America's Leaders of the Yachting World, Both Among Men and Craft, Are Ready for N. Y. Y. C. Annual Cruise

N. Y. Y. C. FLEET READY FOR ITS ANNUAL CRUISE

Craft of Famous Organization Will Rendezvous on Tuesday.

FAMOUS CUPS WILL AGAIN BE AT STAKE

Late next Tuesday afternoon the big fleet of the New York Yacht Club will gather off Glen Cove for the annual cruise, which will take the craft as far eastward as Buzzards Bay.

Although the fleet will be minus Resolute and Vanitie, the two big sloops that were built to defend the America's Cup against Shamrock IV., a series of races that never took place on account of the trouble in Europe, indications point to an excellent fleet of sailing craft taking part in the runs from port to port. The building of twelve new forty footers during the past winter has wonderfully increased the racing fleet of the club. Together with the schooners, the fifties and the thirties these yachts should furnish the best of fun for both the racing yachtsmen and the ones who follow the racing yachts on steam or power craft.

There have been seasons when the squadron has not gathered off Station No. 10 at Glen Cove on the eve of its annual cruise. Last year saw the rendezvous at New London. But Station No. 10 is very popular with the members of the New York Yacht Club. It is situated at the western end of the Sound and right in the heart of a summer colony that is the backbone of yachting in this country.

Again there is considerable sentiment connected with the picking of Glen Cove as the rendezvous. The little house on the sands hard by the landing is the first clubhouse of the New York Yacht Club. It was moved from Hoboken many years ago and since then has been known as Station No. 10 of the club. Naturally there are still left in the club a few old members who remember the days when the fleet would gather off Hiram Foulds, and the sight of the little building brings back recollections of Commodore Stevens, the man who won the America's Cup, and other equally famous but long forgotten sailors.

First Day's Run.

The only drawback to a rendezvous at Glen Cove lies in the impossibility of giving the larger yachts a really good run on the first day. Morris Cove, at the entrance of New Haven Harbor, generally is the first port. It is about thirty-eight miles from Glen Cove. The run will be made on Wednesday, August 2, the course being from a mark off Matinicock Point to the west, or outer, Breakwater light, at Morris Cove, leaving Lloyd's Point bell buoy to starboard.

The squadron will lie at Morris Cove over Wednesday night and on the following morning will continue to the eastward to New London harbor. The starting line will be off the Breakwater light, and the finish line off Sarah's Ledge bell buoy. On the way to the eastward the yachts will leave Cornfield Point light vessel, Bartlett's Reef light vessel and Sarah's Ledge bell buoy to port. The run is thirty-nine miles.

Last year the cruising squadron ran from New London direct to Newport. The yachtsmen who took part in the run never will forget it. An easterly squall that had been working up for two days reached its height as the craft put out of New London harbor. Notwithstanding a blow that would have kept any but the most enthusiastic corinthians on shore, the fleet started to the eastward and tried to round old Point Judy. Only a few of the craft were able to make the finish line. The majority were blown all over the Sound and found refuge in the various ports along the coast.

Difficult Course Saturday.

This year the fleet will not run direct to Newport. Commodore Baker has picked Fort Pond Bay as the destination of the third squadron run. Fort Pond Bay lies directly across the eastern end of the Sound from New London on the Long Island shore near Montauk Point, about twenty miles from New London. Several years ago the New York Yacht Club squadron put into Fort Pond Bay. Although there is absolutely nothing there to attract the yachtsmen, the port has again been chosen as one of the anchorages for the coming cruise.

In the run across to Fort Pond Bay the yachtsmen will go from the starting line off Sarah's Ledge to a mark about half a mile northwest of Culloden Point, leaving Little Gull Island to starboard, Plum Island Rock buoy to port and the Cerberus Shoal to starboard.

If the run on Friday is an easy one Commodore Baker has made up for it by arranging a mighty hard course for Saturday, August 5. The run will take the yachts from Fort Pond Bay to Mattapoisett or Buzzards Bay. The course from the starting line about one-half mile northwest of Culloden Point to Nye Ledge bell buoy off Mattapoisett Neck, Quicks Hole Gong Reef bell buoy and bell buoy off the north end of Block Island to starboard, Hen and Chickens Light Vessel, Ph. W bell buoy No. 5 and Sarah's Ledge bell to port. The distance is forty-two miles.

