

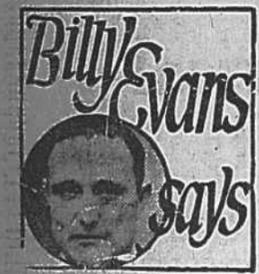
# Spears Worries About Condition of Players

## PLANS COMPLETE FOR STIFF DRILL AT LOS ANGELES

Unless Train Is Away Behind Schedule, Boys Will Get Drill Tomorrow

LAS VEGAS, N. M., Dec. 22.—Dr. W. Spears and Nate Cartmell, coach and trainer of the West Virginia University football team en route to San Diego, are much concerned over the proposition of keeping the men in shape to play on Christmas Day. The train has been running considerably late since leaving Kansas City, and the scheduled workouts at junction points have been interrupted. At Newton and Dodge City yesterday afternoon ten minutes of "grass drill" was put on at the station, while a curious crowd looked on. This has been the extent of the actual exercise since leaving Morgantown on Tuesday evening. At Albuquerque, which should be reached at noon today, a half hour is supposed to be available but this may be limited due to the lateness of the train. The most difficult part of the mountains were crossed last night and no more delays are expected.

Arrangements have been practically completed for a workout at the field of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles Saturday afternoon. Some uncertainty attaches to this, however, on account of the limited time. Only four hours in Los Angeles will be available even if the train is exactly on time, which does not seem likely.



One often hears the remark, "He's a brainy ball player," in discussing some athlete who is regarded as having much baseball intelligence.

Such a remark would cause the average layman to make up his mind that the player under consideration was an athlete of much learning, high intelligence. In a great many cases that is far from being the truth. Some of the brainiest ball players I have ever known have been players who knew little other than baseball. Their education had been much neglected. Early in life they had flung school goodby for hard work. Yet from a baseball standpoint they possessed master minds. On the other hand I have in mind some college men who graduated with high honors, who during their entire big league career were regarded as dumb ball players. One of the college chaps could discuss any subject intelligently. In addition to a thorough education he had traveled widely, and was one of the most interesting persons I ever talked to. Yet on the ball field he was the champion "dumb-bell."

With many of the sandlotters, baseball knowledge seems to be a second sense. When a situation arises that calls for quick thinking and even faster execution, intuitively they seem to know what to do. There is absolute coordination between the mind and the body. With some of the college grads that necessary co-ordination is entirely lacking. So when you hear of some ball player being referred to as a brainy player, don't get the impression that he is a high brow. One of the wisest players I ever knew from a baseball standpoint couldn't read or write. I never saw him make a dumb play.

## NORMAL WILL OPEN AT HOME TOMORROW

Sandy Toothman and his Fairmont State Normal quintet, just back home from a trip on which they won both games played, will open the local floor season tomorrow evening when the Fairmont Mining Machinery team will meet the attraction on the Normal floor. It should prove to be an interesting game. The Mining Machinery team will likely use Fleming and Lavelly on the forwards, Carpenter at center and Brown and Connors on the guards. The Normal line up will show Miller and Small on the forwards, Mitchell at center, and Higgin, botham and Wolfe on the guards. Despite the fact that it is the last shopping night before Christmas, it is thought that a large crowd will be on hand for the game. The game will be called at 8 o'clock.

Watchmaking was the first mechanical activity of many of the famous inventors.

## Hal Chase Was Without a Peer, Fielding Alone Considered

Who is the greatest first baseman of all time? Baseball critics are strongly divided on that question. While the greatness of George Sisler, as an all-round star is generally recognized, still the right to be classed as the king of first sackers is not always conceded to him. So great an authority as John McGraw of the New York Giants, in picking his All-Star major league team, selects Frank Chance for first base. Connie Mack and Wilbert Robinson lean to George Sisler. However, if you were to ask the ball players who was the greatest first baseman in the history of the game, fielding alone considered, Hal Chase would be the unanimous choice. Ball players in both major leagues—Chase having seen service in the American and National—never tire talking of the remarkable feats that Chase has performed afield. Chase originated many of the methods that are now generally regarded as a part of the work of every skillful first sacker. Chase also was a good batsman, one of the greatest hit-and-run players in the history of the game. While not a great base runner, his head-first slide was a thing of beauty. All things considered, however, the first-base honors must be allotted to George Sisler.

