Leading Universities and Colleges of Country Turn Attention to Hockey, Midwinter's Invigorating Ice Sport

COLLEGE HOCKEY TEAMS ARE ACTIVE

Princeton, Harvard and Yale Preparing for Busy Season.

NO TEAM AT COLUMBIA

Hockey adherents of the big collegiate institutions are cutting capers on the ice just at present, most of them in the thick of the annual fight for supremacy. Harvard's seven, champions of the intercollegiate teams last season, already have played two games, one against the Hockey League, and one against the Boston A. A., champions of the Amateur Boston Hockey Club. Although defeated by the Boston A. A. the Crimson skaters proved themselves adept and once more to be feared by the other aggregations.

Although the Intercollegiate Hockey League seems to be a thing of the past most of the institutions which made up the organization are playing hockey and most of them have scheduled games with each other, so it is possible to arrive at a leader as in the old days. Only Columbia of the former members is without a hockey team. The big New York institution is remaining out of the fold because no suitable piece of ice can be found on which to practise.

In times past Columbia has had hockey players who ranked with the best, and that the Blue and White will not be represented this season has caused considerable comment among the leading teams. However, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell, Army, Williams, Massachusetts Aggies and possibly Amherst and Massachusetts Institute of Technology expect to be active, which should furnish a lot of battles.

Comey New Tiger Star.

Even without the services of Peabody, last year's captain of Princeton, the Tigers hope to have one of the strongest teams on the ice since Hobey Baker became an alumnus of the New Jersey university. A splendid player has been found to take the place of Peabody. He is Comey, a thick set, fast skater, who is playing rover. Comey was substitute quarter on the football team this year and gave such promise as a gridiron star he is looked upon as first choice man for the field general position next year.

As a skater Comey ranks with the best of the Princeton team. He is tireless, speedy and while still green at dribbling a puck he is learning so fast that he is almost a fixture on the Tiger seven. With Capt. Schoen Comey should make things interesting for Yale and Harvard when the triangular series is started between the three ancient rivals.

Humphreys and Cushman are two wing speeders who should be hard to catch. Both veterans on the Princeton team, with a wide knowledge of how the game should be played, they are certain to bolster the Tiger seven and make for a perfect combination. Princeton has an advantage over its rivals in that it already has scored a victory over another college, having defeated Williams by 2 to 1.

Harvard Has Strong Team.

The Harvard champions have several veterans and a lot of young talent crowding the experienced men for positions, which assures the Crimson another splendid aggregation. Thacher, John Morgan Rice and Percy are players of rank in the college world. Coach Winsor of Harvard is optimistic over his chances. He is speedily building up a team which has all the earmarks of an invincible aggregation. From a field of forty candidates Winsor has cut down the number of hopefuls to twenty and from this number he expects to have seven skaters of superior worth.

Yale is practising with greater prospects of victory than in several seasons. With the New Haven arena practically turned over to the Elis more than seventy skaters responded to the call of the coach and shortly there were enough teams to have daily scrimmages, which is the sort of practice that develops team work.

A number of veterans are available at Yale. These include Murray, Bierworth, York, Gould, Armour and Jacobs. However, none of these men is assured of a position this season as the new material is so promising. Yale has played only one game so far with an outside team, but it is beginning to show up well enough to make the holiday trip almost certain to be profitable.

Fine Games Expected.

One close critic of hockey is of the opinion that the annual triangular series between Yale, Harvard and Princeton should develop the best collegiate hockey seen in this country. Each of the institutions has gone to great expense to provide the best of practice ice and the best of coaches. There is unusual enthusiasm among the students, which also should help.

Dartmouth still is without a coach but is playing daily on its home rink. Capt. Taylor is acting in the capacity of coach and leader and is doing his best to get the team into shape for the opening game to be played with M. I. T. on January 5. Dartmouth is splendidly situated for hockey. It has ice before and after any of the other colleges and has an outdoor rink of great size.

Cornell does not expect to be over active in the hockey field this year, but will have a fine team if the plans of the coaches do not go astray. Cornell should have one of the leading teams for, like Dartmouth, it has fine ice for so many weeks.

The Army will play hockey again this year, but will have to depend upon the weather for its games. The Army has no covered rink and if the weather keeps warm the cadets cannot play at all. Last season the Army played only two games.

Several of the smaller New England colleges have taken up hockey this season more as a test than with any hopes of producing results. Boston Tech has been interested in the sport for several years but has been handicapped because of the lack of an indoor rink. However, a new rink has been built for the Tech players and this year M. I. T. counts itself a contender.

