THE WORLD OF SPORTS

SPORTING COMMENT.

News and Views on Amateur and Professional Topics.

The international automobile road race for the Vanderbilt Cup, the practical wind-up of the major league baseball season, the fall meeting of the Brighton Beach Racing Association at Brighton Beach and two football games each for Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell, in which the new code will be more fully tried out, are the important happenings in the sporting world this week. There are many minor fixtures, also, which will provide entertainment for those particularly interested, so that all in all there will be plenty to think about, talk about and enjoy. The formal opening of the football season for all the big college teams except Yale, the sterling performances of Dennis Horgan and M. W. Sheppard in the fall games of the New York Athletic Club, the wind-up of the Brooklyn Jockey Club's fall meeting at Gravesend and the fall of the Highlanders in their plucky fight for the American League championship were the outstanding features of the week just over. Dennis Horgan, in making a new world's record for putting the 28-pound shot of 36 feet 3 inches, has placed the mark out of reach, to all appearances, of any athlete but himself. The old record was 35 feet ½ inch, made in 1888 by William Real, in Ireland. Horgan's put was little short of remarkable. Sheppard, the best middle distance runner of the season, deserves almost equal credit for his good performance of coming within one-fifth of a second of the world's record for half a mile, 1 minute 53 2-5 seconds, held by Charley Kilpatrick. If the conditions had been favorable Sheppard might have succeeded in making new figures, and the mark is surely within his powers.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL.

The New York American League baseball team fell from grace last week, and by losing five of the eight games played, and getting a tie in another, placed themselves in an unenviable position in their game fight for the championship pennant. Their many followers are bitterly disappointed, as victory now looks like a forlorn hope. There is a chance, a bare chance, that the coveted flag may yet float over American League Park, and to this the fans are clinging. A week ago the outlook was remarkably bright. The Highlanders had won three out of four games from Chicago, the rival for the title, on hostile grounds, and had a lead of two games. The strain told, however, and while Chicago was defeating Boston and Washington New York lost three straight games to Detroit and only succeeded in breaking even in Cleveland. The Detroit series was the stumbling block, as the team made a most creditable record against Cleveland, which loomed up suddenly as a prominent factor. The victory of New York on Saturday practically put an end to the pennant aspirations of Cleveland, although the Naps have still a fighting chance to crowd the Highlanders out of second place.

On Saturday night Chicago had a clear lead over New York of 19 points, which under ordinary conditions is quite enough to insure victory with the season so nearly over. The White Sox have a harder task before them than the Highlanders to wind up the schedule, and may fall from their proud place. New York has six games to play, four with Philadelphia at Philadelphia, and two with Boston at Boston. Chicago has ten games to play, two with Washington, four with St. Louis, three with Cleveland and one with Detroit, most of them away from home. This condition confronts the Highlanders, however. They must win six straight games, no easy matter with last year's champions opposed in four, while Chicago is losing five out of ten in order to win the pennant. This is a slender reed on which to lean, but baseball is uncertain and stranger things have happened. The Highlanders made a brave fight on their Western trip under a decided handicap, and deserve high credit. They got home yesterday, and will go to Philadelphia to-day, determined to make one last desperate stand, in which they will have the good wishes of all true lovers of the game in local circles.

AUTOMOBILING.

The international automobile road race for the Vanderbilt Cup will be decided on the Nassau circuit on Long Island next Saturday, and interest runs high in what promises to be a remarkable test of extreme speed. It seems to be an accepted fact that the American people are speed crazy and the race now at hand will provide a good opportunity to satisfy this lust. The fastest cars that brains and ingenuity can produce and the most daring and skilful drivers in the world will be seen on the course in an effort to win the blue ribbon fixture of the automobile world in the country. Speculation is rife on the probable outcome, but general opinion favors the victory of one of the high-powered foreign cars, as was the case in the two previous races for the cup. An American victory has been hoped for and even expected in some quarters, as the home manufacturers have been making great strides in the industry, but the result of the elimination trials ten days ago raised a question even with the most optimistic, and now victory for this country seems to depend almost entirely on Tracy and his locomobile. The American team is handicapped to some extent in having two machines which come under the head of touring cars, and on the face of it these stand little chance with the foreign racers built with extreme speed as the single object. All things considered, it looks as if the honors would rest between France and Italy, barring accidents, with Lancia in his Fiat car the individual favorite.

