EASTERN RACING SEASON OPENS ON BOWIE TRACK

New Course Will Be Ready on April 1, When Spring Meet Begins.

NOTED HORSES ARE THERE

Owners Have Strings Stabled on Grounds — Carbide, Three-Year-Old, Will Be Seen in Action for First Time Since Summer.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 13.—With the opening of the spring racing season in the East a little more than three weeks off, things are taking on a racy aspect at Prince Georges Park, the new track of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association at Bowie, Md., where the racing season will open on April 1. The meeting, which will be conducted under the rules of the Jockey Club, will continue until April 14, and incidently will mark the opening of the season in the East.

The new track is now in the best of condition, due to the untiring efforts of Superintendent Thomas Strahan, who has been at work on the course since the close of the inaugural meeting of the association which was held last October. The track is now ready to race over, and the numerous horses now quartered at the track have been allowed to workout on the course each day since their arrival. Nearly 200 horses have arrived at the track from New Orleans, New York, Virginia and other points, and are now comfortably housed at the new plant. The thoroughbreds are said to be enjoying the best of health, and not one case of sickness has yet been reported.

Many improvements have been made to the plant since the fall meeting, everything having been done by the officials of the association for the comfort of its patrons. Many offers have been received by General Manager James F. O'Hara for the ring privilege during the meeting, but he has turned a deaf ear to them all, as he and his colleagues have decided to keep the ring an open one, and every reputable bookmaker will be permitted to lay odds.

Dr. J. S. Tyree, the well-known Washington chemist who intends to in future winter his string at Bowie, having recently leased a barn there, has some of the best racers in training in his string, and expects to see his colors carried to victory in many of the important events during the meeting. One horse especially in his stable that is now attracting much attention is Carbide, a three-year-old son of Celt and Lady Goda, who was declared by horsemen in Canada last summer to have been the best two-year-old shown there during the season.

Carbide Run in Canada.

Carbide graduated from the maiden ranks at Ottawa, Canada on June 16, of last year when he defeated a band of clever sprinters, including Robert Davies, King Hamburg, Snos Turney's Star Bird, Jack Winston, from the stable of Colonel Rai Parr, the local sportsman and several others. In his next start a week later Carbide came right back and won the Ottawa Lumbermen's stakes, at five-eights of a mile, also defeating a band of clever sprinters.

Since the close of the season in Canada last summer, Carbide has not been raced, although his trainer, Theodore F. Coles, the veteran Virginia turfman, has been giving him his daily workouts. Under the careful handling of Trainer Coles, this horse has grown a great deal during the fall and winter months, and unless something unforseen happens, both Dr. Tyree and Mr. Coles expect him to develop into one of the best three-year-olds of the year. In addition to being a fast sprinter, Carbide has shown a liking for racing over a distance of ground, and his ability to get away from the barrier on his toes is believed will stand him in good stead in the important events in which he will be entered during the Bowie meeting. Dr. Tyree also has a number of other useful racers in his barn, many of which were bracketed during the winter meeting at New Orleans, and as they are now being given a much needed rest up since their winter campaign, when they go to the post during the Bowie meeting Trainer Coles promises that they will be in a condition to win, and entries from the stable of the Washington chemist will no doubt have many supporters among the public.

Applications for stable room are still being received at the track from owners and trainers at Juarez, Mex., and Havana, Cuba, and General Manager O'Hara stated to-day that everything possible will be done by the association to take care of all the horses en

BEST TWIRLERS STILL USE SPITBALL IN THE MAJORS

Spitball pitching isn't a common practice in the big leagues any more, yet the fact stands out that the best pitchers in the leagues use the most-ended twister.

"Big Bill" James, the pitching star of the Boston Braves, is a spitballer. Jeff Tesreau, the Giants' mainstay, uses the spitball. Doak, of Cardinals, who led the National League pitchers in 1914, is addicted to the use of the spitball. So is "Hassen" Pfeffer, of the Dodgers, one of the best pitchers that has busted into the national game for a considerable period.

