

THERE'LL BE LOTS OF FUEL FOR THE HOT STOVE AT NEW YORK BASEBALL MEETING THIS WEEK

DICKSON'S PLAYERS, WITH CLEAN SLATE, DESERVE FRONT RANK

League Island's 13-6 Victory Over Camp Hancock Places Local Navy Yard Team in Line for Service Football Championship

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BY DICKSON'S League Island football team ended the 1918 season Saturday with a clean slate, having walloped Howard Berry's Camp Hancock eleven by a score of 13 to 6 in the final game on Franklin Field.

Saturday's battle gave Dickson's men a thorough tryout and they came through with flying colors. They were stacked up against a strong football team, but showed up strong on the defense and displayed brilliant form on the attack.

However, there were five men who figured prominently in League Island's victory. They were Crosetto and Budd, guards, and Simmer, Haehl and Yeasley in the backfield. The backs struck through holes opened up by Budd and Crosetto, who, by the way, are the best forwards I have seen this year.

The game virtually was won in the second period after one of the longest and most sensational forward passes of the year. With the ball in the middle, Simmer hurled it with all his might toward the opposing goal line. The Hancock defense men rushed toward the flying oval and seemed to be in position for a catch, but just as it began to drop Yeasley, who was running with his back to the ball, turned suddenly, leaped into the air and caught the pigskin with both hands.

YEASLEY was the individual star of the day and played a game equal to any individual performance in years. He crashed through the line for good gains, got his man out of the way when some one else had the ball and always came through when one or two yards were needed to make a first down.

Howard Berry Didn't Have a Chance

HOWARD BERRY didn't have a chance when he entered the game. The League Islanders were on the lookout for him and gave him most of their attention. On every play one or two men went after him, and it became necessary to inflict a 15-yard penalty for unnecessary roughness to keep the opponents from knocking him down.

League Island had the ball when Berry got into the game in the third period. Howard took his place on the defense and Pearce, seeing him as if for the first time, said:

"So this is Berry! What do you think of that? Let's run a play through him and find out how good he is."

"Give me the ball!" shouted Yeasley, who played with Berry at North-east High School. "PLEASE give me the ball!"

Yeasley took it through Berry for a good gain and Haehl repeated with another. It seemed as if the game was being played against Berry and not Camp Hancock. However, however, was not in the best of shape and in a short time a touchdown was shoved over the line.

Then Berry did some work on his own hook. He did not carry the ball once, but called the signals, showing wonderful headwork and generalship. Using a spread formation, he fired forward passes to his men until Rote pulled one out of the air and scored.

Rote, by the way, is a great little football player. Last year he was at Gettysburg and started in all of the games, but little was heard of him. This year, however, his work has been sensational, and he demonstrated time and again he is good enough for any college team. On Saturday he tore through the line for good gains, circled the ends and caught forward passes. He also caught punts well and always returned the ball for a good gain. Rote shares individual honors with Yeasley.

BEN DERR, the old Penn battering ram, made some good gains and played brilliantly on the defense. Lewis also made some good gains with the ball.

Big Baseball Doings in New York This Week

WITH the Peace Conference in Paris and the big league baseball meetings in New York and Chicago, there should be plenty of news for our dear readers this week. There will be anything but peace when the magnates of the diamond get together, for there is plenty of work to be done and baseball men always are peeved when under the leash.

The National League convenes tomorrow to elect a president, attach the tinware to Garry Herrmann and place the skids under Hal Chase forever. The election stuff is all right, for the old circuit needs some one to replace John K. Tener, and the Chase episode will be cleaned up, but the chances are that Herrmann will continue to sit in the National Commission as of yore. Every year Garry is slated for the forest primeval, but he always emerges smiling with the best wishes of his brother magnates on his head. Herrmann got in bad through his alleged weak-kneed stand in the Scott Perry case when he allowed Ben Johnson to kick over the traces and reverse the ruling. But a little thing like that soon will be forgotten.

There is likely to be a big surprise when the president is elected. Every dope pointed to the selection of John Heydler, but John has been in the business a long time and is too wise a bird to accept the job. He is perfectly satisfied to go along as secretary-treasurer of the league and allow some one else to bump the bumps.