SWIMMING AT BROWN.

Meet With C. C. N. Y. One of the Features of Providence Schedule.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 23.—The Brown swimming schedule, as announced to-day, includes dual meets with Yale, Harvard, Princeton, M. I. T., Wesleyan and the College of the City of New York. An interscholastic meet, open to the schools of Providence and immediate vicinity, will be held in March. The schedule follows:

January, 13, Wesleyan, at Providence; 20, Interclass meet.
February 5, Yale, at New Haven; 9, City College New York, at Providence; 17, M. I. T., at Cambridge; 24, Harvard, at Providence.
March 3, open; 10, Princeton, at Providence.

PRINCETON ENTRIES FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY HONORS.

A. A. U. PRESIDENT APPOINTS HIS AIDS

Special Committee to Investigate Middle Atlantic Association Also Selected.

George J. Turner, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, yesterday announced his appointments of committees and delegates at large for the ensuing year. In addition to the regular committees, President Turner has appointed a special committee of three to investigate the internal troubles and affairs of the Middle Atlantic Association of the A. A. U., as called for by resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the national body. Dr. William Burdick of the South Atlantic Association has been made chairman of this committee and William C. Prout of Boston and Herman Obertubbesing of New York will serve with him. The complete list of committees and delegates at large follows:

Legislation—Justice Bartow S. Weeks, chairman; William C. Prout, Gustavus T. Kirby, Frederick W. Bauer, Col. Washington Bowie, Jr., Seward A. Simons, Joseph B. Maccabe, A. G. Mills, Dr. Charles G. Plummer, Alfred J. Lill, Jr., Col. R. M. Thompson, Richard M. Walsh, Verne R. C. Lacey, M. J. Slattery.

Record—Frederick J. V. Delany, chairman; Michael F. Winston, John T. Taylor, H. Meyer, L. di Benedetto, Otto Wahle, Lorrin Andrews, W. Pyke Johnson, W. L. Robb, R. F. Kelsey, Edgar E. Frank, John S. Farrington, L. B. Reitman, Warren Bovard, A. W. Moeller, A. L. Wanamaker, Jr.

Championship—Frederick W. Rubien, chairman; Bartow S. Weeks, Edward E. Babb, Harry W. Fitzpatrick, Everett C. Brown, Col. Washington Bowie, Jr., T. Morris Dunne, Thomas G. Watts, Jr., Robert W. Dodd, Herman Meyer.

Basketball—George T. Hepburn, chairman; M. F. Winston, J. W. Stumpf, Joseph Ritchie, Herbert Hauser, R. G. Parvin, Claud Simon, Willard Ashton, R. S. Weaver, W. E. Day, J. F. Soper, Latrobe Cowgill, Charles A. Dean, Fred Ward, Dr. William Burdick, Edward C. Day, W. C. Streit, Jr., M. E. Andruss, W. H. Haddock.

Delegates at large—A. G. Mills, Col. R. M. Thompson, Seward A. Simons, Charles H. Carter, William F. Humphrey.

Finance—Charles H. Carter, W. Scott O'Connor, Col. Frank Norton, Major John J. Dixon.

Playgrounds and Recreation—Dr. William Burdick, chairman; H. Obertubbesing, Joseph F. Conway, L. di Benedetto, William E. Day, Emanuel Haug, Robert W. Dodd, F. A. Hancock, Thomas G. Watts, Jr., M. J. Slattery, Harry McMillian, W. T. Rawlins, W. H. Haddock.

Registration—Frederick W. Rubien, chairman; George P. Mathews, J. Frank Facey, William Burdick, L. di Benedetto, Verne R. C. Lacey, J. F. Soper, Edgar E. Frank, W. Pyke Johnson, Dr. Charles G. Plummer, Jesse S. Smith, M. E. Andruss, Warren Bovard, George W. Braden.

Special committee to investigate Middle Atlantic Association—Dr. William Burdick, chairman; William C. Prout, H. Obertubbesing.

BASKETBALL AT GEORGETOWN.

