

TIRIRIN'

the DOPE

by VEDDER GARD

BACK and forth the pendulum swings. It is strange, indeed, however, that the National League favors a return to the use of resin on the ball by pitchers. It is not so much the idea that the use of resin to obtain a firm grip is so harmful, but that the path to trickery is opened.

The fans wanted more hitting and the powers of baseball saw to it that their wishes were fulfilled. Then it developed that there was too much slugging and measures were taken to curtail the activities of the batsmen. But there is no use going backward to the old days of freak deliveries.

The umpires in the majors have fought hard to prevent tricking of the ball or the applying of foreign substances. It is said that in the American Association pitchers go away with some of the cheating stuff.

Dave Danforth, formerly of Columbus and now with the Browns, always was reputed to be a past master at fooling around with the baseball. His meted-out opposition in the majors and when he first went up had ball after ball thrown out.

It was charged that balls were tampered with before being tossed out and this indictment brought forth the new rule in the American League that the umpires should take the balls from the boxes. There is not much doubt, but that Dave "got away" with plenty of funny stuff in the A. A. He used to strike out nine or ten or think he had a bad day.

Riggs Stephenson of the Indians says it is harder to hit in the Association than in the "big show." One reason is that more curves are dished up. There may be other reasons.

We remember in this connection one time many years ago when Lyman Johnson was moving down all opposition with his emery ball while pitching for Frankfort, Ind. He was almost unbeatable. One Sunday the Henry (H.) Grays came to town and Hod Eller, now an Indianapolis traffic officer, was on the mound for the visitors. It was just before his big success with Cincinnati.

Al Shaw, who always could crack 'em, crashed one on Eller in the first inning putting Frankfort ahead a couple of runs. Then Johnson started his emery work. And it was some emery. One whole side of the ball was scuffed up. He used a file.

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Those were the good old days. Weren't they, Hod. Took your traffic cop's whistle twice if we aren't right.

And now the National League wants to take a step backward and open up the days of trickery. Better not, better not. . . .

WE know one father and mother who are glad their son plays basketball on a local high school team. He is home in bed every night at 10 o'clock. The gang around the corner does not have the attraction of old. Doubtless there are more parents who feel the same way who have athletes for sons.

We mention this for the benefit of some of the "crabs" who don't believe in athletics. "And this lad's father of whom we are speaking goes a little farther with his boy. 'It's up to you to keep in shape to give your best. You live up to the rules or I'll tell the coach,' that's the way that wise father helps things along."

Old-Time Swatter Is Ill in Newark.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Big Dan Roth, one of the National League's longest-distance hitters, is ill in a Newark hospital. Brothers have been "head watchman" at the Polo grounds for more than fifteen years, rough the kindness of John McEwen. They were fellow members of the Baltimore Orioles in the old days.

Bandits broke into the Polo grounds recently, slugged Superintendent Arthur Bell, 75 years old, to a state of unconsciousness, and stole \$200. Bell, who was with the first secret service of the New York Club for more than forty years, will recover.

FIELD IS BIG HELP

A tight infield means far more to winning pitcher than a brawny pitcher, says Howard Ehmke of the Boston Red Sox. "No catcher can stymie a club without a strong infield defense."

SUPERB ELEVENS

BATTLE IN TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FEATURE

CHANGES UNLIKELY IN PASS

Big Grid Coaches Adopt Hands Off Policy Regarding Open Game.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—With such established authorities as Knute Rockne, Tad Jones, Glenn Warner, Fielding Yost, Bill Roper, Andy Smith, Jess Hawley and others too numerous to mention, lined up with a policy of "hands off," there isn't much chance that the fathers of football will take any action against the forward pass at the next meeting of the football rules committee. Practically all of the leading coaches are of the opinion that the game is almost perfect now, is enjoying its greatest popularity and they agree that the forward pass is responsible for the growth of the game.

"The open game," Rockne and Yost said recently, "makes the game better for the spectator and for the player."

Speed and Science

"The forward pass," Edward K. Hall, chairman of the rules committee says, "has improved the game by putting speed and science ahead of beef and brawn."

The complaints against the forward pass have come chiefly from coaches of teams that were defeated by forward passing attacks. "The forward pass, regardless of the perfection of its execution, is not without a defense," Yost said. "There isn't a play known to football that cannot be stopped by a defense against it."

