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BASKETBALL TEAMS PLAN SERIES TO DETERMINE CITY CHAMPIONS

By R. D. THOMAS.

By means of a number of interlocking three-game series, Washington's leading basketball teams hope to determine a champion this year whose title will be clear of dispute.

From the outlook, the Yankee, Washington Collegian, Knights of Columbus, Georgetown A. C., Aloysius, and Dominican Lyceum quintets will be prominent in the scrap, not necessarily ranking in the order named. Far from it. The competition likely will be warm.

From Eddie Bratburd, manager of the Yankees, and others, comes the suggestion that the prominent teams get together on a schedule that would pit each team against the others three times. The plan is widely approved.

Without being bound by league restrictions, they could preserve their independence and at the same time gain the result achieved by a league. They could determine a bona fide champion.

The Yankees will enter the approaching campaign wearing the crown won in 1921. Across their jerseys is the inscription: Champions, D. C."

A Yankee insurrectionist, Joe Atherton, leads the Washington Collegians, just organized. The Collegians' big object in life is to wrest away the Yankees' title.

Among the players they depend upon to accomplish this are Joe Atherton himself, captain; Tom Kellher and Leo Hart, who played together at Mt. St. Joseph's; Jim Costello, formerly of Gonzaga and Aloysius; Williams, formerly of Business, and Spencer Hart, a younger brother of Lee. Spencer played with Epiphany.

Mickey Kellher is coaching the Collegians. Their business manager is George Simpson, one of the hardest working managers Washington sports have ever known.

George Simpson is worth a word or two all to himself. Just inside the gate at Union Park Sunday was hustling George, giving to every E. Lawrence Phillips customer a printed notice of the Peerless Athletic Club's dances, one held last night, another to take place next Wednesday night in the Congress Heights auditorium. This stunt is typical of Simpson.

He believes a business manager's most important duty is promotion. His dream is to see the Peerless Athletic Club Washington's leading sports organization, despite its slide in 1921. It's a safe bet that today, although busy with the Washington Collegians' affairs, Simpson is thinking too about next year's Peerless ball team.

It's a good wager, also, that about Christmas time, George will visit the press with notices of Peerless baseball plans for the 1923 campaign.

While the unlimited class basketball teams are thinking it over, the junior class is getting active on the idea of arranging a definite schedule of championship games.

A meeting will be held one night next week in the Thomson school, at Twelfth and L streets northwest at which the proposition will be talked over. A leader in the plan is Henry E. Keane, of the Kanawha club.

Managers of the following teams especially are requested to attend: St. Teresa's Preps, Quantin, Stanton, Hotmer, Yorke, Western and Kanawha Preps.

Keane's idea is to avoid the unnecessary friction that now characterizes the scrap for football honors in the middleweight division, and to forestall an argument over the basketball championship of this class similar to the last year, in which Kanawha, Roamer, and St. Teresa were principals.

It seems that all of the teams of all classes shun the league idea.

THREE NAMED POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR TO O'NEILL

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Glenn Killinger, All-American back at Penn State last year; Joe Brooks, former Colgate star, and Doc Cook, coach of the freshman team, are being named today as possible successors to Frank (Buck) O'Neill as head coach of the Columbia University football team.

O'Neill handed in his resignation yesterday, to take effect after the Colgate game on Thanksgiving Day.

St. Paul Cops

St. Paul A. C. found the Metropolitan A. C. easy prey in a basketball contest, winning 40 to 22. McNulty led in the scoring with eight field goals.

Gunners On Top

The Seaman Gunners' plugging eleven triumphed over Bolling Field, Sunday the Gunners will play the crack Virginia A. C. team at Alexandria.

Says "SKILLET"

Finn, Esq.:

Eyebrows Lift and Shoulders Shrug Over Washington's Latest Literary Effort—Try to Get Your Copy at Any News Stand!

By KIRK MILLER.

LITERARY editor of this daily just handed us brand-new book with comment that we are only stiff reporter capable of reviewing this particular type of novel.

Latest edition of old masterpiece entitled, "WASHINGTON AND NEARBY PLACES," published by Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, all rights reserved, is model of accuracy and timeliness.

Although the syntax are a little rough in some places and the English is that of the street, the hand-colored illustrations done in black and white tints makes it a model of timely literature.

Hardly dry behind tonsils, this effort cannot be equalled for light and disjointed reading. It bears all the thumbprints of that editor emeritus, Earl Godwin, who needs no pedigree here.

Devotees of the arts are fairly astonished in Washington's newest periodical. It compares nimbly with its predecessor which found a fine market here, namely, "WASHINGTON AND VICINITY."

The author has simply changed a few names and addresses and inserted some strange characters here and there to brighten up the locale.

Beautifully bound in ashloeth vellum with liberal liberty bells here and yonder, it contains not only latest fall fashions, but also irresponsible household hints; does this month of editorial engineering.

Five hundred and sixty-four solid pages of assorted sizes in foreign and domestic, fancy and staple, names, with full directions how, when and where to track.

How could visitor to District of Columbia be lonely with such a galaxy of nom de plumes to chose from? If you find one you can't pronounce, information will be glad to assist with hard or loosely-bolled accent.

There is a well-conceived yellow section which must be the sporting news and the remainder of the issue is printed in the conventional blond and brunette.

