Nationals Play Virginia—Willard and Moran Ready for Fight Tonight

GRIFFMEN HUSTLE AT WORK AS END OF TRAINING IS NEAR

Colts on Way Home, But Regulars Will Practice Up to the Last Moment Tuesday Morning.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 25.—It was a strenuous day for the Griffmen yesterday. There was a nine-inning game in the morning, a rush in uniforms to a light lunch, and then back to the ball field, where a five-inning game was played. Then the regulars took a long, hard workout in the field. This afternoon the regulars meet the varsity team. Johnson is slated to pitch four innings of this game and Gallia the other five.

The Colts pulled out of here this morning, and will go direct to Alexandria, where they are scheduled to play in the afternoon. Sunday they will play at Clarendon, Va. Ayers and Bentley will do the pitching for the Colts in the two towns.

But there is more work going to be done here. Griffith expects to play a game today, workout tomorrow afternoon, play a couple of games Monday, and take a final workout Tuesday morning. There is to be no rest for the players until a day before the season opens, when they will travel to New York. In the meantime the team will practice every morning and play games in the afternoon.

Jim Shaw and Harry Harper pitched really remarkable ball yesterday, the latter in the morning, when he displayed some wonderful curves, and the other in the afternoon, when he pitched four innings without using anything but speed.

Both of these youngsters are going to make their mark this year, and this is particularly true of Harper. He struck out Rondeau twice in the morning game, and the Frenchman came to the bench and paid the southpaw this compliment: "Even last year, when Harper was with us at Minneapolis, he had all the earmarks of being a star. He is a much better pitcher now; and when he gets to using his curves he will simply be unhittable. I know what I am talking about."

Harper has a side-arm fast ball and a side-arm curve, but he has a still different and better curve which he throws overhanded. When he uses this together with a most deceptively shooting fast ball the batters have their troubles. He should win a large percentage of his games this year.

Both John Henry and Alva Williams could stand a little rest right now. Both have been working decidedly hard besides having suffered from colds which have stiffened their muscles, but there is no chance of them resting, for with two games a day slated it is essential that three catchers be available. In the morning game Gharrity had a nail partly torn off of one of the fingers on his right hand, but he would not get out of the game and in the afternoon played first base. Gharrity has been charged with most of his errors because of his failure to keep a foot on first base when the ball is thrown a bit wide.

Goodwin pitched the final inning against the Colts in the afternoon game and retired the side in order. There isn't any question but what in due time Goodwin will be a pitcher who can take his regular turn on the rubber, for he has a lot of stuff and seems to be fortunate enough to have real control. He has acquired the use of his body in the delivery of the ball and this has been of great value to him.

There are no orders that are not obeyed by Walter Johnson, nor does he consider himself too important to fail to help some of the younger twirlers when they want his assistance. Yesterday afternoon, for instance, he took Sloan and Goodwin to the outfield and quietly talked to them about getting the use of their bodies in delivering the ball. He went through the motions with them and had them practice under his tutoring. It made a big improvement in the two young pitchers and incidentally made them appreciate that Walter Johnson differs in more ways than one from most of the prominent ball players.

But three and a half work days here in Charlottesville remain for the Nationals to put in. Thereafter, they will work at the Washington park every morning and play games in the afternoons. Seven of these games are with three clubs of the National League—three with the Phillies, winners of the old league pennant last season, and two each with the Braves and the Brooklyn Dodgers. This should put the Griffmen right on edge for the opening of the season, for the team already is in fairly good shape. It needs only a little more hot weather before it will be at its best. Griffith is following the proper system of training to have his players on edge by the time the season opens by giving them lots of work. When he gets home the mornings will be put in at batting practice, in the hope of having every man on the team capable of holding his own with the bat.

During the team's stay at home a concise system of signals will be carefully and secretly practiced so as to establish a system of play that every player will understand, and which will help them to make their strength count in a substantial way.

