

The Little Fellow Also Knows Some Law and Proves It

By "Bud" Fisher



M'CURDY NEW STAR IN SCHOLASTIC GAME

Shot Three Difficult Goals in Very Short Order Last Night

Promising basketball material was brought into the limelight last night at Tech high school. Two games were played. The varsity team defeated the Alumni five, score 35 to 18. The Tech Scrubs climbed all over the Methodist five, winning by a score of 24 to 12.

When McCurdy, a substitute, went to forward, succeeding Harris, some sensations followed. McCurdy's work for the very short time in which he played, was brilliant. He shot three different goals in the short period of play. McCurdy took good care of his opponent, Perry, and in floor work showed great skill.

Tech took an early lead and outclassed their opponents during the latter part of the first half. Alumni played a stubborn game and had brilliant spurts that made the contests interesting. Perry, Melville and Captain Sheffer were stars. Tech's passing was an interesting feature. In the second game, the Scrubs had little trouble winning. The line-up and summaries follow:

First Game: Tech, Melville, f. Harris, f. Emanuel, c. Beck, g. Sheffer, g. (Captain). Alumni, German, f. Perry, f. Story, c. Peters, g. Killinger, g. (Captain).

Second Game: Tech, Yoder, f. Killinger, f. Gregory, c. Yoffe, g. Miller, g. Methodists, Fleck, f. Winn, f. Flickinger, c. Rudy, g. Krepps, g.

Substitutions, Yoder for Melville, McCurdy for Harris, Harris for Beck, Sheffer for Rudy, Rudy for Flickinger, Field goals, Yoder, 6; Killinger, Gregory, 2; Miller, Winn, 4; Flickinger, Foul goals, Yoder, 2; Gregory, 2; Fleck, 4. Referee, Arthur; timer, Knauss; scorer, Todd; time of periods, 20 minutes.

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Charlie Herzog



Manager and shortstop of the Cincinnati Reds, who has just signed a contract to continue as manager of the team for a period of two years. In replying to a query as to whether he intended to make any trades he said: "Well, most of the managers are willing to dicker with Cincinnati, but they all want Herzog as payment for any player or players they desire to send to our team. But I think Herzog will have to stick with the team."

BITS OF SPORTS

The International League will start the season with six clubs. President Edward Barrow, of the Eastern League, may resign and manage the New York Yankees.

Coach McCoo, who was in charge of the Muhlenberg football team, has signed for another year.

Dickinson may retain Coach "Doc" Harrington for next season.

Pitcher Bill Steen, of the Naps, says he will remain in organized baseball.

Glenn S. Warner, who will coach Pittsburg, was the guest at a dinner of the Pittsburg Athletic Association last night.

Barnhart won last night's billiard tournament contest, defeating Carmichael by a score of 109 to 84. Each player had a high run of 10.

Harrisburg Academy five left this morning for York. They will play the York Collegiate Institute to-night.

Harrisburg lost to Pittston last night, score, 49 to 13. At the Armory to-night Harrisburg will play Susquehanna University. Between the halves the Methodist Club will play the Neldig Memorials.

Tech High went to Shippensburg today and to-night will play the Normal School five.

The Giants won last night's game in the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. series; margin, 168 pins.

The Artisans defeated the Little Peper in the Elks bowling league; margin, 168 pins.

The Feds trounced the Centrais in the Holtzman duckpin league; margin, 196 pins.

TWO BASKETBALL GAMES

Harrisburg Will Meet the Susquehanna Varsity Five at the Armory To-night. Harrisburg basketball five returned at noon to-day from Pittston where they played last night and lost, score 29 to 13. The locals are in good shape for the game with Susquehanna University at the Armory to-night. Susquehanna has a team of stars, and Manager Targert is anxious to show his strongest line-up against the varsity five. The game will start at 8 o'clock because of a doubleheader. Between the halves the Methodist Club will meet the Neldig Memorials of Oberlin. This battle will bring together two of the strongest amateur teams in Dauphin county. A special dance program will follow the games. Looser's Orchestra will furnish the music.

