HERMIS RECEIVES TOP WEIGHT

THOMAS'S HORSE HAS 128 POUNDS IN THE BRIGHTON HANDICAP.

Irish Lad Comes Next With 126, Followed by the Four-Year-Olds Ort Wells, Delhi, Stalwart and Beldame in a Bunch—McChesney Has 119 Pounds.

With the announcement of the weights for the $25,000 Brighton Handicap, as compiled by W. S. Vosburgh, the Jockey Club's official handicapper, the racing public will begin to-day to figure seriously on the probabilities of the coming turf campaign in the East.

The Brighton Handicap is the richest event of its kind that is run in this country, and, as was the case last year, it has drawn the entries of every horse of high class calibre in America. Though the Brighton is not run until several weeks after the Brooklyn and the Suburban handicaps have been decided at Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay, respectively, the weights, which were completed yesterday, precede those of the earlier handicaps by one week.

Mr. Vosburgh, ever since the entries to the Brighton were made public, has been busy looking up the records of the many horses carded to start, with the idea that in allotting the weights he would equalize the chances of all in the big race of one mile and a quarter that will be run at the Beach next July.

As many turf experts have predicted all along, E. R. Thomas's Hermis, the $60,000 horse who won the Suburban Handicap last year in royal style and later took the measure of the crack race mare Beldame in the Test Handicap at a mile, incidentally creating a new track record of 1:38 for Brighton with 133 pounds on his back, has received the top weight of 128 pounds. Mr. Vosburgh thereby expresses his belief that Hermis is the champion of them all. The great horse went wrong just after the Test Handicap and was quickly turned out. He has had a long rest this winter at Alexander Shields's Jersey farm and is said to be as sound as ever, in which event he will be sent after this rich turf prize, especially if he can be made to stand up in the Suburban, for which he will probably receive a similar impost. As the Brooklyn will be run earlier than usual, according to present indications, it is possible that Hermis will not be sent to the post for that event, and it may be, too, that he will be reserved for the Brighton, in which case he would have plenty of time to get absolutely fit.

Next to Hermis Mr. Vosburgh rates Irish Lad, the great Candlemas horse, who, if he is able to stand training again, will run in the colors of H. P. Whitney. Irish Lad gets into the Brighton with 126 pounds, one pound less than he carried in this event last year, when Broomstick, with a feather on his back, beat him a head in the world's record time of 2:02 4-5. That race suddenly ended the career of Irish Lad, for last season at least, for when he had finished the struggle it was found that he had broken down badly in front. Yet the performance of the Candlemas horse was of such merit that many horsemen were inclined to make him the real hero of the hour instead of the little Ben Brush four-year-old who had barely taken his measure by the shortest of margins. Irish Lad did not go to the races again after this unfortunate mishap, and when he went into retirement many believed that it was for good. But Trainer John W. Rogers has had the horse under his care all winter, and the fact that he has been nominated for the Suburban as well as the Brighton would seem to indicate that there is still some chance for him to race once more.

Following hards and first Irish Lad Mr. Vosburgh has placed the star four-year-olds John A. Drake's Ort Wells, 124; James R. Keene's Delhi, 123; E. R. Thomas's Stalwart, 123, and August Belmont's Beldame, 122. These weights show that in the opinion of the official handicapper there is not much choice. Beldame accomplished so much in the stake winning line last year that enthusiastic turfmen pronounced her not only the best three-year-old, but also one of the best race mares America has produced, not excepting the celebrated Miss Woodford. But those who managed the beautiful Octagon filly kept her out of handicaps as much as possible.

Saw met with some hard luck in the Test, when Hermis beat her, as she stumbled at the start and lost all chance to secure the rail. This performance alone showed her class, and for that reason she was placed at the top of the three-year-old division by some of the shrewdest judges. But her victory over Ort Wells later on was rather hollow, inasmuch as Mr. Drake's colt had been overworked in early races. Delhi's case was similar to that of Ort Wells, but Stalwart did not begin to show his real form until late in the year, when he developed long distance qualities that slanted him a probable factor in this year's handicap.