Battery signals which it is impossible to discern from second base by base runners on opposing teams who reach that station already have been practiced, and they are in perfect working order, no one being able to see them from the base lines.

There is no doubt that a lot of clubs not wise enough to disguise their signals from the view of the base runners, who can tip off the batsmen, have lost a lot of games in past years which they should have won. Griffith is not to take any chances in that connection, and will have his team thoroughly protected against signal stealers.

There is no let-up for either Morgan or Judge, who still have a few pounds to take off. After playing two games yesterday they had to take a twenty-five-minute fielding practice and then chase around the quarter-mile track about six times at a good stiff jog in their heavy coats. The result is they lose a whole lot of weight every day, but, of course, take on a little during their resting hours. Eventually when the weather gets good and hot they will get down to where they belong and remain there until the end of the season.

Albin Dahlin has been sent to his home. The young pitcher is far from being read for the major leagues, and as Griffith has not signed him, he will go to his home and continue pitching for amateur teams.

Several of the youngsters are to be farmed out within the next few days. The Frederick, Md., club probably will get several of them.

LOOKING THEM OVER
—WITH BILLY EVANS—
Some Feats and Features of the National Pastime

—Did You Know—

That in 1906 the Chicago Cubs established a major league record for games won by capturing 116 victories out of 152 games? In making this wonderful record the Cubs treated all teams alike, finding each of the other seven clubs almost equally easy. The Philadelphia club suffered nineteen defeats, Cincinnati, eighteen; Boston, seventeen; Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, sixteen, and St. Louis and New York fifteen. Philadelphia won only three games from Chance's great team during the entire season's play. Strangely enough this great club, which had found the National League such easy picking, was defeated in the world series by the Chicago White Sox. Another peculiar feature in connection with this series was that the defeated Cubs led the National League in batting with an average of .262, while the White Sox were a bad last in the American League batting with an average of .222. It was a case of the favorite being badly beaten. In the American League the Boston Red Sox established a record for the Johnsonian organization in 1912, when that team won 105 games, just nine shy of the National mark. Throughout the season the Red Sox didn't have a single slump. In the big series with the New York Giants McGraw's club was generally favored to win, but once more the favorite was overthrown.

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That in the nine years which he has pitched for the Washington team Walter Johnson has struck out 1,884 men in approximately 325 games, an average of nearly six batters in each game he has worked? When you consider that twenty-seven players are the average number retired in each game, taking extra-inning games into consideration, it is easy to realize what an extremely high-class brand of pitching Johnson has been showing the last eight years. In his first year as a big leaguer, joining Washington near the fag end of the season, he struck out sixty-four men in fourteen games. The following two years with a bad second division club he whiffed 160 in twenty-eight and 164 in thirty-eight games. In 1910, working with a much improved ball club, he hung up the best mark of his career, causing 313 men to be retired in forty-two games on strikes, an average of better than seven per game. In 1911 he set down 209 in thirty-eight games over the strike-out route. In 1912 he seriously threatened to break his former record of 313, but managed to finish ten shy of that mark, 303 in forty-four games. In 1913 he toppled over 243 on strikes, in 1914 he got 225, while last year he whiffed 203. In the last two years Johnson could have had a much higher rating had he desired. He tried less for strikeouts, depending a great deal on a change of pace, and always took things easy when his club got away to a lead, putting it up to his teammates to come through.

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That the great Larry Lajoie cost the Philadelphia club practically nothing? In 1896 the Philadelphia club was anxious to secure Phil Gier from the Fall River team of the New England League. The price asked was $1,500, a trifle more than the Philadelphia club desired to pay. In order to close the deal Lajoie, then a promising youngster, was thrown in for good measure.

