IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

The Vanderbilt Cup Race—Carelessness at Auto Races.

AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL.

Only three weeks remain before the Vanderbilt Cup race of Long Island. It will be the first contest of its kind ever held in this country, and will afford a good opportunity of showing what American made cars can do on home roads. The number of American cars entered is not so large as the enthusiasts of the sport on this side would like to have it, but much is looked for from the few that will represent the Stars and Stripes. As the time of the race grows nearer the interest becomes greater, and the demand for seats on the grandstand has been so heavy that the American Automobile Association, under whose rules the contest will be run, has decided to enlarge the stand to several times the size at first contemplated. That the cars will travel at tremendous speed can be expected, from the high horsepower of the machines that will try for supremacy. It was intended at first to treat only the turns with oil, but it has since been settled to sprinkle the entire course. One hundred and twenty-five men have been hired to police the course. President Roosevelt is to be invited to attend the race, as the heads of other countries have done. The King of England has attended frequently motoring festivals. Kaiser William was a spectator at the last international cup race, and the King of Italy watched the hill climbing contest for Italian cars. President Loubet of France would feel slighted if he were not invited to open the Paris Automobile Salon.

Many of the oldtime bicycle riders are now seeking a livelihood as automobile drivers, and the latest one to show his skill in this line is "Eddie" Bald, once the champion sprinter. Bald made his debut at the automobile races held under the auspices of the Dutchess County Fair at Poughkeepsie on Friday, and, while he did not win a race, his driving gave the impression that he may yet become as prominent in this line of sport as he did on the bicycle. Bald drove a heavy car that was not stripped for racing purposes, and this had a good deal to do with keeping him out of the money. It was said that the track was sprinkled on the turns with a preparation such as is much used for similar racing purposes in England. The picture printed in Saturday's Tribune shows the cloud of dust that the cars raised. The races were attended by the largest crowd that ever attended an automobile meeting in this country. Both the inner and outer rails of the track were lined with spectators forgetful of the fatal accidents that have happened to others thus exposed. The promoters of the races ought to have kept the crowd back, for a skidding car crashing into the fence anywhere along the line might have resulted in a dozen deaths. At the coming races at the Empire City track ropes are to be stretched to keep spectators a safe distance from the railing.

The action of the New-York Athletic Club in suspending Richard Sheldon for six months for failing to appear at the metropolitan senior championships of the Amateur Athletic Union is a step in the right direction. It too frequently happens that a well known athlete who is advertised to appear at games does not show up, and in most cases no satisfactory explanation is offered. Often it is difficult to decide whether the fault is that of the athlete or of the management; but no athlete should allow his name to be announced as a contestant in games at which he has no intention of appearing.

The Highlanders' victory over Washington on Saturday and the defeat of Boston at the hands of Philadelphia have again given to New-York first place in the percentage column of the American League. Although it seems that the pennant in the American League this year will be in doubt up to the last few games, admirers of the local team who have seen their favorites play the last few weeks are confident that the championship will come here. Now that it is assured that the Giants have won this honor in the National League this season, interest now is in the fight in the American League. If these two teams could meet in a series for the world's championship record breaking crowds could be looked for at each contest. Dougherty, the left fielder of the Highlanders, has been driving out the ball in all directions, and his timely hits have often turned the tide of the game. Batch, the new third baseman of the Superbas, has also proved himself a valuable player with the willow. In the double-header on Friday with the Giants he made a home run in each contest—one off Mathewson and the other off McGinnity.

The yachting season is drawing to a close in a blaze of glory, for the classes are as well filled in the final regattas of the clubs on the Sound and elsewhere as they were in the middle of the summer. Yachtsmen realize that the chances of a breeze are better at this time of the year than earlier, and are keeping their boats in commission until the last minute. Two final races arranged for the 70-footers by the New-York Yacht Club are to be sailed on Tuesday and Friday over the Glen Cove courses. Cornelius Vanderbilt's Rainbow has had her damaged main boom replaced by one of the Mineola's, and she will be all ready to race on Tuesday morning. The sloop yacht Virginia has been doing better in her last races, and she may be able to win a cup yet before she retires for the season. Her owner, William K. Vanderbilt, jr., is a pretty busy sportsman, what with his two power boats and his 70-footer. His Mercedes VI made good time on Saturday over the fifteen-mile course of the Knickerbocker Yacht Club, and it is said she had considerable reserve power. She may need it all in the coming race for the Gold Challenge Cup, in which the fastest boats are to compete. The handicap system to be adopted at this race is meeting with the approval of power boat men. It is a system that has worked well abroad for some time, and there is every reason for its adoption here. One excellent result will be clearing the way for all the starters in the race, for not more han two boats are likely to start at the same signal, where by the old plan—the one gun start—there was a scramble to cross the line, and no two watches showed the same time. Now the boats will have to make a standing start at the second the starter says "go," or at the crack of the pistol, as in an athletic competition.

