

SPORTS NEWSY STORIES FROM THE BUSY ATHLETIC WORLD

DUNN WILL START TEAM PRACTICING ON MONDAY

Virginian Manager Will Personally Welcome Players to Richmond.

NEAL BALL TO TAKE CHARGE

Schedule Meeting Will Call Dunn to New York—Season Will Open on April 27, with Toronto Playing Locals Here.

Jack Dunn, manager of the Virginians, announced yesterday that he would be in Richmond without fail on Monday morning to welcome his men. The team has been ordered to report at that time, and a number of the players are due to arrive on Saturday afternoon, others on Sunday, while all have positive instructions to be here on time to get in some light work.

While Dunn will personally greet his players and start off the spring training on Monday afternoon, it is more than probable that he will leave that afternoon for New York to take part in the deliberations of the International League directors, who meet there to take up the schedule adoption. A number of tentative schedules will be submitted and the director will select the one appearing the most equitable.

It will be necessary for Dunn to be present to see that Richmond gets its share of the holiday dates. Owing to the Canadian cities having their distinctive holidays, it will be much easier for the managers to do the right thing by all clubs than is usually the case. The tentative schedule for the season to open on April 27, with Toronto playing in Richmond, Buffalo will open at Providence and Montreal at Newark. Rochester will play there where the Sleeter franchise is located.

While Dunn is in New York working on the schedule, Neal Ball, assistant manager and field captain, will be in charge of the team through the sprouts. As more than thirty candidates are expected to report, it will be a man's size job to keep them going. Dunn has already picked a few to carry over from last year, and other changes will probably be made necessary by new additions which are expected to be signed this week.

The first game of the season is that with Washington on March 27. Manager Dunn is endeavoring to have Griffith pitch Walter Johnson, and it is probable that Doc Ayers and Joe Hochstim will be sent over to get a little more practice. Other major league teams will play here, and the Virginians will have a short dash into the Cardinals for some post-season contests. They will also stage a Saturday game at Back Bay, just out of Baltimore.

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JOHN MARSHALL SCORED HEAVILY DURING SEASON

High School Basketball Team Made 432 Points Against 128 for Opponents This Year.

John Marshall's recent defeat in one of the hardest games of the season for the State championship ended one of the most successful seasons ever enjoyed by the local team. Out of ten contests staged in many parts of the State they returned winners eight times. Newport News High caused the first defeat of the Marshallites. In Newport News by the score of 22 to 19. The local outfit secured sweet revenge by tripling the score on their return game here.

The quint of 1915 has the distinction of being the only team in the State to defeat Episcopal High, also the only high school to hold an opponent to a 22 to 9 score. Despite the local's defeat by Lynchburg last Friday night by the close score of 49 to 35, Lynchburg's Bruins and sport writers are unanimous in declaring that the Marshall outfit put up one of the most thrilling games ever staged on the Lynchburg floor.

The following men will receive their letters: Captain Hargrove, Woodrow Henderson, Bethel, Ehnig and Manager Gutter. It is expected that Captain "Big" Hargrove will again lead the team of '15-'16. Scores for the season: John Marshall 55, Highland Springs 49, John Marshall 33, Benedict College 32, John Marshall 22, Newport News 19, John Marshall 29, Episcopal High 19, John Marshall 27, Ashland High 25, John Marshall 24, Newport News High (second game), 34; John Marshall 59, Ashland High (second game), 3; John Marshall 42, William Byrd Academy 14, John Marshall 31, Blackstone Academy 9, John Marshall 25, Lynchburg High 40.

DOGS FOR PACEMAKERS

Bloomington, Ind., March 7.—Chippie bounds as pacemakers for Indiana university track athletes in the innovation introduced to-day by Coach C. Childs. Dr. Childs says that while the practice is not common in the United States, it has been followed in Europe for a number of years. The dogs, which were obtained from the "opera of dog and pony show," which are its winter quarters here, have been trained to run on a cinder track and to leave it.

FRESHMAN RULE WILL STRENGTHEN ALL TEAMS

Dr. Lambeth, Speaking to Virginia Football Club, Tells of Its Effect on Athletics.

