

Wilson Not Surprised That A. A. U. Exonerated Nurmi, Ritola, Quist

SAYS RUBIEN IS DEFENDER, NOT INVESTIGATOR OF THE CHARGES

Drake Director Issues Statement Defending His Position In Controversy; Change Of Finns' Plans Brought About Charge.

DES MOINES, May 11.—(AP)—Saying that F. W. Rubien, national secretary of the Amateur Athletic union has "assumed the role of defender rather than investigator" in considering charges that Hugo Quist, manager for Paavo Nurmi and Willie Ritola had asked an exorbitant expense account for the appearance of the Finnish runners at the Drake relay carnival here last month, Kenneth L. Wilson, athletic director at Drake university, in a statement made public last night, declared that he "was not surprised that the A. A. U. white-washed Nurmi, Ritola and Quist from all charges."

Following an investigation of Wilson's charges that Quist had demanded exorbitant expenses for both runners, a committee of the A. A. U. in a statement issued in New York yesterday exonerated the Finnish runners and their manager.

Referring to the investigating committee's statement that "he should be censured for engaging a representative to obtain Nurmi's entry and for making an offer to Nurmi which was in violation of all amateur rules," Wilson said that at the time his offer was discussed Nurmi was scheduled to return to Finland immediately after he would have appeared at the Drake games. Under this plan it would have been within amateur rules for him to have received transportation to Finland.

Plans Were Different. The charges of excessive demands resulted, however, when it was found that Nurmi was not returning to Finland but would appear in other races after the Drake meet.

Replying to the committee's criticism of his connection with a New York newspaperman, Wilson said: "In December when attending the national collegiate meet in New York, I was introduced to a New York newspaperman, who claimed to be Quist's publicity agent and to use his own expression, 'was closer to him than any other man in America.' He told me he would probably see Nurmi run most of his meets in the east and that he would be glad to help me persuade him to come to the Drake relays and by so doing save me the expense of coming back to see Mr. Quist at a later date. He informed me as did Mr. Quist that as Nurmi had not started his indoor running and was not sure of his success, there was a possibility he might return at once to Finland and even if he did stay, that he would like for which I wanted him. April 25, would doubtless be his final American appearance."

The Customary Think. He mentioned that expenses for Nurmi would probably be from Des Moines to Finland, and it is his custom to pay for the expenses of athletes back to his home, provided it is paid but once; that he actually uses the money for such purposes. Under those conditions, the so-called offer in my letter, which was presented in the investigation, was entirely legitimate. "I would have been glad to have had Nurmi appear at the Drake relays. His record would certainly be an inspiration to the thousands of young athletes that would be there. I would also have been willing to have paid his expenses back to Finland, if they were to be used legitimately so."

Hawkeyes Drill For Track Meet With Minnesota

Special to The Gazette. IOWA CITY, May 11.—Iowa started preparation Monday with more hope of success in the coming track meet than they did in facing Illinois. There were some encouraging phases to the dual Saturday and the Hawks have many reasons to believe that the meet with Minnesota Saturday at Minneapolis can be given to a successful conclusion. Robert, Iowa dash man, was against one of the best sprinters in the conference in facing Evans, and showed him Hawkeye heels for the major part of both the 100-yard dash and the 200-yard event. He is expected to triumph at Minneapolis. Coulter obviously had a bad day, but has been doing 30.8 in practice and may be in shape against Minnesota.

There is little promise in the hurdles, but the running of Sorenson to crowd Ponzer to the tape in the 880-yard run is encouraging. Of course the two-mile goes to Phelps. In the field events Dauber broke his own record, as usual. The remainder of the weight event men held up their positions in strong competition. Jones and Everingham are confident of doing between 22 and 23 feet in the broad jump, while Kilndt, Gilden and Thomas better the 6-foot mark at the high jump. Tyson, Ganhy, Rice and Ochert are crowding about the 12-foot bar in the pole vault. The hammer and the discus are two fairly strong events for the Hawks. Handy has flipped the weight 145 feet, although he was far from this last Saturday. Hancock made one of his better discus marks at 130 1/2 feet.

MAJOR LEAGUE HITTERS

Player and club	AB	R	H	PO	Per
Pournier, Dodgers	17	6	18	20	.431
Heinrich, Cards	20	8	13	34	.415
Bottomley, Cards	20	8	13	34	.415
Fonessa, Phillies	18	6	10	27	.405
Baneroff, Braves	10	6	10	27	.401

Player and club	AB	R	H	PO	Per
Cobb, Tigers	13	5	16	20	.464
Heinrich, Cards	13	5	16	20	.464
Paschal, Yankees	13	5	16	20	.464
Slater, Braves	13	5	16	20	.464
Conroy, Yankees	10	7	11	30	.425

Player and club	No	Total
Kelly, Giants	1	3
Smith, Reds	1	3
Roush, Reds	1	3
Paschal, Yankees	1	3
Pipp, Yankees	1	3
Meuser, Yankees	1	3
Montali, White Sox	1	3
League totals	National 95	American 90

RED PEPPERS

HOT SPORT CHATTER

BY "EARL"

Business men of Wichita, Kan., plan to erect a monument in honor of the high school basketball team that won the national championship at the University of Chicago this year. That is very fine indeed. Here in Cedar Rapids teams of Washington high have captured enough such titles to place monuments in parks all over the city. Football, basketball and track teams have won national championship while Cuhel and Irwin copped nationwide individual honors.

