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LOCAL SPORTS NATIONAL

NEW HANDBALL SCHEDULE

A new arrangement of the handball schedule, for the five high men in the present tourney, is being arranged by Dr. Hand, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. The new schedule is to be in the nature of a finals series for games which have now been in progress for some little time. The five men are finishing so close that further competition will be necessary to satisfactorily determine winners.

M. C. Webster and J. Q. Baptist are now the two high men, each having lost but a single game in the series. In case they lose no more, it will, of course, be a matter of fight it out between them.

Others who are finishing close, and may win out through the new schedule, are H. S. Chandler, M. V. Decolto, and Mark Johnson. One or two others have played good ball, but have not taken part in enough games to be in line for the winner's place now.

In the meantime, the matches at the Association courts go merrily on.

TWILIGHTS MAY QUIT

The Twilights are probably to drop out of the Kapiolani League, owing to loss of players, signed by the big league club. This fact came out at a meeting of the Kalihi Athletic Club held at the residence of Adrian Keoho last night. It was suggested that the place be filled by the Kalihi with some other aggregation, however, the final decision on the will of Hawaii went over for a week in order that more information might be obtained.

George Silva, Harry Markham and W. Walker were admitted to membership in the organization. It was stated that work on the new Kalihi park was lagging owing to the need of a couple of dump carts to be used in carting the stones and rubbish from the park site. The Supervisors were petitioned in this regard but so far nothing has been done in the matter, though it seems to be a case which the dads might well find time to attend to. The sale of tickets for the concert and dance to be given in the K. of P. hall on May 2 for the benefit of the club is progressing satisfactorily. The program will include the following numbers: Catholic Mission Orchestra; Royal Kalihi Glee Club; Kalihi Quartet, duet, Messrs. Keoho and Delmont; Kalihi Athletic Club Quartet; address, A. L. C. Atkinson; piano solo, Miss Alice Kia; the Kalauhi twins in comic songs; zither solo, James Ahloy.

SPORTIVE SPLURGES

A preliminary has been arranged for the Roberts-Mitsuka wrestling bout, in the nature of a Japanese wrestling bout for the championship of the Islands, Mitsuka barred.

The contestants will be Isoernshi, ex-champion of Hawaii; Masdikiyama, champion of Maui; Akiraka, a dark horse who claims to have never lost a bout; and Ichinoto, a professional wrestler recently arrived from Japan. Another preliminary will be presented, details of which will be announced in a day or so.

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For the purpose of discussing the prospective cricket match, brought forward by a cable message received from the Aoranga at Suva, the Honolulu Cricket Club will meet at 5 p. m. today, at the rooms of the Scottish Thistle Club, Oregon Block. Practice may begin tomorrow.

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S. M. Damon has extended to the members of the Japanese Merchants' Association an invitation to use the Moanalua grounds freely for golf, racing and sports the same as he has invited other nationalities. The Japanese merchants have passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Damon.

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The yacht Hawaii's inlaid material should arrive by the S. S. Mexican today.

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R. W. Breckons has been appointed official scorer of the Press League.

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WANTS FIELD DAY FOR THE FLEET

Hand Suggests Meeting To Plan Athletic Contests

That Hawaiian track and field athletes hold one or two meets in this city, during the stay of the Fleet here, is a plan of Dr. Hand, of the Y. M. C. A., which he is following up actively. Through these columns, he suggests a meeting of men representing Kamehameha School, Punahou College, the High School, and the Y. M. C. A., to arrange such field meets, settle dates and details, and get word of the coming events to the Fleet, so that the sailor-lads may get into shape to compete with the locals. With this in view, the organization, if it is to be done, must be done in the near future.

Honolulu has much first-rate talent in this line, and it is felt, as a consequence, that the locals should make use of their abilities in this line, as well as in other sports.

Where it is expected that local men will shine particularly is on the track. In doping out such a prospective field day, honors of a high sort in the weights will probably go to some of the big men in the Navy. Where concessions will not be made by Honolulu men, in all probability, is on the cinders, for any distance from the mile run to the 50-yard dash, the last event, in particular, being the long suit of sprint-runners on the teams here. Performances of such men as En Sue or Rice or McKenzie indicate that this city can put forward runners of a class not to be excelled anywhere.

Though the project is tentative, the running and jumping is being practiced now, in anticipation of an event or two yet in the season, and the contestants should be in fine fettle.

Dr. Hand is very enthusiastic over the matter.

