

NO SURPRISE IN LEONARD'S BACKWARD SLIDE, FOR HE'S BEEN ON THE COAST FOR SOME TIME

HOLDOUTS HASTEN TO SIGN AS THE BASEBALL SEASON DRAWS NIGH

Stars Are Forgetting Threats to Remain in Factories and Forward Their Contracts—Leonard, Surprised by Ritchie, Demands Return Match

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. ONE by one the big league ball players are sending in their signed contracts for the 1919 season. Their bluffs have been called, and rather than go back to the factory where the whistle blows at 7 a. m. the boys decided to devote another year to the great national game.

IF THE club owners would get together and decide to hold back the contracts until March 1, perhaps better results would be obtained. The players would not have so much time to think it over and the annual holdout epidemic would not be so serious. Why not try it some time?

Star Players Forget the Delaware County League

A MONTH ago the Delaware County League loomed up as a formidable organization, but of late it has subsided considerably. The big leaguers are not taking it seriously and no longer are the stars threatening to jump to Upland, Chester, Media or other large-town clubs.

Sherwood Magee is an ideal holdout. He never kids himself about carrying the full dinner pail twelve months in the year, but when he receives a cut in salary he returns the contract and waits for further developments.

YALE STUDENTS DEMAND CHANGES

Undergraduates for Expansion Instead of Restriction in All Sports PLAY MORE COLLEGES

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 24.—Several radical features of Yale's new athletic regime were announced recently in addition to the set given out last Monday. These include statements that the undergraduate policy is for expansion, instead of contraction or restriction, in the development of recreational sports.

Instead of Alibi, Leonard Wants Return Bout

THE only thing missing in that Leonard-Ritchie thing out in Frisco last Friday night is a statement from Benny that he was double-crossed or something like that. However, Leonard is not that kind of a fighter. If he is beaten he takes his medicine, and instead of handing out the usual flood of alibis he demands a return match.

TEX WANTS INSURANCE

Rickard Applies to Lloyds for \$150,000 Protection Chicago, Feb. 24.—Applications for insurance policies of \$150,000 each for Jess Willard, champion heavyweight; Jack Dempsey, challenger for the title, and two Rickard, promoter of the bout for next July 4, are under consideration by Lloyds in London.

"Ringer" Arouses Ire of Jack Hanlon

THERE was a scandal at the National last Saturday night and Jack Hanlon was very much perturbed. This scandal reflects in no way on the National or Jack Hanlon, the well-known matchmaker, but put both in the position of holding the bag.

Scraps About Scrapers

Joe Burman and Johnny Murray entertain in the final at the Olympia tonight and the result should be one of the best bantamweight encounters this season. A decisive victory will place either boxer in line for a battle with Champion Pete Herman.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



Scholastic League Tie to Be Broken Tomorrow

Southern and West Philadelphia Will Meet in Important Game; Northeast and C. H. S. Have Chance

O'BRIEN LEADING SCORER

By PAUL PREP. THE existing tie for first place in the interscholastic basketball league will be broken tomorrow when the South Philadelphia and West Philadelphia quintets meet.

Friday's Games Important

Southern, West Philadelphia and Northeast must each play two games, while Central engages in but one.

Nine Games for Fordham

New Yorkers Open Season with Lafayette Eleven New York, Feb. 24.—Fordham's football schedule, announced today by manager Raymond J. Kelly, consists of nine games, seven of which will be played at Fordham Field.

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DOBSON FIVE IS OUT FOR REVENGE

Anxious to Defeat St. Columba for Setback Received in First Half SHIPYARD RACE CLOSE

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COACH SHARPE HANDS CROWN TO PENN FIVE

"Best College Team I've Ever Seen," Says Cornell Tutor After the Quakers Last 39-24 Win

McNICHOL IS REAL STAR

That's the best college basketball team I have ever seen. Thus Al Sharpe, professor of athletics at Cornell, presented Penn with a bouquet of roses after the Red and Blue had snared a 39-24 victory from the Ithacans on the Weightman Hall court Saturday night.

Penn Real Champs

There is some question in the minds of the Intercollegiate League officials as to the advisability of awarding a championship this year, but there should be no doubt as to the team entitled to the crown. Penn is the class of the league.

Quakers Cut Loose

With five minutes to go the score was deadlocked at 23 and the wee band of Cornellians present were breaking vocal cords in the excitement, scarcely believing that the team that lost to Columbia could put up such a show of a battle against the league champions.

Five McNichol Goals

McNichol was the offensive and defensive hero of the game. He netted five baskets besides playing a remarkable court game. Stannard cared three goals, Davis four and Peck two.

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