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That Walter Johnson holds the major league record for pitching consecutive shutouts? In 1913 Johnson went fifty-six consecutive innings without being scored upon. In the opening game of the season New York scored on him in the first inning, but was blanked in the next eight sessions. On April 19 he shut out New York in nine innings. On April 23 he blanked Boston in nine innings. On April 25 he pitched the ninth inning against Boston and retired the side runless. On April 30 he blanked the Athletics in nine innings. On May 3 he pitched the last two and two-thirds innings against Boston. On May 5 he went into the game in the fifth inning and pitched the last seven innings of a twelve-inning game against Boston. On May 10 he whitewashed Chicago. On May 15 St. Louis broke the spell by scoring in the fourth inning after one man had been retired.

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That for general erratic play the Pittsburgh team of 1914 just about established a record? Picked by many to win the pennant, the Pirates finished seventh, the lowest position occupied by a Pittsburgh team in fifteen years. Early in the race the team got away to a nice start, and by the middle of May were in first place with a nice margin to spare. A little over a month later the same club was in last place and seemed certain to finish there. Cincinnati played so badly, however, that the Pirates were saved that disgrace. In April the Pirates enjoyed a winning streak of seven straight, while in May Clarke's team went the April feat one better, with eight straight victories. In June the Pirates slumped, and at one stretch dropped ten straight to the opposition. In September the Pirates had the worst run of luck of a very bad season, dropping an even dozen in a row. The failure of the Pittsburgh club to make a better showing is explained in the batting averages. The Pirates, as a team, was the weakest hitting aggregation in the National League. Strangely enough, the team led that organization in fielding. Perhaps no one feature affected the play of the Pirates more than Wagner's slump in hitting. When a wonderful hitter like Wagner drops to .252 it is easy to see how his team suffered as a result.

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That Connie Mack, when he captured the American League pennant in 1914, broke a world's major league record for piloting championship ball clubs? Since going to Philadelphia in 1901, Mack has won six American League pennants in fourteen starts, which is certainly going some. Until Mack put over the 1914 victory, he was tied with a number of other great leaders, with five such feats to their credit. John McGraw has captured five championships for New York. Ned Hanlon has also piloted five big league winners, three of them for Baltimore and two for Brooklyn. Frank Selee, when at the head of the Boston club, won five championships for that city in the National League. Mack's team has taken part in five world series, winning three and losing two. In 1905 the Athletics were defeated by the Giants. In 1910 the Athletics decisively defeated the Cubs four games to one. At that time the Cub machine was regarded as well night invincible. In 1911 the Athletics got sweet revenge for the 1905 trouncing at the hands of the Giants, by beating McGraw's team four games to two. In 1913 the club again repeated at the expense of McGraw. In 1914 the Athletics slumped badly and were handed the worst trouncing ever given a team in the big series, losing in four straight games.

AMATEUR BASE BALL MEETING GETS SMALL REPRESENTATION

Only Five Leagues Present at Election of Officers—Not Much Enthusiasm in Coming Season Evident as Yet.

BY H. C. BYRD.

Only five leagues were represented at the meeting of the Amateur Base Ball Association of the District of Columbia last night. This indicates there is not the amount of interest in the sport this spring that has been evidenced in previous years and possibly that the game on the sandlots will not prosper as it did in 1915. At least, the representation at the first meeting last night for the annual election of officers was not very encouraging.

Of course, this is an exceptionally late spring. The weather so far has not been of a character conducive to the production of intense interest in base ball, and it may be that things will begin to liven up considerably toward the middle of April. The various organizations have delayed getting themselves in readiness for the season, perhaps, because the weather conditions have been more favorable to skating than to the summer sports. If this is the case then there will be a general enlivening within a short while and a more acute interest in the various procedures.

At the meeting of the association Robert H. Young again was elected to the presidency, and the association could have made a no more happy choice. Mr. Young, during his administration of the past few years, has given to the sport a dignity and standing worthy of its value, and has placed it on a higher plane perhaps than it enjoys in any other city. Mr. Young's services and his worth to amateur base ball cannot be overestimated. S. Edward Beach and Clark C. Griffith were made vice presidents, Charles M. King treasurer and Harry V. Shurtleff secretary.

