

MORRIS FINK ONCE RAN 46 STRAIGHT, BUT HE DIDN'T GET CHANCE AGAINST JOE MATURO

SHARKS? NO—EXPERTS IN CLASH FOR POOL—ER—BILLIARD TITLE

Morris Fink and Nine Strangers Vie for Championship in In-trickit Tournament Afternoon and Evening at the Parkway Building

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POCKET billiards, which is slang for that good old game of pool, is or are now being played right here in our city by Morris Fink and nine strangers to see which is the champion or something like that.

Ever see a pool tournament—another error—a pocket billiard championship? Of course not, because this is the first ever held within the confines of Philadelphia.

The referee, who happens to be Charley Peterson, of St. Louis, does his work well and seems to enjoy it—but that's not strange because anybody would be happy if he had an excuse to get away from St. Louis.

PETE THE REF. also walks a couple of hundred miles around the table carrying a bridge in one hand and a basket in the other.

Referee Pete Obliges With Introductions

QUITE a number of gentlemen who have nothing to do of an afternoon were present when the championship tourney was called to order yesterday.

Then the players lagged for the break, or whatever it was, and somebody said Maturo won. That meant Fink had to stop first, which was a lucky break for our entry.

Morris retired to his corner, assumed a comfortable pose and Maturo started to shoot. He caromed the ivory pills into the pockets with reckless abandon and soon had a run of 19.

But Morris evidently was enjoying a siesta, for he stepped up, shot, missed and returned to his corner, where he again assumed that comfortable pose.

It isn't hard to be a pool shark. Gosh, there it is again—I mean a pocket billiard expert. All you need is a sweater coat with silk sleeves, a comfortable chair and a cue.

MORRIS, who had two shots in one hour, performed very well, but evidently wondered why he didn't go out to see a movie or bring a book with him to pass away the time.

Fink, Great Player, Gets Poor Start

THIS is not a slam at Fink; nor are we trying to belittle his prowess as a player. Morris is one of the best in the country, but got off to a bum start, and had to stand on the side lines while his opponent went through with a record high run.

Maturo breezed along and soon had thirteen to his credit. The fourth shot was a long one to the corner pocket, but Jim made it and before any one knew it, his run had amounted to thirty-two.

The Denver expert tore off a difficult combination for his thirty-third counter and got into trouble. The only shot on the table was a difficult cut-shot to the side pocket, but the ball snapped in and the run continued.

Greatly refreshed after his long rest, Fink went to bat. The score was only 65 to 0 against him and there was no chance of the game being called because of darkness or wet grounds.

"NOW watch Fink," said Mike Murphy. "Those odds mean nothing. That boy is a wonder. I saw him run 46 once."

Maturo's Big Lead Is Cut Down

FINK really played some great pool after that. He got some of the breaks of the game and pulled up steadily, cutting down the tremendous lead.

But Layton and E. I. Ralph, the Hightstown, N. J., barber, entered the arena to put on their act and Michael's statement was drowned by cheers from the Jersey contingent.

This was a slower match than the first, Layton winning in extra innings thirty-one, to be exact. However, there was some great playing and it was neck and neck, nip and tuck and everything else.

DALPH GREENLEAF turned in the high run of the opening day and when he totaled 67 in the sixth inning in his 125 to 77 victory over Joseph Concauon.

WONDER WHAT A TWENTY-MONTH-OLD BABY THINKS ABOUT

A series of four comic panels showing a baby's thoughts about water, soap, and a bottle. The baby is depicted in a bathtub, looking thoughtful and slightly annoyed.

COUPLE OF STARS TO PLAY WITH G'S

Frank Poth Gets Garry Schweek and Nat Holman to Bolster Suburban Weak Spots

IN LINE-UP TONIGHT

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING Camden, W. L. P. G. De Nerl, W. L. P. G. Trenton, W. L. P. G. Reading, W. L. P. G.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK Tonight—De Nerl at Germantown. Wednesday—North Philadelphia at Camden. Friday—Reading at Trenton. Saturday—Camden at De Nerl; Trenton at Reading.