## MANNINGTON FIVE WINS FIRST TILT

Parsons No Match for Speedy Blakemen—Contest Has Many Good Points

Mannington's Green and White basketball team easily won her opening game from Parsons last evening 40 to 20. The game was played before a small crowd but it was a right interesting and a well played game for so early in the season. Parsons had met some of the best teams in the valley before playing here, and from Mannington goes to Weston for a game tonight and returns for a game with Fairview on Saturday.

For the Parsons team Arbogast was easily the star performer, making two goals from the field and registering ten out of fifteen attempts from the foul line. For Mannington, the entire team played good ball and the substitutions that were made did not seem to weaken the team in the least. McCarnes, Prichard, Rymer and Dunigan seemed to be able to locate the basket more readily than the others while Ryan, Jones, Garner, Flanagan and Magee played a nice floor game. The next game on the local card will be with the Mannington high alumni next Thursday.

Lineup and summary: Parsons, 20. Mannington, 40. Vaschen ..... Jones Arbogast ..... McCarnes Goff ..... Prichard Centers Felton ..... Ryan Guards Bailey ..... Garner

Substitutions—Orr for Vaschen, Phillips for Goff, Vaschen for Felton, Rymer for Jones, Dunigan for McCarnes, Magee for Garner, Gump for Magee, Jones for Prichard, Garner for Ryan, Bassett for Gump, Prichard for Jones, McCarnes for Dunigan, Flanagan for Ryan, Magee for Garner, Petres for Rymer. Field goals—McCarnes 5, Prichard 5, Ryan 1, Vaschen 1, Arbogast 2, Goff 2, Rymer 3, Dunigan 4. Foul goals—Jones 1 out of 2; Rymer 3 out of 6; Arbogast 10 out of 15.

## LARRIOTS

By LARRY

Schedule Complete The following football schedule has been announced for Washington in 1923:

- October 6—Washington and Lee at Washington.
October 13—Brown University at Washington.
October 20—Carnegie Tech at Washington.
October 27—Detroit at Detroit.
November 3—Lafayette at New York.
November 10—Waynesburg at Washington.
November 17—Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh.
November 24—Permanently open.
November 29 (Thanksgiving)—West Virginia at Morgantown.

This shows that the annual game with West Virginia will be staged at Morgantown. Great Training Wally Steffin, Carnegie Tech coach, says: "Football is wonderful training for a man. Almost without exception, I see my fellow football players now occupying responsible positions. I know of no other training in connection with college which will fit a man to meet life as it is lived today. I think so much of it that I shall insist that my three sons, when they enter college, try for their team. "Perhaps the main reason why football has such a strong hold on the American public is because it is a clean game and is pure sport, with practically no bad features. "Some college professors and self-styled reformers have tried to abolish the game. I think such persons are either narrow minded or know but little about the game. There may be one or two bad features, but the advantages derived therefrom far and above outweigh the very few disadvantages. No one ever advocated abolishing colleges because they had one or two subjects in their curriculum that were unnecessary, or improper. "I think it would be nothing short of a great calamity if football were to be abolished. The game improves the physical condition of the players; it fosters the college spirit; it is sport of the cleanest and purest kind and as a part of the college today I consider it a regular adjunct. "Play Tigers Princeton and Notre Dame will meet at Princeton on October 20, 1923, it was announced by Notre Dame authorities today. The University of Notre Dame football team will play the Princeton University eleven at Princeton on October 20, 1923. Knute K. Rockne, director of athletics at Notre Dame, today announced in his football schedule for next season. To Play Tonight The Vandals, a local basketball organization, will meet the Dunbar High School five this evening on the Dunbar floor in the first of a series of games to decide the colored championship of the city. Frank Lee will referee.

## NICK ALTROCK GIVES VIEWS ON PITCHING

In his day Nick Altrock, now clown extraordinaire, was one of the game's greatest pitchers. Recently some one asked Nick what he thought was the prevailing fault of most of the recruits that came to the majors, each year.

