DR. WILLIAMS EXPOSES HIS FAMOUS SHIFT—PENN'S OPPONENTS EXPOSED DR. HEISMAN'S

FOOTBALL EXPERTS SEE GREAT MINNESOTA SHIFT IN DETAIL AS PLAYS ARE THROWN ON SCREEN

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DR. HARRY L. WILLIAMS, coach of the football team at the University of Minnesota, is in the East with moving pictures of his famous shift plays. For the first time in his career the Minneapolis mentor has "opened up" and the public can have a look at the intricate formations which have made him famous. Dr. Williams is an offensive genius, and proves it when the camera starts clicking.

Last week he gave a private showing of a couple of reels in New York, and the Minnesota shift was visible to the naked eye. The "ultra rapid" machine, so named because it is not at all rapid, shows every move, and the audience profited greatly from the exhibition.

The Minnesota shift is the best I have seen any place. Here in the East, Dartmouth has the jump formation, but it cannot compare with the Williams formation. Precision, variety and deception are employed and developed to an ultimate degree. It embraces a rather bewildering scope of operation, involving both a line and backfield shift, sometimes a double shift by the backs, with many plays directed against the weak side.

For one-half hour the plays were flashed on the screen and perfect football was played. By that I mean the varsity men took care of the defensive team, every opponent was taken out of the play and the man with the ball always got clear for a touchdown. Of course, this was due to many rehearsals, but it was so unusual to see men play that sort of a game that it was intensely interesting. The films have a great educational value to students of football.

Dr. Williams shifts his line, but does not pull the men back of the line. The left side runs over to the right, and while this is being done the backs get into position. Sometimes the backs shift again, and this formation seemed to be most effective. There were many forward passes and the eligible man always was clear.

One play looked exceptionally good. The right end was shifted to the left side and he took his position about five yards outside of the left end and a yard back. Then when the backs shifted he went out still further, drawing the defensive halfback with him. The ball was passed and the left end was on the receiving end of a forward pass. The reverse play and delayed pass also are used from this formation.

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THE men jump into their positions, there is no delay and not a player was off-side. There was power behind every play and the force of the shift seemed to be employed in an oblique direction.

Tom Shevlin Used Shift at Yale

THE Minnesota shift is not strange in these parts. It will be remembered that the late Tom Shevlin twice saved Yale from disaster by the use of the play when all hope had fled from New Haven. Other college teams tried it after that, but couldn't get the hang of it and threw it into the discard. The Georgia Tech shift still is used with good effect down South and Heisman introduced the glide last season.

But these are obsolete when compared with the Williams idea. Heretofore we have been against a system of offense, but if a football team can master a formation like Minnesota apparently has done the shift will be mighty effective. The possibilities are numberless.

The old play where a backfield can make a bluff to throw a forward pass and another player runs behind and takes the ball out of his hand has been worked thousands of times, but it looked like a new stunt when performed by the Minnesota team. There was a double shift in the backfield, men were running in all directions and the player who finally got the ball was the one least suspected.

It would take many columns to explain the workings of the shift, but in short it is a smooth-working, effective offense which would be well to follow—if possible. An effort is being made to have Dr. Williams show the films in Philadelphia and all of the football men will be invited.

In the modern game deception is necessary on the attack. The players are getting so proficient that it is almost impossible to gain consistently. This was proved in the independent football games staged here this fall by Leo Conway. The experienced players knew what to do on every play and prevented a consistent advance.

The intent and direction of the plays must be concealed behind some sort of a strategic screen or they will be ruined before they start. The shift is the only thing which can do this. Of course, it takes time to develop it, but after watching the Minnesota team in action I am convinced that it can be done.

This will not revolutionize the game. In fact, it will make it more interesting to the spectators. Legerdemain tricks will be performed on the gridiron and the bewildering stuff will make a hit.

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INCIDENTALLY, Dr. Williams showed how foolish it is to protest the numbering of the players. Whether numbered or not, the movie machine registers everything and the rival team can get all of the information necessary—and more.

