

# SUNDAY BASEBALL OPPOSED BY CHURCHES AND THREATENS TO DISTURB NATIONAL SPORT

## CHURCH OPPOSES SUNDAY GAMES

### Dispute Makes Trouble in National Pastime and Government May Act

The right or wrong, morally and legally, of playing baseball on Sunday has been agitated in this country for years, but this season it threatens to come to a climax and perhaps disrupt some of the leagues. This section of the nation appears to be firmly against turning Sunday into a play day. Chicago and St. Louis, on the other hand, have their greatest crowds at the Sabbath afternoon game when it is common to have 27,000 go through the turnstile.

The proposal that the baseball parks be thrown open on Sundays for the use of the 20,000 soldiers and sailors stationed in Philadelphia is encountering much opposition from leaders of religious organizations. The movement for Sunday games began when the American League team offered Shibe Park for the purpose. Mayor Smith approves of Sunday games among enlisted men played under stringent regulations and it is stated that government officials are considering the matter.

Rev. James M. S. Isenberg, a leader of the Interchurch Federation, said today he is opposed to Sunday games, even for enlisted men. "I have four nephews in the service and forty members of my congregation are wearing the uniform," said Dr. Isenberg, today. "Personally, I think it a poor way to begin to teach our young men to violate the Lord's day when we believe our cause is right



and expect the Lord's blessing to rest upon it. It is a serious mistake to regard these boys as any different from other young men. We ought not to teach them to violate God's name.

The Rev. T. T. Mutchler, secretary of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Sabbath Associations, when told of the proposal to open Shibe Park for Sunday baseball, declared that such a scheme was in direct opposition to the law, and that the supreme court had already decided that Sunday baseball, whether admission was charged or not was in direct violation of the law.

Yesterday changes in the playing schedule of the National and American Baseball League to permit of Sunday games in the east, were considered at Pittsburgh by President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, President John K. Tener, and Secretary John E. Heydler, of the National League, and Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburgh Club, and a member of the original joint schedule committee of the two major leagues. The schedule changes are contemplated to permit the New York National and American teams and the Brooklyn team to play Sunday ball at Harrison, N. J.

"No decision was reached," President Tener, said at the close of the committee's session, and he refused to discuss the question of a possible invasion of territory claimed by the International League under the national agreement between major and minor baseball leagues. Neither President Tener nor President Johnson would comment upon a statement of Joseph J. Lannin, owner of the Buffalo Club of the International League, who is also one of the league directors. Mr. Lannin declared that if the major leagues play Sunday baseball at Harrison, it would be an invasion of the territory of the Newark club of the International League, and such a step would be a violation of the National Agreement which the International League would fight in the courts.

### PHILADELPHIA GOLFER WINS

AT ATLANTIC CITY LINKS Atlantic City, N. J., May 3.—Fred W. Knight, of the Aronimink Country Club, Philadelphia, who had the qualifying medal in the Atlantic City Country Club's spring golf tournament at Northfield, yesterday. His card was seventy-nine, four less than Maurice Risley, of the home club. Next to Risley came J. W. Platt, North Hills, Pa., and R. W. Smith, Greensburg, Pa., with eighty-six each.

## Baseball Summary; Where They Play Today

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS American League

Philadelphia, 7; New York, 5. Detroit, 9; Chicago, 6. Cleveland, 3; St. Louis, 2. Boston, 8; Washington, 1.

National League Chicago, 12; Cincinnati, 8. Brooklyn, 7; Boston, 4. Pittsburgh, 7; St. Louis, 0. New York, 6; Philadelphia, 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS American League

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	12	3	.800
Cleveland	8	4	.667
Chicago	5	4	.556
New York	6	3	.629
Washington	5	8	.385
St. Louis	4	7	.364
Detroit	2	6	.250
Philadelphia	4	8	.333

National League

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	12	1	.923
Chicago	8	3	.727
Philadelphia	8	5	.615
Cincinnati	7	7	.500
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455
St. Louis	4	9	.308
Boston	3	10	.231
Brooklyn	3	10	.231

### SCHEDULE FOR TODAY American League

Cleveland at St. Louis. Chicago at Detroit. Boston at New York. Washington at Philadelphia.

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

Paul Smith, one time coach for Central High, is to have full charge of the Tech football activities this fall. As nearly the whole Tech lineup remains intact Coach Smith should be able to furnish a winning team. He had great success at Central High.

The Academy nine meets the Baltimore Polytechnic team on Saturday in the first contest ever staged between these two schools, on the uptown diamond. Coach Gavin has been keeping the players hard at practice all this week and the Blue and Gold hope to retrieve themselves for losing their first two games. Elther Esquerra or Stone will pitch and the rest of the positions will about the same as last week.

## AROUND THE BASES

Joe Jackson, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Chicago White Sox, has been placed in Class 1 by the District Draft Board for the Western District of South Carolina. Jackson registered at Greenville, S. C., and originally was placed in Class 4. If Jackson is called he will be the first man of the regulars, who won the American League pennant and the World's Series for Chicago last year, to leave the team for war.

Jim Scott enlisted and Jenkins, a young pitcher, was drafted. Jackson will be 31 years of age on July 16 of this year.

