

Comment and Gossip On Sports of the Day

By HERBERT

The Wrong Point of View.

CHRISTOPHER MATHEWSON, who pitches for the Giants in the summer and writes for the paper in the winter, is championing once more the summer baseball for college players and on that same old fallacious argument used by so many, that it's better to commit the lesser of two evils.

SUMMER baseball, which is only another name for semi-professional baseball, and the evil growing out of same, is an old subject in this column. My views have been expressed so often that readers can be spared any lengthy discussion at this time, but that well known piece of red flannel has more irritating effect on the bull than this subject has on me, so that a few words must be spoken.

"The real issue at stake is the right of the boys who play for fun to have their sport kept clean and free from the influence of the boy who plays for money."

Casper Whitney is right. It is arrant nonsense to befool the real issue by playing on the sympathies or by condoning an evil to prevent a greater one.

The Easiest Way.

ON TOP of this Mr. Whitney in the second of his series on the "Easy Money of Summer Baseball," in the current issue of "The Saturday Evening Post," quotes President Butler of Columbia and President F. Brown in support of those who play for money in the summer and so prostitute the sport for their own particular gain.

"I can see no possible objection to a student of Columbia University playing baseball for money during the winter months in a hotel. The question of his eligibility to participate therein is an intercollegiate sport as a representative of Columbia is one to be settled on the basis of academic standing and his performance as a student."

This question is not hard to answer. Any student in good standing should be allowed to help pay his expenses in any honorable way that he may choose, and certainly playing baseball for money is no exception.

Line Must Be Drawn.

IT IS generally accepted that a line must be drawn between the amateur and the professional sportsman. Many byways lead from this particular straight, narrow, road in the way of evasions which commercialize one sport or another, but even as money is the root of evil so it money the full root and substance of this dividing line.

Most of the boxing critics seem to be of one mind so far as Freddy Welsh, the lightweight champion of the world, is concerned. This written and spoken that he is slipping and slipping fast.

ONE more tax was put upon those who inhabit the press stands at big football games by the members of the rules committee in session here a few days ago.

SOME of the penalty for the use of bad language, it seems a pity that some coaches cannot be controlled in much the same way—but, alas, the coaches are a law unto themselves and are staunch supporters of that old saying, "Do as I say, not do as I do."

WALTER CAMP, of Yale, is gradually retiring from all football activities, but when his associates on the rules committee discounted his resignation by electing him a member emeritus for life a signal and well deserved honor was conferred.

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PLAY CHESS TILL TWEE SIMA' HOURS

Even Then Progressive and Manhattan Clubs Do Not Reach Decision.

FORMER HAS BETTER CHANCE OF WINNING

Adjourned Games Figure in Ninth Round of Metropolitan League Tourney.

The ninth round of the championship tournament of the Metropolitan Chess League was played on Saturday evening, but some of the games in several matches were not concluded until the early hours of yesterday morning.

The feature of this round was the meeting between the Progressive and Manhattan clubs at the rooms of the first-named organization. While the form was to be put a strong team into the field there were some notable absentees in the Manhattan team.

The Progressive were in the lead by the odd game, with two unfinished, and the Manhattan, the other should be won by the Progressive and the chances are that the latter will win by a score of 4 1/2 to 3 1/2 games.

There were also adjourned games in the match between Staten Island and North Jersey. So far the latter have scored 3 1/2 points and Staten Island 1 1/2. But it is stated that Staten Island may win two of the adjourned games and draw the other.

Columbia University beat the Queen's Gambit Association and Brooklyn disposed of the Newark River, while the League men beat the Ocean Hill team. The Washington Heights club had a bye.

The Staten Island Club beat the Columbia in the eighth round by 5 to 3. In the tenth and semi-final round the pairing will be as follows: Progressive vs. Brooklyn, Columbia vs. Newark River, North Jersey vs. Queens Gambit, League vs. Staten Island, Washington Heights vs. Ocean Hill, Manhattan a bye.

The summary follows: PROGRESSIVE C. C. MANHATTAN C. C. 1. J. C. Lee vs. E. Lasker 1-0 2. J. C. Lee vs. E. Lasker 1-0

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DRAW FOR DOUBLES TILT

28 Pairs to Compete for Indoor Lawn Tennis Title.

King Smith, referee of the national indoor lawn tennis championship tournament, made the draw for the doubles yesterday, which includes twenty-eight pairs.

The top half contains Wylie C. Grant, who has a new partner in E. H. Whitney, A. S. Cragin and King Smith, T. R. Bell and Karl H. Behr.

National indoor championship doubles (second round) first round boys—L. V. Robinson and H. W. Robinson vs. W. J. Gallen and A. H. Murphy.

SPOTTS BREAKS OWN RECORD AT TRAPS

Full Scores the Rule in Weekly Shoot at the Larchmont Yacht Club.

