TRAP SHOOTERS DO WELL

CRESCENT AND NEW YORK MARKSMEN SCORE.

F. B. Stephenson at Bay Ridge Wins Stake Trophy—High Scores Made at All Traps in Spite of the Cold—Haslin Cup at Travers Island Won by Grinnell.

Trapshooters of the Crescent Athletic Club brought the year to an end with one of the best shoots of the winter season. Although it was bitterly cold on the firing line, there was a good attendance at Bay Ridge and each event filled in a satisfactory manner. Being the final shoot of the month the last leg of the December cup was the most important fixture on the programme. Fifteen Nimrods competed and the high gun was George Felix. He also was the winner of the cup. During the month his three best scores gave him a total of 71 out of a possible 75 targets. C. R. James finished second with a total of 68, and then came R. E. Fox, Jr., with a grand aggregate of 67 targets.

The shooting yesterday was decidedly close and interesting. Practically every event ended in a tie and shootoffs were in order throughout the afternoon. This naturally made it exceedingly late before the final blue rock was trapped. The most interesting event was the weekly shoot for the Stake Trophy. In the original shoot both F. B. Stephenson and M. Stiner tied with totals of 23 out of a possible 25 targets. In the shootoff that followed the gunners again tied with the same totals, but in the second shootoff Mr. Stephenson won by a single "bird."

It was decidedly a Stephenson day. Not only did the expert win the stake prize but he also was high gun in the weekly shoot for the James trophies. In this event he tied with J. H. Vanderveer, with a total of 24 out of a possible 25 targets. Mr. Stephenson had no difficulty in taking the shootoff with a total of 24 blue birds. He also took the special shoot at ten pairs of doubles with a total of 13 targets. The best work done by Mr. Stephenson was in the team race, however. In the shootoff for this trophy the expert made a straight score of 25 targets from scratch and not only took the event for himself and his partner, J. F. James, but also had his name put on the roll of honor.

H. W. Woodcock, although he began poorly in the early events, found the blue rocks as the afternoon advanced and won not only the Lockwood prize, but divided a trophy with R. E. Fox, Jr. J. H. Vanderveer also took a club trophy and J. S. Lawson won an event after an interesting shootoff with J. H. Vanderveer. The Crescent Athletic Club will hold a big holiday shoot to-morrow.

The scores made yesterday are as follows:

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 23; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 22; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 20; J. S. Lawson, 3, 20; C. A. Lockwood, 2, 20; J. F. James, 2, 19; M. Stiner, 1, 19; A. Corlies, 3, 19; G. E. Brower, 2, 18; C. H. Pulls, 3, 18; Dr. Atkinson, 5, 15; H. W. Woodcock, 4, 12; C. R. James, 2, 19. Won by J. H. Vanderveer.

December Cup—25 targets, handicap—G. Felix, 2, 23; C. A. Lockwood, 2, 22; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 22; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 21; C. R. James, 2, 20; J. S. Lawson, 3, 20; M. Stiner, 3, 20; A. Corlies, 3, 20; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 19; C. H. Pulls, 3, 19; J. F. James, 2, 18; G. Brower, 2, 18; H. W. Woodcock, 4, 17; Dr. C. Atkinson, 5, 13; F. W. Fox, scratch, 13.

Three best scores for the month: G. W. Felix, 24, 24, 23—71. C. R. James, 24, 23, 21—68, and R. E. Fox, Jr., 25, 21, 21—67 targets.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—J. S. Lawson, 5, 21; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 24; J. F. James, 2, 22; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 22; C. R. James, 2, 20; H. W. Woodcock, 4, 16.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—J. S. Lawson, 5, 20; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 19.

Champs Trophy—25 targets, handicap—J. H. Vandeveer, 1, 24; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 24; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 23; H. W. Woodcock, 4, 23; C. H. Pulls, 3, 22; C. A. Lockwood, 2, 22; M. Stiner, 1, 22; G. E. Brower, 2, 22; G. Felix, 2, 21; H. Hessian, scratch, 21; A. Corlies, 3, 20; J. S. Lawson, 5, 19; F. W. Fox, scratch, 19; C. R. James, 2, 18; Dr. Atkinson, 5, 18; J. F. James, 2, 22.

Shootoff—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 24; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 20.

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—H. W. Woodcock, 4, 25; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 25; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 24; C. R. James, 2, 23; G. W. Felix, 2, 23; G. E. Brower, 2, 21; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 21; C. A. Lockwood, 2, 20; M. Stiner, 1, 20; A. Corlies, 3, 20; J. S. Lawson, 5, 19; H. Hessian, scratch, 19; C. H. Pulls, 3, 19; Dr. Atkinson, 5, 19; F. W. Fox, scratch, 11. Prize divided.

