May Be More Truth Than Fiction in Rumor of Trade Which Would Send Joe Dugan From Mack

THREE-CORNERED DEAL FOR DUGAN WOULD NOT GIVE A'S WORST OF IT

Joe Judge, at First Base, Would Bolster Mackmen Greatly—Bing Miller Has Reputation of Being Home-Run Hitter

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
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THERE has been so much talk about Joe Dugan in the last week that even the dubious ones are beginning to believe that the world's famous jumper is about to be sold or traded, or something like that. Harry Frazee remarked casually that he had Dugan in his hip pocket and would show him to the Boston fans when the season opened.

In baseball, even the wildest rumors sometimes come true. You never can tell what a magnate will do or where he will jump. Nobody had an idea that stars like Speaker, Ruth, Alexander or Killefer would be sold down the river, but they were disposed of just the same. It was the same with Everett Scott, who recently was sent to the Yankees. Therefore it is safe to assume that Jumping Joseph is about to go away from here, and the next manager to have trouble with him will be Hugh Duffy.

The proposed trade has been aired for more than a week, and everybody knows that Peckinpaugh is expected to go to Washington as a playing manager in exchange for Dugan and possibly Harris. In order to ship Dugan to New England, Washington is expected to send Joe Judge and Bing Miller to Shibe Park. That's the dope at present.

Connie Mack still is in the Southwest and will not return to Philadelphia until tomorrow or Monday. He is arranging exhibition games and is careful about selecting his opponents. The A's lose enough ball games in the regular season and it makes the players feel better to cop a few conflicts before the curtain raises. As soon as the thin traveler parks his feet in his office he might hand out some startling facts regarding the deal.

If Connie gets Judge and Miller for Dugan he will get none the worst of it. Judge is a good ball player, a good hitter and a hard worker. His experience will be invaluable to the A's, as he will do a great deal toward steadying the kids in the infield. Judge also plays winning baseball—something which seems to be a lost art among the home folks.

Connie has needed a first baseman ever since Stuffy McInnis was disposed of. He guessed wrong on Dick Burrus, who was supposed to be the greatest young ball player that ever stepped into the large leagues. Mack made a big mistake there and Burrus now is pastiming in Columbus, O. After Burrus blew, Griffin was hailed at a find. Ivy never came through, however, and has been shipped to Milwaukee. George Burns lasted a short time, and it was the same with Brazill. Johnny Walker also was tried out on the initial sack and flopped.

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JOE HAUSER, the kid first baseman from Milwaukee, was purchased this fall, and he, too, was handed a big boost. He is said to be a wonder, but one never can tell. The fate of Burrus, Griffin, Burns, Brazill and the others still can be remembered. The new man will have a big job on his hands to make good.

Judge Would Be Ideal Man at First

THUS Connie has compiled an average of .000 in the First Basemen's League. He tried out five, has another coming and might get Joe Judge. If the star of the Washington club finally lands here part of Mack's worries will be over. Joe will hold down that sack as it never has been held down since McInnis took it on the hoof in 1917.

As for Bing Miller, he will be welcome at Shibe Park. Bing is an outfielder and made a great name for himself in 1919 in Little Rock as a lefty slugger and home-run hero. He was sold to Pittsburgh and Washington, and his case was the first that came up before Judge Landis. Hizzoner decided that Washington won, and Bing joined that club.

Connie has been looking all over for a good outfielder. He even went so far as to offer a bundle of kale and a lot of unused players for Claude Cooper, who once was with the Phils and afterward was sent to Oakland, Calif. Claude didn't hit the size of his hat with the Phils, but went big on the Coast. Despite his age, Connie wanted him and felt peeved when his offer was turned down.

With Miller in center field the A's will be strengthened considerably. Mack says he will climb out of the cellar if a decent middle gardener can be found. For that reason Bing will be more than welcome and the trade is a good one—if it ever goes through. Connie will be strengthened in two positions, first base and center field, and will lose a man who played only fair baseball and did not have his heart in his work. In other words, the A's gained everything and lost nothing.

There are other ball clubs that would like to have Dugan on the payroll. Cleveland is one, and Speaker is said to be willing to turn over a flock of players, including a first baseman, for the gent who slides 1000 miles to reach home. The White Sox and Detroit also are in the market and would have been active bidders if this Washington deal hadn't come up. No matter how Dugan played with the A's, the other managers know he is a good third baseman, shortstop or second baseman, and would not turn down a chance to sign him.

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AS FOR that three-cornered deal which sends Peck to Washington, Dugan and Harris to Boston and Judge and Miller here, it sounds too good to be true. The Athletics could not possibly be so lucky as to land two stars like that.

