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COMMENT ON SPORTS

SUMMER BALL PROBLEM.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

Summer baseball playing for money by college men has suddenly developed many supporters, particularly among undergraduates, and the much needed reform instituted by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States may not be accomplished as quickly and so readily as had been hoped. A few days ago "The Brown Herald" said editorially: "We can have college sport for college sport's sake and still allow professional ball during vacation under proper restrictions." This may be true at Brown after an experience of two years, and it may be said in passing that with strict scholarship requirements there need not necessarily be any deterioration in the personnel of a team or a general influx of tramp athletes, but in condition and in theory it makes for commercialism, and commercialism is the direct antithesis of amateur sport and sport for sport's sake, whether in or out of college. As broad or narrow as the varying and complex definition of the word "amateur" may be in various branches of sport, there can be no evading the plain and simple definition of the word "professional" as applied to sport. The Century Dictionary says: "Professional—undertaken or engaged in for money or as a means of subsistence; opposed to amateur." The man who plays baseball or any other sport for money becomes a professional, and any reasoning to the contrary is fallacious and becomes mere sophistry. If the undergraduates cannot realize the force of this it is high time for the various college faculties to insist on the athletic associations adopting a rule to cover the point and thus free college teams and college men from any taint of professionalism. Cornell, in its free and independent way, showed what could be done a few weeks ago to stamp out an insidious evil by amending the rules governing student organization so that in future any man who "plays under a name other than his own, or who plays in a contest at which an admission fee is charged, except as a member or representative of a school or college team," is ineligible to represent the university. This is the reasonable method to encourage and inculcate the spirit of true amateur sport.

Within the last four weeks undergraduate mass meetings were held at Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan and Dartmouth to obtain an expression of sentiment on the question of summer baseball playing. The result was a sad commentary on the amateur spirit of college men, for, be it said, the three first named forcibly declared in favor of allowing college men to play baseball for money, provided they were not members of teams under the National agreement. The votes were as follows: Amherst, 272 to 65; Williams, 237 to 37, and Wesleyan, 118 to 67. The Dartmouth undergraduates, to their credit be it said, voted overwhelmingly against summer baseball and professionalism. Brown decided in favor of summer baseball two years ago, and in commenting on the question "The Brown Herald" said editorially on March 27:

> Brown does not regret the stand which it took in allowing its students to help themselves through college by playing ball in the summer. And we believe that the time will come when all the New England colleges will adopt the same point of view. It is quite as honorable for a man who has athletic ability to earn his way through college by means of it as it is for him to do so by any other means. And if he can earn $200 a month toward that end by playing ball, it is nonsense for him to enlist on the bell roll of a summer hotel for $8 a week. Two things should be insisted upon, of course, as prerequisites for college ball players—that they should be regular bona fide students in good standing, and that their athletic ability should not be the reason of their being granted special favors while in college. What they do honestly to help themselves in vacation is another matter. We can have college sport for college sport's sake and still allow professional ball during vacation under proper restrictions. The English amateur ideal which has been doing duty so long in our American colleges, namely, that a college athlete should never receive compensation for his ability whether in college at the time or not, is undemocratic and not properly transplantable. It is based on the same premises as the sentiment which forbids a gentleman's engaging in trade. The American colleges do not at heart believe in it, and they should be frank enough to abandon it.

It is impossible to subscribe to the statement that American colleges do not at heart believe in the English amateur ideal. I am of the opinion that our amateur ideal is quite as high as that in England, and that it is inherent in all true sportsmen and has not been doing duty as a "hand-me-down." If the English amateur ideal, or any amateur ideal, is undemocratic—which, by the way, does not appear applicable—then it would be well for all amateur sportsmen to be undemocratic to the end of the chapter. "It is quite as honorable for a man who has athletic ability to earn his way through college by means of it as it is for him to do so by any other means." It certainly is; but not at the expense of sowing the seed of commercialism among his college mates or of casting discredit on his college on the ground of professionalism. As I said before in this column, a strict rule against summer baseball may work a hardship to a few, but this is more than offset by the good to be accomplished, and for that reason should have the support of every fair minded college undergraduate the country over. I agree with Clark W. Hetherington, who made a voluminous report on the subject to the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States last December, when he said: "Between the professional and the amateur the distinction is one of motives. Amateurism is the flower of one of the most fundamental of animal and human instincts—play. . . . Because of its peculiar dual professional and amateur character, baseball has produced another intolerable athletic situation and again exposed an athletic apotheosis and destroyed finally the faith of many in the amateur law. The validity of the amateur law is involved. Baseball versus amateurism stands before the bar of judgment."

