Abolition of Disability List Nullifies Increase in Player Limit by National League at Its Annual Meeting

NATIONALS' PLAYER LIMIT IS INCREASED

Tener League Also Passes Legislation Eliminating Disability List.

MINORS ASK FOR RELIEF

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

A niggardly increase of the player limit from twenty-one to twenty-two players, the effect of which was practically annulled by the total elimination of the disability list, was the most important business transacted by the National League at the first day's session of its annual meeting at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria yesterday.

Harry Hempstead, president of the Giants, proposed an amendment to the constitution to return to the old twenty-five player limit and presented the strong argument that so long as the American League had a twenty-five limit and the National had a smaller one the parent league always would remain at a disadvantage in its contests with the junior league. He also pointed out that a larger limit gave the American League a better opportunity to develop young players.

Hempstead's arguments could convince no one but Charley Weeghman of the Cubs. The six other clubs voted it down. Ebbets's amendment to raise the limit to twenty-two players then was adopted with a slight amendment as to the dates when clubs could hold thirty-five players—the winter limit. The twenty-two limit will go into effect on May 15 (fifteen days later than the former limit) and will extend until August 30.

Disability List a Subterfuge.

In his annual report President Tener recommended the elimination of the disability list, which he said was used by clubs as a subterfuge to cover players, and that players repeatedly had been placed on the disability list with alleged cuts and skin bruises with no other purpose than to circumvent the former twenty-one limit. This action was taken and the disability list was struck out in its entirety. This means that should any club have three or four players disabled the injured players still will be within the twenty-two limit.

Much of the time of the National League was consumed in listening to eloquence from numerous sources. First George Wharton Pepper, one of Philadelphia's leading barristers, addressed the league on the various phases of the suit of the directors of the defunct Baltimore Federal League club against the various major league clubs and the former Federal League promoters. This case is to come up for a hearing shortly after the new year.

Then Gov. Tener made his annual report, in which he made the pleasing statement that the National League attendance last season was the greatest in the league's history, passing the former high water mark set in 1909. He also made recommendations for the changing of the spoils in the world's series. Instead of having the player participants of the series divide all the money he would have a certain percentage set aside to be divided among players of other clubs, the amounts to be proportioned on the relative standing of the different clubs. Action on this subject was deferred until to-day's session.

Wants Drafts Removed.

The last hour of the meeting was given to the two minor league committees which came to plead better conditions for the minors. The first, consist- of J. Cal Ewing, president of the Oakland club; Tim Murnane, president of the Eastern League, and Daniel O'Neil of the Holyoke club, requested a new board of arbitration to hear disputes involving major and minor leagues' interests, such a board to consist of one representative from the National League, one from the American League, two from the National Association and a neutral chairman who has no baseball connections.

This committee also expressed to the National League the disapproval of the minor leagues to taking players from big league clubs who have had no previous minor league experience. This particularly referred to players released under optional agreements.

The other committee consisted of three presidents of the different Class AA leagues—Barrow of the International, Hickey of the American Association and Baum of the Pacific Coast League—who asked exemption from the draft and voiced the objections of the minors to the present system of drafting players. They also requested that players purchased by major league clubs from the minor leagues be permitted to stay with the club selling the player until the finish of the minor league season.

No Action on Pleas Taken.

As the league adjourned for the day after hearing these plaints no action was taken on them. However, it would take joint action by the two major leagues to give the minors the relief they seek. The two minor league committees leave for Chicago to-day, where they will repeat their address for the benefit of Ban Johnson and his American League brethren.

The election of the directors of the National League was postponed until the February meeting, as there is a feeling of dissatisfaction with the present five man board. The committee on constitution was instructed to report on an amendment to the constitution which would give each club one member on the board of directors. Baker of Philadelphia, for one, objected to sitting outside waiting for the five directors to get through. It was argued that as each club is as interested in the league's affairs as any other each club should have representation on the board.

Baker introduced a measure which would prevent any club selling or trading a player after August 1 unless every club in the league had granted waivers on him. This question will come up for a vote to-day. Most of the magnates seem to be in favor of it.

McGraw's Name Not Mentioned.

According to Secretary Heydler John McGraw's name was not mentioned either at the meeting of the board of directors or at the regular league meeting. If John J. does come up he will come up under "new business" to-day. The league also is to vote on its choice for chairman of the commission to-day.

President Ebbets of the Brooklyns last night gave a dinner to his National League confederates to celebrate Brooklyn's first pennant in sixteen years.

The following club owners attended yesterday's annual meeting: Boston Percy Haughton and Walter Hapgood; Brooklyn, Charles H. Ebbet and Ed J. McKeever; New York, Harry N. Hempstead, John B. Foster and H. Ashley Lloyd; Philadelphia, William F. Baker; Pittsburg, Barney Dreyfuss; Cincinnati, August Herrmann, Thomas Cogan, Harry Stephens and Louis M. Werk; Chicago, Charles Weeghman and Elmer Schlesinger; St. Louis, Mrs. Helen H. Britton and Lon Hocker.

