ARDETTE GIVEN RACE

Allowed to Win Chevy Chase Steeplechase.

IT PROVES TO BE A FARCE

With Only Three Horses Starting and Two of These Coupled in the Betting Dion Kerr Decides to Get Ardette in Front of Essex, Who Was Held Back in the Stretch.

What was expected to be the banner day of the spring meeting at Benning was spoiled by the extremely unpleasant weather. The air was raw and damp, and a cold wind swept the course and blew into the faces of the spectators in the stand. Before the horses went to the post in the last event snow began to fall, and the crowd went home through a snowstorm, wet, cold, and, in many cases, miserable. The attendance would doubtless have been the largest of the meeting had the weather been propitious, but despite that fact, there was a big gathering on hand.

The race which a large proportion of the crowd went to see was the Chevy Chase Pink Coat Steeplechase, but it turned out to be a farce. There were seven horses carded on the programme, but only three answered the bugle, and two of these were coupled in the betting. There was little speculation on the race, as Dion Kerr's two entries, Essex and Ardette, were considered to have the race at their mercy. The other starter was Clarence Moore's Ordessu. Mr. Kerr declared to win with Ardette, on whom he had the mount, Robert Taylor, the Baltimore rider, being up on Essex. Mr. Leith, of Virginia, was in Ordessu's saddle.

Some few risky layers put up 1 to 3 against Ordessu third, believing he would rot go the course, but under Mr. Leith's skillful handling Mr. Moore's horse made a fairly good showing, and his rider got out of him all there was in him.

Essex was easily pounds the best. Mr. Taylor could not restrain him in the early part of the race, and, although he pulled his head sidewise, Essex loped along in front for the first half of the journey, with Ordessu in second place. Then Mr. Taylor managed to pull Essex into last place, allowing Ordessu and Ardette to go out in front. The two alternated in the lead to the last fence, where Ardette, under a hard drive, managed to get a slight lead.

Essex Tried Hard.

Once in the stretch Mr. Kerr drove him hard and he managed to shake off Ordessu. Essex was so full of run that he easily passed Ordessu, and, though Mr. Taylor was sawing on the reins all through the stretch, Essex closed so fast that he came near snatching the race from Ardette. Right at the wire he gave his horse a sharp pull and Ardette's nose flashed in front. The race was unsatisfactory from every standpoint.

The other feature of the card was the Washington Nursery, for two-year-olds, in which Woodcraft and George Howard's Billie Hibbs met again. In the Dinner Stakes last Saturday Woodcraft's showing was so good that the public yesterday made him a favorite over Mr. Howard's horse. John Madden gave out the word that his cold Dead Gone would run a better race, and he was heavily played right at the close of the betting, being backed from eights to fours. Bilfil, an added starter, who won on Friday, also had a big following, and Laudable was played.

The start was a poor one. Billie Hibbs shot across the field right after the barrier rose and cut off the rest of the horses. He soon took a long lead, and in the stretch came away in the easiest possible manner, winning in a gallop by half a dozen lengths. His race was a great improvement over his showing in the Dinner Stakes. Woodcraft had none of the speed she showed the last time out, and managed to get home third, only a head in fron of Bilfil, while Ivan Fox's Gun Cotton, closing strong, took second place.

Four Favorites Win.

From a betting standpoint the public fared well, four of the choices winning, though in the steeplechase there was little betting. The meeting of Lady Isabella and Queen's Souvenir in the fifth occasioned some interest because when the two last met many thought Lady Isabella was the better of the pair. She proved it yesterday when she turned the tables on Mr. Belmont's filly.

Crickmore's semi-annual embryo-jockey affair was first on the card. Anna Smith opened favorite, but the strong play on Jack McKeon sent him to the post the choice. Azelina was supported by a large number. Anna Smith made the pace to the turn, where Azelina closed and Jack McKeon also moved up. It was a duel between Azelina and Anna Smith in the stretch and Azelina getting the best ride, won. Anna Smith could hardly have lost with competent handling. Jack McKeon also suffered from a poor ride.

Fifteen maidens answered the bugle in the third, and there were, of course, numerous tips. Cobleskill was actual favorite. He got off to a flying start and kept his lead to the end, winning easily. Lucy Strome ran in second place to the stretch and retired, while Pins and Needles came along to get second place at the finish ahead of Grumbling Soph, who, as usual, came with a rush.

Interest in the Fifth.

