

# CITY AMATEUR TOSSERS RESUME WORK TONIGHT---HARRISBURG LOSES WHEAT

## LOTS OF ACTION AT TECH TONIGHT

Two City Amateur League Games Hold Center of Basketball Stage

Two City Amateur Basketball League games will hold the center of the basketball stage to-night, when the West End A. C. and the Galahad Recreation Club five's and the Methodist Club and the P. R. R. Arrow quintets, will clash on the Technical High school gymnasium floor. Both games will be hard fought and will be the best of the season.

The Rosewood five is still leading the league with an average of 45.08 points a game for twelve games played. Its nearest competitor is the Galahad team, which is four games behind in the league standing. The West End five is in third place. The leaders have scored 541 points to 262 by their opponents.

### Bethlehem Steel Signs College and Other Stars

South Bethlehem, Pa., March 13.—The Bethlehem Steel Company Athletic Association is preparing an extensive baseball schedule for the season of 1917. Dick Wright, a former captain at Lafayette, and for some time at Lehigh, will have charge of the team on the field. He will fill the position of catcher. Heath, of Mauch Chunk, will be the substitute catcher. Ty Helfrich of Lafayette, a classmate and former Federal Leaguer, with Brooklyn, will play third base. "Bebe" Roth, of Allentown, will hold down the first base. Achenbach, of Easton, has been chosen for the second station, and Tech will be the utility man. Diemer, of Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, last year, will be the shortstop. Yap, formerly of Lehigh, who was the sensation of the Store League, in Philadelphia, will be one of the outfielders. Mitterling, who last year received a tryout from Connie Mack with the Athletics, and Harry Ratican, the clever soccer star on the Bethlehem Steel champions, will be the other outfielders.

### Tech High Plans Tennis; Four Stars Remain on Team

Professor H. B. Shreiner is preparing to make his first call shortly for candidates for the Tech tennis team. Four of last season's team still remain in school. They are Captain Pollock, Glenn Beard, Grant Ramey and "Ted" Lloyd.

### SOMEBODY LIED.



# The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

Copyright, 1917, by the Tribune Association (New York Tribune) Quite a bit of gossip has been expended about training our ball players for war.

But if you happen to recall the matter, no mention has been made of the fact that umpires are to be trained. The answer is simple enough—they don't have to be. The umpire who isn't ready for war at a moment's notice won't last two seconds in any league.

The average umpire is not only trained for war, but he is also looking for it. He knows that it is coming on the date of the first close decision, and all the pacifist leanings there are won't alter the case.

Pacifism may be all right in certain spots. But you never saw an umpire in your life who was a pacifist. He has long since found that in his game it is a useless doctrine. You can always pacify one club by giving it the best of a close decision, but that doesn't help you out with the other. Imagine a pacifist attempting to toy with Heinie the Zim or the Eminent Trojan!

Another thing we would like to know is this—What does a pacifist do or say just after blowing an 18-inch putt in a hard match?

**Red Sox Credit**  
Jake Stahl won a pennant and a world series with the Red Sox in 1912. Bill Carrigan won two pennants and two world series with the Red Sox in 1915 and 1916. If Jack Barry wins a pennant and a world series, making three winning managers in a row, it will begin to look as if the material had something to do with the case, after all.

**On the Other Paw—**  
You know how bush recruits are joshed: "They all look good," you say, "to-day"; But where are all these March phenoms Somewhere around the first of May?

**A Query**  
I saw two bush league stars at work. Who seemed to be upon the job; But how long did they hold the pace? Their names were Speaker and Ty Cobb.

**Many are called**  
But few are chosen;  
And the answer is  
Their feet are frozen.

**The Reason**  
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If things go as they have been of late seasons, why don't the Reds and Cardinals start a filibuster around the middle of July and thereby prevent the pennant ever coming to a vote? It's quite a system, if you can get by with it. Any system is.

"Jennings hopes to develop a pair of good pitchers." And they won't have to be very good, at that, with that curtain of fire sent at each start to their defense. The Tigers made enough runs last season to win a pennant, a world series and then ten or fifteen games left over for the 1917 race.

No man has won an amateur golf championship two years in succession since Jerry Travers turned the trick in 1913. Travers won in 1913, Oulmet in 1914, Gardner in 1915 and Evans in 1916. Competition has become too keen for any great chance to repeat. The same is true of the tennis situation. McLoughlin won in 1913, Williams in 1914, Johnston in 1915 and Williams in 1916. Winning a golf or a tennis championship two years in succession from the high class fields developed for these occasions is something of undertaking. Something plus.

