

WILLARD OFFERED A FORTUNE TO STEP OUT OF RETIREMENT AND MEET FRED FULTON FOR TITLE

FEW LOCAL MEN IN A. A. U. GAMES

Barron and Maxam Only Meadowbrook Athletes in National Meet

ATHLETES DISQUALIFIED?

By PAUL PREP Samuel J. Davis, the bustling secretary of the Meadowbrook Club and president of the Middle Atlantic Division of the A. A. U., has entered only two Meadowbrook Club athletes to enter national track and field championships of the A. A. U., which will be staged Saturday evening in the Twenty-first Regiment Armory, New York.

The decision of the Meadowbrook Club to enter only two athletes virtually assures the Chicago Athletic Association of the team honors. With the New York Athletic Club definitely out of sports until the end of the war and the famous Irish-American Club dead as far as athletes are concerned, the local organization has been asked to give the representative of the Windy City a hard contest for first honors.

Barron in Shape The two runners to represent the local organization are Harold Barron, Maxam and the latter in the 660-yard race while Barron, who is the national junior and senior high hurdle champion, will enter to add the indoor title to his list.

During the last few days he worked out several times and is confident of finishing among the leaders. He will show strong competition in Dean Leffer, a St. Louis schoolboy, heralded as a rising champion; Erdman, of Princeton, and Savary, of the University of Michigan, who holds the indoor record of 6 seconds for the 45-yard high hurdle last week in the Meadowbrook meet.

Pat Frey, the former University of Pennsylvania star, who is in the 440-yard race, that is if he is in anything like his old form. But, if out of condition, Bob Maxam looms up as the winner. Maxam showed plenty of speed in the Meadowbrook Club games in the 300 and 600 yards in the interest relay, and with a title at stake he will surprise the knowing ones with his fleetness of foot.

May Hold Middle Atlantic Meet The indoor and track field championships of the Middle Atlantic Division of the Amateur Athletic Union will be held at the Second Regiment Armory, but the lack of entries caused a postponement. The club has decided to send the only organization to send in a first-class entry list.

A meeting of the officials will be held Monday night, and if the various clubs in this division decide to send in a representative entry list the meet will be held in a week or so in one of the local armories.

How About This, Officials? According to the strict interpretation of the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union every amateur athlete who competes in the first section of the Meadowbrook Club on Friday night stands automatically suspended.

This startling state of affairs came about because of the presence of Pat Frey, the former University of Pennsylvania star, who is a professional athlete, having played baseball with the Athletics for a long time. Frey is eligible to compete with amateurs in the 440-yard hurdle race last Friday night. According to the rule book, the presence of a professional in an amateur meet automatically suspends every amateur who competes in the meet.

It is probable that Frey got into the open race through an oversight on the part of the officials and nothing at all of the kind of the incident, except that it is decidedly on the Amateur Athletic Union.

CHAPMAN'S BUNTING WON MANY CONTESTS Hitting Behind Greatest Lead-Off Man May Have Helped His Record

SIXTY-TWO SACRIFICES Managers and ball players do not always take the same viewpoint as the fans when the high average in certain departments of the game.

For instance, when John Franklin Baker was the batting demon of the Cleveland Indians, he was called "Chappie" for his team.

Similarly, certain leaders and players think there was something in the name of Chapman's skill in bunting that endeared him to the Cleveland fans.

