RULE "DAN SMITH" OFF TURF.

NOTED TIPSTER ACCUSED NEW ORLEANS STEWARDS.

Had Bet Heavily on Arden and Intimated the Horse Was Not Placed as He Finished—Rainland Stumbles in the Stretch and Is Beaten by Mauser.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—With the closing of the regular racing season in this city Albert F. Mathews, known as "Dan Smith," a tipster and horse owner, was practically ruled off the turf. Mathews made the accusation that the stewards were "crooked," and when he appeared before the officials to-day did not deny or confirm the statement. The ruling issued by the stewards to-night was:

For violation of Rule 66 we disqualify Albert F. Mathews from all privileges of the turf.

The trouble dates back to the last race of last Tuesday, when Arden, a well played good thing, was beaten a nose on the post for third money. Arden in this race was played from 10 to 1 to 13 to 5. Mathews after the race walked into the press stand and said that Arden's not being placed third had cost him $5,000. He displayed a large package of pool tickets and showed that he had stood to win a fortune if Arden had won.

Steward F. J. Bryan was in the press stand at the time and informed Mathews that he was likely to get into trouble for displaying such a number of tickets and all but making the accusation that the horses were not placed as they finished because they were heavily played. Mathews replied that he never wanted to impress any one with the fact that anything was wrong.

The incident was all but forgotten until to-day when Murray and Breifogel, two correspondents, appeared before the stewards and made the charges that Mathews had stated that the judges did not place Arden third because too much money was bet on him. Charles F. Wilson, the trainer of Arden, was summoned before the stewards. He said that Mathews had told him that Chicago turf correspondents had been paid to boost his Scotch Thistle in the columns of his paper and had also reflected on the integrity of the local and visiting turf correspondents. The newspaper men at once demanded an investigation.

The track was deep and heavy to-day. It was typical get-away-day racing. Favorites were far from being first home at the wire. The crowd was a large one, despite the inclement weather.

In the new Louisiana Stakes Mauser was returned the winner. Rainland, who finished second, and who was only beaten a head on the post, was much the best horse in the race, but stumbled in the stretch. There was nothing of special interest in the other events.

First Race—Six furlongs—Maritana, 110 (Fuller), 6 to 1, won; Allista, 110 (J. Mathews), 2 to 1, second; Euralia, 115 (W. Hicks), 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:16 4-5. Josette, Miss Gould, Second Sight, Lady Contrary, Lady Free Knight, Neither One and Gracious also ran.

Second Race—One mile and 70 yards—Santa Teresa, 106 (Aubuchon), 7 to 1, won; Potente, 107 (J. Mathews), 5 to 1, second; Dr. Carrick, 113 (W. Hicks), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:50 2-5. Henry of Franstamar, Trocadero, Dorothy Osborne, Jove, Sea Lion, Whitmore and Fearful also ran.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs—Lady Radnor, 106 (Aubuchon), 10 to 1, won; Sharp Bird, 111 (Calvit), 9 to 1, second; Extralaw, 95 (Livingston), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:09 4-5. Responsive Our Little, Caterpillar, Hopeful Miss, Bride, Tom, Collins and Legation also ran.

Fourth Race—New Louisiana Stakes; one mile and a quarter—Mauser, 95 (Livingston), 9 to 5, won; Rainland, 108 (T. Dean), 4 to 1, second; Gravina, 112 (Fuller), 9 to 2, third. Time, 2:13 1-5. Hymettus, Conundrum and The Regent also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Foxy Kane, 110 (Robbins), 3 to 5, won; Katie Powers, 94 (J. Hennessey), 8 to 1, second; St. Tammany, 108 (Schilling), 16 to 1, third. Time, 1:16. Malster, Harmakis and Optional also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Tancred, 110 (Livingston), 9 to 5, won; Moderator, 108 (Lynn), 30 to 1, second; Midshipman, 86 (Crimmins), 8 to 1 third. Time, 1:58. Deer Hunter, Alcom R., Arden, Lee King, Bourke Cockran, Uranium, Antagonist and Aules also ran.

At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The attraction at Oakland this afternoon was the Thornton Stakes, at four miles. The track was a sea of mud and only four horses started. M. J. Daly's three-year-old Sailor Knot led for three and a quarter miles, when Veterano went to the front and won with great ease from Rio Shannon. It was a procession. The winner is by Rey El Santa Anita, the American Derby winner.

First Race—Seven furlongs—Billy Moore, 105 (Bonner), 13 to 5, won; Batidor, 100 (Travers), 16 to 1, second; Decoy, 105 (Mountain), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:32. Assessment, Algaretta, Bealash, Nilgar, Carlisc and Impromptu also ran.