There was a great deal of interest manifested in the fifth because Queen's Souvenir and Lady Isabel met again. In their last race many thought Lady Isabel was best and should have won. Queen's Souvenir, however, was strongly played, but the Columbia Stable's horse was the favorite. The race was a duel between them. Queen's Souvenir made the pace until well into the stretch, where Lady Isabel began to close. It was a sharp struggle for a few strides, and then Lady Isabel forged ahead and won a good race by half a length. Blember was a distant third.

Old Banker was trotted out in the last and made favorite over Water Dog, who nevertheless was heavily played. Water Dog raced to the turn in front and kept his lead along the back stretch, with Banker last, but close up. Once in the stretch, Banker moved into the lead easily and ran away from his horses. Water Dog just managed to beat Betsy Binford for the place.

GOSSIP OF THE TRACK.

The oddly-named Matches Mary showed a fine turn of speed. She ran in second place till well into the stretch, where she curled up.

There was a big play on Bilfil, the added starter in the Nursery, but Bilfil could do no better than fourth, though he ran a good race and would have been third in another stride.

Many of the spectators could not understand why Mr. Taylor was pulling Essex throughout the running of the steeplechase, but inasmuch as Mr. Kerr had declared to win with his other entry, Ardette, Mr. Taylor was carrying out instructions, although he had a harder time to keep his horse from winning than Mr. Kerr did to make Ardette get home in front.

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RESULTS AT BENNING—APRIL 6, 1907.

WEATHER CLOUDY—TRACK FAST.

67—FIRST RACE—Seven furlongs. Columbia course. Purse, $300. Four-year-olds and upward. Selling. Apprentice jockeys. Start good. Won driving; place same. Time, 1:29 3-5. Value to winner, $430. Winner, ch. m., by Balgowan—Miss Lynah. Owner, C. C. Smithson. Trainer, Theodore Coles.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	¼.	⅝.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
47²	Azelina, 5, 91	4	3	3½	2h	2¹	1h	1½	McCarthy.	4	5	18—5	7—10	1—4
(25)	Anna Smith, 4, 91	5	2	1¹	1h	1h	2¹½	2²	Medlicott.	8—5	11—5	2	3—5	1—5
(57)	Jack McKeon, 5, 86	2	1	4³	3h	3²	3¹	3¹½	Henry.	8—5	2	13—10	2—5	1—6
47²	Ivanhoe, 5, 87	3	5	5	5	4³	4²	4¹⁰	Simmons.	10	12	12	3	6—5
43	Gentian, 4, 89	1	4	2h	4³	5	5	5	Yorke.	30	50	50	10	3

Scratched—Idle Dream, Niblick, Chippewa, Society Bud. Overweight—Ivanhoe, 1.

Azelina was best ridden, and this won for her. Anna Smith's boy sat still all the way, and could not help his mount a bit. Jack McKeon ran his race. Gentian had speed.

68—SECOND RACE—Four and one-half furlongs. Washington Nursery. Purse, $1,000. Two-year-olds. Start poor. Won easily; place driving. Time, 0:57 3-5. Value to winner, $1,390. Winner, br. g., by Fatherless—Aurine. Owner, George Howard. Trainer, William Garth.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	¼.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
32	Billie Hibbs, 110	10	2	1²	1³	1⁴	1⁶	L. Smith.	5—2	4	7—2	7—5	7—10
32²	Gun Cotton, 107	3	7	7¹	7¹¹	5¹	2¹½	Alex.	8	15	15	5	5—2
32²	Woodcraft, 107	6	3	3h	3½	4h	3h	Englander.	9—5	13—5	11—5	1	1—2
(62)	Bilfil, 113	8	6	5¹	5¹	6	4²	Jno. Hennessey.	6	8	7	5—2	7—5
50⁴	Laudable, 107	2	5	4½	4h	3½	5h	Mountain.	6	6	6	2	6—5
44	Dead Gone, 113	1	4	6	6¹½	7	6⁴	McDaniel.	6	8	4	8—5	4—5
36	*Matches Mary, 107	5	1	2⁴	2²	2½	7²	J. Johnson.	10	20	20	6	3
2	Oreodon, 109	4	9	9	9³	9	8¹½	J. O'Brien.	20	30	30	10	5
52²	Easter Belle, 107	9	8	8	8¹	8	9⁴	McCarty.	20	30	30	10	5
44	*Tenancy by Courtesy, 110	7	10	10	10	10	10	McIntyre.	10	20	20	6	3

*Coupled.

