

CENTRAL HIGH TAKES UP BASKETBALL WITH PROSPECTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

MINOR LEAGUES SEEK SUPPORT

Name Committee to Discuss Plans For Improving Lower Class Baseball

Boston, Dec. 5.—The committee which will present the minor leagues of the country in requesting the National and American Leagues for support in the establishment of a new baseball commission was named yesterday by Timothy H. Murnane, vice-president of the National Association of Professional Leagues, as follows: J. Cal Ewing, of San Francisco; Thomas Chivington, president of the American Association, and Edward Barrow, president of the International League.

Meet Nationals First
They will meet the National League club owners at their annual meeting in New York and then go to Chicago for a conference with the American League representatives.

The commission which they will propose was indorsed at the recent convention at New Orleans. It would be composed of two members from the major leagues, two from the minor leagues and a chairman chosen by them, and would act as a further court of appeal in cases affecting the minor leagues. The two minor league presidents also, it is understood, will present requests that the International League and American Association be exempt from draft by major league clubs.

A PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS GIFT
The December Woman's Home Companion has an interesting Christmas anecdote. The writer says:
"Last year, just before Christmas, one of my sisters said to me, 'I want to give Mother some silk for a waist this year, but I don't know whether she would rather have black or lavender, and it spoils all the fun, asking.' 'I know it,' I replied. 'I had decided on a school umbrella for Mary and I don't know whether the child prefers a straight handle or one with a crook.'"
"As you see, we were a family who gave one another practical presents. She and I talked it over and we hit upon the cleverest plan. Instead of having our gifts before breakfast in the library as usual on Christmas morning, we had a little tree about two feet high on the table, hung and piled about with tiny packages. Mother's waist was made from a fashion magazine and, with three one-dollar bills, wrapped in a small jewelry box. Mary's umbrella was made from a toothpick and a dollar bill. Father gave me a tiny doll's muff in a pill box with a ten-dollar bill inside, and he gave Mother a bright-colored rug cut from a magazine, just the size of a ten-dollar bill, which was pasted lightly to the back. The whole thing was rolled on a stick. It was so much fun, and when the holiday rush was over we did our Christmas shopping, and none of the surprise had been taken away by asking every one what she would rather have."

FRENCH GET BASEBALL IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE

Baseball has been translated into the French in order to remove one of the obstacles to further popularity of the game among French speaking people. The faculty of Assumption College at Worcester, Mass., has drawn up a manual of play in that language. It presents baseball in terms scarcely recognizable to most of the followers of the nation's pastime. The pitcher is a "lanceur," the catcher a "receveur." At shortstop, a player under the Assumptionist faculty's designation, would be a "bloquer." Other places in the line-up are indicated in the manual in this manner: First base, "premier but"; second base, "secondienne but"; third base, "troisienne but"; right field, "volteiger a droite"; center field, "volteiger au centre"; left field, "volteiger a gauche." The coach is termed "agasseur."

In announcing the result of its work, the faculty of Assumption College stated that while the game was already popular among the students of the French speaking colleges in this country and Canada, it fell short of the interest and support of faculties of those institutions to which it was entitled, largely because of difficulties of the teachers in becoming familiar with the terms of the game. It was to bring the language of baseball within reach of strange ears that the manual was devised, the announcement said.

Those who drew up the manual were assisted by a member of the faculty who had seen baseball played behind the battle lines in France, and so made observation of the phrases used by French soldiers to describe players and position in the game.

ONEROUS DUTIES PART OF SOLDIER'S LIFE



A glance at three of the city's troopers along the Mexican border will remind prospective soldiers that army life isn't exactly roses. It doesn't excuse you from such commonplace duties as the washing of that one extra shirt. It reminds you that you will never get away from the onerous duties of existence, though you go two thousand miles across the continent.

From left to right, Private George J. Selway; Sergeant Robert B. Lambert; Private L. E. Walden. All are members of Company D, Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry. Sergeant Lambert is still making good on his reputation as champion hiker. On two recent hikes of the Eighth across the Texas sands Lambert finished first and in the best condition.

APPLETON WINS PENNSY SHOOT

Receives Rifle For Good Skirmish Score; Sport Increases in Popularity



Under the direction of Ernest L. Watson, superintendent of signals of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, rifle shooting is becoming a popular sport. Almost daily, shooters are on the range at Conewago. Special matches will be held every Saturday as long as weather permits.

On Saturday a special match was held. The prize was a Springfield rifle presented to the club by J. Warren Young, of New York. Members not owning a rifle were eligible. H. H. Appleton was the winner with a score of 143 out of 200. He was tied by H. S. Flowers, but was given the prize because of his score of 73 in the skirmish.

National Regulations

The shoot was held under National Rifle Association regulations governing sharpshooting contests. Five shots were fired at 200, 300 and 500 yards, slow fire, followed by a skirmish run at 500 yards. The targets were exposed five seconds for each string of five shots and withdrawn one and a half minutes for each advance.