No doubt motor boats can be built that will cross the Atlantic, but such a trip can hardly be dignified with the name of race, for it is simply a test of the endurance of the navigators of the boat, of the boat herself, to stand the strain of the smashing waves of the Atlantic in a gale—for those who have the hardihood to undertake such a trip, must be prepared for the worst weather as well as the best—and the capacity and strength of the gasolene tank, for lack of fuel or a tank that leaks or is made to leak by the pounding it receives, if not securely fastened, would end the passage at once, and leave the boat and its crew at the mercy of the sea. Ten thousand dollars is a tempting offer, but those who contemplate such a trip had better think twice before undertaking it in a small motor boat that will be at sea anywhere from 20 to 50 days. Another thing that renders the accomplishment of such a trip practically impossible is the fact that the little boats cannot carry sufficient gasolene to take them across, and if they had a tender carrying oil for them, they would be unable to take it from her at sea, not only because the boats would become separated, but for the reason that there is not one day in ten on the Atlantic when the transfer of oil from one vessel to another could be accomplished, to say nothing of the loss of time it would involve.

LOVING CUP FOR THOMAS F. KIELY.

Thomas F. Kiely, of Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland, who won the world's all-around athletic championship at St. Louis ten weeks ago, will be the guest at a reception at Sulzer's Harlem River Casino on Saturday evening, when a silver loving cup will be presented to him. Police Commissioner William McAdoo, it is announced, will preside, and State Senator John J. Frawley will make the presentation speech.

FOUL AT VAILSBURG.

Kramer Pushed Off Track by J. Bedell—Billington Winner.

The feature race at the Vailsburg cycle track yesterday was spoiled when Kramer was forced off the track in the final lap of the contest. He was riding on the pole in the backstretch, with John Bedell alongside, when the latter swung into the champion and pushed him onto the grass. Kramer did not fall, but could not get back to the track soon enough to have any chance of winning the race, which he surely would have done but for Bedell's action. He made a formal protest against Bedell, and the prizes will not be paid until the National Cycle Association Board of Control has settled the case.

The amateur "miss and out" contest resulted in an easy victory for Edward Rupprecht. The "Ashhurst Handicap" was won by Billington by two and a half lengths. The summaries:

Half-mile novice (handicap)—Won by O. S. Musseman, Cranford (20 yards); W. Levison, New-York (15 yards), second; J. Fred Mammann, New-York (80 yards), third. Time, 1:03⅘.

Half-mile race (handicap; amateur)—Won by "Teddy" Billington, National A. C., Vailsburg (25 yards); M. T. Dove, New-York (10 yards), second; Mike Coffey, Newark (10 yards), third; A. C. Spain, Bloomfield (40 yards), fourth. Time, 0:50⅘.

"Miss and out" race (amateur; four and three-quarter miles)—Won by Edward Rupprecht, Bay View W., Newark; Charles Franks, Newark, second; A. C. Spain, Bloomfield, third; H. M. Kuehne, New-York, fourth. Time, 11:02⅘. Lap prize winner, Joseph Rockowitz, Tiger W., New-York.

Five-mile race (professional; five divisions, two seconds apart)—Won by John Bedell, Lynbrook (fifth division); G. C. Schreiber, New-York (third division), second; Floyd Krebs, Newark (fourth division), third; Tom Butler, Boston (third division), fourth; Frank J. Cadwell, Hartford (fourth division), fifth. Time, 11:03⅘. Mile prize winners, Limberg, Penn, Schlee and Dorlon.

One-and-one-half-mile race (professional; consolation)—Won by E. F. Root, Boston; Menus Bedell, Lynbrook, second; Walter Bardgett, Buffalo, third. Time, 3:09⅘. Lap prize winners, Rossini (2), Kastendieck (2), Guery (1).

COBWEBS IN FRONT.

Outtrots David B.—Don Derby Alone on Speedway.

In expectation of seeing a series of brushes between Florence Wilton, the pacing mare that swept the Speedway a week ago, and Don Derby, 2:04½, the recognized boss of the road, the largest crowd of the season thronged the course yesterday morning. After having sought an engagement with Don Derby, W. C. Klotzbach, who drove the mare half a mile in 1:01 last week, failed to put in an appearance with Florence Wilton yesterday, much to the disappointment of several thousand persons. So completely does the chestnut horse outclass all other pacers now driven on the Speedway that James A. Murphy, the owner of Don Derby, could find none to compete with and had to content himself with breezing the crack sidewheeler over the course alone.