Willard Reported Training for Dempsey

REPORTS from the West say that Jess Willard is training faithfully for his bout with Jack Dempsey in New York on March 17. If these reports are true, Jess will give Jack a lot of trouble when they mix. The big boy neglected to get himself in the best of shape for the Toledo battle and probably learned his lesson.

Jess did a lot of road work and wore out several sets of automobile tires while doing it. He held Dempsey cheaply and realized too late that he had erred. He probably thought about it while bouncing off the floor in the first round and decided to do better the next time. His pride was hurt, and so was his jaw. Therefore he sought a return match and was accommodated.

Dempsey's showing against Bill Brennan shows that he is not invulnerable. True, he looked overtrained, his punch lacked the pile-driving effectiveness and he seemed slower, but he won by a knockout in the twelfth round. It is figured that a good man could have inflicted lots of damage to the champion had he been in Brennan's place, and perhaps slipped over a surprise.

Therefore, the Willard match looms up bigger than before. Jess was not knocked out, but retired after the end of the third round. He took an awful trimming while he was standing up, but evidently has not been convinced that Dempsey is a better man.

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IF JESS trains hard, removes some fat from above the ears, he will have a good chance to stage a real comeback.

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THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

GLASSMAN'S STABLE WINS XMAS BATTLES

Tendler and Kramer Score Knockouts at Olympia; Tiplitz Again Trims Murphy at National

T. MURRAY STOPPED

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

KRIS Kringle was exceedingly good to Phil Glassman on his snowless sleigh sprint through Philadelphia on Saturday. Phil found three victories in his boxing bag as a result of local fistic competition, and the only reason he wasn't presented with more probably was because he had only a trio of his stable on exhibition.

Lew Tendler, Danny Kramer and Joe Tiplitz carried the Glassman colors to the fore in pugilistic array on Christmas afternoon. Lew was credited with a seven-round technical knockout, Kramer stowed away his foe in the third and "Yusil" won handily in eight scheduled rounds. In other words, Glassman's glovemen won at a gait of 1.000 and scored knockouts at a .667 clip.

Tendler and Kramer put over their quietus clouts, respectively, over Chick Simler, a real tough guy from Scranton, and Johnny Solsberg, of Brooklyn, at the Olympia Club, while Tiplitz's victory was gained at the National Club over Jimmy Murphy. It was the third Murph-Tip set-to staged at the Eleventh street arena since Thanksgiving Day, and the verdict was the same, only Joe knocked down Jeems three times, which was two better than in their last meeting and once more than in their slugfest on Turkey Day.

Tendler Pinch Punches

The opposition of Tendler against Simler was virtually of the eleventh-hour variety. Benny Leonard originally was scheduled to be the one to wallop Simler, but it was learned on Friday that the champion was sick and would be unable to take on the Scranton entry. Tendler was agreed upon as a substitute at 4.30 o'clock on the afternoon before the bout.

Nevertheless, the short notice did not hamper Tendler from administering a vicious trouncing to Simler, without doubt one of the toughest birds ever seen in a local ring. Tendler slambanged Simler all over the ring for half a dozen rounds. He beat the upstater around the body like no other boxer ever has been beaten before—Lew lambasted Chick around the head with a fusillade of fists that would have keeled over almost any opponent. Yet Simler, although rocky, swaggering, dizzy and staggering, succeeded in keeping upon his feet.

Simler was being beaten inhumanly, yes—he was game, but Chick didn't have a chance. The Scranton man refused to quit, no sign of a truce came from his corner, so it was up to the referee to use his own judgment, all of which Sam Brennan did admirably. Shortly after the seventh round opened and Tendler had connected with a terrific punch to the body and another to the head, Sam stepped between the boxers, waved Tendler away and escorted Simler to his corner.

Solsberg Counted Out

Kramer's knockout victory came by way of the usual ten-second route. After giving Solsberg a terrific body beating, scoring a countless knockdown in the second round, Danny toppled the Brooklynite in the third. While Brennan was tolling over the fallen Solsberg the latter got to his knee, but did not regain his feet until after the referee had counted ten.