OTHER GAMES TONIGHT American League—Hancock vs. Critterton; Xavier vs. S. P. H. A. National League—Bethany vs. Twenty-ninth Street; Calvary vs. First Du. Drexel Bible League—West Park at Henry Fellowship.

The Germantown basketball team owners are determined that the suburbanites are going to stay up around first place in the Eastern League basketball race.

At forward will be Garry Schweek. He is no newcomer to the followers of basketball. During the 1915-16 Eastern League campaign he played a number of games with Jasper.

The other who will play at guard, is Nat Holman, a player of repute. He was scheduled to be on last night but would have been except for the fact that he received a wire telling him not to come, which he believed was from Poth, only to find his mistake too late.

The Sedran-Friedman Flasco Barney Sedran and Marty Friedman had been announced as "signed" by North Philadelphia. They put in an appearance at Moose Hall last night, but are farther from signing than they ever were, and, in regard to terms with the North Phils, "Muddie" says they have never even been discussed.

The stars say they will not denounce until the Camden management pays them for the games they have missed. Pay was demanded for eight games, at the rate of \$30 each. That would amount to \$240, counting the salary for both players.

The players are now with Passaic, in the Interstate League, and Albany, in the New York State, and leading both leagues.

Suggy With Phils The deal off, there was nothing for Lou Sugarman to do but to play with the North Phils. He is said to have worked with the understanding that he goes to De Nerl when he desires, and the manager of the North Phils is credited with giving his consent.

A game of basketball was played and a good time had by all. The contest was preceded by the announcement that the players would not play. It was a nip-and-tuck affair and was won by Camden, Score, 28-27. The play was the fastest of the season, and on more than one occasion the players on both sides were completely exhausted.

Dolin's Goal Wins Eddie Dolin's goal in the closing minutes turned a Camden defeat into a triumph, for at the time the home contingent was ahead at 27-23. The score through the game was decidedly close, the first half ending 14-13. Camden got away to a four-point lead, but the home club was out in front at 7-6, and then Camden went ahead and finished the half with one point to the good.

It was see-saw in the final frame, and Dolin's basket decided the excitement. Lou Sugarman, Jimmy Brown and Oscar Grimstead starred for the losers. Brown made Campbell look pretty poor, and the Camden man really was away off. For Camden Roy Steele and Eddie Dolin were the big high lights. The goals were even at seven each, going to Steele, 4; Dolin, 2; Kerr, 1; Dunleavy, 1; Grimstead, 2; Brown, 3, and Cashman, 1.

UP-STATE RIVALS ON GRIDIRON ROUNDING INTO BATTLE FORM

Conshohocken and Phoenixville Preparing for Annual Clash Next Saturday at Norristown

BY SPICK HALL

YOU talk about rivalry in the big college triangle—Yale, Harvard and Princeton, well you never saw any rivalry if you haven't seen Conshohocken and Phoenixville play their annual football game.

The young Roman Adonises, or whatever they were, patted the red hrawn of Spartacus and his gladiatorial athletes and bet their sesterces on the skill and strength of those hired human butchers.

Each, however, has defeated a number of the strongest independent teams in the East, so the spectators are sure to see a super-battle-royal.

Conshohocken and Phoenixville have not met since pre-war days. Their last contest was in 1916. Saturday they will meet again, each bent on setting old scores. The rivalry of which Bert speaks has existed in malignant form for fifteen years.

Both of these teams have been looking forward to this game Saturday all season and to a certain extent have been preparing for it for weeks.

Thousands of fans who are interested in independent football have been kept away from the games this year because of the conflict with the frays at Franklin Field, but now that the Red and Blue has played its last 1919 contest, many of those fans will journey to Norristown for the game Saturday.

It is difficult to get a line on the comparative strength of Conshohocken and Phoenixville because their schedules did not include a common foe.



