

Sea Gate Marathon Run

Is the Holiday Feature

Fourteenth Regiment Run

To-day Engages Some Noted Entrants.

FIRST PRIZE WILL BE TRIP TO FAIR

Mel Sheppard Should Make Good as a Coach—Was Factor in Halpin's Success.

By ABEL R. KIVLAT.

National one-mile amateur champion. With the 14th Regiment Amateur Athletic Sea Gate marathon and the annual City Hall to Coney Island walk, athletic followers will have a big day's sport to-morrow.

The marathon has fifty-seven individual entrants, the largest list ever received for a marathon outdoors in the winter. The most prominent entrants are Harry Parkinson, last year's winner; Tom Lilley, of Dorchester, Mass.; Johnny Gallagher, of Philadelphia; and Frank Zuna, who finished second last year. O. S. Weeks, the forty-eight-year-old coach, is the favorite for last entry to be received. The oldest boy in the race is Jim Shanley, whose age is said to be only fifty-nine. Most of these marathoners have been training for the last four months and all believe that they are in first class condition. Zuna and Parkinson look the best of the lot. But any long distance race is uncertain, and the winner may be one who has not been picked, even for the pace. The distance has been cut from 26 miles 385 yards to a little over 20 miles. The start and finish will be in the 14th Regiment Armory. The last half mile of the race will be run on the armory floor. No attendants of any kind will be permitted to accompany the runners.

While the main contest is on the armory floor, a full set of events will be contested in the regiment, as follows: Seventy yards, 300 yards, three-quarter mile, two-mile bicycle, 500-yard novice, and 1,200-yard intercollegiate relay. More than 250 individual entries have been received by the athletic committee.

The prizes for these events are: Four silver tea sets for first, solid gold diamond scarf pin to second, and a silver shaving mug to third. In the sprints are entered Meyer, Mann, Stephenson, Lennon, Eller and Politzer, all of whom are in the first class. The mile Mike Devaney, the recent winner of the Hunter cup in Boston and the Baxter cup in New York, and the eight-year-old runner, Harry Halpin, are the main entrants. Sid Leslie, "Nick the Greek," Fogel, Barden and Flynn will start in the two-mile handicap. The bicycle race will see some rivalry between Lake and Goodwin and twenty others, but on various marks.

The first prize for the marathon is the best ever given for an individual race. It will be a solid gold medal job and a round trip ticket to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, for the marathon race in San Francisco on September 25. The other prizes are watches, rings, statuettes and plaques. The race will start at 2 p. m. at the 14th Regiment Armory, at Fourteenth Street and Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn.

The Millrose Athletic Association did not choose Sheppard coach of the track team. The youngest organization in the A. A. U. has made marvelous strides, largely because of Sheppard's influence. Mel had charge of athletics since the death of the late coach, and he is a coach, watch the "Jim Gilmore of amateur athletics!"

The "ex-kink" should make good as a coach. He was always noted for his training methods and his sound advice given to novices. The man that Tom Halpin should give credit to for having him running as he is Mel Sheppard. Halpin knows it and admitted so time after time again after the Olympic games of 1912.

It was Halpin's training with Sheppard during the last Olympics that brought the former to the post as his coach. Halpin was a member of the national championships were held in Pittsburgh, at Forbes Field, and Halpin won the junior "half" and the senior "quarter" mile races. Sheppard admitted that it was training with Halpin that gave him confidence, made him stronger and helped to bring out his speed.

Sheppard is in communication with a large educational institution in this city, and expects soon to announce his appointment as coach of its athletes.

A race which probably ranks as the foremost heel and toe contest of the year is the one which will be conducted by the Walkers' Club of America Saturday afternoon at the city hall. It is a handicap race, the start being from City Hall Plaza and the finishing point Surf Avenue, Coney Island. The start of the race will be 2 p. m. sharp.

All the best men who are fitly named will start. Ed Renz, the American one, three, seven and twenty-five mile champion, and Dick Reiner, national two-mile champion, will be on scratch. They will be completely overlooked, yet there was one among the losing lads whose remarkable work well deserves a line of commendation—W. J. Marling, of Huntington School, who has won the 100-yard race in the intercollegiate championships at Princeton naturally called attention to himself. He was completely overlooked, yet there was one among the losing lads whose remarkable work well deserves a line of commendation—W. J. Marling, of Huntington School, who has won the 100-yard race in the intercollegiate championships at Princeton naturally called attention to himself.

until May 1. Fred Kelly, world's champion and record holder for the 120-yard high hurdle, may make the trip East along with Drew.