## PICK HARRISBURG FOR CAGE LEAGUE

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13.—The long-threatened federal league of basketball came to a head yesterday, when it was announced that the new major league of cage tossers would be organized at a meeting to be held at the Hotel Walton on Wednesday night. Each of the backers of the new circuit will be given a list of Eastern League stars, for whose services he is free to negotiate. Several prominent names have been mentioned in connection with the out-law organization. Among these are Eddie McNichol, captain of the University of Pennsylvania five, and Geo. Zahn, manager of the Vinconne quintet. Both denied any connection with the venture. Among the towns mentioned as being in the line for franchises are Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Allentown, West Chester, Bethlehem, Phoenixville and Paterson.

### Bits From Sportland

The Messiah five was defeated by the score of 27 to 13, by the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Juniors in a game played on the association floor last night.

In a Boyd Memorial League contest last year the German team showed superior teamwork and trimmed the Black five by the score of 26 to 19.

**BELMONT ELECTS OFFICERS**  
At a meeting of the Belmont Athletic Club last night Edward Leven was elected president, T. B. Clouser, business manager, and Walter Spitzer, will pilot the baseball team.

The other officials are: Vice-president, Roy Williamson; secretary, J. H. Frantz; financial secretary and treasurer, E. M. Horstick; official scorekeepers, Victor Shoop and Charles Seward; umpire, Ralph Trimmer.

Business Manager Clouser is at the present time busily engaged in scheduling games with teams of the same class in this section and he may be communicated with at 1830 North street.

## HONUS WAGNER TO QUIT WILL TAKE UP OIL BUSINESS

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 13.—It was learned here yesterday that there is little likelihood of Honus Wagner ever again playing professional baseball. Wagner's business and legal representative is authority for the statement that the famous Dutchman has about concluded arrangements to enter the oil producing business with Fred Clarke, former manager of the Pirates, regardless of what the Pitts-



burgh club offers him in the way of salary for the coming season. Wagner's decision to ally himself with Clarke, who is rapidly accumulating a fortune as the result of a lucky oil strike on his Kansas farm, followed a conference with Clarke while the latter was here attending the banquet given Wagner on his birthday by the Stove League, a few weeks ago. Dreyfuss is reported to have cut Wagner's salary this year from \$10,000 to \$8,000.

## COCKILL LOSES IN DEAL FOR WHEAT

Harrisburg will not have Catcher Mack Wheat in the lineup this season. He will play with Binghamton. A dispatch from that town says: "Manager Chic Hartman, of the Binghamton team of the New York State League, made a real acquisition to the Bluejays when he announced last night that he had secured Catcher Mack Wheat from the Brooklyn team of the National League. Wheat was with Troy and Harrisburg clubs last year and was one of the class catchers of the league. He was recalled by the Dodgers, and several other managers, including Coughlin, of Scranton; Calhoun, of Wilkes-Barre, and Cockill, of Harrisburg, have been trying to land him."

## ACADEMY STARTS OUTDOOR SPORTS

Coach Schlichter Has Good Material For Baseball Team; Strong Schedule

The national pastime is absorbing the attention of the Harrisburg Academy lads and Coaches Schlichter and Platt have had a squad working out daily in the gymnasium. As soon as the weather becomes settled outdoor practice will be started.

Prospects look good for a fine team at the Academy this season, with five last year regulars back and other excellent material available. Captain Walters will be assigned to do mask duty and Bruce and Froelich will be the mainstays of the twirling staff.

**Plan Strong Schedule**  
Manager William C. Bruce has arranged a strong schedule, which includes games with some of the best preparatory and high school teams in this section.

Three new tennis courts have been laid out and the tennis squad will start activities within the next few weeks. There is a wealth of court material in the school and a championship team is expected. The spring tournament will start about the middle of next month.

**MURDER VERDICT AGAINST THREE NEGROES**  
Georgetown, Del., March 13.—Ad Hargus, Webb Purnell and Eb Prettyman, all negroes, were convicted of the murder of Henry Parker at Georgetown, the verdict being in the first degree, after the jury had been out nearly all night. The three men cut Parker's throat at a resort on the Lewes beach last summer and then compelled the other occupants to mutilate the body.

**DEER SEEN NEAR SHENANDOAH**  
Shenandoah, Pa., March 13.—Residents of the Shenandoah Valley and employees of the Hammond colliery report seeing a large deer yesterday, near Locust Mountain, just north of this city. Old hunters say it is the first one seen here in fifty years. Many seem to think the recent heavy snowstorm drove the animal in this locality in search of food.

## WELLY'S CORNER

Barney Dreyfuss has lost all patience with holdouts and will go ahead with his plans for building up a new team. Wagner is not considered a holdout. However, it is the belief that he will forget about his oil business if the money is in sight.

