

WILKES-BARRE HERE TONIGHT FOR GAME WITH INDEPENDENTS--TECH BIG SURPRISE

SWIMMERS HANG UP NEW RECORD

One Day Brings Many Changes; This Season's Stars Went Fast Pace

New York, March 3.—The record-breaking performance of American swimmers at the recent aquatic carnival at Honolulu calls attention anew to the remarkable improvement made by Americans in this department of sports in the past few years. Three new world records were established during the course of one day's racing with the result that more than 50 per cent. of the standard records are now held by swimmers of the States or Hawaii.

All told there are thirty-three standard events which carry world's records recognized in the various countries where the sport is popular and high speed swimmers developed. These events range from fifty yards or about the equivalent in meters to two miles and are divided into bath or indoor pool contests and open water competitions.

In Bath Class

In the bath class eighteen events are listed while fifteen are found in the open water division. This list does not take into account odd distances, swimming on the beach, plunge for distance and similar contests.

Of the three new records made, two displaced times previously held by American swimmers, but when Ludy Langer of Los Angeles, Cal., won the 440-yard event in 5 minutes 17 3/4 seconds, he broke a record that has stood on the books for some years to the credit of the great Australian expert Kieran. The latter won over the quarter-mile course in the Antipodes was 5 minutes 22 1/5 seconds. Although America now has a clear lead in the total records, Australia is a good second, England, Canada and Germany trailing.

Hassett Five Wins in Final Ten Minutes

Strong defensive play and superb team work, last night, enabled the Hassett School of Gymnastics five to defeat the Juniata College quintet in a fast and hard played game on the Cathedral Hall floor. The final score was 27 to 15.

The first half of the contest and the opening ten minutes of the second period were very closely contested, with the score seesawing back and forth. Hassett got under way in the final ten minutes and completely outclassed the collegians. A big factor in the victory was the shot shooting of Gough, dropping 13 out of 29 through the net. The summary:

HASSETT S. OF G.		JUNIATA COLLEGE	
Mid.	Fig.	Mid.	Fig.
Hilton, forward	2	0	4
Gerdes, forward	2	0	4
Soubrier, center	2	0	4
Gough, guard	0	13	13
Reagan, guard	0	0	0
Totals	7	13	27

MYSERTOWN H. S. GIRLS		CENTRAL H. S. GIRLS	
Mid.	Fig.	Mid.	Fig.
Smith, forward	8	0	16
Rote, forward	11	4	26
Emanuel, center	1	0	2
Maurer, guard	1	0	2
Richards, guard	0	0	0
Shupp, guard	1	0	2
Totals	27	4	58

Central Girls' Five Outclassed Myerstown

Central High school girls' varsity quintet triumphed over the Myerstown High school girls' team last night, on the Chestnut Street Hall floor, by a score of 58 to 7. The summary:

MYSERTOWN H. S. GIRLS		CENTRAL H. S. GIRLS	
Mid.	Fig.	Mid.	Fig.
Cully, forward	1	3	5
Yost, forward	0	0	0
Ileba, center	0	0	0
Klopp, center	0	0	0
Yeagley, guard	1	0	2
Walmer, guard	0	0	0
Totals	2	3	5

Form New Fair Circuit; Season's Stakes to be Large

Reading, Pa., March 3.—A new fair circuit, known as the Central Fair Circuit, was formed here yesterday with eleven members. The season will open at Altoona the week of August 7, followed by Pottstown, August 14; Kutztown, August 21; Lebanon, August 28; Hanover, September 3; Reading, September 11; Allentown, September 18; Lancaster, September 25; York, October 2; Hagerstown, Md., October 9, and Frederick, October 16.

Aber Deysler, of Reading, was elected president; Harry Schall, of Allentown, vice-president; and Harry Heckert, of York, secretary and treasurer. Trenton, N. J., and Lancaster conflicted, and the former withdrew. Philadelphia and Hanover also claimed the same dates, and Hanover was awarded the place in the circuit by the vote of the stewards.

The circuit will give a racing program of more than \$70,000; short shipments being the keynote. Stakes valued at \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be offered, and no purse races to be less than \$300 on the circuit.

Bits From Sportland

The Enbaut Arrows scored a 43 to 9 victory over the Moorhead team last night in a contest played on the latter's floor.

