

CACTUS BOSSERS BEAT BANKERS; GAME VERY CLOSE AND EXCITING

Better Basket Throwing of the Bowman Brothers Gives Victory to the City League Champions; Harold Bowman Joins His Brothers; Schumacher and Bieffer Star For the Bankers.

CACTUS CLUB took revenge on the City National bank basketball team Saturday night, for the defeat handed out by the bankers two weeks ago. The City league champions won by a score of 22 to 16 in a bitterly-contested game on the Y. M. C. A. floor.

The teams were very evenly matched and only superior basket throwing by the Cactus gave them the victory. The Bowman men seldom missed when they had a chance at the basket, while Lyman and Shea, for the Bankers, had all kinds of tough luck in their shooting.

The bankers had good combination and matched their opponents, man for man, with the solitary exception of Demar Bowman, who was easily the best man on the floor. Honors for the bankers went to Henry Schumacher, who played a "whole of a game" in more ways than one.

George Bieffer was the big score getter for the bankers. He played his best game of the season. Shea and Lyman had a great tussle, with the honors about even.

Harold Bowman in Game. Harold Bowman, A. and M. college, Mesilla Park, joined his brothers on the Cactus team. He had some trouble working into the team combination but in the second half he was a part of the machine.

Bankers Take Early Lead. The bankers took a small early lead, but the club team soon evened up and for a time it was a toss-up in the

capital and the doctors there quickly learned what ailed him and marvelled that he had been able to endure the terrible agony of those weeks.

It will always be a mystery to the medical world how Courtney was able to perform his strenuous duties day after day while suffering from an injury that would have been fatal to 50 out of every 100 other men.

Didn't Know Race Over. For a long time Courtney hovered between life and death. And then he passed safely through the crisis and his reason came back. He asked the nurse to summon the doctor "right away, please."

When a physician came to his bedside, Courtney said: "Fix me up, quickly, doctor; I've got to coach my crews for the race. The boys need me. We've got to win this year."

The doctor looked at Courtney quizzically for a moment, smiled and said: "No need of that. The race is over—and the Cornell boys won."

Courtney was dumfounded. "What date is this?" asked Courtney. The doctor told him—and Courtney gasped.

"Why that accident happened to me nearly three weeks ago," he exclaimed. "I thought it was only yesterday. Who coached my boys down here in Poughkeepsie? Was it Johnny Hoyle?"