For a man who has been associated with football for so many years, Yost has kept himself very modern. If he had not kept abreast of the times, Michigan would not be the great football institution that it is and Yost would be one of the old moss-back conservatives who cried when the forward pass was adopted and who have been spilling tears ever since.

He's Agreeable Coach

Yost showed not only that he was a fine sportsman but that he was willing to experiment with any kind of a novelty when he agreed to play two games against Minnesota next fall.

Minnesota has the prospects of a wonderful team next fall and perhaps some of the Western Conference coaches were willing to find an excuse to keep them off their schedules.

The Minnesota team has had great difficulty in getting conference opponents, some of the rival coaches falling back on the excuse that the shift used at Minnesota is illegal.

"Some of them," Yost says, "are afraid of the shift, it never was stopped until Michigan stopped it and we can do it again."

GOLFING PRO

Willie Klein to Team With Willie MacFarlane.

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 25.—After two months of careful appraisal of the professional golf talent of the country, Joe Kelly, Indianapolis, director of sports and athletics at Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Florida, announces that Willie Klein, young and scintillating Long Island professional, has been chosen as team-mate for Willie MacFarlane, national open champion, at Hollywood this winter, in the forthcoming important matches.

Klein's selection was due partly to MacFarlane's own leanings and the conviction of brother professionals and Kelly himself, who saw most of the professionals in play at Worcester and other points, that the genial, likable young Long Islander is destined to become the champion within the next few years.

During the next three months MacFarlane and Klein will meet Hagen and Nichols, Armour and Bobby Jones, Compston, the lanky English star, and his foreign partner, and others of the aristocracy of golf professionalism. This team will represent Hollywood in the Florida Golfing League this winter.

LYONS SHUT-OUT HURLER

Chicago Pitcher Blanks Five Clubs in 1925 Season.

To Ted Lyons of the White Sox goes the honor of pitching the most shut-outs during the 1925 American League campaign. Lyons turned in five such games. Gray of the Athletics and Giar, Browns, were but one behind.

TOP PITCHERS IN BALKS

Wells and Wingfield Make Three Each in American League.

There were quite a few balks made during the 1925 American League campaign. Wells of Detroit and Wingfield, Red Sox, topped the list with three apiece. Ehmke, H. Johnson and Valberg each had two, while about a dozen others were charged with one.

BOTTOMLEY IS PRAISED

Manager Hornsby Says First Sacker Best in Majors.

Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals, rates Jim Bottomley of his club as the best first baseman in the majors. "He can field with any of them and is the best hitter in the lot," says Hornsby.

REAL CONTROL

Ted Blankenship of the Chicago White Sox didn't hit a single batter during the entire 1925 season.

Ice Vet



JOHN MANSER is captain of the Dartmouth hockey team and one of the outstanding pastimers in the Eastern Intercollegiate Hockey League. He's a veteran puck-chaser and with him at the helm followers of the Big Green combination are anticipating a successful season in the great winter sport.



YOU often hear of a football player turning a kick-off, punt, intercepted pass fumble for a touchdown, the only touchdown of the day, thereby enabling his team to pull a close game out of the fire. You ever hear of a fellow winning a pair of games through a single kick-off? Case was a combined total of forty-two inches. No! Case got the oval within a few yards of the Kenyon goal. Three tries at the line still found the Sentinel a bare six inches from the final stripe.



On the next try the ball was handed Gribben, who just managed to get over for the only touchdown of the day. Later the same season, Case was waging another bitter struggle. This time Mount Union was the opposing force. Again a scoreless tie loomed. Case worked the ball down to scoring position. Again the foe held. As a final resort Gribben was sent given the oval, carrying it across from the one-yard line, winning the game.

Thus Gribben counted the victorious touchdown in two games in one season, though traveling only a total distance of a yard and six inches to score them.

NEW YEAR RING SHOW HAS FANS INTERESTED

Numerous Rivals Matched by Promoter Harter — Six Bouts Carded, First at 2:30.

Promoter Harter of the Washington A. C. today announced his all-star fist fight New Year's afternoon at Tomlinson Hall would start at 2:30. There will be six bouts and no delay between scraps.

Harter has arranged a program showing numerous rivals slated to tangle and the show has the appearance of being one of the best ever staged in Indianapolis.

Fans know about the Wiggins-Risiko feeling and this feature ten-round affair is expected to have the hall in an uproar. The Cleveland heavyweight says he is coming to flatten the Hoosier and John plans to bore in with both arms swinging.