Several Contests in This Season Are Included in Schedule.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Several games in New York and vicinity are included in the Georgetown basketball schedule, issued to-day. The outlook for a good team is roseate. O'Lone is back in form and Cashin, Sullivan and McNulty, from last year's squad, are available. The return of Shugrue, 1915 forward, and ex-Captain Donnelly will help materially. The dates:

January 10, Gallaudet at Washington; 12, Johns Hopkins at Washington; 16, Randolph-Macon at Washington; 20, George Washington at Y. M. C. A., Washington; 24, United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; 26, St. John's College, Brooklyn, at Washington; 31, Seton Hall College at Newark; February 1, St. John's College at Brooklyn; 3, Crescent A. C. at Brooklyn; 7, George Washington at Ryan gymnasium, Washington; 10, Mount St. Joseph at Baltimore; 15, Franklin and Marshall at Washington; 19, Bucknell at Washington.

SWIMMING AT R. P. I.

Team Is Authorised by Athletic Council.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The athletic council of Rensselaer Poly has approved of the inauguration of a varsity swimming team, and this season the engineers will be represented in this sport for the first time in the history of the Troy tech.

No manager has been appointed and it is probable that at the most three meets will be scheduled for this year. The only date definitely settled is with Williams College team for February 7, the meet to be held in Rensselaer's pool.

On Floor and Field With School Athletic Followers

By SCHOLASTIC.

What appears to be another tempest in a teapot is brewing in scholastic athletic circles. It was learned yesterday that the recent suggestion of the games committee of the Public Schools Athletic League to restore baseball as a championship sport in the high schools had not been approved by several members of the Principals Association.

At its meeting in October the games committee announced its intention of restoring baseball on a championship basis. The schoolboys waxed enthusiastic over the scheme, as the sport since 1913 had not been recognized as titular competition. A schedule of games for a tournament had been drawn up and it was to have been adopted at last Tuesday's meeting of the games committee. It appears that certain members of the Principals Association objected to the proposition, believing it would create a tendency toward professionalism.

As not all the principals were averse to the plan letters were sent yesterday to all the principals requesting their views on the subject. The answers to these letters and a formal announcement will be made at the February meeting of the games committee. Robert J. Shearer of Commercial High School is chairman of the sub-committee on baseball.

Ignored Clinton's Protest.

Nothing was said at Tuesday's meeting regarding De Witt Clinton's protest on the result of its football game with Morris. It is probable that the subject will come up for discussion at the next gathering of the delegates. It appears certain, however, that the intercollegiate rules committee, to which body the matter was referred, will take no action. The rules committee will refuse to reverse the decision of Referee Nixon. The so-called city title, therefore, will be in the undisputed possession of Morris, to which it really belongs.

Another hundred dollars, making $300 in all, was cleared by the Flushing eleven on its Thanksgiving Day trip to Binghamton, where it played the Central High team. The Long Island school last week received word from Binghamton that owing to a mistake in the figures approximately $100 more was due Flushing. Inasmuch as the Binghamton school had been put to considerable extra expense in advertising the contest and erecting extra stands Flushing, showing true sportsmanship, refused to accept the extra dividend.

With the opening of the winter term at Mercersburg Academy on January 10 the swimming season will be in full swing. Coach Allgor had the candidates practising for the team nearly all fall and the prospects for another successful season are roseate. In Joseph Reid Mercersburg has a fine diver. A. F. Hroderson and E. M. Swearer also are expected to be heard from in the diving line.

H. V. Phillips, a Brooklyn boy, gives rare promise of developing into a fine swimmer. He has shown excellent form in practice and is counted on as a regular winner for the academy team. R. W. Soars and A. P. Baker are showing up well in the 200 yard event and also will be members of the relay team.

Julio Bird of Porto Rico, G. H. Ester and R. W. Thorne will take care of the distance plunging.

All indications point to Hamilton Institute joining the Private Schools Association. Hamilton last season was not a member of the organization, which endeavors to cooperate with the Public Schools Athletic League. As a result of the refusal of Hamilton to join the association the West End avenue teams found difficulty in arranging representative games both in football and basketball. The school boasted fine material for a football team, but many other institutions who were members of the Private Schools Association could not play Hamilton.

The authorities in Hamilton now realize the benefits derived from membership in the association and they are expected to join in the near future. Hamilton, by the way, should have a strong football team next season. No coach has as yet been engaged, but it is expected that John McCloskey, who took charge after last season's campaign was under way, again will direct the Blue and White gridders. No captain or manager has as yet been elected.

Thomas Tully recently was elected captain of the St. Benedict Prep track team. Tully, one of the best runners in the scolastic ranks, has been a member of the track team for two years. Leo Lloyd was chosen captain of the 1917 cross-country team and Martin Leonard was elected manager.

