

He sought to steal some practice
Before the swimmers met,
But dove into the tank and found
They had not filled it yet.

Large Number of Varsity Squad Get Letters

He found himself a baseball.
But what good did it do,
His face despaired, because he had
No one to throw it to.

SIMON GETS HIS LETTER FOR 3RD TIME THIS YEAR

Spears System Gives Chance for Many Players to Win Laurels.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 6.—West Virginia's warriors of the chalk-marked field are not without glory in their own country, and it became known here today that nineteen men had been honored with awards of letters, sweaters and gold footballs by the University athletic board which met here recently in regular session for the purpose of making such awards and attending to other important business matters.

Those awarded letters are Capt. Russ Meredith, Fairmont; Captain-elect Jack Simon, New Cumberland; Fred Graham, Morgantown; Joe Stron, Parkersburg; Phil Hill, Charleston; Carl Davis, Charleston; Pierre Hill, Fairmont; Nick Nardacci, Youngstown; Homer Martin, Charleston; Gus Elberg, Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles Tallman, Beech Hill; Pete Barnum, Parkersburg; Jim Quinlan, Huntington; Bob Hawkins, Fairmont; Charles Howard, Wheeling; "Red" Mahan, Follansbee; Charles Quarles, Richmond, Va.; and Doug Bowers, Clarksburg. Student Manager B. C. Board of Charleston, received managerial numerals.

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Fred Graham, Pierre Hill, Phil Hill, Nick Nardacci, "Trusty" Tallman, Bob Hawkins and Doug Bowers were awarded sweaters for earning their letter in football twice.

Seldom if ever in the history of athletics at West Virginia University have eighteen players received their "W. V." for competition in a single sport. The extraordinary large number to be honored this year shows that the Spears system gives every man a chance. At no time are berths "clinched," and each member of the squad stands a chance of earning one of the coveted letters if he can make the grade.

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PUNTS AND PASSES

Spears Returns
It was no great surprise to note in the night wire reports that Dr. C. W. Spears had signed up for another year as head coach of West Virginia University. I thought he would, and I am sure glad he did. So is every other fan who wants sound football at West Virginia. So much has been said in praise of Doctor Spears and all that usually has been well deserved. And that one can add little at this time. I know he'll give West Virginia another great team next Fall. Here's to another undefeated season in 1923.

Pitt Prepares
Glen Warner is whipping his favorite Panther into shape for the battle with Leland Sanford on December 20. After a slight training breath after the regular season the squad resumed practice yesterday. Twenty-five players will make the trip, including Holleran, Sauer, Simpson, Clark, Bower, Beck, Corby, Williams, Interborn, Flanagan, Anderson, Hewitt, Jordan, Frank, Miller, Ashbaugh, Hagartner, Seidelson, Gwosden, Shuler, Bohren, Evans, Colonna, Johnson and Murdoch. The squad will not practice any on the trip, but will go straight through to Pals Alto from Pittsburgh, leaving on December 23 and reaching the coast on December 27. The squad will go over to Pasadena for the New Year's Day game between the University of Southern California and Penn State.

Hard Battle
Princeton's sensational comeback in the Chicago game recalls the famous uphill fight of Pennsylvania with Michigan, back in 1912. In the battle the Maize and Blue was leading the Quaker platoon.

Captain of Indiana's Eleven Has Made Great Record on Gridiron

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 6.—Boring through the line of scrimmage is more play compared with fighting Hungarians, says Frank Hanny, captain of the Indiana University eleven, who spent several months on the Pave front with the Italians during the World War. He wears the Italian cross awarded for meritorious service in the war and has been dubbed "The Duke" by his teammates.

Back home at Aurora, Ill., Hanny is known as a member of the famous Aurora high school football eleven which went east in 1915 and lost to New York 13 to 12 for the high school championship of the United States. During that year and the year before the opponents of Hanny's eleven scored only 20 points as compared to 700 for the Aurora team.

Frank came to Indiana University the year before the war and easily made the freshmen team. He came back to Indiana in 1920 and that year performed the remarkable feat of allowing only four yards to be gained around him by an opponent the entire season.

Last year he was unfortunate in receiving a severe injury to his shoulder in the Harvard game, which kept him out of most of the remaining contests. After a summer driving spikes in the west with a railroad section gang, Frank is hard as nails. He plays end on defense and is often shifted to halfback on the offensive. He weighs 192, is six feet tall and is 24 years old.

In the Indiana-Wisconsin game this fall Hanny performed the remarkable feat of carrying the ball for Indiana on nine successful line plunges with a net gain of 35 yards in three first downs. In the same game Hanny for the seventh time this season tackled a runner returning his punt.



CAPTAIN FRANK HANNY

BROWNS HOPE TO WIN 1923 PENNANT

Large Sum Spent by Phil Ball to Strengthen Team for Coming Year.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Confident as a result of their showing in 1922 when they finished in second place only one game behind the champion New York Yankees, their best performance in twenty years, the St. Louis Browns have high hopes of winning the American League championship next year.

Disappointed but not disheartened over failure to capture the flag after a strenuously close struggle with the Yankees, Phil Ball, owner of the Browns, has spent a sum estimated at between \$100,000 and \$150,000 purchasing new players to strengthen his team for next year's campaign.

Fifteen new players have been purchased and ten have been recalled from minor league teams; of which they were "farmed out," so that when Lee Fohl, Browns' chief, assembles his squad for spring training he will find an unusually large number on hand.

The pitching staff, third base and center field, which were considered the weak positions and probably had much to do in the local Americans' inability to finish first last season, are to receive the major portion of Manager Fohl's attention on the spring training trip.

