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seems that the small fry colleges are the only ones who are having trouble with the eligibility of athletes. The latest disqualification was that of the team of Frazee and Englehorn, of Dartmouth, both of them for playing one year before entering the big ring, and Frazee, who had been in the college and had himself out of the football game by playing the matrimonial game.

The coach problem is also bothering the Harvard. At Harvard Percy Laughlin has not yet signed as coach, since the contract with each baseball team is still unshaken and cross-country coach Strunberg has not yet been named. Coach Wray's contract is good for only one year. Added to this William Garrison, graduate of the Athletic Association, has resigned.

At Yale all is turmoil over the question of a coach, the matter of a paid coach never being settled in the fall. It is probable that the final team will be to have one paid coach and one volunteer. The coach at Walter Camp at the head.

Princeton athletes are the early birds. They have already started practice. The batteries are being worked out in an indoor case. The team probably is that the Tigers have the best of the season, owing to the ineligibility of King Lear, the mainstay in the box.

According to reports from the other side the Brits are none too confident over the result of the McCarty-Fitter contest. The followers of the latter game in Johnny Bull's land are neither McCarty nor Palmer. The latter is the favorite. The former would say "they claim that the fight will be a close one, but they think they provided they would come over to England to settle the issue."

Two champions of the gentle art of boxing with the feet have arrived in New York. They are M. Ducasne, who holds the world title, and M. Jean, an Italian champion. They expect to show the Gothamites something new in the way of boxing with the feet. Ducasne, something new in the American metropolises.

The champion of the present time is "Red" Rickey. He has won the eight-champ, 22 years; Luth McCarty, heavyweight champion, 20 years; Ed Sweeney, featherweight champion, 22 years; Johnny Cowling, middleweight champion, held title for 12 years.

The fight between the McCarty and Sweeney was \$21,800; fighter's share 50 per cent, \$10,900; club's share 50 per cent, \$10,900. The fight was divided equally, each getting \$7,450.

Ed Coote, Bill Benz, Jim Sed, and Joe White and Joe Lang can aid Ed Coote in the White Sox may cause the disintegration of the American league teams.

Michael Dorizas, a Greek student at the University of Pennsylvania heads the list of strong men at the Philadelphia Athletic Club. Dorizas exceeds in total strength the first man of any previous list by 255 kilos. Out of a total of 1,000 pounds, Dorizas made since the system was installed. Dorizas scored the most points. He will try for the wrestling team. He has been twice champion of the toppled opponents to the mat, should win easily.

By changing the location of the lawn tennis courts at Newport, I. I. it will be possible to seat two thousand more spectators at the tennis championships. The courts will be erected in the ring of the horse show. This will be the case of the horse show grandstand and boxes, and the portable stand that is put up each year on the outside of the horse show grandstand. It is also the intention to increase the courts from ten to eighteen.

The ameer of Afghanistan has taken up golf. He has had good links made in the neighborhood of Kabul. The ameer has been much puzzled by the hole he kept greens, and have put the holes 16 feet apart, for the purpose. They are the habit of playing golf in the hole at night in the hope that they will reach the ameer when he is putting the next day.

New York Cane Club members are arranging preliminary plans for the annual golf tournament. The tournament will be held on Greenview park next summer. Two companies have been formed to hold the tournament. The companies are the American Cane Association which also compete in the trial events.

Here are fourteen baseball players who have developed in the South Atlantic League who would make a preferable first base, catcher, pitcher, shortstop, second base, first base, Augustus, Tyrus Raymond Cobb, center field, Augustus, Joe Jackson, left field, Augustus, Ed Sweeney, catcher, Columbus, Jim Mace, Al Demaree, Savannah; George Suggs, Jacksonville, pitcher; Krug and Whitted, utility men.

In February the football rules committee will meet. Every member up to date has been interviewed and the possibility of changes, and all are agreed that the code is to their liking. That is good news for coaches and players. Even the coaches who are against some of the present rules were rather to have them remain, as they are not to state receipts of the McCarty fight were \$21,800; fighter's share 50 per cent, \$10,900; club's share 50 per cent, \$10,900.

For the first time in France a football riot has occurred. It was at the Parc des Princes, Paris, after a Scotland team had defeated a French team, 21 to 3.

The mob broke down the barriers and set the rioting. The rioting required the efforts of players, police and mounted officers to rescue the official.

