

CONNIE SWITCHES HIS TACTICS AGAIN

Announces He is Through Experimenting with Uncertain Talent from Bushes.

FEELS THE CRITICISMS

By JACK VEIOCK. New York, Dec. 16.—Has Connie Mack decided to switch his tactics and go after another American league pennant? Or is the lengthy bench manager merely kidding us? Mack is reported to have announced himself through experimenting with so much college talent. He is going to spend more of his time hereafter in trying to land players who will be capable of stepping into berths on his club and delivering the goods, instead of the college brand who need several years on the bushes and at least a year on a big league bench before they are ready for regular service.

Other Than Money. When Mack broke up his famous combination—that wonderful old infield—he probably had other than pecuniary reasons for it. He almost admitted as much some months afterward, when rumor said he was about to sell "Stuffy" McInnis. At that time Mack remarked that he would not think of selling McInnis, even though "Stuffy" was slumping, and he gave as the reason that any player who worked in perfect harmony with the managerial ideas was sure of his berth. So it must have been internal dissension that caused Mack to tear down his wonderful combination.

Connie says he has picked up some excellent material from the minor leagues; that he is through with experiments. During the recent season Mack worked with quite a squad of newcomers, and he believes he has developed some regular ball players, who, with players he has selected from the ivory fields, will give him a winner next year.

Two New Ones. The 1917 infield of the Athletics will probably be composed of McInnis, Grover, Witt and Bates. Bodie, Strunk and Thrasher will probably figure as the regular outfielders.

With Schang, Meyer, Haley and Picinich to do the backstopping Mack has a quartet of young catchers; for, although Schang can be called a veteran of the Mackian machine now, he is still a young fellow.

In addition to Sheehan, "Jing" Johnson and Nabors, who were with the Athletics last season, Mack has landed Noyes from Portland and Hill from Waco, in addition to several promising minor league slabsters.

According to reports from American league headquarters in Chicago, the Athletics alone were financial losers last season, and figuring that Ban Johnson's policy of seeing to it that the weaker sisters of his league get all the assistance he can lend them, the 1917 Athletics will probably deserve watching next summer.

Iron Man of Gridiron. Base ball had "Iron Man" McGinnity, and a number of other iron men, if we remember correctly, but not to be outdone by the diamond pastime, foot ball has come to the front with an iron man who is more or less of a bear.

This exceedingly husky young iron man is none other than Heinie Miller, of Pennsylvania. Miller has been playing foot ball for some seven or eight years, including of course, his years in high school and at Mercersburg academy. In all that time he has never been lifted from a game on account of injuries. Miller is an end, and the duty of an end has to do with cracking interference by head-long dives at the ankles of opposing athletes. At this game Miller is a past master, and yet he refuses to wear a head gear, because, he says, headgears are too hot, and he isn't afraid of getting hurt anyway.

Poultry Shoot at Omaha Rifle Club An All-Day Event

Greater Omaha Rifle and Revolver club will hold its second poultry shoot of the season on the club's range in East Omaha today. The shoot starts at 9 o'clock and will continue all day. Lunch will be served on the range at noon. The shoot today will be a handicap affair, the handicaps to be based on scores made at the last poultry shoot held just prior to Thanksgiving. Ten men will shoot in each event.

Equipment Arrives For Bellevue Gym

With the arrival on the college hill of the \$800 worth of equipment purchased for the Bellevue college gymnasium, the work of installing the apparatus is being rapidly pushed. Workmen are busy erecting the new basket ball goals, which will hang from the ceiling instead of resting on the floor as heretofore, thus allowing the players to run under the goals instead of off to one side. As soon as the goals are up, within a day or two, the work of installing the remainder of the equipment will begin. The new apparatus consists of springboards, parallel and horizontal bars, rope ladders, horses, mats, dumb bells, Indian clubs, standards, punching bags, medicine balls, and all the standard gymnasium equipment. With the swimming pool, the showers and the new apparatus, it is expected that the Bellevue gymnasium will be equipped as well as that of any college in the state.

WILLIAMS SIGNS UP FOR BATTLES

Bantamweight Champion Will Stage His Own Elimination Tourney This Winter.

