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Richmond Has Won the Pennant

LIPE'S LAWMAKERS WIN 2 FROM HIGHLANDERS

First Game Won on Bunched Hits and Otey's Errors—Second Contest Pretty Pitchers' Battle Between Stoehr and Bussey, With Honors Even—Sieber, Ison, Heffron, Robertson and Shaffer Star.

VIRGINIA STATE LEAGUE

Results Yesterday.

First game—Richmond, 5; Roanoke, 2.
Second game—Richmond, 1; Roanoke, 0.
First game—Norfolk, 2; Danville, 3.
Second game—Norfolk, 0; Danville, 8 (seven innings).
First game—Lynchburg, 4; Portsmouth, 2.
Second game—Lynchburg, 2; Portsmouth, 1.

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Richmond	83	39	.681
Danville	73	47	.609
Roanoke	59	65	.476
Portsmouth	53	68	.438
Lynchburg	49	73	.401
Norfolk	49	74	.398

Games To-Morrow.

Portsmouth at Danville.
Roanoke at Richmond.
Lynchburg at Norfolk.

And behold it came to pass that in the afternoon of the last day of the week 5,000 of the faithful followers of the army of Lipe did wend their way out to the ball game, which is at a place known unto all men as Broad Street Park. And behold, the Highland army, mightily puffed up by their victory over the men of Lipe on Friday afternoon, did count on taking the game, yea, verily, they did count on making much confusion in the house of the Lawmakers by taking unto themselves a double-header.

Indeed, so light-hearted and glad were the hearts of Shaffer and his men that "Runt" King cavorted and pranced around the field like a two-year-old, and "Pop" did dance to the accompaniment of the band, yea, verily, did he execute the Highland fling around the vicinity of first base. And it came to pass that Shaffer did dance mightily before the people, and did pull off every variety of "pas de ballet" known unto man, so that from grandstand and bleachers a mighty roar of laughter did go up as the nimble dancer did merrily foot it on the diamond.

Now Shaffer had in his army a mighty follower, Southpaw Otey by name. And this same Otey did counsel in his heart how he would bring shame and confusion into the city of the Lawmakers and lower their proud banner in the dust of defeat. And Shaffer said unto Otey: "O mighty southpaw, do great deeds of valor, so that thy name shall evermore strike terror in the hearts of thine enemies and much alarm shall be wrought among the followers of Lipe by thy powerful left arm and thy terrific shoots."

But, behold, there was a dweller in the city of the Lawmakers, a lad called Quinn, and this Quinn was a mighty slabist and did work on the firing-line that had many times struck terror into the hearts of his enemies. Now, this Quinn was a husky chap and good to look upon, for he was a strong, healthy slabist, and his face shone with the health and vigor of manhood. So Lipe said unto the valiant Jack, "O, thou thousand per cent. twirler, go into the game and make the mighty Highlanders go down before thy delivery as tenpins before the bowler and as the standing grass before the scythe of the mower!"

And Jack went in—yea, verily he did enter, heart and soul into the game—and did mightily grieve and afflict the warriors of the Highland country. Now the Shafferites could not get hits when they were needed, and did bite the dust of defeat and did drink deeply of the cup of sorrow.

So it came to pass that in the third inning—yea, verily, in the last half of the third—the men of Lipe's army did fall upon the mighty Otey and did smite him hip and thigh. And Otey ascended—yea, he went up in a balloon—and the game was lost to the Highlanders in this one inning. But it came to pass that in the fifth frame also did the Highland brigade yield unto the men of Lipe a couple more tallies, and so, amid much rejoicing among the followers of Lipe and to the sound of weeping and wailing of the Shafferites, the game was won—yea, verily, it was clinched by the army of Lipe.

Story of Second Game.

Yet once again the army of Shaffer did gather around their leader and did plan, yea, mightily did they counsel among themselves how they should circumvent the plans of the followers of Lipe. And Shaffer did lift up his voice, yea, heartily did he call on all the hoodoos and rabbits' feet of the Highland country and did invoke his men to try and wreak much vengeance and hand out a huge bouquet of lemons to Perry and his followers. And he called unto him his latest recruit, Stoehr, who in the South hath been working wonders, and said unto him: "O, Stoehr, take unto thyself the scalp of the proud Lawmakers, and thy feat shall live in story and song, yea, verily shall thy fame go abroad throughout all the land from the Highlands to the city of the Truckers, and from the Bugville village beside the turbid Dan, unto the wharf of the good ship Mary Jane in the city by the seaside."

So Perry called to his side the new man of his army, the promising slabist, Bussey, and did say unto him: "Go forth, O, Bussey, and beat me the army of Shaffer, and I will make thee great and the leader of my pitchers to take the place of Thousand-Per-Cent. Jack, yea, verily, to take also the place left vacant to me by the drafting of Quinn and 'Smiling Dutch,' and I will make thee master of five cities in the Virginia circuit, and thy name shall be great among men!" And the words of Perry seemed good unto Bussey, and he did slab a masterful game, yea, he did put all his might in twisters and benders against the Shafferites. And of all the army of the Highlanders, Pop was the only man who could do anything with his delivery, and Pop did hit the sphere three times safely for the glory of Roanoke.