Second Race—Futurity course—Matt Honan 110 (J. Daly), 6 to 5, won; Flaneur, 105 (G. Smith), 6 to 1, second; Bard Burns, 113 (See), 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:13 3-5. Alice Carey, Rollick and Capitvate also ran.

Third Race—One mile and a furlong—Mr. Farnum, 94 (C. Smith), 9 to 10, won; The Fretter, 104 (Travers), 13 to 5, second; I'lle d'Or, 98 (Crosthwaite), 11 to 2, third. Time, 2:01. Mr. Dilge and Arthur Boy also ran.

Fourth Race—Thornton Stakes, four miles—Veterano, 109 (J. Martin), 9 to 10, won; Rio Shannon, 110 (See), 7 to 1, second; Sailor Knot, 86 (W. Daly), 2 to 1, third. Time, 7:37. The Way also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Misty Pride, 97 (Travers), 4 to 1, won; Ocyrohe, 95 (Crosthwaite), 9 to 5, second; The Hawaiian, 95 (C. Smith), 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:17. El Piloto, Letola and Box Elder also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and seventy yards, handicap—Arabo, 111 (J. Martin), 4 to 1, won; Warte Night, 105 (Knapp), 6 to 1, second; G. W. Trahern, 97 (Bonner), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:49¾. Ocean Dream, Hainault, Keynote, Modicum and Kenilworth also ran.

GOSSIP OF THE RACETRACK.

E. R. Thomas Said to Have Offered $20,000 for the Colt Hello.

While the reported offer of $25,000 by E. R. Thomas for Golden Maxim has not as yet been accepted, it is said that the millionaire turfman, through his partner, Alexander Shields, has made a proposition to Fred Burlew for the three-year-old colt Hello. The price named is $20,000 and Burlew has submitted the offer to his partner, Newton Bennington. Hello is known among the trainers at Gravesend as "the Locomotive" and is heavily engaged in the three-year-old specials this season. It is common talk among horsemen that Mr. Thomas stands ready to invest $200,000 in high class horses this year, his idea being to stand at the head of the winning owners at the end of the coming campaign.

John A. Drake's Wyeth, the American Derby winner of 1902, will be retired temporarily to the stud this year, but will return to the turf next season, when he will be entered for some of the big handicaps as a six-year-old.

M. J. Daly will ship Claude from San Francisco to Memphis next week to run in the Montgomery Handicap.

Racing on the new Union Jockey Club track at St. Louis will begin on April 15. The programme books for the first twenty-six days of the meeting were distributed among turfmen yesterday. No purse will be less than $400 and there are numerous events worth $1,000. The track is nine minutes' ride from the World's Fair buildings.

Jockey Arthur Redfern has arrived here from Los Angeles. He will begin riding as a free lance at Bennings, as he has made no regular engagement for the season. Neither has Burns, who was Redfern's rival in the employ of the Whitney stable last year.

Danny Lynch, who was ruled off the turf by the Western Jockey Club last year, threatens to raid the Chicago tracks unless he is reinstated. Lynch was the manager of Pugilist Tom Sharkey when Referee Wyatt Earp decided that the Sailor had beaten Fitzsimmons on a foul.

Jack Phillips will bring what might be termed a stable of jockeys to the metropolitan tracks next week. The star of the lot is H. Phillips, who has signed with Thomas & Shields. The latter's brother, C. Phillips, J. Hennessy and Nicol make up the combination.

The racing firm of Middleton & Jungbluth has not yet decided whether to send The Picket or Santon East this spring. Both are entered in the various handicaps, but one of them will be reserved for Western engagements. The Picket ran some good races here last season.

Tony Aste, the "Bootblack King," has arrived at Bennings from New Orleans, where he raced with fair success all winter.

Willie Shaw arrived at Gravesend yesterday from Bennings. He will have the mount on T. R. Hitchcock's Castalian in the Bennings Handicap next Thursday.

All of the prominent members of the Metropolitan Turf Association will go on at Washington. It is said that at least sixty books will begin operations on the first day of the meeting.

Cornell Faculty Disqualifies Captain and Manager of Hockey Team.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 19.—The Cornell faculty to-day disqualified Manager Armstrong and Capt. Ellis of the Cornell hockey team from representing Cornell in any college athletics, because in a recent game in New York city against Columbia they allowed an ineligible student to play on the team under an assumed name.

BASEBALL IN THE SOUTH.

Both the New York Nationals and Americans Win.

