

SPORTS

COMMITTEE IS TO COOPERATE WITH LANDIS

New 'Steering Committee' Will Establish Closer Relations With 'Czar'

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—In the selection of William F. Baker of Philadelphia, Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh, and William L. Veech of Chicago, to work with a committee chosen by the American League to smooth major league relations, National League magnates see cause for rejoicing.

Some of the duties of the new "steering committee" as outlined by President John A. Heydler, will be the establishment of closer relations with Commissioner Landis, whose "benevolent despotism" has proven mildly irksome to the owners. The committee, on which Landis will act as an ex-officio member, will replace, in effect, the advisory committee that has failed to function since friction arose between Commissioner Landis and Heydler, president of the American League, two years ago.

Will Not Curtail Powers
The committee is not seeking to curtail Landis' powers, President Heydler points out, but will act as an intermediary between the minor and major leagues with the special duty of codifying any present minor league agreement. In fact, the entire purpose of the committee is to maintain harmonious relations throughout baseball, President Heydler says.

Action on the 1927 schedule was deferred at yesterday's National League meeting pending a conference with the American League officials in Chicago tomorrow. Both leagues are said to have agreed to a 1927 closing date of October 2, a week later than last season, with the opening games April 12.

SCHEDULE PLAN NEEDS REVISION

Big Ten Must Decide Whether It Is Playing League or Fosters Sportsmanship

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A showdown in the western conference football schedule system on whether the Big Ten shall continue as an association fostering sportsmanship or become a "playing league," is the aim of a conference of six representatives from each university, invited to Chicago next month by Major John L. Griffith, athletic commissioner of the Big Ten.

Most of the university presidents, regents, alumni, athletic directors and football coaches have promised to attend. Major Griffith said today in predicting the gathering probably would be "more far-reaching in consequence than any conference meeting previously held."

When the football schedules for 1927 were drafted here a week ago, Major Griffith presented to the athletic directors a letter from some of the university heads, asking that they be consulted in the future before the gridiron agreements were given out, and the conference next month was arranged to lay before the press the demands of alumni and public that schedules be arranged to decide championships officially.

Wisconsin, Indiana Have Many of Their Sharpshooters Back

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wisconsin and Indiana, the latter the previous scoring team of the Big Ten Conference last year, have retained a larger share of their basketball sharpshooters for the campaign beginning after the holidays than any other squads of the Big Ten Conference.

On the floor of Madison, trying for the Wisconsin team, are men who shot 294 of the Badger's 298 total last year while the Indiana squad has in its makeup men who shot 310 of the 379 points this high scoring team made. Following these, Michigan has 180 of its 354 points to count upon this year while Northwestern has 174 of its 324 points.

Chicago, the low scoring team of the conference, has 181 of its 228 points, while Iowa, the low scoring member of the quartette that tied for titular honors, has 171 of its 219 points. Illinois has 132 of its 232 points but 55 of these points represent two players who will not represent the Illini in the floor game until the beginning of the second semester.

Minnesota's Place
In the final three places as far as retained scoring power is concerned, are Minnesota with 110 of its 275 points; Purdue, one of the title holders, with 96 of its 350 points; and Ohio state with 84 of its 315 points. About half the squads retain players that were in games last year but failed to tally a point.

That scoring power of the previous year, retained for a new campaign, is not a certain indication of success is shown by the fact that Illinois retained on its last year's squad men who shot 262 of its points of the year before yet landed in a tie for fifth place, while Iowa had but 113 points of its previous campaign represented but tied for first place.

Against this, however, is the record of Indiana and Purdue, next to Illinois in the number of points retained at the beginning of the last

Billy Evans' Honor Roll

SOUTHERN
Ends—Winnell, Alabama; Marshall, Georgia Tech; Applewhite, Mississippi; Gamble, Tulane; Cresson, Vanderbilt; Coates, Baylor; Higgins, Texas; Dawson, Southern Methodist.

Tackles—Pickard, Alabama; Tharpe, Georgia Tech; Perry, Alabama; McKibben, Vanderbilt; Tinsley, Louisiana State; Luckey, Georgia; Talbot, Tulane; Carter, Auburn.

