

PENN'S FIRST-YEAR BASKETBALL TEAM IS FRESH QUINTET, HAVING WON FIVE STRAIGHT DAME RUMOR SAYS CHAS. MORAN, WIZARD OF THE GRIDIRON, WILL QUIT LITTLE CENTRE COLLEGE

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CHARLES B. MORAN, football wizard of Horse Cave, Ky., and coach of the Centre College football team, to say nothing of empire in the National League, is likely to step out in fast company next season. It is reported that he is back to leave the little college in Danville, Ky., to turn his back on the once-famous Green river and coach elsewhere.

Because of his success at Centre, Moran has been in great demand by other colleges. Many tempting offers have been made and up to this year have not been considered. Now two big universities are said to be seeking his services and are waiting anxiously for his decision. Washington and Jefferson and West Virginia are believed to be the interested parties.

Moran not Centre on the map last year and gained a national reputation. This year he brought his team North and sent it against Harvard. The game was one of the most exciting of the season, the Crimson winning after the Southern had taken the lead in the first half. After the Harvard game injuries kept several of the star players on the sidelines and the season was not so successful as in 1919.

If Moran decides to go to either college he will turn out a strong team. He is one of the best offensive coaches in the country and has many bewildering plays. With a good line coach to work with him, he cannot help but be a big success.

While on the subject of football, it might be well to mention that Penn State will play in Philadelphia next year despite the fact she was dropped from Penn's schedule. A game will be played with the Nats on November 12, when Penn is in New York playing Dartmouth. Hugo Bedek was in town recently and made arrangements to use one of the ball parks for the game.

THE Nats is allowed to play one game away from home each year, and accepted the invitation to play here.

Shenandoah Celebrates

THEY celebrated the football season up in Shenandoah Monday night. They—meaning the citizens of that bustling upstate city—got together, arranged a testimonial banquet, invited all of the football players, turned them loose on a quarter of a ton of roast turkey, presented them with silver footballs and a pleasant time was had.

It was a real, sincere, whole-hearted celebration, and more than 300 persons gathered in the Eagles' Hall to get a close-up on the proceedings. Bankers, doctors, lawyers, merchants, coal miners—in fact, everybody was there. They heard all about the glorious victories on the gridiron, games were played over again and at the end no one dared question the title of "champions of the coal region."

When a celebration is held up in Shenandoah there is no doubt about it. Nothing was left undone. Because the affair was in honor of the football team, the hall was decorated in true gridiron style, with goal posts at each end and 10-yard lines on the floor. The yellow and black colors of Shenandoah were everywhere.

Dr. John C. Gallagher, the townmaster, introduced many orators. Dan Ferguson, the banker, who is known as "Lawyer" Ferguson, told about the growth of the city; Joe Sawyer, manager of the football team, and Captain Donovan made brief addresses on the work of the players, and Dr. M. J. Patrick, president of the association, outlined his plans for 1921. Eddie Hennis, the old Penn

star, James Houghney and others added to the entertainment. One of the most pleasant features was the spirit of friendly rivalry shown toward Coaldale. The Green team was Shenandoah's chief rival last season, and its sportsmanship and clean playing were commented upon.

Willie Ryan, left guard on the football team, was brought into the limelight and held responsible for the first victory scored over Coaldale in the game at Lansford. In the fourth period, with the score 0 to 0 and four seconds to play, Willie thought quickly, had time taken out and made it possible to run off one more play, which resulted in scoring the winning touchdown. Since the season ended Willie is boxing up the state under the name of Eddie Hayes.

MOVEMENT was started to form an athletic association in Shenandoah and keep the athletes together all year. If this is done, baseball and football will flourish up there.

Hornsby at a "Bargain"

YOU never can tell what will happen in baseball. When everything was all set for a closed shop, so far as cash deals were concerned, up steps Branch Rickey with an announcement that Rogers Hornsby, the premier slugger of the National League, was for sale and could be purchased at a reduced price—meaning \$150,000. Last season McGraw offered \$250,000, but the offer was scorned by the boss of the Cards. Now Jack J. has secured Rickey's offer. He seems best who seems last.

Too much publicity has almost ruined Hornsby. Stories that he was about to be sold for a fabulous sum have made him dissatisfied with his lot, caused him to demand a higher salary and got him in bad with the other players. It couldn't be otherwise. Every time he made an error, no matter how hard the chance was, it was claimed he was not trying and seeking his release. This was an injustice, because Hornsby always played hard and gave the best he had.