Although fast horses thronged the speeding ground, there were comparatively few good brushes, the cracks somehow seeming unable to meet one another in the big crowd.

Cobwebs, 2:12, and David B., 2:09¼, two veteran trotters, the combined age of which is thirty-one years, furnished the best contest of the day. Heads apart, they fought it out with the speed and spirit of four-year-olds for half a mile, with the result uncertain to the last stride. So close was the finish that Nathan Straus, who drove Cobwebs, asked after the brush was over: "Who won?" When told that the old king of the Speedway was first by a head, Mr. Straus seemed as much pleased as when his fourteen-year-old son, Charles Straus, drove the bay trotter Belton, Jr., to the front in a brush with Mr. Pierce's brown horse Upton. J. W. Cornish drove David B.

Ted, 2:15¼, driven by Mr. Straus before he took the reins over Cobwebs, was easily the fastest trotter on the driveway. Like Don Derby among the pacers, he was too fast to afford much sport for his owner, as no one who drove a trotter would turn for a brush with him. After failing to find a competitor among horses of his own gait, the handsome black trotter was turned with the chestnut pacer Fred W., 2:08¾, driven by Alexander Frankenstein. Though beaten a length, the trotter forced the pacer to step to his limit to win.

A series of brushes between Fred W. and J. H. Lawrence's bay pacer Reuben S., 2:06¼, enlivened the sport. Honors were even, the bay horse winning the first heat by five lengths, after a break on the part of Fred W., and the latter reversing the order when he stayed on his feet at the next trial. Fred W. figured in two scorching contests after beating Reuben S., but in each of them he met defeat by a narrow margin. Wesley R., 2:10, driven by James A. Murphy, beat him by a neck in a finish which delighted the crowd, and then Charles Weiland's bay pacer Johnny Agan, 2:05¾, gave him the dust. As Fred W. was tired, while his opponent was fresh, the trial of speed was not conclusive. Wesley R. won another good brush before leaving the road. His competitor was King Tom. Christopher Hackett drove the latter horse to a break and he was in the lead near the finish.

John P. Cockerill's trotting team, Miss Hibbard and Gracie, figured in one of the best contests of the day, defeating Belton, jr., by not more than a neck at the end of a stirring brush for the lead. Juno T., 2:13½, and James Shevlin, 2:13½, the former driven by Andrew Kane and the latter by H. B. Phillips, trotted a nice race, the mare finally winning. James Shevlin, in another brush, finished well in front of the bay trotter Norman S. Dr. H. D. Gill brought out a new pacer that played a prominent part in the doings of the day. She was Lady Direct, a bay mare by Direct, 2:06½. In one of her winning brushes she defeated David B., and in another she carried the big bay pacer Darling to a break. Johnny Agan was the only horse that defeated her. Another prominent newcomer was the bay pacer George King, driven by J. Chalmowitz. He scored a long series of victories in brushes with such horses as William Scott's Gray Billy, 2:16½; William Duffy's Bessie J., Henry Heuman's Harry H. and J. Saron's Maud Sherman.

Among the other horses and drivers seen in the throng were Too Soon, 2:24¼, driven by Isaac A. Hopper in a series of brushes with James Kennedy's Teddy K., the latter winning in close finishes; A. R. Myer's bay pacer Peter H., winner in a brush with W. W. Cocrane's Startle Wilkes, 2:14½; Thomas Greenbaum's chestnut pacer Isaac Davenport, that defeated the twenty-year-old pacer Smiler Colfax; M. R. Rothschild's Nelly Bell, also a winner from Smiler Colfax; A. C. Schuyler's chestnut trotter Elmen; Dr. Thomas Tuggle's bay trotting mare Ila; H. C. Patten's black trotter Tempesta; P. F. Drew's brown pacer Hugh Mack; Alexander Newburger's Better Luck, the winner of two brushes with "Ben" Lichtenberg's Billy Palmer; Captain C. H. McDonald's bay trotter Royal Prize; Harry L. Toplitz's pair of prize winning trotters, Judge Boardman and Graeme Grattan; Samuel Bloch's gray pacing mare Bicycle Girl, 2:20¾; George H. Huber's bay trotting mare Marie Pandit, 2:23¾; Hugo Lehman's bay pacer Major, George W. Young's bay trotter Dandy, and Dr. C. H. Martin's bay trotter Dicker.

BASEBALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—The home team defeated Cincinnati, 2 to 1, in seventeen innings to-day. A single, a passed ball and another hit gave Chicago one in the first. A single and a triple tied them in the sixth. In the seventeenth Briggs hit safely, Slagle singled, Casey was hit by a pitched ball and McCarthy lined out his third hit for the winning run. The score:

																	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—2	14	1
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1	10	4

Batteries—Briggs and Kling; Walker and Street. Attendance, 12,600.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

CHICAGO, 1; DETROIT, 0.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—A base on balls, a sacrifice, Davis's single and Lowe's error scored Green in the first inning of to-day's contest. After that time both Patterson and Killian were given perfect support and each pitcher worked to the limit. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	3	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1

Batteries—Patterson and Sullivan; Killian and Drill. Attendance, 5,800.

STATE LEAGUE.

At Albany—Albany, 8; Ilion, 0 (first game); Albany, 6; Ilion, 5 (second game).
At Utica—Utica, 2; Syracuse, 0.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY.

RACING—At Gravesend, 2:30 p. m.; Hawthorne and St. Louis.
GOLF—Olympic tournament at St. Louis.
HARNESS RACING—Grand Circuit at Columbus.
BASEBALL—National League: New-York at Brooklyn, 4 p. m.; Boston at Philadelphia. American League: New-York at Washington; Philadelphia at Boston; Cleveland at St. Louis; Detroit at Chicago.

THE RACETRACK.

Colts to Have Another Chance at Beldame To-day.

In spite of a long and brilliant season, in which an unusual number of unusually high class horses have met in frequent combat, the racing folk have not become so jaded that a glance at the list of starters given out last Saturday for the First Special, to be run this afternoon at the opening of the Brooklyn Jockey Club's meeting, did not awaken a lively thrill. The First Special is over the Brooklyn Handicap route—one and one-quarter miles—and is a weight-for-age race, open to all save the youngsters.

In the list of probable starters which the secretary of the Brooklyn Jockey Club gave out last Saturday are the names of E. R. Thomas's three-year-old colt Stalwart, winner of the Century and the Annual Champion; Newton Bennington's flying filly Beldame, conqueror of Ort Wells, Stalwart and The Picket and winner of the Saratoga Cup and the September; John Sanford's honest old Caughnawaga, the chestnut son of Clifford, that has been a factor in many a splendid struggle; Captain S. S. Brown's Broomstick, holder of the world's record for a mile and a quarter; John A. Drake's Realization winner, Ort Wells, and Frederick Gebhard's Top Gallant three-year-old Pulsus, a colt that the form players have discovered since his last two starts that they can no longer dismiss with the stereotyped phrase "does not figure."

Had these horses been grouped together a month ago the admirers of Beldame would have exulted in the thought that here at last was the chance for the best three-year-old filly of the year to meet the best colts of her age in a struggle in which quarter was neither asked nor given. Within this month, however, the shoe has been put on the other foot. It is no longer a case of Beldame meeting the colts, but of the colts meeting her in a desperate attempt to retrieve the laurels she has already wrested from them. Even old Caughnawaga has struck his colors to her and went down to defeat in the Saratoga Cup. There were "extenuating circumstances," however, on that occasion, and he floundered hopelessly through a river of mud that the filly skimmed over like a swallow. Ort Wells's people also have an excuse for him and assert that he was not himself when he was beaten by Beldame in the September. Enoch Wishard, his trainer, has the son of King Eric—Tea's Over on edge once more, it is said, and is anxious to have another shy at the filly.

There is need of no excuses for Stalwart; both in the Annual Champion and in the Century he proved himself a worthy successor as a stake winner of his stable companion Hermis; and, although he may never be the brilliant performer the little chestnut horse was in his prime, there is a question as to whether he will not earn quite as much money for his stable. With 117 pounds on his back, Broomstick, the son of Ben Brush, can run far and fast, and, like the old performer Caughnawaga, he does not know what it means to surrender. In spite of his two good races, Pulsus does not seem quite up to the others in class, but John E. Madden, his trainer, did not obtain his title of the Wizard without reason. It is very likely that the public will take quite a different view of the chances of the colts against the filly this time, and will make her as short-priced a favorite as Ort Wells was in the September.

Stalwart will be ridden by Redfern, Beldame by O'Neil, Caughnawaga by Odom, Pulsus by H. Phillips or W. Davis, Broomstick by "Tommy" Burns and Ort Wells probably by Lucien Lyne, although the mount may be given to Hildebrand.

To Broomstick may be assigned the task of trying to make Beldame race herself into submission early in the struggle. He at least seems the only one capable of it, and nothing suits his jockey better than to be up with the first flight as soon as the barrier is released.