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BOAT RACES FOR FLEET

The Healani Yacht and Boat Club now has under consideration the matter of arranging a boat race or more while the Fleet is here, to help on with the entertainment of the jackies. The Rowing Association is soon to call a meeting to get on the matter. As boat racing is a favorite pastime among Uncle Sam's sailors, such an event would be right in line.

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Practice for the Newspaper Baseball League begins this afternoon.

Kite Flying Being Schemed By Mr. Osborn

It looks as though George Osborn is to have his kite-flying festival on Punchbowl hill. Moreover, it is likely to become an annual event that will not only bring out all the Japanese and Chinese for one day of the year but both haoles and Hawaiians as well, for it is to be a sort of home-international contest affair.

Osborn has interested Japanese and Chinese in his project and is now seeking co-operation in other directions.

At Nagasaki, in Japan, some thirty thousand Japanese go up the sacred hill back of the city one day every year to fly their kites. It is a wonderful sight, 30,000 gaudy kites in the air and not one string crossing the other, for the Japanese pride themselves on their skill in so manipulating their kites that they never come in contact with each other. The Chinese put resin on their strings and try to saw through the cord of a rival, some of them even go so far as to attach steel blades every few yards on their cords, so that by sawing back and forth, where thousands of kites are being flown, many are set adrift.

Brother Osborn is going to have troubles when he opens his contest to all comers. The Japanese who lose their kites are apt to turn on the Chinese who cut the cords, and it is dollars to doughnuts that the Hawaiian boys, assisted by the Portuguese, will commissariat any stray kites that touch the ground within their reach; and that will make more pilikia.

But perhaps Brother Osborn has thought out rules and regulations and will turn out as wise a manipulator of kites as was the famous Mr. "Dick," who taught David Copperfield how to send up volumes of history into the realms of space.

The Kite-Flyers' Association is, according to Manager Osborn, to take charge of the winding pathway up Punchbowl hill. It is his plan to have the Japanese and, perhaps the Rev. Mr. Usbourn assist in laying out hau-tree and bougainvillea arbors, so that the spectators may in time ascend the slope beneath a shady bower. He will ask the pupils of the Normal School to undertake to keep the pathway in order once it is planted. The completion of the Nuuanu dam makes it possible to carry water to the top of Punchbowl and let it come down in a gentle, zigzagging stream that will water the plants and vines planted in earth that will have to be carried up to holes blasted in the rock.

If Mr. Osborn's annual kite festival scheme provides the incentive that will create a decorated arbor-way up Punchbowl hill, he should be hailed as a public benefactor. There is no reason why the Japanese and Chinese in Honolulu should not set aside a day for the exercise of their national sport, and, if Promoter Osborn can secure a sufficient number of entries from haoles, Hawaiians, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese by the 1st of June, he intends having the first contest for the Osborn medal brought off on top of Punchbowl hill next Kamehameha Day. The idea is certainly a pretty one and its successful carrying out will add one more charming and innocent amusement for the multitudes.

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FUTURE SPORTS

April 23 — Honolulu Baseball League meeting, 12:15 p. m.

April 23—Meeting Honolulu Cricket Club, Scottish Thistle Club, 5 p.m.

April 24—Meeting Outrigger and Fishing Club, Promotion Committee rooms, p. m.

April 25—Match race, Kapiolani Park, Shamrock vs. Exchange Five.

April 26—Foursome golf tourney, Country Club.

April 29 — Kapiolani Baseball League meeting.

April 30—Boxing, Fort Shafter.

May 2—Boys' Clubs field meet.

May 2—Senior League baseball season opens.

May 2—Wrestling carnival, Orpheum theater.

May 10 — Newspaper Baseball League season opens.

May 13—Invitation tourney, Beretania Tennis Club.

June 4—Y. M. C. A. gymnasium contests.

June 10—Hawaiian Gun Club's shoot for club championship.

June 11—Hawaiian Gun Club's semi-annual prize shoot.

June 17—Hawaiian Gun Club's unknown angles shoot.

July 3-4—Hilo races.

July 4—Maui races.

RIVERSIDE LEAGUE OPENS ON SUNDAY

Close Game Is Expected When Kaalas Meet Palamas

Three days from today the Riverside Baseball League will be the talk of the town, for on Sunday, April 26th, at 2 p. m., the curtain will be raised for the opening game between the Palama A. C. and the Kaala A. C.

The opening day will go down in history as one of the greatest days that Honolulu has ever had and no doubt far superior to that of the opening day of the league last year. The people of Honolulu are talking in their sleep about baseball, and the Sunday coming their dreams will be realized.

The Chinese A. C., the Japanese A. C., the Palama A. C. (champions of last year), the Kaala A. C., and the Chinese Aloha Club will be seen again this year on the Aala Park diamond, and it is impossible at the present time to pick out the winners of Sunday's game.

