

# Thirteen Year Old Boy in Tribune Marathon Swim

## Eddie Snyder Will Attempt Trip from the Battery to Sandy Hook.

### HAS GREAT RECORD FOR DISTANCE WORK

### Proposed New Route Would Carry Contestants Along Shore of Staten Island.

Commodore Charles Snyder, of Brooklyn, has decided to allow his thirteen-year old son, Eddie, to compete in The Tribune marathon swim from the Battery to Sandy Hook next July. He writes on the subject:

"I suggested some time ago that the start of the Sandy Hook race be made from the Brooklyn shore, instead of from the Battery, and should like to see the change made, as it will facilitate the contestants reaching the goal, but my boy will be on the mark whether or not the committee pronounces in favor of the change. Kindly forward me an entry blank as soon as they are issued."

The addition of the youthful Snyder to the list of candidates is gratifying, for he has shown remarkable ability in distance swimming. Performances stand to his credit that many an expert full grown nator might well envy. He learned to swim at the age of six and soon mastered the treading and crawl. In 1911 he first drew public attention by crossing the East River from Milton st. to Greenpoint.

The following summer he spanned New York Bay, from Fort Hamilton to Stapleton, Staten Island in 2 hours, 5 minutes, an achievement which was rewarded with a gold medal, presented to him by the Greenpoint branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Eddie's greatest exploit, however, was the fifteen-mile swim he accomplished last August. Starting from Captain's Pier, at Coney Island, he fought his way to the Brooklyn Bridge, completing the long and difficult course in 6 hours 45 minutes.

The unusual speed and endurance exhibited by the boy in this trial leaves no doubt that he will prove a strong rival to the best in the Tribune race. He has improved in form since last summer, besides growing heavier and more powerful, so that his chances of covering the Sandy Hook course seem excellent.

S. O. Morris, instructor of the 20 Naval Battalion, has come forth as an advocate of a new route for the Tribune swim. To a member of the committee he said:

"The idea of this new route is not my own. It was worked out for me by Captain Daniels, who for the last twelve years has been plying between the Battery and Sandy Hook two or three times



JAMES J. KENNEDY, Champion long distance back stroke swimmer of the world, who expects to start in the Tribune Marathon Swim from the Battery to Sandy Hook next July.

a week. He certainly should know what he is talking about.

"Captain Daniels is of the opinion that a good swimmer can stem the tide off the Battery during the hour preceding high tide, and advises starting from the Police Dock on the last of the flood, heading directly across for Staten Island and following that shore, instead of the Brooklyn side, thus hugging Fort Wadsworth, passing between Hoffman and Swinburne Islands and then pointing to Sandy Hook.

"Several advantages are to be found on this course. First, it shortens the distance between the Battery and the Narrows; second, it offsets the handicap of being thrown outward by the ebbing flow out of Raritan Bay; third, it avoids meeting the flood tide off Sandy Hook.

"Doubt has been expressed that any swimmer can make headway in the North River before high tide, but none has ever tried to, those going outside Governor's Island having kept close to it, not cutting straight across to Staten Island. Captain Daniels believes it possible, and the committee might make the experiment when it holds its other tests.

"As to going through Hoffman and Swinburne Islands, it is well known that the strong ebb out of Raritan Bay has a decided easterly slant, so that any one wanting to make the swim in one tide will be benefited by edging westward in good time and counteracting the influence of the current.

"Finally, the flooding tide is felt outside Sandy Hook a couple of hours before it is noticeable in Raritan Bay. Obviously, should the tide change before the contestants reach the finish those behind the spit of land will still have favorable conditions for some time, while those in the open will be irresistibly thrown back. These facts are worth looking into."

None will deny that a man like Captain Daniels, who has sailed up and down the Battery-Sandy Hook route hundreds upon hundreds of times, is qualified to pass judgment on how to send swimmers over it. It remains to be seen, however, whether the long distance paddlers, whose speed is comparatively slow, can make progress against the last of the flooding tide.

# FAVORS HANDICAPS FOR THE BOWLERS

## H. J. Bergman Would Rate Pin Men as It Is Done in Other Sports.

### PLANS TO RUN TOURNEY UNDER THIS SYSTEM

### Proposed Innovation in Scoring Makes Each Frame Complete in Itself.

Henry J. Bergman, of Philadelphia, who has taken over the alleys used by the National Bowling Association for its recent championship fixture in Atlantic City and will hereafter conduct the establishment as an academy, will run off a tournament shortly under conditions entirely new to the world of bowling.

Bergman is a firm believer in a handicap system in tenpins. He would have all districts issue handicap lists and the national organization do similarly, much the same as is done in golf. The matter of handicaps came nearly being adopted by the New York Bowling Association several years ago, when Dr. Stratford F. Corbett, then president, was setting things upside down with his ideas.

It was shown that often a bowler would run high in one series and fall far below it the next, so that even a season's average would scarcely be a true estimate. The work of figuring also would entail far too great a task, for there are not nearly enough workers to carry out the greatly needed reforms at present.

He that as it may, Bergman, besides his handicap ideas, also believes that the scoring system of the present day is somewhat antiquated. The advent of the scores rather high, and there is a corresponding improvement in the other equipment.

He maintains it is easier to get a string of strikes now than it was ten years ago. Therefore, Bergman plans to run off a tournament on his Atlantic City alleys wherein all competitors will be handicapped and all will also roll under the new system of scoring.

Few more interesting ideas have been brought forward in recent years than this scoring system. It consists of having each frame complete in itself instead of counting one or two balls in the succeeding boxes. For instance, if a man began with a strike he would get 20 in the first frame. Then if he bowled over eight pins in the next inning and then made his spare, his count would be 10 plus the number of pins he had obtained on his first ball, or 18. Thus his total in the second frame would be 28.