The Picket, another horse who was under suspicion as to his underpinning, but who was a grand racer when fit, has 122 pounds, the same as weight given to Beldame. Then comes Broomstick, the pride of S. S. Brown's big stable, with 119 pounds, a weight that may prove an anchor if this colt has not grown bigger and stronger since last season. Mawr, one of Whitney's best sons, who began the season of 1904 auspiciously in the colors of the Coughlerites Stable, but soon went lame, is placed on the same plane with Broomstick, with 119. A. Jennings's McChesney, who was among the top weights in last year's allotment, also has 119 pounds. Mr. Vosburgh probably holding the opinion, which was prevalent last fall, that "Big Mac" has seen his best days. Tricander, another great speed horse who went away lame, gets in with 118 pounds, one pound more than the weight allotted to August Belmont's Lord of the Vale, the splendid hustling horse that won the Saratoga Handicap last season in impressive style. Goldsmith, bred by the late W. C. Whitney, but now owned by J. B. Haggin, also has 117. Goldsmith has not raced for more than a year, but he is in the charge of Jack Joyner, who believes he can be made ready for the races again by dint of careful preparation.

Matt Corbett's Keene bred Hurst Park, an invincible sprinter during the early part of last campaign, has received 116 pounds, which is also the burden of English Lad, Fred Cook's crack colt, who was king of the Western three-year-olds last season. Going down the list we come to W. B. Jennings's Dainty, a high class mare who has been showing record breaking speed on the Coast this winter. Her weight is 115 pounds, the same as that of Lord Badge, for Dangerfield R. J. Wilson, Jr.'s, Dolly Spanker, always consistent, gets 111 pounds, while John W. Schorr's much talked of Mohario has 109.

Of last year's two-year-olds Mr. Vosburgh has shown a preference for Mr. Keene's English bred Sysonby, who showed world beating qualities up to his defeat by Artful and Tradition in the Futurity. Sysonby's impost is 108 pounds, while Tradition, the star of Sydney Paget's stable, has 101. H. P. Whitney's Artful, who won a handicap for two-year-olds at Westchester in the fall with 130 pounds up in smashing good time, has proved one pound less than Tradition, while her stable mate, Tanya, winner of the National Stallion and other rich stakes, gets in with 102.

R. T. Bell's Glorifer has two pounds less than Tanya, or rather 100 pounds for his back. This is also the weight for S. C. Hildreth's Wrack, who will run in the name and interests of Mr. Smathers in future. Mr. Thomas's Sir Bellard, another Futurity terrible, who will run in the Drake colors, are both asked to pick up 99 pounds, with 98 for Capt. Jim Williams's Rain's Horn, who is the best three-year-old racing this winter at New Orleans. Sandria and Rose of Dawn, who ran in the Duryea silks last year, have 97 and 95, respectively, while 95 is also the weight imposed on E. K. Jewett's good colt Bedouin, who won several three-year-old events last fall. The Boston Stable's Ostrich, who won some good races toward the end of the season in fair company, has only 90 pounds, with Blaser bringing up the rear with 87.

Alloy for the weights seem to have been selected with the usual skill, consideration and fairness by the official handicapper. They are as follows:

