man in conducting the affairs of his office, or at least so it seems to me and to others who must judge from the outside or from a distance. No question can be raised as to his earnestness of purpose and his determination to keep the sport clean and above reproach, and whereas his judgment as to the value of one or two of his umpires may be open to criticism, there is room even there for argument. Under the circumstances the National League owners would make a grievous mistake to go scouting about for a new president, and there is no reason to believe that such will be the case. It is said that Charles Webb Murphy, of the Cubs; Horace Fogel, of the Phillies, and even Charley Ebbets, of the Superbas, will take violent exceptions to some of Mr. Lynch's rulings, but the opposition does not appear to be strong enough to end his administration, which, on the whole, has been conducted in a comprehensive and dignified way.

The long schedule adopted last year by the National League was not a success. All the clubs except two shortened it up of their own free will by taking advantage of open dates. Even Columbus Day, one of the excuses for extending the playing season, proved anything but profitable. Interest was waning, and the weather was none too propitious. Theory is one thing, practice is another, and if the club owners do not profit by the experience, little can be said for their capacity as business men. The sport is deserving of some consideration, and the sport would be the better for a shorter schedule. Squeezing the last few dollars out of the "fans" who support the game will do more harm than good in the long run. The playing rules are sure to be discussed, but few if any changes are likely. Personally, I see no reason to amend the code in such a way as to provide for more batting. The batsmen are doing pretty well as it is, and to make any radical changes, such as increasing the number of strikes to four or reducing the number of balls to three, would be ill advised. The hard working pitchers have their hands quite full as it is, and the "fans," so far as can be judged, are not clamoring for something which would change the character of the game. If the pitcher is to be handicapped still further, the mound could be shaved off to a level with the diamond. The necessity for even this, however, is questionable.

Charley Murphy is a fighter, and so is Charley Ebbetts. Neither, however, is so self-centred as to buck a flood tide or throw themselves helplessly against a barred gate. Both, moreover, are working in their own way for the advancement of the national pastime, and neither is so blind as some would paint. Murphy just loves to talk, but he is not likely to advocate the election of James A. Hart unless he is absolutely sure of his ground. It would take five votes to do this, and, so far as can be judged, New York, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Boston are pledged to Mr. Lynch.

The athletic transgressor will find difficulty hereafter in making a few paltry dollars under the guise of an amateur. It is hard to see how the latest rules of the Amateur Athletic Union can be evaded by those men who may wish to profit by their ability as runners, jumpers, or the like. It has been said openly by a number of persons during the last few days that athletic games, whether indoors or out, are sure to be more profitable to the clubs than ever before. This can mean only one thing, and that is that in the past the athletes who were drawing cards were accepting gratuities to appear. The clubs themselves were quite as much to blame as the athletes for this unhealthy condition. There will be some clubs and some athletes, no doubt, that will work in collusion to overcome the stringent regulation recently adopted as to expense money, but on the whole the sport will be the cleaner and the better, and the Amateur Athletic Union may be said to have taken a long step in the right direction. It was a good move also to adopt a regulation providing for more care in the appearance of athletes on track or field. It will be impossible to offend, hereafter, with soiled or abbreviated trunks.

The word on-side kick in football is a more or less abused word. It is not even dignified with a definition in the code, and it is not surprising under the circumstances that many followers of the sport find themselves at sea in describing just what it is. If I have been asked once, I have been asked twenty times, within the last two or three weeks: "What is the difference between a punt and an on-side kick?" The only answer can be that there is no difference except in the intention of the team making the play. Every kicked ball is on-side when touched by an opposing player, or when it hits the ground twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage, and, according to an interpretation made by one of the leading officials, a high punt that may be carried back by the wind cannot be recovered by the attacking side until touched by an opposing player unless the ball hits the ground beyond the 20-yard zone. The on-side kick is nothing more nor less than the old quarterback kick, and is used to differentiate between a long punt and a short punt when the latter is made with the direct purpose of being purely an offensive play.