One week from to-morrow the flags will be flying over the various baseball parks, and the long race for the National and American League pennants will be on. The Yankees will open the season here at American League Park, while over in Brooklyn the Superbas will make their first bow. The Giants must begin away from home, but the fans will get a glimpse of the possible champions in Brooklyn on April 18, although the formal opening at the Polo Grounds will be delayed until April 22. The three local teams which have been practising in the South will gradually work north this week. The Giants must get home for a game with Yale on Saturday, and the Yankees are expected about the same time. Judging from reports that have come from the training camps, the teams are ready to begin the season in close to top form. The Giants have been handicapped by a great deal of wet weather and some illness and minor accidents, but with the exception of McGinnity, who is still suffering from a strain, the men are in good condition. The Yankees have been favored with excellent weather, on the whole, and the players are ready and anxious for the fight to begin which may land the American League championship in this city for the first time. Both teams have been strengthened over winter—at least, so it looks on paper—and with a fair amount of the luck of the game it is not expecting too much for both to be fighting in the van from the start. The Superbas made a bad beginning last year and fell so far behind that it was a hopeless stern chase all the way. Better things are promised this season, and the fans in Brooklyn are counting on a first division team, at least, and with good reason.

Princeton men are taking a broad and sane view on the question of restricting intercollegiate athletics, a question which has become an issue between the faculties and undergraduates of various colleges and universities in the East, following the so-called reform in the West. In a recent editorial "The Daily Princetonian" makes a strong point against cutting down the schedules too much by saying: "That it is the number of contests which is at fault we do not believe, but rather the too great importance given to them. Decreasing the number would only increase the evil, for with fewer contests to be played each one would assume an even greater importance than at present. Further, we believe with Yale that intercollegiate contests, as such, have a very decided broadening influence upon the undergraduate body as a whole, for they enable the members of different institutions to mingle together, to lose their narrow and prejudiced ideas, due most often to ignorance, and to take a larger view of life than they did before. We are only too prone to consider our college the only college and our way of living that of the whole world. By taking the opportunities offered by the intercollegiate contests, therefore, to meet the men of different universities and to learn their point of view, a real part of the education men are seeking may be acquired." The "you can't play in my yard" policy for whatever reason has a narrowing influence. College faculties have a big stick now in scholarship requirements which should be effective enough without whittling out a new one.

Reform in basketball could not come, to all appearances, without disrupting the intercollegiate league. This seems a pity, but better that than another reason like the last. The withdrawal of Yale and Princeton, following the same action by Harvard a year ago, left no alternative, and for the next two or three years the championship may be claimed by two or three teams, as is so often the case in baseball and football. The Intercollegiate Basketball League was organized in 1901 with five members—Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell and Columbia. Yale won the title in 1901, 1902 and 1906. Pennsylvania joined the league in 1903. Columbia won in 1903 and 1904, and Pennsylvania in 1905 and last season.

The international automobile race for the Vanderbilt cup seems reasonably sure this year. Rules for the contest were announced last week, when the weight limit was increased so as to include all cars likely to be built either here or abroad. The Long Island Motor Parkway, the dream of those who have the speed mania, may not be ready in time, but following the success and good management of the road races at Savannah and the desire of Connecticut motorists to get the race, a place will not be lacking when the time comes to make a decision. The contest for the Briarcliff trophy on April 24 will lend a stimulus to road racing, and, with twenty cars entered, a stirring struggle can be looked for. The automobile carnival this week promises to eclipse anything of its kind ever attempted. The man with a car will be the envy of his less fortunate brother.

Frank Gotch earned a name for himself on Friday. He more than held his own with George Hackenschmidt, and on a decision of the referee won the world's wrestling championship. The "Russian Lion" was a good loser, and gave full credit to his rival. Another match would fill Madison Square Garden to the roof, but "Hack" says he has had enough for the present.