BIRMINGHAM, March 19.—The New York Nationals found the local Southern League team a much swifter proposition in to-day's exhibition, although they won handily by a score of 12 to 7. Strengthened by the services of a new second baseman and with the success their new pitcher, Blackburn, earned for his efforts in the early innings, the Birmingham element made things interesting up to the seventh round. Then McGraw's prize batters met his delivery with ease and the end was no longer in doubt. McGraw decided to use Ames and Taylor in the pitcher's box, and when after warming up Ames announced that his arm felt sore, McGraw told him to go in and take it easy, thinking the local batters were too easy to consider seriously.

But another and very diverse condition developed. The Slag City aggregation found Ames easy in both the first and fifth innings, when their best hitters came to the plate. Ames refused to listen to the advice he received several days ago and has been too free with speed in practice. Taylor, who pitched the last four innings, showed splendid form. He had good control and not a single safe hit was made off his delivery. Both pitchers were well supported in the field. Dahlen, Bresnahan and Mertes did some star performing, and Dahlen made one of his sensational assists. The score:

NEW YORK.	B.	H.	P.	A.	E.	BIRMINGHAM.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Brown, rf.	2	1	1	0	0	Duffy, cf.	2	0	0	0	0
Br'n'han, 3b.	1	3	1	2	0	Smith, rf.	2	1	2	0	0
McGann, 1b.	1	0	8	1	0	Lynch, 3b.	0	1	2	1	0
Mertes, lf.	1	1	1	0	0	Mil'r'ck, c.	2	2	8	1	0
McG'r'ck, cf.	1	2	2	0	0	Al'x'nd'r, 2b.	0	1	1	3	0
Dahlen, ss.	2	2	4	4	1	Tams't, ss.	0	0	2	2	1
Gilbert, 2b.	1	0	1	2	1	McC'nell, lf.	0	0	6	1	0
Warner, c.	1	0	6	2	0	Wheeler, 1b.	0	0	6	2	4
Bow'rm'n, c.	1	0	3	0	0	Blk'b'rn, p.	1	1	0	1	2
Ames, p.	0	0	0	1	0	McGill, p.	0	0	1	1	0
Taylor, p.	0	1	0	0	0						
†Dunn.	1	0	0	0	0	Totals.	7	6*	23	12	7
Totals.	12	10	27	12	2						

*McCormick out for interference.
†Batted for Ames in the fifth inning.

New York	1	0	2	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	—12
Birmingham	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	—7

First base on errors—New York, 4; Birmingham—1. Left on bases—New York, 4; Birmingham, 2. First base on balls—Off Ames, 3; off Taylor, 1; off Blackburn, 4. Struck out—By Ames, 5; by Taylor, 1; by Blackburn, 3. Two-base hits—Bresnahan (2), Lynch, Alexander. Stolen bases—McCormick, Browne, Bresnahan, Dahlen. Hit by pitcher—By Blackburn, 1. Wild pitch—Blackburn. Passed ball—Warner. Umpire—Wood. Time—2 hours.

NEW YORK (A. L.), 5; ATLANTA, 0.

ATLANTA, March 19.—Jack Powell and Bill Wolfe of the New York Americans were wizards in the box to-day, and the Atlantas, with a much stronger team out than yesterday, were whitewashed at 5 to 0. Powell held down the box for five innings, and not a hit was made off him or anything that resembled it.

Wolfe worked the last four innings, and was hit for three scattered singles, one made by Thoney of New York. The sharpest kind of fielding by Atlanta cut off several New York bids for hits. Kleinow caught for Atlanta and handled three pitchers ably and made one wild throw trying to head off a base runner, and the New Yorkers had to hustle for their runs.

A couple of errors helped them, but they made the most of every opportunity and varied their batting tactics to good advantage. Anderson, Williams and Ganzel fielded in splendid fashion for the major leaguers and Conroy was pretty lively.

Fultz was fast in all departments and promises to be in fine fettle again this year. One member of Griffith's "torpedo" flotilla, the same consisting of Conroy, Fultz, Keeler and Elberfeld, little but dangerous, was missing. Elberfeld has gone home for a few days to nurse his injured leg.

In the fourth inning to-day Beville drove a screaming liner over the left field fence for a home run. The other hits were made by Conroy, Fultz, Anderson and Unglaub, who played short. Jack Chesbro has written to Manager Griffith that he will report next week and that he is down to 173 pounds and fit. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
New York	3 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0	5	6 2
Atlanta	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	3 4

Batteries—Powell, Wolfe and Beville; Hardy, Cribbens, Torrence and Kleinow.

AT ANNAPOLIS.

	R.	H.	E.
Gallaudet	1 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0	5	5 13
Annapolis	0 4 2 8 5 2 3 2 .	21	8 4

Batteries—Menier, Curtis and Jackson; Needham, Hughes, Van Auken, Stiles and Symington.

