

TECH HIGH TOSSERS ARE READY TO PLAY YORK LEAGUE FIVE---BIG GAMES TONIGHT

TECH TOSSERS TO TACKLE YORKERS

Big Scholastic Game Is on Tonight's Schedule; Maroons Need Victory

The Technical High school basketball squad was put through its final drill last evening in preparation for its contest this evening at Chestnut Street Auditorium with the York High School team, leaders in the Central Pennsylvania League. Reports indicate that Tech will be in the pink of condition and the Tech management is prepared to take care of the largest crowd of the season. York will bring along 100 rooters. There is more enthusiasm in the White Rose city over High School basketball than since the days of "Haps" Bender.

The visitors have visions of a pennant because of the splendid work of their team to date. To-night Tech has expectations of sending those hopes glimmering. But to do so, the local aggregation will have to travel at a fast and furious pace throughout the game. We back Tech to toss the Yorkers. He will in all probability do the work from the fifteen-foot mark with "Dutch" Miller in reserve.

May Use Reserve Material

Several members of the team know they are being hard pressed for their positions by reserve material, and will show their best in the contest to-night. In addition to the dancing that will wind up the evening's amusement, the Seniors and Juniors will meet in a friendly game.

Saturday afternoon Tech will meet the Academy tossers on the Hassett floor, with the game starting at 2 o'clock. The Maroon players know that they will be up against a hard proposition because of the fast pace the up-river players have been trying. The Tech management is trying to arrange the game with Reading for Tuesday night on the Chestnut street floor. The game was originally set for Wednesday night, but it was thought that it would be a better attraction for Tuesday night. The matter will be settled within a day.

Spartans Win Hard Game in Boyd League Series; Apollos' Easy Victory

In the Boyd Memorial Basketball League series last night, the Apollos defeated the Trojans, score 22 to 10. The Spartans had a victory over the Achilles five, score 19 to 17. The second game was full of sensational features. B. Snyder was the star in the first contest. The lineup and summaries follow:

APOLLOS		TROJANS		SPARTANS		ACHILLES		
Id.	Fl.G.	Fl.G.	Pts.	Id.	Fl.G.	Fl.G.	Pts.	
B. Snyder, forward	6	1	15	McFadden, forward	2	4	8	
Townsend, forward	2	1	5	Blizzard, forward	1	0	2	
Hagar, center	0	0	0	Herman, center	0	0	0	
Black, guard	0	0	0	Black, guard	0	0	0	
O'Reese, guard	1	0	2	Connor, guard	0	0	0	
Totals	10	2	22	Totals	4	4	10	
				Referee, Miller, State. Scorer, Washburn, Timer, Washburn. Fouls called on Apollos, 10. Fouls called on Trojans, 10.				

Champion Pete Herman Must Join the Colors; Is Refused Exemption

New Orleans, Jan. 31.—Pete Herman, world's bantamweight champion, has lost his fight for exemption after six months of delay. He recently canceled all bouts on account of his eyes, which leads to the belief that Herman may make another stand against several on the same grounds.

The war District Appeal Board No. 1 has placed the little Italian pugilist in Class I, Division 1, a special division subject to immediate call. Herman is the two hundred and fifty-eighth man in his board. His division must furnish 650 men by February 15.

Herman says that he is willing to go to war, but before he goes to the training quarters he would like to defend his title against any bantamweight in the world the promoters can secure, and he is willing and ready to meet Johnny Ertle, Kid Williams, Frankie Ertle and Earl Moore if the match can be arranged at once.

Famous Pedestrian to Walk Until He Is Eighty

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31.—Dan O'Leary has arranged to retire from the walking game.

"I will be 77 next June," he said on Wednesday. "In three more years I will be 80, and at 80 it is time to take in sail."

"I have just returned from Dixon, where an old friend, M. E. Rice, runs a hotel, the Anchusa tavern, established in 1838. Mr. Rice also owns a skating rink and I put on a walking race with two roller skaters. I did a mile on heels against their two and one-half miles on wheels. Mr. Rice thought I was getting too old to beat them and offered to put me up as a permanent guest at his hotel when I reach 90, if I beat the boys. I beat them by a good margin and Mr. Rice says he will stick to his agreement. That means I have to walk only thirteen years more before I retire."

AMERICAN HEAD SORE OVER LEAK; TO CHANGE DATES

Chicago, Jan. 31.—There may be another change in the American League schedule for the season of 1918 before it is adopted. President B. B. Johnson of the league, said he might change things again and have all American League clubs begin the season April 16, instead of allowing the four eastern teams to start one day earlier than the western.

