

READING WINS ALLISON HILL CHAMPIONSHIP --- CHALLENGE WEST END A. A. --- SPORTS

TENNIS MATCHES THRILL CROWDS

Lieut. R. Norris Williams, 2d, Wins Over Throckmorton; Hard Battles

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Playing true to form throughout the fourth round of the national patriotic singles tournament here yesterday, eastern and western experts in equal number won places in the semifinal round, to be contested on the courts of the West Side Club to-day.

Biddle surprised and aroused the gallery of several thousand spectators to continuous rounds of applause by his determined stand against his opponent in playing brilliant and steady tennis, in which he showed his ability to handle and return in the form of clever placement shots the terrific service and volleys of Murray.

Williams opened the play with a wonderful assortment of passing and cross-court strokes under full command, but appeared to grow rest and indifferent as the match progressed, taking all kinds of chances and developing a streak of wildness which culminated in the loss of the fourth set at love.

Throckmorton, after his winter season of play in the Orient, was not an opponent to be trifled with, and the score stood two sets all at the opening of the fifth. Here Williams showed all his former racket wizardry, winning at 8-6, with an exhibition of wrist and forearm and backhand drives to the extreme limits of the court which left Throckmorton helpless, notwithstanding his desperate efforts at court covering.

TODAY'S BIG SHOOT PROGRAM Chicago, Aug. 23.—The Grand American handicap, the classic of the trap-shooting tournament, which has been in progress at the South Shore Country Club since Monday, was on the program to-day. There are 308 entries in this event and they will shoot at one hundred targets from distances ranging from sixteen to twenty-three yards.

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The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

The professional boxing game passes in New York State on August 27. It is reported that some of the promoters who attempt to continue under the club system but from what Governor Whitman has said these attempts will be blocked.

NEW YORK'S TWO CHAMPIONS The passing of the fight game will see New York in possession of two championships. Benny Leonard will retain the lightweight championship and Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, will pass into ring history as the middleweight champion.

A BOXER AND THE FIGHTERS The tip-off on the boxing game was given by a crowd of small boys on a cross street at Fifth Avenue the other day. A crowd of youngsters were following Benny Leonard and the group looked like Gibson's picture of "The Champion."

READING TAKES HILL PENNANT; STANLEY PLUCKY

For the third straight time the Reading base ball club put out the Stanley aggregation by a 5 to 0 score last evening, and clinched the pennant, winning the Allison Hill League pennant. In addition to the pennant, the Railroaders will also receive a loving cup that will be awarded to the team members next week.

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Gus Christie, the western middleweight, believes if given a chance he will win the middleweight championship. He has fought many good men and those experts who have watched him believe he will develop into a good fighter.

Baseball Summary

National League Philadelphia, 5; Chicago, 0. New York, 3; Cincinnati, 0. Boston, 6; Pittsburgh, 5. (22 innings)

American League Detroit, 6; Philadelphia, 5. Detroit, 2; New York, 0. Washington, 2; St. Louis, 1 (first game)

New York State League Binghamton, 15; Scranton, 3. Wilkes-Barre, 11; Reading, 2. Syracuse-Elmira, rain.

International League Buffalo, 6; Baltimore, 3 (first game). Baltimore, 9; Buffalo, 3 (second game)

Blue Ridge League Gettysburg, 6; Martinsburg, 1. Hagerstown, 4; Frederick, 3. Hanover-Cumberland, rain.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY National League Cincinnati at Philadelphia (two games). St. Louis at Brooklyn. Pittsburgh at Boston. Chicago at New York.

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WHERE THEY PLAY TOMORROW National League Cincinnati at Philadelphia. St. Louis at Brooklyn. Pittsburgh at Boston. Chicago at New York.

