

STATE PREPARING FOR BASEBALL--MELRATH NEW LIVE BIRD CHAMPION

MELRATH WINS LIVE BIRD SHOOT

Philadelphia Star Only Clean Score Man in Large Field; Fast Flyers

Pennsylvania's greatest livebird shoot was held in Harrisburg yesterday. All records were broken for entries, in the number of fast white flyers, and in scores. It was the twenty-ninth annual State championship event, inaugurated by the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association when the State Sportsmen's Association was organized.

The new State champion is E. B. Melrath, of Philadelphia, a young man who has been cleaning up honors in many events during the last six months. He shoots as a member of the Keystone Shooting League of Philadelphia, and yesterday killed 29 birds without a miss. He was the only clean score man in a field of 84 shooters, including former holders of State title.

Other Big Scores There were five shooters who finished second with a score of 19 each, including J. P. Ritz, of Milton, who lost his last bird. Three Philadelphia shooters were also unfortunate in having their birds drop out of bounds. M. B. Stewart of West Fairview was a second honor man. For third place 14 shooters with scores of 13, each divided into two and fourth raters numbered 19. They killed 17 birds each. The total scores and handicaps follow:

Table with columns: Name, Hdp., Tls. Lists names like Melrath, Henry, Wilson, etc. with scores.

Two Views of Mike Gibbon's Next Opponent



JEFF SMITH

Jeff Smith, who beat Les Darcy, the star Australian middleweight, who twice won from Eddie McGorry, one of the best men in the world, is to meet Mike Gibbons, perhaps the best man of his class, at St. Paul, March 17. Smith, through his Australian victories, lays claim to the middleweight championship of the world. However, little attention has been paid to this. Nevertheless, he is good enough to compel Gibbons to extend himself.

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Telegraph Tossers Outclass Elizabethtown All-Star Team

The Telegraph basketball team defeated the Elizabethtown team on the latter's floor last night, score 31 to 23. Elizabethtown led at half time 14-15, but were carried away in the closing minutes of play by the rapid-fire passing of the Telegraph tossers. The playing of Shirk, Smith and Withers for Elizabethtown was good. The shooting of Crane and Gebhard and the all-around work of Yoder was a feature. A big factor in the victory was the guarding of Edmunds and Storey in the second period, allowing but one goal from the field and getting the ball to their own forwards.

Table with columns: Name, Pld., G., Ft.G., Pts. Lists names like Shirk, Herr, Engle, etc. with stats.

Bits From Sportland

The Central Grammar School five of Steelton last night won from St. Matthew's tossers of Harrisburg, score 49 to 25. "Dave" Caldwell, of the Boston Athletic Club, yesterday made a new indoor record for 1,000-yard run; time, 2:16 2-5. Calvin S. Demarest, a former amateur billiard champion, died yesterday in Chicago. In the P. R. Y. M. C. A. basketball series the Athletics last night trimmed the Senators, score 41 to 34. Ford was the big star. The Stanley A. C. last night elected Frederick E. Ray president and C. C. Gastrock manager.

DICK HARLEY IS AT PENN-STATE

Must Rebuild Baseball Team; Four Regulars Remain; Needs Outfielders

Special to the Telegraph State College, Pa., Feb. 23.—With the arrival of Dick Harley, of Philadelphia, the former big leaguer and Penn-State's baseball tutor, active preparations have begun for the Spring campaign on the diamond. Harley started his preliminary work by calling out battery candidates for light exercise under McAllister Hall. Graduation and scholastic troubles have cut deeply into State's chances for a baseball team that can duplicate the brilliant record established last year. Only four regulars remain from the squad of ball tossers that brought eighteen victories out of twenty-two games to the Blue and White.

Must Rebuild Team Coach Harley faces the task of rebuilding the team around two pitchers, a first baseman, and a shortstop. To aid him fight his way through a long schedule of twenty-seven games, Harley has Captain Hesselbacher and Wardwell, pitchers, Robinson, first baseman, and Blythe, shortstop. Ex-Captain Vogt, catcher; Webber, third base; Liebert, pitcher, and Crawford, right field, were graduated. Josefson, the hard-hitting center fielder has left college, and Kominars, left field guardian, and Kaunas, the Mahanoy City boy who covered second base, have come under the faculty ban for failure in their studies at the recent midyear examinations. This situation leaves Harley without a single outfielder, and minus the services of a catcher, second and third basemen.

CENTRAL HIGH CLASS SERIES In the Central High girls' class basketball series, the Freshmen yesterday afternoon defeated the Sophomores, score 5 to 4. The game was played on Chestnut street floor. Miss Wharton and Miss Connors were Freshmen stars, and Miss Rohrbach led for the Sophomores.

Tech Resumes Hard Work; Lose to Rosewood Five

Following last night's game with the Rosewood A. C. aggregation, the Tech High basketball team renewed practice this afternoon in the school gymnasium in preparation for the game Friday night on the home floor with Danville High School. Two weeks ago Tech lost out to Danville at that place, 43 to 33, and the Maroons will try to even matters in this second contest. Coach McCannell is working out some new plays to be used in the game against Central next Tuesday night at the auditorium. In connection with the Danville game, Manager Fitzpatrick will match several fast mat men. Rosewood A. C. last night defeated Tech tossers, score 30 to 26. The former high school stars played fast and were strong on defensive work. Tech was off in passing. Kent, Tuttle and Devine were Rosewood stars, and Harris and Beck led for Tech.