The Junior Champion, for the two-year-olds, and the Hitchcock Steeplechase will also serve to celebrate the opening of the two weeks' meeting at Gravesend, and, as in the First Special, Mr. Dwyer's racing plant seems to have been unusually fortunate in the quality of the fields which these two promise to bring out. For the first time since his wings were clipped in the Futurity by Artful and Tradition, Sysonby's name appears in a list of probable starters. With the Melton youngster Mr Keene has also entered Wild Mint and Von Tromp, and if all three start the polka dots compose more than a third of the entire field for the Junior Champion. Sysonby, with John E. Madden's Sigllight, will carry the top weight, 127 pounds each. His most formidable opponents seem to be Mr. Paget's Diamond and Mr. Madden's Hot Shot. The eight horses entered represent only three stables—Mr. Keene's, Mr. Madden's and Mr. Paget's. The latter's other candidates are Jonquil and Cairngorm.

Ten steeplechasers have been entered for the Hitchcock, including the recently converted—and it is to be hoped reformed—old flat racer Mackey Dwyer. The old rogue has been at the game for only some six weeks or so, but George Saportas, his owner, says he thinks he has in him the makings of a great cross country horse. Thomas Hitchcock, jr., after whom the stake was named, has entered Foxhunter, and as was to be expected the handicapper has assigned him 165 pounds. With the exception of his stable companion, Good and Plenty, Foxhunter has developed into the greatest steeplechaser of the year, and with Ray to ride him he will probably be made first choice in spite of his steadying impost. Some of the other starters are Malden, Delivery, Zinzibar, Royelle, Daffo-Down-Dilly and the Ragged Cavalier.

"Willie" Davis, the new Western lightweight who has been riding with marked success since he arrived here from St. Louis, is the latest illustration of the tendency of the public and owners alike to hitch their wagon to a star. Hildebrand, at whose feet the jockey idolators have grovelled for months, can pass through the inclosures now unnoticed, without once overhearing some awe-stricken worshipper whisper "that's him." Even his own stable, that gave him all the preferred mounts a month ago, does not display the same eagerness now, and once last week, when it started two youngsters in a race, it actually put Shaw up on the one it declared to win with. No owner or trainer seriously believes that Hildebrand is not so good a rider today as he ever was, but, like the racing public, they are susceptible or superstitious enough to want "to ride a boy that is winning." Hildebrand is temporarily in bad form, "Willie" Davis in good form, and for a time, if owners continue to engage him and give him good horses, he will bask in the limelight of public adulation.

That something more than superstition or a natural desire to put up the best boy they can find actuates owners and trainers has been pointedly enough shown in the last few weeks. Early in the season a well known horseman began engaging one of the most successful jockeys in the East to ride for him, and as an additional incentive to the one provided by the Jockey Club scale of prices, he made it a practice "to put a bet down for the boy." In this way he may have added very appreciably to the boy's earnings, but in so doing he has lost the confidence of racing men, and he seldom gets any outside mounts. It is not always possible for him to ride for his generous employer, and when other owners are starting in a race in which this man has an entry, they are naturally a little timid about asking the jockey who is under obligations to him to ride their horses.

Few thoroughbreds in recent years seem to have had such an abiding place in the heart of racing folk as McChesney. The money that has been individually lost on him this year would actually give thousands of men and women a title to him in fee simple absolute, if he were to be sold at the price his owner ironically placed on him immediately after one of his numerous defeats. Lately he has shown such speed and evident cheerfulness that even those who long ago abandoned him as a betting proposition have been afraid to bet against him. Mr. Smathers, who owns him, was one of the victims on Saturday, when the horse ran second to Africander in the Brighton Cup, and faith cost him thousands of dollars. After it was all over he turned to Frank Taylor, "Big Mac's" trainer, and said: "It's time we quit jollying ourselves. He'll never be again the horse he was once." Mr. Smathers, it may be added, has made much the same comment when suffering under similar acute disappointment, and he probably will live to make it again. It seems now as though the task of preserving the family honor would fall to First Mason, "Big Mac's" half-brother.

GRAVESEND ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Handicap; all ages; about six furlongs.

Shot Gun	129	Invincible	98
Alan-a-Dale	127	Diamond	98
Lady Amelia	125	Divination	92
Gay Boy	125	Teacress	92
Leonidas	115	Heart's Desire	90
Toscan	112	Sir Brillar	90
Van Ness	107	Damon	90
Duchess Ollie	106	Revane	87
Councilman	100		

SECOND RACE—THE HITCHCOCK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP; 3-year-olds and over; full course, about two miles and a half.

Foxhunter	165	*Royelle	140
Malden	154	Delivery	140
*Zinzibar	152	Nancy D	137
Mystic Shriner	147	Daffo-Down-Dilly	135
The Ragged Cavalier	146	Mackey Dwyer	134

*Chamblet entry.