Chuck Works Up Speed

Wiggins understands about Risiko's ability to punch, however, and is working up speed in an effort to be all set to outscore the visitor.

Brett Waggoner, Petersburg coal miner, kicked up plenty of fuss until he met Young Babe Ruth of Louisville and was stopped in one round. It was quite a shock to Bett's followers and the Hoosier kid is wild to redeem himself. It will be a six-round affair.

Local fans are not very well acquainted with Johnny Housh and A. A. BASEBALL TRADE

By K. C. for Nicholson.

Lehouveau 'Swapped' to Mad He: KANSAS CITY Mo. — Lehouveau to Toledo for Fred Nicholson. Both are outfielders.

Lehouveau went to the Kansas City Club for the 1925 season from Nashville of the Southern League.

H. S. Basketball

THURSDAY GAMES

Franklin, 26; Tipton, 20. Brownstown, 24; Oolite, 26. Plainfield, 22; Ruessville, 23. Wilkinson, 26; McCordville, 24. Seymour, 31; Scottsburg, 24.

RAMBLERS READY

The Real Silk Ramblers are ready to book games with strong State and city teams. The club has not been booking games at the start of the season because the members of the team have been working nights. The Ramblers will have their full strength in the field after New Year's. Address O. Brown, 1558 Kealing Ave.

LOCAL TILTS

Tech and Mannual in Net Games on Saturday.

Two high school basketball games in this city Saturday night will enliven things for the prep net fans. Technical takes on Elwood at the Y. M. C. A. while at Manual the varsity five meets the alumni squad in their annual battle.

Tech showed much better form in its last game against Morton High of Richmond and the Green and White rosters are of the opinion that the club finally has hit its stride. Coach Mueller has had the team hard at work all week in spite of vacation time.

In a recent game Elwood barely nipped out Shortridge by one point and Tech is determined to better this record. Elwood took an overwhelming beating at Kokomo last Tuesday.

Big "doings" is the word at Manual, where the Roines alumni association has charge of affairs. A dance will follow the basketball contest.

BAIRD GOES

Former Indian Player Released by Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Hank Gowdy, new manager of the Columbus team of the American Association, is on the job and faces are beginning to shift.

He has announced the trading of Infielder Doug Baird to Birmingham of the Southern Association, for Pitcher Bradshaw. Bradshaw was with the Giants at one time and later Toledo and Louisville.

Baird formerly played third base for Indianapolis in a trade which sent Pitcher Burwell to the Indians. Baird is playing ball in Florida this winter.

IN SOUTHERN WATERS

Helen Meany to Defend Swim Laurels in Florida.

Helen Meany, sensational water nymph, whose fancy diving exhibitions at Tampa, Fla., last winter, won her much renown, will defend her laurels at the southern championships in February.

She also will compete in the various swimming events. She hopes to repeat her successes of a year ago.

JONES IN EXHIBITIONS

Amateur Golf Champ to Display Skill at St. Augustine.

Bobby Jones, amateur golf champion, will display his wares on Florida links this winter. The Georgian is now in business in that section of the country and has promised to give an exhibition or two at St. Augustine. He may also compete in the winter amateur championship to be held at the same place March 23 to 27.

GREGG BALKS

Veteran Left-Hander Wants to Play on Coast.

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Vean Gregg, veteran left-hander, who was sent to New Orleans on option last summer by Washington and more recently turned over to Birmingham, has given it up in Seattle that he will not play ball in the Southern Association next year.

"If I can't play in the Coast League, then I'm through as a pitcher," he was quoted as saying. Washington got Gregg from the Seattle club, where he was a star, a year ago.

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Epstein and Stewart

Louie Epstein will meet his Louisville enemy, Jimmy Stewart, in a four-round event, and this probably will be worth everybody's close attention. Louie was given a shade over Stewart recently, but he carried home a "shiner" as a result of being socked hard by the Kentucky lad.

Charlie Shine and Marion Kepner, he "win or lose" boys, are down for a four-round conflict, and it probably will be "curtains" for one before time is up.

Promoter Harter placed tickets on sale today at the Clarke & Cade drug store. Choice seats won't last long, he says, because he has a hunch the show will be a sell-out.

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South's Prestige Boosted by Alabama — Washington Overthrows California.

By Billy Evans
NRA Service Writer

When Washington meets Alabama at Pasadena, Cal., New Year's day in the Tournament of Roses classic, it will be a clash between two championship football teams.