The fleet lies off Mattapoisett until Monday morning. On Sunday the yachts will dress ship at morning colors, and night there will be the usual Sunday night service. Undoubtedly the stay at Mattapoisett will be a most enjoyable one, judging by the word that has come from that quaint little town on the shore of Buzzards Bay.

To Proceed to Newport.

Mattapoisett is as far east as the fleet will sail this year. On Monday morning the yachts will turn their bows toward and start the fifth and last run. Newport will be the goal, and the course will be from the starting line off Nye Ledge Bell buoy to Brenton's Reef light vessel, Ph. W bell No. 5, Hen and Chickens light vessel, buoys off Sakonnet point and Brenton's Reef light vessel to starboard. The run will be thirty-two miles.

Although Newport is the final anchorage of the cruising squadron, the fleet will not disband until Wednesday, August 9, at evening colors. On Tuesday, August 8, there will be sailed the Astor cup races, and on the following day there will be a race for the King's cup and a special race for the new forty footers for a cup offered by Commodore George F. Baker, Jr.

The races off Newport always are the most important of the year for the members of the New York Yacht Club. The late John Jacob Astor originally offered the Astor prizes—one for sloops and one for schooners—in 1899. They took the place of the Goelet cups, that were first offered in 1892 and discontinued in 1897.

When John Jacob Astor was drowned in the Titanic disaster Vincent Astor, his son, continued the prizes.

The King's cup race is unique, inasmuch as it is the only trophy in the locker room of the New York Yacht Club that can be won by a yachtsman not enrolled in the organization, barring, of course, challenge cups. The original King's cup was offered by his late Majesty King Edward VII. in November, 1905.

The deed of gift reads that "any yacht belonging to any yacht club in the United States in good standing shall be eligible to enter these races, providing that, in the case of a single masted vessel, she shall be of a water line length of not less than fifty feet, and that, in the case of a vessel of more than one mast, she shall be of a water line length of not less than sixty feet."

All yachts race in one class, without time limit, and with the usual time allowance. Although the cup does not go to the winner, yachtsmen have been known to spend small fortunes for the honor of winning the king's cup.

King George V. Trophy.

When King Edward died the New York Yacht Club came to the conclusion that it no longer would be the correct thing to sail for the trophy offered by the late ruler of the British Empire. Just how it reached that conclusion is hard to say. It would seem that keeping the cup active would always bring to mind one of the most enthusiastic yachtsmen the world has ever known. The New York Corinthians looked at it in a different light and the cup was achieved in 1911 and King George V., who never has taken an active part in yachting, offered a prize the following year.

This is the trophy that will be the prize on Wednesday, August 9.

It is only right that Commodore George F. Baker, Jr., should offer the cups for the run from Fort Pond Bay to Mattapoisett. This is the longest and promises to be the hardest run of the cruise.

The Itinerary of Cruise.

Tuesday, August 1—Rendezvous off Station No. 10, Glen Cove, at 4 P. M. Captains meeting on board flagship at 5 P. M. Reception on board flagship to captains and their guests at 9:30 P. M.

Wednesday, August 2—Squadron run from Glen Cove to Morris Cove for navy challenge cups.

Thursday, August 3—Squadron run from Morris Cove to New London for Alumni Association of the United States Navy challenge cups.

Friday, August 4—Squadron run from New London to Fort Pond Bay for the rear commodore's cups. Informal entertainment to captains and their guests on board flagship at 8 P. M.

Saturday, August 5—Squadron run from Fort Pond Bay to Mattapoisett for the commodore's cups.

Sunday, August 6—Squadron will dress ship at Mattapoisett at 8 A. M. Squadron will illuminate at Mattapoisett at 9 P. M.

Monday, August 7—Squadron run from Mattapoisett to Newport for vice-commodore's cups.

Tuesday, August 8—Races for the Astor cups off Newport.

Wednesday, August 9—Race for the King's cup and the Commodore Baker's cup for forty footers off Newport. Squadron disbands at evening colors.

