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SPORTS

NEWS OF THE SPORTING REALM FROM MANY ANGLES

The baseball season at Washington College opens on Saturday, April 8, Hahneman Medical College, of Philadelphia, being the opponents of the local collegians.

Chestertown checker lovers were treated to some real playing Saturday night when Professor Owen C. Blades, champion of Kent county, and Mr. Frank Wheatley, superintendent of Tolchester Beach, and the son of Mr. Frank Wheatley, of Chestertown, played some most interesting games. The champion started off to win easily and did so at first. He took the first game in an easy manner; and the second in about the same style. Mr. Wheatley was fortunate in getting a draw in the third contest, and Prof. Blades made it three out of four in the next game. Mr. Wheatley then showed real form by taking the next two. Some one remarked that the score was tie, but it was not at this time, Prof. Blades having the odd game. The next contest resulted in a draw, while Mr. Wheatley tied up the count in the contest that followed. The last game was a hard-fought draw, Prof. Blades working free from a position that looked like a most precarious one. The contest ended with both being even in number of games won. Mr. Wheatley came in as sort of a dark horse on the local contingent and is a real checker player. Like Prof. Blades, he moves lightning fast, and knows how to trade to perfection. A series of games between Mr. Wheatley and Prof. Blades for the championship of the county will be looked forward to by eevryone interested in the game.

The following question was asked the writer of this column the other day: "How would you rank the first ten boxers now in the game?" We say: First, Dempsey; second Wills; third, Brennan; fourth, Carpentier; fifth, Greb; sixth Gibbons; seventh, Tunney; you can select the other three from Fulton, Madden, Miske and Tate.

The Washington College baseball team has been going through light practices for two weeks, preparing for the opening of the season. This week the weather was good for practice and the squad put in some good work.

Francis Ouimet says that Harry Vardon ranks as the greatest golfer of his day.

Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley, of Chestertown, favorably known in local checker circles, and William Frazier Russell, Jr., Esq., styled as "the champion of Lawyers' Row," were engaged in a most interesting game of checkers recently in a favorite haunt of the checker fans, where is waged a great majority of the important contests played in this section. The series promised to be one of moment. For all we knew, a new champion was, perhaps, in the making. The clan gathered close to the players.

What the Yale-Princeton or the Yale-Harvard game is to football; the World's Series to baseball; the Star Spangled Banner to an American citizen; or the Mutt and Jeff cartoons to the world of comics—so this game of checkers was to the local checker world. It was the "clearing-house" to decide who was to be the opponent of the champion in the future.

Again the clans closed the gap that separated them from the players. The fast-sinking sun's effulgent rays became obscured by fleeting, billowy, heaving, white-capped clouds; the west became a sea of molten gold as the battle waged on, with little hope of an immediate verdict. The fire died upon the grate. The incessant voice of the typewriter was awed into silence, while the teelphone, weary of its work, was hushed. The suppers of the onlookers grew cold upon the stove, while wives fretted and fumed at the absence of husbands.

But the battle waged on unabated. Back and forth across the board the checkers, fagged by their continuous service, were reluctantly forced. The players, crowded in on all sides, had hardly room to manipulate the service-wearied checkers.

The series became a tie and the game that was to decide this immortal contest was being played. The checker clan, silent up to this point, could be stilled no longer and had to be heard, somewhat as follows:

Near Champ: "That was a bad one."

Knight: "What was the matter with it?"

Near Champ: "If you had moved so and so you would have had the game clinched."

Knight: "I could'nt see it and don't believe you saw it."

Will Checker: (Shakes his head and says nothing.)

The Champ: "What you should have done was, etc.," and brings forth the book.

Here an argument ensues between several who had been drawn into the debate, consisting of near champs, would-be champs and never-would-be-champs, and the game stopped, the checkers moved from their positions to illustrate the argument, and the same settled to the satisfaction of no one. Whereupon the checkers are replaced and the game resumed.

Court Street Champ: "It looks good to me."

Knight: "I'm satisfied with my game."

Will Checker: (Shakes his head but says nothing.)

Proprietor: "Excuse me, gentlemen, while I reach the safe to put in some valuable papers."

Bystander: "Move the safe or go over the back fence."

Local Wit: "Enlarge the building."

The Stove (fire out): "I'm 'out' of it."

Bard of the Board: "Rack 'em up, its a draw."

Mr. Checker Himself: (Absent.)

Champ: "Its anybody's game."

The Wives, At Home: "Wonder what 'important' business is detaining them?"

So back and forth across the board these two knights of the checker realm struggled for supremacy and the very air seemed to lose its invigorating power and the sun, now shorn of its rays, seemed to stand still as if awaiting the verdict.

And, finally, it was over. Mr. Wheatley retained his hard-won honor. The clan disbursed to their homes quickly, the 'important' business being completed. The sun, for a few seconds, shook itself free of all the fleecy obstructions, and, as if dipped in gold, flooded the earth with its last parting beams, then dropped down behind the hills, while over against the eastern sky the first star of evening was sending forth its welcome beams.

A Workman, Passing By: "Thank Heaven, the day is over."

The Checker-Board (with a sigh): "And my work has just begun."

MILLINGTON

Bishop George W. Davenport, of the Diocese of Easton, visited Millington on Sunday last and at 7.30 p. m. held service in the Holy Cross Chapel. He confirmed a class of three at that service.

Mrs. Eva Marvel and Mrs. Charles Adtkinson spent a few days this week with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Helen V. Numbers is the guest of Miss Anna DeFord, of near Chestertown, this week.

Miss Ella Jones was the guest of friends in Cambridge and over the week-end.

On last Saturday night the stables and cow sheds on the farm east of Millington and known as the McWhorter farm and tenanted by Mr. Charles Rolph, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Five horses and one calf, besides a lot of hay and feed, were destroyed. Mr. Rolph had retired and when he learned of the fire it was too late to release the live stock. Only one horse, badly brurned, was gotten out of the stable.

Mrs. Harry G. Wiest spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Gussie Barton, in Wilmington.

Mrs. Fred C. Numbers spent a few days this week the guest of her brother, Mr. J. S. Godwin, in Philadelphia.

The headwaters of the Chester River are alive with herring this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones spent the week-end at Cambridge and attended the conference in session there.

Two more cases of scarlet fever developed among the school children of Millington school this week.

Mrs. Maggie Wilds, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Vansant.

Miss Reckefus returned home on Tuesday evening after spending the winter in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Hanson Horsey and son, Hanson, Jr., of Galena, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lockerman.

Rev. O. H. Connelly, of Asbury M. E. Church, Millington, has returned to this charge for another year. Rev. C. E. Kirby goes to Epworth Church, Baltimore, and Rev. H. A. Wilson comes to Kent Circuit in his stead.

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