When the anchor man of a one-mile relay team can—by virtue of the big lead given him—run his lap attired in his sweat suit, that team must have class. Stamatidis did this very thing at Marquette Saturday, snatching the tape nearly 100 yards ahead of his closest competitor, Coach Novak, by the way, declared this morning that the treatment received at Milwaukee was the best in his eight years at Washington. Officials of the meet were forever trying to make things pleasant for the noted visitors.

Restaurant owners of the city should issue a vote of thanks to the good people of Waterloo. All down town eating shops were packed yesterday as the 1,500 Hawk visitors swarmed here and there in search of food. In view of what happened at the ball yard it is just as well that the up-ryer folk attended to their tummy duties before repairing to the orchard.

Attention is called to the excellent brand of ball played around the Sippi circuit yesterday. Three of the four games resulted in shutouts while the eight teams made a total of only thirty-seven base hits. This is an average of less than five hits per team. Few leagues can point to such puttering at this early date in the campaign.

One fault to be found with games played on the west side thus far is the length of time consumed. Yesterday's game required two hours and five minutes and Saturday's contest extended over two hours and ten minutes. Much time is lost by catchers retrieving foul balls off the grand stand, a policy not pursued in our best organizations. This small, but time-killing.

28 Hurlers Used In Five Sabbath Big League Tilts

NEW YORK, May 11.—(AP)—Twenty-eight pitchers smarted today under the burning base hit fire which was spread over five major league parks in the opening games of the fifth week of the 1925 season. The New York Yankees rolled up the maximum of nineteen hits in the column, collected off five St. Louis pitchers in a one-sided victory over the Browns, 13 to 1.

Herb Penneck, Yankee southpaw, and the few moundmen to start one of the four moundmen to start and finish a game, allowed seven scattered hits. Two of them, made by George Sisler, advanced the St. Louis star's consecutive game-hitting streak to 25. Detroit bats barked merrily against five Red Sox pitchers for a total of fifteen hits and a 13 to 5 victory. Rigney led the assault on the Boston club by slugging out a triple and three singles in four times at bat. Chicago and Washington used three pitchers apiece in their 12-inning struggle which the White Sox won, 10 to 8. Jack Bentley turned in his fourth straight victory of the season as the Giants won from St. Louis, 8 to 3.

Five pitchers of the Cincinnati Reds failed to stop the Brooklyn Dodgers in 12 innings. The Robins overcame a two-run advantage by registering three runs for a final verdict of 3 to 8. The two teams gathered 28 hits.

Iowa Second To Ohio In Big 10 Baseball Race

CHICAGO, May 11.—(AP)—Ohio State remained idle last week and retained its clean slate of four games won and none lost in the "Big Ten" conference baseball standings. Iowa remained a close second by winning its single game, but Illinois, formerly tied for second place, dropped two games and was virtually put out of the race.

The standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Ohio State	4	0	1.000
Iowa	3	1	.750
Chicago	3	1	.600
Indiana	3	1	.600
Michigan	3	1	.600
Wisconsin	2	2	.500
Northwestern	2	2	.500
Minnesota	1	3	.250
Purdue	0	4	.000

HAWKEYES DEFEAT ALL-STARS, 7 TO 1

The Hawkeyes defeated the All Stars 7-1 in a well played game yesterday. Holmes' pitching featured, allowing only two hits and striking out six. The former pitcher knocked a home run in the first with one on.

Hawkeyes 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 2—7 1
All Stars 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 3
Holmes and Zachar; Drahos and Naso.

SCHOLZ SET RECORD IN 100 YARD DASH

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 11.—(AP)—Jackson Scholz, Olympic runner participating in the Annual Greensboro high school track meet with Currie Davidson college and Emerson of North Carolina university, is said to have lowered the world's record for the 100-yard dash here yesterday by one-tenth of a second, covering the distance in 20 1/2 seconds, on a hard clay track.

RELAY TEAM, ZVACEK WIN AT MARQUETTE

More trophies were collected for the Washington high warehouse at Milwaukee Saturday when the Tiger quartet won the one-mile relay at the Marquette meet, and Dick Zvacek captured a cup for individual honors in the special events.

The mile team composed of Miller, Tangman, Redel and Stamatidis won as it pleased, finishing in 3:41.9 with a lead of nearly 100 yards.