FRESHMAN TEAM ADVOCATED

Youngsters in College Must Have Something to Fight For—Dr. Lefevre Tells Why Institutions Must In One Sport, but Not Others.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 7.—At a meeting last night of the Virginia Football Club, held at Madison Hall, Dr. W. A. Lambeth gave an informal talk on "The First Year Rule and Its Effect on Virginia's Athletics."

Speaking of the condition of college athletics twenty years ago, Dr. Lambeth said: "I remember an instance when Penn. and Virginia were to take Virginia's star guard to witness the Pennsylvania-Harvard game. He had made such a reputation that all the colleges in the country were seeking his services."

"Five years later, the first year rule was adopted by the universities in the Western conference, and since that time by all the leading colleges and universities in the East. The Harvard committee on athletics wanted Virginia for a regular opponent in football, but they were unable to understand our policy of allowing first year men to play on the varsity team. Virginia was not invited to the last athletic conference in Chicago because we had no first year rule.

"We think that in the end the rule will strengthen our teams," continued Dr. Lambeth. "At present, there is no hope for the youngster who is not good enough to make the varsity team. He loses hope and we lose his services. If he could play on an organized team, the prestige and honor would encourage him as he has made the only team that allows him to make. To make this rule successful we must have a good freshman team, a good schedule, good management, and equipment. We must make positions on this team places of honor."

Dr. Lefevre explained why we compete with some institutions in basketball and track, and not in football and baseball. He said: "When the new rule requiring Virginia's opponents to have eligibility codes similar to her own was made, track was a minor sport and basketball was not even under the control of the Athletic Association. Basketball occupied a position similar to that occupied now by tennis and golf. The faculty was not letting for undeveloped sports. The general faculty has no authority to prevent managers of track and basketball teams from scheduling games. At the same time the faculty takes up the first year rule, it will also consider putting track and basketball under the same rules as football and baseball."

White, Coleman, May and Berkeley were appointed a reception committee for the high school teams which will compete for the State basketball championship at the University in the near future.

McGill's Catholic Union, representing the Richmond Knights of Columbus, of the State on Saturday night in Washington by their captain, Leighton. The score was 42 to 15. Another game will be played between the teams here on Saturday night, and the local boys expect to turn the tables.

They have nicknamed the Newark Federals the Newfeds, but the team will probably contain its full proportion of old timers.

If Willie Ritchie is as good a prognosticator as he is a fighter, then we might have a new or old-world's light-weight champion on Thursday night. Take it from this Willie Ritchie person that Freddie Walsh will no longer hold the dominating hand in the 132-pound division after their meeting in Gotham.

The John Marshall Skylanders will play the Madison School this afternoon in one of the scheduled games in the Junior Triangular Basketball League. While starting late in the season, the schools are putting up a good brand of the growing indoor sport.

It is reported that there are 17,000 left-handed children in the municipal schools of Berlin. What a pity the Germans are not followers of the great American game. Berlin would be a fertile field for southpaws.

Newark fans are planning a huge "dollar dinner" for April 17, in anticipation of the opening of the Federal League season in their city. It is to be hoped that a free lunch is not needed about then for the Newark Ints.

PROMISING YOUNG TWIRLERS TO GET TRIAL WITH DUNN



Allen Russell



Davidson

LEE IS ELECTED CAPTAIN OF JACKET GOAL TOSSEERS

Lynchburg Boy Will Head Randolph-Macon Basketball Team Next Year.

BASEBALL PRACTICE STARTS

Coach Reiss Has Forty-Two Men Out for Team Already—Only Three Letter Men Retire, Making His Work Extra Heavy.

ASHLAND, VA., March 7.—The athletic board of the General Athletic Association of Randolph-Macon College at its last meeting awarded basketball monograms to Captain Sheffey, Lee, Brittingham, Scott, Richardson and London. These men met and elected Stephen Peter Lee, of Lynchburg, captain, for next year.

Lee played eight forward on this year's championship team. He is a product of the Lynchburg High School team, where he played four years. He succeeds Sheffey, who also came from Lynchburg. Sheffey has played basketball in the minor leagues for three years and four years on the football team, capturing both teams this year. He has played his last game, however, for the Yellow Jacket, as he graduates in June. He will be greatly missed, as he has been a great asset to the Yellow Jacket.

