

WHAT TEAM WILL CARRY AWAY THE GOLD BASKETBALLS?

SOME FINE PRIZES FOR FLOOR MEET

Sandy Old Top, Makes a Few Statements in Regard to Tournament.

Sandy Toothman declared today in meeting that the team winning the championship of the Monongah Valley basketball tournament which will be held here the 27th and 28th of this month will receive gold basketballs, which can be worn on fob or chain (depending we suppose whether you belong to the fob gang or the chain gang), while the runner up in the tournament will get silver basketballs, which will be just like the gold ones only they will be silver (we trust this is clear to you.) Only eight gold basketballs and eight silver ones will be given, seven players and a coach or manager being listed to receive the prizes for champions and runners up. A prize of a gold coin will go to the best foul shooter of the tournament (too bad Mike Hamilton can't get in on this.) There will be a prize for the biggest point maker in a single game and in the entire tournament and for the fellow making the most baskets in a single game and for the most baskets in the entire tournament. No prize will be offered for the best referee, as there will only be one unless he takes sick or gets lynched. "Free" Davis of Pittsburgh is being sought for this work, and is a very capable man. Among the prizes to be given and not mentioned above we find a shaving set, kodak, silk shirt and several other things that Sandy has in his head, but has not worked out yet. Local merchants and banks are coming across with the majority of the prizes, which shows a very fine spirit of cooperation on the part of these men. Just now it seems to us Buckhannon and Fairview will divide the gold and silver basketballs.

Tunnetton, Blacksburg, Elkins, Fairmont, Fairview, Buckhannon, Weston, Salem, Shinnston, Rivesville, Farmington, Lumberport, Terra Alta, Grafton, Jane Lew, Victory, (Adamstown Clarksburg), Kingswood, Wadestown, Mannington, to date have signified that they will enter the tournament. Morgantown will not enter the tournament. Reasons not given. The question of the Washington-Irving high school in Clarksburg is unsettled at the present time but is hoped that if the State Board of Control of the State Athletic Association meets in time to reinstate the team it will also enter the tournament here.

Toothman has sent out the following announcement to the various schools interested.

A gold coin with a band around it for use on a chain will be the prize offered to the best foul shooter of the tournament. A shaving set will be another prize, a silk shirt will be another and another yet to be announced will be offered for one of the individual prizes.

Gold basketballs for fob or chain will be offered to seven players and coach (eight only) to the winning team, silver basketballs of like shape and size will be offered to the men of the second runner up team.

Please make a column at the right edge of your green enrollment card and number the jerseys for the individual men. Be sure to do this as it is absolutely necessary. And send that enrollment card in soon. Don't be too late and go over the time limit allowed in making your entry. There is no advantage in waiting. Get it in. Do it now.

Don't forget to send me that picture of your team and a school pennant to be used on display in the show window.

Each team is welcome to have a representative at the drawing at the Fairmont Hotel at 2:00 P. M. Saturday, February 21. In fact I hope you can have someone there to see it.

Please announce that we will open advance ticket sale by mail on Feb. 21 and at Martins store to the public in general on the 23. Orders will be filled for all requests reaching us by mail on the 21. After that reservation will be made at Martins store. Cash must accompany the order. Tickets will be \$2.50 for the whole tournament, 75 cents for each session except the last which will be \$1.00. Announce this.

Very truly yours,
HOMER C. TOOTHMAN

White School Is Given Black Eye

The White school is going 'round with a very prominent black eye today owing to the fact that they had a head-on collision with the Miller school yesterday and got the worst of the bump 48-8. White did not get a field basket, their eight points coming from the foul line. There was an over-abundance of stars on the Miller five. The figures:

Miller, 48.	White, 8.
Romano (Capt.)	Knizel
Forward	Johnson
Pole	Pop
Pointman	Gilbarde
Center	Rosenmerkle
Ward	Guard
LeMasters	Knights
Guard	
Field goals—Romano, 10; Pierce, 4; Falkentine, 5; LeMasters, 4.	
Foul goals—Romano, 2 out of 5.	

