THE RACETRACK.

MANY SCRATCHES AT SARATOGA—SMART SET AND BLUES WIN RICH STAKES.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.—As this was the last Saturday of racing at this place for this season, the Saratoga Racing Association had arranged a fine card of six races for its patrons. It included the running of three big stake events—the Adirondack, a race for two-year-olds, which had a guaranteed value of $5,000; the Saratoga Cup, also a guaranteed event of $5,000, for three-year-olds and upward, at a mile and five furlongs, and the Merchants and Citizens' Handicap, a race for three-year-olds and upward, in which there was $2,000 added, the distance being a mile and a sixteenth.

The Saratoga Cup was to be the race of the day, as all long distance events usually are, but it failed for two reasons. In the first place, the number of acceptances amounted to only three, and, again, the rain, which fell in torrents all night long and until late this morning, placed the track in such a condition that sport was simply out of the question, and it ruined the chances of the black mare Imp, who cannot run in the mud, and who was thought to have a good chance to capture the stake before the rain set in, even if she did have the top weight in the race. This race was not the only one to suffer because of heavy going, for the other two stake races, as well as the three overnight events, all of which had filled well with an excellent class of horses, was greatly reduced by the large amount of scratches. Just before the time arrived for the trip to the track to be made the rain fell, but it failed to keep the people away. Another large crowd was on hand, but it was not as large as that of last Saturday.

The Adirondack was the first of the day's contests to be decided, though it was the third race on the card, ten youngsters competing. W. C. Whitney's crack colt Goldsmith, which had the top weight in the race, 127 pounds, was withdrawn, as was T. Monahan's Jim Tully. With Goldsmith out of the way, Smart Set appeared to have the best chance of winning, and was made the favorite, although 2 to 1 could be had by his backers because of the hot tip which was out on Sir Oliver, a racy-looking youngster by Sir Dixon—Ollie Glenn, owned by the Clay Brothers. He had done so well in his work that it was thought to be all over but the shouting, and his owners were so confident that they refused several big offers for him early in the day, among them being one of $15,000, which came from Clarence L. Mackay. Sir Oliver was a strong second choice, while Essene, with only 100 pounds, was thought to have a good chance, and he was backed from 15 to 1 to 8 to 1.

There was only a short delay at the post, and then the field were sent on their journey in fairly good order. Sir Oliver broke in front, but being a slow beginner, he was at once passed by a number of others, so that he was soon in fifth place and next to the rail. From the time Sir Oliver fell back to the finish Spencer rode a poor race, and seemed to be afraid to make a move for fear of meeting with an accident. Byrne of Roscrea went to the front in the opening sixteenth, and he led by several lengths to the far turn, with Smart Set running in second place. Then when he tired Smart Set took the lead, and was never afterward headed, although O'Connor had to ride him hard all the way to the finish in order to win from the Morris colt Saturday, who ran a much improved race. Leonid, who was pinched off right after the start, closed with a rush at the end and finished third, Saturday only beating him a head for second money.

The Saratoga Cup was the next race to be run off, and Imp, Blues and Baron Pepper, which went the only three on the card, went to the post. As Imp has never shown a liking for a heavy track it seemed a shame to send her to the post, and more so to allow people to bet on her when she did not appear to have a chance. Her race bore out the impression that she could not run in the going, for she was beaten off, Blues, Frank Farrell's good three-year-old, who was the favorite at odds on, being returned the easiest kind of a winner, making the third big stake race he has won since he became Farrell's property, about two weeks ago. Imp was the second choice in the race, with Baron Pepper at 20 to 1. When the flag dropped Blues went right to the front, and for the first six furlongs Imp made a gallant struggle, running a length and a half back of Blues. Then she tired badly, so that Blues drew out and opened up a big gap, while Baron Pepper passed Imp. From that point on it was no race for Blues, who cantered home eight lengths in front of Baron Pepper. The later, who was eased up in the last fifty yards, finished thirty lengths in front of the black mare.

