SPORTS OF WEEK

VARSITY WINS FROM ALUMNI IN INTERESTING BASKETBALL FINALE—RISKO POUNDS SHARKEY—PTOMEY AND STOVALL IN FAST MIXUP AT CENTREVILLE—OTHER SPORTS OF INTEREST

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The 1928 curtain went down on the basketball season at Washington College Saturday evening, when the Varsity defeated the Alumni outfit, 34-31. There are some who think the Regulars did not try very hard. Anyhow, the game was close from start to finish, and it appeared to be almost anybody's game all the way through.

After about half the first period had been played, the game was tied, 8-8. The Regulars, however, soon took the play from the Alumni, and were always slightly ahead. The first half ended with but one point separating the two teams.

We stated last week that Kibler was one of the best basketball players that ever took part in a contest upon the local floor. Last Saturday night's game proved this assertion easy enough, because Kibler was the star of the game, although he is many years the senior of the young stars of today. Kibler's work is a clear enough illustration of what clean living will do for a fellow. Just look at him; over forty years of age, and able to go in with a bunch of youngsters and outplay them all; able to go in there, and match them speed for speed, and skill for skill. In the name of common sense what could Kibler have done with this bunch of players ten years ago? With all due respect for the ability of the Giriatis, Carrington, Jacobs, Cavanaugh, Dopson combination, and realizing that they are the best team in the state, the Navy included, and able to play successfully with the best college teams of the country, my opinion is, both private and public, that Kibler, in his best playing days, could have played rings around them, scoring almost at will.

In the game Saturday night Kibler scored 12 points, making six field goals, Cavanaugh, captain of the Varsity, scored seven field goals. Giriatis also starred, as usual. This was the last basketball game for Cavanaugh. He is a great athlete, and has done fine work for Washington College in all branches of sport. He played a most remarkable game Saturday night.

Old Henny Carrington, looking around forty, but not more than thirty, played a fast game, as usual, while Dumschott seemed about as fast as in the days when he brought the people to their fleet yelling for him. Lohran, a former captain, never a star, played a fine game. Larrimore refused to play. He was a star at one time.

Last Saturday afternoon Captain Kibler put on some interesting boxing bouts, with 12-ounce gloves, at the college gymnasium. A good crowd was present.

The Washington College track team, with Usilton as captain, is expecting to have one of its best seasons this year. This team will participate in several meets this year. The first event will be in Philadelphia, April 27-28. On May 5 they will meet Susquehanna. May 18 will see the team at Haverford in a big event.

George H. Carrington has been elected captain of the basketball team for the season, 1928-1929. Carrington is one of the most popular young fellows who ever attended the college. He is a natural leader, and has recognized ability, both mentally and physically.

The Chestertown High School has its first track team this season. Robert Penn has been elected captain. Fred G. Usilton, Jr., is manager and Charles Harris, secretary and treasurer.

Chestertown High School basket ball team is still racing for the title of State Champion, and still has a chance to win.

Coach Kibler had his baseball team out for the first workout of the season on Monday afternoon. The team lost several good men through graduation last year. Mandrell is captain of the team. The first game will be with Springfield at home on March 31.

Ptomey and Tex Stovall, two fairly good middle-weights, put up a good fight in Central Armory on Friday evening last. The two men were evenly matched, and continually tied each other up by clinching. A great deal of infighting resulted. Ptomey received the decision. The fight was really a draw.

As an artifical aid to the gentle art of ballyhoo, the heavyweight elimination tournament which takes place about this time of the year is usually effective. The customers are kept in a state of feverish excitement, and as a rule some strong boy emerges from the scuffle who can be counted on to bring in the dollars when the big top is hoisted in the summer. That was the way things went last year. Jack Sharkey, with a decisive victory over Harry Wills to his credit, plus a knockout over Jim Maloney, suddly took on heroic stature. Then he was himself knocked out by Jack Dempsey, in a fight which broke all records in the matter of paid admissions for a non-championship contest. As a result, Dempsey was even more of a idol than he had been before. All doubts as to his capacity to "come back" were regarded as settled, and the money that rolled in a few weeks later at Chicago is still something to marvel at.

