BOWLERS MAKING HEADWAY

THREE LEAGUES GOT START LAST WEEK SUCCESSFULLY

Individual Records Unusually Good for Early Season—Team Work Shows Much Promise.

The local bowlers are now making great headway with the big pins, and each day several new records are posted. There is now more interest shown by the rollers, and everything is working in clock-work precision. All of the leagues have now gotten under way, and are making a fine showing, and not only are the individual players putting up good scores, but the team work in general is far above the average.

The Richmond, Commercial and Times-Dispatch League started off this week on the Newport Alleys, and gave some fine exhibitions. In the Richmond League the Nolde's Tip-Tops started the season off in grand style by defeating the Times-Dispatch aggregation three in a row, while the Palace boys turned the same trick on the Superiors. On Wednesday night the Jewelers played rings around the Newport five.

One of the most enthusiastically supported leagues in the city is the recently organized Times-Dispatch League, which rolled its first games on Monday night on the Newport Alleys. The league consists of six strong, well-balanced teams, and play every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Each team has a large following, as is attested by the number of spectators at the matches.

The Commercial League is also making a fine showing for an amateur organization, and there is already talk of drafting some of its leading players. All four of the teams in the new league seemed to be very evenly matched, and the games so far have been very interesting and give promise of a most successful season.

The Newport prize contest being held on the Newport Alleys continues to draw well, and each week many changes are made by the individual players, and some very high scores have been recorded by them.

Newport Prize-Winners.

First week, Captain Brown	147
Second week, W. H. Bixby	134
Third week, W. H. Bixby	131
Fourth week, H. D. Currier	128
Fourth week, tie, W. H. Bixby	128
Fifth week, W. H. Bixby	133
Sixth week, H. D. Currier	145
Seventh week, Jack Day	133
Eighth week, Groharger	135
Ninth week, Jack Day	151
Tenth week, Jack Day	145

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Richmond League.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Nolde's Tip-Tops	3	0	1.000
Palace	3	0	1.000
Jewelers	3	0	1.000
Newports	0	3	.000
Times-Dispatch	0	3	.000
Superiors	0	3	.000

Times-Dispatch League.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Makeups	3	0	1.000
Reporters	3	0	1.000
Operators	2	1	.667
Admen	1	2	.333
Engravers	0	3	.000
Stereotypers	0	3	.000

Commercial League.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Haines-Jones-Cadbury	7	2	.777
Richmond Dairy	2	1	.667
Deafmutes	3	3	.500
Chesapeake & Ohio	0	6	.000

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK.

Richmond League.

Tuesday night—Nolde's Tip-Tops vs. Jewelers, Palace.

Wednesday night — Times-Dispatch vs. Palace, Newport.

Thursday night—Superiors vs. Newports, Palace.

Times-Dispatch League.

Monday night—Admen vs. Engravers.

Tuesday night—Operators vs. Reporters.

Wednesday night—Makeups vs. Stereotypers.

Commercial League.

Tuesday night—Haines-Jones & Cadbury vs. Chesapeake and Ohio.

Thursday night—Richmond Dairy vs. Deafmutes.

Also League Games.

The games last night fell into the hands of the Rhode Island Clams and the Yorkshire Blues. The Rhode Island Clams featured for the evening, with totals of 869 and 878, while the Yorkshire Blues were not what you may call backwards.

Captain Leaman, or "Big Chief," as his bowling friends call him, was in fine form and led his team to victory.

The Yorkshire Blues made a great improvement over former games. "Big Chief's" crew just had to take the scalps last night, that's all!

Rhode Island Clams.

Players.	1	2	3
Lohman	192	215	188
Bailey	165	182	165
Leaman	158	131	168
Schmidt	190	179	157
O'Brien	166	211	200
Totals	869	918	878

Virginia Pretzels.

Players	1	2	3
Wade	152	177	180
Lynch	113	131	159
Gannert	166	110	121
Yates	184	165	130
Walbauer	212	142	131
Totals	827	725	721

Buzzards.