INTER-LEAGUE SERIES TO BEGIN AUGUST 7

Players' Purse Increased to $10,000—Internationals Adjourn.

Final preparations for the International League-American Association post-season series of forty-eight games were approved at the second day's session of the International League's annual meeting at the Hotel Imperial yesterday. August 7 officially was set for the date of opening the series. It was decided that the International League will open in the American Association cities.

A schedule committee consisting of Ed Barrow and Thomas Hickey, presidents of the rival leagues, will meet in the near future and draw up the joint schedule. The regular league season will open on April 15. Michael Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues, has been agreed upon as arbiter of the series. He will settle any disputes between Barrow and Hickey before and during the playing of the series.

The leagues decided to increase the players' purse from $8,000 to $10,000. This means that each club must post up a check of $625 instead of $500. Each team in the league winning the greatest number of games will therefore receive $1,250. Allowing sixteen players to a team, each individual player in the winning league will get a check for approximately $84.

Whether the team winning the inter-league series will be permitted to call itself "Champion of the National Association" rests with the National Association. The fact that the Pacific Coast League is of the same rating as the contesting leagues would prevent the winning team claiming the minor league title.

The International League adjourned yesterday to meet again at the call of the president within thirty days.

TENER STIRRED BY REVOLT OF MINORS

Authority of National Commission Must Be Unquestioned, He Declares.

The action of Ed Barrow and his International League henchmen in voting to defy the decision of the National Commission in the Ebbets-Newark case did not win the minor leaguers much popularity with the National League magnates yesterday. John K. Tener, president of the National League, and one of the commissioners who voted to award Ebbets $9,000, especially was displeased with the action of the International League in defying the supreme court of baseball.

"I am not prepared at this time to say what will happen to the International League if it persists in its determination to ignore the commission's finding," said Tener, "but you know what has happened in the past to clubs or players who have refused to abide by baseball law. As far as I know this is the first instance where any league openly has defied the commission, and naturally we will take some action. The case, however, requires thought, and it does not do to jump at conclusions. Right now I cannot say what action the commission will take, but there is no denying that some action will be taken at the next meetings of the commission.

"If our authority is defied now and it is permitted to be ignored it would set a bad precedent. So far the authority of the commission has been unquestioned. If we do not enforce all of our decisions, only those that suit, any one can come along and say, 'Well, we won't abide by your decision!'"

In discussing the International League revolt August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, said, "I do not want to talk on this thing until I hear officially from Barrow and see just what he means. However, I will say this, that the commission is in the habit of enforcing its findings."

JOHNSON DISAPPROVES.

"Ban" Condemns International League's Action.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Sharp disapproval of the action of the International League in refusing to abide by the decision of the National Baseball Commission granting the Brooklyn club of the National League $9,000 in its claim against the Newark club was expressed to-day by President B. B. Johnson of the American League, a member of the National Commission.

President Johnson said he had urged President Barrow of the International League to withdraw the case from before the National Commission, but that Barrow had insisted the only safe course was to leave the question to the commission. He said Barrow feared President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club would begin court proceedings against his organization. Johnson said he had not taken the same view in the case as his colleagues on the commission, but that he disapproved the International League's action.

HEYDLER ISSUES REPORT.

National League Teams Postponed 98 Games Last Season.

John H. Heydler, secretary of the National League, in his annual report yesterday showed that in the 1916 season there were 98 postponed games, of which 22 were in April and 27 in June. Boston, Brooklyn and Pittsburg suffered most, each having 16 postponed. In St. Louis there were but 6 postponements. Four games remained unplayed.

Ninety-nine double headers were played, as follows: At Boston, 17; Brooklyn, 16; New York, 16; Philadelphia, 14; Pittsburg, 14; Chicago, 9; St. Louis, 8, and Cincinnati, 5.

During the season 14,774 baseballs were used—an increase of 1,526 over the 1915 season. New York used the greatest number and Pittsburg the least.

SCHLACHTER TURNS PRO?

Syracuse Guard Reported to Have Played in Providence Game.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 12.—According to information received by Chris Schlachter's friends in this city, the Syracuse University guard participated in a professional football game at Providence last Saturday. Athletic authorities at the university profess ignorance, but the report is generally credited. The story that eight other varsity men took part in the game is not given credence.

Schlachter's playing on a professional team will have no effect on his amateur standing, as he has played three years on the varsity, making him ineligible another season, and he has not been active in any other branch of sport.

MITCHELL ACCEPTS CHICAGO'S TERMS

Boston Holds Up Deal Whereby Cubs Are to Get New Manager.

DEMANDS LESLIE MANN

By DANIEL.

