

IN THESE PROHIBITION DAYS WE WANT TO KNOW WHO IS PUTTING THE HOP IN HOPPE HORSESHOE-PITCHING TOURNEY FOR '21 TITLE IS KICKING UP ALL SORTS OF INTEREST AT ST. PETE

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THE annual world series in baseball always attracts quite a little attention, and a championship boxing match usually keeps up the interest and large words of conversation. The same goes for the big football games in the fall. Still, these are but piker events when compared with the great championship struggle now being staged here in St. Petersburg.

generosity, took his pen in hand and spilled the bad news. He couldn't come, he wrote, because the other night, while doing the chores on the farm at Kellerton, he fell down a ladder in the barn and ran his pitching hand—that good right hand which laid low all of the pitching last year—into a rusty nail. Frank said he was sure it was rusty because his arm became swollen and blood poisoning set in. That made the trip go hooie, and also the championship. Frank will be trimmed because he isn't here to defend himself.

ATHLETES from all parts of the country—with the accent on the country—were to participate in the terribly exciting tournament, and the chances of each are being discussed under palm trees, palmettos and other forms of tropical vegetation. Never before have the athletes been so hot up and the betting is brisk. Money never changes hands, but the plunger are not afraid to wager a bottle of work pop on their favorite.

NOW that Frank has been washed up the favorites are a pair of Okies named Bonifant and Bobbit. These are great performers and the smart bets are quietly predicting they will meet in the final. Bonifant displayed excellent form in the week-outs, making double and triple shots. Any horsehoe expert will tell you this is hard to do.

THE idea is to play all week and at the end select a champion. Preliminary semifinals and finals will be put on, and for a year who lingers the longest will be crowned. He also will get a pair of fancy horsehoes, doped up in gold paint and everything, so it easily can be seen that the prizes are not to be sneezed at. The winner also will get lots of exercise, whether he wants it or not.

ROBERT HARTON is the mystery man of the tourney. Last year he finished fourth, and felt this defeat so keenly that he started to practice all over again. He kept at it all year and arrived here ten days ago. He visited Williams Park, where the pitchers will pitch, and after a careful examination pronounced the course very fast and in excellent shape. The fans expected him to take off his coat and pitch a few, but Harton was too foxy for that.

DOWN here the athletes are called "pitchers." They pitch from morning until night, and if they are not proficient it isn't their fault. The clanging of the horsehoes can be heard as early as 7 a. m., because the sun doesn't come up until that time. Later in the season games will begin at 6 a. m.

He went away and established a training camp in the woods where it is too much trouble for the fans to walk. There he has been practicing secretly, and they say he has a hop on his fast one. The committee has ruled against all forms of freak delivery, and the spitter, shine and smoky horsehoes will be barred. This means the championship will be decided on its merits.

Ringers are allowed in this game. GAMES are 100 points each, if the contestants last that long. Ringers are allowed at all times and count three points. A lot of finger experts are seen on the links every day.

Henry J. Borne, of Atlantic City, is one of the contestants, and while we have not yet seen Hen in action, he flags a nasty shoe and once made four double ringers. A dark horse from Arizona is expected to arrive, but from last reports he still is being expected.

One of the best things about the tournament is the absence of scandal. No players have been bought up and the committee is keeping its eagle eye on all slickers who might try to ring in a loser. The starboard golf tourney will not be as good as the fans expected a week ago. They have been bitterly disappointed, and we know the low down on the tough luck.

Early this morning it was announced that the slipper slammers had completed their training and were resting easily on the big sofa, which means there will be no hitting in the clinches and the contestants must break at the order from the referee.

Frank, who lives in Kellerton, Ia., was expected here to defend his title against the select field, but couldn't make the trip. This caused quite a stir, and the fans were sent so far as to write and threaten to pay his expenses from Kellerton, Ia., without knowing the exact location of the place.

There will be no split in the gate receipts, because there are no split receipts. The committee decided to have a crowd instead of charging admission.

Champion Jackson, overwhelmed by this unlooked-for

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HANGCOCK AND POST TO PLAY FOR TITLE First and Second Half Winners in American League Clash Tonight in Yonah Hall

The first game between Hancock and Post 29 for the championship of the American Basketball League will be played this evening at Yonah Hall, 2737 West Columbia avenue. Post 29 camped off with first half honors and Hancock snatched the final series. Hancock are champions of the organization.

