

Soft Drink Baseball Players Of Richmond Are Here To Play

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Virginians, After Talk Win, Will Meet War Risk Insurance

SOFT DRINK LADS COMING FOR BATTLES

By BRYAN MORSE.

Look out for the soft drink lads in the coming intercity struggle. War Risk Insurance players, sandlot champions here and winners of The Washington Times Cup, meet the Taka-Kolas at Union Park in a double bill tomorrow. According to the dope sent up from the Virginia Capital, the soft drink players will deliver. Their past performances are an indication of their strength.

In the struggle for the city title here, War Risk grabbed off all the games. They were hard-fought contests in which the winner was in doubt. In Richmond the Taka-Kolas laid down the gauntlet to a victory in their straight contest, which gives a hint of argument.

The brand of baseball displayed by the Richmond lads is of the best. Against sandlot, college, camp and semi-pro teams their record has been exceptional. Where War Risk has come through with thirty wins out of thirty-seven, the soft drink players have grabbed off thirty wins and two losses.

Seventy Many Runs.

In all games to date the Taka-Kolas have scored 268 runs against 54 tallies for their opponents. This is averaging scores of about 9 to 2 in all games.

The personnel of the team contains what is thought to be the pick of Richmond's amateur talent.

They have behind the bat, Cheesy Liebs, who has had wide experience in both professional and amateur ranks, and is known for his ability to handle pitchers, as well as possessing a thorough knowledge of the game.

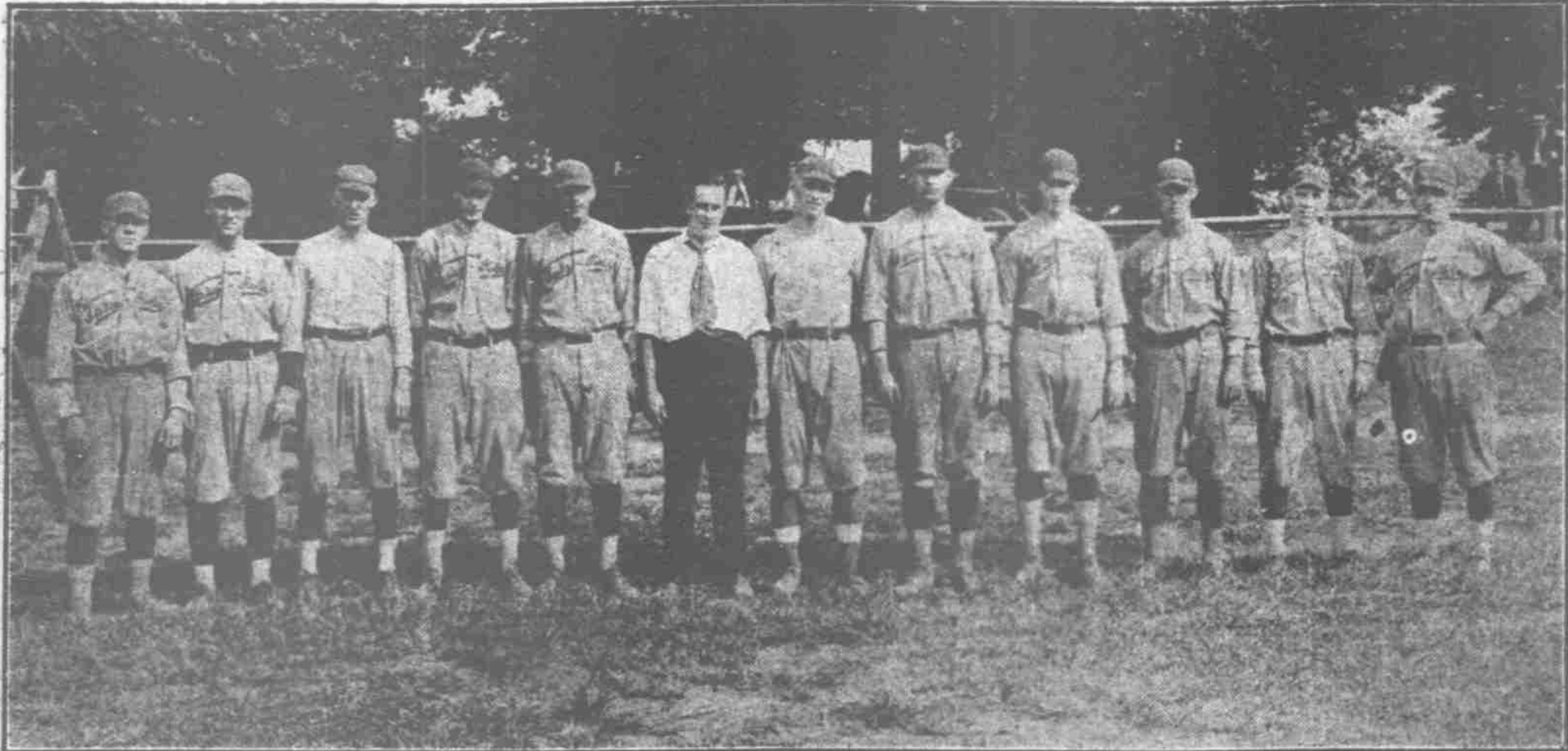
The pitching staff is composed of Shelton, Davis, Pettway, Carter. President Shelton is recognized as one of the best amateur hurlers in the State.