It seems unfortunate that any controversy should have arisen over the final selection of the American team. The disqualification of the Pope-Toledo car for a technical violation of the rules served to weaken the American team, as it developed great speed in the early rounds of the elimination race and could be expected to give an even better account of itself with further tuning up. The rules are clear enough, however, and there seems little excuse for violations, even of a technical nature. It is now said that other drivers offended in the same way as Lytle, but no protest was made in the time required by the rules, so that the racing board can take no action even if it would.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

The followers of college football are divided as to the practical working of the new code. At the general meeting of the experts at the Murray Hill Hotel last week there seemed to be a pronounced feeling that further revision of the rules would be necessary before the game would be acceptable to those who believe in it and those who do not. The games played on Saturday proved little or nothing as to the practical working of the "forward pass" and "on side kick," two of the most important changes in the rules, but they did show that the consecutive advance of the ball ten yards in three downs was almost impossible if two elevens were fairly evenly matched, with the development of the play to date. They also showed what is perhaps more important, that the sport would be cleaner and free to a large extent from the unfair tactics which did so much to bring it in disrepute. Princetown and Cornell appeared to make good use of the "forward pass," but Harvard did not use it often enough to give it a fair trial.

In talking with the experts at the meeting last week it seemed to be the feeling that the defence had not been measurably weakened, and that instead of compelling automatically the secondary defence to withdraw behind the line any material distance, the rules had permitted the defending team to ignore line plunging and to spread out so as to make end running more difficult than before. The forward pass is not regarded seriously as an important factor. It is not believed that it can be utilized without incurring so much danger of losing the ball as to nullify its advantages. In the trials that have been made of it in practice the ball has been lost through inaccuracy of passing more times than caught. No one seems to believe that it can be made a steady, consistent and dependable play.

The on side kick, however, offers a different proposition. It is virtually a forward pass, as was the quarterback kick before, with the additional advantage that if the ball touches the ground through inaccuracy of any kind it is not lost to the kicking side. Accordingly, it is possible to kick it forward and follow it so closely as to stand more than an even chance of securing it. This play, therefore, is believed to be the most potent and most likely to be frequently used of any of those which now appear possible as features of the attack. The whole attitude of those preparing for the season appears to be one of doubt, with the hope that something may develop which will prove practical to prevent the game becoming a mere interchange of kicks, with a more or less uncertain and uninteresting senseless scramble for the pigskin while it is free on the ground.

KRAMER FOLLOWS PACE.

Cycle Champion Beats Moran Behind Motor at Vailsburg.

Cameron, of the New York Athletic Club, won the one-mile national amateur championship yesterday at the Vailsburg cycle track, in Newark, by a well timed jump that netted him such a big lead that Sherwood and Zanes could not overhaul him. They finished in the order named, six open lengths behind Cameron, with McDonald, of the Tiger Wheelmen, fourth.

Moran competed against Kramer in three five-mile motor paced heats as a substitute for Collins, who had won the right to meet Kramer by defeating Moran the previous Sunday. Moran led for the first two miles in the opening heat, but Kramer passed him in the third mile and won finally by three lengths.

Kramer led until the last lap of the second heat, when Moran passed him with a rush and won by six lengths. Kramer led from the start of the deciding heat, and when Moran lost his pace, just before the end of the second mile, Kramer opened up a big gap. Kramer increased his lead after Moran got going again, and won by 300 yards.

Kramer followed his pacemaker, W. F. Saunders, with the precision and skill of an experienced pace follower, and made a favorable impression.

Eight amateurs were sent away in an unlimited Australian pursuit race. Cameron had overtaken two of his opponents when his chain broke, and he had to retire. Kluczek, of the Roy Wheelmen, won the contest, overtaking Magin, of the National Turn Verein Wheelmen, in the thirteenth lap, or at three and a quarter miles.

The infield was measured off and goal posts were erected so the Emmets, of Montclair, and the Geraldines, of Newark, could play a Gaelic football game, for which Steve Gaynor, of the Wolf Tone Athletic Club, of Orange, was referee. The Newark team won.

The summaries follow:

One-mile National Cycling Association amateur championship—Won by George C. Cameron, New York Athletic Club; Charles A. Sherwood, New York Athletic Club, second; James Zanes, Newark, third; Urban McDonald, Tiger Wheelmen, fourth. Time, 8:19⅕.