So it came to pass that when the smoke and din of the second battle had cleared up, the game was taken in tow by the Lawmakers by the close margin of one tally, but there was nothing doing in the run column of Shaffer's men.

The Features.

The feature of the first game was the batting of Robertson, the Highlander new centre-gardener, who secured a hit all four times he faced Quinn—one of them a three-sacker, which was a beautiful drive. Jimmy Ison was all to the good on second, accepting ten chances without a miscue. Jimmy's stops of Painter's grounder in the sixth, of Hessler's hot one in the eighth, and his stop of King's hard-hit ball in the ninth, were gilt-edged pieces of fielding, which would have looked good anywhere. Otey pitched a good game, except in the third, fourth and fifth innings; but he has to blame himself for losing his own game, as his errors figured largely in Richmond's run column. For Richmond, Sieber carried off the stick honors, with two timely hits, which contributed a large share to the Richmond tally-getting.

The feature of the second game was easily the pitching of the two slabists, Bussey and Stoehr. Honors were equal, and but for McMahon's bad throw in the seventh, the score would have been 0 to 0. Each allowed four hits, and no two came in the same inning off either slabist; not a man walked, and Bussey fanned six Highlanders, while his opponent had four strike-outs to his credit.

In the sixth inning, Sieber made a beautiful "shoestring" catch of Painter's low drive to left, after a hard run, and Heffron pulled down the long drive of Robertson's, which looked good for three sacks. These two pretty bits of fielding, in the same inning, were heartily applauded. "Sandy," too, came in twice for the glad hand and hearty cheer, when he captured McGhee's foul after a long, hard run, and when he caught Kunkle's pop fly back of short in the third. Shaffer made a nice catch of Heffron's foul in the first and secured three of the Highlanders' four hits. For the locals Kirkpatrick secured two singles and scored the only run of the game.

How the Lawmakers Won the First Game.

Richmond scored in the third. Messitt safed on an infield hit, Quinn bunted an easy one to Otey, who proceeded to throw the ball away, and Messitt scored, Quinn safing at third. Bill Heffron went to first on Otey's second error, which scored Quinn, too. Bill went to second on a passed ball, to third on Lipe's infield out, and scored on Sieber's pretty bunt. In the fifth two more were added. Lipe walked, went to second on Kirk's sacrifice and scored on Sieber's pretty hit, Sieber going to second on the throw-in. Sandherr singled, scoring the doctor, and Titman and Ison went out in order.

Roanoke scored in the fourth on Robertson's pretty three-sacker and a hit by McGhee, and again in the seventh on a single by Kunkle and King's three-base hit, which was the result of a bad piece of misjudgment by Titman.

What Happened in the Second.

In the seventh a hit by Kirkpatrick and a bad throw by McMahon gave Richmond the only run of a beautiful game. The scores:

FIRST GAME.

Richmond.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Heffron, cf	4	1	0	2	0	0
Lipe, 3b	2	1	0	0	1	0
Kirkpatrick, 1b	3	0	0	9	0	0
Sieber, lf	4	1	2	4	0	0
Sandherr, ss	4	0	1	1	1	2
Titman, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Ison, 2b	3	0	0	4	6	0
Messitt, c	3	1	1	5	3	0
Quinn, p	2	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	6	27	11	2

Roanoke.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
King, lf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Shaffer, 1b	3	0	0	8	1	0
Hessler, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Painter, rf	4	0	0	0	3	0
Robertson, cf	4	1	4	3	0	0
McGhee, 2b	4	0	2	4	1	0
McMahon, ss	4	0	0	1	2	0
Kunkle, c	4	1	1	5	0	0
Otey, p	4	0	1	1	3	2
Totals	36	2	9	24	10	2

Score by innings:		R.
Richmond	0 0 3 0 2 0 0 0 *—	5
Roanoke	0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0—	2

Summary: Earned runs—Richmond, 1; Roanoke, 2. Three-base hits—King and Robertson. Sacrifice hits—Kirkpatrick, Ison, Quinn. Stolen bases—Kirkpatrick, Sieber, Sandherr, Titman. Base on balls—Off Quinn, 1; off Otey, 2. Struck out—by Quinn, 6; by Otey, 4. Passed balls—Kunkle. Wild pitches—Quinn. Left on bases—Richmond, 4; Roanoke, 8. Time of game, 1:40. Umpire, Byron. Attendance, 5,000.

SECOND GAME.

Richmond.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Heffron, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Lipe, 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Kirkpatrick, 1b	3	1	2	7	0	0
Sieber, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Sandherr, ss	3	0	0	3	2	0
Titman, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Ison, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	1
Cowan, c	3	0	0	9	0	0
Bussey, p	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	28	1	4*	26	7	1

*Painter out; attempted to bunt third strike.