Davis Is the Ace.

Davis, the big fellow from Randolph-Macon College, is the pitching ace of the organization, while Pettway, of University of Virginia fame, has lots of smoke and a world of stuff. "China" Carter is the fourth member of the staff.

Around the initial sack are Joe Wharton and Dave Hopkin, both steady players and consistent hitters. "Pitt" Amos at the keystone sack is an old hand at the game.

Around the shortstop Jake Poh, the best all-around shortstop ever produced in Richmond, is said to make



Left to right—R. E. Burnham, right field; H. H. Gwathmey, catcher; R. E. Scales, catcher; Joseph W. Wharton, first base; Dirk A. Kuyk, left field; R. H. Klevesahl, manager; B. W. Davis, pitcher; Harry Carter, center field; C. Carter, pitcher; Malcolm U. Pitt, third base and captain; Robert L. Amos, second base; Walker

Here's Richmond's Champion Team

L. Poh, shortstop; P. F. Shelton, pitcher; Russell S. Leibs, catcher; Charles W. Moss, left field, and W. B. Pettway, pitcher.

The Taka-Kolas won the title in the Commercial League and the past season series championship.

JACK WOULD MEET ALL THREE BOXERS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—If the National Sporting Club of London, Cochrane, of Olympia, or any other responsible British promoter guarantee me a substantial purse, I'll agree to meet Fred Fulton, Joe Stett, and Georges Carpentier one or the other in the same ring," is latest from Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion. He does not think boastfully, either, but merely as a plain statement of what he is willing to do.

"The only stipulation I make is that Fulton climb into the ring first," concedes Dempsey. "I beat him once with a one-two punch and can repeat dose. That will get in quickly of the way and will give him a nudge to sit on the sidelines and see work against the other two."

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At Toronto two weeks ago, Maxam qualified in the century and Jed Hayes, the A. E. F. crack, for seventy yards. Maxam had done but little work this summer, and is going up to see how the sprinters are making a go of it. His best work has been done at the quarter.

Maxam is entered in the 100 and 220 in the big championship meet tomorrow.

COAST LEAGUE MAY BECOME AN OUTLAW

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 11.—If the major leagues attempt to draft players from the Pacific Coast League, that circuit will turn outlaw. Jim Morley, business manager of the Los Angeles team, is sponsor for that statement. He has sounded his fellow moguls and has received almost unanimous support of the proposed step.

Sentiment in favor of independent baseball has been growing on the coast during the last few years, and if the majors refuse to recognize the ruling of the minors against the draft, it is believed the move will hasten the break.

JACK IS BLOOMER AS STAGE WONDER

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, is proving a bloomer as a stage wonder. Unless his act shows more drawing power, he may be driven to the ring again.

