RACING SYSTEMS OF 1901.

CHANGES IN THE CONDITIONS THAT CALL FOR NEW METHODS.

A System of Handicapping Which Every One Can Work for Himself—Results Last Year—The Hard System of Betting on the Jockeys—The Chart for Morris Park.

In 1891 favorites at the Metropolitan tracks won on an average 50 per cent. of the races. The average of winning first favorites is now only 39 per cent. Another factor helps to make matters more difficult for the punter now. Ten years ago losers and winners came in blocks. Those who remember the famous series of eighteen losers at Monmouth Park and Brighton Beach will scarcely contradict this statement. With the decrease in the proportion of winning favorites the blocks of losers increased and the blocks of winners naturally decreased, until in 1900 only sixty-four cases occurred in which two or more favorites won in succession in the 700 races of the season, as against nearly double that number when the duplicate favorite system was the sheet anchor of the experienced favorite player. With these changed conditions a change in systems is demanded.

The modern expert handicapper is a product of several years of practical experience. His methods cannot be given in detail here and would be of little use to any one not already conversant with considerably more than the rudiments of his art, but an effective if apparently crude method of handicapping can be employed which will give decisive results without going into any of the intricacies of weight, distance, track conditions or time. It gives the most consistent horse on performance only in each race, and it will do all that is asserted for it. In fact, in 1900 this method of handicapping gave 31 per cent. of winners, placing 463 horses first, second or third in the 700 races of the season, and on Oct. 15 at Morris Park it gave every winner, Klondike, 3—1; Carbuncle, 8—5; Col. Padden, 13—5; Dolando, 8—5; Rolling Boer, 8—5, and Star Bright, 4—5. This is a statement which can be proved by the charts. Yet there was a run of fourteen losers on June 28, 29, 30 and some others needless to specify.

Here is the method. Take the entries for each race, and go back over the record of each horse for his last four races. If he has not run that number, calculate on the races he has run. Credit him with 25 points for a win, so that four wins give the maximum 100. Give 16 points for a place and 8 for third, irrespective of time, weight, track or distance. Thus, if a horse has won four races in his last four tries he ranks at 100; if he has won two, was second once and third once, he ranks at 74 (i. e. 25+25+16+8=74), and so on.

The horse with the highest percentage is played straight at even money or better, and so long as wins are scored the bet remains at $5 without increase. When a loss is scored even money or better is accepted, and the play is to recover losses and be $5 ahead.

If the first choice does not start the next in order becomes the choice to play. Where two or more animals in a race have the same number of points the first choice is the one that more recently ran. If both ran in the same race the one with the lighter weight is taken. If both carry the same weight, take the better jockey.

A dead heat is a win for both horses, and any dead-heat loss of capital must be accepted as such with no effort at recovering it in the next betting series. A disqualification where a horse finishes first counts as a win for both horses when calculating future races.

These rules are simple and absolute. They bring everything down to a hard and fast basis from which there is no appeal, and the system of play stands on its merits only, with no personal cleverness or expertness to raise questions. A dozen men making calculations will reach the same result.

This method worked out as follows at the Morris Park spring meeting last year. The calculations can be verified from the form charts, and the selections and their individual position at the finish are shown by the bracketed figures following the price. For ease of calculation $5 is made the first bet, but any other amount can be used as desired. The idea is to place the first $5 at evens or better and then play at prices to recover losses and finish $5 ahead on each winning.