Players.	1	2	3
Stein	168	188	145
Yunck	152	145	202
Browning	167	113	108
Gallagher	147	145	115
Tucker	168	154	136
Totals	742	745	706

Yorkshire Blues.

Players.	1	2	3
Kriner	169	140	138
Overholt	161	165	146
Dunkle	191	132	139
Bowman	152	138	149
Liebs	158	176	142
Totals	771	751	715

Standing of Teams.

	P.	W.	L.	Pc.
Reporters	3	3	0	1.000
Make-Ups	3	3	0	1.000
Operators	3	2	1	.667
Ad-Men	3	1	2	.333
Engravers	3	0	3	.000
Stereotypers	3	0	3	.000

Averages of Players.

	P.	Pins	Avge.
Moore	3	480	160
Goode	3	470	157
Latimer	3	470	157
Fawcett	3	463	154
Green	3	462	154
Priddy	3	460	153
Britt	3	442	147
Jordan	3	415	138
Herndon	3	410	136
Davis	3	410	136
Ellis	3	401	133
Jay	3	401	133
Rose	3	397	132
Edelblut	3	377	125
Helfert	3	376	125
Sturdivant	3	357	119
Tenser	3	345	115
Hickerson	2	174	87

De Oro Holds Title.

CHICAGO, December 4.—Alfredo de Oro, the veteran Cuban player, retains the world's three-cushion billiard championship, having successfully defended the title against August Kieckhefer in a three-block match closing to-night. The champion won to-night, 50 to 30, going out in the forty-ninth inning on a high run of eight. De Oro's score of 150 in the three nights was made in 147 innings, better than a point to the inning. Kieckhefer's total score was 93 in 144 innings.

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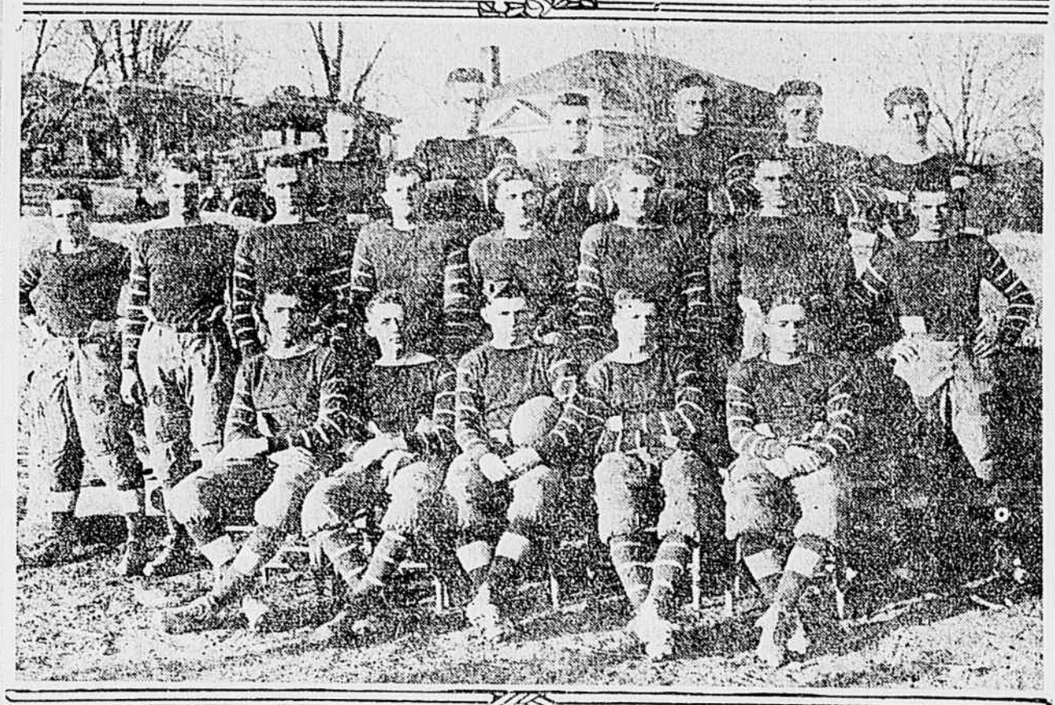

AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM, 1915.