The Merchants and Citizens' Hanicap was the other stake event, and it was down as the last race. A splendid field had been named, but among those who were taken from the race were Rockton, Decanter, Trigger, Sam Phillips and a few other good ones. At the weights and the fact that he runs better on a heavy track than he does on a dry track, Herbert looked to be unbeatable, and although he looked to have a mortgage on first money, his backers were able to secure the price of 9 to 5. This was due to the fact that there was a big play on Terminus and Chuctanunda, while a lot of money was also bet on His Eminence. Chuctanunda flattered his backers by going to the front right after the start and opening up a gap of three lengths. In the first quarter of a mile Herbert was outrun by the field, so that he was in last place when the turn into the stretch was made. Then he began to move up with a rush, so that when the far turn was reached he was at Chuctanunda's saddle girths. He could have passed Chuctanunda there had Smith, his rider, so desired, but he waited to the stretch, where he gave Herbert his head. The latter then drew out and at the finish was an easy winner, three lengths in front of Chuctanunda, who had no trouble in securing the place, five lengths in front of Lucent.

The first race of the day was a dash of seven furlongs, which was reduced by scratches so that a field of four only went to the post, among them being Belle of Lexington. She was meeting such a poor lot, and being a good performer on a heavy track, the books opened her up a favorite at 3 to 5, and this was reduced to 1 to 2 at post time. Agnes D. appeared the next best, but the most money went on her was to finish second. When the race took place it was nothing more than a gallop for Belle of Lexington, as Rice took her to the front in the first few strides, and she opened up a gap which the others could never close and at the finish was being eased up, two lengths in front of Agnes D. who was ten before Locket. Sadie Southwell, the other starter, was pulled up by Slack in the stretch, so that she was beaten off.

The second race had a large field of mudlarks, so there was some lively betting on the race. Alfred Vargrave and Astor, according to the talent's way of thinking, were the best of the field, and they opened up at 2 to 1 each, and the close found them at 9 to 5 each. The sloppy track gave Blueaway a splendid chance if he would only run, and the stable bet on him so that his odds fell from 7 to 1 to 7 to 2. It was one of the days when Blueaway forgot to sulk, as he got away in front, and making the pace to suit himself led by a length to the stretch, and then drew out and beat Alfred Vargrave easily by three lengths.

The fifth race was a steeplechase over the full course, with six starters, for which Bullingdon was the favorite and Bacchanal a well backed second choice. Neither of the two could land the money, for Trillion, who was beaten off in his last start, when ridden by Mara, won the race at odds of 20 to 1, joining Bacchanal, the leader in the stretch, and winning the race in the hardest kind of a drive by a short head. Bacchanal should have won the race, but in the last sixteenth he was bearing in on Trillion, and Dayton had to stop riding several times in order to keep Bacchanal from fouling Trillion. Bullingdon finished three lengths back of Bacchanal. After going a mile Mr. Stoffel fell, and Owens was knocked out for a short time, and then revived and walked to the Jockeys' room.

Batha, a two-year-old in the string of R. T. Wilson, jr., sprained his back last night while exercising, and had to be killed.

The summaries follow:

First race (seven furlongs; handicap, for all ages)—Belle of Lexington, 103 (Rice), 11 to 20 and out, won; Agnes D., 87 (Cochran), 5 to 2 and 1 to 2, second; Locket, 87 (Creamer), 8 to 1 and 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:30. Sadie Southwell also ran.

Second race (for three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile and a sixteenth)—Blueaway, 106 (McGinn), 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, won; Alfred Vargrave, 111 (O'Connor), 9 to 5 and 3 to 5, second; Astor, 107 (T. Burns), 9 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:51. Handcuff, Lady Chorister and Anecdote also ran.

Third race (the Adirondack Handicap; for two-year-olds; six furlongs)—Smart Set, 114 (O'Connor), 9 to 5 and 3 to 5, won; Saturday, 112 (Woods), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, second; Leonid, 108 (Bullman), 15 to 1 and 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:16⅘. Peninsula, Byrne of Roscrea, Essene, The Goldfinder, Caughnawaga, Dixieline and Sir Oliver also ran.

Fourth race (the Saratoga Cup; for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and five furlongs)—Blues, 113 (Shaw), 7 to 20 and out, won; Baron Pepper, 113 (Beauchamp), 20 to 1 and 8 to 5, second; Imp, 122 (Odom), 13 to 5 and 1 to 4, third. Time, 2:52⅘. Three starters.

Fifth race (steeplechase, handicap, the full course; for four-year-olds and upward)—Trillion, 133 (Smith), 20 to 1 and 4 to 1, won; Bacchanal, 141 (Dayton), 11 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Bullingdon, 154 (Green), 13 to 10 and 2 to 5, third. Time, 6:30. Decameron, Mr. Stoffel and Curfew Bell also ran.

