COMMERCIAL ATHLETES LIFT TROPHY IN EASTERN DISTRICT H. S. GAMES

BROOKLYNITES TAKE THREE RELAY RACES

Furnish Feature by Close Victory Over Poly Prep in Medley Event.

JUNIOR CUP FOR SPEYER

Lead Seward School Athletes by Three Points in Team Total.

Runners carrying the colors of the Commercial High School of Brooklyn performed so brilliantly at the annual indoor games of the Eastern District High School at the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory in Brooklyn yesterday that they won three relay races for teams of senior high schools and captured the team prize as well. The events in which the Brooklyn schoolboys led worthy opponents from New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey schools to the tape were the one mile medley, half mile for boys weighing 120 pounds and under and quarter mile for 100 pounders and under.

Victory in each event was hard earned. In all their victorious efforts Commercial's runners displayed much pluck, as well as lots of speed effectively supplied in fast finishes, which carried them up from the field to first honors.

The most meritorious performance of the three was turned up in the medley race. In this even Commercial disposed of the formidable representatives of Poly Prep in the final stages of the race. Poly's team, which was composed of four high class performers, was favored by many experts to carry off first prize. The Dyker Heights boys set a terrific pace and successfully stood off many challenges in the early running, but faltered right at the end, and Commercial won by about a yard. Seventeen teams were entered in the race, necessitating trial heats.

To win the trophy Commercial totaled 18 points, five more than Boys' High School of Brooklyn, which was second.

Youngsters who competed for Speyer High School in the competitions for pupils of junior high schools were the leading point makers in their division. They won the Junior trophy with 12 points. Seward High School was second with 9 points.

The Speyer School provided the winning teams in two of the three relay races. In the 115 pound class Speyer scored over Isaac S. Remsen High School in an eyelash finish. The other successful combination of Speyer School gained laurels in a half mile relay race for boys of unlimited weight.

The fields in the many events contested were unusually large and the enthusiasm of equal proportions.

The summaries:

Closed Events.

POTATO RACE, for pupils of Eastern District High School (scratch)—Won by I. Shefta; P. Kleinman, second; A. Besunder, third. Time not taken.

50 YARD DASH, for pupils of Eastern District High School weighing 95 pounds and under (handicap)—Won by H. Skloot (scratch); I. Piken (scratch), second; I. Shefta (4 feet), third. Time, 7 seconds.

70 YARD DASH, for pupils of Eastern District High School weighing 120 pounds and under (handicap)—Won by E. Buchter (1 yard); J. Kahn (4 yards), second; J. Epstein (4 yards), third. Time, 8 4-5 seconds.

100 YARD DASH, for pupils of Eastern District High School of unlimited weight (handicap)—Won by D. Rofsky (4 yards); E. Dunn (scratch); second; J. Glickman (4 yards), third. Time, 11 3-5 seconds.

60 YARD DASH, for pupils of Eastern District High School weighing 100 pounds and under (handicap)—Won by H. Cohen (3 yards); H. Sherman (9 yards), second; K. D. Drossman (4 yards), third. Time, 8 1-5 seconds.

220 YARD DASH, for pupils of the Eastern District High School (handicap)—Won by P. Cohen (3 yards); L. Schuman (scratch), second; I. Langberg (10 yards), third. Time, 24 2-5 seconds.

440 YARD RUN, for pupils of Eastern District High School (handicap)—Won by E. Hitzig (scratch); J. Feldman (7 yards), second; J. Gilman (10 yards), third. Time not taken.

Open Events.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP, for pupils of Eastern District High School (handicap)—Won by J. Feldman (3 inches), with a jump of 5 feet, 7½ inches; R. Skinner (9 inches), with a jump of 5 feet 7 inches, second; M. Brown (9 inches), with a jump of 5 feet, 4 inches, third.

880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of Eastern District High School (handicap)—Won by Class 2 B 2 (Dorn, Kranza, Dunn and Cohen); Class 2 A 9 (Kahn, Kushinsky, Mende and Hammer), second; Class 3 B 2 (Cohen, Schulman, Haven and Schwartz), third. Time not taken.

440 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of junior high schools School (scratch)—Won by Class 1 B 2 (Hordes, Piken, Minsky and Jacobs); Class 1 B 6 (Rosen, Siegel, Finklestein and Klein), second; Class 1 A 7 (David, Badalucco, Gerson and Kleinman), third. Time not taken.

440 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of junior high schools weighing 100 pounds and under (scratch)—Won by Seward, Park Junior High School (Krakowsky, Sigismonde, Pollack and Brodsky); George W. Wingate Junior High School (Scarfone, Adamo, Spezio and Pavony), second; Speyer Junior High School (Hart, Wolf, Heckles and Heron), third. Time not taken.

440 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of junior high schools of weighing 115 pounds and under—Won by Speyer Junior High School (Goldberg, Calenoff, Pichere and Greenberg); Isaac S. Remson Junior High School (Katz, Kamarasch, Gordon and Cohen), second; Seward Park Junior High School (Kaplan, Goldberg, Weiner and Sillo), third. Time not taken.