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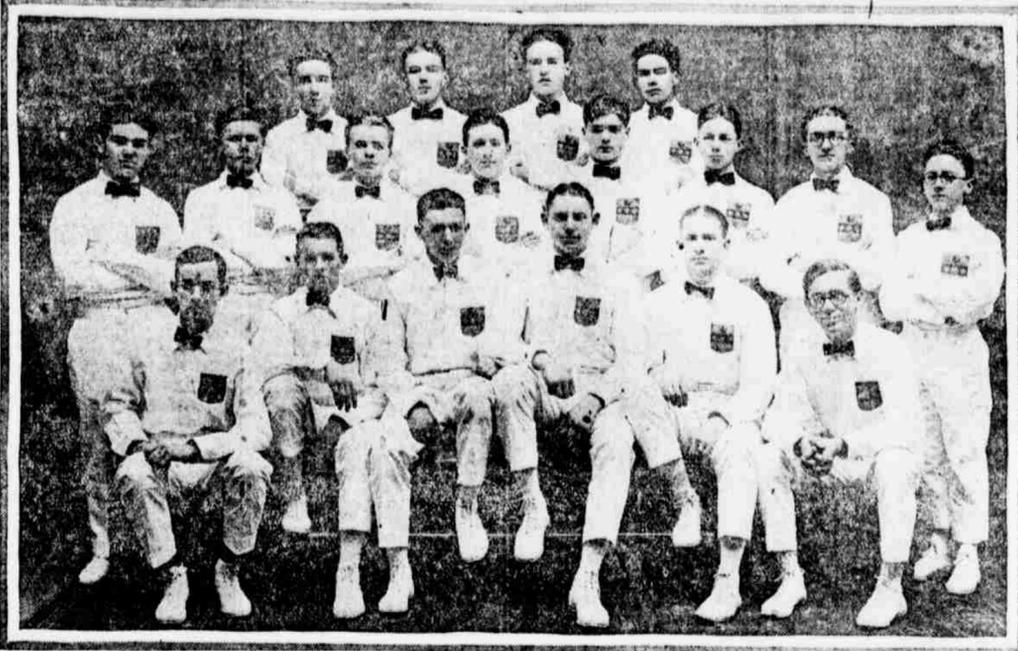
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PENN CHARTER GYM TEAM IN EXHIBITION TONIGHT



The thirty-first annual public exhibition of the various activities of the William Penn Charter School will be held this evening, starting at 8 o'clock, in Witherspoon Building. Not the least attractive feature of the exhibition will be the work of the gym team. In addition to the gymnastic stunts, the Science Club will reproduce Franklin's experiment with the key; the Literary Society presents a debate between two school teams, selections by the Glee and Mandolin clubs, while the junior school has organized into a chorus called the Junior Hundred and Fifty.

PENN LOSES STARS FOR MEET TONIGHT

Collins and Faries, Water Polo Leaders, Leave College, Columbia Mermen Here

JERAULD CREW CAPTAIN

Penn opposes Columbia in the final dual Intercollegiate League swimming meet of the season in Weightman Hall tonight, and the engagement finds the Red and Blue considerably weakened as a result of two of the best water polo players in the game leaving college.

Both of these men played against Columbia in the New York tank last Friday night. In that battle the Quakers were defeated and Coach Kietler's pupils are anxious for revenge.

The Quaker basketball players also will be busy tonight. They will oppose the strong Syracuse quintet at Syracuse. The Red and Blue basketball team is scheduled to play at West Philadelphia Station, when Lardie Davis, the star center appeared. Davis has been suffering from the grip, but the only grip he had was the one in his hand.

Lardie improved rapidly, and said he would be able to start the game against the much-tooled Schwarzer, the captain and center of the Syracuse aggregation. Coach Jourdet, for the first time since the Yale game almost three weeks ago, will have his regular team to start tonight. The Penn water polo six will line up as follows: Mooney, goal; Strasser and Waterhouse, backs; Godfrey, center; Tandy and Murdoch, forwards.

The Penn varsity oarsmen held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of selecting a successor to Sidney Tilden, their captain, who joined the aviation corps. Their choice was Jerry Jerauld, a veteran of two years, who is rowing in the No. 4 seat.

CLEGG REGAINS STATE TITLE FROM TRAFFORD

Lancaster, Pa., March 15.—William Clegg, Philadelphia won the first leg of the new cup offered by the Harrisburg State Sportsman's Association from Trafford, of Lebanon, the challenger, in a twenty-five live-bird match at Marietta, yesterday. The score was 25 to 20.

William Clegg, one-time middleweight and heavyweight boxing champion, was assigned to duty as boxing instructor at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Manager Ed Barrow, of the Red Sox, former the services of Dan Howley, secured the services of the Montreal Intercollegiate Association baseball team, is reorganizing treatment for an injury affecting his arm, sustained in a fall some time ago while skating in St. Paul.

Jim Turner signed a contract with the Giants for the season of 1918. He will report to McInerney in St. Paul today.