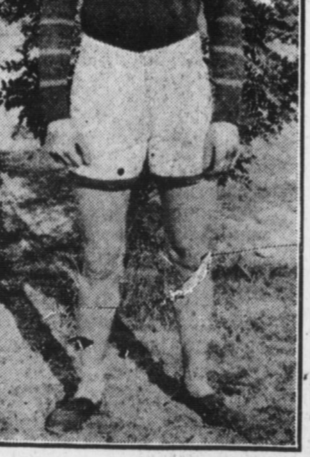
Philadelphia boxing fans, at the National Club, will have another chance to witness world's bantam-weight champion, Pete Herman in action when he spouts off with Jack Sharkey, of New York, in the final bout on Saturday night. Herman is boxing instructor at the Algiers Naval Station, New Orleans. Sharkey is that type of boxer who will extend the champion to the limit. He is able to stand up and take the gaff besides being a boxer of more than average ability.

Eddie Almsmith virtually has been assigned the job of catching all of the games for the Washington Senators. As backstopping is considered such tough work, a catcher is rarely called on to receive in more than half of the games played by his club. However, after the departure of John Henry to the Braves, Washington is left without a dependable catcher besides Almsmith. Thus far Almsmith has caught every game this season, and he is going to attempt the hitherto unattempted feat of going through the season without being relieved.

The Highspire A. A. baseball team will cross bats on Sunday afternoon with the Middletown Aviators on the grounds of the latter. A large crowd of rooters will accompany the team to Middletown where the Highspire team expects to take the measure of the Aviators.

Sisler, of St. Louis is champion breaker-up of games. The other day against Detroit, with the score tied in the tenth, two outs and Tobin on second, Sisler drove the ball over Cobb's head, scoring Tobin with the run that gave St. Louis the victory over Detroit 3 to 2. Ordinarily the hit would have gone for a home run. Sisler got four hits and a walk in five trips to the plate, stole a base, scored a run and drove in the remainder of the local's runs. Stanage was forced to retire in the ninth, because of a broken finger received from a foul tip.

Charley Moran, the new National League umpire, who replaces Kitty Bransfield, was a member of the Cardinals in 1903, and again in 1908 making his first appearance in the Mound City as a catcher, and his second as a catcher. Moran is five feet, nine inches tall, weighs 136 pounds and has had seven years experience in umpiring. His home is at Horse Cave, Ky., but this is no reason they his should fall for a Charley Horse in mid-season.



CAPTAIN JESSE L. KRALL

A high honor is announced for a Harrisburg boy, Jesse Krall, who will be remembered as an Academy star of the first water. He has now been elected captain of the Pennsylvania State track squad for the next season. Krall cleaned up everything here in his class and as a quarter-miler now he can average close to fifty-one seconds for the distance. He is a Junior in the School of Agriculture, at State.

## TECH ATHLETES TO BE SELECTED

### Track Meet Next Week to Pick Men Who Will Compete at Pitt

With the hope of discovering some new track material in the Technical High school, Coach Hill is planning a track meet for the four classes to be held during the coming week. Events will be pulled out on the Island the first four days of the week, and the showing made by the entries will determine to a great measure, the students who will make the trip to the Pitt meet at the Smoky City, May 18.

The interclass meets at Tech have been annual affairs. Three years ago, the Tech coaches unearthed "Pete" Sutch, the best long distance lad that ever came out of Tech. Up until the day of the class meet Sutch did not know of his ability to run. In his senior year he captained the team, and set records that will stand for years.

Coach Hill has planned to have the 100-yard dash, one-mile run, shot put and low hurdles on Monday. The following day will be the

## two-mile, discus, high jump and 220-yard dash. Wednesday is scheduled for the quarter-mile, high hurdle, pole vault and broad jump. On Thursday the meet will close with the javelin throw, half-mile run, hammer throw and class relay.

While the athletes will be out for the individual honors, the big meet will be to determine the best class of athletes in the school. First place will count 50 points; second, 40; third, 30; fourth, 20; and fifth, 10 points. No star will be allowed to take more than two first places. Should he land first place in more than two events, the number of points to his credit will be calculated in a descending ratio.

Winners will be picked to go to Pittsburgh to represent Tech. Last year the local aggregation went to the western part of the state and cleared up the pick of that part of the state as well as the best teams of Ohio. May 25 will be the annual meet on the Island, while the only other meet scheduled will be at Lafayette on Memorial Day. While the Maroon institution lost a large number of stars through graduation last spring, there is still a good number of capable athletes in the school, while there are several stars of the first magnitude.

Carl Beck will go to Franklin Field Saturday morning where he will be entered in half a dozen events against the best school boy athletes from the East. In the afternoon he will travel out to Swarthmore Prep where he will enter the meet conducted by that school. His schoolmates are sure he will give a good account of himself.

## CAPITAL CITY SPORTS

This afternoon at the Academy tennis tournament, Loose will meet Campbell. Monday's play will bring together Westcott and Solorzano; the final match in the first round will be played on Tuesday afternoon at which time, Nestor will clash with Meyers. Conors, the odd man in the first round, will be passed into the second round.

Yesterday was calamitous for Brinser who was defeated by Lee in the fourth match. Lee will next meet Zea, who defeated Morse. Lee had an easy time yesterday, taking two sets, 6-1 and 6-4. This is the first match in the tournament which has been taken in only two sets. Coach Pritchard is giving the contests his close attention. No one seems to be a certain winner and the tournament may be won by a dark horse. There are 15 entries and much skill is being shown.

The Central Iron and Steel bowlers put it over on the Capitol Stars last evening at the Casino alleys, winning three straight games. The highest score was made by Stouffer, of the winners, with a tally of 202 pins in the second game. Black, of the same team, won the high triple honors with a total score of 545 pins.

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