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GREAT RACE IN BASKETBALL LEAGUE MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

EASTERN LEAGUE PENNANT AT STAKE WHEN JASPER TACKLES REJUVENATED TRENTON FIVE

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Victory for Jewels Virtually Will Clinch Title for First Half of Season-Greystock in Wonderful Form

THE pennant for the first half of the Eastern League race is virtually at sinke when Jasper meets Trenton at Nonpareil Hall tonight. At the present time "Caper is leading Greystock by haif a game, each team having scored the same samber of victories, but the champion Greys have lost one more same. Greystock has only one more game to play while the Jewels have two, one with Treaton tonight and another with De Neri Saturday. It is a foregone conclusion that the Kensingtonians will be able to defeat De Neri on Saturday if they can get away with Trenton tonight. This means that a victory over Trenton tonight will virtually clinch the pennant. Two weeks ago it looked like a romp for Jasper if Camden could be eliminated, as the schedule seemed to favor the Jewels. The Trenton game scheduled tonight was looked upon as a snap two weeks ago; but things have changed considerably since then. The trade that sent "Doc" Newman, the brittiant De Neri forward, to the Potters, proved the making of the North Jersey five. Since Newman joined Trenton it has won five straight victories, and is playing better basketball than any team in the lengue, barring Greystock.

Jasper Strong on Home Floor

JASPER will enjoy a great advantage in playing on its home floor, as the Jewels are considered invincible at Nonparell Hall. Not once this season has Jasper been beaten on its home floor, and it will require sensational work in all departments for Brenton to turn the trick. Despite Jesper's sensational work at home the majority of non-partican Eastern League fans are of the opinion that Trenton will break the Jewein' winning streak. They contend that Trenton is unbeatable at the present time and that Jasper will be slightly off form because it has so much at stake. The Jewels will go into the game handicapped by overanxlety, while the Potters will be carefree and full of confidence. Ordinarily one might be inclined to believe that Trenten, out of the race, would not fight the Jewels hard; but the Jerseymen are anxious to continue the winning streak in order to keep in stride for the second half of the season. They will fight all the way and may pull the Jewels back on even terms with the Greys.

Jewels Have Edge Even If Beaten Tonight

EVEN if Trenton does succeed in defeating Jasper tonight, the latter is virtually certain of at least a tie. The Kensingtonians are more certain of defeating De Neri than the Greys are of defeating Reading in Reading. The Greys will have a terrific struggle with Reading, while De Nerl is not likely to fight the Jewels very hard. It is an odd feature of the race that almost every team in the league is strictly a home team. Seldom has the home team, barring De Nert, been beaten, and Reading stands next to Jasper for registering victories on its own floor. It is said that the Bears are extremely anxious to defeat Greystock, as bad feeling cropped out in a recent game between these teams. If this is so, Saturday night's game in Reading will be worth going miles to witness.

Greystock Playing Wonderful Ball

 ${\bf R}^{\rm EADING}$ will have to play better basketball than it has at any time this season. according to the belief of close followers of the cage game. Greyatock is on a winning streak and is playing the same brand of ball that it did at the start of last season, when ten of the first eleven games were won, and the Greys not so far out in front that they never were headed. Greystock's teamwork surpasses that of any other team in the circuit, but until recently the champions were inclined to be erratic. This was due mainly to the fact that Alile McWilliams, the greatest guard in the game, was on the side lines, while other men were crippled at one time or another. The team was slow in striking its stride and apparently was out of the race two weeks ago. The expected spurt came just in time to give the Greys a fighting chance for the flag. One need look no further than the assist column in Greystock's recent games to find the secret of the downtown team's success.

Records Due to Team Play

GAINST Camden, which for a long stretch looked like a certain winner, the A Greys established the wonderful record of twenty-eight assists in the doubleheader on Christmas Day. Seldom does an Eastern League team register twentyeight field goals in a double-header against the weakest aggregation in the league but to almost double this number of baskets and pile up such an unusual number of assists is conclusive proof that the Greys are playing better team basketball than any five in the league. Camden was awamped in both games and eliminated from the race. Last night De Neri was helpless before the dazzling passing and brilliant defense presented by the Greys. The champions could have doubled their total if it had been necessary, but they were content to ease up and improve their passing game after getting a large lead.

