

The Sportsman

By Walter Camp

New York, Feb. 26 — That man Clark of Johns Hopkins, who has been looming up as a dark cloud on the horizon of the would-be sprint champions, gave them all another jolt Saturday night by covering the century at the Baltimore meet in 9-4-5 seconds on an indoor track. It looks as if Clark's finishing third, behind Murchison and McAllister, at the Wilco games, had not frightened him off, but had merely spurred him on.

Gorman, in winning the skating title at Lake Placid, showed himself worthy successor to Jewtraw, who did not defend his title. For in the three mile event, Gorman had to "give all he had and then some" to finish a scant six feet ahead of Moore and Donovan. At the beginning of this race, Gorman was tied up with Rilen at seventy points.

Jois Ray looked a bit better at Boston, but the writer is of the opinion that he is doing too much of this indoor racing for his own good. Ray is a sterling racer, and has fine lungs and heart, but other men have found that it is far more killing to drive these organs indoors than out in the open where there is plenty of oxygen.

ARMS AND LEGS BEGIN TO ACHE

Early Spring Training Has Begun at Southern Training Camps for Many Teams in Major Leagues.

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New York, Feb. 26 — This week actively begins the fortnight of aching arms and lame legs for those baseball players who have been called early to the spring training camps of the major leagues.

The Chicago Cubs and the New York Giants are hard at it. The St. Louis Nationals are on the way. The Yankees and the Cleveland Indians are dipping themselves in the baths of Hot Springs to reduce winter flesh and boil tough sinews and tendons into submission.

Thus soon, the hopeful old campaigner has seized upon some youngster, and is beginning to celebrate his achievements long in advance of the first game of the season. For the moment, the hitherto overlooked youngster holds the stage. If he is good, he may continue to hold it. If he is only the first spark that glows and is consumed almost as soon as it is lighted, he drops out of the blaze of baseball, perhaps never to be heard from again.

The Giants are extolling Leete, a pitcher from Amherst. Hank Gowdy is Leet's ballyhoo man. But Leete had good words said for him before Gowdy saw him perform. His neighbors have been boasting about his speed and his control for a long time.

Shaute of Cleveland is another who starts the season with the gallery for him. But Shaute was not so bad last year. Every now and then he did something that forecast a future for him. And Cleveland, more than any club in the American League, is anxious to make friends with pitchers who have futures. Given a running mate for Uie, and presuming Uie performed as in 1923, Cleveland would not be trailing Detroit at the end of the 1924 season.

The Boston Sox are in San Antonio, at work earlier than for years. Changed players, changed managers and changed scenes are expected to give them new atmosphere. Yet what they want is catchers, and Manager Fohl has requested extra time to get his kids into condition. If Uhmke fails to come through again, Fohl has a mighty hard hill to climb. But he is patient and persistent.

By the end of the week, Pittsburg will be at work in California. McKechnie has more vital problems to solve for his team than almost any manager who has a presumable championship outfit. Not only must he get a corps of pitchers, but he must settle on the arrangement of an infield with many good players to choose from. If he picks the wrong combination, the hammers will thump.

COMPARES IRISH FREEDOM

Dublin, Feb. 26 — Minister of Education McNeill, addressing a political gathering in this city recently, declared that the people of Ireland now have control of their own affairs and the making of their own destinies as fully as the people of Spain, the United States or Russia.

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Jack Dempsey called at the White House and discussed affairs of the nation with the president. Dempsey wanted to know why Czecho-Slovakia was not given mandate over Abyssinia, it is rumored. Coolidge assured Dempsey, gossips have it, that the only thing that stood in the way was Article X of the League of Nations, and the two thereupon discussed the league in detail.



New York, Feb. 26 — It is rather curious, also a bit ironical, that in the same week in which the United States Lawn Tennis Association calls attention to the growth of the game as a variety sport among our colleges, an alumni of a great eastern university deprecates the lack of adequate facilities for lawn tennis.

The plaint appears in the Pennsylvania Gazette, published in the interest of the graduates of the University of Pennsylvania. Now Pennsylvania is one of the most important athletic colleges in the country. It has a fine gymnasium and her football gridiron and baseball diamond are set within a stadium that costs many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

How many tennis courts think you has the University of Pennsylvania? An average guess would be between forty and fifty. As a matter of fact there are twelve. And there is many another college that could be named which is no better off in respect to the opportunities to get out doors and play tennis.