COLUMBIA'S BASEBALL COACH.

J. H. Siegle Replaces Howard Earle—Promise of a Good Nine.

After considerable delay, Columbia has secured a baseball coach for the season, in place of Howard Earle, manager of the Ilion team of the New York State League, who has been ill for some time. The new coach is J. H. Siegle, also of the Ilion team, who has a great reputation as a pitcher and outfielder. Siegle took hold of the candidates yesterday afternoon for the first time, devoting especial attention to the twirlers. The pitching department is one which needs extra attention this year, as Columbia's best slabman, H. C. Gearin, was graduated last May. Siegle expects to get good results, however, with William R. Tyler, Harry A. Grant, both of last year's 'varsity team, and I. R. Del Rio and H. G. Cannon of the '06 class team. Besides these there are two new men of great promise in this line—W. A. Callaghan, '07, P. and S., and A. Saunders, '05. The former, who played on the hockey team this past winter, is a Canadian who pitched at McGill University and Saunders played at Phillips-Andover Academy and at the University of Maine.

Cage practice is beginning to have its effect on the men and they are judging grounders and batting in improved style. The sore arms are getting back into normal condition and if the team only can get in some outdoor work on South Field, the nine will be able to make a good showing in its first game—that with Pratt Institute, on March 30. P. J. Duff, M. McPhillips and E. Cetter of the Manhattan College team have been practising in the cage with the Columbia men and have been aiding Capt. Frambach, during the absence of the regular coach, in drilling the new men.

More than thirty candidates are out trying for the freshman class team. The first game scheduled for the '07 team will be played on South Field with the Polytechnic Preparatory School of Brooklyn. E. C. Bailly, captain of the first year, is a prominent candidate for the pitcher's place. He is having a tussle with O. Woodward, S. Hard and W. S. Simpson for the position. D. Mayer and S. Moore are the best of the backstops, while J. H. A. Williams is showing up so well in the infield that it is likely that he will make the 'varsity nine.

Baseball Gossip.

Manager Hanlon of the Brooklyns is in town making preparations for the coming Southern trip. Hanlon will leave here tomorrow morning for Washington, taking along Doyle, Cronin, McCormick, Batch, Jacklitsch, Ritter and Lumley. The other members of the team will report to Hanlon either in Washington or in Columbia, S. C., where the Brooklyns will begin training.

After a stay of two weeks at Columbia, Hanlon's men will go to Richmond and other cities, including Washington, and Baltimore, for exhibition games.

Patsy Donovan wants his release from the St. Louis Nationals. He says the Robisons have no right to reserve him, as they owe him $4,000 in back salary, and he has made an appeal for his release to Chairman Herrmann of the national commission.

Comiskey says the American League race will be a long, bitter struggle between Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago. He declares that with George Davis back on his Chicago team the Windy City will again cut a big figure. Jimmy Callahan, the manager of the team, will play second base this year, third base being cared for by either Clark or Dundon. Davis at shortstop will fill a big hole in the infield, while with Fielders Jones, Green and Holmes, Comiskey thinks his outfield will be as fast as they make them. He has a fine array of pitchers and catchers, and the whole team is rapidly rounding into shape in the South.

E. Pitou, Jr., Wins in Columbia Fencing Trials.

As the result of trials held among Columbia University fencers recently a team of three men, consisting of W. E. Withrow, '04; E. Pitou, Jr., '04, and L. E. Mahan, '04 law, has been chosen to represent the Blue and White in the intercollegiate fencing meet at the New York A. C., April 1 and 2. Teams from Annapolis, Yale, West Point, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and Harvard will compete in the championships.

E. Pitou, Jr., captain of the Columbia team, showed himself superior to the rest of his team mates and received the medal offered annually by Dr. A. G. Lawrence, a former member of the Columbia team, to the best fencer in the university. The summary of the bouts: Pitou defeated Withrow; Mahan defeated Head; Pitou defeated Mahan; Withrow defeated Head; Withrow defeated Mahan; Pitou defeated Mahan.

The judges of the contest were Charles G. Bothner, New York A. C.; Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, New York A. C.; Dr. M. P. Echeverria; Charles I. Irving, New York Fencers' Club, and A. J. Allaire, New York Turn Verein.

GARDEN CITY GOLF PROGRAMME

METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Conditions Made More Liberal to Draw Larger Field—A Club Prize Added in the Four Ball Match—Team League in Washington—Summerville Final.