The use of the spitball makes for great twirlers. History shows that mediocre pitchers who mastered the spitball quickly jumped into first rank in their particular department of the game. But history also shows that the spitball shortens a pitcher's career.

Jack Chesboro was a spitballer. The use of spitter ended his big league usefulness a number of years before the schedule time. "Big Ed" Walsh, of the White Sox, is a spitter—and he's about through.

The spitball, without doubt, kills a pitcher's arm quicker than anything else. There is no ducking the consequences from the continued use of the spitter. Probably the quarter of truly great pitching youngsters, having demonstrated what it can do with the spitball, will use it less freely in the future and save its arms.

TWO CHAMPIONS WILL MIX WEDNESDAY IN QUAKER CITY

If all arrangements go through as formulated, Philadelphia will see a champion versus a champion in action on Wednesday night when Johnny Kilbane, plutocrat of the featherweights, and Johnny "Kid" Williams, boss of the bantams, contest matters for six rounds at the Olympia Athletic Association. Promoter Harry Edwards was forced to bid up to $11,600 in order to land the match.

Kilbane has agreed to weigh at 122 pounds ringside. There will not be much disparity in weight, as Williams will probably make the scales tilt at 119 pounds. They have arranged to divide the purse evenly, each to receive $5,500 for eighteen minutes of "labor," if the bout goes the prescribed limit.

While this match was consummated ten days ago, and the principals have been in training for a week, a hitch is likely to arise at any moment, and make the efforts of Promoter Edwards completely nil. Kilbane is not very keen to take Williams on at present, and may ask for an extension of time to condition himself.

CHARLOTTESVILLE QUINT COPS STATE PREP TITLE

By Defeating Lynchburg High, Basketball Championship Goes to Albemarle Boys.

CONTEST WAS ONE-SIDED

Hill City Five Only Scored One Field Goal in First Period—Winners Challenged by Winston-Salem, Tarheel Champs.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 13.—By defeating the Lynchburg High School basketball quint to-night 25 to 15 in the Fayerweather Gymnasium at the University, Charlottesville High School captured the preparatory school championship of the State.

The contest was more one sided than anticipated, the Hill City team securing but one field goal in the first period. The visitors came back strong in the second half, however, scoring six points in rapid succession. The locals then braced and checked the spirits, although the visiting coach sent in three fresh substitutes.

Blakey and Elliott did stellar work for the winners, while Schneider's goal shooting and Peyton's floor work figured materially in the result for Lynchburg. Wrenn and Sullivan proved a sterling pair of forwards. Wood played a hard consistent game at center, but failed to register a goal.

Manager Peyton, of the winning team, received a challenge to-night from the Winston-Salem quint, which last night, won the championship title over forty other high schools in North Carolina. The Tarheels express their willingness to play on a neutral floor.

The lineup:

Charlottesville.	Position.	Lynchburg.
Schneider (Captain)	right forward	Wrenn
Elliott	left forward	Sullivan
Blakey	center	Wood (Captain)
Peyton	right guard	Boatwright
Roark	left guard	Oppleman

Summary—Substitutions: Barber for Wood; Jennings for Oppleman; Christian for Wrenn. Goals from floor: Schneider, 6; Elliott, 3; Blakey, Roark, Wrenn, 3; Sullivan, 2. Goals from fouls: Schneider, 3 out of 11; Wood, 5 out of 9. Referee: Dittrich (Virginia). Timekeeper: Stickley (Virginia). Scorer: George. Time of halves: Twenty minutes.

School Boy Quints Which Battled for Championship

Charlottesville—Reading from left to right—Peyton, Elliott, Roark, Yancey, Schneider and Blakey. Lynchburg—Top row, left to right—Appleman, Jennings, Salassa (coach). Lower row—Wrenn, Sullivan, Boatwright, Willis and Wood.

UNION UNIVERSITY WILL BRING STRONG TEAMS HERE

Colored Students Will Have Corking Good Nine—Bob Ingersoll Will Coach Again.