880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of Junior high schools of unlimited weight—Won by Speyer Junior High School (Jones, Parks, Waldron and Cunningham); Galvani Junior High School (Vitto, Laino, Pizzilard and Nenstadt), second; George W. Wingate Junior High School (Papa, Aldirisio, Lake and Rogala), third. Time not taken.

ONE MILE MEDLEY RELAY RACE, for teams composed of high and preparatory schools—Won by Commercial High School (Hunt, Denton, Casselbaum and Srebnick); Poly Prep (La Vin, Kienan, Rose and Somers), second; De Witt Clinton High School (Cooke, Handy, Hevy and Nicolaides), third. Time, 3:01 3-5.

880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of evening high schools—Bay Ridge Evening High School (Tempano, Holland, Pernice and Saulino); New York Evening High School (Mowen) Walters, Grieseman and King), second; Brooklyn Evening High School (Solomon, Laurence, Nathen and Bell), third. Time, 1:44 4-10.

880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of high and preparatory schools weighing 120 pounds and under—Won by Commercial High School's first team (Brennan, O'Shea, Newman and Weinstein); High School of Commerce (Haberkorn, Berger, Hymowitz and Merado), second; Stuyvesant High School (Travigia, Morris, Helfand and Blau), third. Time not taken.

440 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of pupils of high and preparatory schools weighing 100 pounds and under—Won by Commercial High School's first team (Ensminger, Gossett, Sidman and Packer); Boys' High School (Temple, Dunner, Myerson and Myers), second; George Washington High School (Sohn, Frank, Ettinger and Ardaiolo), third. Time not taken.

880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams composed of freshmen of high and preparatory schools—Won by Stuyvesant High School (Blanchard, Hogan, Litwak and Galamoe); Pushwick High School (Cantore, Uhlbrich, Manes and Holl), second; De La Salle Institute (Fry, Clark, Devine and Hoctor), third. Time not taken.

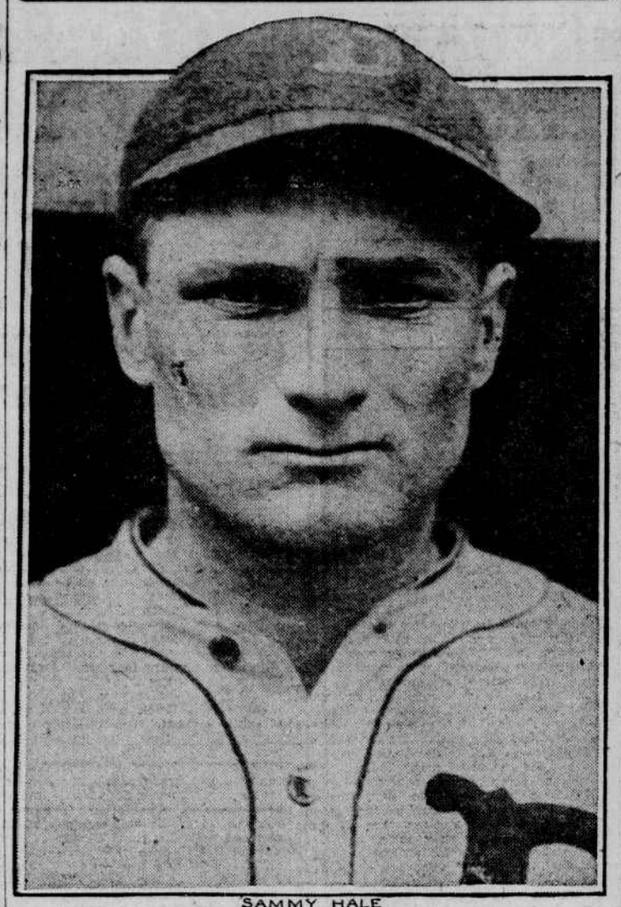
880 YARD RELAY RACE, for teams representing high and preparatory schools—Won by Boys' High School (Caplan, Stark, Jacobson and Klezun); Dickinson High School (Katz, Liebowitz, Bauman and Birch), second; De Witt Clinton High School (Streiner, Sweetbaum, Kushnick and Slezak), third. Time not taken.

ONE MILE RELAY RACE, for teams composed of novice runners of high and preparatory schools—Won by Boys' High School (Frank, Liebowitz, Sprinzer and Goldberg); Commercial High School (Rubin, Connelly, Kurman and Wolosky), second; Stuyvesant High School (Blanchi, Halstein, Davidowitz and Goldberg), third. Time, 3.48.

Team score for senior high schools—Commercial, 18 points; Boy's High, 13 points; Stuyvesant, 11 points; De Witt Clinton and George Washington, 4 points each; Commerce, Poly Prep, Bushwick and Dickinson, 3 points each; De La Salle Institute, 2 points.