Several Candidates For Commission Job

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Club owners of major leagues, meeting in joint session yesterday, received recommendations of the joint nominating committee for chairman of the national baseball commission to succeed August Herrmann whose resignation became effective yesterday. Five names were submitted and final decision was left to Presidents John Heydler, of the National League, and B. B. Johnson, of the American League, who will announce their decision at their discretion. The names submitted, according to club owners were:

Judge K. M. Landis, Chicago; William Edwards, New York; State Senator J. E. Walker, New York; Harvey T. Woodruff, sporting editor of the Chicago Tribune, and J. Conway Toole, New York.

VARSITY HAS FEARS ABOUT TECH BATTLE

Bohler, Local Man, Will Referee Big Game at Morgantown Ark.

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 12.—West Virginia University's basketball players are not resting easy over the outcome of the Carnegie Tech clash here tomorrow night. Too frequently in the past games have been lost on the home floor when a victory had been taken as a foregone conclusion. This was illustrated here last year when both Pitt and W. & J. won here even though the 'dope' indicated that the Mountaineers should be fairly easy winners. Again this year when Geneva came here there was no "dope" on which to base predictions for a victory, yet local fans were practically one in the belief that West Virginia would beat Geneva from one to twenty odds. Geneva turned the tables as did Pitt and W. & J. and Carnegie Tech has a chance to turn the trick again here tomorrow because local fans, basing their beliefs on the 22-21 victory that West Virginia won from Tech at Pittsburgh a month ago, are looking for a fairly easy contest with the Mountaineers on the winning side. It is a good thing that the players do not have the same mental attitude because Tech's same mental attitude on the Grove City floor a week ago is conclusive evidence that they have a strong team and one which is fully capable of taking advantage of the Mountaineers' over-confidence. The game should really be a nip-and-tuck affair from start to finish and the players and Coach Stadsfold are looking forward to, and preparing for, as difficult a contest as that with Pittsburgh two weeks ago.

Director Bohler, of the Fairmont Y. M. C. A., registered Eastern League official and said to be one of the best in West Virginia at this time, has been secured to handle the contest.

TWO GAMES FOR LOCAL HIGH LADS

Will Play at Terra Alta Tomorrow Night and Grafton Saturday.

Fairmont high school's basketball team will start on a trip tomorrow noon which will take them to the heights of Terra Alta and into the town of fearful smoke and dirt, Grafton, before they again set foot upon Fairmont streets. It is confidently expected of the local tilters that they shall return with a couple of victories, or at least one victory, or a darn good excuse for not winning either one of the games. There is every reason to believe that the local lads can win both contests. Despite the hard Fairview game, the men are in good condition and can be depended upon to put up a great battle.

The long row of defeats for the locals, starting after the game with Morgantown should be broken in the two games to be played the next two days. The boys are sick and tired of being on the short end and will make every effort to turn the tide. With any other team but Fairview playing against them, they would have broken the defeat string Tuesday night, but the going was too hard against the suburbanites.

The following players are listed to make the trip: Captain Dean, Troxell, Hill, Brown, Romino, Fleming and Small. Manager Meredith will also make the trip, while it is likely that Professor Colebank will at least be present for the Grafton game, Saturday night.

FEUD ENDED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Factional strife in the American baseball league vanished with a victory for President Ban Johnson's forces early yesterday and club owners of the major leagues made ready to accept on selection of a chairman of the national commission to succeed Garry Herrmann, resigned. There were no announced candidates for place and American and National League club owners were prepared to let the situation develop of itself at a meeting scheduled for late yesterday.

Cavity in Dentists' Lineup; Low Score Filling is Used

Only two tooth yankers showed up at the industrial league bowling sessions last night, so in the game with the Wall Plaster gang for a third score for the Dents the low score in each game for the opposition was listed. Herb Barnes did not roll a very good game last night, but Metz was in great form in his last two games and the old Gold Crowns managed to get one game out of three from the Plasterers. In the third game Metz hit the 12 mark which was so high it made him think he was up in an airship.

Hartley's had no trouble taking three straight games from the Mid-West birds, although there were no high scores made. The best score in this entire contest 123, made by Sharp of Hartley's in his first game.

Barnes	101	100	109
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*Low score allowed.

Some Local Sport Chatter

If we had a vote we would vote for Harry Woodruff, the Chicago Tribune man, for head of the National commission. He knows the game.

A few changes have been made in the eastern trip for varsity, but nothing to effect the general tone of the journey.

