

# RECORD-AMERICAN SPORT PAGE

## BASKETBALL BOXING BASEBALL

### ADMIRERS GAVE GREAT OVATION TO CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR RETURN FROM PENN STATE

Two thousand loyal followers of the Mahanoy City High School basketball team greeted the new champs on their return from State College last evening where they won the tournament that places Mahanoy five as the best in the State. They conquerers of Nanticoke, Newport, Mt. Union, and finally Harrisburg Tech were accorded a great welcome at the local station, and each player was made to feel the gratitude that the town felt to them for their wonderful work in the championship tournament.

Tossed on the shoulders of their admirers, the long procession ended at an automobile, and with George Heinze, flag bearer and a local "jazz" band producing music, a triumphal march was made about the streets of town. Everywhere the cheers rang out for the athletes, and everywhere were the highest honors accorded the noble wearers of the Maroon and Black. With Jimmy Deem, a sub on the team, but whose long side shot tied the score in the game of games carrying the ball that brought us victory, the march went on until reaching the rooms of the B. P. O. E. where a chicken dinner with all that goes with it, was served to Captain James Leonard, Thomas Courtney, Frank Dawson, Edward Tolan, Vladimir Smith, Peter Kapo, James Deem, and Edward August, all members of the squad, and to Coach Johnny Goepfert, Supt. of Schools H. A. Oday, and Bobby Green, of the Record-American force. It was a great moment for the boys to cast all training rules aside, and they certainly did justice to the fare presented them.

The games that brought the championship of Pennsylvania to Mahanoy City were won only after a great up-hill fight. More than ever "The Old Fight" was needed in the game, and Mahanoy who was not even figured in the finals by the depsters, had the fight that carried them through. Trailing for over thirty minutes in each game, they rallied, tied the score, and then passed their opponents and rushed on to victory. They were men of iron in the highest inches.

The Mahanoy five was the smallest of the four teams that represented the sections of Pennsylvania. Striplings compared to the brawny teams of Mt. Union, Tech, and Wilksburg, the locals had the support of the entire Penn State student body, and sent the studs fairly wild as they rallied and went into the lead in both games. Fourteen hundred people saw the first game, while a thousand were present at the second. The latter was the best game of the series.

Mahanoy demonstrated in both games that they were not a "one-man" team. The Mount Union game was won only after a game fight, while the Tech game was won under the same conditions. Tech seemed the favorite in the final game, and until that thrilling seven minutes that sent the championship to Mahanoy City, seemed to be fulfilling the advance notices. They played steady ball, but were scoring largely through fouls. Mahanoy was kept in the running by field goals, while Tech was scoring from the foul line. The local team was given a great hand by their rooters and the State men as the game ended.

Captain Leonard was a giant in the fray in the both games. Scoring the field goal that downed Mt. Union in the first fray, the local captain came through strongly in the second contest and added four to the count, a number equal to those scored by the entire Tech team. Of these, two came when most needed, one of them starting the rally that carried us to victory, while the second was a spectacular one that added two points to our ever increasing lead.

Courtney is another man on the team to share honors. After shooting poorly from the foul line in the Union game, Courtney came back strong and kept us in the running during the second half. During the Tech game he had a long field goal and 3 out of 9 fouls before being banished on personals. "Red's" work during the eliminations and the finals will ever be remembered by the students of Mahanoy High.

Add Dawson's name to those who placed Mahanoy atop the world. "Dick" was "there" in every game that meant much to the town five, his work in the series being especially worthy of mention. In the Tech game he held the great Wilsbach scoreless, after going through the strain of seeing Wilsbach break loose for five in Tech's game against Wilksburg.

"Whitey" Smith is one who deserves a lion's share of credit for the win. In the Tech game, after the locals had tied the score, Smith dropped in three fouls that sent the locals far into the lead. Everything depended on those fouls before Leonard broke loose for his field goal, and "Whitey" rose nobly to

the occasion when demanded.

Good old "Man-o-War" Tolan was a guard who covered himself with glory. Playing wonderful ball, Tolan was always a big asset to the Maroon and Black. "Speed" put up such a great game in the Tech contest that he was spoken of as a possibility for Pennsylvania All-Scholastic guard. And that means one of the two best guards in Pennsylvania.

