BASEBALL WAR IS ON WITH AL LAWSON---DENERI TO PLAY LOCAL INDEPENDENTS

DE NERI TOSSERS COME SATURDAY

Quakers Were Big Factors in This Season's Eastern League Race

"Doc" Newman will bring the De Neri basketball team to Harrisburg Saturday night of this week in an effort to again defeat the local tossers. De Neri defeated the Independents by two points in a fast midweek game in February.

It was impossible to schedule De Neri for a Saturday during the Eastern League season, as they played league games in Philadelphia.

De Neri finished one game behind Camden in the league race, the Skeeters finishing third. De Neri played splendid ball toward the end of the season, and if they had had a good start, would have finished higher up in the race. As it was, they made much trouble for the leaders, and had a hand in deciding the fate of of the pennant.

In addition to Saturday's game, the locals play but one more game, that with Camden April 1. They will have their regular line-up for these final games, and every effort will be made to finish the season with two victories.

Former Tech Star Lebanon Valley Captain

Special to the Telegraph

Annville, Pa., March 23. — At a meeting of the letter men of Lebanon Valley's basketball team held yesterday afternoon, Charles Loomis, prominent as an athlete in Harrisburg Tech and a former captain of a basketball team in that school, was elected to head the Blue and White five for the 1917 season. Loomis is regarded as one of the strongest guards in collegiate circles and his floor work is a feature on the Lebanon Valley team. He is also a power in his line plunging on the football team of which he was a member for the past two seasons. The athletic association awarded the following players the varsity letter "L": Captain Swartz, Captain-elect Loomis, Keating, Hollinger, Atticks, Walters and Shetter.

East End A. C. Back in Game; Ready For All Big Teams

East End A. C. has organized for the coming season. R. W. Sprenkle was re-elected manager, having signed all of last year's successful team, city champions, with several new players and will be strong contenders for the amateur honors. Manager Sprenkle would like to arrange games with strong teams of the city and vicinity, and is anxious to hear from teams of the Dauphin-Perry League, also Hummelstown, Hershey, Palmyra, New Cumberland, Highspire, Keener A. C., West End A. C., and Susquehanna A. C. Address all communication to R. W. Sprenkle, 1626 Catherine street, Harrisburg.

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ANNVILLE HIGH CHAMPIONS

Annville, Pa., March 23.—By defeating all the basketball teams in this part of the country, Annville high school's basketball five claims the second class high school championship in this section. The Annville team has played seventeen games and won thirteen of the contests.

Of the 573 points scored in games, the Annville players have 313 points in their favor to 260 points caged by adversaries.

Names of the players in above picture, reading from left to right: Standing, McClure, Stahley, Light and Peiffer, coach; sitting, Herr, Berry, captain; Gantz.

WELLY'S CORNER

Classy baseball is promised when the Buffalo Internationals come to Harrisburg next month for Spring training. Major league clubs now in the South are writing for dates since they learned that inducements will be offered for them to stop off in Harrisburg. Indications are that the Giants, Phillies, Athletics and one of the Chicago teams will visit Harrisburg before the regular season opens.

Promoters of the Pennsylvania State League are working hard to complete the circuit and be ready to start business on March 28. It is understood that organized baseball will give the new league a big boost and already offers have been made to farm out players. The one big difficulty is in getting suitable grounds. When the minor leagues blew up in the East two years ago the property was taken up for real estate. In many cities desirable fields are scarce.

On what Central High does to-morrow in the game with Steelton will depend the Central Pennsylvania interscholastic championship. The local tossers believe the battle will be one of the hardest of the season. Coach Gaffney has been training his squad in special work for the crucial game. A victory is as important to Steelton as it will be to Central. The local boys are after the leadership; and the Gaffney crowd wants to keep out of the cellar.

With the annual relay carnival at the University of Pennsylvania only one month off, local track teams are putting in strenuous times at indoor practice. With a little more favorable weather the young athletes will be able to take up outdoor work.

Frank Filling, a former Harrisburg fight promoter and businessman, was in the city yesterday. He is planning to give this city something real in a boxing show and will line up a bunch of title holders and promising fighters for a fight carnival in May. He has been traveling through the South with a number of young boxers.

Both Willard and Moran declared yesterday that they are in the best condition possible for the big battle Saturday night. Willard said: "I have been in condition for a month, and was never in better form." Moran is of the opinion that he cannot lose and adds: "I am in good shape for the struggle."