THIRD RACE—THE JUNIOR HANDICAP; 2-year-olds; about six furlongs.

*Sigllight	127	*Hot Shot	110
†Sysonby	127	†Von Tromp	110
‡Diamond	122	‡Jonquil	110
†Wild Mint	117	‡Cairngorm	110

*Coupled, Madden entry. †Keene. ‡Paget.

FOURTH RACE—THE FIRST SPECIAL; 3-year-olds and over; one mile and a quarter.

Caughnawaga	126	Pulsus	117
Stalwart	117	Ort Wells	117
Broomstick	117	Beldame	114

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 2-year-olds; five and a half furlongs.

Roycroft	110	Thirty-third	101
Ivanhoe	108	Niblick	101
R. L. Johnston	102	Eccentrical	99
Confessor	102	High Life	99
Hildebrand	102	Rose Mary Kane	99
Gladiator	102	King Cole	97
Indian Star	102	Danseuse	96
Wild Irishman	101		

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and over; mile and a sixteenth.

Waswift	114	Mount Kisco	104
Cloverland	114	Brunswick	101
Sidney C. Love	109	Andrew Mack	100
Grey Friar	106	Eagle	100
Cottage Maid	105	Little Em	97
Pentaur	105	Jane Holly	96
Locket	104	Hydrangea	87

POLO.

Veterans Meet in Open Championship To-morrow.

What will undoubtedly be the best polo game of the year will be seen at Van Cortlandt Park tomorrow, when the rival picked teams representing Boston and New-York meet in the special contest for the challenge cup in the open championship tournament. The contest is held under the auspices of the Polo Association, and it marks a new departure in polo in the United States. In the national championship the players must enter by clubs, without handicaps. For to-morrow's contest the opportunity was given of entering picked teams, regardless of club affiliation. This admits of strong aggregations, and the rival teams that will line up on the Van Cortlandt parade ground at 3:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon will be composed of the best players in America. They, too, meet without handicap.

For the New-Yorkers, the four will be Lawrence Waterbury, J. M. Waterbury, jr., J. E. Cowdin and C. R. Snowden, the latter a Philadelphia player. The Bostonians will present R. L. Agassiz, Devereux Milburn, Joshua Crane, jr., and Foxhall P. Keene, the latter the only member of the team not identified with a Boston club.

With these players, the lovers of the game may be assured of a match as fast and spirited as those that made Meadow Brook and Rockaway famous in the polo world years ago, when Keene, the Eustis boys, the late Columbus C. Baldwin, Hitchcock and Cowdin were conspicuous players in all the big tournaments. Keene and Cowdin are still active in the sport, but the present appearance of Keene will be the first time he has been seen in a big game in America for nearly three years. Most of his playing, lately, has been done in England, and only last spring were his polo ponies brought back to this country. For years Keene was rated as the best polo player in America, and he has shown in his recent practice games at Meadow Brook, and Rockaway that he has lost none of his snap.

Practically all the players are veterans, except Snowden and Milburn, and these two have been playing several years. Milburn was a member of the championship Myopia team that won the William Waldorf Astor Cup at Narragansett this season. Agassiz, another member of that team, was in the Myopia team in 1895, when it won the national championship, the time it was first played. Joshua Crane is from the Dedham club. Keene, the two Waterburys and Snowden made up the championship Lakewood team when that club won the championship in 1901.

The referee of the game will probably be Oliver W. Bird, of the Meadow Brook Club. Commissioner Schmitt, of the Park Department, in the Borough of The Bronx, has consented to have the grandstand that was used in the Pelham Bay Park exercises a week ago moved to Van Cortlandt for this championship match. The stand will remain at Van Cortlandt for use in the three games of the Squadron A open tournament, which will begin on Saturday, and be continued next week.

BIG FOOTBALL STAND.

Columbia Expects to Play Before 21,000 Persons.

American League Park, which will be used for the big football games in which Columbia will compete this fall, will have a capacity of about twenty-one thousand persons. Arrangements have been made to build a new stand running parallel to the gridiron on what is now right field on the baseball diamond. The goal posts of the gridiron will be located practically at home plate and in centre field. The new grandstand will therefore include the best seats on the field, and the present grandstand will be the bleachers.

This afternoon Columbia's coach, W. R. Morley, will begin scrimmage work to get a line on the men for the first game with Union on Saturday. The only positions at all definitely determined are those to be occupied by the veterans. Thorpe and Browne will be the tackles, Sam Smythe centre, Metzenthin quarterback, Fisher, Duell and Frambach halfbacks, and Stangland fullback. It may be, too, that "Dave" Smythe and Tomlinson, if they report in time, will be guards. The candidates will practise at South Field this afternoon and perhaps to-morrow, but the rest of the week they will be at American League Park to get accustomed to the grounds.

