

RACING, BASE BALL AND OTHER SPORTS

Jockey Martin's Friends Working for His Reinstatement.

CRITICISE TRACK STEWARDS

Horse Racing at New Orleans is in Very Bad Odor.

GAMBLERS HOLD THE REINS

Mackey Captured the Gold Racquet—

National Indoor Tennis Play—

Today—Base Ball Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18.—Jack Martin's friends are making a determined effort to have his suspension removed. They claim that the noted jockey was a victim of a bad horse, Orly II, and through no fault of his own he was beaten. The president was due, they declare, to the clamor of a few disgruntled bettors who lost money on the horse and that there was not the slightest evidence of fraud against him.

Martin has many good friends here and they are sticking by him loyally. To hear them talk he is the most abused race track rider in the world. They claim that it is prejudice that has brought about his present punishment. They argued that if he were really guilty of pulling Orly II his suspension is totally inadequate and that he should have received the sentence of "ruled off the turf for life." But they aver that the stewards were afraid to do this, knowing that the evidence didn't warrant it.

Without specifying any particular horse or owner the friends of Martin claim that it is the practice of some owners to engage a high-class jockey to ride some prominent favorite with the intention of "laying" against the horse. These owners, it is claimed, know that the horse is in poor shape to race and they engage a first-class rider with any twofold object—to win the race and to procure a good price against him in a subsequent effort on the strength of his defeat.

There Are Other Stories. In opposition to these views there are many stories that are detrimental to Martin. These reports say that, contrary to the racing rules, he bet heavily on several horses. The two-year-old colt Gresham is one of the horses that is supposed to have made wagers on. His peculiar handling of this youngster in the races has lost and the one he won, for which Gresham was disqualified, led color to the rumor that Martin rode the horse easily one day in order to get a price against him in his subsequent effort. It was common gossip that Martin had a big bet on Gresham and that he rode recklessly, race-goers declare. In his previous efforts his riding lacked vigor.

Radtke Retains Old Skill. Radtke is now at the Asot Park track. He rode Turnaway Saturday. It was his first mount since his reinstatement. He showed while at the barrier that his enforced retirement had not dulled his skill and he beat the barrier by three lengths. Turnaway was unequal to the occasion, however, and was defeated.

With the Nashville and Memphis meetings wiped off the racing map, the race track track bill passed by the legislature of Tennessee is a big gap between the scheduled race meetings here and those that will take place at Churchill Downs, Lexington and other places in the next few days. The officials of the Fair Grounds and the City Park track have consented to extend their meetings until the sport opens in Kentucky.

GOLD RACQUET WON

AGREE TO DRAW

BY CLARENCE MACKAY

TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., February 18.—Clarence H. Mackay of the New York Tennis and Racquet Club defeated Geo. F. Hamilton of the Philadelphia Racquet Club, yesterday in their racquet match in three straight sets on the courts of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club. Mackay by his victory won the third leg on the \$500 gold racquet presented to the club by Hugo Bessing and yearly champion of the racquet became his personal property.

and won the match with the ninth hand at 15-12. Following is the score: FIRST GAME: Mackay 2 2 1 0 0-8; Hamilton 0 1 4 3 0 1 6-15. SECOND GAME: Mackay 0 1 0 0 1 0 10-15; Hamilton 0 3 1 0 0 3 1-8. THIRD GAME: Mackay 3 2 4 0 0 2 1-11; Hamilton 0 4 0 3 1 1 0-12.

NATIONAL INDOOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

NEW YORK, February 18.—The impetus that indoor lawn tennis has received in this country is reflected in the entry list for the national indoor championship, the draw for the contest being made yesterday, while the matches start today on the courts of the 7th Regiment Armory. Forty players have entered for the men's singles, the largest list in any previous year being only twenty-six. The women's singles, of which the coming competitions will be the initial tournament for the honors in this country, begins with eleven entrants, among them being first by the preliminary round, the door title and Miss Freda Meyer, an English woman expert of considerable repute. The championship doubles team will be composed of two teams, which is two more than in any other year.