			Won.	Lost.
May 5—	$5	HelIobas, 13—5	$13	
	$5	Her Ladyship, 3—1 (3)		$5
	$1	Anecdote, 25—1 (9)	—	1
	$3	Waring, 4—1 (8)	—	3
	$2	Yorkshire Boy, 10—1 (4)	—	2
	$4	Cosmopolitan, 6—1 (1)	24	—
May 7—	$5	Oread, 13—5	13	
	$5	Billionaire, 8—1 (2)	—	5
	$2	Precursor, 10—1 (9)	—	2
		Hesper, 3—5, no bet (1)	—	—
	$10	Wait Not, 6—5 (2)	—	10
	$6	Greyfeld, 4—1 (7)	—	6
May 8—	$28	Vulcain, 1—1 (1)	28	—
	$5	Rare Perfume, 3—1 (4)	—	5
	$10	Idrim, 1—1 (2)	—	10
	$5	Mesmerist, 4—1 (9)	—	5
	$2	Vouch, 12—1	—	2
		Box, 1—2 (3), no bet	—	—
May 9—	$2	Zanone, 15—1 (6)	—	2
	$5	Comic, 6—1 (3)	—	5
	$7	Educate, 5—1 (1)	35	—
	$5	Sparrow Wing, 12—1 (1)	60	—
	$5	Brisk, 1—1 (1)	5	—
	$5	Geo. Griggs, 6—1 (1)	30	—
May 10—	$5	Her Ladyship, 5—1 (4)	—	5
	$2	Oread, 5—1	—	2
	$3	Billionaire, 5—1 (3)	—	3
	$2	Anecdote, 8—1	—	2
	$10	Vulcain, 8—5 (4)	—	10
	$6	Charentus, 5—1 (9)	—	6
May 12—	$1	Kimmage, 60—1	—	1
	$9	Screech, 4—1	—	9
	$15	Ashes, 3—1 (3)	—	15
	$15	Mesmerist, 4—1 (2)	—	15
	$15	Latson, 15—1 (7)	—	15
	$11	Cosmopolitan, 8—1 (dh)	37	—
May 14—	$5	Indian Fairy, 7—1	35	—
	$5	The Puritan, 4—1 (4)	—	5
	$1	Rinaldo, 10—1 (2)	—	1
	$2	Sparrow Wing, 2—1 (2)	—	2
	$13	Approval, 1—1 (2)	—	13
	$10	Queen Song, 13—5 (1)	26	—
May 15—	$5	Hesper, 7—1 (4)	—	5
	$10	First Whip, 15—10 (1)	13	—
	$5	Herbert, 13—5 (3)	—	5
	$5	K. Barleycorn, 2—1 (6)	—	5
	$5	Maiden, 3—1 (1)	15	—
	$5	Lady Lucas, 3—1	—	5
May 16—		K. Garter, 2—5 (1), no bet	—	—
	$1	Opex, 12—1 (5)	—	1
	$8	Prince Pepper, 8—5	—	8
	$1	Juniper, 25—1 (9)	—	1
	$2	Robt. Metcalf, 10—1 (6)	—	2
	$4	Geo. Griggs, 6—1 (3)	—	4
May 17—	$10	Sparrow Wing, 14—5 (2)	—	10
	$7	Billionaire, 6—1 (1)	42	—
	$5	First Whip, 7—5 (4)	—	5
	$5	Radford, 13—5 (2)	—	5
	$2	Lady Lindsey, 7—1 (4)	—	2
	$17	Kriss Kringle, 1—1 (3)	—	17
May 19—	$15	Native, 11—5 (2)	—	15
	$50	All Green, 1—1 (1)	50	—
	$5	Bellario, 3—1 (2)	—	5
	$8	Indian Fairy, 8—5 (2)	—	8
	$5	Brisk, 18—5 (2)	—	5
	$5	Cosmopolitan, 3—1	—	5
May 21—		Firearm, 1—4 (3), no bet	—	—
	$3	Billionaire, 10—1 (5)	—	3
	$23	Pavonius, 7—5 (1)	31	—
	$5	Unmasked, 7—5 (1)	7	—
	$5	Kriss Kringle, 7—5 (2)	—	5
	$3	K. Barleycorn, 4—1 (4)	—	3
May 22—	$5	Rinaldo, 13—5 (1)	13	—
	$5	Maiden, 20—1 (4)	—	5
	$2	Flora, 3—1 (4)	—	2
	$1	Lindemere, 12—1 (4)	—	1
	$2	Posthaste, 8—1 (3)	—	2
	$5	Queen Song, 16—5 (1)	16	—
May 23—	$5	Elon Orr, 1—1 (1)	5	—
	$5	Geo. Le Bar, 12—1 (5)	—	5
	$8	Scurry, 7—5 (5)	—	8
	$9	Educate, 2—1 (5)	—	9
	$27	Vulcain, 1—1 (1)	27	—
	$5	Sparrow Wing, 4—1 (3)	—	5
May 24—	$1	Posthaste, 15—1 (5)	—	1
	$3	Pink Domino, 4—1 (1)	12	—
		All Green (2)	—	—
		Belmatch (2)	—	—
		Missionary (3)	—	—
		Brisk (4)	—	—
			$537	$331
			231	
			$206 ahead	

This at this meeting this method of handicapping and play won $206, with only about $100 required at any one time. It must not be expected that this rate of profit and risk will continue through the season, however. The very lowest estimate of reasonable profit is a capital of $1,000 to make a 5bet, this bet to be increased during the season. The profits on this investment will be more than $2,500, which is 250 per cent. on the capital for about six months' use. Any one always looking for something better than 100 per cent. rarely rides for a fall. The maximum capital required for 1900 amounted to $350 at Sheepshead spring meeting and $435 at Brighton Beach. An experienced player will readily grasp the possibilities of this method along the lines of place and 1, 2, 3.