Fohl said he planned to develop another hurler, or two, to assist his "aces," Urban Shocker, Rightbair, or, and Hubert Pruett southpaw. The most likely twirlers to win a regular position on the mound brigade are Danforth, left-hander, who has been recalled from Tulsa of Western League, Henry and Kraft.

Home Ezzell, purchased from the San Antonio club to fill the far corner and Phil Todd, recalled from Columbus, and Cedric Durst, utility outfielder all are expected to have been competition for their berths.

Fohl evidently will not make any more changes in his team, apparently being satisfied to start the 1923 race with last year's regulars in all other departments.

While declining to make any predictions of the team's showing next year, Ball and Fohl said they would try hard to give St. Louis its first championship in 35 years.

DIES OF INJURIES

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Jack Ballentine, 52, carpenter died this morning from injuries sustained yesterday in a fall from a scaffold at the Foundation Co. at Beechbottom when a fellow workman slipped from a scaffold above him and knocked Ballentine to the ground, a distance of fifty feet. The deceased resided at Power, W. Va.

FIFTY CANDIDATES OUT FOR FLOOR FIVE

MANNINGTON, Dec. 6.—Fifty candidates turned out for basketball yesterday when Coach C. G. Diako asked for a showing, and enthusiasm ran high during the first practice session held last night. Twenty eight girls reported their intention of appearing for the girls' team.

Of the boys only four letter men will appear this year. They are Captain Prichard, Jones, McCarnes, and Ryan. The material offered in the long list of candidates, however, is expected to supply an exceptionally strong team.

Preliminary practice will continue all this week, it is said, and on next Saturday Coach Diako will make up his schedule for the year at the meeting of the Valley Association in Clarksburg.

WILL DEBATE ON PRESENT EFFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS

Featuring a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Riverview, which will be held at 7 o'clock Friday night in the Riverview High School Auditorium, will be a debate on the question: "Resolved, that the schools of today are less efficient than they were ten years ago." The affirmative side of the question will be presented by H. H. Speicher and L. B. Brown and the negative side will be taken by Fred A. Bradley and W. H. Post. Miss May Malone, tuberculosis nurse of the Public Health Nursing Service of the American Red Cross chapter in this city, will make an address telling of conditions as she finds them in Marion County.

The meeting will be opened with a song, "There Was a Princess," sung by the students of the first grade of the public school. Miss Rubie Layman of the eighth grade will give a reading and then the pupils of the third grade will sing a song. A piano duet will be played by Miss Lois Yost and Margaret Wilson. The pupils of the second grade will also take a part in the program.

TO BUILD NAIL PLANT

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Officials of the Labelle Iron works a subsidiary of the Wheeling Steel Co., have confirmed the report that they expect to build the largest nail plant in the country here as soon as their plans are approved by the city council. The building will be erected on the site of the old factory on South Side which was erected in 1852.

FRECKLES AND HIS PALS



He's Trying to Raise Nick

BY BLOSSER

Comparison of Scores Favor Michigan Eleven Over Iowa

Michigan and Iowa finished the "Big Ten" season in first place in the conference championship. Iowa captured the honors in 1921. Since Iowa was not defeated during the past season, Iowa, according to precedent, will continue to hold the championship. Since both Michigan and Iowa met three of the same teams in the "Big Ten" a comparison of the scores of those games are of interest:

Michigan-19 Ohio	.....0	Iowa.....12 Ohio	.....0
Michigan-24 Illinois	.....0	Iowa.....8 Illinois	.....7
Michigan-16 Minnesota	.....7	Iowa.....28 Minnesota	.....14
Michigan-59 Opponents	.....7	Iowa.....48 Opponents	.....30

While comparative scores do not mean a great deal in modern football, the Michigan-Iowa scores against Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio State show to the advantage of Michigan.



Billy Evans says

The game depends all upon the setting.

That is the opinion of Newell Williams-Banks, who for twelve consecutive years has been the American match champion at checkers.

"Take an average checker board the kind that you buy in most any novelty store—the kind with red and black squares and with the white and black pieces of cheap wood and ill-matched, and lay it on a table in an office where many people pass and nobody will look at it, but get a regulation board with fine pieces, perfectly matched, and you will soon draw a crowd," is his argument.

Banks is positive that the many wonderful stadiums that are being built to accommodate the football crowds will have a tendency to greatly improve the game.

"Can you imagine the impression these great stadiums will make on the freshmen students? It will spur on the athlete who has played in his high school to greater efforts. It will make the student who has never played anxious to do his bit. Why? Consider the picture."

"Why do minor leaguers so long

TRADES EXPECTED IN MINOR LEAGUES

Major Leaguers Also Reported to Be in Trading Mood at Conference.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Trade winds began blowing at the minor league convention today as the result of the sale yesterday of Sammy Hale of the Portland, Ore., club to the Pacific Coast League to the Philadelphia Americans for a reported price of players and cash approximating \$75,000.

Whispered conferences indicated that the major leaguers were in a trading mood, and it is likely there will be some important sales before the close of the meeting tomorrow.

Ty Cobb of the Detroit Americans, together with President Frank Navin, was in frequent conference with Manager Huggins of the New York Americans and Business Manager Barrow. Their conferences were supposed to concern Dobbie Veach, the veteran infielder, whom the Yankees had wanted. Konesaw M. Landis, baseball commissioner, is scheduled to address the major and minor leaguers at their annual banquet tonight. Contrary to previous reports, Commissioner Landis will not discuss the draft. His decision to ignore the question is the result of a conviction that to do otherwise would be a waste of words.

PRINCE ANDRE IN ROME

ROME, Dec. 5.—Prince Andrew of Greece arrived here today from Brindisi, where he landed yesterday. It is expected that he will be received by Pope Pius in private audience before leaving for London.

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