

INDEPENDENTS HAVE ATTRACTIVE CAGE SCHEDULE---MAY CUT BASEBALL GAMES

YALE BUSY WITH INDOOR SPORTS

Basketball Team Opens in New York Next Week; Play in Harrisburg Jan. 5

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—Yale has just launched its hockey and basketball for the season of 1917. The two teams have been in training one week.

For the basketball team the season will open next week in New York City, when the College of the City of New York will be met.

This may be the only opportunity of New Yorkers to see the Ell five during the season with the exception of the intercollegiate championship match at Columbia in February.

Yale plays an all-college team at Harrisburg on January 5. This is an unusual thing for a varsity team, but it means much for basketball enthusiasts in the Capital City of the Keystone State.

Bernie Tummers, the new Yale coach, has a squad of nearly 60 candidates at work, and they have had six strenuous days of cage competition and outdoor conditioning exercises.

The team will contain both the son and the grandson of an Ex-President of the United States, Charley Taft, the five's captain and guard, and Newell Garfield, the team's center. They have been for two years on the team, although Garfield was unable to finish last season because of an operation.

Two athletes from other teams, Harry Le Gore, the baseball captain and football star, and Bob Rhett, the outfielder, have just joined the squad. Mallon, Bush, the veteran Orson Kinney and Stradella, are the other most promising players.

Yale has a veteran hockey team which has just closed its first week's practice, six of last year's players being again on the ice, including Captain Mooney Murray, York, Bierwirth, Armour, Jacob and Gould.

Penn Picks Players For Coast Game With Oregon

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Despite the infant blizzard which swept over Franklin Field yesterday afternoon, the Penn Varsity football team was sent through an hour's practice in preparation for the coming game with the University of Oregon at Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day. Coach Folwell sent the twenty men who reported for practice, through a fast signal drill, a short forward passing workout and a mock scrimmage.

The football committee at a special meeting yesterday afternoon ratified the list of players for the trip to the Pacific coast, discussed at length the schedule for 1917 and the coaching situation. Wharton Sinkler, chairman of the committee, stated that nothing definitely had been done in reference to the schedule and the selection of the head coach and his assistants. The new members of the committee, recently appointed by the new board of directors of the Athletic Association, attended the meeting.

The following players will take the trip to Pasadena: Captain-elect Heinie Miller, ex-Captain Neill Mathews, Little, Henning, Erstravans, L. Wray, Eruthart, Bell, Light, Derr, Berry, Crane, Young, Titzell, Wirksman, Berg, A. Wray, Robinson, Weiser, Bryant, Williams and Quigley.

MISSOURI SOLDIERS WIN

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 19.—Baseball in the Laredo district of the Mexican border service came to an official end yesterday, with the Fourth Missouri infantry team winner of the league pennant and a trophy cup.

Besides the champion team the league was composed of regimental teams from the Second Missouri infantry, First New Hampshire infantry, Fourteenth United States cavalry, Ninth United States cavalry and two local baseball organizations.

ELEVEN TEAMS TIED UP

New York, Dec. 19.—Eleven of the fourteen teams entered in the twenty-fourth annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden were tied at 7 a. m. to-day, the thirty-first hour, with 644 miles and 9 laps to their credit. The Spencer-Carroll team dropped out at 2:37 a. m. and were given four hours to provide team partners. Shortly before 7 o'clock, having failed to do so, they were officially declared out of the race.

INDEPENDENTS TO PLAY MANY GAMES

Holiday Attractions Include Fast Teams; Vincome Plays Saturday

Manager Ike McCord has completed an attractive basketball schedule for the Harrisburg Independents. The season will end with the Easter games. He has also arranged to play away from home and Harrisburg will be well advertised by this aggregation.

For next Saturday Vincome will play. This Philadelphia five is one of the best in the State and has been in the game for a long time.

Holiday Attractions

On Christmas the St. Malachy American League team will be the attraction. The Pittston State League five plays Saturday, December 30. Starting with New Year's Day the schedule will be: January 1, Lancaster; 6, Trenton; 13, St. Elizabeth, Philadelphia; 20, Rockwood, independent champions, Philadelphia; 27, Gettysburg College; February 3, York; 10, and 17, Eastern League teams, pending; 24, Pennsylvania State League Club, pending; March 3, Carlisle Indians; 10 Eastern League club, pending; 17 Rockwood, Philadelphia; 24, open.

Pittsburgh's Schedule Has Some New Grid Opponents

Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.—Navy and Allegheny College have been dropped from the University of Pittsburgh football schedule and games have been scheduled with Lehigh, West Virginia and Bethany College. Pennsylvania will be met in the annual game at Philadelphia and Syracuse will play Pitt here.