As a matter of fact the on-side kick so-called has lost its value as a ground gaining play, under the restriction that the ball must go at least twenty yards beyond the line of scrimmage. This restriction was imposed for the purpose of avoiding a wild scramble for the ball close to the line, which invited injuries. This, no doubt, was a wise provision, although it must be admitted that it killed the value of the play as an offensive asset to a large extent. As originally devised in 1908 and 1909, its uses were many, and its value was firmly established, but I fail to recall a single instance in the more important games during the season just closed when the play proved successful. A poor punt by Minot in the Yale-Harvard game, made from about his own 25-yard line, was recovered by a Harvard man when the ball took an unexpected bound near the centre of the field. It was a clear gain of some thirty yards, but so far as could be judge a punt was attempted, so that the gain could hardly be credited to the on-side kick, although it amounted to that under the rules. It has been suggested that the on-side kick as an offensive play should be stricken from the rules, if for no other reason than to simplify a code that is already far too complicated, but this would not be advisable, for the reason that it would strengthen the defence still more, even though it would relieve the game of some of the haphazard chances that now beset it.

Yale's need for a stadium was emphasized on November 19, not so much by the number of applications for seats which were returned as by the little fire scare, of which, fortunately, so few were cognizant. Judging by an editorial in the current issue of "The Yale Alumni Weekly" the need is appreciated, but the problem is too hard to solve unless the solution lies "in the gift to Yale by a public spirited American citizen of the sum necessary," the sum being placed at $500,000. The editorial says in part:

> Yale evidently needs, but has thus far been unable to see how she could obtain, an enlarged fireproof and modernly constructed coliseum for her intercollegiate sports. We presume that almost every one familiar with the situation at Yale would like to see a safer and larger structure erected. It is perfectly evident that we cannot seat within ten to twenty thousand the alumni and friends of Yale and Harvard at Yale Field, not to speak of the thousands more from among the general and interested public. It is certain that the danger of great loss of life exists just as long as the inflammable wooden stands are used. As a mere business matter, the annual cost of maintenance (about $12,000) and the possibility that fire any year would wipe out the stands just before a game and thus leave Yale stranded raise serious questions.
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> It strikes me that the problem is solved, and in an easy, logical way, in the same issue by Arthur E. Bowers, '86, who suggests that a corporation, capitalized at $500,000, be formed and that the shares at $100 apiece be offered to Yale graduates, each share to carry the privilege of one or two tickets for the big games. Surely Yale men are loyal enough in the face of a crying need to oversubscribe for the stock in sixty days. The stands at Yale and New Haven are dangerous fire traps at present, which invite some frightful disaster.

Arthur Howe proved his right to be elected captain of Yale's football eleven as much by his cool headed judgment as his unquestioned skill. "The Yale Daily News" speaks well when it says editorially:

> "With such a standard as has been set this year by Captain Daly, the task which confronts future Yale captains is not easy. Next year's eleven is more than fortunate in having found a man who inspires universal confidence in his ability to rise to the full possibilities of the office that has been intrusted to him."

It seems a pity that such well matched and natural rivals as Brown and Dartmouth should not forget past differences and meet on football field and diamond. Brown's well meant efforts to resume athletic relations appear to have been nipped in the bud. The votes on the question are not yet counted and it looks now as if they never would be. Dartmouth men may be standing in their own light.

The National Intercollegiate Athletic Association, as a name, is not more comprehensive and little shorter than the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States. The change from the latter to the former is proposed. The association is made up of faculty members of the various colleges and universities, to direct rather than govern. It is not an athletic association in any sense of the word, but an association for the betterment of all college sports. It would be better then, in my opinion, to substitute the word "Sports" for "Athletic" and call it the National Intercollegiate Sports Association.

The six-day bicycle race, which has nothing to recommend it as a sport, is over for another year. When oxygen and "pills" must be administered to stimulate exhausted nerves and broken down tissue only those who crave an unseemly spectacle can applaud.

HERBERT.

BOXING BOUTS OF WEEK

Some Clever Pugilists Will Meet at Local Clubs.

The best programme of boxing bouts arranged in some time will be contested at the local clubs this week. Many of the best boys in the East, including such stars of the pugilistic word as "Pal" Moore, of Philadelphia; "Harlem Tommy" Murphy and Jack Goodman, will appear in ten-round bouts against men of almost equal ability.

The best bout of the week, according to the men matched, should be at the Empire Athletic Club, Harlem, on Thursday night, when Moore and Murphy meet in the main bout of ten rounds. For a long time there has been an intense feeling of rivalry between the two, and each boy is training hard for the bout. Moore is working in Allenhurst with his manager, Jimmy De Forest, while Murphy is running over the roads of the Catskill Mountains.