Candidates for the Commercial hockey teams are practising daily in the school's gymnasium. The Scarlet and Gray seven will be captained by Kirkham, and it is expected that the team will be one of the leading factors in the Long Island Interscholastic League.

HEFFELFINGER'S SON OUT FOR TRACK TEAM

"Pudge's" Boy Among Candidates on Yale Freshman Squad—Outlook Bright.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 23.—The call for freshman track candidates at Yale during the past week resulted in bringing out one of the largest squads of first year men that ever reported to Trainer Johnny Mack and the outlook for an unusually fine freshman team seems bright. Two names on the list are familiar to all Yale men and judging from reports the men should make good on the track. They are F. F. Heffelfinger, son of Pudge Heffelfinger, Yale's greatest guard, and C. H. Sheylin, a distant relative of the immortal Tom. Both are distance runners. The men who report for freshman track are given due credit for compulsory gymnasium work and the interest this year seems to be more keen than ever.

The list of the freshmen who have come out for the track team follows: H. P. Frye, M. Martin, M. N. Johnson, R. W. Nevins, F. G. Thompson, E. G. Schmeidell, F. F. Harrison, J. J. Donnelly, F. Baillett, E. G. Hoyt, J. Sweeney, E. Woolen, C. R. W. Smith, J. B. Blair, T. B. Ford, J. W. Barrett, G. W. Spurr, G. W. Wilson, W. M. Chamberlain, H. S. Thorne, W. T. Baird, E. C. Atkins, A. D. Robertson, W. S. Kelly, G. M. Sidenberg, S. Vanderbilt, R. S. Bradley, W. Wallace, A. C. Schermerhorn, P. C. Walsh, J. M. Roche, W. M. Smith and R. P. Drew.

Yale Tossers on Trip.

Opening with the game with the Crescent Athletic Club last night, the Christmas trip of the Yale basketball team is underway, and by the time the varsity team returns to New Haven a good preliminary season will have been passed through. Following to-night's game with the College of the City of New York, the team will have a rest of a few days and on January 2 will take on the team of the University of Buffalo at Buffalo. The rest of the schedule for the winter trip is as follows:

January 3, University of Rochester, at Rochester; January 4, Syracuse University, at Syracuse; January 5, Harrisburg College Stars, at Harrisburg; January 7, Naval Academy, at Annapolis; same date, the Loyals, at Baltimore; January, 9, St. John's, at Brooklyn.

AMHERST SWIMMERS GOOD.

Prospects Are Bright in Every Event Except Diving.

AMHERST, MASS., Dec. 23.—A better swimming team than ever is the verdict of Coach Nelligan as a result of the recent interclass meet at Amherst. The seniors who have been the mainstay of the team for three seasons are as good or better than last year, while good freshman material was shown which may become eligible after midyear.

Captain Lemcke and Nelligan, who held the leadership last year, are again the star performers. Nelligan clipped 1¾ seconds off his old record for the 220 and will be the most dangerous man in the distances. Lemcke won both the 10 and 100 in good time, while Cowles, a promising freshman who gave him a stiff fight in the 50, will probably appear in the meets after midyear examinations. The back and breast strokes appear to be well taken care of.

The fancy diving, however, is not well developed yet, while 60 feet as the best performance in the plunge indicates that this will be the team's weakest department.

SYRACUSE HAVING TROUBLE.

Football Schedule Still Unsettled—Rutgers Listed.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The difficulty that some of the large university football teams are encountering in arranging their 1917 schedules is reflected in the tentative list of dates announced to-day by Graduate Manager Smith of Syracuse as follows:

September 29, Alfred at Syracuse; October 6, Gettysburg at Syracuse (pending); 13, Rutgers at Syracuse; 20, Pittsburg at Pittsburg; 27, Tufts at Syracuse; November 3, not yet filled; 10, Bucknell at Syracuse (pending); 17, Colgate at Syracuse; 24, Michigan Aggies at East Lansing, Mich.; 29, Nebraska at Lincoln.

Makeup of Grand Circuit Still a Matter of Doubt

Return of Readville One Bright Feature—Grand Rapids Out and Kalamazoo May Also Retire—Half Milers Coming Strongly.

With the annual meeting of the Grand Circuit in Atlanta next month, looming up on the horizon, the makeup of the circuit is still a matter of doubt. There is talk that Kalamazoo has retired, but to offset that Readville is again on the Grand Circuit map. No fewer than five weeks of racing are assured on tracks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

For many years the East gave the West a good fight for honors in racing. That was in the days of Readville, Saugus, Narragansett and Charter Oak, with New York and Poughkeepsie also putting on meetings. When betting was eliminated in Massachusetts, then in New York and Rhode Island, interest waned.