The Yale baseball team did not make a favorable impression against Fordham on Saturday. Princeton got a taste of defeat also, and with the great Heyniger in the box. Cornell is having a stormy time in the South, and Brown began poorly. Altogether the big teams are making a bad start. Lack of condition tells the story, perhaps.

HERBERT.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

W. A. Craven Talks of the Sport Across the World.

W. A. Craven, of Australia, Deputy Speaker of the Victorian Parliament for twenty years, who is making a tour of the world and is now in this city, talked on the racing situation in this state yesterday.

According to Mr. Craven, racing in Australia, as in England, France, Germany and other foreign countries, is virtually under the auspices of the government, and is patronized by the best class of people in the nation. Betting is recognized and legalized as well as indulged in by those who can afford it. Statesmen, legislators and officials are regular patrons of the racecourse, and the sport, which is nothing less than national, is firmly established, as it is in European countries. He said further:

> Australia has not escaped the reform wave which it seems has been sweeping over the world. Prohibition and war on betting have claimed the attention of the people and the legislative bodies of Australia for several years. While Australia is not behind other countries in its efforts to minimize national evils, the people are lovers of personal liberty, and no legislation looking to a contravention of the wishes of a majority of the people would be tolerated. We believe that restrictions in the sale of liquor and betting are proper, and the several states of Australia have enacted legislation with this end in view. There is no better governed country in the world, we believe. It is next to impossible to get a drink in the principal cities of Australia on Sunday, and where a few years ago gambling was carried on in many places it has now been stamped out. There is a difference, however, between gambling and betting on the races, and the legislative bodies of Australia have recognized it.
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> On all the racecourses of Australia betting is permitted on the days racing is in progress, and the sport is patronized by the best people of the country, including high officials and legislators. It is a national sport. To stop betting on the racecourses would be a national calamity, and would not be permitted, I believe, by the people. Australia takes a national pride in her thoroughbred, and the government is doing everything it can to foster and encourage the breeding of this noble animal. It has been our experience that by the wise laws enacted, through which the low dives and gambling dens have been wiped out, speculation at the racecourses has been placed on a high plane and has been proved to be a benefit rather than a detriment to society.

CUPS FOR WINNING YACHT OWNERS.

Nineteen valuable silver cups, the trophies of the summer races of the Huntington Yacht Club, were presented to the winning members at the annual dinner of the organization on Saturday night in the Café des Beaux Arts. All of the officers for the year were present. They are G. W. Butts, commodore; John Green, vice-commodore; William Kenyon, rear commodore; H. Edwards Ficken, secretary, and J. G. Campbell, treasurer.

This summer will be a busy one for the Huntington yachtsmen, not only because the landing facilities and the accommodations for yachting parties after arrival have been materially improved, but because the motor boat contest for the British international cup will be held there this year. In addition to the home talent of the club, some of the talent from the last soirée artistique at the Beaux Arts entertained also in the yachting feast.

MULLER FIRST IN RACE

OVER HILL AND DALE.

Big Field in Metropolitan Championship 'Cross Country Run.

The senior championship 'cross country race of the metropolitan district of the Amateur Athletic Union was held over a course at Celtic Park yesterday and proved one of the greatest hill-and-dale contests run this winter. The team championship was won by the hardy boys of the Mohawk Athletic Club, who captured the first four positions, as follows: Charles Muller, first; J. F. Riley, second; J. Malone, third, and Fred Lorz, fourth. Muller's victory, considering the poor weather conditions, was remarkable. With a stiff wind sweeping the course, he covered the six miles in 36 minutes 25 seconds and crossed the finish line an easy winner.

Second honors for the point trophy were won by the team of the Pastime Athletic Club, while the Mott Havens and the Xaviers came third and fourth, respectively. The small point total of the Mohawks—18—is the best that has been made by any club in years.