"Failure to pitch intelligently," was his immediate reply. "Most of the 'rookie' pitchers that come to the major leagues nowadays are merely throwers, not pitchers. "The great pitchers give thought to every ball they pitch. Of course they make many mistakes, are often hit hard, yet there is a reason for everything they do. "The other great fault of most of the recruit pitchers is their absolute lack of knowledge as to how to pitch with men on the bases. "Pitching a ball game is an entirely different proposition with the bases empty or filled. With runners on, every situation must be carefully studied, a close tab kept on the runners. "This has been a prevailing fault for years. The baserunners were piling up a big edge when the lively ball made its appearance. The lively ball has been a good and a bad thing for a lot of pitchers. "No sir, the youngsters of today are not like the rookies of the old days. They just throw now, not pitch."

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## EXPERT EXPLAINS NEW FLOOR CODE

Latest Rules Will Not Affect Style of Play Greatly This Season

By LYNN W. ST. JOHN The changes in basketball rule for 1922-23 will not affect in any large way, the style of play.

It has been definitely recognized for some time that penalties for fouls needed some revision. For example, practically the only penalty for foul plays in basketball has been a free throw and this penalty has been inflicted whether a player committed a technical violation, such as advancing with the ball or breaking a dribble, or whether the foul committed was a vigorous personal foul for holding or pushing an opponent.

It was felt that penalties should more nearly fit the offense committed. The rules this year provide therefore that technical violations of the rules, such as strutting with the ball, kicking the ball or striking it with the fist, violation of the jumping rule and breaking of a dribble, are penalized, not by a free throw, but by giving the ball to the opponent out of bounds at the side of the floor nearest the point where such violation occurred. This will operate to reduce the part that foul goals play in the final score.

On the other hand, a zone has been marked off at either end of the floor which may be termed the "scoring zone." A team's own zone is that zone in which the basket lies in which said team is trying to score.

Under a new rule if a personal foul is committed against a player in his own scoring zone, his team is to be allowed two free tries for goals. It will be noted that this rule replaces the old rule which permitted the officials to award a man two free tries if he were fouled while in the act of shooting for a basket.

It was difficult to determine just when a man was in the act of shooting and this rule was seldom enforced. The new rule, allowing two free tries for a man fouled in his own zone, certainly makes the penalty more directly fit the crime. This will increase, somewhat, the number of foul goals scored from personal fouls, but will not overbalance the decreased number of foul goals which will result from some of the old technical fouls now penalized by giving the ball to the opponents, out of bounds.

Another rule which is bound to be noted by the spectator is the rule which forbids the incoming substitute communicating in any way with other players on the floor except through the official until after the play has been resumed. This rule is intended after the similar rule in football which is calculated to minimize the contact of the coach with the team on the floor.

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## COUNTRY SCoured FOR BANK BANDITS

Quartet Suspected of Robbery Gets Start on Posses and Officers DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22.—Police officers of Denver and Northern Colorado, were prepared to push vigorously today their hunt for Denver's bank truck bandits whose trail they believe had been picked up yesterday at an abandoned ranch house twenty miles east of Greeley, Colo. The four men, suspected of being those who shot and killed Charles T. Linton, Federal Reserve Bank truck guard, and escaped with \$200,000 in currency after a spectacular gun fight with guards of the United States mint here, had left the farm house before officers arrived.

Scores of armed men, in hastily organized posses, and three automobiles and one armored riot car scoured Northern Colorado in the vicinity of Greeley, Fort Morgan, Fort Collins and Roggan all last night without catching the quartet. "Unknown soldiers" have been honored by five Allied nations: the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Portugal.

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## FARMINGTON HIGH DEFEATS FACULTY

Pessimism Dispelled as Result of Victory of Players Over Veterans

FARMINGTON, Dec. 22.—In a game featured by loose playing and erratic passing, the Farmington High School team defeated the faculty of that school Tuesday night to the decisive tune of 28-13. During the first half the superior weight of the faculty enabled them to hold the score close, but with the beginning of the second half, team work began to manifest itself on the high school team and it was not long after the second period began that it was only a question of what the score would be. The faculty team, composed of potentially better and more experienced players than the high school, failed to show anything in the way of good team work. The high school team, even though their work was erratic most of the time, showed promise of better things in the future. In fact, the showing of the team against the faculty has done much to dispel the feeling of pessimism about it.

As the game was devoid of any exceptional team play, it was also devoid of any exceptional star. The principal point-getter was Kerns of the high school team, whose foul shooting might be called the feature of the game, since he was successful in twelve out of seventeen attempts. For the faculty, the principal point-getter was Coach Strohecker, who scored two field goals and two fouls.