Motor-paced match between Frank L. Kramer, East Orange, and James F. Moran, Chelsea (five mile heats)—First heat won by Kramer. Time, 8:04⅘. Second heat won by Moran. Time, 8:48⅘. Third heat and race won by Kramer. Time, 8:14.

Unlimited Australian pursuit race (amateur)—Won by Watson J. Kluczek, Roy Wheelmen; Jacob Magin, N. T. V. W., second; Urban McDonald, Tiger Wheelmen, third; James Zanes, Newark, fourth. Time, 7:43. Distance, three and one-quarter miles.

Gaelic football match between the Emmetts of Montclair and the Geraldines of Newark—First half—Geraldines, 1 goal and 3 points; Emmetts, 1 point. Second half—Geraldines, 3 goals and 2 points; Emmetts, 1 point. Total score—Geraldines, 4 goals and 5 points; Emmetts, 2 points.

RACING SCENE SHIFTS.

Some Rich Stakes Will Be Decided at Brighton Beach.

The racing scene will be changed once more to-day. The Brighton Beach Racing Association will throw open its gates at Brighton Beach for a six day meeting, in which will be crowded many fixtures of more than usual interest.

The Produce Stakes, of $30,000, for two-year-olds, is on the card to-day; the Cup Preliminary, a weight for age race, at one mile and a half, will be decided to-morrow; the Mercury Handicap, for two-year-olds, at six furlongs, is the fixture on Wednesday; the Triumph Stakes, for two-year-olds, will be the feature on Thursday, while the Chantilly Steeplechase and the Brighton Cup, at two miles and a quarter, will serve as a fitting wind-up on Saturday.

The rich Produce Stakes to-day will be run in two divisions—one for colts and geldings and one for fillies. James R. Keene's good filly Court Dress seems to have part of the stake at her mercy, but in the colt division a stirring race is in prospect, with De Mund, winner of the Flatbush Stakes; Electioneer, the hero of the Futurity, and Water Pearl, the champion of the spring season, engaged among others.

The Triumph Stakes, on Thursday, is attracting more than usual interest, as it is the first race of the year at one mile, exclusively for two-year-olds. Some good youngsters are engaged, including Peter Pan, Conville, Dinna Ken, De Mund, Charles Edward, McCarter, Paumonok and Fountainblue. The race is rich enough to attract the best, as $5,000 will be added to the subscriptions, together with the historic Pharsalia Plate of the value of $2,000. The plate will become the property of the owner winning it twice, not necessarily in succession. Lotus Eater won the first running of the stake, last year.

The field for the Brighton Cup, of $10,000, the weight for age race at two miles and a quarter, will be lacking in both quality and quantity. The most likely starters are Proper, Flip Flap, Oxford, Cederstrome, Dolly Spanker and Lady Savoy. This shows how weak the turf is in thoroughbreds capable of going a distance. Most of the older horses of class have died or been retired because of some ailment.

Miller, who has headed the list of winning jockeys at so many meetings this year, had a close call at Gravesend. Garner, who is riding in excellent form again after a decided slump in midseason, pressed him hard, and on Friday was tied for the honors. Miller rode one winner on Saturday, however, while Garner failed, and the "marvellous one" was once more on top.

The fall meeting of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, which ended on Saturday, was highly successful in the matter of attendance, and the sport was quite up to the standard in spite of the many cases of form reversals hard to explain.

BRIGHTON ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Handicap; for all ages; $1,000 added. Six furlongs.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Halifax	126	Mary Morris	106
Dr. Gardner	124	Alencon	105
Jacobite	124	Fenarris	104
Nannie Hodge	121	Frank Lord	102
Security	120	Voorhees	98
Far West	120	Adoration	95
Big Ben	116	Guiding Star	95
Wes	110	Tileing	94
Pater	108	Ace High	92
Robin Hood	108	Warning	86

SECOND RACE—Steeplechase; for three-year-olds; $1,000 added. Short course, about two miles.

Recruit	132	T. S. Martin	132
Souvigny	132	Realm	132
Mr. McCann	132	Sanctus	132
St. Kevin	132	Commodore Fontaine	132

THIRD RACE—THE PRODUCE STAKES, of a guaranteed cash value of $30,000—first half; for fillies two years old. Six furlongs.

Court Dress	121	Glamor	107
Barbary Belle	109	Fins and Needles	106
Common Sue	109	Surveillance	104
Miss Spooner	109		

FOURTH RACE—THE PRODUCE STAKES—Second half; for colts and geldings two years old. Six furlongs.