Hermis	128	Sysonby	108
Irish Lad	126	Dangerfield	106
Ort Wells	124	Israelite	105
Delhi	123	Conductor	104
Stalwart	123	Tradition	101
Beldame	122	Knight Errant	100
The Picket	122	Artful	103
Broomstick	119	Jocund	102
Brownstone	119	Tanya	102
McChesney	119	Glorifer	100
Alexander	118	Miss Crawford	100
Lord of the Vale	117	Wilfull	100
Goldsmith	117	Jason	99
Hurst Park	116	Dreamer	99
English	116	Little Em	99
Fort Hunter	116	St. Salvator	99
Seaton	115	Dan the Terrible	98
Runnels	113	Rain's Horn	98
Dainty	113	Sandria	97
Major Daingerfield	113	May M.	97
Bondage	112	Rose of Dawn	95
Dolly Spanker	111	Bedouin	95
Alan a Dale	111	Sigfrid	93
Trolgates	110	Mayvue	92
Mohario	109	Merry Lark	92
Graziallo	108	Dolrich	90
Rupleigh	108	Rutfender	90
Adbelle	108	Dunaer	87
Pulsus	108		

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RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Form at a Discount and Every Favorite is Beaten.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23.—Form was at a discount at the Fair Grounds this afternoon. Not one of the six choices managed to finish among the first three. The change of the track conditions and also the withdrawal of the majority of the contenders made the racing look like an open book, that is, so far as favorites were concerned.

In the first race Moorish Damsel, a filly owned by Capt. S. S. Brown, broke her leg when she looked to have an excellent chance to win. Fortunately McIntyre pulled her up in time or he would have been seriously injured.

The Eastern contingent attempted to pull off a killing in the third with Merry Acrobat. Any price was considered a good one against the Zimmer horse, and he was played down to even money. Misanthrope was the pacemaker, but she turned it up at the head of the stretch and Death, who had been laying within hailing distance, came on and won in a gallop.

The day's feature was the fourth race at a mile. All of the wise bettors figured that Formaster would win and played him down from 10 to 1 to sevens. That the wiseacres were correct goes without saying, as Formaster won in a gallop.

Despite the fact that all the favorites were beaten speculation was heavy and the attendance large.

First Race—Six furlongs—Antimony, 97 (Livingston), 9 to 1, won; Agnes Virginia, 95 (J. Hennessy), 25 to 1, second; Bishop Poole, 94 (Aubuchon), 10 to 1, third. Time, :14 4-5. Norwood Ohio, Bellindian, Kilts, Alcantara, Slow Poke, Moorish Damsel, Halbert and Foxhunting also ran.

Second Race—Six furlongs—Torlo, 97 (J. Hennessy), 15 to 1, won; Signal II., 102 (T. Dean), 10 to 1, second; Ojibwa, 97 (Livingston), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:18. Axiom, Evelyn Kinsey, Lee Snow, Jelen, Flying Charcoal, Stalker, Yellow Hammer and Joe Wise also ran.

Third Race—One mile—Death, 107 (J. Martin), 7 to 1, won; Misanthrope, 100 (Nicol), 8 to 1, second; Merry Acrobat, 110 (Schilling), even, third. Time, 1:46. Royal Pirate, Miladi Love, Huckleberry Finn, Minaco, John II., Minotaur, Bank Street and Decoration also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile—Formaster, 110 (Aubuchon), 7 to 1, won; Red Haven, 111 (Nicol), 11 to 5, second; Anola, 102 (H. Phillips), 5 to 4, third. Time, 1:48. Carvinal and Bradley also ran.

Fifth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Miss Betty, 97 (Schilling), 5 to 1, won; Sarah Maxim, 97 (J. Hennessy), 8 to 1, second; Lady Fonsa, 95 (De Rouen), 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:55. Canterell, St. Sever, Nowata and Montebank also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile—Exclamation, 105 (H. Phillips), 5 to 2, won; Dalesman, 107 (Nicol), 9 to 5, second; Arachne, 102 (McCafferty), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:46 2-5. New Amsterdam, Mrs. Frank Foster, Frank Rice, Earry's Dream, Onyx II., Keogh and Rabunita also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Selling; for two-year-olds; three and a half furlongs:

Grey Dal	110	Little Rose	107
Filatory	110	Grove Centre	107
Dr. McGuire	107	Del Valle	107
Hassuco Hanna	107	Judge Parker	107
Snow Down	107	Teunebon	102

Second Race—Selling; one mile.

