PHILADELPHIA RACQUET PLAYERS HAVE GREAT CHANCE TO CAPTURE NATIONAL TITLE

O'KEEFE-TENDLER FIASCO OPENS EYES OF PUBLIC; BETTER BOUTS ASSURED

Investigation to Be Made by Director Wilson, and Supporters of Game Will Be Protected Against Unsatisfactory Performances

WHEN Eddle O'Keefe and Lew Tendler, the "hitless wonders," put on their six-round flasco at the Olympia Athletic Club Monday night, they boosted the boxing game in Philadelphia. It is true that they put up a miserable exhibition, and most of the audience left in disgust before the bout was half over, but their performance opened the eyes of the local authorities, and an investigation of the affair will be made by Director of Public Safety Wilson.

Acting upon a suggestion made by the Evening Ledger, Mr. Wilson ordered Superintendent of Police Robinson to look up the true facts and take action that will safeguard the public in the future. More than \$2000 was spent by the patrons of the Olympia to witness what they thought would be one of the fastest exhibitions ever held in Philadelphia. Instead, they saw a very poor bout, with both boxers acting as if they were indulging in a delib erate "frame-up."

It would be unjust to place the blame on the Olympia officials for this exhibition. They couldn't afford to take a chance like that, especially when two such mediocre boxers are concerned. They have an established business and are dependent upon the public for support. Unless they give good shows the attendance will fall off.

Both O'Keefe and Tendler are the offenders and deserve all the punishment that can be meted out to them. They got into the ring to give a boxing exhibition and showed the proper way not to give one. We will not go so far as to call it a fake fight, but it certainly looked like one.

Vila Declares Baseball Is Topheavy

Joe Vila, the veteran baseball writer of the New York Evening Sun, who always has been a loyal champion of Organized Ball and its magnates, agrees heartily with the Evening Ledger that baseball is becoming topheavy. Other veteran scribes also have come to the opinion that baseball franchises are selling for far more than they are worth. Vila, however, contends that the greatest evil of frenzied finance is caused by paying players too much money.

In making this statement Vila overlooks the fact that the players always will insist on being paid in proportion to the capitalization of the club. If a magnate invests \$1,000,000 in a franchise and his only chance to get it back and show a profit lies in building a powerful ball team, it is only natural that the players-his only assets-will insist on a salary increase just as long as price of franchises is increasing,

Forced to Pay Exorbitant Salaries

Under the caption of "Frenzied Finance in Basebull" Vila says in part: "If some of the baseball magnates and fight promoters don't carb themselves they will run into bankruptcy proceedings. The magnates, having squelched the Federal League, seem to have an idea that the national game is due for such a great boom it is safe to spend record-breaking sums for overrated players. The fight promoters, in their wild desire to work the sporting public to the limit, are throwing business judgment to the winds. They are offering guarantees and purses which are sure to result in heavy losses.

"During the late rumpus with the Federal League, the magnates on both sides of the fence were forced to pay exorbitant salaries to many of their players. Ball clubs which were once considered gold mines finished with such large deficits that their owners either sold out or will be ready to quit if the coming season again proves disastrous for them. Yet, in spite of the topheavy salary lists and the financial obligations which have been incurred, the magnates are doing nothing to reduce the exaggerated values of players and franchises.

'Although the late Andrew Freedman bought 51 per cent, of the Glants' stock in 1895 for \$49,000, H. N. Hempstead recently offered to sell 62 per cent, of the stock to the Gaffney-Davis-Sinclair combination for \$1,400,000. Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston, who secured the Yankees a year ago for \$400,000, named \$900,000 as the price of their holdings when Sinclair asked for the figures last month. Sinclair secured an option on the St. Louis Cardinals the other day, but he is not expected to close the deal, inasmuch as the Brittons now demand nearly \$350,000 for the franchise, without the

Moguls Make Mistake in Suppositions

"On top of this comes the news that C. W. Somers probably will remain in control of the Cleveland club because nobody will fork over \$560,000. The American League, therefore, must finance Somers with \$100,000 to tide his club over until 1917. Of course, the Clevelands are not worth \$560,000, when it is figured that the Cubs have been sold for \$500,000. In fact, conservative baseball men insist that the sums paid for the Cubs, Braves and Browns were ridiculously high, and that the new owners will soon realize that frenzied finance pervades the national pastime

"In their frenzy to buy alleged stars or inflated franchises, some of the magnates evidently forget that only two clubs can win major leagues pennants next fall, together with the right to take part in the julcy world's series. Fourteen clubs must be disappointed and eight of them cannot escape the second division. Baseball is so uncertain that clubs picked to win pennants often drop to the rear because of accidents or trouble in the ranks.