Another knockout during the afternoon at the Olympia also really the surprise of the four shows held here. This came when Abe Attell Goldstein stowed away Tommy Murray in the fifth round, after the former had shown to advantage throughout the fracas. Goldstein hails from New York and is being groomed by Willie Lewis. Abe looks like the real go, they say.

Sportsmanship can be demonstrated in the ring as well as in any other sport and Al Mealey, of Scranton, is being voted unanimously by patrons of the Olympia as a popular guy. After Murphy had opened a deep cut over Johnny Mealy's eye in the fifth round the upstater refused to hit the Philadelphian on the damaged optic during the remainder of the match. Murphy directed his attack to Mealy's body. This was with the approval of the big crowd, who cheered the visitor roundly at the finish.

Jackson Is Victor

A battle of the gray-and-tan type was put on as a sequel to the Tiplitz-Murphy tussle at the National Club, when Joe Jackson, who is a pupa now, won in a limited contest from Young Tom Sharkey. It was a rough battle throughout, with science entirely conspicuous by its absence. The welterweights walloped, slugged and pulled each other around the ring with Referee Frank McCracken kept busy separating them from clinches. Jackson's punches, being harder and more often, were more effective so that he was entitled to a win.

Joe Nelson and Jimmy Mendo put on an interesting match, with honors about even for four rounds; then the former's aggressiveness and more telling punches enabled him to breeze through to a victory. Nelson was handled by Nate Smith in this bout.

Sol O'Donnell, of Fairmount, and Battling Murray, of Southwark, were victorious in the respective star numbers at the Auditorium and Cambria Clubs, where matinees also were put on. O'Donnell defeated Jimmy Jordan, of Pittsburgh, in eight rounds, while Murray came through on top against Hank McGovern in an eight-rounder.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Christmas Ring Bouts

OLYMPIA—Lew Tendler stopped Chick Simler, seventh; Danny Kramer knocked out Johnny Solsberg, third; Al Murphy won from Johnny Mealy; Abe Attell Goldstein put Tommy Murray to sleep, fifth; Jimmy Sullivan shaded Bobby Barrett.

NATIONAL—Joe Tiplitz defeated Jimmy Murphy; Joe Jackson won from Young Tom Sharkey; Joe Nelson outfought Jimmy Mendo; Patsy Hogan drew with Digby Caspar; Young Mickey stopped Sailor Al Burghy, third.

AUDITORIUM—Sol O'Donnell won from Jimmy Jordan; Al Fox knocked out Jack White, first; Toughey Dugan drew with Danny Murphy; Frank Smith stopped Joe Rich, fourth; Kid West outslugged Ralph Raymond.

CAMBRIA — Battling Murray won from Hank McGovern; Mike Credell outpointed Joe Koons; Joe Spencer defeated Joe Belmont; Buddy Dailey walloped Young Terry McGovern; Eddie Dempsey and Joe O'Connor drew; Jimmy Coveland was disqualified for stalling against Eddie Revoire, second.

PITTSBURGH—Harry Greb outclassed Jeff Smith; Patsy Young defeated Pete Civlo.

READING—Allentown Dundee won from Tommy Jamison; Mike Paulson stopped Johnny Virgil, fifth; Young Leonard shaded Danny Grieevs; Leo Stahl beat Mike Howell; Kid Alberts defeated Tommy Carey.

NEW YORK—Phil Bloom knocked out Eddie German, first; Sammy Smith stopped Pinky Brown, third; Eddie White put Joe Mace to sleep, fifth; Sam Mosberg outclassed Paul Edwards; Red Monroe stopped Sammy Vogel, seventh; Sammy Stone stowed away George Lewis, fifth; Joe Lewis and Johnny Hart drew.

ATLANTIC CITY—Kid Gross knocked out Sailor Williams, first; Young Dixie Kid stopped Kid Lloyd in thirty-seven seconds, first; Steve Morris drew with Kid Andy Bell; Otis Robinson defeated Jackie Bakel.

