### CRUCIAL CAGE TESTS FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS---BASEBALL AT STEELTON

## Hassett Club Claims HIGH SCHOOL Local Cage Honors; Letter From Coach Blue Team Is First Winner;

risburg Telegraph:

Sir:

"In a spirit of true sport I wish to give in the columns of your paper the Hassett School of Gymnastic's side of the much boosted series of games of basketball that were to take place between the Independents of Harrisburg and the Hassetts. In the first place the Hassett management, before the last game and on three occasions since, has attempted to arrange a series of games on any equitable terms whatsoever with the Independents; every effort falled despite the fact that the public through the newspapers seemed to wish these two teams to meet.

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"The Hassetts have played for the past two years a college selfedule that we feel gives them a place in collegiate circles and a recognized position as a basketball team in the city of Harrisburg, consequently hey desire this series merely on the line of true sportsmanship. The Hassetts claim that they have developed the best team in the history of its organization, and hereby lay laim to the championship of the city. Unless this championship claim a disputed, we rest the merits of our contention with the public.

Reason For the Series

In a spirit of absolute fairness, I wish to state here one of the reasons for the Hassetts wishing to arrange a series. The game that was played on February 12th was in no way a championship game. In the first place, the referee declared before some of the players that his interests were opposed diametrically to the Hassett team, and with such a mentality governing his decisions, it is difficult to even imagine how the Hassetts could have received an equitable judgment throughout the game. This is not only our view, but we claim the view of fifty percent of the spectators who witnessed the contest.

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Hassett tossers and the many supgame in return on their own floor
porters of the gymnastic school are
making numerous inquiries as to the
delay in announcing plans for the
local championship series between
the Harrisburg Independents and
Hassetts. The following letter was
received to-day:
"To the Sporting Editor of the Harrisburg Telegraph:

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Another Referee

The Independents again refused without any apparent reason. When pressed for a reason they alleged that a financial consideration might bring them to terms, but the Hassett management believes that it is just as damaging to true sportsmanship to play a game for a financial consideration, as it is against the laws of the State to play a game of cards for money. The Hassett team is out for the good of the sport and not for the purpose of being a money organization.

It might be recalled by lovers of sport that the Independents were defeated on their own floor at the close of last season by the Rosewood and Motive Power Teams and hence we cannot see why they lay claim to the championship at all until they prove that they are the best team in Harrisburg—šthis they cannot do finess they meet the Hassett Basketball Team.

In conclusion we wish to say that we are ready to meet their proposals in any form that would equitably settle the city championship, with this exception—that we demand a referee who has no prejudice against the Hasset team or who would be neutral with respect to both teams since a referee is in a position in a game of basketball to cause the best team to lose if his judgment is governed by prejudice. Hence, we heres by claim the championship of Harrisburg. Those who wish to dispute the assett management. I remaith, Very truly yours Edward H. Smith, Coach,

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Hassett School of Gymnastics.

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## by a score of 15 to 14. The teams included:

Patrolmen Take First
Game in Volley Ball

Those bluecoat volleyball stars where traveling some last night. They had to in order to defeat the Tarsus of games for the city championship and was played on the Y. M. C. A. floor. A big crowd watched the contest. The next match will be played Tuesday night on Tarsus floor. In the first game last night the "Coppers" walked all over the Tarsus sus boys. The latter had not been able to get any previous practice. The score was 15 to 3. The second game was all Tarsus, the victors leading all through the contest and having a score of 15 to 7 at the finish.

Then came the battle royal. The third contest showed both teams working hard. It was nip and tuck until near the finish when the Patrolmen forged ahead and won out

## GIRLS' SERIES

Red Shades Yellow Five; Good Work Pleases

Interclass games held the center of interest yesterday for the fair basketball players of Central. The Blue team, led by Florence Frank, defeated the Orange team finder Miss Johnson, by a score of 9 to 3. The games were well played and Coach Wallower is pleased with the good work. There is much promising material being developed for the varsity next year in these interclass ring material being developed for the varsity next year in these interclass league teams. The varsity is composed almost entirely of seniors at present because of the hope that they will make first team next year, the girls are all playing with a good will.

GREEN RED
Frank, f. Forney, f.
Blair, f. Condron, f.
Ellenberger, c. Sites, c.
Wallis, g. Blair, g.
Harris, g. Stevic, g.
Field goals, Sites, 3; Wallis, 1
Foul goals, Ellenberger, 1. Refereesmith.

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Groff, ( Enola, Feb. 27.—Efforts are being made to induce the members of the school board to place the auditorium the Summit street school building in a condition to play basketball games. This move has been agitated for some time by former students of the local High school and also the High School Athletic Association. Most of the directors have expressed their willingness to make the necessary changes. The matter will be brought up at the next session of the board. At present there is a team of students organized but the aggregation is unable to secure a good place to hold practice games. Arrangements are pending to have some games played on the local floor. If the matter is turned down by the board these games will be called off.

