CHARLEY COMISKEY DIDN'T GIVE ANY SOX AWAY AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS THIS YEAR

GOLF RECORDS BROKEN IN 1920 LOCAL SEASON

Several Links Marks Lowered, Tourney Lists Fattened and Quaker Players Put City on Links Map Generally—Platt Headliner

By SANDY McNIBLICK

THERE should be none to stand up for the rebuttal when the statement is made that the season 1920 saw golf's best year in America. There hasn't been a year much like it, for recruits to the game, for money expended in clubs and courses, for international competition, and for country-wide entrance in tournaments.

Philadelphia shared in the general prosperity. Things went a-booming here in the season now defunct and any kind of a prophecy goes at this time for next year.

Record entry lists for the tournaments hereabouts were the rule, rather than the exception; several courses of championship caliber were added or promised for the future players; clubs fattened gloriously in membership application, and local stars did a-plenty to put the city on the golf map.

For the purpose of keeping a record of the play in Philadelphia a resume has been made, and is submitted as a chapter of golf history.

Suburban Games

The first event was the club event for the suburban team cup. Nineteen clubs entered and the affair was played in five divisions. The five winners of these division round-robins to enter the semifinals were Bala (A), North Hills (B), Aronimink (C), Stenton (D), and Woodbury (E).

Aronimink's win over both Stenton and the then champion Woodbury teams placed this club in the finals with North Hills, which defeated Bala. North Hills won the championship over Aronimink by the count of 10 to 6¾ points. The Edge Hill aggregation was particularly strong with J. W. Platt, W. J. Platt, Edward Styles and others, though Aronimink made it a battle with Paul Tewksbury and Walter Reynolds leading off.

Meantime the Joseph Henry Patterson Memorial Cup contest at the Philadelphia Cricket Club was held. This was one of the two individual local tourneys Max Marston entered, since this tourney is partly to qualify for the interclub championship later. Marston led his teammates and the field at the end of the thirty-six holes. J. Wood Platt was second.

At Merion, Marston's other local entry aside from the interclub, Platt evened the count.

Platt Stands Out

Indeed, in a summary of the local season, Platt's name stands out supreme for the simple reason that he won eight tournaments, was runner-up in four and won the medal in five events, two of his winning cards being course records in competition.

His win of the Philadelphia championship and his showing at the national this year alone stamp him as one of the best players the city has ever produced in the amateur ranks.

His first triumph was in the highly successful North Hills invitation tourney which brought out a large and very classy field. Platt won the medal and rode over two star contenders, Ed Clarey and George Hoffner, to win the finals also. Platt's margin over Hoffner in the downpour of the final round was 2 to 1.

The open championship of the Philadelphia district was slightly disappointing in point of attendance, since the purses had been increased, but the play was fast. Frank McNamara, Cherry Valley, won the title with a card of 294 for the seventy-two holes. It was the first tournament win for the brother of the famous Tom McNamara.

Others to finish well up were George Fotheringham, 299; Pat O'Hara, 300; Tom McNamara, 300; Clarence Hackney, 303; Fred McLeod, 304; Charles Hoffner, 306; Andy Campbell, 308; Jimmy Thomson, 309, and W. D. Robinson, 311.

Maurice Risley started one of his best seasons by cleaning up both the medal and the finals of a very fast spring tournament at Atlantic City.

Gardner Shines

The most brilliant field in local invitation tourneys probably was in the annual Lynnewood Hall tournament at Huntingdon Valley. It drew national stars of many districts and of these W. H. Gardner, Buffalo Country Club, proved the main attraction.

He not only won the medal with a card of 147, but his final round was a 69, which broke the course record.

A feature was the fact that Reggie Lewis, Greenwich, who was later to carry Chick Evans to the forty-first hole in the national and almost eliminate that personage, had to play off to get in the Lynnewood first flight. It was reminiscent of Dave Herron, who was beaten in the second flight of this event the year he won the national championship.

Among other Philadelphians who qualified were Platt, Marston, Cecil Calvert, Clayton Ingraham, H. B. Savage, Hugh Willoughby, Pat Grant and Norman Maxwell. Gardner alone in the match play also by beating Marston, 1 up, 22 holes, and later in carrying J. S. Dean, Princeton captain-champion, to the twenty-first hole before losing.

George V. Rotan, ex-Texas champion, won the cup by beating Dean in the finals, 4 and 3. Horace Francine beat Alec Coles in the final round of the second sixteen.