Speaker Picks Yankees to Repeat

BASEBALL again is getting active and the training season will begin in about five weeks. Every manager is confident of winning the pennant, predicting grand and glorious seasons and feeling sorry for the other clubs. That is, all of the managers except one. Tris Speaker is the exception.

We saw Speaker down in Dallas a few days ago, and the Cleveland manager was not in the usual optimistic mood. "I can't see anybody but the Yankees in our league," he said. "The weakest part of the club has been strengthened by Sam Jones and Joe Bush, and Scott will help some in the infield. Take a pitching staff with Mays, Hoyt, Jones and Bush and Shawkey on the job and you won't lose many ball games. The infield, with Pipp, Ward, Scott and McNally working good, will be as fast as any in the league, and if Huggins can get another outfielder he should walk in.

"Cleveland will be strengthened by McInnis on first, but that is about the only change that will be made. We signed a second baseman named Hammond from the New England League, and he is said to be pretty good. It is doubtful, however, if he will take Wamby's place.

"I don't know what we will do about pitchers. We can't buy any, and I guess the only thing to do is develop some. Mails should come back and win a few games and so should Bagby. I have a hunch that Morton will pitch some good baseball next season. Last year he showed a world of stuff in spots, and I wouldn't be surprised if he returned to his old-time form. Uhle also is about ripe for a good year, but outside of that I can't predict anything. We will have a fighting chance, and that is all."

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SPEAKER said that Joe Wood probably would alternate with Evans in right field, and the Cleveland line-up, outside of that, would be the same as last year.

Roush Again Is Hold-Out

EDDIE ROUSH wants to quit the Cincinnati club. Having had a taste of the World's Series coin, he has designs on joining another. Therefore he has sent in a modest request for a three-year contract for $54,000, which is a way of saying $18,000 a year. He hasn't a chance to get it, and according to Garry Herrmann he will either play with the Reds or stay on the old farm and watch the grass grow.

Last year there was a quadruple alliance formed on the Reds for safety first purposes only. Daubert, Kopf, Groh and Roush decided to hold out for more money, and swore not one would sign until all had been taken care of. Everybody kept his promise except Daubert, Kopf, Groh and Roush.

This year Heinie landed in New York, and that did not make a hit with Roush. Eddie wanted to go, but it looks as if he had lost his chance.

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HOWEVER, the end is not yet. Baseball magnates are not in the habit of allowing star ball players to linger on the farm when they are needed in the line-up. Not so you could notice it.

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SHANAHAN FIVE MOVES

West Philadelphia Basketball Team Secures New Playing Quarters

The Shanahan Catholic Club, which recently re-entered the cage sport with one of the best teams in the city, has decided to move its playing quarters from the Cavalry Armory to the Palm Garden, at Thirty-eighth and Market streets, which will be the home court of the club in the future.

Games will be played every Monday night and the opening contest will be on January 9 with Danny McNichol's Cathedral five. Manager Bonner is elated at securing the new headquarters, which were being sought by several clubs, including the local Eastern Leaguers.

It is an ideal location for his team and in connection with the basketball there will be dancing before, during and after the games. The regular Shanahan players will oppose Cathedral.

Former Football Coach Dies

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 7.—Dr. John C. O'Connor, former Dartmouth football coach, died suddenly here yesterday. He had practiced medicine in this city for some years.

SUBSTITUTE BOXER WINS

Jack Renault Has Better of Sergeant Ray Smith at Cambria Club

Jack Renault, the Canadian heavyweight, substituted for George Shade, the Californian, in the wind-up at the Cambria A. C. last evening and at the end of eight rounds had earned the decision over Sergeant Ray Smith, of Camden.

It was the first time that Smith had been in the ring in months and his long layoff was apparently to his disadvantage as he was slow in getting started and the superior physical condition of his opponent had considerable to do with the adverse decision.

In the semi-windup Johnnie Hauber and Frankie Smith battled to a draw in the best bout of the night. Pat Deeney outpointed Young Terry McGovern. Jack Martin knocked out Billy Marriott in the first round and Billy Ritchie had the better of his bout with Kid Goodman.

Bender's Appointment Announced

Reading, Pa., Jan. 7.—The Board of Directors of the Reading Baseball Club has selected Charles Albert (Chief) Bender, formerly of the Athletics, as the playing manager of the Reading Internationals for 1922. Chief Bender will take immediate charge.

FORM 'SYNDICATE' FOR DIXIE GOLF

Charlie Hoffner Leads Sizzling Seven Pros in Quest of Fame and Purses Down South

WILL POOL ALL WINNINGS

By SANDY McNIBLICK

THE Sizzling Seven are about to embark for the blue-skied Southern clime where red suns shimmer down on the cotton, molasses, palmetto and pine belt.