Scratched—Trey of Spades, Blember, Long Hall. Overweight—Oreodon, 2.

Billie Hibbs much the best; had all his speed, but cut across the field right at the start. Gun Cotton closed strong. Woodcraft did not run his race. Bilfil was closing. Matches Mary had speed. Laudable's showing fair. Oreodon looks big.

69—THIRD RACE—Seven furlongs. Columbia course. Purse, $300. Maiden three-year-olds. Start fair. Won easily; place same. Time, 1:30 3-5. Value to winner, $510. Winner, ch. g., by Isidor—Roxane. Owner, Mrs. M. Hoffman. Trainer, E. J. Hoffman.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	¼.	½.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
28	Cobleskill, 3, 99	8	2	1¹	1h	1½	1¾	1ª	McDaniel.	4	5	3	6—5	7—10
59²	Pins and Needles, 3, 97	5	6	3ª	3h	3h	2½	2¹	Medlicott.	5—2	4	7—2	6—5	7—10
28²	Grumbling Soph, 3, 97	10	9	7	7	7	5½	3¹	Goldstein.	4	8	6	2	1
53²	Millstone, 3, 99	7	4	6	6	6	6	4h	Englander.	4	4	4	2	1
.....	Canvas, 3, 99	15	8	4½	4½	4²	4¹	5h	Alex.	20	30	8	3	8—5
.....	Salt and Pepper, 5, 116	2	10	10	9	9	9	6½	Mountain.	40	60	60	20	10
29²	Lucy Strome, 3, 100	11	3	2h	2²	2²	2h	7h	J. Johnson.	10	12	10	4	2
53	Jobstown, 3, 99	3	7	8	8	8	8	8h	Jno. Hennessey.	30	50	40	15	7
.....	Waterbearer, 4, 116	4	1	5	5	5²	7	9	J. O'Brien.	12	20	20	8	4
47	Isidor Hirsch, 3, 101	9	11	11	11	10	10	10	Morris.	50	50	30	10	5
17	Sheridan, 3, 104	6	13	13	12	12	11	11	W. McIntyre.	30	40	40	15	7
53	Knockirby, 3, 99	1	5	9	10	11	12	12	Yorke.	30	50	40	15	7
24	Flare, 4, 114	13	12	12	13	13	13	13	A. Lee.	50	60	60	20	10
.....	I Am Trying, 3, 99	12	15	15	15	14	14	14	Keating.	100	100	100	30	15
.....	Wayside, 3, 99	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	L. Smith.	50	100	100	30	15

Scratched—Nettie Carita, Sally K. Overweights—Iridor Hirsch, 2; Lucy Strome, 3; Sheridan, 2.

Millstone could not get through. Lucy Strome had her speed, but stopped. Winner much the best, though McDaniel rode him out. Pins and Needles ran her race. Grumbling Soph closed strong, as usual.

70—FOURTH RACE—Chevy Chase Hunters' Steeplechase. About two and one-half miles. Purse, $700. Five-year-olds and upward. Start good. Won all out; place pulled up. Time, 5:09. Value to winner, $510, in money and plate. Winner, b. m., by Arlington—Mary Antoinette. Owner, D. K. Kerr. Trainer, P. Price.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	1.	1½.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
.....	*Ardette, a., 161	3	2	3	3	1h	1ª	1h	Mr. D. Kerr.	1—6	1—5	1—10	—	—
(22)	*Essex, 5, 154	1	1	1¹	1²	3	2²	2²	Mr. Taylor.	1—6	1—5	1—10	—	—
.....	Ordessu, 5, 164	2	3	2½	2³	2⁴	3	3	Mr. Leith.	4	10	7	1	—

Scratched—Angle, Navajo, Pete Dailey, Kitty Bellairs. Overweight—Ordessu, 10.

Essex could have won off by himself; Mr. Taylor was pulling his head off all the way, and right at the wire yanked him up sharply to let Ardette win. Ardette under a drive all the way. Ordessu not much.