But for an unfortunate break, it is probable the sprint relay team would also have won. This event went to Milwaukee East high when Kemp and Redel got slightly tangled up in passing the stick, the break costing the Tigers nearly twenty-five yards. As it was, Stamatidis paced all anchor men except the Cream City flyer in the last 110 yards.

Zvacek was first in the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet, 11 inches, and was third in both the high jump and broad jump.

EASTERN HORSES ARRIVE TO FINISH TRAINING FOR DERBY

Almadel, Third In Preakness, One Of First To Check In At Downs; Quatrain, Favorite, Steps Fast Mile And A Furlong.

BY THOMAS TEMPLE HOYNE.
International News Service Special Correspondent.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—Eastern derby candidates were present at Churchill Downs today. Sweeping Away and Prince of Bourbon of the Yallapa farm stable; Almadel, the colt that ran a bang up race in the Preakness on Friday and finished third, and Single Foot, J. E. Griffith's colt that was said to have been knocked out of it in the jam at the turn off the stretch in the Preakness, are now stabled here and will get their final preparations this week.

Chief Uncas is due tomorrow. So is Flying Ebony, a possible starter in the derby. This is the G. A. Cochrane colt that last year on derby day won a race for two year olds, duplicating the performance of Black Gold the year before.

Whitney Nags On Way. Trainer Jimmy Rowe is due about the same time with the Whitney horses, Blackstone and Chantey, and Bud Fisher's scribe, is supposed to be en route, although no certain

notification of that has been received here. All Saturday night it rained hard and most of yesterday a drizzle was falling, but a considerable crowd went out to Churchill Downs never the less, during the forenoon and were rewarded for their trouble by seeing a couple of the derby colts in action.

Step along, wearing blinkers, with Jockey Canfield in the saddle, stepped a mile through the sloppy going in 1:43 3/5. This colt is supposed by many not to like the mud. He didn't act that way yesterday. He went through it like a barefoot boy through a mud puddle.

But the same was not true of Kentucky Cardinal, which was sent three quarters in 1:16. Although he exhibited no sign of distress at the end, he slipped and floundered around all the way.

Between the first and second races, Frederick Johnson sent his colt, Quatrain, a mile and a furlong for a public trial. He carried the mile and eighth in 1:46 3/4, and galloped out another furlong to make the mile and a quarter in 2:31 3/5.

Mr. Johnson will not send Quatrain to the post between now and derby day. He is satisfied that the derby favorite is ready for the big race and needs no more really hard work.

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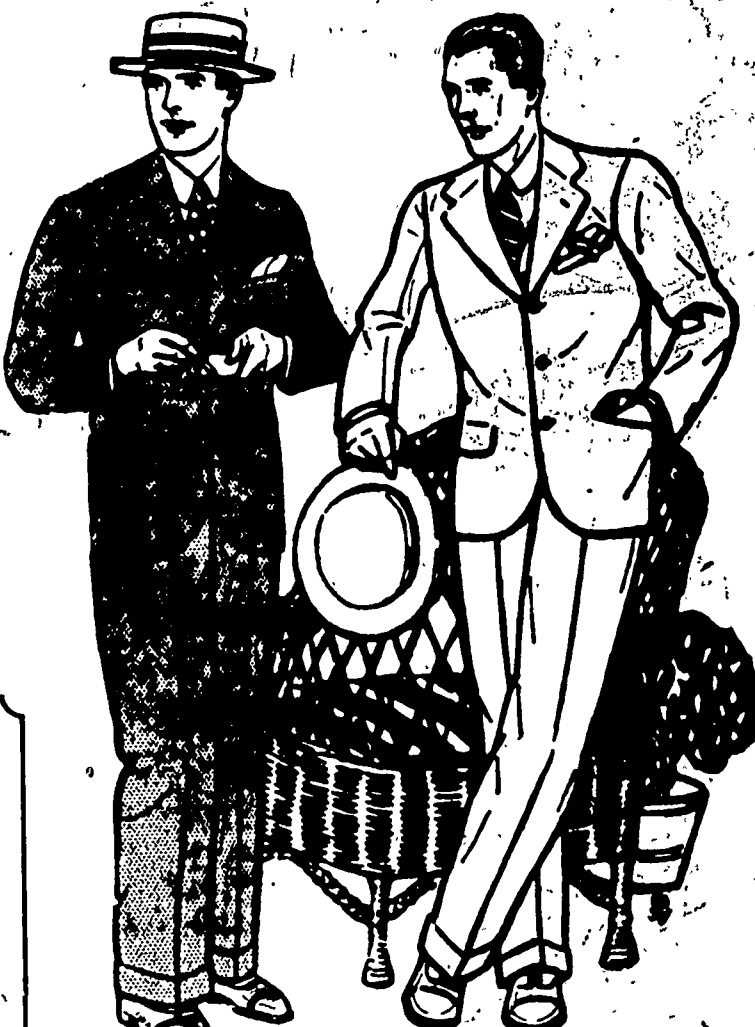
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