

TECH TAKES FIRST GAME LOCAL SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL SERIES---RECORD CROWD

Maroon Tossers Win First Game; Central Braces

Twenty-two hundred people crowded Chestnut Street Auditorium last evening to see Tech win the first basketball game of the series by a score of 36 to 30. For the entire first half of twenty minutes and thirteen minutes of the second half Tech held the Central tossers without a goal from field. With seven minutes of play left, Goodiel unceremoniously first Central two-pointer into within the next four minutes Frank added another field goal, while Art Fields pulled off a duo of double-deckers. Excitement was at fever heat when the score stood 33 to 28 in Tech's favor and just three minutes to go. Tech pulled together, and the first game of the series went to the Maroon. The Tech reserves were also victorious in a 41 to 30 affair.

Central Pennsylvania Scholastic League table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and scores for various games.

Notes of the Game

Tech players deserve credit for their cool headed playing during the entire contest. Huston displayed remarkable control over his men.

Huston made several sensational shots from the field, in the first half. The shots were made from the middle of the floor when the captain was covered.

Tech showed better skill in shooting and team work and deserved to win.

Central certainly did stage a comeback but it was too late. The team pulled together during the last ten minutes of play and threatened to tie the score.

The Blue and Gray players seemed lost during the first period. Tech kept the ball most of the time and had little difficulty in keeping the Central players well guarded.

Both teams played exceptionally clean ball which was commendable. When two teams of this caliber meet, the rivalry is generally so keen that unclean playing is pulled off by the players unconsciously.

The contest was nip and tuck from start to finish. Had Tech not been able to get such a commanding lead in the first half the total score may have been different.

The crowd was the largest that ever witnessed a contest in this city. Many were turned away, not being able to get in the doors. The hall was filled long before the game between the second teams of the schools was over.

"Art" Fields made several sensational shots from the field. The foul shooting of Huston and Frank was good.

Central boys promise another hard battle on March 22.

The Frank brothers played a stellar game for their respective teams. "Haps" tossed in half a dozen field goals for the Tech reserves, while "Nob" kept Central in the running with his clever foul tossing.

Captain Huston was the high individual scorer for the evening with 26 points to his credit.

After Tech had held Central without a field goal for thirty-three minutes of play, the Central lads suddenly came to life, and collected four two-pointers within several minutes. The rally put the score 33 to 29 and the Tech reserves were anything but comfortable. The rally came too late.

Central was weak at the forward position. A little more offensive work should have been in evidence by the two forwards.

BODIE TO PLAY WITH YANKEES

Athletic Manager Gets George Burns as First Baseman; Other Deals

Philadelphia, March 8.—Despite rosy rumors' fond hope, Ping Bodie will not play first base for the Athletics this season. Ping Bodie will not even play left field for the Athletics this season. Last night while the city slept, Manager Connie Mack indulged in his favorite pastime of dropping a bombshell on local fandom. He announced that he had traded Ping to the New York Yankees in exchange for Toga George Burns, who it seems, was purchased from the Detroit Tigers by the Yanks for the express purpose of this trade.

The Bodie transfer solves the Athletics' first base problem, but may be regretted by Ping's many friends in the city. Burns promises to be a very popular performer at Shibe Park. He is a resident of Toga, and a little more than a month past his 24th birthday. Mr. Mack stated last night that he has not been called to the service.

Bullet Joe Bush and Wally Schang will leave this city to-morrow for Hot Springs, Ark., to undergo preliminary conditioning for the Red Sox spring training trip. Only the battery men are being sent to the spot so it looks as if Schang is booked to don mask and wind-pad as his regular job, instead of playing third or the outfield.

Harrisburg Academy to Play F. and M. Cage Team

The Harrisburg Academy five will go to Lancaster to-morrow to play Franklin and Marshall Academy in their annual game. The latter is anxious for revenge for their defeat in football last fall at the hands of the local eleven.

Academics have not met this year and there is a good deal of interest in the coming struggle. The Academy will present its regular lineup of Wren and DeVore, at forward; Weigle at center and Newlin and Miller in the guard positions. Wescott may accompany the team as first substitute.

Academics did not play last week against the Gettysburg College freshman as the game was canceled. The Academy has had hard luck in this respect as it has been necessary to cancel three games.

Former Tech Stars See Maroons Slam Central

Harry Eyster, manager of the Tech track team last spring, and John Demming, captain the previous year, were spectators at the Tech Central basketball contest last night. Eyster and Demming are freshmen at State College and will represent Tech in the annual basketball games to-night and to-morrow. Eyster is entered in the 40-yard dash, 440-yard and the 480 yard jump. Demming is entered in the 1000-yard run. Both are entered in the relay. Out of the squad of eighteen men, Coach Martin selected three freshmen, Demming and Eyster, while enrolled at Tech both "Eyst" and "Jawn" won many track events for the Maroon.

