

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

WRECK BALL PARK IN STATE CAPITAL

Former Three-Eye Grounds Demolished and Lumber Sold to Satisfy the Creditors.

FREERPORT INTENDS TO STICK

Bloomington Correspondent of Sporting Life Hands Out Dope Concerning Local Situation.

According to the dope handed out by the Bloomington correspondent of Sporting Life, the baseball park at Springfield is no more. The writer also declares that Three-Eye moguls are confident that Rock Island territory will be awarded to them. The article follows:

"Efforts to replace two of the present clubs of the Three-Eye league with Evansville and Terre Haute probably will fail, as both cities have signified their intention of remaining loyal to the Central league. Some of the magnates of the western wing of the Three-Eye league are opposed to Freerport, owing to its small population as compared with Peoria and Davenport. To substitute any distant city, such as Gary, Ind., or East St. Louis, would add a heavy financial burden to each club in the way of transportation expenses. The present circuit, taking it for granted that the Three-Eye league will win the battle for the Rock Island territory, is one of the most compact since the league was organized 15 years ago, thus keeping traveling expenses down to the minimum.

"Freerport, despite its smaller population, proposes to be on hand at the Moline meeting next month with the \$1,000 guarantee and ready to report ample financial backing otherwise.

Through at Springfield.

"The grandstand and bleachers at the league park in Springfield were demolished last week, the lumber being sold to satisfy a claim against the plant site since its erection three years ago. Efforts to secure enough funds to pay this claim and keep up the stands proved unsuccessful and the destruction of the buildings promises to mark the end of professional ball in the capital city for years to come. Springfield in its 11 years' membership always proved one of the best cities in the Three-Eye league, winning three pennants and threatening to take a number of others."

Speculate Over Circuit.

The big question that will confront the Three-Eye baseball men when they eventually do get together in Moline will be the makeup of the circuit for the coming season, says the Davenport Democrat. At the Chicago meeting last fall the circuit was tentatively made up of the seven cities that were included in the league when its 1915 season closed—Davenport, Moline, Peoria, Rockford, Quincy, Bloomington and Freerport, with the addition of Rock Island as the eighth city. This alignment, it was expressly understood, was to be tentative. There is but little chance that it will be made permanent. Terre Haute and Evansville are likely to be included in place of Freerport and Bloomington. Rockford, however, will make a fight for the retention of Freerport on account of the rivalry existing between the two. One contingency is that Quincy might be dropped instead of Freerport, but on account of the comparative size of the two Quincy will no doubt be preferred to Freerport if the league is in such fortunate circumstances that it can talk of dropping any member.

Rockford Will Remain.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 4.—Directors of the Rockford Baseball association, after reviewing the club's financial condition, announced Saturday their intention of continuing in the Three-Eye league for another season. The club is in fair shape financially and a large benefit entertainment will be staged next month. Howard Wakefield will be reengaged as manager, and negotiations with him are under way. Rockford's fans have received reports that Rock Island, associated with the local club in founding the league, prefers the Three-Eye league to a berth in the Central association, which claims the territory.

MANY ST. AMBROSE PLAYERS TO RETURN

The 1916 St. Ambrose football team will have eight veterans in its lineup. Captain Miller, Troy, Jaeger, Graham, Vorwick, Ryan, Hughes and O'Connell of this season's eleven have signified their intention of coming back next fall. Hogan, one of this year's letter men, and Gross, a capable substitute, will also be in harness and St. Ambrose should be a factor on the gridiron the coming season. It is probable that "Torchy" Coleman, center, may return, although, with Miller and Jaeger, he is a senior in the graduating class of the academic course.

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FATHER WAS RIGHT—By Goldberg



FORMER ELECTED CAPTAIN W. & V.

Speedy Quarterback Will Lead W. & V. College Team in 1916—To Award Letters Soon.

At a meeting of the football team of William & Vashti college of Aledo, held last week, Charles Forner, quarterback, was elected captain of the eleven for the 1916 season. Forner was one of the mainstays of the team this season and the selection is a popular one. Letters will be awarded members of the squad at the annual banquet to be held the middle of this month. Those to receive this honor are Captain Westfall, Forner, Swanson, C. McDow, Dexter, Burgin, Sumner, Mee, Taylor and Smith. Although several stars of the team will be lost through graduation, prospects are bright for a strong aggregation next season.

