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# SPORTS

## SOLDIERS WIN FROM Y. M. C. A.

Fast and Furious Basketball Played at Gymnasium Last Night.

It was a fast game of basketball that was played at the Y. M. C. A. last night, when the soldiers from Fort Shafter beat the Association players by the close score of 18 to 16. There was a large crowd present in the gymnasium, and the pretty plays and gingerly work of both teams were appreciated and applauded.

The contest was well played from start to finish, and although the going was somewhat rough in places, nothing happened to mar the all-round excellence of the first game of the season. It was not so much the strength of the Shafter players as it was the weakness of the town boys that won the game for the former.

At the end of the first half the score stood 11 to 10 in favor of the Y. M. C. A., but the lead was overcome by the khaki-clad players before the sound of the referee's whistle finally closed the game. The halves were not regulation, twenty minutes being the duration of the first and fifteen minutes' time being played in the second.

Each team used one substitute during the game, though this was done more to give all the players a chance to show what they were worth than anything else. If anything, the Kahauiki team outweighed the Hotel street players, though in point of cleverness the teams were about even. The game was fast and furious, without a moment of listless or sleepy playing.

The lineup of the locals was as follows: Frank Becher, center; Joe Honan and John Baptist, forwards; Jim Nott and Chris Lewis, backs. Dan Voeller substituted for Lewis in the second half. The names of the soldier players could not be learned.

## SECOND SERIES IN ATKINSON LEAGUE

The opening games in the second series of the Atkinson League proved to be good exhibitions, in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions. The games were played last Sunday. A large crowd was present, and, altogether, the first two games of the new series augured well for the future of this enterprising league.

In the first contest the U. S. Marine Corps team was beaten by the sailors from the Troquois by the score of 13 to 0. The second game was between the Pacific A. C. and the Starlines A. C. The latter team seemed to have the edge on the Pacific players, for they trampled on them to the tune of 22 to 12. The following are the scores by innings and summaries of both games:

Pacifics . . . . . 3 10500201—12  
Starlines . . . . . 114021130—22  
Two-base hits, Kan Yin, Achew, Gomes; three-base hits, C. L. Tin, Ah Hoy; home runs, Johnny, Jay Hoy; bases on balls, off Ahana 3, Jay Hoy 13; struck out, by Ahana 3, Jay Hoy 6; wild pitches, Ahana 3, Jay Hoy 3; passed balls, Ak Kaw 6, Johnny 2; sacrifice hits, Kan Yin, C. L. Hook; double play, C. L. Hook to C. L. Tin. Time of game, 1 hour 45 minutes; umpire, S. Hoopi; scorer, H. Book.

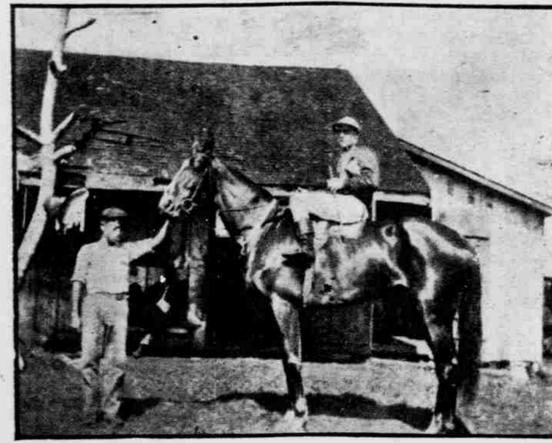
U. S. M. C. . . . . 000000000—0  
B. H. . . . . 100000101—3  
U. S. S. Iroquois . . . . . 00110524—13  
B. H. . . . . 01220513—14  
Home runs, Ross, Ah Toon; left on bases, U. S. M. C. 4, Iroquois 8; hit by pitcher, Ross 2, Nelson, McGill; bases on balls, off Misner; struck out, by Kapipo 13, Misner 3, Sweeney 5; wild pitches, Sweeney 2; passed ball, Anderson. Time of game, 1 hour 35 minutes; umpire, Paul Burns; scorer, N. Jackson.

## SMALL DIAMONDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR NEW RECORDS

Small diamonds, that may later be set in medals given by the Y. M. C. A., will be the prizes for the sprinters who break island records in the coming Association meet. It is probable that these will be donated by several prominent merchants of the city as an encouragement for the sport.