Now that basketball is over, baseball has started a trial, although the weather has been a little chilly the last week, Coach Reiss called out candidates for the team, and got a ready response. By actual count there were forty-two men on the field in their baseball suits.

Coach Reiss was very much gratified at this outpouring of the men, as almost an entirely new nine will have to be chosen. Not in years have there been so few of the previous year's regulars back to take their positions and form a support on which a new nine could be built. Of the eleven men who received their letters, last year's only three are back. They are Marston, who will captain the team; Barrow, pitcher, and Wooten, catcher. With the exception of these three positions, will be filled by a new man. This means that Coach Reiss will have his hands full in developing a team unless the freshman class contains a few stars.

From last week's practice there seem to be a number of very promising men. Among those showing the best form are Butterworth and Moss, of Randolph-Macon Academy; Brittingham, of Hampton; Haraway, of Blackstone; Driver, Lancaster and Smoot, of Ashland High School; Lettwith, Belding and Taylor, all freshmen, will make strong bids for the team along with York, Scott, Savage, Walker, Riddick, Mears and Green, of last year's second team.

BUSCH TO LEAD GOOBERS

PETERSBURG, VA., March 7.—Heino Busch, manager of the Petersburg baseball team, is expected in the city this week to look after the organization of the team for the coming season. He has received their letter of invitation, and has been in the city for the last season and is understood to have secured some good players. The full roster of the team will be announced in a few days. It is said that Blackstone, an overcast on the team two years ago, will report for duty.

FEDS IN TERRIBLE STEW OVER LOSS OF PLAYERS

Blow a Furious Blast Against O. B. Because of Recent Double Flops.

GILMORE IS VERY ANGRY

Says Bluff and Abuse Failed—Now Old Leagues Are Resorting to New Weapons of Contract-Breaking and Demoralization.

Federal League officials, including James A. Gilmore, president, Robert B. Ward, vice-president, and William E. Robertson, of Buffalo, constituting the executive committee of the independent circuit, insist that recent events in the baseball war have made it possible for them to count upon at least one franchise in organized baseball to hurl a boom-bomb in favor of the Feds. In the Eastern office of the Federal League a statement was given out in which the executive committee declared that no player enlisted with the Federal League had jumped an actual contract. The statement continues:

"Cases which bring discredit to the players and promoters of baseball have been used in several instances since the Federal League suit has been in the hands of the court. One specific charge against the Federal League was that of signing Charlie Deal of the Boston Braves. But after Dan Johnson and John K. Tener had emitted explicit words of indignation and solemnly questioned the propriety of such an act, with a case pending in the courts, James E. Gaffney, president of the Braves and erstwhile employer of Deal, frankly stated that he had given Deal permission to go with the Federal League. Mr. Gaffney admitted that he had no hold on Deal under legal or baseball law. This widely heralded arrangement, which the Federal League was thus disposed of as unfounded by a man in organized baseball, who had the temerity to speak along common-sense and honest lines."

"Specific instances of inducing players to break contracts and put themselves in position for other breaches of contract have been provided for organized baseball in the cases of Walter Johnson, Ray Caldwell, Ivy Wingo and 'Poll' Perritt. Not one of these players was legally held by organized baseball. The proper procedure, that of Perritt, gives a splendid line of the straits of some of the powers in organized baseball.

Perritt's contract with the St. Louis Cardinals expired last fall, and he signed with the Pittsburgh Federals, receiving \$2,000 in advance money. Organized baseball contended that Perritt had signed by an option clause in his 1914 contract with the Cardinals. Organized baseball had so much faith in the option clause that it authorized John McEvoy to travel through several States to get the proper copy of the Perritt and sign him to a new St. Louis contract. Later, a scout for the New York club got Perritt's signature on a contract for three years.

"Viewing it without bias, does not the course pursued by organized baseball constitute an admission of the fact that it had no legal hold on the pitcher? Has Perritt been the property of the Cardinals the easiest course would be to have had that legal action to retain the player. The fact that an affidavit by Perritt was filed in the Federal court, and that organized baseball should not be lost sight of."

"The aggressiveness of the Federal League will not be turned into such channels as those followed by organized baseball. If the Federal League is in control do not practice honorable business methods, there can be only one course left for the players.