Sixth race (one mile and a sixteenth; the Merchants and Citizens' Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward)—Herbert, 114 (Smith), 6 to 5 and 2 to 5, won; Chuctanunda, 104 (Burns), 4 to 1 and even, second; Lucent, 90 (Michaels), 15 to 1 and 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:50⅘. His Eminence, Terminus and Specific also ran.

SARATOGA ENTRIES FOR MONDAY.

The entries for Monday's races at Saratoga are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Selling; for three-year-olds and over. Six furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Speedmas	105	Annie Thompson	96
Idleways	105	Sadie Southwell	95
James J. Corbett	105	Lizzie A.	92
Heroico	103	Onduridis	92
Ventoux	103	Welsh Girl	87
Ringleader	103	Connie	87

(The first race was divided; the second half will be run as the sixth race.)

SECOND RACE—Handicap. One mile and a furlong.

Decanter	120	Latson	108
Carbuncle	119	St. Finnan	93
Kinnikinic	113		

THIRD RACE—THE KENTUCKY; selling. Five and one-half furlongs.

Ice Water	105	Happy	99
Katherine C.	104	Mary Worth	99
Sister Juliet	101	Lady Godiva	99
Nanaimo	99	Amigari	94

FOURTH RACE—Selling. One and one sixteenth miles.

Blueaway	106	Bounteous	99
Oliver Mc.	105	Cogswell	98
Lee King	102	Thoroughbred	95
Mercer	105	Pleasant Sail	90
Althea	101		

FIFTH RACE—Maidens. Five and one-half furlongs.

Cornwall	110	Clipper	107
Jim Tully	110	Royal Sue	107
Knapsack	110	Batyah	107
Rag Tag	110	Fontenix	107
Shandonfield	110	Rockwater	107
G.Gidby	110	Trauer	107
Iridescent	110	Tippetoes	107
Presumption	110	Emma A. M.	107
Meistersinger	110	Queen's Messenger	107
Broadstreet	110	Succasunna	107
Calthness	107	Rosecourt	107

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Astor	111	Diffidence	101
Sweet Tooth	106	Blarneystone	101
Scotch Bush	106	Anecdote	99
Cherries	106	Satire	94
The Black Scot	103	Ante Up	87
Federalist	103		

VOLODYOVSKI BEATEN.

RUNS SECOND AT HURST PARK TO WILLIAM THE THIRD.

London, Aug. 24.—The Duke of Portland's William the Third won the Hurst Park Lennox Stakes (of 2,000 sovereigns, for three-year-olds), distance one mile and a half, at the Hurst Park Club August meeting to-day. William C. Whitney's Volodyovski (L. Reiff), was second, and Energetic came in third. Five horses ran.

TELAMON'S EXCELSIOR STAKES.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Telamon easily won the Excelsior Stakes at Hawthorne this afternoon, beating a good field with little effort. Five horses started at a mile and one-eighth, with $2,000 added. Telamon opened at 6 to 5, and went up to 2 to 1. At the far turn the field was in a bunch, but on the stretch Telamon swung into the lead. Leo Newell made a strong bid, but could not overhaul the winner. The jumping race resulted in a fiasco, only three of the five horses finishing. Queenship fell at the fifth jump, throwing her rider and getting caught in the barrier. Lord Chesterfield ran out at the sixth jump. The weather was clear, but the track was heavy. Summaries:

First race (seven furlongs)—Brownie Anderson, 99 (Gormley), 4 to 1, won; Havilah, 110 (Dominick), 4 to 5, second; Sam Lazarus, esq., 104 (Otis), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:32⅘.

Second race (selling; five furlongs)—Muresca, 110 (Dominick), 7 to 5, won; Jack Karlin, 108 (Ransch), 11 to 5, second; Pyrrho, 103 (Gormley), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:07⅘.

Third race (steeplechase; short course)—Chancery, 127 (Slater), 7 to 2, won; Maclaren, 133 (Worthington), 7 to 2, second; Corrillo, 136 (Clay), 20 to 1, third. Time, 3:01.

Fourth race (Excelsior Stakes, mile and one-eighth)—Telamon, 113 (Coburn), 2 to 1, won; Leo Newell, 105 (Ransom), 6 to 1, second; Searcher, 95 (Ransch), 9 to 2, third. Time, 2:06⅘.

Fifth race (handicap; six furlongs)—Vulcain, 116 (Coburn), 13 to 5, won; Maggie Davis, 90 (Gormley), 6 to 1, second; Caviar, 120 (Claywood), 18 to 5, third. Time, 1:20.

