

### BASKETBALL BOYS READY FOR FRAY

Many of Last Year's Scholastic Stars Will Be in Line Again This Season.

### CHAMPIONSHIP IS COVETED

Coaches Admit Strength of Opposing Teams, but Question of Superiority Is Not Expected to Be Settled Before March 5.

Prophesies made by interscholastic basketball coaches indicate that the coming season will witness one of the keenest struggles for the championship in the history of the game here.

The 1913 interscholastic basketball season opens Wednesday, when the Lincoln High School quintet meets the Hill Military five. The game will likely be played on the Lincoln gymnasium floor.

Coach Duke of the Jefferson High School basketball five, believes the Lincoln boys will have one of the strongest teams in the league.

The Washington basket throwers, who won the interscholastic championship last year, will have a strong team this year.

The Washington team plays its first game on January 22 with the Portland Academy team, the lightest in the league.

Jefferson Has Old Men. Hendrickson, captain, Galt and Lister, who all played on the crack Jefferson five last year, are with the team this year.

The regular members of the coming interscholastic teams have not been picked by the coaches yet.

The coaches of nearly all the teams believe that Callier's Columbia University quintet will be a dark horse in the race.

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Dr. Fenstermacher, Washington.

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### FAST MOTOR BOATS TO COMPETE TODAY

Oregon Wolf Favorite Over Swastika and Vamoose in Free-for-All Race.

### RIVER TO BE KEPT CLEAR

Twenty-Foot Class Contest to Follow With Swastika Counted as Likely Winner; Big Prize Event to Be Called at 2:30 P. M.

The Portland Motorboat Club's third annual Winter championships, postponed from New Year's Day, on account of high water and an accident to R. F. Cox's Swastika, will be staged on the Willamette River this afternoon.

Thousands Expected to See Race. Thousands of people gathered along the docks and bridges to witness the January 11 clash between these speedy craft and an even larger representation of enthusiasts is expected to be the postponed meeting of the water chasers.

But the free-for-all is not to be the only attraction this afternoon, for the officials of the various events: the official of the water chasers, Swastika, which is entered in both races, is the favorite in the smaller boat race, but the owners of the other speeders are confident that Cox's boat cannot negotiate the free-for-all and then do its best in the succeeding race.

The course will be five miles long, with the start at a point near the foot of Salmon street, taking the boats to Montgomery Dock No. 2, and then back up the river to the foot of Market street, above the Hawthorne street bridge.

The Portland Academy team will be outweighed about 10 pounds to a man, but I believe the boys will make the other teams work hard for victory just the same," said Coach Lee, of that institution.

Hill Boys Are Training. Captain St. Martin, of the Hill Military team, predicts that his men will have something to say about the championship. St. Martin has had his men out for hard practice regularly for the last few weeks and will have a strong five.

The 1913 interscholastic schedule does not say where the games are to take place, as it did last year. This season it has been left to the managers of the teams. The game between the Washington and Jefferson High Schools, which is scheduled to take place February 21, will be played on a neutral field, either at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club or Y. M. C. A.

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Clarke, Birmingham and Jake Stahl, outfield; Doolin, catcher; Callahan and Griffith, pitchers.

Jim Baskette, Cleveland pitcher, may play ball no more. While using fireworks during a Christmas celebration he injured an eye.

Ballplayers are bum actors, says Hugh Jennings. But any gink who will refuse an offer to go on the stage and pick up some of the soft junk ought to be put into a padded cell, averts Hughie. This is some slam at Roger Bresnahan, who scorns the footlights as unworthy of a diamond luminary.

Evers, Schulte, Sheekard and Reulbach are the only Cubs left who participated in less than two months, when 116 games were won.

Jack Warhop, the midget twirler of the Highlanders, has gained over 20 pounds in less than two months. He is picked to be a sensation during the coming campaign.

By changing the location of the law tennis courts at Newport, 2000 more people will witness the championships next summer. The courts are to be increased from 10 to 15.

Michael Dorizas, a Greek student at the University of Pennsylvania, heads the list of strong men at the Philadelphia institution. He exceeds in total strength his closest competitor by 225 kilos. In 9000 examinations since the system was installed, he has won the greatest number of points. He is also a crack wrestler.

Joe Tinker's troubles have become holdout. Cuban Marsans has become a holdout. He does not have to play ball as he comes of a wealthy family, but it hurts his pride to think that his services are rated too cheaply.

Christy Mathewson is a champion of college baseball. He says that the diamond games will thrive in colleges despite all efforts to kill it.

Sigma Delta Psi is a new athletic fraternity founded at the University of Indiana. For admission to full membership a student must attain the following marks in the various events: 100-yard dash, 9:11.5; 120-yard hurdles, 9:20; running high jump, 5 feet; running broad jump, 17 feet; shotput, 16 pounds, 30 feet; pole vault, 8 feet 9 inches; throwing baseball, 250 feet on fly; punting football, 40 yards on fly; three-mile run, 17:30; 10-mile walk, 2:00; tumbling front and back handspring and front dive. For admission to junior membership a student must attain the following marks: 100-yard dash, 6:12; 120-yard high hurdles, 9:20; running high jump, 4 feet 6 inches; running broad jump, 15 feet; shotput, 16 pounds, 25 feet; pole vault, 8 feet; throwing baseball, 30 yards on fly; punting football, 30 yards on fly; three-mile run, 20 minutes; 10-mile walk, 3 hours.