Top row, left to right—Autrim, Welton, Fergusson, Close, Fordham, Scott, N.

Middle row, left to right—Robinson, C.; Rodrigues, Hawkins, S.; Robbins, Sanders, Hogshead, W.; Barger, Davis, E.

Bottom row, left to right—Stratton, Brooks, Leach, Captain; Rawlings, Balthis.

GRID STAR OF SOUTHLAND

ALABAMA TACKLE TOUTED FOR ALL-AMERICAN HONOR

"Bully" Universally Proclaimed Best Football Player Below Mason and Dixon Line.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 4.—When writing your all-American football ticket, don't fail to take a squint at the record of one "Bully" Van de Graaff, of Alamaba University.

"Bully" was a tackle on the Alabama University eleven this season, also for three years prior to 1915. That in itself is not startlingly illuminating. Every team in the country has a couple of tackles. But if any team save Alabama has one of Van de Graaff's diversified talents, he has been kept pretty well under cover. This bird Van de Graaff is, so far as we are able to determine, in a class by himself.

Picture to yourself a young man twenty years old, six feet one inch tall, weighing 188 pounds, perfectly built, chock full of football knowledge and ability, and toting around a right hoof that propels punts averaging more than fifty yards and place-kicks averaging forty yards. Do this, and you may consider yourself as well acquainted with "Bully" Van de Graaff as you possibly can be without having the pleasure of knowing him in the flesh and blood.

Van de Graaff has played tackle on the University of Alabama team for four years, showing a bit more of ability every year. But were he to return again next season, it's doubtful if he would show any better than he did in 1915. Why? Because he reached the last point in efficiency this fall.

The Alabama star is universally proclaimed by Southern critics the best football player south of the Mason and Dixon line. They think, and rightly, we believe, that he is entitled to a place on any man's all-American team.

During the four years of service, Van de Graaff has done all the kicking for his team. For three years he has been recognized as the best punter and place-kicker in the South. His punts the season just closed averaged well over fifty yards, and in the contest with Georgia Tech his kicks were good for an average of sixty yards.

He went above fifty-five in the Sewanee game, and it was in this battle that he loosed the most noteworthy punt of his career. Standing behind his own goal line, "Bully" booted the oval seventy-eight yards. After traveling that distance the ball hit the ground and bounded along for ten yards more. And there was no wind to help speed the pigskin on its way.

Up to Thanksgiving Day he had made eleven goals from placement, several from beyond the forty-yard parallel. One attempt from the fifty-nine-yard mark he missed by the scant margin of twelve inches.

For the last two seasons he has backed up the line on the defensive and has shown himself a deadly tackler. When called on to carry the ball he could be depended upon to make a substantial gain, due to his terrific drive. His forward-passing has been accurate.

What more could a man do to gain a place on the all-American?

Lefty Flynn to Wed Widow.

NEW YORK, December 4.—Lefty Flynn, famous Yale athlete, will marry Mrs. Blanche Shrove Palmer, a wealthy widow, this winter. Flynn was divorced from Irene Claire, a Winter Garden show girl, whom he married shortly after his graduation. He will take his new bride to his ranch in Colorado.

West End School League

	W.	L.	P.C.
John B. Cary	1	0	1.000
Wm. P. Fox	1	0	1.000
Madison	0	1	.000
City Normal	0	1	.000
Elba	0	0	.000
Randolph	0	0	.000

SCHEDULE TUESDAY.

Madison vs. Elba.
Randolph vs. Cary.
Fox vs. City Normal.

SCHEDULE FRIDAY.

Madison vs. Randolph.
City Normal vs. Elba.
Fox vs. Cary.

TENNIS RANKINGS ISSUED

JOHNSTON HEADS LIST OF LEADING RACKET WIELDERS

Miss Molla Bjurstedt Leads Women Players—Griffin Paired With Champs in Doubles.