NEWARK — Young Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Monahan, fourth.

BAPTIE WILL OPEN ICE-RACING SEASON

Meets Baker in New York Tonight—Phila. Girls' Hockey Team Plays Gotham Here

The ice speed racing season opens tonight. Norval Baptie, world's professional champion, who now represents this city in all intercity races, will make his first start of the year against Don Baker, a former national champion, in New York this evening.

The girls' all-Philadelphia ice hockey team will engage in its first intercity match tomorrow night when Miss Margaretta Sharpless will lead her team against an all-star New York cast. The game will be played at the Ice Palace and hostilities will start at 8 o'clock.

St. Nicholas, made famous by the late Hobey Baker, will be seen here in a return game against the Quaker City team on Thursday night. Captain Von Bermuth expects to put a more seasoned team on the ice in this battle. Eddie Hill probably will have a few new faces to present against the fast New York aggregation.

Miss Elsie Muller, one of the best amateur skaters in the East, will captain the New York girls' hockey team here tomorrow. Miss Violet Frees and Miss Mildred Springer, members of the Gotham cast, are famous skaters and ice hockey players.

Ice hockey has started in the high schools here. It remained for West Philadelphia to be the first to take to the ice. Twenty men reported for two practices last week.

GOOD MANAGER BIG FACTOR ON DIAMOND

Material, Too, Counts Largely in Success or Failure of Baseball Club—Ty Cobb Will Be Watched Closely as Leader

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE appointment of Ty Cobb as manager of Detroit's ballplaying Tigers has brought up the old argument as to which counts most in the making of a machine—the manager or the material.

Both, of course, figure largely or entirely in the final result.

But can a good, hustling manager, with ordinary material, get as far as a poor manager with good material?

IN THE long run, the good manager is, of course, the main foundation for success. For being a good manager, with a little luck, it will then be his business to buy or find the winning types needed to give him a successful machine. Cleveland last season, with a poor manager, wouldn't have got anywhere. Tris Speaker's personal leadership and inspiration were big factors in the team's championship success, where an ordinary manager would have been lucky to finish third.

WHEN Jennings stepped in as leader of the Tiger team in 1907 he took over a ball club that had finished sixth the year before. The material was there, but it had been badly directed, and the men, having lost all interest in a hustling game, had slumped badly. But Hughey dashed into the program with his whirlwind methods, lifted his club from the rut and won three pennants in a row.

THIS feat clearly established Jennings' ability to handle and lead good material. It proved his case as a first-class leader. But after the winning machine had crumpled up Hughey was never able to put another winner together. He made threatening gestures on several occasions, but never quite broke through. There was proof here that he could lead good material better than he could locate and develop material in the raw.

WE THEN come to the mystery of Connie Mack. Connie took on youngsters and erratic actors and made them play ball. Then, after his pennant machine of 1905 had collapsed and gone to dust, he stepped out upon the highways and built up another within three years. By 1910 he had one of the greatest machines in the game at work. In 1914 Mack decided to break up this combination, but for six years he not only has been unable to erect another flag winner, but has not been able to emerge from last place.

McGRAW began to prove back around 1903 that he could handle men. Having a big bankroll to work with and a keen eye for talent, he was also able to keep a strong machine on the firing line.

YOUR Uncle Wilbert Robinson, of Brooklyn, is one of the greatest combination managers in the trade. Robby began to prove years ago that he could handle men through an agreeable personality that always got results. In addition to this the old Oriole star also proved that he could spot a coming star several leagues away, and once having this youngster at hand he could iron out the kinks. Robby and Pat Moran, being old catchers, have both been wonders at developing and handling pitchers, whether they were youngsters or veterans. This ability has been a big aid all along the trail.

BOTH Robby and Pat have both been exceptional leaders at handling cast-offs. This is one of the final tip-offs as to managerial greatness. They took men who had been cast overboard as useless by other managers and soon had them working with renewed pep in a winning tribe.

