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The Three Graces

SPORTS

"THE BATTLE OF THE YEAR," IN WHICH WASHINGTON DEFEATS BLUE RIDGE—WASHINGTON TRIMS MARIETTA—SOME OTHER NEWS IN THE SPORTING REALM

After the Washington College—Blue Ridge basketball game Saturday night a nearby spectator remarked to the writer, "That was the battle of the year." Taking this suggestion, we penned the following verses the next day and, for the want of a better name, we have styled them "The Battle of the Second Half." Here they are:

The crack Washington College quint
played Blue Ridge Saturday night,
And as the score would indicate, there
was something of a fight.

A few minutes after the first whistle
blew it seemed a runaway affair—
With out boys easing up a bit and not
seeming to care.

At this time Blue Ridge's chances appeared very slim—
Their best efforts putting the ball far
from the rim.

But they appeared much better after
a few minutes rest,
And when the game was resumed
they were soon at their best.

They started right in to win in a hurry
And, still, the Washington team did
not seem to worry.

It now looked hard for the Washington College team,
A foul was called—and Blue Ridge
put on steam.

Carroll missed a foul and Dumshodt
added two to the score,
Blue Ridge fouled again and Carroll
scored once more.

This gave W. C. a lead and the crowd
set up a roar,
As they yelled and surged above the
playing floor.

Soon the score, after fast playing, became an even one,
And the real "fight of the year" had
begun.

Washington went into the lead with a
foul toss,
Then with two goals Washington College came across.

Now if Blue Ridge made a point it
would even all,
A foul on W. C. was called—Blue Ridge
caged the ball.

But Gordy was going hard and Dumschodt was sore,
Johnson had become a whirlwind, as
he raced down the floor.

Lohran was in a frenzy as he guarded
his man,
While Carroll, putting on full steam,
flung the ball as he ran.

But Blue Ridge, playing in luck, and
keen for the game,
Fouled the Washington "flash" and the
opportunity came.

Then, playing in form, Carroll poised
on the floor.
The ball went true to the mark—the
crowd gave a roar.

The Washington College-Univ. of Pennsylvania game tonight, Saturday, on Washington floor should be one of the real battles of the year. This team always gives Washington a hard game and frequently wins from them. When you consider that the first team of the University of Pennsylvania is perhaps the best in the country, it is not hard to figure that their second team will be a good one. Basketball is a "big game" in the northern cities, and the University of Pennsylvania likely has a half dozen teams or more playing the game. With such a number to select a team from, they should have a team that will make the W. C. team extend itself to the limit to win.

The Chestertown High School team defeated the Easton High School team Friday night at Easton 21-19. The all-around playing of Armstrong was easily the feature of the game. It required five extra minutes to make a decision.

Messrs. Edmund Hurtt, William Toulson, William French, Charles Nicholson, James Williams and some others from Kent county had perhaps the biggest fox hunt of the year over in Queen Annes on Monday. With with one of the finest packs of hounds ever seen in Chestertown they passed over Chester River bridge and journeyed in the direction of Round Top, for many years the haunt of foxes and the hunting grounds of multitudes of fox hunters of the past who have told of miraculous hunts that have been pulled off in that section of the country. These fine hounds soon struck their quarry and in a few minutes the whole pack had harked to the leaders and were in full cry across country, followed as closely as possible by the riders, who had difficulty in keeping near the fleet Kent county trailers, who had by this time drawn exceedingly close to their quarry and were running with "heads up." But, as fast as they were, the Kent riders kept in touch with their dogs and saw perhaps the best race seen in that section of the country in many years. It is stated by disinterested parties, and the hunters themselves, that for two hours the dogs did not make a check, and were "broken" when the leaders were within fifty yards of the fox to save his life. During this race many young and unseasoned dogs were left scattered in the wake of the seasoned veterans of the trail. The Kent hunters, after they had "broken" their dogs, soon struck another fox and had another good run. During the day they were joined by several hunters from Queen Annes county, who also have good dogs. Fox hunting will become more and more popular as winter fades into spring.

Washington College defeated Blue Ridge College at basketball on Saturday evening on the Washington College floor before a big crowd, the score being 27 to 26. Blue Ridge came dangerously near defeating the Washington quint, who seemed to be unable to secure the ball, both in the jump at center and on the sides when the ball was tossed into the air. The Blue Ridge boys were strong in casting from a distance and most of their baskets were made from difficult angles and by long shots. They were also good at foul shooting. Taken altogether, they were a clean-cut, well-balanced aggregation of basket ball players.

Washington expected to win in a walk and soon had a comfortable lead on the visitors. Blue Ridge, taking advantage of Washington's somewhat listless attitude, unloosened an attack that when the first half closed had put them into the lead by one point.

Washington came upon the floor, confident that they would soon overcome this lead, which they did and went into the lead with a six-point margin, which Blue Ridge cut down to one point near the close of the game.

The game was clean, hard-fought and was well worth seeing. Dumschodt was not in top notch form, but Carroll played his good floor game, with an occasional flash to the basket when a score was necessary. Gordy put up an exceedingly strong game toward the close of the contest, which had a great deal to do with Washington winning, while Lohran and Johnson did not allow hardly a goal from close to the basket.

Dumshodt's three titanic efforts to score, in which he finally did with the third attempt, was easily the feature of the game. In this remarkable burst of speed,cleverness and endurance, the Waterbury boy three times in succession threw the ball for the basket and was able to secure it every time unassisted.