The colored people of Richmond will be favored this season by seeing some of the best colored matches that have ever been staged on the diamond. Coach Winston, better known in the sporting world as Bob Ingersoll, is daily hammering into shape what he expects to be the best colored nine that has ever represented Union. Ingersoll's work last season resulted in the successful team it was, with an infield that experts declared the best in any colored school in the country. The deficiency of last year's team was in the ash, and this weakness Bob has determined to overcome. However, Union finished the season with only two games in her lost column, which she dropped to Hampton by the score of 3 to 1 and 10 to 2; while she had thirteen games marked to her credit.

This year, Ingersoll declares he will finish the season with all games to his credit. He states that he sees no reason why this should not be, for he has made only one shift, occasioned by the move of B. Taylor from third to catcher to fill Nash's place. The twirling squad has been materially strengthened by the advent of one Ruffin, who is toeing the slab as efficiently as ever.

Manager Buckner has arranged the following schedule:

April 27, Union vs. St. Paul, at Lawrenceville; April 3, Union vs. Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, at Petersburg; April 5, Union vs. Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute, at Richmond; April 8, Union vs. Lincoln Stars, at Richmond; April 12 and 13, Union vs. Roanoke Giants, at Richmond; April 14, Union vs. Fredericksburg, at Fredericksburg; April 15, Union vs. Howard, at Washington; April 16, Union vs. Morgan College, at Baltimore; April 17, Union vs. Lincoln, at Philadelphia; April 20, Union vs. Howard, at Richmond; April 24, Union vs. Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute, at Hampton; April 26 and 27, Union vs. Whiting Giants, at Norfolk; May 1, Union vs. Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, at Richmond; May 4, Union vs. Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, at Richmond; May 9 and 10, Union vs. Roanoke Giants, at Roanoke; May 30, Union vs. Hampton, at Richmond.

O'Neill May Manager Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 13.—Michael J. O. O'Neill, former manager of the Elmira and Utica State league clubs, held two conferences here today with Frank T. Miller, the attorney who bought the local franchise at auction recently. O'Neill was not signed nor were his terms asked, according to a statement by Miller this evening. O'Neill and Miller will meet again tomorrow night, however, and it is expected that O'Neill will then be made

Browns Wallop Indians.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, March 13.—Cleveland American League batters were held helpless to-day by the St. Louis Nationals who won the first exhibition game, 5 to 1.

		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis		5	10	1
Cleveland		1	1	2

Batteries—Meadows, Niehaus and Snyder, Hyatt; Morton, Jones and O'Neil, Egan.

AMATEUR NOTES

The Amateur Baseball Commission of Richmond will hold an open meeting at the National State and City Bank, on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. All managers are requested to be present at this meeting as business of importance will be transacted, and plans discussed for the coming season.

The Old Dominion League held an important meeting in the office of President La Touche, last week, and practically all plans were completed for the opening of the season, which will probably be on Saturday, April 17.

Manager Stout has signed the following players for A. S. Kellan's team: Stout, catcher; Lohman and Jones, pitchers; Dowden, first base; Ricketts, second base; Orebough, shortstop; Kendler, third base, and Morgan, Hiker and Dowden outfielders.

On account of a death in his family President Wilkinson, of the Commercial league, was forced to postpone the meeting which was to have been held on Thursday night until next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, at Howell Bros., 602 East Broad Street. All managers are urged to be present.

Indications are that the Duplex Envelope Company's team in the Commercial league, will be strong contenders for the pennant in their league as Manager Lowry has signed up a likely looking bunch of ball players for his team.

Frank Timmons, manager of Clark's Spring, has practically picked his team in the Commercial league, and is looking for some firm or corporation to finance it for him, and use their name as an advertising scheme. Anyone desiring to take this proposition up can communicate with Secretary Tucker, of the Amateur Commission at his home, 8 North Plum Street, City.

The strong Kingan baseball team, managed by R. C. Morris, will not be in the league this season. This team will be missed by its many friends and lovers of clean amateur sport. The team made a good record the past three seasons, the first season winning the pennant in Packers league, the last two seasons making a hard fight for pennant in Richmond league. Some of the stars of the team were: Bernard Beasley, Pat Monroe, Stuart Sale, Jimmie Coulter, Jimmie Howle, Lindon Smithers, Oscar Sutterlin, Clarence Southward, these players will strengthen some of the weaker teams in the leagues.