That Fred Mitchell, now coach of the Braves' pitching staff, will manage the Cubs next season was practically assured yesterday, but the decidedly essential factor of Chicago's getting the release of its leader to be from Boston still stands in the way. Charles W. Weeghman, president of the Chicago club, yesterday arranged terms with Mitchell. The matter of reaching an agreement with Percy Haughton of the Boston club was not so easily consummated.

Having been refused Cy Williams, the outfielder, and a goodly sum of money, the Boston club changed its demands and asked that it be given Leslie Mann and a first string pitcher, said to be Jim Vaughn. At this Weeghman also balked. A definite decision will be reached to-day. Chicago holds the upper hand in the deal for the reason that Mitchell is naturally extremely anxious to manage a big league club, and the Boston officials do not want to stay in the way of his advancement.

It is known that Mitchell is not Weeghman's first choice for the position. Fred Clarke might have had the position if he had chosen to quit his Kansas farm. Frank Chance could have the place if he did not insist on getting something like $20,000 a year. It is said that next to Clarke, Weeghman's selection was George Stovall, the "Firebrand of the Federal League," who proved his major league managerial ability at Cleveland in 1911. However, the numerous stockholder shapers of the Chicago club's policy are opposed to engaging Stovall.

May Put Through Deal.

Mitchell is a former Yankee catcher and has been given credit for a good part of the success the Braves have enjoyed since George Stallings took hold of the club. Mann was an outfielder with the Braves before he jumped to the Federal League. Albeit Stallings is said to have dubbed Mann "Stonehead" he is evidently not averse to having Leslie back on the club.

The Chicago managerial topic was the all absorbing one outside of matters passed on at the annual meeting of the National League in the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon. Expected activity in trading proved a fizzle. The number of high class players in the National League is so limited that no club can afford to part with players who might be of use to other outfits. Some of the clubs have a number of men who are destined for release and it is these who are being hawked about.

The Boston-Chicago deal may be completed through the medium of the transfer of one or two outfielders to the Cubs. It is an open secret that Stallings is desirous of getting rid of Sherwood Magee and Fred Snodgrass.

Garry Had Many Seconds.

Lovers of a healthy scrap waited in vain for the scheduled battle between Garry Herrmann and Barney Dreyfuss. It was postponed until to-day. The heavyweight Garry was attended by three seconds from the Cincinnati board of directors—Thomas Cogan, Louis Werk and Harry Stephens—while Barney did not even have anybody to throw in a towel for him.

The league passed William Baker's proposal that there be no morning sessions, this year or any other year. A morning session necessitates going to lunch en masse, and very often some of the deliberators take on too much ballast.

The league appropriated $100 for a pennant for Brooklyn. The cost of materials may go up, but the price of the National League flag still remains at the old limit. This year they may have to cut down on the material.

The practice instituted last season of injecting some morning games into the late season schedule resulted in the introduction of a resolution by the New York club that no more than two games be allowed on any one day.

This Seems Possible.

It is said that the threatened revolt of the Pacific Coast League and the International League's defying the National Commission were especially prepared by organized baseball for the occasion. They might come in handy as evidence in the suit of the Baltimore Federals in an attempt to prove that organized baseball is not a trust.

Billy Murray, one time manager of the Phillies, is said to have been appointed travelling secretary of the Red Sox. Billy was about the corridors with his usual stock of wit.

It has been suggested that the International League refuses to pay that $9,000 for an equal number of very good reasons. One cannot pay when one has not the wherewithal.

DE LA SALLE AGAIN WINS.

Registers Sixth Straight Basketball Victory.

De La Salle Institute's basketball team registered its sixth straight victory on the home court yesterday, defeating the Manhattan College Prep five by 32 to 12. Maloney, De La Salle's left forward, made sixteen points.

For Manhattan College Prep, Reilly did the best offensive work. De La Salle plays Churchill School's team to-morrow. The lineup:

De La Salle Inst. (32).		Manhattan Prep (12).
Maloney	L. F.	Reilly
Rogally	R. F.	Houlihan
Haenlein	Centre	Manning
King	L. G.	Dillon
Drake	R. G.	Wilkins

Substitutes—Flynn for Rogally, Wilson for King, Sexton for Houlihan. Time of halves—15 minutes. Goals from field—Maloney, 4; Rogally, Haenlein, 4; Flynn, 2; Wilkins, 2; Dillon, Reilly, 2. Goals from foul—Maloney, 4; Sexton, 2. Referee—Mr. Phillips, De La Salle.

PRINCETON VS. ST. PAUL'S.

When the Princeton and St. Paul's School hockey teams meet in the opening game of the season at St. Nicholas Ice Rink next Tuesday evening the seven from Concord will be lined up against five former St. Paul boys, who are now playing under the Tigers' colors. The former St. Paul boys now on the Princeton team are Cushman, Schoen, Humphreys, Hills and Ford. As Carnegie Lake has not been frozen this winter the Tiger team has practised at St. Nicholas Rink. The team is well balanced.