Polam Maxim Can't Seem to Win.

Polam Maxim, the Airedale terrier which Norman MacKenzie imported from England last February, does not seem able to get started in this country. Over in England he had a sensational career as a puppy, winning innumerable prizes and being placed best Airedale at some large fixtures where he defeated a strong field which included many dogs much his senior. He has been out on several occasions over here and has yet to win his first bracket.

CALENDAR OF COMING SHOWS.

August 12—Rhode Island Kennel Club, at Newport, R. I. C. Bissel, secretary.

August 23 to 25—Butler Kennel Club (License), at Butler, Pa. J. S. Campbell Jr., secretary.

August 29—Barnstable Fair Kennel Club (License), at Barnstable, Mass. T. E. L. Kemp, secretary.

September 1—Shepaug Valley Kennel Club (License), at Washington, Conn. Joseph P. Stone, secretary.

September 4 to 7—Minnesota State Agricultural Society (License) at Hamline, Minn. J. C. Simpson, secretary.

September 6 to 7—Spokane Kennel Club, at Spokane, Wash. George F. Larsen, secretary.

September 7—Delaware State Fair, at Wilmington, Del. S. H. Wilson, Jr., secretary.

September 13 to 15—New York State Fair Kennel Club, at Syracuse, N. Y. Stanton C. Shaver, secretary.

September 14 to 16—Fremont Kennel Club (License), at Fremont, Neb. Burne.: Colson, secretary.

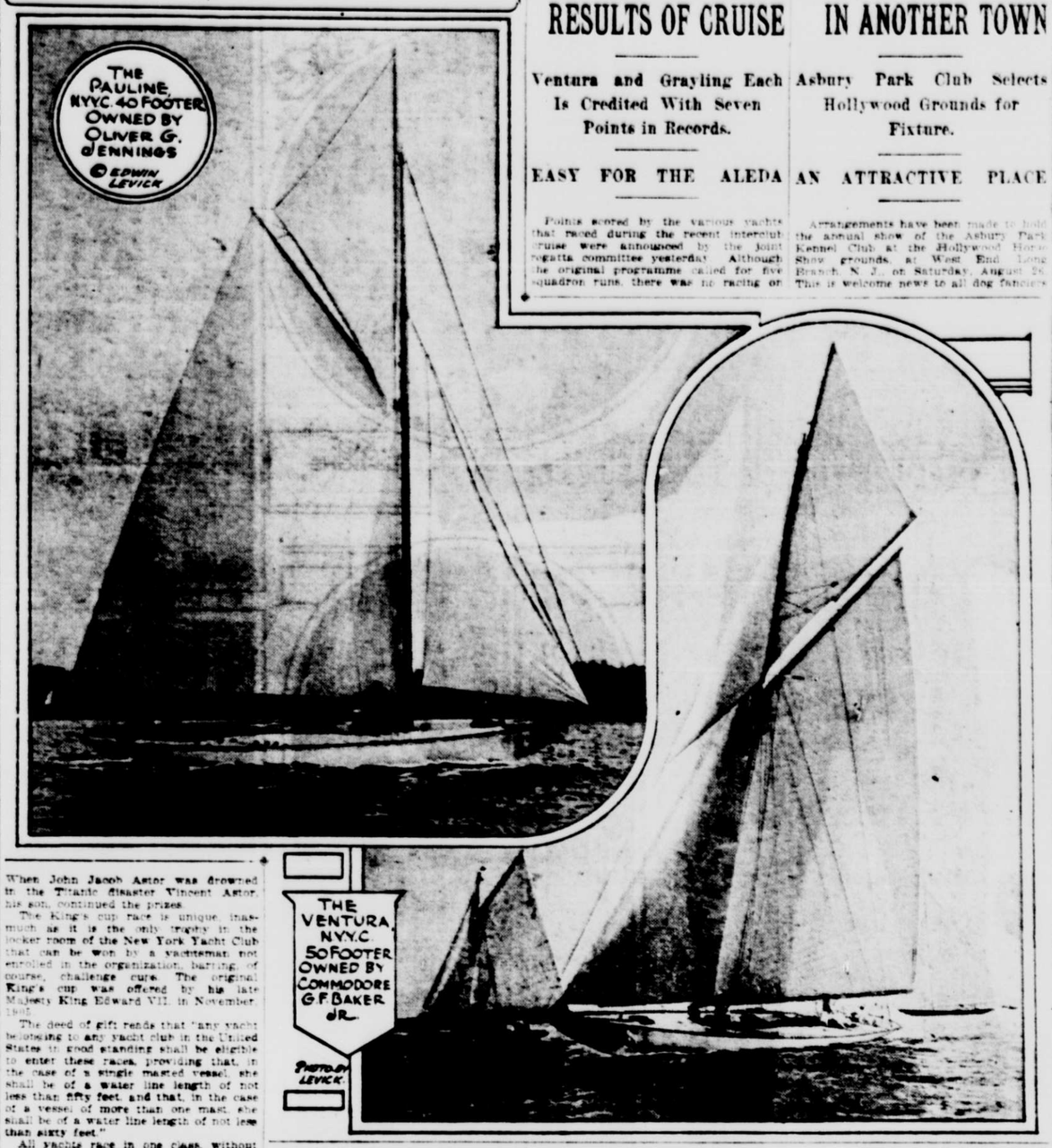
September 16—Queensboro Kennel Club (License), at Astoria, Long Island, N. Y. J. L. Leonard, secretary.