Brooklyn Poloists Beat Cadets.

WEST POINT, N. Y., March 3.—The Cadets lost again at indoor polo today, the Brooklyn Polo Club riders proving too much for the embryo officers, and winning 12 1-2 to 3. The visitors outrode West Point mounts. East was the star.

Dave Shean, who will manage the Providence club this season, mangled the horse hide last year when he merely drew wages for playing ball. His batting average for 149 games was .334. He had twenty-five stolen bases to his credit, and made seven circuit slams. This latter mark, however, was exceeded by Pipp, of Rochester, who crowned the sphere for fifteen home runs.

SMITHDEAL STUDENTS FORM NEW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Business College Will Put Good Baseball Team on Field—Coach Has Twenty-five Out.

Students at the Smithdeal Business College have organized an athletic association. This was done several days ago, when an enthusiastic meeting of the student body was held. A hustling committee of students was appointed to secure members for the organization, and reported more than sixty-five enrolled after the first day's work. This committee, which is composed of Misses Margaret Gibbon, Maude Gatewood and Sallie Elliott, and Messrs. B. G. Pease, Jr., C. G. Avery and J. H. Barlow, is working energetically, and promises a much larger enrollment before they are through work.

At the meeting short snappy talks were made by S. Burton Wright and J. B. Shelhorse representing the students, and by W. T. Smithdeal, R. B. Ingham and E. R. Dudley, Jr., representing the faculty.

Coach Shelhorse issued a call for candidates for the baseball nine yesterday and twenty-five applicants responded. They have been put through light practice, and some promising material is being developed. Coach Shelhorse says, "We're not having much to say now, but we'll give some good teams a hard tussle later."

Manager Wright expects to announce his schedule in a short time. This will include games with some of the fastest amateur teams in this vicinity.

JUAREZ RESULTS

First race—four furlongs—Little Blues, 109 (Shilling), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Brooks, 106 (Gentry), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Savine, 105 (Metcalf), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even third. Time, :52 4-5. Miss Stseth, Little Luck, Tht's Me and Veldt also ran.

Second—selling, three-year-olds and up, five and one-half furlongs—Make Good, 98 (Garner), 3 to 2, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, won; Alice Teresa, 103 (Marys), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Zangarre, 92 (Acton), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:11 1-5. Breeze, Gleam O'Dawn, Cazario, Charles Fox, No Quarter and La Cazadora also ran.

Third—five and one-half furlongs—Jennie Crawford, 103 (Brezil), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, won; Little Birdie, 108 (Louder), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Captain Druse 110 (Rice), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:13 3-5. Minnie F, Birdman, Dr. Neufer, Forge also ran.

Fourth—six furlongs—Auntie Curl, 98 (Louder), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, out, won; Thistle Belle, 103 (Hoffman), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, out, second; Mercurium, 112 (Mott), 6 to 5, out, out, third. Time, 1:20 3-5. Lack Rose, Col. McDougall also ran.

Fifth—five and one-half furlongs—Mrs. Mc, 100 (T. Henry), 7 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, won; Ross Sand, 107 (Gentry), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Annual Interest 110 (Murphy), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 2-5. Ooma, Lady Mint, Louis Des Cognets, Zinkand also ran.

Sixth—one mi7—Rse O'Neill, 103 (Carroll), 10 to 1, 3 to 1, out, won; Voladay II, 105 (Rexanson), 2 to 1, 3 to 5, out, second; Andrew O'Day, 102 (Stevens), 2 to 1, 3 to 5, out, third. Time, 1:51. Asa Herndon, Hoisington also ran.

COLLEGE TRACK SQUAD READY FOR REAL WORK

Spiders Have Been Doing Cross-Country Running All Week at Westhampton.

HAS LIMBERED UP MUSCLES

Men Have Been Working Over Hills and Fields, and Are Hardened Up. Baseball Men Will Be Shifted to Track Squad.