"Chick" O'Connor, first baseman of the Quincy club of the Three I league, has become Rev. Father Edward O'Connor, a priest. O'Connor is a name cathedral. Father O'Connor established a reputation as a batsman and infielder.

Pitcher Cullon, sold to Cleveland Americans.

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Pitcher Hill, sold to New Orleans Southern League.

Felder Sloan, sold to St. Louis American League.

Thirdbase man Wagren, sold to Chattanooga, Southern League.

Pitcher Merchant, sold to Chattanooga, Southern League.

Pitcher Brumerhoff, sold to Philadelphia Athletics.

Felder Shaw, sold to Toledo, American Association.

Pitcher Asheville.

Pitcher Weymack, sold to Memphis, Southern League.

Pitcher Watson, sold to Springfield, New England League.

Shortstop Hart, sold to Toledo, American Association.

Pitcher Morrison.

Pitcher Williams, sold to Brooklyn Nationals.

Thirdbase man Grubb, drafted by Cleveland Americans.

WINS WITH COLLINGHATE TITLE.

Harvard has a shining game of winning the athletic championship title this year, having already received a powerful impetus with the football and cross-country bunting packed away in the trunk.

Harvard's present ambition, now that the gridiron pastime has had its share of the glory, is to win the Cornell crew when the dual race is held at Ithaca next May.

The annual regatta year opened propitiously for Harvard. The football championship was whisked away by a string of nine consecutive victories. The Cornell crew, the crown of the cross-country honors were plucked with comparative ease. It has been a successful year for Harvard.

Harvard has better than ordinary material for baseball. Last season nine strong teams, apparently, to go through the schedule with a fairly good showing, but the games of the season ended with a rather poor showing.

Captain Harry Gardner's Harvard team, for the partners of the valuable men who were lost through graduation can be fully fitted by the incoming freshmen. The team will consist of seven—particularly by Morzan Phillips and Bill Chaffin.

The number of pitchers sold to the Appalachian league last season averages over two to a club, while the number of pitchers sold to the other half of each club, counting non-players to the club. Of fifty-four players actively participating in the games, thirty-five were either sold or drafted.

The players will go almost everywhere, for it was said at spring that the season were fully as good as the varsity. The combined material ought to boost Harvard to the highest niche in the college.

Lacrox was the only sport in which the Crimson won an undisputed championship last year. The cup is not likely to be transferred from Cambridge this season. Harvard clearly excels all other universities at the game. Today, after a year and a half's claim on the title is practically assured.

The tennis racket team, the golf team and the tennis team will all be up to the average, and one of the three ought to win a championship.

The tennis team has a splendid championship title to dispose of, and both of them resting at Harvard, it looks like a good thing for the team.

Only a few more high titles in the remaining sports will be needed to snatch the first place in athletics for Harvard.

ZVYSKO CLAIMS THE WRESTLING TITLE NOW.

Stanislaus Zbyzsko has made good

his threat and now proclaims himself champion of the wrestling title. He didn't win the title. And the funny part of it is that he regrets he didn't win the title. He didn't get the laurels by that method.

The Polish grappler's claim to the crown is that his only rival and the one he has defeated is a man who died a few months ago. Despite this pronouncement, Zbyzsko has repeatedly beaten a man who has since given him a whack at the title. Gotch remains steadfast in his determination not to have anything more to do with the title, but he has not left his shoulders of Zbyzsko through default.

There is no question that the Pole is the better wrestler. He has won. His only defeat was at the hands of Gotch and that was somewhat of a joke. All the other aspirants for the title have been abandoned to the marvelous strength and skill of Zbyzsko, so he must be given all the honors due a champion.

Zbyzsko has participated in two matches since he returned here from his home since, in each affair, he has been a decisive victor. On two occasions in the West with the intention of trying to attract Gotch's attention and coax him to American wonder back on the mat.

The latter could earn a fortune if he had the athletic ability that he is in the market for the match, and draw down \$25,000 win, lose or draw. This appears to be a very liberal offer for a man who has been so long and anxious for the match. In the mean time Zbyzsko is open to all comers, and he has not yet been asked to allow his conqueror to claim the title.