Guards—Barnhill, Tennessee; E. Smith, Georgia; Ritchey, Loyola (New Orleans); Wilson, Louisiana State; Hagler, Alabama; Sallers, Auburn; Scott, Arkansas; Pearce, Alabama.

Centers—Sharpe, Vanderbilt; Butcher, Tennessee; Moran, Virginia Poly; Jones, Mississippi Aggies.

Quarterbacks—Spears, Vanderbilt; Mann, Southern Methodist; Barnes, Alabama.

Halfbacks—Brown, Alabama; Meeks, Mississippi Aggies; Morton, Georgia; Harrow, Georgia Tech; Moore, Loyola (New Orleans); Caldwell, Alabama; Cole, Arkansas; Cortmeglia, Southern Methodist.

Fullbacks—Rauber, Washington and Lee; Dodson, Tennessee; Hendrix, Vanderbilt; Helvey, Sewanee.

Forty-five sports editors of the south have selected the above all-star combination for Billy Evans' Football Honor Roll for that section.

Weather Affects Baseball Season

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Baseball this year suffered from the adverse weather which affected football in 1925, the annual report of President B. B. Johnson to the American League directors, here today showed. Twelve of the profitable Saturday and Sunday dates were rained out, and only one club, Detroit, completed its full schedule. The Tigers squeezed in three additional games, too, to play off ties. Ten ties remained on the schedule when the season closed.

The latter part of the season was the worst, the eastern trip of the western clubs resulting in 15 postponed games. Five of them were played off in the east, and the others transferred to the west but rain prevented some of them from being played at all.

Washington and Philadelphia suffered most from the reduction in the schedule, their final three-game series being rained out.

The Yankees won their season series from all the clubs except the Athletics, and had an even break with Cleveland.

SPORTSMAN IS SUING TUNNEY FOR \$18,000

Claims Percentage of Champion's \$200,000 Share of Dempsey Fight Money

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Gene Tunney, heavyweight boxing champion, has stepped from one court action into another.

Although he is clear of the charges that he violated the state boxing law by appearing in an unlicensed exhibition during a vaudeville act, he is being sued for breach of contract.

The champion yesterday was served with papers in a suit by Tim Mara, sportsman, to recover \$18,000.

Details were withheld, but Mara is said to seek a percentage of Tunney's \$200,000 share of the Dempsey fight receipts. Mara is understood to base his claim on attempts to gain Tunney a championship match with Dempsey in New York.

Billy Gibson, manager of the title holder, declared that Mara's agreement was with himself and not Tunney.

BIG TEN WILL HAVE STRONG 1927 TEAMS

Many Stars Lost By Graduation, But Promising Freshmen Will Replace Them

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Now that the 1927 football engagements of the Big Ten are all arranged, the contracts signed and stowed away for safe keeping, a cursory examination of the prospects for next season reveals that all of the schools will place teams of great strength on the field. While a great many stars are to play no more, the freshmen coming up probably will fill in some of the gaps and the letter men of the eleven will be able to do some better, with their year of experience on the chalk-marked gridiron this fall.

A. A. Stagg, the "Old Man" of Chicago, didn't back away from anybody when it came to arranging his schedule for next fall. The Maroon failed to win a major game this autumn, but nevertheless the Maroon's athletic director scheduled Indiana, Oklahoma, Purdue, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio State and Michigan.

The other teams also were not a bit backward about taking on tough opposition.

No Date Open
It has been learned that the reason Notre Dame and Northwestern did not sign up for a game is simply because Rockne and Thistlethwaite did not have a date open that would fit in with each other's schedule. The army and navy dates on Rockne's list had already been agreed upon, and this proved to be the stumbling block. It is understood that the coaches have a verbal agreement to get together for 1928. The Notre Dame-Northwestern series has proved to be one of the high spots of the autumn sport in the middle-west.

Chicago's freshmen prospects are reported to be good, and with Ken Rouse leading the team, which will be more of a senior outfit, the Maroon supporters are looking forward to next fall season.

