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WESTERN LEAGUE RACE INTERESTING

SEASON CLOSED THIS WEEK WITH ONLY A FEW POINTS BETWEEN FIRST DIVISION TEAMS.

NICHOLS WORKED HARD FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Omaha Made a Strong Bid for the Lead and Denver Was Hot After the First Berth, Although Beaten Out for Third by Milwaukee—League Season Was a Big Financial Success.

The season of the Western league closed in Denver on Monday and Kansas City won the pennant in one of the closest races in the history of western baseball. There were but few points between the teams of the first division. Kansas City led with a percentage of 603. Omaha was credited with 600, Milwaukee was third and Denver brought up at fourth place after having a splendid chance of winning the pennant.

A few weeks ago it looked very much like Omaha, as the men led by Bill Rourke, who is known to every ball player in the West, were making a hard race.

Denver was also crowding close for the rag but they could not head off the aggressiveness of Charlie Nichols' aggregation.

Kansas City's victory will be thoroughly appreciated by the many friends whom Charlie Nichols had in the National league where he pitched for the Boston National league team for about 13 years. He broke into the Western league the beginning of this season when he bought the Kansas City team with Jimmy Manning, who had a half interest.

Nichols Worked Hard.

Nichols has worked like a trojan to land the pennant. He surrounded himself early in the season with a star corps of pitchers, some of whom will break into fast company next season. Jake Weimer, who was brought out a few years ago by George Tebeau, shared honors with Charlie Nichols, although Gibson contributed greatly to the success of the team. Nichols himself lost but few games. It is remarkable how his arm is holding out. He has been pitching fully as long as Clark Griffiths of the Chicago American team, but has lost little of his effectiveness. In many games in which he officiated he was slugged out hard but his head work generally won out for him in the stretch. He had a splendid bunch of fielders behind his pitchers and in Messit he had one of the best receivers in the league.

Denver had the heaviest salaried team and would have won the pennant had the been able to win even half of their games away from home. They seemed to be up against it when they were without the confines of Denver and lost more than two-thirds of their games on trips abroad.

In August it looked like a runaway race for Omaha but they were suffering from the same malady as Denver and generally lost every game when they took a Western trip.

Milwaukee Started Badly.

Milwaukee started out the season with poor prospects and it looked as if the Western league would meet with signal failure in the busy town, but Hugh Duffy worked gradually but wisely and soon perfected the team play of one of the fastest bunches of players that ever represented Milwaukee. They trailed at the bottom of the percentage list for more than two months, but during August and July they began to shoot up to the top as if they were going to make sure of the streamer a month before the season ended. They became terrors to the other strong teams of the league, and it is a fact acknowledged freely by everyone who has watched the progress of the race in the Western league, that Milwaukee would have won the pennant had the season lasted a few weeks longer.

The Western league season has been a financial success. President Packard, the owner of the Denver team, has cleared $25,000 on the season; Rourke of Omaha has made close to the same figure; Nichols and Manning have made about $15,000, and Milwaukee, a team that many predicted would be a disastrous failure, came out of the season with fair profits.

GOOD COURSING IS PROMISED SUNDAY

TWO STAKE EVENTS SCHEDULED —ELECTION OF JUDGE NOLAN'S SUCCESSOR TONIGHT.

Good coursing is promised next Sunday. Two stakes are scheduled and a large number of entries have been received for both events. The drawing will occur tonight at Blake & Trevaille's, No. 10 East Park street, instead of on West Broadway as has been customary. The club has plenty of hares at the park and they will be in good condition for Sunday's courses.

Judge Nolan, who has given complete satisfaction by his able work in his capacity of judge, has resigned and the resignation has been accepted. After the drawing tonight a new judge is to be elected, and every owner who has a dog entered in the events will be entitled to a vote.

CLIFFORD SHOULD ALTER HIS METHOD

MOSE LAFONTISE FINDS FAULT WITH MANNER IN WHICH CLIFFORD PREPARES BATTLE.

Mose Lafontise thinks that Clifford will take the same route as Kid Parker if he insists on following the course of training which he used in preparing for his mill with Dal Hawkins.

"Of course," says Mose, "a man might know what is best for himself and work accordingly, but it don't seem reasonable to me that a fighter can go several days without eating more than one square meal as Clifford did before his last fight. He would let several days go by without eating hardly anything and in the meantime do the camel act with the water. I don't know what his idea was in following this kind of a diet or where he got the idea, but you certainly couldn't get him to quit it.