Lockwood Trophy—25 targets, handicap—H. W. Woodcock, 4, 23; M. Stiner, 1, 23; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 23; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 22; C. R. James, 2, 21; C. H. Pulls, 3, 21; G. Felix, 2, 20; J. F. James, 2, 19; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 19; J. S. Lawson, 5, 19; H. Hessian, scratch, 17; Dr. Atkinson, 5, 13; G. Brower, 2, 13.

Shootoff—H. W. Woodcock, 4, 21; F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 20; M. Stiner, 1, 19.

Team Race—25 Targets; Handicap—F. B. Stephenson and J. F. James, 2, 43; C. R. James and M. Stiner, 3, 43; G. Felix and C. H. Pulls, 5, 41.

Shootoff—F. B. Stephenson and J. F. James, 2, 46; C. R. James and M. Stiner, 3, 42.

Stake Trophy—25 Targets; Handicap—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 23; M. Stiner, 1, 23; G. Brower, 2, 22; R. E. Fox, Jr., 2, 21; C. R. James, 2, 21; J. H. Vanderveer, 1, 21; G. Felix, 2, 21; J. S. Lawson, 5, 20; C. A. Lockwood, 2, 18; H. Hessian, scratch, 18; J. F. James, 2, 17; H. W. Woodcock, 4, 17; A. Corlies, 3, 17; C. H. Pulls, 3, 14; F. W. Fox, scratch, 11.

Stake Trophy, Shootoff—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 23; M. Stiner, 1, 23. Second shootoff, same conditions—F. B. Stephenson, scratch, 20; M. Stiner, 1, 19.

Special Shoot, 10 Pairs of Doubles; Scratch—F. B. Stephenson, 13; M. Stiner, 12; C. H. Pulls, 12; G. Felix, 11; C. R. James, 10; Dr. Atkinson, 6; G. Brower, 5; H. Hessian, 5.

A biting cold wind from off the Sound drove the clay rocks whirling so wildly at the Travers Island traps yesterday that not a single shooter hung up a perfect score of 25. Six events were run off and though some cracks who usually figure on scratch were on the line the best was 23 by G. J. Corbett, who made it in the scratch practice. Dr. Culver made 22 for the Special Trophy, both being good exhibitions of marksmanship in the conditions that prevailed.

The honor of high gun of the day was well earned by Gus Lembeck of Newark, N. J., who secured three brackets along with the leg for the tournament cup. He became the challenger by being high gun for the race and in the shoot off he beat George J. Corbett, the holder, by one target. The Club's Special Trophy and the Westley Richards Trophy were his other victories.

A. E. Ranney won the leg on the December cup, but he did not win the cup outright. Previous to yesterday George J. Corbett had scored two legs, which victories returned him as the permanent owner. O. C. Grinnell won the leg on the Haslin cup.

The scores:

Practice Shoot—25 targets, handicap—G. J. Corbett, 23; Dr. Culver, 21; Dr. De Wolff, 20; Gus Lembeck, 20; O. C. Grinnell, 18; W. B. Ogden, Jr., 18; G. N. Huggins, 17; L. L. Lawton, 16; A. E. Ranney, 16.

Haslin Cup—25 targets, handicap—O. C. Grinnell, 1, 20; Gus Lembeck, 1, 20; Dr. De Wolff, 3, 19; G. N. Huggins, 5, 19; L. L. Lawton, 5, 19; W. B. Ogden Jr., 3, 19; G. J. Corbett, scratch, 19; Dr. Culver, scratch, 18; A. E. Ranney, 3, 16.

Shootoff—25 targets, handicap—O. C. Grinnell, scratch, 19; Gus Lembeck, 1, 18.

December Cup—25 targets, handicap—A. E. Ranney, 3, 21; W. B. Ogden, Jr., 3, 20; O. C. Grinnell, scratch, 19; Gus Lembeck, 1, 18; G. N. Huggins, 5, 18; L. L. Lawton, 5, 17; G. J. Corbett, scratch, 16; Dr. De Wolff, 3, 16; Dr. Culver, scratch, 14.

Club's Special Cup—25 targets, handicap—Gus Lembeck, 1, 23; Dr. Culver, scratch, 22; O. C. Grinnell, scratch, 19; W. B. Ogden, Jr., 3, 19; A. E. Ranney, 3, 18; G. J. Corbett, scratch, 17; L. L. Lawton, 5, 17; G. N. Huggins, 5, 17; Dr. De Wolff, 3, 16.