Notes show that the first eight jockeys on the list of winners scoring win about 66 per cent of their rides, and a closer investigation will show that these eight boys get nearly 100 per cent of the possible places in each race. Jockeys are now among the most popular on the turf, and their only drawback is that while they will good money they call for a greater extend than many other methods of handicap, or even favorite play.

The Harm system evolved by the author of the article of some years ago is entitled to consideration. It works by taking the jockeys. Any disinterest in the money end of the game and playing him as far back as 7—1 or better can be obtained. The list is as follows: Start with a hundred, and keep tab of the boys in the money. Never mind how many mounts they have. Simply credit them with three point for a win, two points for place and one point for third. Thus, if Shaw rides a winner, a second and a third, he gets 3+2+1 or 6 points in all. When that meeting closes, scale the boys up, taking the eight with the most points to their credit, and play them at Morris Park in that order. Keep adding to each individual's record the points to which he is entitled, and also keeping a bright lookout for new aspirants for fame. Last season the Aqueduct boys ranked thus: Mitchell 93, O'Connor 79, Bullman 63, Spencer 54, Maher 37, Slack 26, Shaw 24, Phelan 16.

The bet must be graded, and for convenience in reckoning $5 is made the initial wager, but it may be made $1 or what is desired. The limit of safety for a $5 bet is fixed at $1,500 and to this must be steadily added the winnings right through the season. The bets are kept at $5 until a loss and then they follow in this sequence until a ticket for 2—1, whether straight, place or third, is successfully cashed. Then a return is made to $5. There are two first bets of $5. Starting with the initial wager the amounts are $5, $5, $7, $12, $20, $35, $55, $85, $150, $200 and $455. If by any chance all these should be lost, the winnings to date are to be used to start in again at $20. No bet is at less than 2 to 1.

Taking the above list of boys at Morris Park spring meeting last season the results were as follows:

			Won.	Lost.
May 5—	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 2—1	—	$5
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 4—1	—	5
	$7	Mitchell, 2—1	—	7
	$12	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	12
		O'Connor, 1—1	—	—
		Steeplechase	—	—
May 7—	$20	Bullman, 1, 2, 2—1	$40	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	10	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 11—5	—	5
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 10—1	—	5
	$7	O'Connor, 2—1	—	7
	$12	Mitchell, 2—1	24	—
May 8—		Bullman, 9—10	—	—
	$5	Mitchell, 4—1	—	5
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 4—1	—	5
	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 3—1	21	—
	$5	O'Connor, 1, 2, 3—1	—	5
		O'Connor, 1—2	—	—
May 9—		O'Connor, 5—2	—	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3—1	—	5
	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	7
	$12	Bullman, 7—1	—	12
		O'Connor, 1—1	—	—
		No bet	—	—
May 10—	$20	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 8—1	—	20
	$35	Mitchell, 4—1	—	35
	$55	O'Connor, 5	—	55
	$95	Mitchell, 1, 2, 2—1	—	95
	$150	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	300	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 2—1	10	—
May 12—	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 4—1	20	—
	$5	O'Connor, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	5
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	5
	$7	O'Connor, 4—1	—	7
	$12	O'Connor, 3—1	—	12
May 14—	$20	Mitchell, 5—1	—	20
	$35	O'Connor, 3—1	—	35
		Apprentices	—	—
	$55	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	55
		O'Connor, 1—1	—	—
	$95	O'Connor, 13—5	247	—
May 15—	$5	Bullman, 1, 2, 3, 3—1	—	5
	$5	O'Connor, 2—1	—	5
	$7	Mitchell, 13—5	—	7
	$12	O'Connor, 4—1	48	—
	$5	Mitchell, 3—1	15	—
		No bet	—	—
May 16—		No bet	—	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3—1	—	5
	$5	Bullman, 3—1	15	—
	$5	O'Connor, 1, 2, 2—1	—	5
	$5	Spencer, 3—1	—	5
		No bet	—	—
May 17—	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 3—1	21	—
	$5	O'Connor, 5—1	—	5
	$5	O'Connor, 9—5	—	5
		No bet	—	—
	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3—1	—	7
		No bet	—	—
May 19—	$12	Mitchell, 2—1	—	12
	$20	Mitchell, 5—1	—	20
	$35	Mitchell, 4—1	—	35
		No bet	—	—
	$55	Mitchell, 3—1	—	55
		No bet	—	—
		No bet	—	—
May 18—		Mitchell, 6—1	570	—
	$5	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 3—1	—	5
		No bet	—	—
		No bet	—	—
	$5	O'Connor, 16—5	—	5
		Apprentices	—	—
May 22—	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	7
	$12	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3—1	—	12
	$20	O'Connor, 4—1	80	—
		No bet	—	—
	$5	O'Connor, 16—5	16	5
May 23—		No bet	—	—
	$5	O'Connor, 4—1	—	4
		No bet	—	—
		No bet	—	—
	$5	O'Connor, 4—1	—	5
	$7	Mitchell, 1, 2, 3, 2—1	—	7
May 24—		No bet	—	—
	$12	Mitchell, 4—1	—	12
	$20	Bullman, 2—1	—	20
	$35	Slack, 1, 2, 2—1	—	35
		No odds	—	—
	$55	Mitchell, 4—1	—	55
Gravesend—				
	$95	Mitchell, 4—1	380	—
			$1,817	$773
			773	
			$1,084 ahead	