"Then he suddenly thought that he was eating too much meat and choked off, turning to vegetables. Parker started that crazy way about his eating and simply went daffy on the question. I used to see him eat meat and throw out the pulp after swallowing the juice. This was only a starter for Parker. He got Billy Edwards down there in Denver and he got some freaky dope from him.

"Well, the result was that Parker got the vegetarian idea and finally about a year ago he would eat nothing but vegetaables. He thought that a man could get more endurance by cutting out all kinds of meat, but when he ran up against Billy Armstrong, who is no better than a fourth-rate lightweight, he was away to bed and has never been able to get in shape since. His nerves are gone and I don't think there is another fight in him. There was a boy who was one of the best men in the business and had he kept his head he would have been the lightweight champion. So I hope that Clifford won't get freaky on the diet question. If he has a good trainer he should heed his advice and not let anyone hand him a bunch of foolish powders."

If Clifford is wise he will get next to the wisdom advanced by Lafontise and train according to the popular methods used by the premier fighters of the country.

YOUNG CORBETT IS JUST ABOUT BROKE

SAM HARRIS PROPOSES TO GIVE CHAMPION A BENEFIT—TERRY WILL APPEAR.

Reports from Cincinnati state that Young Corbett is about as near broke as it is possible for a man to comfortably be. He is naturally much chagrined over the decision of the Kentucky courts in regard to his proposed battle with Terry McGovern.

"It's tough luck," he said, "but we have got to make the best of it. I will get in the ring with Terry some time, sooner or later. I have nothing, but guess I will be able to make a living even if they don't let me fight any more."

Sam Harris has offered to give Corbett a benefit at which Terry and his brother are willing to appear. It is the plan to have Terry's brother box with Corbett. Arrangements have not yet been completed, but it is likely that the benefit will be held in Cincinnati in a short time.

BUTTE HORSES WILL BE SENT TO MISSOULA FAIR

Races Begin There Next Tuesday and Good Purses Are Offered—Meeting Continue to October 3.

Most of the members of the Gentlemen's Driving club have arranged to send their trotters and pacers to Missoula for the state fair races, which begin there next Tuesday. The races continue to October 3, and several good purses have been hung up.

Tuesday there will be special events, including running races, and Wednesday will witness some crack harness contests. There will be a 2:24 pace and a 2:24 trot, the purse for each being $400.

Thursday there will be a free-for-all pace for a purse of $400, and a 2:40 trot.

Friday there will be a free-for-all trot for a $400 purse. Each day there will be trots and special races, and in the harness events it is expected that a large number of Butte horses will compete.

MARTIN WILL BACK OPIE AGAINST JACK CLIFFORD

Offered to Post Forfeit of $250 This Morning but Goodman Seemed to Fight Shy of the Match.

Sam Martin is still talking fight on behalf of Howard Opie and insists that he is willing to back his man for $1,000 against Jack Clifford.

"I offered a forfeit of $250," said Martin this morning, "but Goodman doesn't appear to want to take it up. I offered him a match with Opie either with Clifford or his brother, "Yanger," as he is known. I would rather have Opie fight Clifford, but if that can't come off now I will match him with young Goodman.

"Clifford and Opie would make a good drawing card in this state, though I am certain my man can whip Clifford. Just now Goodman doesn't seem to care for another match for Clifford."

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DILLON RACES BEGIN TODAY

Large Purses Have Been Hung Up For the Various Events and a Successful Meet Seems Assured—Sport Gossip.

Much interest has been manifested in the four days' racing meet which begins at Dillon today, and the prospects for a successful meeting are bright. The association has hung up large purses for the various events, the total of which will exceed $4,000. The entry list has been a large one and judging from the character of the horses entered some good time will be made.

The program of sports also includes races for automobiles, motor bicycle race and races between Indians. There will be pony races as well as trots and paces, and if anything has been left unattended to by those in charge that would tend to make the meeting more enjoyable, it does not appear.

Coming as it does at the time when the Montana pioneers hold their annual meeting it is confidently expected that the attendance at each day's events will be greater than that of past years. The track is situated three miles north of town and it is said to be one of the fastest in the state. It is a mile track and the stretch is an exceptionally good one.

English Boxer Defeats American.