Dr. Hand, the physical director of the Association, has taken the matter under consideration, and will work up enthusiasm among the athletes. For the man who cuts the island record of 10.2 for the hundred-yard dash, a beautiful little diamond will be ready, and the cracks, who are mentioned in another story in these columns, will keenly compete for the prize.

There will also be a small sparsler presented to the man who clips the island record of 22.2 seconds in the 220-yard dash. It may also be that a similar trophy will be hung up for the man who does better than 10 feet 11 inches in the pole vault.



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## CINDER-PATH ATHLETES PREPARING FOR MEET

Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A. Says That His Sprinters Can Show a Clean Pair of Heels to En Sue.

"I think there are three or four of the Y. M. C. A. sprinters who can beat En Sue," was the statement of Dr. Hand, physical instructor of the Young Men's Christian Association, the other day. "En Sue is a fast little runner and can cover distance, but I am positive that either Rice, McCandless or Mon Yin can beat him in the hundred."

En Sue is the clever little Chinese athlete who was reputed to have done the fifty-yard dash in less than record time at the track meet held on the Boy's Field about a year ago. The news of En Sue's alleged record-breaking run traveled all over the United States, the sporting editors of the big Eastern and Pacific Coast papers making a great deal of the tale that an Oriental runner had annihilated space in such a marvelous manner.

As a matter of fact, En Sue ran that race under difficulties, the track being heavy. He was not in the highly-strung condition of the trained sprinter; and, added to all, the stop-watch men were certainly not experienced enough to catch the one-fifths of seconds that count in that distance.

The best runners of the world, before, in the best of condition, and on the best tracks that careful workmanship could build, had been unable to clip the fifty-yard dash record any lower. They were timed by expert stop-watch men, too.

So Dr. Hand is probably right in his statement that the association boys can show a clean pair of heels to En Sue, though the best way to settle the question would be to arrange a race. En Sue should be in pretty fair shape at the present time, as he is playing baseball a little.

In line with this talk, Dr. Hand is preparing for the big annual track meet of the Y. M. C. A., and a meeting of last year's track team is called for Thursday evening of this week in the association rooms. The best talent of the city in amateur circles is contained in the ranks of the Y. M. C. A., and the meet, which will occur during the last week of February or in the first week of March, is sure to attract a great deal of attention.

The trio above named—Rice, McCandless, and Mon Yin—are expected to hold their own in the running events, or, rather, they will fight for honors among themselves, for the meet will be strictly for members of the association.

This meet, in connection with the recent agitation for a Pan-Pacific Athletic Carnival, will be a mighty good preparatory event. Alexander Hume Ford, for all of his overflowing "gift of gab," so to speak, usually gets what he goes after in the line of sports. Ford started out on what appeared to be an almost impossible job when he proposed the Outrigger Club. It was a thankless work, in many ways, and Ford had to do lots of things that most any other man would have balked at. But he got there just the same, and there was, and is now, quite a flourishing little grass hut village established before he left. He has taken up the Pan-Pacific Athletic Carnival, and if he means what he says, will start some Indian runners in this direction soon.

The Y. M. C. A. meet would serve to bring out new men on the track, and would also have a great influence in reviving interest in this spirited sport.

Dr. Hand plans to have an invitational mile walk as one of the feature events. He says that there are only three real walkers in the Islands today, namely, Ayres, who takes precedence over all; Dick Sullivan and Gibson. In the last Island meet, held two years ago, Ayres covered the distance in 8:33, while Gibson's time was just a minute slower. Neither had at that time spent any great time in training, and were consequently in no condition to really make a showing. There will be a difference at the walkfest in the latter part of February, however, if Hand's plans go through.

Andrews of the High School is expected to make a way-up showing in the pole vault this year. This had never done the long running leap before last year, but he vaulted ten feet with apparent ease then. With the confidence of a little experience, Andrews should do himself and the colors he represents proud this year.

The Island record in the pole vault

is ten feet eleven inches, which is going some. There are very few youths who reach the ten-foot mark before they leave the prep, school, and Andrews gives high promise of bettering this in the coming meet.

All of the men interested in track work, whether they are members of the Association or not, are urgently requested to be present at the meeting Thursday night, when preliminary plans will be discussed.