Kapo, who got in for several minutes of the game, played a neat game while it remained for Jimmy Deem to put the real fight in the team once more when he caged a field goal mighty in length, and eighty in meaning. It was that two-pointer that placed the local five on even terms with the Scarlet and White, and paved the way for the town's boys' win.

And then, when the praises of the boys themselves had been sung, turn to him who has been their leader and who has carried the boys through the stormy season preliminaries until at last they have reached the pinnacle of success—Coach Johnny Goepfert, the brains of the team, who has delivered the goods for Mahanoy athletes the past eight years. "It's the proudest moment of my life," said Goepfert. "These boys are world beaters. Give them all the credit in the world." It was Coach Goepfert all through. His boys had turned the trick, and he wanted his team to get the best, but Johnny lots and lots of the credit is due.

Over a thousand people were at the game Saturday afternoon. Mahanoy went through a shooting practice while still wearing their street clothes, and while they were shooting, the Tech subs, in complete uniform came from the dressing rooms and went through a shot practice. The locals left the floor for the dressing rooms, and at 2:27 the entire Tech team took the floor. Mahanoy romped out a minute later, amid terrific cheers. Captain Leonard won the toss, and after selecting a basket, the game started.

The game was a half-Nelson on Dawson shortly after the opening whistle, Courtney making good on the first try but missing the second. "Red" sent us into a flying start a minute later when he dropped in a long shot. Tech came back strong and tied matters when Ellis got a foul and Tucey scored from the field. Tech went into the lead when Ellis shot a field goal after Courtney missed a foul following a personal on McLinn. Courtney was caught holding, and Ellis scored from the free line.

A double foul was called when Courtney and Sykes were the belligerents, the local lad and Ellis both making good from the foul line. Tech was now leading, 7-4. A personal on Dawson allowed Ellis to advance his team one point. Ellis and Courtney both missed fouls, but Ellis got in one giving the score a 9-4 aspect with Tech in the lead. Mahanoy spurted when Leonard scored from the field with a pretty side shot, but Ellis and Courtney both missed fouls. Tucey got a field goal, but Ellis missed two foul chances, and Mahanoy took a time out. Tech held the lead with 11-6 the figures.

A personal on Sykes resulted in Courtney missing a foul, and then Mahanoy got together and staged their first real basketball of the game. Leonard and Smith broke loose and tore down the floor on two occasions, both men getting in field goals, bringing the Mahanoy team up to within one point of the Tech, the figures showing 11-10. A double foul was called on Courtney and Ellis before the half ended, the Tech man making good while Courtney missed. Score, 12-10.

Second Half Courtney and Ellis got in fouls shortly after the opening of the second half, but the foul called on Mahanoy was a personal against Courtney and Tom had to leave the game. He was given a great hand by the Mahanoy rooters and the State College contingent. Kapo took his place, and it was up to "Whitey" Smith to shoot fouls. Ellis missed a foul, Smith also missing, but the Tech man got in a free loss, and then shot a field goal, giving Tech a 16-11 lead. Ellis then shot another foul.

Smith missed a foul, and a few minutes later Deem entered the game for Kapo. When Courtney had gone out Smith had gone to forward while Kapo and Deem played guard. And then things happened.

That Great Rally The ball went out of bounds near the Tech basket, and Mahanoy was given the chance of throwing the ball in. Leonard took a pass at a point near the center of the floor, and in a mighty effort sent the ball through the hoop. Dawson followed that with a wonderful long

side shot, and then Deem sent the thousand spectators to their feet with a roar as he dropped in another long shot that knocked the figures at 17 all. Tech took a time out to stop the rally.

Smith was Steady The teams took their position with nearly every spectator in the armory on their feet, for the rally of the Mahanoy five in their game against Mount Union had caused the college to talk. McLinn was caught holding, and Smith, steady as if in practice, sent the ball thru the hoop from the foul line for the point that gave Mahanoy the lead. Ellis failed miserably for Tech from the free line, and an instance later Smith was given another chance as a Tech man fouled. Again "Whitey" rose nobly to the occasion and Mahanoy was enjoying a 19-17 lead.

