

ANNUAL STATE LIVE BIRD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT BIG LOCAL EVENT TOMORROW

LOCAL OFFICIALS ARE IMPARTIAL

Referee Not to Blame For Loss of Games; Talk About Rule Changes

That officiating in the basketball games in this vicinity is of the best is evidenced by the fact that in four contests played in and about the city recently 166 fouls were called on players for the infraction of the rules. In every instance but one, the visiting team received fewer penalties than the home players.

When Wilkes-Barre played Central in this city Central was penalized 24 times by a local arbiter, while the Coal Barons received but 18 penalties. On the same night in the Tech-Reading contest, the local players fouled 18 times according to the referee, while but 18 penalties were inflicted on the visitors.

Down at Steelton when that team met York the official called 36 fouls on the home team, while the York aggregation offended but 22 times. Camp Hill and Middletown clashed on the same evening and each team received 16 penalties. The conclusion to be drawn from these contests is that no team has an opportunity to blame poor officiating for the loss of a game in this locality.

Discuss Rule Changes Of the 166 fouls called in these four contests local and visiting athletes converted 101 of them into points for their teams. In other words 10 out of 16 trials slipped through the net. In the Central Pennsylvania basketball league of the total of 1,319 points scored during the season by all of the teams, 155 have been scored from the 15-foot mark. From these figures it can be seen that there is a foul tossed for every goal that is made from field.

A proposed change in the manner of tossing of the free throws is again under discussion. This change as practiced in some of the leagues would compel the offended player to toss the ball. This it is feared makes the game rougher, as there would be fewer fouls converted into counters, and players knowing this would be sure to take advantage of the fact. As a result of much consideration the present system of having one player to do all the tossing from the free throws is likely to remain for some time to come.

Farrell's Minors Improve; Will Survive Hard Bumps

Special to the Telegraph New York, Feb. 21.—John H. Farrell, secretary and chairman of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, which is the governing body of the minor leagues, said in a recently conducted peace complete revivifications of his wounded family.

"The Federal League campaign," said Mr. Farrell, "has done nothing to the minor league save indirectly. The minor leagues, on the other hand, were very hard hit. They were the principal prey of the outlaws. More than 50 per cent. of the recruits for the independents were taken from minor league clubs. This deprived the dependents of the major leagues of one of their chief sources of revenue.

"In 1913 my office had approximately 12,000 minor league contracts. In 1914 the number dropped below 2,000, and last year it dropped below 6,000. In those two seasons nearly half of the little leagues under protection were forced to disband.

"Many of these, however, will be lined up again this season. I think by the end of next year organized ball will have a greater membership than ever before."

PARK GOLF CLUB MEETING

The annual meeting of the Harrisburg Park Golf Club will be held at 7:30 o'clock, in the office of Commissioner E. Z. Gross, Calder building. Officers will be elected and reports presented. A large attendance is desired.

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OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1916

Table with columns for City, At, and dates for various teams including Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

STATE SHOOTERS HERE TOMORROW

Annual Live Bird Championship Contest Starts at 10 O'clock The twenty-ninth annual white flyer championship shoot of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association will take place to-morrow. This event is for State live bird honors, and the shooting will start at 10 o'clock at the grounds, Second and Division streets.

The entry list includes 100 crack shots from all over Pennsylvania. There will be 4,000 birds available for shooters. The handicaps range from 26 to 32 yards. Entrance fee is \$13, twenty birds included. The division of money will be 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent. The purse is open to all. The present holder of the State championship is Joseph Graves, of Delaware Water Gap. Other winners of the silver trophy were William Rutter, New Easton; G. W. Hepler, Harrisburg; George Hansell, Lebanon; William Speiser, Danville; Fred Coleman, Pottsville; Lee Wertz, Temple; Fred W. Dinger, Harrisburg; S. F. Kurtz, Newmarket; Isaac Wolstencroft, Philadelphia; Hugh Beattie, Philadelphia; W. H. Wolstencroft, Philadelphia; George Hansell, Lebanon; John G. Martin, Harrisburg; Lee Wertz, Temple; Fred W. Dinger, Harrisburg; G. W. Hepler, Harrisburg; H. C. Hoffman, Philadelphia; Earl Melrath, Philadelphia.

MISS HENCH ENTERTAINS

Marysville, Pa., Feb. 21.—On Friday evening last, Miss Katherine Hensch entertained at her home in Verbeck street the member of the L. U. A. club. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing 500, after which a buffet luncheon was served by the hostess. The guests included: Miss Stella Deckard, Miss Emma Roberts, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Edie Bell, Miss Elizabeth Sadler, Miss Helen Wise, Miss Katherine Roberts, Miss Leona Bare, Miss Sara Eppley, Miss Chat Beib, Miss Helen Hain, Mrs. C. R. Snyder.

