

# PICKED UP ON THE SPORTING FIELD

## Why Football Is Losing Popularity • Athletics and Other Topics



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### NOTED CARLISLE INDIAN TEAM IN ACTION, SHOWING SUPERB INTERFERENCE THAT MADE IT A WINNER THIS YEAR

This illustration shows one reason why Coach Glen S. Warner's Carlisle Indians made a sensational record this season on the gridiron. Note the strikingly effective interference. No less than four men are in front of the man carrying the ball to break a hole through the line and ward off tacklers. That is a fine example of team work and shows that Warner is an excellent coach.

The photo was snapped at the recent Carlisle-Dartmouth contest in New York city when the dusky aborigines walloped the husky lads from Hanover, N. H., to the tune of 37 to 10, after Dartmouth had defeated Princeton.

By TOMMY CLARK.

AT the risk of laying ourselves open to a profound broadside from the experts we will make the assertion that the dear old pastime of football is roughly divided into two branches—fundamentals and team play. Fundamentals have to do with individual skill in playing as an individual in a certain position. The football season is short, and no team can conscientiously cover both fields in a few weeks. Individual skill makes for a sturdy defense. Team play makes for a brilliant attack, generally at the expense of perfect defense. The coaches of most of the eleven west of the Allegheny watershed and of a few on this side have abandoned detailed coaching in fundamentals in favor of developing the possibilities of a bewildering attack, depending mainly on a man's football training at his prep school to ground him in the first principles of his position on the team. This has been the rule for several years and the result is that in a general inter-sectional series it is likely that the west would give a good account of itself.

There is no question but football can be made a wonderfully thrilling and interesting game under the new rules, but it is doubtful if Harvard and Yale and Princeton will ever come to it unless they are forced. This is due to timidity. Developing an attack under the new rules means, as we have mentioned, something of neglect of the defense and the constant taking of chances. And the coaches of the big eleven are afraid. The three big games constitute the whole season for these universities. A defeat for Yale, for instance, at the hands of Harvard or Princeton kills any chance of the championship. And the coaches devote nearly all of their time to building an impenetrable wall in front of the goal posts. For scoring purposes they try to develop a drop kicker so that they need not work the ball farther down than the thirty-five yard line. Even the achievement of this no great enterprise is the exception.

#### Punting Duels Result.

Consequently we are let in for dull and endless punting duels, with the coaches praying that some one of the other side will fumble a punt near his

own goal and give their drop kickers a chance to make three points. Touchdowns have gone out of fashion. With the ball at first down on Princeton's five yard line Yale did not have a single crisscross or forward pass trick in her repertory that could take the ball over that last narrow strip of sod. The Indians, Dartmouth, Notre Dame or Michigan would have scored to a moral certainty at that point. But Yale could not. The falling off in attendance at the Yale-Princeton game is an awakening sign. These big teams are in the foreground of public attention only under the momentum of tradition. Every man who understands the rudiments of the dear old pastime knows that they are playing obsolete and uninteresting football, and they have proved in a number of games that even their laboriously constructed defenses cannot stand against the slashing tactics of the younger colleges.

#### New President of the A. A. U.

Alfred J. Lill, the newly elected president of the Amateur Athletic Union, will take office with the sole ambition of continuing the fine work of his predecessors, but with very decided

views about rules that should govern mixed meets of amateurs and professionals. Mr. Lill is a resident of Boston. He gave his views on athletic subjects as follows the day he was elected president: "I have been grossly misquoted about the suspension of entrance and registration fees," began Mr. Lill. "It is foolish to say that I advocate this. Without registration fees the Amateur Athletic Union couldn't exist. It is practically the only revenue it has. What I have said and what I will try to have carried into effect when president is that if any district in which an A. A. U. meet is held is rich enough, if there is sufficient money in the treasury to warrant it, it might suspend registration fees for that one meet, but I never declared that the union should withdraw its fees for all competitions. It isn't feasible. Withdrawing entrance fees in various meets would undoubtedly encourage athletes to compete. I had that in mind when I suggested the idea to a Boston newspaper man." "Opposes Pro-Amateur Contests. Continuing on to the much mooted question of amateurs and professionals competing in meets under A. A. U.

sanction, Mr. Lill disclosed some very pointed views on the matter. After weighing his words the new president said that he hoped he would never live to see the day when professionals and amateurs participated in track or field events with A. A. U. approval. "I have the greatest respect for a professional," said Mr. Lill, "but he should remain in his class. The trouble arises when a professional masquerades as an amateur and tries to compete as such. I know that professionals and amateurs meet in golf, cricket and even in horse riding contests, but the practice cannot be carried out in track and field events under A. A. U. sanction. I am decidedly opposed to this and trust that the day may never come when this should come to pass."