Twemlow	121	Genuine	106
Frank Kenney	123	Schundan	106
McWilliams	120	Green Gown	103
Bengal	120	Girl From Dixie	103
Evelyn Kinsey	119	Bishop Weed	103
Aunt Belle	109	Jade	98

Third Race—Six furlongs.

Rapid Water	112	Malster	100
Monograph	110	Rain's Horn	98
Topic	107	Jake Sanders	98
Little Jack Horner	107	Florentine	93
Parisienne	105	Simplicity	92
Sadjuree	104	Gladiator	86

Fourth Race—Handicap; one mile:

Pan Finch	110	Fretfull	92
Foxmead	109	Amalfi	92
Caruthus	98	Monaco Maid	90
Jordan	98		

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile and a half:

Stonewall	101	Catalina	93
Handspinner	102	Lord Tennyson	93
Baird	101	Scortie	90
Semper Vivax	101	Adineus	90
Hyacinthus	99	Soldier of Fortune	88
George Vivian	98	Royal Arms	80

Sixth Race—One mile:

Astarita	106	Lieut. Rice	90
Canyon	100	Darius	85
Coriscate	98	Dare Devil	85
Mente	90	Josie	80

At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Haven Run and Esherin were winning favorites at the Oakland track this afternoon. Sol Lichtenstein was bumped out of the first race, which enabled Instrument to win at 8 to 1. A flying start won the second race for Idrodun. Pelham looked to be the class in the last race, but ran as if short. Salable winning with ease.

First Race—Six furlongs—Instrument, 109 (McBride), 8 to 1, won; Sol Lichtenstein, 108 (Davis), 15 to 10, second; Lady Kathleen, 106 (Gaffney), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:17¾. War Times, Karabel, The Pride, Kickumbob and Floriana Belle also ran.

Second Race—Five and a half furlongs—Idrodun, 104 (Gomez), 4 to 1, won; Dr. Leptroban, 103 (McBride), 4 to 5, second; David Boland, 111 (Davis), 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:08½. San José, Angelica and Iron King also ran.

Third Race—Seven furlongs—Haven Run, 103 (Davis), 2 to 1, won; Dotterel, 96 (Greenfield), 9 to 1, second; The Fretter, 107 (McBride), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:32. Prestano, Alice Norman, Yellowstone, Brenus and Grenock also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and 50 yards—Hainault, 101 (Chandler), 13 to 5, won; Arcade, 112 (W. Daly), 9 to 10, second; Lady Esther, 97 (Farnham), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:47¼. Northwest, Mr. Farnum, Dungannon and Darksome also ran.

Fifth Race—One mile and 70 yards—Esherin, 107 (Gomez), 9 to 2, won; Lady Little, 104 (Minder), 8 to 1, second; Maxtress, 107 (Stewart), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:51½. San Lution, The Ledean, Play Ball, Gala Spray, Achilles, Mr. Dingle, Outburst and Moskva also ran.

Sixth Race—Futurity course—Salable, 96 (Knapp), 4 to 1, won; Pelham, 95 (Greenfield), 4 to 5, second; Wee Wing, 91 (W. Daly), 17 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Squire Johnson also ran. Tom Slavin left.

ICE YACHTING.

Drub Defeats the Georgie by Seven Seconds in Nip and Tuck Race.

RED BANK, Jan. 23.—In a fresh northwest breeze seven racers of the North Shrewsbury River Ice Yacht Club sailed to-day for special prizes and the Grant pennant. The starters were the Drub, Georgie, Daisy, Northwest, Atalanta, Tyro and Wizard. The race over the club's triangular course was one of the most interesting of the season. It was a hot contest for first place between the Willis Burd yacht Drub and Charles P. Irwin's Georgie. The Drub got away first and increased her lead to the first stake. Then the Georgie crawled up on the leader, but on the next leg the Drub again widened the gap. The backers of the two yachts were on the anxious seat during the entire race, and the Drub won from the Georgie with only seven seconds to spare, her time being 36 minutes 24 seconds. Edward Asay's Daisy was third, 43 seconds behind the Georgie.