OARSMEN TO ENTERTAIN.

The third annual minstrel show of the New York Rowing Association will be held on Friday evening at the Palm Garden. There will be a chorus of 250 oarsmen and young women.

ROCQUE YALE COACH.

Former Dartmouth Mentor to Train Hockey Team.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—Fred Rocque, former Dartmouth hockey coach, has been appointed head coach of the Yale hockey team, it was announced tonight.

Rocque's great coaching record is appreciated by the undergraduates who have had a chance to see both his Dartmouth and Arena hockey club teams perform on the local rink.

Rocque is a stickler for combination play, something lacking in Yale teams of the past, and if he can instil this art into the promising looking Eli bunch this season there is no reason why the local college should not again become a big factor in intercollegiate hockey circles.

HANDBALL ADOPTED AS P. S. A. L. SPORT

Will Be Classed Among Championships—Schoolboy Athletic Gossip.

At the regular monthly meeting of the elementary schools games committee in the Board of Education offices yesterday it was decided to adopt handball as a championship sport. A tentative schedule was drawn up and competition on an interclass basis will get under way on February 12.

There will be matches in both singles and doubles. The list of entries for the championship games in the Twenty-second Regiment Armory next Saturday afternoon was approved. More than 1,200 boys will strive for honors Saturday.

The annual high schools cross country championships will be contested over the Van Cortlandt Park course this afternoon, starting at half past 3. The event was postponed from last Saturday, when weather conditions prevented the staging of the race. More than 200 harriers are expected to face the starter, fourteen teams having entered the race.

Robert Crawford, captain of the Flushing team, rules favorite. He recently won the Eastern interscholastic championship run in Philadelphia and also triumphed in the Columbia and Cornell fixtures.

Pete Waters, for many years coach of the Loughlin Lyceum athletes, yesterday was appointed to serve in a similar capacity at Brooklyn Prep. Waters succeeds Lawson Robertson, now at the University of Pennsylvania. While with Loughlin Lyceum he was chosen for the Brooklyn Prep position from a list of fourteen applicants, some of whom were former Olympic champions. The Crown Heights boys met Waters in the Fourteenth Regiment Armory yesterday and indulged in their first practice of the season. Pat Weldon is captain of the track team.

Oliver Alford yesterday was unanimously elected captain of next year's Flushing High School football team. Alford is 16 years old, weighs 165 pounds, and is 5 feet 11 inches tall. In 1915 he played right guard, but during the season just closed was moved to halfback, where he played with remarkable consistency.

Alford was the chief ground gainer for his team this year, and was one of the leading point getters in the city. He was chosen a member of THE SUN'S Brooklyn and Long Island eleven. His ambition is to captain the championship team of the greater city, and with this end in view Flushing is endeavoring to arrange games with De Witt Clinton, Poly Prep, Columbia Freshmen, Morris, St. John's Prep, New York State Agricultural University, St. Paul's School, St. John's Prep and St. Francis Prep for next season. It is expected that Flushing will play Binghamton High next year.

MRS. LINCOLN'S TOYS WIN.

Mrs. Phelps's White Terriers Also Score in New Haven Show.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 12.—More than 400 dogs went before the judges to-day at the opening of the second annual dog show of the New Haven Kennel Club, which opened here to-day. They represent all the leading kennels of the East and the quality of the entries compares favorably with the big metropolitan events.

Many fanciers from New York and Boston, including scores who are prominent socially, were among those present. The largest entry is in the class for Boston terriers.

The judging began early this afternoon and will continue until late tomorrow night. Mrs. E. K. Lincoln, the famous fancier and owner of the Greenacre Kennels at Fairfield, Conn., carried off a majority of the prizes in the class for English toy spaniels, and honors in the class for West Highland white terriers went to Mrs. C. L. Phelps of New York.

Among those from New York and vicinity who are here with their dogs are Mrs. James Gardiner Rossman, Mrs. Helen Studebaker Henderson of New Rochelle, Mrs. William C. Thompson, Miss Ruth K. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Gerry Snow, Mrs. Arthur M. Hunter, Miss Frances M. Cahill, Mrs. Clifford B. Harmon of Greenwich, Mrs. W. T. Drew, Mrs. Linn Seiler of Bronxville and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Clark of Larchmont.

ZIEGLER HELPS FOLWELL.

Gives Pennsy Squads Instruction in Oregon Plays.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Gus Ziegler, former Pennsylvania All American guard, who coached the line of the University of California this fall, has returned to Philadelphia to assist Coach Folwell in putting the Red and Blue in trim for the game with the University of Oregon at Pasadena, Cal., on January 1. Ziegler gave the Folwell machine a blackboard talk on the work of the Oregon team as he saw them play against California.