Washington, undefeated on the coast, conquerors of Stanford and California, holds the Pacific Conference title. Alabama is the champion of the South.

Regardless of which team wins, the climate alibi will not be offered by the vanquished.

Even Weather Bais

Eastern and Middle West teams have been handicapped in the past by the almost missummer weather that usually greeted them on the coast. Alabama is accustomed to hot weather. It will be the first time the two teams in this big game have met on so even a basis as to weather conditions.

Washington boasts a great team. Coached by Enoch Bagshaw, it was able to overthrow the reign of California that has lasted for five years on the coast.

The outstanding stars of the Washington back field are Wilson at half back, an all-American choice; Tesreau at full, the only man to ever outplay Nevers of Stanford, and Quarter Back Guttersen, the brains of the team.

Two-Time Champs

For two years Alabama, under Coach Wade, has won the southern championship. In the three years that Wade has directed football at fairs at Alabama the team has suffered only three defeats.

In the last twenty southern conference games played by Alabama, covering a period of three years, the Crimson Tide, as the team is known, has scored 540 points, against 34 for the opposition.

Against all twenty-eight opponents during Wade's tenure of coaching at Alabama, his teams have scored 779 points, against 81 for their opponents. The greatness of the Alabama machine was first noticed nationally when it defeated the University of Pennsylvania team at Philadelphia.

South Feels Honored

When Alabama meets Washington at Pasadena it will be the first time a Southern eleven has been selected to appear in this big event. The South feels that the invitation to meet Washington definitely establishes the status of football in that section.

This year's Alabama team is called one of the best the South ever has known. Washington has a similar rating on the Coast.

It should be a great battle between two championship teams, well worthy of representing their respective sections.

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HERB SHINES

Pennock Turns in Envious Pitching Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Herb Pennock of the Yankees, besides ranking second among the American League hurlers in effectiveness, also turned in notable performances in various other departments of the pastime.

For instance, he chalked up one two-hit game and three four-hit frays. He hurled shutout ball on two occasions. He worked 292 innings, more than any other Johnsonian gunner, and pitched 21 complete games, one less than Rummel of the Athletics and Smith, Cleveland, the leaders, were in.

Pennock allowed 71 passes, fanned 88, hit two batters and made just two wild pitches during the campaign.

YANK PLANS

Lazere and Koenig to Get Thorough Trials.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The bustle and clutter and trade talk revolving around the New York Yankees since the major league moguls left town has resolved itself into some fairly definite information, to-wit:

Miller Huggins intends to make a first string second baseman out of Tony Lazere, the minor league slugger from the Pacific coast, and to put Mark Koenig, St. Paul shortstop, into a regular infield berth in place of Midget Wanninger, who went to St. Paul.

The Yankee manager is also said to be willing to part with Wally Pipp and Aaron Ward, veteran first and second basemen, respectively, in exchange for a good pitcher.

INTERSECTIONAL GAMES

Colorado and West Virginia Teams Meet in 1926-27.

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 25.—The athletic board of the University of Colorado has accepted an agreement calling for two football games in 1926 and 1927 with the University of West Virginia.

The first game will be played in Morgantown, W. Va., Oct. 30, of next year. The date and place, although it probably will be played at Boulder, of the second year's game, has not been decided upon.

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Frenchie



Arnau Massy

FAMOUS French golfer, who will compete in Florida matches during the winter season. He's the only Frenchman to win the much-coveted British open title, accomplishing the feat in 1907. Massy is expected to play against some of America's leading linksmen in the Far South.

WHOLE SHOW

Marquard President, Manager, Player at Providence.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 25.—Richard W. (Rube) Marquard, southpaw pitcher of the Boston Braves since 1922 and former hurler for Indianapolis, the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers, has accepted the position of president, manager, player, of the Providence Eastern League club.

Judge Emil E. Fuchs, president of the Braves, who controls the Providence Club, said that the Rube had wired his O. K. from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he is spending the winter. Marquard succeeds Casey Stengel, who has become manager of the Toledo team.

Aggies, Wisconsin and Minnesota, on Ice Schedule.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 25.—Work is being rushed on the Colliseum, Michigan's new ice rink, in preparation for the varsity hockey schedule. Michigan will meet Michigan State, Wisconsin and Minnesota each twice here and away. Dr. Joe Barras again has been signed to coach the team. He led the Wolverines to the Big Ten championship a year ago.

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