The half milers have been getting in their work in New England and established that grade of sport on a high plane. With the interest this has created has come a demand for the big liners, so that there is more discussion this winter about mile track meetings than in some while.

The best market for trotters is in the East, and the best horses that race through the Grand Circuit are owned here, so that the East is entitled to all the consideration the stewards can give the section.

Boston Again in Race.

The biggest boom given to the sport along the seaboard is through the announcement of the formation of a club to reestablish Readville. There is no better racing centre than Boston and few mile tracks as good as this two minute oval, where Star Pointer beat even time in 1897.

Hartford has been on the doubtful list, but W. H. Gocher is authority for the statement that the Grand Circuit will be invited to include the famous track in its line of march.

Syracuse will be in the hunt as usual, backed by the New York State Fair, and Poughkeepsie will stage another meeting.

Philadelphia men say an application will be made in behalf of the Belmont Park track in that city, and if so this will take up five of the weeks during the season, filling in the gap between the certainties in the middle West.

Detroit and Cleveland are sure to give the early meetings. The dates in Detroit will depend upon the runners in Windsor, as the driving club desires one of the open weeks between July 20 and August 5.

Grand Rapids is not counted on for a meeting. That city has a fine plant but only a handful of enthusiasts.

With the East in full bloom again the one thing that seems to confront the Granad Circuit is how to fill in the time in August. This can be done by making a late start, so as to leave three weeks for Readville, Poughkeepsie and Philadelphia. If Pittsburg would tackle the loeing proposition again it would be mighty handy breaking the shipment, as Philadelphia could follow that city. Then they could go to Poughkeepsie and Readville and land at Hartford on the week of Labor Day. With Syracuse following this would fit in with the two weeks at Columbus and the same period at Lexington.

A Pair of Fast Mares.

As a rule the free for all trotting events do not develop into as much as open events for pacers, and it has become somewhat of a question what to do with the horses that have raced in 2:08 or 2:04.

One of the plans is to give a series of races for the 2:04 class next year, and it looks as though it might be one of the best things ever promoted. A big field is not needed in this company, as three or four will make plenty of sport.

Cox has the whip hand when it comes to this breed of speeders. With Mabel Trask, 2:03¼, and Mary Putney, 2:04¾, he has a pair of wonderful race mares. In view of the fact that Dick McMahon drove Mary Putney when she was beating the three-year-olds in the futurities it is not unlikely that she may be turned over to him for these events, leaving Mabel Trask to Cox, who has her number.

Geers has St. Frisco, 2:03¼, for this event, and in view of what the young stallion did this year he should be able to trot around 2:02 in another season.

Murphy does not appear in the list. It has been announced that Peter Scott will go into the stud. Perhaps Azora Axworthy will improve enough to join the throng. Anyhow three or four of these will make a great race.

Questions & Answers

By TOM MAC NULTY

Dear Tom—Some months ago I saw George Sutton playing billiards. His hands are cut off between the wrist and the elbow, and I was explaining to a friend how he used the cue. He informed me that it was impossible for a man to play billiards without his hands. Will you please state through your sporting column how he holds a cue and also how he ranks with the other players, also one or two of his records if possible? A. B.

Sutton holds cue with elbows on most shots and uses bridge. He is a master at masse and one of the best players living, although he has not competed in tournaments. He must not be confused with the veteran champion, George Sutton. They have same name.

Dear Tom—Did you ever hear of Henry Piet, the French fighter? GARCON.

Yes. Henry was one of the best French lightweights. He won the French amateur featherweight championship in 1907 and turned professional the following year. Henry met with good success until he was knocked out by Young Ahearn in 1913.

Dear Tom—Recently I noticed some one asked you if there are any chicken breasted boxers in the ring. Now what I wish to know is what is really meant by a chicken breast? In what way if any does it affect a man? Is it superior or inferior to a straight chest? Is it any stronger or weaker for use in the ring and what way if any will it affect a person who has such a chest and wishes to engage in boxing contests? FRANK VIVONA.

Your queries best can be answered by your doctor. I am sure he will be glad to enlighten you.

Dear Tom—(1) Did Frank Klaus ever fight Georges Carpentier in France? (2) How many times and what were the results? (3) Reading THE SUN the other day I came across where you answer this question: What was the result of Dick Hyland and Leach Cross? You said Hyland won in eleven rounds. I think you are wrong. Hyland beat Cross in forty-one rounds. HANK O'BRIEN.

