

PENN WOULD BE BENEFITED BY ATHLETIC ALLIANCE WITH PITTSBURGH—OTHER SPORTS

ALTERNATING SCHEDULE FOR PENN AND PITTSBURGH WOULD BRING BACK OLD ENTHUSIASM

Western Pennsylvanians Most Likely Opponent to Revive Interest Which Has Lagged Since Break With Harvard

THE University of Pittsburgh football authorities want Penn to come to Pittsburgh for the annual game next season, and as soon as Karl E. Davis, graduate manager of athletics at Pitt, recovers from an operation for appendicitis, he will come to this city to confer with the new football committee at Penn which will be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Athletic Association after the directors are elected at the coming meeting.

It is said that many of the present regime frown upon playing Pitt at all, much less playing the game away from home, and unless there is a change in the directors the plan can hardly be carried through, despite all of the advantages there would be for the Red and Blue to make this contest an annual affair with an alternating schedule.

The wonderful rise of Pitt as an educational institution, together with the fact that it has a football team of unusual calibre, and will probably maintain its high rank for several years to come, and that it is the second city of the State, should make these two institutions great natural rivals. An annual game between Penn and Pitt would be by far more preferable in every way to the present alliance with Michigan, which has fallen far below expectations as a drawing card.

Pitt May Prove as Good a Drawing Card as Harvard in Time

The fact that Pitt drew the second largest crowd of the past season proved conclusively that there is a lot of interest in Warner's team in this city, and if an annual game is played between Penn and Pitt it will only be a question of time before enthusiasm such as prevailed in the days when Penn and Harvard met will again be aroused.

Football has not been a financial success at Penn since Harvard and the Red and Blue severed relations, and while money making is not the primary object of the great collegiate game, it is something which must be considered, as the cost of maintaining athletic teams at the larger university is becoming greater every year. As football is the only sport which supports itself, Penn should think twice before turning down a proposition which would bring more money into the treasury than any other on the schedule, barring possibly the Cornell game.

Even the receipts of the Cornell game will not compare with the amount which would be taken in at the games in Pittsburgh where 40,000 spectators can be accommodated in Forbes Field, and it is safe to say that every seat will be taken if Penn plays Pitt in the "Smoky City." The Washington and Jefferson and State games attracted 30,000, and at least 10,000 more wanted to attend these games who could not be accommodated because Pitt had not built stands as large as they could have. With the Penn game assured, Pitt could erect stands to accommodate 10,000 additional spectators, whereas not more than 25,000 can be accommodated on Franklin Field under any condition.

Political Influence May Be Able to Bring About Annual Meeting

Both Pitt and Penn are allowed State appropriations, and it is said that political influence was brought to bear to induce Penn to place Pitt on its schedule this season. If this is so there is an excellent chance for a closer alliance with the western Pennsylvanians which will be to the great advantage of Pennsylvania despite the tendency of a few of the old guard to sneer at the eligibility code governing Pitt's athletics.

Starting with the first of the year the rule barring freshmen from varsity teams goes into effect in all sports at Pitt, and its scholastic requirements and eligibility code will be just as strict as at Penn. This season Pitt kept three of its best men out of the Penn game because they were freshmen. Pitt is anxious to do the right thing and the new football committee, whether it is composed of the old guard or the younger generation, should think twice before turning down Pitt's proposition.

Baker's Statement Kills Rumor of Deal With Sox

Frank Baker's statement, which appeared exclusively in the EVENING LEDGER yesterday, to the effect that he had received an offer from the Yankees which he had under consideration and would probably accept, was hailed with joy by baseball fans throughout the American and National League circuits. While local fans would naturally like to see the "home-run" king back at Shibe Park, they realize that it is apparently out of the question now, and are pleased that Baker will go to New York instead of Chicago.

If Baker was allowed to go to the White Sox, it would spoil the American League race, as Comiskey has already received too much help from other magnates in his effort to give Chicago a pennant winner at any cost. Baker's presence in the New York line-up would also serve as a war measure, as he would undoubtedly be a wonderful drawing card which would do much to take the edge off the Federal League's plan to take the metropolis by storm with an all-star aggregation.

The transferring of Baker will also mean that the four-cornered deal involving the Athletics, Red Sox, Cleveland and New York, will probably go through at the coming meeting of the American League at Chicago, or as soon as Baker signs his contract. The Reds still believe that Baker will accept their offer, but his statement that he had decided to pass up the proposition may be taken as final, as the Trappe farmer seldom changes his mind in business matters.