A number of changes in the conditions to maintain an interest in the tournament to players who fail to get into the championship have been made by the Metropolian Golf Association this year, the first time any concession has been made to attract others than the few really high class players. The tournament committee, Charles F. Watson, Lionel H. Graham and George L. Hubbell, announced yesterday the programme for the tournament, which will be held at the Garden City Golf Club May 25, 26, 27 and 28. The first half of the annual home and home match with the Philadelphia Golf Association will be played at Philadelphia on the Saturday before the tournament, May 21.

The qualifying medal play, at thirty-six holes, will be on May 25. The best sixty-four will qualify for eighteen holes match play, except the final, which in each case will be thirty-six holes. In the event of there being less than sixty-four starters, only forty-eight will qualify, and the committee reserves the right to cut the medal play round to eighteen holes. The match play will be as follows:

First Thirty-two—Championship and prizes.
Third Sixteen—To compete for a cup.
Fourth Sixteen—To compete for a cup.
Beaten sixteen in first championship round—To compete for consolation cup.

The annual four ball match, the pairs to be from the same club, at eighteen holes medal play, will be on Friday afternoon, May 27, and the thirty-six hole medal play handicap on the closing day. All rated at 17 or under on the handicap list may start in the championship, while the four ball match and handicap are open to all members. The handicap limit is 18 strokes. A banner for the club represented by the winners of the four ball match is a new prize for this year and also a silver medal to the runner up. The prize list follows:

Championship—(a), M. G. A. championship plate. On this plate shall be inscribed the name of the winner and it shall be held for the year by the winner's club. Should this plate be won three times by any player or players of any one club, it shall become the property of that club. (b) Gold medal to winner. (c) Silver medal to runner up. (d) Bronze medal for best score in qualifying round. (e) Cups for the third, fourth and defeated sixteen for first thirty-two.

Four Ball Match—Bronze medal to each of winning pair and a banner to their club.

Handicaps—Silver cup for winner and a bronze medal for maker of best gross score.

The Meadow Brook Hunt has one, Garden City Golf Club two and the Nassau Country Club two wins on the Metropolitan plate, the title holder being F. S. Douglas of the last named club. A clause added to the programme reads: "All entries are subject to the approval of the tournament committee. Contestants entering for the tournament shall be considered to have subjected themselves to the authority of the tournament committee, whose decision on all points shall be final." While this power has been understood, it has been thought best to state the rights of the committee in detail, for in the discussion of a violation of the rules at the last championship, the point was made that the U. S. G. A. and not the committee was the ruling body in the matter. Championship entries close with F. A. Snow, 15 Wall street, on May 21.

An interclub league for team matches has been formed by the three Washington clubs, the Washington team playing at the Columbia links on April 30, the Columbia team at Chevy Chase on May 11 or 21, and Chevy Chase on the Washington Club's course on May 28. The open spring tournament of the Chevy Chase Club will be on May 5, 6 and 7 and that of the Columbia Golf Club on May 19, 20 and 21.

SUMMERVILLE, S. C., March 19.—In the final for the Pine Forest Inn cup to-day, J. Denny defeated A. H. Canfield, by 6 up and 4 to play.

Leonard Tufts, chairman of the committee of the Pinehurst, (N. C.) Country Club, sends out the following dates for the annual "North and South" championships: Women's, April 4 and 5; men's, April 6, 7 and 8; open, April 9. In the amateur events there will be match play cups for every set to hand in cards, besides many special competitions.

Sloppy and soft links put competitions out of court yesterday in the M. G. A. district. It was "fine overhead," and the pleasant weather brought out hundreds for practice rounds.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 19.—The following players qualified for the consolation match play, handicap tournament, begun to-day:

Men—A. M. Rowley, Springfield Country, Mass., 91, 16—75; George W. Robeson, Oak Hill, Rochester, 88, 11—77; Dr. E. R. Ogden, Washington, Chicago, 84, 15—81; F. P. Lee, Mattlisouck, Milford, Mass., 98, 15—83; C. A. Mosher, Troy, N. Y., 98, 15—83; C. E. Harrison, Wannamoisut, Providence, 90, 10—84; Dr. G. W. Murdock, Cold Spring, N. Y., 105, 20—85; A. C. Ketcham, New York, 106, 18—88.

Women—Mrs. William West, Camden, N. J., 110, 18—92; Mrs. B. Tomkins, Baltusrol, 108, 14—94; Miss Ethel S. Check, East Orange, N. J., 119, 25—94; Miss W. V. Cullen, Baltusrol, 123, 27—96; Mrs. M. B. Byrnes, Yonkers, 119, 22—97; Miss L. R. Priest, Tedescott, 121, 23—98; Miss S. A. Cutler, Albemarle, Newton, 126, 25—101; Miss A. R. Taggart, New York, 121, 27—104.

