

HARNESS HORSE YEAR

Local Season Has Been Most Successful.

MANY GOOD PERFORMANCES

Washington Admirers of the Sport Owa Four Horses with Records Better Than 2:10—The Remarkable Career of Harry C—Entries for the Speedway Matinee Wednesday.

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John F. Javins, president of the Brightwood Driving Club, has asked The Herald to say that he owns a horse that can beat any other horse owned in the District of Columbia, and that he is desirous of making a match.

This request was made by Mr. Javins on the Potomac Speedway on Christmas morning, and the challenge soon reached the ears of John J. O'Keefe, who in turn called on The Herald to make a statement for him in reply. Mr. O'Keefe said he would be glad to accommodate Mr. Javins. That he would match his horse Finch, 2:15 1/4, against either Bedford Boy, 2:06 1/4, or Bedford Boy, 2:13 1/4, for any reasonable amount of money, the race to be mile heats, best two in three, over any mile or half-mile track within 200 miles of Washington that Mr. Javins may name; weather and track conditions to be favorable. The owner of the losing horse to pay all expenses of the winner.

Such a match would arouse great interest among local harness-horse men. That it would be a fast and hard-fought one is assured. It is hardly probable, however, that it will take place before spring, although a forfeit to clinch it will probably be put up at once.

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New Football Rules Satisfactory to Local Enthusiasts.

GEORGETOWN COACH'S VIEWS

Dr. Reilly Makes Suggestion That Game Be Lengthened and Distance Penalty, Instead of Loss of Ball, Be Inflicted When Forward Pass Falls. Other Minor Changes.

The decision of the football rules committee not to make any radical changes in the code that will govern at the sport next fall has met with the approval of football followers in this city.

Foremost among those who heartily favor the new rules is Dr. J. A. Reilly, the Georgetown head graduate coach. When the new rules were first announced last summer, Reilly was among those who believed that the committee went a little too far in practically revolutionizing the game, but after a year of experimenting the Georgetown coach believes that the changes are in the best interests of the sport, and that next season the game will be even more intensely interesting than ever before.

To radically change the rules at this time would be a hard blow to the game, for during the past season football was probably more popular with the spectator than ever before," says Dr. Reilly. "The 19-yard rule has brought the much-hoped-for open play, and next season with a more thorough understanding of the possibilities of the new rules the open play should be even more attractive.

Lengthen the Halves. "While the rules as they stand are good, I believe that a number of slight changes, that would greatly benefit the game, could be made. For instance, cutting the game from thirty-five to thirty-minute halves has never been popular. The new rule which allows a team to take out time only three times in a half has so shortened the game that I think that it would be advisable to add five minutes to each half in the interests of both the spectator and the player.

Another change that I would suggest would be that a distance penalty instead of the loss of the ball be given when the forward pass fails. It was the intention of the rules committee when the rule allowing the forward pass was made to encourage this play as much as possible. But the risk of losing the ball has been so great that it has not been used as much as it would be if a 15-yard penalty is substituted for the loss of the ball. I am opposed to giving another down in which to gain ten yards, as I believe that any such provision will permit mass plays, which it is the desire of the committee to eliminate.

"I am especially anxious to have the committee more definitely define hurdling in the line, and also favor a provision making it unlawful to make a fair catch outside of the 55-yard line."

Illinois Wants Graduates. Despite Defeats, Alumni Will Continue as Football Coaches.

Judging from remarks dropped by various members of the board of control of the University of Illinois, the system of graduate coaching for the football men will be retained, despite the fiasco of the past season.

Huff, the director of athletics, is particularly against a change, for he believes that the alumni can do just as well as an "imported" coach if they have the right material to work upon, material which, he adds, was sadly lacking this fall.

It was rumored that if professional coaching was resumed Eddie Holt, the old Princeton tackle, who coached the Illinois team for several seasons previously to 1892, would be offered the position, but at present the graduate coach is the bee in the bonnet of the board of control.

Hillman Not Suspended. Athlete's Refusal to Pay N. Y. A. C. Dues Started Story.

New York, Dec. 29.—While it is true that a housecleaning committee is at work in the athletic department of the New York Athletic Club, it is also true that the club is reluctant to lose its famous athletes.

Harry Hillman has not been expelled from membership in the club. In his case this is what happened: Like all athletic members, Hillman is assessed \$10 annually for dues. When he entered the club, several years ago, he promptly paid his first year's dues. Immediately after payment he was informed by many members, none of whom were officers, however, that it was unnecessary for an athlete of his standing to pay dues. He refused to do so, and his dues were not collected.

Mr. Hillman investigated a bit and found that several men on his team were not paying any money to the club. When he found that out he refused to pay his dues. Nothing was said about his dues until several weeks ago, when he received a letter from the management stating he was behind in his dues and hinting strongly that unless he paid immediately he would be expelled.

