



FOR THE GAME'S SAKE

BY LAWRENCE PERRY

New York, Feb. 20 — The statement from army athletic authorities at West Point relative to a series of "scandalous attacks" appearing in the daily press concerning alleged illegitimate and unethical methods of inducing famous college athletes to enter the academy is characterized by a definite note of irritation. Special reference is made in the Army statement signed by Lieutenant Colonel Koehler executive officer of the Army Athletic Association, and Captain M. B. Ridgeway, graduate manager of athletics, to articles appearing under an Annapolis date line.

Purely in the interest of continued athletic relations between the Army and Navy the writer feels that the West Point communique should not be permitted to pass without some discussion.

Primarily it should be said that Colonel Koehler and Captain Ridgeway make a perfectly well taken point when they say that cadets at the institution are held to a stricter accountability scholastically than exists generally among seats of learning.

But how about this paragraph? "It may be of interest to note that the first intimation the authorities at the Military Academy had concerning the flow of football stars to West Point came to them through the public press in a number of articles all of which emanated from Annapolis."

A point might be made here as to just what constitutes a "flow." Certainly it was known at West Point that the academy elevens in recent years have benefitted by the services of players who entered the

academy with sectional or national reputations. Names such as Olliphant, Garbisch, Storck, French, and Tiny Hewitt, will readily occur.

The statement points out that these appointments "are vested in and controlled by the President, Senators and Congressmen." And "any charges such as contained in these attacks must of necessity therefore, at least by inference, include some of these gentlemen." That is perfectly true. The question is whether these appointments were made in the usual way and by fortunate chance a number of star football players happened to win in the customary competition; or whether Congressmen and others knew the men receiving the appointments were qualified football players, or finally whether certain appointments were suggested by officers of the Army interested in the success of the football eleven.

In any event, this is none of the public's business and no inherent evil may be discerned—unless it be true that applicants for admission to the academy are in some measure discriminated against in favor of football material.

But it would certainly appear that the Navy—no matter what the underlying motive of its three year rule—has reason to feel that the Army, able to play first year men, has undoubted advantage.

Out of the whole thing one fact is clear: the two institutions should come together in agreement of one sort or another if a very fine and inspiring traditional relationship in sport is to continue without rancor—if, in fact, it is to continue at all.

and ends out in the dimness some- There is a superstition in Tampa where near the slow flowing river that the ball carried to the river. that winds its way to the bay. (Continued On Page Seven)

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The Sportsman

By Walter Camp

New York, Feb. 20 — President Sills of Bowdoin, at the annual banquet of the Yale Club at Boston, declared that under the present coaching system students are being turned more or less into automata.

President Angell of Yale, commenting on his remarks, said "I agree with President Sills that the coaching system has been carried to an absurd point. We must get back to the point where the men play the game, and it does not deteriorate into a contest between coaches. Yale has been trying to persuade Princeton and Harvard to do this without hope of success."

Harking back to President Hibben's report of a few years ago, we find the same condemnation leveled against the grossly exaggerated over organization of the coaching system. There are statements by Coach Roper of Princeton along similar lines.

Only a year ago Tad Jones suggested at New York that the coaches be relegated to the stand during a game, in order to develop initiative among the players. About the same time the writer published an article showing how extensive the over organization of coaching had become. The probabilities are now that we shall soon hear from Cambridge and that "deflation" of coaching will begin.

Washington Team Training At Tampa

And The Distance Between Diamond And Spectators Lends Enchantment

By JOHN B. FOSTER (Copyright, 1924, By The Advance)

New York, February 20—Washington is the metropolitan team of Florida because it trains at the West Florida metropolis—Tampa. The ball ground is in the fair ground and the Washingtons have a large concrete stand to hold the spectators who assemble to witness their games. The stand is across the race track from the ball ground and the distance between the game and the spectators lends enchantment to it.

That's why Washington trains there.

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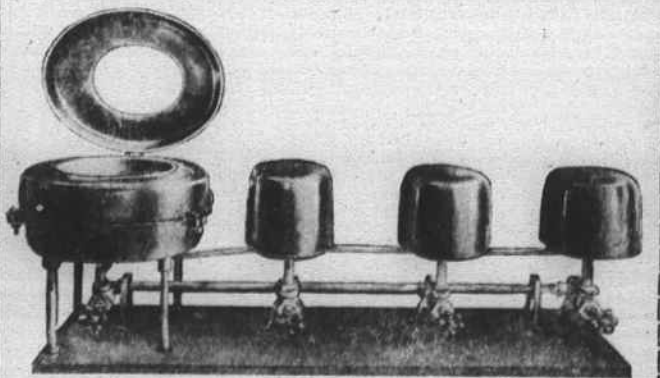
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