Out in Chicago Harry Frazee will open hostilities against Ben Johnson, but there will be no fireworks. Boss Ban is too firmly entrenched to be ousted and Frazee will find himself holding the bag after the first hour. The other magnates will stand behind Johnson and the meeting will be calm and serene.

The conferences, however, are quite important and the action taken by the magnates will be eagerly awaited by the fans. The chances are that baseball will be reconstructed from the ground up and given a thorough housecleaning. The season may be shortened, arrangements made for spring training trips and wartime salaries of the players sliced considerably. There will be plenty of action, lots of trouble and the hot stove league will have enough fuel to last all winter.

THE proposed joint season of the American and National Leagues probably will not be held, as Johnson has announced himself against it. However, it is too early to make predictions, for the magnates will be guided by future developments this week.

Financial Deals by Frazee in Prospect

HARRY FRAZEE has a chance to get back some of the money he spent for players last year when the boys come sailing home from the other side. The Red Sox magnate virtually rebuilt his team, getting McInnis, Schang, Bush and Strunk from the Athletics, Dave Shean from Cincinnati and several other stars. When his old players return to the fold he will have more than enough and some heavy financial deals are in prospect.

It already is reported that Dick Hoblitzell, lieutenant in the dental corps, would go to Cincinnati as manager of that team, succeeding Christy Mathewson. Just how Hoblitzell will get out of the American League is not known, but the report seems convincing. The Reds are without a first baseman and Hoblitzell would be a good man for the job. However, there's many a slip between December and April and those reports MUST be printed.

Something will happen to the Boston Braves, for the present owners do not seem anxious to continue another year. Percy Haughton, the president, has resigned, and no one wants his job. Jim Gaffney probably will be handed the club if a purchaser cannot be found.

Out in Chicago the Weeghman faction has been removed from the Cubs. Fred Mitchell is president, William Veck vice president and John A. Reyes traveling secretary. Reyes replaces Walter Craighead, Weeghman's brother-in-law, and Veck succeeds William H. Walker.

SEYES and Veck are Chicago newspaper men, who know the game from every angle and should do good work. Veck handled the press arrangements at the last two world series in the Windy City and is well known among baseball men.

THE way is clear, Eddie Lack issues an open challenge to meet any man in the world. Eddie has scored many triumphs in the ring, and he is ready to meet any man in the world.

SWING IN GOLF VERY IMPORTANT

Chick Evans Says the Stroke Essential Rather Than the Club

MANY UNDERRATE GAME

Chick Evans Raises Quarter Million in Red Cross Matches

Virtually every feature of the record made in exhibition matches by a club and the golf talk one hears in every hand lead me to look forward to the greatest increase of players next season which the game ever has enjoyed. Of one thing I know many thousands of men, women and youngsters who have set their hearts upon owning their first set of clubs in the spring, the number doubtless would be season striking a stationary ball will be easy.

To these prospective golfers as well as to players of experience I want to present the general statement that it is the club that does the business rather than the club. Countless prospective golfers have watched the work of noted professionals and amateurs, and, while they have developed an enthusiasm for the game, I am sure most of them have a feeling that golf is comparatively easy.

Underrate Golf The prospective player holds the conviction that if he will just take hold of his club he can hit the ball where he will. Most beginners are comparatively good with a feeling that it is comparatively simple, because they are swinging a club at a stationary ball, whereas in all other games which they have played heretofore, such as tennis, baseball, etc., they have had to strike at a swiftly flying object. So not unnaturally they reason striking a stationary ball will be easy.

And the player who approaches his ball for the first time with the lively expectation of seeing it go speeding off on a long, arcing flight, certainly is doomed to some big surprises, as all of us well know. The beginner who is going to knock the "cover off the ball" will learn quickly that a perfectly driven ball is the result of understanding and correctly applied practice.