"The Oregon line is a corker," says Ziegler. "If Parson, Huntingdon and Capt. Beckett played in the East they would be mentioned as All American players. I know that Bob Folwell has developed a great team, but you are going to meet a machine that is physically perfect and Coach Hugo Bezdek is up to all the modern football strategy."

ROBERTS AND DAWSON WIN.

Advance in English Billiard Tourney Play at Doyle's.

In the English billiard tournament for the amateur championship at Doyle's Forty-second street room last night H. Roberts won from J. Law by a score of 250 to 158 and A. Dawson defeated Scotty O'Neill, 250 to 207.

This afternoon and evening Alfredo De Oro, who is to play George Moore next week for the three cushion championship, will play practice matches with Henry Frantzen and Thomas Thompson. To-morrow Mr. De Oro will play Sid Mercer and Bill Donovan, the Yankee manager.

TAYLOR ELIMINATED IN SQUASH TOURNEY

Defeated by Hemenway of Harvard Club, 15-6, 15-2—Cordier Also Victor.

SEMI-FINALS REACHED

Play in the handicap tournament of the National Squash Tennis Association was continued on the courts of the Harvard Club yesterday and the survivors now number only eight men. It was another Harvard day, three members of the Crimson club registering victories. Of the eight left in the competition five are Harvard Club representatives and one each come from the Englewood Field Club, the Squash and the Yale clubs.

The feature of yesterday's play was the match between Edward H. Hemenway of the Harvard Club and John Taylor, Princeton Club. Hemenway continued his fine work and eliminated the Princetonian at 15—6, 15—2.

The limit handicap of one hand plus nine aces enjoyed by Hemenway proved too much of a barrier for Taylor to overcome. Taylor was handicapped at minus eight aces. W. H. Van der Poel of the Squash Club again met his ancient rival, Roy E. T. Riggs, a representative of the Brooklyn Heights Casino, and the local racquet wielder once more was triumphant. Van der Poel invariably appears able to take the measure of Riggs, and yesterday was no exception to the rule, for the Squash Club entrant won easily. The scores were 15—7 and 15—5.

R. E. Fink of the Englewood Field Club disposed of Frederick S. Keeler, Columbia, at 15—4, 15—5. Keeler, who is a veteran in squash competition, last Sunday eliminated F. H. Davis of the Harvard Club. Fink was placed at scratch yesterday, while Keeler was given a handicap of minus four aces.

A. J. Cordier of the Yale Club, winner of last year's competition, and C. F. Brown, Montclair F. C., engaged in a well played match, Cordier winning at 15—12, 15—12. Brown was on scratch, while Cordier was handicapped at minus eight.

The tournament will be continued today, when the round before the semi-final will be completed. Hemenway will play Cordier, and Van der Poel will meet John W. Appel, Jr., Harvard Club. The summaries:

Third Round, National Squash Handicap—C. F. Brown, Montclair A. C. (scratch), defeated G. Harvey, Princeton (plus hand), 15—4, 15—5.

Fourth Round—R. E. Fink, Englewood Field Club (scratch), defeated Frederick S. Keeler, Columbia (minus 4), 15—4, 15—5. W. H. Van der Poel, Squash Club (minus 6), defeated R. E. T. Riggs, Heights Casino (minus 4), 15—7, 15—5. E. H. Hemenway, Harvard (plus hand plus 9), defeated John Taylor, Princeton (minus 8), 15—6, 15—2. V. Booth, Harvard (plus hand plus 9), defeated Lindsay Bradford, Yale (plus one hand), 15—1, 15—5. A. J. Cordier, Yale (minus 4 aces), defeated C. F. Brown, Montclair F. C. (scratch), 15—12, 15—12. W. H. Y. Hackett, Harvard (minus 4 aces), defeated R. G. Coburn, Greenwich F. C. (scratch), 11—15, 15—3, 15—10.

WILLCOX TO RETIRE.

Harvard's Star Quarter Miler Will Devote Time to Business.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—Unless Westmore Willcox reconsiders his decision Harvard is likely to lose the services of the crack quarter miler. The fleet double furlonger has decided that he has devoted enough time to collegiate purposes and plans to enter into business at the completion of the midyear examinations.

Willcox recently won his "H in the Yale football game after spending three seasons as a backfield substitute, his light weight handicapping him. Pouch Donovan thinks he is one of the best quarter mile possibilities he ever handled and says Willcox's loss greatly will be felt by the track team.

Willcox's fighting spirit was shown in the quarter mile race at the last intercollegiate championships when he went out to take first place or nothing from Ted Meredith. Willcox's terrific clip during the early stages of the race largely was responsible for Meredith smashing the world's record. But in trying to run the legs off Meredith Willcox ran himself into exhaustion and did not place.

FOR JUNIOR TENNIS TITLES.

National Indoor Events to Be Contested in 7th Regiment Armory.

Robert F. Putnam, president of the Seventh Regiment Tennis Club, announced yesterday that the national junior indoor championship tournament would be started on the board courts of the armory on Tuesday, December 26.