Eddie Connolly's defeat by Tom Woodley, in London, rather reverses the usual order, and comes as a distinct shock, the defeat of a Yankee glove artist by a Briton being so rare. Woodley is hiterto unknown to fame, and, if Connolly was right when they met, must be a good sort of pugilist. As there was $2,000 hung up for the contest, and as Connolly has not been making too much money on the other side, it is fair to presume that he was well prepared for the battle. Woodley, according to reports of the fight, took considerable punishment in the first six rounds. After that he went to his man and hammered him steadily until the eleventh, when the knockout came. An English pugilist that can win is such a distinct novelty should prove a money maker on this side of the water. There is a grand chance awaiting Mr. Woodley.

Kid Broad Challenges.

Parson Davies, manager of "Kid" Broad, has challenged both "Young" Corbett and Terry McGovern on behalf of Broad. Davies is at present at West Baden. It is not yet known how Corbett and McGovern regard the challenge, but one or the other may take it up after their coming battle for the championship.

Broke His Own Record.

John A. McKerron is still the champion amateur trotter of the world. At the Gentlemen's Driving club in Cleveland the other day he beat his old mark of 2:06¾, making the mile in 2:06½. This is the fastest mile ever trotted at a matinee driven by an amateur driver. Lord Derby has stepped a mile in 2:05¾, but the betting keeps it from being an amateur event.

Looking for a Race.

E. E. Smathers, owner of Lord Derby, is anxious to arrange a match race with any trotter now training, John A. McKerron preferred, but Cresceus not barred. He is willing to trot the horses for a blue ribbon or any sum up to $25,000 a side.

Big Dog Show to Be Held.

One of the biggest dog shows that has ever occurred will be held next month at Madison Square, New York City, under the auspices of the Ladies' Kennel Association of America. More than $10,000 will be awarded in prizes. High class dogs will be entered from all parts of the country and Europe.

New Book on Whist.

E. C. Howell of Boston, the noted whist expert, is writing a book describing the game in its many forms and telling how it should be played. As Mr. Howell is one of the few authorities on this game it should prove a valuable volume to all who may be interested in it.

Pittsburg Wheelmen to Travel.

Lester Wilson of Pittsburg, noted in the ranks of cyclers who have come into public notice as successful experts, proposes to broaden the field of his activities by foreign travel next season and hopes to return home rewarded by captured trophies.

JOCKEY IS WORTH WEIGHT IN GOLD

TOTAL EARNING CAPACITY OF THIS LITTLE FELLOW REACHES BIG FIGURE OF $200,000.

When John Mackey made a bid of $30,000 for next year's call on Jockey Arthur Redfern, Col. James E. Pepper replied:

"Nothing short of $50,000 would make me think of letting Redfern go. The boy is worth his weight in gold."

That ended the incident.

Turfmen say Redfern will draw in riding fees and retainer contracts for three calls something over $50,000 next year. His total earning capacity with a stable like the one now being organized by Sydney Paget and Mr. Haggin would not be much below $200,000.

Redfern, in 1903, say expert turfmen, will be the greatest jockey the world has ever seen, not excepting Tod Sloan and Snapper Garrison. He can do 87 pounds at a pinch, so that the little fellow is indeed almost "worth his weight in gold."

TEBEAU INVADES THE SOUTH

American Association Takes a Hand in the Baseball Question in South.

Something has already been done in a baseball way for the South next year, an agreement having been signed in Memphis. The parties to the agreement are Memphis, Nashville and George Tebeau of Louisville, representing the American association, whose interest at present appears to be found in drawing a recruit to the American association as against the other national baseball protective organizations.

Under the agreement as signed the Southern league next year will be composed of New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, Atlanta, Savannah, Nashville and Memphis. Little Rock, Shreveport and Chattanooga are eliminated.

RACE COURSES TO BE MOVED

New York Tracks Will Be Located Farther From the City in Future.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

New York, Sept. 25.—There is hardly a doubt, says the Herald, that the locale of several existing racing establishments will be greatly changed perhaps within a year. The sale of Morris Park, the most magnificent racing plant in America, is now an accomplished fact. Streets may be run through the course at any time.

The general opinion is that the race courses of the future will be located further out on Long Island, within a radius of 20 miles and will be patterned more after the English courses.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY.

Pacific Northwest League.