Beginners Careless The quickest thing this player will learn is that there are comparatively few right ways and many wrong ones. When the beginner starts to ask why he is slicing, topping or pulling, he is at the stage where the intricacies of golf open up vistas of pleasurable and interesting study. And when his first experience the thrill that follows perfectly executed shots, golf will have claimed irrevocably a new devotee.

With experience boys will understand, our beginner will understand that it is not so much a matter of how many clubs he uses, and within certain limitations, it is not even which club he uses so long as he understands that is made properly, balanced and suited to him, and, above all, that he knows how to swing the club. The accurate swing is most largely the result of a true swing.

Learn to Swing I want to suggest to him or her, who will make the first visit to a golf course as a player this coming spring, to play as frequently as possible at the outset under the guidance of a professional or a really competent player, and lay emphasis on learning the swing.

Once that is mastered the game will prove a delightful recreation and the player's progress will be most rapid. In my articles to come in the near future I shall set forth a number of ideas which I believe the person who contemplates golf will find interesting and helpful when he actually appears on the tee for the first time.

MACK AT MINOR MEETING Connie Reported Seeking Catcher Smith, of Toronto

New York, Dec. 9.—Prior to the International League meeting the board of directors, with all the clubs represented, met at noon to hear C. H. Chapin, representing Rochester, submit his report regarding the winding-up of the affairs of the old International League.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, was in conference with J. J. McCaffrey, of the Toronto International League, to report that Mack was negotiating for the purchase of Earl Smith, catcher, from Toronto, could not be confirmed.

After the close of the directors' meeting it was announced last season's pennant had been formally awarded to Toronto.

HOBBLITZELL FOR MANAGER May Succeed Mathewson as Leader of Reds

Cincinnati, Nov. 9.—Dick Hoblitzell, lately with the Red Sox and for years first baseman of the Cincinnati club, is being strongly backed here to succeed Christy Mathewson as manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

Both Hoblitzell and Mathewson are officers in the army. Hoblitzell is a lieutenant in the dental corps, while Mathewson is a captain in the chemical service. Hoblitzell continued to make his home here, even after his transfer to the Boston Americans, and has many friends in this city. Hoblitzell acted as field captain for the Red Sox on a number of occasions.

MCMANARA-MAGIN WIN American Team Captures Annual Six-Day Grind

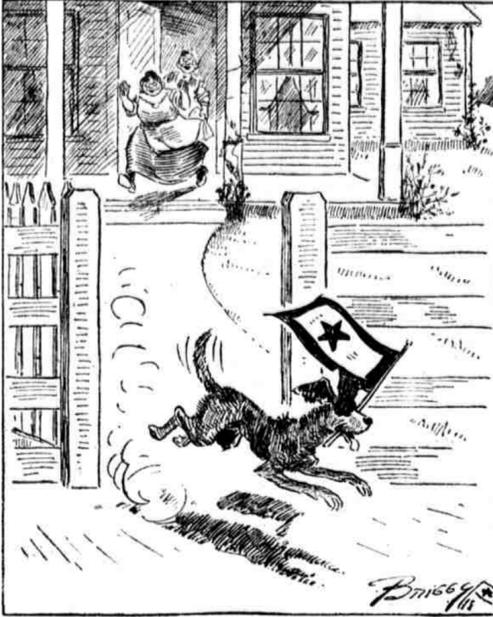
New York, Dec. 9.—The team of McManara and Magin won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden here Saturday night. The French point system, awarding seventy-two points to the winner of each mile in the last hour, caused a series of sprints that kept the fans in an almost continual uproar.

Madden and Corry finished second. The field pedaled just 2447 miles in the six days.

To Resume Waterloo Cup Race London, Dec. 9.—With the great war practically over, no time is being lost in arranging sports on the lines of the pre-war arrangements. The famous Waterloo Cup will be run off at Aintree next February.

Michigan May Have Racing Detroit, Mich., Dec. 9.—Efforts to legalize racing in Michigan, to provide a security investment for the state and to bring the control of the commission and then the control of the state of agricultural and other interests will be made at the session of the Legislature.