Puzzling Batting Averages; National Hitters on Decline

Men Famous at the Bat Last Year Failed to Repeat Their Good Work With the Majors

New York, Dec. 12.—A comparison of the official batting averages of the National League for the seasons of 1913 and 1914 develops some interesting and puzzling features. Including all those players who participated, in any manner, in fifteen or more games each season, the roster for this year shows 188 names against 183 twelve months ago. Notwithstanding this increase in the total number of batters enrolled in the records, but fifteen of the 1914 hitters hammered their way into the 300 or better ranks, while in 1913 the select list included twenty-three names.

When these lists are again reduced by eliminating all those players who did not participate in at least fifty games or approximately one-third of the season, the record shows that fourteen batters qualified in 1913 to nine this season. Of this number but four, Daubert, Becker, Wheat and Maceo, appear in both lists. Whether the pitching, which the batters faced during 1914, was better than a year ago or a sort of sympathetic slump existed in the National League, it is impossible to state, but the fact remains that a number of those who batted their way into the 300 class in 1913 could not duplicate the feat during the past summer.

Cravath, of the Philadelphia club, hit .341 in 1913 and .298 in 1914. Viox, of Pittsburgh, dropped from .317 to .265; Zimmerman, of Chicago, from .313 to .296; Chief Meyers, of New York, from .312 to .286; Lobert, of Philadelphia, from .300 to .275, and Wagner, of Pittsburgh, from .300 to .252. This was the first time since 1897 that Wagner dropped below .300, but this was not surprising in the case of Honus, for, like other batting heroes of the past, Wagner was at last forced to bow to the all powerful arm of Father Time. For the period from 1897 to 1913, inclusive, Wagner had a grand average of .341. His highest mark for .394, made in 1900, and his low mark, .300, made in 1913.

DECREASE IN PAY FOR STAR PLAYERS

Minor Leagues Can Have New Material at Small Cost Next Season

Weeding out plans in all baseball leagues, it is believed, will result in throwing on the market next season an army of players. This, according to minor league backers, will bring about higher class games in the smaller towns. What will become of some of the players is a question. Minor leagues, too, including the Tri-State, have come out for a reduction of salaries.

Players thrown out of jobs by reason of limitations put on each club as to numbers will have to take smaller pay or get another sort of job. Referring to the surplus of players, the Buffalo News says: "With this condition prevailing, what will be the effect on salaries? Like every other commodity, the law of supply and demand will govern. An overplus of players means a reduction in salaries. Very few players have signed 1915 contracts. Aside from the big league stars few have been tendered contracts and everything points to a reason for this failure of the managers of the clubs to urge their reserve men to attach their signatures to agreements for next season.

"That almost every contract will be made out at a less figure than it contained in 1914 seems almost assured. There is bound to be a lot of grumbling, but the baseball managers really will have the upper hand. Players will be compelled to sign on the terms submitted in most cases or lay idle for the season. It is a notorious fact that a large majority of the clubs lost money last year and owners will be none too willing to take long chances again this year by paying big salaries.

So after all the competition which seems to be prevalent at this time does not auger so well for the workmen of the game as one would be led to believe."

LEBANON VALLEY WINS

Take the First Game by a Decisive Score on Home Floor. Special to The Telegraph. Anville, Pa., Dec. 12.—In the opening basketball game of the season played here last night Lebanon Valley College five defeated Lebanon, score, 61 to 25. The line-up and summary: Lebanon Valley. Lebanon Club. Keating, f. Strickler, f. Swartz, f. Stine, f. Loomis, c. Erb, c. White, g. Boyer, g. Hollinger, g. Platt, g.

Goals from field, Keating 8, Hollinger 3, Swartz 5, Loomis 4, Von Bereghy, Inman, White Stine 3, Pitt, Erb 2, Strickler 2. Goals from foul, Loomis, Hollinger 3, Stine 2, Strickler 3. Substitutions, Lebanon Valley, Walters for White, Inman for Hollinger, on Bereghy for Loomis; Lebanon Valley, Sigbee for Boyer, Cullney for Stine. Referee, Gingrich. Time, 20-minute halves.