Tournament Cup—25 targets, handicap—Gus Lembeck, scratch, 21; Dr. De Wolff, 3, 21; O. C. Grinnell, scratch, 19; G. J. Corbett, scratch, 19; A. E. Ranney, 3, 18; W. B. Ogden, Jr., 3, 18; Dr. Culver, scratch, 18; G. N. Huggins, 5, 17; L. L. Lawton, 5, 17.

Shootoff for the Leg—25 targets, handicap—Gus Lembeck, challenger, scratch, 22; G. J. Corbett, scratch, 21.

Westley Richards Trophy—20 targets, scratch, ten pairs of doubles—Gus Lembeck, 11; Dr. De Wolff, 10; O. C. Grinnell, 9; Dr. Culver, 7.

The Essex County Country Club ran off six events yesterday, the big event being the Ross challenge cup, which was won by James A. Hart, the holder. Austin Colgate was high gun, as he won the first event and a leg on the Taylor cup. The Daly cup was won by Dr. D. W. Cranberry after a tie with Austin Colgate, C. H. Daly and James A. Hart.

The score:

Trophy Shoot—25 targets, handicap—Austin Colgate, 6, 25; C. H. Daly, scratch, 20; Dr. D. W. Cranberry, 6, 20; James A. Hart, scratch, 19; L. Shanley, Jr., 2, 18; J. G. Ross, Jr., 5, 18; Leland H. Ross, 8, 17; E. H. Eller, 4, 16; H. Scriber, 1, 15.

Taylor Cup—25 targets, handicap—Austin Colgate, 5, 25; C. H. Daly, scratch, 21; Dr. D. W. Cranberry, 6, 21; A. J. Shanley, Jr., 2, 21; Leland H. Ross, 8, 19; James A. Hart, scratch, 15; J. G. Ross, Jr., 5, 15; E. H. Eller, 4, 15; H. Scriber, 1, 12; Theodore Wilson, 8, 16; Kenneth B. Gordon, 8, 16; T. C. Goodrich, 8, 15; R. T. Bowler, 8, 15.

Daly Cup—Dr. D. W. Cranberry, 6, 22; Austin Colgate, 4, 22; C. H. Daly, scratch, 22; James A. Hart, scratch, 22; E. H. Eller, 4, 21; J. G. Ross, Jr., 5, 19; H. Scriber, 1, 18; A. J. Shanley, Jr., 2, 17; Leland H. Ross, 8, 16; Theodore Wilson, 8, 17; Kenneth B. Gordon, 8, 15; T. C. Goodrich, 8, 15; W. A. Stewart, 8, 17; A. O. Hedley, 6, 15.

Hart Trophy—20 targets, scratch; ten pairs of doubles—E. H. Eller, 12; Austin Colgate, 10; C. H. Daly, 9; Dr. D. W. Cranberry, 9; J. G. Ross, Jr., 9; H. Scribner, 8; W. A. Stewart, 7; A. O. Hedley, 6; R. T. Bowler, 5; Leland H. Ross, 6; James A. Hart, 5.

Ross Challenge Cup—Won by James A. Hart, scratch, 22.

In anticipation of the big shoot to-morrow ten members of the Bergen Beach Gun Club put in a good afternoon at their Jamaica Bay traps yesterday. The events all were at twenty-five targets and the scores all were satisfactory. G. Bates, W. D. Bergen and J. Voorhees were among the best shots of the day. The scores:

Name.	Strings of 25 targets.					
G. Kelley	18	21	21	22	22	20
W. Silkworth	17	11	16	20	19	17
A. V. Suydam	20	20	18	20	19	17
R. Morgan	21	17	18	23	21	21
G. Bates	19	22	22	20	17	23
H. D. Bergen	16	22	21	17	17	17
J. Voorhees	21	22	20	16	20	24
H. W. Dreyer	17	18	16	16	15	18
W. H. Ryder	16	22	19	18	19	21
J. Weisbacker	14	11	18	11	14	

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Brooklyns and Cameron Play a Tie Game—Standing of Teams.