MORAN won a pennant with the Phillies in 1915, came within a game or two of winning another in 1916, and then in 1919, as leader of the Reds, gave Cincinnati her first pennant in fifty years. Pat, just as Robby had done, proved that he could not only lead men, but could build up raw material and lift has-beens out of the rut.

SPEAKER has never had a chance so far to show what he can do in the way of rebuilding a broken-down club. There is no question as to his ability with fair or good material at hand. Not until this team begins to crumble will he be tested along the other line. By that test his final ranking as a manager will be shown in full.

COBB still has both cases to prove. Ty will start out with a bad ball club, so he will have an early chance to prove himself both ways—as a leader of men and as a developer or discoverer of raw material. He may prove the first case, but he will have more trouble at the latter job.

WITH the White Sox dismantled there are only two hard clubs to stop next year, the same being Cleveland and New York. If Ty can step on the gas and inject an element of dash into his platoon he has a fair chance of finishing in third place, without any remarkable effort. He will not hurt his cause to any extent if he can swing into his old stride and lead the league again. Speaker won many a game for the Indians by his sensational fielding and heavy hitting. Cobb, batting around .400, will be a more inspiring quality than Cobb batting around .320. It is easier to follow the leader who is heading the entire pack.

AFTER a ball club has skidded a trifle there is a great tendency through the grind of a six months' campaign to take life easy and play for the payroll only. The manager who can keep his men on top of their toes is always a factor in the race. The Cobb experiment will be one of the most interesting of many seasons—just to see what the game's greatest ball player can do on the other side of the game's big job.

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Fleisher Five Has Open Date

The Fleisher Yarn basketball team, entered in the Manufacturing League this season, desires also to play independent games both in and out of the city. Manager Eddie Lask would like to hear from first-class teams. Address him care of the Fleisher Yarn Building, Twenty-sixth and Red streets. Dates are open for Morris Guards, South West Philadelphia Y. M. C. A., Reading, Vineland, Cape May and other out-of-town teams.

SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR TITLE SWIM

Girard College and West Phillies Favorites of Local Entrants

The scholastic swimming teams are preparing for the national interscholastic championships to be held in the University of Pennsylvania pool just two weeks from next Saturday. Three weeks is a short time to put on the finishing touches. The holidays break up the usual routine work mapped out for the candidates.

Girard College swimmers loom up as strong contenders for the title. West Philadelphia High School will also have a strong team entered. Lawrenceville High School, Tome Institute and other big eastern high and preparatory school teams will participate. Central High, Southern, Northeast and Frankford are not very strong in aquatic sports and are not counted upon to figure to any extent in this event.

St. Luke's School is usually well represented and will bear watching. Germantown High will have a team entered. The West Phillies and Girard are favorites so far as the local schools are concerned. West Philadelphia will have a dual meet with Coatesville High on January 12 and with St. Luke's four days after the title events. Lawrenceville, Central High, Penn Fresh, Northeast High and Girard are all on West Phillies schedule.

Ambler High's Cage Schedule

Ambler High School has a veteran squad of basketball players this year and Coach H. Urban, a graduate of Ambler High, looks forward to a great season. The next game is with Upper Darby High School at Ambler, on January 15. Sandleron, Abington, Jenkintown and Norbeth are on the roster for 1921. Captain Metzger, Richards, John Schnell, Philinger and Doughas are the regulars. Pollinger is team manager of the team. Fisher, Richard and Gilbert are the substitutes.

The Ambler High girls are also developing into a fine team with Snyder and Metzger forwards, Captain Griffith, center, Acuff, side center, and Manager Gilbert and Fisher, guards. Substitutes include Hallows, Heckler. The girls' coach is Miss Fisher of Beechwood College.

The schedule follows:

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January 15—Upper Darby High at Ambler.
January 19—Ambler High at Ambler.
January 22—Jenkintown High at Abington.
February 1—Norbeth High at Ambler.
February 5—Ambler High at Penn Fresh.
February 10—Frankford High at Ambler.
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March 4—Ambler High at Upper Darby.
March 5—Ambler High at Norbeth.
March 12—Ambler High at Jenkintown.
March 18—Ambler High at Abington.

