

College Baseball Has Prominent Position in Spring Sports

New York, April 11.—During the next three months the college baseball player will hold a prominent position in the spring sporting program. His record will be followed closely by university alumni and with even closer scrutiny by the professional scout, for major league managers are fully aware that occasionally a star may be plucked from the varsity diamond. Players of the calibre of Eddie Collins and Christy Mathewson are found but infrequently. There always exists, however, the possibility of securing players who, if not capable of major league speed at the outset of their professional careers, can quickly be coached and trained to the point where they are a decided acquisition to a big circuit club.

Under professional coaching the standard of play in college baseball has risen rapidly during the past few years. Veteran big leaguers have aided the natural player by advice and instruction. Little hints on how to bat; take the ball for a quick throw and other points of technique in the game quickly bring players with natural qualifications within the range of major league possibilities. All those connected with the professional game today realize that the college baseball team offers one of the best recruiting grounds at the disposal of the big league magnates. Billy Evans, the American League umpire, a college graduate and close observer of every angle of baseball, said recently in discussing this phase of the game:

"The college ball player has become a big factor in the major leagues. Ten years ago a collegian was a rarity in a big league lineup. A few years ago major league scouts, in search of promising material, gave the college games very little consideration. At a big game last summer between two strong college teams, exactly 12 major league scouts were in attendance. Quite a testimonial to the value placed on the college player, by the men whose duty it is to pick up future big league stars.

"Connie Mack is the pioneer in the exploiting of the college player. The resourceful leader of the world's champions saw the worth of the college player, long before any other major league manager looked on the varsity athlete seriously. I once asked Mack why he was always so anxious to look over the promising college players. His reply was brief, but characteristic of the famous leader of the Athletics. 'I like players who can think. Four years of study certainly ought to improve a fellow's intelligence. If it hasn't, it doesn't take me very long to discover the fact. Another reason why I favor the collegian is, because he comes to me free from any other style of play. It is much easier to get players accustomed to your way of thinking who have never been drilled in any other system. Another point in favor of the collegian is that he knows pretty well the best rules for keeping in condition. I have no use for players who fail to keep in shape. He also has been taught the real value of discipline by his professor in the classroom, and his coach on the ball field.'

"The first intercollegiate crew regatta of the year is rowed today on the Oakland estuary, California, with the varsity and freshmen eights of Washington, Stanford and California competing. In addition to the usual interest which centers about this race for the intercollegiate rowing title of the Pacific coast, there is added probability that the winning eight will cross the continent to measure watersmanship and endurance at Poughkeepsie, against the leading eastern college crews in the race for the intercollegiate championship of the nation. During the past two years at Stanford University and University of Washington have sent crews to the Hudson, representing the far west, just as Wisconsin has for many seasons been the sole entry from the middle west.

"In 1912 the Stanford crew, which won the triangular regatta on the Oakland estuary, rowing the three miles in 16 minutes, 10 seconds, finished a poor last at Poughkeepsie. Last season Washington's eight won the Pacific Coast regatta in 17 minutes, 44 seconds, and on the Hudson finished third, less than two shell lengths behind Syracuse, the winning crew. There were many spectators

present who held the opinion that had the Seattle crew spurred earlier in the race Washington would have won, instead of lapping Cornell's shell with Syracuse leading the pack. It is due to this excellent showing that eastern downing enthusiasts look to Washington to win today's race and return to the Hudson course for another try for national honors.

Coach Hiram Conbear, however, states that his crew is not equal in either weight, form or stroke ability to the 1912 combination, and for that reason he is rather doubtful of the outcome of the race. He said recently:

"We are not expecting a walkaway in the race. I consider our chances are only fair for winning. Many people will think that, after the showing of last year's varsity, we ought to win from Stanford and California by at least half a mile. But I do not have the material this season that I had last, and with this year's crew I will be tickled to death if we pull over the finishing line with open water between us and the second crew."