AD AND RIVERS COME BACK

By RINGSIDE. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Kid Williams, bantamweight champion, has taken the jump on those promoters who have been urging an elimination tournament for all contenders in his division by staging one himself. With two minor fights scheduled for dates between now and the new year, Williams has also signed to meet Pete Heruan, the southern champion, at New Orleans, on January 8, and Frankie Burns of New Jersey one week later. Heruan has met the champion before, holding him to a draw in twenty rounds last winter. This time they are on about even terms, and the Kid will find Heruan a tough nut to crack.

Burns also has been a tough proposition for Williams, and the latter comes through both battles unscathed he will have gone a long way toward nullifying the claim on the crown of Johnny (Kewpie) Erle of St. Paul, who technically won it when he was given the decision over Williams by virtue of a foul in their combat a year ago. Williams is not unwilling to meet Erle again—but he wants the same conditions which prevailed in their other fight, 118 pounds ring-side. Erle's manager is holding out for 116 pounds, which would be almost impossible for Williams.

Meanwhile, Colonel John Reister, the Gotham promoter and manager, is demanding a whack at Williams for Young Solzberg of Brooklyn. Solzberg is 22 years old and has been fighting for six years, in which time he has met Williams three times, Erle twice and Johnny Coulon, when the latter was champion.

Seconds Toss Sponge.

He has a technical knockout at the hands of Williams to mar his record, as a result of his seconds tossing the sponge into the ring in his last encounter with the champion. Solzberg says he was able to continue and that his seconds acted unwisely.

If Reister really is willing to put up that \$10,000 he offers to bet that Solzberg can beat both Williams and Erle he ought not to find the champion turning a deaf ear to him. Williams has shown a decided willingness to stake his title of a referee's decision over the marathon route since he won it from Coulon in June, 1914. Witness his fights with Burns, Heruan and Eddie Campi.

Johnny Coulon, the former title holder, is averse to being left out of any elimination affairs. He insists that since he returned from Canada, cured of stomach trouble as a result of nine weeks of roughing it in the wilds, he is as good as ever and proposes to try and fight his way back to the top ranks. His three private bouts here have convinced some of the experts that he is far from a "has been" in bantam ranks.

Two Come-Backs.

Notable among the come-backs of the season may be mentioned Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, and Joe Rivers, the Mexican who came within an ace of grabbing the laurel a few years back.

Rivers, after a year or two of in-and-out milling, seems to have recovered his lost efficiency and is hitting as hard and fast as he did in the days when he was the sensation of the Pacific coast. His punching nearly got him into trouble the other night at New Orleans when he knocked out Joe Thomas with a terrific wallop that almost jarred his head off his shoulders.

Rivers is getting many nice offers from all over the county, and if he maintains his present pace is quite likely to again become a factor in lightweight circles. The secret lies in the fact that Joe is behaving himself beautifully now and the things that once lured him to numerous beatings no longer attract him.

Wolgast has the fans whooping it up for him down south, and he has several matches on sight as a result of his terrific twenty-round go to a draw with Frankie Russell at New Orleans. Wolgast is back in Chicago training for his next fight and his headquarters are the mecca of many of the fans. Experts say he is in the best shape he has shown since the memorable operation for appendicitis, which was a factor in passing on his crown to Willie Ritchie.

White Loses Popularity.

Charlie White no longer is the idol of Chicago fight fans. His place in the sun has been taken by Joe Welling, who has been forging to the front so rapidly in lightweight ranks recently. Welling, who really hails from Broadway, is being touted as the man Freddie Welsh will have to fight for the title sooner or later, and to that end Welling and his manager, Jimmy Johnson, will start a campaign as soon as they get back east following several matches in this part of the country.

Welling is confident that he will be selected for the first long distance bout in which Welsh engages. Welling says he is one of the few of the present crop of lightweights who can make 133 pounds ringside without trouble. That is the lowest weight Welsh can possibly demand, says Welling, so why should he not be the one to fight the Britisher for the title?