There is a host of experts in the men's singles. W. C. Grant, the champion, is in the top half of the draw. The draw for this event is broken in the center of the first round by the preliminary round, but the matches have been so carefully adjusted as to insure an exciting series. Grant will play through the tournament, as is the custom. In this meeting, he appears to have an easy way to the final unless Robert T. Bryan, the 7th Regiment champion, breaks through of the Elizabeth Town and Country Club, Philadelphia, defeats him in the semi-finals. In the lower half of the draw, the semi-finals provided he defeats William W. Westfall, the 7th Regiment champion, in the preliminary round today. His way is harder than Grant's, for he has several of the most prominent players in the tournament last year, P. B. Hawk of the Belmont Cricket Club and Richard Bishop of the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Miss Homans Defaulted. With Miss Homans, the national champion, defaulting in the women's singles, the task of meeting the English woman in the final may fall to either Miss Elsie Little, a sister of Raymond D. Little, captain of the international team of last year; Miss Wagner or Miss Wilday of Morrisstown. Miss Meyer promises to come through to the final in the semi-finals of the tournament, unless Miss Elizabeth H. Moore, ex-national champion, defeats her in the semi-final.

Frederick B. Alexander and Harold H. Hackett, last year's champions, are in the doubles. In the upper section of the draw should gain the semi-finals easily, although they have such good pairs as James and Hawk, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, and the "Grits," the Philadelphia pair in the lower section of the draw. Their strongest opponents are Bryan and Clark and the Craig brothers. In all events the winners will be recorded unless players appear on schedule time for matches. The results of the drawings follow:

Big Entry List

Men's championship singles (first round)—C. S. Rathbun, 7th Regiment, vs. Grant Burps, West Side Lawn Tennis Club; R. G. Moynihan, Lawrence Lawn Tennis Club, vs. T. M. C. C. Carleton Schaefer, West Side Lawn Tennis Club; T. R. Osborne, Moynihan Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Harold Moore, 7th Regiment; N. G. Johnson, New York Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Wylie C. Grant, New York Lawn Tennis Club; Alexander J. DeMar, Swanow Lawn Tennis Club, vs. A. L. Hoskins, Belmont Cricket Club; H. D. Lusk, Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Julio M. Steinacher, Hamilton Grange Lawn Tennis Club. Preliminary round—Arthur S. Cragin, 7th Regiment, vs. E. B. Close, Elizabeth Town and Country Club; R. L. James, Belmont Cricket Club, vs. M. S. Charlock, Elizabeth Town and Country Club; Morris E. Clark, 7th Regiment, vs. Florio Smith, Nyack Country Club; Edwin P. Groavener, 7th Regiment, vs. Robert T. Bryan, 7th Regiment; Dr. Williams Rosenbaum, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Richard Bishop, Longwood Lawn Tennis Club; Theodore Rosenthal, New York Lawn Tennis Club, vs. G. Carleton Schaefer, West Side Lawn Tennis Club; Calhoun Cragin, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. O. M. Boston, West Side Lawn Tennis Club; Herbert L. Westfall, Kings County Lawn Tennis Club, vs. William B. Cragin, Jr., 7th Regiment. First round—Dr. P. B. Hawk, Belmont Cricket Club, vs. King Smith, 7th Regiment; William C. De Mille, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. W. Merrill Hall, 7th Regiment; R. A. Weeks, Elizabeth Town and Country Club, vs. George Fouchard, Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club; L. E. Fletcher, 7th Regiment, vs. Walter Chase, Harlem Lawn Tennis Club; Edwin P. Fischer, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Miss Elsie Little, West Side Lawn Tennis Club. Women's championship singles (first round)—Miss Helen Homans, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Edna Little, West Side Lawn Tennis Club. Preliminary round—Miss Edna Wilday, Morrisstown Field Club, vs. Miss A. L. Fish, Hamilton Grange Lawn Tennis Club; Miss Laura Fisher, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Miss Marie Wagner, Hamilton Grange Lawn Tennis Club; Miss Louise Hammond, Orange Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Miss Freda Meyer, Swanow Lawn Tennis Club, England. First round—Miss Mary Fish, Hamilton Grange Lawn Tennis Club, vs. the winner of Miss Hammond-Miss Meyer match; Miss Elsie Little, West Side Lawn Tennis Club, vs. Miss Clara Kutford, Harlem Lawn Tennis Club.