September 20 and 21—Suffolk County Kennel Club (License), at Riverhead, Long Island, N. Y. Harry Lee, secretary.

September 25—Plainfield Kennel Club, at Plainfield, N. J. John J. O'Donohue, secretary.

October 4 to 6—Danbury Agricultural Society, at Danbury, Conn. G. M. Rundle, secretary.

TYPES OF CRAFT IN N. Y. Y. C. CRUISE



COMMITTEE REPORTS RESULTS OF CRUISE

Ventura and Grayling Each Is Credited With Seven Points in Records.

EASY FOR THE ALEDA

Points scored by the various yachts that raced during the recent interclub cruise were announced by the joint regatta committee yesterday. Although the original programme called for five squadron runs, there was no racing on the first day on account of lack of wind. The run way to have been from Oyster Bay to Greenwich, Conn.

The second day's run was from Greenwich to Huntington Bay. The wind was decidedly better and the yachts were all able to finish before the time limit had expired. On the third day the squadron ran from Huntington to Black Rock. The wind was light and many of the smaller craft found it impossible to finish before 5 P. M., the time limit that had been set on each run.

Conditions were exceedingly trying on the fourth run from Black Rock to Stamford, Conn. Only one or two of the craft were clocked before the committee off the finish line. Not a single forty footer was timed on this run, owing to a misunderstanding in the sailing instructions. The fifties did not race on the last run from Stamford to Manhasset Bay, and although the Stamford fortyers finished they did not score points in the series races, owing to the fact that they were timed after 5 P. M.

Ventura and Grayling Tie.

J. P. Morgan's Grayling and George Nichols's Ventura tied for the fifty foot prize. In the forty foot class the series prize was won by O. G. Jennings's Pauline. A-eda scored a sailover each day in the regular class. In a mixed class for sloops Alice was the winner. Aleta and Adios were the only forty footers that raked up enough points during the cruise. Their scores follow:

Aleta and the second in Natoma.

In a mixed class of sloops and yawls there was another tie. Comet, the property of C. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Ninfea, which belongs to F. K. Middlebrook, each scored 5 points. Among the Stamford one design yachts the winner was Aurelia, with 20 points. Then came Polly with 15 points to her credit. The motor boat racing was not a success. Of the craft that started Spare Time was the most consistent performer.

It also was announced that all, the would be sailed off during the annual fall regatta of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club on September 1.

The Point Scores.

