BASKET SHOOTERS IN CENTER OF ATHLETICS

By Sportsman.

Basketball now occupies the center of the stage, and from now until the early part of March the big collegiate games will follow in rapid succession and the hopes based on months of practice will be realized or shattered. Basketball is unique in one particular and that is, while being a game that emphasizes most thoroughly the value of team play, it requires at the same time that each player be a highly skilled specialist.

In football it is possible to win with

one or two weak members on the team, but in barketball, if there be a single bers of the basketball league, but they flaw or a weak member there is little are both playing the game and getting hope for success. Of all games played the sport on a good basis in their re-by our American youth, basketball holds spective institutions. The University the palm for speed, strenuous, aggres- of Oregon has been handleapped by lack

It is surprising that a game as young Eugene. as basketball is could find a welcome place in the lives of American sportsmen. When James Naismith nailed a with Washington State College, and the couple of peach baskets to the watl of University men will doubtless meet the the old gymnasium at the Springfield training school, and taking a rubber football urged his fellow students to take a try at the new game he had invented, none of the group who were in at the birth of basketball, realized what an immense place it would fill in the athletic life of our people.

Thousands Play It. This was in 1892 and since that day thousands and thousands of American

vogue. The A. A. U. rules have been bound adopted by the athletic clubs and Y. laurels that they won last year. M. C. A. of the country, and are played by many secondary schools. Then we have the girls' rules-a set compiled for the benefit of feminine players who teams of the university of Oregon and might find the men's game somewhat O. A. C. will meet at Eugene in a fourthere is the professional set of rules team. This is a splendid arrangement, and in the New England states and should have been done years ago. Pennsylvania especially, the profes- As a matter of fact, the northwest is sional game has a big winter follow- big enough and important enough, aththat is entirely enclosed by a net and cross-country run in which all of for this reason is known as the cage distance men representing the various game.

The set of rules that is most satisfactory to college men is the collegiate code, and as this set of rules is arranged by representatives of the leading universities and colleges of the country, they have found general acceptance among the educational insti-

Game Much Paster.

The game as played by the collegians is much faster than the game as played by the athletic clubs and Y. M. C. A. This is largely due to the fact that greater freedom is allowed in dribbling and there are not so many technicalities that are pensized by the west will gain additional prestig calling of fouls. This year, with the distance flyers that we develop.

organization of the Northwest Confer

sive, fighting speed. The teams must of facilities, but with the new gymnas-be trained to go for 20 minutes without a letup, for to falter is to lose in the great indoor game.

Washington's Good Spirit.

A game has already been arranged with Washington State College, and the Collegians at Corvallis sometime later in the season. The University of Washington basketball men are deserving of considerable credit for the sportsmanlike way in which they have taken up the game. They did not receive the support of the athletis association and therefore the members of the team assumed all responsibility and have fin-anced their own season to date.

They must have a first class team as boys and girls have benefited and the scores that they have piled up gained in physical strength by playing against teams along Puget Sound and the game. While busketball permits in British Columbia indicate superior of marvelous individual skill and de- class. They will journey into Oregon mands superb teamwork, it has the early in March, meeting both the Oreadded value of being enjoyed by the novice as well as by the expert. It would be hard to estimate the number of people who play basketball in a single season, but as every small tests promise to be the best of the year that the great level to be the best of the year that the great level to be the best of the year. town and every high school, college as the two great institutions are anx-and preparatory school are represented lous to take and maintain a place at the by teams, the total number must be top of the league. W. S. C. has a strong There are several sets of rules in over Idaho, but O. A. C. players are retain the championship

Cross-Country Bun.

On February 22 the cross-country strenuous and physically harmful. Then mile race. Five men will run for each This game is played in a court letically, to have each year a big open

> Long-distance running will never amount to much unless cross-country racing is fostered. Occasionally, a good man may be developed, but the average the will always remain low unless there is greater participation in the distances.

mile and two-mile runs. As it is now, the performances in these events are uniformly mediocre, and it is only rarely that a man demonstrates exceptional ability in these distances. Let us have more country running, and the whole northwest will gain additional prestige of the

Name of Machine Is "Noiseless Napier," Which Is Mighty Powerful.

"The Noiseless Napier." the first English and the second foreign car to represented by an agency in Portland, was placed in the hands of the Van Matre-Landy Automobile company James W. Van Matre and C. C. Landy compose the firm, with headquarters at 503 Alder street. They have been in automobile repair business for some little time, but only recently entered the field as agents. The Napier car is manufactured in

London, England, and is one of the most powerful cars manufactured. The engine is guaranteed to make 90 horsepower, but in reality can make close 150 horsepower. The company builds cars which can carry from to two to 25 persons. They are the most successful of English machines.