LAKEWOOD, March 19.—Lakewood was up against a good proposition to-day, warm weather, the warmest since last November, and it told at the Country Club. By 10:45 o'clock over fifty players had left the first tee. With the frost out of the ground, the course has had a good deal of attention, and is in first rate shape. The greens are hardly better at tournament time. Seventeen men returned cards to count in the regular Saturday handicap, and F. P. Kimball, Lakewood, carried off best gross with 91, while his handicap of ten strokes gave to him the prize cup. The scores:

F. P. Kimball, Lakewood, 91, 10—81; *Jasper Lynch, Lakewood, 92, 9—83; C. N. Brizse, Yountakah, 108, 18—83; H. F. Whitney, Nassau, 93, 6—86; J. G. Batterson, Lakewood, 92, 6—86; E. H. Roberts, Yountakah, 104, 18—86; R. D. Lapham, Apawamis, 95, 8—87; S. K. De Forest, Shinnecock Hills, 102, 14—88; P. M. Freeman, Lakewood, 102, 14—88; J. B. Woodward, Deal, 106, 18—88; J. R. Maxwell, Jr., Nassau, 97, 8—89; H. P. Crall, Englewood, 107, 18—89; J. M. Pepper, Philadelphia Country Club, 101, 11—90; F. A. Potts, Lakewood, 106, 16—90; J. C. Parrish, Shinnecock Hills, 108, 18—90; A. B. Ashforth, Apawamis, 108, 18—90; W. A. Paton, St. Andrews, 108, 18—90.

BIG OFFER TO FITZ.

Philadelphia Club Ready to Give a Purse of $5,000 for Him to Box Six Rounds.

That Bob Fitzsimmons is still a drawing card is shown by the fact that yesterday the Cornishman received an offer of $5,000 from Bert Crowhurst to meet the winner of the six round bout between Marvin Hart and Gus Ruhlin which takes place to-morrow night at Philadelphia. Fitz will notify Crowhurst of his acceptance to-morrow. Fitz, however, wants the purse to be a guarantee, and it is likely that the club will yield.

If the mill is brought about it will take place in the Second Regiment Armory where Tom Sharkey and Jack Munroe had it out a few weeks ago. It is a large place, capable of housing over 7,000 persons. Fitz, who is in training, is said to be in good shape. Bob declares that he will be ready to fight inside of three weeks time.

Crescent A. C. Trap Shooting.

Crescent A. C. men held the last shoot but one for this season at Bay Ridge yesterday and some excellent scores were made. The race for the March cup, the third leg of which was contended for, was the feature of the day. Three men tied for the trophy with 21. They were Frank B. Stephenson, Lowell M. Palmer, Jr., and Capt. A. W. Money. The scores go into their monthly averages, so that there was no shoot-off. A. G. Southworth won the next event at fifteen targets, making fourteen breaks from scratch. Three men tied for runner up, George G. Stephenson, Frederick T. Bedford, Jr., and Dr. H. L. O'Brien, each of whom made 12. With a straight score of twenty-five A. G. Southworth also won a competition, the next men being Erskine H. Lott and T. William Stake, each of whom made 23. Dr. H. L. O'Brien was fourth with 22.

The next event was a fifteen-target trophy shoot and three men tied; they were Frank B. Stephenson, Erskine H. Lott and Dr. H. L. O'Brien with 12 breaks. In the shoot-off F. B. Stephenson won with a straight score of 15. Dr. O'Brien was second with 13 and E. H. Lott third with 11. Four men tied for the Sauer Gun trophy, Lowell M. Palmer, Jr., Frederick T. Bedford, Jr., Henry C. Werlemann and A. G. Southworth, each of whom broke 21 birds. There was no shoot-off, the scores going into the monthly averages. F. B. Stephenson and G. G. Stephenson also tied, each making 20. A team shoot at ten targets per man followed. Harry B. Vanderveer captained one team, and being short a man placed a bid of five birds for his side against H. L. Kenyon's total. Albert W. Money captained the opposing team and they lost by 3 targets to Vanderveer's aggregation, the scores being: Vanderveer's team, 58; Money's team, 55. A special match at twenty-five targets concluded the fun; Frank B. Stephenson and Stephen N. Van Allen, shooting as a guest, each made 22; A. G. Southworth being third with 20.

BILLIARDS.

Dr. A. B. Miller and Florian Tobias Win at Amateur Billiard Club.