Minnesota will lose only a few men to graduation, and their line craters undoubtedly will be one of the most feared outfits on the circuit. Many of the members of the team will be seniors next fall, as Spears started with a sophomore aggregation in 1925.

Down at Indiana they are hopeful that Pat Pate's coaching methods will begin to be felt when next autumn's gridders start their way. Although the Hoosiers were a light game this year, their record of experience, it is pointed out that in no game were they overwhelmed, but it was interesting for all opposition.

With a trip to Harvard as something to look forward to next year, Purdue's football warriors coached by Jimmy Phalen feel that they will better this year's record, the best performance in years by a Purdue team. The Boilermakers will lose heavily in the line by graduation, but Phalen has plenty of reserves in sight to fill the gaps.

Kutch Returns to Iowa
Nick Kutch will be back at Iowa, in addition to some new members of the squad he will have Captain-elect Nelson, the great tackle, to help out in the line. Both Nelson and Kutch will be seniors next fall.

Michigan's Yost will be hard put to fill Benny Friedman's place. The wizard quarterback, and unanimous All-American, who came to the home of the team, but enough veterans will return to form the nucleus of another great team.

The prospects at Wisconsin are bright. Gene Rose, who was "dis-

covered" just before the season closed, promises to be a bright star at the Badger school. Just before the Iowa game, Gene Rose discovered this young sophomore could throw a football like Walter Johnson and he made good in the defeat of the Hawkeyes and Chicago. The freshman material is said to be the average, but there will be enough veteran players on hand to round out a strong team.

Dr. Jack Vies of Ohio State will have those backfield anoles, Byron Boy and Emil Marek and Grimm, slated to play again. Marek has not pursued by ill luck since his collegiate career began, having been injured in the last two seasons. The Buckeyes will miss Marty Karow, and others of this year's fine team, but a wealth of material will be on hand to absorb the coaching ideas of Wilce and his assistants.

Northwestern looks forward to another great year. There is some talk about a terrible tackle coming up from the freshman squad to take up Bob Johnson's work, and other youngsters of promise to round out a team led by Captain Gustafson, who will be ably assisted by that backfield bullet, Tiny Lewis.

Illinois reports the freshman material is mediocre. Zupke will have to find someone to replace Daugherty who scored the only touchdown rushed by the Illini in first class games this fall—three of them. But he has Timmie coming up. This young star was out this fall because of injuries, and he is said to be somebody when he is right.

GOPHER PIVOT MAN IS TALK OF BIG TEN TEAMS

George Mackinnon Is Lightest Center in Conference, But Outplays Others

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Minnesota's midget center, the talk of the western conference last season, will be a regular in 1927 for the third successive year unless some unexpectedly capable player comes up from the 1926 frosh.

He is George Mackinnon, weight 165 pounds, the lightest center in the Big Ten conference, but he has played that position for a western conference team or any other big college eleven.

Mackinnon is the lad who gave away 60 pounds to a Big Ten opponent in 1925 and then outplayed him so badly that the humiliated giant actually complained to the officials, registering kicks that were never needed.

A native of Colorado, Mackinnon barely got the call in 1926 over Tony Hulstrand, a heavy youth from the Minnesota high school country. "Mac" was the spark of the 1926 Gophers but he seemed destined to give way to Hulstrand in another year when Tony was eliminated under a surprise ruling, crediting him with two years' college competition at Hibbing Junior College.

Mackinnon's 1926 triumph crowned a season which began rather dimly for the Colorado youth. He reported last fall boasting a five-pound gain over his 1925 weight of 160 pounds but Coach Spears shunted him to the backfield, simply because he craved at least an average weight at center. But the first hard game found "Mac" an early substitute at the position he held regularly from then on.

What "Mac" lacks in weight he makes up in head work and defensive ability against forward passes. He was the "loudspeaker" for the 1926 Gophers when it came to diagnosing opponents' plays and megaphoning his observations all over the field.

Cleveland Indians Baseball Club May Change Ownership

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Council fires smolder and there are powerful rumors in the camp of the Cleveland Indians, but nobody knows where the club will be when the smoke clears away and the chiefs finish talking.

At present two important matters are left hanging in the wind—choice of a new manager and ownership of the club.