CHESS MASTERS

AGREE TO DRAW

BY CLARENCE MACKAY

PHILADELPHIA, February 17.—The chess game between Dr. Emmanuel Lasker and Frank Marshall, which was adjourned Saturday night on the forty-ninth move after six hours play, ended in a draw when the game was resumed at 2 o'clock yesterday at the rooms of the Franklin Chess Club. Marshall's last play on Saturday had been the last he might not have the advantage of time in which to study his next move. When Marshall's move was unseized Lasker immediately asked for a draw and Marshall assented. The game will be played tomorrow. Lasker will take the white pieces and make the opening move.

OUTFIELD HAS IMPROVED OVER THE "IN"

terior's fourth straight victory without the loss of a game. The score follows: Interior, 4; C. and L.-Treasury, 0. Walker, 1; Huntington, 0. Porter, 1; Forfeit, 0. Lounsbury, 1; Forfeit, 0. Total, 4; Total, 0.

Standing of the Clubs

Table with 4 columns: Interior, Wm. Lost, Pct., and another column. Rows include War-Navy, War-Justice, Agriculture, and others.

BASE BALL NOTES

Two weeks from today the Washington players leave Chicago for Cleveland. Vicksburg is the only Sunday ball playing city in the Cotton States League. President George Dovey of the Boston Nationals said he would not consider a trade of Cy Young for Bob Ewing. He still is willing to purchase Ewing from the Reds.

UMPIRE'S DECISION

WAS CERTAINLY ORIGINAL

As the inter-high league stands, Western leads, with three won and two lost; Business stands second, with two won and one lost. Eastern has the cellar championship, with one won and three lost. The standing of the teams follow: Western, 3; Business, 2; Eastern, 1.

SCHRECK'S COMPLAINT

AGAINST WADDELL

Connie Mack, manager of the Athletics, had hardly returned from the Pacific coast, where he went to search for a new pitcher, when he received a letter from Schreck, the negative end of his battery, Rube Waddell and Schreck. Schreck wrote from his home in Cleveland, as follows: "Dear Connie—This is not a touch for any advance, but something much more serious, and as it won't be very long before the Athletics start their spring practice, I am going to ask you to put Waddell under another charge this year."

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One of the remarkable things about base ball is the small amount of change there has been in the distribution of fielding chances in the past fifteen years. Glancing back over the official averages shows that the infield and outfield have handled relatively the same amount of chances per game, despite the fact that there have been some radical changes in that time. In other words, changes in the pitching distance, changes in the composition of the ball and restrictions as to how far a ball may be thrown back over the official averages show that the infield and outfield have handled relatively the same amount of chances per game, despite the fact that there have been some radical changes in that time.

parson, however, is the fact that the infield work has improved in its thoroughness, and that fewer chances are given to the infielders now than they did formerly. This may look like a paradox in view of the fact that the number of chances per game in the infield has been made harder by the fact that the schedule has been lengthened out, and that allowance must be made for individual stars of any particular period. Considering the fact that the infield has more lively and more long-distance hitting than ever before, it would be natural to expect that more outs would be made in the outfield. Such is not the case. Take, for instance, the three outfielders with the greatest number of chances in 1906. The trio that year was Donovan, Burke and Davis, and they handled 1,045 chances between them. In 1905 the leading trio was Clarke, Albee and Cooley, and they handled 1,163 chances. In 1904 it was Purkett, Selbach and Van Haltrin, and they had 1,119 chances to handle. In 1903 Thomas Steyermer and Magee were the leaders, with 1,174 chances, but on the other hand they had the advantage of a 104-game schedule against the infield work of closer years.

BASKET BALL IN HIGH SCHOOLS

First and Second Fives Picked on the Season's Work From the Different Teams.

With the close of the Washington high school basketball season comes that pleasant and yet difficult task, selecting an all-high school team. After weighing most carefully the playing of the different members in only the high school games, the following team is selected, because of the individual playing of every member on it: Team—Forwards, Morse, Western, Hubbard, Business; center, Michael, Western; backs, Johnson, Eastern, Fort, Western. Second team—Forwards, Dodd, Eastern; Martin, Eastern; backs, Fowlkes, Eastern; backs, Zionell, Business; Polhemus, Western.