Northeast to Play Mummi

Northeast High's regulars will engage in practice during the holidays. On Wednesday morning they met a team of alumni players composed of a number of college stars. It is the Northeast team of 1918, champions of the city. On this team are Gene Rogers, guard on the Lafayette varsity, who is captain; Schneider, of the Swarthmore football squad, Hess Herzig, now at Temple University; Carter, of Swarthmore, and White, of the Swarthmore football team.

Warns Basketball Teams

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.—[illegible] the Allegheny Athletic Association warns amateur athletic teams composed of high school students against playing games with teams in which professionals are not being the coaching he said, would be tampered or interfered.

Standings and Schedules of Basketball Leagues

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Reading	13	3	.813	Gmtn	4	12	.250
Trenton	12	4	.750	Phila	4	12	.250
Camden	12	4	.750	Coatesville	3	13	.188

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tonight—Trenton at Coatesville.
Tuesday—Camden at Germantown.
Wednesday—Philadelphia at Camden.
Thursday—Reading at Trenton.
Saturday—Germantown at Philadelphia.
Coatesville at Reading.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Post 26	6	0	1.000	50th Club	2	4	.333
Hancock	4	2	.667	Kaywood	2	4	.333
Nativity	4	2	.667	Logan	2	4	.333
S. P. H. A.	3	3	.500	Girard	1	5	.167

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tonight—S. P. H. A. vs. Logan; Post 26 vs. Girard.
Wednesday—Nativity vs. Kaywood; Fiftieth Club vs. Hancock.

MANUFACTURER'S CLUB

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Dobson	5	1	.833	Monotype	3	3	.500
Baldwin	5	1	.833	Ice (G. F.)	2	4	.333
Budd	4	2	.667	Ice (Eng.)	1	5	.167
Fleisher	4	3	.571	Gen. Elec.	0	6	.000

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tuesday—Baldwin (G. F.) vs. Baldwin (Budd) vs. Fleisher.
Thursday—Dobson vs. Barrett (Frankford). General Electric vs. Monotype.

FINANCIAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
U.S. Nat.	10	1	.909	Bankers	4	7	.364
N. W. Tr.	10	1	.909	Girard N.	4	7	.364
2nd Nat.	7	4	.636	Phila. T.	2	9	.182
4th St. Nat.	5	6	.455	Penn Co.	2	9	.182

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
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GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Trin. Luth.	7	1	.875	St. Peter's	3	3	.500
St. James	7	3	.700	Cove. Pres.	4	5	.444
St. M. A.	7	3	.700	Wakefield	2	5	.300
G. Falls P.	5	5	.500	West Side	1	7	.125

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Tonight—Westside vs. Stetson. Mission. Covenant Presbyterian vs. Trinity Lutheran.

BROTHERHOOD LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Crescent	4	0	1.000	St. Andrew	1	3	.250
St. Paul	3	1	.750	Mt. Herm.	0	4	.000

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Thursday—St. Andrews vs. Crescent. St. Paul vs. Mt. Hermon.

WEST PHILADELPHIA CHURCH LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	0	1.000	Mediator	2	2	.500
St. Steph.	2	1	.667	Bethany	1	4	.200
[illegible]	2	1	.600				

Second Teams

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	0	1.000	St. Steph.	3	0	.500
[illegible]	1	1	.500	Bethany	2	4	.333
[illegible]	1	1	.500				

CENTRAL CHURCH LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	2	.714	Holy Trin.	3	4	.429
[illegible]	3	2	.667	St. Steph.	3	5	.375
[illegible]	4	4	.500	St. Luke	2	5	.214

Second Teams

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	2	.600	St. Luke	3	4	.429
[illegible]	3	2	.714	St. Steph.	3	5	.375
[illegible]	1	3	.143	P. of G.	1	5	.125

