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INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE CLOSES; CO. B WINS TITLE

The Inter-Company Games Have Been Finished; The Teams Standing: "B", First; "A" Second; Band, Third; "C", Fourth; "D", Fifth; and "E" Sixth

The Inter-Company League came to a close Thursday when the Band met and defeated Company "C." The final standing of the teams was: Company "B," first; Company "A," second; Band, third; Company "C," fourth; Company "D," fifth, and Company "E," last.

Company "B" being undefeated, and having beaten Company "A" (who beat the Band), and Company "C" (who won from "D"), receives first place.

Company "A" received second, having beaten the Band, and Company "D," and having lost to Company "B" by only three points.

The Band received third place, hav-

ing been beaten by Company "A" only, and defeating Companies "C" and "E," Company "C" having won from Company "D" by a large score.

Company "C" beat Company "D," and received fourth place.

Company "D" beat Company "E," and gets fifth place, and Company "E" is last, having been twice beaten.

"A" 16; "B" 19

The teams representing Companies "A" and "B" in the inter-company league, opposed each other in the first game of the series, Company "B" being victorious by a margin of three points. The game was free from roughing, although each team was out for "blood." Company "A" took an early lead, but was unable to hold it in the second half. Company "A" has beaten their opponents on two former practice instances by scores of 22-11 and 22-15, but these games count nothing. For Company "B," Eagles and Lumus played the best game, while for Company "A," the chief scoring was done by Crandall and Nirdlinger. Lieut. Cook refereed the game. 12-minute halves were played. At the end of the first half Company "A" led by a score of 10-8. Foul goals were shot by Crandall for Company "A," and Eagles, of Company "B." Kingsbury was time-keeper.

"A" (16) (19) "B"

Crandall (Capt.) R. F. Lumus
Buckley L. F. Eagles
Shams C. Hynson
Wright S. R. G. Bradford
Whittaker J. L. G. Cox H.

Substitutes: Co. "A"—Nirdlinger for Buckley (2d half), Howell for Wright, Shams for Howell, Hager for Shams; Co. "B"—Linbaugh for Bradford, Wedum for Cox. Field Goals: Co. "A"—Crandall (2), Nirdlinger (2), Shams, Wright and Whittaker; Co. "B"—Lumus (2), Eagles (6). Foul goals: Crandall (2), Eagles (3).

Co. "C" vs. Co. "D"

Immediately after the Company "A"- "B" game, the quints of "C" and "D" clashed. When the final whistle blew the Company "C" basketballers had the lead 20-6. The star player for Company "C" was Billingsly, while Shelton of the Company "D" team outscored his teammates. At the end of the first half, Company "C" had a lead of 17 points, the score standing 20-3. There were few fouls called and the playing was very clean. Points scored were: Armstrong (8), Howe (2), Billingsly (16), Ogden (4), Shelton (6). Lieut. Cook refereed the contest. 12-minute halves were played. Kingsberry was time-keeper. Armstrong R. F. Shelton
Westgate L. F. Johnston
Berrie C. Kalstad
Billingsley R. G. Mantinband
Ogden L. G. Foreman
Substitutions: Howe for Berrie, Cardwell for Howe, Baird for Ogden, Dukerson for Mantinband, Flemming for Foreman.

Band 23; Co. "E" 11

Laws R. F. Lybarger
Harriman L. F. Lomo, A.
Barnes W. C. Van Dyke
Waldorf R. G. Smith, D.
Smith, G. L. G. Fulton
Points—Harriman, 8; Smith, G., 3; Smith D., 2; Van Dyke, 4; Lomo, A., 8; Lybarger, 9. 15-minute halves.

The Band beat Company "E" on Tuesday, by a score of 23-11. The Company "E" team played a good game, but were out-played by their Senior cadets.