It was the intention of the schedule committee to withhold for the present the fact that the eastern teams were to begin playing ball April 15 instead of one day later, and the publicity given the change has annoyed Mr. Johnson, according to his own statement.



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FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, while in the sky
The larks, still singing bravely, fly
Unheard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders Fields.

Sleep, Dreamers, sleep, in quiet content
Through all the peace that you have drawn,
Until war's final flame is spent
Above the silent fields of dawn;
Sleep, till the final gun has turned
Its crashing answer on the foe;
Sleep, through the dreams that you have earned
In Flanders, where the poppies blow.

Sleep, Dreamers, sleep, in endless rest,
You who have reached the Final Inn,
Who poppies crowd each other's crest
Between you and the battle's din;
Sleep, Dreamers, sleep, dim wraith by wraith,
And hold this message for your Dead,
The living will not break the faith
They owe to those who've gone ahead.

So let the poppies bend and sway
"Between the crosses, row on row";
And when light ends another day,
From flaming dawn a sunset glow,
Or when the darkness gathers deep
Where yet the living guard their shields,
Let peace eternal crown the sleep
That holds our dreams in Flanders Fields.

WHAT TRAINING DOES

"When this fellow reported here," remarked the battery commander, "I wondered how he had ever been passed. He was stoopshouldered and thin-chested. He had drawn into a half knot through rheumatism. You could see that he never taken any regular exercise or had ever eaten proper food. I never had an idea he would last two weeks. And for the first two weeks he came pretty near fading out. And then he began to straighten up a trifle. He began to get his chest out, his shoulders back and his head up. And when this began to happen he could see for himself that he was turning into a man. That was two months ago. To-day he is a good soldier, in good condition, clear eyed, clear skin, erect and on the job. War kills quite a number of men. It isn't a very good thing taken as a regular dose. But don't forget that it takes many a weakling and half man and makes him over. If all war ended with the training a man receives it would be one of the great things of civilization."

AS TO FEET

The foundation of a house or a building is, on the average, at the bottom. One rarely sees a foundation erected at the top. In the same way the foundation of an athlete or a soldier is composed mainly of feet. The man who knows how to take care of his feet, whatever the game, is two-thirds across. Bad feet have ruined many a ball player, stopped many a football star and ended the career of many a tennis player. And the soldier who doesn't know how to take care of his feet is verging upon a total loss. But as the foot is such a lowly, humble part of the body or system, it receives very little attention until it is too late.

Or, as Edgar Allan Poe might have said:
"The bean may be useful,
The body be neat,
But the place to start building
Is down at the feet."

We sometimes wonder what ball players who complain bitterly at morning and afternoon spring practice would think of a day's routine, from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m., including a fifteen-mile hike, four hours of drill and a few additional ingredients tossed in. One of the best ways to cure a complaint is to increase the dose.

BOWLING

Taylor-Kennedy League (Taylor Alleys)

Stars	.....	2105
Bears	.....	1759
Burgess (M)	.....	1584
Burger (S)	.....	1475
Crescents	.....	1992
Capital (A)	.....	1940
O'Leary, (Cap)	.....	222
O'Leary, (Cap)	.....	431

Central Iron and Steel Series (Hastin Alleys)

Accounting Dept.	.....	2015
Sales Dept.	.....	1980
Lechthaler (S)	.....	235
Black, (A)	.....	595

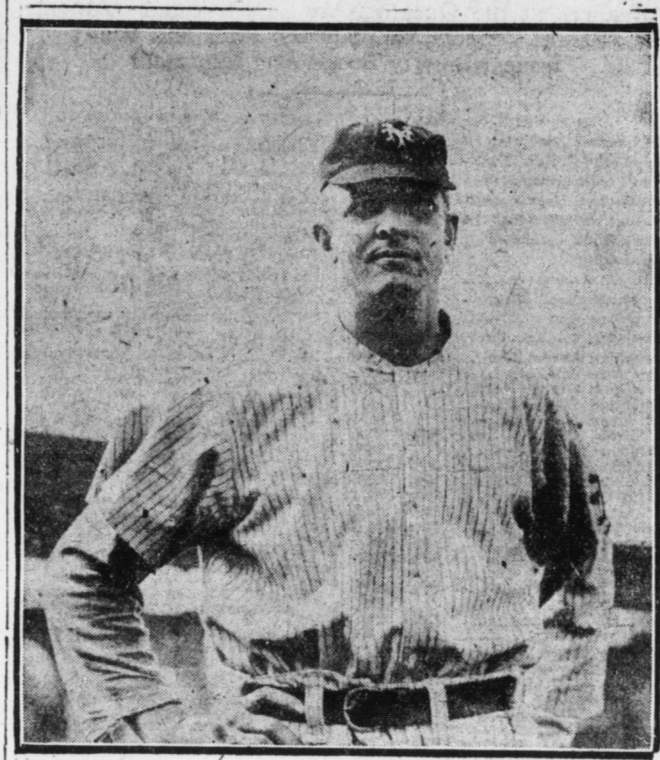
Academy League (Academy Alleys)