EVERS IS STILL A SICK MAN

New York, Dec. 12.—The condition of Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston National League baseball team, who is confined in a local hotel, suffering from pneumonia, was reported as unchanged to-day. The physicians in attendance assured President Gaffney, of the club, that the Braves' second baseman was in no immediate danger. According to this statement, Evers, while not entirely out of danger, is resting comfortably, and there is no occasion for alarm regarding his condition.

CACTUS DERBY A TOPIC

A Dozen Significant Features in the Performance of the Paige Entries. The Seventh Annual Cactus Derby, run recently from Los Angeles, California, to Phoenix, Arizona, is still a fruitful topic of conversation in the automobile industry because of the terrific nature of the grind and the sensational events which accompanied it. When a dozen powerful and high-priced cars strew their wreckage along the route of a road race it is apparent that the event is far from being a joy ride.

Officials of the Paige Motor Car Company are not only jubilant over the fact that their two entries finished second and third respectively, but they believe that the performance of these cars demonstrates their merits in the most convincing and spectacular manner imaginable.

Several features in connection with the Paige cars stand out and can be briefly summarized. The Paige entries had seen considerable service before the great race. One had been a demonstrator in Los Angeles and the other had been used as a pathfinder in mapping out the new route for this year's Cactus Derby. On the other hand, the Stutz car that won first place in the race by only thirty-four minutes was one that had been especially manufactured for the Indianapolis 500-mile speed race. Twenty cars started, only eight finished.

But the most significant fact of all was the performance of the Paige entries on the last day of the race. This was the worst day—worse by far in the vile nature of the roads covered and in the character of the weather encountered. Yet the Paige cars, in spite of these conditions and the severity of the work already done, made their best showing on this day—better than that of any other entries—and made the fastest time of all contestants between Prescott and Phoenix. The third day's showing, therefore, is regarded as an especially convincing demonstration of the car's stamina, staunchness and reliability.

In view of the facts just related and that the event was not a one-day flash but a grind of 70 miles over the most difficult and dangerous of mountain roads, it is apparent that second and third positions in this race was an achievement of which any manufacturer has a license to feel proud.

Meet "Knockout" Baker

Manager Harry Hensel, of the Lancaster Athletic Club, is in the hospital under treatment for foot trouble. His lieutenants are looking after the arrangements for the big show Monday night.

The wind-up between Charley Collins, of Columbia, and "Knockout" Harry Baker, of Wilmington, should be a dandy. They met here in October in the best bout ever seen at the club between middleweights. Both were injured and the bout was stopped.

There are excellent preliminaries on the bill, including Young Russell vs. Hogan Moore, of Philadelphia; John Gill, of York, vs. Young Ritchie, Lancaster, and Ben Finebrock vs. Jack Mussline, of Philadelphia.

THREE PLAYERS FOR BARONS

Special to The Telegraph. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 12.—Peter Noonan, president and manager of the Wilkes-Barre club, of the New York State League, has returned from the New York city meeting with the signed contracts of three new Barons. The new men are John Burke, Robert Thompson and Frederick Leids, the first a seasoned player and the other two being youngsters who have been highly recommended by friends of the Wilkes-Barre club. Burke was with the Wichita club, in the Western League, in 1913, and battle at a .267 clip. Leids is an infielder, who played with the Asbury Park team under Biglierville last year. Thompson is also an infielder, who was recommended by Coakley.

MACK LANDS JIMMY MYERS

Special to The Telegraph. York, Pa., Dec. 12.—Word has been received here that Jimmy Myers, of York Springs, will pitch for Connie Mack next season. Myers has been with the Raleigh team for the last two years. Young Myers is only 20 years of age. He stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs about 180 pounds. He pitched his first game July 4, 1911, for the York Springs team against the Biglierville boys.

RICHARD CANFIELD DIES

Special to The Telegraph. New York, Dec. 12.—Richard Canfield, widely known in sporting circles as New York and Saratoga, died last night at his home here from cerebral hemorrhage, resulting from a fracture of the skull sustained in a fall on a subway stairway on Thursday night.

CHARLEY DOON SIGNS

Special to The Telegraph. New York, Dec. 12.—Charles S. Doon, former manager of the Phils, has come to terms with the Giants and will catch for McGraw's men next season.

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