This bird Frankie Whitney, whom Welling fought in Keosha the other night, is one of the few fighters who mixes things with his right hand extended. Most of the time he has both stuck out, and the result is his jaw is constantly protected and the other fellow has a hard time getting inside his guard. Whitney can't do much along the knockout line by fighting that way, but his short-arm punches can cause a lot of damage to an opponent's face. In addition he uses a peculiar twist to his blows, which are very painful and not only bruise, but cut the skin when they land.

Some Ancient History.

Boxing followers came near getting the jolt of their lives and a new lightweight champion on the night of October 25, 1912, with Quincy, Ill., as the source of the eruption, according to a piece of ancient history which was just come to light.

Broke Four World's Records



Fred J. V. Delany

ROBERT SIMPSON

Fred J. V. Delany, chairman of the record committee of the Amateur Athletic union of the United States, has made public his report on the application for records made by athletes on track and field and in the water, which will be submitted at the annual convention of the Amateur Athletic union in New York City.

Six world and three American records were broken on track and field and six world marks were equalled. Five world's and twelve American swimming records were swamped and twelve American swimming records established by women.

James E. (Ted) Meredith and

Robert Simpson ask to be credited with four world's records. The Penn flyer seeks recognition for making a new world's mark for the quarter and half mile. Simpson asks that his name be inscribed on the honor roll for shattering the world mark for the 120 high and 220-yard low hurdles.

The Hypodermic Needle advertisement featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and the text 'By FRED S. HUNTER'.

WE HEREWITH SUBMIT OUR ALL-WORLD FOOT BALL ELEVEN FOR 1916. IT'S A PEACH.

Billy Sunday, right end. Bill Bryan, left end. Joe Stecher, right tackle. Jim O'Shea, left tackle. Jack Curley, right guard. Ham and Eggs, left guard. Benny Kauff, center. Shakespeare, quarterback. Freddie Welsh, right half. H. C. L., left half. Kitty Gordon, full back.

This All-World eleven, we believe, is the strongest that could be assembled, not even excepting an All-Limberger eleven, and we defy Walter Camp, Wally Eckersall, Cy Sherman, Sandy Griswold, Ring Lardner or Gus Tylee to pick one that can touch it.

In making up this All-World eleven we first selected the ends. Bill Sunday and Bill Bryan are the logical men for these positions. In this day of the open game ability to receive the forward pass is an essential for an end. Sunday is without an equal as a reception committee, he's a bear at receiving either trail-hitters or dollar bills. All the coach would have to do is convince him that a forward pass coming toward him consisted of three trail hitters and six bucks.

Joe Stecher and Jim O'Shea are the tackles. Joe has tackled the wrestling game and matrimony and a guy that will tackle that combination will tackle anything. Jim O'Shea is also some tackle. He has tackled trotting and pacing and breaking and jumping and Jim Ronin and, according to Fred Myers, before he gets through will be tackling a milk wagon.

It is with pride that we point to our guards; Jack Curley and Ham and Eggs. Jack Curley has been guarding Jess Willard for three years and the wrestling game for ten. Nobody has broken through into either one of them. Ham and Eggs have withstood onslaughts of appetite and purse without a quiver. This combination, Curley and Ham and Eggs, could guard anything against anybody.

Benny Kauff is put at center. Benny is the greatest all-around performer in captivity, he admits it. Bill Shakespeare is at quarter. It is the business of the quarter to call signals so that the opposing team cannot understand 'em. With Bill calling the signals the best little

Three Creighton Men Given Places On All-Star Team

Three Creighton men were given positions on an All-Western Catholic college football team selected by a Dubuque (Ia.) sport writer. The all-star eleven were chosen from players on every Catholic institution in the west except Notre Dame. The three Creighton men who were honored with positions are Platz at left half, Long at quarter and Gross at center.

GRID SPORT MAKES COIN FOR HUSKERS

Nebraska Closes Foot Ball Season with Net Profit of Over Five Thousand Dollars.

RECEIPTS OVER \$30,000

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Nebraska closed the 1916 foot ball season with a net profit of \$5,544.62, according to the annual report of Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed, which he will submit to the Cornhusker athletic board.

The season just closed was the most profitable in the history of Husker athletic in the past five years, but was also the most expensive. The athletic board took in \$37,649.42 from all sources during the foot ball season and expended \$32,105.30. During the last year of Jumbo Stiehm's regime the total receipts were a trifle over \$35,000.