The Sizzling Seven are professional golfers all, banded together in a novel attack on a novel golf schedule offered this winter in Dixieland.

The golfers are headed by Charlie Hoffner, pro at Philmont here, and a member of last year's ocean-going American professional team. Hoffner is the pride of local circles, having finished on top of the pack for the season now all mothballed and packed away in the records.

Other members of the Sizzling Seven are Tommy Kerrigan, second high score in the British 1921 open; Paddy Doyle, Deal; Pete and Pat O'Hara, the terrible Irishmen; Cyril Walker, Pennsylvania open champion, and Johnny Golden, whose frequent brilliant scoring makes him always to be feared in any start.

Tempting Purses

Never in the history of golf anywhere has such tempting bait been held out to the professional clan as the Southern courses are offering this winter.

Old-timers cannot believe their eyes when they read of the bulging purses to be placed in the hands of the winners down there. At first all blinked. Then began the wild scramble. Everybody, you might say, is going to attend.

But the stunt of the Sizzling Seven is unique. They are going down in a body and stick together. They are going to pool all their winnings.

If Hoffner takes a slice of prize money in one tourney he will whack it up seven ways. If Pete and Pat cop, they split with the others. In all, this enterprising band figures there is close to $20,000 awaiting. Everybody knows that one pro can't win in every start. But these seven players are good enough to finish in the money and the average should be prosperous. They are all aglow with the promise of the thing.

Texas Tilting

Next Friday they will board the rattlers, San Antonio ahoy. The first tourney of what has been called the "Southern winter golf circuit" will be played on the fairways of this Texas town, February 3 to 5, for purses aggregating something like $5500.

Then to Shreveport, La., for a one-day whirl at 1000 bucks. Next to Houston, Tex., for a similar tourney. The finish of this bunched schedule will be staged at New Orleans March 3, 4 and 5. Three thousand dollars will be spread on the repast and the Sizzling Seven will then pack up for a Florida invasion.

Deland, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Bellaire, Miami and other sunkist clubs will entertain there. The grand finale comes in the annual North and South open at Pinehurst and the second annual event at White Sulphur. These events catch virtually all the returning battlers, hieing them home for the start of the Northern golf season.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association next week is expected to award the met. amateur to the Knickerbocker Club. Gardiner White, champion, who almost cut off his right hand on a windshield, hopes to be able to defend this year, though not yet able to use his hand.

The New Jersey Association meets January 24. Trenton is in the field for the Jersey amateur and has a good chance.

The Englewood course is being almost completely changed around, but it is planned to have it opened in the spring.

Jim Barnes, United States champion, and Jock Hutchison, British champion, are even-money favorites to win the Northern California open, which started yesterday. MacDonald Smith is also strongly backed.

F. M. Bacon, 1921 Harvard golf captain, is at Oxford now and has made a favorable impression in his efforts to make the British college team. His style is likened to that of Bobby Jones, without the same control of the club.

Cyril Tolley very much dominates the collegiate field abroad.

An extra group has been voted into the United States Seniors' Golf Association. The "babies," those between fifty-five and fifty-nine years, will hereafter play as Class E.

It is reported that Miss Marion Hollins, American champion, will not compete in the British tournament this year, though going abroad shortly.

Scraps About Scrappers

Joe Lynch will substitute for Midget Smith at the Olympia Monday night. The Midget is under the weather with a heavy cold. Lynch will meet Patsy Wallace. Patsy is a clever kiddo and may make Joe extend himself. Danny Kramer is getting into fine fettle for his tilt with Chalky Wimler, other bouts: Bobby Burman vs. Joe Mendell, Joe Miller vs. Buddy Fitzgerald, and Billy Pimpus vs. Artie McCann.

Al. Wagner, South Philadelphia featherweight, has added a third fistic title to his name. Besides being a boxer and promoter he now is a matchmaker. Wagner is arranging his own bouts at the National club. He says that he is lining up a number of stars for future competition at the South Eleventh street arena this year.

Jack Perry, Pittsburgh welterweight, who meets Tommy O'Toole at the National tonight, is to get a crack at Jack Britton's title when he meets the welterweight champion in New York some time in February.

Battling Levinsky is training at Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's here for a match with Gene Tunney, in New York, January 13. The match is being advertised as for the "American light-heavyweight championship."

Mickey Walker, of Newark, is another welterweight in line for a chance at the title held by Jack Britton. On Tuesday night here at the Ice Palace Walker is to meet Soldier Hartfield. This will be Mickey's Philadelphia debut. Whitey Fitzgerald vs. Johnny Dundee, Joe O'Donnell vs. Phil O'Dowd, Abe Goldstein vs. Jack Perry. Another match in place of George Chaney-Alex Hart will complete the show.