If it happened that he missed a single pin spare in the third he would get 9 all, as at present. In case of a split circumstances would alter the case. If it happened that the 7-9, 8-10, 7-10, 4-6 or 4-4-7-1 combinations remained standing instead of merely rolling a ball to get as many of them as he might, he would be entitled to a new set up. In other words, a split impossible to make through skillful bowling would be considered dead. On the other hand, if the pins remaining standing could be removed of scientific carroming the bowler should take his chance on turning the problem into a spare.

Under this idea a man who encountered the 5-7 would have to "go for it," and in the event of sparing it would be credited with 10 plus 8, or 18.

To carry out the illustration of scoring, a man who began with a strike, then spared, then missed a single pin in the third frame, spared a 5-7 split in the fourth and struck out from there on would obtain a score of 248 according to the present idea. Under the Bergman plan his frames would be scored as follows:

20, 28, 47, 65, 85, 105, 125, 145, 165, 185.

The Bergman plan limits a perfect score to 200, instead of 300, as at present, but it may easily be seen where a man who makes no marks at all under the old plan would score exactly the same as in the new system.

The Bergman idea unquestionably places more value on spare bowling, a consummation devoutly to be wished, and, although it makes little difference

in the ordinary run of strikes and spares following each other, there is a vast deviation when a bowler gets a string of strikes.

At present a strike adds to the total already obtained the count on what is made on the next two balls. Thus a "triple" counts 30, and a frame is never completed until the next two balls are rolled, even if the second ball be a strike in two frames further on. The competition is open to every one, five games total pins counting.

In another few days entries for the metropolitan championship, which will be rolled this year on the Grand Central alleys, Brooklyn, beginning a week from to-morrow, will close. Patrick A. Moynihan, chairman of the committee, is sanguine that more teams than ever will toe the foul line.

The competition runs for three weeks, the same as the national championship recently completed at Atlantic City. Eight alleys will be reurfaced and the usual new pins set up for each five-man team.

Those who compete in the doubles and singles will roll against the pins which were new the evening before. All of the teams, which rolled at Atlantic City will be in line, together with a good representation from nearby towns and a host of combinations from fraternal, commercial and social organizations.

# Batting Stars Eclipsed in Early Season Games

## Some Strange Names in Select List of Leaders Up to Last Wednesday.

Chicago, May 2.—"Ty" Cobb has dropped nearly out of sight among the batters of the American League, according to averages issued to-day and including all the games played up to last Wednesday. The Detroit slugger, who struck a snag in the St. Louis pitchers early in the week, ranks thirty-eighth and has an average of .246.

Work of Cleveland, is leading the batters, with .437 for five games, and then in the first eleven came Williams, St. Louis, .423; Demmitt, Chicago, .417; Crawford, Detroit, .412; Jackson, Cleveland, .395; F. Foster, Washington, .390; Walker, St. Louis, .356; Collins, Chicago, .341; Almsmith, Washington, .333; McInnis, Philadelphia, .333, and Lelivelt, St. Louis and Chicago are first and

Cleveland, .333. St. Louis, batting .355, leads the clubs, and Cleveland is next, with .253.

Art Phelan, pinch hitter of the Chicago Cubs, leads the National League with an average of .600. Gonzales, of Cincinnati, is next, with .500. Then come Dalton, Brooklyn, .463; Sherwood Magee, Philadelphia, .412; Gibson, Pittsburgh, .399; Byrne, Philadelphia, .394; Gowdy, Boston, .370; Wagner, Pittsburgh, .357; Paskert, Philadelphia, .353; Cathers, St. Louis; Kiffner, Philadelphia; Cheney, Chicago; Viox, Pittsburgh, and Evers, Boston, .333.

Philadelphia and Brooklyn are tied for first place in team batting, with .295 each.

Steve Evans, Brooklyn, is on top in the Federal League, with .583. Next are Campbell, Indianapolis, .455; Mattis, Pittsburgh, .444; Agler, Buffalo, .423; Murphy, Brooklyn, .387; Wilson, Chicago, .382; Laporte, Indianapolis, .372; Potts, Kansas City, .371; Wickland, Chicago, .368, and Easterly, Kansas City, .364. St. Louis and Chicago are first and

second in club batting, the former with .281 and the latter with .279.

Eddie Zimmerman, of Newark, is in front in the International League, with .533. Then come Tooley, Newark, .526; Daniels, Baltimore, .509; O'Hara, Toronto, .478; Berry, Jersey City, .473; Stral, Jersey City, .466; Schultz, Rochester, .381; Vaughan, Buffalo, .364; Plek, Toronto, .357, and Bross, Jersey City, .350. Newark also leads in club batting, with .287, and Jersey City is next, with .283.

# BAKER A TRIPLE WINNER

## Ties Galore in Weekly Shoot at Travers Island Traps.

While there was a big field of gunners at the Travers Island traps of the New York Athletic Club yesterday, only a few shot for the prizes. The balance of the nimrods were members of the Wilderness Gun Club and they were the guests of P. R. Robinson.

Eight gunners shot for the various prizes. The best work was done by W. A. Baker, who managed to annex three of the eight trophies. A shoot-off was required in every match. The monthly cup went to Mr. Baker after a shoot-off against two other gunners, and the same thing cropped up in the shoot for the club trophy. However, Mr. Baker lost the shoot-off for the accumulation prize to A. B. Hubbard.

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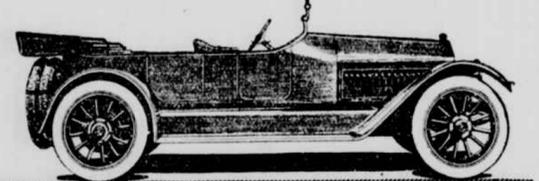
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