

SPORT NOTES

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With Apologies to Frank Glick, of Princeton

SOME weeks ago I wrote a piece that had to do with Jewish football players at Princeton. Among others, I discussed Frank Glick, and said "There was some question about Glick's Jewishness and I understand that he never paraded openly under the banner of Zion". It seems that I misunderstood. I reprint almost "in toto" a letter received from Frank L. Farrell, of Pittsburgh, who has taken exception to my remarks and—

well, you go on and read the letter:

"Dear Sir:

"My attention has been called to your 'Sport Notes', in which you write of 'Jewish Football Players at Princeton'. It seems patent that you did not have complete information concerning Princeton. I'm not sure that Princeton would care so much, and Frank Glick has figured in so many newspaper stories that he would be tempted to 'laugh it off'.

"The writer (self-evidently non-Jewish) went through High School with Frank Glick, entered Princeton with him, and was his room-mate until we received our diplomas together in 1916. In addition, I was President of the Press Club there . . . so I know something of the situation whereof I write. Let me inform you definitely that Frank Glick played on the Princeton football teams throughout his term there, as well as his freshman baseball team and the varsity basket ball team. He was captain of the football team—and a good one,—president of his class, a member of the Senior Council and President of the Cap and Gown Club. After graduation, he helped coach the Princeton football team, and later consented to act as coach at Lehigh. He gained these honors as a Jew, and has all the right in the world to resent your insinuation, that he paraded under false colors. From the time he first interviewed the Registrar, in my company, until the present day, there has been no doubt as to his Jewishness. He was excused from compulsory chapel on that ground. At one time, in view of an approaching election, he had his friends go to some trouble to make sure that the class all realized his faith, so that those who wished to vote against him on that ground, might do so.

"You used a rather unfortunate expression, when you stated that he 'never paraded openly under the banner of Zion'. At Princeton, one doesn't PARADE under the banner of Zion—or of Luther—or of Calvin—or anyone else. There used to be an expression there covering parading under banners of any sort. It was 'running it out', and running it out was bad form. Athletic positions and class honors went to men only as they showed themselves men.

"In line with your article, I think you might have mentioned one or two real Jewish athletes there. Phil King (who ante-dated Freeman) was a peach. Then, while I was there, Art Bluthenthal was a wonder of a center, and for three years waged a battle with Ketcham of Yale for All-American honors. He died in France with the Lafayette Escadrille. Cyril Haas was captain of the varsity basket ball team in 1917, and my classmate, Freddie Wolf, captained the gym team. All Jews and known as such! Probably dozens more ought to be mentioned. So Levine has a few noted patterns to follow.

"Don't you owe it to yourself and to your readers to correct your previous paragraph?"

If I do, I have done so,—Mr. Farrell is correct when he says that I know little about Princeton. My knowledge is confined to the talk I have heard from about ten Jewish boys whom I knew as students at that college. It was from them that I got this impression, but evidently they were all wrong, and an injustice was done to Mr. Glick which I am happy to rectify.