The game at Georgetown this afternoon, in which the Blue and Gray will open its season against Mount St. Joseph's, will begin at 3:30 o'clock. The Blue and Gray will start the contest with McCarty, Sullivan and Beradina in the outfield, Dempsey, Maloney, Gilroy and Cusack in the infield, Strait and Hager behind the bat and Owen, Finnegan and Murray pitching. Nothing is known of the strength of the Mount St. Joseph's nine, but it usually is represented by a very capable combination.

The Catholic University-Gallaudet contest begins an hour earlier than that of Georgetown. Neither of these two nines has had much work outdoors, and it is not expected that either will be at its best. Catholic University and Gallaudet both have in their line-ups the majority of those who held down the positions a year ago. The Brooklanders will start the game with Killion on first, Caffrey at second, White at short, Rodgers at third, Shortley, Butler and Hefferman in the outfield, McCue, catcher, and Fahey and Johnson, pitchers.

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REGS COME TO LIFE AND SMOTHER COLTS

Rice Has Nothing to Puzzle Griff's Veterans and They Win Out by Score of 11 to 1.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, March 25.—The Regulars came to life in the second game yesterday afternoon and bunched twelve hits for a total of fifteen bases in three innings for a total of 11 runs. Sam Rice was the victim. He allowed one run in the opening inning and then, after chances to retire the side had gone begging, the Regulars cut loose on his delivery and made ten safe drives for a total of thirteen bases, all of which netted eight runs. A hit by pitcher and three more singles gave them a couple of additional runs in the third and then they rested on their laurels.

It was a well played game, so far as the Regs were concerned, but this cannot be said for the Colts, who made their last appearance of the season. Jamieson walked to open the game. Foster was out on a grounder to second and then Milan and Judge singled, sending Jamieson home. In the second Morgan hit safely and went to second on Shanks' poor throw. Morgan stole third and when McBride hit to Shanks Gharrity forgot to keep his foot on first and McBride was safe. Henry doubled to right center and Shaw got a single, while Jamieson and Foster both followed with triples. Milan again singled. Judge went out, but Rondeau walked, while Morgan and McBride both hit safely, making the total of runs scored in the inning eight. Rice hit Henry with a pitched ball, then fanned Shaw. Jamieson popped up, but Foster singled, as did Milan and Judge, two more runs running home.

Rice scored the only run for the Colts. He singled to start off the third and Sawyer and Barber got hits afterward and sent him home. The score:

REGULARS.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SO.	BB.	O.	A.	E.
Jamieson, rf	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Foster, 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
C. Milan, cf	3	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Judge, 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0
Rondeau, lf	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Morgan, 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
McBride, ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Henry, c	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Shaw, p	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	25	11	12	2	1	4	15	6	0

COLTS.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SO.	BB.	O.	A.	E.
Moeller, cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
Sawyer, ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1
Barber, rf	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
H. Milan, lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Shanks, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	1
Williams, c	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Gharrity, 1b	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
Schwab, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Rice, p	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	20	1	5	1	3	1	15	13	4

Regulars	1	8	2	0	0	0	11
Colts	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Two-base hits—Henry, Gharrity. Three-base hits—Jamieson, Foster. Sacrifice hit—H. Milan. Hits—Off Shaw, 5 in 4 innings; off Rice, 12 in 5 innings; off Goodwin, none in 1 inning. Hit by pitcher—By Rice (Henry). Wild pitch—Shaw. Umpire—Mr. Altrock. Time of game—1 hour.

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LIST OF ENTRIES TO CLOSE TODAY

A. C. B. A. Offices to Remain Open Late Tonight to Receive Bowlers.

The headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association tournament, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, will be kept open tonight until 12 o'clock in order to handle the rush of entries expected on the final day. Tonight marks the time for closing of the list, though any batch of entries in an envelope bearing a postmark of today is certain to be accepted if not received until next week.