Sixth race (selling; mile and one-quarter)—Frangible, 104 (McInerney), 5 to 1, won; Tammany Chief, 94 (Ransch), 4 to 1, second; Odnor, 97 (Gormley), even, third. Time, 2:20.

Seventh race (selling; six furlongs)—Zack Phelps, 90 (Hope), 30 to 1, won; Bright Night, 100 (Otis), 5 to 1, second; Della Ostrand, 100 (Steele), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:21⅘.

FAVORITES WIN AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Form players had a fairly good day at Delmar Park to-day, two favorites and four well backed second choices getting the decision of the judges. Two outsiders won the other races on the card. Dieudonne won all the way. Polson won the third event in a canter. "Tommy" O'Brien bestrode three winners and put another horse into show money. The track was slow. Summaries:

First race (selling; one mile)—Terra Incognita, 109 (Dale), 13 to 5, won; Dandy Jim, 107 (Snell), even, second; Miss Theresa, 94 (O'Neill), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¼.

Second race (selling; one mile)—Dieudonne, 102 (T. O'Brien), 11 to 5, won; Nekarnis, 109 (Snell), 4 to 1, second; Empyreal, 94 (O'Neill), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:43¾.

Third race (purse; five furlongs)—Polson, 105 (D. Hall), 3 to 1, won; Harry Shaffer, 103 (Irvin), 20 to 1, second; Atoll, 109 (Dugan), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:03¾.

Fourth race (selling; six and a half furlongs)—Sweet Dream, 100 (Lindsay), 13 to 5, won; Four Leaf C., 104 (Dale), 4 to 1, second; Lord Neville, 106 (T. O'Brien), third. Time, 1:22.

Fifth race (purse; six furlongs)—Peaceful, 109 (Dale), 5 to 2, won; Verify, 108 (Dugan), 2 to 1, second; Jim Clark, 104 (Lindsay), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:15.

Sixth race (purse; one mile and a sixteenth)—Ida Ledford, 104 (T. O'Brien), 2 to 1, won; Kazan, 93 (O'Neill), 13 to 5, second; Meddlesome, 98 (Lindsay), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:47½.

Seventh race (selling; seven furlongs)—Percy R., 104 (T. O'Brien), 5 to 1, won; Benham, 104 (Powell), 5 to 2, second; John Morton, 104 (F. Jones), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:30.

GOOD SPORT AT KINLOCH PARK.

St. Louis, Aug. 24.—Two favorites, one second choice and two outsiders won brackets at Kinloch Park to-day. Jesse Matthews rode two winners. From a spectacular standpoint the sport was good. The track was fast. Summaries:

First race (one mile and an eighth)—Monos, 96 (J. Hicks), 2 to 5, won; Golden Sceptre, 102 (See), 6 to 1, second; Miss Liza, 99 (Helgerson), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:56½.

Second race (six and a half furlongs)—Olekma, 100 (Helgerson), 9 to 2, won; Greetings, 107 (J. Hicks), 9 to 2, second; Braw Lad, 114 (Van Dusen), 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:22.

Third race (five furlongs)—Herod, 100 (Boyd), 7 to 1, won; Pretorius, 98 (Meade), 3 to 1, second; Ashbrook, 93 (O. Smith), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:02½.

Fourth race (one mile)—El Hockar, 104 (J. Matthews), 6 to 1, won; Dan Dixon, 90 (Meade) 3 to 1, second; Ben Battle, 104 (J. Hicks) 7 to 10, third. Time 1:42.

Fifth race (one mile and a sixteenth)—W. B. Gates, 115 (J. Matthews), 3 to 5, won; Toty Lepcigg, 101 (Meade), 13 to 5, second; Plead, 92 (See), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:50¾.

RACING ON THE WINDSOR TRACK.

Detroit, Aug. 24.—The track was slow and the weather clear at Windsor to-day. Summaries:

First race (selling; one mile)—Hinsdale, 108 (Boland), 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, won; Tenario, 108 (Henderson), 2 to 1 and even, second; Governor Boyd, 112 (Miller), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:47.

Second race (selling; six furlongs)—Zack Ford, 112 (J. Martin), 6 to 5 and 1 to 7, won; Micou, 115 (Miller), 3 to 1 and even, second; Oela, 117 (Howell), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:18¾.

Third race (handicap; 2-year-olds; six furlongs)—Lacrimae, 105 (J. Martin), 4 to 5 and cut, won; Balm of Gilead, 103½ (Howell), 7 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Newton W., 110 (McCann), 2 to 1 and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:18.

