

Western Athletic Conference Puts Ban on Intersectional Grid Games

Big Ten Adopts Drastic Rules to Clean Sports

Tramp Athletes and Ball Players Hit Hard—Purposely "Flunking" Frowned Upon.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.
Recent action of the faculty committee of the western conference in forbidding intersectional contests of any kind, increasing the residence of ineligible migratory athletes from one to two years and putting teeth into the amateur rules, makes the association the most strict of any similar organization in the country.

During the session which brought the president's faculty representative and athletic directors together in joint sessions, the commercial side of athletics came in for scathing and the keynote of all talks was to get back to the amateur side of athletics.

Tramp Athletes Must Go.

The tramp athlete and the one who puts a degree on ice by dropping out of college for one term is not eligible for competition in his specialty during one of the following semesters were frowned upon. The western conference will no longer be a good resting place for the tramp athletes. They will not be counted named and they must seek other fields to exploit.

Although it has happened a few times that athletes have gotten by dropping out of college for one term, the rule will be strictly lived up to in the future. During the recent session the faculty committee refused to allow Milton Romney, captain-elect of the University of Chicago football team, to lead his eleven this fall. Romney could graduate this spring if he attended college until June. He had elected to drop out of school, return in the fall to play football and take his degree in February.

Baseball Question Settled.

The baseball question was settled once and for all as far as the present committee is concerned. A college player may play on a team during the summer, but he forfeits his amateur standing the moment he plays in a game where admission is charged. In previous years colleg stars were members of teams which played to the gate. There was no conclusive way to prove they received compensation for their services. The amendment to the rule, however, eliminates all doubt as to the question of amateur and professional as far as the conference is concerned.

Prohibiting intersectional games is looked upon as one step to eliminate the commercial side of college athletics. There is no getting away from the fact that games between the leading football eleven of the country attract country wide attention and enormous crowds and the consequent large gate. In many cases the gate has run into six figures.

It is the opinion of the conference that Big Ten teams can find enough competition within their own organization without seeking other fields to conquer. The gridiron clash this fall between Chicago and Princeton on Stag field will be among the classics of the year and the field will not begin to hold the crowd.

Schedule Rule Adopted.

Adoption of a rule making it imperative for conference teams to compete only against those which have the freshman rule will lead to more competition within the conference. In previous years the teams, football eleven particularly, have played as many as three games with teams of minor institutions which do not recognize the freshman rule. The new rule will go into effect on September 1, 1923.

A two-sport rule was proposed and it will be adopted at the next meeting in June at Iowa City. One of the two lanes in the rule will be that no athlete may choose football and basketball. As these two sports overlap each other, the players will not have the necessary time to catch up in scholastic work following the gridiron season. Cross-country running and track and field work are considered one and the same sport.

No Alumni Assistance.