The first clash will be between the champions of last year, the Palama A. C. and the Kaala A. C., and the second game between the Chinese Aloha and the Japanese Club.

The first game will be hotly contested between the two clubs. The Palamas have their old war horses again on the field with only one new player and that player is considered to be one of the coming stars in local baseballdom. His name is Manuel G. Correa. This young man outplays Mahuka and some others in holding the first station, and if he continues to play for some time he may have a chance to play for Mike Fisher.

The new Kaala baseball team is composed of good material, and this game will be a good one, it is expected, as a consequence.

The second game will be between evenly matched teams also.

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NEWSPAPER LEAGUE MEETS

Matters of interest in the Newspaper Baseball League now seem all settled, as a meeting at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the roof garden of the Young Hotel resulted in the settlement of a number of questions which have been debated a'l along.

It was decided that any boda fide employe of any league club should be allowed to take part in the league games. Major league players will, however, be barred.

Uniforms are being ordered for the league teams and they will lack nothing in point of appearance.

The following report was read and adopted:

Dear Sir:—In obedience to your orders to have me arrange with the trustees of the Honolulu Baseball League about charging admission to the games on Sunday afternoon, May 10, and the other league games which will be played by the Newspaper League I beg to report as follows:

The trustees of the Honolulu League gave me permission to charge an admission fee to our games, and asked me to consult with Mr. John Soper regarding the taking of same at the grounds, which I have done.

Mr. Soper will take charge, and after a small sum is paid over to the league, the balance will be turned over to me for the use of our league.

Mr. Isenberg suggested that an admission of ten cents be charged to all parts of the grounds, with the exception of the reserved seats, which would be twenty-five cents. I would suggest that ten cents be charged for admission and fifteen cents for the reserved seats.

JAS. W. W. BREWSTER.

The league schedule will be as follows:

May 10—Star vs. Advertiser; Bulletin vs. Mercantile.

May 17—Bulletin vs. Paradise; Star vs. Mercantile.

May 24 — Advertiser vs. Bulletin; Mercantile vs. Paradise.

May 31—Star vs. Bulletin; Advertiser vs. Paradise.

June 7—Mercantile vs. Advertiser; Star vs. Paradise.

June 14—Star vs. Advertiser; Bulletin vs. Mercantile.

June 21—Bulletin vs. Paradise; Star vs. Mercantile.

June 28—Advertiser vs. Bulletin; Mercantile vs. Paradise.

July 12—Star vs. Bulletin; Advertiser vs. Paradise.

July 19—Mercantile vs. Advertiser; Star vs. Paradise.

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PROSPECT FOR TROTTERS

In spite of the cry that the harness racing game is on the down grade, well posted authorities claim that never before in the history of the trotting sport has the outlook been so bright for a successful season as it is for the season of 1908. Never before have owners and trainers had occasion to look forward to such a profitable year.

The announcement of the prominent racing associations through the country show a great number of rich purses to be offered, with the conditions along most liberal lines. Not only is this the case down the Grand Circuit, but on the Great Western Circuit and at independent meetings as well.

Beginning with the Blue Ribbon meeting at Detroit there will be, as usual, the $10,000 Merchants and Manufacturers' stake for 2:24-class trotters and the $5,000 Chamber of Commerce stake for 2:07 pacers. Kalamazoo celebrates its annexation to the select circuit by offering $23,000 worth of stakes. The Michigan City will give a $10,000 stake and a $3,000 for trotters, beside $5,000, $3,000 and $2,000 stakes for pacers. This, with the various purse events, will make a very elaborate program.

Buffalo will again give the Dominion of Canada $10,000 for pacers and the $10,000 Empire State Stake for trotters in addition to a number of $2,000 stakes, while Poughkeepsie will hang up the Oakland Baron $4,000 stake for trotters, as usual.

Readville expects to have a fine program and will probably give the $9,000 Massachusetts stake for trotters, the $45,000 Pokapoag, the $45,000 Blue Hill, the $6,000 Norfolk and the $3,000 Readville stakes the same as last year.

Hartford will renew the $10,000 Charter Oak stake and the $5,000 Nutmeg stake, which are well known throughout the country, while if Providence decides to give a meeting, which is a trifle doubtful just now, the $5,000 Park Brew stake for free-for-all pacers and the $5,000 Roger Williams stake for trotters will be on its program.

Syracuse is expected to be in line with three big stakes as was the case last season. The well known $10,000 Empire State race, the $5,000 Syracuse and the $3,000 Chamber of Commerce stakes for trotters will be the headliners on the program.