Fourth race (selling; one mile)—Amoroso, 103 (Miller), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, won; Rare Perfume, 111 (H. Watson), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, second; Alice Mantell, 99 (Parretto), 19 to 1, third. Time, 1:47½.

Fifth race (handicap; one mile and a sixteenth)—Enghurst, 102 (Miller), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Senator Beveridge, 95 (J. Martin), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, second; Charlie O'Brien, 107½ (Boland), 4 to 5 and out, third. Time, 1:51.

Sixth race (selling; one mile and a half)—Georgia Gardner, 94 (Henderson), 3 to 1 and even, won; Topmast, 109 (J. Martin), 6 to 5 and 2 to 5, second; Ceylon, 110 (Boland), 7 to 5, third. Time, 2:41.

Seventh race (selling; seven and a half furlongs)—Aloha II, 104 (Hart), 7 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Marion Lynch, 99 (Henderson), 3 to 1 and even, second; Dr. Fannie, 105 (H. Watson), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:39.

RESULTS AT FORT ERIE.

Fort Erie, Ont., Aug. 24.—Four thousand spectators saw Juanita M. win the Buffalo Stakes today. The race was for two-year-olds, and although the nominations were fifty-two, only five youngsters faced the barrier. The winner was the favorite at even money, with Red Robe and Me-Sah-Che next in favor at 3 to 1. For misbehavior at the post Hayden was indefinitely set down and Troxler was fined $20. The weather was clear and the track fast. Summaries:

First race (three-year-olds and up; five and a half furlongs)—Erema, 106 (Jackson), 1 to 2 and 1 to 4, won; Race Bud, 109 (McQuade), 3 to 1 and 3 to 5, second; Maggie W., 102 (Redfern), 4 to 1 and even, third. Time, 1:07⅘.

Second race (selling; two-year-olds; four and a half furlongs)—Circus Girl, 107 (Troxler), 6 to 5 and 1 to 2, won; Santa Bonita, 107 (Thompson), 3 to 1 and even, second; Viviani, 107 (Redfern), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 0:55.

Third race (all ages; six furlongs)—Young Henry, 104 (Blake), 3 to 1 and even, won; Flint Lock, 76 (Redfern), 5 to 1 and 7 to 5, second; Foneda, 100 (Jackson), 5 to 2 and 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:13¾.

Fourth race (Buffalo Stakes; two-year-olds; five furlongs)—Juanita M., 105 (May), even and 1 to 2, won; Red Robe, 108 (Thompson), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Messina, 100 (Hayden), 6 to 1 and 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:02¼.

Fifth race (three-year-olds and up; one and an eighth miles)—Prince of Song, 101 (Redfern), 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; Little Tommy Tucker, 101 (Jackson), 7 to 2 and 7 to 5, second; Arganauta, 103 (Lorenz), 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:55⅘.

Sixth race (steeplechase; about one and three-quarters miles)—Mrs. Bradshaw, 138 (Clancy), 3 to 1 and even, won; Interference, 136 (Flynn), 2 to 1 and 7 to 10, second; Goley, 142 (Johnson), 5 to 1 and even, third. Time, 3:33.

ROQUE CONTESTS AT NORWICH.

Norwich, Conn., Aug. 24.—In the second afternoon game in the roque tournament here to-day Strong was defeated by Williams, the present champion, leaving the question of leadership still in doubt. Strong and Wahly will play next. If the latter wins this game, he will be champion, but if Strong is the winner there will be a tie between Wahly, Cox, Congdon and Strong, each having won eleven games and lost three.

This afternoon H. W. Congdon, of Norwich, defeated Frank Foss, of Norwich. The game for the Van Wickle medal, for the last year held by Duryea, is to be played by Wahly and Cox on Monday. Wahly and Strong are now tied, and the game for the championship will be played on Monday.

A BILLIARD CHALLENGE.

George F. Slosson, the professional billiard player of this city, yesterday issued a challenge practically to all the other expert players of the world. Schaefer, Sutton, Fournil and Barntel are especially mentioned. He wants the games to be for from $500 to $2,500 a side, and they must be played in this city. Slosson offers to play Schaefer one game at cushion carroms and the other at 18-inch balk line.

GOLF.

WESTERN PLAYERS TO ENTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FORCE.

