

Y. M. C. A. PLAYERS ORGANIZE LEAGUE

Six Basketball Teams Are Admitted and All Are Very Equally Matched.

SQUADS CHOOSE COLORS

SCHEDULE IS NOT YET DRAWN UP, BUT OPENING GAMES WILL PROBABLY BE PLAYED THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK.

The local Y. M. C. A. is to have a basketball league. That will be joyful news to every follower of the game in this city. And it won't be any "one-horse" league, either. It will be composed of six teams and each team will have a reserve list of nine players, so there will not be any lack of material.

The league was definitely organized at a meeting of the athletic committee yesterday afternoon. More than fifty members of the organization presented their names as candidates. It required a great deal of work on the part of the committee to arrange this list so that the six teams would be as nearly evenly balanced as possible. There are some members of the league who have had practically no experience in the game. These are placed on teams with men who have been in the game for a number of years.

Teams Well Balanced.

From comments that have been made, the lineup of the teams appears to meet with the commendation of the candidates. The names of all players were handled absolutely impartially. The athletic committee was governed by the spirit of fair dealing and this prevented any combination which might result in a sure thing deal or a frame up of any description. The candidates were grouped according to their experience and ability and the makeup of each team was chosen by lot from the list obtained.

It is the intention to play the opening game Tuesday evening, but the committee has been unable to arrange the schedule and this fact may postpone the opening until next week. It has not been determined how long the league will continue. It is believed likely that warm weather will interfere with the interest of the players and make the game one too strenuous, also.

The season now is almost over for the college teams, but it is probable that games will be scheduled through March and April. Each team will play but one game each week and if the schedule extends through the two months, twenty-seven games will be played, each team playing nine. It may be decided, however, to continue the season another week and provide for ten games, so that each team will meet the others twice.

Teams Choose Colors.

It has been suggested that the teams choose some color or the name of some educational institution by which to be known. If the college names are selected, the team bearing it will expect-

ed to adopt the same color as that which represents the school. It is expected that considerable rivalry will result from the league and an interesting sport provided. It is not to be expected that any sensational players will be developed this season. It is begun too late, and too many of the players are inexperienced. However, the league will create interest in the sport that will tend toward the development of players, so that next season a representative Y. M. C. A. team can be chosen.

Lineup of Squads.

The following are the squads picked: Number One—E. Weichman, Spangler, Compton, Porter, P. Miller, Farrow, Gillespie, Hatfield, Goebel.

Number Two—Brunson, Anderson, Cain, Dingley, Metzker, Drulay, Graves, Thomas, Crowe.

Number Three—Mallatt, Taggart, Ackerman, Kinsey, Lott, McConaha, Vergeze, Williams, Redfield.

Number Four—R. Brown, Thornburg, Mendenhall, Buell, Wickinson, Moell, Jarvis, R. Welchman, Blwickwedel.

Number Five—Gen. Meyers, Hiatt, Kelsey, Ferling, F. Haisley, O. Brown, Miller.

Number Six—Karfman, Allison, Haas, E. Haisley, W. Rodefeld, Feeger, Davis, Fry, Bellman.

LIKE DUCKS YOUNGSTERS TOOK TO WATER SPORTS

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among the Y. M. C. A. boys, a few who are able to float about on the water. Vail is an easterner and did not anticipate any floaters in Richmond—except on election day. Herschel Trueblood and Vail entertained the audience in this department of the water games.

Have Fancy Diving.

In the fancy diving contest, there was a youngster about the size of a frog, named Rush Butler. He was the real thing in this line. The boy is about thirteen years old and displayed his ability by performing all the stunts of the older and perhaps more experienced swimmers. Ray Rogers and Richard Lackey also appealed to the crowd by their expert work. The others who appeared were: August Goebel, Howard Steinakamp, Stonehill Keates, Ross Lyons and Roy Hobson.

Assisting Mr. Vail in the exhibition of the various kinds of strokes were: Richard Lackey, Rush Butler, Ernest Moore, Ray Rogers and "Mike" Harrell, an Earlham student.

They Swim for Style.

In the twenty yard dash, no attempt was made by the contestants to show great speed. They swam more for style than time, but the pool was crossed in twelve seconds by Richard Lackey.

Harrell won out in the distance plunge, not coming to the surface until thirty feet from the take off. Ross Lyons finished second. Hobson, Moore and Goebel also competed.

One hundred yards were swum by Vail and Lackey as an exhibition. There was no intention of a race, but the pair sprinted the last twenty yards, Lackey landing ahead. The distance was covered in 1:27.

The under-water swim was won by Harrell. He swam about 90 feet, making a turn at the end of the pool. Keates finished second and Moore third. Goebel was an also swam.



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City Statistics

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. Ert. Turner, 904 North Sixteenth street, girl; third child. Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, 820 N. Eleventh street, boy; eighth child.

Deaths and Funerals.

GITHENS—There has been a change in the funeral arrangements of Mrs. Joseph Githens, who died in Indianapolis early in the week, and instead of the funeral being held at Downing's undertaking parlors, as announced, it will be held from the Westcott hotel parlors at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery.

The queen signed the bill—her throne would have been the price of refusal—but it is declared that never afterward did she make any attempt to conceal her dislike of Gladstone.

His Death a Calamity.

We started, however, to discuss the health of King Edward. Statesmen recognize that the death of His Majesty at this time would be nothing short of a calamity to the British Empire, which is being held together by an exceedingly slender thread. The king's personal popularity, both at home and abroad, has accomplished more for the empire during the past half decade than all the statecraft and diplomacy of the several ministers. It remains one of the chief assets in home, colonial and foreign policy.

To speak with perfect candor, the Prince of Wales, who would succeed to the throne in the event of King Edward's death, enjoys no great popularity, either at home or abroad. He is not popular even with his own suite. Yet the Prince of Wales means well, is of amiable disposition and high ideals, lacking entirely in those weaknesses which gave his father so much notoriety before he ascended the throne. He is wholly lacking in personal magnetism and makes no appeal to the imaginations of his future subjects.

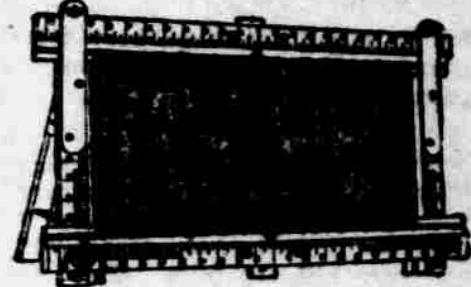
It must not be forgotten that the people of England are as much self-governing as are those of the United States. The monarchical form of government is maintained because of a sentimental attachment to the crown. Ask any British statesman what would be the result should that crown be worn by an unpopular sovereign, and he will only shake his head.

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Different Wants.

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