On turf made hard and forbidding by the present cold snap soccer teams representing the Brooklyn Football Club, which is scheduled for the replay with Ansonia in the American cup tie in Brooklyn this afternoon, and the Cameron Football Club played a drawn match at Visitation Oval, Brooklyn, yesterday. The sides proved to be very evenly matched and neither half was productive of scoring. Caldicott in goal supported by Widdingham and McPherson in the back division made an invincible defence for the Brooklyn club, while Johnson, F. Shaw and Montgomery presented an equally impenetrable front for the former amateur league champions. The lineup:

Brooklyns.	*Positions.*	*Cameronians.*
Caldicott	Goal	Johnson
Widdingham	Right back	F. Shaw
McPherson	Left back	Montgomery
M. Walsh	Right half	F. Shaw
Williams	Centre half	Stevenson
King	Left half	Whitelaw
J. Walsh	Outside right	Danielson
Stiles	Inside right	Stuart
Johnstone	Centre	Leggett
Maclennan	Inside left	Lockett
Watts	Outside left	Goodman

Referee—J. Dunlop, Brooklyn F. C.; linesmen—T. Bailey, Brooklyn, and W. Brown, Cameron. Time of halves—45 minutes.

The Manual Training High School soccer football players and alumni held their second annual dinner at the Borough Park Clubhouse on Friday night, when about thirty attended. Mr. Johnstone, the coach of the team, acted as toastmaster.

In addition to the American cup tie game between the Brooklyns and the Connecticut eleven at Visitation Oval this afternoon further progress will be made in the championship series of the New York Amateur Association Football League, which is in a most interesting stage. A stirring finish is looked for by the teams in the competition, with the Clan McDonalds, present champions, the favorites. The latter lead in the first division, but Hollywood Inn has not yet suffered a defeat. In the second division Clan McDuff is ahead, with the Brooklyn Celtics making a determined bid for the lead. The standing to date:

FIRST LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	D.	Goals for.	Goals ag'st.	Pts.
McDonalds	6	0	2	21	8	12
Hollywood	3	0	2	8	4	8
Critchley	3	1	2	15	8	8
Bronx	4	1	1	12	8	7
Camerons	3	1	1	18	20	7
Columbia	1	5	1	14	17	3
Arcadias	1	4	1	10	16	3
Astoria	0	6	0	5	20	0

SECOND LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	D.	Goals for.	Goals ag'st.	Pts.
Clan McDuff	9	0	0	46	6	18
Brooklyn Celtics	6	0	1	43	3	13
Clan Bruce	5	3	2	30	25	12
Clan McKenzie	3	3	2	17	21	8
Donegals	3	5	0	18	20	6
Mount Vernon	2	5	2	8	25	6
St. George	0	9	1	14	48	1
Hungarians	2	6	0	16	27	0

Two points for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss. McDonalds, Bronx and Donegals fined two points each for playing an ineligible player. Hungarians fined four points for playing ineligible players in two games.

To-day's schedule of championship games is the following: Astoria vs. Camerons, Critchleys vs. Columbia Oval at Marquette Oval, Brooklyn Celtics vs. Hungarians, Mount Vernon vs. Clan McDuff, Donegals vs. St. George.

The Clan McDonalds of Brooklyn will go to Philadelphia to-morrow in order to play their game with the Hibernians of that city in the third round of the American Football Association cup tie. The Brooklyns will play the Paterson Rangers at Paterson in the National League championship series.

H. Agar, secretary of the New York Amateur Association Football League, has been presented with a gold watch by the members of the league in recognition of his services.

FONT'S NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP.

Close Finish in Big Race at Jacksonville—Bell Injured.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 31.—The races to-day were run over a heavy track, but notwithstanding the disagreeable weather the attendance was a large one. F. J. Fons's Font won the New Year's Handicap, at one mile. Font was badly interfered with by Donald MacDonald, after making the first turn, but in the stretch Font caught Donald MacDonald and the two fought it out all the way to the finish, with Font home in front by a short head. It was a day of good price horses, as T. M. Green was the only winning favorite.

Jockey Bell, who has been the leading rider at the meeting, received a broken collarbone as the result of a fall from Bad News II., in the second event. The horse stumbled, making the turn into the backstretch and threw Bell over his head. Both horse and rider slid along the track for a considerable distance.

The summaries:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Mark Antony II., 100 (J. Davenport), 6 to 1, won; Marie Hyde, 109 (Bell), 5 to 1, second; Sylvestris, 103 (Wilson), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:08 1-5. Radiant Star, Bedminster, Stafford, Peep Over, McLeod F., Lord Nelson, Billy Bodemer and La Salle also ran.

Second Race—One mile—Trustee, 111 (Gross), 10 to 1, won; White Wool, 115 (Sweeney), 8 to 1, second; Idlewiss, 106 (Herbert), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:42 3-5. Fort Carroll and Miss Nett also ran. Bad News II. fell.

Third Race—Six furlongs—T. M. Green, 112 (Davis), 6 to 5, won; Besom, 115 (Goldstein), 7 to 1, second; Master Robert, 115 (Butwell), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:13 4-5. George S. Davis, Hoffman and Long Hand also ran.