The William & Vashti team made an enviable record this year on the gridiron, piling up a total of 306 points to its opponents' 36. The team lost in two games this year by a close margin, one to Illinois Wesleyan, champion of the minor colleges of Illinois, and the other to Millikin, runner-up to the title. Following is the 1915 record of the William & Vashti eleven:

Oct. 3—W. & V., 91; Western Illinois, 0.
Oct. 16—W. & V., 88; Carthage, 0.
Oct. 23—W. & V., 13; Illinois Wesleyan, 17.
Oct. 30—W. & V., 6; Millikin, 13.
Nov. 6—W. & V., 20; St. Viator, 6.
Nov. 12—W. & V., 79; Eureka, 0.
Nov. 25—W. & V., 27; Northwestern, 0.

FOOTBALL COACHES REVIVE SHIFT PLAY

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The old-time shift play is being called into reserve by the big college football teams.

The shift is aged, moss-covered, time-worn. It was discarded years ago. Coaches placed it on the null and void list. Its solving was very simple. However, five years ago, Glenn Warner dug up the shift, revised it a bit, and used it with great success on his Carlisle squad. Other coaches tried to follow, but could not.

This year Glenn has instilled just enough of the revised stuff into the Pitt football teams to call it into play if things get dangerous. The revised shift of Warner's making is not a big ground gainer. It is not for the purpose of scoring touchdowns, although there is always a possible chance for an opening for a long run.

LOGAN CLUB MAKES FINE NEW BOBSLED

Members of the Logan Athletic club of Rock Island are anxiously looking forward to a heavy fall of snow for the reason that they have just completed one of the finest bobsleds in the tri-cities and they will enter the port in earnest just as soon as the weather permits. The sled is 20 feet long and constructed entirely of oak. It is equipped with an electric headlight and two Klaxon horns and other safety devices. The name "Logans" has been painted on the outfit.

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DAVENPORT BASKET TOSSERS ARE BUSY

Basketball for the season of 1915-16 will start in earnest this week at the Davenport high school when Coach Bornholt will issue his first call for candidates tonight. The coach looks for the biggest basketball squad that he has ever handled in his career as coach of the local team. The squad will be divided into four sets for the first week and several of the teachers have offered to aid Bornholt in picking out the most promising of the new candidates. This is a new scheme in basketball and will no doubt have good results as one man cannot very well look after so many candidates.

CLARK BREAKS JAW AGAIN IN ACCIDENT

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 6.—Potsy Clark, the Illini quarterback, who broke his jaw in the Illinois-Rolla football game and played the rest of the season in a special mask, designed to protect the injured member, can speak of some more hard luck. The football fracture knit perfectly and Potsy joined Coach Jones' basketball squad this week.

He bumped into another candidate—bing—and noticed that his jaw didn't feel just right. An X-ray picture showed a fracture in another place. Zuppke's star will live on gruel and talk out of the corner of his mouth for a month, and will not play any more basketball. "Baseball is good enough for me," he said.

ILLINOIS FACULTY DENOUNCES ACTION

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 6.—Illinois faculty and student leaders yesterday denounced the action of the western conference board in abolishing baseball, traditionally a favorite sport at Illinois. The Illini will go to mat to retain baseball, and a break from the Big Nine is even a possibility should the various faculties indorse the decree.

The Illini hold that the universities as individuals may abolish baseball, but that it is going too far to legislate the sport out of existence.

"To abolish baseball will not solve the problem," said Director George Huff. "The conference board evidently fails to recognize the fact that all the trouble arises from football men playing ball for money in the summer. This caused the Pickering and Solon cases."

"Even if baseball is abolished, there will be players who engage in other branches of athletics and are then more likely than ever to go out in the summer and compete for cash, as they will have no opportunity to play ball in their universities."