Danny Gordon, Nicetown lightweight, scored two victories over the holidays, winning from Joe Mooney and Tommy Pugh in respective bouts up-State. Gordon is anxious to box at any of the local clubs.

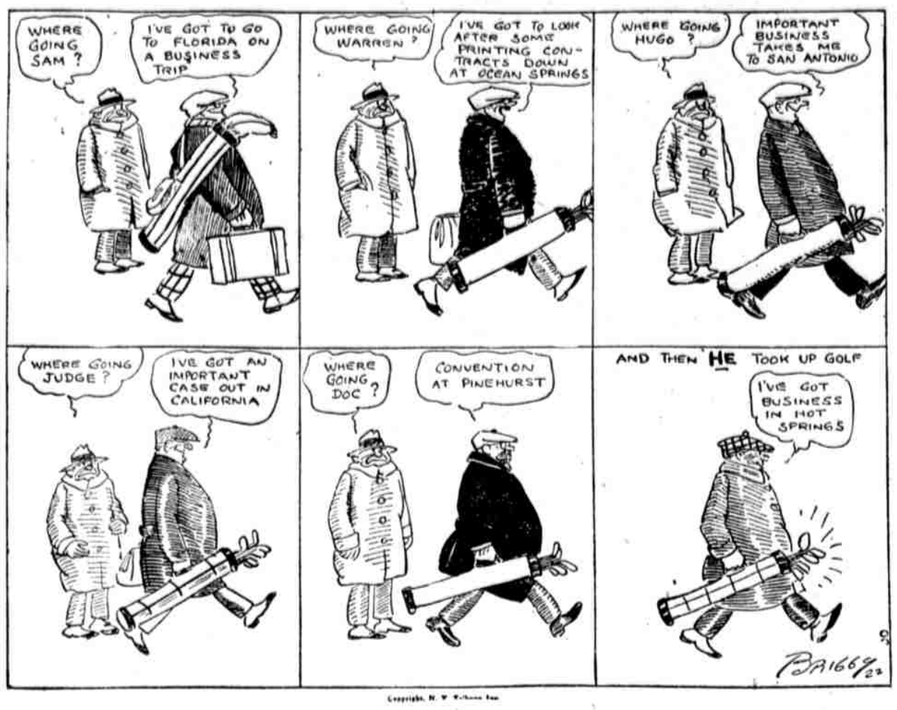
Joe O'Donnell says he will be ready for matches with Joe Lynch, Pete Herman and Midget Smith, after he polishes off Phil O'Dowd Tuesday night. This will be O'Donnell's first match in six months, having been on the side lines owing to a broken arm.

Willie Clark, amateur boxer, has not competed in any matches for about six months. He has started training and expects to get back into action in a short while. Clark is a middleweight now, having graduated from the welterweight class.

O'Toole and Hauber Matched

Billy Silverman, promoter of the new Auditorium A. A., announced today that he clinched a welterweight match between West Philadelphia Tommy O'Toole and Henry Hauber, of Fairmount, for next Thursday night. Hauber has a big following and he will have a big crowd out to see him in action. Benny Bass goes on in the semi against Young Joe Bradley, and other bouts will be as follows: Willie Thomas vs. George Russell, Johnny Tulley vs. Joe Wright and Whitey Burke vs. Joe McGovern.

AND THEN HE TOOK UP GOLF



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SOUTH PHILLY VIRTUALLY CLINCHES CAGE LAURELS

Foul-Goal Shooting of Goldblatt Decides Close League Game Against West Philly

COACH MUELLER GLAD

By PAUL PREP

SOUTH PHILLY today looms as the 1921-22 interscholastic basketball champion. The downtowners virtually clinched the season's cage laurels by their snappy and close victory yesterday afternoon against West Philadelphia High, 32 to 29, before the biggest crowd to see a schoolboy game in the present campaign.

"Of course I'm glad we won. What else could you expect? Our boys played a wonderful floor game, and showed that they have one of the best defenses in scholastic ranks.

"I must congratulate Coach Weiller, of the losers, on the great game his team put up. The West Philly boys gave all they had, and that's all any one can give."

Coach Mueller, of Southern High, was the speaker. He gave his opinion just after the game.

"No, I doubt that we have the championship sewed up," continued the downtown coach. "We still have to reckon with Germantown, Northeast, Frankford and Central, you know. And believe me, Central and Germantown especially, are 'laying' for us. They'll give us a tough tussle, I'm sure."

The game yesterday virtually was a repetition of the first game played between the two institutions. The battle was decided on foul goals, and, as was the case in the last game, became very close near the end.