71—FIFTH RACE—Four and one-half furlongs. Purse, $400. Two-year-olds. Start good. Won driving; place easily. Value to winner, $280. Winner, ch. f., by Holstein—Utilitas. Owner, Columbia Stable. Trainer, Woods Garth.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	¼.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
41²	Lady Isabel, 102	2	2	4	4³	2²	1n	J. Johnson.	7—5	8—5	6—5	1—3	1—7
(44)	Queen's Souvenir, 104	4	3	2¹	1h	1h	2¹	McDaniel.	7—5	2	9—5	2—5	—
50²	Blember, 99	3	1	1h	2²	3³	3¹⁰	Jno. Hennessey.	5	6	4	1	1—3
.....	Senator Barrett, 102	1	4	5	5	4⁴	4¹⁰	Englander.	6	20	15	4	7—10
.....	Maytime, 99	5	5	3½	3h	5	5	Vosper.	30	100	60	15	5

Lady Isabel got a good ride and ran gamely; was best. Queen's Souvenir is game and speedy, but too small to be much. Blember easily best of others. Maytime showed a flash.

72—SIXTH RACE—One mile and 100 yards. Old course. Purse, $500. Three-year-olds and upward. Selling. Start good. Won easily; place driving. Time, 1:52. Value to winner, $390. Winner, b. h., by Belvidere—Lady Hawkstone. Owner, Albert Stokes. Trainer, J. Fitzsimmons.

Ind.	Starters.	Post Pos.	St.	¼.	½.	¾.	Str.	Fin.	Jockeys.	Op.	Hi.	Cl.	Pl.	3d.
.....	Banker, 5, 110	2	2	4	3¾	1²	1¹	1³	Mountain.	6—5	8—5	7—5	2—5	—
39²	Water Dog, 4, 103	1	1	1¾	1h	2½	2¹	2h	J. Johnson.	7—5	2	9—5	2—5	—
57	Betsy Binford, 3, 86	4	4	3½	4	3¹	3⁴	3¹³	Mahon.	5	7	4	9—10	—
.....	Blue Buck, 6, 107	3	3	2¹	2²	4	4	4	McDaniel.	10	10	8	2	—

Scratched—Old Colony. Overweight—Betsy Binford, 2.

Banker much the best; close up all the way, came to outside on stretch turn, and had plenty in reserve at finish. Water Dog just saved the place. Betsy Binford was second a few yards from wire, but hung at end. Blue Buck had speed and will improve.

MONDAY'S BENNING ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs; Columbia course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
67²	Jack McKeon	112	62²	Venus*	93
....	Tom Lawson	102	33	Chippewa*	95
63	Edwin H.	96	(63)	Wabash Queen*	87
(45)	Jupiter*	102			

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds; four furlongs; old course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
64²	Gossoon	114	38	Luzetta	107
....	Merry Man	107	....	Miss Marjorie	107
56²	Awless	107	62	Beckon	107
....	John Lee	107	62	Long Ball	107

THIRD RACE—Three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs; Columbia course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
....	Bobbie Kean	120	63²	Greeno	101
54	Lord Roanerges	104	61²	Faust	101
(37)	Anna May	101	61²	Golf Ball	101
43	Berkeley	101	....	Dog Rose	98
69	Sheridan	101	(27)	Workmaid	99

FOURTH RACE—Selling; fillies and mares; five furlongs; Columbia course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
37	Idle Dream	112	37	Princess Royal*	106
55²	Cousin Kate	111	62²	Venus*	106
67²	Anna Smith	111	37	Osdneke*	106
63	Bettie Bounce	111	(59)	Old Colony*	94
....	Merry Lassie	99	....	Bessie Wynn*	94
....	Alegra	99	57²	Umbrella*	94
55	Diamond Flush*	107	7²	Kankakee*	94

FIFTH RACE—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; one mile; Columbia course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
66	Colmosa	106	31	Dekaber*	109
42²	Monacodor*	103	45²	Turbulence*	85
66	Delphic*	106			

SIXTH RACE—Handicap; three-year-olds and upward; seven and one-half furlongs; Columbia course.

Ind.	Horse.	Wt.	Ind.	Horse.	Wt.
45²	Oxford	126	61²	Faust	95
(60)	Ormonde's Right	121	54	Sailor Boy	91
....	Heaslip	112	(59)	Old Colony	84

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RAPID WATER TAKES FEATURE

Ruby and Vox Populi Lose in the Handicap at Oakland.

San Francisco, April 6.—Rapid Water easily beat Ruby, Vox Populi, and two others in the feature event at Oakland to-day. Summaries:

FIRST RACE—Seven and one-half furlongs. Confesser, 110 (Keogh), 18 to 5, won; Pal, 102 (Jarrett), 6 to 1, second; Eduardo, 107 (H. Smith), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:34. Elevation, Christine A., Bird of Passage, Rosaro, Flaunt, Jackful, and Ismalian also ran.