New York Yacht Club Fifty Footers

Yacht and Owner.	day	day	day	day	day	Tl
Grayling, J. P. Morgan	-	4	-	-	3	7
Carolina, Geo. Nichols	1	3	-	-	-	4
Ventura, G. F. Baker	-	-	3	-	-	3

New York Yacht Club Forty Footers

Pauline, O. G. Jennings	-	4	-	0	3	7
Black Duck, A. K. Bourne	3	3	0	-	-	6
Rue, H. S. Duell	-	2	-	0	-	2
Mistral, G. M. Pynchon	-	1	-	-	-	1
Maise, H. F. Plant	-	1	0	-	-	1

Sloops—Class F

Aleta, J. W. and E. P. Alker	-	-	-	0	-	1

Mixed Class of Sloops

Alice, Dr. H. B. Keeler	-	-	-	0	-	1
Marguerite, H. R. Shaw	-	-	-	0	-	1

New York Yacht Club Thirty Footers

Alera, J. L. Cutler	-	2	-	-	-	2
Adios, F. L. Richards	-	1	-	2	-	3

Handicap Class

Arvia, G. C. Molloy	-	2	-	-	-	4
Carolina, A. W. Lock wood	-	1	-	-	-	1
Natoma, T. S. Clark	-	1	-	-	-	1
Coot, H. Wendemer	-	1	-	-	-	1

Special Mixed Class

Comet, C. Vanderbilt, Jr.	-	1	-	0	-	1
Ninfea, F. K. Middlebrook	-	2	-	0	-	2
Olwyn, D. Seymour	-	2	-	0	-	2

Stamford One Design

Aurelia, J. S. Jenkins	20	10	0	0	0	30
Polly, D. L. Ellman	9	6	0	0	0	15
Billy Boy, F. G. Ulmer	3	3	0	0	0	6
Peggy, F. Y. Weber	-	0	0	10	-	10
Fawn, Bell & Lockwood	3	0	0	-	-	3
Sandy Kit, H. H. Oddie	2	0	0	-	-	2
Virginia, W. Ziegler, Jr.	2	0	0	-	-	2
Little Hope, I. E. Raymond	-	1	-	-	-	1
Calix, H. H. Marion	-	4	-	-	-	4
Cordelia, G. G. Domi nick	-	0	0	0	-	0
Peanut, F. C. Noble	-	0	0	0	-	0
Spare Time, Z. Wilson	-	3	1	-	-	4

Motor Boats

Firaway, III., Com Unionn	-	-	2	-	-	2
Farad, C. F. Chapman	-	-	1	-	-	1

Points scored by Stamford one design yachts in race from Stamford to Manhasset Bay: Polly, 4; Cordelia, 3; Little Hope, 2 and Aurelia, 1.

— means yacht did not race.
0 means yacht did not finish before 5 P. M.

WILL STAGE SHOW IN ANOTHER TOWN

Asbury Park Club Selects Hollywood Grounds for Fixture.

AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE

Arrangements have been made to hold the annual show of the Asbury Park Kennel Club at the Hollywood Horse Show grounds, at West End, Long Branch, N. J., on Saturday, August 26. This is welcome news to all dog fanciers who have attended the affairs held at that location in the past by the defunct Monmouth County Kennel Club, which passed out of existence a few years ago.

The Asbury Park organization found it impossible to find a venue for its fixture in the popular summer resort and so decided to take the show to Long Branch and there revive the old shows held so successfully a few years ago. The venue is an attractive spot for a dog show and there can be no doubt but that the fixture will be supported. The complete list of judges follows:

E. F. Ford St. Bernards, Miss C. C. Whitney English springers and Great Danes, Mrs. Harry Duke greyhounds and Irish wolfhounds, Charles E. Edgerly bulldogs and fox hounds, Frank O. Talbot pointers and setters, George Murdoch collies, Leo Harper, German shepherd dogs, Dr. J. Hopkins poodles, Robert Weber dachshunds, Frederick Hamilton Freeman bloodhounds, Charles W. Reed, Irish wolfhounds, Dr. Hyde, Boston terriers, W. E. Baker, Irish terriers, W. Adams Brown, Scottish and Irish terriers, Mrs. Frank Y. Fitzgerald, Airedales, Mrs. Jules Mastbaum, Pekingese, Mrs. Frederick Hopkins spaniels, Mrs. Richard Gray, Mrs. Mary A. Kennedy, miscellaneous breeds, Frederick H. Hall, all other breeds and unclassified specials.

Pats Country Before His Dogs.