Eddie Goldblatt, Southern's leader, should be given credit for the victory. His remarkable foul shooting was the main factor in the win. "Menchy" tossed in ten out of twelve free shots in the first half, and made six out of seven count before he was removed from the game on personal fouls in the second half.

Shut Out From Floor

Eddie, however, for the first time this season, was "shut out" in a contest. He was opposed to Captain Howard Stevenson, of West Philadelphia. Stevenson, by the way, was the real star of the game. He played basketball such as is seldom seen in this city. "Stevie" dropped in four field goals and netted thirteen out of twenty free tosses. But it was his failure to make his free shots count at the start of the second half that really lost the game for his team.

Kuch, Southern's crack forward, was the best goal-getter from the floor. He netted five double-deckers, and it was he who gave West Philadelphia the biggest surprise.

Foley also played a wonderful game, and "shut-out" the famous Parsons from the floor. Foley, by the way, was the main factor in Southern's defense, and kept the Speedboys from netting many goals.

Southern High entered and played the game with a different system than the team has used this season. Instead of having the team revolve around its captain, Eddie Goldblatt, the play was worked with Abrams as the nucleus. The latter played a fine game, and managed to score three field and one foul goals.

"Pot" Elliott again showed that he was a much superior player than "Reds" Scherr. The West Philadelphia pivot not only outjumped and played rings around the downtowner, but also kept him from scoring. Elliott, on the other hand, tallied two field goals.

Northeast Surprises

THE biggest surprise of the afternoon was the winning of the Northeast High five, cellar occupant of the league, for the first time this season. Its victim was Germantown High. The final score was 23-20.

Prior to this contest the Archives had lost five straight league games, and also three games outside of the league.

The victory was made possible by the foul shooting of Kline, the Northeast High guard. He has been shooting well from the 15-foot mark during the year, but yesterday his work from that spot was more than gratifying.

As both teams tallied the same number of goals from the field, Kline's nine of thirteen gave the Archives the necessary advantage to walk off with their first victory of the season.

In the other league games, Central walloped Frankford High in the latter's gymnasium, 42 to 24. It was the first win for the Mirrors out of their last four starts. But it was necessary for a change in the personnel of the team in order to bring about the win.

"Chick" Edwards, a colored athlete, was inserted in the Crimson and Gold line-up by Dr. O'Brien in place of Strunk, who has been playing a listless game of late.

The work of the colored athlete was more than pleasing to the Central followers, and, if his work combined with the machine-like perfection which all the Mirrors played yesterday afternoon can be taken as a criterion, Central will bear watching in its remaining games of the season.

Bill Murphy and Wetter were tied for the individual scoring for the afternoon, each getting 18 points. Murphy made 4 double-deckers and 10 fouls, while the Pioneer forward registered 3 field goals and 12 fouls.

FRIENDS' CENTRAL has been admitted to the Private Schools Girls' Basketball League. This was announced by Miss Dolby, coach of the Fifteenth and Race streets institution's sextet today. A schedule will be completed and announced soon.

The league at the present time has seven members. Besides Friends' Central, Spring Side, Miss Hills, Miss Agnes Irwin's, Gordon-Roney, Friends' Select and Germantown Friends are in the circuit.

School Basketball Results and Standings

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Southern High	6	0	1.000
West Philadelphia High	4	2	.667
Germantown High	3	3	.500
	W.	L.	P.C.
Central High	3	3	.500
Frankford High	1	5	.167
Northeast High	1	5	.167

YESTERDAY' SRESULTS

Southern High, 32; West Philadelphia High, 29.
Northeast High, 23; Germantown High, 20.
Central High, 42; Frankford High, 24.

RESERVE LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.
Germantown High	5	1	.833
West Philadelphia High	4	2	.667
Southern High	4	2	.667
	W.	L.	P.C.
Frankford High	3	3	.500
Central High	2	4	.333
Northeast High	0	6	.000

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

West Philadelphia High, 24; Southern High, 29.
Frankford High, 21; Central High, 14.
Germantown High, 25; Northeast High, 18.

OTHER RESULTS

West Catholic High, 25; Haverford School, 3.
Germantown Friends, 24; Darby High, 21.
Moorestown Friends, 38; Collingswood High, 16.
Haddon Heights High, 24; Woodbury High, 19.
Wilmington Friends, 51; St. Agnes' School, 15.
Wilmington Friends' Second, 22; St. Agnes' School Second, 8.
Germantown Friends' Second, 10; Darby High Second, 9.
Merchantville High, 52; Friends' Select, 21.

CATHOLIC HIGH WINS

Defeats Atlantic City High, at Shore, 30 to 25

Catholic High School, of Philadelphia, showing far superior form, won its annual basketball game with Atlantic City High School at the shore resort last night, 30 to 25. The game was played on Steeplechase Pier.