The tournament will be the second annual holding of the meeting. Elliott Binzen of Fordham University won the singles last season, and Rand and Webber won the doubles. The conditions of the tournament have been somewhat changed because of the amendments enacted at the last annual meeting of the national association. The age limit is raised to 20 years. This will admit several of the younger and brilliant collegians.

Singles and doubles will be contested. The matches, with the exception of the finals, will be the best two out of three sets. The finals will be the best three out of five sets. Days for practice will be designated the week before the tournament. The championship matches will be decided on Saturday, December 30. Putnam will act as referee.

BILLIARD FIXTURE AWARDS.

Class 18.2 Tournament Scheduled for January 8.

Awards for the national championship amateur billiard tournaments were made at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players in Arlon Hall. The national Class C 18.2 balkline title tourney will be contested in Maurice Daly's Academy, starting Monday, January 8, 1917.

The Class A 18.2 balkline championship tournament is scheduled for Boston, beginning Monday, February 26, 1917. No amateur shall be eligible to compete in the Class A championship who has not made a grand average of eight in some previous tournament of amateurs in good standing. The annual meeting of the association is scheduled for Monday, January 8.

SHOEMAKER WINS EASILY.

Amateur Champion Defeats Brown in Handicap Pool Tourney.

J. Howard Shoemaker, national amateur pocket billiard champion, easily defeated George Brown in the handicap tournament in Doyle's last night. Shoemaker conceded Brown 40 out of 100 points. The final score was 100 to 68. Brown made an actual count of 28. Shoemaker's high runs were 32, 16 and 14, while Brown's best cluster netted 13.

In the other match of the evening Arthur Gilman won from Arthur Bene. The score was 100 to 98. Bene was allowed a handicap of 65, his actual score being 33.

THIS CORNELL ELEVEN FOUGHT SIX BATTLES WITHIN A WEEK

Followers of football refuse to permit the gridiron season to slip out in favor of the Winter League and the indoor sport curriculum. Communications from correspondents who have something interesting to tell are printed below. Here's one from Wallingford, Conn.:

"Your comment on Michigan's trip in 1883, on which four games were played within a week, reminded me of even a more strenuous one essayed by Cornell in 1890, when I was a freshman there. The particulars, as verified by my records, were as follows:

Oct. 26—Schenectady, Union 0, Cornell 32.
Oct. 31—Williamstown, Williams 18, Cornell 8.
Nov. 1—Cambridge, Harvard 77, Cornell 0.
November 2 was Sunday and a day of rest.
Nov. 3—Amherst, Amherst 18, Cornell 0.
Nov. 4—Hartford, Trinity 0, Cornell 26.
Nov. 5—Middletown, Wesleyan 4, Cornell 2.

"The following Saturday, November 8, we played Bucknell in Ithaca and won, 26 to 0.

"Whether this is the record or not, it ought to be. Osgood, George Bacon, Joe Colnon and Hanson, the old Yale player, were among this band of heroes.

"W. H. HAPGOOD."

Says Eckersall Erred.

Here's one from Cambridge, Mass.:

"Of course all mythical football elevens are purely matters of opinion, but it looks very much as if Walter Eckersall had been guilty of a little error in his placing Capt. Dadmun of Harvard as one of the guards on the first All America eleven. Dadmun was not the best guard on the Harvard squad. Charley Brickley's star selections place Dadmun on the third team, with Black of Yale, Hogg of Princeton, Garrett of Rutgers and Farnum of Brown rated ahead of the Crimson leader. ROYAL ANDERSON."

The "Sam White" of Bowdoin.

From Portland, Me., comes the following:

"In reading the SUNDAY SUN I came across a story captioned: 'Many Feats Featured Season in Football.'

"It omits mention of one player here in Maine who on successive Saturdays this past fall sped 65 yards for touchdowns. In the Bowdoin-Colby game of the Maine championship series Arthur B. Chapman, Bowdoin end, intercepted a forward pass and raced 65 yards for a touchdown, giving Bowdoin her only score against Colby. In the Bowdoin-Bates game the following Saturday Chapman picked up a ball fumbled by the Bates fullback and raced 65 yards for a touchdown. Bates and Bowdoin were very evenly matched and this play led to one score against Bates, another score in the same game being provided when Chapman intercepted a forward pass and carried the ball (not on a long run, however) to the 20 yard chalk and putting Bowdoin in an advantageous position from which to score.

"So it would seem that Le Gore and Sermon, each with two lengthy sprints to their credit, have nothing on the Bowdoin end who has been dubbed Bowdoin's Sam White.

"FRANK E. PHILLIPS."

The old "gentlemen's agreement" between the Harvard faculty and the football interests is to be abrogated. Hereafter a football player who is below grade as a result of the November hour examinations will not be eligible for the Yale game, and this fact helps to account for Percy Haughton's recent spurt of interest in scholarship at Cambridge.