Howard K. Meyer is anxious to run Loomis, a triple National A. A. U. champion, a series of sprints at any indoor meet. The distance could be arranged to satisfy Loomis' desire to run on a straightaway track. Three races at 50, 100 and 150 yards would give a good line on Loomis' abilities as a sprinter.

Adding Alvah T. Meyer to the series of races would make more interesting competition. The sprints could be held at one set of grounds. Drew, the world winner, would create new indoor records for the 100 and 150 yards, and might also equal the 50-yard record.

The chances are that Pete Waters, for the Loughlin Lyceum, will try to have Loomis and Meyer meet Drew in a series of sprints. His games are in the latter part of April at the 13th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, where a 150-yard straightaway can be run.

All-New York, All-Newark and All-Philadelphia in a match 1,200 yards scratch relay race is a contest that has aroused more than passing interest. It will be held in the 13th Regiment Armory, Newark, on February 27. The advance sale of tickets has beaten all records. On the Philadelphia team, headed by Ted Meredith, will be Frank Kaufman, Don Linger and Peterson. The Newark team will be Legay and Braun, of Dartmouth; Pritchard and Heiland, and the New York team, Alvah Meyer, the new junior national champion, and Haghey Hirschon. It does not seem possible that three teams could be more evenly matched.

If Lippincott and Peterson are in good condition, with Meredith and Kaufman, who are known to be at their best, the Quaker City team should win. Many of the athletic sharps pick the New York team to come home first. The writer can't see how the New Yorkers can lose. Many of the best metropolitan athletes will be seen in the open A. A. U. events.

When a track measures less than 147 yards to the lap, or twelve laps to the mile, what chance has a distance man of getting first place? Especially after he gives more than two laps handicap to three-mile runners. This subject of handicapping more than a lap has been argued pro and con, and most of the athletic experts agree that a man should not be handicapped more than a lap.

The scratch man to come through in a distance race he must break a world's record in nine out of ten races. The same practically applies in the middle distance races above the half. One of the metropolitan section, the scratch man invariably has an even chance of finishing first in his race. The handicaps are made through to give him a chance to finish first.

Swimmers To Be Busy In the Tank This Week

Odds Distinctly in Favor of Quakers in Meet with Columbia Team.

By L. de B. HANDLEY.

The swimming and water polo teams of Pennsylvania University, will have their first real test of the season tomorrow when they face Columbia in the local pool.

The home team showed unexpected strength in defeating Princeton last Tuesday in swimming and holding down the visitors to 20 to 10 in water polo, and it no longer looks as if the Philadelphia men were sure of victory, although their good performance against Amherst last Wednesday suggests a slightly in favor, at least in the all-around programme.

Captain Shryock, Hughes and Masten, in particular, made excellent times in the club with the Navy swimmers, and while Vollmer, the Columbia star, undoubtedly will lower their colors if he is at his best, they are likely to capture enough seconds and thirds to partly offset his advantage, and then forge ahead in the plunging and diving events. Much will depend on the relay race, the outcome of which is most uncertain.

The wealth of record-breaking feats witnessed in the intercollegiate aquatic championships at Princeton naturally called attention to themselves. They were completely overlooked, yet there was one among the losing lads whose remarkable work well deserves a line of commendation—W. J. Marling, of Huntington School, who has won the 100-yard race in the intercollegiate championships at Princeton naturally called attention to himself.

This speedy water took second place in the furious swim, less than one second behind Handy, the winner, and was caught in 2 minutes 37 3/5 seconds, as all the walkers are ready to attest. What is more to the point, however, he made this fast time in spite of two noticeable faults in his stroke, raising the knees in recovery and the feet in the forward stroke. These faults entail a marked check in power, yet they are easily corrected, and their elimination will mean an improvement in the second half of the race. With competent handling Marling should soon develop into a dangerous bidder for middle-distance national honors.