While local fans regret the loss of Catcher Wheat, Manager Cockill is to take his place. The activity of Chic Hartman indicates that he proposes to keep Binghamton on the map with a fast baseball team.

At present indications are that Wilkes-Barre, with Red Calhoun, and Binghamton, with Chic Hartman, will be the pacesetters this year in the New York State League. Manager Cockill, as usual, is playing his silent game, but it is a safe bet that when the games warm up Harrisburg will be a factor.

## CRUCIAL CONTEST FRIDAY BETWEEN CENTRAL-TECH

Local Cage Tossers Prepare For Annual Championship Battle; Delinquents Back in Game

Members of both the Central and Technical basketball squads held practices yesterday afternoon in preparation for their first tilt in the series of two games that will be played Friday night in the Chestnut street hall. In this series Central has emerged the winner within the last several years. This season Tech according to the general belief has a better chance than ever. Had the Central team remained intact during the season, there would likely be a different story to tell. But with the team broken up, and using substitutes during the last month, the advantage is all the greater for the Maroon tossers.

**Delinquents Back in Game**  
Coach McCord used Gregory and Fields at their respective positions yesterday afternoon in the first practice in preparation for the contest. Coach Miller is banking on his three Freshmen stars to pull a victory for him. Harris has also taken on a new lease of life, and is playing in tip-top fashion. Captain Pollock will be used at guard. Central will use the Hiton, Gregory, Martz, Frank and Fields combination at the start of the game. Wolfe and Maloney played such sterling basketball during the past month that they will also be given a chance before the close of the game. The game will be in charge of the Central manager, George Field. The second game will be played on the Armory floor, March 20, and will be the final game in the Central Penn League.

## Reading High Enters Meet on Year's Outdoor Schedule

Reading, Pa., March 13.—Reading High's advisory board at its meeting yesterday afternoon adopted the following track and baseball schedule for 1917: Reading High's track schedule: April 21, Reading High vs. Easton High, dual meet, on George Field; 28, University of Pennsylvania relay carnival, Franklin Field, Philadelphia; May 5, Cheltenham Interscholastic meet at Elkins Park; 9, Reading High vs. Perkiomen Seminary, dual meet, George Field; 12, Bethlehem Prep. vs. Reading High, dual meet, at South Bethlehem; 19, Harrisburg Interscholastic meet at Harrisburg; 26, Perkiomen Seminary interscholastic meet, on Pennsburg; 30, Reading High's annual Memorial Day interscholastic meet, on George Field; June 5, Norristown Interscholastic meet, at Norristown.

Baseball schedule: April 14, Keystone State Normal at Kutztown; 21, Slaines of Reading, George Field; 25, Olivet Boys' Club of Reading, George Field; May 2, Allentown Prep., at Allentown; 3, Bethlehem Prep., George Field; 4, Lebanon High, at Lebanon; 11, Pottdown High, George Field; 12, Lebanon High, George Field; 15, Allentown Prep., George Field; 16, Bethlehem Prep., at South Bethlehem; 19, Norristown High, at Norristown; 22, Ursinus Reserves, George Field; 25, Pottdown High, at Pottdown; 26, Bethlehem Steel, George Field; 31, Perkiomen Seminary, George Field; June 2, Easton High, George Field.

**FOUL RECORD MADE AT JERMYN**  
Jermy, Pa., March 13.—A local record and what is also believed to be a State record in the calling of fouls in a basketball game, was made here last night in the game between the locals and Peckville, both members of the County League. Referee Ellis Riskin of Scranton, called a total of eighty-nine offenses, fifty-two on the home team and thirty-seven on the visitors. The official found it necessary to be strict in his ruling, inasmuch as intense rivalry existed between the clubs. The home quintet won, 22 to 21.

**DENIES DEBT TO BANK**  
Austin, Tex., March 13.—Governor James E. Ferguson, testifying before the house committee investigating his financial transactions, denied that he ever had an indebtedness to the Temple State Bank of \$170,000. He admitted obligations amounting to \$425,000, but said his net worth was about \$375,000. The Governor said all his indebtedness to the Temple Bank had been canceled save a \$25,000 note.

**DIES FROM SCALDING IN BATH**  
Danville, Pa., March 13.—William Kinnensmith, 37 years old, of Indiana county, died in the Danville Hospital for the Insane, as the result of a scalding received while in a continuous bath. The temperature in the bath rose from 90 degrees to 130 degrees while the attendant was looking after another patient.

**FEWER WORTH LICENSES**  
Pittsburgh, March 13.—With Judge Carpenter presiding, assisted by Judge Reid, the 1917 session of Liquor License Court opened yesterday to consider the applications of 1,758 persons, twenty-five less than applied last year, including retailers, wholesalers, brewers and distillers.

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