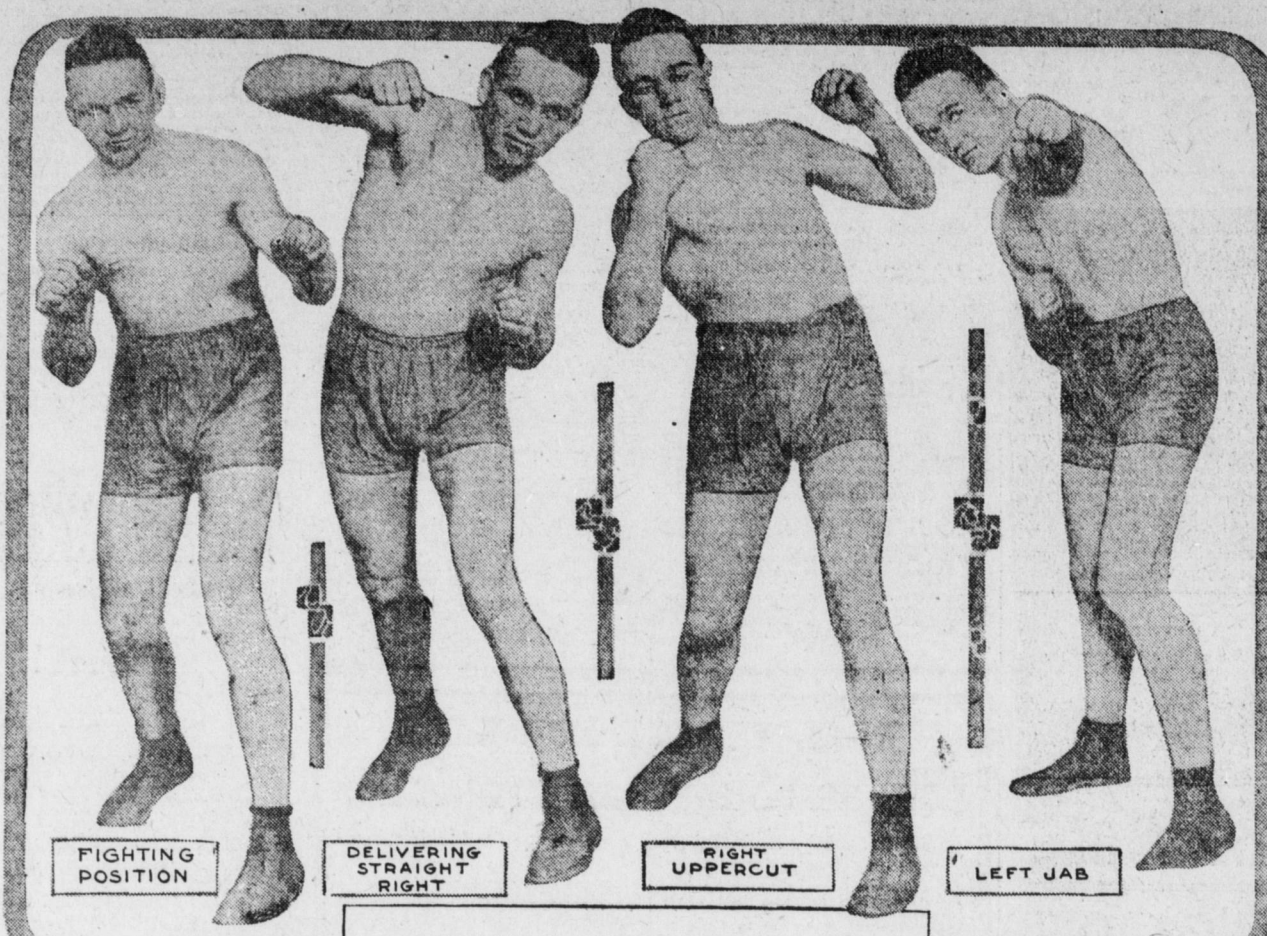
The Red Team of the Hick-A-Thrift League, defeated the Camp Hill High School five, on the latter's floor last night, by the score of 22 to 18.

Last night at Hershey the York Butchers five defeated the chocolate representatives, by the score of 43 to 25.

In the Central High School Girls' Morning League yesterday, the White team defeated the Blue combination by a 17 to 9 tally. The White team has only lost one game since the league started.

In the Central High School Girls' Afternoon League yesterday, the Yellow and Purple quintets were victors. The former defeated the Green five by the score of 9 to 5, and the latter took the Greens into camp by the score of 6 to 4.