Cumberland Valley Railroad TIME TABLE

In Effect June 27, 1915. TRAINS LEAVE HARRISBURG: For Winchester and Martinsburg at 6:05, 7:52 a. m., 8:40 p. m. For Hagerstown, Chambersburg, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg and intermediate stations at 8:05, 7:52, 11:55 a. m., 8:40, 9:27, 7:45, 11:00 p. m. Additional trains for Carlisle and Mechanicsburg at 9:48 a. m., 2:16, 3:26, 5:30, 9:25 p. m. For Dillenburg at 6:05, 7:52 and 11:55 a. m., 2:16, 3:40, 5:37 and 6:30 p. m. Daily. All other trains daily except Sunday. H. A. RIDDLE, G. P. A.

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TWO-DAY CELEBRATION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BEGINS

Schools and Offices Closed; City Bankers Go to Philadelphia; Washington Firemen Observe 75th Anniversary; Patriotic Sons' Convention

A two-day celebration in honor of the birth of George Washington, began to-day. More than ten thousand pupils in the city schools were excused to-day and to-morrow. The continuation of schools are closed also for two days. Offices, banks and business places will be closed to-morrow. A number of big social events have been planned as well as several important business and lodge meetings.

Bankers Hold Convention

At Philadelphia to-morrow morning more than 300 representatives of Group 5, of the Pennsylvania State Bankers' Association will meet in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel for their annual session. All of the banks of the city will be represented and bankers from Steelton plan to attend the sessions. Among the speakers are W. M. Ogelsby, vice-president of the Commonwealth Trust Company, and L. E. McGinnis, superintendent of the Steelton public schools.

Firemen to Banquet

To-morrow night the Washington Hose Company will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of its organization with a banquet at the Hotel Plaza. Covers will be laid for one hundred members and guests, among whom will be Mayor E. S. Meals, Commissioners Gross, Lynch, Gorgas and Bowman, and other city officials. The banquet opens at 9 o'clock and will be followed by addresses.

KEEP HEALTHY FOR PUBLIC'S SAKE

Dr. Dixon Gives Some Sound Advice in Regard to Taking Care of Oneself Persons who become sick place a charge on the community as well as causing loss to themselves and their families because every person who is withdrawn through illness from his or her place in daily life causes more dislocation of the order of things and the number of dependents is the position taken by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State commissioner of health in a statement on health issued to-day. Long illness often leads to poverty and national efficiency depends upon maintenance of health. Individual care will prevent illness and benefit everyone holds the commissioner.

Dr. Dixon says: "Individual illness places a tax upon the entire community. The prolonged sickness of wage-earners is apt to result in poverty for themselves and their family. Indigency and crime itself are often lurking in the trail of disease. "National efficiency must rest upon the sound foundation of health. The reduction of sickness and death from preventable disease should be the first step in our preparation for self-defense. Lord Bacon said: 'The health of the people is the foundation on which reposes the happiness of the people and the power of a country. The care of the public health is the first duty of a statesman. In some States in the Union there has been an increasing percentage of dependents as they have become more thickly populated. In addition to the enormous losses from death due to preventable disease, when health laws are not in force, there is a tremendous annual expenditure necessitated by this growing number of those who are unable to bear their part in the world's work. "The insane, the feeble-minded, the consumptive and the pauper are a heavy burden upon the taxpayer."

DIRECTORS ATTEND MEETING

Shrewstown, Pa., Feb. 21.—School directors from this place, who attended the annual school directors association meeting of Cumberland county held in Carlisle, were W. E. Bitner, John F. Rupp, James O. Sensemann and S. S. Rupp.

CUT OUT BOOZE IS COLLINS PLAN

Star Second Baseman Pleads For Clean Body and Temperate Living

Special to the Telegraph Palmyra, N. J., Feb. 21.—"Eddie" Collins, star second baseman of the White Sox, and formerly a member of the Athletics' \$100,000 infield, made a home run hit with 500 persons who heard him break into the "gospel team" league yesterday afternoon, in his first venture as a platform speaker before a church audience. They applauded like world-series fans, when he handed "booze" some wallpats that would have done credit to "Billy" Sunday.

Collins told his audience that he did not come as an evangelist, nor was he contemplating a pulpit career, and that judging from the fine looking crowd in front of him they did not need a reform talk.

Talks on Mack's System

"Life is a whole lot like playing baseball under Connie Mack's orders. Mack is the greatest baseball general the world has ever known, and any man who has played on the old Athletics honors, respects and loves the boss. Connie has established an honor system in the Athletics that holds his men in the best physical trim throughout the season. He gives his players a set of rules at the beginning of the season, then he says: "Boys, give me the best you've got. You know enough to keep in condition, and you've got to be in condition to put it across."

