

Scarcity of Reserves Clouds Blue Comets' Chances in Opener

**Monday's Game
Pops Lid Off;
Thompson Still Out**

The Washington and Lee varsity basketball team, with a capable first team but a definite scarcity of reserves, will open their 1939-40 season next Monday when they clash with an anvil independent team in Doremus gym.

Still a pessimistic factor in the Big Blue outlook is the injured leg of Ronnie Thompson which has failed to heal rapidly enough. Thompson, embarking upon his third year as a regular, injured a blood-vessel in his leg during the Virginia football game. He is working out daily, but it appears extremely doubtful if he will be in the starting lineup Monday.

His absence from the line of heavy duty has prevented Coach Cunningham from getting together the combination with which he expects to entrust the major portion of the work for the forthcoming campaign.

The Big Blue concluded their third week of practice as a squad last Saturday, but it was only the first week for Howard Dobbins and Dick Pinck who were late in reporting because of football injuries. Both men are assured of starting berths this year, but according to Coach Cunningham, they will not have enough time to get in their best cage condition before Monday.

Yesterday, the Generals ran through a snappy scrimmage stressing the new Cunningham featuring a clever pivot out in front of the basket, the Blue Comets looked impressive enough, but Coach Cunningham admitted that it would look lots better with Thompson in there. The Generals will scrimmage daily this week up until Friday in preparation for their opening clash Monday.



LEO REINARTZ

The Spotlight Is On Captain Reinartz

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of sketches of winter sports notables scheduled to appear in The Ring-tum Phi throughout the winter season.)

Leading off The Ring-tum Phi list of sports pen portraits is varsity basketball's Captain Leo Frederick Reinartz, Jr., guard, and an academic senior from Middletown, Ohio.

Captaincy of the 1939-40 quintet is Leo's second such distinction in his W&L career, for he was named leader of the Brigadier cagers in their 1936-37 season.

A regular from the beginning, Reinartz's work at guard has been characterized by hard play, good floor work and a sharp eye with the set shot from outside.

He is a member of the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

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'Cookie' Cunningham Steps Out From Merriwell Role into W&L

By RAY WHITAKER

If you think that Frank Merriwell, Jack Armstrong, or Ned Brant have done the athletic impossible in fiction, then settle back and listen to the athletic history of Cookie Cunningham, the new Washington and Lee basketball coach, who has actually done as much as those guys were imagined to have done.

His career in sports started at Mt. Vernon high school in Ohio. Cunningham played both football and basketball. He was captain of football and all-state center in basketball. He led the court team to the state championship and the finals in a national high school tournament in Chicago. This was in 1921.

The following year he matriculated at Ohio State university, launching an episode of much greater sports fame. His great play at a flank position on the Buckeye grid team earned him the cap-

taincy of the Ohio State team in 1925. To top it off he was named to practically everyone's all-American team, including Walter Camp's, during his final year at Ohio State.

His work in basketball was equally as sensational. For three years he was the third ranking scorer in the Big Ten conference, with 107 points each year, oddly enough. He was named to a center position on the all-conference five his senior year.

He graduated in 1926 with a degree in physical education. He started playing professional football and basketball, which were just getting started about this time. He played around with a professional team in Cleveland, and then went up to Chicago as a member of the famous Chicago Bears' football team. Among his teammates was none other than the immortal Red Grange, whom

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Braun Plans Enlarged Crew

Announcement that crew, the oldest sport at Washington and Lee, would be further expanded was made by Henry Braun, captain, Monday.

Braun states that practices, formally held on the North river, would be held on the James river near Glasgow. This move was necessitated by the fact that the North river is too narrow for an eight-oared shell such as the crew bought last year.

"All of the large northern colleges row in eight-oared shells," he said, "and the four-oared shell is practically obsolete."

Approximately 20 upperclassmen attended the meeting two weeks ago when it was decided to enlarge further. Oscar Ennenga was appointed chairman of the committee that leased the James river land from the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad for one dollar a year. It was also voted to build a boat-house in which to lodge the shell. This house will cost about \$100 and will be of the type that can be added to from time to time.

Braun also announced that invitations for meets during the winter holidays with Rollins and another Florida college have been accepted. Bids have also been received from several other northern and southern schools.

This activity at the present time receives 20 cents from every campus tax. Last year it made a request for 20 cents more, which was refused. Consequently, the students out for the sport had to buy a shell with their own money.

Fletcher Heads Coach Group

Coach Forest Fletcher, who last week resigned after 25 years as track coach at W&L, has been made head of a committee of the Athletic association to name his successor.