ANNAPOLIS PREPARES FOR ARMY.

Navy Starts Season Without Professional Coach—Strong Line Men.

Annapolis, Sept. 18 (Special).—The navy will go to work this season with a determination to change the conditions which have led to its inferiority to West Point at football for the last few years. No professional coaches will be had this season, the work this year being directed by Dr. Paul J. Dashiell, chairman of the rules committee, who is a professor at the Naval Academy. Assisting him will be a number of former Annapolis players, stationed at the academy. Dr. William H. Murphy, of Yale, will act as trainer.

The members of the new fourth class, consisting of nearly three hundred youths, are already at work under the direction of Dr. Dashiell, and some fine material has developed—Douglass, who played fullback on the University of Tennessee eleven, and who will fit nicely into the place made vacant by Halsey's graduation. Piersol, tackle last year, who was deficient in his studies and re-entered this year.

Goss, last year's centre, is very strong from his spring crew work. Chambers, who played guard last year, is a two hundred pounder, and should improve this season. Grady, who has played an aggressive tackle for two seasons, and is also a two hundred pound man, should beoved in to guard. Captain Farley's regular position is at tackle, and although he is very aggressive and fast, his weight, 165 pounds, is not great enough for the position, and there is some talk of moving him to quarter ar half. If Farley does not go to quarter, Wilcox will fill the place, and Needham will also work for it. Douglass will undoubtedly start the season at full, and among the good back candidates are Doherty, Strassburger, Spenser, Becker, Root, Reichmuth and Rees. The schedule follows:

October 8—Virginia Military Institute.
October 12—Baltimore Medical College.
October 15—Princeton.
October 19—St. John's College.
October 22—Columbia University.
October 27—Swarthmore.
November 5—Pennsylvania State College.
November 19—Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
November 26—West Point.

The games will all be at Annapolis with the exception of that with West Point, on Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

GOOD PROSPECTS AT WESLEYAN.

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 18 (Special).—The Wesleyan football team will begin work to-morrow. Although the team lost by graduation this year five old men, Captain Gillispie, Garrison, Schneider, Goode and Packard, the prospects this year are good. The squad is again to be in charge of Howard R. Reiter, of Princeton, who coached the team last year. Captain Robert Forbes is quite hopeful over the outlook. He says that if faculty restrictions do not keep some of the best men out of the game this year Wesleyan should have a season much more successful than the last year or two. Forbes himself is having some trouble over conditions. He will take the examinations at once, and will begin practice as soon as he passes them. Already several good halfbacks have been found in the entering class to strengthen Wesleyan in a department where weakness was shown last year.

U. OF P. MAY LOSE BIG FULLBACK.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—A. L. Smith, the fullback whom the University of Pennsylvania was depending on for line bucking this year, may be kept out of the game on account of conditions in his studies. Smith, it is understood, is carrying thirteen conditions. This equals about three of the old conditions when the athletic rules were drawn up. Unless Smith passes two of these off and gets his scholastic standing straightened out he cannot represent the Red and Blue on the gridiron this fall. Smith's absence from the premliminary practice on Franklin Field and the shifting of other men to the fullback position lend color to the rumor that Smith may not return to Pennsylvania. He is now said to be at the home of a brother, who is ill.

HUCKLEBERRY POWWOW.

INDIANS AND FLUB DUBS.

Treasure of Captain Kidd Comes to Light at Last.

Yachtsmen from all of the clubs along the Sound gathered at Huckleberry Island yesterday to attend the annual powwow of the Huckleberry Indians, of the New-York Athletic Club, and the Flub Dubs, of the Larchmont Club, which marks the close of the season. For their burlesque this year the yachtsmen produced a comedy entitled "The Kidding of Captain Kydd, a Komical Kid for Komical Kidders," by Klay M. Greene. About two hundred yachtsmen took part. Owing to the prominence of the performers, a guard was stationed at the island during the performance to warn off all pale faces and inquisitive persons, such as reporters.

The performance was held in the open air in front of a log cabin. It opened with the appearance of Chief Rudee, who emerged dejectedly from his wigwam, carrying a siphon of vichy and a glass. He stalked feebly to his seat on the lawn, and putting his hand to his forehead, complained to the braves that he felt terrible, and was going to swear off drinking.

"What got you soused last night?" asked his medicine man.

"Whiskey," replied Chief Rudee.

"And what saw the great chief in his dreams?" asked the medicine man.

"Sea serpents!" yelled Rudee.