J. W. Stills of Rochester, N. Y., owner of the Hillside Kennels, is on the heels of his troop and has therefore decided to give up his terriers. It is said that champion York Briarn Sweet, the prize winner at Westminster last February, and the Scottish terrier Hillside Stanley, will be among the dogs that are to be disposed of. If this be true some fancy will have the opportunity to buy a pair of the ladies by having these dogs, as both are among the leaders of their breeds in this country.

Sells Two Good Bostons.

Two promising Boston terrier puppies have recently been disposed of by John Murray, of Ridgewood, N. J., to John Gill, who went to Harlem, Long Island, L. I., the well known breeder of that town, to add to P. H. Fuge's Montauk N. Y.

Picked Up at Hudson County Club's Show

English bulldogs were a poor entry. Breeders of the English national breed in this country are hurting their variety by their reluctance to show their dogs. A few years ago they were one of the big breeds at all our shows but internal strife has split the fancy and the dog is the main sufferer.

Thomas Parvin's imported heavyweight Magnet Dandy Penfold was winning dog with the same owner's Magnet Mahomet reserve.

Martin S. Baldwin made his first appearance as judge at an A. K. C. show. He handled his classes well and will no doubt be in demand by bench show committees in the future.

In Airedales Rex per Saltum walked in easily in dogs, the runner up being Max W. Stobbs's Jacko. The latter is a good colored dog with good legs and feet, fine body and good head, but not up to the winner by a long shot. In bitches Andrew Albright's Baughff Bisset made her debut and won. She is a good bitch of the useful type. York Sunshine was reserve.

A nice class of Chows were out. Greenacre Kennels' black dog Dinky of Newland's won. Dinky is a well built dog with a good head, body and large head. He was shown a bit off coat and looked quite fit in his best condition. Miss Maude Thompson's Sun Nee was reserve to Dinky. Sun Nee is a beautiful red dog with a quality dog. He boasts a good head and with good foreface and wonderful Chow expression and scowl, but he does not take the show ring. In bitches champion Shih of China, one of the grandest specimens of the breed ever seen here and about the best ever bred in this country, had things her own way.

Mrs. A. McClure Haller had quite a problem to decide in Pekingese. She had two dogs both wonderful specimens but of opposite types to choose between. Her decision was for the small toy type and she put up Mrs. M. Hunter's good little importation, Pao Per of Westcroft, over the same owner's wonderfully built but larger and coarser Swinley Lil Lien. Her reserve was Lil Lien again went to the small type, placing a son of the winning Pao Per, named Chun Chang of Aldersbourne, owned by Mrs. A. M. Hunter, as the winner. This decision was later reversed by Judge Charles G. Hopton in the variety class for toys when he put Swinley Lil Lien over Chun Chang. Both are good specimens and it is merely a matter of opinion which type is the desired one.

Walter P. Johnson and George W. Sigman showed their recently purchased black cocker champion Newport Rashboy's getting winners, black cocker dogs and the special for the best headed cocker in the show. In other than blacks Mrs. Haley Fiske's Overcross Pepper was the winner while in bitches the Pen Craig Kennels won with Newport Princess Patricia.

Mrs. M. Koerlin's Tiny Chocolate Boy, a brown dog of sound color, good head and a wonderful coat was the winning Pom dog. Mrs. E. S. Allard's Champion Oliver Mite's Sunflower was best of the opposite sex.

Mrs. Frank Hix Favorite Sealyham terrier Locus Lane Erskine Susan continued an undefeated dog in this country by annexing winners in her sex. She is now nearing a championship which she bids fair to obtain without meeting a reverse.

In French bulldogs James Brown won with Young Pourquoi Pas, the sensation of the last specialty show. Frederick Pollett's La France Model's Rival was reserve. Brown's dog is vastly improved over his specialty show form. His coat is in much better condition and the few months have developed and finished him considerably. He has his faults, but is a mighty good dog. The first requisite for a good French bulldog is bat ears. La France Model's Rival absolutely refused to set his ears up as they should be. Gamins Rival, an also ran, is another good dog, but loses in finish of foreface and length of back to the winner. Haworth Kennels' Haworth Patricia was the winner's bitch.