The constitution committee of the Industrial Baseball league will meet this evening at the Y. M. C. A., and here's hoping they get down to business in a hurry. We want to get the baseball situation all fixed up, so that when the time comes to go all the teams will be ready.

Cam Hendersons Bristol high team will tackle the American Legion team at Clarksburg tonight in what promises to be one of the best games of the season.

Down at the Ley company banquet last night we had the pleasure of meeting a fellow named Smith, who struck round Boston quite some time before he found a nice place in Fairmont, was Smith says when Tris Speaker was shifted from Boston to Cleveland the fans were very sore; and whenever Speaker plays in Boston the fans don't know whether to root for Speaker or for the home team. Smith says Speaker is "a regular fellow" in every respect and was the idol of all fandom.

The Bostonian was well up on baseball stars of the present and other days and we had quite an interesting conversation, getting as far back as the first modern world's series contest between Pittsburgh and Boston, in the palmy days of "Cy" Young, Lou Criger, Dineen, Wagner, Clark, Leever and Ritchie. "Then" were the good old days, when ball players played ball without the fuss about money matters such as is the custom now. In that memorable series Pittsburgh went to Boston and jumped all over the bunch down there in the first few games and had back to Pittsburgh, needing but one game to win the series. But Boston took all the remaining games and the championship. Pittsburgh had one more whack at a world's series in 1909, and made good beating out Detroit in a seven game series. In this series "Babe" Adams made for himself a place in baseball's hall of fame by pitching Pittsburgh to three victories.

(A judge has ruled that brandy may be used in making mince pie and plum pudding.)

In days of yore my dear old dad, When he came home at night, Was eager to get at the eats, He had an appetite. Then came the arid spell by which He was deprived of schnapps, Which changed into a bird-like thing That appetite of pop's. But one day recently he read Some news that made him cry With joy—"I was ruled a chef could put Some brandy in mince pie. And now when he comes home he has A slab or two of that; It makes him really genial, so He doesn't kick the cat. And then the pudding is brought out, He has a round or two, Which spread a smile across his face Like bourbon used to do. And when the dinner bell is rung He gives a healthy roar. And shakes a wicked knife and fork. As in the days of yore.

They all flop sooner or later. Bobby McLean is coming home without his crown.

What kind of an alibi can a skater give? Isn't ice ice anywhere?

COACH YOST.

The real healthy condition of football is indicated in the words of Fielding H. Yost, the one and only Michigan Yost, who declares he is seeking for a caveman for his team next fall. "I want a veritable caveman. A

Pitcher Carl Mays knows something about Ty Cobb. Also the Georgian Peach knows a lot of Carl Mays. These two chaps had a run-in one time, and here are the words Mays uses to describe it:

"Cobb tries to get the goat of every young pitcher. He stands up to the plate and plants one leg out in front of the home plate, although this isn't allowed in the rules. That leaves only one-half the plate to pitch the ball over. Consequently, when he tried that on me, I threw the ball straight at him.

"Every time I pitched against him he would get almost crazy at me. One day in Detroit I sized one just past his head and he rapped his bat down on the plate like a triphammer and shrieked at me: "Do that again, you— Do that again." (The rest of the story includes words, a flying baseball, bat and spikes.)"

Emporia, Florence and Newton all Kansas towns, will be organized into a baseball league this spring. They plan to play two games a week.

RUTH FIZZLE AS BATSMAN; LOOKEE HERE

Shook Up the Bretezs Terribly With His Little Ball Club.

An entire new story has come out of the west. It is a lapis lazuli, too, in which Babe Ruth, who sold on open market for \$125,000 came out second best in a two-game series for batting honors with Garry Cravath first by a large margin.

The Babe, who is now dragging his tired frame east to a la Palman to get his fingers in the purchase dough, fanned five times in two games and was booted considerably by the "raw-berry" group.

Each winter on the coast, where many of the stars hibernate, games are arranged and the stars play providing the financial inducements are okeh. Ruth was captain of a team and Wade Killefer captained the other, and play was called, to make a long story short. Each team had its galaxy of stars. Sam Crawford and Cravath were on the team opposing Ruth. The first time up, Babe knocked one for the 'recruit. After that, because he was taking roundhouse swings, he was fed with tantalizing slow twisters. He struck out twice that day and the next day, three times he whiffed.