As the chief spoke a sea serpent, fifteen feet long, came floating from behind a cliff, manned by two boys with canoe paddles. Seated on its back were Neptune and Aphrodite, the latter clothed in pink tights with a sea grass skirt, and her flaming red hair floating in the breeze. At the sight of the sea serpent the braves set up a war whoop and made a rush for the shore to carry off Aphrodite. This fair maiden finally was carried off blushingly to the tepee of Chief Rudee.

A confidence man and a broker named Chinchenheimer, accompanied by Miss Broadway, Miss Metropole, Miss Shanley and a bevy of upper Broadway countesses then visited the island in an automobile and wanted to buy it. Chinchenheimer offered as high as $100,000 for it, 1 per cent down, but Neptune advised the Indians not to sell their island because it contained the treasure of Captain Kidd.

The confidence man angrily told Neptune to go back to the briny deep and chase crabs and lobsters. While the broker and the Indians were haggling about the price of the island a loud explosion was heard, and Captain Kidd and his crew of pirates, armed with cutlasses and pistols, came defiling through a pass. The pirates were made up entirely of yachtsmen from Larchmont, and they came down the Sound on Lloyd Phoenix's big black schooner Intrepid. Their first shout as they rushed on the island was: "Drink, give us drink to warm our blood in this icy air!"

After warming his blood and washing away the thirst of his crew, Captain Kidd made a speech. "Historians call me a pirate," said he. "Romance has made me a hero. History is as good romance as romance is good history, and both are liars. I did exist somewhere about the time they wrote of, but there are more crooks, pirates, bandits and grafters here within the sound of my voice than all the Kidds ever written about. None of my crew, to say nothing of myself, ever were hanged on Execution Rock, and there never was a treasure enough in the whole country at that time to make a decent bank roll."

Captain Kidd then borrowed a spade and began digging up the hidden treasure. The first thing he took out was an axe. "This," said he, "is what President Van Wormer uses to enforce the payment of dues at the New-York Athletic Club." He then took out the boots with which "Jimmy" Haslin does most of his kicking, and next followed a file which somebody else was said to have used on his voice. The last find among the treasure was the original deed for the island, showing that it was the property of the "Huckleberry Indians."

When Captain Kidd read the document, which declared that the title was invested in them, their heirs and assigns forever, a big shout went up from the tribe, and they took the pirates by the hand and escorted them to their reservation, where they treated them to refreshments and a clambake, while the band played the stirring refrain, "The Ghost That Never Walked."

The characters in the burlesque were:

Captain Kidd.....Joseph Grisman
Fuseloil, his bos'n's mate.....Peter J. Kane
Rock and Rye, his first lieutenant.....Frank Unger
Applejack, his boatswain.....W. A. Stadelman

IMMORTALS.

Father Neptune, his dopes of the danky deep.....Forest Robinson
Aphrodite, her nymphs of the wooing wave.....Newton Lindo

MORTALS.

Con Wall Street, a Wall Street "con".....
Cinchenheimer, a sure thing promoter.....Frank Hardy
Other promoters and "cons."

HUCKLEBERRY INDIANS.

Chief Rudee.....Rudolph Shaffer
Medicine Man.....W. E. Hinsdale
Sachem Fullcraff.....Frank Fullcraff
Little Chief Haubold.....E. W. Haubold
Sachems, squaws and the balance of the tribe.

During the festivities a large fleet of yachts anchored off the island, among them William E. Iselin's Emerald, Wilson Marshall's Atlantic, Paul G. Thebaud's Normona and Arthur Cary's Wahneta.

GOLF.

Merion Club to Hold Women's National Championship.

To complete the round of national championships, W. Fellowes Morgan, secretary of the United States Golf Association, has announced the programme for the women's tournament to be held on the links of the Merion Cricket Club, at Haverford, Penn., beginning Monday, October 10. The championship trophy, presented by Robert Cox, and four medals, offered by the association, will be played for, and in addition there will be the usual mixed foursome and long driving contests. Entries close on Monday, October 3, and competitors must enter through the secretaries of their home clubs. Of the other important fixtures of the fall season the Olympic championship this week at St. Louis, and the annual tournament at Lenox, beginning to-morrow, will prove especially interesting to devotees of the game. A list of the leading competitions already announced is as follows:

September 19-24—Glen Echo Country Club; Olympic amateur golf championship.
September 20-24—Lenox Golf Club; annual tournament.
September 22-24—Philadelphia Country Club; Philadelphia Golf Association annual tournament.
September 28-October 1—Glen View Club; open tournament.
October 3-7—Toronto Golf Club; women's championship of Canada.
October 5-8—Essex County Club; Massachusetts State championship.
October 10-14—Merion Cricket Club; women's championship of United States.
October 20-22—Wilmington (Del.) Field Club; invitation tournament.

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