The course is undoubtedly the finest one for a hill-and-dale race in this part of the country. It offered a variety of hill and dale, road and field, and the course was so laid out that the three thousand spectators in Celtic Park were able to watch every movement of the runners—a most remarkable condition for a 'cross country race. The runners covered a two-mile triangular shaped lap three times. Thirty-three men started in the race and those that finished were as follows:

Position.	Name and club.	Time. M.S.
1.	Charles Muller, Mohawk A. C.	36:25
2.	J. F. Riley, Mohawk A. C.	36:31
3.	J. Malone, Mohawk A. C.	37:04
4.	Fred Lorz, Mohawk A. C.	37:17
5.	J. P. Edwards, Pastime A. C.	37:19
6.	H. Smith, Pastime A. C.	37:27
7.	J. Gilbert, Mott Haven A. C.	37:33
8.	P. Lorz, Mohawk A. C.	37:34
9.	E. P. Carr, Xavier A. A.	37:35
10.	B. Mann, Pastime A. C.	37:48
11.	C. Andrews, Xavier A. A.	37:49
12.	F. P. Devlin, Mott Haven A. C.	38:06
13.	E. Smith, Mohawk A. C.	38:48
14.	P. Healy, Mott Haven A. C.	38:58
15.	T. O'Connor, Pastime A. C.	39:07
16.	C. Westcott, Mott Haven A. C.	39:26
17.	D. Aaron, Mott Haven A. C.	39:47
18.	J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	39:49
19.	J. McInerney, Pastime A. C.	40:14
20.	W. De Baum, Mohawk A. C.	40:18
21.	H. J. Lange, Xavier A. A.	40:24
22.	Tim O'Connor, Pastime A. C.	40:39
23.	H. Rust, Mott Haven A. C.	40:55
24.	S. Rozett, Pastime A. C.	41:32
25.	J. Clarke, Mott Haven A. C.	42:05
26.	J. Gerschanek, Mott Haven A. C.	43:19

TEAM SCORES.

Mohawk A. C.	1	2	3	4	8—18
Pastime A. C.	5	6	10	15	19—55
Mott Haven A. C.	7	12	14	16	17—66
Xavier A. A.	9	11	18	21	25—84

F. P. KEENE ON RACING.

Says That the Sport Cannot Continue Without Betting.

Foxhall P. Keene, the well known amateur sportsman, was in merry mood when he arrived here yesterday on the storm tossed Cunarder Lucania, and remarked as he came ashore, "By the jumping Jupiter, it is good to get on land again. Very rough passage; very rough, indeed."

Asked what he had been doing abroad, Mr. Keene said: "Oh, enjoying myself."

"And what are your plans for the summer, Mr. Keene?" was asked.

"Same thing," he replied. "My plans are always to enjoy myself." Mr. Keene inquired for the latest political news. Then he delivered himself of a brief arraignment of Governor Hughes for his fight against racetrack betting.

"By the jumping Mars," he said; "who is this little Governor that no one ever heard of six years ago? I don't believe he ever saw a horse race in his life, and here he comes, by the jumping Jupiter, and says racing must stop. He presumes to dictate to thousands of persons who enjoy racing and tells them the sport must stop. I tell you"——

At this point the conversation was interrupted by a man who wanted to know if any carrier pigeons had boarded the Lucania at sea.

"By the jumping Jupiter, I don't care where one goes, he will find that the best people in every civilized country in the world are greatly interested in horse racing. I am a patron of many sports, rowing, lawn tennis, golf, polo and yachting; but, roll them all into one, and they have not the fascination of horse racing.

"There is a political side to this affair. There is no doubt that 'Pat' McCarren threw 30,000 votes from Hearst to Hughes, and now, by the jumping Mars! what does Hughes do? He turns to 'Pat' and says: 'You and your friends have done me a good turn, and I am going to save you the loss of future money by stopping you from betting at the track.' It is just as Mr. Keene (James R. Keene) said; all these reformers see only one side of the question."

Asked if he thought the sport of racing could thrive if the betting at the tracks was stopped, Mr. Keene said: "No; you must have revenue to keep the sport going. It would be as sane to expect to give grand opera by closing up the box office."

LOW SCORES AT SHOOT.

Gunners at Larchmont Face High Winds and Poor Light.