Reports received yesterday from Chicago, where the Western golf championship tournament has just been brought to a close, indicate that the entry from Western clubs in the national championship contests at Atlantic City will exceed that of any previous year. A canvass of the leading competitors has shown that practically all of them will come East for the Atlantic City meet. Hobart Chatfield Chatfield-Taylor, who was largely instrumental in having the championship date changed from July to September, has made a strong appeal to all Western clubs, urging them to indorse the change by sending their best men.

The news has caused some uneasiness among players here for the reason that a larger entry means greater difficulty in getting the qualifying round through before dark. It has come out that the September date is not altogether pleasing to some of the Eastern cracks.

In choosing it the association has certainly not consulted the wishes of Travis, as the amateur champion has expressed himself strongly in favor of a spring date. "The best time for the championship, in my opinion," he said the other day, "is the last of May or the first of June. The days are then at their longest, the courses are at their best, and the weather is neither too hot nor too cold." It is generally acknowledged among golf men that the fall is the worst season of the year for greens, as the ground is dry and the grass hard and wiry. The most important objection, in Travis's mind, however, is the shortness of the days. With a field of more than a hundred players, each of whom is obliged to cover the full eighteen holes to qualify, it is virtually impossible to get through before dark. No steps have been taken officially to provide for this difficulty at Atlantic City, but from a player who stands near the executive committee it is learned that the same expedient as that adopted at Hollywood may be tried. All failing to make a certain score in the morning round will be excluded from taking further part.

It has been suggested that the association eliminate the qualifying round entirely and thus do away with the entire evil, but this has not been received with favor, although in the championships abroad such a round is unknown, all competitors being drawn immediately for the match game. Travis, who has just returned from a two months' visit there, is particularly strong in his condemnation of the suggestion. When asked his opinion the Garden City man declared, "It has been found to work too well to think of abolishing it. As a matter of fact, players on the other side would like to adopt it were it not that they are wholly bound down by tradition. It is conceivable that by match play alone a very weak player may work his way to the finals, and that the good players may be bunched together, and so knock each other out in the earlier rounds. Besides, apart from this, I can see no possible advantage in match play pure and simple. Perhaps the best way to limit the number of entrants is to allow only the first sixteen to qualify. It must not be forgotten that it is a championship affair."

GOLF AT THE CRESCENT A. C.

The downpour did not keep the players off the links of the Crescent A. C. yesterday, although only seven made the rounds in the general handicap. The winner had the best gross as well as net score, and, as he made the 160 yard hole in 3 and scored a great 2 on the 120 yard hole, the card was good enough for a dry links. The summary:

C. C. Mason—
Out ..... 5 5 5 5 6 3 7 5 7—48
In ..... 4 6 6 6 5 6 2 4 4—43

	Gross.	H'dcp.	Net.
C. C. Mason	91	11	80
C. M. Bull	96	12	84
E. B. Knowlton	100	16	84
C. J. Marsh	114	28	86
W. W. Pilkington	105	16	89
H. Kryn	108	18	90

EKWANOK BEATS MOUNT ANTHONY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Manchester, Vt., Aug. 24.—The Ekwanok golf team defeated the Mount Anthony team here today in the final match for the Green Mountain Golf Association Cup by the overwhelming score of 63 to 0. Ekwanok wins the trophy for the year, and has permanent possession of it, having won it for three successive years. The summary:

EKWANOK.		MOUNT ANTHONY.	
C. D. Clegdorn	5	T. K. Wellington	0
M. M. Singer	4	E. N. Wellington	0
T. T. Reid	8	Dr. Chisolm	0
W. H. Davis	6	Percy Gennings	0
James L. Taylor	9	B. R. Wellington	0
George H. Thatcher, jr.	11	Mr. Colgate	0
Dr. Clark Burnham	10	R. Swift	0
C. M. Clark	6	George Worthington	0
A. M. Reid	4	Sayre McLeod	0
Total	63	Total	0

SARATOGA DEFEATS SQUADRON A.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Inclement weather somewhat marred the second day's sport of the second annual tournament of the Saratoga Polo Club. It was the first contest for the Ballston Cup presented by the club. Saratoga easily defeated Squadron A's team. Score follows:

SQUADRON A OF NEW-YORK.	H'cap.	SARATOGA.	H'cap.
1—W. C. Cammann	2	1—Seward Carey	4
2—R. L. Herbert	2	2—D. Milburn	3
3—H. M. Cowperthwaite	1	3—H. T. Davis	2
4—H. S. Kipp	0	4—B. L. Smith	3
Total	5	Total	12

Game called on account of darkness five minutes after beginning of fourth period.