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HASSETT INDEPENDENTS WIN
The Hassett Independent twe last
night defeated the All-American five,
of the Boyd Memorial Building, in a
game played on the Boyd floor by the
score of 22 to 21. The contest was
one of the best ever played on the
Boyd floor. Two extra periods were
necessary to decide the winners, the
score being 18 to 18 at the end of the
regulated time and 19 to 19 at the
end of the first extra period. The
score was 21 to 21 when a Boyd player committed a foul. Houston shot a
clean free goal. The time being called out at this minute gave the Hassetts the game by a one-point lead.

CARDINALS SIGN CATCHER
St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Larry Benton, catcher on the University All-Western football end, has been signed by the St. Louis Nationals, President Branch Rickey said to-night. Benton was given a tryout with the Chicago Nationals last spring, but was released before the season opened.

CLEVELAND HANDS TWO
Cleveland, O., Feb. 27.—The
Cleveland American League baseball
club announced the purchase from
the Newark International League
Club of Roy Wilkinson, a right-hand
pitcher, and Gustave Getz, an infielder.

Many Teams Seek Lajoie as Leader; Indianapolis Makes Strong Bid For Former Cleveland Star



Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 27.—James C. McGill, owner of the Indianapolis hopes of obtaining the Frenchman, Club, of the American Association, arrived here from Florida, to take charge of the hunt for a manager for the Indians to replace Jack Hattiesburg, Miss., is being conforted the Indians of the St. Louis of training. McGill said, as a place Hattiesburg, Miss., is being conformationals. McGill said the opening date of the American Association is in doubt.

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### NEW RECORDS IN **BOWLING MEET**

Chicago Star Takes Lead at Cincinnati; Change in Doubles

Cincinnati, Feb. 27 .- One American Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—One American Bowling Congress record was smashed, while new leaders in the two-man and all-events appeared at the American Bowling Congress here yeterday. Harry Steers and Fred Thoma, of the Rubini team, of Chicago, assumed first place in the doubles with a score of 1,338, just ten Dins behing the American Bowling Congress regord, field by Satorius and Holzschuh, of Pecria, while Steers went into the lead in the allevents with 1,358, fourteen pins ahead of the former American Bowling Congress record, made by H. Miller, of Detroit, at Grand Rapids, last year.

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Numefous other changes among leaders took place, however. Steers bowled his way into second place in the individual with 675, and was closely pursued on the following shift by B. Steinmiller, of Syracuse, who went into fourth place with 655. A. Marrison, of Ashtabula, O., earlier in the day had bowled 640 in his individual attempt and landed in ninth place when the day's individual howling was concluded.

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In the two-men event, M. McDowell and C. Thies, of Cleveland, took
the lead yesterday, morning with
1,247, only to be replaced in the afternoon by Steers and Thoma.
Good bowling marked the later
shift in the doubles, as W. Carey and
C. O. Collier, also of the Rubinis, of
Chicago, rolled into fifth place with
1,224; J. Shaw and H. Marino, of
Chicago, went into sixth place with
1,222, and F. Scoville and B. Miller,
of Syracise, assumed seventh place
with 1,217. G. Daschen and J. Miller, of St. Paul; who bowled 1,202
oarly in the day, finished the day in
tenth place.

The scores:
Individual Event—C. Wagner, Newark, N. J., 680; H. Steers, Chicago, 675; J. Elmer, Eau Claire, Wis., 663; B. Steinmiller, Syracuse, N. Y., 665; L. Lamberger, Milwaukee, 651; J. Schmitt, St. Louis, 647; O. Orl, Chicago, 646; J. F. Oetken, Louisville, Syracuse, 1,217; Lush and Blaney, 645; A. Marrison, Ashtabula, O., 640; O. Soergel, Chicago, 639.

Two-men Teams — Steers and Thies, Cleveland, 1,236; McDowell and Thoma, Chicago, 1,326; McDowell and Ott, Chicago, 1,246; Dibble and West, Chicago, 1,202.

Five-men Teams—Aquilas Cigars, 146; Ott, Chicago, 1,246; Dibble and West, Chicago, 1,202.

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Fred Fulton has won strong favor with fight fans. Notwithstanding Joss Willard who said he is ready to meet the Minnesota fighter, would like to see Jack Dempsey and Fulton get together first. No doubt this would be a good match, but Willard should keep his word.

Within the next two weeks the famous West End Athletic Association will get together for Dassball to will get together for Superior Su

Baseball holdouts this year are getting little consideration from the managers. The league officials are willing to stand for salary cuts players should not hesitate, especially but of what standard has yet to be when it is not certain baseball will get through the entire season successfully.

Dauphin-Perry League magnates are not saying much these days about plans for the coming season. Fans in the circuit expect baseball, but of what standard has yet to be decided. This organization has also been hard hit by the war.

League baseball at Steelton this year promises some rare sport. It is understood that the Steelton officials are going to get ready early. There will be more seats provided and the grounds will receive attention. This year Harrisburg fans will get league baseball in that town.

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