At that Leonard caused the Mahanoy rooters to go wild as he stood at a point equal in distance to the foul line but in a position near the boundary of the court, and tossed in a beautiful one-handed shot. Smith again made good for Mahanoy, giving the figures a 22-17 count, and Ellis missed a foul for Tech. Tech missed three opportunities to score during the final minutes, and then Mahanoy held the ball until the timer pulled a cowboystunt with his gun, and THE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS OURS.

The lineups:

M. C. H. S.	Field	Foul	T
Leonard, f., Capt.	4	0	8
Courtney, f.	1	3	5
Dawson, C.	1	0	2
Smith, g., g.	1	3	5
Tolan, g.	0	0	0
Kapo, g.	0	0	0
Deem, g.	1	0	2
Totals	8	6	22

Harrisburg Tech

Field	Foul	T	
Tucey, f.	2	0	4
McLinn, f.	0	0	0
Wilsbach, g.	0	0	0
Ellis, g.	2	9	12
Sykes, g.	0	0	0
Totals	4	9	17

Summary Subs—Mahanoy: Kapo for Courtney, Deem for Kapo. Fouls, Courtney, 3 out of 9; Smith, 3 out of 5; Ellis, 9 out of 18. Referee White, of Windber. Time of periods, 20 minutes.

### Basketball Notes

Attorney James H. O'Connor was one of the interested spectators at the Mahanoy-Harrisburg game, and said—

"It was the greatest athletic contest I ever saw and I have seen many historic battles between the big schools. But in those other games the teams, at least, were evenly matched. In the game Saturday it was a team of kids against a team of men. The Penn State students who came to witness the game were apathetic at the beginning as they expected to see Tech make it a runaway. But you should have seen that student body when the youngsters began the real fight in that last half. Almost everybody in the place was cheering for the kids and toward the end the cheering was being led by State's own cheer leaders who called for State's own college yells in honor of the game little fighters. One big State football player began running up and down the side lines yelling, "Those kids got guts; O, boy, look at 'em fight." That about represented the sentiment of the outsiders; it was a team of high school boys against bigger men and sheer grit on the part of the boys gave them a well-earned victory."

Before the shouting and the tumult dies, let's pause to put a wreath of bay leaves on the head of the man who engineered our high school team to a state championship—Johnny Goepfert.

It took a wonderful coach to make a wonderful team, and we had him in Goepfert. For the past eight years he has been the "man behind" in high school basketball, and he has done wonderful things. For the past five or six years his teams have been contenders for the championship, but it was not until this year that he realized his ambition of sending his boys to the pinnacle. Of a modest and retiring disposition he has been content to remain in the background while his boys basked in the glory of the spotlight. He receives no monetary compensation for his work, as we understand, but gives his services for the love of the game itself. Everytime we hear a cheer for M. C. H. S. basketball team we will mentally divide it among the players and the coach.

What's the matter with Johnny Goepfert? Sure he is.

Ex-president O'Connor of the Mahanoy City Base Ball league was an attendant at the game. Few folks recognized the X-P, owing to his new hat, worn upon this occasion for the first time.



### BASKET BALL CHAMPS

Wick-wack Red and black High School High School Rah-Rah-Rah.

Wick-wack Red and black What do you think Of a team like that?

High School High School Boys for clean sport Journeyed to Hazleton And cleaned up Nanticoke.

High School High School The team of some note Went up Wyoming And settled Newport.

High School High School Boys filled with pep, Humbled Mount Union, And Harrisburg Tech.

High School High School The team that's clean cut, Are now the State champs With gold medals and cup. F. B. D.

When the tide of battle was going against them in that crucial game Saturday they took "time out" and gain knelt in a circle; they MIGHT have been going over signals but their faces registered a new look when they arose from their knees. We might ask the players but Youth's taciturn when it comes to speaking about something so deeply intimate as a question of praying.

That was a magnificent welcome that the boys received upon their arrival home in the role of "conquering heroes." But it was nothing when comparing it to the welcome that would have been given them if their homecoming had been in any other day but Sunday. All he credit in the world is due those youngsters who restrained themselves from giving expression to the tumultuous feelings that filled their young hearts, because of their innate respect for Sabbath observance. What is it the Good Book says? "He who controlleth his own spirit is greater than he who conquereth a city."

The subs were quartered at the Theta Xi fraternity house. All the boys reported wonderful treatment from the college students.