NEW YORK, December 4.—William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, was placed at the top of the national tennis ranking list for the season in singles and paired with Clarence J. Griffin, of San Francisco, at the top of the doubles, in the report officially issued to-day by the committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association. The findings were made by F. C. Inman, W. L. Pate and W. M. Hall.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, of Norway, headed the list of women players.

Johnston's right to No. 1 was established by his record in the national championship, in which he defeated Karl H. Behr, of New York; R. Norris Williams, II., of Philadelphia, and Maurice E. McLoughlin, San Francisco, on successive days.

The ratings of the first ten and the ten in class one in the singles, out of 100, follows:

No. 1, William M. Johnston; No. 2, R. Norris Williams, II.; No. 3, Maurice E. McLoughlin; No. 4, Karl H. Behr; No. 5, T. R. Pell; No. 6, N. W. Niles; No. 7, C. J. Griffin; No. 8, W. M. Washburn; No. 9, George M. Church; No. 10, W. M. Hall.

Class 1—J. J. Armstrong, Leonard Beekman, C. M. Ball, Jr., H. T. Byford, W. F. Johnson, Robert Leroy, Dean Mathey, Harold A. Throckmorton, S. H. Voshell and I. C. Wright.

Rating of first ten pairs in doubles: No. 1, W. M. Johnston and C. J. Griffin; No. 2, M. E. McLoughlin and T. C. Bundy; No. 3, G. M. Church and Dean Mathey; No. 4, R. N. Williams, II., and W. M. Washburn; No. 5, W. T. Hayes and R. H. Burdick; No. 6, I. C. Wright and W. F. Johnson; No. 7, T. R. Pell and B. C. Prentice; No. 8, H. H. Hackett and W. M. Hall; No. 9, F. C. Baggs and S. H. Voshell; No. 10, E. P. Larned and F. C. Inman.

Rating of first ten women in singles out of twenty-five names:

No. 1, Miss Molla Bjurstedt; No. 2, Mrs. George Wightman; No. 3, Mrs. Marshall McLean; No. 4, Miss Florence Sutton; No. 5, Mrs. Barger Wallach; No. 6, Miss Marie Wagner; No. 7, Miss Anita Myers; No. 8, Miss Sara Livingston; No. 9, Miss Clara Cassel; No. 10, Miss Eleanor Sears.

JACKETS LOSE TO LOCALS

CHURCH HILL QUINT WINS FROM RANDOLPH-MACON

Collegians Outclassed by East End Goal Tossers on Own Floor. Winners Have Clean Slate.

In an interesting and rough game of basketball the Church Hill Athletic Club five won out over the Randolph-Macon College quint at Ashland last night, by the score of 32 to 19, thereby retaining a clean slate in its schedule, having won from the Blues on Friday night.

The whole Church Hill team put up a stellar game, and got in some fine passing. Woodward and Bell caging the ball ten times between them. Wharton, at center, outjumped both Randolph-Macon centers and himself shot two goals. The guards also acquitted themselves very good, holding their opponents to only six field goals.

The work of Finney and Brittingham stood out best for Randolph-Macon.

The Church Hill quint was accompanied to Ashland by twenty-nine followers, including many girls.

C. H.	Position.	R.-M.
Bell, (capt.)	left forward	Coe
Woodward	right forward	Hardaway
Wharton	center	Morton
Hay	left guard	Scott, (capt.)
Ehmig	right guard	Butterworth

Score—32 to 19, favor C. H. A. C.

Summary: Substitutions—C. H., Quarles for Hay; R.-M., Finney, Waters, Hopkins, Brittingham, Richardson. Goals from field—Woodward, 6; Bell, 4; Wharton, 2; Hay, 1; Finney, 4; Hardaway, 1; Waters, 1; Butterworth, 1; Brittingham, 1. Goals from foul—Bell, 3; Woodward, 3; Coe, 1; Brittingham, 2. Referee—Scott, of Randolph-Macon. Time of halves—Twenty minutes. Played at Ashland, December 4, 1915.