George B. Hooley showed a nice beagle in the winning bitch Belray Crimson. She is a handsomely marked, useful looking one which will no doubt go to a championship.

In Boston terrier bitches Julian Platz had a good one in Cupid's Perfection, which was just nosed out by the winning Countess Dee Cee for the winner's rosette.

Wex Jones's bull terrier Odds On neared her championship by getting winners at this show. Odds On has new twelve points toward a title.

Mike Sweeney Is King of Running High Jumpers

Old Timers Say Only the "California Dive" Enables Horine and Beeson to Exceed Cherry X Crack's Figures.

By SPRINTER.

Old Cap Anson recently declared that Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker had nothing on Bill Lange, and that it wasn't a question of Johnson, Matty or Alexander being the greatest pitcher of all time, for Amos Rusie was far and away superior to any of that trio, or for that matter to any twirler that ever mounted the hurling hill. Time cannot dim the glories of some of the old champions, and no matter what branch of sport you may pick out you will find plenty of veteran fans who will swear stanchly by some hero of the past.

On the track and field as in no other branch of sport can you find more food for argument regarding the respective abilities of present and past champions. Sparrow Robertson's Nest, for years a rendezvous of the athletes, is a favorite battleground for the old timers and the kids, and it is a dull afternoon wherein a warm debate between the rival athletic factions is not held.

Ted Meredith, is the greatest middle distance runner that ever drew on a spiked shoe, you may hear some youngster declare, only to have an old timer rise to remark that Meredith is a piker alongside of Lon Meyers. Let a youngster mention Howard Drew as a sprinter and a dozen old boys will snort "Bernie Wefers," "Arthur Duffey," "Fred Westing."

Don't Quote Records.

None of you of this generation needs attempt to convince the old timers by quoting records. If you do they will tell you figures offer no true criterion of an athlete's ability. Track, competition and training conditions make a big difference. The wave of a man with a watch sometimes are almost as strange as those of a man with a maid. Then again, the old timers will hint, watches themselves sometimes cut some queer capers.

Which all leads up to and touches and appertains to the fact that you will find it a difficult task to convince any of the old guard how any of the phenomenal present day high jumpers have anything on of Mike Sweeney.

If you remember, way back in 1895 Mike Sweeney cleared the crossbar at 6 feet 1¾ inches, establishing a world's record that stood the test of seventeen strenuous years of competition. Jumpers from far and near in college games, championship meets here and abroad, on athletic campus and Olympic field, shot in vain at Sweeney's world mark of 6 feet 1¾ inches until 1912, when George Horine, that limber legged Californian, came along and cleared the cross stick at the remarkable height of 6 feet 7 inches.

Along Came Beeson.

Two years later another athlete from the sun kissed slopes of the Rockies, Eddie Beeson, shoved Horine's record into the discard, establishing the present world's running high jump record of 6 feet 7 3-16 inches. Both Beeson and Horine, wearing the silks of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, made their records in California. The climatic as well as the soil conditions in California are especially conducive to high jumping. In their Eastern appearances neither Horine nor Beeson displayed anywhere near the wonderful form they showed in the West.

Old timers, and in fact many of the present day experts, declare that the "California dive," as the roll over style employed by both Horine and Beeson has been called, savors more of acrobatics and tumbling than it does of high jumping. Some experts have gone so far as to claim that the heights cleared by the two Californians were due to their clever manipulation of the cross stick while in the air. They insisted the bar held the stick on the pegs and prevented it being knocked off.

The writer, however, had the opportunity of seeing both Horine and Beeson in action and though he watched them very closely saw no manipulation or attempted manipulation of the crossbar. To be sure neither Horine nor Beeson was quite at ease of the remarkable heights they were credited with having cleared in the West, but I watched them both in competition and in training and on no time did I witness any attempted manipulation of the cross stick.

A Dive, Not a Jump.

The points chiefly open to criticism were that very often both Horine and Beeson got legs and head over the bar before the feet. They dived over the bar rather than leaped over it. The main saddle was on the bar, and they came crashing to earth on their backs. Some claim that it is their acrobatic abilities that enable them to take over the bar at a height whereat another jumper with as good form as theirs would fail.