(1) Yes. (2) Met only once, Klaus winning in eighteenth round (record books erroneously state the nineteenth) on a foul. In the eighteenth round Klaus sunk a terrific right to the body and Carpentier pitched forward on his face. Deschamps, Carpentier's manager, leaped into the ring in violation of the rules. The referee officially awarded the fight to Klaus on a foul. (3) You are right. Through a typographical error 11 instead of 41 appeared in early edition.

Dear Tom—In talking over early American League conditions I argued that Charley Somers, formerly of the Cleveland Clubs, was president of the Boston American some ten years back. My friends say that Somers only was connected with the Cleveland club. NEW ENGLANDER.

Somers was president of the Boston club in 1901 and 1902. When the American League started Johnson had trouble finding backers in Boston and Somers put up his roll. He also owned the Cleveland club at the time, but kept in the background. John F. Kilfoyle being the president of the Cleveland club until 1910. However, long before that time Somers withdrew from the Boston club.

Dear Tom—Will you please describe the tuning in which Snodgrass of New York Giants dropped a ball and gave the world's championship to Boston Americans? PADDY DOYLE.

Engle, batting for Wood, sent a fly to centre, which Snodgrass muffed, the batter taking second. Hooper flied to Snodgrass. Yerkes walked. Speaker raised a high foul a few feet away from first base and Meyers and Merkle watched it drop safe in the coacher's box. Speaker then singled to right, Engel scoring and Yerkes going to third. Lewis was purposely passed, filling the bases, and Gardner drove home Yerkes with the winning run on a sacrifice fly to Devore in right field.

Dear Tom—Are the titles of Col. Ruppert and Capt. Huston conferred on them by the sporting writers just because they are head of the Yankees, or were these men really in the army? JACOB GOLDSTEIN.

Ruppert was made a Colonel of the New York National Guard by former Governor Flower and was a member of Gov. Flower's staff. Capt. Huston, however, won his title in actual service. He enlisted in the volunteer forces as Captain of Engineers during the Spanish-American War, and saw active service in Cuba, where he helped clean up Havana after the entry of the American forces.

Dear Tom—Are there any rules for Kelly pool? SAM.

Yes. Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company put out a set of rules.

Dear Tom—What year previous to this season did the Brooklyn National League baseball club win the championship? Also who owned the club? Who managed the team? Who were the players? HERMAN S. LUSTIG.

Previous to this year the Brooklyn club won the National League pennant in 1899 and 1900. Charles H. Ebbets was president and principal owner of the club. The team was managed by Ed Hanlon. In 1900 the team consisted of Pitchers Kennedy, Dunn, Yeager, Daxton, Hughes, McFarland, McJames, Maul, Donavan, Hill and Reilly, Catchers Farrell, McGuire, Smith and Grimm, Infielders McGann, Daly, Dahlen, Jennings, Cassidy, Casey, Beck and Wrigley and Outfielders Keeler, Kelly, Jones and Anderson. In 1900 Howell, Nops, McGinnity, Kitson and Weyhing were added to the pitching staff and Steelman was given a tryout behind the bat. With those exceptions there were no additions.

Dear Tom—A says Tommy Griffith, the Cincinnati outfielder, used to play with the Fall River club. I say he didn't. I lived in Fall River for ten years and I should know. J. J. J.

Looks as if you were right, John. Tommy broke in with New Bedford of the New England League in 1909. He played there in 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913. He was sold to the Boston Nationals for $1,300 on August 30, 1913. Boston let him go to Indianapolis in 1914, from which team he was procured by the Reds in 1915. Tommy was with Reds in 1915 and 1916.

Dear Tom—My friend says me that Bill Squires, the Australian heavyweight, who fought here in America several times, was one of the soldiers killed at Verdun. I never read anything about it. Is it a fact? CYRIL H. P.

Your friend is mistaken. Squires has been occupied running a "pub" in Australia. According to a recent letter from the Antipodes Bill was contemplating a "comeback" and had agreed to meet Tom McMahon in a ring battle on November 25. Results of the bouts have not yet been received in this country.

Dear Tom—Who was the leading scorer in the Amateur Hockey League for the season 1911-12? FRANK C.

McGrath of the Wanderers with 15 goals. Littlton of the Crescents was second with 14 and Redmond of the New York A. C. with 13, third.