Dividing Season Helped Game

 $D_{\rm League.}^{\rm IVIDING}$ the season is going to prove a profitable venture for the Eastern League. This is the first time this has been tried and it will result in the greatest financial year the game has had in years. Thanks to the sudden spurts of Greystock and Trenton, there are virtually two climaxes to the season, as if is a certainty that the second half of the race will be a terrific struggle, with five teams in the running for the right to meet the winner of the first half of the season in a postseason series. There are many followers of the game who believe that it would be



the track in the East see such men as Mel Sheppard, Platt and Ben Adams, Abel Kiviat, George Bonhag, Jack Eller, Pat Me-Takes First Place in Squash Racquets Donald, Matt Metira'h, Hunnes kor

League Quintet

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By SPICK HALL

team will wear new sweaters, gifts from the firm, and they will be given the fair hamist of East Fails if they return a winner. A great deal of good, keen rivalry has sprind up among the adherents of the two com-batants, much of which was carried over from last season's campaign. The score for the present senzon's series favors Stan-ard Roller, because of its win by a com-fortable margin in the first round. But Managor Calboun is confident that its tables will be turned tonight and is deter-mined to even the score. All the players are in great trim for t

an excellent thing if Jasper won the pennant for the first half, as the Greystock will win the second half and that if it also won the first half, it would mean that there would be no post-senson series.

Pro Football League Plan Jolted

THE professional football league idea received quite a joit before it got far enough to attract attention. Not only did both local baseball owners frown upon the idea, but reports from Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York state that the baseball magnates are in no way interested in the plan to organize a football league. Personally we believe that there is a great chance for the professional game right now. It could be made a paying venture for a local team if its schedule was arranged properly. Too many home games for a professional football team would be a serious mistake, while playing on the days Penn is scheduled away from home enough money probably would be made to defray expenses. If enough stars were signed, a professional team representing this city should be able to draw very well in other cities.

A Little Bit About a Wonderful Team

THE Athletics and Philly owners are not anxious to take a chance, however, after their experience of 1960, when they gathered a wonderful array of talent, only to lose a large sum of money. For one game against Homestead, of Pittsburgh, the team playing for the Phillies had in the line-up many men who had made wonderful reputations at college, but they failed to attract the fans. Al Bull, John Teas, Fred Stehle, "Doc" Roller, John Barrett, Davidson Kennedy, Oscar Lang, Jack Barry and others played on that Philly team, but they were no match for the wonderful team brought here by Dave Fultz, former Brown star, and now president of the Players' Fraternity. Fultz had Artie Pop and "Hoppie" Hunt at end. Hawley Pierce and John Outland, tackles; Bemus Pierce and Ed Kirkoff, guards; Pete Overfield, center; Dick Richardson, quarterback; Fultz and "Daff" Gammons, halfbacks, and Fred Crolius, fullback. This probably was the greatest professional team ever organized, but it also failed to make money. Conditions are different now, however, as there is more interest in the game.

Kaufman as Much to Blame as Louisiana

BENNY KAUFMAN'S manager has issued a statement upholding his protege and placing the blame for Benny's disgusting match with Louislana entirely on the latter's shoulders. This energetic manager may be surprised to learn that the outcome of a Kaufman-Louisiana bout was predicted as "a most horrible contest that ever could be staged" zeveral weeks ago. One of Philadelphia's matchmakers, who is considered to be a great man in pairing off bouts, recently said when a set-to between Louisiana and Kaufman was suggested to him, "Why, it would be one of the most horrible bouts that could be staged." He was right; it was a horrible contest, and even worse, if that is possible. Kaufman is just as much to blame as Louisiana, and neither should be excused for the biggest blarney put over on the Philadelphia fans this season.

THE National Commission closed its session in Cincinnati without taking any definite action on the plea of the Class AA minor leagues. Just why the supreme body failed to act is not known, as now is the time either to grant the request or turn it down. The National Commission would do well to clear up everything before the teams start South for the spring training trips, as the fans are sick and tired of reading baseball politics and do not want it mixed with real haseball.