In the questionnaire sent to 102 seats of higher learning as to the status of the sport in these institutions practically all of them stated

that they had tennis teams consisting of from four to ten players who engage in intercollegiate competition.

The U. S. L. T. A. and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association think this is a magnificent indication of the growth of lawn tennis as a sport. And so it is—as a competitive sport for stars. The pathetic aspect of the situation is that these teams of from four to ten men are about the only students who have any regular use of the few courts which exist at not a few colleges.

Now tennis is one game which automatically is fitted to varying proficiency. In no sport can a man, no matter what sort of game he plays, find so many of his fellows who play approximately the same sort of game. And two fourth or fifth raters can get as much excitement out of their match, and as much—if not more—enjoyment as the experts.

Lawn tennis thus stands as the sport par excellence for all students and if they were properly encouraged, tennis would certainly stand as the most popular intra-mural sport. But with few courts and these in use by star players preparing to represent their institutions in intercollegiate competition, the game takes low rank when the number of students engaged in various sports is set forth in comparative tables.

Were the U. S. L. T. A. to send out a questionnaire as to the facilities, for tennis which colleges and universities give to their students generally, the answers would hardly afford that cause for congratulation which resulted from inquiry as to the intercollegiate aspects of the sport.

WAKE FOREST HAS BRAND NEW PLAYER

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ORLANDO SUITS THE CINCINNATIS

That Show Quartered Too Nearly Was the Jinx Last Year, but the Team Likes It, Pennant or No.

By JOHN B. FOSTER

New York, Feb. 26.—The first thing that you hear in Orlando is that there is no place like it in Florida, which is quite true and the next is that the Cincinnati train there to try to win the championship of the National League, which is also true. Even Cincinnati boasts of it.

The ball ground is in the Fair Ground, at least it was last year. There was also a winter quartered show in the Fair Ground. That show, according to George Burns was a jinx. He insists that the sawdust of the diamond and the sawdust ring do not mix.

This year the diamond will be that of the Cincinnati will be that on the new ground which has been built by Joe Tinker. There is also a much (Continued on Page Seven)

him?" a member of the Demon Deacons squad asked the proud father. "He may not be a coach, but he will certainly be a player," was the reply.

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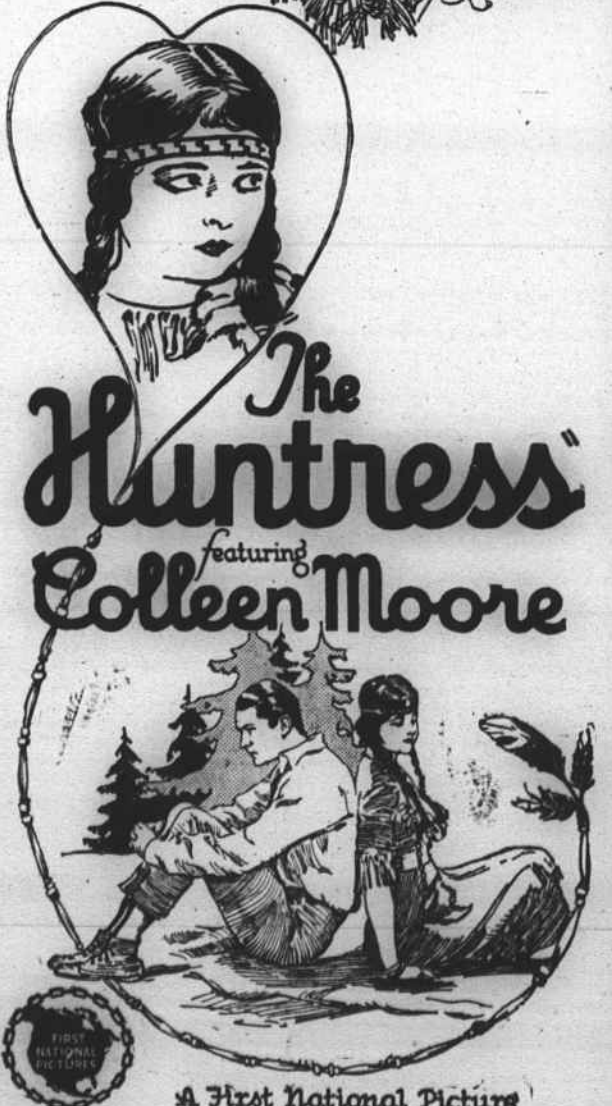
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