The risk of the system is great, but the profits are still greater. At no time was more than $385 in the ring. The series is carried into the first race at Brooklyn to close it. Thus already there is provision to lose one series of bets and still have the original capital to the good.

The jockey list at the close of Morris Park last year stood: Mitchell 133, O'Connor 122, Bullman 109, Spencer 93, Maher 74, Shaw 57, Slack 50, Turner 33, Henry 12, McCue 17. In order to let the good riding boys up, the last right hand figure is cancelled and the list reads Mitchell 13, O'Connor 13, Bullman 10, Spencer 9, Maher 7, Shaw 5, Slack 5, Turner 3, Henry 1, McCue 1. This is done at the end of every meeting to introduce new boys.

As regards first favorites at Morris Park, the outlook this year is for an increase on the percentage of Bennings. The winter tracks held the Metropolitan average. There is nothing to make up or fall from, and Morris Park spring is a normal meeting, that is about 39 per cent, with a bad streak about the close of the first week. The chart for the Redd, Char and other favorite systems is as follows:

							Winning Favor.	Per Cent.
May 5	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	50
May 7	0	0	0	1	N	1	2	40
May 8	1	0	N	1	0	0	2	39
May 9	0	0	0	N	N	1	N	33
May 10	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	36
May 12	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	33
May 14	0	0	0	1	N	N	1	30
May 15	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	33
May 16	1	1	1	N	1	0	4	37
May 17	N	N	0	1	0	0	1	35
May 19	0	1	1	N	1	0	3	36
May 21	1	0	1	1	N	1	4	39
May 22	1	1	N	0	0	N	2	38
May 23	1	1	0	0	1	N	3	39
May 24	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	39

First favorites winning are marked "1," those getting second with 1—2 or better marked "N," those getting second with worse than 1—2 "N," and unplaced "0."

Football.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 11.—Next fall the work of the Tigers on the football field will be directed by what is regarded here as the strongest staff of coaches that has ever had charge of a Princeton eleven. Capt Pell has announced that Head Coach Langdon Lea, captain and tackle on the '96 team, will be assisted by the following graduate players: Garret Cochran, captain and end on the '97 eleven; A. D. Kelly, the half back of the '98 team, Jesse Riggs, who played guard in the early 90s, and John Baird, the noted kicker and quarter back. Kelly has been coaching at the University of California for the last two years, and Cochran had charge of the Annapolis Middies last fall.