A heavy wind in the morning upset calculations. The scores follow:

Name	Fire	Skirmish	Total
Appleton	73	70	143
Flowers	96	68	164
Williams	85	75	160
Shannon	81	77	158
Felger	75	81	156
Greiner	76	79	155
Dibler	85	67	152
Kepinger	81	69	150
Wickenheiser	75	75	150
Espenshade	74	76	150
Soullard	75	75	150
Hobart	76	74	150
Baumann	76	74	150
Baldwin	78	72	150
King	71	79	150
Poulton	63	86	149
Mcbring	68	81	149
Smith	68	81	149
Rudy	68	81	149
Curtis	55	94	149
Ross	67	82	149
Wittle	58	91	149
Shultz	67	82	149
Geib	66	83	149
Gornley	32	117	149
Dellinger	31	118	149

Bowlers Keep Busy Lively Duckpin Games

League	Score
Casino Tenpin League	
Calumets	2669
Alphas	2652
Electric (C)	236
Barnes (C)	636
Casino Duckpin	
Majestics	1358
Pennsylv	128
Haines (M)	117
Haines (M)	324
Academy League (Duckpin)	
Bitters	1588
Factors	1524
Peffer (E)	147
Kinley (E)	372
Allison Hill League (Hess Alleys)	
Cubs	2254
Leopards	2127
Richwine (C)	186
Richwine (C)	491
New Cumberland (Flicks Alleys)	
New Cumberland	1490
Lemoyne	1476
Washington (L)	137
Myers (N.C.)	375

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Casino Tenpin			
Calumets	16	11	.593
Jolly Five	13	11	.542
Electric (C)	13	11	.542
Alphas	12	12	.500
Rovers	9	12	.429
Orpheus	9	15	.375
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Casino Duckpin			
Majestics	7	2	.777
Strollers	4	4	.500
Pennsylv	6	6	.500
Audions	33	3	.909
Nobles	4	5	.444
Readings	2	7	.222
Academy			
Officers	20	10	.667
Barbers	18	12	.600
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CENTRAL HIGH TOSSERS BUSY

To Call Candidates Monday; Hard Schedule Starts January 12

Now that the football season is over, Central high school is making preparations for the cage game. Last year Central's quintet won the championship of Central Pennsylvania, and was considered the best scholastic team in the State. Those in charge of basketball at Central this year are determined to at least repeat last year's performance. Candidates will be called for soon, probably next Monday, as was announced by Athletic Director Prof. Bertram W. Saul yesterday.

The manager has not been selected for this year's Blue and Gray quintet, nor has the captain. Prof. Saul prepared a revised schedule which includes all the games to be played, not only those in the scholastic league, which was printed previously. The complete schedule for Central high's tossers is as follows:

Complete Schedule
January 12, Harrisburg Academy, at home; 19, at Williamsport; 20, afternoon, Williamsport Seminary at Williamsport, in the evening, Milton high, at Milton; 26, at York. February 2, Lebanon high, at home; 9, York high school, at home; 21, Reading high school, at home; 23, Williamsport high school, at home; 24, Lebanon high school, at Lebanon; March 2, at Reading; 5, Harrisburg, Cathedral hall floor; 9, at Steelton; 16, Technical high, at home; 21, Steelton, at home; 30, at Tech.

There are many good basketball prospects at Central this year. Coach McCord will also coach the girls' team, which will come under the direction of Miss Frances Hamilton, of the faculty, girls' athletic director.

The Chestnut Street Auditorium has been secured by Central high, and all its home games will be played there. It is probable that this floor will also be used for practice. The contract is good for three months.

LEBANON AWARDS LETTERS

Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 5.—Sixteen members of the Lebanon high school football squad and the student manager were awarded the high school "L" at a meeting of the athletic association. The letter award marked the close of a successful season, during which the Red and Blue scored five victories, suffered three defeats and played one tie game. The team scored a total of 142 points to 75 by its opponents.

Those to whom the "L" was awarded follow: Seniors, Captain William Nagle, David Milbrer, Samuel Harpel, Ralph Homan, Guy Moore, Alan Havar, Paul Holland, George Ely, Chester Light, Irwin Light, Juniors, William Reinhard, Jonathan Miller, William Wolfe, William Chadwick; sophomore, Ray Houck; freshman, Charles Trout; student manager, Merritt Long.

WELLY'S CORNER

Montgomery, of the Electrics, is leading the bowlers in the Casino Tenpin League with an average of 190. In 24 games he scored a total of 4560 points. Barnes, of the Calumets, is second with 184, and Haas, of the Jolly Five, is tie for second honors, with an average of 190. In 24 games he scored a total of 4560 points. Barnes, Haas and Buttorf trailing.