Knowing that the other members of his team had not paid their dues and that no such letter had been sent to them, Hillman answered that he saw no reason why he should be the only one forced to do so. Following his letter of refusal, Hillman admits he had been told by at least ten different persons that he had been dropped from the club. The information, which followed the letter, led him to believe that he had been suspended. Not until he saw the story of the housecleaning at the club this morning did he take any notice. Fearing that people would believe he had gotten into trouble because of his "house account," Hillman called up the officials of the club and from them learned he had not been either expelled or suspended.

Four athletes from New York today asked Hillman to join their organizations.

Penn's Crew Will Row. Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The fact that Harvard also has entered a crew will not prevent the University of Pennsylvania crews from competing in the race for junior eights in the American Henley to be held on the Schuylkill in May. The recent edict of the Rowing Blue athletic authorities only referred to dual contests between the two institutions.

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LACK GOOD DEFENSE

Why Many Clever Fighters' Careers Are Cut Short. McGOVERN IS AN EXAMPLE

Terrible Terry, a Victim of Overtraining, Had a Punch that Discounted His Rivals' Science—Continued Punishment Finally Told on Scrappy Brooklynite—Other Cases.

Terry McGovern in an insane ward is a lesson to fighters who have studied only the offensive side of their calling. The former champion of the world is still a youngster. Five years ago he ranked as the greatest little man the game had ever known. To-day he is down and out.

It is not the pace that Terry, which pulled down Terry, says the Philadelphia North American. His bad habits did not begin until his decline had started. Perhaps they helped to hasten the end. They did not begin it.

McGovern is a victim of overtraining and lack of a proper defense. He came into the ring a full-fledged champion. He underwent no apprenticeship. He had a punch that none could withstand. Others might be better boxers, but the terrible punch of Terry for a time discounted all skill, and it was not until he met Young Corbett, a youth who did not fear him, who could box and had a wallop, that Terry was dropped from his pedestal.

Fought Without Defense. Meantime, during four busy years, Terry had never fought without a defense. He had never learned how to cover up his body and protect the vital parts. He won so easily that he did not think he needed to master the defensive skill that enabled a man to survive a long career and come out unharmed.

"Take a blow to give one," was Terry's motto. He acted on it literally. With lowered head, careless of what punches might be rained into his heart and stomach, he rushed to get a candidate his men. He usually succeeded, but in every one of these fights he was hit often and hard.

This continued punishment had a cumulative effect. Terry became a nervous wreck. Moreover, he was always in training, and gave outraged nature no chance to rejuvenate itself. His finish is only what must have been expected under the circumstances.

An examination of the records will show that it is only the men who understood the art of avoiding punishment who have kept to the fore for a long time. Joe Gans was a champion for years, but he is still one. He knows how to box. Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien illustrate the same idea. After they quit the boxing game they will still be splendid specimens of manhood, in the physical and mental trim.

Careers Are Short. The slap-bang boxer who reckons nothing of taking a punch is a hero with the public while it lasts, but he pays the price. There are many others who prove this in addition to the case of poor Terry.

A few years ago the public delighted to cheer Kid Carter, one of the bravest men who ever pulled on a glove. He had a terrific punch, and those who saw him give away weight to Gus Rubin will never forget his matchless courage in those unequal bouts.

He took terrible beatings from Peter Maher, whom he knocked out; Marvin Hart and Jack O'Brien, whom he was felled. Finally, all of a sudden, he collapsed, and went back so pitifully that men who at one time would have run from him for their lives, were able to knock him out. Had Carter first learned how to ward off punishment he might have been a star to-day.

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Case of Kid Broad. Kid Broad was a kid, and so was little Eddie Hanlon, a lion-hearted youngster, who was fighting champions while in his teens. Eddie was a bulldog, a forer of the battling, but he lacked the art of keeping away from the blows. He has never gone nearly as far as he should.

Buddy Ryan had a wallop, but no grit, and his light speed, were out. Yet Jimmy Gardner, a welter, who can box, ought to be good for ten years.

George Gardner's clumsy style and raggedness went for a while, then the effect of the pounding began to tell, until eventually he lost his courage and became perhaps the worst lemon in the ring.

In football the coaches always teach a team how to defend its goal before imparting the art of making touchdowns. It should be so in boxing.

The man with the punch who forgets the laws of self-defense can have but short-lived success in the ring, and that only at a terrible risk.

BOTHNER'S STRENUOUS WAYS. Light-weight Wrestling Champ Takes Daily Plunge in East River.

New York, Dec. 29.—A daily run of from ten to eighteen miles, a plunge in the East River, and hard work on the mat has put George Bothner, light-weight wrestling champion of the world, in a condition known among athletes as "hard as nails." The incentive for his strenuous training is two matches in which Bothner is soon to participate, and which are set for dates ten days apart.

