

PENN FOOTBALL COMMITTEE MAY APPOINT BENNETT COACH—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTS

BENNETT LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR COACH AT PENN

Haverford Tutor Believed Choice of Committee for Position Next Fall FAVORED BY WILLIAMS

Although the Football Committee refuses to announce its decision until after the holidays, it is virtually certain that Dr. M. S. Bennett, fullback on the 1912 and 1913 teams, will be head coach or a serious contender for head coach of the University of Pennsylvania football eleven for 1916.

The committee held two lengthy sessions yesterday afternoon in the office of Wharton Sinker, the chairman. Doctor Bennett appeared before the committee during the first session, while Bill Hollenback and Bob Folwell, two other strong candidates, discussed matters with the committee at the second session.

Wharton Sinker, chairman of the Football Committee, this morning refused to confirm or deny the proposition that Bennett would be the man.

There will be nothing precipitate in the action of this committee, said Mr. Sinker. "We are careful, considering the entire year, so that we can be sure of the best man. We hope to be able to make known our decision shortly after the holidays."

Babbitt's Statement It was learned today that Mike Bennett is still under contract to coach the Haverford College team for 1916, his contract with the Main Line Quakers still being in force. Dr. James A. Babbitt, who is the head of the department of physical education at Haverford, is authority for the statement that Bennett is under contract to coach the Pennsylvania football team for 1916.

At the conclusion of the second meeting, Neil Mathews, captain of the team, left for his home in Chicago, to be gone during the holidays.

The board of directors of the Athletic Association, as well as the Football Committee, assured Captain Mathews that he would have his own way in picking a coach. Mathews was extremely anxious to have the selection of the coach determined upon before he left on his Christmas vacation.

Mathews had a conference with Doctor Bennett, which tends to the conclusion that, although not ready for announcement, there is complete agreement between the captain and the members of the board and the man who is to be the gridiron tutor next fall.

Eleven Proposed There were eleven names proposed by the Football Committee for this position, as follows: Dr. M. S. Bennett, Dr. Carl S. Williams, Dr. C. M. Wharton, Dr. R. G. Torrey, Dr. Metzger, Frank Sumner, A. H. Ziegler, W. M. Hollenback, H. C. Folwell, By Dickson and J. R. Macklin. Of this number it is almost certain that only five were seriously considered. Dr. Bennett, Dr. Williams, Hollenback, Folwell and Dickson.

Doctor Williams is believed to have had the coaching position in his grasp if he wanted it. But Doctor Williams has such a big professional business that he has refused a similar position several times in the past. He left the city on a hunting trip during the height of the campaign for the board of directors' election and is not back yet. This makes it look as though Williams has already told those in authority that he would not consider the position.

Two Eliminated Both Hollenback and Folwell are believed to have been eliminated by the vote of the board of directors. Another thing which it was thought would militate against their selection was their public announcement to stand together, that if one was selected as coach he would insist on the other for his assistant. This arrangement was not considered by the committee.

Gave Penn Plays Doctor Bennett has always been in thorough sympathy with Doctor Williams' ideas of coaching and has frequently been called in consultation. This year, for example, he was called to Whitmarsh just before the Cornell game and was the only outsider permitted to take an active part in the coaching. As a matter of fact, Bennett was the man who gave the Quakers the sensational forward passes which scored on and almost beat Cornell. It is known that he made the most favorable impression on the entire team during the few days he was at Whitmarsh.

For the last two years Doctor Bennett has been coach at Haverford College, where he has turned out splendid teams with very little material.

Schedule for Today BASKETBALL West Philadelphia High School vs. Penn Freshmen, at Weikertman Hall, at 7:30 p. m. Northeast High School vs. West Chester Normal School, at West Chester, at 8:00 p. m. Northeast High School vs. Phoenixville High School, at Phoenixville. Drexel Institute vs. George Washington University, at Washington. Villanova Prep vs. La Salle College, at La Salle. Camden High School vs. Temple Prep, at Temple. Girard College vs. Germantown Boys' Club, at Germantown Boys' Club.

SWARTHMORE IS FAVORITE FOR SUBURBAN TITLE

Basketball Players Defeat Lansdowne High With Ease

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Seldom if ever have the suburban schools taken so much interest in basketball, and the increased activity in the game is directly the result of the formation of the Delaware County High School Basketball League. A number of games have already been played in this league, with Swarthmore High, Darby High and Chester High looming up especially strong.

Swarthmore High School is in line for championship honors in the Delaware County Basketball League yesterday afternoon, 35 to 15, in a well-played game. Swarthmore played a snappy contest, with Place, Hannum, W. Wood, E. Wood and Yarnall on their team every minute of the time. At Lansdowne High has always held a high place in basketball, the victory caused considerable joy among the Swarthmore followers.