Those in charge of the affair are working with might and main to get the entries so far received classified so that the final arrangements next week may be carried out with dispatch. The total of teams and players is exceptionally large, being the best number ever held for a tournament in the east. It is not known just how many will be entered, though it is felt that the results have exceeded even the original expectations.

Entries of Yesterday.

The following is a list of entries of the teams and players received at tourney headquarters yesterday:

Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A., duckpins—P. W. Trotter, C. M. Mark, C. L. Williams, B. B. Fulk, A. R. Wayne, W. A. Streiter, Frank Stanley, R. H. Miller and W. W. Turney, captain.

Duckpins, doubles—O. R. Toms and J. R. Clark. Singles—Lewis Vogelsberger.

Duckpins, doubles—O. R. Toms and J. R. McClure; Louis Conradis and H. F. Lucke, jr. Singles—J. R. McClure.

Washington Loan and Trust Company, duckpins—C. H. Dollig, jr., F. E. Berthroug, L. F. Robertson, E. A. Meyers, H. D. Poole, G. T. Galt, H. S. Wood and Boyd Taylor, captain.

Pioneer, tenpins—V. Eaton, L. Niedmanski, C. Croft, T. Shepard, Herring, Mayor Robb, captain. All have entered in the doubles and singles.

Duckpins, singles—H. F. Fritts.

Duckpins, singles—L. A. Schaar, Baltimore, Md.

Tenpins, doubles—Ernest F. Homberg and Leonard A. Schaar, Baltimore, Md. Singles—E. F. Homberg and L. A. Schaar.

Tenpins, singles—W. D. Williamson.

Duckpins, singles—A. J. O'Neil and W. D. Williamson. Doubles—W. G. Welden and W. D. Williamson.

Christian Xander, duckpins—L. D. Dulin, E. J. Hodge, J. Fisher, N. Burch, J. J. Kierman, J. C. Hilton.

Duckpins, doubles—Murphy and Fowler. Singles—Murphy and Fowler.

Duckpins, doubles—J. J. Kierman and "Pop" Ruppert. Singles—J. J. Kierman and J. W. Ruppert.

Shermans, duckpins—W. N. Allen, R. Bontz, H. B. Elmer, McIlwyer T. Walker, H. E. Deckman, captain. All have entered in the doubles and singles.

Washington Railway and Electric Company, duckpins—A. Logan, T. Farrell, G. G. Whitney, A. Noack, E. H. Staub, A. E. Thomas, A. R. Gibson, A. D. Gardner, captain. All have entered in the doubles and singles.

Jeds, duckpins—Charles M. Wright, Harry Ohler, Jack Loveless, Henry T. Bailey, William Moore, J. E. Dulin, captain. All have entered in the doubles and singles.

Andrews Paper Company, duckpins—B. A. Ball, J. G. Lentz, W. R. Douglas, M. E. Griffin, J. A. McKee and W. Walsh, captain.

Duckpins, singles—J. E. Spence.

Local Bowlers at Baltimore.

Local bowlers did some good work on Baltimore alleys last night, two of the teams getting sets of more than 1,600. The Newcomers of the District League and the Southeast Stars of the Southeast circuit led in the team counts, the former having a mark of 1,611 and the latter 1,615.

Hughes of the Newcomers rolled a set of 364, for which he knocked down 117, 103 and 144 pins. Harry Krauss got a good set for the Royals, too, his mark being 357 and counts for contests, 124, 102 and 131. Elmer rolled for the best marks registered in the singles, getting a total of 340 for the set and a high game of 141.

The scores made at Baltimore last night follow:

SHERMANS.

Dwyer	100	103	106	309
Walker	107	88	122	318
Bontz	107	110	100	317
Elmer	100	117	118	335
Allen	102	101	97	300
Totals	516	520	543	1,579

PALACE.