The National Sporting Club of America will stage a bout which promises to be brimful of action on Friday night, when Jack Goodman, the West Side lightweight, will box "Kid" Burns, of the same district, in the main bout of ten rounds. This bout will put Burns to the acid test. For some time in the past the latter has been winning his matches with machine-like regularity and has defeated such men as Johnny Marto, Joe Hyland and Tommy Maloney. Of Goodman little need be said. He is recognized as one of the best men in the ring of his weight to-day.

"Cy" Smith, of Hoboken, whose sensational rise in the ranks of the lightweights has been the surprise of the season, will box "Battling" Hurley in the main bout of ten rounds at the Olympic Athletic Club on Monday night. Smith and Hurley are two of the most aggressive men in the arena, and the match should be a hummer from start to finish. Another bout which is attracting great attention is the "Young" Ahearne-Jack Dorman contest, which will be staged at the Marathon Athletic Club on Monday night. Ahearne is touted as a second McCoy, but in Dorman he will be pitted against one of the fastest men in the game.

Ted Nelson, the welterweight champion of Australia, and Billy West will box ten rounds at the Long Acre Club on Thursday night. Other clubs which will hold bouts are Brown's Gymnasium, Metropolitan, Brooklyn Beach and the Bedford Athletic Club. The names of the various contestants will appear in this column later.

Newtown High Five on Top

Forges to the Front by Defeating the Strong Stuyvesant Team.

With only three of the rounds played the battle for the basketball supremacy of the Public School Athletic League is being waged fiercely. The results of last Saturday caused a complete change in the standing and also furnished several surprises.

The Stuyvesant High School, champions of the league, went down to defeat at the hands of the Newtown High School in a contest that was interesting but marred to a great extent by roughness. The Long Island five is practically the same one that captured the Queens Borough title last year. Only one veteran, Captain Friedland, appears in the Manhattan team's line-up. The latter players were guarded closely by their rivals, who did not permit them to attempt any intricate shots or to display their brilliant team work. The victory placed Newtown on the top rung of the ladder, with three victories and no defeats, while Stuyvesant, after winning two easy games, was defeated in the third struggle.

The Boys' High School improved its standing when it vanquished the Manual Training five in a decisive manner. The team has won its two contests played to date.

The High School of Commerce gave indications that it should be reckoned with for the interborough title, when it all but swamped the Jamaica High School on a neutral court. The West Side institution is represented by a strong five, which gives great promise of a strong season. The victory was Commerce's third one, and the five jumped into third place.

Townsend Harris Hall, after a belated start, finally lost its first contest to the weak Erasmus Hall five. Owing to the lack of interest, it is uncertain whether the Morningside five will complete its full schedule.

The standing to date of the team follows:

School.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Newtown	3	0	1.000
Boys' High	2	0	1.000
Commerce	3	1	.750
Stuyvesant	2	1	.667
Eastern District	2	1	.667
Manual Training	2	2	.500
Richmond Hill	1	2	.333
Jamaica	1	2	.333
De Witt Clinton	1	3	.250
Flushing	1	3	.250
Erasmus Hall	1	3	.250
Townsend Harris	0	1	.000

RUNNERS OUT IN SNOW

Plucky Athletes Plough Through Drifts on Rough Courses.

The snow covered roads and slippery going failed to deprive the sturdy and lusty lunged 'cross-country runners from competing in the weekly invitation runs that were held yesterday. Although the elements naturally kept the fields down below the average, spirited racing was in evidence.

John Macdonald, of the Morningside Athlete Club, defeated Alexis Ahlmgren, the Swedish "find" of the Ozanam Athletic Association, in the weekly chase of the Morningside Athletic Club over its Harlem course. The victor and Ahlmgren were prominent in the group in the van, and had a hard fight for the honors. The leaders literally ploughed their way over the uncleared course, against a biting wind and taking an occasional header into a high pile of snow.

Grasping an opportunity offered by Ahlmgren, when the latter slipped two hundred yards from the finish, Macdonald sprinted into the lead, which he maintained for the remainder of the distance. Ohlmgren, after taking the costly tumble, jumped to his feet to finish second by five yards. William Meyer, winner of the event last Sunday, ran a strong race, capturing third place a big distance in front of the other competitors. The time hung up by the Morningside athlete was 21 minutes 28 seconds. All the runners who took part finished.