Co. "A" 26; Co. "D" 3

The Company "A" team had a complete walk away in Tuesday game with Company "D," not allowing their opponents a single field goal, while they piled up 12 field goals. Company "D" scored three points on

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NEWS ITEMS

Cadet Capt. Emde returned last week. Let us hope he continues his splendid record of previous years.

Cadet Smith, H., left the Academy a few days ago to try his luck with the Annapolis examinations. Here's luck to you, Smith.

S. M. A. lost her "Sergeant Bugler" recently. Taylor was very highly thought of here at school. He left for reasons unknown.

Some of the cadets have been fortunate enough lately to receive visits from their parents. Some of the lucky ones were: Brown S., Lebrecht, Tessier and Cadet Capt. Hooker.

It has been rumored about that certain members of the faculty are expecting to leave shortly for the Mexican border.

Hinz returned from the infirmary last week, where he was being treated for his leg. He still carries a cane, but everyone expects to see him on the baseball diamond when candidates are called.

ALUMNI NOTES

Snow and Strong, '14, are attending U. of Pa.; Rudisel, Feldenstein and Katz, '15, will also matriculate at the U. of Pa.

Gordon Nigh, '14, has gone into business; Shepherd C., '15, is attending the Richmond College; Jones S., '14, will matriculate at W. and L.; Alstadt, '13, Shearer, '15, and Arnold, '14, are attending college at Ames, Iowa.

O'Connor: "I saw a dog commit suicide yesterday."

Lawlar: "How?"

O'Connor: "He put his tail in his mouth and said, 'This is the end of me'."

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QUALITIES OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

A. School spirit is just as good here as it is at any cadet's previous high school at Podunk. Don't try to compare our loyalty to that at another school. The same conditions prevail at every school. Do something to make the spirit better here.

B. Two general classes of cadets are knockers and boosters. The former are those referred to in No. 1: the boosters are those who believe our spirit here has the right trend, but is not yet perfected by any means.

C. Boosters are helping to make the spirit better by working for some of the

School Organizations:

1. The Military—As company captain, lieutenant, sergeant, corporal, and down to a high private in the rear rank, trying to attain efficiency.

2. The Discipline—Obey the regulations. Keep off the beat, and from under arrest, so that you may be free to take part in athletics and help in other school activities.

3. The Academic—Let's raise our educational standard even higher. Already our graduates are exempt from the mental entrance examinations to West Point. When a cadet graduates from here and goes to a university, we expect and should have a good showing from him.

4. The Baseball Team—Now is the time to report for that team. If you can't make the team, root for it.

5. HILL TOPICS—Are you a subscriber? Are you on the Staff? Are you handing in articles for publication?

6. The Annual, *Blue and Gold*—

Have you promised to take a copy? What are you doing to help make it the best issue?

7. The Inter-Company Basketball—Are you on the team? Have you tried to make it? If you were under arrest or had beat, and were thus prevented from trying for the team, read article 2, and ask yourself if you have the school spirit.

8. The Inter-Company Debate—Read last week's HILL TOPICS. Already Lt. McKay has sent to the U. of N. C. for information on the first question. When this material comes, debates will be called from the several companies. Are you going to try? Are you going to let your company go unrepresented?

9. The Inter-Company Track—Read last week's HILL TOPICS, and be ready for the call. See Lieut. Wallace for any information.

10. Inter-Company Baseball—This will be held at the camp. Any practice you do between now and then will help your playing.

11. The Band and the Buglers—Are you doing your best? In praise of the Band, let it be said that we are well satisfied with the progress. As for the Buglers: one or two of them could benefit by practice on the most ordinary calls. Sometimes it is impossible to distinguish their calls from the noises made by a dying calf, and a rooster's crowing.

12. The Double Quartet and Quartet—Glad to welcome you among our organizations. We are proud of the work you have done.

13. The Academy Club and the Social Club—Thanks to you for your efforts.

14. The Honor Committee—Surely the highest form of school spirit.

15. The Y. M. C. A.—The highest form. Do you belong to it?

16. The School Spirit Club—This is open to anyone. No extra qualifications are necessary. All you have to do is *root* and *boost* for everything pertaining to the school. A true well-wisher should be an optimistic self-denying worker in as many of the organizations from 1 to 15 as possible. If you can't work or *won't* work, don't knock.