American League Chicago at Philadelphia. St. Louis at Brooklyn. Pittsburgh at Boston. Chicago at New York.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS National League W. L. P.C. New York 71 39 .645 Philadelphia 60 48 .556 St. Louis 61 55 .526 Cincinnati 63 58 .521 Chicago 60 57 .513 Brooklyn 64 58 .522 Boston 47 60 .439 Pittsburgh 36 77 .318

American League W. L. P.C. Chicago 74 46 .617 Boston 70 46 .603 Cleveland 65 56 .541 Detroit 60 48 .556 New York 55 59 .482 Washington 64 61 .470 St. Louis 46 73 .387 Philadelphia 42 70 .375

New York State League W. L. P.C. Wilkes-Barre 29 12 .707 Syracuse 27 13 .675 Elmira 24 18 .571 Binghamton 19 19 .500 Reading 13 29 .310 Scranton 10 31 .244

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RICH STAKE IS BELMONT OFFER

Feature on Today's Grand Circuit Program; Yesterday's Results

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—The \$5,000 stake for 2.11 trotters was the feature event of the fourth day's card of the Grand Circuit meeting at Belmont Park to-day. This event was the chief attraction of the meeting and with the best bunch of trotters of the year entered, every promise of a big field starting one of the best races of the season was looked for.

Officials say the meeting has proved a great success to date and with the best program of the week scheduled for to-day, a record-breaking crowd was expected. The weather and track conditions were good.

Yesterday's Results A third heat in 2:02 1/2 was the feature of the Grand Circuit race meeting at Belmont Driving Park yesterday. It was made by Mink Harris M. in 2:01 3/4, a bay mare by Peter the Great, and was her first winning race of the year, and incidentally, it was the first defeat admitted this season, upsetting the "dope" of the wise ones and establishing a new record for pacers over the Belmont track.

Single G had made seven starts this season, six of them on the Grand Circuit, and in every instance, but this he was returned the victory.

HITS AND OUTS OF THE GAME Three straight whitewashes. Largest crowd of the season.

There may be better fielding first basemen than "Putty" Lynch, but they are scarcer. The former Tech, Central and Academy star has gone through the entire Allison Hill series without one error. "Go Jo" may be a little awkward in catching the ball, but none got away from him this season.

Wertz got the applause of the crowd when he raced in straight catch of Blinghamton, 15; Scranton, 3. Wilkes-Barre, 11; Reading, 2. Syracuse-Elmira, rain.

Klerner was again in the game, although suffering from his injury received Monday night. He made the niftiest stop of the game at short.

George Levan walked six times in the series, which is quite a record when it is considered that the Reading team was at bat in only twelve innings. George is a good waiter.

"Benny" Kline had his right thumb knocked out of joint in the last round and retired in favor of Lescurie.

Platt was late reaching the field and Wertz pitched the first inning.

The Reading crowd will have a trophy cabinet made for the cup, and hope to land others in the future.

The Reading management is out with a challenge to the West End team for a series of games for the city championship. Allison Hill fans are sure that with Wertz in the box and Kline back of the bat, their team will win the city series. Kline is backstopper for both aggregations.

The winners held the losers to ten hits and no runs in the three games. Johnson hit for the Stanley team in each of his two contests.

Lescurie was the best stickler of the series with a hit in each of the second and third games, while in the first one he batted out two.

Twenty-one hits and only two errors tells the story of the victory in the three short contests.

And now for the city championship.

WELLY'S CORNER

Grammar school athletes who have been prominent in track work will be a big factor this fall in high school sports. Many future stars, too young for war duty, will be out early for practice. Tech officials are building great hopes on the newcomers.

Tennis seems to be one of the favorite outdoor sports of musicians, even the violinists and pianists risking their high-priced hands in the strenuous wielding of the racket.

One of his opponents this summer has been Fritz Kreisler, the violinist. Pablo Casals, the Spanish cellist, also plays a creditable game, while the names of Francis Rogers, baritone, and Marshall Kernochan, composer, stand well up in the ranking lists of the West Side Club, New York.