Alt	104	96	106	306
Pattison	93	108	94	295
Wood	109	96	81	286
Keeler	113	126	94	333
Iseman	87	101	90	278
Totals	506	527	467	1,500

AGGIES NO. 1.

Evans	106	84	87	287
Lourim	97	87	84	278
Stamper	105	94	94	293
Nelson	100	110	87	297
Gowen	120	112	101	333
Totals	528	487	473	1,488

SOUTHEAST STARS.

J. Fowler	93	118	128	339
Goddard	115	101	114	320
Shipley	121	108	99	328
Auguste	115	105	111	331
McCormick	101	86	100	287
Totals	545	518	552	1,615

ROYALS.

H. Holley	80	108	98	286
E. Howard	107	105	110	322
E. Lewis	97	102	102	301
H. Stanford	91	111	103	305
H. Krauss	124	102	131	357
Totals	499	528	544	1,571

NEWCOMERS.

Maughlin	111	104	91	306
Shade	101	117	115	333
Orme	92	93	96	281
Kruger	116	94	117	326
Hughes	117	103	144	364
Totals	537	511	563	1,611

VELVET KIND.

Chapin	113	113	104	330
Armiger	122	95	83	300
Michaud	113	97	112	322
Hartley	104	98	93	295
Baum	107	116	92	315
Totals	559	519	484	1,562

AGGIES NO. 2.

Bernier	87	85	93	265
Fagan	91	98	92	281
Hansler	103	107	95	305
McLaughlin	104	107	95	333
Young	93	84	112	289
Totals	478	497	498	1,473

SOUTHERN RAILWAY CLERKS.

Lehman	93	84	84	261
Barse	88	102	104	294
Parke	91	74	110	275
Smith	86	84	84	254
Goldberg	85	86	95	266
Totals	443	430	477	1,350

SOUTHERN RAILWAY (COMMERCIAL).

Coe	95	94	113	302
Smith	110	116	86	312
Fegan	108	105	96	309
Campbell	99	109	104	312
Kupler	99	110	105	314
Totals	511	534	504	1,549

SINGLES.

Elmer	141	111	88	340
Dwyer	96	94	98	288
Walker	107	105	93	305
Fowler, J.	110	128	104	342
Shipley	96	100	94	290
Hughes	96	122	85	303
Goddard	102	101	94	297
Bontz	115	118	105	338
Woodward	118	107	101	326
McCormick	114	109	105	328
Pattison	111	101	100	312
Ott	108	103	93	300
Keeler	117	98	123	338
Iseman	97	109	103	309
H. Robb	102	109	83	294
Wood	91	86	98	275
Deckman	89	92	101	282
Allen	109	109	96	314
Stamper	98	88	85	271
Gowen	116	113	93	322
Lourim	105	111	110	326
Fagan	85	73	94	252
Benner	88	92	94	274
Evans	110	98	95	303
Nelson	102	93	104	299
McLaughlin	95	98	95	288
Chapin	89	100	114	303
Hawser	100	101	107	308
Watson	98	110	88	296
Hartley	99	121	108	328
Baum	107	108	136	351
Lewis	104	120	108	332
Michaud	103	110	123	336
Halley	97	90	105	292
Krauss	116	121	91	328
Stanford	109	118	100	327

DOUBLES.

J. Evans	85	90	92	267
F. McLaughlin	92	87	88	267
				534
Lourim	96	92	108	296
Nelson	99	94	103	296
				592
L. Manghum	101	99	100	300
Doc Shade	97	86	96	279
				579

SCORES IN LOCAL LEAGUES.

MOUNT PLEASANT LEAGUE.

Decaturs.				Parks.			
Holmes	99	96	105	R.Rawl'gs	111	98	86
Beall	79	99	93	G.Rawl'gs	85	110	108
Muzzy	73	107	94	Dunning	89	90	90
Maize	85	102	104	Imicie	87	90	109
Heupel	101	87	102	McCamb'e	101	108	108
Totals	437	491	498	Totals	464	486	491

ARCADE LEAGUE.