Manager R. C. Gordon gave out to-night the schedule for next season. There are eleven games and one date is not filled. There are several newcomers in the list, among them being Johns Hopkins University, Dickinson, Haverford, New York University and the Pennsylvania R. R. Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia. Columbia has been left off, as no date and place for the game could be agreed upon. The schedule follows:

Oct. 2, open; 5, Haverford; 9, New York University; 12, Lehigh; 16, Dickinson; 19, Brown; 23, Johns Hopkins; 26, open; 30, Lafayette, all at Princeton. Nov. 2, Cornell, at Ithaca; 6, P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., at Princeton; 9, United States Military Academy, at West Point; 16, Yale, at New Haven.

English Sporting News.

What is regarded as a strong athletic team on the other side may, according to the latest English exchanges, represent Oxford and Cambridge against Harvard and Yale in the coming international games. Those who will probably make the trip are A. E. Hind, L. J. Cornish, H. W. Workman, F. G. Cockshott, H. A. Gregson, E. B. May, G. Howard Smith, G. B. Garnier and possibly H. A. Jones, the broad jumper. Hind has done even time in the hundred dash and Workman, it will be recalled, won against Harvard and Yale in one of the distance events when the American teams visited London a year or so ago.

Tom Cannon, the veteran wrestler, and Antonio Pierri, the "Terrible Greek," met at London on April 29 in the first fall of a contest limited to six falls. Cannon won with a Cumberland and Westmoreland hold in 17 minutes and 25 seconds. Cannon was in this country when Clarence Whistler, Joe Acton, Muldoon and the "Jap" were in their prime.

Brooklyn A. C.'s Programme for Decoration Day.

The Brooklyn A. C. has decided to hold its annual Decoration Day track games on the club's grounds at Maspeth again this season. The prizes will be a gold watch to first, silver club medal to second and club bronze medal to third. The events are not only open to members of athletic clubs, but unattached runners as well. They have received the sanction of the A. A. U. This is the programme:

100-yard dash, handicap, 100-yard dash, novice, 440-yard run, handicap, 880-yard run, novice, one-mile run, handicap, three-mile run, handicap, and one-mile bicycle race, novice.

Entry banks may be secured by addressing W. J. Tully, 574 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, with whom the entries close on May 25.

A CYCLE RACING BOOM.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONDUCTING SPORT ON A BIG SCALE.

More Tracks and Faster Ones, More Riders and Backers Than Ever in the Field—Large Purses to Be Hung Up—New Style Races—An International Circuit Forming.

Never since the inception of the sport, on tracks especially built for bicycles, has there been such a prospect at this time in the spring as there now is for a notable season of cycle racing. There are many circumstances that have combined to improve the sport, and give it a stronger position among outdoor pastimes. The only danger at present is that enthusiastic and grasping promoters may overdo it.

First among the factors that have contributed to this situation may be reckoned the fact that everything in the nature of dissension has vanished. The National Cycling Association after a year of probation has demonstrated itself capable and is now in full control of the sport throughout the country.

It has gained the confidence of the public, the promoters, the clubs and the riders. It has intrenched itself behind a bulwark of sound rules that assure clean sport, and it has laid a heavy hand upon offenders, two riders of national repute having been suspended for life for one crooked race.

The confidence that exists began to be manifested last fall, when several new tracks were projected and several promoters who had dropped out temporarily began to hunt for licenses. The most signal proof of established confidence, however, came a few weeks ago when the American Bicycle Company announced that the manufacturing concerns in its combination would return to the policy of supporting racing teams. A great awakening on the part of riders, trainers and promoters followed this news and on every hand there has since been great activity in getting prepared. These are the fundamental causes for the present prospect of prosperity, but they by no means make the total.

Some of the successes that have been made by the introduction of new styles of races, such as the giving of lap and other intermediate prizes, have been important in the development. The progress made in motor-paced contests, the successful introduction of night racing, the introduction of new blood and new ideas among the riders and backers, have all contributed toward a growth in popularity. New tracks, faster than any old ones, have been built and new records have been made on them.

So much for what has led up to the present status of the sport. Now as to what is promised in the line of an advance greater than any yet. First is the investment of greater sums of money than ever before on the part of manufacturers, track owners and promoters.

Much fatter purses will be offered, and contests will be run on a larger scale than previously known. The new rules of the N. C. A. concerning championships insure a higher class of competition for such races and also guarantee the public against any disappointments when they go to see the star men. The riders when they enter for the first championship race are committed to compete throughout the entire circuit. Added to this is the fact that the "trust" has declared all its riders for the circuit, so that meets scheduled now for next August are certain to have the full complement of crack riders.