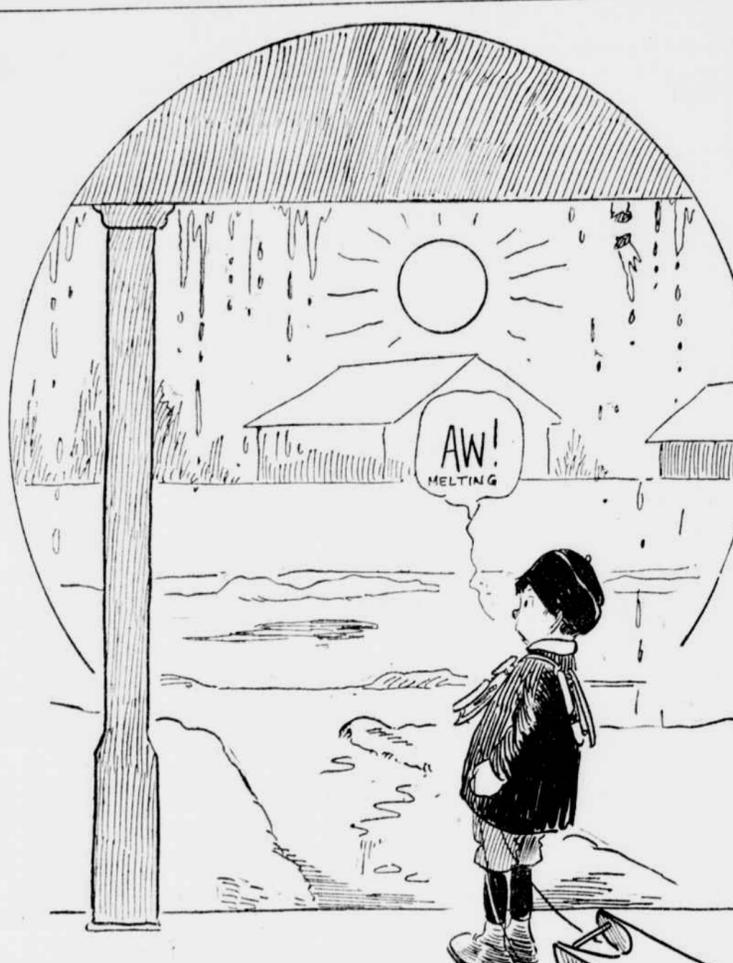
Under ideal conditions for the sport, the trapshooters of the Larchmont Yacht Club yesterday broke their own records for the season for high scoring.

R. L. Spotts, shooting from scratch, took the prize with a perfect score, defeating A. L. Burns, whose handicap was 2.

Ralph L. Spotts, the club champion, broke his own record of 121 in the 125 bird scratch contest by breaking 122 bluebirds.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS.



FEB 15, 1911. WIG'S DIARY (A TRUE DIARY BY A BOY) I SHOVELLED THE PATH AFTER BREAKFAST BECAUSE THERE WAS SNOW ON THE GROUND. WELL AT NOON I GOT A PAIR OF SNEAKERS FOR MYIN SCHOOL. WE PRACTISED SHOOTING BASKETS. I GOT ONE AND NEARLY TWO OR THREE. I WENT DOWN IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY WITH GERRY AND CAME HOME AT HALF PAST FOUR. AFTER I GOT HOME I READ PINKEY PERKINS OUT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS.

CORNELL LEADS IN BASKETBALL RACE

Cornell, by defeating Princeton, and Columbia, by defeating Yale and Pennsylvania, tightened up the race for the intercollegiate basketball title, and the prospects are that the second half of the league race will more than make up for the lack of interest in the early games.

The biggest surprise of the week was the comeback of the Columbia five, which seemed hopelessly out of the running after successive defeats by Princeton and Pennsylvania.

The draw follows: Cornell vs. Princeton, Columbia vs. Yale, Pennsylvania vs. Pennsylvania State, Cornell vs. Princeton, Columbia vs. Yale, Pennsylvania vs. Pennsylvania State.

ST. NICKS LEAD IN HOCKEY RACE

Defeat of Boston Team by Hockey Club Makes Contest Closest in Years.

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Pell Wins Second Leg on the Gold Racquet

Defeats Mortimer in Slash-Four-Game Match in Fixture at Tuxedo Park.

The match was fast throughout and it was undecided up to the last ace. Mortimer won the first game, 18-13, and Pell took the next two games, 15-9, 15-10.

The professional match between Jack Soutar, professional champion of the world, and James Mullens, of the New York Tennis and Racquet Club, resulted in a victory for the New York man in straight games.

Soutar got 22 aces in each game, Mullens 30, deducting his handicap. The scores were 15-3, 15-13, 15-6.

Soccer Player Injured

During Game Drinkwater Has Collarbone Fractured.

