

## In The World Of Sport

### CHINESE LEARNING TO LIKE THE GAMES

Now Taking Exercise With New Conception of Value of Athletics.

Until a decade ago the idea in China that men, especially of the upper class, might profitably indulge in any form of athletics at all was unthought of.

Exercise was a degrading action, people said, to be abhorred, unless it was necessary to earn one's bread. This idea still prevails in the inner and remote regions of the republic, but in Peking and the other large cities an entirely new conception of athletics has recently arisen.

About seven years ago an organization was formed in Peking, with A. N. Hoagland, the famous end of the 1906 Princeton team, athletic director of the Princeton Centre, in Peking, as its founder. For a year this isolated athletic association had a hard row to hoe, but as soon as the Chinese really found out what athletic sports were they jumped at the opportunity to learn more, and inside of two years this club had grown into the North China Athletic League, and shortly thereafter it was influential in promoting the first Far-Eastern Olympic games, with four Asiatic nations competing.

Since then these Olympic games have been held once every two years. Japan, Philippines and China each having won one contest. In addition to this a Chinese national meet is held every two years, and a North China meet annually. The records made by the athletes are often extremely good, and, on the whole, often compare favorably with those of Americans.

Princeton is the dominating American university in Peking. Owing to the fact that the Princeton Centre, the Y.M.C.A. of Peking is situated there, it has been a gathering place for Princeton men for seventeen years. Big Bob Galley, all-American centre in 1907, is at the head of the Princeton Centre; Hoagland is athletic director; Heyniger, 1916, the shot-putting giant, has just spent a year there, and this year only the war prevented the coming of Bill Moore, captain of the track team and football star, and a couple more of Princeton's best athletes.

With a personnel such as this, the way was made easier to show the Chinese the meaning of clean sport. Intercollegiate events were established, football being the favorite sport. Tennis, basketball and volleyball championships are also competed for, baseball not being over-popular with the Chinese. Incidentally, the yellow men are excellent swimmers.

The similarity between the intercollegiate sports here and in America is becoming more real every day. Athletes are taken as much care of here as at Princeton or Yale, with their rubbers and trainers and special food, and men stand a better chance of being popular men in their schools if they are athletes in China, just as the case is in America. The interest of the general public is not so great; there are no large grand stands and no professional problem. The Chinese seem to play more for the real sport of the game than for the sake of victory.

Professional coaches are the rule, but they do not command nearly such large salaries as their brothers in the States. Most of them, of course, are in China because of missionary zeal, and not because they are anxious to make money. They are interested more in teaching the Chinese the benefits to be gained from athletics, moral and mental, as well as physical, than in making a name for themselves. Though professional in reality, the spirit of all coaching in China is that of the amateur. America has much to learn in this connection from the Chinese.

There is no doubt that athletics is one of the great democratizing forces in China, and when the new China comes one of the most important reasons for its arrival, no one will be able to deny, will be the stern lessons which have been taught by clean sportmanship and friendly rivalry in athletics.

#### Need of Strengthening.

The National Hockey League is running along smoothly, but all three teams need strengthening if they are going to cope with the Canadiens. The latter have the strongest aggression that ever represented them in hockey. Look them over. Vesina in goal has no peer. There is no better defence player in the game than Corbeau, while in Lalonde and Joe Malone they possess two of the best scorers in professional ranks. Then there is Pitre and Laviolette, two great speed merchants. True, they may be getting slightly aged, but they still possess speed enough to make a lot of the young fellows go dizzy trying to keep up to them.

**Boston Hockeyists Not Shakers.**  
The athletic committee of the Boston Athletic Association has voted not to have the club represented by a hockey team this season. The club has had a team on the ice since 1910, and last year won the amateur sectional championship. A statement given out by the committee said: "Every athlete belonging to our club is enlisted in the country's service, and we believe our members should compete in athletic events for whatever department of service they are enlisted under."

#### Pictou Has Good Team.

Pictou Junior Hockey Club has a fine array of promising young players for the coming season. Pictou is grouped in the O.H.A. series with Cobourg, Whitby and Oshawa.

### MOST OF THE GIANTS IMMUNE FROM DRAFT

Mitchell's Reinforced Cubs May Not be Favorites For 1918 Flag.

In spite of the acquisition of Pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander and Catcher William Killifer by the Chicago Cubs, it is likely the New York Giants will go to the post at the start of the baseball season of 1918 favored to win the championship. The Giants are what has come to be known as an old club in baseball. Because of this it is improbable that the team will be materially affected by the national army draft.

The majority of the players are married and have families dependent upon them for support, and not a few of them are more than the stipulated thirty-one years of age. Furthermore, it is known that several of those who are more than the draft age or who have families to support have tried to enlist and have been rejected because of physical disability.

This may sound strange. To see the athletes on the ball field it may appear to the layman that they are physically perfect and could pass any physical test that might be prescribed by the Government, but the fact remains several of them have been rejected.

### YEARS REST LIGHTLY ON VETERAN WALKER

Edward Payson Weston Passes 78th Milestone—"Ped" Long-lived.

Still hale and hearty and not at all doubtful but that he is younger in spirit than many who are younger in years, Edward Payson Weston, the noted pedestrian, is celebrating his 78th birthday in New York. Weston was born in Portland, Maine, December 18th, 1839, and his transcontinental pedestrian feats performed when he was past the three score and ten mark furnish added proof of the fact remains several of them have been rejected.

Thirty and forty years ago pedestrianism was among the most popular of sports, both amateur and professional, and the great walking matches in American and English cities aroused wide enthusiasm. Most of the famous professional pedestrians of that period attained ripe old age, and not a few of them are still living—and walking.

Dan O'Leary, next to Weston, the most famous of the old school, still claims some of the best and toe records of the world. He is now 75 years of age. O'Leary, since he commenced his professional career in 1867, has walked over 11,000 miles in England, France, Ireland, Austria, Canada and the United States.

### TRICK PITCHING IS NEAR THE FINISH

Majors and Minors Legislate Against Emery and Other Unfair Deliveries.

After several years of agitation, all kinds of trick pitching in baseball are at last doomed. The recent action of the American Association is abolishing the moist ball, the licorice ball, emory ball, the shine ball, and all other sorts of mysterious flinging is the first step toward fair tactics on the mound, which in a few seasons will eventually result in the disappearance of the practice in the major leagues.

The big leagues have been at a loss to know just how to go about putting a stop to the practice. The National League had practically decided to do away with the trick pitching, but several of the managers believed that it would be unfair to prohibit pitchers suddenly to stop using a style of pitching which they had taken a long time to develop, as it would require some time for them to develop another style. It was suggested that they give a two- or three-season warning of the elimination of the moist ball and allow the practice to diminish gradually.

Then some one hit upon the happy idea of prohibiting the moist ball in the minor leagues, so that by the time the new crop of pitchers reaches the majors none of them will be using the wet pellet. This was considered the fairest way to abolish the practice and now all the minor leagues will be asked to follow the example set by the American Association.

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