Coffey and Logan, the snappy forward combination of Catholic High, starred throughout. Coffey tossed a quartet of field goals. Logan dropped a trio of double-deckers in the net, while he made eight out of thirteen free tosses count.

McNally, Catholic's center, was barred from the game in the second period because of four personal fouls. Myrtetus, who replaced him, played a great game.

Cravis played a brilliant game for Atlantic City. He slipped four field goals into the net. He failed to net a foul goal, however.

Y'S KRAX

THE new bridge will be very fine, but you can't exactly say the Delaware structure will be without a pier.

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With all the fouling these days, it looks as though in college boxing bouts, the student-cheering section will still be yodeling, "Block that kick! Block that kick!"

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Griffith wants some one to manage the Senators. So does Harding.

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Danyell Morgan supplies excellent motive power for his boxer, Harry Greb, the human windmill.

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We don't know much about submarines, but we know what a chaser is.

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The Italian relay team is said to eat up distance—especially if it's sphagetti.

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The way they're marrying nurses these days many hospitals seem to be romeopathic.

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The native sons failed to shine in the California-W. and J. game.

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Good hands are important in boxing—especially a full house.

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Doc Brandt denies an osteopath is a dumbbell because he's always pulling bones.

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Since they had plenty of tools to break ground for the new bridge, Governor Sproul said, "I'll take my pick."

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Gambling is also the root of much evil—craps-shooting the cube root.

M'TIGUE ON TRAIL OF WILSON'S TITLE

Irish Battler Would Box Gibbons and O'Dowd Before Taking on the Champion

UNDER JOE JACOBS' WING

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

ALMOST any fair middleweight boxer is conceded a dangerous rival for the "fromage" champion, Johnny Wilson, and the most recent challenger to step into the front rank as a probable conqueror of the Boston "false alarm" is Mike McTigue. As his name implies, Michael is Irish, and his letterheads admit him to be the titleholder of the auld sod.

That is only one of three diadems to which the harp has laid claim. Mike won the Canadian crown more than a year ago, when he knocked out Gene Brosseau, and several months ago McTigue was rendered a twelve-round judges' decision over Gus Platts, English champ, in New York.

With all this prestige the Irishman has launched a campaign for a meeting with Wilson, and his manager, Joe Jacobs, says: "Mike McTigue will be the world's middleweight titleholder as soon as a bout with the Boston bimbo is finished."

Fully Developed

McTigue has proved his worth as a fistman on sufficient occasions to be recognized as a fully developed boxer. He has passed the stages of having opponents picked for him, according to Jacobs. Now he does not bar any one at 160 pounds.

The Irishman has lifted this limit several times and has scored victories over light heavyweights.

A bout that made McTigue stand out prominently as a puncher of class was that with Panama Joe Gans, the clever Negro fisticuffian, who is recognized as the colored middleweight titleholder. This bout was decided at Jersey City last Labor Day.

Before this bout the best McTigue could get from the critics was their sympathy, but long before the match was over Mike was beating a tune of fascination on the shiny body of Gans. Since that time McTigue also showed his ability in a match with Jeff Smith.

Some Facts

Here are some facts furnished by Jacobs, and on the strength of these Joe is confident that McTigue stands out as a leading contender for Wilson's shaky toppiece:

Won from Harry Greb, scoring a knockdown; besides stopping Gene Brosseau, he also knocked out Al McCoy. Tommy Madden and Johnny Klesch; gained referee's decision over Battling Ortega, and showed to advantage in bouts with Battling Levinsky and Jeff Smith.

Jacobs doesn't insist on an immediate match with Wilson. He is willing to have McTigue demonstrate that he is the best of those demanding meetings with the champion, and will agree to bouts with Mike Gibbons and Mike O'Dowd before demanding a titular tilt with Wilson.

An effort is being made by Jacobs to show McTigue in action in Philadelphia.

VETERAN STAR MEETS KID WAGNER TONIGHT

Herman Smith, of Buffalo, in National Wind-Up

Despite the fact that Herman Smith, Buffalo veteran, was out of the ring for several years before making a successful comeback in 1920, he is boxing in better form than at any time in his career. Tonight at the National A. A., Smith will pair off with Kid Warner, a local youngster, in the star bout of eight rounds.

Negotiations now are on for a meeting between Smith and Johnny Dundee, in New York, for the junior lightweight championship. He is a classy boxer, being clever and also carries a terrific wallop. This Smith proved when he stopped Danny Frush in three rounds several weeks ago.

Another top-notcher scheduled to appear here tonight is Jack Perry, who is to meet Jack Britton in New York for the welterweight championship. Perry will clash with West Philadelphia Tommy O'Toole.