Table listing receipts and expenditures for the 1916 season, including student season tickets, citizens season tickets, Drake game, Kansas Aggie game, Wesleyan university game, Ames Aggie game, Kansas university game, Iowa game, Notre Dame game, and total receipts of \$37,649.42.

The expenditures have been listed as follows: Shares of visiting teams, \$14,422.22; Equipment, \$2,417.78; Office, \$1,107.18; Managing, \$159.00; Coaching, \$250.00; Transportation, \$274.00; Advertising, \$754.20; Seating, \$247.78; Training (not reported, estimated by guarantee), \$2,800.00; Notre Dame game (at), \$12,909.25; Total, \$37,649.42.

From the sale of student season tickets Manager Reed has still \$2,700.40 on hand, or 40 per cent, to meet the expense of other branches of athletics at the state university. It is estimated that with the additional receipts from basket ball and track, which are always practically self-supporting, that all of the other sports at Nebraska can be maintained without having to touch a single cent of the big surplus piled up during the foot ball season.

Add to Field Fund.

Reed's report to the board will show a balance in the treasury from the preceding seasons of \$6,354.33—a part of the permanent fund for the new athletic field. Of this amount \$1,810.10 still remains from the season of 1914-15, and the remainder, \$4,544.23, is from the season of 1915-16. Added to this permanent fund for the new athletic field will be the \$5,544.62 clear from foot ball for the 1916 season, boosting it well over the \$10,000 mark.

It is the first time that such a careful division of funds between the different branches of sport have been kept, Manager Reed declares, and it shows that the 1916-17 season was the most prosperous in the history of the university.

In only a few instances did the individual receipts for the games fall below those of the preceding year. The Notre Dame game on Thanksgiving day (and the Huskers have the same date for 1917) was a new mark in finances, with receipts of nearly \$13,000. Coach Jess Harper of Notre Dame was delighted along with the Nebraska management and was pleased to close negotiations for a Turkey day battle next fall.

The Ames game in Lincoln also proved to be a splendid money-maker. With the game at Ames last season the Huskers had to be content with a trifle under \$2,000. Last fall the gate netted over \$4,500. The Drake game yielded practically the same amount in 1915, but the Kansas Aggies more than overstepped the mark and bested the 1915 record easily.

The long trip which the Huskers made to the coast was not financially attractive and was not expected to prove so. The management felt it did well to break even.

Kansas Falls Down.

The annual Jayhawk battle was a surprise in point of receipts, falling considerably below those of former years. Heretofore the Kansas-Nebraska games have brought in between \$8,000 and \$9,000 on Nebraska field, but last fall dropped to slightly over \$7,000. At Lawrence in 1915 the total gate receipts set a new high water mark for Missouri Valley conference games, with a \$11,500 crowd on hand.

CHANGES MADE IN FLOOR GAME RULES

Revisions Give Centers Chance to Get Into Play at Start of the Game.

O. K. ON PERSONAL FOUL

By KARL LEE. Basketball underwent a slight, but nevertheless important, change this year. The rules governing the so-called "jump ball" have been revised to eliminate the reversals that are said by many to have interfered with the progress of many good centers on local teams. The present rules permit the pivot man to face any direction, provided "both feet are inside his own half of the center circle."

Atop of this change it is ruled that the jumper may catch the ball after it has been tapped by either himself or his opposite. The old rule making it a foul for either of the jumpers to catch the ball or even touch it until it has later been touched by other of the "ten players" has caused confusion. The instant of the player is to drive into the game with all possible speed as soon as the ball is in action and this restriction checked the speed and alacrity of at least two men for the moment.

The rules otherwise are practically the same as last year. The national committees of the three great divisions of the game—collegiate, Amateur Athletic union, and the Young Men's Christian association—have decided that the game has about reached perfection. A questionnaire has been sent about the country to the officials and coaches offering further suggestions, the principal one being that the ball should be put in play from the side lines rather than thrown up at center, but it is probable that this will not prove popular.