The contestants appear evenly matched. The series will have little opposition in the initial series, while Hancock won final half honors by playing a superior brand of ball. Post has the privilege of playing Andy McMahon, now with the Phillies in the Eastern League. McMahon improves with each game and on Saturday unworked two goals against Trenton that will leave his opponents.

Hancock has a smooth working combination. Manager "Mitch" Hopkins is sure the second championship flag will adorn the clubhouse on East Fifth avenue. The list of players eligible to compete includes: Post—L. Hartzell, J. Smith, H. Harzell, Brooks, Sprone, Jamison, M. James, M. James, Hancock—Wood, Armstrong, P. De, Degler, Trautwein, Heap, Fossent and Moorhead.

A Tough One to Lose The Phillies are down near the end of the Eastern Basketball League, but if there is a team with a game and had the advantage to lose it was these self-same Phillies on Saturday night at Municipal Fund Hall against Trenton. The locals lost after two extra periods, 40 to 34.

Ray was fouled in making the shot. But Hefner Ferguson did not allow the same. Each side made a basket in the first extra five minutes and another period was started. Again both teams came through with a goal. Trenton's Harlow fouled Ferguson, and after a run he and pinned him to the floor. He then raised the ball and scored the goal that won for Trenton.

The goal would never have counted and a foul given the Phillis. The game is all over now. The locals lost. The fans witnessed a wonderful game, one that will show that would like to describe and for that reason the few remarks will be confined to Hefner "Midge" Ferguson.

Official Resigns Position Ferguson resigned as President of the league after the contest. This resignation is the result of an official's dissatisfaction in numerous important contests. On Saturday night he considered some poor decisions and half the Trenton goal should have been given when allowed, as fouls were committed before they were shot.

Down in the office the Trenton man went after the game and a certain amount over ready to pan an official. What a referee in the Eastern Basketball League has to take in Trenton and Reading is almost beyond belief.

Ferguson knew he was war of Hefner. He entered the cage he was in no fit condition to work. He has been under the care of a physician and more than two weeks was unable to officiate. On Friday night at Trenton he urged Herman Hertz to take the game off his hands, but that official could not do so as he had the Penn cup.

It was unfortunate for Ferguson that the home team happened to be the one chosen. Had it been any other two there would not have been so much criticism. But the fans can rest assured that the little fellow did not let the little fellow let the little fellow before coming to Philly.

The season first started in the city as he showed every prop-

SCHOLASTIC SCORING RECORDS

Table with columns: School, Games, Pts., Goals, Pts., Goals. Lists scores for various schools like Mill, Northeast, etc.

Catholic Schools' Scoring

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table with columns: Club, Wins, Losses, Pts., Goals. Lists standings for various clubs like Olynpia, Bodie vs. Cross, etc.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



Frost-Bitten Divots on Wintry Links

THE Walker Cup for the golf championship of the nation of the world is being received with mingled emotions according to the British press, which does not appear any too sure of the promised success of inter-national councils so far as golf is concerned.

One paper is quoted in this country as saying: "The project (Walker Cup) is one which may secure uniformity in rules and practice where already small differences are growing up."

Another British paper says that it is a matter of common knowledge that the United State Golf Association has had some trouble with its subsidiary organizations, but that its position would be greatly strengthened if the Walker Cup competition in a biasing success since its individual players would have to detach from the revolving bodies or forfeit claims to play on the United States team.

The Limit The paper goes on to say that Great Britain has gone the limit in concessions to American opinion and conciliatory and that British players already have cause to be disappointed in many of the concessions made.

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Only one game for the Hohfeld challenge cup, was played on Saturday, it being a semifinal round. The Hancockers came through, defeating the Stuelienburg squad by a score of 5 goals to 6. The former champions will now have to face the Fisher Yarmers, who have just won the Industrial championship, or the Hardwick & Magee eleven. Both these teams will play off their semifinal match on next Saturday. At the present time, from the showing it made in both the Amateur Cup game and in the Hohfeld competition, the Rugger eleven looks up as a real contender for the trophy. Since Fisher made such a poor showing in the Allied Cup game, the battle most likely will be between the former champions and the Lehigh avenue aggregation.