Gilmour Dobie, coach of the University of Washington football team, undefeated in eight years, will not return to coach the team next season, according to an announcement by President Henry Suzzallo. President Suzzallo said the chief function of the university was to train character and that Dobie had failed to perform his duty in this line.

COWLER TOO CLEVER FOR MICHIGAN BOXER

Smith Stopped in Seventh—Ratner Knocks Out "Newal" McCoy.

Championship aspirations of Homer Smith, the Kalamazoo Farmer Boy, were ruined last night at the Broadway Sporting Club by a swarm of left jabs. These were planted by Tom Cowler of England on the nose and left eye of the agriculturist, and the harvest was a closed left optic, a cut mouth and four knockdowns—two in the second and the other pair in the seventh round. Smith was so exhausted after he was floored the second time in the seventh round that Referee Johnny Haukop stopped the encounter and sent the men to the dressing rooms.

Smith made a courageous fight, but he was outclassed in boxing skill by the Englishman, who peppered his man with a succession of cutting lefts to the face interspersed with heavy rights to body and jaw. Smith landed at times, but his delivery is so awkward that his punches had little or no effect.

The big boy from Michigan invariably went off balance when he let go a left or a right, and that laid him wide open for Cowler's fusillades.

Smith made his best showing in the sixth, when he carried the fight to Cowler and got in a number of good punches to the body and face.

The "New Al" McCoy was knocked out in the tenth round by Augie Ratner, the former amateur welterweight champion. McCoy, a sturdy, tow headed youth without any boxing skill, was as easy a mark for Ratner as Smith was for Cowler. Ratner jabbed his man in the nose round after round and had him groggy as early as the third session.

In the sixth round McCoy was almost floored by a right on the jaw, but he regained his feet. It looked as though McCoy would go the route, but thirty seconds before the end of the tenth round Ratner landed on McCoy's jaw. He fell on his face and was counted out.

HARVARD FOOTBALL DATES.

Cornell Is Dropped and Brown Is Moved Forward to October 27.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 12.—Harvard's football schedule for 1917, announced to-night, shows several changes.

Cornell, which has been the midseason opponent for the past two years, is dropped and the Carlisle Indians are added. Bowdoin, Boston College and Springfield Y. M. C. A. College go on the list in place of the University of Virginia, University of North Carolina and Massachusetts Agricultural College.

The schedule contains ten games, all of which, with the exception of the Princeton game, will be played in Cambridge. Brown, which has been played the week before the Yale game for several seasons, has been given the midseason date, formerly held by Cornell, and Carlisle will be the opponent the week before the final contest. The date of the Tufts game has been brought nearer midseason. The schedule follows:

September 22, Bates; September 29, Bowdoin; October 6, Boston College; October 13, Colby; October 20, Tufts; October 27, Brown; November 3, Springfield Y. M. C. A. College; November 10, Princeton; November 17, Carlisle Indians; November 24, Yale.

TO HEAD NEW ROCHELLE Y. C.

C. A. Marsland Is Nominating Committee's Choice for Commodore

Charles A. Marsland is the nominating committee's choice for commodore of the New Rochelle Yacht Club, according to the official ticket announced yesterday. The election is to be held in February. The nominees follow:

Commodore—Charles A. Marsland, yacht Guardia. Vice-Commodore—Henry W. Martin, yacht Enid II. Rear-Commodore—George P. Granbery, yacht Anita.
Secretary—William J. Winter.
Treasurer—Henry M. Lloyd.
Trustees—C. E. Whyard, Francis M. Wilson and Samuel J. Garges.
Regatta Committee—Edwin H. Tucker, Oscar H. Chalberg and William H. J. Ehler.
Art Committee—Harry A. Bliven, Henry Doscher.
Law Committee—John F. Lambden and Charles H. Bellows.
Entertainment Committee—Charles L. McLeod and Eugene A. Manning.
Nominating Committee—Augustus P. Bennett, James L. Givan and Albert E. Sheridan.
Measurer—Roger M. Haddock.

N. Y. U. FIVE VS. TIGERS.

The New York University basketball team will open its season to-night against the Princeton University five at Princeton. Four years ago the Princeton five beat the New York University quintet, 39 to 10. The institutions have not contested in basketball since then. The probable lineup against Princeton will be: Capt. H. Cann and F. Egan, forwards; Storey, centre; Carrol and Van Derbeek, guards.

QUERIES AND ANSWERS

BY Tom Mac Nulty

Dear Tom—Relative to your reply this morning giving names of Cornell men in the big leagues you apparently forgot Harry Taylor, now a County Judge in Buffalo and a trustee of Cornell. He went from Louisville to Baltimore with Jennings and several others who were the nucleus of the championship Orioles. He was utility man in 1892, his last year of professional ball. WALLINGFORD.