The new athletic fraternity, Sigma Delta Psi, membership in which is to be won by ability to attain satisfactory marks in a list of specified athletic events, is making rapid growth in popularity and membership in eastern college circles. Started in the middle west, about a year ago, the plan and objects of the fraternity have gained adherents in all parts of the country. The tests are designed to strike a balance between the events most common to American university athletics. The list was framed by the athletic directors at leading American universities, the idea spreading from Indiana University, but receiving prompt response and considerable development in the east. One of the rules of membership is that a college letter won in any sport shall count for the test in that sport. That is, membership on the college football team will abolish the need of competition in the football test. The requirements for membership in the fall or regular grade include 12 all-around athletic tests, as follows:

100-yard dash, 11 3/5 seconds; 120-yard hurdles, 29 seconds; running high jump, 5 feet; running broad jump, 18 feet; putting 16-pound shot, 30 feet; pole vault, 8 feet, 6 inches; throwing baseball, 250 feet; punting football, 120 feet; 3-mile run, 18 minutes, 30 seconds; 10-mile walk, 2 hours, 30 minutes; 100-yard swim, and tumbling tests not yet specified.

There will also be a junior grade in membership, admission to which will be through slightly modified tests, as follows: 100-yard run, 12 seconds; 120-yard hurdles, 26 seconds; running high jump, 4 feet, 6 inches; running broad jump, 16 feet;

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Timely Topics From Great Britain's Capital City

London, April 12.—It has been learned here that the well known polar explorers, Dr. Nordenskjold, Admiral Polander and Cinar Andersen, are planning an expedition to the Antarctic, which will cover about the same ground as the British Stackhouse party of 1914. Definite plans have not yet been made, but it is probable that the expedition will land an observation party on the east coast of Graham's Island. This party will be composed of six men and will remain there for five years.

J. Foster Stackhouse, leader of the British 1914 party, states that one of the objects of the Swedish expedition will be the study of whales, whose habits are still unknown, notwithstanding that these mammals have been hunted for years. Whatever friction there may be between the Shackleton and Austrian expeditions, there will be nothing but amity between the Stackhouse and Swedish parties. Stackhouse has already been in communication with Dr. Nordenskjold, giving him particulars of the British expedition as far as they concern Graham's Land, and the Swedish leader has promised to reciprocate as soon as his plans are complete.

Dr. Nordenskjold's last expedition to the polar regions, in 1903, came to grief when his ship, the Antarctic, was crushed by the ice off Graham's Land and the crew had to make its

way north, being ultimately picked up by an Argentine vessel.

"Cat and Mouse Act" Works.

Notwithstanding that militant suffragists seldom serve more than a few days of their sentences before being released, as a result of hunger and thirst strikes, the officials of the Home Office are thoroughly satisfied with the working of the "Cat and Mouse" act. This was designed to deal with these hunger strikers, and under it prisoners can be released temporarily, but in the end must serve their full term of imprisonment.

Almost every suffragette who goes to prison goes on hunger strike and is speedily released, for the government is determined that the women shall not win sympathy through one of their number dying in jail. As soon, therefore, as the prison doctor notices that a woman is weakening under abstention from food and drink, he orders her release and she remains out until she again shows signs of resuming her agitation. According to the official returns, most of the women do not resume their activity. They either leave the country or settle down quietly, in which case they are not molested.

Simple Life Favored.

The king and queen dislike formal courts so intensely, says "Truth," that they may revert to the old time drawing rooms with tea served, instead of the present rather elaborate supper. It is known that the occupants of the throne regard the procession and bowing of hundreds of gorgeously attired women as distinctly trying to the nerves. King Edward detested these ceremonials and on many occasions he found it difficult to sit through the court without a collapse. Queen Victoria presided at much smaller functions than the present courts, but even so, she suffered severely from the strain and more than once left the throne room after the reception of the entire company, leaving the general presentations to the Princess of Wales.