Dear Tom—Didn't Harry Lewis, the Philadelphia welterweight, fight under his right name? I have a wager on with a friend who insists that Lewis only was a nom de guerre? NATHAN S.

You lose. Nate. Harry Lewis's right name was Henry Besterman.

Dear Tom—Was Joe Brandon of the Irish American A. C. ever senior national half mile champion of America? R. S. C.

No. Joe was at his best when Shepard and Gissing were at their best. Mel and Harry were two wonderful half milers and did Joe out of a title. Bromilow was much faster than many men who have won national half mile championships.

Dear Tom—Who is the present world's champion skater? IVAN T.

Oscar Mathison of Norway has best claim to the title. He defeated the cream of the European skaters in times not approached by any American ice sharp. Mathison now is exhibiting in this country, but no doubt will be handicapped by the small indoor rinks. He has a long, free swing better adapted to outdoor competition.

Dear Tom—What scale of weights is official according to the New York State Athletic Commission? P. O'H.

The official weights of the State Athletic Commission are: Paperweight, 108 pounds; bantamweight, 115 pounds; featherweight, 122 pounds; lightweight, 133 pounds; welterweight, 144 pounds; middleweight, 158 pounds; commission weight, 175 pounds; heavyweight, all over 175 pounds.

Dear Tom—A says that Roy Hartzell, the former Yankee player, was born in Germany. I claim that he was born in the United States. Who is right? BILLY.

You are right. Hartzell was born in Golden, Col.

Dear Tom—How many bases does a base runner take when a fielder stops a ball by throwing his glove or cap at it? A. J. C.

Three bases if it is a batted ball and two bases if it is a thrown ball.

MARANVILLE LEADS AT DOUBLE PLAYS

Braves' Shortstop Again Proves Best at Cutting Down Rivals.

GOWDY NEAR RECORD

By SHORTSTOP.

Walter Maranville, Brave shortstop, who holds the major league record for inaugurating double plays, topped every one in the big leagues in this respect last season, but then did not equal his banner performance of 1914, nor closely approach the best 1915 mark, made by Charley Herzog. The Rabbit set 65 duplex killings in motion this year, which was 13 less than he launched in 1914 and 5 less than Charles Lincoln Herzog launched in 1915.

The Cantaloupe King was runner up to Maranville in 1916, making the first move in 34 two ply retirements—20 at short, 7 at second and 7 at third. Heinie Groh of the Reds led off in 32 duplex massacres, and Johnny Lavan of the Browns, Bert Niehoff of the Phils and Lawton Witt of the Athletics each in 31. Groh started 21 double plays from third, eight from second and one from short.

Eddie Collins of the White Sox instituted 30 double slaughters, and two other second sackers—Betzel of the Cards and Doyle of the Giants and Cubs—also got by the 25 mark, the juvenile leading off in 28 and the veteran in 27. Arthur Fletcher, Giant shortstop, just reached the quarter century notch.

Roger Peckinpaugh was the Yankees' best man at starting double plays, giving 23 their impetus. Wallie Pipp of the Ruppert-Huston forces had the distinction of inaugurating as many double killings as any other first sacker, Burns of the Tigers tieing him for this honor.

Records Not Injured.

No double play records went by the boards last season, but one old mark was equalled. Catcher Hank Gowdy of the Braves tieing the 1913 export of Bill Killifer of the Phils. The record for starting double plays from behind the bat is 14. Previous records that still hold good are 9 for the pitchers, made by Eddie Cicotte in 1913; 14 for first basemen, made by Jack McInnis in 1914; 35 for the second basemen, made by Larry Doyle in 1912; 27 for the third basemen, made by Heinie Groh in 1913; 58 for the shortstops, made by Walter Maranville in 1915; 9 for the left fielders, made by Max Carey in 1912; 13 for the centre fielders, made by Tris Speaker in 1913, and 8 for the right fielders, made by Frank Schulte of the Cubs and Mike Mitchell of the Reds in 1912 and Dan Moeller of the Nationals and Harry Hooper of the Red Sox in 1912.

Last season the players who started the most two ply killings from the various positions were Ruth of the Red Sox for the pitchers with 7, Gowdy of the Braves for the catchers with 14, Pipp of the Yankees and Burns of the Tigers for the first basemen with 11, Niehoff of the Phillies for the second basemen with 9, Witt of the Tigers and Groh of the Reds for the third basemen with 23, Maranville of the Braves for the shortstops with 45, Graney of the Indians, Shotten of the Browns and Veach of the Tigers for the left fielders with 6, Carey of the Pirates for the centre fielders with 7 and Roth of the Indians for the right fielders with 6.

