

News and Views
Truth and Sincerity

**COLLEGE PLAYERS DON'T
MAKE GOOD GENERALLY,
EVEN IN MINOR LEAGUES**

Can Field Like Fiends But Fall
Down on Batting After
First Few Weeks.

SEVERAL TIGER RAHS.

College Pitchers Don't Give the
School Boys Proper Batting Practice.

By RALPH L. YONKER.
College baseball players are very
backward about coming forward and
sticking in the front ranks even in
the C class of the minors, according
to A. S. Burkhardt, president of the Sag-
inaw team of the South Michigan.

There is a great deal of discussion
as to whether college men are pre-
ferred to those without the training
of schools. Some point to the great
college men of the Athletics and
claim that the rah-rahs are the kids
to raise the rumpus when they grow
out of toy hats, plaid hose, and bell
bottoms.

Then a. Franklin Baker, graduate
butcher and general utility man
about po's slaughter house, winter
clerk in a Philadelphia clothing store,
comes to bat and drives the college
sharps to cover with a space eating
swallow.

Several of the Tigers are college
men. Jones attended college at Dix-
on, Ill. Casey went to Villa Nova in
the east; Lathers is from the Uni-
versity of Michigan; LaFette from
George Tech. and Wilson from Bow-
don.

In the minors college men field like
tools but fall down badly in batting
after the first few weeks of league
baseball. They get away with their
hitting in great shape as a general
thing when they start fresh from
school. Then the pitchers get wise
to their weaknesses and it's all off.

The fault lies in the fact that the
rah-rahs don't face good enough pitch-
ers during their college ball playing
to learn all the fine points of the
game and each man has some weak
spot that is discovered before long
and then he is an easy mark.

Minor league magnates are just re-
covering from their surprise at get-
ting what they asked for from the
National commission in the way of
price for drafted players.

A raise in price was expected but
it was hardly thought that the com-
mission would come away up to the
figure asked for.

It means a great boost for minor
league baseball. Many of the clubs
in the bushes count on making what-
ever profits they can out of the draft-
ing and purchase of their men by the
higher leagues.

In 1910 the minors got a raise from
\$1,000 for players drafted by the
majors. In 1911, it went to \$500
for the majors and \$400 for the min-
ors and this year it has already been
made \$750 for the majors, and will
probably be made \$500 for the minors.

The Cobb's speculations as to salary
figures of the future for ball players
bring to mind the fact that away
back in 1902, the Tigers weren't suf-
fering from starvation during the win-
ter because Detroit didn't pay them
enough in the summer.

At that time William May was sec-
retary of the club, he had his office
in his hat, as he tells in his own in-
imitable way. Referring to the files
in that office he recalls that Jim Mc-
Guire drew down \$3,500 each season,
and Eberhard, Barrett, Casey and
others were pulling out \$2,700 for
their services.

At that time the crowds to see the
ball players exhibit their high priced
talents was a lonesome one, too, and
the club's management paid out a lot
more money than they took in at the gate.

"They weren't the happy days."

President Naval announced in the
court that some of the chairs of the
old Bennett Park will be shipped east
to Providence and placed there in the
two parks which the Grays will use
both parks will be improved.

One of the chairs for the new park
destined to have accommodated
patrons by the time the season
opens than most of them will have at
close. That is the new show on
exhibition in the baseball office.

is a sample of the kind to be
seen in the grandstand. It is an un-
comfortable looking thing. The seat
is short and the short iron arms
stings.

out the tall fans and the short fans,
tall fans and the fat fans, all
that it is a regular Morris chair
when they sit in it, a good cigar and
weather only are needed to bring
baseball comfort in.

President Lynch's plan for the train-
ing of umpires for the National
League in minor leagues meets with
approval from many. This plan has
been suggested before but never tried.
will be watched with interest.

The idea of farming out of players
long been recognized as wise and
there seems to be no reason why it
should not work exactly as well with
the.

**RACKLING MAY COACH
PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE**

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 13.—If
Sprackling, Brown university cap-
tain and quarterback during the last
year, will accept the place, he will
be the next football coach at Wash-
ington and Jefferson college. This
information given out by Manager
Albert M. Murphy, who stated that he
had written to Sprackling, offer-
ing him the football job at the local
institution. He inclined to the belief
the Brown man would accept his
offer and he here next fall to coach
red and black.