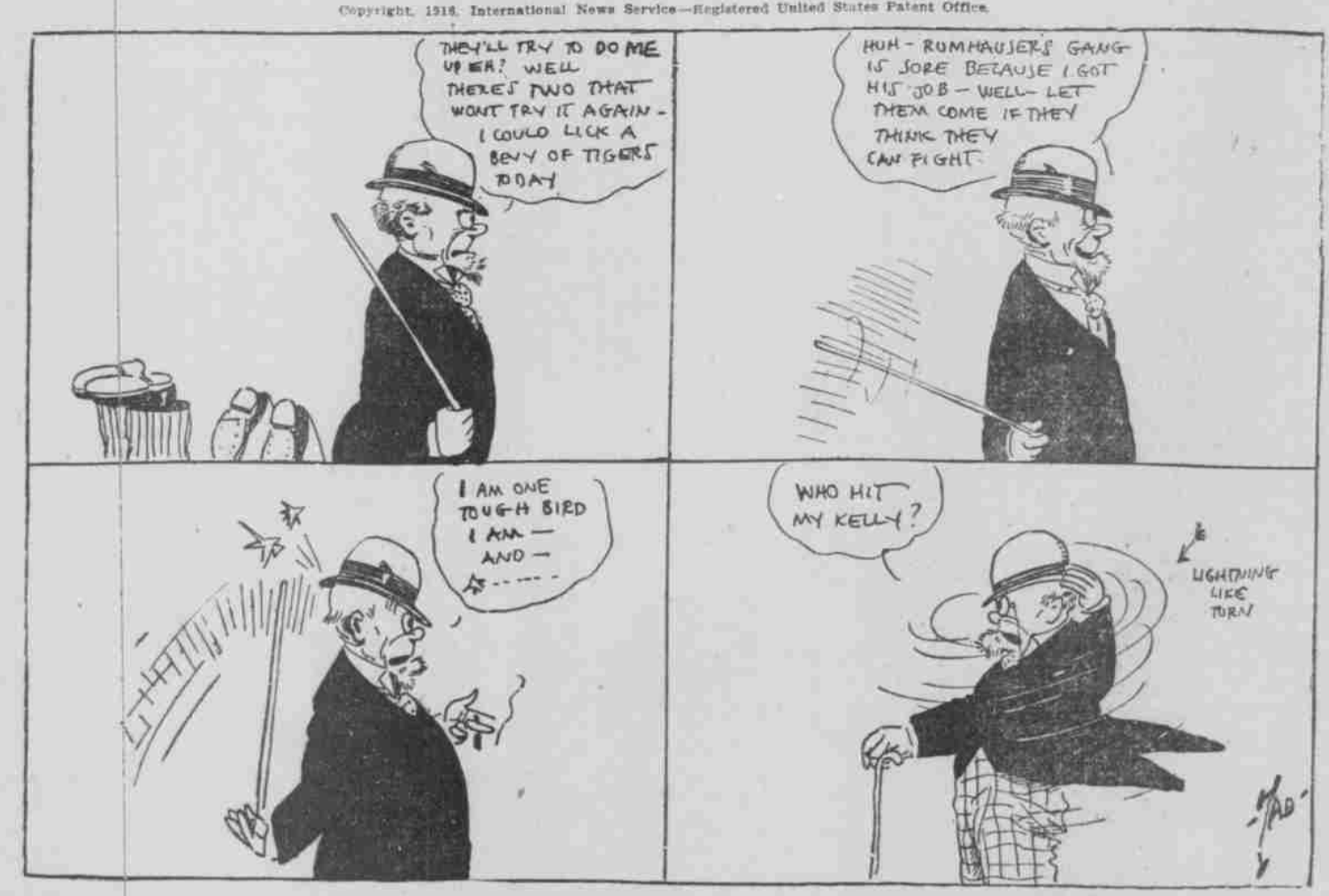
(Courtney's assistant.) "It was the physician's turn to be bewildered.

Remembered Being in Poughkeepsie. "Why you coached the crews, Mr. Courtney," he answered. "You coached them from the day they got to Poughkeepsie until the day before the race. Don't you remember anything about it?"

"No, nothing," replied Courtney. And then, after a pause: "I faintly recall now about being in Poughkeepsie. That's because I remember about a newspaper man coming to me and asking me some questions and later I went down to the bathhouse with him. That's all that comes back to me. As to my movements during the days since I was jolted in the train until now my mind is a blank."

OLD SIMP JINKS

BY TAD



Doping the 1916 Baseball Season With Hugh S. Fullerton

Table with columns: Team, Offence, Defence, Tot. Val. Rows include Cincinnati, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, St. Louis.

HERE is a puzzle. If the average value of a major league ball player in offensive play is seven, and if the pitchers and catchers have an average worth of less than five, what ought the defensive value of a third baseman be if his value in defensive play is only five per cent of the team?

Brooklyn ranks a close second. May be you do not realize how this Getz has come along. Getz there with both feet. If he could hit a little better—but then, he is a good waiter, and that helps.

Zimmerman is Third. In spite of his faults, Heinie Zimmerman is up there third. A bad ball player who ought to be the greatest the world ever has seen if he could control himself and do a little thinking. He can hit, but not in a pinch. He can win a game as brilliantly as he can throw it away.

St. Louis is Discouraging. St. Louis is rather discouraging as a prospect. There is nothing in the shape of a really competent third baseman down there. Zinn Beck does not promise any pennants. There is a young fellow from Texas named Hornsby who is touted as very promising material, but on the whole the chances of improving at third seem to lie in Beck getting better with experience.