Darby High School will also have an excellent chance to lift the title. Coach Frank Schmitt yesterday gave every exhibition of their ability in the case, when they held the strong Southern High School team, of the High School League, to a score of 24 to 21. It was the largest margin of defeat on the part of the local schools.

Wenger, the Germantown Friends' School star basketball player, was unable to take part in the game with Hathero High at Queen Lane yesterday, but it is doubtful if his absence made much difference in the final result, for Hathero won by the overwhelming score of 51 to 21. The Hathero victors included Wheeler, Yerkes, Dettler, Stone and Hooker.

If the sophomores of the Central High School hope to beat out the freshmen for the Interclass League basketball title, they will have to improve considerably. The juniors won by a score of 19 to 7. Perhaps the fact that the juniors had strengthened their line-up by having Farmakos, of the football team, at guard had something to do with the final result.

The Central High School freshmen had Schneider, Koenig, Lukens, Elfman and Toll in togs, and with this quintet they overwhelmed the seniors (Troutwein, Wright, Tarr, Gotwald and Curry) by a score of 17 to 9. Schneiderman led off the winning total. Tarr was the senior star, scoring all the points for his team.

Captain Dodds, of the Germantown Friends' School basketball team, is not discouraged over the showing in the initial game with Hathero. He said: "Hathero came down with a very strong team. We have not had much practice, and while I am making no excuses for the fellows, I am sure we will do better in the next game." Button, Arndt, Patton and Wood were members of the Friends' team.

Alexander C. Sawers, manager of the St. Joseph College basketball team, was much provoked when the Brown Preparatory manager called off the game yesterday afternoon. Sawers said: "We were all ready for the contest. The only excuse Brown had to offer for cancelling was that the players have been without a coach, and, as the Brown manager said to me, 'It would be a farce to play the game under the conditions,' so we were left without a game."

Donald McLean, the all-round athlete at Lansdowne High School, had the honor of scoring one of the two field goals made against Swarthmore High yesterday. There were just two, the other having been made by Dalton. The players on the Lansdowne team had many chances to score from the foul line. Kidd making five of his shots good, Jones scoring two out of four and Dalton four out of nine.

The Southern High School basketball team as it will line up in the league series will probably be: Wattman and Mendros, forwards; Watson, centre; Gottlieb and Black, guards. Lipkowitz has an excellent chance for the guard position; Bunick is giving the forwards a good race and Welis is a candidate for centre.

The Darby High School basketball players are hanging up a new record this season. Pearl and Forbes, the forwards, work splendidly together. Fountain, the centre, is one of the best players in the Delaware County League. Franklin and Spahr, two regulars, take excellent care of the guard positions. This team may clinch the Suburban League title.

SIGNING ARTICLES FOR WILLARD-FULTON BOUT



From left to right, seated—Tom Jones, Willard's manager; Ed Smith, referee and Chicago sports writer; Tom Andrews, representative of promoters and Milwaukee sports writer, and Mike Collins, Fulton's manager. Standing—G. L. Moreland, of Pittsburgh, and Harry James, of Chicago.

INTERICTY RACQUETS FIRST BIG MATCH OF SEASON HERE JAN. 15

New York and Philadelphia Teams to Clash at Racquet Club—State Championship January 29

SCHEDULES COMPLETED

Philadelphia is to see an imposing array of contests in court tennis, racquet and squash during the next few months, according to the imposing schedule just issued by the Racquet Club. In all three sports the best players of the country will perform in the courts of the Racquet Club. This season, however, the national championships in court tennis and racquet go elsewhere, as they have been on local courts in recent seasons.

The first big contest in which Philadelphia is interested is the intercity clash with the members of the New York Tennis and Racquet Club. This takes place at the local Racquet Club on January 15. New York will send over its strongest teams in both sports. Included among the players will be Clarence C. Fell, national amateur champion; Larry Waterbury, famous polo player and previous holder of the national title, and Payne Whitney, a great court tennis star.

Philadelphia will be represented by Jay Gould, the world's champion court tennis player; William H. T. Huhn, Gould's partner in tennis doubles; George H. Brooke, the present club racquet champion; Wilson Potter and Joe Wear, the latter a year ago joint holder of the national racquet doubles championship. From this line-up it will be seen that both this city and New York will have a strong line-up of champions and former holders of titles, so that the keenest kind of competition is assured. A week later this city will play a return match in New York with that city.

The Pennsylvania State squash racquet championship will take place at the Racquet Club, beginning January 29 and running to a conclusion in the following week in the intercity tournament. Philadelphia will play a prominent part, as among its representatives will be Mort Newhall and White, of Germantown, both former national champions. These same players will compete in the national States championship, beginning February 12, at Baltimore.