"Take the Cubs for example! Weeghman, the Chicago lunchroom man, has just delivered 500,000 iron men to Tait and Murphy. Weeghman feels sure that the Cubs, managed by Tinker, his bosom friend, will win the National League But outside of Weeghman's set in Chicago this belief is

"The merriment will continue, too, as long as Tinker remains fixed in his determination to play Yerkes on second base and Doolan at shortstop, at the same time depending on Miner Brown and Reulbach to pitch in old-time form. Yerkes, Doolan, Brown and Reulbach were through in the major leagues two years ago. If the Cubs, therefore, do not finish on top Weeghman, it is predicted, will find that being a major league magnate isn't such a soft thing after

Seaton's Purchase a Big Surprise

The purchasing of Tom Seaton by Joe Tinker, new manager of the Cubs. came as a surprise to local fans, who had been led to believe that the former Philly twirler had thrown his arm out. Tinker saw enough of Seaton last season to know that lack of condition and not a sore arm had affected the big fellow's work. Seaton probably will return to the form which made him the most feared pitcher in the National League. Others had better records and, perhaps, more "stuff," but batsmen feared Seaton more than any other hurler in the National League in 1913.

President Johnson is quoted as favoring another representative on the National Commission, preferring a ball player of the Sam Crawford type. A few months ago Johnson had nothing but unkind words for ball players. He forbade them to write for newspapers; said they were allowing their greed to run away with their better judgment and made a few other unkind remarks. Perhaps it is a case of anybody being preferable to the old arrangement.

Can one blame a wonderful pitcher like Fred Toney for refusing to sign a contract calling for \$4000 a year, when Joe Gedeon, a minor leaguer, who is yet to prove himself of major league calibre, gets a three-year contract calling for \$18,000, to be paid at the rate of \$5000 for the first year, \$6000 for the second and \$7000 for the third?

Just how much difference one man's absence is felt in a basketball game has been demonstrated recently in the ranks of the Camden Eastern League club. Dieghan has not been in condition, the result being that Camden has taken a bad slump. While Dieghan was able to play last night against Reading. he was not in the best shape and was unable to hold up his end of the play. Comden was therefore beaten badly. The Reading five scored nine field goals against the South Jerseymen's five.

Philadelphia is well represented in the racquets tournament which is scheduled to begin today in Boston. Wear and Brooks, of the Philadelphia Hacquet Club, have a splendid chance to win the national doubles.

Frank Baker is still in the Yankee lime-glare. The latest report gives J. Franklin a sulary of \$7500. This figure, according to the revised salaries which must follow baseball peace, is almost double Baker's present value.

NO MATTER WHEN YOU GO AWAY YOU'LL MISS A LOT OF FUN



WEEK









LOCAL RACQUETS **NEW FAVORITES** FOR THE TITLE

Brooke and Wear Look to Be "Best Bet" for Doubles Championship

STARTS TOMORROW

From a local point of view the draw for the national doubles racquet championship, which begins at the Tennis and Racquet Club, Boston, tomorrow, is an excellent one. Philadelphia will be represented by only one pair, George H. Brooke and Joseph W. Wear, and on form this season they should stand a better chance of capturing the championship than any other local pair that has ever competed in the event.

Brooke and Wear have fortunately been drawn in the upper half of the bracket and the national champions, Clarence C. Pell and Stanley G. Mortimer in the lower half, and the probabilities are that they will meet in the final round. The most formidable pair Brooke and Wear will be called upon to meet in the upper bracket will be Joshua Crane and C. S. Cutting. As good as these men are, it will indeed be surprising if they defea the local men. H. C. Clark and H. Morgan will be met by Brooke and Wear in the first round, and on form there should be nothing to it but Brooke and Wear. In the lower half of the bracket there are some very strong pairs, and Pell and Mortimer will have a hard row bell and Mortimer will have a hard rown to hoe before they reach the final round. First of all they will meet the winner of the match between P. D. Haughton and J. W. Cutler and N. H. Cabot and B. Wendell, and if they win this match they will be called upon to play G. R. Fearing and Philip Stockton or S. G. aterbury and J. C. Waterbury, and in ther event they should have all their ork cut out.

If Pell and Mortimer and Brooke and Wear meet in the final round the match will assuredly be a great one. Already this season Brooke and Wear have defeated the champions twice, and they will be eager to make it three straight. On the other hand Pell and Mortimer will be burning with a desire to wipe out be burning with a desire to wipe their previous defeats, and neither will give or ask any quarter. The draw

PRELIMINARY ROUND. P. D. Haughton and J. W. Cutler vs. N. H. Cabot and B. Wendell, Jr.