While no full scores were made by the gunners of the Larchmont Yacht Club at the traps yesterday on account of the high wind and the poor light conditions, nevertheless Commodore A. C. Bostwick, who won a leg for the Accumulation cup, broke 49 out of the 50 targets sprung. In the shoot for the weekly cup Stuart Scott, who won the leg for it, broke 90 birds out of his 100, Bostwick being second with 89. Scott also won a leg for the Baudoine cup at 50 targets, with a score of 45 to his credit. They will shoot it off next week. The summaries follow:

WEEKLY CUP—100 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

	H'cap.	Tl.		H'cap.	Tl.
E. Ballou	4	80	H. B. Hollins	5	88
Stuart Scott	4	90	A. C. Bostwick	13	89
J. Ross Collins	4	77	H. T. Shriver	1	84

Won by Scott.

BAUDOINE CUP—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

H. T. Shriver	1	42	H. B. Hollins	2	44
J. A. Pisani	1	39	J. Ross Collins	2	40
A. C. Bostwick	7	44	E. Ballou	2	41
Stuart Scott	2	5	A. Antoine	12	42

Won by Scott.

SAUER GUN MATCH—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

E. Ballou	2	39	H. B. Hollins	3	44
Stuart Scott	2	45	A. C. Bostwick	6	45
J. Ross Collins	2	47	E. L. C. Robbins	5	40
H. T. Shriver	0	42			

Scott and Bostwick tied. Shoot-off next week.

ACCUMULATION CUP—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

J. A. Pisani	4	42	H. B. Hollins	3	39
A. C. Bostwick	6	49	E. Ballou	0	32
Stuart Scott	0	45	J. Ross Collins	4	40

Won by Bostwick.

DECIDE GAMES A DRAW.

Eleventh Round in International Chess Tourney on To-day.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Vienna, April 5.—It was announced this morning that the games between Spielmann and Leonhardt and Bardeleben and Swiderski, left adjourned in the tenth round of the international chess masters' tourney now in progress in this city, were registered as drawn games, the contending players having agreed upon that issue without making another move. The leading men have now the following scores: Schlechter, 8; Marczy, 7 (one adjourned game in hand); Duras and Rubinstein, 7 each; Marshall, 6½; Perlis, Teichmann and Spielmann, 6 each; Berger, 4½ (one adjourned game in hand); Mieses and Tartakower, 4½ each.

The eleventh round is scheduled for to-morrow.

Magnus Smith won the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club on Saturday night by defeating E. W. Libaire in the second game of their special series to decide the tie between them for first place in the annual tournament.

In the pending tournament for the chess championship of the Crescent Athletic Club H. M. Barrett, title holder, leads, with a score of 6½ points out of 7, with F. Rose in second place, with a score of 5½ won and 1½ lost.

NEW STATE AUTO BILL

SOME NOTABLE CHANGES.

Miles an Hour Speed Limit Eliminated in Proposed Measure.

A bill regulating the use and identification of motor vehicles while operated on the public highways of the state was introduced in the Senate and Assembly on Friday. This bill is understood to represent the results of several conferences between the New York State Automobile Association, representing motor users of the state, and the prominent members of the Legislature, and will undoubtedly become a law. It will take the place of the present motor vehicle law passed in 1904. It follows quite closely the so-called uniform motor vehicle bill proposed by the American Automobile Association, and now being considered by the legislators of other states, and, if passed, will take effect on July 1, 1908.

The bill makes several notable changes in the present statute. To meet the prevailing view that motor vehicles seriously injure the improved highways and should, therefore, contribute a considerable sum toward the maintenance of such highways, the bill substitutes for the present small registration fee an annual registration tax graded upward from $5 for small vehicles and dependent upon the weight of the vehicle. This, it is estimated, will result in a revenue which, under the terms of the bill, must be used in the maintenance of the improved roads of the state, amounting to upward of $400,000. The registration tax includes the furnishing by the state without cost of the two number placards which the new bill requires every vehicle to carry.

Recognizing that this fee is a tax, the bill exempts all motor vehicles from taxation as personal property. Vehicles used solely for commercial purposes will be registered at half the fees required of the owners of pleasure vehicles, in no event more than $10, and will not be exempted from ordinary taxation.