Charles Drinkwater, a member of the Brooklyn Football Club and playing for the White Rose Football Club yesterday afternoon, had his collarbone fractured in a game with the West Side Rangers at Astoria, Long Island.

Drinkwater, who was playing right half for the White Rose team, intercepted a pass in the first fifteen minutes of play and slipped and fell heavily to the ground.

Time was called and a physician summoned. After his examination a call was sent to St. John's Hospital, and Drinkwater was removed there.

Of course, there was no change in the individual leaders, Samuel Roberts and Fred Gerdes, of New York, being one and two, respectively.

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NEW YORK BOWLERS Surer of Title

Now Has Nine-Game Lead in Athletic League—Roberts Top Man.

Although the Athletic Bowling League series involving New York was not rolled last week, the games at Montclair scheduled for last Wednesday have been arranged for next Saturday evening.

On Wednesday evening the inactivity of New York, the Mercury Foot combination is still so far in front as to make the championship almost a foregone conclusion.

HONAHAN PRESSED TO WIN

Lowers Course Record in Ten-Mile Run of Pennant A. C.

Hugh Honahan, of the New York Athletic Club, broke the ten-mile course record in defeating Frank Zena, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, in a practice run of the Pennant Athletic Club.

The Italian fought Honahan right up to the tape, losing by some eight yards. Arthur Larson, a Finnish-American runner, was third.

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Sunday Soccer Games Results

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes St. George's 4 White Rose 2, Hudson United 2 84th Co. Coast Art 0.

O'CONNORS TO FORE IN ROAD RACES

Pastime Fireman First in Five-Mile Run—J. F. Leads Big Field.

James J. O'Connor, the Pastime fireman, captured the practice five-mile run of the Bronx Athletic C. C. yesterday, in Harlem, wearing the colors of the Millrose A. C. for the first time.

The summaries follow: Name and Club. Time. 1. James J. O'Connor, Millrose A. C. 21:10 2. E. J. Moran, unattached 21:24

A field of forty-five runners took part in the weekly three-and-a-half-mile handicap race of the St. Aloisius Lyceum, in Harlem, James J. O'Connor, of New York A. C., carried off the six men on scratch, carried off the honors.

He took the lead at the end of the first mile, and never headed thereafter. Frederick Lux, a Mohawk A. C. member, who also left his mark with O'Connor, was second, more than 200 yards behind.

George Lowmeyer and Charles Timmons, starting from the 30-second mark, had a hard fight for third place, the first named taking it by 10 yards. There were many fighting sprinting finishes in the last fifty yards.

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CONTINENTAL DRUG NEW YORK CELTICS

Win Soccer Cup Tie by Five Clear Goals at Olympic Field.

CAMERONS TAKE A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Hudson Uniteds Capture Twelfth Straight Game at Expense of the Visitation.

The New York Celtics came a cropper in the first round of the South New York State League soccer cup tie, being down before the Continental Football Club at Olympic Field yesterday afternoon.

Throughout the first half of the New York Celtics were on the defensive. Glaser tallied the lone point in the half.

After changing ends the Continentals played with more aggressiveness than before, with the result that after fifteen minutes' play A. Vander Weghe, on the right wing, had added two more points to the score.

The line-up follows: Continentals (15). Position. Goalkeeper. N. Y. Celtic (15). Position. Goalkeeper. J. Glaser

After losing two games straight while in the lead of the New York State League, the Camerons, former amateur champions, turned out yesterday afternoon and at Columbia Oval the first round of the Southern cup competition by a score of 4 goals to 0.

At half time the former champions were leading 1 goal to 0. This was the result of an effort by J. Isaac.

The second period found the Camerons battling harder than ever and the goals came easier. Kelly, by a superb pass, put the ball on a position right outside the left, corner, but it in with marked precision.

The line-up follows: Camerons (4). Position. Goalkeeper. C. H. Irving. Goalkeeper. C. H. Irving

In the first round of the Southern Association cup tie the series the White Rose eleven was eliminated by the St. George F. C. in a fast game on a heavy field by 3 goals to 2.

Burns scored a winning goal in the last five minutes of play. Honey and Irving scored the other goals for the winners, while Jones and Loughlin were the point getters for the White Rose contingent.

Soccerdom was treated to another surprise this season yesterday afternoon when the Clan Chisholm players were eliminated from the first round of the Southern New York State League cup tie competition by the I. R. T. Stroulers at Bas Oval by a score of 1 goal to 1 in a fast game.

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Burris Wins Glencoe Run. Charles Burris, "cross-country" captain of the Glencoe Athletic Club, had a narrow victory in winning his club's weekly race over a new four and a half mile course yesterday.

Coming down the Southern Boulevard Burris sprinted away from the pack, to win easily in 24:50. Edward Cordes, Federal Club runner, was hard pressed to take second honors.

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