"Tiny" McMahon, Bentz, Bedenk and Joe Lightner, all Varsity men of State's football champs, were observed rooting for Mahanoy. Penn State students were a big help to the team. They furnished two cheer leaders for us.

Out in State they use a gun to end the halves, that is, instead of the timer having a whistle they fire a shot from a pistol. After the Union game they were talking about spectacular shots made during the evening, and Deem stated that the best shot of all was when the timer pulled the trigger.

Members of the Beta Theta P.

fraternity, where the regulars were quartered, put on a Smoker Saturday night for all Mahanoy people in State College. The fraternity men did everything possible for the team and put them up as if the Mahanoy boys were at home. The Beta men deserve thanks for the time they gave the boys, and some of the credit for the win.

The following are the Loyal Rooters who followed the basket ball team to Penn States: Misses Annetta McInerney, Catherine Swank, Mary Smith and Georgene Ryan, with Russell Foster, all members of the High School faculty; Charles McAtee, Ceola Davis, Elmer Blazis, James Landy, Thomas Horan, Oscar Horne, Milton E. Crawshaw, Frank Crawshaw, Wilbur Christ, David Cohen, John Webb, Robert Becker, John Rosser, Attorney James H. O'Connor, Leo Feichtner, Tom Ryan and Charles Haughney.

Andy Wilson, captain of last season's State College basket ball team, sat on the locals' bench during the game. Wilson also gave the boys a talk between halves and helped Goepfert point out some of the faults of the boys.

Many stories are in circulation about the members of the squad. Deem, Kapo and August were like the "Three Musketeers" and had a fraternity formed before they came home. They called it the "I Kapo Ski."

### SPORT NOTES

The Wilkes-Barre Record, speaking of the High School basketball team says "who hail from the lower coal fields around the funny little town of Mahanoy City." Don't mind 'em folks that town up there is just full of nuts, who try to be funny. McDevitt made it a laughing stock for a while and the natives merely imitate Butch.

Among the few of us who waited at this office for news of the game was Miss Annetta McInerney, of the high school faculty. Always a booster of athletics and a warm admirer of the basketball team, Miss McInerney's joy knew no bounds when news of the 26-25 victory came in over the wire. Boys and girls you should have seen your dignified teacher dance a jig.

Eddie Hayes and K. O. Sullivan will go ten rounds at Shenandoah tonight, winner to take all of the gate receipts. Three judges have been appointed: Charles Ditchey, selected by Sullivan, Dr. Robinhold, of the Ashland hospital, chosen by Hayes, while John J. Foley, local manager for Swift & Co., will be the third judge. If the judges disagree the referee will name the winner. Battling Reddy, of Girardville, and Danny Gordon, of Philadelphia, will put on the semi-final.

Hazleton high basketball team defeated Coaldale at the latter place on Friday night 36-20.

The Pottsville-Shamokin basketball game will not be played. Jim Troy, captain of the county seat five, leaves for the south to join a baseball team and that was one of the reasons the game was called off.

George Weyman gave away weight and won easily over Joe Hardy at Wilkes-Barre on Friday night. According to upper end papers there was no comparison in the class of the two boys.

Gallagher, who pitched for Cressona last season, has cast his lot

with the new South Philadelphia A. A. Although a small man, physically, Gallagher is one of the best pitchers in the game.

Jack Farley and Red Gallagher, of Mount Carmel, with the Eagle Silks last season, may stay at home and play with the Mount Carmel team this season. Both are outfielders and Farley is a real speed-boy.

George Gockill, of the Silks, has signed Mike Konnick to fill the backstop position on his team the coming season. Mike was with Reading last year but jumped to Oil City. He applied for re-instatement but was turned down by Judge Landis. Besides being a top-notch receiver he is a good batter and base runner.

Old D. Bell says, among other things, that "great floor work on the part of Haughney" brought us victory. What was Chick doing on the floor? He also said that Mahanoy expected to start with Dawson at centre, and they did.

Bob Martin, the A. E. F. champ, did not box at Shamokin the other night because Jack Temple, his scheduled opponent, got an attack of cold feet and left the town before the show. Bouts were put on by volunteers from among the audience.