LONG BRANCH, Jan. 23.—Capt. J. Elwyn Green's Eagle won the first race, sailed by the Shrewsbury Ice Yacht and Boat Club, for the Price trophy this afternoon. The fifteen mile triangular course was used and four yachts started. They were the Eagle, Sweetheart, Clarel and Leroy. The Clarel carried away her mast soon after starting and withdrew. The Eagle and Sweetheart had a nip and tuck race to the finish, seconds separating them as they rounded the different stakes. The Sweetheart rounded the home stake first, but was beaten on time allowance. The Eagle's corrected time was 35 minutes 4 4-5 seconds. The Sweetheart's corrected time was 35 minutes 9 seconds. The Leroy was third in 36 minutes 53 seconds. In the second race the wind died away and the yachts did not finish in the time limit.

Curling.

Local curlers engaged in an impromptu bonspiel at Van Cortlandt Lake yesterday, and members of the Terrace City, Van Cortlandt and Empire curling clubs had a merry time. Two rinks were organized out of the followers of the "roarin' game" present and some splendid scoring was the result. The ice was in splendid condition and the "stanes" flew "unco guid" on every end. The score:

RINK NO. 1.			
T. Brown,		P. H. Havey,	
I. Kellock,		T. Comerford,	
A. Peace,		J. Brown,	
W. Stewart, skip.	25	J. Pepper, skip.	—16
RINK NO. 2.			
C. Frazier,		W. Gilchrist,	
J. Cochran,		S. Stewart,	
R. Lauder,		A. Gilmartin,	
G. Grieve, skip.	—18	I. Frazier, skip.	—12

RACING DATES STILL IN DOUBT

JOCKEY CLUB STEWARDS NOT IN A HURRY TO DECIDE.

Empire City and Morris Park Applications Cause Delay—Johnny Daly and S. A. Pumphrey Still Under the Ban—Mars Cassidy Reappointed Official Starter.

The stewards of the Jockey Club held a long meeting at the Windsor Arcade yesterday afternoon, the question of dates for the coming season being discussed at great length. The applications of both the Empire City track and Morris Park for dates were looked into, it is said, and the stewards were not inclined to take action without further deliberation.

From various sources, none of which can be said to be authentic, come rumors that some of the stewards are in favor of turning down both tracks, while others believe that they should receive recognition in some way rather than invite legal proceedings, which are threatened, in case the applications are denied. In the case of the Empire City track, it is said that if its application is denied it will be chiefly due to the inaccessibility of the plant which, under conditions which still prevail, ran an unsuccessful meeting in 1900. It is also stated that the Empire City people have consulted a well known jurist as to the legal right of the State Racing Commission to refuse a license and that they have been assured that they have rights which must be respected. On the other hand, a leading turfman says that the following paragraph, included in section 1, chapter 670, of the laws of the State, which was an amendment passed by the Legislature in 1902, gives the right to the commission to deny the application for a license:

"No certificate of incorporation under this section, wherein the right to conduct running or steeplechase race meetings is claimed, shall hereafter be filed without the approval of the State Racing Commission indorsed thereon or annexed thereto, stating that, in its opinion, the purposes of this act and the public interests will be promoted by such incorporation and that such incorporation will be conducive to the interests of legitimate racing."

In other words, it is set forth that the Empire City people cannot file a certificate of incorporation to conduct a race meeting unless the State Racing Commission says the word. It is also argued that the amendment fits the case of Morris Park in a similar manner. When this amendment was passed the Jamaica track had just been completed and was after a license. With the issuing of that license it was generally understood that no more racetracks would be sanctioned by the racing Commission, with the idea that the State had its full quota. Those who have taken sides with the Jockey Club say that the Racing Commission will probably refuse licenses on the ground that proposed meetings at Empire City and Morris Park would not be "conducive to the interests of legitimate racing." If such action is taken it is the prevailing opinion that the Jockey Club and the Racing Commission will have plenty of trouble to contend with.