Last season the tribe finished far ahead of the place it was allotted by dolesters. Led by Tris Speaker, the Indians donned their war paint and won the season in second place, after having been relegated to sixth or seventh notch by forecasters at the beginning of the season.

But since then Speaker has quit. The gray-statched campaigner has left baseball once and for all, and officials have announced that his successor will not be named before January at the earliest. Speaker will be hard to replace.

In addition there is persistent talk that the club is to change hands. Mrs. James C. Dunn, majority stockholder, has refused several offers but a number of syndicates have since been formed with the object of acquiring the team.

H. G. Tyngmel, Cleveland manufacturer, admits that he heads a syndicate seeking Cleveland ownership of the team, but declined to comment on his efforts because of activities of other syndicates which he said are similarly interested.

Names of various individuals also have been linked with reported overtures for the team.

Bobby Jones Likes Spoon Shot Best of All His Golf Plays

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—(NEA)—Maybe Bobby Jones is dropping a little hint to Santa Claus and then maybe again he isn't, but the fact remains Bobby has announced he prefers a spoon to any other club in his bag.

"I'd rather play a spoon shot than any other," he says. "You can do many things with it, like fading the ball into a crosswind from the right or drifting the ball into a green and making it stop as if from a magic pitch. I use a No. 1 iron and name away with all my might

Popular "Ref"



DICK DILLON

One of the best basketball officials in New England—that's Dick Dillon of Hartford. Last year Dick hung up an enviable record by working 220 games. He hopes to outdo that performance this season. Dillon's mighty popular with both players and spectators alike and his services are widely sought.

but I've learned it's easier, safer and better to use a spoon.

"The spoon I have now is a perfect gem. It was sent me by George Duncan from England and it is perfect in balance and design. That may be another reason why I'm so fond of the club."

Jones made one of the greatest spoon shots of his career in a memorable round at the national open at Oakland Hills in 1924 in which he finished second to Cyril Walker. It was at the 16th green, a two-shot hole, the second out across a little lake. He pulled his drive to the left leaving him a long second. The wind was sweeping somewhat in his face. So Jones took his spoon and started his shot 40 yards to the left of the hole with a trace of fade on the ball. It went fairly around the end of the lake. It struck the right on the wind. It struck the green's edge and rolled up to the pin.

INDEPENDENTS HOLD MEETING

Make Plans For Formation of Basketball Teams at Gathering Last Night

Meeting last night at the high school gymnasium, 20 men interested in the formation of an independent basketball league made preliminary plans for such an organization.

All men who are interested in basketball are urged to come out Thursday night at 7:30 when practice will be held in the high school gymnasium, as places on some team will be found for all who report. Membership in such a league will provide good exercise, as well as promoting good fellowship and advertising Bismarck to the towns where games are played.

No definite lineups for the teams were decided upon last night, when a brief practice was held, but present plans are to decide lineups later in the week. A number of teams will be

formed if sufficient players report for practice.

Phantoms Organize
Following the city league practice last night, members of the Phantoms, the outstanding team of the league, met and elected officers. N. O. Churchill was chosen manager; Ted Greenfield, coach and captain; and Dick Middaugh, secretary-treasurer. Games are planned to be played with New Salem, Wilton, Ashburn, Turtle Lake, Steele and Glen Ullin, with at least five games to be played in Bismarck. Season tickets for the games will be placed on sale soon.

Among the new material for teams which showed up at practice last night were Matt Brewer, captain of last year's Glen Ullin team, George Holta, former N. D. A. C. star, and Art Hans, former Demon star. Bismarck high is considered as a possible foe of the Phantoms later in the season.

DEMONS WILL PLAY WILTON THIS EVENING

McLean Team Coming Down After 10 to 9 Win Over Mandan to Keep Record Clean

Bismarck fans will have an opportunity to better gauge the ability of the Demon basketball men when the local eagles go on the floor against Wilton, a real openhouse at 8 o'clock this evening. A preliminary game between a picked quint from the second team and the Nighthawks will be an additional feature, starting at 7 o'clock.