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TEFF SMITH, the Bayonne middleweight, who is credited with a victory over Les Daroy, declares that the Australian quit in both bouts with him in the Antipodes. Smith calls Darcy a "false alarm" and says that he is willing to fight him, winner take all. No one in this country ever accused Smith of being a worldbeater, but if he has enough nerve to go through with the winner-take all proposition, it is up to Darcy to take a chance before demanding an enormous sum for boxing no-decision bouts. Needlans to say, Darcy will not accept. His managera are after all the easy money in sight.

DENN'S baskethall five will be tested for the first time on Salurday night when it meets Dartmouth at Weightman Mall. This will be the first Intercollegiate Longue sume of the season for Penn and the followers of the Red and Blue are unxious to find out whether Jourdat's team has been strengthened enough to be in the running for the champlenship. Dartmouth has a voteran team that will outweigh Fangis grant combination greatly, but Coach Jourdet expects his light, fast takin to get know with the Manover five on the large floor.

Suropean war is over and in-impetitions are resumed on a but was captured again by Lawson Robert-I know that the American broad scale, I know that the American staters will prove more proficient in the aggregate than the European staters." Athletic Club, but when we look at the umber of events won by the West it is hard to believe that it did not go with

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A. M. GILLAM DEAD

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Sports Editor of the Record Succumbs to Pneumonia

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States, died last night at his home, 227 Kast Logan street, Cormantown. He went home last Thoursday uight with a severe cool, which developed into pisurisy and later into pneumonia. Mr. Gillam was about fifty-five years old and numarried. In 1882 Mr. Gillam, who was burn in Brailford County Pa, came to the Record from Bouton, where he had been enganed in newspaper work. A year or two later his health became inpaired and he went South, remaining for about a year, when his con-dition improved, and he returned to his deak. At another time he made an experi-ment in advertising with a big New York

remaining for about a year, when his con-dition improved, and he returned to his desk. At another time he made an experi-ment in advertising with a big New York retail house, but did not like the work and again returned to the Record after about three months. Since then he had full charge to the sports department and had examp to be ranked among the meat authoritative writers in the country. He attended and described muny of the big fistic events standed in 'various States, and was known to all the puglifield charge for his absolute fairness. Mr. Gillim had the result, and did mixet to sufform how always for his absolute fairness. Mr. Gillim had the result, and did mixet to sufform home he arti-kaiged, sometimes having in baseball and codeg-for this absolute fairness. Mr. Gillim had the seen always desply interested in baseball and codege for the superise Arrangements for the function and these bases of the welterweights, and was known to all the bug differ charge for his absolute fairness. Mr. Gillim had the result, and did mixet to sufform home he arti-kaiged, sometimes having and had codege for the absolute fairness. Mr. Gillim had the result, and did mixet to sufform home he arti-kaiged sometimes having and have plans to send Loughrey in amateur sports. Arrangements for the function have been made.

MORRISETTE IS SIGNED BY NEW YORK GIANTS

Former Mack Pitcher to Train in Lumber Camp Before Going South With McGraw

nents for Loughrey.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Billy Morrisette, who played with the Athletics and Balti-more in the International League last sea-ion, has signed to pitch for the Giants. Morrisette is a product of Mount St. Jo-phia College of Baltimore. In order to et into condition for the trip to Marlin. Morrisette has gone to a lumber camp in he north woods. In condition he has shown himself to be good pitcher. - 1 ×

SANFORD AGAIN TO COACH FOOTBALLERS AT RUTGERS

NEW BRUNSWICK, Jan. 4 .-- George Foster Sanford again will coach the But-gers team. It is Sanford's ambihon to turn out a championship football team here, and he will make at least one more try.

Columbia Cage Team Loses Captain New YORK, Jan. 4. --Huddr Wilber, capitalry-the Columbia dasheritali Pasen, has been inor-the Sty SQL The season, willow was la-read in football provides early in Norember and Bound. If was builtered that is writened and bound if was builtered that is writened and built was builtered that is writened and built was builtered that is writened and built with Nore and a sold maked and and built with a sold white re-terious advised to that.

or these men are gone from the track as ar as the active competition goes. With With them noes the great strength of the East.

