

STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

ANY one who feels himself called upon to take a random shot at intercollegiate or amateur athletics in the national meetings this week at New York had better watch the direction in which he is shooting and not aim at John L. Griffith, Big Ten commissioner and executive vice president of the National Amateur Athletic Federation.

Griffith has some high-powered ammunition and is likely to let loose a barrage that will annihilate the one who has the temerity or foolishness to take issue with the major.

The Western Conference is fortunate in having such a man at the head of affairs. From the lecture platform his rapier thrusts and cold, clear logic form a combination that is most convincing. He says that the present discussion in press and on the corner centers largely around four points. They are:

(1) Has football become too popular?
(2) Is athletic interest antagonistic to scholastic interest?
(3) If an amateur sport is conducted at a profit does this necessarily mean that the sport has become professionalized?
(4) Are the present amateur rules satisfactory?

Griffith admits that the debate on athletics probably will be continued indefinitely until some agreement is reached regarding life purposes, the function of the college and the objectives of athletics.

But he has some mighty good answers for the above questions that we will summarize.

ANSWER NO. 1

Regarding whether football has become too popular Griffith states that the game has improved wonderfully since the old days because of uniform eligibility rules. The playing regulations also have been changed, vastly improving the game for players and spectators.

Naturally the grid sport has increased in popularity with students, alumni and general public as judged by attendance figures. Did the students and others make better use of their leisure time before the days of modern football than they do now when they attend the games?

ANSWER NO. 2

Is athletic interest antagonistic to scholastic interest? Greece led the world in intellectual pursuits at the same time that she led in athletic activities. Is the United States and Great Britain contributing as much along intellectual lines as such non-athletic nations as China, Russia, France or Spain?

If it is true that in the colleges the "tail wags the dog" another question is presented as to whether we would help the dog by cutting off its tail or whether something constructive should be done for the animal.

ANSWER NO. 3

Griffith doesn't believe that because possibly some \$20,000,000 was cleared by colleges last fall on football that the game has become professionalized. All of this money will be used to promote a larger program in athletics and physical education for the millions of boys and girls in educational institutions. Fully 90 per cent of the organized amateur athletics in the United States have been promoted by schools.

If the practice of making money from amateur athletics and of using the profits to promote more athletics is to be condemned, then some means should be devised for financing the school and college physical education work.

ANSWER NO. 4

Are the present amateur rules satisfactory? The National Amateur Athletic Federation, which is composed of a number of national organizations, will consider at its annual meeting on Tuesday the advisability of adopting the principle that boys under 16 can hardly be considered as professionals, and will further propose that each organization that belongs to the federation shall assume the responsibility of passing on the amateur status of the boys and young men who come under their jurisdiction.

Most of the difficult amateur questions relate to border line cases. The above proposals, if favorably acted upon, may do away with some of the difficulties in the administration of amateur law.

Now don't become confused. We have been telling you Major Griffith's ideas. We may not agree with the Big Ten boss who has become a power in amateur athletics—you may not agree with him on some things—but you must admit he's right most of the time. And when he's wrong he can convince you he's right. What he wants in these New York meetings is he is very likely to get.

Just how high did you have your bedroom window raised last Tuesday night?

BETTER hurry up and play Notre Dame in basketball. The club may be stronger than ever shortly. Reports drifting in state that Mike Nyikos, former Indiana U. star and elder brother of Johnny, will be eligible next season. If Mike is anywhere near previous form, watch out!

A certain person does not know how close he came to being another cold weather casualty. He asked us this morning, "Is this cold enough for you?"

The zero hour has arrived—in fact several of them.

FIRST GAME ON BUTLER'S NEW BASKETBALL COURT TUESDAY

PRO GRID POSSIBILITIES



H. S. Games This Week

TUESDAY
Shortridge at Broad Ripple.
WEDNESDAY
St. Xavier (Louisville) vs. Cathedral at K. C. Hall.
FRIDAY
Manual at Lawrence.
SATURDAY
Shortridge vs. Tech at fairground.

STAR GOLFER

Compton Rated England's Strongest Pro Player.

The outstanding professional golfer of 1925 in England is A. Compton, of North Manchester. When Compton won the British professional match championship, it was the second \$5,000 tournament that he has captured this year. Compton is a money player on the style of Walter Hagen. He believes he is the best golfer in all Great Britain and is always willing to prove it.

In addition to winning the two big money golf stakes of the year in England, he finished in a tie for second honors in the British open, which was won by Jim Barnes. He also tied with Arnold Massy for the French open title, but lost the play-off.

He defeated Mitchell, regarded as England's greatest match player. Britishers figure him about ready to take down the open championship.