The following day Rotan won the Wilmington medal with a 76, but lost to Gardner in the latter's third extra-hole match of a gala week. Gardner ousted Rotan, 1 up, twenty holes, but lost the finals to Sidney Scott, Yale, 2 and 1.

Scott beat Eddie Styles that morning in the semifinals to advance.

Golfers Dine

The dinner tournament was as grand as ever. It was played at Huntingdon Valley and Philmont. Richard Bennett, Aronimink, won the thirty-six holes event of Class A with 173 strokes, and Fred Knight shone at eighteen with an 80.

J. W. Platt won the Fridolyn mixed foursomes event, paired with Mrs. M. R. Smith, at Philmont, with 37-41-78. Phil Carson and Miss Katherine Tenney, Merion, finished with 73 net, in an enormous field, which contained most of the best players of the district.

The play for the Philadelphia amateur championship had one of the fastest fields of its history. The qualifying round was changed to eighteen holes with the first round the same afternoon and the finals extended to thirty-six holes.

The arrangement was not satisfactory to all those who played. Some expressed the opinion that the event had gained new importance because of the class of players in the district, and that the qualifying round should be thirty-six holes next year to qualify thirty-two and a thirty-six holes final.

The medal last year was won by Fred Knight after a play-off with Paul Tewksbury. They both scored 78 to qualify. The pairings saw nearly all of the best players in the lower bracket and it was through this test that J. Wood Platt emerged triumphant to the championship.

In the upper bracket Maurice Risley defeated Harold McFarland; Horace Francine defeated Fred Knight; Ed Clarey defeated Herbert B. Newton; L. M. Washburn defeated C. C. Ingraham, and in the lower, Pat Grant defeated F. J. Higgins; Platt defeated Reynolds; Hoffner defeated J. J. Beadle, and Paul Tewksbury defeated Norman Maxwell.

In the second round Francine beat Risley; Washburn beat Clarey; Platt beat Grant, and Hoffner beat Tewksbury.

Great Match

The lower bracket matches drew the galleries and the semifinal match between Hoffner, the champion, and Platt, main contender, will not soon be forgotten. It was a great tribute to the young talent developed in the city.

Though Hoffner was out in 34 he was only two up on Platt, whose now famous bulldog tenacity kept him always at the champion's heels. A long putt on the eighteenth for a bird 3 gave Platt the match, 1 up.

Their cards were exceptional and follow:

Hoffner—	
Out	4 4 5 4 4 2 4 3 4—34
In	5 4 6 5 2 4 5 4 4—39—73
Platt—	
Out	4 5 4 5 4 3 4 3 4—36
In	4 3 5 4 4 4 7 4 3—38—74

In the final round Platt defeated Francine by the wide count of 8 and 6, after Francine beat Washburn in the semifinals. Platt proved his right to the title in this and later events.

BIG MOTORCYCLE RACE NEW YEAR'S

Hill-Climbing Contest to Be Staged Under Auspices of Phila. Motorcycle Club

Motorcyclists of this city and vicinity will compete in one of the largest and toughest hill-climbing contests ever staged in this section of the country New Year's afternoon.

The event is being run under the Motorcycle and Allied Trades Association sanction and is being staged under the auspices of the Motorcycle Club of Philadelphia. A long list of entries of riders using many different makes and horsepower of machines have sent in their entry blanks and from present indications the "climb" will be the biggest affair in many years for the followers of the "two-wheelers."

The grade upon which the contest will be held is located on the west side of the Schuylkill. Those who wish to run out to the hill will be assembled at the club headquarters, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue, at noon, guides will lead a body of riders to the hills. Starting from the club at 11:30 squads will be taken to the hill every half hour.

Among the well-known local riders of widespread fame, who will compete in the event, are: Bill Arthurs, who will pilot his big Indian machine up the grade. Jimmy Keenan, the national endurance champion, on a Harley, and Ernest De Simone, on a Reading Standard machine, promise to make keen competition in the professional sole class. There will also be events for side-car machines, while the amateur events will be for both solo and side-car machines.

The grade upon which the climb is to be staged is said to be of about 35 per cent grade. Electric timing devices will be used.