Fourth Race—The New Year's Handicap; one mile. Font, 91 (McCahey), 9 to 2, coupled with Jack Parker, won; Donald McDonald, 125 (Burns), 9 to 5, second; Guy Fisher, 116 (Lang), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:42. Jack Parker, Mary Davis, Ragman, Tom Hayward and Carlton G. also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—Laurence P. Daley, 108 (Butwell), 7 to 2, won; All Red, 111 (Davenport), 5 to 2, second; Star Blue, 104 (McTaggart), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 3-5. Ida D., Nannette, Salvolatile, Smoker and Huck also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and seventy yards—Earl of Richmond, 103 (Goose), 12 to 1, won; Camel, 106 (Davenport), 18 to 5, second; Spindle, 103 (Gross), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:47 4-5. Star Over, Austin Sturtevant, Minot, Mamie Algol, Ten Paces, Stoneman and Arondack also ran.

INJURY'S FAST RACE.

Equals a Track Record in Sandstorm at Juarez.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 31.—The performance of Injury in winning the Santiago Selling Stakes at Terrazas Park to-day stamps him as one of the best horses now quartered at the track. He carried 119 pounds, and though the wind and sandstorm was at its height, he stepped the mile and a sixteenth in 1:45, equalling the track record for the distance.

Green Seal cut out a terrific pace to the upper turn, where R. Wilson sent Injury into the lead, but here Jacquelina challenged, and in a terrific drive Injury managed to last long enough to win by three quarters of a length.

The first sandstorm of the meeting broke over the track to-day, causing the big crowd to seek shelter under the grand stands. The wind blew a gale at times, but fast time was made in nearly all the events.

The summaries:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Red Lass, 105 (Allen), 16 to 1, won; Soon, 103 (Murphy), 5 to 2, second; Ben Lasca, 113 (Rice), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:07 3-5. Hersaw, Texan, Doughty, Balella and Agility also ran.

Second Race—Five and a half furlongs—Pill Meter, 119 (Louder), 4 to 1, won; Elder, 119 (T. Smith), 9 to 1, second; Creston, 119 (McGee), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:08. Joe Ehrich, Tom McGrath, Florence A., Bon Ton and Cobleskill also ran.

Third Race—Five and a half furlongs—Deerfoot, 114 (Murphy), 4 to 1, won; Rey El Tovar, 114 (Cotton), 20 to 1, second; Preen, 119 (McGee), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:08. John Mooney, Milpitas, Alva B., Gresham, Lady Quality, Georgia Shand and Fancy also ran.

Fourth Race—Santiago Selling Stakes, one mile and a sixteenth—Injury, 119 (Wilson), 3 to 2, won; Jacqueline, 103 (Van Dusen), 5 to 2, second; Dorante, 117 (McGee), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:45. Tabon and Green Seal also ran.

Fifth Race—One mile—Short Order, 107 (McGee), even money, won; Roberta, 107 (Rice), 7 to 2, second; Shamrock, 107 (Murphy), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:40 1-5. La Dextra, Tug Boat, Pilain and Ed Holly also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile—Kopek, 110 (Murphy), 6 to 1, won; Hannis, 104 (Ganz), 8 to 1, second; Nethermost, 105 (Rice), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:40 2-5. Acumen, Ramon Corona, Light Wool, Miss Calthness and Hoyle also ran.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

WOLGAST, CORNERED, STILL TRIES TO AVOID MORAN.

Makes Conflicting Statements as to Time of Fighting and Wants to Meet Some Other Boxers First—Gets a Scorching From Old Rival Battling Nelson.

Lightweight Champion Wolgast within the last forty-eight hours has been quoted in three different ways regarding the challenge of Owen Moran, the English pugilist. First Wolgast announces that he will not fight Moran before six months have elapsed and will then insist upon a finish contest. Then comes a conflicting statement to the effect that having consulted his physician he has been informed that he can resume boxing within a month and that Moran will have to wait until after Wolgast has taken on Packey McFarland, K. O. Brown, Lew Powell or some other boxer of note in a ten round bout. The latest ultimatum from the Milwaukee pugilist is made through his manager, Tom Jones, and sets forth the information that he will not be able to put on a boxing glove for at least two months, as the break in his arm is mending very slowly.

In the opinion of sporting men Wolgast doesn't want any part of Moran, else he would not insist upon meeting McFarland first. McFarland, according to Wolgast, will be allowed to weigh 135 pounds at 6 o'clock and will be taken on for ten rounds in Milwaukee at some indefinite time. K. O. Brown's manager says he has tried in vain to pin Wolgast down to a match, one of ten rounds at 133 pounds ringside, while as far as Lew Powell is concerned there is no chance for him to be seriously considered by Wolgast until he has defeated such lightweights as One Round Hogan and Anton Lagrave.