NORTH PHILA. INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
[illegible]	3	0	1.000	Power	2	3	.500
Atlantic Dist.	2	1	.667	Neumann	1	2	.333
Hallowell	2	1	.500	Avon	1	2	.333

NOR. PHILA. CHURCH LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
St. Mark's	10	0	1.000	Lex. Park	2	8	.200
Advocate	3	0	.857	Eric-M. E.	2	8	.200
St. Martin	3	4	.429	St. Paul	2	8	.200
[illegible]	3	4	.429				

NEW END FOR TROOPERS

First Squadron Has Hasty In-Line-Up at Armory Game Tonight

Jim Husty, who became famous as a football player on the Wissahickon barracks eleven, will be at left end for the First Squadron football team tonight in the clash with Mount Airy. The contest will be staged at the First Pennsylvania Cavalry Armory, Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue.

After the official game tonight there will be a dance given on the basketball floor.

The First Squadron will be without the services of Fullback Mac[illegible] who suffered in one of the recent games. His place will be taken by [illegible] the other men in the backfield for the troopers will be Poppert, [illegible] and Cook. Dick Suppler and Pat Riley will [illegible] tackles, Schendel and Swing, guards, Carlisle center and Wolf will [illegible] at right end.

Wells to Captain Clarkson

Potsdam, N. Y., Dec. 27.—[illegible] the approval of the athletic board.

CAMDEN APPEARS READING OBSTACLE

Skeeters Still Have Chance to Tie Up Bears in Eastern League First Half

The Camden Eastern League champions loom on the basketball horizon this morning as the most dangerous contenders of the Reading leaders. The Bears from Berks county now have a full game advantage over their Jersey rivals, Trenton and Camden. The Skeeters from across the river are playing the best ball in the league despite the apparent one-sided victory of Reading over Trenton in the Christmas Day game.

Camden has a scoring machine that is liable to break loose at any minute and swamp the greatest defensive aggregation ever gotten together. This was demonstrated last Wednesday evening at the armory when Germantown allowed them but a single field goal in the first twenty minutes, and that the result of an accident.

But Bill Kennedy's team staged a comeback and after tallying but a single basket in the first ten minutes of the second half they rallied and swept the Suburbanites off their feet.

Race Still Undecided

Of course, there are but four games to be played and with a full game advantage, Reading certainly has a wonderful chance to cop the initial honors. But those that study the situation critically point to the fact that the Bears must meet Trenton and Camden on alien territory.

Reading defeated Camden last time at the Armory, but the champions will enter the final game, one week from Wednesday, decided favorites. The Reading management has already applied for a block of 500 seats for the rooters that will accompany the team. Trenton, with Kearns and Barlow on the injured list, appear out of the race.

The sudden brace in the locals' playing is a consolation to the Philadelphia fans. Both Philadelphia and Germantown played improved ball last week and there is no telling what may happen to any of the three teams when they meet the local entries in the closing two weeks.

"Little Leagues" End Half

The first half pennants in the "little leagues" are scheduled to end with the closing of this week's games. This will [illegible] in the American League, according to the plans of the schedule makers for Post 26 has the flag already won, as they have only to defeat Girard in the evening's contest to get the honors and this should not be a difficult task.

There looks to be a play-off necessary between Hancock and Nativity for second honors. The Richmond Club has come through with a rush after losing the first game by a single point and the second one to Post 26 by three points. Nativity is playing one of the best games of any team in the city.

Baldwin and Dobson appear doomed to meet in a play-off for the first half honors in the Manufacturers' League as they are deadlocked and will in all probability finish that way. An overtaking from between Baldwin and Dobson and Hancock and Nativity would tax the capacity of the largest hall in the city.