The score was Squadron A, by handicap 8, less penalties, one-half; total, 7½. Saratoga, 25; Saratoga won by 17½.

COMPETITIONS IN PLAINFIELD.

Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 24 (Special).—In a pouring rain the weekly competition for the Mellick Cup was contested this morning on the Hillside Tennis and Golf Club course by Miss Van Herwerden and Miss Daisy Elsberg. The former won, with a net score of 101, while Miss Elsberg made 103. This afternoon F. O. Reinhart and F. C. Talmage competed for the golf committee cup. Reinhart won, with a net score of 114, and Talmage made 122. Both played from scratch.

DUTCHER TEAM BEATS SHARON.

The seven man team of the Dutcher House Golf Club, of Pawling, N. Y., and the Sharon Golf Club, of Sharon, Conn., played the second game of their series on Friday on the links of the latter club. It resulted in a victory for the Dutcher team by a score of 22 to 9.

SMITH-AUCHTERLONIE MATCH PUT OFF.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—"Willie" Smith and Lawrence Auchterlonie, of Midlothian and Glen View, respectively, will not play their thirty-six-hole golf match at Wheaton to-morrow for $2,000. A temporary postponement was announced to-day owing to the refusal of the Chicago Golf Club to allow a Sunday contest for side bets. Smith said arrangements undoubtedly will be made for him to play a match with the Western open champion under new conditions.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

ENGLISH TEAM MAY PLAY HERE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26.

With commendable enterprise the cricketers of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club have offered to become financially responsible for a game to be played here between B. J. T. Bosanquet's English team and New-York. The Metropolitan District Cricket League had previously declined to have the game played under its auspices, as it considered that the funds in the treasury were not sufficient to meet a possible deficit, owing to wet weather and other reasons.

It is now quite definitely assured that the Englishmen will play here on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26. The match will take place on the Knickerbocker Oval at Bergen Point, and every effort will be made to get out the full strength of the local players to meet the visitors.

The Englishmen found it impossible to obtain accommodation on any of the fast Atlantic liners sailing in the first week in September, and had to be content to take passage on the Haverford, sailing from Southampton on September 4. The team is not expected to arrive here until either September 13 or 14, and will have no time for practice before the opening game in Philadelphia against the Colts. This match is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16, 17 and 18, and will be played on the grounds of the Philadelphia Cricket Club at Wissahickon Heights.

The first test match against the Gentlemen of Philadelphia will be played on the grounds of the Germantown Cricket Club at Manheim on Friday, Saturday and Monday, September 20, 21 and 23. Then will follow the local game, and a return match will be played against Philadelphia on Friday, Saturday and Monday, September 27, 28 and 30, which will bring the tour to an end.

Although the visiting team has not yet been definitely announced, it is understood that the following eleven has accepted the invitation of Mr. Bosanquet to accompany him:

L. J. Moon, Cambridge and Middlesex; W. P. Robertson, Cambridge and Middlesex; H. D. G. Leveson-Gower, Oxford and Surrey; Frank Mitchell, Cambridge and Yorkshire; R. E. More, Middlesex; C. J. Burnup, Kent; A. M. Hollins, Oxford; E. M. Dowson, Oxford and Surrey; D. L. A. Jephson, Cambridge and Surrey; B. J. T. Bosanquet, Oxford and Middlesex, and possibly P. F. Warner, of Middlesex.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS CLOSING.

The championship contests of both the Metropolitan District Cricket League and the New-York Cricket Association are rapidly drawing to a close. In the series of the former organization the Brooklyn Cricket Club and the Knickerbocker Athletic Club are the only teams left which have a chance of carrying off the pennant, while the Paterson club has so strong a position in the series of the New-York Cricket Association that no team would seem now to have a chance of overtaking it.

The competition for the individual trophies awarded for the best batting and bowling averages of the Metropolitan League is more open. The batting is now led by A. Brown, of Brooklyn, with the excellent figures 71.33, but C. H. E. Griffiths, F. W. T. Stiles, S. B. Standfast and F. J. Prendergast are all well in the running. In bowling C. Dalton has a particularly good record, while M. R. Cobb, H. Tattersall, D. Boxill and C. A. Worm are all well among the leaders. The records:

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Per cent.
Brooklyn	7	6	0	1	1.000
Knickerbocker	6	5	1	0	.833
Manhattan	7	3	3	1	.500
Nelson Lodge	6	1	4	1	.200
Montclair	8	0	7	1	.000

NEW-YORK CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Per cent.
Paterson A.	9	9	0	0	1.000
Kearny	7	6	1	0	.857
Essex County	11	6	4	1	.600
Brooklyn B.	10	4	4	2	.500
Kings County	11	4	6	1	.400
Paterson B.	10	3	6	1	.333
Newark	9	2	6	1	.250
Manhattan II.	11	1	8	2	.111

PROSPECT PARK CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Per cent.
Kings County	4	3	1	0	.750
Brooklyn C.	6	3	3	0	.500
West Indians	6	3	3	0	.500
Nelson Lodge	5	2	3	0	.400
Manhattan II.	3	1	2	0	.333

CRICKET GAMES POSTPONED.