The Richmond College track athletes have completed their preliminary training, and to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock will begin their regular season's work, under the direct supervision of Coach Dobson. Up to this time the work has consisted almost entirely of cross-country jaunts that have served the useful purpose of slowly and safely limbering up the various muscles that have to be gotten in good condition before any real strenuous work can well be attempted. The college campus and its surroundings with the well cut roads and paths leading all the way to the James River have offered as good advantages for this sort of preliminary practice as could be desired.

Captain Durham has had the squad under his care so far, acting under orders from Coach Dobson, but from this time forth Coach Dobson will devote his time to the individual as well as team training. Each man will be tried out in the various forms of work, and then he will be placed in the events where he seems best adapted, and then his work will be done with a view toward specializing in that particular branch of work. With the great amount of long distance running that the track men have had so far there should be some very good material awaiting development in the line of endurance races.

All of the men seem to be in the best of condition now, and the work should proceed with a good deal of vigor from to-morrow until the first meet, when all the classes in college will line up against one another, on Saturday on the Stadium field.

Ground Superintendent Gooseby has been working his men with all possible dispatch on the track so as to get it in good shape for the runners, and his efforts have been rewarded so far by the completion of about 300 good yards of well-laid cinder trackway. By the time of the first meet, he is confident that the entire track will be in condition, provided that the weather from now on is not inclement. The splendid weather of the past week has greatly aided in the preparation of the field for the season.

It is expected that Coach Dobson will transfer a few more men from the baseball squad to the track squad this week. This move will probably be made because of the excess of mediocre material in the baseball department and the fact that many of these fair ball players can make excellent track or field men. The squad has now assumed considerable proportions.

The University of Michigan baseball team should certainly clean up on the collegiate diamonds this season, as among its catchers are Stallings and McGraw.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE ADOPTS SCHEDULE FOR SEASON

Each Team Will Play 110 Games, of Which Nearly Half Are on Home Grounds.

DON'T CUT ANY SALARIES

Rumor to Effect That Officials Would Receive Less Pay Does Not Pan Out—Norfolk Charged Shipbuilders With Stealing Player.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 13.—Contrary to rumor, the predicted fight to have the salary of President J. O. Boatwright cut did not develop at the meeting of the Virginia League directors held here this afternoon. Practically the entire session lasting until to-night was taken up with the consideration of a playing schedule for the coming season. A schedule, which may be subject to some changes, was finally adopted.

The schedule gives Newport News, Norfolk, Pitsmouth and Petersburg eleven Saturday games at home, Rocky Mount, nine, and Suffolk, seven. The number of days each club will have at home and abroad is as follows:

Newport News—Fifty-eight at home and sixty abroad.

Norfolk—Sixty-one at home and fifty-seven abroad.

Portsmouth—Fifty-seven at home and sixty-one abroad.

Rocky Mount—Fifty-seven at home and sixty-one abroad.

Suffolk—Fifty-six at home and sixty-two abroad.

Petersburg—Fifty-nine at home and fifty-nine abroad.

F. B. Walker, of Norfolk, charged at the meeting that Newport News had approached Catcher Mace while that player was under contract to them. This was denied by the local men, who claimed that Norfolk had signed Mace after he had agreed to play with the Shipbuilders. Farrel has ruled with the locals.

PLAY INDOOR BASEBALL

At the Grays' Armory last night the indoor baseball game between the soldiers and Barton Heights ended with the score of 19 to 6, in favor of Company F, of the Grays. The Barton Heights players spent their first evening on the floor of the Grays' Armory, and were warmly welcomed. Features of the game were the three-base hits of Chittum and the home run of Fitzhugh, both of the Grays.

Seven Hundred Clubs Honor This Sportsman

FRED GILBERT.

This week 700 trapshooting clubs are holding a "Fred Gilbert Shoot." Five hundred of them will shoot for a silver cup bearing a Gilbert basrelief. The remainder, joining the movement after the supply of cups was exhausted, will shoot for other appropriate trophies. Gilbert himself will shoot at Wilmington, Del., on March 17, where a banquet will be given in his honor.