Time and time again this season the McChes brothers, "Jimmy" and "Bart," among the various soccer teams playing in the Allied League, first for entering the National League with a team after they had already signed up with another local organization, then for playing in a professional game over in New York recently with the Wanderers. This time the complaint and protest comes from the District New team for permitting these two players to enter the cup competition game on Saturday with the Wanderers. The protest was handed to the Cardington manager after the game, claiming professionalism on the part of the two players. The protest will be taken up at the meeting this week.

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M'NICHOL PRAISES CORNELL QUINTET

Ithacans Play Brilliantly but Lose to Penn, 22 to 20, After Leading in First Half

"I suppose I must add my little say about this Penn team to the hundreds of others," said a frustrated Cornell graduate, hours from coasting for his brilliant team after their 22 to 20 defeat Saturday night in Weightman Hall.

"I think it was Ed Thorpe, coach of the New York University team, who made the statement that the Red and Blue quintet is out of the greatest he ever saw. My opinion is the same. I saw the game at Cornell week ago and believe me there was little to choose between the two teams, but Penn in my estimation, showed just a trifle better in all-around play and tonight, when they fairly annihilated, especially in the second half. It's a great team, and it deserves the spoils."

A short time after the Cornell grad made his statement, Captain Danny M'Nichol said: "Cornell is the best team we have met this year and that includes Dartmouth. Moinet is a sleek forward, Sidman a brilliant guard and Rippe a center of ability. They sure did give us a fight just as we expected, but we wish as I said we would on my return from Cornell last Sunday. I think now that we are going to win that old championship."

For thrillers, Saturday night's game had it an any game played in the Penn gymnasium in several years with the possible exception of the four extra period game with Princeton last season. From the start to the finish brilliant plays, uncanny long distance shots and rapid-fire punting kept the big throng in a fever. Every minute was chockful of action.

Cullen Tops College Scorers

Table with columns: Player, Position, Goals, Pts., Goals, Pts. Lists scores for various players like Cullen, DeMouth, etc.

WINS NAVY FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Pennam, Feb. 21.—The featherweight boxing championship of the Americas was awarded to the Atlantic City man, Butts of the famous Philadelphia club, who the decision over St. Louis, of the battle-able Arlander in a six-round bout.

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By GRANTLAND RICE (In reply to an invitation to become enrolled in the Optimist Club—"to smile and pass the smile along.") Does this signify, kind brother, when the dope is cracking wrong. And we get the double twist; When Fate, the fickle party, with a calling something on the wrist— Slaps us roughly on the wrist— When we get it in the neckpiece with a dull and sickly thud. That when the head starts swiveling and the Cheerful Cud? And when we feel like wallowing in some thick lobster's blood. Does it mean we must desert. With the old occasion missed. To hold our slip of membership And stay an Optimist?

When in the gray and early season that comes the morning after From a night of snoreless. Are we expected to arise with peals of merry laughter. As we struggle for the ice? When the tongue is like a Persian rug— one of the woolly kind. And when we see our duck one sit and think and think and think. As thoughts of ice suicide begin to crowd the mind. Does it mean we must rise. With a grin of double size. To hold our slip of membership With those who optimize? When some bush leaguer drafts our cook and leaves us on the blink. What's the answer to it then? When we walk of our duck one sit and think and think and think. With an ever idle pen? When we are tapping mangle shots and playing like a nut. Or when we blow five easy punts along the rolling map. Or plunk our sliced approaches into every holey trap. Does it mean we can't course. As our game keeps getting worse. Or throw a club or sock a dub Or something just as terse?

MAIL STRIDERS IT IS just as well to learn how to handle the white chips before one starts betting the blue. The average cove uses up more time to get a slight advantage on the start than he does in training to be first at the finish.

SPRING football practice is now upon the rim of its most extended season. It has taken some time, but the idea has at last spread broadcast that no one can teach a candidate modern football in six or seven weeks any more than baseball can be taught in a few lessons.

Under the old order of mass play, where there was no forward pass, football could be taught in a few weeks. We have seen 100 pounders, who were fairly fast on their feet, made into good tacklers or good guards in less than a month, and these were men who had never played before.

But that order is now out of date. The forward pass, with its demand upon alertness and skill, has killed off any sudden manufacture of talent. The matter of passing a ball properly forty or fifty yards on a line and of taking the pass out of the air at awkward angles is not acquired in a day.

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