

BASKETBALL FIVES PREPARE TO PLAY

With Ten Teams in League in Two Divisions, Successful Season Is Expected.

MANY VETERANS ARE GONE

Winners of Title in Each Division of Interscholastic Association Will Clash at Season's End for Championship.

A little more than one more week of practice and the ten teams in the two divisions of the Interscholastic League will be ready to start the 1918 interscholastic basketball season...

Last year there were nine teams in the league and with the entry of Christian Brothers' Business College, it brings the total up to 10 teams...

Race Is Close

The season will open on January 23. Jefferson High School won the championship last year, winning seven games and losing none.

Couch Jamison will put an entirely new team in the field this year. Not one man of even last year's second team is back at Jefferson and he will have to start the season with a clean slate.

Among the boys that Jamison is depending upon for his first-team material are Ed Anderson, Scroggins, Art Brogerson, Ralph Thayer, Pratt, Louis Coulter, Ike Stentzen, George H. Crook.

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1-IRA D. MIX. 2-R. H. STINSON. 3-L. B. DUNIWAY. 4-ROBERT MORTON. 5-CLAYTON 'CUTIE' SHARP, MANAGER.

CAREER IS SUCCESS

Kentuckian Leads in Production of Fast Race Horses.

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BY W. H. GOCHER.

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SPORTS TO FIT WAR

Participation of All Students in Athletics Needed.

N. C. A. A. PLANS TOLD

New Programme of Looking After Physical Welfare of All Regarded Essential Factor in Winning Conflict.

BY A. D. BROWNE, M. D.

Director of men's physical education at Oregon State Agricultural College, secretary Pacific Coast Collegiate Conference, member executive committee National Collegiate Athletic Association.

A willingness to discard intercollegiate athletics as a spectacle and to make them secondary to a programme encouraging all students in athletic participation characterized the discussions at the conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association held in New York City during the holidays.

College presidents, faculties, alumni, directors, managers and coaches were present from all parts of the country.

Out of the haze of uncertainty which surrounded intercollegiate athletics following the entry of the Nation into war, has come the fixed purpose to continue athletics only so far as it is compatible with a successful conduct of the conflict.

Physical Men Are Needed

The country has a tremendous job on its hands, and everything must be made subservient to the needs of the year—the war. All business, all enterprises, must be adjusted, and all individual endeavors must be centralized on helping the Government to throw into the war overabundant military training men, whether they are on the front in Flanders or in the shipyards and factories at home.

Many evils that have been associated with intercollegiate athletics during the past 20 years gradually have been eliminated. The war is shaking us violently from our familiar standards, and developing a selective few for the purpose of entertaining a vast crowd to the new programme of bringing every man into the game.

Programme Is Indorsed

The Government has asked for it. President Wilson, Secretaries Baker and Daniels and officials of the Army and Navy have indorsed the great physical benefits to be derived from athletic participation, but they have gone further and have appealed to all sport-governing associations to make athletics out of every man in college and school.

Athletics should be made a military essential during the war. Many colleges suspended athletics in order to arrange for a military programme. It was the opinion of educators and Government officials that it was not necessary to carry on military training at the expense of physical education, but that a programme should be arranged whereby physical training and military training could co-operate and work harmoniously.

Just as the military experts have had to change their methods of training soldiers so physical directors must map out an emergency programme and formulate a plan of physical education which will contribute the best aid to military preparedness.

Harrisburg Beats Springfield

HARRISBURG, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special)—The Harrisburg High School basketball team defeated the Springfield High School team here last night, 35 to 19. The game was fast and snappy from start to finish.

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CLEAN LIVING IS BIG FACTOR, SAYS HOPPE

Good Habits, Patience and Hard Work Essential to Win Billiards Honors.

ADVICE GIVEN AMATEURS

Balkline Champion Says Game Requires Nerve, Endurance and Skill—Number of Finished Players Is Increasing.

BY WILLIE HOPPE.

World's Champion Billiardist.

Let me say, in the first place, that it is not impossible for any young player to become a world's champion. It is not easy, perhaps. It requires work; lots of work. It takes patience, because you must be master of yourself. And it takes a clean life. You can't make a hairline shot if you dissipate. Clean living is more essential to the one at the top in billiards.