These are circumstances that will quickly gain the confidence of the public and, considered with the undoubted revival of interest in cycling generally that is apparent, they have given promoters confidence to go ahead almost to the plunging extent.

The record-breaking crowds at the six-day race and at the short races in Madison Square Garden last winter and the big attendance at the cycle show that followed, where the bicycle was viewed by those who had an interest in it apart from its character as a racing machine were the first signs of a reawakened interest and it required no sage to read them.

The advent of the Pan-American Exposition and the introduction of European stars and European features in the races is another factor of that kind of importance in the outlook for a boom in the sport. It is not easy to estimate the extent that this departure may have not only this year, but in the future. The foreigners will be here not for the Buffalo meeting only, but for the N. C. A. circuit as well.

They will be admitted to the championships by courtesy and will find them run on the European plan. They will undoubtedly teach the Americans some new tricks, and they will pick up points from the native riders on training, track generalship and other matters. Thus a truly international flavor will be given to the season's sport and as the real champions of Europe are expected among the visitors, the rider who this year wins the N. C. A. championship may with some reason claim to be the champion of the world.

Yet this is not all the significance there is to the foreign invasion. The European season is a short one in the spring. Most of the big races of the continent are over before the circuit begins here. The national circuit has been shortened to nine weeks, beginning the first of July and ending early in September.

This will enable the foreigners to come here every summer if they are pleased with the result this time, and so a sort of international circuit would be established, the Americans scurrying to Europe in the spring, to return with Frenchmen, Germans and Italians in June, as Major Taylor has done this year. After the close of the outdoor season in October the foreigners could remain here for the indoor races, as they are expected to do this year. This, in outline, is the extensive plan of operations that is being contemplated by the united group of promoters and backers, and if the harmony that now prevails here and abroad continues this is what in all probability will happen.

Concerning the new rules for the circuit championships, it is safe to predict their success, because they will not be experimental. The idea for them was adopted bodily from the French where it has worked with great success. In the first place the idea is to keep out of the championship competitions, second-rate riders who sometimes by a fluke beat star men in heats, and so bar them from the finals. No rider who has not won a one-mile race in 2:10 or better during the season will be eligible for the championships. Because of the impossibility of comparing properly kilometre time with mile time the foreigners will be exempt from this rule.

The championships will have much the character of match races and the chance of a man winning through team work, a foul or trickiness, will therefore be precluded, as it was not when there was a field of starters.

The preliminary heats will weed out the field, four men starting in each heat and then will follow semi-finals, in each of which there will be only two starters. As the entry list is likely to number a score or more, this will make four or five semi-finals, the plan being for the winners of these to ride against each other until there are only two men left for the final. This will make the winner earn his points and will furnish exciting sport.

Besides the championship, every circuit meet is bound by the new rules to have two other professional events, a handicap and a class race and at least $250 in prize money must be offered. The class races will be another new feature and will give the second and third raters in the professional ranks a chance to make a living.

The recognized championship distances are a quarter, third, half, mile, two miles and five miles. One innovation will be a one-mile tandem championship, a one-hour paced race for the middle distance championship and a meeting between the amateur and professional champions under a special sanction after the grand circuit is finished.

One promoter has announced his intention of hanging up purses of $1,000, $2,000 and $5,000 for motor-paced middle-distance race, run on the European plan, which is to make them open to all comers, the same as sprint races and have five, six or seven contestants with their motor tandems on the track at once.

This, he believes, will be sufficiently spectacular and risky to draw crowds, big enough to justify the purses, and they must be offered in such events in order to attract the riders.

It has been calculated that in all $300,000 in purses will be put up for riders during the season. The tracks to be used make a circuit of twenty-five cities, as follows: Charles River Park, Boston, where there is also the Revere Beach track; Brockton, Mass.; New Bedford, Mass.; Milford, Mass.; Worcester, Springfield, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, two tracks; Cleveland, Toledo, Fort Wayne, Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Dayton, Pittsburg, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, two tracks; Manhattan Beach, New Haven, Providence, R. I., two tracks, and Waterbury, Conn.

All of these tracks are now ready or in process of construction, except at Albany and Waterbury, where sites are yet to be obtained. Excluding these two, the others will furnish a total of twenty-eight meets each week, because in several places, as in Buffalo and Providence, where there will be two sets of races a week and some times more as nearly all the coliseum tracks, which are partially enclosed, will have night racing. Many of these tracks are new and offer speed possibilities greater than the old ones. All this presents a prospect such as never was known before and riders, trainers and promoters are hustling in confidence that it will be fulfilled to the utmost.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORT.