BIG FOUR ASSOCIATION

Athletic Officers Named for 1926—M. F. Parker President.

The Big Four Athletic Association elected M. F. Parker president for 1926 and L. C. Gelsel vice president. William Seitz was named secretary and W. F. Dean treasurer. Sixteen new board members for the association also were selected, as follows:

Zone 1, J. A. Roush; zone 2, A. T. Byers; zone 3, William Hought; zone 4, W. J. Jones; zone 5, E. F. Waterman; zone 6, H. R. Copehaver; zone 7, A. L. Laidell; zone 8, E. H. Rehmann; zone 9, E. H. Jackson; zone 10, J. C. White; zone 11, E. A. Waterman; zone 12, George Barker; zone 13, F. S. Shuman; zone 14, C. E. Selen; zone 15, H. M. Bright; zone 16, R. M. Ayres.

Basketball Notes

CUMBERLAND, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Indianapolis Y. M. C. A. basketball team will be away from home Friday evening, when it meets the team from Evansville, Ind., at 8 p. m.

The Tuxedo Maroons want a game for New Year's night. Call Irvington 4331 and ask for Frank R. State. Frank is wanted. Bedford, Muncie, Shelbyville, Anderson, Bloomington and Louisville take notice, and write Frank R. White, 316 N. Dennis St.

The Meteors have a heavy schedule this week, playing five games in five days. The schedule: Tuesday, Bridgeport A. C. vs. Meteors; Wednesday, St. Paul vs. Meteors; Thursday, St. Paul vs. Meteors; Friday, St. Paul vs. Meteors; Saturday, Southeasterns in Old Fellows League. The Meteors' lineup consists of the following players: King, Carpenter, Stokes, Henderson, Ashley and Bennett. For games write Floyd Carpenter, Acme Evans Company, 822 Washington Ave.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Martinsville Artisan independent team has changed management and is scheduling games with strong state clubs. Address: Carl H. Miller, 360 W. Walnut St., Martinsville, Ind.

The Western Union quintet will play a double bill Tuesday evening. All players are requested to be at school No. 21 not later than 7:30 p. m.

Franklin Five on Trip

By Times Special
FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 28.—Franklin College basketball team will start on a trip Tuesday morning which will take it to North Manchester for a game with Manchester College Tuesday night. On Wednesday Detroit College will be met in the Michigan city.

Franklin looks upon the Manchester game as a real test as that club defeated Butler and State Normal and seems to be exceptionally

U. S. AGAIN DOMINATES ON TITLE TENNIS COURTS

Tilden Is Best of Racquet Wielders — French Runners-up in Davis Cup International Play.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Advancement of France to the position of the second ranking tennis nation was the bright feature of the 1925 season. The continued domination of the United States in individual play and team competition was not a feature because it has become a custom.

The United States again won the challenge round for the Davis Cup against spirited competition from the two young French stars, Rene Lacoste and Jean Borotra, and the Americans probably will continue to win as long as Bill Tilden and Bill Johnston are on their game and willing to play.

Big Bill Tilden lived up to his reputation as the world's greatest player by winning the national championship, again. The tournament could have been recognized as being for the world's championship as practically every ranking player in the world was entered.

Bill the Great, however, had consistently refused to consider

FAMOUS FEATS

COLLEGE STARS

ART CARLSON

ONE of the greatest college hurriers in the history of the game is Owen Carroll of Holy Cross. Some opine he was the best of all time.

Carroll, during his collegiate career, hung up a wonderful record. He won twenty-eight games in fifty-one starts. Many of his victories were achieved over such teams as Princeton, Penn. Brown and other high-ranking schools in the East.

A couple of runs of his fame were low-light affairs and many were shut-outs. Seldom did the foe make more than a couple of runs off his delivery.

Carroll had virtually everything that goes to make a real all-around player. A baffling change of pace, good breaking curve, he also possessed control above the average.

Though he wasn't often in a pinch with the college batters, he always proved his best on those occasions, many times striking the side on strikes when a score threatened.

In 1924 Holly Cross turned in a sensational string of eighteen straight victories. It was every game on the schedule. Much of the team's phenomenal accomplishment that year was due to the great work of Carroll, who led in most of the games.

Carroll graduated last June. Two days after he received his diploma he made his major league debut with Detroit, appearing against the Red Sox at Fenway Park, Boston.

There have been other famous college hurriers down through the years. George Slaughter, while at Michigan, was one of them. But none ever turned in such a remarkable performance as did young Owen Carroll for Holy Cross.