MIKE GIBBONS CLAIMS AND WILL DEFEND MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF WORLD



New York, March 1.—Mike Gibbons, the great St. Paul middleweight, makes the announcement that he claims the middleweight championship of the world, and he is ready for challenges of those who think they can beat him. "I don't want to seem conceited about this matter," said he, "but I believe that most boxing experts regard me as the best middleweight in the world. I am going to do just what they did in the old days under the London prize ring rules. I am going to claim the title, and will be ready to defend it against all comers. All I ask is that they weigh in at 158 pounds, at 3 o'clock of the day of the fight and a suitable amount be given me for my services."

For several weeks Gibbons has been trying to get Les Darcy, the alleged great fighter from Australia, into the ring. Darcy's manager signed articles for a fight, but the brave Australian in a rage refused to have anything to do with it. Manager O'Sullivan, in order to enforce his rights, has taken his

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Mike Gibbons

case to a very able lawyer, and it is probable the Australian will have to explain in court. Darcy is bent on a match with Al McCoy, the joke middleweight champion. He would also like to take on Chip, who is a second or third rate.

Of all the present day middleweights Gibbons is the only one who has the classic style of the great fighters of past days. He uses a straight right hand with that downward chop which made Joe Gans famous. He also has a fine right uppercut and a good left jab. He varies the left jab with a left hook. These are all the punches any fighter needs. They are the punches used by that little marvel from England, Jen Driscoll, who was probably the greatest fighter ever seen in the United States.

"We are not challenging Darcy," said Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager. "Let him come along and fight according to his contract. If he beats Mike we will acknowledge him middleweight champion of the world."

IND. FIVE READY FOR WILKESBARRE

Manager McCord Will Put Best Team on the Floor; Songs Will Be Feature

Manager Ike McCord and his Independent tossers, are in the best possible condition and are ready for a tough battle with the Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania State League quintet, to-night in the Chestnut Street Auditorium. All of the regular players will enter the contest to-night and are out for a victory over the defeat which the coal heavers handed them earlier in the season. The Wilkes-Barre team was brought here by request and the contest promises to be one of the fastest of the season.

Featured by Songs	
As an added attraction to the basketball game, Able Blumm, who starred with Gus Edwards' School Kids, will introduce some of the latest New York song hits. The contest will start promptly at 8.15 o'clock and will be followed by the regular dance program. The teams will line up in the following order:	
Independents	Wilkes-Barre
Rote, f.	Cooper, f.
McCord, f.	Dunleavy, f.
Gerdes, c.	Dunn, c.
G. Ford, g.	McCarter, g.
Colestock, g.	Foster, g.
(McConnell)	

WANTS TO MANAGE ELMIRA

Elmira, N. Y., March 3.—President William H. Baker, of the Philadelphia Nationals, is sponsor for Jimmy Jackson, the former Wilmington leader, in his candidacy for the job as manager of the local team of the New York State League. If the local owners accept the League's offer as manager, Baker agrees to induce Manager Pat Moran to turn over some of his surplus talent to the Nationals when the Phils return from the southern training. President Sullivan is simply swamped with applications from aspiring managers. In addition to the names of Wild Conroy, Irving Wilhelm, Germany Schaefer and Jackson, the following well-known figures in the game are submitted: Charlie Loudenslager, Jack Dalton, former Brooklyn outfielder; Bill Dahlen, former manager; Art McHale, with Boston and later Jersey City, and Jack White. It is also said that Connie Mack has recommended one for the job, but the name has not been made public.

TWO-CENT BASEBALL CERTAIN

South Bend, Ind., March 3.—South Bend, a Central League member is assured of two-cent baseball through the campaign which will close next Monday. To make the proposition a success 10,000 tickets at \$1.50 each must be sold. Already 6,000 have been taken. The balance will be disposed of within the next two days. Ed Smith, owner of the local franchise, has secured Pitcher Schettler and Outfielder La Ross, of Terre Haute, and expects to get First Base, Fisher, Germany Schaefer, in a trade for Outfielder Tydeman.

OFFER FROM TOLEDO FOR FIGHT

Toledo, O., March 3.—Following announcement yesterday that Governor Whitman, of New York, had forbidden the scheduled bout between Les Darcy, of Australia, and Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, the Toledo Athletic Association last night sent a telegram to Dillon's manager offering \$40,000 which, if accepted, will bring the match here late this month.

Under the Toledo proposal the division of the money would be decided upon by the principals. The bout would be of 12 rounds.