The "Noiseless Napier," as the car is termed in England, has made its de-but in Portland most auspiciously. The firm has already contracted to deliver a car to R. L. Bewely of 761 East Yamhill street. It is to be a 60 horsepower six cylinder car, with a 134 inch wheel base and a 36 by four and one half inch tire. The cylinders are cast in pairs and are five and a half bore by- four inches stroke. The machine has three speeds forward and one reverse and has a Napler syncranized battery and coil and magneto.

The Napier cars are all equipped with a new wheel in use in England now. known as the Rudge-Whitworth patent detachable wire wheel. The manufacturers guarantee that the wheel can be changed in 10 seconds. It carries the regulation pneumatic tire, and upon injury to either wheel or tire, a change can be made.

PUBLIC PICKS HORSES

(Continued from Preceding Page.) year-olds and upward, selling-Adena. to 1, won; Mollie Montrose, second; Round and Round, third, Time 1:11 2-5.
Three and one half furlongs, two-year-olds, purse—Frank Ruhstaller, 7 to 10, won; Indora, second; Grenida, Time 1:42 2-5.

upward, selling—Marburg, 3 to 1, won; will be gone until just before the time Madeline Musgrave, second; Father for the annual meeting of the Portland Stafford, third. Time 1:11 1-5.

Automobile club, the first week in Six furlongs, selling-Rossiare, 9 to April.

10, won; Dareington, second; Alder Gulch, third. Time 1:13 2-5. Mile and 70 yards, three-year-olds selling-Keep Moving, 13! infield and outfield. d unward. to 10, won; Sink Sprink, second; Buckthorn, third. Time 1:45. Five and half furlongs, three-year-

Tampa Results.

First race, five furlongs-Pio Pico, to 10, won; Clalborne, second; Anna Donahue, third. Time, 1:04 %. Second race, five and a half fur-longs—Jack Dennerlin. 3 to 1, won;

Third race, seven furlongs-Nebulo-Saufley, third. Time, 1:32 4-5. Fourth race, 1 mile and 70 yards-Kercheval, 7 to 10, won; Autumn Girl, econd: Bannock Bob, third. Time

1:51 2-5.* Fifth race, five furlongs—Cloisteress 3 to 1, won; Lottle Darr, second; Lucul-lus, third. Time, 1:03 4-5. Sixth race, six furlongs-Punky, 2, won; Dry Dollar, second; Clygnsic, third. Time, 1:7114.

Jacksonville Results. First race, five and a half furlongs-

Isabel Casse, 2 to 1. won; Ryestraw, second; Lady Stalwart, third. Time, one mile-Smug, 12 to won; Fullfill, second; Fair Louise, forth strategy helps to cope with the me. Time, 1:41 2-5.

Third race, six furlongs-Jack Atkin won; Magazine, second; John Griffon, third. Time, 1:12 2-5.

Pulka, 8 to 1, won; Old Honesty, sec-ond, Sotemia, third. Time, 2:06 2-5. Fifth race, six furlongs-Dr. Barkley won; Top Note, second; Campeon, third. Time, 1:124-5. Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth-

High Rank, 6 to 1, won; Paradise Queen, second; John Carroll, third. Time,

E. HENRY WEMME GOES SOUTH FOR HEALTH

President E. Henry, Wemme, of the Portland Automobile club, has been ordered by his physician to leave Portland for six weeks at least, and to forget all his business troubles. Managing of the Overlook Land company, of which of the Overlook Land company, of which ger is naturally greater. A throw to he is president, and of the Portland the inside of the bag, that is, between Automobile club have proved too great a strain on Mr. Wemme, and he will leave for the south this morning.

In his trip Mr. Wemme will include New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He will be in New Orleans during the Mard! Gras and expects to be able to Futurity course, three-year-olds and forget all his trouble at that time. He Automobile club, the first week in

HAL CHASE TELLS HOW TO PLAY BASEBALL



By Hal Chase.

First baseman of the New York Americans and acknowledged to be one of the greatest ball players who ever pulled on a spiked shoe.)