NEW YEAR'S MARATHON

Business Men of South Street Will Stage Annual Event

Judging by the number of entries received and from interest displayed by the local clubs, the ninth annual New Year's Day modified marathon run, given annually under the auspices of the South Street Business Men's Association on New Year's morning, bids fair to be the best race held. One hundred and ten entries have been received to date, coming from every club in this city in addition to the team coming from New York, representing the Glencoe Athletic Club, who finished fourth in the national championships held recently.

Montague, the Washington long-distance star, is also entered. While the Northwest B. C., of this city, has entered twenty-two men in a special effort to overtake the strong Meadowbrook Club, which has won this race for the past three years.

The race will be run on South street between Broad and Front street, starting from Starr Garden Recreation Centre at Sixth and Lombard streets, and finishing at Fifth and South streets. The race will get under way promptly at 10:30 a. m.

Galen Hall Gets Higgins

Reading, Dec. 27.—Joseph Higgins, of Philadelphia, the golf professional to the Berkshire Country Club, of this city, tendered his resignation to accept the position of pro to the Galen Hall Golf Club at Galen Hill, in the mountains near Wernersville. Henry E. Williams, resigned, who goes to the new Lynwood Country Club, at Lynwood, near Beattie City, N. J., after the first of [illegible]

Reading Players for Syracuse

Reading, Dec. 27.—A trio of local football players, Pitcher Lesher, quarterback Seltzer, Halfback H. Wagner, will shortly go to Syracuse, have been signed by Eddie Dick, of New York, owner of the Syracuse Eleven, pro team.

Nevada Eleven Beats Hawaii

Honolulu, Dec. 27.—University of Nevada defeated the University of Hawaii, 14 to 0, in a rough game, the first football game ever played between the Hawaiian team and a team from the Mainland.

Robins Beat Erie

Brooklyn, Dec. 27.—The Robins (Dodgers) soccer team defeated Erie, A. A. in a football game here, 4 to 0, at the Parade Ground, the national football association cup competition to-day before a crowd of 5000. The score was 5 goals to 3.

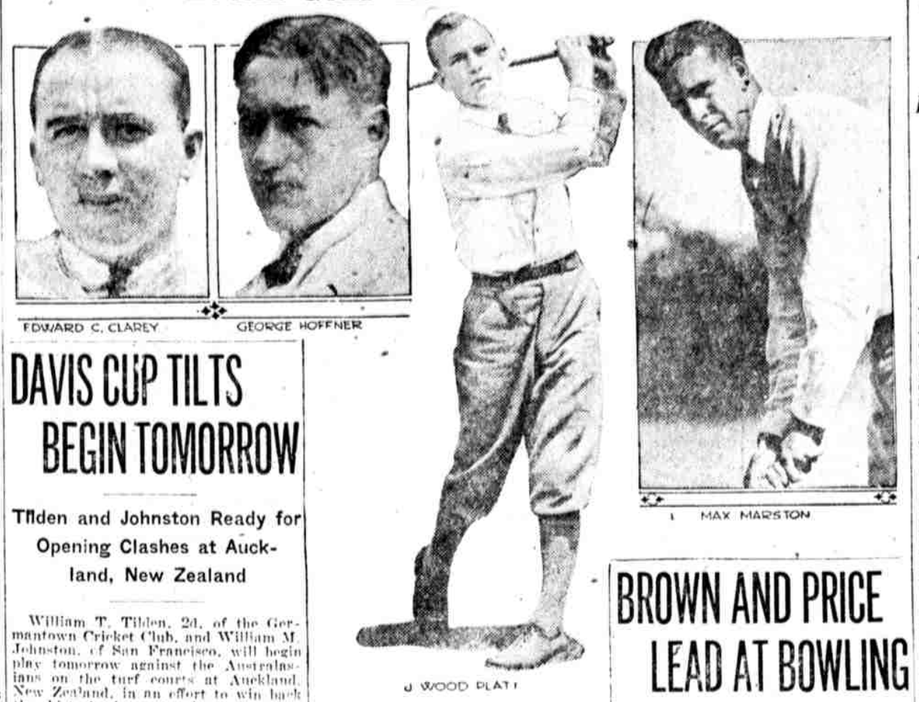
Barnes and Mothersel Defeated

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 27.—Emory Barnes and Donald Parson, of Youngstown, O., defeated Jim Barnes and Charles Mothersel, of Chicago, in a best ball match on the Pinehurst course. Barnes and Parson had a best ball of 65, and Barnes and Mothersel were 67.