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25 CHAMPS TO MEET IN LANCASTER SHOOT

William Clegg, A. Felix and "Izzy" Hoffman to Contest in Today's Test

Thirteen Philadelphia gunners are eligible to compete in the shoot for the final possession of the Pennsylvania State championship trophy today at Lancaster. The event is at twenty-five live birds and is being staged under the auspices of the Harrisburg Sportsman's Association.

William Clegg, Harry Hoffman and Anthony Felix are among the city's entries in the big white-flyer test. The Harrisburg association put up a silver trophy emblematic of the State live-bird championship fifteen years ago, and since that time twenty-five different men have annexed the cup in open competition and in special matches.

February a new cup was put up by the Capital City gunners and the old trophy, it was decided, would be shot for on March 15 with the conditions governing that every gunner who once held it would be eligible.

With a quarter-century of gunning, ex-champians battling, one grand contest should result. Some of the past "champs" no doubt are not as good as their younger rivals, so the management has looked after their interests. The men will be handicapped according to their recent performances, and from twenty-seven to thirty yards will be allotted. This will nullify "pop" in the competition, for a yard or two handicap acts as a great tonic to some gunners.

There should be some mighty fine scores made in the twenty-five bird test. Up-State shooters having put the final touch to their shooting are ready for a keen race. Among the up-State talent in Joseph Graves, of the Delaware Water Gap; J. Breunerman, of Lebanon; George Hepler, J. Martin and Fred S. Dinger, of Harrisburg, and L. Wertz, of Reading.

The following men eligible to shoot are: William B. Clegg, Earl B. McInerney, Anthony Felix, Fred Coleman, Harry C. Hoffman, Isaac Knowles, Charles Biddle, David Paul, P. McGowan, H. Hearty, William Wolenscroft, I. H. Wolenscroft and George Kieffer, all of Philadelphia; S. Trafford, Lebanon; Fred W. Dinger, Harrisburg; W. Butler, Reading; George Hannell, Lebanon; William Speiser, Hanover; Lee Wertz, Reading; Joseph Graves, Delaware Water Gap; S. F. Kurtz, Lebanon; George Hepler, Harrisburg; A. G. Martin, Harrisburg; C. E. Hunter, Marietta; and Joseph Breunerman, Lebanon.

Chief Bender Who did not leave for the South with the Phils today.

Bodie Almost Certain TO PLAY WITH THE YANKS Huggins Says Deal Will Not Fall Through If Burns is Drafted

Macon, Ga., March 15.—New York fans need not worry over Ping Bodie not being in Yankee regalia this season. For Miller says that regardless of George Burns reporting to Connie Mack, Francisco Pizosi will be out there busting fences for the Yanks.

Huggins' attention was called to a report from Detroit wherein Hughie Jennings declared that in case Burns is called to the colors Bodie will revert to the Athletics.

"If Huggie said that," snapped Bodie, "he is talking through his hat. We bought Burns from Detroit for cash. Then Mack and I made a straight swap of Burns and Bodie. There was nothing in our agreement hanging on either man reporting. I was to take my chances on signing Bodie and Connie was to do likewise with Burns. The minute we made the trade I was through with Burns and Mack had nothing further to say about Bodie.

"You can take it from me that Ping Bodie either will be in Yankee regalia this season or go where I send him. Mack has nothing more to say about him. As a matter of fact, I don't believe Mack is doing any worrying about Burns. It looks to me as if Connie was pretty certain that George would not be called into service before the season was over or he never would have closed the deal so quickly. Mack says I have no dress if Burns is drafted."

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

A GOOD lightweight card has been arranged by Johnny Burns for tonight's feature at the Cambria A. C. night's feature has his light weight hope, Joe Welsh, in the best of condition, and Bobby is some conditioner of fighters.

Young Brown, of New York, will oppose the Southwick boy, and action is looked for. Manager Gunns insisted that Joe become more aggressive, and in his recent fight Welsh displayed more life and ginger than ever before. Against Willie Moore, Welsh never looked better.