TYRONE HERE FRIDAY

The Tyrone High basketball five, scheduled for a game with Central High Friday night, this afternoon played Altoona for the Blair county championship. Altoona is winning, but Tyrone is a strong contender. The game with Central is an important contest.

Basketball Schedule For Harrisburg Tossers

Table with columns: TO-DAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. Lists games like Steelton Y. M. H. A. vs. Harrisburg, etc. with times.

WEST END CLUB AFTER PLAYERS

Sign New Battery; Long Schedule Starts at Mercersburg



STAR LOCAL BATTERY Signed by Manager Frank Heiney for West End A. C.

The West End baseball team will again seek local championship honors. An early start this year, it is believed, will prove an advantage. As soon as weather permits work will start on putting the field in shape for practice. A large squad will be next month. A strong battery has been signed by Frank Heiney, the manager, Paul Knight, catcher, and John Winter, pitcher. Last season Winter pitched 32 games and won 25. Other pitchers are McClosky and Eisenberger. Paul Knight the catcher batted last year at .267. During the season but 19 bases were stolen off this star backstop. The schedule this year is a hard one and will open March 25 with Mercersburg Academy at that place.

WELLY'S CORNER

Harrisburg is still on the map as a great shooting center. The twenty-ninth annual State championship event, held at Second and Division streets yesterday, was the most successful, not only in the history of the local sportsmen's association, but in the history of livebird shoots in Pennsylvania. It was an inaugural event for John G. Martin the new president of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association. He was on the field early and late, and was a big factor in making the event a success.

E. B. Melrath who won the Harrisburg trophy yesterday is known all over Pennsylvania and in many other States. What the members of the local association desired mostly yesterday, was a new trophy. The present trophy has been advertising Harrisburg for 29 years, and in the opinion of local shooters should be replaced by a more modern cup.

A stiff practice was given to the Harrisburg Academy basketball squad yesterday afternoon as a starter for the last week of practice in the present season. Coach Tatem ran his men through all their plays, and was well satisfied with their work, when he sent them to the showers. He is anxious for a garrison finish for the local tossers.

There was big money in yesterday's shoot for one man. He was the winner. Melrath's share of the cash prize was \$260.60. Five second string men each received \$39.50; third money was \$10.05 for each of the 13 shooters; and \$3.05 went to each of the 19 shooters who killed 17 birds.

Indications are that Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet in New York March 25. That is the date fixed. Willard is improving in health, and expects to start to-day for New York to train. In the meantime Moran is busy getting into shape.

Harrisburg fight fans are manifesting unusual interest in the boxing show billed for this city Friday night. It is a long time since there was a ring exhibit in Harrisburg. The bill includes a number of fast boys who have been making good in Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities.

Last Night's Bowling Scores

Table with columns: Casino League, Mt. Pleasant, Miscellaneous. Lists names and scores.

Cleveland Club Will Not Have Opposition This Year

Special to the Telegraph Chicago, Feb. 23.—The new owners of the Cleveland American League team are satisfied that they will have no opposition this year in the American Association, according to J. C. Dunn, of Chicago, who is to be president of the club.

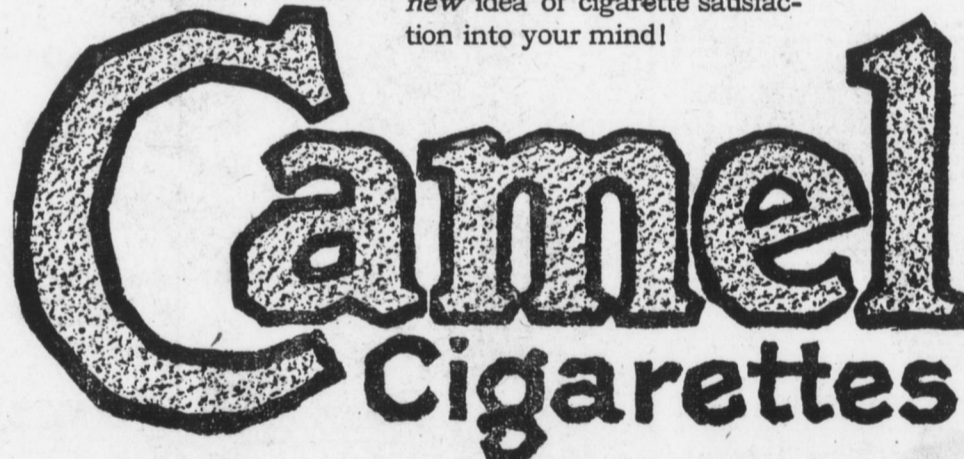
"We think Cleveland is a great ball town, and without competition, ought to be a winner financially," said Dunn to-day. "I do not know whether the American Association is to be transferred to Toledo or not, but I made certain that it would not be in Cleveland." He said they had already taken steps to strengthen the team. It was learned that Thomas Walsh, of Davenport, Ia., was one of the purchasers of the Cleveland club.

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Divorce Denied Young Wife on Old Age Grounds. Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—Adversity and old age are not sufficient grounds for a divorce, in the opinion of Judge Graham, who denied the petition of Mrs. Jessie E. Loring to be granted a decree from Frederick H. Loring.