At Columbus the association has just decided to hang up $100,000 in stakes and purses to race for, making it the richest meeting in the country for the horsemen. During the two weeks there are two $10,000 stakes—the Hoster-Columbus and the Board of Trade and Bankers' stakes—three $5,000 stakes and two $3,000 stakes. In addition the Kentucky Futurities worth $7,500, will be raced the first week and the Chicago Horse Review, the futurity worth $10,000, the second week. Then there is $40,500 in purses and $1,000 for a special race. The Board of Trade and Bankers' stake is the only one in the country where the money goes six ways without a consolation.

The cities on the Great Western Circuit are giving larger stakes each year and several $10,000 purses will be raced for by the Western horses this season. Hamline will hang up $40,000 in stakes, while Peoria will give $30,000 and at Libertyville some big stakes, including one of $10,000, will be attractive features on the programs. All in all this season will be a hummer and is being looked forward to with much interest because of the fact that a large number of high-class horses will be in training to make the racing good.—New York World.

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The date of the opening of the Kalihi Baseball League is as yet undecided.

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Mike Griffin, the old Brooklyn outfielder, died from pneumonia at Utica, N. Y., recently. He was one of the best fielders of his time, and he led the Brooklyn Club in hitting in 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1898. He tried his hand managing the Brooklyn Club, but was not very successful.

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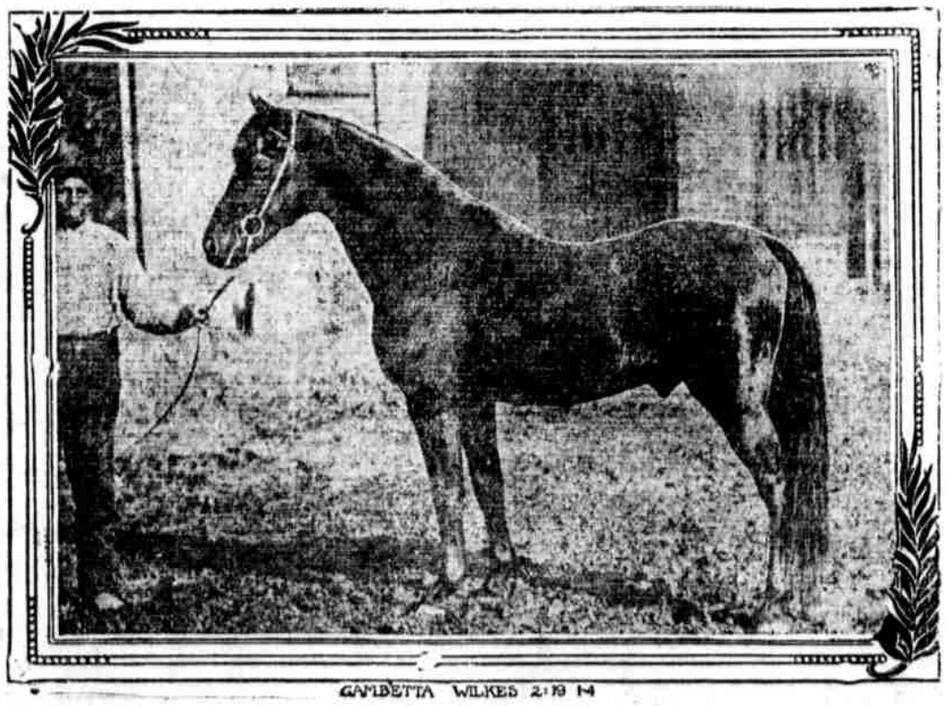

GAMBETTA WILKES 2:19 1-4

First of all trotting-sires to be credited with two hundred representatives in the 2:30 list is the black stallion Gambetta Wilkes, 2:19 1-4, a son of George Wilkes, 2:22. He was foaled in 1881 and is still living, hale and hearty, at the age of twenty-seven. For twenty-four years he has been owned by G. & P. Cecil, of Danville, Ky., and during all this time his faithful attendant and friend, Paul Helm, has been his daily and almost hourly companion.

Gambetta Wilkes' first 2:30 trotter entered the list in 1890, when the now famous sire was nine years old. Eight of his get are now in the 2:07 list, sixteen in the 2:10 list, forty-two in the 2:15 list, eighty-three in the 2:20 list and 212 in the 2:30 list. He is the grandsire of 249 trotters and pacers with records of 2:30 or better. One of his great-grandsons is credited with eleven performers, and his descendants in the 2:30 list, all told, are now about 670 in number.

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