Should the afternoon drawing room be revived the number of presentations will be cut down materially and many of the socially ambitious will fail to gain the hall mark conferred on those fortunate enough to be summoned to make their bow before royalty.

Child Labor Strike Watched.

London is experiencing the novelty of a strike against child labor. One thousand, five hundred girls working for a big provision firm have gone on strike because the firm advertised for girls under the age of 18 years. For years it has been the boast of this firm that, in spite of the practices of its rivals, it had never employed a girl under 18 years of age. Last week girls of 14 and 16 years

putting 16-pound shot, 25 feet; pole vault, 8 feet; throwing baseball, 200 feet; punting football, 90 feet; 3-mile run, 20 minutes; 10-mile walk, 3 hours; swim, 50 yards.

Dean McClenahan, chairman of the Faculty Board of Athletic control at Princeton, believes that the recent gift of the Palmer stadium paves the way for a complete and modern athletic and sport equipment at the New Jersey university. He said, in discussing the outlook:

"One of the most gratifying features of the splendid gift is the fact that it is to be used to obtain an increase of the revenues of the university. This increase will enable the work of the university to be done even more efficiently. This increase will be in the form of a rental to be paid by the Athletic association to the university."

"The additional revenue from games will in time permit the Athletic association to increase its athletic equipment in the form of a baseball grandstand, a greatly needed baseball cage, hockey rink, and so on, unless some other generous alumnus or friend meets these needs before the Athletic association can do so itself. It is hoped, also, that in time the stadium will permit us to lower the price of admission for undergraduates to all of our athletic events."

working women police for this city, stated that he believed in the necessity for the formation of a feminine corps, but he expressed the fear that some difficulty would be experienced in instituting the reform, because the innovation came from America. The testimony in favor of women police was given by Miss Higson, diocesan secretary for rescue work in Liverpool, which has lately considered the appointment of women police to handle drunken women. She expressed the opinion that women police could also do a very useful work in parks and dance halls for the protection of girls.

Replying, the mayor said that, while in this part of Lancashire people did not look with favorable eyes on innovations from America, he would take the opportunity of mentioning women police to the watch committee, of which he was chairman. The fact that the idea originated in America, according to the mayor, might have an effect to which he need not refer.

ports the meeting was an untold success. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26th, and each farmer in that district is requested to be present.

WITH THE BOXERS

Harry Pollock, manager of Freddie Welch, arises to remark that the no-decision bouts are the bunk pure and simple.

Willie Ritchie will draw \$10,000 guarantee with a privilege of 40 per cent of the gross receipts when he meets Charley White in Milwaukee next month.

Johnny Coulton, the bantam champion, has turned down an offer to meet Charles Ledoux in June next because it would interfere with his contest with "Kid" Williams.

"Kid" Lewis, the Waterbury lightweight, will forsake the ring this summer and devote his attention to ball playing. He is to get a tryout with the Hartford team.

HAS REGISTERED CATTLE.

Milton, N. D., April 11.—John Wild, a farmer southeast of Milton, has accumulated a herd of 45 head of registered Short horns, from which he derives considerable profit and besides makes life on the farm practically interesting. He grows a considerable acreage of corn for fodder each year for feeding and finds it one of his best paying crops.

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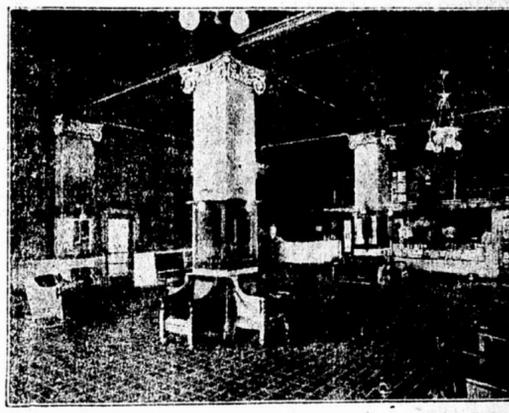
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