Stevenson Not a Candidate But Will Aid Penn's New Coach

Many Pennsylvanians will wonder why Vincent Stevenson, the greatest of all Penn quarterbacks and one of the smartest players who ever played the game, has not been mentioned for head coach of Penn's Varsity eleven. The reason is that Stevenson is not a candidate for the position, as his business will not permit him to spare time for football.

Stevenson is very much pleased with the outlook for the Red and Blue if the coming election results as favorably to the younger generation as anticipated. It is likely that he will arrange his business so that he will be able to give the backs some attention from midseason on if Penn needs him.

The acquisition of Stevenson to handle the quarterback's job was a master stroke for the Red and Blue in preparation for the big games. The weakness in this department was largely responsible for the poor showing of the Red and Blue last fall. Stevenson believes that he could develop Berry into a star and Pennsylvanians are anxious to see him take the all-round athlete in hand.

Hollenback Was Criticized for Making Wise Move

One of the old school at Penn characterizes Bill Hollenback's action in turning over letters of recommendation from State College, Missouri and P. M. C. to Provost Smith as to his ability, character, etc., as poor taste and showing too much desire to get the coaching appointment, and perhaps the general public feels the same way.

But they do not know that certain people allowed the rumor to gain ground that State had discharged Hollenback and that he had neglected to attend to business there. The man who is appointed by the football committee must meet with the approval of the faculty or it will not pass on the selection, and Hollenback did the proper thing.

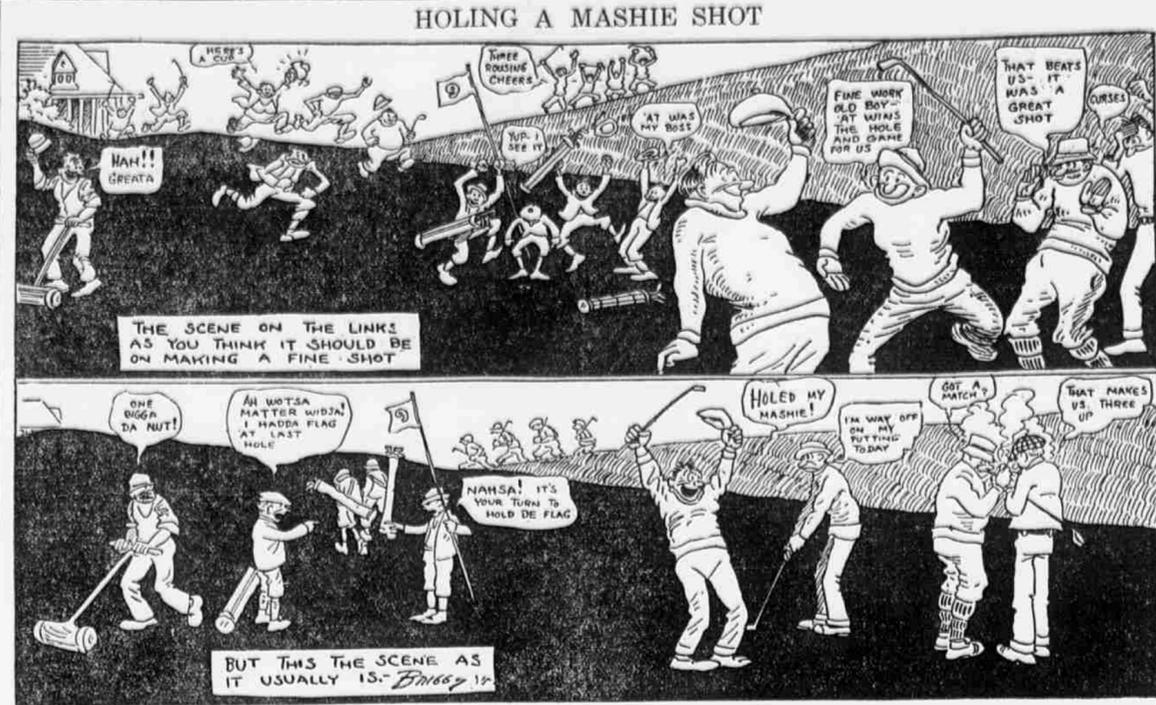
It has been rumored since the agitation for a new coaching system started that there were three or four men mentioned prominently for head coach who would not meet with the approval of the faculty. Just why cannot be learned, but on the surface it looks as if there was quite a bit of politics being played just at present.

Notre Dame Is Champion Traveling Team of the Year

During the past football season Notre Dame earned the title of champion traveling team of the country, despite the long trips of Syracuse to the Pacific Coast and to Michigan to play the Aggies. Syracuse covered 7074 miles to complete its schedule and is likely to take a trip to Seattle, Wash., to play Gonzaga College on New Year's Day if negotiations now under way can be completed.