SECOND RACE—One and one-quarter miles. Talamund, 110 (McLaughlin), 7 to 1, won; Briers, 100 (Buxton), 11 to 2, second; Renvolio, 110 (A. Brown), 13 to 5, third. Time, 2:08 3-5. Inflammable, Iras, W. B. Gates, Ink, Lady Fashion, Daniel C., and Veterano also ran.

THIRD RACE—Handicap; two-year-olds; four and one-half furlongs. Braggard, 112 (Sorel), 10 to 1, won; Boase, 110 (S. Smith), 11 to 5, second; Harvel, 112 (Bullman), 11 to 5, third. Time, 0:54 4-5. Adena, Rhinestone, College Widow, and Tillinghast also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Rose of Ormond Handicap; one and one-sixteenth miles. Rapid Water, 110 (Fischer), 14 to 5, won; Ruby, 105 (Keogh), 8 to 1, second; Vox Populi, 95 (W. Kelly), 11 to 3, third. Time, 1:46 4-5. Supreme Court and Martinmas also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. St. Francis, 111 (Keogh), 17 to 5, won; Entre Nous, 111 (Kelly), 18 to 5, second; Sir Brillar, 108 (A. Brown), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:07. Blanche C., Fair Fagot, and Van Ness also ran.

SIXTH RACE—One mile. Bedford, 106 (Hunter), 7 to 5, won; Blondy, 97 (Burton), 3 to 1, second; Mabel Hollander, 92 (Dugan), 11 to 2, third. Time, 1:40 3-5. St. Elwood also ran.

Oakland.

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs.

Husky	112	Charles A.	108
Katie Raine	109	Willapink	103
Heather Scot	109	Gage Taylor*	103
Gin Hee	108	Valoski*	100
Bainade	108	Raleigh	100
Bardoria	108		

SECOND RACE—Six and one-half furlongs.

Mechant*	108	Duke of Orleans*	105
Calmar	107	Blanche C.*	104
Bon Vivant	107	Cigarno	100
Doc Craig	107	Tetanus	100
King of the Mist	107	Silver Line*	100
Malita*	106		

THIRD RACE—Five and one-half furlongs.

Johnny Lyons	112	May Pink	107
Nugent	109	La Rose	107
Vinton	109	Como	104
Fair Fagot	107	Arcourt	104
Galveston	107	Aftermath	104
Altanero	107	Poinsetta	102

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs.

Sir Brillar	105	The Mist	98
King Cole	105	Pontotoc*	96
Gateway*	108	Nigrette*	93
Homage	98	Plausible	87

FIFTH RACE—One and one-sixteenth miles.

Dutiful	110	Hooligan	107
Talamund	110	Water Cure	107
Vincentio	110	Governor Davis*	102
Anvil	107	Pal*	102
Lavender	107	Edith James*	100
Cadichon	107	Iras*	100

SIXTH RACE—One mile.

Dorado	112	Confederate	108
Mamie Algol	110	Tonic	94
Roloman	108	Milshora	82
Bedford	108		

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MIDDIES' CREW WINS

Georgetown Outrowed in the Second Mile.

LED FOR HALF THE DISTANCE

Although the Blue and Gray Oarsmen Showed Fine Form, the Navy's Weight Was Too Much, and West Enders Finished Six Lengths Astern—Weather Unfavorable.

By a Staff Correspondent.

Annapolis, Md., April 6.—After having outrowed the midshipmen and maintained a lead for fully half the distance, the Georgetown Varsity crew lost to the Navy over the two-mile course on the Severn River this afternoon by six lengths.

Seldom have two sets of oarsmen gone to the stake boats under more adverse conditions than the crews which participated in the opening event of the local aquatic season to-day. When the rowing squads awoke this morning they found that the thermometer had dropped many points during the night, and that if the race was to be rowed at all it would be with the mercury hovering around the freezing point. After breakfast a stiff wind blew directly up the course, covering the water with combers and making the river so rough that it was out of the question to launch a shell.

Later in the day the wind died down, and after the two coaches had inspected the two-mile stretch on the Severn, it was decided to start the race. About 3:30 the two eights left the boathouse for the start, but before they had rowed many strokes the wind began blowing almost a gale, and both shells shipped considerable water on their way up the river.

Georgetown Handicapped.