And that is why the old timers scoff at either Horine or Beeson being compared with Mike Sweeney. They say if Mike had combined the acrobatic stunts of Horine and Beeson with his own remarkable straight leg spring he would have come pretty close to clearing seven feet. Mike was a straight, clean jumper, feet first over the bar and feet first to land. Mike, to be sure, had a "roll over," but what successful jumper hasn't one? And Mike's "roll over" was without a semblance of a dive. No jumper that ever donned spiked shoes ever had a style less open to criticism than Sweeney's.

The last time we saw Mike was at the recent intercollegiate championships. Mike, you know, is assisting Johnny Mack with the track team at Yale. Mike holds his years well and still looks a lot like the limber legged leaper who captured the national running high jumping championships in 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. That feat, by the way, the taking of four consecutive national high jumping titles, only was performed by one other jumper, I. K. Baxter.

Baxter Also Won Four Titles.

Harry Ficken won the national high jumping title in 1876, 1877 and 1878, and W. Byrd Page won in 1885, 1886 and 1887. Baxter captured the national high jump championships in 1887, 1888, 1889 and 1890. Sam Jones won in 1891, but Baxter came back again in 1892 with a victory. Baxter is the only jumper to have won more national championships than Sweeney.

The first prize Sweeney won in open competition was at the games of the Orange Athletic Club on Decoration Day in 1890. A leap of 5 feet 8 inches won him first prize. That was a rather modest performance, compared to his later achievements. Mike's improvement was slow but steady.

He joined the Xavier A. A. and won most of his competitions including the four national titles, with the Cherry X on his shirt front. Though Mike represented the New York A. C. in the memorable dual meet with the London A. C. in 1894, he was not a Mercury product, simply being recruited for the occasion, as were most of the other stars.

Following that first winning 5 feet 8 inch jump at the Orange A. C. meet on Decoration Day, 1890, he cleared 5 feet 8 inches at the Manhattan A. C. meet here in the late fall of 1890. In February, 1892, at the games of the Twelfth Regiment Harriers in the Forty-seventh Regiment armory, Brooklyn, Mike captured the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 11 inches. In June of that year at the annual games of the New York A. C. he reached 6 feet and increased the figure to 6 feet 1 inch at the meeting of the Manhattan A. C. three months later.

Starts Wrecking Records.

On October 8, 1892, at Travers Island, Mike wrecked his first world's record, clearing the bar at the then unprecedented height of 6 feet ¼ inches. It smashed the long standing record of 6 feet ¼ inches made by Byrd Page in 1887. On February 10, 1894, he hung up a new world's indoor record in Boston, jumping 6 feet 1¾ inches.

At the set of games held at Travers Island on August 28, 1895, to test the condition and abilities of the athletes striving for a position on the New York A. C. team that was to meet the London A. C. in the big international meet, Mike essayed to beat his record and was successful, boosting the world's mark up to 6 feet 3 inches. He improved on those figures at the Labor Day Carnival of the New Jersey A. C. held at Berger Point, clearing the cross bar at 6 feet 3¼ inches.

The authenticity of Sweeney's record was disputed by the members of the visiting London A. C. and Cambridge University teams. Especially did they had seen Mike capture the national high jump title on September 14, 1895, with a leap of 6 feet. To them it looked as if Mike was jumping at his near limit. They had not seen Mike leap at the New Jersey A. C. meet and therefore like the canny Scot they had their doubts.

Dispelled Their Doubts.

But all their doubts were dispelled at the international meet on Manhattan Field on September 21, 1895, when the visiting Englishmen gazed in amazement as they saw Sweeney sail over the bar at a leap of 6 feet. Mike was a big, powerfully built man, standing 5 feet 10 inches in his stockings and weighing 175 pounds. He was a great athlete. Mike was a great jumper.

Mike was at the height of his career he stood about 5 feet 8 inches and weighed about 175 pounds. He was a great athlete. Mike was a great jumper.

In a description of the track and field events in which Mike Sweeney shone as a high jumper the writer would be guilty of a great omission if he failed to mention the fact that Mike was a great all round athlete. Mike was a great jumper.

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