Dear Tom—We had a new fellow in the place who is always betting and looking for easy money. He wanted to bet that he saw men get hits where they retired other runners. He was so sure we felt there was a catch in it. Is there any trick by which this can be done? FOUR SHIPPING CLERKS.

It is lucky you boys did not bet, or the newcomer would surely have walked off with some easy money. When a batted ball hits a runner the runner is out, but the batsman is awarded a hit.

Dear Tom—You often have answered this one, but I can't keep it straight: Who is the older, Lajoie or Wagner, and who was the first to get in the big leagues? J. T.

Wagner is the older. He was 42 last February. Lajoie was 41 last September. However, Lajoie beat Honus to the big league by a year. He started with the Phillies in 1896 and Wagner started with the old Louisville Nationals in 1897.

Dear Tom—(1) Some time ago you answered a query that Jack Murray, the former Giant outfielder, never hit .300. I quoted you in an argument with some friends, and they say if you said that you are way off, as Murray batted .300 all the time in the years the Giants were winning pennants. I don't want to ask too much, Tom, but will you please print the batting averages of Murray while he was in the National League? (2) Also did Buck Herzog ever hit .300? I argued he never did. LOUIS H.

Murray's batting averages are as follows: 1906, .257; 1907, .262; 1908, .282; 1909, .263; 1910, .271; 1911, .291; 1912, .277; 1913, .267; 1914, .223; 1915, .262. Herzog hit just .300 in his first year in the league, 1908, but he was in only fifty-nine games.

Dear Tom—What college team did John Henry, the Washington catcher, play with? D. PERKINS.

Amherst.

Dear Tom—A bat B a player may be called out for having too long a bat. Is that right, Tom, old scout? LOUIE.

I don't believe a man can be called out if he bats with a stick above the legal length. Would say it was the umpire's duty to inform the player before he batted that his bat was too long and force him to use another bat or retire from the game. Rule 15 says a bat shall not exceed 42 inches in length.

RESUME ATHLETIC RELATIONS.

Trinity and N. Y. U. Elevens to Play Next Year.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 12.—The schedule of the Trinity College football team, announced to-night, reveals that athletic relations have been resumed with New York University. Relations were broken off in 1914 following a dispute over Trinity's playing of George Brickley, a professional baseball player. Since then Trinity has revised its eligibility rules. The schedule follows:

September 29, Middlebury at Hartford; October 6, Union at Schenectady, N. Y.; October 13, Bowdoin at Portland, Me.; October 20, Connecticut Agricultural College at Hartford; October 27, Haverford at Hartford; November 6, New York University at New York; November 10, Amherst at Hartford; November 17, Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.

MORAN DONS THE GLOVES.

Almost Put Alf Grenda, Six Day Cyclist, Down for Count.

A wet track prevented the riders in the six day race, which starts at the Garden midnight, Sunday, from working out yesterday, but the big gymnasium at the track came in handy. Boxing, rope skipping and other indoor exercises were indulged in. Jimmy Moran proved to be the Jess Willard of the bike riders with the gloves, and had it not been for the big gloves used he might have kept Alf Grenda down for the full count when a heavy right upset the speedy Australian.

Jay Eaton, son of the famous "indoor king," sent in his entry yesterday and was paired with "Grassy" Ryan. Ryan always has been up with the leaders in previous races. An interesting feature of Saturday night's card preceding the starting of the long grind will be the Australian pursuit race between Grenda and McNamara. Thirty-two professional sprinters have entered the ten mile open race.

PARKE H. DAVIS CHOSEN.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 12.—Parke H. Davis has been selected to represent Princeton University on the football rules committee, it was announced to-day by the board of athletic control.

SIMPSON TOO FAST FOR PATERSON LAD

Australian Champion Outpoints Tommy Tuohey in Pioneer S. C. Bout.

SHARKEY BEATS GARDNER

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

Twenty-six years ago last September Young Griffo won the Australian featherweight championship from Billy Murphy in far off Sydney. Last night at the Pioneer S. C. Griffo, prematurely aged, silver haired relic of days that are no more, sat back in the shadow of a gallery box and saw Charlie Simpson, the present Australian featherweight champion—his victory over Lew Edwards, holder of the Lonsdale belt, gave him the British title as well—outpoint Tommy Tuohey, the pride of Paterson.

In the other ten round bout Gardner Brooks, the Lowell Flash, nephew of those two famous old Horton law day stars, George and Jimmy Gardner, was beaten to the proverbial frazzle by Jack Sharkey of the West Side. Brooks, only 112 pounds in weight and built like a sliver, was unable to withstand the body battering of his 118½ pound opponent. The nephew of the Gardner boys only lasted the ten rounds through his courage and pluck. He was dropped for a count of six in the first round.

The Simpson-Tuohey battle was the fastest and fiercest fought in this neck of the woods in many months. Each round was a tenth round rally, as one fan aptly expressed it. They fought like gamecocks from the first to the final clang of the bell and at