

With Winter Slipping Fast High School Sport Programme Crowded

Yale Basketball Series, Hockey Tourney, Swimming and Wrestling Meets Keep Athletes Busy in All Branches of Athletics.

CENTRAL BEST AT BASKETBALL; LAFAYETTE LEADS IN HOCKEY GAME

Last week was a banner week for the high school athletes. Basketball as usual held supreme, but the cold snap afforded the hockey men ample opportunity to get in action and several excellent contests were the result. The high school basketball games which are being played for the Yale cup which is offered for supremacy in basketball were two of the best contests witnessed so far this season, but came as a great surprise to the followers of the ball tossing game. Masten Park forced the violet and white team to taste defeat by the score of 30 to 24 in one of the hardest fought games ever witnessed on a local court and Tech although defeated by a good margin kept the Centralites on the jump every minute of the contest.

Although there were no contests played in the Michigan cup race Lafayette and Nichols jumped into the limelight with the first game in what is to be known as the Lafayette-Nichols series. On account of the Preps not being entered in the Michigan series it has been the custom of the Lafayette and Nichols aggregations to play a series of three contests to decide the championship of the city. On account of the lateness of the season this year the games have been delayed.

The mat tourney which was held at the Central Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening afforded an excellent opportunity for the high school men to get experience on the mat. Although the high schools were only represented in one event the University of Buffalo men got away to a good start and cleaned up in three events. If this showing is kept up it should not be long before a pewter is hung up for supremacy in the grappling pastime.

Basketball Tomorrow Night.

The third twin bill in the Yale cup series will be staged tomorrow evening at the Central gym and these games should be excellent battles. Masten Park's defeat of Lafayette and the Centralites' defeat of Tech places Central at the top of the ladder with a clean slate. It is now up to Lafayette to beat Central if they want any show in the final reckoning. Both teams have been hard at work all week. Central under the direction of Coach Benedict has been seen practicing daily at the St. Agnes hall while Coach Crow has had his men work out at the Central gym. Coach Benedict is confident of a victory. "We can beat those fellows easily if our fellows play any kind of basketball," was the way he expressed himself yesterday at the Central gym. Lafayette on the other hand has nothing to say but it is assured the followers of the violet and white team that they will play a far better game than they did against Masten park.

Masten Park outplayed the Lafayette team on Monday last and should have never been defeated by Central. The yellow and blue team have one of the best quintettes in the history of the school and played excellent basketball throughout the contest. In Lake and Alway they have two of the best men in the high schools. Lake sticks to his man like glue and Alway is a bear at the cage. Masten placed the ball in the net from all corners of the court but Lafayette seemed decidedly weak at caging the ball and it was this deficiency that practically lost the contest. Although Central succeeded in winning the Tech game the Mechanics also showed a great improvement over their game with the Mellenites and should be a disturber in the race.

Last week was the best week this year for the hockey men and although none of the high schools were pitted against each other in the Michigan race the Lafayette-Nichols game was a great battle. Lafayette succeeded in defeating the Preps by the score of 3 to 0, but only after an up-hill struggle. Nichols has a crack team and it is to be regretted that they are not entered in the cup games.

Masten Park was also seen in action and succeeded in defeating the Rumsey Jrs. by large margins. Masten Park is coming along in fine style and should be able to hold her own with the other schools in the race. Lafayette has several good men, but the work of Gowans and Hodges cannot go without a word of commendation. Gowans is one of the speediest men seen on the ice this season and Hodge as usual is the best bet in the high schools. His work in the Nichols game was excellent. Carrol of Nichols, one of the front ballers, is making good at goal for the Preps and together with Dold bore the brunt of the Lafayette game. Nichols stacked up against Niagara on the Lake yesterday afternoon and although the game was a hard fought battle the Preps made an excellent showing.

Training for Swimming Meet.

Yesterday was the first day of training for the swimming meet which is to be held on Friday evening and a number of the high schoolers took advantage of the opportunity to train for the meet. As this is the last meet to be held prior to the Syracuse meet it is thought the high schoolers will be out in force. Both Lafayette and Central are planning to capture places in the different events. Robson who made a name for himself in the last meet will be seen in action and Lew Gravel will be depended upon to gain some points for the brown and blue team. Lew Webster of Masten expects to have a number of new men entered in the novice event. Tech as usual will be entered in the meet and should be able to secure a place in the list of events.

The first opportunity for the local wrestlers to get in action was afforded on Friday evening at the annual mat tourney held under the sanction of the Y. M. C. A. Although the high schools were not as well represented as it was thought they would be Jacobson of Central high school made a good showing. Jacobson is a newcomer at the mat game and was pitted against Cantor, a former Centralite. Cantor succeeded in downing the brown and blue representative, but when it is taken into consideration that he is a newcomer at the game his time of 4:53 in the first bout was a good showing. Sherwood and Pierce carried off the honors for the University of Buffalo and won their bouts with ease. It is hoped that when the next tourney is announced the high schools will be represented by at least ten men.

The rumor is still afloat in regard to a high school meet which is to be held at the Seventy-fourth armory. If this plan is carried out it should be one of the best meets in the history of the city. All of the high schools would be given a chance to compete and it is thought that several of the out-of-town institutions would gladly accept an offer to compete. Nothing will be seen of the high school track men until the next set of games which is slated for March 1 at the Seventy-fourth armory. At these games Nichols will be seen in action and it is thought a special high school relay will be on the programme.