Artillery	.....	1570
Cavalry	.....	1386
Behney, (C)	.....	147
Behney, (C)	.....	365
Marines	.....	1733
Aviators	.....	1434
Bergstresser, (M)	.....	1584
Bergstresser, (M)	.....	403
Sergeants	.....	1759
Low, (M)	.....	1528
Low, (M)	.....	403

Centralia Tossers to Play Independents Saturday

Centralia five will play the local Independents on the Chestnut Street Auditorium court on Saturday evening. Centralia defeated the Louisa Gap five for the independent championship of the coal region. The visitors will present a strong lineup. The Independents will hold a practice this afternoon against the Centralia High School lads. The Centralia lineup will include: Walsh and Britt, at forward; McQuinley, at center, and Keiser and Butsko, at guard.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON TELLS FANS HE IS DONE AS PITCHER



Christy Mathewson himself has exploded the yarn that he would consider joining of an active member of the Cincinnati pitching staff next season.

Matty states that he has no such intention, that the game he tried to pitch last season against the Chicago Cubs convinced him that his day as a pitcher is absolutely done.

CANADA IS NOW HOME OF GREATEST BUFFALO HERD; UNITED STATES INTERESTED

By PETER P. CARNEY, Editor National Sports Syndicate

The largest herd of buffalo in the world is now owned by Canada. They form a picturesque group as they roam over the new national reserve set apart for them near Whitecourt, a city that has sprung up 125 miles east of Edmonton, Alberta.

Canadians recognized the need of a domestic animal to be preserved, and before Americans realized it they had purchased the entire herd of 600 from Michael Pablo, of Montana, who had protected them on his ranch near Ravalli.

History of the Herd

The history of this herd, now the largest in the world, dates back to 1875, when a Pend Oreille Indian captured four little calves—two bulls and two heifers—by cutting them out of a stampeded herd on the Flat-head reservation in Montana.

The Indian in question gave them to the Mission of St. Ignace, where they were kept as pets and became as domestic as ordinary cattle. When the heifers were four years old each had a calf. From that time on they gradually increased in number, until, in 1884, there were thirty head, and finding the care of them too great a tax, the Mission decided to sell them. Ten head were bought for \$250 a piece by Pablo, who was shrewd enough to see that specimens of what was even then almost an extinct animal would eventually become very valuable.

Pablos Made a Fortune

The herd increased under his supervision, and in a few years it became possible to sell specimens at high prices. The extent of the increase in value is indicated by the fact that cleaned up \$95,184,000 on their 1917 corn crop.

Hay and oats again proved themselves good old standbys, though this time the price of the national staple percentage results. The United States had 53,576,000 acres in hay; Pennsylvania had 1,175,000. The average yield per acre for the nation was 1.49, while Pennsylvania could only produce 1.40. Nevertheless the showing is not bad, with a national total of 79,528,000 tons, and Pennsylvania contributing of the 4,229,000. The crop was worth in this state \$75,758,000.

In tobacco, the land of William Penn ran away with the blue ribbon percentage results. The United States had 1,446,000 acres for growing the famous smoke plant, with this state using 450,000. The average yield per acre for the country was 827.1, which is considered pretty good, but just think of the mark set by Pennsylvania tobacco farmers, 1,400.0 of tobacco leaf, in pounds. Though raised in only a few counties tobacco yielded \$12,201,000 for the growers.

Some other sections knew more about potato raising than Pennsylvania, to judge by the statistics. Here were 321,000 acres in cultivation, yielding 92.9 bushels, the national 109.8. We turned out, all told, 29,532,000 bushels, and the income from those amounted to \$38,858,000. The sweet potato was confined to 1,000 acres, but the growing was scientific for the average in Pennsylvania was 110.0, in contrast with 91.0 for the nation.