The summary of the game Tuesday night is as follows: High School Goals Fouls Pts. Kerns, f ..... 2 12 13 E. Quonon, f ..... 3 0 4 H. Quonon, c ..... 3 0 6 Marshall, g ..... 0 0 0 L. Haggerty, g ..... 0 0 0 C. Hagerty, g ..... 0 0 0 Dunmire, g ..... 0 0 0 Total ..... 7 12 28

Faculty Opp. f ..... 0 0 0 McGee, f ..... 1 3 4 Strohecker, c ..... 2 2 5 Conway, g ..... 1 1 3 Ridenour, g ..... 0 0 0 Total ..... 4 5 12

Free throws—Kerns, 12 out of 17; Strohecker, 2 out of 10; Conway, 1 out of 6; McGee, 2 out of 6. Referee—Hamilton, Fairmont. Scorer—Hatzel, Farmington. Time of halves—twenty minutes.

## GRAFTON WINS

Broadway College was defeated by the Grafton N. N. P. Club in a game played on the Grafton floor last night by a score of 26 to 22. Only four fouls were called during the game. Frush was high point man with six field baskets.

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## GONZAGA OFFERED GAME BY DETROIT

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Announcement of receipt of an offer from the University of Detroit for a football game with Gonzaga University next fall, was made here today by Coach Dorais of Gonzaga. According to Coach Dorais the offer suggested that the game be played late in October at the Polo Grounds in New York City. Dorais would not say whether Gonzaga would accept the offer.

## NAVY PUTS UNIVERSITY ON WRESTLING SCHEDULE

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 22.—The athletic board of the United States Naval Academy announced today the schedules for 1923, in five branches of sport. They are rowing, swimming, boxing, wrestling and Navy to be raced at Princeton of the crew will be the triangular race between Harvard, Princeton and Navy to be raced at Princeton May 8. The boxing team will meet a Canadian squad composed of students from Toronto, McGill and Queen's universities. The wrestling schedule includes a match with West Virginia University here on March 3.

## LYNCH MEETS SMITH

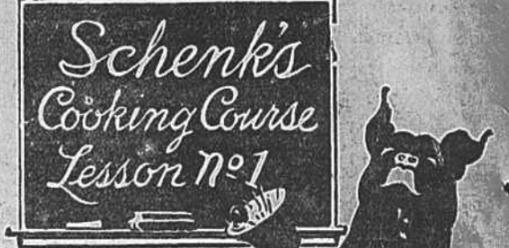
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch and Midget Smith will battle for the world's bantam-weight championship in a fifteen round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. The articles call for both men to weight in at 2 o'clock this afternoon. This will be the third meeting of the two, Lynch gaining the decision in one engagement, and the other ending in a draw.

## FRISCH NOT TO ACCEPT PRESIDENCY OF UNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Frank Frisch, star infielder of the Giants, who has been nominated along with George Burns of the Cincinnati Reds and Jack Fournier of the St. Louis Cardinals for presidency of the new baseball players' union, will decline to accept the office if he is elected in the mail ballot now going on. The announcements were made yesterday by James J. Tierney, secretary of the Giants, who said Frisch had explained that he feared that the use of his name in connection with the new union might lead to the impression that he was dissatisfied with the New York club.

## HEISMAN MAY HEAD WASH-JEFF OUTFIT

It is possibly at least that J. W. Heisman, head coach at the University of Pennsylvania, will be the grid leader for W. & J. next season. That he has been approached by several Wash-Jeff leaders on the matter is admitted in Philadelphia. Mr. Heisman has so far refused to make a statement one way or the other in regard to the possibility of going to Little Washington. Heisman is one of the best known football leaders in the country and is the father of the famous "Heisman shift."



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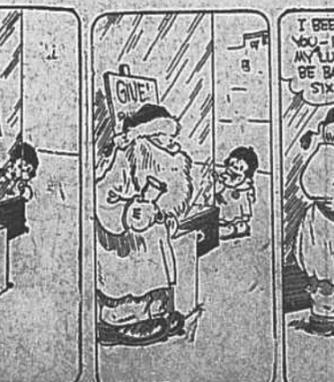
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