The complete schedule as announced to-day follows: September 29, West Virginia, at Fairmont; October 6, Bethany, at Pittsburgh; October 13, Lehigh, at Pittsburgh; October 20, Syracuse, at Pittsburgh; October 27, Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; November 3, Westminster, at Pittsburgh; November 10, Washington and Jefferson, at Pittsburgh; November 17, Carnegie Tech, at Pittsburgh, and November 29, Penn State, at Pittsburgh.

Williamstown High Wins Easy Basketball Victory

Williamstown high five maintained its winning streak last night by defeating Tower City five, 33-15. Thompson, Flickinger and Frantz starred. The line-up and summary:

Williamstown High Tower City High
Thompson (Flinn) F. Shadle
Capt. Flickinger (Haas) F. Kline
Frantz (Myer) C. Miller
Drum (Stinner) G. Schoffstall
Warlow (Parker) G. Seesholtz
(Reinhardt)

Field goals—Shadle 4, Kline 1, Miller 1, Frantz 2, Flickinger 5, Thompson 5. Foul goals—Thompson 8, Kline 3. Referee—Haiston, Susquehanna.

CARLISLE HIGH SCHEDULE

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 19.—The Carlisle high school will this year for the first time in its history play a series of basketball games, embracing leading teams throughout Southern Pennsylvania and Maryland. The schedule, just completed, is as follows:

January 6, Oberlin high school, at Carlisle; 12, open; 20, Hershey high school, at Carlisle; 27, Chambersburg high school, at Carlisle; February 3, Camp Hill high school, at Carlisle; 10, Waynesboro high school, at Carlisle; 16, open; 24, Albright Preparatory, at Carlisle; March 3, Camp Hill high school, at Camp Hill; 9, Steelton high school reserves, at Steelton; 16, Chambersburg high school, at Chambersburg; 23, Waynesboro high school, at Waynesboro; 31, Steelton high school, at Carlisle.

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Duckpin Game Popular; Last Night's Scores Large

Solvay Bowling League (Taylor alleys)
Team No. 4, 1923
Team No. 2, 1846
Keyser (4), 168
Keyser (4), 457

P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. League
Maclay, 2558
Association, 2315
Jacoby (M), 232
Jacoby (M), 557

Academy Duckpin League (Academy alleys)
Bitters, 1469
New Ideas, 1448
Martin (B), 135
C. Nelly (B), 346

Casino Duckpin League (Casino alleys)
Nobles, 1432
Majestic, 1389
Shooter (N), 132
Shooter (N), 377

At Lemoyne (Flecks alleys)
Lemoyne, 2342
Enola C. L., 2150
Reeser (L), 592

At New Cumberland (Dull's alleys)
Married Men, 2401
Single Men, 2225
Line (M M), 201
Line (M M), 539

Standing of Teams Solvay
No. 1, 16 8 .567
No. 2, 14 7 .667
No. 3, 10 17 .370
No. 2, 8 16 .333

Casino Duckpin
W. L. Pct.
Majestics, 13 5 .722
Nobles, 10 8 .556
Penney, 8 7 .538
Strollers, 7 8 .464
Audions, 5 10 .333
Readings, 5 10 .333

Academy Duckpin
W. L. Pct.
Officers, 24 12 .667
Barbers, 20 16 .556
Bitters, 21 18 .539
Bakers, 17 16 .515
New Ideas, 13 20 .393
Factors, 10 23 .303

Schedule for Wednesday—Bakers vs. Factors.

BILL LANGE DYING

Bill Lange, famous outfielder of the Chicago National league team in the nineties, is dying at his home in San Francisco as a result of an accident sustained in his ball-playing days.

In catching a line drive, Lange ran full speed into a fence, breaking a board and sustaining a cut lip. Since then he has suffered several times from blood poisoning in the West. He has been ill for several days with a serious recurrence of blood poisoning.

Confesses to Forest Fires "Just to See Big Blaze"

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 19.—Frank Holden, charged with starting fires that burned over 3,000 acres of the State forest reserve in the Pine Creek district, has made a complete confession, according to State Fire Marshal Thompson.

"I just wanted to see a fire," Holden is quoted as saying.

He continued by admitting, said the fire marshal, that he had started fires in two different places within a few hours. He said he hadn't thought of the damage that would be done, but just wanted to see a big blaze.

Holden, who is 22 years old, told Mr. Ryan that when he was twelve years old he attempted to burn a school house in Cummings township. Two years later he set fire to his father's barn at Laurel. A few years ago, he said, he set fire to a house at Lanesey Shore, but the blaze was extinguished before much damage had been done.

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Krause harbored an imaginary grievance against the company because its trolley lines run close to his property. He made two attempts to wreck cars, he admitted.