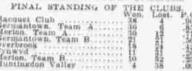
FIRST ROUND.
January 29.
H. C. Clark and H. Morgan vs. G. H. Brooke
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Waterbury and J. C. Waterbury.
C. C. Pell and S. G. Mortimer vs. winner
Haughton-Cutler. Cabol-wendell match.

RACQUET CLUB WINS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Germantown A Team, Last Year's Winner, Is Second in Standing

The Racquet Club won the interclub squash racquets championship by defeat-ing Team B of the Merion Cricket Club at ie Racquet Club yesterday by six atches to none. Throughout the season the new champions have played good squash, and their well deserved success is a tribute to the keenness of their captain, W. H. T. Hubn.

Last year's champions, Germantown, l'eam A, defeated Huntingdon Valley by six matches to none and finished up second. Merion, Team A, won all six from Merion, Team B, and comes third n the list. Overbrook defeated Cynwyd by four matches to two at Overbrook.



Silver Foils Players Tie

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 27,-Mrs. soyn, of Montelair, and Miss Priscilla-

RICE CAN ONLY SEE BOSTON RED SOX FOR 1916 SEASON

Great Pitching Staff and Trio of Outfielders Main Factor in Strength of Champions

There are more than many ways To teach a bloke to but:

To teach a bloke the way to swing And make his average fut.

But of the many styles That bring a thrill or throb.

One always plays it fairly safe
To hit the ball like Cobb.

The Science of Pitching

There are also many ways
To pitch a baseball right;
To hold the hits to three or four And bag a winning fight.

And yet the safest is, Bereft of any fuzz,
To put the same stuff on the ball That Walter Johnson does.

old-fashioned umpire who after a pitch used to yell out 'WAH-ZE-BLU!' leaving you to guess whether he meant 'Strike we' or 'Ball two, ?" We saw at least nine of him last season

By dumping his surplus talent at the rate of two per day, Mr. Tinker has brave hopes of cutting his squad to 25 ball playera by the 17th of next September. He

in the two leagues.

Sunday off.

What We'd Like to See for 1916

3. Matty and Miner Brown to have their two best years.
4. Hans Wagner and Nap Lajole to

1. Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Browns fight out world series. 2 Ed Walsh to come back and win 40

trieve blows that left rival bats, A round-up of all golfers who were "off

By GRANTLAND RICE

5. Fred Merkle to lead all first basemen all the ways there are.

> Cincinnati is so long over due in the way of pennant glory that her flag out-break now may come at any moment. The Phillies closed up a 40-year gap last fall by finally reaching the clover. The first manager that wins a pennant for Cincinnati will be unanimously indorsed

as t'e next Emperor of Germany. Pitching Staffs

Last season the Red Sox had the best pitching staff in baseball. They were able to enter three stars in a world series and still keep their two best percentage men on the beach.

This season they will still have such pitching margin that it is difficult to ser how any rival club can beat them down. Carrigan has Shore, Leonard, Ruth, Wood and Foster to ram against the enemy in turn. No matter which man he picks, base hits and runs are sure to be scarce. And he can have two stars go wrong and still have a winning staff left. If it wasn't that baseball was baseball—and therefore beyond the border of all dope—the Red Sox could be registered as 1916 pennant winners even new That 1916 pennant winners even now. That pitching staff plus that outfield would be enough. They have pitchers you can't hit and an outfield that can go anywhere take occurs and some one strikes a solid blow. We haven't enough speed today to deeply dent the meringue on a lemon ple. But for all that, we wouldn't be very perturbed at pitching a ball game with Speaker, Lewis and Hooper to re-

their game" would also meet the required 500,000, infuriated enough to charge any

W. WILLCOX SEEKS HONORS IN THREE SPORT FIELDS

Harvard Football, Baseball and Track Man Expected to Emulate Mahan as All-round Star

Harvard coaches believe they have another all-around athlete who is destined to be just as famous as Eddie Mahan, captain of the 1915 football team. He is W. Willegx, Jr., track star, football player and pitcher on the nine. Willcox now is only a junior, but he is coming, and by the time he reaches his senior year he ought to be every bit as illustrious as Mahan.

Willcox is primarily a track man and one of the greatest 440 yards men the college world has ever produced. He first startled the East when as a freshman he ran a quarter mile in 48 4-5 sec-onds. That put him right in line to beat Ted Meredith, the Pennsylvania flyer, if that feat could be accomplished.