Dr. A. B. Miller and Florian Tobias were the winners yesterday afternoon in the 14-inch balk line billiard tournament for the championship of the Amateur Billiard Club. Both made good averages, Dr. Miller's being 6 28-37, and Tobias's 5 35-43;

Dr. Miller played against J. B. Blair and finished ahead by a score of 250 to 197. Blair won the break and missed, which gave Miller a chance to run 12. From this point on Miller always held the advantage of his opponent.

Miller's best streak was in the seventh and eighth innings, when he made strings of 35 and 33. These brought his score to 92, an average of 11 4-8. He had another strong spell from the twenty-first to the twenty-third innings inclusive, with runs of 17, 13 and 11. His average would have been higher than it was if he had not fallen off in his play from the thirtieth to the thirty-fifth innings inclusive, when he made only eight points. On the next two he made 7 and 11, and so finished the contest.

Dr. A. B. Miller—12, 1, 3, 7, 1, 0, 35, 33, 0, 5, 5, 2, 14, 1, 0, 4, 14, 0, 1, 0, 17, 13, 11, 5, 1, 0, 20, 4, 15, 0, 0, 0, 6, 1, 3, 7, 11. Total, 250. Average, 6 28-37. High run, 35.

J. B. Blair—0, 3, 2, 2, 6, 0, 0, 0, 5, 6, 8, 4, 16, 11, 20, 19, 4, 2, 14, 0, 0, 3, 21, 10, 5, 0, 10, 7, 0, 2, 0, 0, 9, 7, 0, 0, 0, 1. Total, 197. Average, 5 12-37. High run, 20.

Tobias defeated W. W. Farlin by a score of 250 to 191. For a time the game was first a few points in favor of one player and then in favor of the other. Farlin began with 14, but his opponent followed with 19. Farlin again regained the lead with 12. A run of 20 by Tobias in the tenth inning, another of 15 in the twelfth and still another of 12 in the fourteenth gave the lead to him by 78 to 43.

Tobias held the lead from this stage to the finish. In the thirty-third inning he was within three points of being 100 ahead. Later Farlin rallied with five double-figure runs. He made 21 in his half of the thirty-third. Beginning with the thirty-seventh three times he counted so well that his consecutive runs were 13, 17 and 18, and in the forty-second, when Tobias wanted only one, he made 11.

Florian Tobias—1, 4, 0, 19, 0, 3, 2, 0, 0, 20, 1, 15, 1, 12, 1, 1, 0, 8, 20, 15, 1, 8, 1, 0, 13, 6, 4, 13, 0, 10, 0, 7, 6, 0, 1, 15, 14, 0, 4, 0, 23, 0, 1, —Total, 250. Average, 5 35-43. High run, 23.

W. W. Farlin,—1, 14, 3, 0, 0, 12, 1, 0, 1, 0, 7, 3, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 12, 0, 2, 11, 1, 4, 8, 9, 0, 0, 0, 21, 0, 1, 4, 18, 17, 18, 6, 5, 11.—Total, 191. Average, 4 23-42. High run, 21.

Maurice Daly has arranged a tournament at 14-inch balk line that will begin on March 28. The entries are: C. E. White, who recently won the tournament at the Fifth Avenue Hotel; Dr. Walter G. Douglas, Charles Barker, F. M. Canda and E. F. Loewenberg. Each man will play 250 points. There had been talk, which grew out of the Fifth Avenue tournament, of a three nights match between White and Douglas, but as they are both to play at Daly's the special contest has been dropped.

A 14-inch balk line match between Dr. L. L. Mial and Edward Gardner is among the possibilities. Both competed in the tournament at the Liederkranz Club for the national championship.

According to news from Paris, Maurice Vignaux was quoted before his last championship victory over George Sutton, as follows: "I think I ought to win, as I have a liking for the game, and consider that it is much more interesting than the 18:2 combination, as one sees a much greater variety of shots."

Sutton, on the other hand, favored the 18:2 game, and said: "I consider that 18-inch balk line, one shot in, cuts out lots of scientific billiards, and it is tiring for the public to watch. For this reason I do not think the 18-1 game will ever be popular."

YALE BASEBALL AND ROWING.

Ballplayers Not Yet Able to Practise Outdoors—Crew Candidates.

NEW HAVEN, March 19.—Manager Reed of the Yale baseball team stated to-day that it would be about ten days before the squad could get outdoors. On this account it is possible that the Trinity game before the Southern trip may be cancelled. The men have been working into shape in the cage, and the prospects seem fairly bright. The pitching corps, where Yale has been so weak of late years, consists of MacKay, formerly of Georgetown; Bowman, Jackson and Allen. MacKay has terrific speed, good control and curves. The men have all had systematic batting practice according to a new scheme of Capt. Winslow's, and it is hoped that this deficiency of former Yale teams will be remedied.