In winning forty-eight titles and losing only three, Carroll compiled a pitching percentage of .941, handing up a mark of efficiency quite out of the ordinary in any diamond domain.

strong. Nothing is known of Detroit.

The Franklin squad is not in the best of condition. Ballard and King received injuries in the Purdue game and Lyons has a "bum" eye received in practice. The line-up against Manchester probably will be Captain Gant and Freddie, forwards; Scott, center; Ballard and King, guards.

Fuzzy Vandivier is working out slowly in an effort to get back into shape. It is not expected he will play until the middle of January.

any tournament as being for the world's championship, but Tilden is universally accepted as the world's champion.

In the men's class, the comeback of Billy Johnston, the popular little Californian, was one of the most pleasing features of the year. He played himself out in the cup matches and was not in condition for the week of hard tennis in the nationals, but, at that, he played some of the greatest tennis of his career during the tournament and it was only the wizard tennis of Tilden that beat him.

At Wimbledon.

Preparing for the future, when Tilden and Johnston will have to be replaced, the tennis association sent John Hennessy and Ray Casey, two youngsters, to the British championships at Wimbledon, and they made a very good showing.

The French influence at Wimbledon was pronounced as the two finalists again were the French youngsters, Lacoste and Borotra and Lacoste displaced his teammate as the champion.

In the women's class, the big surprise of the season came when Helen Wills, the national champion, was defeated in an early tournament by Elizabeth Ryan, the former Californian girl, who returned to this country after having spent ten years in England.

The match was played on a court so sloppy that Miss Ryan took off her shoes and the young American champion couldn't handle the soft, chop strokes of her opponent.

Miss Wills Champ

Miss Wills swept through the national championship in impressive style and had very little trouble retaining her title. Mrs. Molla Mallory, the former champion, made a valiant attempt at a comeback, but her best tennis days seem to have passed.

The British woman's team successfully defended the Wightman Cup at Forest Hills by winning the third match of the series from the American team.

The return to form of Miss Suzanne Lenglen was also one of the features of the year.

ROSENBERG TO FIGHT?

Bantam Champ Says He'll Take on Challengers in New York.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Charlie Rosenberg, world's bantamweight champion, will accept matches with Bushy Graham, Bud Taylor, Chick Suggs, or Eddie Anderson when he returns here from California, his manager wired promoters. He expects to return next month.

GUN CLUB RESULTS

Only the hardy ones were out last Saturday at the weekly trap shoot of the Indianapolis Gun Club. Cold, wind and snow, kept the scores down. Burford, with 93 out of 100 targets, won the singles event. McIntire and Patterson with 21 each tied in the handicap. Burford also won the doubles with 18 out of twelve pairs.

MANAGER DIES

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Silvey Burns (Silvo Bernelli) died known manager and matchmaker, died Sunday at his home from an attack of indigestion. He had been associated prominently with boxing for ten years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

COACHES GATHER IN EAST

Grid Mentors Expected to Curb Roughness — Huddle System Is Opposed.

By Henry L. Farrell
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Stricter legislation against the use of huddle and shift play formations and a few remaining foibles of roughness and further regulation of the forward pass were to be considered today at the annual meeting of the Football Coaches' Association.

The eastern association of football officials recommended the legislation against the huddle and shift and suggested that tackling above the shoulders be construed in the future as unnecessary roughness.

Several conservatives are willing to discuss some restriction that would impose more of a penalty on an incomplete pass. They would like to have the ball considered a free ball when it leaves the passer's hand and give it to a player who could recover it after it had been knocked down or had fallen dead without interference.

Some of the more prominent coaches are against any tampering with the pass or any other radical changes in the rules.

"The forward pass," they say, "has made football the great game that it is now. It has placed a premium upon speed, skill and science against beef and brawn, and it has made it a better game for the player and the spectator."

The meeting of the coaches today opened a week of conferences devoted almost entirely to college athletics and amateur sports and no doubt there will be plenty of references to "Million Dollar" Red Grange.

Saturday Basketball

COLLEGE
Evansville, 39; Vanderbit, 23.
HIGH SCHOOL
Technical, 39; Elwood, 24.
Carmel Freshmen, 20; Tech Freshmen, 17.
Alumet, 52; Manual Varsity, 47.
Muncie, 47; New Castle, 24.
Martinsville, 30; Shelbyville, 15.
Marion, 22; Spencer, 18.
Jamestown, 44; Thornton, 9.
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DENY REPORT

I. U. Officials Are Unaware of Ingram's Plans.

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Indiana University athletic officials here denied that Bill Ingram, football coach, had been offered a five-year contract at I. U., as was reported from California. Not a thing official is known concerning the possibility of Ingram leaving Indiana to coach the Navy.