The Intercollegiate basketball tie will be played off next week. Both Penn and Princeton are already working hard for this final battle. A comparison of the season's records shows the Tigers strong on offensive floor work. This means that Penn will have to do some extraordinary work in foul shooting.

This important basketball contest will be played at University of Pennsylvania, Wednesday night, March 29. This decision was reached yesterday in New York by the toss of a coin. Penn will be without the services of Billy Williamson, the star forward, who is on the sick list.

Tech High's Final Game Is With Sunbury Tossers

Coach McConnell's Tech high school basketball team will play its final home game of the season to-morrow night in the school gymnasium when the Maroon will meet Sunbury high five. Three weeks ago the local team lost at Sunbury by three points, and in order to even matters, and shake off the hoodoo that has hung at the heels of the five, Coach McConnell will place his strongest line-up against the visitors. Alfred Osman, assistant manager of the wrestling team, will arrange a bill of wrestling for between the halves. The line-up of the two teams will be as follows:

Tech.	Sunbury.
Killinger, f.	Stillwagner, f.
Harris, f.	Martz, f.
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Beck, g.	Wetzell, g.
Yoffee, g.	Faust, g.

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FIGHTERS READY FOR BIG BATTLE

Willard and Moran on Edge; Both Confident of Victory

By Associated Press

New York, March 23. — At both camps to-day the trainers of Jess Willard and Frank Moran announced that the heavyweight pugilists were "on edge and ready." All the heavy workouts have become a memory and light boxing only will be permitted to-day. To-morrow the champion and challenger will rest.

Confidence is the keynote of the Moran camp regardless of the fact that Willard is an overwhelming favorite both among the pugilistic experts and the average followers of boxing.

The champion's size and physical prowess elicit nothing more than a smile from the man who is to try and wrest his title away on Saturday night.

In fact, Moran's confidence in his ability, not only to outbox Willard, but to knock out the gigantic Kansan, is little short of an obsession. Moran contends that he is fully as clever at boxing as Willard; can hit equally as hard, and is able to stand a greater amount of punishment than his prospective opponent.

Confidence is one of the greatest assets that a fighter can take into the ring with him and in this case Moran appears to be brimming over with it. Whether it will carry him to victory is a mooted question, but there can be no doubt that it will make the bout far more interesting, from the spectators' standpoint, than the average heavyweight contest. Under the sting of punishment, Willard will probably respond with telling blows when his ponderous fighting machine gets into action. It is not stretching the imagination to believe that the contest will pass beyond the stage of scientific boxing exhibitions.

Bits From Sportland

The Greystock five of the Eastern League was officially awarded the basketball championship last night. In the future the league will control all exhibition games.

The Shreveport, La., team defeated the Cincinnati Reds yesterday, score 7 to 2.

The Lebanon Independents have leased the Fair Grounds for all baseball games. No action has been taken regarding league games.

The Maclay street Grammar School Girls defeated the Steelton Central Grammar Girls, last night, score 18 to 9.

The Curtin Heights baseball team will be in the field with Clifford Wingard as manager. Headquarters will be at 2239 Jefferson street.

Hummel A. C. will have a representative nine with George Wilson, 1235 Kittatinny streets as manager.

The Dauphin-Perry League will meet in Harrisburg March 28, for the purpose of considering plans for next season.

Philadelphia won again yesterday from the Chicago Cubs, score 4 to 3.

Detroit Tigers won from Fort Worth, Texas, team yesterday, score 6 to 3.

The Hassett tossers will play the Rosewood A. C. to-night on Cathedral Hall floor.

The Globe Right Posture basketball team was a victor last night over the Maclay Grammar School, score 27 to 13.

The Alpha A. V. defeated the Invincibles, score 26 to 12. Patton of the winning team was the scoring star.

Tris Speaker has decided to join the champion Red Sox. Will talk salary later.

BASEBALL HIS PRESENT WORRY; WILL TAKE UP MEXICO LATER

Fifth United States Cavalryman Buys Telegraph to Read Baseball News; May Not Get Another Chance Soon

"How many Americans were killed in Mexico yesterday?" shouted a member of Troop C, Fifth United States Cavalry, to a comrade. The latter had purchased a newspaper and was reading it while the first section of the troop trains was being inspected at the Pennsylvania Railroad station.