Colgate Five to Invade Nebraska

Hamilton, Dec. 27.—[illegible] Colgate will invade Western territory [illegible] when it plays the University of Nebraska [illegible] Colgate concludes its [illegible] in New York [illegible] before or after the game with Nebraska. The trip to the Cornhuskers [illegible] and the new [illegible]

CUT HARVARD HOCKEY SQUAD DOWN TO 24

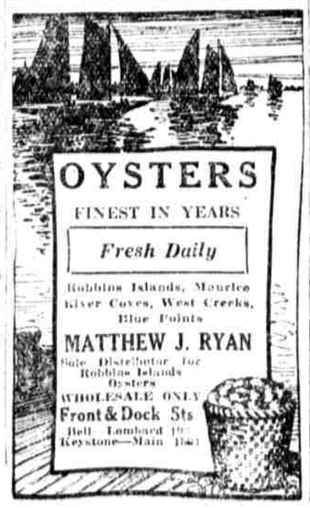
Skaters Ordered Back to Cambridge for Practice on Wednesday

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 27.—Captain Ed. Bigelow will not allow the holidays to interfere with the work of the Harvard ice hockey team. He has cut the squad to twenty-four men and has ordered them to report back here for practice Wednesday. It is expected that the Boston arena will be ready by the first of the year and all of the Crimson's home games will be staged there.

Vail Breaks Record Over California Auto Track

Bakersfield, Calif., Dec. 26.—Ira Vail broke the world's automobile racing record on the one-mile dirt track here yesterday, in winning what was billed as "the dirt-track world championship" from Roscoe Sarles and Eddie Hearne.

Vail's time was 1:28:18 and 3-5. The former record was 1:29:17, established last year by Eddie Hearne, at Phoenix, Ariz.



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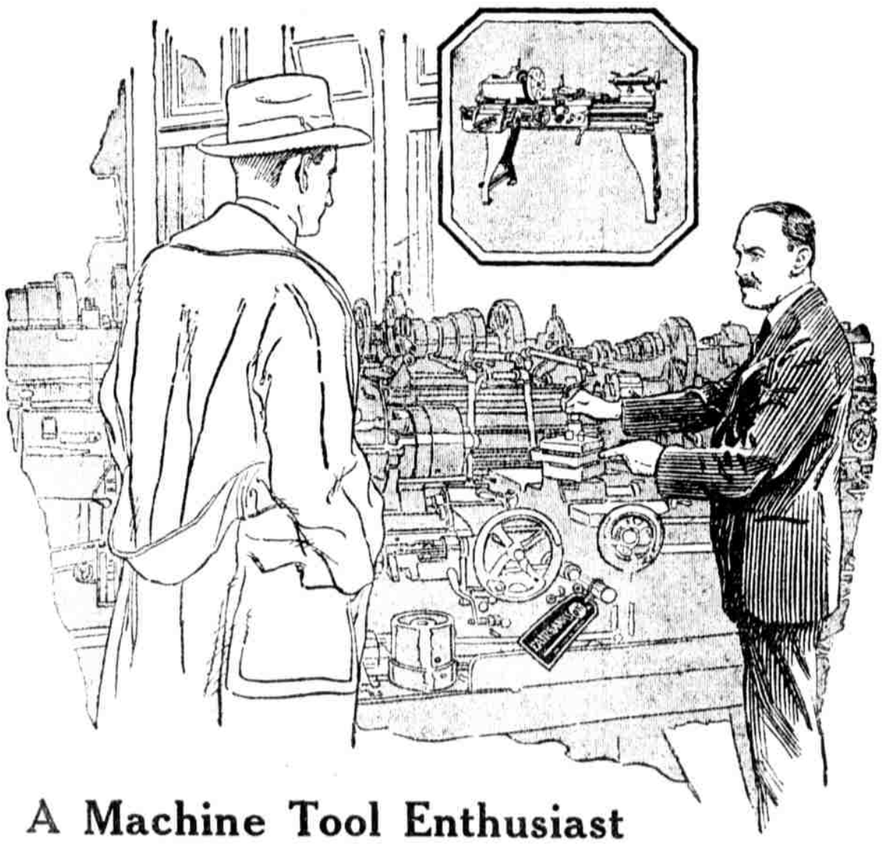

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