Last spring, his first as a varsity athlete, he ran his favorite distance in 48 seconds flat, which not only equaled the intercollegiate record, but was faster than Meredith himself had ever run it.

Willcox was confident that he could beat Meredith last spring, and he atili thinks he can accomplish it. But while he failed he at least made Meredith equal the intercollegiate record. equal the intercollegiate record.

In addition to his track work, Willcox devotes his time to baseball and football.

He was one of the Crimson's best pitchers last spring and in so much demand that he had to alternate between the baseball and track tear.

When the football geason opened last fall Willcox was one of the leading can-

fall Wilicox was one of the leading can-didates for quarterback. He was the fastest man in the backfield, with the possible exception of Mahan, and for a time it looked as though he would get the quarterback position permanently,



W. WILLCOX, Jr.

but he lost out to the more experienced Watson. However, he now is a leading caudidate for the position next fall.

If Willcox realizes his ambition of being the intercollegiate quarter-mile ing the intercongrate quarter-mine champion, a regular pitcher on the base-bail team and quarterback on the foot-bail team, he will achieve something unique in Harvard's athletic history.

DE NERI RESERVES ANXIOUS TO PLAY

FOR CITY TITLE

Young Musical Funders Believe They Are in Running for Honors

BASKETBALL COMMENT

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT. De Nerl at Jasper. ___

The acquisition of big Ben Barrish and Patsy Kilpatrick to the De Neri Reserves has prompted Manager Abe Radel to issue a challenge to all independent and minor league clubs to play a game or a series of games to determine the much-mooted championship of the city. For years there has been a general dispute to mamping the various terms as to mittee. on among the various teams as to which club had full and just right to the title as independent champions of the city, and this season the same controversy has arose between Rookwood, West Branch Y. M. C. A., St. Rita's Madonna, Jasper Reserves, Greystock Reserves, Stetson

Mission and others. These clubs are all first-class ones in the independent ranks, and believing that his five is just as good as any of those mentioned, Manager Radel has butted into the discussion and is willing and anxious to match his pets against them to decide the question of issue.

Beside playing the preliminary game at Musical Fund Hall on Saturday night the Reserves also travel a good deal and are open to book any midweck games away from home. Manager Eudel has already arranged to have some of the Industrial League leaders play at Musical Fund Hall and is also trying to book Girard Alumni, that famous team which is cleaning up the American League. If the Reserves can trim them they feel sure they will have a club capable of winning the independent championship of the city.

The first real test of the newly con-structed De Neri Reserves will be on Satdrday night, when they will entertain the famous Brownson team, of Wilming-ton, at Musical Fund, the game being a preliminary to the De Neri-Camden Eastern League tussie.

Two field goals in the last few minutes of the final period gave the Reading team victory over Camden last night in the Eastern League basketball series by a score of 30 to 25. The visitors played a fast game and led on both halves. At the end of the first 20 minutes of play Reading was leading by a score of 21 to 15. Camden shot five straight foul goals and was on even terms with Read ing when Hagerty and Boggio shot field goals which gave the visitors a victory.

JENKINTOWN HAS REVISED ROSTER OF CAGE GAMES

Next Contest Tomorrow Night With Conshohocken High Five

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Jenkintown High School has a strang squad of basketball players and they a making an excellent showing in the games with teams in the Old York resident. A number of night content games with teams in the Old York read district. A number of night content have been listed and the eage game seems to atract more interest than every the girls are arranging contests, too, and they lined up with Abington Black today they lined up with Abington His fair players.

Jenkintown High plays Conshoheres High in a game tomorrow night at Co-shohocken. A number of new games has been scheduled and the schedule what changed. The revised list of

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge MONDAY NIGHT—8:30 JACK KANTROW VS. EDDIE SULLIVAN GEO, BLACKBURN VS. WILLIE BANKERT WILLIE DOYLE VS. JACK MALONE Mickey Donnelly VS. Bobby Reynolds Johnny Kilbane vs. Packey Hommey

Eye - Witness Describes Assassination of Lincoln

This fateful event, which astounded our country in 1865, is very interestingly recalled by Jeannie Gourlay (Mrs. Struthers), one of the four survivors of the comedy cast at Ford's Theatre, Washington, on the tragic night. She tells of the play, the shooting and the quick removal of the President from his box. Joseph Jackson has interviewed her for Sunday's Public Ledger. The story is well illustrated by pictures of Jeannie Genrlay, her family and a reproduction of the precious program, showing the cast of the play for that evening.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-AND HE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN CHEATED AT THAT, SEPULCHRUS