The summaries follow:

Position. Name and club.	Time.
1—J. Macdonald, Morningside A. C.	21:28
2—Al. Ahlmgren, Ozanam A. A.	21:30
3—W. Meyer, Fancourt A. C.	22:05
4—H. Daly, Morningside A. C.	22:59
5—C. Burris, New West Side A. C.	23:10
6—H. Murphy, Morningside A. C.	23:43
7—A. Luger, Morningside A. C.	23:48
8—J. Kearns, unattached	23:53
9—J. Brown, Xavier A. A.	24:50
10—A. Faulkner, Excelsior A. C.	24:57
11—H. Greiner, White Star A. C.	25:00
12—T. Castle, Gravesend A. A.	25:07

Eleven athletes started yesterday in the weekly three and a half mile run of the Jamaica Athletic Association. The trail was banked high with snowdrifts, which retarded the runners. Robert Caldwell, a Jamaica Club member, led home the plucky field, but only after being hard pressed throughout by Billy Dolan, of the Seneca Athletic Club. Caldwell, however, employed his reserve speed a short distance from home, to win by a margin of a few yards.

The summaries follow:

Position. Name and club.	Time.
1—R. Caldwell, Jamaica A. A.	23:10
2—Billy Dolan, Seneca A. C.	23:15
3—Joe Comellas, Jamaica A. A.	23:40
4—J. Smith, unattached	24:14
5—B. Ormond, Richmond Hill A. C.	24:30
6—C. Caldwell, St. Monica A. A.	24:40
7—H. Domingo, Jamaica A. A.	25:02
8—C. Murray, Chichester A. C.	25:30
9—R. Swenka, Seneca A. C.	25:40
10—G. Gordon, Jamaica A. A.	26:15
11—H. Henley, Queens A. C.	27:40

GUNNERS OUT IN NUMBERS

Weather Fails to Balk Marksmen of Larchmont Yacht Club.

Despite the disagreeable weather there was an excellent muster at the Larchmont Yacht Club yesterday for the second weekly shoot of the month. In four of the six contests decided ten gunners faced the traps and in the other two there were eleven contestants. In all but one match full scores were made, several shoot-offs being necessary to determine the winner.

H. Harrison and R. Lewis tied with 111 targets broken by each in the struggle for "high gun" for the day. Harrison won in the shoot-off. He was also the winner of the leg for the Baudouine Cup after a shoot-off with Dr. Shavet, both having shot full scores. Harrison also won the leg for the December Cup.

The summaries follow:

DECEMBER CUP—25 BIRDS—HANDICAP.

	Hp.	Tl.		Hp.	Tol.
S. E. Sampson	1	22	W. D. Hinds	1	24
J. G. Batterson	2	20	R. Johnson	0	19
W. Williams	2	22	H. Harrison	2	25
E. Emmerson	3	23	Dr. Munyon	2	23
R. Lewis	0	20	J. R. Collins	4	17
G. Brenerer	4	25			

Tie between G. Brenerer and Harrison. Tie won by Brenerer.

BOUDOUINE CUP—25 BIRDS—HANDICAP.

S. E. Sampson	1	23	J. G. Batterson	3	23
R. Lewis	1	24	G. Brenerer	4	23
W. Williams	2	23	R. Johnson	0	20
E. Emmerson	3	24	H. Harrison	3	25
J. Hinds	2	21	Dr. Short	3	25

Tie between Dr. Short and Harrison. Tie won by Harrison.

ACCUMULATION CUP—25 BIRDS—HANDICAP.

S. E. Sampson	1	21	H. Harrison	2	22
R. Lewis	1	25	J. G. Batterson	3	23
W. Williams	2	22	G. J. Brenerer	4	22
E. Emmerson	3	23	R. Johnson	0	18
Dr. Hinds	2	21	Dr. Short	2	20

Won by R. Lewis.

SAUER GUN—25 BIRDS—HANDICAP.

S. E. Sampson	1	20	H. Harrison	3	24
R. Lewis	0	20	J. G. Batterson	3	23
W. Williams	2	21	G. J. Brenerer	4	20
E. Emmerson	3	21	M. Munyon	2	21
W. D. Hinds	2	23	A. Johnson	0	18
J. R. Collins	4	18			

Won by J. G. Batterson.

TEN BIRDS—SCRATCH.

G. E. Sampson	9	G. Brenerer	10
J. G. Batterson	9	W. D. Hinds	9
W. Williams	8	R. Johnson	8
E. Emmerson	9	H. Harrison	9
R. Lewis	9	W. R. Short	9

Won by G. J. Brenerer.

FIFTEEN BIRDS—SCRATCH.