Team score for junior high schools—Speyer, 12 points; Seward, 9 points.

Connie Mack's $75,000 Infielder



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YANKS WON'T DENY DEAL FOR COLLINS

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the manager and it's up to him entirely. I had no conference with Branch Rickey and Sam Breadon of the Cardinals in regard to any deal for Wheat and I got no word from the Pirates on the outfielder either. These matters may come up during the National League meeting—but Robbie is the man to make the deals.

Garry May Trade Roush.

Garibaldi Herrmann, grand sachem of the Reds, and Louis Widrig, treasurer of the club, were busy feasting on the hams they brought with them from Cincinnati at the Commodore yesterday. It seems quite likely that Herrmann will acquire both Rube Benton and Tom Sheehan, pitchers, from St. Paul. Both formerly played here—the lefthanded Rube in the uniform of the Giants and the right handed Tom in the colors of the Yankees. Garibaldi has a ten days' option on both flingers.

They have it in National League circles that Garry is here to peddle Eddie Roush, the center fielder. In so far as the Giants are concerned, Garry probably is doing his peddling just a year too late. McGraw wanted Roush last winter, but with O'Connell coming up in 1923 it does not look as if there is any room for the veteran here now. However, you never can tell. Stranger things have happened.

Chicago is after Roush. In fact, quite a number of clubs would like to have him. But Eddie already has announced that he must have $18,000 to play in 1923—and not a cent less. How many clubs would consider a proposition of that sort?

The expected happened. Ban Johnson backed down and decided that after all it was best for the American League to do its annual meeting in New York and not in Chicago. That Johnson would yield to the superior force of Judge Landis and his own club owners was a foregone conclusion, and it's best for everybody concerned that Ban did yield. Talking of war is all poppycock. Neither league can afford to become embroiled in any kind of unpleasantness. It's not a question of rivalry—it's a matter of business.

The week of baseball sessions will be ushered in to-morrow with the annual meeting of the International League at the Commodore. The circuit will be changed and it will not be changed—according to where you get your information. The owners no doubt will inveigh against the draft and adjourn sine die or some other way.

Fordham Prep Opens Court Season With Close Victory

Fordham Prep opened its basketball season successfully yesterday afternoon on the court of the Unity Council, K. of C., defeating Cooper Union junior varsity by the score of 20 to 17. The prep school five enjoyed a slight lead throughout the contest. Fordham Prep led at the end of the first half by 10 to 7. The lineup:

Fordham Prep (20).		Cooper Union (17).
Finn	Left forward	Dreiden
Ryan	Right forward	Smith
White	Center	Miloche
W. Byrne	Left guard	Segusa
J. Byrne	Right guard	Hoffman

Goals from field—Fordham Prep: W. Byrne, 3; Finn, 2; Ryan, 1; White, 1. Cooper Union junior varsity: Smith, 3; Dreiden, 1; Miloche, 1; Segusa, 1. Goals from foul—White, 6; Segusa, 5. Substitution—Fordham Prep: Hurlberty for Ryan. Referee—Morris Kaufman. De Witt Clinton High School. Time of halves—15 and 20 minutes.

Old Tiger Is Queer.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 9.—Claude Rossman, former first baseman of the Detroit club, to-day is held in a hospital here for mental observation. A policeman who took him in custody early today reported finding him acting queerly.

MORRIS RIFLEMEN VICTORS IN SHOOT

Bronx Schoolboys Lead Stuyvesant by 46 Points in P. S. A. L. Tourney.

With a total of 907 points out of a possible 1,200, the six members of the Morris High School rifle team showed the way to seven rival schoolboy aggregations in the second qualifying shoot of the Public Schools Athletic League fall indoor championship tournament, staged yesterday morning on the range of the Brooklyn Athletic Field. The Bronx marksmen led the representatives of Stuyvesant High School by the margin of forty-six points. Erasmus Hall High School was third with a total of 823 tallies, followed by the Boys High with 788.

These four schools—Morris, Stuyvesant, Erasmus Hall, and Boys—qualified for the final shoot for the title and the Standard Bearer Trophy next week, together with Commercial, Evander Childs and De Witt Clinton, whose teams competed in the first section last week. Commercial had 942, Evander Childs 916 and Clinton 811.

The showing of Morris and Stuyvesant came as a surprise, for neither has been a contender in scholastic rifle circles in the last few years. Morris won seven straight titles years ago and Stuyvesant was winner of the New York State outdoor championship in 1919. Neither Morris, Stuyvesant nor Boys' qualified in 1921.

The tournament signaled the entry of two new teams, representing the High School of Commerce and Brooklyn Technical. Commerce made a fair showing, compiling 576 points, but Brooklyn Tech finished last with 311.