They are now talking of barring Charles Brickley, the Harvard football hero, from competition in amateur sports. He has secured several jobs through his notoriety as an athlete. Based on the action in the recent Washington case, this would prove sufficient to bar Brickley.

Adolph Gotch, a brother of the wrestling champion, broke his neck by falling out of a bathtub at his home in New York. He had the neck of a wrestler, such a death would have been practically impossible.

Ralph Slate, of the Albion soccer team of Jersey City, established what is believed to be an American record when he scored ten goals in one game.

Clark Griffith says that Chick Gandil, former Sacramento player, is the best first baseman in the game.

Basketball on roller skates is the latest sport in Cincinnati. However, the game was played in Spokane and other Northwestern cities a year or two ago.

Every time a bushier breaks into the majors he is called a youngster. But here is Carich, the new Nip catcher—a youngster of 22.



Washington High.

on the ball. He has been pitching for 12 years, but may still have a couple of good seasons in his arm.

Louis Lockart, an Indian pitcher, is the latest applicant for a job with the Beavers. He writes from Los Angeles that he would like a tryout for 1913. He had a chance with Los Angeles in 1911, but says that Dillon did not give him much a workout. He is 21 years old, stands five feet seven inches in height and weighs 167 pounds.

McCredie practically has decided on Visalia, Cal., as the scene of the 1913 Beaver training camp. He has turned down Fresno on account of poor park accommodations.

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COLLEGIANS WIN HARD GAME Corvallis Militiamen's Five Is Defeated, 15 to 13.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The Corvallis National Guard basketball team, composed of the Cate brothers, Tripp brothers' combination, assisted by "Skipper" Swan, gave the college quintet a close race in a 15-13 game played last night. In the second half the militiamen substituted Huber and Colbert.

The college used but six men during the game—Darling and Jarstedt both receiving a workout at center, Captain Burdick, Cooper, Jordan and Dewey completed the list of men who were in condition for last night's contest. May was kept out of the game by an injured foot and prospects do not look bright for his being able to round into shape for the Idaho games next week.

The permanent loss of Walker, due to an injury, and the temporary inability of May and King to appear for practice leaves Coach Stewart for the present with practically a one-team squad.

HAGERMAN, Who Clinched Championship of Island for Havana Reds, Defeating Mendez, Known There as "Chelito."

The speed and benders of Pacific Coast League twirlers look no terrors for "Rip" Hagerman, Portland's hurling star secured from Lincoln, of the Western League, for "Chelito," as he is known in Havana, won a Cuban championship for the Havana Reds in 1908, and won it in pitching duels with Mendez, the erstwhile mound hero of Cuba.

Sergeant Hunter, of Vancouver Barracks, coach and captain of the soldier football eleven, vouches for the pitching ability of Hagerman, for he saw the 1913 Beaver pitch the Havana Reds to victory over King Mendez at Havana.

"Hagerman was almost as popular with Havana fans as Mendez, and the latter owned the town," said the soldier, who was in Cuba in 1908. "They all called him 'Chelito' down there, not because Hagerman is converted into that name in Spanish, but because a Havana dandy named Chelito was madly in love with the pitcher and occupied a box in the grandstands every time Hagerman pitched."

"Hagerman must be a better pitcher now than he was then, but even in those days he would have been a valuable man on any AA club in the country."

Oscar Jones, the former Brooklyn and San Francisco pitcher who was reinstated at the last meeting of the National Commission, was given his unconditional release by the Seal management last week. Nick Williams, Bob Brown and other Northwestern League players were after Jones two years ago and now that he is again on the market Williams is investigating his condition with the idea of offering him a 1913 job with the Colts if reports on him are satisfactory.

"Jones was a great pitcher at San Francisco, and a year or two ago was winning over strong teams down in Central California," said Williams. "If he is in condition for pitching next season I would like to have him with the Colts. He had wonderful control in those days and had all kinds of 'stuff' on the ball."

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### BOWLERS ACHIEVE NOTABLE SCORES

Foresters' Team Tallies 2737 Pins in Series of Contests Upon Alleys.

KRAUSE'S RECORD NOTABLE

Leading Man on Team Makes 223, 248 and 234, Which Mark Is by Far Best One Made This Season in Any League.

The East Side Bowling League made its debut last week. The new ten-pin organization, composed of four teams rotating on the Imperial alley, commenced operations Friday night, the Tigers taking two games from the Myspice, 2151-2153.

The league, which has games scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, is composed of the following teams, with the captains named in each instance: Tigers, E. Patterson; Imperial Juniors, Johnston; Echo Thru, Joe Bratt; Mystic, J. S. Wellington.