Carlisle Boxing Show

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 27.—Much interest is being taken in the boxing bout between Sailor Sieckoff, of Harrisburg, and Sailor Joe Johnson, of the local field service school, to take place tonight. Johnson has many backers who claim that he will lead a [illegible] and others in this section in the main art during the year.

LOCAL GOLF LUMINARIES OF 1920



EDWARD C. CLAREY — GEORGE HOFFNER — J. WOOD PLATT — MAX MARSTON

DAVIS CUP TILTS BEGIN TOMORROW

Tilden and Johnston Ready for Opening Clashes at Auckland, New Zealand

William T. Tilden, 2d, of the Germantown Cricket Club, and William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, will begin play tomorrow against the Australasians on the turf courts at Auckland, New Zealand, in an effort to win back the historic lawn tennis trophy, the Dwight F. Davis Cup. These matches, which will consist of four singles and one double, mark the fifteenth time that the cup has been battled for since its donation to international lawn tennis in 1900 by the famous St. Louisan.

The cup has been won six times by the Australasians, five times by the British and three times by the Americans. This year it appears that the Americans have the best chance that they have ever had because it is virtually certain that Tilden and Johnston will do all of the playing, and that pair is generally considered by every lawn tennis expert in the world as the premier racquet wielders of the globe. However, Americans have gone to Australia before very confident, only to come back beaten and beaten badly.

The American team landed in Auckland on December 15, and have had excellent practice every day since. According to Captain Sam Hardy, of the American team, all of the players are in good shape in spite of the dampness of the climate. He did not state that Tilden and Johnston would bear the entire burden, but it is known here that this was the intention before leaving. Watson M. Washburn, of New York, the fourth member of the team, will only be used in case of dire emergency.

The defending quartette, will probably be composed of Gerald Patterson, Norman Brookes, R. V. Thomas and H. O'Hara Wood. The actual alignment of players will not be announced until shortly before the matches.

Patterson is the power in the Australasian team playing a game somewhat similar to that of Maurice McLaughlin, when the latter was at the top of his tennis form. Brookes, undoubtedly one of the greatest players of all times, is well advanced in years from a playing standpoint and cannot be expected to carry the burden of two singles matches and one doubles match in three days. If he pairs with Patterson in doubles he will not appear in the singles. It may be, however, that Brookes and Patterson will devote their efforts to the singles and leave the doubles contest to Thomas and Wood, who make a most formidable team.

A study of the vast amount of data which has accumulated in connection with fourteen years of play for the Davis Cup shows that not including the preliminary rounds of the 1920 matches sixty-eight players, representing nine nations have participated in the play for the international tennis trophy. Of this number the British Isles has used eighteen and the United States seventeen. Australasia is third with ten, and France, Belgium and South Africa follow with five each. All told these players took part in 233 matches which went to a decision and one match resulted in a tie.

The veteran Brookes holds the individual honors, having been a member of the Australasian team in eight different years. During this period he played forty-four matches, of which he won thirty-six. The late Anthony Wilding, a compeer of Brookes, who was killed during the world war, holds second honors, for during his seven years of competition he played thirty-seven matches, of which he won twenty-eight. J. C. Parke, the English veteran, ranks third, with twenty-three matches and twelve victories. W. A. Larned and M. E. McLoughlin, two outstanding stars of American tennis, are tied with twenty matches each. Larned has a slightly better winning average with thirteen victories to McLoughlin's twelve. The latter's defeat of both Wilding and Brookes, in 1914, when the Australians were at the height of their court career, however, was undoubtedly the greatest individual feat in the annals of international tennis.

Australasia Is in Lead in Matches for Davis Cup

Winner	Loser	Match Score
1900—United States	British Isles	3—0
1902—United States	British Isles	3—2
1903—British Isles	United States	4—1
1904—British Isles	Belgium	5—0
1905—British Isles	United States	5—0
1906—British Isles	United States	5—0
1907—Australasia	British Isles	3—2
1908—Australasia	United States	3—2
1909—Australasia	United States	3—0
1911—Australasia	United States	5—0
1912—British Isles	Australasia	3—2
1913—United States	British Isles	3—1
1914—Australasia	United States	3—2
1919—Australasia	British Isles	4—1

RECAPITULATION

Matches, 44: Australasia won 6; British Isles, 5; United States, 3.

Results of Soccer Games Played During Week-End

SATURDAY

ALLIED SECOND LEAGUE

Ascension, 3; Glen Social, 1.
Disston Saw, 4; Kensington, 2.