In announcing his resignation, Coach Fletcher stated that he would be inactive but one year on advice of his physician, so in all probability one of the coaches now connected with the school will be asked to take over the duties of track mentor for the next 12 months until Mr. Fletcher returns.

Nothing has been definitely announced by the committee, however, and there is a possibility that a full-time track coach will be summoned to take charge of the Generals during the coming indoor and spring sessions.

A mentor will be on hand when practice for the indoor season gets under way on December 11. Senior Manager Walter Guthrie will announce definite dates on practice within the next few days.

To date only two meets have been scheduled for the Big Blue runners. On February 10 the team will travel to Baltimore and there meet the University of Maryland in a dual contest, and early in March W&L's trackmen will participate in the Southern conference meet to be held at Chapel Hill.

Varsity Mermen Announce Seven-Meet Schedule for 1940

Cy Twombly, varsity swimming* coach, announced yesterday a seven-meet schedule for the varsity mermen, beginning with North Carolina State on January 19 in a meet in the pool here and ending with the Southern conference meet early in March.

Between February 10 and February 17, the varsity swimmers will participate in three meets, all away from Lexington. On February 10, the General swimmers will meet William and Mary at Williamsburg, on February 14 they oppose Virginia Tech at Blacksburg, and on February 17, North Carolina will meet at Chapel Hill. A week later, on February 24, the Duke swim team will come here for a meet and two days later the swimmers will make their last appearance before the conference meet, when they compete with the Wahos from Virginia.

Bren Farber, captain of the 1940 swimming team, is the standout of the squad, having been outstanding in the Southern conference during his first two seasons of varsity swimming. Other lettermen out for the tank team include Jack Warner, breast stroker; Bob Boyce and Bob Shreve, divers; Jack Crawford and Herb Friedman in the backstroke; and Jack Akin, another breast stroke swimmer.

Among the non-lettermen counted on this season are Alex Thomson, a senior, who was unable to participate in his sophomore and junior years because of illness; and Jim Snobble, a junior, who was forced out last season by illness.

Bob Wilson, Nelson Steenland, and John Embry are sophomores who were not on last year's frosh team who are showing up well in practice sessions.

Time trials for both varsity and freshmen will be held next week.



Cy Twombly—the man who for years has been consistently turning out winning W&L swimming teams. This season, with prospects none too bright, Cy is feeling rather pessimistic.

PiKA's Grab Lead in I-M Point Scoring

**Football Title Nets
50 Points; ATO's,
DU's, Phi Delt's Next**

With the completion of the 1939 intramural football championship, the first official team standings find the PiKA's in the top position with 50 points. PiKA won its football championship, succeeding last year's KA winners, to annex their 50 points.

The ATO's with 30 points are resting comfortably in second place each. The Delt's, Phi Psi's, Lambda Chi's, and ZBT's are tied for fourth position with 10 points each. The Delt's, last year's defending champions, won one football game to give them their ten points.

The following standings include football only:

Team	Points
PiKA	50
ATO	30
DU	20
Phi Delt	20
LXA	10
Phi Psi	10
DTD	10
ZBT	10
KA	3
Sigma Chi	2
Beta	1
Pi Phi	1
Kappa Sig	0
PEP	0
Phi Gam	0
SPE	0
PKSig	0
SAE	0
Sigma Nu	0
NFU	0

Rifle Club Will Hold First Meeting Tomorrow

The Rifle club will hold its first meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 on the third floor of Robinson hall. Anyone interested in trying out for the team or joining the club is invited to attend.

Dr. B. R. Ewing is coach of the team, which is now an accepted minor letter sport. A small fee charged at the beginning of the season covers the use of rifles, targets, and ammunition.

FOLLOWING THE BIG BLUE

With ED TRICE

Introducing Those Frosh . . .

Once again pre-season rumors are putting the coach on the spot, so we take this chance to note that this year's freshman basketball array is not the greatest batch of yearlings ever assembled, or the best Washington and Lee has ever had. The smart boys, and in this case that means Syd Lewis, rate them a good ten points behind Pinck, Dobbins and aggregation of two years ago. But pessimistic as we try to appear, we can overlook the fact that real talent is abounding and is going to cause plenty of headaches in Old Dominion basketball circles before the middle of March.

Hottest thing on the hardwood is Jeff Hudson, 210 pounds of coordinated muscle and broken nose, who can drop in pivot shots like a Spessard and handles himself like a bantam-weight. Rangy Dick Ellis is steady as a rock and a valuable rebounder, while Leo Signaigo completes a forward line that will average over 6 feet 3 inches if it stays intact. The intramural football star hasn't found his eye yet, but his passing leaves nothing to be desired.