Bandits Pour Oil Over American and Burn Him

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—After being captured by Villa bandits near Jimenez, O. M. Northop, an American, was burned at the stake, according to information received here by United States Government officials.

The Villistas captured Northop on a ranch near Jimenez, and, taking him into the city, tied him to a stake and then poured coal oil over his body, applying a match to the oil, the bandits watched Northop suffer untold agony until he fainted. Then they riddled his body with bullets.

MAY CUT BASEBALL DATES NEXT YEAR

Schedule to Have Fourteen Less Games; Await Czar's Approval

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Unless all signs fall the baseball schedule will be shortened next season. The committee will meet soon to draft dates for the coming season, and if Ban Johnson, of the American League, has his say 140, instead of 154 games, will be played.

Of course, the schedules of the major bodies must coincide, but the Czar of the newer organization may be able to bring things about to his own way of thinking.

During the sessions of the two major bodies recently it developed that all hands thought the lopping off of a few weeks might tend to benefit the game, and it is understood that officials of both bodies were inclined to believe that Ban had the right idea of the subject.

"The scheme may not be attempted next year," declared a National League advocate of Johnson's idea, "but it is bound to come by 1918, unless early Spring weather conditions improve."

For the last five years early season business has been very poor. Only the weather has been to blame, as under normal conditions public interest in every city should be at high pitch for the first six weeks of the season.

It takes that time for each big league club to make the complete circuit, and for that part of the journey, at least, every entrant has a pennant chance.

"October weather invariably has proven more affable to the game than late April and early May. But by October interest is dead, save in the cities which have teams that enjoy mathematical chances to win a pennant. Even if the 154-game schedule should remain an institution, I believe it would be a wise move to open ten days or two weeks later and close later. There are enough open dates to permit a more compact schedule that would delay the windup only a few days later than last year. The finished almost a week ahead of the National League close in the East last season."

Don't Worry, Imitate the Birds, Says Health Service

Washington, Dec. 19.—The public health service, which has been gathering statistics on nervous diseases and their tendency to shorten life, has issued a bulletin against worrying.

"So far as is known," says the bulletin, "no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor; no fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide; no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he should not lay by enough nuts for two winters instead of one, and no dog ever lost any sleep over the fact that he did not have enough ham bones laid aside for his declining years."

WELLY'S CORNER

Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of England, last night knocked out Frankie Di Melfi, better known as the Zulu Kid of Brooklyn. The finish came in the eleventh round of a twenty-round bout at London.

Catcher Larry McLean is to be given another chance to make good in the major leagues. Through the big heartedness of Manager Christ Mathewson, Larry will catch for the Reds next season.

University of Kansas holds records for unique coaching ideas. Their halfbacks did not step high enough so they introduced a novel stunt. Boxes 18 inches deep and about 36 inches square were placed about a stride apart. Each afternoon the halfbacks were sent down the lane of boxes on the run. The penalty for failure to high step was to ram a shin against the box. After a few trials collisions grew infrequent, and now those Kansas athletes are ranked among the best leg lifters in the country.

Dr. Fred N. Tate of Albany, owner of the New York State League franchise for Reading, has sold a half interest to George Wiltse, the manager.

Eddie Zimmerman of York, who has figured in the big leagues as a third baseman and hitter may manage the Hagerstown team in the Blue Ridge League. He has a knack for picking winning baseball players.

Football rules will be discussed tonight at Philadelphia. Coaches, managers and players will meet in Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, and report on the season's work. Several changes are contemplated. It is said the forward pass legislation has been unsatisfactory.

RIDERS BEHIND OLD SCHEDULE

New York, Dec. 18.—Three teams each lost a lap in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden during the twenty-fifth hour, at the end of which the other eleven teams were tied with 533 miles and six laps. The record for this hour is 558 miles. In 30 games he has scored 5,636 points, and has an average of 188.

Barnes Leads Bowlers; Montgomery Close Second

Barnes, of the Calumet team of the Casino Bowling League, has jumped into the lead for scoring honors. In 30 games he has scored 5,636 points, and has an average of 188. Montgomery, who has held the lead and plays with the Electrics, is one point behind and has total 5,612. Nine members of the league are dropping the pins at an average of 130 and over.

The highest three single games during the season were, Montgomery, 711; Barnes, 692; Berkenmeyer, 685; Atticks, 683; Bobb, 675. Montgomery holds the record for the highest single game score, 257; and for highest total, 685.

BIG FELLOWS FIGHT TO DRAW

"Gunboat" Smith and Frank Moran fought a ten-round draw at Brooklyn last night. Smith had the best of the battle in six of the rounds. He was active and aggressive. Moran showed his best form in the ninth and tenth rounds. In the fifth, Moran had Smith groggy as a result of a left blow on the jaw.

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