

FULTON, WILLARD'S NEXT OPPONENT, AN UNKNOWN AMONG RINGSIDE FOLLOWERS

BASKETBALL "BUGS" KEEP THE INDOOR GAME ALIVE

Small Halls in Philadelphia Do Not Permit Cage Promoters to Make Success From Financial Standpoint

BASKETBALL is the sport which interests the greatest number of Philadelphians in the winter months. Year after year the cage game holds forth in this city during the frigid months...

packed the armories in the smaller New York towns, but the people tired of one club winning all the time and just naturally stopped going to the games.

BEACON Y. M. A.'S SPEEDY CAGE QUINTET



The Beacon basketball team, a semi-professional organization, has been giving the fans in North-eastern Philadelphia a series of clever cage exhibitions at Diston Hall and also at Beacon Church, Cedar and Cumberland streets.

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONS DO NOTlinger LONG AT TOP

Average Reign of Titleholder Since McAuliffe's Time Is Three Years—Joe Gans Held Crown for Six Years

NO sport witnesses the passing of champions with greater frequency than does the prize ring. Billiard players are stars when their hair is silvered with gray; ball players are in harness when their years have exceeded 40...

ting Nelson upon calculations by knocking the great Baltimore boy out in 17 rounds in 1908. Gans was then 34 and Nelson eight years younger.

GOAL AVERAGES MAY DETERMINE LEAGUE WINNER

Bethlehem Soccerists Not Prolific Scorers as Diston in American League

RACE RESUMED JAN. 8

When the second half of the American Soccer League season starts on January 1, Diston will have the advantage of a four-point lead over Bethlehem.

Although there is little doubt in the minds of soccerists that Bethlehem is the strongest team in the circuit, the points lost to Diston on November 29 may cost the up-State eleven the championship.

The American League race in recent years has been merely a two or three-cornered fight, and until that condition it remedied the blue ribbon of local soccer.

Bob Wilson, the Wanderers' right halfback, has not yet recovered from the illness that has confined him to his home for the past month.

With these two men back in the game the Amateur Cup holders should force rapidly the front in the first round of the allied title.

Tener Is Optimistic NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Fighting baseball" will make the season 1916 the best in the history of the game.

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THIRTY CUBS AND WHALES WILL GO SOUTH TO TRAIN

Charley Thomas Turns Eye Toward Toledo Club

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Charley Thomas, president of the Chicago Cubs, appeared today to transfer his baseball activities to Toledo.

TRENTON TRIUMPHS OVER READING, 23-20

Fogarty's Field and Foul Goals in Last Three Minutes of Play Mean Victory

Club Standing W. L. P. W. L. P. Greentown 15 8 26 De Neris 8 8 26 Trenton 16 8 26 Camden 7 10 21 De Neris at Camden.

The contest early developed into a close guarding o.r. both teams doing some remarkable blocking.

The first half resulted itself into a contest of foul tossing between Sears and Fogarty, with Sears having a shade the better of the contest.

Referee Brennan was hooted by the crowd for his apparent indifference work, and on more than one occasion the contest got beyond his control and bordered on football.

Wrestlers in Draw Match NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Alex Abern, world's Greco-Roman wrestling champion, still holds his title today.

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TRINITY CLUB MEN TO RACE IN STARR FIVE-MILE EVENT

Brooklyn Team, Winner of 1915 Trophy, Again to Bid for New Year's Day Laurels

Entries are pouring in for the fourth annual handicap five-mile street race to be held New Year's Day under the joint auspices of the South Street Business Men's Association and the Theodore Starr Club.

The race this year will be run over the newly laid wooden blocks, which should make the going better.

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Tinker's Tentative Team for Next Year

Table listing players for Tinker's Tentative Team for Next Year, categorized by Pitchers, First Base, Shortstop, Third Base, Outfielders, and Catchers.

WHEELER COMPANY EMPLOYEES TO FORM BIG ORGANIZATION

Thomas J. Callahan Is Power Behind Move—Soccer, Baseball and Basketball to Be Promoted

Thomas J. Callahan, who is the athletic enthusiast at the Wheeler Company, 18th street and Allegheny avenue, has announced some interesting plans for the coming year.

Tufts to Play Princeton MEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Tufts football schedule for 1916 shows a number of new colleges in the list, including Indiana University, Princeton and Syracuse.

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LEGAL LIGHTS WHO ENDED BASEBALL WAR



This trio of attorneys drew up the articles of the "peace pact" which was signed by the representatives of the Federal League and organized baseball.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION TO LEAVE CLEVELAND

Ban Johnson Says Indians Must Have Clear Field

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The American Association team must be taken from Cleveland, according to a statement made by President Johnson, of the American League, before leaving for the Forest City to discuss with bankers there the baseball situation.

VINCOME TEAM IN NIGHT SIGNAL DRILL

Eleven Works Out Under Arc Lights at 53d and Walnut Streets

Unable to get a gymnasium for practice last night the Vincome football team, which meets McClure on New Year's Day for the championship of Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, resorted to practice under the arc lights in the neighborhood of 53d and Walnut streets.

This was the first occasion on which the Vincome players were together since their last game three weeks ago at Norristown.

Managers of the two teams will meet at the playing field tomorrow afternoon to arrange for handling a probable crowd of 500.

Most of the time was spent in wearing the new uniforms and developing an open attack, which will be used extensively.

Artie Ball Is Dead CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Artie Ball, the great shortstop of the famous Baltimore Orioles of the 1870s, is dead at his home in Hyde Park, Md.

FULTON, OPPONENT OF JESS WILLARD, MYSTERY FIGHTER

Career in Ring of Mammoth Minnesota Heavyweight Is Unknown

MATCH HAS BEEN PANNED Fred Fulton, the mammoth Minnesotan, who will get an opportunity to meet Champion Jess Willard in the latter's first match since returning to the ring.

However, although a championship match, no matter how one-sided, is a value of news.

It is admitted on all sides that neither Moran nor Coffey would have a possible chance with Willard, so it appears that the promoters merely given the fight in favor of a comparatively unknown novice.

When it comes to deciding between an unknown quantity which is insufficient and a known quantity it apparently a sound policy to take a chance on the unknown.

Fulton has obtained a chance to fight for a championship cannot be denied.

The Minnesota has the longest reach of any man in the ring today. With his arms spread out he spans 84 1/2 inches, more than an inch longer than that of Willard.

Eddie Revoir will tackle the veteran, Kid Broad, in the wind-up at the Douglas Club tonight.

Scrap on Scappers A letter for Hook Jones is awaiting claim in the Sports Department of the Evening Ledger.

ABSENT-MINDED ABNER—Anyway, His Mother Didn't Raise Him to Be a Watchman!—By WALT McDUGALL