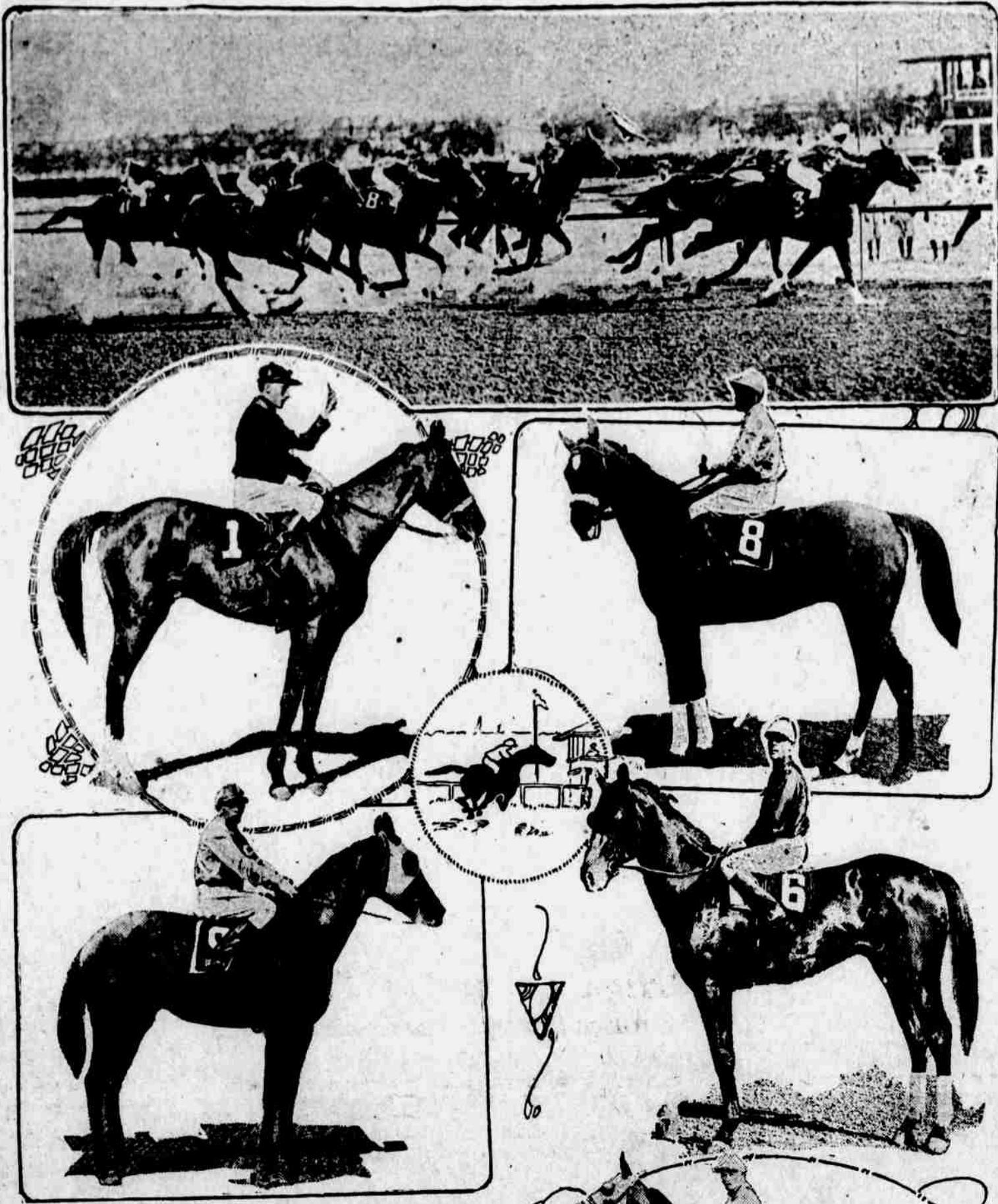
Efforts of alumni to assist promising preparatory school athletes through college by the collecting of pools was deemed detrimental to the efforts of the conference to make its sports clean and free from the taint of professionalism. Be it as it may, the alumni will continue to support their alma maters regardless of any action on the part of the faculty committee, according to a prominent alumnus of one of the leading Big Ten schools.

There is no association of colleges and universities in this country which has such a drastic set of rules. Action of the sort taken was deemed advisable because of recent exposures in college circles, some of which involved Big Ten institutions.

Rolfe and Maurice to Box at Grand Island

"Billie" Rolfe, Omaha heavyweight who is fighting the Jack Lewis colors, has been matched to battle 10 rounds with Alex Maurice at Grand Island on Tuesday, April 18.

Havana Runners Arrive at Ak-Sar-Ben Stables



Left to right, top: Cork, Blumendaup, Loyall, G. Fields up. Left to right, bottom: George James, D. Fribble up; Blawzaway, J. Jaupel, up. Bottom, right: Au Revoir, D. Fribble up.

Although the annual Ak-Sar-Ben spring running race meeting is not scheduled until June 3 to 17th, inclusive, several head of Kentucky and Havana runners already have arrived at the local track to begin preparation for the coming meet.

The change in climate and the advantage of early galloping are among the reasons why the stables are arriving weeks before the meet starts.

"Kid" Schlaifer Intends to Make Monday's Scrap His Last, Is Report

Morrie Schlaifer is threatening to retire. Like a flash out of a clear summer sky the Omaha welter, in the midst of a brilliant pugilistic career, last night dundumfounded his new manager, Bobby Evans, by announcing he is going to quit the boxing game and go into business.

Schlaifer said his last battle would be against "Cowboy" Padgett at Council Bluffs Monday night. Johnny Creeley, his former manager, and Evans pleaded two hours to get him to change his mind.

Husker Medics Form Six-Team Ball Loop

The University of Nebraska "medics" have organized a six-team baseball league which starts play April 17. According to the schedule of games, the "medic" ball players will play 15 games. Each team will play every other squad but once.

Morvich Gallops Half Mile in 50 Seconds at Jamaica

Morvich, the new 3-year-old sensation of the American turf, which is being primed for the Kentucky Derby, captured several hundred thoroughbred enthusiasts at the Jamaica track when he galloped a half mile in 50 seconds flat.

Jim Corbett to Be Dined by Old Time Frisco Pals

James J. Corbett, once heavyweight champion boxer, is going back to his old home town of San Francisco. Some of his former pals, who knew him when he worked at the old Nevada bank and became champion of the Olympic club, have gotten up a dinner and "do you remember?" feast for him at the club. About 500 Olympians are expected.