The Pittsburger was the lone subject of the year to reach double figures in the number of double plays launched, while Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb were in a class by themselves as that of all the ballplayers they were the only ones to start a pair of duplex killings in the same contests. Jim Dougherty, high salaried performer, did so against his old team on July 7, while Frank Navin's priceless jewel turned the trick on August 13 against the White Sox.

Local Double Plays.

The double plays started by the Giants and Yankees last season were as follows:

PITCHERS.

Giants—Sallee, 2. Benton, 2. Tesreau, 2. Perritt, 2. Mathewson, 1. Total, 11.
Yankees—Keating, 3. Caldwell, 3. Mogridge, 10. Fisher, 1. Russell, 1. Shawkey. Total, 18.

CATCHERS.

Yankees—Nunamaker, 8. Walters, 4. Total, 12.
Giants—Barbeau, 7. McCarty, 1. Total, 8.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Yankees—Pipp, 11. Total, 11.
Giants—Merkle, 4. Holke, 1. Total, 5.

SECOND BASEMEN.

Giants—Doyle, 24. Herzog, 2. Total, 26.
Yankees—Lindsay, 24. Maisel, 2. Mitchell, 1. Boone, 1. Total, 28.

THIRD BASEMEN.

Yankees—Baker, 14. Boone, 8. Dugey, 3. Maisel, 1. Total, 26.
Giants—McKechnie, 8. Herzog, 6. Zimmerman, 2. Lobert, 1. Total, 17.

SHORTSTOPS.

Giants—Fletcher, 25. Herzog, 4. Total, 29.
Yankees—Peckinpaugh, 23. Boone, 1. Total, 24.

LEFT FIELDERS.

Yankees—Higgins, 2. Miller, 2. Magee. Total, 5.
Giants—Burns, 2. Total, 2.

CENTRE FIELDERS.

Yankees—Magee, 2. Miller, 2. Chapman, 1. Maisel, 1. Total, 6.
Giants—Knight, 4. Total, 4.

RIGHT FIELDERS.

Giants—Robertson, 3. Roush, 1.
Yankees—Ruth, 7. Chapman, 1. Bodie, 1. Bassman, 1. Total, 10.

Unassisted Double Plays.

Unassisted double plays were unusually numerous last season, almost passing up many a chance to pick pair of men without and heaving a throw to swell an associate's putout column. Players from every position except the box and left field contributed two ply killings. The catchers made a double play unassisted when Grover Cleveland Hartley of the Reds put the outfielders, Bobby Roth of the Indians, Max Flack of the Cubs and Ivy Walker of the Red Sox and Ed Roman of the Pirates. The most offensive played a lone hand was Burns, Tiger first baseman. He was hero of five unassisted plays.

Catcher, 1—Hartley, Reds.
First Basemen, 5—Burns, Tigers; 1—Netzel, Braves; 1—Holke, Braves; 1—Rodgers, Phillies; 1—Mowrey, Pirates; 1—Robinson, Red Sox; 1—Johnson, Athletics. Second Basemen, 1—Fisher, Cubs; 1—Chase, Reds; 1—Niehoff, Phillies; 1—Nunamaker, Red Sox; 1—Gustafson, Indians; 1—Hinchman, Pirates; 1—Wagner, Pirates; 1—Gainer, Red Sox; 1—Pipp, Yankees; 1—Strunk, Athletics; 1—Fournier, White Sox; 1—Pratt, Browns; 1—Ruth, Red Sox.
Second Basemen, 4—Groh, Reds; 1—Kramer, Pirates; 1—McCarthy, Pirates; 1—Neis, Red Sox; 1—Ruth, Red Sox.
Third Basemen, 1—Byrne, Pirates; 1—Groh, Reds; 1—Gardner, Red Sox; 1—Burns, Tigers; 1—McMullin, White Sox.
Shortstops, 1—Smith, Pirates; 1—Ruth, Red Sox; 1—Lavan, Browns.
Centre Fielders, 1—Walker, Red Sox.
Right Fielders, 2—Roth, Indians.
Hinchman, Pirates, 1—Flack, Cubs.

One Giant and one Yankee made three double plays in one game last season, Bill Rariden being the Giant and Joe Gedeon the Yankee. The infielder turned the trick on May 1 against the Athletics, the Giants stop on July 19 against the Cubs.