TEACH CITIZENS TO SHOOT IS NOW STERN NECESSITY; THE BACKBONE OF DEFENSE

Under the title of "The Backbone of Defense, Forest and Stream in its current issue urges the enlargement of the army of sportsmen, and making them a citizenry trained to shoot. The article follows:

"Most Americans learn from developments in the political chaos of Europe the stern necessity for preparing to defend with arms their soil and their traditions. Or is the necessity only for a revival and bringing back to life of qualities they possess, dormant but potent?"

"In either event, the striking lesson they can find in the conduct of the war itself, is the domination of man as an individual over all his inventions for killing. For no machine or contrivance or arrangement of mechanical forces has survived the test of standing against a man or a horde of men crawling from hole to hole in the ground and eliminating piecemeal their directing minds of complicated guns or defense works."

"With rifle slung on his back, gripped in bayoneted grasp, or clutched to his shoulder, an infantryman can go over. It has been proved time and time again. And he can defy every contrivance for stopping him that he or his enemy has yet conceived."

"And so the outstanding need perhaps in all good efforts toward preparation for defense, is to develop that citizenry, trained and accustomed to arms—small arms, the rifle and the revolver—upon which the President declares we must depend in every time of national peril."

"Lately America has already such a citizenry: citizens of the hills and fields, the forests and streams, the wild places and the unviolated expanses that are closer to home perhaps to Americans than to any other civilized people on the earth. And Forest and Stream, America's outdoor journal, can recognize with pride and affection the confidence with which this brave throng looks to it for leadership in how they could mobilize—in the true sense—their strength for demands that may eventually be made upon them."

"Huntsmen—those who depend upon their keen minds and ready senses to wrest the life living from the wilds, and those as well who hunt because of the relief it affords their office-chained instincts—are of the breed who first offer that last full measure of devotion for a cause they love. Familiarity with God's own world, gleaned from contact with unfurnished and unalloyed, seems always to adjust a man's values and keep his conscience squared with his instinct. And in fostering the growth of this clan, Forest and Stream has been a factor."

And so it is appropriate that through these pages there should be recognized and proclaimed the ideal nucleus for America's ideal citizenry—a potential army already trained and accustomed to arms. Theirs and their journal's is largely the responsibility for the growth of the public interest in and respect for arms and their use. Theirs jointly is chiefly the duty of inculcating a pride for marksmanship in the average American who may have drifted away from thoughts so wholesome, and in the average newcomer to America, soil who may have had his instinct for personal dependability discouraged for centuries.

The showing America has made in past wars—frequently against odds—has been due to the average American's knowing how to shoot. That knowledge was a necessity in the early days when the republic was being claimed from the savage and the forces of wild nature. The pioneer's

Commissioners of the District of Columbia may designate which team or teams shall attend from their respective States, Territories, or District of Columbia.

In compliance with the provisions of the bill creating the office of Director of Civilian Marksmanship, President Wilson has named for that position Col. Samuel W. Miller. During his service with the army, Colonel Miller had occasion to make extensive and detailed studies of methods of training for marksmanship in England and on the Continent, and was specially impressed with the effectiveness of the Swiss system. His appointment assures competent and enthusiastic administration of the work of training civilians to shoot straight.

Tech Scrubs Avenged Defeat by Steelton 2d

The Technical high school scrubs defeated the Steelton high school scrubs last night at Steelton by the score of 27 to 17. The Tech lads have only lost one game this season and that was to the Steelton team on the Tech floor. The victory last night evened the score. The summary:

Tech Scrubs	Steelton Scrubs
Holland, f.	Snell, f.
Miller, f.	Poor, f.
Huston, c.	Ducceri, c.
Smith, g.	Wueschinski, g.
Frock, g.	Behman, g.
Field goals, Holland, Miller 3, Huston, Smith, Frock 4, Snell, Poor, Ducceri 3, Behman 2. Foul goals, Holland 7, Snell 3.	

WELLY'S CORNER

In the selection of a new track coach at Central High, the athletic faculty want it understood that the school winning the State meet next May will have to beat the local athletes. Central has been prominent in track events and there will be a long list of candidates from which to pick winners.

"Charlie" Farar, the Columbia basketball star, was the big factor last night in putting a crimp in Penn's intercollegiate pennant chances. Columbia won by a score of 29 to 20. Farar's floor work as guard was an interesting feature. The fight will now be between Yale and Princeton.

Early inquiries regarding the annual State High School meet to be held in Harrisburg during May, indicate an increase in number of entries. Since the meet last year, many high schools have entered the Pennsylvania Scholastic Athletic Association, and unusual interest is manifested in this year's big track event.