Wilton's team is the identical team which played in the tournament last year and include Steve Krush, Redington, McMartin and F. Krush, all of whom gave good accounts of themselves.

The star of the Wilton team, is Polonsky, who was chosen a member of the mythical all-district quint after the tournament last year and who showed that he has retained all his brilliant plays and point-making ability when he played against the Mandan Braves last Wednesday.

Wilton's ability is not known as yet, for the game with Mandan was played on the Wilton floor, which is smaller than either the Bismarck or Mandan floors and has a much lower ceiling. Some of the failures of the Braves to achieve more field goals is laid to the fact that the men were used to arching their shots as is done on a larger floor, but at Wilton the shots had to be straight or they didn't register.

The game is now puzzling those who have seen the Wilton men in action: What can they do when they get on a large floor? Several of those who saw the McLean men play are inclined to think that they will overcome the handicap of playing on a bigger floor and offer strong opposition to the Demons.

Team Playing Smoothly
A little more time has been spent on offense work this week, an item which failed to show up in the Carson game, and the team is working more smoothly than before. Coach Collins expects to use as many men in this game as in the Carson encounter, when 15 men were sent into the game.

Wutke, the Demons' speediest man, who showed himself easily one of the outstanding players by his work in the Carson game, will be in the starting lineup tonight, as will Ernest Benser, Jimmy Olson, Henry Brown and Lofthouse, who all did good work in the last game. New men expected to get in during some part of the game are Henry Brown and Slattery.

The tentative starting lineups:

Bismarck: E. Benser, Polonsky, Wutke, H. Brown (capt.), c Redington, capt., M. Olson, g McMartin, g Lofthouse, g F. Krush.

SAINT PAUL FIGHTER DIES AFTER SCRAP

Is Knocked Out in Last Round of 6-round Bout—Skull Believed Fractured

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Harry "Berg" Berglund, 21, St. Paul fighter heavyweight boxer, knocked out in the 12th round of a scheduled six-round bout here last night, died at a local hospital early today.

Carl Augustine, of St. Paul, Berglund's opponent in the ring last night, was held without charge pending an investigation by police and the coroner inter today.

Although the exact cause of death was not announced at the hospital, it was believed to have been due to a fractured skull. The boxers had been mixing it furiously in the final round, when Augustine sent Berglund down with a left. Berglund's head struck the floor and he was counted out by the referee.

Called
When Berglund's seconds failed to revive him, physicians were called and later he was taken to the hospital where he died several hours later. It was Berglund's first appearance as a professional boxer and, aside from having been knocked down in the first round, his performance in the ring was no boxing equal of his opponent and at times the more aggressive of the two.

The accident was the first of a serious nature that has occurred in the professional ring since boxing was legalized in Minnesota in 1915. George Barton, referee, said it was the first serious accident that had occurred during his 20 years as a ring official.

DEATH IS CAUSED BY CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE

Minneapolis, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Death of Harry Berglund, 21-year-old light heavyweight boxer of St. Paul, was declared by the coroner today to be accidental and Carl Augustine, Berglund's opponent, was released after being held into custody over night. Augustine was brought into municipal court today and freed when the circumstances were explained. The coroner's report said the death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Garden's Profits Nearly a Million

New York, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Tex Rickard has promoted Madison Square Garden almost into the million dollar class in his first year of activity at the new sports arena. The first annual report of the Madison Square Garden association shows a net profit of \$987,000.

Boxing, bike races and hockey games have contributed most of this revenue.

NEWS BRIEFS

Petroleum producers in New York make public message to Mexican secretary of state, saying that Mexico has not shown that petroleum law allows valid confirmatory concessions.

Mexican Catholic Episcopate seeks financial aid for 500 teachers in Mexican government schools, reportedly discharged because of their loyalty to the Catholic religion.

Fire destroyed farm home of Harry Quick, near Moorhead, and drove six members of the family into the sub-zero weather.

Marion Talley's manager cancels concert in New Rochelle, N. Y., when promoter fails to have \$3,000 guarantee ready.

Only the Rough and Tough Survive Hockey



BASKETBALL --- Wilton vs. Bismarck Tonight

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Game Starts 7:45 P. M.