The first base position offers better prospects in baseball today than any have high-class performers in the half, the initial sack than any other position on the diamond. In the old days hitting ability was the first essential of suc cess. First basemen generally were big men. They were selected solely as tar gets for the rest of the infielders. The covered little ground. Today it is different. A first baseman is not only

Five and half furiongs, three-yearolds and upward, purse—John H. Sheehan, even; Bellwether, second.

signed me when I first entered profesmost as rare as a left named of the play is successful. But if he
baseman now is. Fred Tenney was the
falls to connect, it is almost as disastrous
glad to tell to others. It may help
inated the sacrifice killing play. That
which I threw three times at the outsuccess. There is nothing so absolutely

necessary as beginning properly. Should Have Long Reach.

A first baseman should be possessed of better than average reach. He has casar, second; Morpeth, third. Time, to handle wide as well as perfect throws. He must be agile. He must be accurate in throwing and as accurate in timing sus, 7 to 5, won; Okenite, second; Judge and receiving throws. And he must possess that activity and nimbleness that win protect him from collision with runners.

Whether or not the most important, the first baseman is but one part of a machine. Each player must, of course, thoroughly understand his fellow. It is for this reason that secret, simple signals, known only to the club using them, are used. Every man must know ex-actly the sort of ball the pitcher will deliver-the outfielder so that he may "plant" himself at the nearest spot to which a fly is likely to fall, the infielder so that he may shift his position to intercept a ground ball or liner. Calculations will at 'times go awry. But the fact that every expected play calls

No Set Playing Bules.

There are no set rules for playing any position. No two plays happen exactly the same way. Right hand batters have a tendency to hit toward left field and vice versa, but there are so many exceptions as almost to disprove The first baseman's duties are many

He is most responsible for an opponent reaching his station. Until he gets to first a player is harmless. In addition the first baseman must lend every aid in accurate throwing, relaying and backing up of throws to others, Also he must be alert to connive with the battery in catching a runner off his base, for it is easier to do this at first than any other base.

As the great majority of outs happen baseman is often exposed to danger. To a left handed first baseman the danthe base and the runner-naturally draws the fielder into the danger zone. featherweight wrestling championship. A right-handed fielder, with his glove on the left hand, can reach out and pluck

the ball from off the runner without endangering his own safety. Harry Davis, of the Athletics, at his best, was perhaps the most skilled at this trick. Still, if he but remember that touching any part of the bag with the least por-tion of the foot is as good as planting himself in the middle, any first sacker nay soon learn to protect himself. To to this it is necessary to be able to shift to either foot quickly.

Throw Inside Bag.

A throw to the inside of the bag generally play by keeping my right e on the sack and my body as far out in foul territory as possible. I use left foot for an outside throw. One must always figure quickly on a position best suited for protection in case

up a situation quickly and correctly, association. Ski tournament at Still-For instance, it is the player who gets water, Minn. South Atlantic indoor away to the right place at the crack stletic championships at Baltimore. of the bat that shines. For a slow man Annual Indoor invitation meet of the play deepest. These are some men in Boston Athletic association, the American league for whom I can go meet of the Richmond College Athletic out almost to right field without danger.

Many times I have been joshed by the are sure every team mate knows your bleachers for this. In foreign cities they purpose. Dash at the start of the pitch, accuse me at times of grand stand play. The player will instantly tip his hand. But you must remember that the deepest of he intends to cross you. If he tries HERE'S A MASCOT WHO you play the more chance you have to to hit it out, stop short. That will give get a ball hit in your direction. Play you a better chance to go over to either as deeply as possible at all times; but side of a grounder. not too deeply to prevent getting to There is no reason why we should not other. Fewer real experts are playing your station for any sort of a throw in

case some one else handles the ball. Somehow the fielding end of it came natural to me. I did not have much trouble in gauging throws. But no two nfielders throw the same way.

Southpaw Better Pitted.

I believe a left-handed first baseman s better fitted for the position than a right hander. He uses the left hand expected to get all sorts of throws, but for throwing. This makes a snap throw cover as much ground as the rest of to second or third much easier. He the infield. Unless he can hold up this naturally faces these bags. The right shortstop who covers can often put the parent of the seasons hire me. All I want is eighten the infield. Unless he can hold up this naturally faces these bags. The right shortstop who covers can often put the hander has to turn round, losing valuball on him before he can get back. The last mascot the Yankee bags are when he kept had was two years are when he kept I have played every position on the able time. As to throwing to the plate. at either style except I broke into the there is no advantage game as a college pitcher. First base, I believe the time will come when a except helpers, however, is my specialty. It was as- right handed first baseman will be almost as rare as a left handed third gets the throw no harm is done, whether glad to tell to others. It may help insted the sacrifice killing play.

some unknown boy up the rocky road of is, on a bunt to him he tried for the man that was to be advanced. I did take the throw. It is naturally an take the throw, it is naturally an one was on hand to take the throw.

