

BASEBALL

BASKET-BALL

BOWLING

ELBERFELD TO COACH

"The Kid" Will Help Out Tech Ball Tossers

UNTIL TIME TO REPORT

He Agrees to Assist Charley King, Business Coach to Have Early Services of Hickman, Stanley, and Johnny Beall—Noyes Sees Out New Contracts to Nationals.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Kid Elberfeld, is already making himself solid with the baseball fans in Washington, especially among the High School boys, for he has promised Charley King, the Technical High School coach, that he will help King out before the Nationals go to Norfolk. By "helping out" is meant that the Kid will look over the batter candidates, give valuable advice, and, if the weather permits, will work out of doors with the Technical boys two or three days a week.

Elberfeld lives in Garrett Park, and several of the Tech players are numbered among his neighbors. He knows them all, and they never miss a chance to talk baseball with him. The high school players think he is a wonder, and are anxious for warm weather to set in so that he can work out with them.

The Kid should be able to go out with them a number of times before it is necessary for him to pack his grip and start for Norfolk. Last year both Tech and Business started outdoor baseball practice the last week of February, and Elberfeld will not have to report to Norfolk until the second week in March.

While Elberfeld is giving the Technical High boys a few of the fine points about baseball the Business High School coach will have three well-known professionals with him looking over the Stenographers' candidates. Charley Hickman will be in Washington next week, and in addition to Hickman, Johnny Beal, the Beltsville Sox, and Len Stanley, who has signed with Nashville, will spend as much time as possible with the Stenographers.

Just as soon as the semester marks are turned in at Business and it is learned who is eligible to play the candidates for pitcher and catcher will report in the school gymnasium for indoor work. It is expected that the first week in February will see a good sized squad in action. Len Stanley held the Stenographers' coach develop "Shag" Rawlings last spring. He prophesied great things for Rawlings, and the youngster was mainly responsible for Business winning the championship.

Charley Hickman was a pitcher himself when he first broke into fast company, and will be able to give the schoolboys many valuable hints. Johnny Beal has also had enough experience in fast company to make him a valuable man to have around, and Business will not suffer for the lack of first-class early season coaching.

President Tom Noyes, of the Nationals, has sent out new contracts to all his players, and he does not anticipate any trouble in getting them to sign. Asked if there were any radical changes in the contracts, the president replied:

"Only two clauses, one covering the work of the players after the season closes, and the other in which the men agree to abide by the national commission's rulings. The club owners want to get the players down to a basis where they will work for six months and then rest for the other half of the year. We believe this will be of great benefit to the players and show itself during the playing season. A complete rest in winter, without any connection whatever with baseball, cannot help but benefit the players, and one winter's trial will demonstrate this belief."

The idea of trying out the new football changes along the ideas suggested by many of the so-called experts, seems to meet with popular favor among the high school boys, and it is expected that the date set for the experiments will be Saturday week. As it is impossible to obtain American League Park, the promoters will call on Father Emmett at Georgetown for permission to use the Hilltoppers' gridiron. The only drawback will be unsatisfactory weather conditions.

BUSINESS DEFEATS EASTERN.

Capitol Hill Basketball Team Goes Down by 39 to 7 Score.

Although outclassed in the final period, Eastern High School's basketball team gave Business High a good run for their money in the Business gymnasium yesterday afternoon. The Stenographers won, 39 to 7, but scored most of their points in the second half.

Eastern put up a game fight in the opening chapter, and for five minutes completely outplayed the home team.

Scott's unerring aim, responsible for twelve baskets, was the feature of the game. The Varela boys, Fitzhugh and Ligon, played well for Eastern.

Line-up and summary: Business High. Positions. Eastern High. Perry, left forward; E. Varela, center; Dodge, right forward; E. Varela, left guard; Fitzhugh, right guard; Ligon, left guard; Scott, center; Whitely, right guard; Davis, right guard; Ligon, left guard.