But this year things have gone badly. The reason is that the eliminations have produced not a single fight that was exciting, or a single fighter who provides a real thrill. Messrs. Heeney and Risko have managed to drub Messrs. Delaney and Sharkey, but there is just something about them which does not inflame the popular mind. More over, the champion himself labors under a similar handicap. A competent boxer, a fellow who usually comes home with the decision, he still lacks the spark that brings dollars into the box-office. And how a fight between him and either of the outstanding contenders can be made to look like the Battle of the Century is a little hard to see.

Dempsey, of course, could set everything right in a juffy. But one wonders whether he will be so patriotic. If Tunney fights either Heeney or Risko in June, and the affair turns out to be a financial fiasco, he may feel disposed to give better terms to Dempsey than he did last year. Dempsey, it will be recalled, received less than half the million that was paid to Tunney for the Chicago fight, although there were many who thought that he attracted the bulk of the customers. So it is not surprising that for the moment he elects to remain "retired."

We make a suggestion to Mr. Rickard. As an opponent to Tunney, let him bring on Jimmy McLarnin, the lightweight flash. That would at least give assurance that some blows would be struck.

The Eastern Shore League season will be curtailed to 80 games, and the opening date was decided upon, tentatively, as Monday, June 4, and the closing date was again fixed as Labor Day. The split season will again be in effect. Double games will mark the getaway for the first time, the teams paired off clashing in one town in the morning and traveling to the other in the afternoon. By the shorter season each club hopes to save from $500 to $1,000. Last year the season opened May 25, and 90 games constituted the schedule.

The heavyweight championship of the Eastern Shore will again come into the limelight at the Centreville Armory, when Eddie Anderson, the 191 pound slugger, meets Soldier Green at Centreville tonight, Saturday.

At the present time Soldier Green has undesputed claim to the Shore heavyweight championship, recently defeating K. O. Lister. It took only four rounds for Green to hammer Lister into submission but Anderson says that he will cover Green with such a heavy barage of blows that he, Anderson, will be the new Shore champion. It will be a fight that will go down in boxing history on the Shore, as these boys are in fine shape and trained to the minute.

Graduate manager Fred Dumschott and manager Samuel Canter have arranged the following base ball schedule for the season.

March 31—Springfield—Home.
April 14— Shepherd—Home.
April 21— Albright—Away.
April 25—Mt. St. Mary's—Home.
April 28—Loyola—Home.
May 4—Mt. St. Mary's—Away.
May 5—Loyola—Away.
May 11—St. John's—Home.
May 16-17—Marines—Away.
May 18— St. John's—Away.
June 1— Albright—Home.
June 2—Alumni.

Games with teams in the Eastern Shore League will probably be arranged for dates between May 18 and June 1.

ERICKSON PIER CRASHES

FREIGHT AND MAN THROWN IN WATER—NEW PIER TO BE BUILT

A large section of the Erickson Pier at Betterton collapsed on Friday of last week about 200 feet from the pier head throwing a large quantity of freight and Mr. Elmer Atwell into the Chesapeake Bay in twelve feet of water.

The Erickson Transfer Co. runs a small railway from the pier head to the freight house on shore and it was while a gasoline engine was pulling two flat cars ashore that the pier gave way.

Mr. Atwell was riding on one of the cars and when the crash came he jumped clear of the falling freight which probably saved him form serious injury.

Aside from a number of small packages the freight contained a large shipment of seed potatoes, clover seed and meat, the majority of which was a total loss.