That Zbyzsko is entitled to claim the title is a matter of opinion. The referees of Gotch is unquestioned. Gotch, Hackenschmidt, who was acknowledged the world's champion, obtained the championship by defeating Cannon, the former champion, to a meeting. Hack retained the laurels but the referee's decision was that he wrestled it from him in Chicago. Zbyzsko followed this method as a precedent, and a referee can say that is not entitled to the title by default.

If Gotch should suddenly decide to "come back" the referee would immediately cancel all engagements and arrange a match, the time and place to be determined by the referee and the manager. Until his return the Zbyzsko is going ahead with the world's title tacked on his announcements.

PITCHERS NO LONGER MAKE 'EM HIT IT OUT.

Ban Johnson is going to judge pitchers according to the number of hits they are allowed to hit on the ground. He will abolish the "won" and "lost" columns from the pitcher's record.

Here is one instance that shows how baseball has changed. Only a few days ago, the writer was discussing present conditions with a pitcher who was a member of the New York Yankees, former scout and also one time shortstop and captain of the Philadelphia club when they had the lineup of sluggers, says the Louisville Herald.

"There is certainly an awful fuss made on the pitching end of the game these days," commented Arthur. "Why I remember some of the old boys who were in the game when they were in the game their club played in a season. That time has passed.

"The pitcher's job is that pitching has changed. They can talk all they like about the 'good old days' and how much better it was then, but the fact is that the pitcher's job is altogether different problem than it was then.

"When we went into a ball game, it was always 'Make 'em hit.' 'Make 'em hit,' all through the game. 'That's all you can do.' 'That's all you can do.' 'Stick the bat over the plate where they had to hit it. They had to swing on the ball or strike out.

"Nowadays, as in the case of a pitcher goes into a game and his object is to keep the other fellow from hitting. Instead of trying to make 'em hit, they try to keep 'em from hitting. It is a lot more strenuous on a pitcher than just putting the ball over the plate and making 'em hit it.

"We always used to tell the pitchers to make the batter hit, and we would look after the balls they hit, but now we tell the pitcher to make the batter work for his teammates and himself as possible."

Harvard's new system of crediting pitchers approves of the new method.

CATCHER BEST JUDGE OF PITCHER'S FITNESS.

Oscar Stange, the stalwart Detroit catcher, to be the best judge of a pitcher's fitness to remain upon a mound during the progress of a game.

Manager Jennings has so decreed. He has said that he will not give his own judgment and the persuasive powers of his hurlers. When a pitcher begins to wobble, Stange will tell him: "What's the matter? Haven't you got anything today?"

"Oh, I'm all right." They had the luck to get the signal that I was going to be the pitcher's job side and moved over into right field.

As a result Hughey would let the pitcher go back and possibly in the following game he would be back to all corners of the lot. Consequently, Jennings has decided to pass the pitcher's job side and hand it over to Stange, who catches practically all the games that Detroit plays.

The new system is all right for Detroit or for any other team in the possession of a catcher of the caliber of Stange. It is not a new thing, but it has been tried by Cleveland has tried it upon several occasions, but never with successful results. The system relied upon by Stange were not equipped with the catchers capable of exercising good judgment.

Pitchers were repeatedly allowed to pitch in the game, and the catcher had a thing and the catcher knew it. Apparently, the receivers lacked the ability to judge the pitcher's hurler's shortcomings and more than once a strategy scene took place between the manager and the pitcher.

The manager's good sense in fact is the matter. With a catcher like Lusk working behind the bat for the Naps this year it is more than possible that the manager will be able to delegate to them the same authority that has been vested in.

PLAYING PLAYERS FROM MINOR LEAGUE CLUBS.

Bobby Love, the veteran infielder, who scouts for the Detroit Tigers, out West last summer searching for players to add to his club. He had certain players who had been highly recommended were playing. The owner of the club and the president of the minor league club were in the room. Bob watched the home boys play, and took more interest in the play than in the game. He made no comment on the players.

After the game the owner of the club remarked that he thought Bob wanted to take a peek at a few of his players. If he intended to purchase any he was to simply state the matters and eliminate any squabbling the owner handed Bobby a price list of his club. It is probably the only list of its kind ever presented in baseball. Not alone is it odd in that respect, but the valuation of the players is interesting.