More Tigers Let Loose; Go to Minor League Farms

Special to the Telegraph Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—President Frank J. Nevin, of the Detroit American League baseball club, announced the release of several recruits to minor league clubs. Sent down to the club were: pitcher, Catcher Yelle, purchased from the London, Ont., team, goes to Providence of the International League; Shortstop Ellison, from Clinton, Ia., has been sent to the Muscatine, Ia., club; Outfielder Nicholson, obtained from Dennison, Tex., will play with Chattanooga; Pitcher Bert Keim, 522; Inspector, Russel Eriman, 102; guard, Lloyd Hartman, 102; assistant secretary, Jesse Wells, 716; chaplain, Ira Hoover, 505; law committee, C. E. Bricker, 102; Marion King, 8; E. Fisher, 715; Reception committee, J. M. Schaffner, 716; Credential committee, Ed. H. Weigle, 102; John L. Porter, 424; J. A. McKachan, 522; Appeal committee, Frank Lindsey, 8; Russel Eriman, 102; Elmer G. Livingston, 522. Auditing committee, J. M. Bricker, 102; Ira Hoover, 505; Geo. Hohenschildt, 8.

Fix New Boxing Weights For New York Contests

Special to the Telegraph New York, Feb. 21.—Boxing rules and regulations announced yesterday by the New York State Athletic Commission provide for a new scale of weights. The commission also given to the question of a guarantee for boxers, the financial responsibility of a guarantor be shown, or the full amount of a match. The new weights adopted are: Paperweight, 108 pounds; bantamweight, 115; featherweight, 123; lightweight, 133; welterweight, 141; middleweight, 158; commission, 175, and heavy, all over 175 pounds.

Basketball Schedule For Harrisburg Tossers

TO-DAY Athletics vs. Senators; Cardinals vs. Giants; Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. Inter-Association league, association floor, evening. TUESDAY Harrisburg Telegraph vs. Elizabethtown at Elizabethtown. WEDNESDAY Steelton Y. M. H. A. vs. Harrisburg Y. M. H. A. on local floor, evening. Sophomores vs. Juniors, Harrisburg Technical High school inter-class league, afternoon, Tech gymnasium. FRIDAY Central High School Girls' vs. Chambersburg High School, at Chambersburg. Seniors vs. Sophomores, Technical High School inter-class league, afternoon. Danville High school vs. Technical High school, on Tech gymnasium floor, evening. Shippensburg vs. State Normal school vs. Steelton High school, at Steelton, evening. Carlisle High school vs. Waynesboro High school, at Waynesboro. York High school vs. Reading High school, at Reading. Central Pennsylvania Scholastic league game. SATURDAY Trenton Eastern League club vs. Harrisburg Independents, Chestnut street hall, evening. Harrisburg Academy vs. Franklin and Marshall Academy, at Lancaster. Central High school vs. Lancaster High school, at Lancaster, Central High school vs. Lebanon High school, at Lebanon, Central Pennsylvania Scholastic league. Harrisburg Pennys Yard Clerks vs. Burnam Y. M. C. A. at Burnam.

WILL PLAY ON TECH FLOOR

The Globe Right Posture basketball team will play the Hamilton Grammar School team Wednesday evening, February 23, on the Tech High floor at 8 o'clock. Tickets can be procured at The Globe free of charge.

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WELLY'S CORNER

Maurice Vignaux, French billiardist, died Thursday at Monte Carlo.

This famous cue artist was an invalid for 10 years. He played billiards daily up to within three days of his death. It was his only exercise, and he met all comers at home. He was a victim of stomach trouble. Vignaux played as far back as 1874 and won many championship honors.

Philadelphia is still fighting for the Army-Navy game.

A move has been started for the erection of a stadium for the University of Pennsylvania. Plans, it is said, have already been completed and committees will start activity this week in organizing to boost this project.

The annual live bird championship shoot will take place in Harrisburg to-morrow.

Shooters from all over Pennsylvania will come to this city to contest for honors. The shooting will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, and will continue throughout the day. The Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association members will be on hand to take care of the visitors.

In order to get into collegiate contests this year, students must be up in their studies.

Warnings have been given at all colleges and universities.

Schuylkill Seminary Five Is Winner Over Academy

Schuylkill Seminary five defeated the Harrisburg Academy quintet in a return game here Saturday afternoon; score, 33 to 31. The game was the most exciting that the local team has taken part in this season and was not decided until the referee's whistle blew in the second period.

In the first half Bruce, of the local team, started the scoring with a field goal, and from that on the game saw-sawed back and forth throughout the entire first half, closing with the Academy leading by a score of 16 to 14.

The second half started with the visitors drawing first blood and jumping into the lead.

Pauling, the captain of the visitors, was their star, getting five field and three foul goals. Frundt, the big center, ranged next with five field goals opposite his name.

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