Goals from floor—Perry (4), Scott (12), Dodge, Davis (1), Fitzhugh, Ligon, E. Varela. Goals from free-throw—Perry, Varela. Free-throw missed—Scott, E. Varela (3), Perry. Rebounds—Mr. Tanner, Business High; Mr. Murray, Eastern High. Times—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th. Total of halves—30 minutes.

WESTERN HIGH DISBANDS.

Basketball Team Cancels Remaining Dates on Its Schedule.

Announcement was made at Western High School yesterday that the basketball team had disbanded for the season. The wearers of the red and white had unusually bright prospects for the championship early in the season, and much regret was expressed at the team's untimely death.

Always the Same.

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"TAKING THINGS EASY,"

WALTER JOHNSON SAYS

Big Twirler Declares Light Work Benefits Him. He Wants to Do Spring Training on Coast—Makes Prediction.

Walter Johnson, the Nationals' great pitcher, in a letter to the sporting editor of this paper, cuts loose with a little information about his pitching on the Coast during the winter season, and also makes the modest prediction that he believes the Washington club will beat out at least two clubs during the 1910 season. Johnson makes it plain that the twirling he is doing these days is merely in the shape of light exercise, and that he is not working out every day; neither is he called upon to exert himself in any games he has pitched thus far.

The big twirler is anxious for the opportunity to do his early training on the Coast, and has already spoken to Manager McAleer about it. He believes that he will be in much better shape when the season opens if he is permitted to work out there until a week before the first game.

Johnson writes an interesting letter. There is nothing of the bragadoct about his epistle, as one might suppose from a man who has been petted and made so much of as this goal-looking slabman. He is a bit fastidious about his "stationery," too, for his letterheads bear a neatly embossed "W. P. J." monogram.

Here's the very note, and this is what he wrote:

Fullerton, Cal., Jan. 11, 1910. William Peet, Sporting Editor The Washington Herald.

My dear William: Heard of you through a friend and decided to drop you a line and let you know how I am getting on. I am taking care of myself and taking things easy. I have been down last Sunday to see our game, and I had a short talk with him. I explained what I was doing, and he seemed satisfied that I had sense enough to take care of myself and be ready when the season opened to give the Washington fans the best I have to give.

From the way McAleer talks, I feel sure that we will beat out at least two of the American League clubs next season. That is about as strong as I will go on the prediction stuff. This, of course, depends on what shape our pitchers are in. I expect to go up to Los Angeles tomorrow and will see Mr. McAleer again. They are having great times there this week with their athletes. I look in Mr. McAleer about my staying on the Coast this spring to train. I wish he would let me, for I can get into fine condition and would not have to go back and work every day with uncertain weather for a month before the season opens. I hope he can see my way, but afraid he won't.

Met "Dolly" Gray last week, and he was looking great. He has taken on a little weight, and I should not be surprised if he did some great work with our club this season. Let me hear from you when you have a chance. Cordially, yours, WALTER JOHNSON.

KAUFMAN'S CHANCE TO-NIGHT

Must Outpoint Jack O'Brien in Six Rounds.

Big Californian Given Opportunity to Show that He is of Championship Caliber.

If Al Kaufman, the California heavyweight, is outpointed by Jack O'Brien in a six-round bout in Philadelphia to-night will be further proof that he does not possess championship quality. Kaufman, since Jack Johnson failed to put him away in six rounds, has insisted that he fight in ten seven-round rounds.

The fact that Ketchel knocked O'Brien cold in less than three rounds last June is used as an argument that Kaufman must stop O'Brien, or retire to the second rate class.

Kaufman is so sluggish that O'Brien believes he can make him look like a novice. Philadelphia Jack has done some hard training for the bout, and will weigh about 165 pounds when he toes the scratch. He feels confident of taking Kaufman's measure for the reason that in October, 1908, he knocked the Californian out in seven rounds.