O. K. Personal Foul.

The personal foul was sanctioned by a majority of the officials, coaches and players quizzed in a national questionnaire immediately after the last season closed. It was the consensus of opinion that any player, young or old, who persisted in "roughing it" to the extent of committing four personal fouls should be ruled out of the contest for good. One other minor change effected by the committee is the refusal to recognize a player who has been dismissed from the game by the coach earlier in the fray. The player cannot again obtain admittance to the play. Captains of the teams were given increased powers of arbitration with officials and authority over the men engaged in the play.

Play started generally throughout the state in the last week. Norfolk and Fremont both have entered two leagues of eight teams each and have started well on the way to a successful season. In Lincoln the City league is again in full swing, with Temple, Lincoln, Havelock and University Place high schools all entering the first rounds. The local Tri-City league has started dead, with the dropping of the Brandeis quintet, should leave a big hole open for the championship to the Central squad.

Central Looks Good.

Coach Mulligan has a champ squad practically made to order. The splendid coaching of the last season will show well this year and looking over the schedule there is little chance for the team to go stale. South High school will come much stronger than anticipated. Coach Patton has two splendid fighting men in Etter and Hunter, two new recruits from the foot ball field. Commerce High school will also have a fast team in the field. Coach Drummond has about the same men to work with as he had last year. The team will probably gain entrance into the second division at the state tournament this year. Last year it was listed in the third and played well up into the second.

The schedules of the three local teams include about every team of prominence or ability in the state. The South schedule is especially promising, bringing to Omaha most of the fast teams in the state. Central claims the cream of games in the Missouri valley, and Commerce High intends to clean up some of the hefty Iowa fives, so Omaha will hardly be left out of the swim.

Second teams will be recognized about Omaha this year. A league of second-class teams has been started in Council Bluffs, which will include the South High seconds, Papillion, the School for the Deaf, Creighton, high schools, the Bellevue academy and others. The league will begin business the first week after the Christmas vacation.

Jack Reynolds Has Grip on Title, But Will Not Claim It

"A wrestler who claims no title but is willing to wrestle anyone who does," is the unusual and unique way Jack Reynolds, Omaha's welterweight champ, describes himself. Local students of the wrestling game believe Reynolds is the best welterweight grappler in the country, and Reynolds has a glowing record of victories to which they can point in backing up their belief. Reynolds is fast as lightning, is a thorough student of the game, and bars no one within his immediate weight.

Reynolds, Omahans believe, could rightfully lay claim to the welterweight championship of the world. "But what's the use," says Reynolds, "everybody's claiming championships nowadays. I don't claim any but I'll wrestle any man that does."

Stout to Referee Fights for Baker

Harry Stout, Milwaukee boxing referee, who has officiated in approximately 1,500 bouts in Milwaukee, New Orleans and other boxing centers, has announced his intentions of accepting the offer of "Snowy" Baker, Australian promoter, to officiate before the latter's club next season. Stout will sail for Australia in February.

Stiehm is Wrathy Over Schedule of Big Nine Schools

Ewald O. Stiehm, director of athletics at Indiana, is not pleased over the "Big Nine" foot ball schedule for 1917, and has let it be known he is looking for suitable schools to meet to fill out the Indiana schedule for next season. The fact that Coach Stiehm of Chicago declined to meet the Indiana coach on any terms is being discussed freely at Indiana. Relations with Chicago may not be renewed, it is said.

Stiehm asserts he does not intend to consider games with schools which will not alternate dates in their respective territories. He may attempt to get games next year with Minnesota at Minneapolis, with an understanding that in 1918 Minneapolis will come to Indianapolis to meet the Indiana team. Games with Northwestern, Ohio State and Iowa also will be sought. Coach Stiehm has not announced just where he will look for suitable teams to play for the remainder of the season. An eastern game may be arranged, however.

FOR CHARITY—AND \$65,000.

We wish we lived in Gotham, Where all is light and gay, We wish we lived in Gotham, Where they have the great jay way, We wish we lived in Gotham, Where Jess Willard is going to fight, We wish we lived in Gotham, And could be there on that night, We wish we lived in Gotham, Life out here is far too tame, We wish we lived in Gotham, For we run an army game.