

BIG FELLOWS WAIT FOR BELL TO START TONIGHT'S BATTLE---CENTRAL WINS

CENTRAL DOWNS STEELTON TEAM

Local Quintet Is Now Tie With Reading in League Series

Winning from Steelton high tappers last night, Central high tied up with Reading in the Central Pennsylvania League race, played the best game of the season and hung up two new records. The score was Central, 70; Steelton, 24.

The total points scored by the local five was the largest made by any team in a league game this season. Thomas established a new individual record by making 35 points. Steelton put up a game fight but was outclassed by Central.

Three games will be played with Reading high five to determine the championship. The first game takes place at Reading next Wednesday. On April 4 the second game will be played in Harrisburg; and the third contest if necessary will be played on a neutral floor. Summary of last night's battle follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Position, Points, Rebounds. Rows include Thomas, forward; Wallower, forward; Houtz, center; Rote, guard; Hilton, guard; Kapp, guard.

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Fouls called on Central, 28; on Steelton 22. Referee, Giesel. Scorer, Burris. Timer, Burris.

Athletes Elect Officers; Tigers Sign Up Players

Three athletic associations met last night and elected officers as follows: Duncannon — President, S. E. McMasters; vice-president, B. S. Duncan; secretary, R. E. Wolbert; treasurer, R. E. Jones; board of directors, George Wahl, B. S. Duncan, W. G. Kline, Clarence White, W. Stewart Duncan.

East End Tigers — Manager, Raymond Kohr; captain, Paul Geiger, and assistant captain, Wilbur Arnold. The following players will report for practice April 1: B. Hoover, T. Strayer, P. Geiger, G. Clark, W. Fortney, W. Arnold, R. Bowers, P. Kohr, E. Bender, R. Foland, E. Kintzer, E. Snyder and R. Plank.

Bits From Sportland

Carlisle high school five defeated Camp Hill tappers last night, score 25 to 18. It was the final game at Camp Hill. The bowling match scheduled for tonight between the Pennsylvania railroad station bowlers and the Men's club five of Paoli has been cancelled. Wet grounds and bad weather prevents the opening of the baseball season to-day at Mercersburg. West End A. C. was to play the first game. The Cleveland Americans defeated New Orleans yesterday, score 4 to 2. Boston Nationals yesterday at Jacksonville, Fla., defeated the Athletics, score 7 to 0. In the Girls' interclass basketball series at Central high, the Freshmen quintet yesterday defeated the Juniors, score 4 to 2, tying up the lead in the race. The Seniors defeated the Sophomores, score 26 to 6.

Last Night's Bowling Scores

Table with 2 columns: Name, Score. Rows include Lancans, Puritans, Haines, Haines, Academy (Duckpin), Factors, Bakers, Ebersole (Bakers), Blank (Factors), P. R. Y. M. C. A., Keystone, Greys, Smith (Keystone), Lightner (Greys), Miscellaneous, At Elks, Houseteam, Weber (Houseteam), Coney (Houseteam), New Cumberland, Parthomere, Dull's, Updegraff (Parthomere), Updegraff (Parthomere), Boyd Memorial, Mrs. H. B. McCormick's Class, A. Patterson's Class, Myers (McCormick), Leisman (McCormick).

L. B. WORDEN HIGH SCORE

Special to the Telegraph Hagerstown, Md., March 25.—L. B. Worden, of Harrisburg, made a score of 86 out of 100 and was one of the high men at the winter shooting tournament held here yesterday by the Hagerstown Rod and Gun Club. A. Sommers, of Delta, Pa., was second professional, making a score of 91. J. Mowell Hawkins, of Baltimore, was high man in the professional class, making 100 points straight and breaking the ten events without a miss. The tournament was attended by a number of sportsmen from Pennsylvania and this section.

Champion Confident; Says He Will Win Out

I have not figured out any particular line of battle, for I have never seen Moran in action and cannot tell just what he will do. It may take me several rounds to size him up, but once I know what he has got, I shall be in a position to go ahead and box for his weakest point. I haven't the slightest idea whether it will be a fast or slow bout. Much depends upon what Moran does. If he meets me half way, the bout will be fast and full of action from start to finish. If he will stand up and box blow for blow, I will win decisively.—Jess Willard.

HEAVYWEIGHT FIGHTERS WHO BATTLE TONIGHT IN NEW YORK FOR RECORD PURSE



WILLARD CHARLEY WHITE, REFEREE. MORAN

Jess Willard, champion of the world, who is 6 feet 7 inches tall, will meet Frank Moran, who is 6 feet one inch, at Madison Square Garden to-night, for \$47,500 for his thirty minutes of actual fighting, and Moran half that sum, if the official statements are to be believed. The above is a picture of the men as they will appear when in action.

