

WORLD'S BILLIARD CHAMPION COMING TO HARRISBURG; HOW MITCHELL MADE THE CUBS

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Frank Taberski, Undefeated in the Pastime, Will Show Here on September 11



FRANK TABERSKI

Harrisburg will have a chance to ogle the champion pocket billiard shark of the world when Frank Taberski shows here at 3 p. m. on September 11, at Dalted S. Leonard's billiard room...

Snoodles



Sossie Finds the Movies a Pretty Rough Proposition

By Hungerford

FIELD MARSHALL MITCHELL IS THE MAN WHO MADE THE CUBS

A couple of years ago when Fred Mitchell was appointed manager of the Cubs a lot of fans set up and yelled, 'Who's this Mitchell, anyway?'

Whether or not Mitchell was the man behind the Braves means little or nothing right now, but the fact that he is the force behind the Cubs means a great deal.

There has been no club in the National League hit harder by the draft than the Cubs.

When the season started Mitchell had a club that looked about one, two in the league. Then he lost Alexander, Douglas had been laid up with an operation and Kilduff went to the Army, making a big hole in his infield.

Did the Cubs fall down? Not that anyone could notice.

Mitchell celebrated by passing the Giants and taking the league lead. When the players are asked who is responsible for the Cubs being contenders for world honors the answer is Fred Mitchell.

James Maturto, at Pittsburgh, 420 to 450. Louis Kreuter, at Youngstown, O., 393 to 450.

Bennie Allen, at Kansas City, Mo., 448 to 450. L. Stoenburg, at Buffalo, N. Y., 367 to 450.

Joe Conannon, at Buffalo, N. Y., 392 to 450. Louis Kreuter, at Schenectady, 276 to 450.

Ralph Greenleaf, at Milwaukee, Wis., 355 to 450. Taberski total, 4,500; opponents, 3,843.

Taberski is busy as a barefoot boy in a bumblebee's nest or as the President of the United States, and he will breeze in here about five minutes before the call of time to meet the best in Harrisburg and then give an exhibition. Manager Leonard, who himself is no slouch at the pastime, for he held the amateur national title, will have full charge of the crowded hour and billiardists from all parts of the community are now sending in for seats of vantage at the great show.

Railroad Teams to Play Here For Championship

The Pennsylvania Railroad elimination baseball game to determine the champions of the eastern and western grand divisions will be played at Island Park to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

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Steel Plant Electricians Flash in Lightning Game

Hitting by Hornberger and Zernace of the electrical department team from Bethlehem steel plant helpfully to defeat the Central Iron and Steel Company electrical workers, the game being played yesterday at Cottage Hill.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score. Includes Hornberger, Zernace, Murphy, Clark, etc.

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Los Angeles. — Drunkenness in Los Angeles since the elimination of the saloons has materially decreased. Comparing the first six months of 1917 with the first six months of 1918 shows a decrease of 1,364 arrests this year, the exact figure being 7,464 in 1917 and 6,100 in 1918.

Bezdek to Be Czar of Sports at Penn State

State College, Pa., Aug. 30.—When Hugo Bezdek, the Pittsburgh Pirate's manager and former Pacific coast athletic director, came to the University of Pennsylvania State College next week as the head of physical education he will foster above all other sports activities recreation there will be the entire student body.

His chief task will be that of a director and organizer of massed athletics in which the physical development of the industrial student will be emphasized rather than the production of teams of highly specialized athletes.

Under Bezdek's guiding hand, all Penn State's intercollegiate athletic teams will be continued and encouraged. They will convene to meet opponents from representative colleges and universities.

He will have a corps of qualified assistants to carry out much of the team coaching, but everywhere in State's sports program the team development idea will be subordinated to the broad principle of physical training for the mass of undergraduates.

His rank as associate professor of physical education and athletics gives Bezdek the unusual position of football, basketball and baseball coach with a faculty standing. He is charged with complete and absolute control of State's new athletic policy.