Philadelphia Nationals to Start Work Next Week

Philadelphia, March 8.—The Philadelphia National League baseball team will leave for the spring training grounds at St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 15, it was announced yesterday. Training will begin four days later and will continue until March 27, when the team will go to Miami for a three-days' series with the Boston Nationals. Other games on the schedule include the following: April 9, Washington Americans, at Columbia, S. C.; April 10, Washington Americans, at Greenville, S. C.; April 13, Philadelphia Americans, at Philadelphia; and April 14, Philadelphia Americans, at Baltimore.

Harrisburg Independents Lose Game to Alsatias

At Hagerstown last night the Harrisburg Independents lost out, score 29 to 20, to the Alsatias. The summary: Hagerstown Harrisburg, 29 to 20. Harrisburg: Crane, f.; Wallower, f.; Matthal, c.; Ford, 2; Porter, g. Substitution—Kretzer for Barnhart. Field goals—Crane, 3; Wallower, McCord, 4; Ford, 4; McConnell, 2; Matthal, 2; Bachler, 2. Foul goals—McCord, 3; Bachler, 8.

Former Local Star Has Contract With Jennings

Detroit, Mich., March 8.—"Pep" Young, star second baseman of the Detroit Americans, has signed his 1918 contract. It was officially announced yesterday. For several weeks it had been reported that Young might be a holdout.

Big Figures of Fight Game Who Have Died in the Past Few Months



BOB FITZSIMMONS, JOHN L. SULLIVAN, TERRY McGOVERN, CHARLEY WHITE, BOB VERNON, BILLY MADDEN. Retirees for Champions. Creator of Champions.

Six important characters of the pugilistic game, men whose names were long known over the whole world where a fight was enjoyed, have passed away within the past few months. The death of Bob Fitzsimmons, the most popular fighter in the ring has known, died this year. Billy Madden, manager of many champions, the man who made John L. famous on the tour in which Sullivan offered \$500 to the man who could stay four rounds with him, followed his old fighters quickly. The last to go was Terry McGovern, "Terrible Terry," a little fellow, but a fury of the Sullivan kind.

again, this time in a ten-round bout in Buffalo. In this contest Dempsey like the red and black combinations of punches that the Oklahoma began to hit low. Dempsey fought all the harder and soon had Morris in distress and close to a knockout when the beaten man struck a palpably low blow, and was sent out of the ring by the referee.

It therefore is apparent that Dempsey would at least have an even chance against Fulton and should not be denied an opportunity to prove, if he can, that he is the man to meet the champion. Fulton now is in St. Louis doing theatrical work and Dempsey is camping on his trail with a proposal for a twenty-round bout to a decision in which is to fight Willard.

Gun Pointing is the Result of Training

Shooting a revolver in the western manner, with movement of hand too fast for the eye to follow is really juggling a pistol, and muscles and nerves must undergo the same training as those of a juggler who keeps half a dozen balls in the air with one hand.

The wing-shot who aims by pointing a heavy glove on the hand that pushes the rod through the cylinder barrel.

There is a tendency to forget and push harder as the swab nears the muzzle, which in the case of the cylinder bore, allows the swab to pop out of the muzzle resulting in a thumb being jabbed against the sharp edge of the breech end of the barrels making an annoying cut.

This same thumb on the morning may have to push a safety slide up and back many times.

NEW HAVEN STAR LEADS BOWLERS

Sensational Work Puts Mort Lindsay in Second Place For Title Honors

Cincinnati, O., March 8.—Expert bowling characterized yesterday's doubles and singles in the American Bowling Congress tournament here, as Mort Lindsay and J. Porto, of New Haven, Conn., by rolling 1,282, went into third place in the doubles, and an hour later Lindsay bowled himself into tenth place in the singles with 661.

Shortly after these two teams had finished G. Stewart and C. Moses, of Toledo, made a total of 1,267 in the doubles and are now in fourth place. Lindsay's bowling was sensational, and his wonderful work in the singles and doubles managed to overcome his rather mediocre showing with his five-man team, and he succeeded in establishing himself in second place in the all-events, with 1,921.

Ten Leaders

The standing of the ten leaders in the singles, doubles, five-men teams and the five highest in the all-events follows: Individuals—C. Styles, Detroit, 702; C. Wagner, Newark, N. J., 680; H. Steers, Chicago, 675; E. Herrmann, Cleveland, 673; G. Leonard, Detroit, 672; W. C. Moses, Toledo, 1,282; C. Shank, Louisville, 665; J. Selmar, Eau Claire, Wis., 665; J. Kilpatrick, Detroit, 663; M. Lindsay, New Haven, 661.

Five-Men Teams—Aquila Cigars, St. Paul, 3,922; Page Dairs, Toledo, 2,961; Champion Spare Plugs, Toledo, 2,908; Athearn Hotel, Oshkosh, 2,892; Clausius, Chicago, 2,891; Elm, Rochester, N. Y., 2,885; P. J. Schmidt, Detroit, 2,873; Shymanski and Sons, Louisville, 2,861; Mineralites, Chicago, 2,858.

All Events—H. Steers, Chicago, 1,921; M. Lindsay, New Haven, 1,921; F. Farnan, Fort Wayne, 1,871; C. Thies, Cleveland, 1,861; E. Herrmann, Cleveland, 1,861.