Gus Getz, our former third sacker, is showing up good with the Reading Internationals now on their training trip. In a game against the Durham club, of the Piedmont league, last week old Gus had four safeties out of five trips to the plate. Tony Graver, with Summit Hill last season, played centre for Durham and had one hit and one run.

Jack Breckinridge, former pilot of the Franklin club, who is managing the Motive Power team at Harrisburg this year, is after an all-star team. Bill Ritter, released by the Giants; Frank Spiers, shortstop, formerly with the Eleos; Leo Callahan, Frank Crossen, Bud Weiser and a few others are on Jack's team.

Frank Dessau is busy getting his American Chain team together at York. Lefty George has opened a cigar store at York and will play there this season.

### SPORT SUMMARY

(By United Press) Dallas—Babe Ruth disappointed "all of Dallas" when he got only a little single that knocked in two runs, stole second and died trying for third. The Yanks beat Dallas six to three.

Memphis—Heinie Groh got a smashed finger that will keep him out of the game a week or more while the Giants were beating Memphis 9 to 1.

London—Josef Guillemtot, famous French runner, won the ten mile Glasgow classic by 160 yards in 1:03:59. Cotterell, England, was second and Schnellman, France, third.

Princeton — Princeton doesn't want to be represented by the wandering star who has made his reputation elsewhere, according to "The Princetonian". The paper scores "tramp athletes" and their "back door methods."

New York—Close of the Intercollegiate basketball league's season found Princeton the champion with Penna., Dartmouth, Cornell Columbia and Yale following in the

order named. Grave, Penna. center, was the best scorer with 147 points. Loeb, Princeton guard, 141, Pulley, Columbia guard, 121; Cullen, Dartmouth guard, 119, and Luther, Cornell forward, 102, were next.

Kansas City, Mo. — Homers by Carey and Grimm and the Pirates defeated the local team, 5 to 4. John Morrison pitched good ball after the first inning.

San Francisco—The Chicago Cubs went down to defeat before the Oakland Club, 9 to 3 Sunday morning. In the afternoon the Cubs defeated the Seals, 7 to 0.

Milwaukee — Pinky Mitchell will meet Pal Moran, of New Orleans, and Tony Dennis, of Milwaukee will mix with Tommy O'Brien, of Los Angeles in a fight card here April 7.

### HAYES-SULLIVAN BOUT SHENANDOAH, TONIGHT

Eddie Hayes and Kayo Sullivan, the two premier light heavies of the anthracite region, are all primed for their ten round battle before the American Legion in Maher's auditorium, Shenandoah, to-night. Much interest is attached to the scrap on account of the men agreeing to fight on a winner take all basis with three judges to decide the winner should the men be on their feet at the end of the tenth round.

Each of the principals are to name their choice as one of the judges. Sullivan selected ex-sheriff Charles F. Ditchey, of Shenandoah, as his choice while Hayes, it is said, selected Frank Tooney, sports editor of the Pottsville Republican. The Herald sports editor selected the third member of the commission. In case the judges cannot agree the winner will be left to the referee.

It is rumored that Sullivan has objected to the regular club referee from officiating at the bout. While this rumor could not be confirmed to-day it is known that Hayes is willing to enter the ring with any competent official. Just why Sullivan has objected to the regular referee, if he has done so, is not known, as Tony Dean, who has officiated as third man in the ring since the opening of the American Legion Club, has given general satisfaction both to the fans and to the boxers. His desire to give the fans their money's worth was shown when he stopped the Tommy Cleary-Harry (Kid) Brown bout for alleged stalling and ordered their money held up until they proved they were doing their best.

That the bout will be bitterly contested is shown by the fact that both are determined to win under any conditions. There is no love between the men and they are anxious to settle for all time the question of which is the better man. Both have been going good recently and will settle grievances growing out of two previous meetings and nursed along for just such an occasion as the fracas to-night will afford to wipe out these feelings of revenge.

### GAMES WANTED

The Tamaqua Rose Buds have reorganized for the coming season and will put a first class team on the field. Only good strong teams need apply for games. They had a successful season last year and promise to have a more successful one this year. They had a record of having won 20 games and lost 4.

Only Sunday and holiday games wanted. For games address all letters to Manager Leonard Neifert, 245 Clay street, Tamaqua, Pa.

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