Billy Morice is to play host to the football eleven and a few of the present controllers of football at Penn on Saturday night. It is likely that some interesting speeches will be made, as the present regime realizes that it has a hard fight on its hands to prevent the younger element from gaining control of athletics in general, and football in particular.

Monte Cross, an important cog in two of Mack's championship machines, has signed a contract to coach the University of Maine ball team for the next two years. After leaving the Mackmen Monte tried his hand at managing at Kansas City and Scranton, but had only fair success. Then he turned his attention to umpiring in the Federal League, but soon tired of that job.



LOCAL FOOTBALL OFFICIALS WILL ANALYZE CODE

Gathering Scheduled for Next Tuesday Evening at Walton Hotel

FIRST SUCH MEETING

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Football officials in and near Philadelphia will meet at the Hotel Walton next Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. to discuss the intricate rulings which came up on the field last season, and after suggestions to simplify the code next year. All of the suggestions will be sent to the Rules Committee, which meets in New York in a few weeks.

This is the first time the Philadelphia archers have gathered to talk over the happenings of the football season, and no doubt many valuable suggestions will be offered. Unusual plays constantly are occurring on the gridiron, and the officials are better able to discuss them now while the subject is fresh in their minds. Notices have been sent to all of the Central Board officials, but all of the football men in the city are invited to attend.

The Cornell football schedule for 1916, announced last night, sets at rest the rumors that the Ithaca men would arrange games with some Western college next fall. The University of Nebraska tried hard to get a game, but the colleges are too far apart to even consider it. Oberlin will assist in the curtain raiser on September 30, and Harvard will be given a chance to get a scrimmage on October 28. Generally accepted three touchdowns before Cornell knew what happened, and it was only after the hardest kind of work that Coach Sharpe's men were able to win the game.

Washington and Lee will play Washington and Jefferson in Richmond, Va., on November 12. This will be the first meeting between the colleges, and the game should be interesting. Washington and Lee has risen in the football world since Walter B. Klenck, the old Dartmouth star, has been coaching the team, and is now classed among the best in the country.

Eleck probably will be unable to return next year, as his business in Philadelphia is taking up more of his time. A petition is being circulated among the students and alumni urging him to come back for at least one more year.

The first football game in 1916 will be staged in Pasadena, Cal., on January 1, when Brown clashes with Washington State College. It will be another meeting between the East and the West, and Brown will travel six days across the continent to uphold the prestige of our section.

Dick Harlow made such a success of his coaching at Penn State this fall that he has been offered a two-year contract by the athletic committee. It is seldom that a coach of a big college team makes good in his first year, but Harlow upset all precedent.

Willie Heaton, the famous Michigan halfback, told the secret of the Wolverine's poor showing on the gridiron this fall at an alumni smoker in Chicago a few days ago, according to Heaton, the alumni are responsible. Failure to use proper methods in attracting budding gridiron talent to Ann Arbor, he said, had more to do with the defeats than anything else.

Now comes the question: whaddaya mean, "proper methods"?

Lazio Defeats Willie Moore TAMAUCA, Pa., Dec. 11.—Steve Lazio, of Hazleton, won over Willie Moore, of Philadelphia, in a 10-round bout before the Tamauca A. A. last night. Lazio won by a knockout in the ninth round. Moore was down for the count of eight, but he arose and was again sent back to the canvas by Lazio in the tenth round. The next round Moore put up the greatest exhibition of gameness ever seen here. In the eighth round each man took one, while the remainder was equal.

Dundee Wins From Wells NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11.—Johnny Dundee won a 12-round bout from Matt Wells last night. The English fighter had the advantage in only one round. Both fighters were fresh enough at the Irish to have continued the bout, however.

FITZ AND LAVIGNE GREATEST FIGHTERS IN BOXING HISTORY

Australian Fighter, One-time Middleweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight Champion, Picked Sycamore Kid as Best of All Time Battlers

By GRANTLAND RICE "It is always best to train for any athletic competition," says a well-known trainer. Picking up this advice, we have decided to go into active training for our golf-club appearance next week by abstaining from alcoholic and prussic acid for at least three days previous to the wearing strain.

The Boston Hoodoo Three years ago Joe Wood, of the Red Sox, completed one of the greatest pitching seasons ever lifted from the records. He won something like 33 games and dropped but three. By next spring he developed a lame arm and has never been of any great value since. He led the A. L. pitching corps in effectiveness this season, but worked in comparatively few contests.