Butte at Tacoma.
Helena at Seattle.
Spokane at Portland.

National League.

New York at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Cincinnati.

American League.

St. Louis at Chicago.
Detroit at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Baltimore.
Boston at Washington.

YOUNG GIBBS IS TO FIGHT REILLY

BATTLE WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY IN OCTOBER AT SEATTLE—A TWENTY-ROUND BOUT.

Young Gibbs, the clever colored fighter of Cleveland, Ohio, and Tammy Reilly have signed articles to meet in the ring in Seattle on October 2 or 3. The contest will be a 20-round affair for a decision.

Gibbs, who can fight at 142, has agreed to meet the Seattle boy at 154½, thus giving away something like 10 or 12 pounds. Straight Marquis of Queensbury rules are to govern, and either party over weight is to forfeit $150 to his opponent. Forty per cent of the gross receipts are to go to the club, and of the 60 per cent remaining 60 per cent is to go to the winner and 40 to the loser.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.

Philadelphia, 7; Baltimore, 5. Second game—Philadelphia, 5; Baltimore, 4.
Washington, 8; Boston, 2.

HOW THEY STAND.

American League.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Philadelphia	134	82	52	.612
St. Louis	129	75	54	.581
Chicago	128	72	56	.562
Boston	132	73	59	.558
Cleveland	132	66	66	.500
Washington	133	59	74	.444
Detroit	131	50	81	.382
Baltimore	133	49	84	.369

National League.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Pittsburg	132	98	34	.742
Brooklyn	132	72	60	.545
Boston	126	65	61	.516
Cincinnati	133	66	67	.496
Chicago	131	63	68	.481
St. Louis	127	56	71	.441
Philadelphia	129	53	76	.411
New York	124	44	80	355

Rain Stops Portland Game.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Portland, Sept. 25.—Yesterday's game between Portland and Spokane was called in the third inning on account of rain, the score standing 2 to 2. A double header will be played on Sunday.

In the three innings played a number of fast plays were made, some of them bordering on the sensational order. The visitors made two double plays, one in the first and the other in the third.

Whitney's Yearlings Arrive.

London, Sept. 24.—Fifteen of W. C. Whitney's yearlings arrived here yesterday on th esteamer Minnehaha. All were in excellent condition.

The Sportsman this morning says the indications are that Mr. Whitney will race in England next season on a larger scale than he has done before.

To Match Maher and O'Brien.

Efforts are being made in Philadelphia to bring together Peter Maher and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in a six-round contest. Both are skillful men in a fistic way, and while they are apparently evenly matched, the Irish champion is the bigger man and should easily show his superiority if they come together.

ANOTHER CONTEST IS AGREED UPON

CORBETT AND M'GOVERN WILL MEET IN DECEMBER BEFORE CLUB MAKING BEST OFFER.

Terry McGovern and Young Corbett have again been matched to fight for the featherweight championship of the world, and the club offering the biggest purse will get the bount, which is nominated as a 25-round contest. They are to weigh in at 127 pounds at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the fight, according to the stipulations of the agreement articles.

Bids for the battle are now in order, and it is up to the clubs of cities where the authorities have no antagonistic proclivities to get busy and make the little fellows offers. The club getting the contest will have to post a $5,000 forfeit. The contestants' forfeit of $2,500 will remain up for weight and appearance. In case one or the other does not show up in the ring the entire $2,500 goes to the man appearing, although only half of that amount will be forfeited should one man be over weight.

Both fighters have had innumerable offers to go on the stage, and can make all kinds of money during the weeks intervening until they shall go in training again. Terry is now in Louisville, doing a few stunts at the Buckingham theater. Corbett is wanted in both Louisville and Pittsburg, and has also received several good offers from the West.

According to the agreement as it now stands, Corbett and McGovern are to meet some time in December before the club offering the largest purse. It is not likely that the promoters of the fight will take any chances a third time, and the chances for the bout being pulled off in San Francisco are exceedingly bright.

TO MAKE EFFORT TO REGAIN TROPHY

GREAT FALLS RIFLEMEN CHALLENGE HELENA TEAM TO MEET THEM IN COMPETITION.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Great Falls, Sept. 25.—Local riflemen are to make an effort to regain possession of the state trophy which was won last month by the Helena rifle team. At a meeting of the Great Falls Rifle and Revolver club, held last night, it was decided to issue a formal challenge to the Helena team.