Morris also annexed high honors in the individual scoring for yesterday. Herbert Silvers of the Maroon and White team turned in a well balanced card of 168 out of a possible 200 points. He scored 85 from prone and 83 from the standing position of firing. His standing score is high for the tournament by two points. George Mortimer, a teammate, was second with 164. Tom Hession of Stuyvesant was the only one to break 90 in the prone firing. He scored a 93, but fell down badly in the upright shooting and made a total of 149.

For the first time P. S. A. L. medals were awarded to the boys finishing in the lead in both sections of the qualifying shoots. Ray Smith of Commercial was first with 173, Silvers second with 168, Houlberg of Commercial and Huff of Jamaica tied for third with 167, and Mortimer of Morris was fifth with 164. Ten medals were awarded.

Brooklyn Wanderers Down Philadelphia in League Tilt

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Brooklyn Wanderers, a new team in the American League, to-day defeated the Philadelphia Football Club in a league match here, 3 goals to 2. Brooklyn led at half time 2 to 0. Morgan's goal in the closing minutes of play earned the victory for the visitors. The lineup:

Philadelphia (2).		Brooklyn Wanderers (3).
Smith	Goal	Riley
Campbell	Right fullback	Robinson
Small	Left fullback	Wilson
Fullerton	Right halfback	Gilfillen
Rodgers	Center halfback	Forrest
Kirkpatrick	Left halfback	Waite
Rooney	Outside right	Agar
Morton	Inside right	Morgan
McGhee	Center forward	Rew
Gracht	Inside left	Lawrence
Andrews	Outside left	Gorman

Goals—Robinson, Rew, Fullerton, Andrews, Morgan. Referee—John Wainers. Linesmen—McClay for Brooklyn, Stewart for Philadelphia. Time of halves—45 minutes.

Florida to Play Army

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Dec. 9.—The University of Florida football team will meet the Army eleven at West Point next October 6, it was definitely announced by university officials to-day. The announcement followed receipt of a telegram from officials of the service eleven confirming Florida's acceptance of the date.

Basketball Results

Blair, 41; Lehigh Freshmen, 24.
Blair Scrubs, 50; Belvidere H. S., 23.
Peddie, 45; Dickinson H. S., 22.
Army, 53; Trinity, 8.
Navy, 49; St. Francis, 34.
Lawrenceville, 30; Bordentown, 24.
H. S. of Commerce, 54; Manhattan College Freshmen, 26.
Fordham Prep, 20; Cooper Union Junior Varsity, 17.
Riverdale Country School, 24; Chelsea School, 19.
Dickinson, 36; Lafayette, 26.
Dartmouth, 40; Middlebury, 14.

GOULLET-BELLONI WIN SIX DAY RACE

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declared that he could have continued for another day or so without caving in.

Grenda Takes First Sprint.

The first heat of the final hour was a tame affair. It went to Grenda, Belloni was second, Eaton third and Horan fourth. After Brocco had led for half a mile and dropped back to last, Grenda went to the front and remained there to the end. He rode fast during the last two laps, but none of his opponents attempted to go past him.

The second also was mediocre. McNamara won it, with Kaiser second, Fitzsimmons third and Gastman fourth. Kaiser led until a lap from home, where McNamara went around his wheel, took command and remained in front to the end.

Egg won the third without doing his best. Belloni followed him all the way and made no attempt to beat him. Madden was third and Grenda fourth.

Eaton took the fourth. Fitzsimmons was second, Goullet third and McNamara fourth. There was nothing especially exciting about this heat. Eaton was not pressed and had little difficulty winning. Goullet raced in third place throughout and made no effort to improve his position. Madden won the fifth, Horan was second, Grenda third and Egg fourth.

McNamara Darts Away.

The sixth brought forth a tiny jam. With half a mile to go, McNamara darted away from his field and quickly opened up a lead of twenty yards. Goullet didn't follow until Egg started after the leader, then he went and quickly cut down the leader's gain. Grenda relieved McNamara and won the heat. Madden was second, Egg third and Goullet fourth.

There was wild sprinting in the seventh, in which McNamara was returned the victor, with Coburn second, Gastman third and Eaton fourth.

The eighth was won by Coburn. Grimm took second, Belloni was third and Eaton fourth.

Goullet showed his speed in the ninth and ran away from his field. Horan was second and Grenda third. Fitzsimmons won the tenth and the eleventh. Madden was the victor of the twelfth and Grenda won the thirteenth.

McNamara won the fourteenth and Grenda took the fifteenth, with Goullet second. The sixteenth went to Madden and the seventeenth to Coburn.

Egg was first in the eighteenth and Goullet ran off with the nineteenth, without doing his best. The twentieth was won by McNamara, and Grenda defeated Goullet by an inch or two in the twenty-first.

Brocco took the twenty-second, and the final was won by Goullet.

Jersey Team Picks Up Points.

Harry Kaiser and Eddie Madden, forming the New Jersey team, scored the most points in the official sprints in the afternoon. The winner of these received twelve points instead of six, as was the case earlier in the week. Kaiser and Madden rolled up sixty points. Alfred Grenda and Reggie McNamara were a close second with fifty-six. Harry Horan and Tom Fitzsimmons, representing the Irish team, were third with twenty-three.