Wolgast has ignored challenges from numerous lightweights for nearly one year, but Moran is going to lay claim to the world's lightweight championship, acting under precedent. When he arrives in Chicago this week his manager, Charles J. Harvey, will post a forfeit and issue a challenge in Moran's behalf to fight within ninety days. If the forfeit is not covered within a reasonable length of time—say one week—Moran will claim Wolgast's title and will defend it against all comers.

Battling Nelson, who should know what he is talking about, said the other day: "Wolgast is the luckiest title holder the lightweight class has ever developed. He is a second rater and Moran can stop him as quickly as he stopped me. I didn't want to fight Wolgast last February because I was not in first class trim, but I was literally forced into the match. The promoter agreed to all of my demands and I just had to fight or quit. Just think of every rough deal Wolgast didn't work me down once, but just stalled and jabbed until the referee thought I was tired. Why, it was a joke to win the title that way, and it's a shame that such a four flusher holds it to-day. Moran is the hardest hitter I ever met, also a much greater pugilist than Wolgast, and though he is an Englishman he is entitled to fair play. He has challenged Wolgast fairly and squarely. Wolgast is afraid of him and is just using the alleged broken arm as an excuse to avoid a battle. Moran will have the support of everybody if he claims this fellow's title according to the rules, for Wolgast is no longer regarded as a real champion. He's a bluffer and an imitation fighter."

If Moran is forced to claim Wolgast's title Manager Harvey says the British boxer will remain in America and meet the best men in his class. "He'll not take the title home to England," said Harvey yesterday, "and if Freddie Welsh wants a crack at it he'll have to come over here."

The news that Hugh McIntosh has matched Sam Langford and Bill Lang, the Australian champion, to fight at the Olympia, London, on February 16 caused much talk in pugilistic circles yesterday. It will be interesting to find out how Al Kaufman and Jack Johnson relish this announcement. If Langford happens to whip Lang it is believed that there will be another shuffling of the cards with the Boston Tar Baby again making it unpleasant for Delaney's California pupil and the big negro champion. It looks very much as if Langford's manager, Joe Woodman, has stolen a march on Kaufman in getting a match with Lang, but Woodman is a quick thinker and knows where the cable offices are. McIntosh has no sentiment and is after the coin. A Langford-Lang fight never could be anything but a great drawing card, and Woodman figures all the time that by stopping Lang the Boston slugger will then be in a position to force Kaufman into a fight on the other side. Woodman believes Kaufman will prove as easy as Lang and that Jack Johnson will then be compelled to recognize Langford. You can find many ring followers here who are ready to bet that Langford can stop both Lang and Kaufman if a sufficient number of rounds are provided.

The Packey McFarland-Jack Goodman ten round bout at the Fairmont A. C. has been fixed for January 17, as Goodman wants more time to train. Meanwhile Cyclone Smith of Hoboken, a slugger from Sluguille, has been matched to meet Leach Cross at the Fairmont A. C. on January 10.

Manager McMahon of the Empire A. C. of Harlem has secured K. O. Brown and Tommy Murphy for a ten round bout to be decided on the night of January 25. The weight conditions call for 133 pounds at 6 o'clock. Several weeks ago Brown hammered Murphy for keeps in the Olympic A. C.'s ten foot ring and Murphy has been demanding another chance ever since.

Prof. James De Forest announces that he will take Pal Moore, the eighteen-year-old Quaker, to England. Moore has a match on with Matty Baldwin in Boston and will sail immediately after it. De Forest has received a cable from McIntosh offering a purse for a twenty round bout with Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion.

Ban Johnson and Garry Herrmann, in control of the National Commission, have openly declared that the Eastern League and American Association are wasting time in demanding higher classification under the national agreement. "If these inflated minor leagues kick over the traces they will get all the trouble they want," say Johnson and Herrmann. But as a matter of fact the only trouble that could be made for these flourishing minor leagues would be raids on their players, which naturally would overburden the clubs in the major leagues with surplus players and increased salaries. The major league clubs are top-heavy even now with about thirty players each, so that in the event of a break they would not be inclined to take an additional number of players away from the two minors. Convinced of this fact, close students of baseball politics are sure that if the American Association and the Eastern League assert themselves by withdrawing from so-called organized baseball it will not be long before their demands are formally recognized. In point of population, according to the new census, the American Association and the Eastern League embrace numerous major league cities and appear to be entitled to a higher rating. It is a noteworthy fact that from the foundation of organized baseball the majors have never allowed the minors to climb above a certian rung of the ladder. But the game is growing with wonderful rapidity and the leading minors are now powerful enough to sign a declaration of independence.