Athletic Director Clevenger is in California with Ingram, who piloted the "Eastern" all-star aggregation, which was defeated on the coast Saturday, 6 to 0, by the Western all-stars.

It is said here the grid coach may be offered a three-year contract. His old contract has expired.

FOOTBALL IS DEFENDED

Harvard Second Team Coach Comes to Bat for Grid Sport.

By United Press
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—James L. Knorr, football coach of the second annual high school wrestling tournament here in March. Last year more than 100 prep matmen competed.

That only 3.8 per cent of the student year is devoted to football and that the receipts pay for corrective exercises for many who have physical failings and cannot engage in competitive sports.

KEARNS DUE IN GOTHAM

Jack Comes From California to Take Charge of Walker Training.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Jack Kearns, manager of Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, was due to arrive here today from California to take charge of training Walker for the defense of his title against Tommy Milligan in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 22.

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Coach Page's Basketeers Play Missouri "U" Five at Fairground—Contest in Heated Building.

The Missouri University basketball team which plays Butler on Tuesday night at the auto show building, State Fairground, arrived in the city today and was quartered at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The visitors were to work out at the club gym today.

Everything is in readiness at the new basket court, but the paint is not quite dry on the backboards, so the Show-Me boys did not practice at the fairground today. They may go out and shoot a few baskets Tuesday morning to become accustomed to the floor and conditions.

No one need worry about the cold weather interfering. The building is steam-heated and Butler had the fires booming today. Big blowers distribute the warm air throughout the building.

Doors will be open at 7 p. m. Tuesday and the main game will start at 8 p. m.

Butler netters have been working throughout vacation time for the contest. Missouri is opening its schedule here, but has been hard at work for a long time. The players did not go home during the holidays.

The visiting club, which was strong last year, is supposed to be more formidable than ever with "phomore stars beating out some of the veterans for places on the present trip.

The Indianapolis Times will broadcast the game from Merchants' Heat and Light Company, station WFBM, 268 meters.

HOT BATTLES

Wabash Has Two Net Frays With Evansville.

By Times Special
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.—Wabash College basketball team appears to be in for two strenuous struggles this week when the Scarlet meets Evansville College at that city Thursday and Friday.

The southern Indiana five is proving the early season whiz-bang among the smaller schools. Its 44 to 24 defeat of De Pauw was the shock that awakened Hoosierdom to the fact that there was a "little fellow" to be reckoned with. Saturday, Evansville defeated Vanderbilt, 39 to 22.

Wabash does not look like the team which won the State title last year. Benny Devoil has been playing the best ball. Red Robinson has been so closely covered he has been unable to get many shots. Chadwick, Burdette and Coffey are missed.

RAMBLERS KEEP GOING

Newton Downed for Thirteenth Straight—Another Fray Tuesday.

The Indianapolis Ramblers defeated West Newton at the latter's gym Saturday, 37 to 22, for their thirteenth consecutive victory.

Carter's long range bombardment of the basket and Grimsley's floor work featured for the Ramblers, while Davis and Mort Thornberry played best for the losers.

At the C. C. Club gym at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday the Ramblers will tackle the Red Hawks. The Red Hawks team is made up of last year's Prest-Lite outfit and a good tussle is expected.

State games are desired with Morantown, Richmond, Anderson and Terre Haute. Write R. C. Craig, 246 N. Keystone Ave., or call Webster 6353-W and ask for Bob Craig.

WRESTLING MEET

By Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 28.—Indiana University placed the fifth annual high school wrestling tournament here in March. Last year more than 100 prep matmen competed.

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Has Punch



Young Babe Ruth

One of the feature scraps on the New Year's afternoon card at Tomlinson Hall Young Babe Ruth, Louisville 122-pounder, will battle Brett Waggoner, Petersburg coal miner, in a six-round session. Waggoner was enjoying a winning streak some time ago until he met Ruth, who knocked him out in the first round.

Needless to say Petersburg sport followers will make the trip to Indianapolis for this encounter as they believe Brett was the victim of a lucky punch when he was stopped by Ruth. The Louisville kid has a different opinion and believes he will repeat.

OWEN STILL KICKING

This Time He Boots Goals in Soccer Game for Boston.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—George Owen, Harvard nine-letter man, who said recently he never enjoyed football, scored three of the goals which gave the Boston A. A. a 5-to-2 victory over the New York A. C. in the opening of the Eastern Amateur Soccer League. The Knickerbocker A. C. defeated the St. Nicks, 7 to 2.

MOTION PICTURES

RICHARD DIX

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