England Has Soccer Record

A remarkable thing about soccer football in England, where the sport of kicking the football is as popular as baseball in this country, is that no club has won the championship of the first division during the last 20 years on two successive seasons.

Fans Waiting to See How Hurlers Show Under Fire

Decrease Expected in Willow Work as Pitchers Improve—Spheres Seem to Be Normal This Year.

By I. E. SANBORN.
Considerable discussion is being indulged in concerning the outlook for an increase or decrease in batting during the major league baseball campaign which will be inaugurated next Wednesday. There is much curiosity to see which way the eternal battle between pitchers and batsmen will trend this year.

Normal Spheres This Year.

This year the baseballs furnished the major leagues undoubtedly will be nearer normal, as they were toward the close of the 1921 diamond campaign. The cause of the lively ball which created so many upsets in the days last spring is said to have been diagnosed correctly by the manufacturers. Winding the new brand of yarn too tightly was alleged to be responsible for the greater resilience of the balls, and that mistake will be rectified, it is promised.

The spitball will continue to decrease as a factor, although its disappearance is bound to be gradual, because there is no time limit on its use by the slabmen who were saliva experts prior to the rule which forbids newcomers in the major leagues to resort to the moist brand of delivery in competition. But age fixes a limit beyond which pitchers cannot expect to travel successfully in fast company, and each spring finds one or two spitball devotees missing from the ranks.

Faber Leading Pitcher.

In spite of that, Faber led the American league in effectiveness on the slab, with a team behind him which finished seventh in the pennant race. He was much more successful than Coveleskie, who ranked next among the spitters and had the support of a team which landed a close second in the race.

Logan Seeks Fast Sparring Partner

The bird who chirps into the cauliflower cars of Buddy Logan that Dave Shade is a bad egg with a steel shell isn't imparting any information to him. Buddy realizes he is in for the toughest battle of his career when he squares off with the California ring rocket in the city fight edifice a week from Tuesday night.

Milton Barred From Auto Races

Fresno, Cal., April 8.—Tommy Milton, national champion automobile driver, has been barred from all races on the Pacific coast, according to a telegram received by Manager H. E. Patterson of the Fresno Speedway association from William Schimpff, chairman of the National Contest board of the A. A. A. in New York.

Frank Friend Signs With Norfolk Team

Frank Friend, former Kearney Normal star athlete, has signed up with Coach Eric Adams of the Norfolk state league club. Friend is an infielder. He played with the Kearney Normals in 1920 and 1921.

Kerr to Hurl First Semi-Pro Ball Today

Chicago, April 8.—Dick Kerr, who recently refused to sign a contract with the Chicago Americans for another season, is scheduled to pitch his first game for the new city hall team here today in a semi-professional league. Charley Deal, former Chicago National league third baseman, also will be in the lineup.

Philadelphia Teams Clash.

Philadelphia, April 8.—Baseball fans here will have their first opportunity today to judge the relative merits of the 1922 combinations of the Philadelphia Nationals and Americans. Fresh from their southern training camps, from which glowing reports have been received, the two teams were to meet at Shibe park this afternoon in their only inter-league game of the season.

George Lamson, Boxer, Suspended

Indian Heavyweight Alleged to Have Written No-Fund Checks.

Lincoln, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—George Lamson, heavyweight boxer, has been suspended by the boxing commission pending investigation of a complaint charging him with writing no-fund checks. Lamson is not in Lincoln and his former manager, "Billy" Hale, who released him April 1, has no idea where the Indian can be found.

Walter Johnson on 15th Season With Senators

Washington, April 9.—Walter Johnson, one of the best ball pitchers, will begin his 15th campaign under the big tent when the raucous bellow of the ump's formally ushers in the American league baseball season in Washington on April 12. It is a foregone conclusion that the Big Train will receive the assignment of performing on the mound in the season's opening game here, when it is expected President Harding and numerous public luminaries will be present.

Omaha Discard Beats Buffaloes

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 8.—Barney Burch's Omaha Western league Buffaloes were defeated yesterday by the Wichita Falls Spudders by the score of 7 to 1. The game was the first contest of a four-game series.

Hornsby Highest Paid Player in National League

Rogers Hornsby, the leading batsman of the National league in 1921, when he clouted the apple for an average of better than 400, has signed his contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Terms of the contract have not been made public, but it is understood that the salary is between \$20,000 and \$25,000, probably \$22,500, with a clause increasing it if the club finishes first, second or third in the league race. The contract, it is said, makes Hornsby the highest paid player in the Heydler circuit.