G. E. Sampson	12	G. Brenerer	11
J. G. Batterson	14	W. D. Hinds	11
W. Wilson	13	R. Johnson	11
E. Emmerson	11	W. R. Short	14
R. Lewis	14	H. Harrison	14

Tie between J. G. Batterson, R. Lewis, Short and Harrison. Won by Dr. Short.

High gun for the day—R. Lewis, 111; H. Harrison, 111; S. E. Sampson, 104; W. D. Hinds, 104; Dr. Short, 103; J. G. Batterson, 102; W. Williams, 101; E. Emmerson, 99; J. G. Brenerer, 95; R. Johnson, 94.

Tie between Lewis and Harrison. Won by Harrison.

BILLIARD LEAGUE STANDING.

The standing of the cities in the national amateur three-cushion billiard tournament follows:

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Brooklyn	9	6	Philadelphia	5	4
Chicago	9	6	Pittsburg	5	4
New York	8	7	St. Louis	5	10
Kansas City	8	7	Boston	5	10

ATHLETICS DEFEATED AGAIN.

Havana, Dec. 11.—The Almendaros nine to-day defeated the Philadelphia Americans by a score of 2 to 1

AUTO NEWS OF THE DAY

New Jersey Motorists Prepare Recommendations.

Announcement was made yesterday by the joint committee of the New Jersey Automobile Trade Association and the Associated Automobile Clubs of New Jersey of the changes which the motorists propose to fight for in the coming session of the Legislature. For several weeks since election the joint committee has been working on the bills, and the measures are now in such form that a definite statement can be made as to the amendments which will be sought.

The bills that have been drawn are entirely in line with the pledges obtained from the candidates for legislative office previous to election by the joint committee of these two associations. The changes which are proposed affect the law in three important particulars: Granting a non-resident tourist privilege, computing the horsepower of cars under a fixed rule and a further definition of the powers of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

It is proposed to amend the law creating the Department of Motor Vehicles so as to make it mandatory upon the Commissioner to issue a license to any person over the age of sixteen years who shall give satisfactory evidence as to being a competent driver; provided, however, that the said Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may refuse to grant a license to drive motor vehicles to any person who shall, by reason of habitual drunkenness or any physical deformity or disease, be deemed an improper person.

The horsepower of cars is to be computed by their cylinder dimensions.

Non-residents are to be admitted into the state for a period of fifteen days in any one calendar year, without any restrictions as to licenses or signing power of attorney, except that they be regularly registered in their native state.

The road act has been amended so as to make it mandatory upon the Commissioner of Public Roads to expend at least $2,000 a year for at least three years for the erection of guiding signs, and also providing for the maintenance and upkeep of such signs forever after.

The bill requiring lights on all vehicles has been so amended as to make the fine for the first offence $10 and for the second or each subsequent offence $25, and furthermore provides that these fines shall be paid into the State Treasury, to be used by the Commissioner of Public Roads for the maintenance and upkeep of improved highways.

While they have not yet become laws, these various amendments have the unqualified support of Governor-elect Wilson and of all the candidates who were elected to the Legislature, with the exception of two or three. The automobilists have also received the strongest kind of support from the various trade associations throughout the state.

That Vanadium steel is destined to become the standard automobile material is being conceded more and more each day. Henry Ford, the first of the automobile men to adopt it, and the only manufacturer who is using it entirely in his product, has been watching the experiments of the Navy Department with much interest. Mr. Ford said recently:

> My claims for Vanadium are being proven by the navy experts. It is the intention of the navy men to use Vanadium in the manufacture of the steel work in the make-up of a warship, including the great guns. By the use of Vanadium the weight of the vessel will be greatly reduced, thereby increasing the speed without the loss of fighting efficiency. Another advantage of the newly adopted material is that it will prevent erosion of the big guns, which is now a problem before the Bureau of Ordnance.

Mr. Froehlich, of the Benz company, is quoted as saying:

> Now that the show time is here we have given the question of exhibiting our car careful thought. We have had considerable experience with shows and have finally decided the show should be held for the benefit of prospective customers. We have, accordingly, decided to exhibit the Benz cars at the importer's salon in the Astor Hotel, during the first week in January. The Benz being an unusually high grade car, will be exhibited only with cars of equal standing and accepted merit. We desire to have our customers view our cars in comfort without the unnecessary overcrowding and crush inseparable from a large public show. We wish to have prospective Benz customers enjoy all of the luxuries and privileges of a leisurely examination of the very best which the world can show, unhampered by the inconveniences of a large number of idle curiosity seekers.