"After every bit of ammunition has been exhausted by organized baseball in trying to uphold that which is greater than right in this controversy, there will be a permanent place for the Federal League as a practitioner along with the National League and American League with affairs of the national game, fans, who from the outset of the baseball war, have sought only peace and honorable adjustment of the differences between the players and the owners and men. The findings, if based on fair play principles of study, can bring only additional supporters to the Federal League cause."

"Having found it impossible to get a hearing in the Middle West or East, Dan Johnson was obliged to go to the Pacific coast to get an audience for his 'Fed-killing' specialty. Bluff and abuse have lost ground so rapidly in the night that the new weapons of contract-breaking and demoralization have been brought in by organized baseball in defiance of the standards of decency which should surround the national game. The Federal League as a body the men in organized baseball who have enough sportsmanship to put principle on the same shelf with their pocketbooks, and the fans at large, are to be congratulated for their very revelation of inside baseball as played by the magnates adds to the force of aroused public sentiment against the coteries of men who, having failed to kill the Federal League by bullying methods, dragged the honor and manhood of the national game's exponents into the disgusting mess made by the stubbornness of men who, having been wrong in their predictions of the result, decided to throw the Federal League, recklessly turned their weapons on the fundamentals of the game itself. The convenient method of blaming the Federal League has been abused to such an extent that the fans have been awakened to truths, and a winter's study of conditions has put the public and press in a mood for weighing men and methods. The Federal League has faith in the judgment of this jury."

ST. ALBANS WILL PLAY

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 7.—Albion, which is understood to be the quint representing St. Albans School, Radford, had dropped out of the State prep school championship race, that team will play Lynchburg High School here this week, the winner to go to the Federal League, later to meet Charlottesville in the final game for the State championship. Lynchburg eliminated Richmond here on Friday night, and Charlottesville defeated Portsmouth on Saturday night. The indications are that Charlottesville and Lynchburg will be the final teams in the race, and Lynchburg has already beaten Charlottesville this season.

GUNNERS ORGANIZE CLUB

HARRISONBURG, VA., March 7.—With forty-three charter members enrolled the Hargensburg Gun Club has been organized at the Hotel... President, Walter N. Sprinkle, vice-president, and George E. Shue, secretary and treasurer. Weekly shoots will be held, and a delegation will be sent to the State shoot in Richmond on Labor Day.

TENNIS FOLLOWERS HERE WANT MORE RECOGNITION

Middle Atlantic Section Asks for Right to Hold Championship Doubles.

WOULD BENEFIT WINNERS

Title Holders Would Be Eligible to Participate in National Preliminaries—Richmond Has Facilities to Handle Tourney.

Local tennis followers are deeply interested in the fight which will be made at the next meeting of the executive committee of the National Tennis Association to have the Middle Atlantic section awarded championship doubles, the titleholders to be eligible to the national preliminaries. The question will be decided on March 15 at a meeting in New York.

While local people are not expecting the honor of staging the event, they are hoping that the national association will grant the concession to the division, which is gaining in importance each year. The chief fight is being fought between the Eastern Club, of Washington, and the organization is daily marshalling its ammunition to hurl at the objective spot.

There are five cities, at least, in this section that have the facilities to easily handle the tourney, namely, Richmond, Norfolk, Baltimore, Wilmington and Washington. However, Washington, which has really kept the Middle Atlantic tennis world in the past two or four years, should have the first call this season.

A. R. Leech, Jr., of Washington, is one of the leading fighters. Speaking on the subject he said: "In union there is strength" is an adage that might be well applied by the clubs in the Middle Atlantic States, and the sooner they organize the better it is for the present situation, and while it is present it is a most difficult proposition to bring about definite action in matters that should get quick attention. This has been brought forcibly to light in the present situation, and while it is taken for granted that every club in this section is anxious to see the Middle Atlantic doubles event come into existence, there has been no concerted action toward this end. What has been accomplished now is almost entirely through individual efforts.

Tennis is making rapid strides in this section. The Country Club of Virginia will probably have several tourneys this summer, and many visiting experts are expected.

Champion Exhibition Match.

TAMA, FLA., March 7.—Walter Hagan, national open golf champion, will have an exhibition match at the Tampa Auto and Golf Club links to-day with a score of 142, defeating J. M. Barnes, Western open champion, 144. Thomas Shrimp Smith, last year's utility player, open champion, 154; and Thomas Kerrigan, of Boston, 156. Hagan lowered the thirty-six-hole record for the course from 144.