Those present at yesterday's meeting were August Belmont, James R. Keene, F. K. Sturgis, Frank Hitchcock, H. K. Knapp, J. R. Bradford and Andrew Miller. Mr. Belmont occupied the chair. The stewards were formally organized with Mr. Belmont as chairman, Mr. Keene, vice-chairman, and F. K. Sturgis, secretary and treasurer. The assistant secretary was instructed to notify Joseph Pay, Jr., that from his contract with his brother, Ralph Daly, he did not owe him 10 per cent. on the value of cups won by the horse Headmaster. The bay gelding Oskaleta, foaled in 1893, by Ben Ali—Kitten, was reinstated for steeplechases only.

Johnny Daly, the jockey whose license was revoked last fall for foul riding at the Buffalo meeting, put in an application for reinstatement, which was laid on the table. The stewards decided that it was not the power to examine the contract between Jockey William Higgins and S. J. Smith, and the boy's father was so notified. Higgins wanted his release from S. J. Smith, or rather A. H. Lamar, the broker, who is behind the latter, but Mr. Lamar has since made a settlement with his creditors and has paid up all forfeits and dues to the Jockey Club.

The application of Harry Wilson for a jockey's license was denied. Richard Finnegan, whose son is apprenticed to James Frayling, was referred to the civil courts for cancellation of the contract. Permission was granted to John Finnegan to seek employment on racehorses, until James Frayling proves his contract for his services. Ex-Jockey James Boland, who raced the horse Melrose at the autumn meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, and J. H. Tabler, who trained him, were reinstated.

The assistant secretary was instructed to notify Mrs. Homan that the stewards refuse to interfere with her contract with J. H. Carr for the services of her son, Richard Homan, also to notify William Garagan that his son is released from F. R. Docter, as no papers are on file with the Jockey Club. The assistant secretary was further instructed to notify the registrar to continue to publish in the Racing Book a list of animals sold by the Breeders' Protective Association, and to further notify him that their produce was not eligible for registration. S. A. Pumphrey, who was ruled off last year for the alleged "doping" of Toscan, was notified that a hearing would not be granted.

Unless another man is engaged to fill the place of C. J. Fitzgerald all of the starting on the Jockey Club tracks will be done this season by Mars Cassidy, who was reappointed, together with Handicapper W. S. Vosburgh, Clerk of the Scales H. G. Crickmore, Paddock and Patrol Judge J. L. Hall, Starting Judge H. W. Homan and Timer W. H. Barretto.

NEW JERSEY AUTO SPEEDWAY.

Association Formed to Build Five Mile Track Near Barnegat Bay.

Though many plans have been proposed for the building of tracks upon which to hold automobile races, the first project to assume a tangible form has been the organization in New York of the Atlantic Coast Motor Speedway Association. It will construct a five mile race course of triangular form, with rounded corners, on a tract of land situated near Barnegat Bay, twelve miles south of Lakewood, N. J.

Two thousand acres of the land required has been secured and another 2,000 acres will be leased to be used as a game preserve by members of the association. The land secured is on a fine plateau and has an elevation above the water of 50 feet.

The track will be 120 feet wide on the three straightaways and will have an increased width on the turns. The roadbed is to be constructed of material on the property. A grand stand with a seating capacity of 10,000 spectators will be built, and opposite will be a special one mile course for international and national mile contests.

The property is on the New Jersey Southern and the Philadelphia and Long Branch railroads, and both roads will be invited to run spur tracks into the grounds. The site is about half way between New York and Philadelphia and can be easily reached by automobiles, as there are good roads from each city.