Local basketball fans are still talking about the Saturday game won by the Harrisburg Independents. While there was some disappointment over the failure of the Trenton leaguers to report, the all-star team more than made good. It was the first extra period contest of the season. Ike McCord and Ted Fords were the point scorers. Hough, one of the greatest players in the past six years, was with Trenton. More attractions like last Saturday are promised from now until the close of the season. Wilkes-Barre State League five plays here next Saturday.

H. Clifford ("Red") Carlson, left out of the University of Pittsburgh eleven, was last night elected captain

for next year. Andy Hastings was picked for this honor. Carlson, who is 22 years of age, was a big sensation this season.

That basketball is popular in Harrisburg is given further proof in the number of games played each week. The scholastic season starts Friday night. At a meeting to-night representatives of local amateur teams will endeavor to organize an amateur league.

President Edward G. Barrow, of the International League, has called a meeting for December 11 in New York city. Important questions will be decided.

There is some talk about Central and Tech playing off the Thanksgiving tie on December 16. From a money-making point of view this would be a good thing. The only drawback would be the weather. In the event of rain or snow and the game was called off, the expense of resuming training would be a loss of cash. However, there are many football enthusiasts in Harrisburg who would like to see a decisive result.

Bits From Sportland

In a six-round bout at Olympia A. A., Philadelphia, last night, Johnny Dundee had the best of Johnny Tillman, of Minneapolis.

Steelton High eleven will be guests of prominent Steelton business men at a banquet to be held at the Bessemer House, Steelton, to-morrow night.

It is planned to take the Boston American League team abroad at the close of next season.

The Cubs do not like Tampa, Fla., as a training place and will select a new place in California.

Mordecai Brown, the famous pitcher, has been let out by the Chicago National League club.

Steelton High tossers will get busy next week.

It is said that Howard Berry will not go with the Penn team to the Coast.

It is reported that Jack Johnson is back in the United States.

Herb Hunter, a local boxer, will meet Jimmy Moran, of Anville, at Lebanon to-morrow night.

JOHNNY GILLS WINS DECISION
Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 5.—In the wind-up at Frankie Erbe's club, Johnny Gill, York, 148, and Wally Hinckle, Philadelphia, 156, went six rounds with Gill earning the verdict in the last two rounds. The Philadelphiaan outboxed him in the early rounds, but Gill was the heavier puncher. After two knockdowns in the second session of the semifinal, Harry White was counted out in his bout with Eddie Loecher. Young Jimmy To-land, Philadelphia and Sammy Kautz, Lancaster, boxed six slow rounds with Kautz earning a shade. Kid Murphy stayed the limit with Dick Gotwalt, York, and Speedy Sappell won from Dick Singley, Lutz, in a fast fight.

Tech High Tossers in First Game Friday Night; Veteran Stars in Line-up

Candidates to the number of fifty reported yesterday afternoon to Faculty Director Grubb as applicants for the Maroon basketball team that will open the season in this city Friday evening with the Alumni five. The Tech Alumni will be opponents. Last year in the initial contest the graduates gave the Tech lads one of the surprises of their lives when they won by a neat score.

Following the selection of the members of the team the question will have to be decided. From last season's squad remain Captain Harris, "Muzz" Miller and Charles Pollock. A leader will be selected very likely from one of these three players. The contests will be staged this season at the City Grays Armory and will be followed by dancing. Season tickets will be sold that will entitle the holder to attend all of the home contests. To the first call last evening the following candidates reported to Director Grubb:

For the forward positions, ex-Captain "Eddie" Harris, "Hank" McFarland, Gordon Holland, Harry Miller, Richard Spengler, Walter Compton, Frank Fellows, William Rothrock, Lloyd Elmer, "Bud" Bell, Andrew Hollinger, H. Weidenmyer, "Midge" McGann, Lynn Cook, Ralph Stauffer, W. Harris and "Ted" Loyd; for the pivotal position will be Percy Walker, William Crist, Nelson Harrison, Fred Haehnel, Donald Helcher, Rudolph Spicer and William Fortna; for the two guard positions are Hetzel Davies, William Cohen, Jerry Frock, "Muzz" Miller, J. Smith, David Ellinger, Fred Huston, C. Israel, E. Philippelli, Raymond Baxter, C. Wingard, Chalmers Moore, Charles Pollock, C. Pleam, S. Sherman, J. Keller, Oscar Sutch, Charles Snyder, Berlin and William Huber.

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CUBS DROP "MINER" BROWN

Chicago, Dec. 5.—After playing thirteen years in the major leagues, Mordecai Brown, the famous three-fingered pitcher, was given his unconditional release by Charles H. Weeghman, president of the club, last night.

Mr. Weeghman offered to aid Brown in obtaining a berth as manager of a minor league team.

Brown is 38 years old. He came to Chicago from the St. Louis Nationals in 1904.

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