The three great staple grains, wheat, oats and rye, did not approach, in any one case, to the statistics of the nation. Wheat was the nearest. Its total value being \$50,188,000. This state put 1,399,000 acres in wheat and the cultivation was high class, giving this state the average yield was far ahead of the average.

Oats Comes Next

Oats came next in value, with a total of \$30,021,000. Wheat was produced 2,327,600, giving this state 2,000 bushels, and oats was raised in much more quantity, 41,225,000. The oats, however, is only valued at \$30,021,000, while wheat was valued at over \$50,000,000.

Rye cultivating was careful, evidently for the average yield per acre was better than the national average. There was only 260,000 acres of rye this year. Its value is estimated at \$7,514,000.

In summing up Mr. Rose reaches the result that the total acreage under cultivation in the whole country is 265,908,600; the total in Pennsylvania 2,227,600, giving this state 3.105 percentage. In the total farm crop value the nation is credited with \$8,628,908,000 and Pennsylvania with \$221,567,000, or a percentage of 3.725.

CENTRAL TEAM WORRIES COACH

Not Showing Speed Sufficient to Win Over Billtowners; Game Friday Night

The speedy Williamsport High five will be the attraction Friday night, when they will play Central at the Chestnut Street Auditorium. The Williamsport team has been traveling at a fast clip this year, according to reports.

Central will have to go some to beat these boys. This week's practice has had some good results, but the Central team is not showing the form they should at this stage of the game, according to statements to-day.

Probable Lineup

Coach Wallower will most likely start Wright and Rodgers at forward. Wright has played a good game against the scrubs this year and ought to play a better game than he did against Lebanon or Steelton. Rodgers is improving rapidly both in his shooting and in his passing. Frank is plugging away at the foul line and hopes to better his records of the previous games this year. Captain Wolfe and Fields are playing their usual game as guards but are expected to lighten up Central defense this week.

Irwin May Be Head of International League

New York, Jan. 31.—That the International League may continue as a six-club league, dropping Montreal and Buffalo, was reported, when the announcement was made that Sam Lichtenheim, owner of the Montreal club, had given notice that he would quit the league.

The six-club league suggestion had it that the Richmond franchise would be transferred to Jersey City, in the interest of spectators. The statement was also made that Arthur Irwin, now with the Toronto club, is a candidate for president in case Edward G. Barrow cannot be induced to remain.

Walter McCredie, manager of the Salt Lake City team of the Pacific Coast League, is doing well in the West. He has obtained Harry Wolter, of the Cubs, for his outfield, and is angling for Eddie C. Cuy, recruit first baseman, in Cleveland. He got Penney, a pitcher with Fort Lauderdale, and also a twifter. Gould was sent to Toronto, but if the International fails to resume McCredie has first choice.

Elephant Steak or Bear Chop Brought Fancy Prices in Famine Time

How would you like an elephant steak or a brunoise chop? Horse meat, perhaps? Or if you wanted a chicken how would you like to pay ten dollars for it?

"Their isn't a warning of what is going to happen in this country. We haven't enough elephants to go around. It has however reference to what once happened in Paris. It might again if we should relax our vigilance in conserving and shipping food to the fighting nations leagued with us today. Food is a hand to mouth affair with them."

Paris has already felt the extreme pinch of hunger. At the time of the siege of Paris by the German army, 1870-71, with the victorious armies at the gates, the citizens of Paris suffered real famine. People ate—and were said to eat—things that had never thought of eating before. Dogs and cats sold at fancy prices. The animals in the zoological gardens were slaughtered for food.

Here are prices of some meat foods at that time:

Elephant meat	.....	\$ 4.00 a pound
Pigeons	.....	1.10 a piece
Rats	.....	.35 a piece
Ducks	.....	30.00 a piece
Rabbits	.....	12.00 a piece
Bear meat	.....	3.00 a pound
Worms	.....	1.00 a pound
Dog meat	.....	.60 a pound
Chickens	.....	10.00 a piece

In the siege of Paris the problem was limited to one city. Now food is a world problem.

At the time of the siege prices do not reflect the state of the food stores. In Europe these stores are nearer the danger line than prices would suggest. To-day prices are kept down by careful administration. Nations are making an effort to extract the last ounce of power from their food supplies by efficient handling and distribution.

But if America relaxed her watchful service for a month Paris would be in danger of a worse siege than that of 1870. Not only Paris but France would be endangered. If we did not send them supplies for three months they would be starving. Then the price of food would be a matter beyond discussion. We should have made them pay the price of defeat through starvation.