The bill also includes several clauses making for easier identification; thus it requires new numbers annually, the number plates to be of different colors each year. More, it requires that these numbers be displayed on both the front and the rear of the vehicle; that they be fixed rigidly to the vehicle, so as not to swing, and that the rear number be illuminated at night. Still further, and perhaps important, the display of any number on a motor vehicle other than that issued by New York is prohibited.

As a means to the detection of chronic offenders, the Secretary of State is required to furnish each county clerk with a list of registered vehicles and registered chauffeurs, and provision is also made for the entry on these lists of the records of violations of the speed provisions of the law.

It being thought that the time is come when the common law rule applicable to the speed of horse drawn vehicles can be applied to motor vehicles, the arbitrary limit of miles an hour is eliminated and permissive speed is made dependent solely on the width, condition and use of the highway at the time and the general and usual rules of the road. Conversely, it has been thought proper to make the penalties for the violation of the speed provisions of the law much more severe and to give a wide discretion in the matter of punishment to magistrates charged with the enforcement of the law. Hence, should the bill become a law, it will hereafter be possible for a magistrate to penalize excessive speeding by a fine of not more than $250 for a first offence and by a fine not exceeding $500 for a second offence, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both. In no other way has it been thought possible to enforce the common law rule as to permissive speed, as above stated. Nor is it believed that the extreme penalty will ever be asserted against any but old offenders and those who by their conduct on the streets and public highways bring motorists generally into disrepute.

The bill takes from local authorities all power to regulate the use of or to tax motor vehicles. The bill also provides that non-skidding devices may be used only when the highways are wet, slippery or covered with ice and snow, and contains the usual provisions exempting manufacturers and dealers from annual registration. There are also provisions compelling motorists to stop on signal and exempting non-residents of the state from registering, providing they have registered their vehicles under similar laws in their own states, and that they display their state numbers when operating such vehicles in this state.

It is thought that this bill when passed will mark the beginning of a new era in the treatment of motor users by government, and that it is a long step toward the day when motor vehicle laws will be as dead letters as are the bicycle laws passed fifteen years ago, and still on the books.

While its penalties will at first blush seem severe, the placing of the motor vehicle on a parity with all other vehicles on the highway and the removal of all arbitrary miles an hour restrictions is the high water mark in motor vehicle legislation thus far. On the other hand, the motorists of New York, thoroughly organized and militant, and thus able to make their views felt, are the first of the organized motorists of the world to formally recognize that, until highways can be constructed that will resist the suction and wear of these vehicles and their rubber tires, government has the right to ask a toll or tax from such vehicle owners, which can be used in repairing the damage thus done.

COURT TENNIS PRACTICE.

Foxhall Keene Loses to Jack White in Three Straight Sets.

Final practice for the national court tennis championship tournament, which is to begin at the New York Racquet and Tennis Club this afternoon, was indulged in at the local club yesterday. Foxhall Keene, who only arrived from the other side earlier in the day, played three sets with Jack White, the professional, and the latter won easily.

White conceded Keene 15, and the professional won, 6—2, 6—4, 6—0. Of course, the American amateur was handicapped, not having had time to get rid of his sea legs after a rough passage. As might be expected, Keene was a trifle off in his judgment of distance, but he did well under the circumstances.

There was quite a gathering on hand to see the play, and among those noticed in the dedans were Eustace H. Miles, former amateur champion of Great Britain, and Peter Latham, the world's professional champion. The tournament will begin at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon with a match between Keene and T. A. Havemeyer. Although the latter has had the advantage of constant practice of late, he is not considered by close racquet followers as having more than an even chance to beat Keene, who is regarded as a strong match player.

The second contest between Miles and Pierre Lorillard, of Tuxedo, is scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock.

BENNING ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; $500 added. Seven furlongs. Columbia Course.

Workman	112	*Water Bridge	98
Al. H. Woods	107	Ferrylanding	92
Battleaxe	103	Orfano	91
Affinity	103	*Azure Maid	91
Kempton	100	*Serville	89

SECOND RACE—For two-year-olds; $400 added. Four furlongs, old course.

Personal	114	Al Busch	110
Dan De Noyles	111	Halbek	110
Court Lady	111	Miss Granville	107
Witching Hour	110		

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds and upward; $500 added. Six furlongs. Columbia Course.