Young Brown is an aggressive boy and is certain to carry Joe along at a speedy pace. It is hard to convince Manager Robert that Joe won't win in a walk, for he believes his boy has the makings of a champion. All managers have the same belief and Manager Gunns is no exception.

Battling Murray Battles Andy Burns will receive a workout against Preston Brown, colored featherweight, in the semi-wind-up. Battling Murray, flashy flyweight from Little Italy, will entertain in the third bout with Bobby Doyle, of New York. Two other bouts are down for decision.

Frankie Callahan will make his second appearance of the week before a local club when he engages the rugged Young Joe Borrell in the wind-up at the National A. A. tomorrow night. This will be Borrell's first appearance as a wind-up batter and he is out to make an impression and a reputation at the expense of the New York boy.

Jack Thompson, the massive colored batter, will have all the opposition he wants when he faces Bill Tate, the main event of the night.

STALLINGS EXPECTS A SPEEDY OUTFIELD

Braves' Mogul at Last Has Good Chance to Lose Ancient Jinx

Manager Stallings of the Braves, may shatter all traditions this year. By the time the 1918 season opens the Braves may have the best set of outfielders that have performed for the team in recent years.

Six outfielders will report to the club at the Miami training camp, and every one of them will be a hard man to keep on the bench. Stallings will face a difficult task to select the trio that will work each day.

May Surprise Giants If the six outfielders live up to promise the Braves ought to get back into the running and hand out a surprise to the Giants, Cubs or any other club that has visions of making the pennant race a runaway affair.

Four outfielders who were with the club last year will go back on the job and all of them threaten to earn regular wages. Walter Gehrig and Roy Spence, the two players secured from Providence last year, and who proved their acquisitions, should prove more capable this year than last. Powell left for 32 last year, while Gehrig finished the season with the Braves just two points behind his teammate.

Fred Bailey, the speedy whom Manager Stallings expects will develop into a wonderful outfielder, has gained considerable experience and should be better than ever this year. He did not hit the three clubs which he has proved a different batter this year. Joe Kelley batted only 222 last year, but hit in hard luck, and if he gets any of the breaks he should grab a regular berth.

Two new men will be with the Braves. They are Al Wickland, secured from the White Sox, and Roy Spence, who was secured from an independent team in Illinois last year and his speciality was to strike out. He has shown three times in 42 games that he will go south with the Cardinals this week.

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Girl Faces Infurated Bul Moorestown, N. J., March 15.—Harry Barrington, a Mount Laurel farmer, was badly scared by a bull which cornered him in the barn. That his injuries were not more serious was due to the quick action of his expert year-old daughter, who attacked the animal with a pitchfork, which put out one of the bull's eyes and caused him to retreat.

MAJOR LEAGUERS NOW MIGRATING

Within One Week All Big Time Players Will Be in Dixie ONLY 3 CLUBS CHANGE

The busy crack of bats and the dull thud of horseshoe pellets in the catcher's mitts are resounding in a number of big-league training camps today.

Five days from now every big-league team will be in action in the sunny climes of the South and Southwest, and for the next three weeks the players will be in training to get into shape by the morning of the pennant race April 16.

The spring jaunts to the training camps are sized up as joy rides by a good many fans, but the fact remains that spring training involves a whole lot of hard work, and the players are kept at it from six to eight hours a day.

Training camps are held in various places, but the big boys this year are centered in seven States: The Giants, Cards, Tigers and White Sox choose Texas; the Phillies, Pirates, Athletics and Boston choose Florida; Brooklyn and the Boston Sox are at Hot Springs, Ark.; the Yankees and Senators in Georgia; the Cubs at Fort Pierce, Fla.; the Indians and Browns in New Orleans and Shreveport, La., respectively, and the Reds in Alabama.

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Protest Hot Springs Trip Several National League clubs have protested the Hot Springs, Ark., training trip of the Giants, Brooklyn and Boston Braves in sending some of their pitchers and catchers to Hot Springs before the start of the training camp. Although President Tener has stated that this action did not violate the rule, the other clubs object, because it gives the three clubs an unfair decided advantage in getting their veteran pitchers in shape before the veterans on the other clubs.