When the start was finally reached it was seen that all the elements were adverse to the light Georgetown eight, as the water was much rougher than the men were accustomed to on the Potomac, and the stiff head wind, which blew directly up the two-mile stretch, made fast time out of the question and favored the physically stronger crew.

The wind was so strong that considerable time was lost in getting the shells straightened out, and both crews were shivering before Lieut. Commander Irwin got them ready for the start.

At the word, the eights caught the water together, and for nearly 100 hundred yards both rowed an unusually large number of strokes, but finally, when the pace was steadied, it was seen that Georgetown was in the lead by about a quarter of a length. Navy dropped her stroke to thirty-three, while Georgetown maintained thirty-four, and in the next quarter of a mile the Blue and Gray was in the lead by half a length.

When the half-mile mark was reached Georgetown was still half a length in front, with Navy making a desperate effort to cut down the lead. Through the next quarter there was no change in the relative positions of the two boats, but nearing the mile post the midshipmen quickened their stroke and pulled up on even terms.

Up to this point Georgetown's crew had been rowing a magnificent race and excelled the Navy in form. Both outfits were rowing the same number of strokes (thirty-four), but the Washingtonians' longer stroke and steadier recovery was keeping the nose of their boat in the van, despite the Navy's advantage of nearly ten pounds to the man in weight.

Navy Takes the Lead.

From the mile mark to the finish the superior stamina, greater weight, and better condition of the midshipmen soon told, and although Georgetown made several determined efforts to hang on in the hope of being able to sprint to victory at the finish, the efforts were of little avail, as the men in the shell weakened until there was little power in the strokes. When both crews were fresh Georgetown showed that she was able to keep the lead, but in the last quarter of a mile the life seemed to leave the boat, and when the finish flag fell the visiting eight was still six lengths astern. Navy put up a beautiful spurt in the last furlong, which was good for two lengths easily.

The official time was: Navy, 11 minutes and 51 seconds; Georgetown, 12 minutes and 15 4-5 seconds. As this time is 2 minutes and 21 seconds slower than the record over the same course, some idea can be formed of the fierce conditions under which the race was rowed.

While it was the consensus of opinion among critics that Georgetown excelled in form, and that the crew is probably better than the one that represented the Blue and Gray here last year, Navy, nevertheless, has a most formidable aggregation of oarsmen. The men are not rowing as smoothly as might be desired, although the season is still young, but it is safe to predict that more than one of the college crews which are scheduled to row here this spring will be defeated by the midshipmen. The average weight of the men in the boat is good, and there seems to be no end to power.

The Two Crews.

The shells were manned as follows:

Naval Academy.	Position.	Weight.	Height.
Leighton	bow	178	6
Bagg	2	163	6
Pichard	3	190	6.3
White	4	176	6
Montgomery	5	164	6.1
Rockwell	6	176	6.2
Davis	7	167	6.00½
Ingram (capt.)	stroke	180	5.11
Roberts	cox.	122	5.5

Georgetown.	Position.	Weight.	Height.
La Plante	bow	163	5.11½
Lynch	2	155	5.10
Murray	3	164	5.9½
Moran	4	154	5.10½
Foy	5	169	5.11
Stewart	6	163	5.10½
Rice (capt.)	7	164	5.11
Fitzgerald	stroke	165	6.00½
Hebron	cox.	120	5.5½

The list of officials—Referee, G. G. Lincoln, Yale; starter, Lieut Commander N. E. Irwin, U. S. N.; judges at the finish, C. F. Woods, Georgetown, and Midshipman Payne, U. S. N.; timers, Midshipmen Stevenson and Gilmore, U. S. N.

Moody Defeats Feltz.

Philadelphia, April 6.—Willie Moody, of Port Richmond, ended a bout with Tommy Feltz, of Brooklyn, in the New Penn Athletic Club Friday night in the fourth round with a right swing to the jaw. Referee Keenan, despite Feltz's protest, refused to let the bout continue, as Feltz was groggy and would have been simply at the mercy of Moody. Jim Trent was to have gone on with Moody, but he failed to pass the physical examination, and Feltz was substituted.

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TIGERS' SCHEDULE CUT.

Princeton Faculty Will Allow Only Eight Football Games.

Princeton, N. J., April 6.—A slight reform in football at Princeton was announced to-day by the faculty, the schedule of games for the coming season being cut from ten to eight games.

As the schedule had been completed by the football management, this change necessitates the canceling of two games, one of which is that with Dartmouth