Arcadians.				Ingleside.			
Husted	94	92	120	E.Elker	100	89	101
Farrell	87	87	82	Whitford	81	88	85
Dummy	90	90	90	Farrow	98	114	98
Clark	83	96	79	Meany	82	92	96
Olsen	90	201	92	J.Elker	113	94	109
Totals	456	467	463	Totals	474	477	489

TERMINAL R. R. Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

General Office.				B. & O.			
Weiss	86	79	106	Laverine	73	78	77
Vincent	84	79	83	Bailey	76	75	74
Dummy	85	85	85	Dummy	85	85	85
Moore	75	99	94	Rector	81	80	77
Graves	84	87	88	Powers	91	77	70
Totals	414	429	456	Totals	406	395	383

GEORGETOWN COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

Cavanagh & Kendrick.				C. P. Ash Co.			
Kendrick	111	83	85	Ash	88	93	95
Weaver	74	90	81	Gotwald	92	102	83
Cavanagh	71	87	93	Walter	85	74	73
Knight	85	90	92	Cost	89	98	99
Davis	89	82	89	Kendrick	107	92	95
Totals	430	432	440	Totals	461	459	445

PATENT OFFICE LEADING.

Home Club Interbureau Match Attracts Many Shooters.

The Home Club interbureau shooting contest at the indoor range, on 15th street, continues to draw large crowds of enthusiastic members of the Home Club of the Interior Department and their friends. The contest has been running for the past month and is now about three-fourths finished. The patent office leads, with the extremely good score of 804, followed by the land office, 789, and the pension office, 779. The scores of the other bureaus of the department are not far from those of the leaders. The geological survey is making a strong fight, and E. Kirk of that bureau has set a new mark of 98 out of a possible 100.

The following scores were made in a special "sighting-in" match held last night: S. E. Bomar, Indian office, 95; E. Kirk, geological survey, 90; J. C. Wheate, jr., patent office, 88; M. B. Landers, patent office, 86; S. H. Weeder, land office, 86; J. E. Parnin, pension office, 82; L. B. Raymond, pension office, 82; D. E. Wilson, patent office, 77.

The committee on outdoor shooting has arranged an elaborate program of contests which will start as soon as the ranges are opened and the weather permits. Arrangements have been made to shoot at both the Congress Heights and Winthrop ranges.

BIG SCRAP TONIGHT

Willard and Moran to Box Before Crowd of 13,000.

BOTH FIGHTERS ARY READY

Moran Can Only Win Title on Knockout or Foul. No Decision Being Given.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Thirteen thousand spectators will crowd Madison Square Garden tonight to see Frank Moran of Pittsburgh try to wrest the world's heavyweight championship from Jess Willard of Kansas. Although the bout is not announced as for the title and no decision by the referee is possible under the boxing laws, Moran might win the championship either by a knockout, a foul or Willard or Willard's failure to go the full length of the bout.

The fight is the most important fistic encounter which has taken place since Willard won the title from Jack Johnson at Havana last April and is the first Willard has fought since that historic battle.

Two purses, which way the battle goes, Willard will receive $47,500 and Moran $16,250. Moran today appears as confident as ever that he will be able to land the blow that will give him the title by a knockout. He predicted that he would get over the finishing punch in the seventh or eighth round.

Willard Expects Knockout.

Willard is equally certain of clinching his grip on the championship. He declared that if Moran fights the aggressive battle which the Pittsburgh man is said to have planned the champion would end the bout with a knockout. No matter what Moran's tactics, Willard expressed confidence of victory.

The big bout is to start at 9:30 o'clock if the program is carried out. Several preliminary bouts of other boxers will precede it.

The sound of carpenters' saw and hammer today filled the big arena where the bout is to be staged, as a new structure of boxes and seats was hurriedly erected. It was promised that all would be in readiness this afternoon. Every seat in the building has long been sold, and would-be spectators from far and near and from distant cities, arriving late, are clamoring in vain for tickets.