Reasons why said forward line may not stay as is are Johnny Kirkpatrick, a combination of TNT and St. Vitus dance, who can give an opposing guard fits, and bounding Bob Myers, another competent floor man. Smoothest of Bill Ellis' charges is Chan Whipple, a smaller duplicate of Kit Carson, but who is lost to the squad till after Christmas due to a badly-cut finger.

Tradition, that awful thing that requires that Washington and Lee athletic coaches be ex-Washington and Lee athletes, is being broken down and the result is not only better teams but increased school spirit and players' moral. The signing of Riley Smith and Jack Hennemer as backfield and line coach led the way, and the boys from Big Time caught and have held tremendous student body respect.

And the advent of Cookie Cunningham, all-American footballer as well as member of the world famous Celtic quintet, as basketball coach is an occasion of no less importance. There is a new spirit out on the court this year and we foresee a winning five despite unexpected losses of Cuttino, Park, and Stein.

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'Cookie' Cunningham's Exploits Show Up Even Frank Merriwell

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Cookie had played against for three years in the Big Ten.

Cunningham moved eastward after a stay of several years with the Bears and came to New York. There he signed with the team which today is known as the New York Giants, champions of the National Professional Football league. His teammate and the star of the backfield was Ken Strong, rated by many as the greatest kicker of all times.

During the winter months from 1926 to 1934, Cunningham devoted his talents to basketball. He toured for three years with the famed New York Celtics, often called the "perfect basketball team."

Cunningham started coaching basketball at Baylor school in Chattanooga after leaving the Celtics. He moved up into big-time coaching in 1935 when he was appointed assistant football and basketball coach at Ohio State, his alma mater. He remained there until this year when he came to Washington and Lee.

Strange as it may seem, Cunningham calls Red Grange the greatest defensive back of all time, although the Galloping Ghost is known as one of the brightest lights ever seen in offensive football. From a group of four of the best men Cunningham ever played for or against, he chooses Ernie Nevers as the best of them all. The remaining three are Benny Friedman, Michigan's great passer; Grange, Illinois' great runner; and Ken Strong, NYU's great kicker. He recalls very definitely the time that Nevers scored all of the points for a 40-0 victory over Cunningham's team in a professional football game.

The name "Cookie" was tagged

onto Cunningham while he was in high school. He and an elder brother were inseparable pals, and when his brother picked up the name of "Big Cookie" is was only a step further for the younger of the two to be called "Little Cookie." When he went to college, the little was dropped and the rest has remained with him to this day. Cunningham admits that he hasn't been called by his real name of Harold since he was in knee pants.

OPINIONS

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ing a book we really want to browse in.

Browsing should be a pastime we can all engage in while we ought to be studying. It is surprising the amount of fascinating and absolutely useless information that can be obtained thereby. We should be able to pick up a book almost anywhere in the library, and drop into a nearby seat, resting there comfortably until we have killed enough time to have done all of our parallel for a week.

Of course, this idyllic library can never become a reality, because it would cost so much that the University could not buy another book for twenty years.

BILL BUCHANAN.

'Messiah' to Be Presented

The Messiah, one of Handel's best known and most successful oratorios, will be performed at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, December 17, at 4 p. m.

Several Washington and Lee faculty members and students will take part in the program. Included in the faculty will be Professors G. J. Irwin, T. A. Smedley, A. G. Steer, J. A. Graham, L. D. Williams, and C. H. Lauck. Of the students, Don Carnahan, Jack Akin, Paul Thomas, Waller Howard, and Ed Brockman will take part.

Included in the musical accompaniment will be the three choirs of the Presbyterian church, the VMI Glee club, the Lexington high school Glee club, and the choirs of the Baptist and the Methodist churches.

DR. GAINES RETURNS

Dr. Francis P. Gaines returned to his office on Monday after recovering from a minor operation, which was performed by Dr. Johns at the Johnson-Willis hospital in Richmond. Dr. Gaines was absent from his office for a little over two weeks. After a ten-day stay in the hospital, he returned to his home on the W&L campus.

Trout Speaks to Pre-meds On Socialized Medicine

Socialized medicine will never become a widespread reality, Dr. Hugh Trout, president of the Southern Surgeons' college and president-elect of the Virginia Medical society, told members of Societas Praeamedica last Thursday night.

Dr. Trout devoted the first part of his talk to socialized medicine, then directed several remarks to students who plan to enter the field of medicine. He warned them not to follow that profession for monetary reasons, and discussed methods of entering medical schools.

Chi Gamma Theta to Hold Semi-Monthly Meeting

Chi Gamma Theta, Washington and Lee honorary chemistry society, will hold its semi-monthly meeting in the Chemistry building tonight in order to discuss the pending affiliation of the fraternity with the American Chemical society, President George Nielson announced yesterday.