The Erickson Steamboat Co. had planned to build a new pier adjoining the old pier, using the old pier until construction work was finished. The recent accident will probably change the plans and reports indicate that the new pier will be built where the present one now stands. The Erickson line is now using the Tolchester pier. Engineers have been in Betterton this week making preliminary surveys and construction work is expected to start shortly.

MILLINGTON

Miss Eleanor Dudley, of Church Hill, spent the week end with Miss Mabel Comegys.

Mr. William Garton returned last Sunday to his home near Sassafras, after spending three weeks with his grand-mother, Mrs. Kate Garton.

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Guards, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. N. A. Wallen.

Mrs. Leo Gale, who was operated on at the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, four weeks ago last Thursday, is now recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena.

Mr. William Vansant and family and Mr. George Butler, of Elkton, Md., were guests last Sunday of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of near Cecilton, visited Mrs. J. L. Smith last Monday.

Miss Clara Bryan and Mrs. John Phillips spent last Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Anna Taylor is the guest of friends at Ridgely, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sloane, of Elkton, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Bailey last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stack spent last week with friends at Washington, D. C.

Mr and Mrs. W. H. Burris returned home last Saturday, after spending several weeks with relatives in Chester and Darby, Pa., Wilmington, Del., and near Fredericktown, Md.

Mrs. Jane Wilson died last Wednesday after a lingering illness at the home of her grandson, Mr. Alfred Robinson, near town, with whom she had made her home the past year. The deceased was about 90 years of age. Arrangements for funeral were unknown at time of writing. She is survived by two sons, Messrs. Eldridge and Leonard Wilson, of Millington, a number of grand-children and great-grand-children. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Lucinda Peacock, of Philadelphia.

Services at Asbury M. E. Church tomorow, March 18, will be as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday School, Mr. H. L. Higman, Supt.; 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Baker; 7 p. m. Epworth League. The Community Fire Co. will attend the evening service in a body. The public is invited to attend all these services.

Mr. P. H. Wood, Jr., and family, were guests last Sunday of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mr. James Moore visited his brother, Mr. Charles Moore, of Baltimore, this week.

Mrs. Mildred Stevens and three little daughters, and Mr. Homer Wheatman, of Coatesville, Pa., spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevens, near town.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, of Asbury M. E. Church, was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. H. L. Higman.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Donovan and daughter, Dorothy, of Wilmington, were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tobin.

Mr. Herbert Caldwell, of St. Micheals's, Md., visited Mr. Leo Gale last Saturday.

Mrs. Morgan King, of near Middletown, Del., spent the week end with her sister- in-law, Mrs. James Moore.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of Asbury M. E. Church was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. S. Bottomley.

Little Miss Ellen Logan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Logan entertained a number of her friends at her home last Saturday afternoon it being her sixth birthday. Ellen was assisted in receiving and entertaining the little folks by Mrs. J. E. Spear and Mrs. Spencer Stevens. Those persent were: Susan Spear, Ringgold Comegys, Jack and Jean Phillips, Margaret and Elsie Teat, James Booth Higman, Billie and James Pippin, Carolyn Lee Clark, Ethel Stevens, Matilda and Ellen Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Slaughter and daughter, Miss Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Slaughter, of Elkton, were guests last Sunday of relatives in town.

Rev. O. H. Connelly and family, of Wilmington, Del., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Higman.

Mrs. T. A. Godwin, of near town, went to a Philadelphia Hospital last Monday for treatment.

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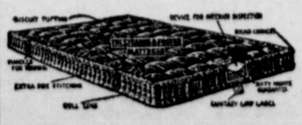
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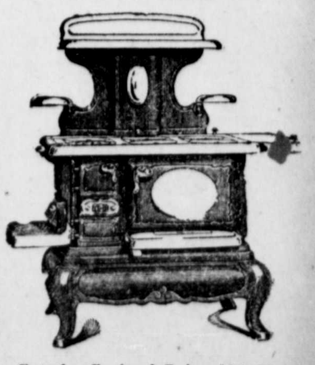
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