BACK WITH "CONSHY" Bert Yeasley, star independent halfback, will be in the Conshohocken line-up Saturday when Manager Crawford's team plays Phoenixville at Norristown.

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Eleven Meet for First Time Since 1916—Contest Creating Much Local Interest

formerly of St. Joe's and Georgetown, will be in the Phoenixville backfield with another trio of stars.

Phoenixville this season has played scoreless ties with Ewing A. A. and Pottstown; defeated East Falls 25 to 0; U. S. Receiving Ship, Philadelphia Navy Yard, by the same score, and won over Norristown 33 to 0.

Here is Conshohocken's record this year: Conshohocken, 58; U. S. Nevada, 0. Conshohocken, 32; Keywood C. C., 0. Conshohocken, 22; Thomas A. C., 0. Conshohocken, 54; Parkside, 0. Conshohocken, 19; Holmsburg, 7. Conshohocken, 10; S. S. Mifflin, 6. Conshohocken, 14; Vinomine, 7. Conshohocken, 14; Merchant Ship, 3.

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PETEY HERMAN'S K. O. RECORD STILL INTACT

Champ Almost Ruins Unknockout Streak Against P. Johnson, Who Hits the Floor Twice

O'KEEFE PUT AWAY

By LOUIS H. JAFFE PETEY HERMAN'S knockout record in Philadelphia since his debut here against Louie Tendler, February 28, 1916, is still intact.

He has been scored in local competition by the New Orleans boxer, not as a mere contender for the title when the crown scintillated from the blond bean of Kidgo Williams, nor since annexing said laurels, January 9, 1917.

Only eighteen seconds were wasted during the eighteen minutes of action, Johnson resumed the mat for two nine-second counts. For the other seventeen minutes and forty-two seconds Herman walloped Patsy viciously with rights and lefts to head and body, outclassing the Trenton lad throughout.

Johnson first flopped in the third round. He started to hit the mat before a right cross had caromed off his chin, one of Herman's left hooks to the stomach really being the knockdown wallop. It didn't look as if Johnson was going to get up, but he did.

In the fourth frame a Herman right cross grazed Johnson's chin. Patsy went down. He rolled over on his stomach, winked at his seconds, rolled over on his back and at "nine" bounded to his feet. Again Johnson fared up.

The fifth and sixth rounds were repetitions of the first and second with Herman slugging Johnson with both mitts. But Johnson was among those present when the terminating tingle of the gong sounded, and once more Herman proved that he can win bouts without curing the other fellow of insomnia.

Father Time and Hughie Hutchinson, local blooming bantam, scored a technical knockout over Eddie O'Keefe in the third bout. "Booboo" saved the veteran bantam from being counted out by tossing a sponge into the ring, and Scoodles made it unanimous by hurling in a towel.

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bout Last Night

OLYMPIA—Pete Herman defeated Patsy Johnson, Young boxer was virtually out. Hughie Hutchinson stopped Eddie O'Keefe, fourth. Walter Johnson stopped Tommy Ketchel, third. Kid Warner won.

CANTON, O.—Jack Britton knocked out Billy Ryan, eleventh. KENNESAW—Johnny Murray won from Eddie Walsh. Joe Jackson knocked out Trenton Willie Jackson, third. Billy Levin drew with Martin Jacon. Young Benzo won from Harry Cohen out Kid Katzen to niece, first.

PITTSBURGH—Johnny Nealy defeated Dick Seaman, eighth. LANCASTER—Johnny Wolcott drew with Kid Sheeler. Lew Schupp defeated Box Tar. Joe Cannon stopped Frankie McKenshire, third. Al Mason knocked out Ed Murray third. Harry Cohen out Kid Katzen to niece, first.

NEW ORLEANS—Bill Brennan knocked out Tom McAlhoun, second. pushed at Petey, and swung with both hands, but the best Pat could do was amputate the atmosphere or pound away on the titleholder's gloves.

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