Stefan Kjeldsen, formerly general manager of the S. P. O. Automobile Company, has been appointed manager of the Importers' Automobile Salon, with offices at No. 1776 Broadway.

RACING AT JUAREZ.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 11.—Polls, neglected in the betting at 12 to 1, and admirably ridden by Keogh, easily won the La Libertad Handicap, one and one-eighth miles, at Terrazas Park to-day. Keogh allowed his mount to race in third place to the upper turn when he set sail for the leader, Harrigan, and, catching him at the last furlong pole, won going away by a length.

The summaries follow:

First race (five furlongs)—Lady Tendi (Smith), 11 to 5, won; Agility (Keogh), 11 to 10, second; Soon (Anderson), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:01⅘. Red Lass, Beechmont and Joe Wells also ran.

Second race (five and a half furlongs)—Del Crusader (Ganz), 8 to 1, won; Mark Kennedy (Smith), 4 to 1, second; Creston (Anderson), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:07⅘. He Knows, Doc Allen, Cathryn Scott, Yankee Nic and Florence A. also ran.

Third race (six furlongs)—Angelus (Ganz), 9 to 10, won; Frank Mullen (Molesworth), 4 to 1, second; The Pippin (Benschoten), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:13⅘. Spohn and Dr. Smoot also ran.

Fourth race (one and one-eighth miles)—Polls (Keogh), 12 to 1, won; Harrigan (Murphy), 8 to 5, second; Meadow (Molesworth), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:52. The Peer, Taboo and Green Seal also ran.

Fifth race (five furlongs)—Nettie Marchmont (Molesworth), 4 to 1, won; Love Note (Ganz), 11 to 10, second; Marjorie A. (Vandusen), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:00⅘. Uncle Ben, Dubers, Salili and Union Jack also ran.

Sixth race (one mile)—Bad News (Ganz), 13 to 5, won; Kopek (Molesworth), 5 to 1, second; Lightwool (Keogh), 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:40⅘. Pedro, Pirate Bay, Invergarry and Misprison also ran.

AMERICANS TO COMPETE

Committee Appointed to Choose Team for Olympic Games.

PROMINENT MEN TO SERVE

President Taft Will Be Asked to Act as Honorary President of Organization.

All doubts concerning the general participation of American athletes in the Olympic games which will be held at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1912, have been set at rest by the appointment of a committee of fifty or more men prominent in athletics throughout the country to take charge of selecting the representatives from the United States. Professor W. M. Sloane, of this city, who is the American representative on the International Olympic Committee, recently received the preliminary notification that Stockholm had been definitely decided upon as the place for holding the games, and that preparations should be made to send an American team.

Professor Sloane immediately appointed an American committee, with Frederick B. Pratt, of Brooklyn, as president, James E. Sullivan as secretary and J. W. Curtiss as treasurer. Every effort will be made to induce President Taft to act as honorary president of the American committee, and an invitation will be forwarded to him.

Rumors of strife between Professor Sloane and the Amateur Athletic Union have led many observers to believe that the union would take little interest in the next set of Olympic games. The action taken by Professor Sloane, however, in appointing the committee, has reassured the American athletes who are anxious to take part in the games. The union at its annual meeting went on record as being desirous of securing the Olympic games for the United States in 1916, and selected Cleveland as the place to hold them. No effort will therefore be spared to send the strongest team possible to Stockholm in order that the supremacy of the United States in athletics may be established as well as possible. Having the prestige of victory, the request to hold the games here will be more favorably received by the international committee in the opinion of the officers of the union.

James E. Sullivan stated last night that in all probability the same method for the selection of an American team for the Olympic games of 1912 would be followed as in previous years, try-outs being held on the coast, in the Central West, in the South and in the vicinity of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The Boston Marathon will likely be designated as the official try-out for the American Marathon runners, and members of the committee will take charge of different sports, such as revolver shooting, rifle shooting, gymnastics and cycling.

The following executive committee has been appointed: Frederic B. Pratt, Brooklyn, president; Bartow S. Weeks, New York; Dr. Luther Halsey Gulick, New York; Gustavus T. Kirby, New York; Julian W. Curtiss, Yale University, treasurer; Everett C. Brown, Chicago; Evert Jansen Wendell, New York; Joseph B. Macabe, Boston; James E. Sullivan, New York, secretary.