W. & J. QUARTERBACK DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Washington, Pa., Dec. 6.—Charles F. Egan of Claysville, Pa., quarterback on the Washington and Jefferson varsity football team, and a senior, died yesterday of pneumonia after a two days' illness. Egan attended college on Thursday, became ill that afternoon, and went to his home. He was a member of the football squad all four years of his college course. He was about 23 years old.

FRANKIE BURNS TO MEET BANTAM CHAMP

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Frankie Burns, the Jersey Skeeter, is going to get another whiplash in the bantamweight crown tonight, an honor he has been seeking since the well known Hec was a pup. This time he is going in the ring a favorite, something unusual for a challenger fighting a champion, for New Orleans sports think so well of his chances that they have quoted him a 5 to 4 chance over his opponent, Kid Williams.

DE PAUL STAR IN AN AUTO SMASHUP

Coach and Rev. Gorman Also Injured When Cars Collide Returning from Beverly, Massachusetts.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—While coming from Beverly to Boston yesterday afternoon in an automobile owned by Coach Jack McDonald of the Beverly high school football eleven, Rev. Father Gorman, Coach Paupau and Captain Valentine Grandman of De Paul academy football eleven of Chicago had a narrow escape from death in an auto accident.

The automobile was driven by Coach

McDonald and while on Loring avenue, near Loring village, Salem, Mass., another car driven by Charles Rackliffe with two companions rounded a curve and sideswiped McDonald's car. The accident was caused by the steering gear on the Rackliffe car refusing to work. Father Gorman was thrown through the glass wind shield of McDonald's car and Coach Paupau and Captain Grandman were knocked out of the car. Father Gorman was badly cut about the face and Coach Paupau was cut on the face and his nose broken. Captain Grandman escaped with only a few scratches.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 6.—Stanley Coffal of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected captain of the 1916 Notre Dame football team, at the annual banquet to the varsity squad at the Oliver hotel Saturday night.

Whales Drop Two.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Caruso Beck, the vocalistic firstsacker of Tinker's Whales '14 and '15, is going away from the North Side. He will be accompanied on his journey to other fields by Bill Jackson, who performed odd jobs as the occasion demanded. That these athletes would be dropped before the coming spring trip was the announcement made by President Weeghman.

Doc McChesney Is Dead.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 6.—Harry (Doc) McChesney, aged 35, one of the best known football players in the country a decade ago, is dead at his home here. He was formerly a member of the Chicago All-Americans, a team composed of former college players, and of the famous Canton professionals.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

AURORA LOSES BY ONE LONELY POINT

Hamilton Team of New York Triumphs Over Illinois Champs by Score of 13 to 12.

DE PAUL WALLOPS BEVERLY BOYS

Detroit Central Preps and Everett High of Boston Fight to 0 to 0 Tie Before 1,200.

New York, Dec. 6.—By kicking a goal after one of its two touchdowns Hamilton Institute Saturday managed to nose out the East Aurora, (Ill.) high school eleven, 13 to 12. Hamilton crowded all its scoring into the first period, and for a time it looked as if the boys from the west were in for an unmerciful trimming. But Aurora came back hard in the second quarter and rushed over two touchdowns. On both occasions the goal was missed, and the one point needed for a tie was lost.

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 6.—De Paul academy of Chicago defeated Beverly high school Saturday, 39 to 7, in a game which, though brilliant at times, was comparatively a walkover for the boys from the west.

De Paul entered the confines of Beverly a much heavier team, equipped with plays and a diversified attack which bewildered their opponents until well into the fourth period.

Battle at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 6.—Batling for national interscholastic honors, Everett high school of Boston and Detroit Central high played to a scoreless tie on Navin field Saturday afternoon. The game was one of the scrappiest ever staged on a local lot.

Offensively Everett was outplayed, but when fighting in defense of their goal line the easterners were supreme. Repeatedly Central carried the ball inside its opponent's ten yard line, but each time failed to score. Only once, in the opening period, did Everett seriously threaten to score.

Yale Ineligibles Still Out.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 6.—The question of possible reinstatement of five Yale athletes who were recently declared ineligible for playing summer baseball was discussed only informally at a joint meeting of committees from Harvard, Princeton and Yale in New York last week. This was stated here last night by Professor R. N. Corwin, chairman of the Yale athletic committee.

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