Have your choice at these prices:

1 Catcher	..... \$3,000.00
1 Pitcher	..... 1,500.00
1 First Baseman	..... 2,000.00
1 Second Baseman	..... 1,800.00
1 Third Baseman	..... 1,500.00
1 Shortstop	..... 1,300.00
1 Left Fielder	..... 4,000.00
1 Right Fielder	..... 2,500.00
3 Extra Pitchers	..... 2,75
Total	..... \$9,541.50

MAKING PUBLIC PURCHASE PRICE HITS PLAYERS.

Hughes Jennings recently made a public purchase of a pitcher. He is a follower of baseball. It is regarding the publication of the purchase price for young players breaking into the big leagues.

"If I had my way not a club in the league would announce its purchase price for a pitcher. I have seen a dozen out of twenty three practice hurlers a young ball player.

"A Marquard was a bit of good for two weeks as he went to New York. Marty O'Toole is not showing the stuff that made him the leading pitcher in the league. He was a good pitcher when he ridden would never have been a success in Detroit. I could name dozens of other instances where ball players were given a trial by fire and then they were failed to live up to expectations and after that they lost confidence in them.

"What difference does it make whether a man cost the club \$20 or \$20,000, so long as he delivers the goods. If a club after it has chosen to pay a high price for the

players, just the same as it is the case when a player starts a star or big price for his services."

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are stoical, and their pride in him is shown more in their actions than in words.

When Thorpe left Prague for Carlisle he was just a husky Indian boy. Since then he has achieved great fame—greater as an athlete than has been the lot of any other man since the world began.

The Prague citizens were glad to get an invitation to hunt with Jimmy Thorpe, and had he but asked it, the whole town would have closed doors and accompanied him into the timbered forests along Deep Fork, the North Canadian, Salt Creek and Hilla-baba.

And now, on top of his fame, Thorpe may become famous also as an oil king, for the development of the Tiger Creek field to the southward, into the country where Jimmy Thorpe has an allotment of land, is bringing the attention to the big oil companies of the world to that locality.

Thorpe is trying to persuade his brother and sister to go back with him to Carlisle. They have been through the common schools of the locality where they live, but Thorpe is a firm believer in Carlisle methods and he is very anxious that his brother and sister have the advantages of that school.

"ELEVATOR FARE" PAID BY CULLOP FIRST TRIP

When a baseball player becomes famous, it is then the order of things to find out something concerning his early career. Nick Cullop, former star twirler of the Bristol pennant winners in the Appalachian league in 1912, and now with New Orleans in the Southern league, has become famous because it is said that he will be sold to the Cleveland Americans by the New Orleans club for \$12,500.

Cullop started his professional baseball career with the Knoxville team in 1910. "Billy" Meyer, perhaps the best known catcher in the Appalachian league, and a member of the Knoxville club, who will also graduate into higher company next season, has the following to say about Cullop's first professional baseball journey:

"Members of the Knoxville club will remember that when Cullop joined the local team in 1910, he was not very well acquainted with hotel rules.

"When the Knoxville team journeyed to Rome, Ga., for a series of three games this trip was Cullop's initial journey with a professional baseball team. The first day at Rome the team was stopping at the Third Avenue Hotel. 'Legs' Martin, who was always known among the players as the 'kiddier,' pulled this one on Cullop:

"'Cul, have you paid your elevator fare?' Cullop replied that he had not. 'Well,' said Martin, 'just pay me the twenty five cents per day and I will settle for you.'

"Cullop came across with the coin, and for three days bought Martin's stamps and coca cola with the elevator fare.

"When the team reached Gadsden, Cullop had not been 'put wise' to the joke. While at the hotel in Gadsden the members of the team noticed that Cullop would not ride the elevator, but hiked up three flights of stairs each day, to his room on the third floor. When the team had finished the series the 'wise ones' put the hotel clerk 'next' and he promptly presented Cullop with an elevator bill amount to \$1.50. When Cullop read the bill he was almost prostrated, and he made a bee-line for the clerk. He was angry, and the mistake must be corrected at once.

"You had no right to charge me with elevator fare. I have not been in the elevator a single time since I have been here. Furthermore, I have hiked it up those stairs every day. Pay elevator fare! I guess not!"

"In order to save the hotel clerk from serious injury Manager Moffett had to step into the breach and explain matters. From that time on no one dared mention 'elevator fare' to Cullop without taking desperate chances on his own life."