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CENTRAL'S STOCK TAKES JUMP IN SCHOOL LEAGUE

Coach Usilton's Team in First Place—West Philadelphia Also Strong

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Will Coach "Bimms" Usilton's prediction that Central High School would win the high school league basketball championship this season, come true? Students who saw the Crimson and Gold machine steam-roller Southern High by the verdict of 35 to 21, after leading the first half 23 to 7, in Southern's own home cage yesterday afternoon, believe that the Central coach is right.

It would now appear as though Usilton's prediction in the EVENING LEDGER on Monday, when he said in part, "I am sure my team will win the title this year," would eventually come true. At least, the Central High School students think so, especially after the display of teamwork and passing in the league game yesterday, when the regulars were Mouradian, Stewart, Welsh and Captain Fowler gave an exhibition of championship basketball.

The result of this game came as an unexpected blow to Southern High. The downtown squad had the advantage of playing in their own gym. Burnin, Watson, Lipkowitz and Captain Black were all on the team, there was no shake-up or reason for the one-sided reverse so far as the Southern formation was concerned. All the regulars were there. But they had an "off day" and the Central rushed them off their feet in the first 20 minutes.

Then Lipkowitz was sent out of the game for four personal fouls and Lewbart took his place. Coach Ingber later took Burnin out, shifted Lewbart to forward and sent Gottleib into the game as guard. Central's only change was when Armstrong, replaced Welsh as forward, changing the tide of victory, and Central took first place in the High School Basketball League by a comparatively easy victory.

Southern High's second team got some satisfaction for the defeat of the first team, when the Southern reserves won from Central second by a score of 18 to 13. This causes a tie for first place between the West Philadelphia and downtown quintets, each having three games won and only one lost. Southern's second team lined up with Rothman and Scanlon, forwards; Dondero, center; Fisher and Sacks, guards. Boland, who substituted for Fisher, played a very good game.

Central High second could have won the game with a few more foul calls. Ferry was very weak in this department, tallying only six out of 18 chances. Labrum, Armstrong, Alsentzer, Fishman and Gruppe represented Central High.

Nothing but praise is heard for the West Philadelphia High School basketball players, who are just as content of landing the cage title as the Central High boys. West Philadelphia's 22 to 16 win over Northeast High caused much joy at 18th and Walnut streets yesterday afternoon. It was no small task to defeat the strong Northeast squad, and the game was a battle royal every minute of the time, with the Westerners leading at half time, 15 to 11.

West Philadelphia played a snappy game. Coach Fred Busch, at center, made excellent judgment and assisted in the scoring. McCaskey, at center, was the individual star. Pinkerton and Hubert both showed the kind of "pep" that wins in the cage.

BAKER HAS YET LONG TIME TO RETAIN BATTING EYE

By GRANTLAND RICE

IF HOME-RUN BAKER should decide to return to baseball this season, queries an Absorbed Bystander, "wouldn't the year's lay-off hurt his batting eye?" not necessarily. Mike Donlin left the pasture flat for two or three years, and when Mike returned he picked up the old 200 average about where he left off. Jimmy Callahan left the Major Domain for a few years and when Cal came back he was hitting as well as he ever did in his life.

The Batting Eye The Batting Eye doesn't seem to be affected by a lay-off. Baker is a natural hitter. The art of timing a blow was born with him. His work around third might not be improved nor his speed helped in any way by a year's elasto on the outskirts of the Bush, but he should be able to punish pitching in the same old way.

Batsmen of the Lajoie-Delebanty-Donlin-Wagner-Cobb-Crawford-Baker types were never developed by any instruction. Cobb possibly was developed more than any of the others, but in the main these sluggers began hitting their first trip out, and never ceased while they could wield a club.

The Handpower of Baker's Batting Eye will stick with him for many a year. Pap Hanson, after 25 campaigns, finished above .300, after he had become a sedate, middle-aged citizen, ready to assume his carpet slippers and a diet of mush and gruel.

The Cave-in You have seen fast runners suddenly lose their speed around the bases. You have witnessed more than one good pitcher who dropped out quickly when he looked to be in his prime.