Two local sluggers will go on in the main preliminary. They are Gus Franchetti and Harry Burke.

In the other contests Charley Ray pairs off with Frank Ganero, of New York, and Bobby Wilson clashes with Tommy Wilson.

To Discuss New Cage League

New York, Jan. 7.—The second meeting of basketball managers and promoters of the metropolitan district to discuss the formation of a new league will be held tomorrow afternoon at Prospect Hall, at 3 o'clock. At the initial meeting this week the managers expressed themselves as willing to work together. The big obstacle confronting them is date confliction.

KEEP FOOTBALL FREE FROM ALL TAINT—RICE

Gridiron Game Too Fine an Institution to Be Allowed to Wander Into Trouble—Tells How Sport May Be Safeguarded

By GRANTLAND RICE

FOOTBALL is too fine an institution, too great a power for the general good to be allowed to wander into trouble. It is not only a fine builder of physical strength and quicker thinking, of self-reliance and courage, of discipline and training, but it also is an outlet for youthful enthusiasm and spirit that is not so easily handled between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three. It is not only a fine thing for those who make the team or the squad, but it is in addition an incentive to others to give their best or at least profit from the occasion.

If football had not been an intercollegiate affair, shorn of its glory and its acclaim, few would have played it. Just as few, under the same conditions, would have followed any other great sport where the competitive side was smothered out. Apparently there was no way to prevent football from becoming a great spectacle. This may not have been for its greater good, but it was unavoidable.

And there is nothing commercial about the gate receipts taken in, for this money is applied either to the expenses of the game itself or to other less popular sports that must be carried on. Football in this way helps to provide for a general athletic development that otherwise would be impossible through lack of funds for equipment and coaching.

Builds College Spirit

THE enemies of football say that only the varsity squads profit by the game. This isn't so. There are thousands who play football who know they will never make the team. And if there was no football for the varsity squad how would this help the other? Largely through the college spirit developed by football thousands of others go out for the track, tennis, golf and basketball teams to render service and get their fun where they are best fitted to stand. College spirit is a wonderful thing and football is its chief builder.

In spite of all its growth and greatness as a sport football isn't so perfect that it is beyond a careful guidance. The reward for a winning team in the way of publicity and piled up laurel is entirely too great.

It has put too heavy a burden upon too many coaches, who too often are called upon to win or step aside. It has started entirely too many along the proselyting road, where through strong pressure of financial inducements they have bagged promising talent for their institutions. We have direct proof of more than a few colleges and universities that have paid straight cash through their athletic directors or alumni to promising stars. Others have been taken care of in ways entirely too liberal for any amateur sport. And football, in the main, is all amateur in spirit.

Some Safeguards

HOW can these various conditions be taken care of? Simply enough. The best safeguards for football are as follows:

First. A one-year residence rule where no first-year men are allowed to take part in intercollegiate contests.

Second. A scholastic standing that no tramp athlete would care to meet.

Third. If necessary a rule preventing any man from representing more than one institution in an intercollegiate way. The football player who wanders from one college team to another is rarely a help to the sport.

Fourth. The refusal of the cleaner institutions with higher standards to schedule games with those inclined to be lax.

Fifth. A stricter inspection of the field at large by colleges and universities of cleaner athletic mold, to see that all offenders are barred from their schedule.

Sixth. To lift head coaches to faculty positions, where, as long as they are competent and are builders of character as well as builders of machines, they are not dependent upon successful scores alone.

Seventh. To have no men selected for all-star teams that represent institutions of lax standards, and to give such teams no ranking at the end of the season.

Influence of Coaches

THE majority of the coaches are a fine influence for good. The old days of raving and cursing are about gone. There has been a great improvement in the treatment of officials and in trying to obey the spirit as well as the letter of the rules. But there are still coaches who signal from the lines or who teach that holding in the line is all right if not detected.

It should be up to every faculty, to every athletic director, to every old graduate and to every coach to see that the game is safeguarded in every way—and this doesn't mean bawling out or barring an official because he happened to call a penalty at some important sector of the game.

There is such a decisive element of luck in the present game that victory can no longer be set up as a matter of superior skill or courage. The better team, in modern football, doesn't always win by several kilometers. Knowing this, victory must lose some of its flaming glow.

Football, having come to the heights, is sure to be attacked and lied about. Envy always follows success. So it is necessary for every friend of one of the greatest sports ever known to help guard its interest in every way. There is still much to be corrected. The East has permitted the Western Conference and the Southern Intercollegiate Association to take the lead in most reforms.

It is about time that several institutions we might name in the East are falling in line. Why not one or more Eastern Conference Association, with fixed standards that all competitors must meet?