If the affiliation takes place the members of Chi Gamma Theta will receive literature of the society at a reduced price, Nielson explained.

NFU Substitute Dinner For Dance on Dec. 9

Because the proposed Non-Fraternity union party for December 9 conflicted with the "13" club dance, the union last Wednesday at its meeting passed a resolution endorsing the dance and abandoning its party in favor of a dinner.

Non-Fraternity students, whether they have dates or not, may arrange to go to the dinner by getting in touch with Kelly Litteral. In connection with dinner plans, there will also be a checkup to find out how many men plan to have dates.

Zemke Outlines Air Corps Work

The opportunities offered college men by the Army air corps were outlined by Lieutenant H. Zemke, of the 36th pursuit squadron at Langley field, for 34 student listeners yesterday.

Lt. Zemke explained that, upon satisfying certain requirements, applicants might become flying cadets. After nine months of rigorous training at three "stages," or schools, cadets who successfully complete the course become second lieutenants in the air corps reserve, with an opportunity to become aviation officers, he said.

Unmarried male citizens between the ages of 20 and 27, with credit for two years work toward a college degree, and with sound health are accepted for enlistment in the corps, Lt. Zemke said. A high character rating is also required. A written examination is given to applicants who have not completed half of a four-year college course.

Lt. Zemke, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, received his flying training as a cadet.

Professor O. W. Riegel, head of the Washington and Lee Journalism department, has returned to his classes following his recent illness.

DEBATERS PRACTICE

Approximately 30 men are attending daily debate practices under the direction of Coach George S. Jackson and Assistant Coach Robert Van Wagoner, it was learned today.

These daily sessions will continue until the Christmas holidays. Most of the work is being done on the national debate topic for 1939-40: Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of strict economic and military isolation toward all nations outside the Western hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict.

Freshman Council Elects New Committee Members

Bob Leake and Ted Lawrence were elected members of the Freshman council's executive committee last week at a business meeting of the council.

Leake is a Beta Theta Pi pledge from Fort Thomas, Ky., and Lawrence, a non-Fraternity student, is from Detroit, Mich. Other officers were selected by the group two weeks ago.

Giles McCrary suffered an attack of appendicitis and was operated on at the Jackson Memorial hospital on Wednesday. His operation was successful, and hospital officials report he is recovering rapidly.

Gus Faulk Addresses Lee Dinner Forum

Gus Faulk, W&L senior, addressed members of the Lee Dinner forum on "Are Our Churches Keeping Up With the Times?" last Sunday night. A discussion period among members of the organization followed the talk.

The group decided to offer membership to a few additional students whose names will be announced in the near future.

The forum will hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 7.

HOSPITAL NOTES

John DeWees is also in the hospital and is reported to have an acute cold.

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HIGH FRONTIER
by LELAND JAMIESON
Begins in this week's Post

In this same issue:

"TOO YELLOW TO PLAY FOOTBALL?" He was on the sidelines now. He was the guy who had broken Billy Cooper's leg. The guy 85,000 people were waiting to boo. And today was *Game Day*. A short story by Paul O'Neil on page 22 of this week's Post.

THE PLAIN PEOPLE FACE THE WAR. The writer, John W. Vandercreek, recently talked with French shopkeepers, peasants, heard their stories; then motored into Germany and spent hours with Nazi small-town leaders. New insight on how the common people of two countries are taking it.

HOLLYWOOD HUSBANDS HAVE SO-O-O MANY PROBLEMS! Reuben Rosen, Hollywood's Boy Wonder, was a wot at changing scripts into happy endings. But could he kill his wife's infatuation for her new leading man? (Quick, get the script-girl!) A short story, *Suggestion for a Happy Ending*, by Edith Fitzgerald.

WILD COYOTES BREAKFASTED WITH US! Snowed in eight months of the year, seven thousand feet up in the High Sierras, the author of this unusual nature article and her husband actually taught wild coyotes "table manners"! Read *The Coyotes Come*.

MARRY FOR LOVE—REPEAT AT LEISURE. A boy of nineteen marrying a woman of thirty-one? It won't last, people were saying. But the wife, desperately in love, had the courage to find out. Read *Please Let Me Come Home*, by Helen Deutsch.

IT WAS SMART TO BE RED. Eugene Lyons gives you a *Who's Who* of Communism's elite ... how they line up unsuspecting professors, naive clergymen, writers, and "society" folk as a front for their propaganda.

AND ... Short stories by Maurice Walsh and David Lamson; articles, poems, editorials, Post Scripts and cartoons. All in this week's issue of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

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