It failed flat in Cleveland, where the champion gave four performances in two days. Nothing resembling a capacity house turned out for any single performance. The opening matinee Friday drew but a handful of spectators. The evening performance showed but little improvement at the box office. Saturday the receipts jumped a trifle, but still fell sharply below expectations.

New Orleans, the champion's manager, is beginning to talk of a Dempsey-Beckett or Dempsey-Carpentier contest overseas.

ANOTHER RUSHER COMES.

Shortstop Baker, of the Richmond Virginia League, will have a trial with the Griffins.

MORGAN LOSES TITLE IN SHOOT-OFF AFTER TIE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 12.—R. D. Morgan, of Washington, D. C., tied for second place yesterday in the West Virginia amateur championship at the annual tournament here. He managed 98 out of a total of 100 targets.

Frank S. Wright, of Buffalo, national amateur champion, won the title in a shoot-off.

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BINGHAMTON TO QUIT.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Sept. 12.—One season in the International League has proved enough for this city. Next year it will seek a place in the New York State League.

BILL ROPER FACES HARD PROPOSITION THIS YEAR

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Bill Roper, after an absence of eight years, will be head coach of the Princeton varsity squad this year and he is facing a tough proposition, for the Tigers are extremely shy of experienced material. Roper will be assisted by Keene Fitzpatrick, who though a trainer is a skillful coach; Harold Ballin, and "Red" Gennert, of the 1915 team. Nat Poe is to act as coach of the scrubs, who will have a schedule all their own, something new in college football.

BOB MAXAM RUNS IN A. A. U. GAMES

Washington's lone entry in the national A. A. U. championship meet in Philadelphia at Franklin Field tomorrow is Robert S. Maxam, the University of Pennsylvania flyer, who was recently released from the naval aviation service.

Maxam is gradually getting back into condition, and while he expects to compete to the best of his ability tomorrow, is not at top form yet.

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JAVELIN THROWERS ARE WAXING GREAT

American javelin throwers are picking up, and the ensuing competition soon may result in a Yankee record. The 200 foot mark, a target that on this side of the pond has been shot at in vain. From indication it will take a 190 foot hurl to win the javelin title at the coming national championship. If the boys get to throwing 190 feet it will not be long before the 200 mark is reached.

George Bronder's American record is 190 feet 6 inches. Since he made the records—it was on September 9, 1916—George has failed to reach 190 feet. He was in service last season, however, and got little chance to compete. With Angier of Chicago, Arthur Tuck of the Multnomah A. C. of Portland, Ore., and others to push him, the New York A. C. star probably will have to uncork a record feat to win tomorrow.

On account of the way the West-coasters are performing it would not be at all surprising to see Bronder horn of his American laurels. George, in fact, has hurled the barbed spear more than 200 feet. The javelin thrower slowly but surely is gaining in popularity here and the American youths are becoming more proficient at the sport. It will not be long before the Yankee will menace the javelin throwing superiority of the Swedes and the Finns.

JOHNNY KILBANE TRAINS FOR CONTEST WITH BURNS

Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane is training for his coming bout with the veteran Frankie Burns, which is scheduled to be decided in the Jersey City baseball park on September 14. The long-haired fighter is getting into shape at Cleveland. This will be the second meeting of the pair. In 1912, soon after Kilbane annexed the title, he fought a fast round contest with Burns.

ZIM IS SUSPENDED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—Heinie Zimmerman, the Giants' third baseman, has been suspended by Manager McGraw for the balance of the season for a serious violation of club rules.

JANVRIN COMES BACK.

Hal Janvrin has come back to major league baseball, the St. Louis Cardinals taking him from Buffalo, whither he went at the behest of Clark Griffith, the Washington manager.

MULLEN WILL REMAIN.

Though a hopeless tail-ender, Seattle has done so well since Charlie Mullen replaced Bill Clymer as manager that the new man will be asked to start in fresh in 1920.

RED SOX SIGN EDGLEN.

Paul "Swede" Edgren, star pitcher of the Notre Dame varsity nine in 1916 and 1917, has signed for a trial with the Boston Red Sox. He was in the aviation service last season.

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