Last fall, a year back, Bill James, of the Braves, finished a season almost as brilliant as that turned in by Smokeball Joe James, a young, promising fellow, worked with an arm of iron. He finished the year in fine condition, condition good enough to stop the Mackmen with one single blue hit.

And then James went the way of Wood. The big star faded out this summer and his fading cost Stallings a flag and his miter over \$2500 each.

The Red Sox may lose a pitching star this next summer if the hoodoo continues, but Carrigan losing a pitching star would be as bad as John D. dropping a \$2 bill.

To Tyrus Raymond Cobb No wonder you are saving the stick And soak the bully pill; No wonder you can't see 'em up; And drive 'em from the hill; No wonder you're a bear-coat; No wonder you're a cat; With glimmer in your batting eye; And terror in your clutch; No wonder you're a clouter; And a wonder of renown; With your ace of aitches, your belt; And olives in your crown; No wonder you are out there; With the virus in your blood; A mixture of volcano and a sinner and a fool; No wonder you're the captain; And the ocean and the crew; If my initials were T. R.— Well—I could raise, too!

Off Year? How? One football expert in estimating the various prospects for the award Casey, a substitute's position in the Harvard backfield. Casey was one of Exeter's best two years ago, rated with the stars. If the best he can get is a substitute's assignment the bulk of the offices in Harvard's "off year" can be fairly well judged.

BORRELL AND REVOIRE FIGHT TO EVEN BREAK

Johnny Miller Outslugs Kid Broad—Knockouts Feature Bouts at Both Clubs

Joe Borrell and Eddie Revoire today are neither here nor there relative to their respective fighting ability. After much dickering and tongue-lashing, they finally clashed at the Nonpareil Club last night, and at the conclusion of six rounds neither showed to advantage. While Borrell and Revoire were having it out to an even break, Johnny Miller was outslugging Kid Broad, of Shenandoah, in the wind-up at the Quaker City.

Aggressive honors in the Borrell-Revoire set-to were about divided. While Revoire showed better form from the distance, infighting was Borrell's chief asset. Eddie had the better of the second round, Borrell led in the fourth and the other periods were even. The best bout on the program at the Nonpareil was between Al Fox and Bobby McLeod. It ended in a draw after a fast fight. The other matches each ended in the third round. Joe Koona stopped Edie Hanson with a right-hand uppercut. Young Welner knocked out Jimmy Potts with a right-hand punch to the jaw, and the referee halted the go between Billy Van and Fred Haas, as the latter was clearly outclassed.

GREYS' GREAT ATTACK BEATS READING TEAM

Downtowners Make Flashy Finish, Winning Eleventh Game of Season

OTHER CAGE NEWS

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Record. Includes Greystock, Reading, and other teams.

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT

Jasper at De Neel, Trenton at Reading.

By a wonderful exhibition of guarding and an even better attack, the Greystock team, leaders of the Eastern League, managed to add Reading to its list of victims last night at Cooper Battalion Hall. The fans occupied every available seat and the standing room was taken along before the end of the preliminary contest.

Although the Greys got the decision over Reading by the one-sided score of 21 to 15, the first half was very evenly fought and it is possible that the absence of Haggerty at center, for the visitors, prevented their breaking the winning streak of the Greys. O'Donnell jumped well at center, and time and again he was able to out-leave Lawrence, but instead of taking the ball on the top-off, Reading was so completely covered up by the Greys' guards, Cross and McWilliams, that they rarely generated after their centre had made a successful jump.

Cross and McWilliams again demonstrated that when they are right, there isn't a man in the Eastern League who can consistently keep away from them. Only two field goals were registered by Reading in each half, which indicates the quality of the Greys' defense.

De Neel and Jasper meet tonight in a tussle for fourth place in the Eastern League standing. This time the two local rivals clash at Musical Fund Hall, and both are particularly keen about being returned a winner.

While Jasper has lost his last three games, the Jewels are far from being disheartened and feel sure they will get going again at the expense of the South-wark crew.

Brown University is to travel 3000 miles from Providence to Pasadena to meet Washington. It must bring a decided wrench to travel 3000 miles and then be held for down on the one-yard line. That's a long way to go for anything, much less a midwinter football game.

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COLORADO ATHLETE WILL ATTEND PENN

McBride, Star Sprinter, Expects to Come to Philadelphia Next Year

R. McBride, the Colorado schoolboy, who appeared in the athletic limelight with a sensational "220" performance in the National Junior A. U. championship track and field meet at San Francisco last summer, may come East next year and attend the University of Pennsylvania. McBride has written a friend in the East mentioning his intention of studying here.