Water eight feet deep will allow the clubhouse to be reached by boat owners and motor boat contests will be conducted on Barnegat Bay. The promoters will issue 400 shares of stock at $1,000 each in the enterprise. Work will soon begin and it is hoped to have the track ready in 1906.

Major Charles J. S. Miller of 26 Broadway and Franklin, Pa., is treasurer of the organization and Ralph B. King of Lakewood and New York is secretary. W. J. Morgan of New York, who will be general manager, has had much experience in promoting successful automobile carnivals in Florida and the White Mountains.

IMPORTERS' AUTO SALON.

Visitors to Herald Square Hall in a Buying Mood.

Though the attendance was not very heavy yesterday at the Importers' Automobile Salon in Herald Square Hall, many of those present were in a buying mood. The salon winds up to-night at 11 o'clock, after a two weeks session, during which a great deal of business was transacted.

Among the purchasers yesterday of cars ranging in price from $10,000 to $13,000 were John R. McLean, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. G. K. Finch, Glens Falls, N. Y.; E. H. Shirk, Chicago; Charles M. Jacobs, consulting engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel under the Hudson River; George B. Sheldon, H. A. Hutchins, Samuel J. Blomingdale, A. B. Cornell, Frank W. Sabin and Mrs. Cora M. Clark. Among the visitors of the afternoon and evening were George W. Perkins, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Charles H. DeWitt, Harry C. Content, Florenz Zeigfeld, Jr., William Rockefeller and ex-mayor Frederick Wurster of Brooklyn.

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MANAGER CUTHEL REPLIES.

Defends Columbia's Action in Cancelling Basketball Match With Williams.

Chester W. Cuthel, '05 college, manager of the Columbia University basketball team, yesterday gave out a statement anent the story from Williams College which declared that the local university had unexpectedly cancelled a date with the New Englanders. The Williams story said that Columbia either unscrupulously cancelled dates without giving the other college a chance to fill the time with another college or else was afraid to meet Williams. Manager Cuthel said that neither of these statements was true.

"When Manager Appell of Williams arranged for a date back in September," he said, "I gave him Feb. 18, with the proviso, according to our rules, that the faculty committee on athletics should approve the date, and moreover that it should not be within a week of any regular championship match. The Williams people were perfectly satisfied with this, to all intents and purposes.

"On Nov. 23 of last year our schedule went in for approval. Prof. Kemp, chairman of the university committee on athletics, sent back a letter, saying that he approved all the dates except Jan. 6 and Feb. 18. On these dates, he said, we might play, providing the men in labscoting themselves from college did not interfere with their university work. He explained to us that 'cuts' would be allowed only when necessary for intercollegiate championship games.

"I forwarded a copy of this letter, or rather the information in it, to the Williams management. The Williams game preceded by six days a game with Princeton at New York and was three days after a game with the Tigers at Princeton, and we could have been declared off, according to the agreement, for that reason. I waited, however, thinking it might be fixed up. Prof. Kemp declared that laboratory work counted as much as university work, and as that was about the only thing the players had to do on Saturday, Feb. 18, the game had to be called off. The same thing had to be done with the Jan. 6 date. We were not permitted to go south and meet the Thirty-sixth separate Company of Schenectady on that day.

"It is unfair to us to say that no notice was given of a possibility of the date being cancelled. Had I wished I need simply have waited for the issuance of the intercollegiate schedule, which was arranged after my correspondence with Manager Appell, to have called it off then and there.

"Far from being averse to playing Williams through fear, we would like to meet the team, although it would be of no advantage to us. Should we beat the New Englanders, it would mean nothing, for Williams is by no means the strongest of the colleges in that section. Williams makes the claim of having defeated teams that we have beaten by much larger scores than we rolled up. When it is taken into consideration that we play on a flat floor and Williams on a little bit of a place it is easy to understand why the Williamstown team can roll up larger scores on its home floor than we do when we play away from home in a little place which disconnects our floor from the second to so big a floor. Last year with three substitutes, we defeated the same team which Williams has to-day by a score of 16 to 9. I should think that with our regular team we need not be accused of fearing to meet Williams."