It is doubtful if the slugger will be on the market very long. Cincinnati and Chicago need second basemen and are willing to pay a reasonable price. Three other clubs are in the same condition, but won't part with much money.

GARRY HEERMANN has stated emphatically that Heinie Groh is not for sale, which means the Reds will make every effort to get out in front next year. Hornsby would fit in well at second base on that club—in fact, on ANY club.

Cortelyou on the Job

DIRECTOR CORTELYOU did the proper thing when he suspended Bobby Hurman. "Big" Hayes and Referee Keenan for the free-for-all at the National last Saturday night. Things like that cannot be countenanced here, and the sooner the boxers and managers realize it, the better. The rules should be rigidly enforced in the future.

Little flare-ups like that are bound to occur, and when they are settled quickly and punishment handed out the game will not suffer. With a man like Director Cortelyou in charge, the boxing fans need not worry.

TONIGHT Pete Herman and Joe Lynch will battle for the bantamweight championship of the world. It looks like an even scrap, but it will be a good one.

Joe Lynch Gets Chance at Title

Meets Bantam Champion Pete Herman in 15-Round Decision Bout at Garden

New York, Dec. 22.—Pete Herman, world's bantamweight boxing champion, defends his title in a fifteen-round bout to a decision at Madison Square Garden tonight against Joe Lynch, of New York.

It will be the third world's pugilistic championship contest in the historic structure within a month. Benny Leonard and Jack Dempsey, lightweight and heavyweight titlholders, respectively, winning from their opponents.

Herman and Lynch agreed to weigh in at 12 o'clock this afternoon at 118 pounds and each was said to be slightly under that figure. Both reported they were in excellent condition and fit for a hard battle.

The champion's record shows him to be a slow starter, speeding up as the contest progresses, and thus shows to advantage in long bouts. Lynch has scored several knockouts in recent contests, notably his victory over Jack Sharkey.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



SIMLER COMES HERE AS TOUGH GUY WITH MITTS

Christmas Opponent for Champer Leonard Is Rugged Brawler From Scranton, Pa.; Never Boxed Here Before

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

CHICK SIMLER is supposed to be a regular tough guy. He is coming here with that reputation from Scranton, Pa., but it is hard to realize how tough he is until you see him in action. He is a hard nut to crack and his Christmas dinner unless he outwits Kris Kringle by putting on the "feed bag" a day ahead of time.

Whenever an opponent gets through with Benny Leonard, or rather, vice versa, said opponent has little thought for digestion, and it is likely that Simler will not have to worry about digesting a fighter for dessert on Christmas afternoon. Still, the champion himself doesn't think that way himself.

That boy Simler gave me a very tough fight—fact, one of the toughest of my career, in November, 1919, is what Leonard says of the Scranton lad, who weighs in the neighborhood of 138 pounds. Chick gave Benny a hard ten-round bout four years ago in New York.

During the war, and while Simler was in the navy, he was matched by Herman Taylor to meet Lew Tander, local star, but the contest never was put on as the ship on which Chick was stationed went to sea and he was unable to get a furlough.

Simler is no newcomer in the ring, as he has been boxing for about six years, still his set to with Leonard is a Christmas afternoon affair, the Olympic contest in the historic structure within a month.

John J. Donetti has taken over the management of John Perkins bantamweight title, and he is expected to meet Simler for a match in his next two fights.

Scotty Monthie is making matches for general clubs in the South. He is expected to meet Jimmie Doolan in his next two fights.

Tommy Kelly is to be the opponent of Harry Greb in his next two fights.

George Donnelly, 125-pounder, is expected to meet Jimmie Doolan in his next two fights.

Roberts is Exonerated

Trenton, Dec. 22.—The state athletic commission has exonerated the boxer, Jimmie Doolan, who was accused of having been involved in a fight with a man named Roberts.

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BROWN PREP TO MEET CATH. HIGH

Auditorium of Catholic School Will Be Scene of Contest This Afternoon



The Catholic High School team will open its basketball season at home this afternoon, meeting the Brown Preparatory School quintet, in the auditorium of the Catholic High School, Broad and Vine streets.

Coch Marquard has been working his squad hard for the opening home contest and all the players are in fine fettle. He probably will use the same line-up which he inserted in the Temple Prep game on Monday afternoon as follows: Clifford and Logan forwards; McNally, center; Donohue and Kennedy guards.

The Purple and Gold quintet has played three games so far this season and has come through victorious in two of them. The opening clash was played with Merchantville High, and the Jersey team was smothered under a 42-to-20 score.