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The training Bothner goes through each day would soon break down a less hardy athlete. Every morning he runs many miles. He usually starts at 8:30 o'clock, and finishes at noon. A plunge into the cold waters of the East River tops the performance. The incentive for his strenuous training is two matches in which Bothner is soon to participate, and which are set for dates ten days apart.

To Sell Old Cup Defender. The Coronan Cadet basketball team has arranged a game for Wednesday, January 9, with the West Branch Y. M. C. A. Quint, of Baltimore, at the Center Market Armory.

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WASHINGTON Y. M. C. A. WINS

Defeats York Team in Second Tri-City Championship Game.

After Being Outplayed at Start, Beckett's Pupils Make a Strong Finish—The Winning Goal.

Special to The Washington Herald. York, Pa., Dec. 29.—In the second of the Tri-City League championship basketball games in the city to-night the Washington Y. M. C. A. was victorious over the local Y. M. C. A. by 17 to 10. The game was characterized by roughness, many fouls for holding being called.

The locals outplayed the visitors during the first half, but in the closing period the visitors were easily superior. Haight's clever goal shooting made the winning point. Sieber, protested by the visitors, was not played. The score:

Washington. Positions. York. Coleman..... forward..... Shaughlin..... forward..... McWhorter..... guard..... Haight..... center..... Barnes Jones..... guard..... Barnes Jones..... center..... Goals from field—Shaughlin (2), Kaufman, Dimpwolf, Barnes (2), Ludwig (3), McClain (2), Haight (2). Goals from foul—Shaughlin (4), Williams, 2, McWhorter—Beckett. Time of halves—20 minutes.

SHAMROCK QUINT SWAMPED. Baltimore, Y. M. C. A. Rolls Up 64 Points on Local Basketball Team.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Dec. 29.—The West Branch Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore, defeated the Shamrock Athletic Club, of Washington, to-night, in the West Branch gym, 64 to 1. As the score indicates, there was nothing to it for the visitors. They were simply outplayed throughout. The line-up:

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Y. M. C. A. BOYS WIN. Superior Team Work Lands Game with Vesper Quint.

The Y. M. C. A. Boys Building team beat the Vespers in a fast basketball game by 25 to 7. Although outweighed, the Y. M. C. A. outplayed the Vespers by superior team work. The feature for Y. M. C. A. was the playing of H. Ellis and G. Sloane. Sigourney did the best work for the losers. The line-up:

Y. M. C. A. Positions. Vespers. O. Sloane..... right forward..... Cole H. Ellis..... right guard..... Sigourney Bentley..... center..... Dempsey and H. Kuehn..... left guard..... Otton F. Leland..... left forward..... Peters Goals—H. Ellis (6), Kuehn (3), Sloane (3), Sigourney, Cole, Dempsey, Bentley. Free losses—Sigourney, Sloane, Refree—E. Sloane, Timer—Mr. Vetsel, Source—Mr. Burton.

Basketball at Annapolis. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 29.—Two teams of midshipmen played an exhibition match of basketball, it being the formal introduction of the game into athletic events at the institution. Homer Norton, who is captain of the regular five, led the winning team in to-night's event. The losing team was captained by Herbert S. Holden, manager of the basketball team. The score was 18 to 11. Basketball will become a regular sport at the Academy. A schedule of games is being arranged, and the Middies are giving much attention to the new sport. Many of the candidates were members of the football squad this season. Norton, captain, was quarter back of the eleven.

MILITIAMEN WILL WRESTLE

National Guard Association to Hold Tourney in February.

LONGER BILLIARD MATCHES.

Jake Schafer Says at Least 1,500 Points Should Be Played.

Jake Schafer is not satisfied with the present method of deciding a billiard championship through one night's play of 500 points. He says:

"The idea of deciding a championship on the result of one game of 500 points is ridiculous. In such a short contest in the good or bad breaks, such as come to every player, cut far too large a swath in the finish. With good luck a player may make a phenomenal showing, such as Sutton did when he made a 100 average in a match game for 500 points; or as Hoppe did in a recent practice match, when he ran a 500-point game out in three innings.

"It is the general-average ability, sustained through a number of games, that determines a player's effectiveness. I believe that no championship should be decided unless at least 1,500 points are played; and the longer the match the better the test. In the old days 8,000 points were not considered excessive, and nearly all the national and international championships were decided on this basis.

"In several games in which I have participated in tournaments, or in championship matches in which one-night play figured, I have had very bad fortune. I am confident that, with a series of games of 600 points each, I can beat any man in the world at either 822 or 811 billiards. As soon as conditions settle down I will challenge for both titles."

Nebraska and Wisconsin to Play. It has been formally announced that the University of Nebraska has concluded negotiations with the University of Wisconsin for a football game to be played in Madison on October 19, 1907. The Wisconsin faculty has sanctioned the game, and the authorities of Nebraska are expected to follow suit at the January faculty meeting.

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