During these sprints Madden seemed much the best. He didn't display any more speed than some of his opponents, but he outgeneraled them, and, making his "jump" at the psychological instant, gained enough ground to carry him home in front in four of the ten events.

The results of the afternoon sprints were as follows:

First—Madden, Grenda, Fitzsimmons, Eaton. Second — McNamara, Horan, Kaiser, Coburn. Third—Madden, Goullet, Fitzsimmons, Eaton. Fourth—Horan, McNamara, Coburn, Kaiser. Fifth—Madden, Grenda, Goullet, Eaton. Sixth—McNamara, Kaiser, Coburn, Egg. Seventh—Madden, Eaton, Goullet, Fitzsimmons. Eighth — Egg, McNamara, Horan, Gastman. Ninth—Goullet, Grenda, Brocco, Madden. Tenth—McNamara, Kaiser, Egg, Gastman.

During the final hour the winner of each sprint received seventy-two points, the second man five points, the third man two points and in the fourth one point. The seven teams which finished divide $50,000. Besides this sum, it is estimated more than $5,000 was donated by interested spectators.

Middies Beat St. Francis in Opening Game of Season

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 9.—The Naval Academy opened its basketball season this afternoon by beating St. Francis of Brooklyn, N. Y., 49 to 34. The Middies met a fast and clever team and had to fight hard all the time to keep the lead obtained in the first half, the second half being fought on practically even terms. The score of the first period was 27 to 11.

The visitors excelled in clever dribbling and passing, though they were lighter and shorter than the midshipmen, which proved a handicap.

The game as a whole showed a remarkable development of team play for so early in the season.

The lineup:

Naval Academy (49).		St. Francis (34).
Harris	Left forward	Moran
Craig	Right forward	Keating
Scheibler	Center	Lynch
Barnes	Left guard	Tochy
Jones	Right guard	Morgan

Field goals—Naval Academy, Craig (7), Harris (4), Barnes (3), Jones (2), Mills (2), Scheibler, Johnson; St. Francis, Keating (4), Moran (3), Tochy (3), Morgan (3), Lynch. Foul goals—Naval Academy, Craig (9 in 17), Mills (0 in 1); St. Francis, Tochy (5 in 12), Keating (1 in 9). Substitutions—Naval Academy, Mills for Harris, Harris for Craig, Hedner for Harris, Johnson for Scheibler, Rhodes for Jones; St. Francis, Kenny for Morgan, Morgan for Tochy. Referee—Ryan, Gilmans. Umpire—Pippan, University of Maryland. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Riverdale Quintet Beats Chelsea School by 24 to 19

Riverdale Country School defeated Chelsea School in a close basketball game yesterday afternoon at Riverdale by the score of 24 to 19. The home quintet secured a safe lead in the first half, and kept its advantage to the end despite a rally by the Manhattan players in the second half.

Riverdale showed in front at the end of the first half by 16 to 7. Hobbs accounted for six field goals for Riverdale, while Handley, Chelsea forward, caged four goals from field, and one from the foul line. The lineup:

Riverdale (24).		Chelsea (19).
Carden	Left forward	Handley
Cuddeback	Right forward	Galassi
Hobbs	Center	Fry
Lovejoy	Left guard	Lennon
Muller	Right guard	Solley

Goals from field: Riverdale—Hobbs (6), Cuddeback, Carden, Muller. Chelsea—Handley (4), Galassi (2), Fry. Goals from foul: Cuddeback (5), Carden, Handley, Fry (4). Substitutions: Riverdale—Eams for Muller. Referee—Mr. Cassidy, Curtis High School.

Penn Five Beats St. Joseph.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Coach Eddie McNichols University of Pennsylvania basketball team opened its season at Weightman Hall to-night by defeating the St. Joseph College 29 to 17. Composed almost entirely of former Philadelphia school boys, Penn's new team came through in good style with its first triumph of the season. Goldblatt was the leading scorer, caging three goals from the floor while he also accounted for thirteen out of fifteen fouls.

On the Side Lines

By W. O. McGEEHAN

ROTUND baseball magnates will be rolled into New York this week for the annual three ring meetings. The tumbling exhibitions will start with the meeting of the National League, pass on to the meeting of the American League, which should be louder and funnier, and finish with the joint meeting in a room with the floor heavily padded.

From the last minute developments it looks very much as though Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis will be the undisputed ringmaster of the troupes of performing magnates. There was something of an incipient insurrection started among the magnates, with Ban Johnson, president of the American League, as leader, but the rebellion seems to have flickered out or have been snickered out. Judge Landis seems to carry considerable of a sock concealed beneath his velvet mitt.