It was as natural for me to do it as to play for the plate with the bases full and none out. play is more difficult. He loses too much time in turning after batting the ball. It takes good tools to do good work.

That is why one should stick to the glove that gives him best results. I use a rather small glove, with very little pad-ding, for I have found it much easier to handle ground balls with. My advice is never to use a new glove in real play before it is thoroughly broken in. It never pays to become careless,

one knows this better than myself, for t is one of my worst faults. The maority of my errors crop out on the easiest chances. Often I feel so sure of a play that appears casy that I make it efore the ball arrives. There is no play so easy as to be a dead certainty. A ground ball or throw will bound differently to you almost every day. A baked diamond is naturally lively. A muddy, wet infield is dead. On the first

ball will bounce like rubber. On the latter it will stop or hug the ground. Never shirk preliminary practice. player cannot too well know the peculiaritles of the ground which he covers.

Now, as to a few tricks that will help first baseman after he has mastered his position. For a left hander the sacrifice bunt killer is about the most important. Never attempt it unless you

CALENDAR OF SPORT FOR THE WEEK

race in First regiment armory, Newark, J., Paul Moore vs. Johnny Daly, 10 Second annual speed skating

Flynn at Los Angeles. Art Edmunds vs. Ernie Sunberg at Winnipeg, for Wednesday-Annual bonspiel of Manltoba Curling association opens in Win-Opening of ice race meeting of Dufferin Driving club at Toronto. New England indoor ice skating cham-pionships at Boston. Annual St. Valentine's golf tournament starts at Pine-hurst, N. C. Opening of annual show of Westminster Kennel club in New York.

Thursday-Annual schedule meeting of New England league of baseball clubs at Boston. Eddie O'Connell vs. M. Matsuda, Japanese, at Portland, for welterweight wrestling championship. Friday—Annual tournament of International Bowling association opens in St. Paul. Annual tournament of Northwestern Whist association opens in Minneapolis, Racquet championship tournament for gold racquet starts at Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

Saturday-Eastern amateur outdoor skating championchip at Newburg, N. The territory covered depends on a skating championship at Newburg, N. fielder's speed to a great extent. But Y. Snowshoe and skating champion-speed must be backed by ability to size ships of Montreal Amateur Athletic

Snap Throw Used.

A snap throw to second or third following a play at first, will often get a man running ahead of the batter. As first is the only base which it is possible to overrun, a player on a close with the New Yorks, though if you sprint will often be unable to pull up short at second or third. Especially is this true when he finds he is not drawdon't want me I may go with ing the throw. In this case he does not have to show the sack if he has to hustle to the sack if he has to hustle to the sack if he has to hustle to the seasons hire me, All I want is eightern the sack and traveling excan put it over a billiken 40 ways frum

This is a dangerous play to attempt. If the man who covers second emergency play, which must be pulled so quickly that the first baseman has to depend on the intelligence of his For a right hander the fellows to put it through. There is no chance for secret signals in this one. A right hander can work the trick equally well on a proper throw from the second buseman.

not have it that Jeffries "outboxed" him or proved the "cleverer" in their last contest in San Francisco. tempts to pull to pieces my articles in his speed.

NAUGHTON TELLS HOW

In a recently published article Jim atfavor of Jeffries on the occasion referred to, and as is his wont when quench me in the most gentlemanly manner possible.

By W. W. Naughton.

There is one thing I can say for Corbett. It has been my privilege at various times during the last quarter of a century-anyhow since 1886-to criticise Jim-not always harshly by any means -and I cannot recall that my bluntness ever brought me a scowl from the fellow I saddled with the fighting nickname of "Pompadour Jim."

Corbett Ready to Admit.

He was always pleased to meet and converse with; always ready to admit that a sporting editor had a right to an honest expression of opinion, no matter ow unpleasant reading it might make. But argument is argument, and here's at you. Jim.

In dissecting my views he says: "No. I'll tell you what gave sporting writer an idea that Jeffries outboxed me in that San Francisco fight. In the second round of that contest Jeffries caught me with a hard left swing in the short ribs, that knocked all the strength out of me, and consequently robbed me of my speed,"

Jim Says a Lot.