WHEN A FELLER HAS A FRIEND



Perfect Night for Three O'Malley Boys, All Boxers

Johnny "Mealy," Only Pro, Beats Dundee, While Tommy and Ray, Amateurs, Triumph

"TOMMY" SHEERAN WINS

SATURDAY night was a pleasant evening for the O'Malley family. Three agile boys were in competition and the boys finished with a perfect average. Johnny, better known as John Mealy, the only professional, handed a surprise in the nature of a beating to Johnny Dundee at the National, Out in Pittsburgh the two amateurs, Tommy and Ray, came through with victories in the intercity tourney.

Tommy, the 135-pound national amateur champion, showed that he is a real champion by knocking out his opponent, Edwark Burke, in the second round. Burke fought well in the first round, but proved a target for Tommy's smashes in the second session. He passed out after two minutes of action in this round.

The youngest member of the family, was triumphant in the 125-pound division, beating John McCall in three rounds. Tommy Sheeran, Jr., Wins Philadelphia lost four out of the seven bouts to the Smoky City aggregation in the show staged at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club.

The three Quaker City winners did their training at Jack O'Brien's headquarters and each used many of the famous shifts employed by Jack when the former champion was at his best. In the other bouts Frank McNicholas, Pittsburgh, stopped Thomas Nolan; Dick Holland, Pittsburgh, beat William Durkin; Art Rooney, Pittsburgh, defeated Edward Ambrose, and Frank Grayber, Pittsburgh, won over William Turner.

Wallace Meets Valger Eddie Wallace will engage a clever boy in the person of Benny Valger, of New York, in the windup at the Olympia. Harry (Kid) Brown, the South Philadelphia Eight School product, has been selected by Matchmaker George Engel to appear in the semiwind-up. Phil Franchini, of New York, will be his opponent.

In the other bouts Joe Geiger meets Joe Rivers, Denny Whalen takes on Patsy Greene and Frankie Kline engages Marty Williams.

ANNUAL AVIATION RACE NATIONAL CUP DRAWINGS

College Fliers to Compete for Valentine Trophy Pairs for the Third Round Matches Are Made

New York, Dec. 9.—An intercollegiate aviation trophy to be competed for annually under rules similar to those governing intercollegiate regattas has been created by the Aero Club of America, it was announced yesterday. The action was taken at the annual meeting of the club, which was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, on Saturday.

The trophy was made possible, the announcement said, by a bequest to the club by the late Samuel H. Valentine, who stipulated it was to be used for trophies or prizes for the development of aviation.

Manager Bowers and his soccer eleven from the Philadelphia Yacht Club will play the second time at the hands of the Bethlehem Steel eleven in an American Cup competition game on Saturday. Bowers is a game lover and says wait till next time.

Disson was handicapped again, having not eight players on the field on Saturday. Dutch proved to be a big factor and with better support would not doubt have turned the tables on Lupton, as they forced them to the limit.

Merion Cricket Club for the second time downed the Blue Sox on Saturday in its opening game of the college soccer season.

After a lot of hard luck the Veterans Club seems to have struck its stride. This club will make any club in the third division 90 yards.

Clyver Club, although minus any stars at the kicking game, just pegs along all the time, with the result that when the whistle blows it is on the right end of the scoring column.

One team that deserves great credit here is the Hungarians. Playing a clean game they have had a very good season and will be close watching before the season closes.

English Cricket to Return London, Eng., Dec. 9.—After a complete suspension of the 1918 English County cricket will be resumed next spring. The committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club is now preparing the schedule of county games for next season.

DORNHEIM OUTRANKS JUNIOR NET PLAYERS IN PHILA. DISTRICT

Tilden, Star in 1918 National Tourney, Awards First Honors to Frankford High Headliner

RODNEY BECK SECOND

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D (Runner-up in 1918 Nationals)

IN RATING the Philadelphia junior tennis players, first honors must go to Herman F. Dornheim, of Frankford High, by a narrow margin over Rodney M. Beck, of Germantown Academy. It is only the fact that Dornheim defeated Beck this year without losing to him once that he gets the edge.