McBride is a phenomenal sprinter and works the furrows dash at the coast meet in the new world's record time of 21 seconds flat. This mark will not be allowed, however, as the runner had a wind at his back. At the coast meet McBride represented the Denver A. C.

JACK MCGUIGAN'S SHOW National A. C. National A. C. TONIGHT, AT 8:30 SHARP Irish Pat O'Connell vs. Paul Moore; Battling Reddy vs. Johnny Kiehl; Bobby Reynolds vs. Patsy McMahon; Frankie McManus vs. Lew Shlager; Ritz Walters vs. Joe Brock.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Halbridge MONDAY NIGHT, 8:30 SHARP FRED WELSH vs. JIMMY MURPHY Adm. 50c. Bal. Res. 50c. Arena Res. 75c. 51.

CHAMP WILLIAMS SEEMS TO BE ON THE DOWN GRADE

Bouts With Ertle, Moore and Burns Prove Kid Is Slipping

BUT 22 YEARS OF AGE

Kid Williams has hit the toboggan. After basking in the white light that beats upon a pugilistic throne for more than a year, little Johnny Guttenka, the bantam champion, seems to have hit the downward grade. In the opinion of New York scribbs, the Kid already is an ex-champion, and they proclaim Johnny Ertle victor-holder on the strength of the Kewpie's victory of a foul.

Since the St. Paul battle Williams was floored by Pat Moore, a youngster who did not show the least semblance of a hard wallop in a local bout, and then Frankie Burns, a veteran of many years in the boxing game, held the Baltimorean to a 20-round draw. The prevalent suspicion that Williams is slipping is based on his last three fights.

Williams passed his 22d birthday last Sunday, and as that age he ought to be steadily improving; but this doesn't seem to be the case. In former days Williams usually won his contests by so wide a margin that explanations and alibis were hardly unnecessary—except for the opposition. Since he attained championship laurels, Williams, it has been said, has been showing signs of a swollen dome, and it is as true now as ever that pride goeth before a swift kick.

THAT MARCH IT FIGHT. Although Johnny Kilbane is by no means the classiest featherweight ever, Williams was not well advised when he went up against him in that memorial battle here on March 17. This match, in which Williams received a neat trouncing, was the Kid's previous act to his go with Ertle, in which bout Williams showed his first signs of sliding.

If Williams really is slipping, perhaps the principal reason is his ambition to shine as a knockout king. He wanted to be a miniature Hercules, and in his process of muscular development he has sacrificed much of his former science and speed. To all outward appearances the Kid today is much slower than he was a year ago. His muscles, which were bigger than before, but while this may be very nice for photographic purposes, it doesn't help much against a clever opponent.

Scraps About Scrappers

Pat Moore said this morning that he was in good shape for his match in the wind-up to night at the National Club against Irish Frankie Burns. He says that he is still fresh in the bit of a rest he took after his fight with Ertle on Saturday night.

Joe Lusk, Southern promoter, follows: First bout—Ritz Walters, Atlantic City, vs. Jimmie Smith, Philadelphia. Second bout—Frankie McManus, Boston, vs. Lew Shlager, Little Italy. Third bout—Johnny Kiehl, Chicago, vs. Battling Reddy, Philadelphia. Fourth bout—Bobby Reynolds, Indianapolis, vs. Billy Reynolds, Southwark. Wind-up—Pat O'Connell, New York, vs. Pat Moore, Southwark.

Al Wolcott is back in New York, making local headlines. He is expected to fight here until the New York Athletic Club can get a new arena. Al will take on Lew Cross on Saturday night. The winner will meet Frazier Honey December 27.

Franklin McCracken, local sports writer, says Irish Pat O'Connell, of New York, did a good work-out in Adam Ryan's gym yesterday afternoon. He worked himself a good boxer, and the shifty O'Connell complicated him after three rounds.

Like Willie Fitzhugh, Turk Fleming will step out of the heavyweight division, and will fight a local bout with the Fred Welsh-Jimmy Murray match at the Olympic Monday night.

Johnny Fitzhugh, the Chicago bantam, plans to remain in the East for a while longer. He has been offered a contract by Pat O'Connell, of Philadelphia, to fight with him in the Philadelphia area.

Eddie Cahill may be in the Olympia's Christmas show on the same card with Johnny Ertle, who will meet a local boy in the wind-up. The Kewpie's brother, Mike, also will appear on that program.

The Douglas Athletic Club wind-up on Tuesday night will be between Patsy McMahon, the Kewpie's brother, and Charley Thomas.

Harvey Thorpe, Kansas City lightweight, who may be seen in a local combat shortly, will meet Mike Taylor, of Indianapolis, in Kansas City January 7.

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