SKATING.

Richards and Lane Winners of the Schoolboy Races.

More than thirty ambitious young skaters started in the races for schoolboys yesterday at the St. Nicholas rink, and the alotted handicaps were so equitable that the finishes in the two events were close and interesting. Hundreds of spectators generously applauded the efforts of the little champions. The race for midgets was won by A. J. Richards of Public School 6, who never before started in these races. He had thirty yards on Gershal, Anderson and Jenkins, the Scotchmen, but he had speed enough at the start to catch the limit men on the second lap and held his advantage to the end, although G. Spiegelberg of Hamilton Institute, a twenty yard man, pressed him closely at the finish.

Spills were frequent in the race for seniors, especially among the inexperienced skaters on the long marks. This enabled A. Lane of Poly Prep., who had eighty yards on Larry Barnett, the schoolboy champion, to win in a close finish with F. Speigelberg and Julian Rice, who were second and third respectively.

The summaries:

Quarter Mile Race; Junior—Won by H. J. Richards, P. S. 5, 30 yards; J. Speigelberg, Hamilton institute, 20 yards, second; A. Gershall, P. S. 166, scratch, third. Time, 54 1-5 seconds.

Half Mile Race—Seniors—Won by A. Lane, Poly. Prep, 80 yards; F. Speigelberg, Hamilton Institute, 100 yards, second; Julian Rice, Brown School, 40 yards, third. Time, 1 minute 45 1-5 seconds.

HOCKEY.

Two Tournaments to Begin in This City This Week and Last Till March.

The hockey season will open this week with the tournaments of the Amateur and Intercollegiate leagues. From now until next March games will be played in the St. Nicholas Rink until the championship in each of these leagues is decided. So far practice and exhibition games have been played which have been so good that the hockey loving public is expecting some lively and closely contested games when the teams meet for the championship titles.

In the Amateur League are the New York Athletic Club, the Crescent Athletic Club, the St. Nicholas Skating Club and the Hockey Club of New York. The schedule arranged calls for each team to meet each other team twice, so that there will be twelve games in this tournament. The Wanderers Hockey Club is still in the league, but it has no team on the ice this year. In the Intercollegiate League are Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Dartmouth, and half of these games will be played here and half in Boston. The date and place of the Harvard-Yale game have not been determined yet, but will probably be in this city later in the season.

The playing strength of the teams in these tournaments is largely a matter of conjecture. Each club in the Amateur League and each college team has done well at practice and each has lots of reserve players to draw from to strengthen the main seven and there is so much material that the captains are in a quandary regarding the final selection of the men to play for the trophies.

The Amateur Hockey League tournament will open in the St. Nicholas Skating Rink on Tuesday night, when the New York Athletic Club will meet the Hockey Club of New York. The New York Athletic Club team last week was defeated by the St. Michael's team from Canada, failing to score a single goal. For a team that has twice won the Amateur League championship, and so conceded to be a factor in the final disposition of the trophy, it showed a surprising lack of ability in all the essential requirements of good hockey. Mallon is one of the new Canadian players who has been tried in a game and although reputed to be a great stick wielder, having played on several of the strongest teams across the border, he failed to show any form here that would justify the prediction that he is going to cut any very wide swath in the local hockey field. Magor, another Canadian, has shown to better advantage in practice, but his ability in an actual championship game, which is the only adequate test of a hockey player's skill, is yet to be determined.

The team of the Hockey Club of New York, which is scheduled to open the season with the New York A. C. on Tuesday night, may give the champions a more determined fight than hockey enthusiasts expect. Billy Russell, who for many years coached and captained the team, has retired from active playing and the captaincy of it is in the hands of Jimmy Britton, one of the most reliable and capable of the younger generation of players. He is handicapped, however, by not having as many expert players to draw upon as his rivals, although in past years the club has done surprisingly well with the material it has had at its disposal. It is expected that before long the team will be strengthened by several of the former players of the Wanderers team, notably Garon and Harmon. Bulger has already joined Britton's aggregation, and is playing in his old time form.