Breezy News Nuggets

Browns Turn Tables. HOUSTON, TEXAS, March 7.—The St. Louis American League team, which has lost to Houston, Texas League Club, to-day won over the same team, 8 to 4.

Cuban to Tour Country. TAMPA, FLA., March 7.—The Havana baseball team, the champions of the Cuban national league, arrived here to-day to begin a tour of the United States. Their first game will be played at the Philadelphia National Hotel, Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday next. Later they will meet the Chicago Nationals in this city.

First Extra Innings Game. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 7.—Thomas's two-bash hit in the eleventh inning to-day scored the deciding run in a 4 to 3 victory for the Cleveland American League "regulars" over the San Antonio, Texas, League team.

Texas Lose to Majors. BEAUMONT, TEXAS, March 7.—A mixed team of St. Louis, American League regulars and recruits defeated the Beaumont, Texas League team to-day, 9 to 6.

Havana Gets Fight. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) EL PASO, TEX., March 7.—The John Willard, holder of the heavyweight championship of the world will be staged at Havana, Cuba, during the first week of April, according to announcement here to-day by Willard's manager.

Jess Is Going. LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 7.—Jess Willard, who arrived here yesterday, said to-day he expected to remain here about a week before starting for Havana to fight Jack Johnson for the world's heavyweight championship.

May Form Hockey League. DULUTH, MINN., March 7.—Initial steps toward the organization of an international hockey league were taken here to-day by Dr. H. K. Stevens, manager of athletics at Western University, of London, Ontario, and J. H. MacGregor, of the Duluth Curling Club, Detroit, Mich. Stevens and MacGregor, on the American side, and Hamilton, Toronto and London, Ontario, with one other Canadian team to represent the Dominion, were given as the probable lineup. A meeting of the directors of the local club will be called early next week to act upon Dr. Stevens's proposition.

SEE, FANS! A REAL, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS BALL GAME!

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 7.—The Chicago Americans played the Los Angeles coast team to-day, and came out with a short end of a 12 to 2 score. Merzell, of Los Angeles, got four hits out of four time at bat.

Score: R H E Chicago 2 1 4 Los Angeles 12 1 4 Batteries: Ben, Russell, Johnson and Maves; Hughes, Perritt, Ryan, Galt and Brooks, Roles.

If Franklin Baker is worth \$50,000, and Edith Collins sold for \$50,000, Shirley McInnis and Harry, the remaining members of the \$100,000 infield, have no occasion to get larger bats for some time.

Manager Muggsy McGraw has laid out a course of evening training for the Giants, consisting chiefly of dancing the latest steps. It is to be hoped that Muggsy don't introduce The Damsel at the Polo Grounds this summer.

VIRGINIA SQUAD MAKES PROGRESS IN PRACTICE

After Laying Off Several Days, Basketball Candidates Will Resume Work.

MATERIAL LOOKS VERY GOOD

Coach Ryan Will Take Charge of Team To-Day—Jimmie Paschall Is Fighting Hard for Position at Keystone Lock.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 7.—Judging from the rapidity with which the snow disappeared from Lambeth Field to-day, the Virginia's basketball squad should be able to return to action several of the latest. The squad has had a much needed rest. The pitchers have been in the Payerweather gymnasium for more than a month before the field was taken, three weeks ago, and the short rest did not hurt them. The infielders and outfielders may take light indoor work on Monday afternoon until the diamond is again accessible.

Awaiting the arrival of Jack Ryan, Pop Laungrun has had the squad in charge and has been trying various combinations in the outfield and infield. There will be some lively scraps around several of the positions. Some of last year's scrubs have started to practice with a rush, and are showing form above last year's performances. The new material, while plentiful, has failed to turn out as the season opened. There will be some lively scraps around several of the positions. Some of last year's scrubs have started to practice with a rush, and are showing form above last year's performances. The new material, while plentiful, has failed to turn out as the season opened. There will be some lively scraps around several of the positions. Some of last year's scrubs have started to practice with a rush, and are showing form above last year's performances. The new material, while plentiful, has failed to turn out as the season opened. 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