Oxford	123	Goes Fast	101
Pantoufle	115	De Burgo	101
Jubilee	106	Miss Catesby	96
Richmond Duke	104	Lady Isabel	96
Giles	103	Coincident	96

FOURTH RACE—Selling; for fillies and mares three years old and upward; $500 added. Five furlongs. Columbia Course.

Ballad	111	Nanno	99
Laura A	111	*Donna Mobile	94
Lizzie Flat	111	*Dottie S	94
Javotte	99	*Laughing Eyes	94
Lady Isabel	99	*Sussex	94
Kingsessing	99	*Tealeaf	94
Margot	99	*Easter Belle	94
N'Importe	99		

FIFTH RACE—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; $500 added. One mile. Columbia Course.

Reidmoore	110	*Billy B. Van	93
Laily	106	Chorus Girl	93
Littleton Maid	101	*Azure Maid	90
Umbrella	96	*Youthful	89

SIXTH RACE—Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; $500 added. Seven and a half furlongs. Columbia Course.

Berkeley	118	King of Bashan	105
Smoker	111	Killiecrankie	104
Animus	110	Campaigner	103
St. Joseph	107	Howard Shean	97
Weirdsome	106	Serville	95

*Apprentice allowance.

GOLF ON LOCAL LINKS

DYKER MEADOW CONTEST.

Public Course at Van Cortlandt Park Again Closed—Other Matters.

Week end competitions kept the members of the Dyker Meadow Golf Club busy Saturday and yesterday. In addtion to the qualifying round in Classes A and B, a ball sweepstakes in which there was a triple tie for first attracted no less than twenty-eight starters. The three to finish on even terms were E. J. Phillips, 102—16—86; J. M. Rhett, 88—2—86, and E. F. Hunt, 89—3—86.

According to the conditions of the class contests those with the best eight net scores were to qualify at handicap medal play in each division. F. J. Phillips led in Class A with 94—10—84, while W. C. Freeman and C. S. Poole tied for last place. They will have to play off their tie during the week. Only six returned cards in Class B.

Marshall Whitlatch, who won so many cups at Dyker last season, is going to represent the Fort Hamilton club entirely in the future. Whitlatch is about to move from Montclair, and he has already resigned from the Montclair Golf Club.

The scores in the week end competition at Dyker Meadow were as follows:

CLASS A.

	Gross.	Handicap.	Net.
F. J. Phillips	94	10	84
A. Barker	90	5	85
E. F. Hunt	90	3	87
C. V. Meserole	97	10	87
Grant Notman	94	8	86
F. W. Shibley	98	10	88
W. B. Rhett	90	2	88
W. C. Freeman	99	10	90
C. S. Poole	98	8	90

CLASS B.

W. D. Johnson	100	13	87
D. Morehouse	104	16	88
E. W. Belcher	108	16	92
P. S. Mallett	111	14	97
E. D. Miller	115	18	97
A. M. White	117	16	101

Local golfers who only play on the public links at Van Cortlandt Park are up in arms again at what they consider the worst kind of treatment. It will be remembered that the course was formally opened two weeks ago, after being closed all winter. To the consternation of the players, however, the course was again closed the same night and has remained so ever since.

At present the only chance the golfers have to hit the ball is over the small improvised course on the parade grounds. Why the regular eighteen-hole circuit is closed is puzzling every one, including John P. O'Connell, proprietor of the golf house at Van Cortlandt. He said last night that since the players were denied a fortnight ago nothing has been done by the authorities toward improving the condition of the links. None of the greens has been rolled or seeded. O'Connell adds that the general condition of the turf is excellent, and he also says there is no justice in the present unheard-of policy.