Trapshooting Conundrum

BY H. C. MINNICK.

Here is a puzzler that is going around among trapshooters, and threatens to become as famous as "How old is Ann?"

On one of the Eastern railroads there is a freight crew, all of whom are trapshooters. As they have limited time to attend trapshooting clubs, they practice their favorite sport en route.

Their method is to send out one of the boys forward, about five car lengths ahead of the caboose, with a hand trap and some clay targets, and while the train is moving at about thirty miles an hour the trapper throws the targets off to one side at right angles from the train. The shooters are located in the observatory of the caboose and test their skill at hitting the flying clays.

This gives rise to the conundrum: suppose the target were thrown from the rear platform of a train going thirty miles an hour. The greatest distance at which a target can be thrown with a hand trap is about eighty yards, and it travels this distance in about two seconds. Assuming that the average target must be hit within sixty yards of the shooter, and that he is standing alongside the hand trap operator, how much time does he have in which to hit the target?

After our trapshooting friends have solved the above problem they might turn their attention to this one: how much time would he have to hit the target if it were thrown forward from the engine pilot and he were standing alongside the trapper?

TENNIS STARS TO APPEAR IN ALL BIG TOURNAMENTS

Absence of Davis Cup Matches Will Give Players More Time for Other Events.

McLOUGHLIN IS AFTER CUP

International Meets Have Kept Him Out of Competition Lately for Lake Forest Trophy—Westerners Are Active Already.

The tennis world is confronted with two momentous facts this year which render predictions easy on one hand, while on the other there exists a doubt. The war has eliminated any possibility of the Davis cup matches, so it can be safely presumed that the foremost players in the country will participate in more tournaments than if they were forced to train for the international competitions. With this condition it is only necessary to glance over the country where the largest tournaments are held to discover which ones will attract the Western players, Maurice E. McLoughlin, R. Lindley Murray, William Johnston, or such players of lesser ability as Elia Fottrell, Clarence Griffin and John Strachan.

When a player has won two legs on a challenge cup, valuable because of the many names engraved upon it, he is apt to consider potting for the place where that tournament is held with the idea in mind of attempting to carry the prize away. At Lake Forest, just outside of Chicago, the Western championships are held, usually late in July, and McLoughlin has won two legs on a challenge trophy there that the Onwentsia Club donated to the Western Tennis Association. The past two years he has been unable to participate in this tournament because of the international matches, but this year, on his way East to New York, it is fair to predict that he will stop off in Chicago and attempt to have his name placed for the third and last time on the time-honored trophy.

Leaving Chicago, McLoughlin could arrive in good time to defend his title at Longwood, for the Western championship and the Longwood tournament are generally held during successive weeks in July. After Longwood, the New York State championship is held at Bay Ridge, but McLoughlin will likely rest that week and enter the Southampton tournament in preparation for the national championship in New York. McLoughlin is training at this present moment for the national title which he lost to R. N. Williams last year at Newport. No other tournament will interfere with the "California Comet's" plans as concerns his physical and mental efficiency, which he knows full well must be at the highest standard during the progress of the national championship.

Murray Represents Pacific Const.

R. L. Murray will probably be the man selected by the Pacific Coast Tennis Association to follow the same course laid down for McLoughlin. There is a likelihood that these men, before many years, may represent the country in doubles. At present McLoughlin, paired with T. C. Bundy, holds the national doubles title, but the latter player is hampered more each year by business engagements.

With the big invitation tournaments at the Westchester Country Club, Seabright, Southampton, and possibly Bay Ridge, and the New York State championships to precede the national championships at Forest Hills, followers of tennis hereabouts will have an opportunity of seeing all the best racquet wielders in the country in action, and a brilliant season's sport at the nets is in prospect.

Although the formal announcement of the date for the national championships has been made, nothing official has yet been done respecting the restriction of entries, which is in the hands of the executive committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. Unless some rule is adopted the West Side Club may have to handle an army of 500 or more who would enter from the metropolitan district.

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