Dornheim has beaten Beck, Fischer, Pringst, Watson and Pennock and has lost twice in local events to Gerald Emerson, the Orange, N. J., boy, who has become so popular in this locality. If Emerson was ranked, and in my opinion he really deserves it, he would be given a bracketed position with Dornheim and Beck for first, since Dornheim beat Beck, Emerson twice defeated Dornheim, while Beck scored two victories over Emerson. As this is a local ranking Emerson must be counted out.

Beck's Record Rodney M. Beck, the Pennsylvania State Junior tennis champion, has lost to Beck and Fischer three times over Pennock, two wins over Pfingst, three over Nichols, two each over Watson and Morgan and one over March. His only defeat is that of Penn fresh, at No. 6, defeated none of the ranking players, but his school record was very good. He played Beck, Dornheim, Fischer and Pennock close matches, and the only logical placement is following these boys.

Swing Wilson, No. 7, is given his ranking on his school record, where, playing No. 3 of the Penn Charter team, he had a clean slate. E. R. March is given No. 8 for the same reason. He beat all the second and third singles players in the school league, among them Watson. His only defeat was at the hands of Watson, but he played no tournaments and met none of the ranking juniors.

Wallace Meets Valger Charles Watson, 2d, the State boy champion, is the sensation of the year. He started poorly, but by a great rally in midseason he has a just claim to No. 9. He defeated March, Tattall, Seltzer, Gilmore and Myers, and played all but two met in the league.

He lost to Dornheim, but surprised by taking the second set and nearly winning the match. His work has stamped him as the best boy of his age in the city. He is only fourteen years old.

Don Nichols, the last of the select group, played no little that it is on his close matches with Beck, Pennock and Fischer, all of which he lost, and his work against lesser players, that I base my placement.

Skelton Offered West Virginia Post Moranstown, W. Va., Dec. 9.—An offer to coach the 1919 Mountaineers baseball team was yesterday dispatched to Elmer Skelton, last year's coach, who is now in France with the 39th Engineers.

Stowe to Coach Lebanon High Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 9.—Robby Stowe, coach of two intercollegiate basketball championship five of six has been selected to coach the Lebanon High School team during the coming season.

REAL COMEBACK FOR BASKETBALL

Promoters of New Eastern League Expect to Start Soon

SHIP LEAGUE SHAKY

The promoters of the reorganized Eastern Basketball League assert the honest-to-goodness comeback of the organization will be real. That the big cage league could stage a comeback at this time has been ridiculed by a few persons, but the gentlemen backing the attempt say the league will be going soon.

Ship League Outlook The Delaware River Shipyards Basketball League, which has been forming for several months, may not get going after all. The circuit had been announced, but when Manager Hargreaves, of Merchant, notified Secretary Machat that the Bristolites would not be represented, it put a slight crimp in the atmosphere.

American Games Tonight Yours Truly will endeavor to keep up its perfect record in the American League tonight at the expense of the champion St. Columbia five. Manager Kleinberg has prepared for the contest and will have at least one new player to spring on Jim Coffey's warriors. Jimmy Brown is peeved over last week's defeat at the hands of Hancock and promises a different story this evening.

NEW SQUASH RECORD Appel Sets New Mark in Beating Warner

New York, Dec. 9.—What is thought to be a world's record in scoring consecutive points in a squash tennis match was made by John W. Appel, Jr., of the Harvard Club, in defeating H. W. Warner, Columbia Club, in a first round match of the annual fall handicap tournament of the National Squash Tennis Association, which was continued on the courts of the Columbia University Club yesterday.

Appel ran up a string of 49 points, while holding his opponent scoreless, in winning by 17-14, 15-7.

State Cage League Possibility Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Pennsylvania State Basketball League may be a possibility in the coal regions. At a meeting held here yesterday afternoon the prospect of a short season, beginning in the first week in January, were discussed. However, another meeting will be necessary for the settling of definite arrangements.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Rainier Monday Night, Dec. 9, 8:30 SHARP Frankie Kline vs. Marty Williams Patsy Greene vs. Denny Whalen Joe Geiger vs. Joe Rivers Harry (Kid) Brown vs. Phil Franchini Eddie Wallace vs. Benny Valger

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