THIRD (NORTHWEST)

Olney, 1; Amp, 0.
Colonial, 4; Frankfordville, 3.

NORTHEAST DIVISION

Hunting Social, 1; Surpass, 0.
Collingswood, 3; St. Veronica, 1.

WEST PHILADELPHIA LEAGUE

Victrix, 1; Belmont, 0.
Mulford, 0; Wellington, 0.
Albion, 5; Victoria B. C., 2.
Angora B. C., 1; Delmar, 0.

FOURTH DIVISION

Scarm Memorial forfeited to College.
Rorer Rovers, 1; DePaul, 0.

CUP GAMES

Hibernians, 2; Fairhill, 0.
Cambria, 4; Eddystone, 2.
Merion, 6; Kingsessing, 0.
Disston, 5; Smith, 1.

SUNDAY

Ascension, 3; St. Veronica, 2.
Kaywood, 5; Kingsessing, 0.

VICTRIX MAY COP SOCCER LAURELS

Win Over Belmont Virtually Clinches Title in West Philadelphia League

Several of the local soccer teams were idle on Christmas Day, while others engaged in exhibition matches. Only one league in this city played its regular weekly schedule, that being the Allied League. Even this league failed to play any first division matches, which resulted in no change in the other four sections.

The Victrix Catholic Club, in the West Philadelphia League, by defeating Belmont virtually clinched the championship for that section, although it still has several other games scheduled.

Teams were idle in the Industrial and the Cricket League on the holidays.

When the present soccer season closes it is the intention of the New York F. C. management to reorganize the club and form a stock company, following the same lines under which the major league clubs in Great Britain are conducted.

The difficulties encountered in competing with clubs and players connected and employed in large corporations has compelled some drastic measures to be taken to offset this handicap.

The management of the New Yorks has found it a difficult proposition to raise the funds necessary to secure the services of talent to put a thoroughly competent team on the field, capable of holding its own against combinations that are principally composed of experienced and seasoned foreign importations.

With every opportunity of securing lucrative positions, players of exceptional ability naturally grasp at the opportunities afforded by throwing in their lot with the clubs representing large corporations. Recently combinations of that caliber have jumped into prominence all over the eastern states.

BROWN AND PRICE LEAD AT BOWLING

Dozen Teams Begin Play Today in Marathon Event on Keystone Alleys

At the end of the first two games W. Brown and H. Price were leading with 423 in the marathon bowling contest which is being staged today at the Keystone Alleys, Eleventh and Arch streets.

Virtually all of the leading bowlers of the city began play this morning at 11:30 o'clock and will continue until 11:30 tonight. The contest is being held under the direction of a committee of three from the Quaker City League, William Brown, Jr., Frank H. Wagner and James Dalton. There are prizes for the first four teams as for high average and high single games besides several special prizes.

Below are the results of the first two games and the totals:

			Total
A. Guest-F. Wagner	177	208	385
E. Dungan-G. Bailey	159	192	351
A. Senior-W. Dayton	176	185	361
C. Riley-J. Gates	156	189	345
S. Grenwell-W. Zier	202	165	367
W. Mueller-J. Dalton	192	209	401
R. Hartley-T. Smith	173	137	310
W. Brown-H. Price	209	214	423
A. Fox-W. Woodland	181	183	364
Earl de Marco-E. Harrison	180	182	362
A. Nicholas-G. Hill	196	198	394
R. Campbell-W. Smedley	193	171	364

TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

Johnny Kilbane Will Meet Johnny Reisler on February

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—According to advices here Johnny Kilbane will defend the featherweight championship, which he won from Abe Attell on Washington's Birthday in California nine years ago, in Madison Square Garden next February 22.

Johnny virtually has closed negotiations for a match with Johnny Reisler, of New York, son of the well-known "John the Barber." This lad has been making great strides in the last few months, and is now ranked as one of the best feathers.

Cage Scoring Record

Syracuse, Dec. 27.—There's a new basketball scoring record for secondary schools as the result of the victory of Canastota High School over Camden High. The Canastotans won, 115 to 0. The Buffalo orphans hold the world's record, court score, having defeated [illegible]

Bucknell Gets a Star

Syracuse, Dec. 27.—Harold Drum, Syracuse North High School football captain for two years and hailed as the greatest schoolboy athlete developed in Central New York in a decade, will enter Bucknell next fall.