WILLARD AND MORAN READY FOR TEN-ROUND BATTLE TONIGHT; FAVOR CHAMPION IN BETTING

By Associated Press New York, March 25.—With the wagering close to three to one in his favor, Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, will meet Frank Moran in a ten-round no-decision bout here to-night for the largest purse ever offered for a contest of this scheduled duration. The two pugilists will receive \$71,250, posted by Tex Rickard, the promoter of the match. Of this sum, the title holder will draw down \$47,500 and his opponent \$23,750. Notwithstanding the size of the purse, Rickard will clear a handsome profit on the venture since every seat in Madison Square Garden has been sold and the receipts are estimated at more than \$140,000.

Although Willard is a topheavy favorite, stand between the two in the bout is intense, and the greatest gathering of fight fans that ever thronged into and about the Garden is expected at that historic show hall this evening when the principals enter the ring. Few large bets have been placed on the contest owing to the difference in the odds and acknowledged physical advantages possessed by Willard over Moran. Hundreds of small wagers on the result and on various angles of the fight have been made between friends both in this city and among the large delegations of spectators from other cities of the East, South and Middlewest.

Moran and his camp followers assert that the Pittsburgh heavyweight will win from Willard in decisive fashion on points if not by a knockout, but the great majority of the boxing enthusiasts cannot be convinced that the Kansas cowboy will fall a victim to Moran's rush and blows. It is notwithstanding that the contest is billed as a ten-round no-decision bout, Moran would become the heavyweight title holder should he knock out Willard or in case the latter was to foul Moran during the struggle. White is also empowered to stop the fight in case either one of the men is incapacitated for any reason and unable to continue. Such a decision would automatically make the other principal a winner and technically the holder of the title.

De Neri Tossers Here For Game With Independents

"Doc" Newman, manager of the De Neri Eastern League team, has assured the local management that he will have a very strong team with him to-night. The locals have practiced hard for the game. The probable line-up of the teams follows: Harrisburg, De Neri; Reading, Rote; York, Dark; Pottsville, Koenan; Gettysburg, Kinkaid; Lancaster, Ford; York, Newman; York, McConnell, g.

Will Land Title Says Frank Moran

I have no misgivings as to the outcome of my bout with Willard. I am positive that I will win decisively and carry the world's heavyweight title out of the ring with me. At no previous stage of my life have I been in such fine physical condition, nor have I felt more confident of defeating an opponent. Willard is a bigger man than I am, physically, but in no other way has he any advantage. I feel that I possess all the qualities that are necessary to win a boxing championship. Wait and see.—Frank Moran.

cause of his recent bouts, responded quickly to the conditioning routine. Willard, however, once he settled down to hard work dropped weight and increased his speed rapidly and while it is doubtful if he is in the same magnificent shape that he was when he met Johnson at Havana, he should be able to box the full ten rounds at top speed if necessary. Whatever the outcome of the battle the two heavyweights will be well repaid for their training in the ring. If the contest goes the full distance the principals will receive \$71,250 per round or at the rate of \$2,375 per minute. Of this sum Willard's share will be \$1,583.33 and Moran's \$791.66 per minute. The purse of \$71,250 is the largest ever offered for a ring battle of any distance with the exception of the \$121,000 given to Johnson and Jeffries by Rickard in their fight at Reno, Nev., in 1910. The purse is larger than the gate receipts taken in at any fight ever held in New York State under the Horton law or the present Frawley regulations. But two fights, the Johnson-Jeffries and Johnson-Burns battle in Australia brought receipts in excess of \$71,250. The difficult task of refereeing the bout has been placed in the hands of the veteran, Charley White, an experienced boxing arbiter, and he has stated that he will insist upon the principals boxing in strict accordance with the rules. Because of his past experience as third man in the ring at a number of championship battles on points he will be able to decide upon all technical points which may arise. Considerable responsibility will rest upon his shoulders as Willard might lose his title in several ways, notwithstanding that the contest is billed as a ten-round no-decision bout. Moran would become the heavyweight title holder should he knock out Willard or in case the latter was to foul Moran during the struggle. White is also empowered to stop the fight in case either one of the men is incapacitated for any reason and unable to continue. Such a decision would automatically make the other principal a winner and technically the holder of the title.

Equal in Ability

In boxing ability the two pugilists are conceded to be about equal but beyond that point Willard has a marked advantage over Moran in almost every department of glove fighting as well as in physical make-up. He will outweigh Moran by close to fifty pounds, stand between five and six inches above the Pittsburgh slugger and have a longer reach of more than six inches, than Moran. Both are extremely powerful hitters in proportion to their size but here again Willard's greater physique and strength give him a wide margin over Moran. The latter is the more aggressive boxer of the two, but the champion's towering height and ability to block with his long arms mitigate against the chances of the smaller pugilist landing a knockout blow to the head. The task of reaching Willard's body is not so difficult but in all his bouts to date the Kansas man has shown ability to take very hard blows in his midsection without slowing up. From a defensive standpoint Willard is considered to be one of the best equipped boxers of his division in many years.