Australian Tennis Expert Names World All-Stars

Here's how Maj. R. M. Kidston, noted writer of tennis for the Sydney Referee, ranks players of the world:

1. William Tilden, America.
2. William Johnston, America.
3. R. J. C. North, South Africa.
4. Manuel Alonso, Spain.
5. Zeno Shimizu, Japan.
6. R. Norris Williams, America.
7. Gerald Patterson, Australia.
8. J. O. Anderson, Australia.
9. Norman Brooks, Australia.
10. Ichu Kumagai, Japan.
11. Vincent Richards, America.
12. R. Kincaid, Great Britain.
13. Watson Washburn, America.

Share Honors With English

A quartet of American polo players—namely, Hilburn, Webb, Pletcher and Hopping, share with two Englishmen, the famed Walter Buckmaster and Lord Wodehouse, the honor of topping the rating of English experts with 10 goals each.

Tom Dennison to Purchase Trotter

Tom Dennison, well-known Omaha sportsman, will leave Monday for Oakland, Cal., where he will purchase William Gray, trotter, that has a mark of 2:15.4. The horse will be shipped to Ak-Sar-Ben field where it will be given tryouts. William Gray will journey to the "Raging Grand," should he show up well during the spring workouts.

Sets Skate Record.

Chicago, April 8.—Roland Cioni, world's professional roller skating champion of Akron, O., holds a new record today. In winning the half mile race at the championship tournament in progress here, he made that distance last night in 1:15.3-5 on the nine-lap track. This time, it is claimed, is a world's record.

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Greatest Speed Ball Pitcher Expected to Hurl First Game at Washington Opening Day.

Fourteen years of service in the junior major league perhaps has sapped some of the oldtime zip from Johnson's fast ball, but there are good hitters in the league today who will tell you confidentially they would much rather face the league's best pitcher than the American league's best pitcher. Johnson is shooting them over with his terrific speed.

Has Remarkable Record.

In every one of his 14 years with the Washington team Johnson has been the lone source of comfort to baseball fans of the national capital, who have seen their favorites, year in and year out, flounder around in the pennant scramble like a fish just yanked from the water. He has been the idol of Washington baseball bugs since he joined the team.

Lost First Game.

Griffith's pitching ace joined the team in 1907, a big, raw-boned, green country youth, with practically no big league assets except determination and ambition, coupled with blinding speed. His first start was against the Detroit Tigers, then numbering in its lineup such swiftness as Cobb and Crawford. Johnson lost that game by one run. But what a whale of a record he has since then with a team that has come within striking distance of the championship only twice in the last 15 years! He has chalked up 320 victories since he became a regular flinger for Griffith, more than twice as many as any hurler in the league today has to his credit, and it is a mark that young pitchers will be shooting at for some years to come.

Has Fooled 'Em All.

Walter, being 'em, has experienced hard days, when rival batters bumped his offerings to all corners of the lot. But never has this humiliation been accompanied by the wild jeers and hoots from the fickle fans to "Take him out!" When, on very rare occasions, his blinding speed was smacked all over the park by opposing sluggers and he was compelled to give-way to a relief pitcher, the faithful bleachers, the dyed-in-the-wool, wild-eyed fans who bask in the hot summer sun for the privilege of glimpsing their favorites in action, sent up a loud groan, "There goes our team!"

When Johnson experienced some trouble with his salary whip several years ago gloomy baseball prognosticators broadcasted a colorful information that he was through—on the decline, a hasbeen. But he fooled 'em all by turning in some scintillating pitching performances, and that same year uncorked the first no-hit, no-run game of his career. Last year he rounded into shape, but when the hot summer sun loosened the kinks in his mighty right arm he had the best hitters in the league feebly puncturing the ozone and completing the round-trip from the home plate to the bench with the despairing remark that "you can't hit what you can't see."

Finished Season Strong.

The smoke-ball king wound up the last season traveling like a house afire. He reported to the Griffs training camp at Tampa, Fla., this spring in excellent condition, according to reports from the Florida shores, is coveting around and cutting up like a 2-year-old. So-called experts who have given him the double-O report that Johnson is far from being through yet, and according to Johnson himself he will be out there this summer dishing them up with the oldtime zip and snap to the fast one that makes a batter wobble in the knees when he has to stand at the plate and face the blinding speed of the greatest speed-ball pitcher that ever has donned a spiked shoe.

Sudenberg Matched With Whitey Fulton

Johnny Sudenberg, middleweight, under the wing of Jack Lewis, popular Omaha sportsman, and "Whitey" Fulton, brother of Fred Fulton, will meet in a 10-round bout at Tecumseh, Neb., April 19.

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