It will be recalled that after Judge Landis had set the time and place for the joint meeting Mr. Johnson set the time and place of the American League meeting so that it would be impossible for the magnates of that league to answer the call of Judge Landis. The Judge retained his judicial calm and said nothing for publication. Mr. Johnson put his ear to the ground and listened intently. The mutterings that he heard caused him to switch the American League meeting right back to a time and place that would suit the plans announced by the Judge. The Kenesaw Mountain would not come to Mahomet Johnson, so Mahomet Johnson decided to come to the Kenesaw Mountain with his hat in his hand. He may escape with nothing but a bawling out and the admonition to be a nice little magnate in the future.

There was much concern over the signs of rebellion against the High Commissioner of Baseball, and some fear that the first coherent administration of professional baseball was about to be overthrown. But it seems that the magnates recalled in time the confusion existing before the drawing up of the compact which gave Judge Landis the power of arbiter was concluded and decided not to join Mr. Johnson's little revolution. Also it has been made quite evident that Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is fully capable of protecting himself in the clinches and the breakaways that may ensue during the multifarious complications of administering the national pastime.

The Most Appropriate Charity.

One of the matters to be decided this week is the disposition of the money taken in for the called game of the late lamented world series. It was announced rather vaguely at the time that this money would be turned over to charity. Whereupon Col. Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston demanded that it be turned over intact to the disabled veterans of the world war.

There is one good reason why this would seem the obvious and graceful thing to do. Col. Huston, who is half owner and vice-president of the New York Yankees, also is national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and knows something of the needs of disabled veterans.

Looking back to 1917 you will remember that Col. Huston was the first of the baseball people to enter the army when the United States went into the war. He and Hank Gowdy of the Boston Braves left at about the same time. Col. Huston served at the front in France and was cited by Gen. Pershing for distinguished service. Under the circumstances it looks as though the magnates concerned should turn this money over to the disabled soldiers as a compliment to Col. Huston. It would settle gracefully and effectively the problem of its distribution, if there is any problem.

A Square Deal for Rube.

Judge Landis is said to have under consideration the case of Rube Benton, former pitcher of the Giants, who is now with the American Association. It seems that several major league clubs are anxious to get the Rube back into the "big time." Among the clubs that wanted the Rube are two clubs in the American League, but it has been announced that Ban Johnson has declared that Benton cannot play in the American League.

If there are any reasons why Benton is not eligible for the American League, which I do not believe, it is obvious that he should not be allowed to play anywhere. It looks as though the big, good natured left hander was being whispered out of baseball. This is cowardly, cruel and unsportsmanlike.

I recall that Rube was one of the baseball players who cheerfully dropped his pitcher's glove and went into the service in 1917. It seems to me that the soldier organizations ought to press the magnates to give Benton at least a square deal. Of course this may not be necessary. Judge Landis has announced that he will always be ready to espouse the cause of the individual player against the prejudices of the magnates, and there is every reason to believe that he will keep his word.

In my opinion Rube Benton has a real grievance, which should be straightened out immediately. The Rube has served baseball for a long period. He has a few years left as a professional athlete and he is entitled to all that they will bring him. Moreover the Rube's character seems to be attacked, not openly but by innuendo, and certainly he is entitled to protection. If organized baseball can whisper players out it will strengthen the contention that it is a trust, using all the weapons of the trust.

Fletcher and the Phillies.

As an admirer of Arthur Fletcher of the Phillies I do not know whether to congratulate him or to sympathize with him on his appointment as manager of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club. During his service as captain of the New York Giants Arthur Fletcher showed that he had all the qualifications to make a successful manager of a baseball club. But to be a complete manager one must have something to manage. At present there is nothing much to manage in the Philadelphia National League club.

To some Fletcher may have seemed over aggressive, but it struck me always that he kept himself fairly well under control while fighting for what he felt was coming to him. No baseball manager ever succeeded without a certain amount of combativeness. Even the apparently placid Wilbert Robinson can become somewhat truculent when it is necessary. John J. McGraw certainly is not a pacifist nor did he show any pacifist inclinations during his successful career.

Since Pat Moran was discharged William F. Baker has experimented with many managers, and the Phils have been pumping against the bottom of the league. Given any fair chance in the matter of material Arthur Fletcher should restore the team to some place in the big leagues. There is no skepticism anywhere as to Fletcher's managerial ability, but there is considerable skepticism as to the chances of his being given anything to manage.

The Singular Senegalese.

The accusations of Siki, the singular Senegalese, have not created any large ripple on this side of the water. They are interesting only in the fact that they seem to indicate that larceny in professional pugilism is not confined to the United States, or at any rate charges of larceny. This is something of a relief to know that the American boxing game has no monopoly on the world's larceny.

Just what the singular Senegalese expects to gain by his charges is not apparent. By making them he has cut himself out of a chance to cut into big money which the American prize fight patrons would put up for a novelty like Siki. That is what makes the singular Senegalese seem even more singular.

Naive opponents of professional boxing always have attacked the game on the grounds of brutality. It would strain the most elastic imagination to find any considerable brutality in the highly commercialized fighting game of to-day. In fact, what professional boxing needs is more brutality and less larceny.