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CARDS' NEW TWIRLER RESEMBLES MARQUARD

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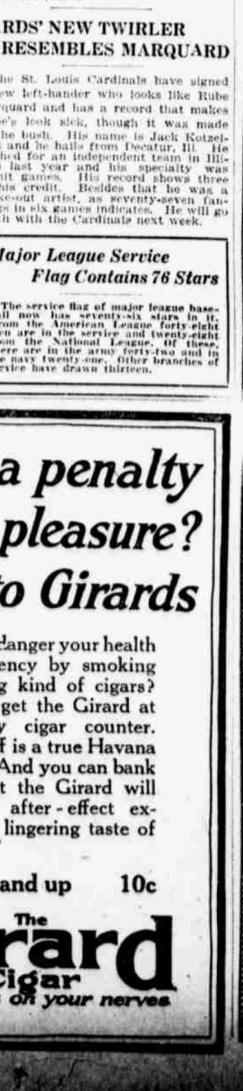
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CATHOLIC HIGH MEETS LA SALLE TONIGHT

Basketball Championship at Stake in Game at Traymore Hall

La Salle College expects to win the basketball championship of the Catholic high schools tonight when it meets Roman Catholic High School in a titular game at Traymore Hall, Franklin street and Columbia avenue. The game will start at 8 p. m.

Although they are playing under the college name, the La Salle quintet is composed entirely of high school students. The game is slated for Traymore Hall, Franklin street and Columbia avenue. The game will start at 8 p. m.

The first meeting between La Salle and Catholic High was one of the closest of the season. The final score was 18-15, and was undecided until the last few minutes.

MANY STARS ENTER PENN'S PENTATHLON

Giffilan, All-Around Champion of Middle West, Favorite in Feature Event

The pentathlon event at Pennsylvania's relay carnival, the last Friday and Saturday of next month will be a most interesting event. The latest entry is that of Giffilan, of Notre Dame, the provincial champion of the Middle West. Giffilan is a really great athlete and he will probably be the favorite for this very important college contest. He is a fast sprinter and a great broad jumper, and a good man at the shot. His ability with the javelin and discus will determine his chances. If he can show good performance in all the events he will be a very hard man to beat.

Rutgers Enters Stars Tolson, Rutgers' famous all-around athlete, and Witherspoon, of the same institution, are also entered and entries are expected from Illinois, Chicago, State College, Lafayette and others. Coach Martin, of State, has three men working out for this event. Wolf, who served much star game at quarter and halfback on last season's football team, is at present making the best showing, and Coach Martin states that he will give the best performance in the five pentathlon events by the date of the relay carnival.

Coach Bruce, of Lafayette, has a very good man in Bechtel, the greatest athlete that Lafayette has had for several years. Bechtel is also a star footballer but he is equally good as a track man and has been Lafayette's javelin point winner in all their dual meets for the last two years. Coach Bruce is enthusiastic over Bechtel's chances for the greatest individual honor of the college year.

Entries Pouring In Entries pour in steadily for the carnival. Lehigh University, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Notre Dame University and the University of Buffalo are the latest college entries while the new scholastic entries are too numerous to mention. The list of high schools is now approaching the 100 mark and that number will doubtless be beaten when all the schools have been heard from. The preparatory schools are entering in greater numbers than ever before, which shows an increased interest in track work in these institutions.

WOODWARD WINNER OF SKATING MATCH

Albert Launey, of New York, lost his first race in the series of twenty events being held at the Palace Roller Skating Rink. Thirty-ninth and Market streets, last night, when he finished behind Jack Woodward, of New Orleans in the two mile race after an exciting finish.

"Horrie" Coulston, the Pacific coast champion, was third, and Carl Wolston-hofer, of this city, fourth. The time was 5 minutes 54 seconds. The next race, a five-minute relay, will be held tomorrow night.

WOMAN BOXER OUTPOINTS SOLDIER IN SHORT BOUT

Fort Sheridan, Ill., March 15.—Helen Hildreth, of New York, who claims the women's bantamweight championship of the world, today holds a decision over Johnny Atkinson, a soldier scrapper, after a four-round bout here. She kept punching Atkinson's face with hard lefts and rights and piled up a lead on points. It was an exhibition bout.

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