Heard to Figure. It is a hard bit of doping to figure these third basemen. The Pittsburgh outlook is worst of all, but the chances are that before the season starts Callahan will get some punch into third base. The securing of Jimmy Smith, the peppery Fed infielder, may help Callahan solve this problem.

Heaven Are Very Mobile. Boston ranks up well. Smith is a pretty fair ball player now and he is carefully understood. Stalling is not taking chances on an injury wrecking his team and the more closely one examines his outfit the more cleverly one sees it is put together. He has the most mobile team in the league, and they can "double in brass" anywhere from first base to the outfield.

Grob is the Class. I do not think there is an argument but that Grob is the class of the league third basemen, provided he gives nothing and makes up with Herzog. I always thought Grob game and willing until he made his howl about playing under Herzog. Henry wants players who can stand the gaff and jump back at him and fight him as hard as he wants them to fight the other team.

Phillies Lead Giants. I was much interested in figuring Philadelphia in the Giants to see how their third basemen stack up—you remember they said Moran got all the worst of the trade. Well, the Phillies led by a scant margin. Lobert has not panned out. For years we all kept saying that if ever Hans got with a good club he would be a world beater. The truth is that he was not as good a ball player with the Giants as he was when he was smothering around for two and a half years. There were times during the period when the Giants were hustling and still hoping

ARIZONA UNIVERSITY TEAM DEFEATS TEMPE NORMAL

Tempe, Ariz., March 12.—Five errors, coupled with inability to connect with the elusive curves of Awa Porter of El Paso, caused the Tempe Normal school baseball team to lose to the University of Arizona, by a score of 3 to 0. Porter fanned 22 men out of 30 up and broke the season's airtight record for the Salt river valley. Two days before Mack Nevitt, the Normal pitcher, had fanned 14 Mesa high school players.

GIANTS BEST DALLAS IN PRACTICE GAME

Dallas, Texas, March 12.—The New York Nationals defeated the Dallas, Texas, league team, 5 to 1, here Sunday. Schauer, who started pitching for New York was supplemented by Schupp, because of weakness.

WHITE SOX TEAM GOES TO MINERAL WELLS CAMP

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—A special train departed from here Sunday night carrying a party of 22 Chicago American league players to the training camp at Mineral Wells, Texas.

NAVY MAY GIVE ARMY A FIGHT

If Football Stars Enter Annapolis, As Proposed, Navy Will be Great.

New York, March 12.—The announcement that Barrett of Cornell, Lake and Scott of Lafayette, and Walsh, Stark and Grant of Pennsylvania are to be examinations for entrance to the U. S. naval academy has set the eastern football world a-pace. The football stars of this caliber would make the navy eleven of 1916 invincible on paper at least.

Four of the six scored more points last fall for their respective colleges than the combined total score of both the navy and army teams. Barrett led the football world with 161 points; Lake scored 151; Walsh 100 and Scott 75. Stark and Grant after their troubles in Pennsylvania did not figure in the game, but their ability is well known.

To be sure the credits have Oliphant, who scored 62 points for the army including the entire 14 which the soldiers scored in the football game. The navy Oliphant and Barrett on opposite teams next autumn would lift the army-navy game into a cricket and attract thousands to the Polo grounds notwithstanding the Harvard-Yale game to be played on the same day less than 100 miles away.

Army Should Prepare. Still, Oliphant can hardly be expected to outscore the sextet headed for Annapolis. It appears as though the army should prepare. There are still some excellent players available as the following list, together with their 1915 point scores, will show: Talman, Rutgers, 125; Curry, Vanderbilt, 107; Gilroy, Georgetown, 96; Masterson, Virginia, 81; Bradburn, Pittsburgh, 75; Cawley, Colby, 58; Wilkinson, Syracuse, 58; and Mesham, Syracuse, 62.

New Generation Best Physically. A comparison of the physical records of present day and former classes at Yale discloses some interesting data regarding the improvement in generation by generation in the American man and boy. Comparing the physical statistics of the Yale classes of 1904 and 1912, it is seen that the freshman of today is one-fifth of a year younger when entering college, a full inch taller and one-third pound lighter and has more than one inch greater chest development than his father.