Water Pearl	127	Paumonok	112
De Mund	124	Glenham	112
Electioneer	124	Purslane	109
McCarter	114	Mr. Peabody	108
Yankee Gun	114		

FIFTH RACE—Selling; for four-year-olds and upward; $1,200 added. One and one-quarter miles.

Red Friar	111	*Blennenworth	96
Huntington	107	Lady Ellison	96
First Mason	101	*Ivanhoe	98
Tartan	101	*Luckett	93
Jungle Imp	101	Our Sister	93
*Priority	96	*Sonoma Belle	93

SIXTH RACE—For maidens, three years old and upward; $900 added. One and one-sixteenth miles.

Supreme	110	Golden Wine	107
Greenland	110	Orphan Pet	107
James N.	110	Bluestone	107
Holscher	110	Lady Tarantella	107
Tarlac	110	Grenadier	107
Bizzy Izzy	110	Adonis	107
Lichtmose	110	Woodman	107
Blue Pigeon	107	Lady Avis	107
Stole	107		

*Apprentice allowance.

END OF THE POLO SEASON.

The 1906 polo season will come to a close this week. Play will continue in the New Haven Polo Club tournament at New Haven for the University Cups and the Quinepiac Cups. The annual tournament will begin to-day at the Buffalo Country Club, at Buffalo, and continue through the present week. Play will be for the Buffalo Country Club Challenge Cup for teams of four, under the Polo Association handicap, to become the property of the club which may win it three times on the club grounds, and to be played for in one tournament only each year. Individual prizes will be added.

HOPPE TO PLAY M'LAUGHLIN.

Willie Hoppe, the boy billiardist, has been matched to play Edward McLaughlin 2,400 points at 18-inch balkline. The match, which will start to-night, is to last for six nights. Hoppe will play one shot in and McLaughlin two shots in. In the afternoon Hoppe will play some of the best amateur billiard players. The match will be played at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy, in Brooklyn.

YALE COACHES GLOOMY.

Football Squad Is Small and Heavy Men Are Scarce.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

New Haven, Sept. 30.—Captain Morse and Rockwell, head coach of the Yale eleven, are discouraged at the small squad they have been able to muster and at the lack of heavy men. Rockwell says that the candidates for the centre positions are the lightest in his five years of experience here.

Morse last week issued a call for candidates, and almost no new players reported. Not enough men have joined the squad to form four elevens, while at Harvard nearly one hundred are enrolled. "The Yale Daily News," editorially, attributes the few candidates to lack of interest in the game as played under the new rules.

Rockwell to-night denied the report that secret practice would begin to-morrow. He said that there would probably be none till October 15.

Jack Owsley, head coach last season, arrived to-night and will remain this week, coaching the kickers. Rockwell has decided to perfect the punting early this year, and this week Lydig Hoyt, Frank Butterworth and Owsley will all coach this department.

To get brand new ideas for Yale's opening game with Wesleyan here on Wednesday, all the Yale coaches and Captain Morse went to the opening games of the big teams yesterday and took notes. They had a conference to-night, and will put the ideas they secured into execution.

Rockwell, who saw the University of Pennsylvania play, was impressed with the speed of the team. He had a long conference with Bill Reid, head coach of Harvard, last Friday night in New York, after the meeting of the rules committee.

George Goss, guard three years ago, will arrive to-morrow and coach the guards this week.

Yale football coaches have formulated a definite policy in developing the new rules, but its details will not be visible to the public eye before well into November, and much of it will be seen for the first time in the arguments with Harvard and Princeton.

As far as the minor games of October are concerned it is likely that Yale will play a great deal of old fashioned football. Against most opponents Yale expects that the plunging attack will be sufficient to gain ten yards in three downs and thereby hold the ball most of the time. Yale will use an occasional double and forward pass, but the effective plays which the Yale coaches have figured possible from the new rule code will not be utilized before the West Point game, according to present expectations.

The scrimmaging of the five days since the first line-up has shown, in a general way, however, how the new rules are working out on the Yale gridiron. Forward passes have been the rule, and it cannot be said that they have been successful enough to encourage the coaches in planning to use them till more certainty of reaching the spot and player intended is felt. On several occasions the pass has been intercepted and a run of half the field has followed.

This establishes the fact that the forward pass will be used with caution, at least in the early games. The play will be seen frequently in practice, for it is felt that only by steady, daily drilling will the team be able to perfect it.