Hot Dogs Grow Cold.

The six day bicycle race has rolled by and it is announced as a great financial success, which was the main objective. The boys who clung to the rafters until the last gun was fired were just as thoroughly gassed as in years gone by. Yet the six day race was not the six day race that it has been in the past. One of the most picturesque figures of this sporting event which is peculiar to New York was missing. Harry M. Stevens, over thirty years the presiding genius of the race, was missing, and they tell me that the hot dogs were below the proper temperature. Madison Square Garden then has fallen upon evil days when the hot dogs are permitted to grow cold. That portends the passing of former grandeur. They do say that the first sign of Rome's decadence was a perceptible coolness of the hot dogs.

COLUMBIA QUINTET DEFEATS RUTGERS

In Fast Played Game Jerseymen Lead at Start, but Lose by 34 to 22.

Columbia atoned for the defeat suffered at the hands of Rutgers at New Brunswick a year ago by trouncing the Scarlet, 34 to 22, in the Blue and White's gym last night. Rutgers held the lead for about half of the first period, but Joe Deering's charges pulled away and the count at half time was 14 to 8 in favor of the local five.

Although Enander put up a good game for Rutgers, Capt. Eddie Benzoni was the New Jersey star and Rutgers is plainly a one-man team. At that Benzoni could tally but two field goals. Neither did he enjoy any great success from the foul line, only ten of his twenty-one attempts to score via that method being successful. Columbia, however, was so intent upon keeping him under cover that Bob Pulleyn was put out of the game for committing four personal fouls. Moe Reilly, his understudy, was also ejected for the same reason.

The individual star of the game was Sam Strom of last year's crack freshman team. Sam accounted for six field goals during the encounter and his passing and dribbling won him the plaudits of the crowd.

Rutgers tallied first when Benzoni caged two free tosses and another foul and a field goal by the same player made the count 6 to 1 in favor of the visitors. Successful foul throws by Wilson and field goals by Strom and Springhorn tied the score at 7 to 7 and Wilson converted a Rutgers foul into a point to put Columbia in the lead. During the remainder of the half Columbia steadily increased its lead on goals by Dockerill and Springhorn. The period ended 14 to 8 in favor of Deering's charges. In the second half Rutgers was never closer than seven points to the Blue and White.

The lineup:

Rutgers (22)		Columbia (34)
Ellis	Left forward	Strom
Benzoni, Capt.	Right forward	Springhorn
Raub	Center	Dockerill
Pancoast	Left guard	Wilson
Enander	Right guard	Pulleyn, Capt.

Field goals—Rutgers: Benzoni 2, Pancoast, Ellis, Enander, Raub; Columbia, Springhorn 3, Strom 6, Dockerill 3, Wilson 2. Foul goals—Rutgers: Benzoni 10 out of 21; Columbia: Wilson 6 out of 11. Substitutions—Rutgers: Manck for Ellis; Columbia: Reilly for Pulleyn, Donaldson for Reilly. Referee—John J. O'Brien, St. John's College. Umpire—Carl Reed, Springfield Y. M. C. A. College.

Commerce Quintet Wins Ninth Straight Game

Manhattan College Cubs Bow to Schoolboys, 54-26.

High School of Commerce hung up its ninth consecutive basketball victory since opening its court campaign a month ago in trouncing the Manhattan College freshman quintet yesterday afternoon at the Fifty-fourth Street Municipal Gymnasium, by the score of 54 to 26.

The yearlings played well but proved no match for the fast traveling schoolboys. Commerce caged five goals from field in the first few minutes before the freshmen tallied their first point. Frank Castranova and Jack Rothenfeld, the Orange and Blue forwards, were the leaders in a well planned attack. They caged shots from all angles, and between them accounted for as many points as the entire freshman five. Each tallied five field goals, while Castranova added one point from the foul line, and Rothenfeld was successful five times.

Knapp and Ward were best for the collegians. The lineup:

H.S. of Commerce (54).		Manhattan 1926 (26).
Castranova	Left forward	Murphy
Rothenfeld	Right forward	Sexton
Skurnick	Center	Knapp
O'Neill	Left guard	Dustin
Goldstein	Right guard	Ward

Goal from field—Commerce, Castranova, 5, Rothenfeld, 5; Skurnick, 3; O'Neill, 4; Goldstein, 4; Cohen, 2; Dienowitz, 1. Manhattan freshmen—Knapp, 6; Ward, 3; Ruff, 1. Goals from foul—Rothenfeld, 5; Castranova, 1; Ward, 6. Substitutions—Commerce, Dienowitz for Castranova, Castranova for Dienowitz, Dienowitz for Rothenfeld, Cohen for Skurnick, Lyons for O'Neill, O'Neill for Lyons, Lyons for Goldstein. Manhattan freshmen—Ruff for Murphy. Referee—George Young, Savage. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Dartmouth Quintet Wins Over Middlebury by 40 to 14

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

HANOVER, N. H., Dec. 9.—Dartmouth's basketball team opened its 1923 season with a decisive victory over Middlebury, 40 to 14, in Alumni Gymnasium here tonight. The Green's five, with its three veteran players, had no difficulty in downing the invaders, leading 22 to 9 at half time and increasing the lead during the last half. Capt. Cullen was an important factor in the Dartmouth victory, scoring 14 fouls. Dartmouth's close guarding prevented the visitors from threatening seriously at any time to break through for scores. Capt. Leonard stood out for Middlebury.