On his final trip to the plate Crawford cast his glove aside and hunting a soft spot in the shade of the fence, watched the birdies soar over his head. Cravath went up into the bleachers and started an argument about the orange crop. And long came Ruth! He was peeved. He demanded that the fielders play in their regular positions. They paid him no attention. Ruth was determined to knock the ball out of the good old U. S. A. Two strikes were missed. Finally, he boosted a high fly and no effort was made to retrieve it. Finally Crawford came out of his doze and Ruth was perched on second. The fly was an easy out but no effort was made for it.

"Why don't you guys play baseball?" Ruth demanded.

"What's the use?" queried Crawford. "You've struck out five times already."

And incidentally Cravath got two doubles and three singles in his eight trips up and Killefer's team won both games.

Will it be that Houston et al have a lemon on their hands?

DEVELOPS PUNCH.

Has Johnny Griffiths, Akron welterweight, suddenly developed a knock-out punch in England?

Johnny has knocked three European boxers sprawling on his recent tour, the last being Francois Charles, the stable mate of Georges Carpentier. When the Akron Flash started his professional career back in 1911 a large percentage of his decisions were by the K. O. route. Then came a steady flow of no-decision bouts and many ring circles had decided Johnny had lost his punch. He won for himself the name of being the champion no-decision fighter of America.

The record which he is making in European rings may cause some of the boys at home in his division to be more careful when they climb between the ropes with him.

The Akron Exhibition Company, promoters of the Akron team in the International League, will back a football team next fall.

Leaping "Dare Devil" Dave Altizer veteran baseball player, has decided to give the diamond game another trial. He will join the Millers at Minneapolis this spring.

Three and Two

There probably is no truth in the story that Connie Mack released five of his young pitchers because of the child labor law.

The war is over but the baseball magnates, tennis rules committees, golfing board of control and boxing promoters don't know it.

The old-timers didn't draw any such salaries as the present-day baseball stars demand. There was Old Hoss Radbourne, slaving along at \$750 per season. That was 40 years ago. You could probably get a dozen eggs for Babe Ruth's wearing a Yankee wardrobe. He already had Ping Bodie, Del Pratt, Bob Shawkey and Truck Hannah to manage besides the ball club. And now look! They say Babe Ruth has his own private manager. The New York club ought to sign him and then get another for Carl Mays.

Easy Picking For Local Elks' Team

There was not much to the little old basketball game at the Normal last night between the Clarksburg Elks and the local five except the Fairmont outfit. The final count of the ballots showed the Fairmont team elected winner 53-16. No protest was made and there will need be no official recount. If you will glimpse the well-known box score just below a few lines, you will find a lot of the fellows who made athletic history and covered themselves with glory, football mud and basketball dirt and diamond dust years ago, together with a few members of the present generation. We submit the official scorer's decision:

Fairmost 53	Clarksburg 16
Knights	Forward Fletcher
Boehm	Forward Roland
Erwin	Forward Reed
Coburn	Center Thompson
Toothman	Guard Smith
	Guard
Substitutions—Barnes for Erwin, Snoderly for Toothman, Shimmel for	

Coburn, Maurer for Boehm, Wells for Thompson.

Field goals—Knight 8, Boehm 4, Coburn 1, Toothman 1, Snoderly 1, Shimmel 1, Maurer 5, Fletcher 1, Roland 4, Reed 1, Wells 1.

Foul goals—Roland 2 out of 4, Knight 7 out of 9, Boehm none out of 2, Toothman one out of 1.

Referee—Mike Hamilton.

Scorer—Troxell.

Timer—Brown.

Luck Turns Against Once Famous Jockey

Luck was not with Jockey Cliff Robinson at New Orleans this winter. Out of form and discouraged he has gone back to Churchill Downs, where, it is said, he will gallop horses for Miller Henderson so as to be near Lexington when the races open in May.

Since the Fair Grounds meeting at New Orleans, Robinson has shown only flashes of the form that made him the leading rider last season.

Robinson's sad finish as a great jockey is similar to the record with which "Buddy" Ensor made on the Crescent City track in the fall of 1913 and finally lost his ability to ride a horse entirely.

THE WORK OF A STORM

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