Double passes and short passes, on the run, have been rarely tried. To familiarize the players with passing, a novel wrinkle has been introduced into the preliminary practice. The squad is separated into two or three circles, with fifteen men in a group, about a dozen yards apart. The players in each circle are kept moving around while two or three footballs are passed from one man to another.

The short kick has been tried freely in the Yale practice, and will form one of the stock plays of the year. Not so much attention has been given to it, however, as to the long forward pass.

There is no longer room for doubt that the game has been opened up. If this is conceded to have been the main object of the changes in rules they have been successful.

It is not felt at Yale that the new game will be less dangerous than the old. Walter Camp, the Yale head advisory coach, has always said that mass play is less harmful than open tackling. His argument is that the play is slow in the massing while players are moving quickly in the runs in the open.

IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH FIELD.

Eight New Handball Courts Gladden the Hearts of Columbia Students.

To provide a place in which Columbia students may train until the proposed field, to be built by filling in along the bank of the Hudson River, can be finished, the authorities have made several improvements on South Field recently. Most prominent are eight new outdoor handball courts. The courts have been placed on the south side of the field, and both playing surface and floor are of cement. Several new lawn tennis courts have been added, until there are now ten in all.

The centre of the field, inside the running track, has been carefully levelled so as to be in better condition for baseball, while the track itself has been improved. The west end of the field has been partly levelled and the surface smoothed so as to form a suitable place for lacrosse or association football practice.

The plans for the proposed new field have been finished, and the Columbia authorities are now awaiting the action of the Mayor and the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. Until this body takes action, nothing further can be done.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES TO-DAY.

Chicago at St. Louis (two games).
Detroit at Cleveland.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Chicago, 8; Washington, 5. | St. Louis, 7; Boston, 2.
Washington, 8; Chicago, 0. | Boston, 2; St. Louis, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.
Chicago	89	56	.614	St. Louis	74	70	.514
New York	87	59	.596	Detroit	69	74	.483
Cleveland	85	61	.582	Washington	54	93	.367
Philadelphia	76	66	.535	Boston	47	102	.315

ST. LOUIS WINS AND LOSES.

At St. Louis:

FIRST GAME.

									R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	x	7	4	1
Boston	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	4

Batteries—St. Louis, Howell and Spencer; Boston, Harris and Corrigan. Umpire—Sheridan.

SECOND GAME.

									R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

Batteries—Boston, Crow and Armbruster; St. Louis, Jacobsen and O'Connor. Umpire—Sheridan.

CHICAGO WINS AND LOSES.

(First game.)

At Chicago:									R.	H.	E.
Chicago	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	x—8	9	3
Washington	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0—5	7	3

Batteries: Chicago—Owen, Walsh and Sullivan. Washington—Goodwin, Kitson and Warner. Umpire—O'Loughlin.

(Second game.)

									R.	H.	E.
Washington	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0—3	6	3
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	3	3

Batteries: Washington—Patten and Warner. Chicago—Walsh, Smith and McFarland and Sullivan. Umpire—O'Loughlin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES TO-DAY.

Pittsburg at Brooklyn. | Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at New York. | Cincinnati at Boston.

RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.

No games played.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.
Chicago	113	36	.758	Cincinnati	64	85	.430
New York	93	54	.633	Brooklyn	62	85	.422
Pittsburg	91	58	.611	St. Louis	52	96	.351
Philadelphia	70	79	.470	Boston	47	99	.322

PICKED TEAM BEATS THE REDS.

Albany, Sept. 30.—A picked team of players from Albany and Troy defeated Cincinnati here to-day by the score of 5 to 1. Pappalau kept the hits scattered. Fraser was wild and was hit hard. The score:

									R.	H.	E.
Albany-Troy	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	x—5	11	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1	8	2

Batteries: Albany-Troy—Pappalau and Millerick. Cincinnati—Fraser and McLean. Umpire—Toban.

BUFFALO TOO MUCH FOR COLUMBUS.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 30.—Buffalo won the third game of the series with Columbus for the Class A minor league championship to-day by a score of 1 to 0. Corcoran scoring the only and winning run for Buffalo on two hits and Veil's bad throw to second. Buffalo has won two games and tied the third. The score:

									R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—1	5	0
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0	5	1

Batteries—Kissinger and McAllister; Veil and Blue.