A good official in a basketball game is an essential to the sport, to the same extent that it is essential to any sport. The day is past when the home people want an edge on the referee's decisions. Referee Brennan, well known all over the Eastern Shore because of his playing on the baseball field last season and because of his likeness to Babe Ruth when in his baseball suit, is a fine gentleman on the baseball field under circumstances which the writer has considered that it took a gentleman, and an even balanced man too, to stand for. He is an equally good referee on the basketball floor. He is fair in his decisions, though a trifle technical at times, and calls some fouls, which we think, would better be left uncalled. Taken atlogether, Brennan is an official that would be hard to beat in a basketball game.

Bush Wright is back at the college, which means that Washington College will have a mighty fine man for the pitching staff. We hear that Bill Bounds will also be back at the college in the near future.

Washington College has a mighty good prospect in basketball in the young fellow, Griffith. We have watched him in many games. He is a good one and the future will prove this assertion.

Preliminary to the Washington-Marietta game on Monday evening the Chestertown High School team and a college team played an exceptionally good contest. The college team won, 18 to 14. Armstrong was the star of the High School team, while E. Russell and Griffith were in the limelight for the W. C. boys.

Washington College defeated Marietta College Monday evening by the score of 19 to 17. Washington should have won by at least ten points. They were somewhat handicapped by the absence from the game of Dumschodt, who has a sprained ankle. Duffy, H. Russell and Flowers took turns in filling his place.

Marietta made most of their points by the foul route, and were unable to score but three baskets. Washington made seven baskets and five points by fouls.

Washington was the first to score, on a foul, Marietta soon doing likewise. Washington soon scored once more from the foul line and then added two more by a goal shot. Marietta's foul shooter had his eye on the basket, however, and kept his team in the game, the half ending by each team having five points.

Washington went into the lead in the next half and kept it until the contest ended, although Marietta drew close to them as the game neared its close.

Gordy jumped better at center than we have seen him this year, while Johnson and Lohran threw a cordon of defense in front of their basket that extended at times past the center of the floor.

Carroll was the individual star of the game and showed flashes of basketball that have seldom, if ever, been surpassed on this floor.

Baker will be with the Yanks in 1922, it has been definitely announced.

Brennan, who is refereeing the basketball games at Washington College, will play with Newark, in the International League, it is reported.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE

Three new students have arrived for the second semester. Mr. Federman, from Millington, was the first to enter. Then came a seminarian from the P.E. Theological Seminary, Virginia. But a welcome sight was to see "Bush" Wright, one of Washington's star pitchers, blow into town Thursday night. Several more students are yet expected by their friends here to arrive within a few days.

The Mt.Vernon Literary Society had a very interesting meeting on Wednesday night. A vocal duet was offered by Miss Mills and Mr. P. Heck. They made quite a hit and had to answer an encore. Good impromptues were delivered by Messrs. Byron Clagett and Peregoy. "Awgwan," the weekly little magazine of the society, was read by Mr. Howse.

On Thursday night the Adelphia Literary Society held its meeting. Mr. Lewis, whose singing is always considered a treat, served the Adelphians with a very pleasant musical treat. Impromptues were delivered by Messrs. Goodrich, F. Nichols and A. C. Gordy. The "Moonbeam" was read by Mr. C. Armstrong.

The Glee Club met Thursday night right after the Adelphia meeting was over. The largest crowd that ever turned out for the club was present.

The Adelphia Literary Society, at its last meeting, passed a resolution changing its meeting night from Thursday to Monday. Amongst its business, at the last meeting, it also passed a resolution to hold a "pep" meeting. A "pep" meeting in the case of a literary society means more than it does to an atheltic club. It means not only an arousing of "pep," but also a reunion of all the members. At its last meeting it had a very interesting and educational program. Mr. Griffith gave a five-minute talk on the "Panama Canal." It was well presented and proved very interesting. Then Mr. E. Nuttle was called upon to deliver an impromptu speech. His subject was "The Future Prospects of Washington College." Mr. Levy, for his impromptu speech had the subject, "What Do You Think of the Present Republican Administration?" This impromptu speaking is parctically a new subject with the society. But the results derived from it have become already evident. A member is called upon to speek, without any previous warning, and the student invariably gets up and puts his speech across with little difficulty. At the same meeting Mr. J. Messick gave a humorous reading. Mr. C. Armstrong concluded the program with a very good "Moonbeam." Mr. M. B. Wright, who returned to college at the beginning of the second semester to resume his studies, was readmitted to membership in the Society.

The Chess and Checker Club has been napping for some time past, but it is quickly coming back to itself. It proposes to hold a checker elimination contest during next week to determine upon a team that should represent the club.

The fourth number of the "Washington Collegian" will be out next week. This number promises to be the best one out this year. There will be a wealth of jokes, editorials, literary work and many other articles that characterize a college magazine.

STILL POND

Mrs. Wm Medders is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Oris Robinson, in Baltimore.

Mrs R. D. Moore and children spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Harris, near Betterton.

The devotional service of the Epworth League will be led tomorrow evening by Mr. Wm. Clark, topic, "Tithing as a Good Personal Business Adjustment."

Mrs. Clarence Newcomb and little daughter, from Chestertown, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Jewell.

Miss Florence Harper is spending some time at her home here. Her school in Wilmington is closed on account of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Emma Thompson has been visiting in Chestertown.

Although Wednesday was a very stormy day, the school supper was well attended on Wednesday evening.

The Womans Foreign Missionary Society of Middletown District will hold its quarterly meeting in Centreville on Thursday, Feb. 23. As many members as possibly can are urged to go. Be sure to take your lunch. Morning and afternoon session.

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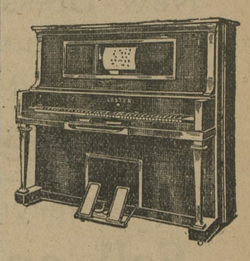

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