"I can't swim," shouted the man in the water, as he went under and came up again shouting, "I can't swim."

The man on the shore looked at him in languid disgust. The man in the water sank again and when he came up he gasped again, "I can't swim."

"Well, my friend," shouted the man on the bank, "This is a queer time to be boasting of it."

MILITARY NOTES

The spring weather has nearly arrived, the time when preparations are made for the "War Department" inspection, which is held in April each year. The company commanders will soon instruct their respective companies in the extended order drill. The school has hitherto made a good showing at this inspection, and this year S. M. A. must not fall short of expectations. So put all your attention on that *monotonous drill*, and later you shall find that your time here has not been misspent.

Retreat has been held lately on the asphalt, with the band playing. This is quite an attraction and usually draws numerous spectators.

A rifle team has been chosen and "competes" will be held. The four best shots in each organization will qualify for this competition.

An entire day will be devoted to maneuvering prior to Captain Shindal's annual inspection. Captain Shindal (U. S. A.) will visit us within the next six weeks. Let the corps, every man, do his share, and make a good showing.

The Straight Game

The straight game forever! What good, may I ask, is to come out of cheating at great or small tasks?

The straight game forever! Forever, I say, Though we lose and are beaten, 'tis that, we must play.

For ill-gotten victories and dishonest fame, Can hardly be credit to anyone's name.

The straight game forever! Be honest and square;

To the last, let us shout out, "By all means *play fair*."

—Ex.

Marrone has done better in his studies since he returned from the hospital. When asked the reason, he said, "Oh, they put a mustard plaster on me and made me *smart*."

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Last Saturday night the Academy Club gave their second dance of the year. The affair was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of the young people. Dancing was from nine until eleven-thirty. The gym. was very artistically decorated with pennants and banners, punch was served at one end of the hall and music was furnished by the colored orchestra.

Among those present were: Col. and Mrs. T. G. Russell, Maj. and Mrs. F. D. Sizer, Maj. and Mrs. L. L. Sutherland, Mrs. W. G. Kable, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. R. Small, Maj. and Mrs. R. W. Wonson, Mrs. Moores, Mrs. Spotts, Mrs. Champ, Miss Helen Moores with Cadet Capt. G. A. Hager, Miss Elsie Morris with Cadet Capt. B. C. Low, Miss Margaret Enslow with Cadet Lieut. Blizzard, Miss Page Hughes with Cadet Lieut. Petters, Miss Frances Champ of M. B. S. with Cadet Lieut. R. W. Frazier, Miss Margaret Hawks with Cadet 1st Serg. Waltz, Miss Laura Ward Wise with Cadet Serg. Prather, Miss Kerr of Stuart Hall with Cadet Serg. Adams (Triangle Club), Miss Mary Preston Hanger with Cadet Westgate, Miss Catherine Holt with Cadet Mosby, Miss Driskell with Cadet Serg. Maj. Simmons. Among the stags were: Mr. Edgar Jobe, Mr. Thomas Holt, Mr. Thomas Hogshead, Capt. Pitcher, Lieut. Wallace, Cadets Billingsley, Moses, Ranshaw, Smith C., Hooker, Lomo A., McCallister and McRoberts of the Triangle Club.

Maj. Acker: "How many of those five problems did you get, Mr. Moore?"

Zip: "I didn't get the first two or the last three."

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INTER-COMPANY GAMES

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fouls for double drills. The final score standing 26-3.