Bezdek will model his recreation sports plan after the army cantonment system of recreation. This will be studied closely during a tour of Eastern camps next week. He will assume his active duties here with the reopening of college, September 11.

Cub Catchers Top the Red Sox Says Fullerton

Table with 2 columns: Team Name, Runs, Hits, Errors. Includes Cubs, Red Sox, Cleveland.

Chicago's Cubs show tremendous superiority over the Boston Red Sox in the dope figures on catches. While in the study of infield and outfield we have found that the Red Sox hold the superiority in attacking force on both the infield and the outfield, while the Cubs are shown to rank very close together in the regular positions, Chicago having a slight balance on the infield due to Boston's weakness at two positions.

The study of catchers reveals for the first time any marked difference in strength and shows that the Red Sox have another dangerous defect in team make-up.

If anything should happen to Bill Killifer, the Cubs would lose their pitcher almost beyond recovery, and that statement is made without reference to the dope. Without Killifer, the Cub pitching staff would be reduced one-third in strength and catching staff—figures based upon pitchers, would lose a hundred points.

If Killifer should be hurt, or summoned to the Army duty, the Cub hopes would crash immediately. This importance of the Little Paw-Paw catcher to Mitchell's machine has been demonstrated time and again this season and each time he has been out of the game the pitching has weakened and the entire team has faltered and played ragged and uncertain.

His notable feature of all teams which have become used to working with finished and clever catchers who, more or less, are in service of the pitcher, is that working in perfect accord with the pitchers and infielders. It is not a reflection upon the associate catcher because they may have almost as much skill and cleverness as the first catcher, yet not have had the chance to work with pitchers and infielders so that their change of style is not so readily apparent.

Killifer is one of the really great catchers of all time, and one of the best hitters in the game. He is the same to-day. His work with the Cubs has been marvelous. He has got more pitching out of the squad than was supposed to be in it.

He has learned to use the assistance of Manager Mitchell, who is one of the best judges of pitching and pitchers in the world. Mitchell gives Killifer all the credit he is entitled to, but it is not enough difference in the mechanical department to give either team a lead. It looks as if Boston must show a superiority of about eight per cent. over the Cub pitchers to have a claim on the series.

New Industrial League Now a Debating Society

Table with 2 columns: Club Name, Wins, Losses, Points. Includes Industrial League, East Evening's Results, etc.

The Industrial Debating Society of Harrisburg, otherwise known as New Industrial Baseball League, had its usual argument last evening, baseball being an entirely remote issue. The Belmonts forgot to show up, and nearly dark at West End grounds, and Evangelical was about to go home when the slacker for leisurely appeared. Only four innings were played, but they were plenty of that sort of something. Belmont winning 12-2. Somebody ought to shove the snow off this league's feet.

Black Cats Are More Blue Than Black Now

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The Black Cats of Camp Colt must be not only black by this time, but also a little blue. Most everybody is treating 'em rough these days and at Cottage Hill yesterday the Steelton monarchs of the diamond, with Tom Phillips, pitching, scouted Lieutenant Omar Harris' pets by the score of 14-2.

Connelly was the one lone kitten to use his claws, scratching Phillips for three hits and being very enterprising around third base. The leaguers wallowed in wallows, as may be seen by the score:

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Comparing Chicago catching against that of Cleveland would have in such a series, the advantage of the Cubs is much less than is shown in the Boston comparisons. O'Neill is one of the best of the American League catchers and he compares favorably with Killifer in every department of the game. However, Cleveland's chances have dwindled until extensive comparisons are almost useless, and may be gone entirely before this sees print.

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RED PEPPER BANDITS HOWL FOR MOTHERS

Chicago. — Police search brought four dime novels, two long-bladed knives and a sack of red pepper from the pockets of two 10-year-old boys, Joseph Markowitz and Louis Lippitz, who recently ran away from Detroit. The hard-headed police asked whether they intended to become "red-pepper bandits," but their only replies were howls for their mothers.

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