Reading Tossers Set Pace Even If Not Flag Winners; League Contests Hard

Reading, March 8.—Even if the Reading high cage team does not win the pennant in the Central Scholastic League race, the club may almost equal the record made by the 1916-17 champions, as far as won and lost games are concerned. Last year's Central League title holders won 20 games out of 28 starts. Up to this time the local contenders have copped 15 games and lost eight, and are a few more dates on the schedule.

The present combination won 12 out of its last 16 games, which shows how quickly the team developed. While it is considered that this year's quintet is composed of green material, its record is more remarkable than the success won by the championship aggregation.

It is not a team of "homers" as seven out of the 12 games on foreign courts have resulted in victories. Three of the five games lost have been Central League clubs, while the others were at York and Baltimore.

This year's team faced a stronger schedule than the champions. On the whole the Reading team is much stronger this season than last year. Barring Reading, every other five is a veteran combination. No team was shot to pieces by graduation like the Red and Black combination and the players are deserving of a lot of credit for their remarkable work this season.

Lafayette to Play Here With Carlisle Indians

Easton, Pa., March 8.—Manager Mitinger announced the schedule for the Lafayette football team for next fall. Sewardmore, Trains and the Usaac team, which were on the list last year, do not appear on the 1918 schedule. Two new opponents are booked for March Field. The first is with the Carlisle Indians to be played October 19, in this city, and the second with Haverford, October 26. Lafayette played the Indians on March Field in 1911. Haverford and Lafayette have not met for a number of years. The Penn game is listed for November 2, as has been the custom for a number of years.

Cubs Get Southpaws; Ready For Trip South

Chicago, March 8.—With the signing yesterday of Pitches Vance and Tyler, Fred Mitchell, manager of the Chicago Nationals, said that twenty members of the club are now under contract. Six players remain to be signed, but Mitchell does not consider them holdouts.

The Cubs will travel to spring training grounds on the Pacific coast in two sleeping cars attached to a main train, it was announced yesterday. In former years when the team went to the coast for training a special train carrying sixty or seventy players and guests was used, but this year the government notified club officials that curtailment of accommodations was necessary on account of the war.

WELLY'S CORNER

Now that it is certain that the New Haven Star will play the series against Sunday baseball, the Internationals, and Farrell circuits are not likely to start. Unless there is a good amount of cash on hand, none of the officials can explain the strong desire on the part of some managers to get into a losing game.

Joe Devlin, well-known to local fight fans, and a former Lancaster Army. "Joe" was a real fighter. Even when he encountered his brother "Tom" in the ring, family ties were forgotten. Devlin fought at Chestnut Street Auditorium on a number of occasions, and always made good.

George Cockill will manage the Steelton team of the Bethlehem Steel League. He is already on the job and hot foot after the season. This season he will sign up players with experience. "Shorty" Miller will be in the lineup along with several other well-known stars.

The following yarn concerning Hurley Jennings is found in the Detroit correspondence to the Sporting News of St. Louis: "While in New York recently Jennings confided to a Detroit writer that he intends to give up the practice of law. Jennings has been in the legal business with his brother in Scranton. While he was able to sit in his office and hand out advice things went swimmingly with Hurley, since the brother always handled the case in court. But one day recently the brother became ill and Hurley had to take his place before the jury. He handed out an argument that he thought would knock them into a verdict for his client, but after he concluded the masterful oration the judge leaned over the bench and remarked: "Mr. Jennings, you have forgotten both

off for "patriotic" reasons and as a result the team had a poor season, financially. For many years the Memorial Day affair was the biggest event on the Reading High schedule and the plan of changing the date from the holiday to a Saturday, reduced the number of entries and also hurt the attendance.

"George D. Snyder is the faculty manager of the track team and is arranging a schedule, which will probably be the lightest in years. A team will be sent to the Penn Relays and to other meets, but the chances are that there will be only a few events on George Field. No call has been issued for candidates, although schools in nearby towns have had their track and field men at work for the past week or two."

Reading track athletes who have been prominent in High School meets at Island Park, may not come to Harrisburg this year. The Reading Times-News says: "Very little is being done at Reading High in the way of shuffling plans for the coming track season as there is no coach at the school to boom the sport. Although it has not been definitely decided, it is believed that the track sport may be curtailed to a certain extent this season."

No Meet Plans

Up to this time it has not been decided whether the annual Memorial Day meet will be held this year. Last year it was called off for "patriotic" reasons and as a result the team had a poor season, financially. For many years the Memorial Day affair was the biggest event on the Reading High schedule and the plan of changing the date from the holiday to a Saturday, reduced the number of entries and also hurt the attendance.

Lajoie Not Yet Free; Toronto Still Has Hopes

Toronto, Ont., March 8.—President McCaffrey, of the Toronto Baseball Club, announced that the International league will be reorganized and that there will be baseball as usual this season.

Larry Lajoie is expected to come here for a conference before the end of the week.

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