His Best Blows

He is equally formidable offensive when aroused, but, as a rule, lacks the aggressiveness necessary to win from an opponent of Moran's caliber in ten rounds or less. His best blows are a short left jab and a righthand uppercut. These blows he uses almost continually and owing to his long reach and great strength the punches carry terrific power when Willard puts full force into them. Under pressure he can and does fight with other blows and carries a knockout in either hand when mixing savagely. In his awkward and ponderous style Willard is almost as fast on his feet as Moran although he seldom uses footwork to avoid an opponent. At close quarters he should be able to hold Moran safely, although the latter will be dangerous to touch if he is not given enough to uncover his ability and power as an in-fighter. Both pugilists virtually completed their training on Thursday and each claims to be in perfect condition for the battle. Moran has been on edge for the bout for close to two weeks and his trainers have had more difficulty in holding him to physical form than Willard's handlers. The championship was slow to round into condition since he had been out of the ring for almost a year while Moran, be-

RECORDS MADE BY GIANT HEAVYWEIGHTS; WILLARD AND MORAN IN 30 BATTLES EACH

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REACH GUIDE APPEARS

The 1916 Reach American League Guide—the official handbook of the great major league presided over by famous Ban Johnson—has just made its ever-welcome appearance, thus ushering in one more baseball season, a function which it has fulfilled each Spring for thirty-four consecutive years. This long continuation of publication alone has served to make the Reach Guide the standard annual publication of the baseball world, without considering the merits of the contents of the book, which is edited by Francis C. Richter, the veteran baseball writer and authority.

WELLY'S CORNER

One of the most successful character basketball seasons in Harrisburg, ended officially last night. There will be post season games including the championship series between Central and Reading. Financially, the season was a record breaker.

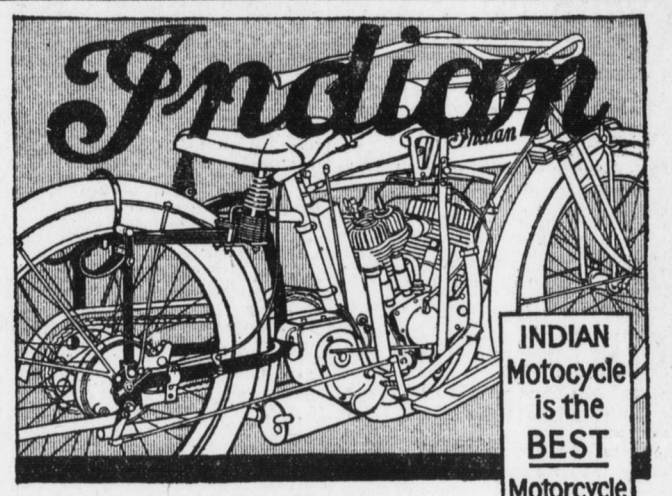
Lancaster at noon to-day. To-night the local five will play Lancaster high on Franklin-Marshall floor. If Tech wins the local tossers will get out of the cellar position in the Central Pennsylvania League. Tech plays at Steelton next Friday night.

The Hasset Girls will play the Indiana Normal school co-eds, to-night on Cathedral hall floor. Arrangements have been made to have all parochial school children under 12 years attend the game as guests of the Hasset club. The Indiana girls hold the championship of Western Pennsylvania. The Hasset girls are eastern champions. The victors will be State champions.

An interesting live-bird shoot was on the schedule to-day at Sixth and Division streets. Under the direction of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association, two teams contested for the State team championship. Harrisburg was represented by John G. Martin, president of the local association, and G. Wellington Hepler, Philadelphia shooters were E. L. Melrath, State champion, and "Izzy" Hoffman.

Manager George Cockill has not signed up with the new State league. He was expected in Harrisburg to-day to talk over terms. He is wanted in the New York State League. In the event that Cockill will not come here, Lew Ritter may be the choice. Jimmy Sheekard will take charge at Reading.

Members of the Technical high school varsity baseball team went to



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Lancaster Lad to Meet Jack Reck, Marine Champion; Fast Preliminaries

Harrisburg fight fans will be given a boxing treat in the next show to be held at the Orpheum Theater, Wednesday night, March 29. The windup will be between Leo Houck, of Lancaster, and Jack Reck of the United States Marine Corps. Houck has met them all, and local fans know his ability. Reck is a big favorite in Philadelphia. Recently he fought a draw with Jackie Clark of

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