The following will be invited to act as vice-presidents: Herman D. Lagercrantz, Washington; Andrew Carnegie, New York; J. Pierpont Morgan, New York; Egerton L. Winthrop, New York; George J. Gould, New York; August Belmont, New York; Caspar W. Whitney, New York; Bartow S. Weeks, New York; Victor J. Dowling, New York; General George W. Wingate, S. R. Guggenheim, New York; J. W. Spalding, New York; E. C. Brown, Chicago; Gustavus T. Kirby, New York; David R. Francis, St. Louis; J. V. Skiff, Chicago; W. C. Thorne, Chicago; Colonel Robert M. Thompson, New York; A. G. Mills, New York, and Rodman Wanamaker, New York.

Fifty other men have been appointed to serve on a general committee.

YALE MAY GO TO PROVIDENCE

Brown Wants Annual Game Played on Home Gridiron.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Providence, Dec. 11.—A movement to secure a game with Yale here as the principal drawing card in the Brown football schedule for 1911 has been started, according to a statement made by Dr. F. W. Marvel, supervisor of athletics, at the Brown dinner given to the Brown 'varsity eleven last evening. He said that efforts were being made to get a game with Yale here next season, and he called upon Assistant Attorney General Harry P. Cross, a famous Yale athlete some years ago, and centre rush in 1895, to use his influence with the Yale athletic authorities in order to bring about the desired end next fall.

LEE DEFEATS LORILLARD

Wins Court Tennis Title After Sharp Playing at Tuxedo.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Dec. 11.—With the galleries crowded with a fashionable audience, C. S. Lee defeated P. Lorillard, jr., in the first class court tennis championship of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club today after a stirring match. The score was 3—6, 7—5, 6—4. Newell W. Tilton easily defeated J. F. Pierson, jr., in two straight sets by a score of 6—4, 6—2, in the second class court tennis championship.

The finals were also decided in the first class racquet championship, Robert D. Wrenn easily defeating Clarence C. Pell three games to one. Wrenn seemed invincible, while Pell was easily outclassed. The finals in the second class racquet championship matches will be played during Christmas week, when H. O. Brokaw will meet P. Lorillard.

The annual open tournament for the gold racquet in racquets will begin here on February 12. H. F. McCormick, of Chicago, and George C. Clark will be present to defend their titles.

The summaries follow:

FIRST CLASS COURT TENNIS HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP.

First round—Richmond Talbot (half 15) defeated R. D. Wrenn (half 30), by default; C. S. Lee (half 15) defeated C. C. Pell (half 15), by default.

Second round—Richmond Talbot (half 15) defeated L. S. Chanler (half 30), 6—0, 6—4; P. Lorillard, jr. (minus 1 bisque) defeated Lloyd Warren (15), 6—2, 3—6, 6—3; F. T. Frelinghuysen (half 15) defeated Addison Cammack (half 15), by default.

Semi-final round—C. S. Lee (half 15) defeated Richmond Talbot (half 15), 6—4, 6—1; P. Lorillard, jr. (minus 1 bisque) defeated F. T. Frelinghuysen (half 15), by default.

Final round—C. S. Lee (half 15) defeated P. Lorillard, jr. (minus 1 bisque), 3—6, 7—5, 6—4.

SECOND CLASS COURT TENNIS HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP.

First round—N. W. Tilton (15) defeated F. B. Keache (30), by default; J. F. Pierson, jr. (30) defeated G. Lorillard (half 15), by default.

Semi-final round—N. W. Tilton (15) defeated Maurice Roche (30), 5—7, 6—2, 6—2; J. F. Pierson, jr. (30) defeated T. W. Porter (scratch), 6—1, 6—3.

Final round—N. W. Tilton (half 15) defeated J. F. Pierson, jr. (30), 6—4, 6—2.

FIRST CLASS RACQUET HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP.

First round—C. C. Pell (7 aces) defeated F. T. Frelinghuysen (7 aces), by default.

Semi-final round—Stanley G. Mortimer (7 aces) defeated C. C. Pell, 11—15, 6—15; R. D. Wrenn (scratch) defeated E. Hewitt (scratch), 3—15, 6—15, 15—7, 15—15, 15—12.

Final round—Robert D. Wrenn (scratch) defeated C. C. Pell (7 aces), 11—15, 15—9, 15—9, 15—12.

BERNA A CORNELL CAPTAIN.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Tell Berna, of Ithaca, the intercollegiate two-mile champion, has been elected captain of the Cornell 'cross-country team. Berna is a junior at Cornell and is a brother of Hans Berna, of Columbia, also a runner.

