

## SCHOOLBOY CHAMPS OF 1922 TAKE FALL

### Title Winners in Four High School Leagues Have Played Poorly During Past Season; Wenonah Shows Class

THE past scholastic baseball season has been a rough one for the champions of the previous year. Title winners in four of the high school leagues within the city's limits during 1922, are now found far from the top in the final ratings of the various circuits.

Take Germantown High as the first illustration. Two successive years found this team marching through the opposition with little difficulty and easy defeat. Where are they rated now? Just as was predicted before the season's start—a few steps from the cellar.

The Clivedens may not have been quite, or even half as strong as last year, but there was something else wrong in the Germantown camp. It seems that the winning way had gone to their heads and several were noticed to be wearing larger-sized bonnets when the 1923 season began. They started out with the idea that they were going to have an easy time of it in the Public School League and this accounts for their expected victims rising up and handing them reverses.

Another illustration of the fallen idol is the Villanova Prep team. Crowned city's scholastic champions through their victory over Germantown High in a post-season game last year, the main liners have fared even worse than the interscholastic champions.

Against the Catholic League opposition, which is not overly strong, the preppers have finished at the bottom of the heap. They now occupy the cellar position, long inhabited by the Purple and Gold nine of Catholic High.

However, the cause is very apparent in regard to the preppers. Graduation left a large hole in its wake and Coach McGeehan feels very grateful that he has been able to fill the various berths as successfully as he has. It was a fighting bunch of youngsters, but lacked the finesse which the great combination of last year had.

#### Wenonah Shows Class

NOW we come to the Episcopal Academy nine. We cannot dwell very long on this subject as the interacademic leaders of 1922 have fallen down miserably in the league during the past campaign. Haverford School, who was not mentioned as a possible contender for the crown by the dopsters at the beginning of the season, turned right around and swept aside all opposition afforded them.

Next we come to the case of the Lansdale team, the winners of the pennant in the Bux-Mont League last year. This team was a terror to opposition in 1922. A glance at the final standings shows the startling news that it is the proud possessor of fifth place.

The case of Lansdale brings out the increased strength of other league members. It had five veterans from the 1922 outfit and things, before the season's start, pointed to another banner year. They are now enjoying this in a backward direction.

While we have carefully combed the field in four leagues we have not mentioned the fact that the Wenonah Military Academy has captured the Pennsylvania Prep School laurels last week by virtue of their victory over the Garnet nine of Swarthmore Prep.

The soldier boys fighting like a bunch of Yanks in a trench managed to grasp the title of the two States, only after a great uphill battle in the last three games of the circuit.

Swarthmore had the banner almost clinched when the prep school team visited the cadet's camp in Wenonah several weeks ago and all they had to accomplish was to defeat their Jersey rivals, while the soldiers, in order to come out on top had to win from the Garnet twice. The task was not too difficult for the victorious nine, who trounced the opposition that they had facing them, thereby giving them clear title to the crown.

#### Donahue Is Star at St. Joe's

THERE is a lad at St. Joseph's Preparatory School who bears watching in the collegial world after he gets his diploma in June from the Catholic institution. His name is Ralph Donahue, who has been a three-letter man for the past trio of years. He won his ensignia on the basketball court, football field and cinder path, and would have most likely added the fourth one to his list had he tried for the baseball team.

The young chap whom we have spoken about in the above paragraph is a tall, rangy lad, built on the line of an athlete. Some day if we read of a Donahue scintillating in college athletics bear in mind the fact that he was one of the best all-around athletes ever produced at St. Joe's.

## Wenonah Military Academy shows class at end of 1923 baseball season.

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