Crandall (C.) . . . R. F. . . (C) Shelton Nirdlinger L. F. . . Johnston J. Shams C. Kalstead Buckley R. G. . . Mantinband Whittaker, J. L. G. . . . Foreman

Substitutes—Howell for Whittaker, Wright, S., for Howell, Stevens, W., for Mantinband. Points scored—Shams, 10; Crandall, 10 (2 fouls); Nirdlinger, 6; Shelton, 3 (fouls). Time of halves—13 minutes. Time-keeper—Cadet O'Connor. Referee—Coach Cook.

The cadets are taking much interest in the "Inter-Company" basket-ball teams, each cadet trying hard to have his company win honors in the sport, by forfeiting their recreation hours to show their loyalty to their company. The side-line support is not what it should be. Let us make this a success, every cadet come out to the games and show your team you appreciate what they are doing for the good of the company.

For showing loyalty to their companies, Companies "A" and "C" are in the lead, each having ten candidates for the team; Company "E" next, having nine; Company "D," eight; Company "B," seven, and Band, six.

Two teams from Company "E" met in the gymnasium last week in a practice game. The first beating the second 19-3. These boys have the right spirit, some day they'll be stars on some Varsity.

Lieut. Wallace will call out candidates for the track team next week, some time. We have excellent material and prospects are bright for a successful season. Harsh, Hinz, Lawlar, Blizzard, Mattox and Bridges are all men of good reputation as foot-artists. While "Horse" Prather is good on "heaving the lead." The school will take a half dozen men to W. and L. in a few weeks, and we hope they will "bring home the bacon."

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2. All players are warned not to bring rocks, iron taps, razors, jimmys, monkey-wrenches, brass knucks, or other missiles in their back pockets on the field of play. These deadly projectiles tend to become loose in arguments with the umpire. PENALTY: (Umpire or chief of police enforce this rule) *excluded from field of play for remainder of game, and put to work on the County road till the next home game.*

3. The back trousers' pockets (as specified in Rule No. 47) are for the express purpose of containing slippery elm, spearmint or doublemint, rosin, Star, Navy, or Old Granger Twist or the baseball glove (when not in use). PENALTY: *Same as for Rule 2.*

4. A player struck by a pitched ball, will be allowed to take first as hereafter provided: First—He must have been hit on the head; second—prints of the seams of the ball must show within two minutes. (Hint: The Rules Committee suggests that the umpire wear a wrist watch for the timing of all such disputes.)

5. The batter has full privilege to strike, in a gentlemanly way (*see Rule 1*) at any ball he chooses: Provided, he warn the catcher of his intention before each pitched ball. PENALTY: *Batter is declared out, and no bases can be run.*

6. Any base-runner who slides into a base and raises so much dust as to hide the play from the eyes of the umpire or spectators, shall be declared out, assigned 1,000 hours beat, and sent from the field of play to begin his *tour*.

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9. Annual exams in June.

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6. It is a common impression that in case you do not like the navy, you can't get out. That is not true, for you can almost at any time (except in war). I would advise those who do not think they would like the life, to stay out, for when the government spends about \$20,000 on your education, it expects and should have something in return.

Think About the Navy.

If you like it, get an appointment, pass the examinations. Now is the time to begin your preparation. See Captain Davis about information concerning his Army-Navy class and come back next year and enter it.

Lt. Cook has pamphlets issued by the "Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department" and which will be sent to anyone upon request to the Chief of that Bureau. These pamphlets contain information for "Candidates for Admission to the Naval Academy," as well as sets of previous examination questions. Lt. Cook will be glad to lend his booklets to anyone interested and to give any information desired.

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McCallister: "Here's a nickle I found in the hash."

Shams: "You should worry. I heard you complaining yesterday about a lack of change in your meals."

There, little zero, don't you cry, You'll have company by and by.

Fred (entering the room and wringing his hands, with an expression of extreme agony): "Now I've done it! I might have known I would make a mistake if I didn't turn on the light."

Dick: "Suffering cats! What have you done?"

Fred: "I put a two-cent stamp on a postal-card."

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Sutcliffe: "It's cheap enough—but how do you know I'll live ten years?"

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