That affair took place in Frisco, and it was the only time in his career that Kaufman was put to sleep. O'Brien, it will be remembered, jabbed the big fellow's eyes until he could scarcely see, and then when he was weak and rattled, Quaker Jack put over a corking punch on the jaw that ended the agony.

SPORTING SIDELIGHTS

By BILL BAILEY.

Although Boston released Roy Thomas, the Periwod Giants have not asked for waivers on Jim Sprigman.

With 500 strange printers in Washington next August for the types' championship ball games, it looks as if some of the local papers would suspend publication for a week at least.

Len Collins has at last found his bowling eye.

Walter Johnson says he is old enough to know how to take care of himself.

The new baseball park will not be located in Alexandria.

Kid Elberfeld is certainly getting along nicely in this town. Tech is to be congratulated.

Why not have a piano at the Georgetown tank while the oarsmen are at work; the Columbia coach suggests one for the New Yorkers. Sure, have one, and let Freddie Gibbs play it.

Governor Spuy, of Utah—There will be no fight in Salt Lake City or any other place in Utah. The authorities will take whatever drastic steps are necessary to prevent it.

Jack Gleason—I have been promised a special permit to hold the fight, and it will surely take place in California. "Tex" Rickard—I said I would pull off the fight at Salt Lake City, and that is final. So confident am I that I will post the entire purse of \$10,000 with Final Stakeholder Big "Tim" Sullivan.

Jim Jeffries—I hope the fight takes place in California.

Jack Johnson—I am willing to fight any place.

Tommy Low—How about Mount Ranier?

Johnny Heydler has decided to build a country place on Long Island. He will still drop around these parts from time to time to see his friends.

LOUIS HIRSH

912 Clearance Prices

—This Week.

No better time for genuine money-saving than right now—to-day—stock clearance time. Read these—

- Manhattan, \$1.50 and \$1.65 Colored Shirts..... \$1.15
- Manhattan \$2.00 Colored Shirts..... \$1.38
- Manhattan E. & W. \$3.00 Colored Shirts..... \$1.88
- Other Colored Shirts up to \$1.50..... 85c
- 50c and 75c Colored Socks..... 3 for \$1.00
- 1.00 and 1.50 Neckwear..... 75c
- \$2.00 Neckwear..... \$1.00
- 50c to \$1.00 Silk Suspenders..... 25c
- Broken Lots of Underwear, Including the Famous Stuttgart Make, 1.3 to 1.2 Off.
- Old Fancy Vests, sold up to \$3.50..... \$1.25
- \$5.00 Stiff Hats..... \$3.75
- \$3.50 Stiff and Soft Hats..... \$2.75
- \$3.00 Stiff and Soft Hats..... \$2.25
- \$3.50 Brown Stiff Hats..... \$2.00
- Broken Lots Hats, sold up to \$3.50..... \$1.35
- 50c Bull Dog Caps..... 25c
- \$3.00 All-wool Coat Sweaters..... \$2.25
- \$4.00 and \$5.00 All-wool Coat Sweaters..... \$3.15
- \$14.00 Rain Coats..... \$11.00
- \$10.00 Rain Coats..... \$14.00
- \$15.00 Rain Coats..... \$16.50

TYPO BALL TOSSERS IN LINE

Big Time Promised for Capital Next August.

Ten Clubs of Printers' League to Play Here for Championship Honors.

The Union Printers' National Baseball League tournament to be held in this city next August promises to be a big affair.

This will be the third annual tournament, the others being held in New York and Chicago. Eight cities compose the circuit, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, and Washington.

In all probability the Washington meet will see two more cities, Indianapolis and Denver.

The Union Printers' League is the first of the amateur baseball organizations to perfect a national organization, and its affairs are in excellent shape.

Frank S. Lerch, who represents Washington on the national commission, says he expects between 600 and 650 players and "rooters" at the Washington tournament for a period of five days, and local boys have been preparing for some time past for the entertainment of the out-of-town ball players and visitors. The date of the meet will not be known until after the American League schedule has been issued.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

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