WHO IS THE BEST FIRST BASEMAN?

Who is the best first baseman in base ball? asked the St. Louis Republic. Tim Murnane of Boston picks "Jiggs" Donahue of the Chicago White Sox, as the crack guard of the initial bag from a general standpoint. Tim was impressed with "Jiggs" marvelous work in the world's championship series, and after summing up the situation from a general standpoint, went on record as favoring Donahue over Hal Chase, Frank Chance, Fred Tenney and Harry Capron, whom he considers the pick of the rest.

CHASE ANOTHER COMISKEY

He reminds me more of Comiskey than any man who ever played the bag, and Comiskey was beyond peradventure the king of all first basemen in his day. Prior to Comiskey's time, first basemen never expected to catch a bunt, except the ball and catch accurately directed throws. Comiskey revolutionized the position by showing that a first baseman could and should cover ground around his station.

HOW BASE BALL SALARIES HAVE GONE UP

"You'll probably be surprised to hear it," said Manager Jennings of the Detroit base ball club, "but it's a fact that the Baltimore club of the Eastern League, which I ran last year, paid out, within a very few dollars, exactly the same amount which Ned Hanlon paid the town famous in the annals of base ball. That's what the war and the increased prosperity of base ball, working hand in hand, has done for players, and it's a fair comparison, too, for I think Hanlon paid us pretty well on the scale of the other clubs, while my club here has no means the most expensive in the Eastern.

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evincing a desire of forming the proposed league (the movement) fairly, and needing only Business and Technical to consent and go in. As the results below show, the season has been one of the most successful in the history of the game for the high schools.

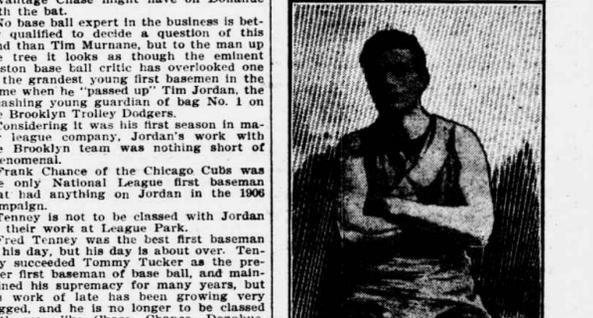
PROPOSED LEAGUE

Much regret was manifested by interested parties because of the inability of the school officials to consider the offer of Mr. Chesley of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A., namely, of a cup to be competed for in a league composed of the high schools for the next year. Polhemus, captain-elect of Western, and Dodd, captain of Eastern, have already

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Advertisement for Hotel Engel, Hotel Montrose, and Harveys. Text includes 'HOTELS, RESTAURANTS & CAFES WHERE TO DINE', 'HOTEL ENGEL, Opp. New Orleans Station', 'HOTEL MONTROSE, 147th & N. Thoms M. 2775, Table d'hoie dinner, 5.30 to 8.30', and 'HARVEYS, 14th Ave. & 11th St. Supt. of sea food—with very club. Experts in gastronomy. Elegant lunch, 12 to 4. mfr-174'

Advertisement for Fred Rice, a prominent local basket ball player. Text includes 'FRED RICE, A PROMINENT LOCAL BASKET BALL PLAYER', 'Among the foremost basket ball players of this city, there is perhaps not one among them who is better known than Fred Rice, captain of the George Washington basketball team, who has just returned from a trip through Virginia and North Carolina.'



Advertisement for a wanted game called 'ON ACCOUNT WET GROUNDS'. Text includes 'WANTED GAME CALLED ON ACCOUNT WET GROUNDS', 'Possibly there is no greater trouble breeder for umpires than the question of when (Continued on Tenth Page).'

Advertisement for a rule 10 product. Text includes 'RULE 10: Any wheelbarrow, roller, scrap-iron, grassmower, or similar obstruction can be removed. (perhaps)'. The advertisement features an illustration of a person using a tool to remove an obstruction.