That will do for the present. Jin says a whole lot more, but it is too long department of endeavor who did not to quote, and I don't wish to garble it. consider himself or herself master of all I think I can make my point from the

extract above given.

Corbett was trained to the minute for that fight. He gave himself special preparation, in fact, and hoped by the only asked me prior to his fight with use of crowbars, glant dumbbells and other weighty apparatus to be able to gather some of the Jeffries strength on of me after the affair if I did not think to the Corbett cleverness, and thus make he had made good in his ante-conte a combination that couldn't be next. He had all the confidence that came

from the knowledge that the world considered him a paragon of pugilistic sci-He had the self-reliance that son, admittedly Australia's premier heavyweight. He had the further selfreliance that came to him from the fact ning of a clever boxer, rather than the "he had made a monkey" of Jeffries for over 20 rounds at Concy Island. How It All Happened.

He started out on this second fight lear brained, stout lunged, limber musled and nimble footed. He began to afraid that Jeff would affect his fiddle and feint, to bewilder and tangle the giant in front of him; yet to take duction employed.

No more mascots for the New York

American league team. Frank Farrell,

owner of the club, received this letter

"Dear mister Farul-I am a masco

I am an all round mascot and

It is safe to say this "all

put of a job and want to hook up for

had was two years ago, when he kept

the team in hot water all the time

Farrell was kept busy keeping the boys

round mascot" will not get a berth.

BOXING SMOKERS

(Continued From Preceding Page.)

like one of the best breadwinners among

the tiny fellows. He is little past 20

years old and has the constitution of

Bag Punching Artist.

mageot.

polar bear.

JEFF OUTBOXED ACTOR San Francisco, Feb. 5.-Jim Corbett his plans and knocked all his knowlcocked has "with a hard left hand swing

in the short ribs" that knocked all the strength out of him and robbed him of Isn't that being outboxed? I think so And what does being outboxed mean, dealing with adverse critics, tries to anyhow? Isn't it the winner who out swims or outruns the other man or

er men? Of course it is A little further along Jim says: I'm simply using this explanation show my readers that Jeffries is not a lever boxer.

What Is Gleverness?

All right, Jim, but pray what consti-tutes cleverness? Can any kind of showing or performance that falls of its object be considered clever? When an army general, noted for his

brilliant maneuvers, plans what he con siders will be a series of baffling movements on a battlefield, and is led into a trap and smashed to a pulp by the op-posing general, which is the elever man? Supposing even that General Number One, had led the other general a merry dance for hours, but was finally co nered and conquered-lan't the conquer

ng general the cleverer? I think so, Somewhere else Jim says: "Even Jeffries himself lays no claim

o exceptional ability as a boxer." Joff Has Pride.

Don't you believe anything of that

kind. A statement of that character, in fact, suggests a lack of knowledge human nature. There was never a man or woman, cither, who excelled in any the side lines in the connection.

boast. In the old days, Jeffries not only wished to be looked upon as an expenent of clever ringmanship, but he was consumed with the desire to look dapper came from having stood off Peter Jack- and willowy in action. One time he us dertook to reduce the size of his legs at

that they might resemble the underpinmassive supports of a thick bedied strong man. It was a great relief to Billy Delaner when the champion decided it couldn't be done, for the veteran trainer was strength by the drastle methods of re-

on a punching bag Pearl Casey has all the maestres in the country backed off the boards. Casey punches a bag with all the abandon of a virtuoso. He gets CAN SKIN A BILLIKIN in the highnotes and the low notes and

all that. He's a versatile fellow in

Will Get Adolph's Goat. It's a sane bet that one Battling Nolon will kid the life out of another Adolph Wolgast in the ring on the af-ternoon of February 22, just as he did the other night at a tryst to thresh out the final arrangements about the side bet. They say Ad cried so angry did he become. Well, these fellows that do the weeping stunt are just made to or-der for Nelson and he'll crush Wolcast just as easily as he did Dick Hyland. that cold calculating Danis of his has the goat of all of them.

Good Word for Brother Dan. Will J. Slattery, the Journal's San Francisco fight critic, thinks very highly of Dan Sullivan. Now that there is a dearth of high class middleweights. Slattery thinks an enterprising mana ger could shove Dan to the top note class in very short order.

When Brother Charley Graduates. Jack Johnson's brother, Charley, will graduate from college as an une aker on July 1. Do you see anythin When it comes to playing grand opera significant in this information? I de

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