#### Sandglass to Keep Time in Boxing Bout.

Eddie Keenan, the manager of Jimmy Walsh of Boston, has been experimenting with a device to take the place of a watch in keeping time during a bout for boxer's seconds.

It consists of a slender glass tube containing red sand. The tube is divided into two sections, and the sand

runs from one section to the other downwardly in exactly three minutes. The principal advantage is that it can be hung on the post in a boxer's corner and needs only a side glance of half a second to tell a man how the time is going. Keenan believes the glass could be enlarged and put over a ring for the benefit of the entire audience. Keenan recently tried it in Brooklyn with success.

#### Clarke to Lead Pirates in 1914 Race.

Fred Clarke has signed a contract with Barney Dreyfuss to manage the Pirates for the season of 1914. This spiced the talk that is started annually by the leader of the Pirates is about to retire from the game. Clarke expects to be in the fight from start to finish next season.

#### Federals May Get Brown.

Bordecal Brown, the famous three fingered pitcher of the Chicago Nationals and Cincinnati, may take the management of the Chicago Federal League team. In a story published in Chicago, Brown is quoted as saying that a representative of the Chicago Federals had made him an offer, and President Gilmore of the Windy City

club said a question of terms only remained to be settled. Brown is said to have been promised his unconditional release from Cincinnati by President Herrmann provided he could get a managerial berth. The pitcher said he was still able to take a turn on the mound occasionally.

#### Chicago Western Champion.

Premier football honors of the western intercollegiate conference for 1911 rest with the University of Chicago by virtue of its 11 to 7 victory over the University of Minnesota on Northrup field at Minneapolis.

Although the game was replete with flashes of individual brilliancy on the part of both winners and losers, credit for the victory must be about equally apportioned among the Maroon players. Nearly 25,000 spectators saw the Chicago eleven break down Minnesota's defense in the first period. Within eight minutes of actual play, after a series of successful forward passes, Gray, the Maroon left half, scored the first touchdown from Minnesota's two yard line, when Norstrom had placed the ball by a spectacular run of more than twenty-five yards.

### DARTMOUTH'S STAR QUARTERBACKS

WHEN the football sharps start picking All American teams for the present season it's a safe bet that both Ghee and Llewellyn, the Dartmouth college quarterbacks, will come in for a good deal of consideration.



GHEE.

Ghee's specialty is forward passing, and he and Captain Hogsett of the Green team played havoc with opposing eleven. He was considered merely as a sub-quarterback when the season opened, but after a few games demonstrated his right to be placed on a par with Llewellyn. Both the men are small, and both are quick thinkers and dangerous in running back kicks.

### INTERNATIONAL GOLF.

The plan for an international golfing competition along the general lines of the Davis cup lawn tennis play is enthusiastically indorsed by Francis Ouimet, the American open champion. The idea originated in England, where one prominent club has offered, as is said, to contribute a trophy.

### Tener and the National League

MUCH interest centers in the announcement that John K. Tener, governor of Pennsylvania, has accepted the presidency of the National Baseball league, which was tendered to him in Harrisburg recently by four of the eight magnates of the organization.

The governor will hold office for four years among the baseball men, during which time it is understood he will draw a yearly stipend of \$15,000. He is to have absolute charge of the affairs of the league, and, being a baseball man of practical experience years ago, he should find little to puzzle him in the maze of baseball politics.

The governor, however, in accepting the presidency of the league, made it be understood that he would not resign as executive of the state and that he would not give his undivided time to the league until his term as governor expired. During his time as governor he will not draw any salary from the National league, although he will be fully entitled to such, but this was one of the conditions which he insisted upon.

#### The Salary Question.

When asked what salary he was to draw down as the president of the league the governor said: "I do not believe that the public is interested in that, and, besides, it is a private matter between the league and myself."

The governor also wished to impress upon the public the fact that he is not to draw a cent in salary from the league until he becomes actively engaged in his official baseball duties. During his time in office as governor of the state, John A. Heydler, secretary of the National league, will attend to the principal duties pertaining to the president, such as supervising the umpires and looking after the routine affairs at league headquarters. This will give Mr. Heydler one year as "boss" of the league, for Mr. Tener will not step out of public office in Pennsylvania until Jan. 1, 1915.

The magnates—W. F. Baker, president of the Philadelphia club; Harry Ackerland, representing Charles W. Murphy of Chicago; Charles H. Ebbets of Brooklyn, and Harry Hempstead of New York—visited Harrisburg, and after a luncheon at the executive mansion the conference began. The four magnates tendered the presidency to Governor Tener, and then followed a prolonged conference regarding the term of office and salary.

#### Dreyfuss Approves Also.

Barney Dreyfuss wired his approval from Pittsburgh and stated that he was ill and could not be present. J. B. Gaffney of Boston wrote a letter agree-

ing to support Governor Tener and said that business kept him away. Garry Herrmann also wrote a letter giving his consent, and President Baker held the proxy of S. B. Britton of St. Louis.