The second game of the series will be played on Thursday night with the St. Nicholas and Crescent Athletic Club teams facing the rubber. When the teams began practice a month ago it looked as if the St. Nicks would be very much in the championship fight, as the lineup showed Souther, Chew, Kay, Gordon and Brock Putnam in their accustomed places, with Bonner defending the cage and a new man in Baker, the phenomenal playing captain of the St. Paul team, which vanquished Princeton in one of the sensational games of last season. But when the time came for Cart, Gordon to make a final selection of the men to compose the regular team Souther, Chew and Putnam declined to play and it was learned that the faculty had refused Baker permission to play on any outside team, he now being a freshman at Princeton and ineligible as a member of this year's varsity team by the intercollegiate one year rule.

The Crescent Athletic Club team is the one which is expected to fight the Mercury Footers hardest for the championship. Both teams have now two legs on the cup and a victory this year will decide its final possession. It is needless therefore to say that the team from Brooklyn has been strengthened in every position and is fully equal to the one which captured the championship three years ago. Dufresne, the sturdy little player formerly of the Wanderers, is a real acquisition to the team, and Shibeff, who deserted the Crescents to join the New York A. C. and was a prominent factor in the latter winning the cup two years in succession, has decided to rejoin his old teammates and will have his old position as rover. The team is a well balanced one and will be in the struggle to the end.

On Saturday night Columbia and Princeton will play the opening game in the intercollegiate championship series. Columbia started off well, but lost several promising players because they were conditioned in studies. The team, however, did well away from home and won some games. Princeton, the present holder of the championship title, has a good team and seems to be very evenly matched with Yale. In the series between these two played at Cleveland Princeton won two out of three games and each contest was so close that extra periods were necessary and all three games were won by one point. Harvard has a good team and has shown well in practice games against Boston amateur teams, and Dartmouth too is doing well, so that this tournament should be a most interesting one.

ICE YACHTING.

Jennie Wins Class A Race of Fair Haven Club.

RED BANK, Dec. 31.—In a light southwest breeze over the Fair Haven Ice Yacht Club's triangular course four boats of class A sailed a close and exciting race this afternoon. Hendrickson and Little's Jennie finished first, with Floyd Smith's Nellie Taylor second and Clinton Wilber's Perseus third. William Bennett's Russell B. fouled the stake in the third round and was ruled out of the race. The yachts were together most of the race, making a close finish, Jennie made the ten miles in 42 minutes, beating the Nellie Taylor by a few seconds.

In class B John Hobrough's Nibs finished first in 43 minutes for the ten miles. Henry Schneider's Douglass was second, Linton Minton's Flyaway third and Mortimer Curchin's Swamp Robin fourth.

Edward Asay's Daisy, one of the Red Bank third class yachts that will defend the championship pennants this season with Tabor Parker, Edward Willis and Charles Burd's Imp, was out to-day in practice spins and went along at a fast clip. She was handled by the owner's son, Harry Asay, a coming skipper.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Dec. 31.—Capt. Asher Wardell won his initial ice yacht race this season this afternoon, when in a light breeze in sailing the Say When, Capt. Henry H. Munro's new yacht, he beat the N. L. N. C. and Princeton. The race was for the challenge pennant of the South Shrewsbury Ice Boat and Yacht Club. The Say When had a comparatively easy victory, beating the N. L. N. C. by 2 minutes and sailing the ten miles in 31 minutes. The Princeton was a close third.

Five boats of the Long Branch Ice Boat and Yacht Club started the race for the championship pennant this afternoon. After sailing twelve and a half miles the race was declared off, as it was found impossible to finish within the time limit. When the race was declared off the Drub led in 44:27, the Isabel was second in 45:30 and the Jack Frost third in 45:45. The Blanche withdrew on the second round and Rainbow II., O. W. Roberts's new boat, on the fourth round.

Lieut. Poteet Head Coach for Navy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 31.—The executive committee of the Navy Athletic Association has decided to continue the graduate system of coaching in baseball, begun last year, with one non-professional assistant, and has named Lieut. Fred H. Poteet, a former Academy player, as head coach. Lieut. Poteet is also the baseball representative of the association, a position not previously combined with that of head coach. Lieut. Poteet will have as his assistant H. M. Wheaton, the former Yale baseball and football player, who was field coach of the Navy football team last season.

Annapolis Defeats Gettysburg.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Playing a game that was remarkable for speed, good team work and accurate goal shooting, the midshipmen won at basketball this afternoon from Gettysburg College by 71 to 13. The visitors put up a stiff defence in the early part of the game and prevented a score for over five minutes. They finally yielded to the superior speed and physical condition of the Navy players and were unable to prevent the rapid series of scoring which piled up the big total. Wenzell, a veteran of three years on the Navy quintet, was particularly fast and accurate in his work and secured thirteen goals from the field.

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**Pennsylvania Wins Three