Les Darcy may take a hurry trip back to Australia. He cannot fight in New York State. Governor Whitman is calling off Monday's bout hands the Australian a severe job. The only way to keep in sport is to play fair.

Technical High School will again be represented this Spring by a gun club. A meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon at which time a president, secretary, treasurer and captain for the organization will be elected. Last year was the first time that Tech was represented by a gun club, and the organization proved popular with the students.

The coaches of the Eastern college and university rowing squads are looking forward to an early spring, and expect that they will be able to get their crews on the water earlier than usual this season. The Yale eight has already been able to take short paddles and Princeton and Columbia plan to follow suit within the next week or two unless there should be a sudden freeze. Cornell and Syracuse, which, owing to their inland location are always the last to launch their shells, report that there is still considerable ice on Cayuga and Onondaga lakes.

Mike O'Neill, manager of the Syracuse baseball team, is out in a protest against new rules recently adopted. His principal objection is to the salary cut. He criticizes the cut in the monthly limit and claims that managers are trying to cheapen the Farrell circuit. According to the general opinion Manager O'Neill overlooks the fact that managers are tired paying for something they did not get.

Crack athletes from all over the United States, will compete to-night in the classic indoor meet at Philadelphia. It will be held in Exposition Hall of the Commercial Museums under the direction of the Meadowbrook Athletic Club. This organization has set a plenty cash to offer handsome prizes for winners. The meet to-night will cost not less than \$20,000. New indoor records are anticipated.

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

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"In case of war the United States should give up all its sport," suggests an editorial observer.

"Why?" It might be thoroughly in order to give up the greater part of all competitive sport, but to abandon the fact and exercise and the physical upkeep in general would be precisely as rational as it would be to give up eating.

The abandonment of competitive sport in America would depend entirely upon the extent to which this country became enmeshed in the general fusillade. If there should be a call for an army, the bulk of all competitive sport would soon flutter to the discard, for the time being.

Sport as a War Trainer

The general athletic training this country has received in recent years from its baseball, football, golf, tennis, track and other sports, may not be of great value when it comes to the manual of arms or marksmanship. But for all that it will be of tremendous value toward one of the main needs of military life—and that is stamina, the physical ability to stand long marches, etc.

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There's a breathless hush in the close to-night—
Ten to make and the match to win;
A bumping pitch and a blinding light.
An hour to play and the last man in.

And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,
But his captain's hand on his shoulder smote,
"Play up! Play up! and play the game!"

The sand of the desert is sudden red—
Red with the wreck of a square that broke,
The galling jammed and the Colonel dead,
And the Regiment blind with dust and smoke.

The river of death has brimmed its banks,
And England's far and honor a name—
But the voice of the school boy rallies the ranks,
"Play up! Play up! and play the game!"

Goshen's Mysterious Stranger

Dear Sir—When the bowling league was started here in Goshen, Indiana, last fall there was a rule that substitutes would be allowed for players who could not be present. During the fourth week one of the players, who had an average of less than 150, was called away after his second game. A mysterious stranger named Smith who had been watching the contest was accepted as a substitute. Now we are not accepting substitutes in Goshen any longer. His name was Smith, Jimmy Smith, the 256 to 290 boy, and who, according to Opie Davis, is the author of the classical phrase—"Hit 'em on the Brooklyn side, they're falling better." SLEEPY STEVE (Goshen).

Another Trained Body

"Speaking or writing of sports and war," suggests R. L. L., "did you happen to know there are over 400,000 trap shooters in this country? Trap shooting is not only a great sport, but it is one of the greatest of them all for military purposes, as it trains a man to handle a gun. The trap shooter doesn't use an army rifle, but the training he gets at the traps will be of exceptional help."

Trap shooting is a broader ranged sport than most of those on the outside give it credit for being. We haven't run across a trap shooter yet, and the landscape is replete with them, who isn't as dippy about his game as the ball player, golfer or tennis player is about his.

If Les Darcy should have any trouble getting suitable fights he can always fall back on that minor attraction now going on between his country and Germany. He may not consider this worth his while, but at the same time it might help to kill his afternoons.

By the middle of July or early August there will be any number of cities more than willing for their respective ball clubs to start for the front. When the Home Club develops the habit of losing, Flinders, Belgium or Siberia can absorb the entire outfit, so far as the genial fanatic is concerned.

H. F. J.—There are now about 500 ball players registered as major leaguers. By the first of May there will not be quite so many, once the pruning knife starts its spring campaign. Thereafter the list will be cut to a figure around 375.



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