Man Who Will Try to Even Things Up With Jack Johnson For The Beating He Handed Jeffries



JIM FLYNN, IN FIGHTING POSES.

**CENTRAL MEETS YPSI;
EASTERN, M'MILLAN**

Teachers Are Out of Central's
Class, But McMillan Is
Easy For Eastern.

The two high school basketball teams
of the city that are showing good
form are scheduled for games today,
Central taking on Ypsi Normal at the
Cass-st. gymnasium this evening and
Eastern meeting McMillan at the
Boulevard court.

Tonight's run-in with the teachers
will be the first real basketball game
of the season for Coach Steimle's
men. Hitherto they have met only
weak high school teams and have run
up over 150 points to their opponents'
three in the regular contests. They
have met the ineligibles and other
teams picked up in Central, however,
for their real practice.

The teachers ought to be out of
Central's class. Although not partic-
ularly strong for college men, Ypsi
men should have had several years
more experience than the Centralites,
only one of whom has won his letter.

Howard Warner will start at center
for Coach Steimle tonight, with
Leslie Clark, captain, and Ed Johnson
at forwards. Whitmarsh and Wood
will be the guards. In case things
come easy, substitutes will be used
as much as possible. In any case,
G. Clark may replace one of the for-
wards and Harley Warner may get a
chance at a forward job.

This afternoon another chance for
an Eastern players victory is sched-
uled when they meet McMillan. Last
week, Coach Wuesthoff's men won
easily, 43 to 13, at the Solvay gym
and they expect to repeat this after-
noon.

The new suits of which the Eastern
boys are the proud possessors will be
exhibited in a regular game for the
first time this afternoon. They con-
sist of orange Jerseys with black
bands, and white pants with yellow
and black stripes running down the
sides.

Coach Wuesthoff has instructed his
men that they do not need to yell—
the suits will do it for them. How-
ever, in spite of this, the suits are
very neat and not so boisterous as
would seem to be indicated by the
coach's remarks.

**JIM BURNS AND YOUNG
GOTCH TO MEET HERE**

Jim Burns, of Rochester, who is at
present making his home in Detroit,
will begin training soon for a wrest-
ling match with Young Gotch, of Buf-
falo. The men have agreed to meet
at McGregor's hall in this city on Feb-
ruary 20.

Burns was also to meet another
Buffalo man the week following, but
his prospective opponent has called
everything off and so Burns wants to
take on either Gene Lawrence or
Howard Huribut at that time. Huribut,
according to Burns' friends, has
offered at one time to throw Burns
four times in an hour. Burns now
says that Huribut cannot throw him
twice in that time.

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**Is \$10,000 Boston Red Sox
Pitcher Another O'Toole?**

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Baseball fans today began looking up the "Dope" on Hugh Bedient, pitcher, sold yesterday to the Boston Red Sox by the Jersey City team of the Inter-national league for \$10,000, part of which will be taken out in five players. The fans want to know if he is to be regarded in the Marty O'Toole class of 1912. Bedient was on the reserve list of the Red Sox last year when sold to Jersey City for \$750 so the deal costs Boston just \$2,250 more than would have been necessary had the Red Sox manager not permitted him to slip from their fingers.

**Bob Schram Takes Two Falls In
Three From Davis At Jeary's**

Davis Goes on Mat on Short Notice in Place of Bunkelman
Who Is Ill.

Bob Schram took two falls of three
from Harry Davis at Jeary's Athletic
club last night. Davis substituted for
William Bunkelman, who was to have
met Schram, but who was ill and could
not appear.

Schram gained the first fall in 7 min-
utes, 10 seconds. Davis took the next
in 10 minutes, 40 seconds, with a ham-
merlock, but Schram came back for
Twenty-fifth-sts.

Kid Harris was to have refereed last
night, but he arrived too late and Bert
Marsden officiated.

**Talk of Matching Demarest
With Hoppe After Good Work**

**His Beating Fred Conklin in a Handicap Match Boosts His Fame
Among Billiardists.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Plans are being
made today to match Calvin De-
marest against Willie Hoppe for the
18-2 half lime championship, as a re-
sult of his excellent work in a match

that closed last night, with Fred Con-
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