

FIRST CALL FOR TRACK MEN AT GEORGETOWN BRINGS OUT A PROMISING LOT OF ATHLETES

Coach Foley Tries the Candidates on Starts--Work the First Day Very Light--Jim Jeffries is Wavering--Money End May Bring Him to Terms--Rector Retires From Cinder Path--Other Sports.

The candidates for the Blue and Gray track team started their practice on the indoor track of the Healy building yesterday morning.

In the absence of Coach Mulligan, who was detained in Philadelphia, Coach Bill Baiter, well known to all Washingtonians as the trainer of such world-beaters as Arthur Duffey and Bernie Wefers, assumed full charge.

Foley seemed well pleased with the outlook, and is confident that a fast team will be developed. Training will be gone through every day between now and January 30, when the whole squad will be given a thorough tryout at the indoor games of Johns Hopkins University.

Coach Foley has a great record in high school sports. He has no special medals won in big money, but has a dozen different medals and trophies which are most prominent.

Schlosser, the basketball star, is trying for the relay team as well as Walter Maher, an ex-Catholic University man, and Carter Ford, who has had experience at the University of Michigan.

The trials for the varsity relay team, which runs against Richmond and the Baltimore team, will be held about the twenty-fifth of the month.

READING, January 11.—Eastern League base ball for Reading now looks like a sure thing, if the report handed out by William Abbott Witman, the former well known base ball magnate, is taken seriously by the patrons.

Mr. Witman says that Manager Jacob Weitzel of the Reading Tri-State club will be paid damages as the result of the invasion. Mr. Witman had a representative at the national commission meeting, but through this rumored deal to drown Weitzel out by paying him damages, the class A people would not play on Witman's new grounds, but will likely play on the Lauer's Park ground for playing.

On top of this story comes the statement from the Atlantic League that a team will be placed in Reading this season on Mr. Witman's new grounds, to be owned by Mr. Witman and to be managed by James McGovern, formerly manager of the St. Peter's club of the old City League.

COMPARISONS OF THE RECORDS OF TWILERS

Comparisons of the records of the National and American League pitchers since 1871 show that the pitching has at all times kept pace with the increased speed of the game.

Table with columns: Name, Pitches, Games, Wins, Losses, etc. Lists pitchers like Dick McBride, A.G. Spalding, etc.

CAPT. FRED RICE INJURED

His Shoulder Fractured in Game With Y. M. C. A. Saturday.

In the contest against the Young Men's Christian Association five Saturday night Capt. Fred Rice of the Georgetown University basketball team had his shoulder fractured.

SUSPENDED STARS WILL ENTER IRISH GAMES

NEW YORK, January 11.—Again in good standing, the six athletic champions who were recently put under the ban by the proceedings of the registration committee of the A. A. U. have begun active training for the competition for which they have entered during the remainder of the indoor season.

While they are all entered in several meets during this month, it will not be until the Irish-American Athletic Club games, which will be held in Madison Square Garden February 6, that the entire sextet will be seen in action on the track.

Capt. Givanoni of the Corcoran Cadets is putting up an excellent exhibition by his cool and steady playing for his team, and is easily the backbone of this organization. His team was considerably handicapped in the first game by owing to the fact that the Middies played under the intercollegiate rules, while the Corcorans are in the habit of employing the A. A. U. rules in their play.

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LISTEN, YE BASE BALL FANS, HOLIDAYS FALL ON SUNDAY

When the base ball schedule makers start work on the dates for this season, they will be confronted with a rather funny proposition. In 1900 the two big holiday events of the year happen to fall on Sunday.

It is a rule that when a national holiday falls on Sunday the following day shall be recognized as the day of celebration. Thus base ball patrons all over the country will celebrate Fourth of July by seeing two games July 5.

Last year both dates happened to fall on a Saturday, and as a result the owners of the different clubs suffered quite heavily. In baldness Saturday is always a good day for any conditions in compiling the schedule.

No doubt Cleveland will get both these holiday dates at home. If the schedule for next year is like the one of previous seasons it will mean a jump from St. Louis to Cleveland in that city on Sunday.

George Bonhag and Charles Bacon say they will be the cool-headed leader of the games. Bonhag will try to corral the diamond ring in the four-mile special race and Bacon will compete in the 600-yard special.

COLUMBIA WANTS A GAME WITH GEORGETOWN

Manager Stuart of the Georgetown University base ball team yesterday received a letter from Manager Van Tine of Columbia University inviting the Blue and Gray nine to New York to play the Blue and White June 2.

Whether the will be possible is not known as yet. The Georgetownians have a schedule of four trips, the number allowed them by the faculty. To go to New York will result in a very extensive, but it is believed that those in power will give their consent, considering the circumstances.

BASKET BALL NOTES

Basket ball is fast reaching its stride and promises to be on a boom these next few weeks, affording the public several interesting and hair raising matches.

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Let's start a school for umpires. They are teaching electricity, mining, shorthand, so-called "journalism" and some fifty or sixty other branches by mail.

Year after year base ball magnates literally scour the minor leagues with several kinds of brooms searching for players of fast minor or major league players.

The question of competent umpires is often one that gives league presidents more trouble than half the other affairs of his organization combined. One umpire of poor judgment can turn some 90 or 100 games of base ball into a howling farce.

Umpires are born, not made. Umpires seem like hitters, born, not made. A man either has or has not the ability to judge plays quickly and accurately.

One American League umpire, however, is in direct contrast to the usual order of things. He is Billy Evans. When a student at Cornell University was a good outfielder, he could hit and run and cover ground in the field.

Undoubtedly the best pitching feat of last year in the American League was performed by Walter Johnson of the Washington team, when on three successive days he shut New York out without anything that looked like a tally.

JOHNSON'S PITCHING FEAT WILL BE HARD TO EQUAL. The peculiar feature about Johnson's record was that he seemed to improve with each game. On the first day he blanked the Yankees, 3 to 0, followed this up with a 6-to-0 victory and came back strong with a 4-to-0 win.

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SHRUBB CONFIDENT OF LEADING THE INDIAN

BOSTON, January 11.—Alnie Shrub, the English long-distance runner, who will race Longhorn in Madison Square Garden in the Marathon distance January 26, has been doing over the roads ten, fifteen and twenty mile runs and finished strong each day.

RECTOR SAYS HE HAS QUIT THE CINDER PATH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., January 11.—When seen yesterday at the University of Virginia, James A. Rector, champion short-distance sprinter of the American cinder path, once more confirmed the statement, sent out during the Christmas holidays, that he had retired from the cinder path and would not participate in any of the meets scheduled for the Virginia team this winter and spring.

SOCKER ENTHUSIASTS ATTACK THE UMPIRE

NEW YORK, January 11.—Referees and players suffered at the hands of disappointed spectators of the cup game in the series of the American Foot Ball Association between the Camerons of this city and the eleven of the Jersey Athletic Club, played on the grounds of the latter, Pearson's Park, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon.

Dumbarton Pool Team Matched.

A match game of pool between the pool teams of the Dumbarton Club of this city and the Montgomery Country Club of Rockville will be played on the tables of the country club Wednesday evening.

GRIMSON TRACK SCHEDULE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., January 11.—The Harvard University track management announced last night the schedule for the spring meets as follows: May 8, Dartmouth, at Cambridge; May 15, Yale, at New Haven; May 22, Harvard freshmen vs. Yale freshmen, at Cambridge.