Scholastic Basketball Schedule for Today

Pennington Seminary vs. Camden High, at Camden High. Temple Preparatory vs. Millville High, at Millville. Temple University vs. Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester. Germantown Academy vs. Westtown Boarding School, at Westtown School. St. Joseph's College vs. St. Joseph's Boarding School, at Chester. Kennett Square High School vs. Chester High School, at Chester. Extonville Preparatory vs. Swarthmore Preps, at Swarthmore.

SOCCER. Haverford College, 3d, vs. Lower Merion High School, at Ardmore. FIELD HOCKEY. Episcopal Academy, blind farm vs. sixth upper form, at Episcopal.

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WHITTED, OF PHILS, HOLDS OUT FOR RISE IN SALARY

Refuses to Sign Contract for 1916 Unless He Gets Increase

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 26.—George Whitted, left fielder of the Phillies, has declared himself a holdout, pending a considerable rise in his salary for the 1916 season. He has received his contract, but refuses to affix his signature thereto until the club gives him a rise. The contract called for the same salary as in the 1915 season.

PHILLIES WILL TRY OUT YOUNG SOUTHWAY PITCHER

Tom Buttle to Go South With Moran This Season

The Phillies' draught which has been stirred up in their minor-league material, for the coming season has picked up a young left-handed pitcher who will be taken to Peterborough, Pa., for a tryout by Manager Moran. He is Tom Southway, 23 years old, and this will be his first attempt to enter the major leagues.

PLAYER ON COMMISSION

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—President Johnson, of the American League, was quoted yesterday as saying he would suggest that ball players be given representation on a new body which he hopes will replace the National Commission.

What, asks Rupert, "is a cheese-monger?" Unless he is a bloke that mangers cheese, we haven't an idea in the world. "Isn't Duffy Lewis," inquires Rebus, "a greater ball player than Cactus Cravath?" He was the only time they ever enjoyed any direct competition.

Said Maurice McLoughlin to Francis O'NEILL, "Why don't you buy you a lawn tennis set?" Said Francis to Morris, "I'll do that, old top." If you'll buy your niblicks from out my shop.

Johnny Evers says that Eastern fans don't understand him, O, the East is the East and the West is the West, but the fans are just the same, whether they hail from Denver Town or step from a Boston frame.

After all, Frank Baker may be a good bit more at home back of a plow than at any other place in the world. He has always impressed us about that way. There are 5,000,000 fighting men in the British army, but one of them isn't Mr. Freddie Welch, who could see nothing in any battle that went beyond 10 rounds for less than a \$10,000 purse.

GREAT ATHLETIC FESTIVAL IN FIRST REGIMENT ARMORY

SPORTSMEN'S show is to be held in the 1st Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, the week of February 28-March 4. The exhibition is to be conducted by the 1st Regiment Infantry, N. G. P., and is being planned on a scale that will eclipse anything of its kind ever held in Philadelphia.

Among the unique features that have been planned is the championship indoor lawn tennis tournament, which will be staged on the big main drill floor of the armory. On the lower floor the big indoor golf links will stage the first real tournament. On the armory rifle ranges one of the most important rifle shooting tournaments ever held in Philadelphia will be conducted.

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form into a section of the Maline woods, big game hunters will show the way they camp in the wilderness, while the Boy Scouts will demonstrate their lines of activity in camp. The military strip of woods will contain exhibits of hunting trophies, mounted wild game animals and fish, taxidermy, taxidermy exhibits of hunting sections. The ladies and children's Association, camp and camp association will also be there and information relative to camps, hunting, guides' equipment, etc., which would take unlimited time to collect, placement, may be obtained.

T. Tilden, 2d, Philadelphia, champion; William P. Rowland, Bedford Country Club tennis champion; P. S. Osborne, Tristate League champion; T. H. Martin, Bedford Country Club, and A. A. Capelle, Wilmington Country Club. The program will be men's singles and doubles, ladies' singles and doubles and junior (under 16 years) singles and doubles.

In addition to the arrangements for the tennis tournament mentioned above, are arranging a list of events or the golf tournament, which will consist of inter-club team matches for ladies and gentlemen and mixed foursome, and open individual matches for both ladies and gentlemen. In all these events valuable trophies and prizes will be offered.

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