AMERICAN AMATEUR BOXERS WIN COPENHAGEN BOUTS. Copenhagen, Denmark, March 12.—American amateur pugilists were victorious in two of the three classes of the American-Danish boxing championships that were decided here Sunday. The winners were: 155-pound class—John Maloney of Philadelphia; Middleweight class—John Karpman of the Cleveland Athletic club; Heavyweight class—Valdemar Jensen of Denmark, who defeated William Spangler of New York.

Courtney Coaches Team To Victory

Mind Is Blank Throughout Race

NEW YORK, March 12.—A remarkable story concerning Charles L. Courtney, the veteran coach of the Cornell crews, has just come to light.

Courtney coached the Ithaca crews from the day they reached the Poughkeepsie camp last June, right up to race day—and remembered nothing about it.

On the way to Poughkeepsie, his skull was fractured near the base of the brain. He was in a Pullman compartment. The train stopped suddenly and Courtney's head banged up against the wooden end of his bunk.

The jolt smashed in the skull of the "grand old man of the water," but no one learned of Courtney's real trouble until two weeks later—not until Courtney had coached his big crew to a thrilling victory. And the strange part of it all was that Courtney drilled his crews for two weeks with his mind a blank as far as the present was concerned.

He Seemed Rational. The day after the accident Courtney was out with his boys, sending them through the paces. Day after day he did this. He appeared rational in everything he did and directed operations with the same unerring power that has been his for many years. Yet Courtney was out of his mind all that time, suffering with a head fracture that caused the bone to press on his brain, and rendering useless the recording part of that organ.

Fainted, Had Hemorrhages. Almost every night during those two or three weeks at Poughkeepsie the aged coach would be stricken with fainting spells, or would suffer hemorrhages. His assistant became alarmed and wanted to call a physician, but Courtney refused medical aid. In a subconscious way he knew something was radically wrong with him, but he feared to submit to an examination until his duty as coach was done.

Courtney sent his crews through their last stunts on the day before the big race and then, his work completed, he collapsed. He was taken to a hos-

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ALL accounts of the Welsh-Wol-gast affair at Milwaukee make it evident that Freddie Welsh can outbox the best of his opponents when he sets out to fight and he isn't averse to swapping punches either.

COMMERCIAL league baseball teams should take advantage of the absence of the army nines and arrange some games before the opening of the league season. So far, only one team has announced itself as ready for games but some of the other teams are expected to be ready by next Sunday.

SUNDAY'S golf at the El Paso Country club took the form of friendly matches and some good score cards were turned in. Dr. James Vance turned in 75.

STRICT referees can do a lot to help out the game of basketball and the work of A. L. Holm had a lot to do with the success of Saturday night's game at the Y. M. C. A.

BILL HURLEY, manager of the Las Cruces team last season, is prominently mentioned for manager of the Great Falls team in the North-western league, should a franchise be given the Smelter City. Bill's many friends in El Paso will wish him every success. He's a capable baseball leader and if he takes the club, it's a cinch that Great Falls will be right in the race.

ARMY preparations took precedence over army sport, Sunday, and both the baseball and soccer matches had to be called off. The local fans will regret to see the passing, even though temporarily, of the army teams from the local sport field.

EXHIBITION games for the major league baseball teams started on Sunday but a glimpse at the batteries makes it evident that the managers are taking no chances with their high salaried stars but are working with the "rookies." Schupp and Schauer, of the Giants, and Davenport and Kooib, of the Browns, were the only "regulars" to appear for more than an inning or two of pitching on Sunday.

RACING at Juarez is now on its last week of the season. Form is naturally at a discount.

ANOTHER trap will be in action at the Pass City Gun club's grounds by next Sunday but the single trap has plenty of action Sunday morning and some excellent scores were turned in.

JESS WILLARD is carded to fight Frank Moran a week from Saturday night. There's mighty little time left for Jess to work off that extra weight and we'll have some weird press agent stories in the next few weeks, if the wires are not kept too busy with war stuff.



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