Youngsters Not to Compete in Intercity Games This Year.

The announcement that there would be an intercity scholastic meet this year stirred up the schoolboys somewhat, but at a recent meeting of both the New York and Long Island interscholastic associations it was decided not to have such a meet this year. The uncertainty of the weather and lack of interest has put a damper on the project and from present indications such meets are practically off for good. The loss sustained by both associations was too great to run another risk. It was also hinted that the Long Island interscholastic schools were no match for the local schools in athletics and the affair would be too one-sided.

Although the season practically came to an end yesterday, the youngsters will by no means let up in their training. All the crack performers are looking forward with more than usual interest to the first annual interscholastic games to be held under the auspices of the Yale Athletic Association. The games are scheduled for May 30 at Yale Field and are expected to establish a standard for years to come. The interscholastic games that have been promoted in the past years by big colleges have resulted in a waterloo for the athletes of the local interscholastic association. The reason given is that the age limit of every association throughout the United States is 21 years, while in this city it is 20 years. This has caused considerable discussion among prominent athletes, who declare that a boy of 21 is better than a boy of 20, for the simple reason that he has had a year more of training. It is not at all unlikely that this question will come up at the next meeting and a hard fight made to raise the age limit from 20 to 21.

To set at rest all rumors that the New York Interscholastic Athletic Association is in debt, Fred Wilson-Cutler of Cutler School, the treasurer, has made a statement that the rumors are unfounded. "The association was never in its history in a better financial condition than it is at this present day," he said. "There is a balance on hand of $398 with all debts paid."

The outdoor season thus far has been a most successful one. The heavy rains did not interfere with the carrying out of the schedule. The showing made by Dwight School has been far above the expected standard. The honors Dwight has attained came through active training by its representatives. There are practically only three athletes who did the work. They are Sullivan, the bicycle rider; MacKenzie, Jr., the half-miler, and Patterson, the mile runner. Burchard, Bowler, Hans, Klous and Coyte, may be mentioned as helping out. Nearly all of these youngsters will take part in the national interscholastic championships at the Pan-American Exposition.

J. G. MacVicar, headmaster of Montclair Military Academy, has secured Camp Champlain, on Mallet's Bay, Lake Champlain. During the summer athletic games will be held as well as aquatic. The academy expects to make a big showing in athletics next season, especially in the football line, and practice in that line of sport will be indulged in every day. Headmaster Hazen of Barnard school has secured quarters at the same place and between the two schools dual meet will be held. The first dual games will be held on July 4.

The Athletic Association of Public School 87 will hold its first athletic meet at Olympia Field on May 25. The boys of the school are taking great interest in these games and over one hundred entries have been handed in for the closed events. Besides the closed events there will be four open events in which all the public schoolboys of this city are invited to enter. The open events will be as follows: One-mile run, two-mile bicycle race, 220-yard hurdle and one-mile relay for teams of four.

The athletes of Brooks School are making active preparations for their first annual meet on May 18. The programme comprises eighteen events, all handicap. Over 250 boys will take part in the games, and owing to the large list of entries the trials will be held on May 17.

LAWSUIT OVER A DEAD DOG.

An Indiana Case Already Heard in Three Courts and Not Yet Decided.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 10.—Jacob Vantresse is a wealthy landowner and stock raiser of Decatur county and his nearest neighbor is Ralph Magee, who lives upon a rented farm. Last summer Vantresse's sheep were worried by dogs and one day he lay in wait for the trespassers with a shotgun. It was the last day in August when a large black and white dog bounded over the fence into the field and was promptly laid out by a load of buckshot from Vantresse's gun.

That night Magee missed one of his favorite dogs and inquiry developed the fact that Vantresse had killed the dog and buried it where it fell. Magee went to the rich farmer and asked the privilege of exhuming the body that he might identify it, but Vantresse denied the request and stood over the dog's grave till he could obtain a restraining order forbidding Magee to come upon the farm.

The only evidence that Magee had that the dead dog was his was the fact that one of his six dogs was missing. He employed counsel and suit was entered against Vantresse in replevin, the allegations being that the dog killed was the property of Magee; that its hide was worth $1, its body worth the same for fertilizing purposes, and, besides this,