HARVARD NEWSBOY SCHOLARSHIP.

Boston, Sept. 30.—At a gathering in Ford Hall to-day, attended by many interested in the welfare of the newsboys of the city, President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard University announced that the scholarship founded by the Boston Newsboys' Union had been awarded to Meyer Heller, a graduate of the English High School last June.

Nathan S. Sodekson, former president of the Newsboys' Union, who presided at to-day's meeting, gave President Eliot a check for $2,565 as the nucleus of a proposed fund with which to establish a permanent scholarship at Harvard.

GRAND CIRCUIT OVER.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON.

Nut Boy Leads Trotters—Ardelle and Rudy Kip Best Pacers.

GRAND CIRCUIT WINNERS.

The full list of horses which won two or more races on the Grand Circuit this year follows:

Trotters—Nut Boy, 6; Mainsheet, 5; Brilliant Girl, 5; Sweet Marie, 5; Gold Dust Maid, 4; Mack Mack, 3; Allie Jay, 3; Lake Queen, 2; Gay Bingen, 2; Lady Gail Hamilton, 2; Totara, 2; Anglola, 2; El Milagro, 2; Imperial Allerton, 2; Lady Mowery, 2; Lillian R., 2.

Pacers—Rudy Kip, 7; Ardelle, 7; Gratt, 5; Angus Pointer, 4; Brenda York, 4; Argot Boy, 4; Hal C., 3; Wilson Addington, 3; Owaissa, 3; Ecstatic, 2; My Star, 2; Vesta Boy, 2; Doris B., 2; Bolivar, 2; Lady May, 2.

The 1906 Grand Circuit campaign came to an end last week at Cincinnati, when Lady May won the last heat of the 2:08 class pace at Oakley Park on Friday. In every respect the season which has just closed was a record breaker. Never before has such uniformly good weather prevailed, have so many new trotting and pacing records been established and have both public and horsemen been so well satisfied with the results of a season's racing.

Though there were doubtless many reasons for the brilliant record of this year's Grand Circuit, it is generally conceded that the nearly universal adoption of the short race (three heat) plan was the principal one. This plan, which The Tribune has urged for the last two years, proved a panacea for most all of the ills which formerly beset light harness racing. It resulted not only in short races, but always forced the best horse to win, thereby doing away with that bane of trotting and pacing—the laying up of heats. The short race plan has doubtless come to stay.

The circuit began this year at Cleveland on July 30 and closed at Cincinnati on September 28. There were meetings in addition at Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Readville (two weeks), Hartford, Syracuse, Columbus and Cincinnati. The meetings at Detroit and Providence were omitted for the first time in years on account of trouble with the authorities over pool selling.

In the nine weeks of racing no fewer than 148 races were decided, of which 76 were trotting and 72 pacing. The total number of heats required was 432. No fewer than 84 races were won in straight heats. The money paid out to the horsemen by the various associations footed up $302,470. The full programme of every meeting was completed save at Columbus and Cincinnati, where rain caused a slight curtailment.

Nut Boy, a son of Nut Pine, leads the winning trotters on the Grand Circuit this year with six victories. He won the $2,000 Lafayette Hotel purse for 2:16 trotters at Buffalo, the 2:15 class trot at Poughkeepsie, the $9,000 Massachusetts purse for 2:14 trotters at Readville, the $10,000 Charter Oak stake for 2:09 trotters at Hartford, the 2:08 class trot at Syracuse and the $5,000 Ohio purse for 2:12 trotters at Cincinnati. The son of Nut Pine easily leads both trotters and pacers in money won.

Next to Nut Boy among the trotters come Mainsheet, Brilliant Girl and Sweet Marie, with five victories each. Gold Dust Maid won four races, while Mack Mack and Allie Jay each won three times. Sweet Marie swept the free-for-all trots, but was not eligible for any of the rich stakes. The daughter of McKinney, however, trotted the fastest mile of the season—2:02—in an exhibition at Columbus.

Gold Dust Maid won the $10,000 Empire State purse for 2:10 class trotters at Buffalo, the $4,500 Ponkopoag purse for 2:10 class trotters at Readville, the $2,000 Chamber of Commerce purse for 2:09 class trotters at Syracuse and the 2:10 class trot at Cleveland.