The students in general concur with Manager Cuthel, and there is a feeling that the Williams attitude is unnecessary.

BILLIARDS.

Lowenberg Easily Beats Servatius in Class B Tournament.

Albert Lowenberg, the metropolitan amateur billiard champion in Class B, last night won the opening 14 inch balk line match of the intercity amateur championship tournament. He defeated Louis A. Servatius by the score of 300 points to 161. The tournament is being held under the auspices of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players in Maurice Daly's academy. Because of the withdrawal of F. M. Canda, six Class B amateurs are competing for the honors. They are the competitors in last night's match, and H. A. Coleman, J. Van Tine, William Gershel and C. E. White. Gathered about the table were many clubmen and followers of the sport.

Servatius won the bank for lead and chose the white ball, which had proved the lucky sphere in the recent Metropolitan Class B championship. At the start Lowenberg displayed better form than Servatius, who plyed his angles too widely. Lowenberg temporarily fell behind on the twelfth inning as his opponent deftly coaxed the ivory globes into one of the corners and by delicate manipulation along the rail began a run which promised high figures.

His cue moved too gently on his fifteenth shot, however, and the balls failed to role beyond the balk lines, resulting in "no count," and Servatius stepped aside for Lowenberg. The latter then made a run of 8 and, on his next turn at the table, 28, which again put him in the lead. This run of Lowenberg's was exceedingly remarkable for a well played masse shot, his twentieth count, which was a gem in its way because of the bad position of the balls.

Servatius continued to fall behind, and although his execution was flagrantly faulty he successfully counted on several of the most difficult shots of the competition. His best effort in this direction was the opening shot of his seventeenth inning, in which the cue ball was given reverse English, which crowded it against the cushion as it travelled the length of the table, coming to the carom by a rebound off the short rail. The first to turn the 100 mark was Lowenberg and his average was nearly 6.

On the second hundred Lowenberg further increased his lead with a run of 26 caroms in the twenty-fifth inning. Three innings later Lowenberg added 28 buttons to his string. He held the balls fairly close throughout the run, using his method of billiards savored more of cushion caroms than of balk line. Near the end of the cluster he made a long kiss shot off the cushion that prettily solved a difficult problem. The run terminated with his 28th count, a wide nursery shot.

Lowenberg slightly improved his skilful play as he neared the end, while Servatius apparently slumped hopelessly. Two innings from the end Lowenberg counted a run of 24, and he ran out the contest with a closely played run of 29.

The players to-day will be Van Tine and Coleman in the afternoon and Gershel and White in the evening. The summary:

Albert Lowenberg—11, 8, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2, 7, 4, 0, 8, 28, 2, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 7, 11, 13, 2, 0, 26, 0, 0, 28, 3, 1, 29, 1, 2, 12, 0, 3, 15, 1, 0, 1, 3, 6, 0, 24, 0, 7, 29. Total, 300. Average, 6 18-47. High runs—29, 28, 28.

Louis A. Servatius—0, 0, 5, 12, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 3, 1, 0, 14, 1, 0, 0, 2, 5, 0, 1, 0, 10, 2, 12, 1, 2, 0, 0, 7, 4, 4, 4, 2, 0, 11, 5, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 3, 7, 3, 6, 12, 2, 8. Total, 161. Average, 3 20-47. High runs—14, 12, 12.

Referee—J. A. Hill.

A 14-inch balkline match was begun last night at the Broadway Billiard Academy between Frank Barton, one of the Metropolitan cracks, and Frank Hoppe, brother of Willie Hoppe. Barton agreed to play 600 points to Hoppe's 450, the play extending over three nights. Hoppe finished his first block of 150 while Barton was accumulating 138. Hoppe's highest run was 27 and his average 7½. Barton made a high run of 32. His average was 6 9-20.

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