Warned of Counterfeits.

Managers gave warning today that counterfeit tickets supposed to be redeemable at the garden for admission tickets have been sold in Boston, Philadelphia and Connecticut cities. They said no such tickets had been issued by the management and that they would not be honored.

Their training completed and both men asserting they are fit and ready, the principals spent a quiet day in preparation for the bout. Willard intended to pass the time in company with his manager, Tom Jones, and his trainer. Talk of the fight was barred. Mr. Willard said he had made all his preparations, both mental and physical. After a walk through Central Park in the morning and an automobile ride in the afternoon constituted his outdoor program. He is keyed up for the fight, but shows no signs of restlessness or of impatience to have it finished. After a light dinner early this evening the champion intends to go down to the Garden about 8 o'clock. He expects to weigh in at about 250 pounds.

Moran Is Impatient.

Moran planned a walk early today and a good sleep this afternoon. Everything possible was done by his friends to keep his mind off the fight, as he has been impatient about it for several days. Moran and his handlers will leave the roadhouse in Westchester at 7:30 tonight and go to the Garden by automobile.

Willard said: "It is hard for me to say how I will win. That I will be the victor is the most positive statement I can make. Whether it will be by a knockout or by popular decision remains in doubt. If I can win by one punch I will. If this bout was scheduled to go to a finish I would not hesitate to say that Moran would be knocked out. As it is for only ten rounds, it would be ridiculous to make such a declaration.

"I am going to win as quickly and decisively as I can. I feel as well as I have ever felt before any fight in my career, if not better. I am not worrying. If Moran starts to rush the battle I am satisfied I will knock him out."

Moran said: "Do not be surprised to see the finish of this fight come in the seventh or eighth round. Then you will see Willard drop. Before the Havana fight Willard was nothing to be afraid of and I don't think he is now. I feel confident that I can take Willard's punishment. There never was a big fellow like him who did not have a weak spot somewhere. I can take all that he has. I have confidence in my own hitting power to bring him down."

There has been little betting on the result and most of it has been upon the ability of one or the other to land a knock-out blow. The opinions of the experts, including many of the best known fight men of the past, differ so widely as to afford no conclusions. As a spectacle the throng that gathers at the ringside promises one to be remembered. Among the box holders are men well known in the financial and social worlds, familiar figures of the stage or in professional life.

A notable feature will be the presence of from 1,000 to 2,000 women.

Yale Freshies' Schedule.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 25.—The Yale freshman base ball schedule, made public today, includes the following dates: May 13, Pennsylvania, at New Haven; May 20, Princeton, at Princeton; May 30, Harvard, at New Haven.

FACTS FOR FIGHT FANS.

Contestants — Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion; Frank Moran, challenger.

Place of Contest — Madison Square Garden, New York.

Time of Contest—Starts at 9:30 o'clock. First preliminary at 7 o'clock.

Title at Stake—Heavyweight championship of the world.

Conditions of Contest—Ten rounds under New York State Athletic Commission rules. No decision to be rendered if contest goes the limit.

Referee—Charley White of New York city.

Alternate Referee — Jack Skelly of Yonkers.

Purse—$71,250; to be divided, $47,500 to Willard, $23,750 to Moran.

Gate Receipts—$150,000 (estimated).

Attendance—13,000 (estimated).

Betting—Willard 2 to 1 favorite he wins popular decision; 2 to 5 Willard lands knockout; 7 to 5 fight lasts ten rounds.

Weight of Contestants—Willard, 252 pounds; Moran, 202 pounds.

Promoters—Tex Rickard, Sam McCracken and the Show Corporation.

ROD AND STREAM

If the weather moderates during the coming week it is expected many local anglers will take their last opportunity to land bass in the basin for the next two months. The season for bass fishing in the District closes next Friday night and will not open