The lineup:

Dartmouth (40).		Middlebury (14).
Goldstein	Right forward	Towne
Cullen	Left forward	Hardy
Friedman	Center	Timberman
Millar	Right guard	Leonard
Sailor	Left guard	Siborski

Goals from floor—Goldstein, 3; Friedman, 3; Sailor, 3; Heep, 2; Edwards, 2; Leonard, 3; Timberman. Goals from foul—Cullen, 14; Leonard, 8. Substitutions—Dartmouth—Watkins for Cullen, Moore for Goldstein, Edwards for Friedman, Goas for Millar, Heep for Sailor. Middlebury—Lacey for Siborski, Clower for Timberman, Fish for Clower, Rice for Towne. Referee—Usilton.

Army Basketball Team Buries Trinity Five, 53 to 8

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

WEST POINT, Dec. 9.—The Army buried Trinity under a 53 to 8 count in the opening game of the basketball season here to-day. The visitors were weak and could not solve the Army's defense. Not a single field basket was registered by the collegians, Roosma's fine play was a feature. The lineup:

Army (53)		Trinity (8)
Vichules	Left forward	Keating
Roosma	Right forward	Ortgies
Dabezies	Center	Canner
Forbes	Left guard	Miller
Strickler	Right guard	Mohnkern

Goals from field—Vichules 6, Roosma 7, Dabezies 6, Forbes 3, Strickler 2. Goals from foul—Roosma 5 out of 10 throws; Canner 8 out of 15 throws; Brill 0 out of 2 throws. Substitutions: Army—Newman for Dabezies, Pfeiffer for Strickler; Trinity—Brill for Canner. Referee—Mr. Hastings, Cornell. Umpire—Mr. Swenson, Columbia. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Peddie Five Easy Victors Over Dickinson High, 45-22

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

HIGHTSTOWN, N. J., Dec. 9.—The Peddie basketball team won an easy game from Dickinson High School of Jersey City here this afternoon, turning back the north Jersey team by a score of 45 to 22.

The lineup:

Peddie (45).		Dickinson (22).
M. Norris	Forward	Kehoe
Hopkins	Forward	Stubenbord
Schmitt	Center	Makholm
Gibbs	Guard	Cole
Molinet	Guard	Kent

Substitutions—Peddie: E. Norris for Hopkins, Ward for Schmitt, Schmitt for Ward, Hopkins for Gibbs; Dickinson: Billings for Kehoe, Deutel for Stubenbord, Sproul for Kent, Kent for Sproul. Referee—Schneider, Newark. Time of halves—20 minutes.

BASEBALL WRITERS OPPOSE COBB'S '.400'

New York Scribes Want Johnson's Action Ignored, Allowing Ty the Mark.

At a meeting of the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association yesterday the organization went on record in a series of resolutions to the effect that the .400 batting average recently credited to Ty Cobb of Detroit by Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League, ought not to be recognized in official record publications. Provision also was made to forward copies of the resolutions to Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis. The resolutions follows:

"Whereas the president of the American League has seen fit to ignore the ruling of the official scorer in New York in a game played between New York and Detroit on May 15, 1922, and substituted instead the unofficial score sent out by a press association, and

"Whereas this arbitrary action on the part of the president of the American League, taken without inquiry or investigation, gave a hit to Ty Cobb when the play officially had been scored an error for Scott of the New York club, and

"Whereas this overruling of the official scorer gave Ty Cobb a .400 batting average, causing comment throughout the country that tended to cast discredit on the official scorer; therefore,

"Be it resolved, That it is the sense of the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association that the .400 batting average of Cobb be not recognized and that efforts be made to have it corrected in the official baseball guides, and

"That the action of the president of the American League in arbitrarily changing this score is strongly condemned in that the usefulness of baseball records is thereby seriously impaired, and

"That the members of the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association should decline to serve as official scorers unless they receive assurance that their scores will be accepted as official and final.

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Kenesaw M. Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, and to the president of the American League, and that this action be submitted to the adjourned annual meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association of America."

Commercial Team Leads High School Chess Tourney

Although the Commercial High School, with a victory by 2½—1½ over Brooklyn Tech, continued in the lead, there was a considerable shakeup among the teams high up in the annual championship competition of the Interborough High School Chess League, the sixth round of which was contested at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club yesterday. Townsend Harris Hall, defeated by Evander Childs by 3½—½, d