From present appearances the make-up of the team will be somewhat as follows: Catcher, Capt. Winslow, with Erwin as substitute. Bowman will probably be placed on first if the other pitchers turn out well, Metcalf will go to his old position at second. O'Brien will be shortstop. Huiskamp, a freshman from Andover, will very likely cover third bag. The outfield positions will be filled by Barnes and Coté of last year's nine and Miller, shortstop of the '02 team, with Green and Hamilton as substitutes.

With the formation of the training table the past week the first stage in Yale crew development has been closed. These eight men will form the nucleus to which others will be added: Cross, Miller, Fish, Weeks, Chase, Blagden, Whittier and H. Scott. Capt. Cross, Miller and Whittier rowed on last year's victorious eight; Fish was in the '03 winning four-oar, Blagden rowed in the '05 freshman boat and Cross, H. Scott and Weeks in last year's freshman. It is rather early to make predictions, but it is probable that the 'varsity eight and four will be made up from these men together with Whitney, stroke of the '06 boat; Daly of the '02 varsity, Wilson, B. Scott and Shaw, '04, all men of considerable experience; Bailey and Meier, substitutes of last year, Dominick and Ferguson. Coach Kennedy is much pleased with the results of the new rowing machines, the first work on the water showing that the men have acquired a hard, firm catch, an important requisite in the Yale stroke.

Schedule for Basketball Championship.

The basketball committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. held a meeting on Friday night at the St. Bartholomew A. C. to legislate on protests and to arrange the playing schedule for the championship. Six teams are entered and not one of these were protested. They are the Central Y. M. C. A., Young Men's Hebrew Association, National A. C., Newark Turn Verein, Xavier A. C. and Greater New York Irish A. A.

Each team will play every other team, making sixteen games in all, and the entire series will take place at the National A. C. gymnasium, 11 and 13 Cedar street, Brooklyn. There will be two games a night on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and the games will be played according to the following schedule:

March 28—Central Y. M. C. A. vs. Young Men's Hebrew Association, National A. C. vs. Newark Turn Verein.
March 30—Xavier A. C. vs. Greater New York Irish A. A., Central Y. M. C. A. vs. National A. C.
April 2—Young Men's Hebrew Association vs. Xavier A. C., Newark Turn Verein vs. Greater New York Irish A. A.
April 4—Central Y. M. C. A. vs. Xavier A. C., National A. C. vs. Greater New York Irish A. A.
April 6—Young Men's Hebrew Association vs. Newark Turn Verein, National A. C. vs. Xavier A. C.
April 11—Central Y. M. C. A. vs. Newark Turn Verein, Young Men's Hebrew Association vs. Greater New York Irish A. A.
April 13—Young Men's Hebrew Association vs. National A. C., Newark Turn Verein vs. Xavier A. C.
April 16—Central Y. M. C. A. vs. Greater New York Irish A. A.

Columbia Basketball Team to Compete at World's Fair.

Harry A. Fisher, manager of the Columbia basketball team, announced yesterday that the college team, the intercollegiate champions, will compete in three championship contests at the Olympic sports at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, this summer. As members of the Earl Hall branch of the Y. M. C. A., the Columbia division of that body, the team will take part in the championship class for the Y. M. C. A. which will be played July 13 and 14. The Olympic championship advertised as the "world's championship" will be contested July 15 and 16. On July 18 and 19 the national college championships will be played.

All the contests are held in a open air court, which will have no pillars along the sides to interfere with the players. The best teams of the country will be entered in the various classes, but Eastern experts consider that the Columbia players will have an excellent chance to carry off the honors. In the college series Columbia will meet the University of Minnesota, the Western intercollegiate champions, who were so eager to have a series of games with Columbia. The crack Chicago Y. M. C. A. aggregation will undoubtedly prove hard for the Columbia players.

The men who will make the trip are Francis L. O'Connell, captain and centre; Harry A. Fisher and Bernard R. Von Sholly, forwards; Marcus L. Hurley and A. Rogers, guards, as well as C. D. Trubenbach, T. H. Allen and C. W. Cuthel, substitutes.

Palm Beach, Fla.
March 21/04

Dear Bob

We had such a bully time at the last Pinehurst tournament New Year's that I intend taking in the Grand Annual Tournament there April 4th to 9th on my way North. Run down from New York and join me there. You can leave by the Southern or Seaboard at noon and be there early next morning. We'll scoop some cups, sure—can't help it, there's so many.

I'll wire the Pinehurst General Office, Pinehurst, N.C., for rooms as soon as I hear from you

Yours as ever
Fred

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