The complete schedule of racquets, court tennis and squash racquet matches follows: RACQUETS January 15—Club racquet singles handicap. January 15—Club racquet doubles handicap. January 22—Intercity racquet, singles and doubles. Philadelphia vs. New York. February 22—Intercity racquet, singles and doubles. Philadelphia vs. New York, at New York. January 23 (week of)—National racquet singles championship, at Boston. January 24—Club racquet singles championship. February 14—Club racquet doubles championship. February 20 (week of)—National racquet doubles championship, at Racquet Club. February 14 and following days—Pennsylvania squash racquet championship, at Racquet Club. February 14 and following days—U. S. squash racquet singles championship and intercity team matches at New York. March 1—U. S. Club squash racquet singles championship. COURT TENNIS January 15—Intercity tennis, New York vs. Philadelphia at Racquet Club. January 22—Intercity tennis, New York vs. Philadelphia, at New York. February 15—Club tennis doubles handicap. March 8—Club tennis singles championship. April 15—U. S. national tennis doubles championship at New York.

Wildwood Lad Signs With Barons WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 18.—Manager Keller, of Wilkes-Barre, has decided to try out Sam Lebr, who has been playing center for the Wilkes-Barre team for several years. The lad is due to report in this office in time for today's game with the Philadelphia Gnomes.

O. B. WORKS; FRANK BAKER WAITS; NOW HOME-RUN KING IS NOT WANTED

Athletic Slugger Who Refused \$10,000 a Year Is Stranded in a Quagmire of Peace. The Feds Did It

By SPICK HALL

WHEN Frank Baker was a member of Connie Mack's champion Athletics he was a fair waiter. But he flew into the public orb by hitting home runs and other disconcerting blows that produced scores against the enemy. Since his refusal to play with the White Elephants, Baker has developed the waiting game to a science, but science is not always profitable.

Several days ago when the National League morass drifted into New York there was a lot of talk about various clubs wishing to purchase Baker's release. Connie Mack remarked some time ago that he was ready to sell. A deal seemed to be well under way when Wilbur Robinson, acting for the Brooklyn club, offered Baker \$10,000 a year to play with the Superbas. Baker indignantly refused to listen to the jingle of such a paltry roll. Being a citizen of that great municipality, Frank thought he was deserving of far more money than a mere \$10,000 a year.

And therein, the famous huntsman and batsman erred. He had not seen the hardening on the wall, which being interpreted meant that there was soon to be an end of the Federal League and that baseball players of ability could be bought and contracted with for a song, compared to the fabulous prices that prevailed a year ago.

Since the Peace Dove has been chumming with the Peacocks, in the latter's home alley at the Waldorf-Astoria, no one has offered Baker \$10,000. Your Uncle Wilbur apparently has forgotten that he asked Baker to reconsider and join Brooklyn for that sum. Baker is disconcerted.

If Mr. Baker were to go today to Mr. Elberts and remark that he would gladly give his tribe for the stipulated sum, Mr. Elberts no doubt would beam benignly.

NATIONAL LEAGUE DEFEATED SELF, NOT GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR FEDS

By GRANTLAND RICE

YOU will hear it echoed in polite circles there are many baseball circles that the Feds have whipped the National League. For this the Feds deserve as much credit as Jess Willard would get for knocking out Kid Broad. The National League whipped itself, and it began the whipping process at least four years ago, when it refused to stand by many of its best ball players and let two or three cut-throats, yegmen and thugs dictate the policy of the league.

A Cinch Battle In beating the National League the Feds won the softest battle ever fought. They were up against an institution that had begun to rot both at the top and at the base some years ago. They were up against an institution that had two or three high-class club owners, but that, in the main, outside of these two or three, didn't assay enough sporting blood to keep a gnaw from being aemic.

Other Counts There were other counts against the old league which we have brought out from time to time. Their yearly meetings, on more than one occasion, were but little above bar-room brawls. They were fighting among themselves year after year with a selfish disregard of the best interests of sports that was unbelievable.

Started the Feds It was through this decaying wall in the National League that the Feds got started. The National League put the Feds on the map by showing what a wonderful opening there was for anybody who cared to break into the game by showing a sick man off the sidewalk.

ROBIDEAU VS. COFFEY WIND-UP TO ELEVENTH-HOUR PROGRAM

Well-Balanced Show Scheduled Tonight at National A. C. Despite Disappointment

Despite a big disappointment, which placed Jack McGuigan, of the National A. C. in a bad predicament, he has arranged a well-balanced eleventh-hour show for his weekly attraction at the fifth and Catharine streets arena tonight. McGuigan originally had Jimmy Murphy and Joe Asvedo scheduled to appear in the windup, but the Philadelphia, it was said, took ill on Thursday.