Clubs in the Massachusetts Golf Association will receive official notice this week in regard to the association team matches. The notice reads as follows:

> The executive committee has presented a trophy to be played for by teams representing clubs belonging to the association, the club whose team wins the trophy to hold possession of it for one year, and the members of the winning team will be awarded the bronze medal of the association.
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> For the purpose of this competition the committee has divided the clubs, members of the association, into eight sections, as follows:
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> Section 1—Country, Oakley, Concord, Lexington, Weston and Somerville.
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> Section 2—Albemarle, Allston, Brae-Burn, Chestnut Hill, Commonwealth and Woodland.
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> Section 3—Essex County, Myopia, Salem and Tedesco.
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> Section 4—Bellevue, Island, Meadow Brook, Merrimac, Vesper and Winchester.
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> Section 5—Brockton, Cohasset, Crow Point, Hoosic, Whisick and Wollaston.
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> Section 6—New Bedford, Fall River, Hyannisport and Segregansett.
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> Section 7—Alpine, Framingham, Pepperell, Runaway Brook of Clinton, Tatnuck and Worcester.
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> Section 8—Tekoa, Mount Tom, Oxford Country, Stockbridge and Springfield.
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> Each competing club to be represented by a team of six players, who would be qualified and eligible to play for the amateur championship of the association, and no player will be allowed to represent more than one club in this competition during the season.
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> Clubs desiring to enter teams for this contest must notify the secretary of the association on or before May 1, after which date the executive committee will draw by lot the clubs that are to play each other in the different sections, and thereafter they shall continue playing off at match play until one club remains in each section. All such matches must be decided on or before August 15 and the secretary of the association duly notified of the results of the same.
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> Immediately after August 15 the executive committee of the association will draw the winners of the eight sections to play off at match play until the contest is decided, which must be done on or before October 1.
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> All contests shall be for eighteen holes, match play, six singles and three foursomes, one point to be counted for each match and all matches to be played to a finish.
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> The executive committee will fix a time for each round in the preliminary section contests, and if competing clubs cannot mutually agree on the time and the links on which their match is to be played the executive committee will decide such points on being appealed to.
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> When the draw is made for the play-off between the winners of the eight sections the executive committee will fix on the dates for the various matches and the links on which they must be played.
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> All entries are subject to the approval of the executive committee, and any disputes or questions that may arise shall be settled by them and their decision shall be final.

Two team matches have been arranged for by the tournament committee of the Hackensack Golf Club, and when the competitive season once gets under way the members will be kept busy. Home and home matches have been scheduled with the North Jersey Country Club and the Yountakah Country Club. Donors of prizes for weekly competitions include J. W. Holberton, Thomas Ward, Dr. M. R. Brinkman, Thomas Towne, F. J. Oliver and H. M. Bogert. Cups for mixed foursomes on Memorial Day have been presented by G. W. Johnson, while T. J. Palmer has offered a prize for the member making the lowest selected score throughout the season.

According to a frequenter of the public course at Forest Park the attention bestowed by those in charge resembles either a feast or a famine. It is claimed that a year ago the greens were smothered with dirt and stones, while this spring they have been let absolutely alone. Thus far neither fertilizer nor grass seed has been used.

RACE FOR SCHOOLBOYS.

May Become a Permanent Fixture in Memorial Day Regatta.

Oarsmen of the Harlem River are already beginning to snake off the lethargy of the winter and the boathouses of the numerous rowing organizations now present a bustling appearance. In many of the clubhouses painters and carpenters are at work renovating their cosey interiors and otherwise getting them into shape for the coming season.

The river was dotted yesterday with craft ranging from the eight-oared shell to the single scull, and a large proportion of last season's oarsmen turned up at their clubs to begin the early spring practice. Temporary crews were boated and sent out for short spins. The advisability of training for and entering the many regattas to be held this spring was discussed by those who held to the boathouses because of the chilling winds.

While no definite arrangements have been made as yet for the high school boy crews in the Memorial Day regatta, it is understood that, like last year, there will be eights picked from five of the high schools. Jack Nagle, of the Harlem Rowing Club, who coached to victory the boys from the High School of Commerce and De Witt Clinton last season, declared yesterday that he was again ready to take up the task of helping the youngsters along.

While the schoolboy race was only an experiment last year, it looks now as if it would become a permanent fixture. Practically all the oarsmen seemed to be interested in the work undertaken by the youngsters. They will not lack for quarters and capable instructors. Several veteran oarsmen said they were willing to lend their services at any time.

Practically all the clubs along the river were represented on the course yesterday. Judging by the activity at this early date, this should be a banner year in local rowing circles.

USE FOR PUTTY.

Church—They gave us something that looked like putty in that Chinese restaurant.

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