Last advertisement in book is undertaker's, which at least shows judgment if not actual tact. Don't miss this best seller.

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These defections cost the Yankees more heavily than the mere difference involved in the matter of whether he smote one homer in every 2.69 games or one for every 3.14 games.

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A game is desired for the third week in December.

WHEATLEY AND PARSONS MEET IN CUE TOURNAY

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Friendship Lads Play

The Friendship youngsters will tackle the Palace Midgots of southwest, on Monument lot gridiron No. 2, tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. All Friendship players are to report at the field at 1 o'clock.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 24.—Only the briefest kind of a workout will be indulged in by the army team today as a final preparation for its big game with the Navy on Franklin Field tomorrow.

Special formations, from which deceptive plays are to be run, will be guarded carefully during the practice, after which the team will leave the field to the Navy.

Eddie's Friends

"THE WINNERS LEAVE."

By Jean Knott



RUTH'S 1922 MARK NEARS THAT MADE IN 1921

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Before the worthy Mr. Ruth sinks for the third and last time into temporary oblivion down on the farm, it might not be at all remiss to state that our dear, old fat friend was made the victim of a fallacy in the general condemnation of his hitting last season. This much to give the gentleman his due.

It was openly charged and generally accepted as fact that Ruth was a "bust" in home run hitting, the belief being based on the fact that he hit only thirty-five homers against fifty-nine in 1921. The fact of the matter is that Ruth enjoyed almost as much success in hitting home runs last season as he ever did before.

Where he was a distinct "bust" was in his gratuitous misbehavior on the ball field, his lack of condition, his failure to field up to his 1921 form and his lack of consistency in hitting.

So far as home runs were concerned he nearly succeeded in keeping pace with previous records. Appearing in only 110 games, because of numerous suspensions for one thing or another, he hit thirty-five homers, for an average of one in every 3.14 games.

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WAR OF NATIONS SLATED IN SANDLOT CONTEST

By R. D. THOMAS.

A double-barreled civil war among races will be fought Sunday on Monument Lot gridiron No. 2, when the Hebrew and Irish will line up against the Hebrew, Irish and Italian in what looms as a piping warm engagement between the Kanawha and Yorke eleven.

They are hard-playing teams of the 145-pound class. Instead of a civil war, though, it may be more like the world war for Semitic and Gaelic on one side and Semitic, Gaelic and Latin on the other will be aided by a sprinkling of other nationalities, if the expression will be allowed, for, at that, they're all red-blooded Yankees, and hot-blooded, too, judging by the sizzling relations between the two teams.

The Yorke coach is a Greek named Jim Sheno. Lamp the Irish on the Kanawha side: Mickey Curtin, Pat Casey, Tom Dolan, Mike Gibney, George Elliott, Reggie Mann.

And on the other side: Joe Burke, Pat O'Neal, Joe Galsion. Not so many, but look at the Yorke Italian representation: Joe Turco, Frank Cerceo, Frank Cerinile, Snaps Vita, Tony Demma, Pagine, Nick Panella.

Kanawha is more Hebrew than Irish, as witness the Hebrew battalion: Goldstein, Goodman, Blaken, Haberman, Berman, Tash, Spivak, Laifsky.

The Italian and Hebrew predominate in Yorke's line-up. The Hebrew portion: Arnold Nevaizer, Julius Nevaizer, Leon Nevaizer, Lubore, Millstein, Lutsky.

It is an odd fact that the entire membership of the Kanawha club is either Hebrew or Irish with rare exception. The combination appears to work well. The Kanawhas have one of the most progressive sandlot organizations in the city and one of the largest.

The Yorke club started its career with the present football season and met with quick success.

Its first foe, the fast young Astec team, was conquered, 6 to 0. They Pierce A. C., of Hyattsville, Md., was bowled over, 12 to 0. The Georgetown A. C. Juniors, with a lighter team than Yorke, were defeated, 9 to 0, and the Moultons were trimmed, 6 to 0.

Yorke, however, fell a victim to the speedy Lexingtons, 12 to 6, and the Park Views, 6 to 0.

The Kanawhas have defeated the Stantons, 12 to 0; Quentins, 6 to 0; Roamers, 6 to 0—three crack teams, and lost to St. Teresa, 13 to 7, in a brilliant contest.

To defeat Kanawha has been Yorke's aim from the start. The attempt will be made Sunday at 1:30 p. m.

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Juniors Want Games

The Quantin juniors want games for Sunday and Thanksgiving Day, especially with the St. Teresa's Nationals or Simpsons. Manager DeMarco's phone number is Lincoln 3554-W.

SANDLOT GAMES ATTRACT KEEN INTEREST

Mohawk and Mercury Determined to Keep Slate Clean Until They Meet

Sandlot fans will watch with keen interest next Sunday's games in which the Mohawks will take on the Knickerbockers and the Mercury eleven will clash with Quincy.

Neck and neck Mohawk and Mercury travel in the championship race and Sunday's contest will be the last for each until they come together in the year's greatest sandlot contest.

A defeat for either would mar the classic to follow on the next Sunday. Today and tomorrow will find all four teams, Mohawk and Knickerbocker, Mercury and Quincy, plugging to beat the band in practice sessions.

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