This placed the matchmaker in a quandary and he had to do some tall hustling to get another windup. He signed up Jimmy Coffey, of New York, who recently returned from an Australian tour, to meet Sam Robideau in the feature fray. They boxed at the National two years ago.

Tommy Robison, a New York welterweight, will make his first Philadelphia appearance in the semi-windup. He will attack up against Joe Hirst, of this city. Frankie Conroy, the Gotham clever-guy, will meet Eddie Wagon in the third bout, and in the other matinee Sammie Trinkle, who scored a knockout on Thursday night, will tackle Bill Welter, and two Buck bantams, Johnny and Danny, will open the show.

After being seriously ill with typhoid fever, Young Jack O'Brien is around again. He has started gymnasium work, and it is probable that the clever Welter will be opposed to Joe Heffernan at the Nonpareil Christmas afternoon.

When Olympia fight fans get a glimpse of Ralor Czarnanski Monday night they will see one of the best boxers ever developed in the Sam's service. Besides the sailor's bulk, he is a clever fighter. Howard Trumble will knock off Czarnanski in no short what they clash.

Low Durbacher's first program as the Douglas club's matchmaker is a corker. He has a well-balanced card arranged, with a lot of color. Buck Jones vs. Young Lowery, the southern match between Lohby Reynolds and Frankie Conroy, Reynolds will try his utmost to win decisively, with a victory over the New York City club.

Two Philadelphia fighters will show in New York boxes Monday night. Battling Levinsky will endeavor to box Jack Connor's ears, while Tommy Houch is scheduled to meet George Houch, Connor is a striking partner of Jim Coffey.

Al Wolcott and Frank Whitney have been reinstated at Atlanta, Ga., for January 18. Appropriate reports relative to their first match were exaggerated greatly.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, the Olympia club will make special Christmas matinee hours. The same clubs also will hold matches New Year afternoon.

Yale Quintet Beaten The present Athletic club's basketball team defeated Yale last night in the second round of the Yale Cup. The game was a fast one and very rough and foul. The Athletic club's players were the chief offenders and he was ruled out of the game in the first half.

Notre Dame May Play Dartmouth (EXLANAHLER, Dec. 18.—The Notre Dame and Dartmouth football teams are trying to arrange a game to be played here next year.

National Club's Show Scheduled for Tonight

PRELIMINARIES Danny Buck vs. Johnny Buck, Ritz Walters vs. Sammie Trinkle, Frankie Conroy vs. Eddie Wagon.

SEMI-WINDUP Tommy Robison vs. Joe Hirst.

WINDUP Jimmy Coffey vs. Sam Robideau.

With a little chin matter to the effect that Peacocks will stop Jess Willard. Ad says Fulton can hit and knows how to hit.

After Jess Willard clips Fred Fulton on the chin in New Orleans March 3, the champion and his manager, Taliaferro Tom Jones, probably will wind their way New Yorkward. A match between the winner of the Jim Coffey-Frank Moran hit and Jess may be consummated.

Fred Welsh boxed Tommy Maddison, a Canadian, at Montreal, Can., Wednesday night. The proceeds were turned over to an entertainment committee for the benefit of a match between the winner of the Jim Coffey-Frank Moran hit and Jess may be consummated.

THORNE DENIES DR. SHARPE HAS BEEN SELECTED BY YALE Cornell Coach Himself Not at Ithaca to Talk

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—In spite of reports to the contrary, no coach has been selected for the Yale football team. S. Reinekerhoff Thorne, a member of the committee, discussing the selection of the new coach, stated last night that there was no truth in the report from New Haven that Dr. A. H. Sharpe, Cornell mentor, had been selected for the job.

Thorne further declared that no decision had been reached by the committee and none would be reached for some time.

No News From Sharpe ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Dr. A. H. Sharpe was out of town today and could not be reached to give any information on the story of his selection by the Yale committee for head football coach in 1916. Sharpe's Cornell contract expires in June, 1920.

Syracuse May Re-engage O'Neill SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Graduate Manager of Athletics Walter Smith, of Syracuse University, has admitted that there was a strong possibility of Jack O'Neill returning to coach the varsity football eleven next year. O'Neill announced his retirement at the close of last season and accepted a position in New York City, but has been made a flattering offer by Syracuse, and it is believed he will accept it. E. Southworth, a member of the college appointed to select a successor for O'Neill, is in New York discussing the situation with him.

Replay Tie Soccer Game Last Saturday's 1-1 draw in the second round for the National Cup between the Syracuse eleven, of Cornell, and the Ithaca team of this city, will be replayed at Stenton Field, 22d and Westmoreland streets, this afternoon. The lineup:



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ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—For a Minute He Felt Like a Real Artist!—By WALT McDOUGALL