It was most interesting to note at the intercollegiate meet that the swimming events were the only swimming strokes—the single and double treadle crawl. This is the more remarkable in that few instructors teach the crawl in the intercollegiate schools. It is evidently a result of the methods on the part of the ambitious youngsters and of consequent imitation. But it is quite surprising to see how rapidly knowledge of the new stroke is spreading throughout the country.

The game of water polo between Princeton and Columbia upset some what preconceived ideas as to the situation in the college field. It was generally conceded that the Tigers, who crushed City College under a 75 to 0 avalanche last December, would have difficulty in downing all rivals, but Princeton has since lost two of its strongest defence men—Gennert and Scudder—and this regrettable piece of bad luck is changing prospects materially. The new backfield is weak and vulnerable, so that, in spite of the best forward line in the league, Princeton may find it hard to outscore Yale, less efficient in attack, but better able to protect its own goal.

The empty victory of Perry McGilivray in the 220-yard swimming championship of the central district was keenly disappointing, for instead of the hard fight expected between him

NEW FEDERAL UMPIRES

Five Selected from More Than 100 Applicants.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Five new umpires have been selected from more than a hundred applicants for positions in the Federal League, it was announced today by Chief of Staff William Brennan.

The new ones are William Fyfe, who comes from the Western League; William Finneran, Fred Westervelt, James Johnstone and Harry Howell. The others who will officiate are Brennan, Harry McCormick and William "Spoke" Shannon.

President Gilmore, who returned from a trip through the Eastern cities last week, declared the Federal League was within its rights in transferring the Kansas City franchise to new owners. He refused to say definitely where the new owners were, leaving the announcement to be made by P. T. Powers.

BROOKLYN CELTICS HOLD THEIR LEAD

Maintain Pace in New York State Football League Race.

With a margin of one point the Brooklyn Celtics have a strong hold on first place in the first division of the New York State Football League. The New York Celtics are following close behind, and the Camerons and Continentals are also well placed.

The standings follow:

Club	Played	W	L	Dr	Pts
Brooklyn Celtics	10	8	2	0	16
New York Celtics	10	7	3	0	14
Cambridge	10	6	4	0	12
Continental	10	4	4	2	8
Brooklyn Wanderers	10	4	5	1	8
Brooklyn Rangers	10	4	5	1	8
Brooklyn Hotspur	10	4	5	1	8
Brooklyn Elm	10	4	5	1	8
Brooklyn Park	10	4	5	1	8
Brooklyn Union	10	4	5	1	8

In the second division the lead is held by the Fulton A. C., of Woodside, with a total of 22 points, followed by the Our Boys' F. C., with 21; Bay Ridge, 19; I. R. T. Strollers, 19; White Rose, 18, and Hudson United, 18.

The standings for to-day's regular championship round are as follows: Clan MacDuff vs. Camerons, at Harlem Oval; Clan Chisholm vs. N. Y. Celtics, at Hamburg Oval; Bay Ridge vs. Longfellow, at Bay Ridge; Fultons vs. White Rose, at Woodside, Long Island; St. George's vs. Overseas, at Macomb's Dam Park; Clan Scott vs. Greenpoint, at Clarenceville, Long Island, and Our Boys vs. Hudson United, at Flood's Oval.

The big holiday soccer game for tomorrow will be the international match between England and the Continentals at Lenox Oval under the auspices of the New York Footballers' Protective Association. The players of the two teams have been drawn from the Brooklyn Celtics, New York Celtics, Columbia Oval, Brooklyn F. C., Overseas, Yonkers, Continentals and Bronx United.

Two soccer matches will be played at Huber's Oval, 162d Street and Jerome Avenue, to-morrow, the metropolitan teams of the St. George's and Hudson United leading off at 1:30 p. m. The New York State teams of the same clubs will follow with another game at 3 o'clock.

Reading lost another Southern League game to-day, Northampton beating it by a score of 2 to 1, causing it to slip back another step in the table. West Ham United shared the points with Millwall at 1 goal all, and is still at the top, one point ahead of Cardiff City and two ahead of Watford, but it is still in the danger zone. Reading has the best record in this league and has a splendid chance of finishing at the top.

Swindon Town came out of its shell in great style by beating Brighton and Hove by a score of 3 to 1 away from home, which caused a big surprise.

The results follow:

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Gillingham	1
Southend United	0
Cardiff City	0
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