Ben. E. Whitten has been chosen as the captain of the local team and will make his selections from the ranks of the best shots in the city. When the Helena team won the trophy last month they made a much better showing than did the local marksmen, but it is thought that they will have a harder proposition to meet this time.

Although the Helena team, as the challenged, will have the privilege of settting the date for the match, it is likely that October 21 will be the one decided upon.

FOOTBALL TEAM ORGANIZES

Centerville Juniors Issue Challenge to All 110-Pound Teams in State.

Centerville now has a junior football team and John J. McGrath, who has undertaken the management of it, has issued a challenge to teams in the state at 110 pounds. The line up and weights of the members will be as follows: James Rodgers, left end, 112 pounds; H. Leary, left tackle, 95; R. Murrish, left guard, 125; Joe Ruddy, center, 105; John Downey, right guard, 109; John Shea, right tackle, 98; Hugh McDermott, right end, 93; C. O'Brien, quarterback, 70; J. McGrath, left half-back, 115; J. Mannix McCarthy, right half-back, 120; J. Rodgers, full-back, 130.

M'CARTHY IS TOO MUCH FOR BUTTE

MARYS GET ONLY FOUR HITS AND THE TIGERS TAKE THE SECOND GAME OF SERIES.

HOW THEY STAND.

Pacific Northwest League.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Butte	106	62	44	.585
Seattle	106	61	45	.576
Helena	104	55	49	.529
Portland	105	53	52	.505
Tacoma	107	44	63	.411
Spokane	106	42	64	.396

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.]

Tacoma, Sept. 25.—One J. McCarthy proved a decided puzzle to the Butte heavy hitters in yesterday's game and the best they could do was four hits, all singles. Roach was in the box for the visitors and did good work, allowing only five hits. The game was not an uinteresting contest although there were few features out of the ordinary. The grounds were too wet to permit of fast playing and in the three runs that were made errors figured.

Butte scored first in the third inning. McHale connected for a safe one. The Tigers played well in for Ward and McHale easily stole second. Zalusky threw wild to second and McHale reached third safely. Ward was an easy out and Kane sent a single to left scoring McHale with the only run the visitors succeeded in sending across the plate in the game.

The Tigers bunched their hits in the fourth. Rockenfield struck out but Hutchinson and Andrews were each good for a single. Fisher was retired on a foul fly, but a hit by Joe McCarthy scored both Hutchinson and Andrews.

In all other instances Roach managed to keep the hits well scattered and no more scores were made. In the ninth Butte had a chance to score but could not keep the good work up. McCloskey got to first on a pass, with only one man out. In attempting to steal second, however, he was cleverly caught and Zearfoss, who followed at the bat fanned the atmosphere three times. The score:

BUTTE.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Ward, 2b	4	0	0	0	3	0
Kane, ss	3	0	1	4	0	0
Marshall, rf	4	0	0	1	1	0
McIntyre, 3b	4	0	0	1	3	2
McCloskey, 1b	3	0	1	11	0	0
Zearfoss, c	4	0	0	9	0	0
Roach, p	3	0	0	0	3	0
Knox, lf	3	0	0	1	0	1
McHale, cf	3	1	2	1	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	27	10	3

TACOMA.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Letcher, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nagle, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Rockenfield, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson, 1b	3	1	1	14	2	0
Andrews, 3b	4	1	1	0	1	0
Fisher, 2b	4	0	1	1	5	1
J. McCarthy, ss	4	0	1	4	5	0
Zalusky, c	4	0	0	5	1	1
D. McCarthy, p	3	0	1	1	3	0
Totals	32	2	5	27	17	2

Score by innings—

Tacoma	0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0	—2
Butte	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0	—1

SUMMARY:

Stolen base—McHale. Bases on balls—Off Roach, 3; off McCarthy, 2. Double plays—Ward to Kane to McCloskey; McCarthy to Hutchinson. Wild pitch—McCarthy. Struck out—By Roach, 3; by McCarthy, 5. Left on bases—Tacoma, 6; Butte, 5. Hit by pitcher—By McCarthy, 1. Time of game—One hour and 45 minutes. Attendance—300. Umpire—Colgan.

To Go to the Henley Regatta.

It has been stated on good authority that C. S. Titus, the champion sculler of America, will be sent to the Henley Regatta in England next year by the New York Athletic club.

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