The next contest was played with the West Philadelphia High School at their gym. Previous to this game two of Catholic's best players, Coffey and Boyle, were declared ineligible and were unable to participate. The West Philly lads simply swamped the remade team by the count of 44 to 18.

Monday Catholic High traveled to Temple Prep's gym and walloped that team by the score of 44 to 23. The excellent work of Logan, the speedy Catholic forward, featured. He scored eleven field goals, Kennedy and McNally also played a fine game for the Purple and Gold. Schwartz was the lone star for the losing side.

In School Games

Yesterday was a big day in high school basketball. Germantown trimmed West Catholic 44 to 27 after the latter had led 18-10 at half time.

Richards, of Ambler High, scored 15 points against Jenkintown, and his team took the contest 41 to 30.

A foul goal quelled the fray between Longshore High and Radnor, the former winning, 13 to 10.

Another close game was won by Moorestown Friends. The Jersey boys shot a victory over Friends' Select, 19 to 18. Most of the points were scored in the second half.

George School boys who were in Jersey formed a squad of 23 were beaten by Patmura High 23 to 17.

The annual of Friends' Central were beaten by a 24 game playing season for 1921. The school board has decided to suspend the school year for 1921.

Georgetown Academy rated one of the best schools in Philadelphia, was trimmed by Northeast. The school has changed the composition of the High School League.

White Sox Sign Hodge

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Charles C. Hodge, a big right hander, who finished last season with the White Sox, has signed for the coming season. Hodge formerly was with the St. Louis Browns. He hit a grand slam in the quarter of the last series with Detroit.

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OLD DOC 1920 DIDN'T DEFEAT MANY CHAMPS

Dempsey, Leonard, Man O' War and Babe Ruth Survived Year's Battles—Joe Stecher's Wrestling Crown Was Headlocked by Lewis

By GRANTLAND RICE

NINETEEN twenty took its time before uncoupling, but on the verge of passing out it took more than one healthy crack at various champions.

For example, the official American League averages, which have lately appeared, show that Ty Cobb ranks tenth among the regulars, the only one in fourteen years he has been below second place.

The vital statistics show that Sisler, Speaker, Jackson, Ruth, Collins, Jacobson, Tabin, Rice and Felsch all stand above the Georgian, who finally slipped below .340.

Only a Starter

AND then, just before the year closes out, one Joseph Stecher steps into a headlock applied by a Mr. Lewis. It took six successive headlocks to convince Lewis that he wasn't working on concrete, but the result was enough to drop Stecher from the main rampart.

Nineteen twenty took its title away just before 1921 steps in. The fading year then looked around for another victim, and as Ruth was idle and Man O' War out of harness, decided to pick on Jack Dempsey.

Dempsey didn't lose his left ear, but he had it jolted over on his left ear, and thereby dropped several bundles of prestige and renown.

On this day a year ago the champion was a man killer. But Bill Brennan put a dent in his halo, if he didn't. Bill proved that the champion was practically human and that some one may stop him without being a superman.

Benny Leonard got by nicely. "Babe" Ruth and Man O' War roared firing before the old year had another crack for the worst it could do to Ruth was to show by the published records that he had struck out more times than any man in his league—a matter of eighty occasions, to be exact.

But the "Babe's" fifty-four homers squared that account. L. H. B.—You are right beyond debate. No big eastern university has a right to offer a game to any of the larger western universities unless a

Columbia Decides on Hockey

New York, Dec. 22.—Plans for a hockey team and schedule have at last materialized at Columbia in view of the favorable attitude of the trustees of the college. Considerable doubt was expressed in the season regarding the possibility of developing a team, but the former lawyer, who has been handling the financial charges, so that A. A. Walker, treasurer of the board and the former investigator of the case, is now drawing up a schedule.

Milrose Coach Resigns

New York, Dec. 22.—Matt O'Leary, former Milrose Athletic League, middle-distance running champion, who has been connected with the Milrose Athletic Club for the past ten years in the capacity of competitor and later as coach, yesterday announced his resignation to W. D. Earnest, secretary of the association with the Milrose A. A. club, refusing last night to divulge his reasons for withdrawing from the organization.

Holiday-Gridiron Game

Being A. A. and All-Philadelphia will stage their annual football game on Christmas afternoon on the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. grounds, Forty-fourth and Parkside avenues, being in champion of the western Philadelphia and All-Philadelphia is defending the honor of the southern western section of the city.

Elmer Jacobs Goes to Seattle

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Pitcher Elmer Jacobs has been reclaimed from Cincinnati waters by the St. Louis Nationals and released to the Seattle club of the Pacific coast league.

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