The firsts in the sprints, half-mile, mile, which has been going down gradually until now the West can claim the position once held it. the firsts in the sprints, half-mile, mile, both murdles five-mile, pole valut, shot-put and discus, besides many of the other places, all were claimed by the visitors from the West and with them would have gone the title except for the rules of the

The West, however, has not taken up the Fine west, however, has not taken up the work where these men left it and been con-tented with that, but has gove ahead and is doing things on the track which even these old-timers did not do in many cases. The East never produced the hurdlers that the West been not no the track did that the

From the title excent for the rules of the sector colleges, which has their men from objecting for clubs. This leaves the men competing for many different clubs and colleges and does not give any one the chance such as the big rule any one the chance such as the big

rn clubs enjoy. ay that Chicago is the center bacause is present time that city has in and it more big athletes than any other in the country. The Chicago Athletic Tuh can claim all the honor for this coull. been the case where competition is strong.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Pete Hartler, who recently boxed in Philadal phila, is a Dame. He has been bearing constant of late. Encar chartler, at these and house of boxed philadal statements and house and young Joe Hourse, at Enfails statement of inves matches arranged for Hartler.

In the 105-pound clara preliminaries at the Gaussix Theatre last ulinit Johnny Becker de-fected Johnny Silinger In Orres rounds. In the final of the 110-points class last Williamson wan from Young Chartle Smith in three ac-sions, the Lout Beiling kicqued in order to exce the latter. In the second nonlocks Jianny Room-ness Francis Lowis in three seconds rounderty in flour event Francis Lowis in three seconds Kid Dan-der treament Young Johnny Dougherty in flour periods, and J. While kowed to Kid Waller after laur hard frances of boxing. ditte Bear, the Indian-wither West India American Indian-watch a good functional boot with Joe Tomer, a for being Beer brown how come been aroundly. Bastin ray is on the trail of the kear.

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Artis Strawhack and Johnny Meatr meet in a return matra, at the Obumic Monday night in the semificial to the Johnny Tulianu-Burk Femilia both. N. O Locarilla, of South Beth-lokem, which has scored several knockouth re-county is to equate Henry Haulier. In the other hours Paul Edwards meets Jonny McCabe and Teddy Jarobs bokes Al Wagner. Bendes taking apart and putting together Such Harry Smith is getting in share for his out with Kai Taylor Jahuary 15. Taylor is he red-hunded Arobanian who beard in this cirr hout a rest abo.

Jee Wuodinam, manager of Sain Langtord, to in Chicaga with the announcement that Long-ford would make the Windy City its home such open a safe on the Furth Edds, in the neighbor-head where Jack Johnson enter was king. the wind on at the National Club for Satur-night Mill be between Charley Thomas I Fiber of the set of the set of the Manua of Satur of the set of the set of the Manua of Boston and Blue Michael and Reas-Barre lad and Dauny Fernissen and may Herman, who halls from Canada. Two er matches are test to be arranged.

The Jos Hivers-Vil Maran match is an again a New Offsam. The pair have almost from ribbles and arrowd to weight in the manual statis-ribble. They will most an January 12.

Star Hurdler Back at Harvard

Tommy Jamiesi and Michey Gallegher, mp-potents in the windup at the Broadway Uni-to the second state of the source of the tolkers with the source of the source of the same between them and also between farm from their respective notarior of the source of the respective of them and also between farm from their respective notariorhorhoods-ficture itili and Smoky Hollow Johnny Stinger va Miles Howelt, Joe O'Kasfe va. Prankis Wittiams, Muching Hiley vs. Johnny Hogan and Young Rammy vs. Frankis Firmer are other nombers. EGSTON, Jan. 4 --Bill Maunia, Die former bally athlete will have a chance to win an introduced championship. The former bin-ish High, Colly and Benern A. A. Athlete is ach at Cambridge and is doing all right in the

Fire Destroys Baseball Stands

DAYTON, Ohto, Jan. 4. -Loss of about 410 000 was softered restoring when the frain tands and blockbers of the Hisband Park frain hall grounds, home of the penennit-winding tra-hall grounds, home of the penennit-winding tra-tral tespise issues here, work destroyed by fre-The origin of the fire is unknown.