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BIG RACE PROMISES TO BE VALUABLE NEXT YEAR

Expected That Purse of $27,000 Will be Offered—Thunderer Only Got $23,000 Last Season.

NEW YORK, December 4.—From the present outlook the futurity race for 1916 promises to be worth close to $27,000—a greater value than the futurity which was won by Thunderer at Belmont Park this fall. That race was worth a trifle over $23,000, with Thunderer's share $15,590. The value of the stake, of course, will depend largely on the number of starters and the number of eligibles that remain in until the day of the race.

Originally there were 528 entries. At the present time the list of entrants has been cut down to 149, or a trifle more than 35 per cent. These 149 are eligible and will remain so until the next declaration, July 15, next year. Five thousand dollars will be added by the Westchester Racing Association, and this amount, added to the fee of $250 for each starter, plus the declaration fees, will bring the value of the stake this year, it is anticipated by the racing officials, up to a sum in excess of the value of this year's futurity.

Forty-two stallions are represented in the list of eligibles, colts and fillies, which will race for the prize. John E. Madden's stallion, Star Shoot, leads the list of stallions with twenty-seven representatives. Star Shoot is a royally bred horse, being by Isinglass. Isinglass was not only a great race horse in England, but has been exceedingly successful in the stud. His sons have also inherited his trait of transmitting speed to their progeny. Madden and Gifford A. Cochran are represented by eleven colts and eleven fillies, respectively, by Star Shoot, while James Butler, H. K. Knapp, John Sanford, R. T. Wilson and H. H. Hewitt have one representative each.

BALLOT IS HELD FOR BIG SUM BY OWNER

T. C. McDowell, the noted turfman of Kentucky, who recently purchased the stallion Ballot, a son of Voter, for $15,000, will have the value of that stallion largely increased by the fact that seventeen of Ballot's representatives have a chance to win the biggest turf prize of the year.

Von Tromp, a horse bred by the late James R. Keene, is third on the list of stallions with nine representatives. Von Tromp is now owned by Parker Whitney. Interpose comes next with eight and Voter seven. All Gold is a stallion practically new to local turfmen. He was brought over here by H. P. Whitney. All Gold has seven representatives. Among the lot is a colt by Jersey Lightning, the dam of Regret, the greatest two-year-old in 1914, and the champion three-year-old of 1915. Thunderer, the futurity winner of this year, is also out of Jersey Lightning. Mr. Whitney leads in the matter of nominations. He has seventeen on the list. Besides All Gold his stallions—Broom Stick, Hamburg and Burgomaster and Cilvag—are represented.

August Belmont is represented by half a dozen by Disguise, Hastings and Trap Rock. All of his youngsters have been named. In selecting names for their horses Messrs. Belmont, Whitney, Madden and Cassatt show rare cleverness and aptitude for the blood lines of the stallion and dams, as well as cognomens, that are easily applicable for breeders and racegoers to remember. R. T. Wilson has four representatives and Andrew Miller two. Among the Cochran youngsters that are eligible is a colt by Cicero, which won the English Derby in 1905.

The sires with the number of colts and fillies representing each in the eligible list are: Star Shoot, 27; Ballot, 17; Von Tromp, 9; Interpose, 8; Voter, 7; All Gold, 7; Aeronaut, 6; Trap Rock, 6; Olambala, 4; Celt, 4; Ogden, 3; Disguise, 3; Superman, 3; Peter Quince, 3; Hastings, 2; Ben Brush, 2; Jesse James, 2; Cunard, 2; Meelick, 2; McGee, 2; Sweep, 2; Martinet, Sain, Ormendale, Glorifier, Helmet, Bassetlaw, Dal Housie, Luck and Charity, Duval, Masseto, Armeath II., Sun Burst, Water Boy, Peep o' Day, Burgomaster, Cylgad, Cherry Pit and Le Rot Soleil, 1 each.

Western Bowler Rolls Perfect Score.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, December 4.—William Hopkins, of the Weber-Kelley team in the Wade Park Home League, last night made a score of 300 in a match against the Edwards Butchers. This is the first time in five years that a perfect score has been rolled in a league match in the city.

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