



By
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The Children's Hour

"COMES a pause in the day's occupation"—but not for the serious business bearers who will be occupied with the serious business of getting down to work in earnest, either in competition or practice. The Christmas Holidays usually ushers in with it a strenuous period of activity, for it is then that the winter sport teams get into the heavier portion of their schedules, while the boys who take their exercise exposed to the balmy spring atmosphere suddenly discover that there's not much time left after all to the fall semester and something ought to be done about getting into shape for their particular athletic whirls.

Apparently the basketball and swimming gladiators sincerely believe there is a Santa Claus, for they will open a few prize packages with fond expectations within the next ten days. All Captain Liss and his merry courtiers will attempt to shove off the Yuletide log is St. Lawrence, Princeton, and Washington and Jefferson, in that order. Syracuse and the College open the League swimming and water-polo campaign this Friday. And don't overlook the wrestling team, that scored a clean sweep in its opening meet last week.

Still Our Boys

THIS column still vehemently insists that the team assembled by Nat Holman is going to surprise a lot of people who profess they know their basketball, despite the decisive victory registered by St. John's quintet. Incidentally, just watch the Brooklyn Redmen. If they don't succeed in pushing over a raft of rivals this year we're a poorer prognosticator than we can possibly conceive of.

There were undeniable flashes of true basketball brilliance exhibited by the home team last Saturday evening that would have tied any team in the country into several bow-knots, but unfortunately, the erratic performance of the Lavender detracted from these few moments of sensational play. The truth of the matter is that the invaders were just a little more resourceful and experienced, better equipped physically, and quite obviously the better team. Fair enough.

Even though the Lavender was thoroughly outplayed as the game progressed, there is little doubt that the team was better than it was two weeks ago and probably will be vastly superior two weeks hence. Slipshod handling of the ball still was evident, but the men played with a fine sense of coordination and assurance that will certainly make its presence felt in the immediate future.

Outstanding as the two-game winning streak so carefully nurtured was being shattered were Captain Sam Liss and Lou Spindell. Liss was the main cog in the Lavender's offense until his exuberant play forced his retirement from the picture when the team still had more than a remote chance of overtaking the flying Saints. Spindell's guarding of the very capable Rip Collins in the first half was a superb piece of work. In the face of Lou's airtight defense, Collins was forced to abandon his under-the-basket game after the intermission to try his luck at lengthy heaves from the floor. Either his luck or marksmanship was remarkably good, for it was the Scarlet leader that just about ruined the evening for a capacity throng. "Sport Sparks" chose Collins for the first All-Metropolitan five last winter and was given no cause to regret that selection last week.

The way Liss and Spindell teamed up on that tap-off play had the Saints up in the air during the opening minutes and its successful execution was continually a threat. That's a mighty sweet stunt with Liss tearing in on the tap to bat the ball back to Spindell, and one that is going to account for many baskets before the first week in March.

A most gratifying surprise, but one not unexpected by those who have followed the team, was the splendid performance turned in by Artie Musicant. A consistent man, Musicant is winning for himself a permanent position where he was only conceded an outside chance when the season started. Frank De Phillips gave away height, weight, and experience to Posnack but still was impressive, using his height to good advantage in getting the ball on the tap and off the backboard.

The Princeton game next week revives fond memories and a former feature of the schedule. Five games have been played between the Lavender and Orange since 1920, with the Tigers taking three, one of the few teams that boasts of the edge over New York in an extended series. After taking three straight games, the College upset Princeton twice in 1921-22, the year that the men from Nassau took the League title—whatever that may mean. Some of the boys were so undiplomatic as to suggest that the Tigers ran out on the local talent. However, they're back again and everybody's happy. St. Lawrence and W. and J. should contribute towards a pleasant vacation, but you can never tell.

With the Watermen

A PROMISING water-polo sextet and the swimming team that broke all precedent last week by winning the Temple meet swing into League action Friday evening playing host to the Syracuse natators. Coach MacKenzie thinks the polo team this year is the best he has ever had at St. Nicholas Terrace, and cannot be far from wrong with a squad that includes Captain Gretsch, Sobel, Kulick, Kraus, Nolan, Thompson, Elsinger, and others. Monty Massler's return in the next few weeks will easily make the team one of the most formidable in I. S. A. competition.

ALUMNI AID SOUGHT FOR FRESHMAN BIBLE

Material on Tradition to Be Solicited for Lavender Handbook

The staff of the Lavender Handbook is attempting to get in touch with old alumni in an effort to secure information helpful in the compiling of College traditions, which will be presented in the forthcoming issue of the Frosh Bible in addition to the regular material. The book is scheduled to make its appearance during examinations, in time for sale to the incoming freshmen next term.

When published, the handbook will contain all current sports schedules, summaries of all extra-curricular activities, songs, cheers, and the Frosh Rules. The material will be up-to-date in all respects, all articles in previous editions of the Bible being entirely re-written.

The contract with the printer will be signed by the end of the week, so that the typesetting will commence during the Christmas holidays. The staff is headed by George Bronz '29, editor-in-chief, and Eugene Tuck '29, managing editor. Sylvan Freeman '29, is the business manager and Stanley Frank '30, is the Sports Editor.

The editorial board consists of Abraham Breitbart '30, Julius Weiss '30, Irving Samuels '30, Philip L. Delfin '31, and Abraham Horowitz '31.

LIBERAL LEAGUE MEETS

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Village where they will witness Upton Sinclair's European triumph, "Singing Jailbirds."

"Necessary Changes in Political Structure" coupled with a discussion of "Approaches to Social Control" will hold the center of the rostrum on Friday. Paul Blanshard, John St. Loe Strachey and A. J. Muste are scheduled to speak. In the evening a skit and dance will be staged by the Columbia Social Problems Club and the Barnard Social Science Forum.

Organizations directly affiliated with the League of Industrial Democracy are entitled to two delegates, but other college students and faculty members will be welcome.

TANKMEN MEET SYRACUSE

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The defeat administered to the poloists by the Janus A. C. in their preliminary practice encounter need not be considered too seriously. The Janus lineup included a number of former Lavender tank stars and undoubtedly could give collegiate aggregations tough fights. Gretsch, Nolan, Kulick, Kraus, Sobel and Scheeter form a sextet of striking potentialities which should duplicate last year's Syracuse victory.

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