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League by Victory over B

League by Victory over B Germaniown team A took the lead in the intercedth squash meenes championship by defeating team B of the same club at Man-heim yesterday by nix matches to nome li-the second excess of the sensor. Playing at the Pacquet Club instead of it Prowyd, where the match originally was as called. Criwyd put a crimp lb the form, building award macquets series. By defeating themination of the Riccurd Club by taking two matches out of the six in the interclub squash macquets series. By defeating themination value at Cynwyd has week had to exist himself to take the measure of George B Widetier. Merion Team A and Merion Team B straggied for points in the interclub squash fractues championenia to the existent of five matches to the first team representatives squalched the first team to the existent of five matches to the first the first team of the squash the first team to the existent of five matches to the first team to the state the first team to the squash the first team representatives squalched the first team team at the interclub squash the first team team of the state of the squash the first team team at the interclub squash the first team team team at the place in heat quilted the first team team at the interclub squash the first team team team at the the state the place in the state the first team team at the interclub squash the first team team team at the place in the state team the swill be forced to place in the state the first team team at the the place in the team team the state the first team team at the the place in the first team team the team team athe team th

To face this strong combination, Manager Kane will be forced to place his best guints on the floor in order to win. There is a chance that this will not be possible for runnors have been aftent that two of his

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reinors have been aftort that two of a men have hamped to the Canton industral League. The loss of Pike and Graff will be a big handness, the surmounting of while can only be accomplished by a miradi-while Bobby Wilson in the game, toming fouls at this regular .750 cm, however, the West Philles the street to give a good ar-count of themselves. Should Pike not be available for the other forward p sitted HORSEMEN START SESSION TO REVISE TRACK RULES

COLUMBUS G., Jan. 4. — With full power in act finally, committees of the National and American Trothing Associations are in session here for the purpose of re-vising value of racing harness horses so that the codes will be uniform. An at-tempt will be uniform. An at-tempt will be uniform an ade mandatory on all tracks that are members of the controlling organizations. " the controlling organizations.

John G. Welty, of Canton, O., is presidng over the joint conference. He is presient of the National Association The conference likely will extend over

everal days.

GIBSON AFTER GIANTS' JOB

Former Pirate Catcher Must Be Reinstated by Commission

NEW YORN, Jan. 4.—George Gilsson, former calcher of the Piratea, who was sold to the Giants lest fall for the waiver price, but falled to renort, called at Glant head-quarters gesterday to learn his status, "Hack" came all the way from Londow Ont, Gilsson is on the Glants can offer bim a contract he must be reliaitated by the National Commission.

First No-Hit Pitcher Dies at Newark

NEWARK, N. J. Jun, 4.-Beinder A. Woi-ern, forthy yours and a wide'ld known Daminal ductor, dhad at his bonne here realerdag at the one of evening-one rears. He is said to have seen the dist pitcher to shut out a train with-ong a bits estimat that receive in a same with Thange here on July 16, 1870

A. A. to Move Offices to Louisville



man. If Graff is not present to answe Referse Baetsal's whistle. O'Relly will be used to guard the fast flying Lees. Just as much innormance will be attached to the Britt-Midvale fray. Since the set dution of Walt Keating, the former North-onst High star and Cub shortstop, the car-matters have increased their scoring pos-nit isnet can hundred per cent. He is a whit-wonty-one field goals in two succession in the carbon of the set of the set of the set wind floor man. a swift passer, a strat-defensive player and ever ready to sacriffor his own record for the good of the toan the sales a fair tomer of fouls and may possibly be used on the fifteen-fool mark despariment. Should he regain his old form to this respect, the Keather Young. Va-ouse Baltra and McInnia quinter will be avery strong. The all-the determined that its strat-of viotories shall remain unbroken. The both former Northeast stars, would asset insterially in this feat, but they are on the scherry, although erratic at foul should be



TONIGHT-BOXING-TONIGHT Broadway A. C. 18th & Washington and Hermine Toplor, Mar. Tommy Jamison vs. Mickey Gallagher

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