Surprise Party Held at Home of Hyman Abrams

A delightful surprise party was held in honor of Hyman Abrams at the home of Miss Henrietta Abramson, 113 Cumberland street. The evening was spent in dancing for which music was furnished by Misses Fanny Williams' Hawaiian orchestra, assisted by vocal solos and monologues by Misses Henrietta Abramson, Mary Gross and Helman Brenner.

Buffet supper was served to the following guests: Misses Fanny Williams, Mary Gross, Jennie Abrams, Margaret Gallagher, Lena Levin, Rose Loch, Sara Abrams, Henrietta Abramson, Hilda Abramson, Ida Abrams, Samuel Lopman, Abe Kerson, Abe Schloberg, Julius Yoffee, Helman Brenner, Hyman Abrams, Abe Garonzik, Abe Micholovitz, Sam Sherman, Sam Arch, Mose Abrams, Maurice Abramson, Joseph Freedman, Phillip Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Abramson and Mr. and Mrs. Abrams.

WELLY'S CORNER

Sam Johnson is peeved according to reports. Someone pulled something over on him regarding the opening dates. Now he says the American League will open when he says so. Well, the fans won't kick about a little thing like that.

It is no longer the national sport when reference is made to baseball. According to John K. Tener is the world's most popular game. All nations have taken it up, says the National League head. England, Ireland, Scotland and France have been playing baseball and like it. The Japs have become big stars in the sport.

There will be baseball in Harrisburg notwithstanding the New York State League. It may not be league baseball, but in addition to the independent games and the series for the Pennsylvania railroad teams, there will be a strong independent team. Plans are already under way to have a representative team for this city.

HASSETT FIVE HAS HARD GAME

Hassett tossers are in good shape for the game to-night with Dickinson Law School five. The contest starts at 8 o'clock. The Carlisle contingent will bring along a large crowd of rooters. It will be the final contest on the regular schedule of the law school and unusual interest is manifested.

On the Dickinson team are well-known cage stars who have won fame on other teams and the game promises to be one of the best of the season.

Anxious for Victory

Hassett is anxious to make good and will offer the regular varsity lineup. Practice yesterday afternoon was prolonged in order that the local five would get a chance to strengthen weak places.

The game will start promptly and there will be no delays as the Carlisle tossers must get back to Carlisle to-night. The contest takes place on Cathedral hall floor, and will be followed with a big college dance. An interesting program has been arranged in honor of the Carlisle students.

GIANTS SIGN CONTRACTS

New York, Jan. 31.—The signed contracts of Lew McCarty, slugger catcher, and Joe Wilhoit, substitute outfielder, were received at the office of the New York National League club to-day. They run only for the season of 1918. The entire Giant catching staff of McCarty, Bill Rarigan and George Gibson now is in line for work.

ST. LOUIS GETS BRANCHCOTE

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Nationals, announced that Clifford Heathcote, of Pennsylvania State College, has signed a St. Louis contract. Heathcote is an outfielder.

How Teams Will Look in Tonight's School Games

TECH	YORK
Miller, f.	Gingrich, f.
Lincoln, c.	Wright, c.
(Huston)	Bosserman, f.
Wilshab, c.	(Schlom)
Beck, f.	McLaughlin, c.
(Rich)	Aidinger, f.
Kohlman, g.	Cohen, f.

SENIORS

Hollan, f.	Richards, f.
Cook, f.	Fortna, c.
Stauffler, f.	Hoerner, f.
Compton, g.	Bettinger, f.
	(Keane)

Penn Has Censorship on All Sport Publicity Manager Pickering Chief

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—An athletic censorship has been established at the University of Pennsylvania, with Graduate Manager Pickering as the chief censor. By an order of the Athletic Council, announced yesterday, all athletic news must first pass through the hands of the graduate manager before being released.

This announcement came to the different coaches in the form of a letter from Dean McClellan, chairman of the Athletic Council, where-in he called to the attention of the coaches the rule passed by the council about a year ago which states that no coach or member of any team representing the University of Pennsylvania is permitted either to write articles for newspapers or to give interviews to any one representing a newspaper.

This rule does not bar coaches from giving interviews to newspapers representative before a game, nor does it bar him from writing instructional articles about the sport of which he is coach. If such coaches or members of teams wish to write for a newspaper, his articles must be first censored by either Dean McClellan or Major Pickering.

The ruling has been in effect for some time, but up to date it has never been enforced. It is thought that the council will try to enforce this rule so that Penn may be put on the same plane with Yale and Harvard, where a strict censorship is maintained on all athletic activities and college news in general.

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