Later on in the season it may be that a four-cornered meet will be arranged, the competing teams being from the three schools—Punahou, Kamehameha, and McKinley High School—and the Y. M. C. A. team. There are some splendid athletes in all of the institutions above named, and these men should be kept at it, while new material is constantly being worked up.

It may be that the Y. M. C. A. meet will be somewhat shy in the matter of the weight events. The hammer, discus and shot-put stunts are usually left to the big men. But there certainly are big men in the local schools and clubs to handle the irons if the proper kind of spirit is enthused into them.

The February meet is expected to bring out some talent that will prove a great surprise to the local followers of the cinder-path game.

## GREAT ATHLETE PAGE LIVING IN MEXICO

From Modern Mexico, December 8: Living quietly in the little Mexican city of Aguas Calientes is one of the foremost athletes that the world ever produced, W. Byrd Page, who before he attained his majority had broken all existing records in the high jump, setting a mark which endured for eight years against amateurs and professionals alike, and was beaten only in 1895 by M. P. Sweeney who as a piece of luck managed to clear 6 feet 5 5/8 inches. Mr. Page's record was 6 feet 4 inches and this stands today as the college record of the world and is likely to stand for another twenty years as a mark for the college high jumpers to shoot at.

A feature of the great record made by Mr. Page that stands out above everything else that he ever did is the fact, that, despite all his success both in America and England, he refused all offers to turn professional and today has as clean a record as when he entered the University of Pennsylvania as a green Freshman twenty-five years ago. This is in distinct contrast to the record of Sweeney, who, the day after he broke the record, turned professional, and who has never accomplished anything since.

Mr. Page still retains his amateur standing and could today enter anywhere in the world. After Mr. Page returned from his triumphant tour of England, Scotland and Ireland in the fall of 1887 he received offers on every hand to turn professional either as a teacher of athletics or to give exhibitions the proceeds of which should go to him. To all offers of this kind he turned a deaf ear, even to one promising to net him \$5,000 for a few months work, and took a position with the Pennsylvania railroad in the Mechanical department, where it is safe to say that he earned less than \$1000 the first year.

### Cripple to Ten Years Old.

One of the most remarkable features of the many which have marked the athletic career of this man is the fact that he was born a cripple and was unable to walk without the aid of braces until he was ten years old. At that time he began to take regular exercises and by the time he had reached the age of 11 was well and strong. From this age on his record is truly extraordinary, as year by year he increased the height at which he could clear the bar in a running high jump until at the age of 15 he was competing with the best college athletes of the United States.

Mr. Page says that in choosing the high jump as his specialty he was motivated by several considerations, among them being the fact that he has a body that is well suited for such an exercise, his bones being very small and his muscles large. Today one meeting him on the street would scarcely suspect the athlete in the seemingly slender frame which he carries, yet a sight of the development of his arms and shoulders would make the ordinary prize fighter green with envy. Mr. Page, though he weighs only 140 pounds, would be a bad man to tackle in a rough and tumble fight, though he might be picked out on first sight as an "easy mark."

He also says that when he picked out high jumping as his "stunt" he wanted to get something that would give him the "maximum amount of exercise in the minimum amount of time." The jumps are just suited for this, as they are an exercise which require a quick jerk of the muscles and use of a great amount of force in a few seconds of time. The Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia furnished Mr. Page with the field for his first athletic efforts. When 13 years old he made a jump of 4 feet 1 inch, a height which the ordinary man will find impossible to clear. A year later he did 4:10 in competition, and the next year, when 15 years old, he entered the games of the Olympic club of Philadelphia. At this time he managed to clear 5:2 and took down fourth place, being beaten by three men, two of whom, Carroll and Rheinhart, of New York, broke the American record of that day, establishing the new mark at 5 feet 9 inches.

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two 17-hand horses standing side by side. He accomplished this at Cedarhurst, L. I., May 12, 1888, which date marks his last public appearance. To make this jump requires a broad jump as well as a very high one, and is something that has never been equalled. The style of jumping used by Mr. Page differs materially from that used by most high jumpers of today in that he used a straight jump, running full at the bar. Most athletes of today do the jump "scissors" fashion, taking a run from the side and putting over first one leg and then the other. Mr. Page was until last week employed in Aguas Calientes as assistant superintendent of motive power of the Mexican Central. He resigned recently and will likely in the near future locate in Mexico City.