FOGEL WILL SUPPORT LYNCH

President of Phillies Experiences Change of Heart.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Horace S. Fogel, president of the Philadelphia National Club, has had another change of heart. He said to-day that, in his opinion, Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, was the greatest man in baseball circles. So highly does Fogel think of Lynch that he will support him for another term as president of the league. It is believed Fogel has been brought to this way of thinking by several of his friends, who have informed him that Charley Murphy, of the Cubs, has not let the head of the Phillies in on all the deals he is supposed to know about. The only point at issue between Fogel and Lynch is the umpire question.

"Lynch has made a good president," said Fogel, "and I am for him for another term. There is no combination to defeat him that I know of, and if there is one I will be independent and vote for him. The only kick I have is on one umpire. I don't think I am alone on that question. I believe it all can be arranged amicably."

Fogel declares he will endeavor to get an A No. 1 pitcher, either by trade or by purchase at the time of the annual league meeting.

ROPER MEETS HARVARD MEN

Prospect of Princeton Playing Crimson Is Considered.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Dec. 11.—Bill Roper, Princeton's football coach; William F. Garcelon, Harvard's graduate manager of athletics, and Mike Farley, Harvard's old end rush, the team's coach in 1902 and now a member of Harvard's football advisory board, spent several hours together this afternoon in this city discussing the proposition of a football game next fall between the Harvard and Princeton elevens.

To-day's conference, so far as can be learned, did not result in an agreement between the Harvard and Princeton men to have their football teams meet on the gridiron next fall, but the fact that there was a conference and that several dates for a game were taken under advisement, indicates that the chances for the teams to get together next season are very good. While the men who met to-day apparently were in favor of a game, the question was left in abeyance until the return of Haughton, the Harvard coach, who is expected home from Europe early this week.

Many believe that under the new rules it would be possible for all big 'varsity teams to play more hard games without effecting the physical condition of the players unfavorably. This latter question doubtless will be left to Dr. E. H. Nichols, Harvard's football surgical and medical director and a member of the Harvard athletic committee, to decide.

The question of Harvard's dropping Dartmouth from its schedule next fall is not an issue in the negotiations between Harvard and Princeton. It has not been decided that Harvard could not meet both teams or that Princeton could not meet both Harvard and Dartmouth for that matter. But in Harvard's case, if both teams are not on the schedule next fall, it looks very much as if the Crimson would play at Nassau instead of entertaining Dartmouth in the stadium.

Back in 1889, after a rough and spirited game on old Jarvis Field, Cambridge, Harvard and Princeton severed football relations and did not meet on the gridiron again until 1895, when a game was played at Princeton. In 1896 the teams met again. The Tigers won both games. Yale and Harvard resumed football in 1897 and Harvard continued to play Pennsylvania instead of Princeton.

WRESTLING TO THE FORE

Zbyszko and Roller to Meet on Mat To-morrow Evening.

Wrestling will come to the front again at the Grand Central Palace to-morrow evening with an all-star card of matches. Zbyszko, the giant Pole, who recently defeated Tom Jenkins and Andrew Kindrat in short order, will oppose Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, in a match, which will give the victor an opportunity to wrestle for the world's championship. The men will meet at catch-as-catch-can style for the best two out of three falls. George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," who is regarded as the world's champion since the retirement of Frank Gotch, will meet the winner next month for the title. The American wrestler has won many handicap matches. He is a college graduate, having the degree of medical doctor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Zbyszko has shown his true mettle by vanquishing all his competitors in handicap matches. The men are training earnestly for the important match, and should be in the best possible condition for the fray.

Several preliminary matches have been arranged to precede the main fixture. Will Bingham, the English lightweight champion, will endeavor to dispose of Harry Snelling, the Canadian champion, and George Herlich in fifteen minutes. Bingham will then take on Haki Raku, the jiu jitsu champion, at the native's own game. John Niflot, the Columbia University coach, will meet John Sweeney, of England, in a match, while George Bothner will face George Herman. John Lemm, heavyweight champion of Germany and Switzerland, will take on two American heavyweights.

HAS SOME HEAVY HITTERS

Eleven Players in State League Bat Better than .300.

Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Dec. 11.—President J. H. Farrell of the New York State League announced to-day the 1910 batting, fielding and pitching averages of the players. Somewhat to the surprise of the "fans" the figures show that no less than eleven players have batting averages of more than .300. Bill Kay, the right fielder of the Albany team, leads the league, as he did last year, and has a batting average of .363, while Lumley, the