Ty Cobb and Hal Chase had to work hard to get where they are in baseball. They could not maintain their wonderful eyes if they dissipated. Benny Leonard is a boxing champion, and he got there by taking care of himself in the proper manner. Billiards is a game that calls for the iron nerve, the physical endurance and the infinite patience even more than any other sport.

Practice Brings Reward

Personally, I believe I was a born billiard player and that my present position of being without any competitors is due to the fact that my natural inclination to the game has been supplemented by years of unceasing practice—and more practice—plus careful training. It is a commonly known fact that neither Ives nor Schaefer ever took the proper care of themselves. They took things easy and enjoyed themselves.

I think that there are more good billiard players in the country today than there were when I started, but I believe there is plenty of room at the top. Those in the front rank, if I may be allowed to exclude Ives and Schaefer, have not reached the standard set by those two old-timers—Ives and Schaefer. My scores at balkline speak for themselves.

Good Players Increase

I think Ives and Schaefer were better players than the group rated just below me, but I am confident that there are hundreds of good billiard players today where there were scores but a few years ago. However, there is a big difference between being a good player and a champion.

I think credit for the tremendous advancement of the game is due to E. R. Benjamin, my former manager, who is a wonderful missionary for billiards. He is always elevating the game, curbing the rowdy element and putting billiards where it belongs as the pastime of a gentleman.

There are so many ways that the ordinary player can improve his game. First gather some knowledge of the technique. Then, in practice, learn the draw shot. Practice this faithfully. Next learn to control the balls. Take up the simple cushion corner. Master the new ball and always practice, practice, practice. I spend four or five hours at the table every day.

Self-Mastery Is Urged

I've seen players miss an easy shot and swing the cue around in anger. Some quit the game in a huff when a draw goes wrong. Don't master your passions. The beginner should play with nonchalance. Don't start with balkline. Take up straight rail. That is a grand game for any player.

Watch experts play whenever possible. To play good billiards is necessary to see good billiards. Do you think I'm kidding you? I've never seen a player who never saw his rivals in action? Certainly not. You must see the fine points demonstrated. Try some of the shots you see yourself.

Use the cue. Think before you shoot. Headwork is essential. If you have an important match ahead train for it. I always diet carefully. I avoid sweets and drink coffee, not tea, and never smoke. These things are detrimental to my nerves, hence affect my game.

I'm always glad to meet the amateur. They are the backbone of the game. Maybe one of them will be my successor some day.

LOUDERMILK IS STAR

PITCHER EXPECTED TO SHINE IN 1918 WITH BROWNS.

Fine Record Made With Columbus Club of American Association During 1917 Season.

Grover Loudermilk, whom Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, expects to be his premier twirler next season, proved the most effective pitcher in the twirlers in the American Association during the 1917 season while Grover was hurling for Joe Tinker's Columbus Club. Loudermilk wound up the 1917 season with the Browns and pitched wonderful ball.

In a total of 50 games Loudermilk was scored on 97 times, had 67 earned runs charged against him for an average of 1.39 runs a game, was hit safely 24 times, gave 128 free passes and struck out 250 batsmen, but his wild pitches and hit batsmen errors totaled 24.

Ranking second to Loudermilk is Goodwin, of Milwaukee, with an average of 1.91 runs for 27 games, followed by Nicholas, of St. Paul; Fred Falkenberg, Indianapolis; Vance, Toledo; Day, Louisville, and Fillingim, of Indianapolis. Holding positions far below in the ratings are many former twirlers who have seen service in both major leagues.

In the won and lost column the honors are carried off by Davis, of Louisville. Participating in 44 games, Davis is given credit for 23 victories and 11 defeats. In 12 of these he was taken off the mound, while he finished seven contests. Close behind Davis comes Fillingim, the Indianapolis twirler, with 20 victories and nine defeats. He engaged in 35 contests, Jack Northrup, of Indianapolis, is third with 20 wins and ten losses. Falkenberg, Nicholas and Lowmeyer earned the next places in order.

The hardest worked pitcher in the league was C. Thomas, of Minneapolis, who figured in no less than 62 games. He won 20, lost 24, was taken out ten times and finished 17 contests.