Mainsheet won the 2:08 class trot at Cleveland, the $2,000 Lenox Hotel purse for 2:07 class trotters at Buffalo, the $3,000 Readville purse for 2:08 class trotters and the 2:09 class trot at Readville and the $3,000 Columbus purse for 2:09 class trotters at Columbus. Brilliant Girl won the 2:23 class trot at Cleveland, the 2:21 class trot at Buffalo, the $4,500 Blue Hill purse for 2:30 class trotters at Readville, the 2:30 class trot at Hartford and the $10,000 Hoster-Columbus stake for 2:18 class trotters at Columbus.

Ann Direct won the classic $10,000 M. and M. stake for 2:24 class trotters at Cleveland, beating Brilliant Girl, which was second, but did not win another race. Allie Jay won the $10,000 Empire State stake for 2:14 class trotters at Syracuse.

Among the Grand Circuit pacers Rudy Kip and Ardelle are tied for the lead with seven victories each. Gratt comes next with five races won, while Angus Pointer, Argot Boy and Brenda York each won four times.

Ardelle, which is owned and driven by Ed Geers, won the $5,000 Chamber of Commerce stake, for 2:24 class pacers, at Cleveland; the $2,000 Lafayette Hotel purse, for 2:16 class pacers, at Buffalo; the 2:18 class pace at Poughkeepsie, the 2:20 class pace at Hartford, the $2,000 Onondaga Stakes, for 2:15 class pacers, at Syracuse; the $5,000 Hotel Hartman purse, for 2:15 class pacers, at Columbus, and the 2:15 class pace at Cincinnati. Ardelle, which is a brown mare by J. H. L., easily heads the list of money winners among the pacers.

Rudy Kip, which is a brown horse by McEwen, won the 2:10 class pace at Cleveland, the 2:10 class pace at Buffalo, the 2:11 class pace and the 2:10 class pace at Poughkeepsie, the 2:08 class pace at Hartford, the $2,000 Lakeside purse, for 2:11 class pacers, at Syracuse, and the 2:06 class pace at Columbus.

Gratt, which is a black son of Baron Grattan, won the 2:06 class pace at Poughkeepsie, the $3,000 Neponset purse, for 2:06 class pacers, and the 2:05 class pace at Readville; the 2:06 class pace at Hartford and the 2:06 class pace at Syracuse.

Geers, as usual, leads the Grand Circuit drivers again this year with a total of fourteen victories. McHenry, L. Murphy, T. Murphy, Alta McDonald, Spencer, Titer, Curry, Ames, Walker, Nuckols, Sunderlin, Gahagan, Hosemire, Gatcomb and Cox are well up.

The full list of winners at the Cincinnati meeting last week follows:

Trotters—Governor Francis, Blue Hill, Nut Boy, Lilllan R., Wentworth, Gale, Oro, Embox.

Pacers—Bystander, Ardelle, Texas, Rooker, Custer, Bolivar, Lady May.

The circuit chasers were shipped from Cincinnati to Lexington, where a ten-day meeting will begin to-morrow. The classic Transylvania Stake for 2:12 class trotters, purse $5,000, and the Kentucky futurities are among the features this week. The first week's programme is as follows:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

	Heats.	Purse.
Tennessee 2:06 Pace (closed)	3 in 5	$3,000
Kentucky Futurity, three-year-olds (closed)	3 in 5	14,000
Pacing (2:08 class)	3 in 5	1,000

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Kentucky Futurity, two-year-olds (closed)	2 in 3	5,000
Pacing (2:12 class)	3 in 5	1,000
Trotting (2:06 class)	2 in 3	1,500
Trotting (2:16 class)	3 in 5	1,000

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Transylvania 2:12 Trot (closed)	3 in 5	5,000
Pacing, Futurity, three-year-olds (closed)	3 in 5	3,000
Trotting (2:18 class)	3 in 5	1,000

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5.

Johnston 2:24 Trot (closed)	3 in 5	2,000
Trotting (2:12 class)	3 in 5	1,000
Pacing (2:18 class)	3 in 5	1,000

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.

Wilson 2:12 Pace (closed)	3 in 5	2,000
Trotting (2:08 class)	2 in 3	1,200
Pacing (2:14 class)	3 in 5	1,000
Pacing (2:05 class)	2 in 3	1,200

RUNAWAY THROWS FAMILY IN LAKE.

Father, Mother, Two Children and Uncle Rescued with Difficulty.