"Dink" Templeton to Coach

Stanford University, Calif., Dec. 27.—"Dink" Templeton, one of the famous athletes produced at Stanford, has been named a varsity track coach for the coming season. He was a member of the football team this year.

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Basketball Captain Fine All-Round Athlete. Quinlan's Boys Have Chance for Title

A LONG SCHEDULE

By SPICK HALL

IN WILLIAM BLAKE West Philadelphia Catholic High School not only has one of the best basketball players but one of the finest all-round athletes in scholastic ranks. Blake is eighteen years old, a senior, and is regarded by the members of West Catholic's faculty as one of the best students in school, a combination that is exceedingly rare and one which is likely to make Blake a star in all branches of college life.

Although Blake weighs only 140 pounds, he played brilliantly at halfback the last year for West Catholic. He is also a baseball player on the school team and has won his letter in three sports. Probably he would have won more, but West Catholic has had only three major sports.

Blake formerly played at forward on the basketball team, but Brother Michael Quinlan, who is coaching the quintet, decided that a better combination would be formed if Blake were shifted to guard, so this was done, and he played the defensive position for the first time against Frankford last Thursday afternoon, when the boys from the Northeast were trimmed, 40 to 31.

McHenry Shifted

John McHenry, who formerly played guard, has been sent to forward where he played a fine game against Frankford.

Coach Quinlan realized at the beginning of the season that the big weakness of the team last year was the failure of his foul shooters. For example, five games were lost by West Catholic last season by the margin of one point and three of these were league games.

In those five games the least number of fouls missed was eight. In one contest seventeen were missed. With such poor foul shooting as that West Catholic did well to win eleven out of the twenty games played.

But this year, the boys from Forty-ninth and Chestnut streets will do much better because Coach Quinlan started the year with the idea of developing a good foul shooter. Down in the basement of the school, there are two basketball courts. Neither of them is quite large enough to stage regular games, but they are good enough for general practice and foul goals can be practiced there as well as any where. The result has been that McHenry has been doing excellent work shooting from the fifteen-foot mark. In the Frankford game he tossed four out of five, a winning average.

West Catholic's home floor will be Knights of Columbus Hall at Thirty-eighth and Market streets. Several games, however, will be played in the Armory at Forty-first and Mantua streets.

Mullin Offensive Star

Playing with McHenry at forward is Jimmy Mullin. He is very accurate and is one of the heaviest scorers in the Catholic League. Against Frankford he shot seven field goals. At center John Doyle is thoroughly at home. He jumps well, plays a good defensive game and at the same time can be counted on to do his share of the scoring.

Jim DiFilippo, all-Catholic tackle of 1920, is a splendid guard. With him and Captain Blake doing the defensive work, West Catholic's chances to come with a victory and wrest the K. of C. trophy from St. Joseph's Prep are exceedingly bright.

Although there is little doing out of doors at present, some of the West Catholic High boys are using the site of the new field to practice punting and soccer football. This tract of land, which will be put into shape at an early date, is situated at the northwest corner of the old Craig property, on the southeast corner of Fiftieth and Market streets.

It is likely that the old Craig residence, which is between Fiftieth and Forty-ninth on Market street, will be moved back of the school and used for a clubhouse by the boys.

Basketball Contest for West Catholic

West Catholic has already begun the basketball season but no more games will be played until after the holidays. The games from then on are:

January 1, West Philadelphia at West Philadelphia; 8, La Salle at West Catholic; 12, West Catholic at St. Joseph's; 15, Salesianum at Wilmington; 18, West Catholic at Wenonah; 22, Home School at Port Deposit, Md.; 26, West Catholic at Villanova; 27, Mount at West Catholic; 28, West Catholic at K. C. H. S.; February 1, West Catholic at Haverford School; 4, West Catholic at La Salle; 9, St. Joseph's at West Catholic; 11, Salesianum at West Catholic; 12, Swarthmore at Swarthmore; 15, Camden at West Catholic; 19, West Catholic at Trinity; 22, St. Luke at West Catholic; 26, Trinity, at West Catholic; March 2, Villanova at West Catholic; 4, K. C. H. S. at West Catholic; 8, Swarthmore at West Catholic; 11, Faculty at West Catholic.

Thirty Ball Games for Syracuse

Syracuse, Dec. 27.—With games with Lafayette, Vermont and Boston College added to schedule, the 1921 Orange baseball chart is ready today for final ratification by the Syracuse University athletic governing board.

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