The officers of the league are: George Neil, president; Frank Johnson, treasurer; W. P. Cooper, secretary. The schedule of games for next week is: Echo vs. Myspice, Tuesday night; Imperial vs. Tigers, Wednesday night.

The score of the Friday game: Myspice. Player—Pins—James. Smith 223 248 234 705. Brooks 197 171 176 486. Meier 154 144 131 429. Wellington 231 92 147 470. White 173 173 223 569. Total 829 615 708 2153.

Many bowling records toppled before the onslaught of the ten-pin artists last week, the Foresters, of the Commercial League, breaking four records: the Honeyman team, of the same league, established two new marks and the Dwight-Edwards five, of the City League, also figuring in the sensational performances.

The Foresters shattered all Commercial League figures on Wednesday night. The team rolled 951 for high single game, 2737 for high three games, and Krause, a member of the five, rolled 248 in one game and 705 for three, the record for Krause is by far the best of the season for any league, and the record for several years of league rolling. His three games were 223, 248 and 234.

The Honeyman Hardware Company quintet reduced the Foresters' mark to 974 for one game and 2893 for three, while the Dwight-Edwards five lowered the City League record for single game of the season to 1934, and came within nine pins of the Powers' mark of 2839 for high three games.

The following are the standings of the City Commercial and the Big Four Leagues to date: City League. W. L. Pct. Meier & Frank 13 9 467. Powers 13 9 429. Dwight-Edwards 13 15 353. Telegraphers 12 12 319. Three Kings 12 11 311. Weonas 8 19 298. Commercial League. Honeyman 19 5 432. White Cross 14 7 467. Foresters 13 11 467. Meier & Frank 13 11 441. Wright & Dixon 12 15 440. Telegraphers 12 15 438. City Hall 12 17 370. Dooly & Co. 12 21 325. Big Four. Imperial 21 3 472. Telegram 14 10 362. D. K. Higgins 13 14 313. Shoe Dogs 3 21 223.

Captain Heath, of the Weonas, the tall-end team of the City League, is after several men to strengthen his line-up. He has signed R. H. Hemphill, a Pittsburg bowler, and has one or two more on the string.

Substitute Loses Contest. There was no play, it was decided, that Donie was out. Bush knew it, but he just couldn't refrain from showing his feelings. Jennings sent Red Corridon to short, it was just Red's luck to make a couple of boots, which gave Washington enough runs to win the game. Of course Bush might have played both balls the same way, but he merely wanted to express his disgust at the break in luck. Unfortunately for Bush and myself, there was just enough wind that day to carry the ball in the direction of the clubhouse. He tried to explain that it was all an accident, but I was in no mood to listen.

Washington came into Detroit on its invasion of the West last Summer with nine straight wins to its credit. The club had won the last game in Boston, and cleaned up four straight at Chicago and St. Louis. The first game in Detroit resulted in a victory, making 10 wins.

Jean Dubuc and Bob Grooms were the stars of the National Cashier Tiger series. Both pitchers had been going at top speed, and a great contest was looked for. Grooms got away to a bad start in his first game, but escaped with only one run scored, and that on a disputed decision. Bob covered the plate on the play at the plate, and it was my opinion that Grooms had fallen to touch Gainer. I so ruled. Bob thought otherwise, and kicked so strenuously that I was forced to put him out of the game. A couple of men were on the bases at the time, and it looked as if the Tigers would clinch it in the opener and break the winning streak of the National Cashier.

The Detroit Tigers were victorious in returning the side without further scoring. Detroit scored another run in the sixth, through no fault of Grooms' pitching. When Washington went to bat in the first of the ninth the score was 2 to 0 against them; when the inning was over it was 3 to 2 in their favor. The score by which they won, Grooms wasn't himself that day, and I doubt if he would have been able to hold the Tigers. Our argument saved his bacon, and Cashier, who took his place, pitched masterly ball.

### "KICKS" AGAINST UMPIRES COSTLY

Official by Banishing Players From Field Can Cripple Team.

### SUBSTITUTES LOSE GAMES

Occasional Mistakes in Decisions Admitted by "Billy" Evans but Says They Are Unavoidable and Beyond Remedy.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—If it hadn't been for that poor decision by the umpire, we would have won today," is a remark that is often heard as the crowd files out of the park after the home team has been defeated. On the other hand, you seldom if ever hear the fans say, "If it hadn't been for that favorable decision by the umpire we would have lost." Such is the case, however; just as often as the other, but the fans see only the rulings that go against them—never the close verdicts that are given in their favor.

Umpires are human. They are always to the contrary, and being human they err. Umpires give the plays just as they see them. When they render a ruling, they always at that particular moment believe such a decision is the only correct one. A moment later it may be evident to them that they have erred, but there is no way to correct the incorrect verdict. They must stand on the books forever.

Naturally, these mistakes that are made by the umpire, are a prominent part in the different games. Unfortunately for the umpire, they are seldom given credit for the countless correct decisions they render. They are always discredited, though, for any apparent mistakes they seem to have made. One team must benefit by every ruling, right or wrong, or the other must suffer. One club is pleased the umpire so rendered the play; the other team is willing to make affidavit that the official is a stone blind.

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