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DESSEN WILL START FOR PENN TONIGHT

Illness of Miller Gives Former Southern Star Chance Against Villanova

FRESH MEET MAHANOY CITY

Pennsylvania		Villanova
Rosenast	forward	Ryan
Guntzinger	forward	Sweeney
Grave	center	Conway
Yoselin	guard	Pickett
Dessen	guard	Curley

Referee — Geiges. Time of halves — 20 minutes.

THE University of Pennsylvania basketball team will open its 1922 campaign tonight in Weightman Hall, opposed by Villanova, and without the services of one of the stars of the team. Pos Miller, captain-elect of the football team and guard in the quintet since the start of the season, is lying ill at his home in Lebanon suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis.

Miller left for his home at the start of the holidays and played in a game between the regular high school team of Lebanon and graduates during the week before Christmas. A few days later he complained of a sore throat and was ordered to his bed by the family physician. He will probably be back at the University in a week, but will be unable to play basketball for at least two and possibly three weeks.

To fill the gap occasioned by the loss of Miller Coach Eddie McNichol will probably send Ben Dessen, the former Southern High School star, in at guard. Dessen practiced with the first team on Thursday night at guard along with Sullivan. It is expected, however, that the former will get the call at the start tonight. Sullivan is expected to see action before the game is many minutes old.

Two other Penn teams will break the ice for 1922 tonight. The freshmen will meet Mahanoy City High School, a fast team from the coal regions, in the preliminary game at Penn, while the junior varsity five will engage the same quintet of Swarthmore. MacIntosh and Falk at forwards, Brew at center and Schaefer and Rhoades at guards will compose the Red and Blue jay vee aggregation.

Edgar Lewis, member of the Penn relay team of two winters ago that won in the University of Illinois relay games, reported for the track team yesterday afternoon. Lewis was badly spiked at Urbana two years ago and was unable to wear a track shoe until recently. His decision to try the cinder path again is the result of exhortations by friends that he try to make a place on the relay team for the oversea races. Lewis is a quarter-miler.

Mike Sweeney Shooting Well

Niagara Falls, Jan. 7. — What is thought to be a world's record for foul shooting in professional basketball was hung up here last night by Mike Sweeney, former intercollegiate champion, while at Pennsylvania University, who shot fourteen consecutive fouls while playing with Niagara Falls against the Buffalo Orioles.

The professional record for straight foul shots was made in 1916 by Andy Sears, then captain of Reading. In a game against Trenton he caged nineteen straight throws, all the fouls that were called.

Carlson Defeats Young Erne

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 7.—After a lay-off of several months, Harry Carlson, former New England lightweight champion, defeated Young Erne, of Buffalo, in a rugged ten-round bout before the Olympic A. C.

BEST CAT IN THE WORLD
See photograph of Silent Echo, famous cat in Magazine Section of next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER.—Adv.

UPTOWN CAGE RIVALS IN THIRD GAME OF SERIES

Nativity and Immaculate to Clash in Former's Cage This Evening

The third game in the series for the uptown basketball championship between Immaculate Conception and Nativity will be played on the latter's floor, at Belgrade street and Allegheny avenue, this evening.

In the first meeting Nativity won at home, 36-31, and two weeks ago defeated Immaculate Conception at Third and Brown streets, 31 to 30, after an extra period. Nativity succeeded in handing Shanahan its first setback of the season on the home floor on Wednesday evening, when the uptowners were on the long end of a 35-25 score.

The regular line-up will take the floor, with Eddie Gallagher and Pike, forwards; Fossett, center; Douglass and Tommy Temple, guards.

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MONDAY EVE., JAN. 9, 1922
BILLY PIMPUS vs. ARTIE McCANN
MESSENGER Miller vs. BUDDY Fitzgerald
BOBBY BURMAN vs. JOE MENDELL
8 ROUNDS
DANNY KRAMER vs. CHALKY WIMLER
8 ROUNDS
JOE LYNCH vs. PATSY WALLACE
Seats on sale, Schott's Cafe, 12th and Filbert Sts. Phone Locust 4996.

NATIONAL CLUB
ELEVENTH & CATHARINE
TONIGHT, 8:30 SHARP
KID WAGNER vs. HERMAN SMITH
Smith is a knockout, having stopped Danny Frush in his last bout
Tommy O'Tool vs. Jack Perry
Perry is matched with Jack Britton
Gus Franchetti vs. Whitey Fizgerald
Charley Ray vs. Frank Ganero
Bobby Wilson vs. Tommy Wilson
Res. Seats, $1.50, $1. Adm., 50c

BIG LEAGUE SOCCER
SATURDAY, JAN. 7TH, 1922, 2:30 P. M.
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Phillies Ball Park, Broad & Lehigh Ave.
Reserved Seats, 75c. Admission, 50c

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