Jacob Erdenbrecher, an undertaker, of No. 584 East 145th street, took his wife and two children, Jacob, jr., eight years old, and Mary, five years old, for a drive in Crotona Park yesterday afternoon. Erdenbrecher's brother Christopher accompanied them. They had a two seated carriage and a single horse. In the lower part of the park is a lake called Indian Lake. Around this is a driveway.

As the party was approaching the lake driveway from the circle the horse took fright, ran across the lake road and plunged over a four-foot bank into the water. All were thrown out. The two men were tangled up in the reins, but managed to free themselves in time to help Mrs. Erdenbrecher, who could swim a little, to save the two children, one of whom she already had seized. Herman A. Rappold, a real estate dealer, of No. 1871 Morris avenue, The Bronx, who was driving near by, jumped into the lake and helped rescue the other child.

The runaway horse, with the carriage behind, swam out to the middle of the lake, turned around and swam back to shore.

RACING AUTOS REST.

Rain Keeps Sightseers Off the Vanderbilt Cup Course.

While the racing cars entered in the Vanderbilt Cup race were not allowed to practise on the course yesterday, the various quarters where these cars are kept presented a lively scene. The mechanicians, as a rule, were kept busy carefully looking over the machines and seeing that they were in perfect order to be taken over the roads to-day.

Only five more days remain for practice before the big race, and, as Friday will be weighing in day for the cars, it is likely that few of the drivers will be out for practice after Thursday morning. The weighing in time will be from 10 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

A heavy rain yesterday morning kept away the hundreds of touring cars that have been driven over the course on Sundays since the circuit was oiled. In the afternoon, however, although the weather was threatening, they were out in large numbers.

A ride with Mr. Burley in an Aerocar showed the course to be in poor condition in places, especially at the Hairpin Turn, at Old Westbury. There is no doubt that the touring cars and vehicles of all kinds that have been driven on the course have helped to put the roads in such poor condition. In most cases the touring cars go over the course at high speed.

The cup commission, however, will have a force of men at work this morning repairing these bad places, and reoiling the course will also be begun after practice to-day. It has been promised that the course will be in fine shape for the big race on Saturday next, but this is highly improbable.

Walter Christie was much worked up over the reports that Dr. Wellischott had difficulty in trying to pass him on Saturday, and other statements crediting him as a reckless driver. Christie said yesterday that at no time on Saturday was Dr. Wellischott within one hundred feet of him. Had he wanted to pass, Christie said, he would gladly have made room for him to do so.

Many persons still flock to the Pope-Toledo quarters at Bull's Head to express regret over the disqualification of the racer. Most of them say that they saw other cars in the elimination trials pushed in the race, and many are anxious to sign affidavits to such an effect.

It is generally believed among autoists that the Pope-Toledo case will be reopened to-night at the meeting of the cup commission, at the Garden City Hotel. Mr. Lehman, of the Pope-Toledo forces, has written to William K. Vanderbilt, jr., calling his attention to irregularities in the decision of the Frayer-Miller protest, which the referee and cup commission allowed to stand against the Pope-Toledo car, and Mr. Vanderbilt has said that he would lay the letter before the cup commission.

The Pope-Toledo people are protesting no car, but have gathered a mass of affidavits, which, it is alleged, show that nearly every car in the elimination race, except the Locomobile, which won, was pushed or pulled by outsiders at some time in the race. The Frayer-Miller car, No. 11, which was substituted for the Pope-Toledo, was pushed across the starting line, according to many who were watching the start.

The cup commission seems to have acted too hastily, and it is to be hoped that the Pope-Toledo case will be reopened and settled to the satisfaction of all.

If the Frayer-Miller car was pushed across the line, it seems to be as culpable as the Pope-Toledo car. It is also said that the Christie car received outside assistance while on the course. The same is said of the Thomas car, driven by Roberts, which was making its fifth round of the course when the race was stopped. No other cars were running at the finish.

QUEEN'S VOLUNTEERS ON CUP COURSE.

The Queen's Westminster Volunteers, who are to shoot a match with a team from the 7th Regiment, at Creedmoor, beginning to-morrow at noon, went sightseeing in seven automobiles yesterday. They made a complete circuit of the Vanderbilt Cup course, and expressed themselves as pleased with the roads, although surprised at the sharp turns at several points.

OARSMEN MAKE PLANS.

Many Local Clubs Will Install Rowing Machines This Winter.

Although the present rowing season is scarcely completed, oarsmen are already beginning to plan for an early and active campaign next year. Many of the old