For the second time in four years the Philadelphia club was in the position of making or unmaking a league executive. In 1908 the vote of the club was pledged to Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh for John A. Heydler. The sale of the Phillies, however, to Charles P. Taft lost Heydler the vote and turned it over to the opposition. In consequence of the loss of the Phillies vote there was a deadlock, and John T. Brush sprang one of the biggest surprises in the history of baseball by suggesting Thomas J. Lynch, the former king of umpires, who then was elected to the presidency.

#### Will Leave the Prize Ring to Study Law

"I WILL never engage in a public fight for money after the first of next February," says Paucy McFarland. "I may give a boxing exhibition now and then, but I shall not train. I intend to take a course in a Chicago business college next March and then will study law."

"I intended to quit the ring after I defeated Jack Britton here last May and I rested all summer without putting on a glove. But in order to please Billy Gibson, my friend, I finally agreed to box Murphy, Ritchie and perhaps Freddie Welsh in Madison Square Garden."

"I named 137 pounds at 6 o'clock for Murphy because I was so heavy when I began real training work that I didn't believe I could reduce to a lighter limit and retain my strength. I always have been afraid of fatal results from taking off too much weight ever since the reducing process killed Joe Gans. For that reason I will say right here that I never will make less than 135 pounds at 3 o'clock again."

"If Ritchie wants to box me at that limit I will take him on. The same goes for Welsh, who dictated to me in England several years ago. Although the lightweight limit over there is 135 at 2 o'clock, Welsh made me do 133 at that hour. Now I intend to give him a dose of his own medicine, if he wants to meet me."

### FAMOUS RUSSIAN WRESTLER IN AMERICA TO MEET GOTCH



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IVAN MAMUTOFF, the great Russian wrestler, has come to this country to wrestle Frank Gotch for the world's championship title. He is very powerful, but slower than Gotch. Mamutov is a member of the bodyguard of the czar of Russia. He has six months' leave of absence to meet Gotch. In the cut the big Russian is shown executing a combination buttock and toe hold on his partner.

#### GOODBY, HEINIE.

Heinie Zimmerman, the third baseman of the Chicago Cubs, has been expelled by the Baseball Players' Fraternity. David L. Fultz, president of the

players' organization, has confirmed a report to this effect, explaining that it was in July that Zimmerman had been dropped after failure to pay his dues. Zimmerman owed for six weeks, said Fultz.

### Big Offers For American Fighters

CHARLES GALVIN of Los Angeles, who has been promoting boxing contests and other sporting events in England and France, is the man who has offered to hang up a \$25,000 purse for a twenty round battle between Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, and Willie Ritchie, holder of the world's title, at Earl's court, London. Galvin says he has obtained a lease on the big arena, which will seat 15,000 spectators, and is ready to post a substantial forfeit if Welsh and Ritchie want to fight under his management.

Galvin recently came here from the other side in search of pugilistic attractions, including the Welsh-Ritchie bout. He says that he offered Gunboat Smith a \$10,000 guarantee to box Bombardier Wells in London and Georges Carpentier in Paris, but that Smith's manager demanded a better inducement, declaring that a \$20,000 offer might induce Smith to cross the Atlantic. Galvin states that he responded with an offer of 20 per cent if Smith lost and 25 per cent if he won the bout with Wells, while he agreed to hand over a 30 per cent loser's end and a 35 per cent winner's share for the scrap with Carpentier. But again Smith's manager refused. Galvin has some interesting things to say about Jack Johnson.

"Johnson has been signed by Theodore Vienne, the Paris promoter, to meet anybody that Vienne names," says Galvin, "but Johnson will not receive a \$20,000 guarantee. The big negro is down and out. Several times he has been arrested in Paris for not paying his way, and only for the fact that what little property he has left is in the name of his wife or that of Levy, his secretary, he would be left penniless. Johnson's agreement with Vienne calls for 25 per cent if he wins and 20 per cent in the event of defeat."

"Johnson was in Vienna showing in a vaudeville house when I left. He is merely a curiosity and doesn't draw anything to speak of. He is extremely unpopular, and it would not be surprising if the French government shipped him out of the country as an 'undesirable' or a 'common vagabond.' The French people cannot understand why he was allowed to get out of the United States."

### GREATEST RUNNER NOT GUILTY OF PROFESSIONALISM

HANNES KOHLEMAINEN, the champion runner, has saved his scalp from removal by the Amateur Athletic Union. He holds every world's record for from three to ten miles. At



Photo by American Press Association. HANNES KOHLEMAINEN.

tempts to have him barred from amateur meets on the ground of professionalism have fallen through, as Hannes demonstrated to the effect that he had not accepted money for running and that he had not sold his medals, as alleged.