Forty years ago a Cincinnati team finished second in the race for the pennant. Christy Mathewson, who is now called the "master manager," says he will be more than satisfied if he can finish at high this year. The fans of Cincinnati will be doubly satisfied if their team can finish in the first division—that will in itself be a new experience for Cincinnati.

When the Dauphin-Perry League averages are made public, Newport will show the highest averages in all branches. The work of the infield has been on the gilt edge order. Reader and Wagner have been run getters. Stricker is a big factor in every victory.

In Mates, Kline and Hoffman Millerburg has three stars. They have had miscues, but that is due to the fact that they go after everything.

Lebanon is going to fight hard to win the first pennant in the Bethlehem Steel Corporation League. Indications are that a post-season series will be necessary to decide pennant honors.

Keating and Babbington, former New York State League stars, are big factors in Lebanon's position in the Bethlehem Steel Corporation League. Both are hard hitters. Keating is playing a sensational game at short.

Reading copped the Allison Hill pennant and then diver trophies. Honors came through superior baseball playing. Every player on the winning team was a factor and deserves the highest praise. Stanley A. C. remained in the series until the finish. With the exception of the players who quit in Tuesday's game, the Stanley boys showed pluck. They were outplayed and outgeneraled.

The proposition to have a series between Reading champions of the Allison Hill League and West End A. A. for the city championship is a good one. It will mean good sport for baseball fans. Five games should be the plan, with two at the Hill and two at West End field, the fifth to be played on a neutral ground in the event of a tie.

All praise to Company I boys. They can play baseball. If opportunity is afforded, they will be heard from in the Southern series. That they can clean up any soldier team is the belief here.

FAVORS PLANS FOR CITY SERIES

Manager Charles J. Householder of West End, Willing to Meet P. & R. Team

Manager Charles J. Householder of the West End A. A. team is willing to play a championship series with the Reading Railway team. The latter last evening won the Allison Hill championship and immediately challenged the West End team for a series for city honors. If contests are arranged midweek games will be necessary. This may interfere with a complete series, as West End players, it is feared, will not be able to get away from work to play twilight games.

At present, Manager Householder's team is playing an elimination series with Lebanon. There are yet a number of games to be played. If a series with Reading can be played out with Saturday games the upper end is willing to take up plans at once.

Big Festival Tonight On Saturday West End will play Rosewood A. A. The latter gave the pacemakers a hard chase some time ago and on Saturday will have their regular line-up in the field. The game starts at 8 o'clock and preparations have been made for a large crowd.

To-night and to-morrow night the annual festival of the West End team will be held at Fourth and Seneca streets. Arrangements have been made to rope off the street and there will be dancing and many interesting features. Music will be furnished by an orchestra. Special attention has been given to decorations and illumination.

RECORD BILLIARD MATCH Chicago, Aug. 23.—In a three-cushion billiard game against Frank White last night, August Kieckhefer, who plays left-handed, scored a run of 19, said by authorities to be the highest in the history of the game.

MARTINSBURG GOES DOWN Gettysburg handed Martinsburg another defeat yesterday, score 6 to 2. Hagerstown won over Frederick, score 4 to 3, and now lead the race in the Blue Ridge League.

HARRISBURG MONARCHS WILL PLAY MIDDLETOWN TEAM

Harrisburg's Monarchs, another colored aggregation of stars, is doing big things in baseball. On Saturday afternoon the Monarchs will play the Middletown White Sox, another colored team. The game will be played on the big field at Twelfth and Verbeke streets. A big crowd is expected.

This is the second game in a series of three. The White Sox won the first contest, score 6 to 5. Manager Stewart will offer a dark horse pitcher on Saturday. The White Sox will be accompanied by a large crowd of rooters. The Monarchs are anxious to meet West End.

Steelton Is Big Winner; Zinn Pitches Freak Game

Zinn, a Gettysburg College twirler, pitched a freak game yesterday and won for Steelton over the Sixty-sixth Regiment team from Gettysburg. The score was 11 to 1. Zinn fanned twelve batters, walked twelve and allowed but one hit in seven innings. The score by innings:

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