"What the —— do I care what is going on in Mexico!" was the answer that came back. "I am reading baseball news. It will be time enough to bother about Mexican troubles when I get there," he continued. Turning to another comrade near by, he said:

"That fellow is no real sport. He wants to know every day what is going on in Mexico. My trouble is trying to make up my mind whether the Giants or Phillies will win the pennant this year. Baseball is what interests me just now. It will be a long time after I get into Mexico before I will have a chance to hear about baseball, and I am going to fill up now."

BASEBALL WAR IS NOW SURE THING

Lawson Fails to Reach Agreement With State League Promotors

Special to the Telegraph

Reading, Pa., March 23.—Although it was announced on the streets here yesterday afternoon that Al. W. Lawson, of the Atlantic League, and Abraham Rosenbluth and Leo C. Groom, who are promoting the Pennsylvania State League, were to consolidate, the true facts are that neither faction would give in at a conference held last night and both leagues will continue to complete arrangements for the coming season.

The Pennsylvania League team will play at the Circus Maxims, this city, while the Lawson clan will hold forth at the Lauer's Park grounds, five minutes' walk from the business center of Reading.

M. Neagle Rawlins, of Philadelphia, president of the Atlantic League, met with Lawson, and Reading, Pottsville, Allentown, Wilmington, Easton and Paterson were given as its circuit, with a league meeting scheduled for the Hotel Walton for Wednesday evening, March 29.

Atlantic Starts April 10

The Atlantic League season is to open Wednesday, April 10, while Al. W. Lawson has ordered his players to report here Tuesday, April 25, the practice season to open Saturday, April 29, with the Paterson team in an exhibition game.

The Pennsylvania State League, of which Abraham Rosenbluth, a New York attorney, will probably be elected president at its meeting scheduled for the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, on next Tuesday, will have Reading, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Allentown, Lebanon, Pottsville, with Jersey City and Elizabethport, the latter two Jersey towns, as its circuit.

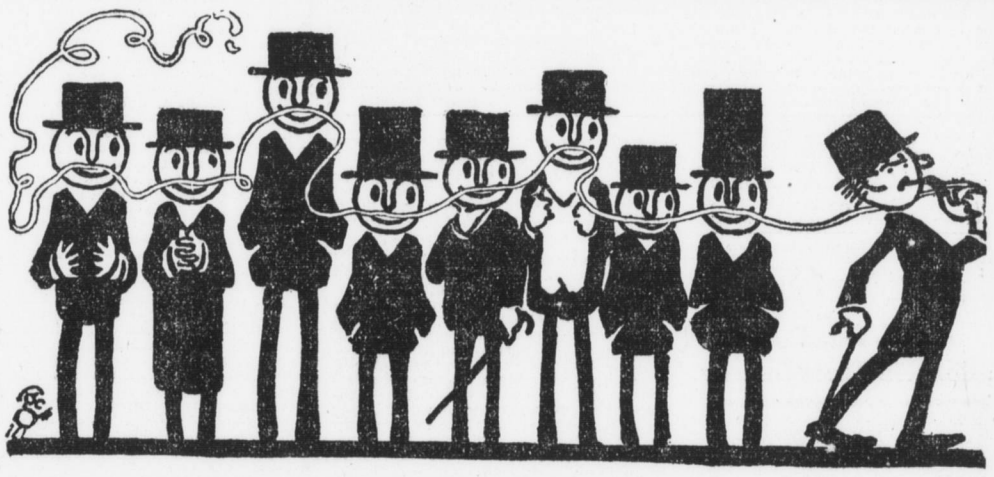
Organized baseball is reported back of the Pennsylvania State League, and its promoters have money, as is being shown, for all the leases on the ball grounds in the various cities have been paid for in cash. Rosenbluth claims Lawson's league will never materialize. "Only to-day he ran after us with a proposition to vacate Reading, but there was nothing doing." From the outlook it means a baseball war on the old outlaw plan for Eastern Pennsylvania this season.

Reserves May Play Off Tie on Auditorium Floor

Prospects for the championship game between the Reserve basketball teams of Central and Tech are becoming more encouraging daily, and chances are that the two teams will clash next Tuesday night at the auditorium.

In the two former games each team won one contest, and a third game would decide the second team honors of the city.

Alfred Osman, assistant manager of the Tech wrestling team, has consented to meet Carl Beck, the grammar school champion, in the best out of three falls. The preliminary game will be arrangel between two grammar school quintets.



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