Owing to the rain of yesterday all the cricket games scheduled to be played in this neighborhood had to be abandoned. Chief of these was the match which was to be played at Prospect Park between the Nelson Lodge Cricket Club and the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. The Kings County Club was to visit Kearny, and the Manhattan second eleven was scheduled to play at Paterson. No less than six championship games were interfered with by the weather, and it will now need considerable adjustment of the schedule to find dates on which the postponed games can be played.

CHESS.

BARRY'S BUSINESS PREVENTS HIS MEETING PILLSBURY—NOTES OF THE GAME.

Greatly to the regret of all followers of chess, and especially those interested in the development of the Ruy Lopez opening, John F. Barry, of Boston, has declined the offer of Pillsbury to play a match in order to test certain variations concerning which the two players entertain opposite views. Pillsbury adheres to the old established play, while Barry advocates a departure therefrom. As was feared, Barry's business proves an insurmountable obstacle to the proposed encounter, to which, practically, the Boston man was challenged. The latter deplores his inability to accommodate Pillsbury at this time and says that, without wishing to detract from Showalter's laurels in any way, he attributes his defeat by seven games to two, prior to the Pillsbury-Showalter match, to the fact that he worked nearly every morning up to within a short time of starting the games in the afternoon. Under such conditions he would be severely handicapped with Pillsbury and unable to do himself justice. The real object of such a match might therefore be defeated.

In the mean time he acknowledges that Pillsbury has the best of the argument, but he hopes the time will soon come when he will be in a position to establish as sound the theories he stands sponsor for.

Nearly ten years ago, before Pillsbury became a fulfledged international player, he and Barry contested a match at Boston, in which Barry had a lead from the start, but was beaten out in the end by 5 to 4. Barry contemplates entering an international tournament in Europe within a year or two, and he may be depended upon to acquit himself creditably.

International chess tournaments are becoming quite the rage on the other side, and this is in rather distinct contrast to the state of affairs in this country, where, despite the fact that the popularity of the game has been steadily spreading, the players appear content to rest on their oars and watch the annual contests across the Atlantic. In addition to Monte Carlo, Hanover and Berlin, the places already mentioned in this connection, report has it that Ostend, in Belgium, and Düsseldorf, in Germany, are reaching out after a congress of the world's masters. The dates for four of these tournaments are expected to be distributed as follows: February, Monte Carlo; June, Hanover; July, Berlin; August, Ostend. It is evident that a rich harvest is in store for the chess masters, and, incidentally, there will be plenty of opportunities afforded to ambitious young players who have not yet made their mark in the international arena.

Carl Schlechter, of Vienna, a familiar figure in the big tournaments, who tied with Pillsbury for first prize at Munich, has aspirations to possess the world's championship, and may before long be a candidate for that honor. He has not the necessary funds at command yet, but hopes to be able to raise the required amount at no distant date. The Austrian, who is an unassuming and well liked individual, has a desire to visit America, and would fill an engagement here on any reasonable terms.

The match at the British Chess Club, London, between E. O. Jones and James Mortimer, was ended in favor of Jones by the score of 7 to 4 and one draw.

The municipality of Carlsbad, Germany, in conjunction with the Carlsbad Chess Club, has arranged a series of ten games between the two Austrian masters, Adolph Albin and G. Marco, who are both visitors at the health resort. The conditions provide that five games are to be played in a week at the rate of forty-five moves in the first three hours and fifteen moves every subsequent hour. At last accounts Albin led with the score of two games to one and one draw.

The tour of the Hastings and St. Leonard's Chess Club, in which about twenty members of that club are taking part, has proved successful. Victory crowned the efforts of the tourists in all the first six matches played in England, Wales and Ireland.

An international amateur tournament, with eleven entries, has been completed in Haarlem, Holland, players from Holland, England, Germany, Hungary and Bel