Roanoke.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
King, lf	4	0	0	1	0	1
Shaffer, 1b	4	0	3	10	0	0
Hessler, rf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Painter, 3b	4	0	0	1	3	0
Robertson, cf	4	0	0	0	0	0
McGhee, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0
McMahon, ss	3	0	0	3	3	2
Kunkle, c	3	0	0	5	2	0
Stoehr, p	3	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	30	0	4†	23	10	3

†Sieber out; attempted to bunt third strike.

Score by innings:		R.
Richmond	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 *—	1
Roanoke	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0

Summary: Sacrifice hits—Hessler (2). Stolen bases—Titman. Struck out—by Bussey, 6; by Stoehr, 4. Left on bases—Richmond, 3; Roanoke, 5. Time of game, 1:20. Umpire, Byron. Attendance, 7,500.

SHOVED OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT

WHAT THE TWO WILLIES HAVE TO COMPETE WITH.

Teddy's Taft to Billy Bryan: "Get off another Cross of Gold speech, William Jennings, look what we are up against!"

Billy Bryan to Teddy's Taft: "It's up to you to begin another furious fracas with Foraker, William Howard."

LYNCHBURG TAKES SLUGGING-FESTS

Defeats Truckers in Double-Header by Heavy Hitting. Second Game Overtime.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., September 12.—Portsmouth dropped both of the final games of the season on the home grounds to Lynchburg yesterday by score of 4 to 2 and 2 to 1, the last requiring twelve innings for a decision. Both contests were regular slugging matches, all four pitchers being hit hard and often, but the hits were not sufficiently bunched to count heavily in the run getting.

In the first game Portsmouth got her two runs in the fourth. Hilbert fanned, Lohr was safe on Raley's error and scored on Hannapin's three-base hit, Hannapin later scoring on Billet's single.

Lynchburg scored one in the second. Byrd fanned, Raley singled and scored on Guiheen's error. In the fourth a regular slugging match gave Lynchburg three earned runs. Hooker led off with a single and stole second. Orth flew out to first; Byrd singled and Hooker scored; Raley singled and Byrd scored; Armstrong singled, Westlake got in a clean one and Schuman was an easy out, pitcher to first, Armstrong scoring on the play.

The Second Game.

Portsmouth took the lead in the first, scoring one on Guiheen's two-sacker and Gnadinger's single. Lynchburg was blanked until the eighth, when Ross flew out to left, Schuman singled, Roth sacrificed, Bowen singled and Hooker flew out to centre, Schuman scoring on the throw in. The score:

FIRST GAME.

Portsmouth.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hilbert, 2b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Lehr, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Schrader, 1b	1	0	0	2	0	0
Hannapin, rf	4	1	2	3	0	0
Billet, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Guiheen, ss	4	0	0	4	2	0
Gnadinger, rf	4	0	0	7	1	0
Toner, 3b	3	0	2	3	1	1
Wadleigh, c	2	0	0	4	3	1
Hamilton, p	3	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	33	2	7	27	9	4

Lynchburg.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Roth, ss	3	0	2	3	3	0
Bowen, 2b	5	0	1	5	0	0
Hooker, cf	5	1	1	2	0	0
Orth, p	4	0	2	0	0	0
Byrd, 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0
Raley, 1b	4	1	1	9	0	1
Armstrong, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Westlake, c	4	0	2	7	2	0
Schuman, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	12	27	11	1

Score by innings:		R.
Portsmouth	0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0—	2
Lynchburg	0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 0—	4

Summary: Earned runs—Portsmouth, 1; Lynchburg, 3. Two-base hit—Toner. Three-base hit—Hannapin. Sacrifice hit—Armstrong. Stolen bases—Hannapin, Toner, Hooker. Bases on balls—Off Hamilton, 3; off Orth, 7. Left on bases—Portsmouth, 4; Lynchburg, 6. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Wallace.

SECOND GAME.

Portsmouth.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hilbert, p	5	0	1	0	1	0
Lehr, cf	4	0	1	2	0	1
Schrader, 1b	4	0	1	13	2	0
Billet, lf	4	0	0	2	1	0
Guiheen, ss	5	1	3	1	2	1
Gnadinger, 2b	5	0	3	4	4	0
Toner, 3b	5	0	0	2	3	0
Smith, c	4	0	0	7	1	0
Hannapin, rf	4	0	1	5	0	0
Totals	40	1	10	36	17	2

Lynchburg.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Roth, ss	3	0	2	5	4	0
Bowen, 3b	6	0	1	7	1	0
Hooker, cf	6	0	2	1	0	0
Orth, lf	5	0	3	2	0	0
Byrd, 3b	5	0	0	1	4	0
Raley, 1b	5	0	0	11	0	0
Armstrong, rf	5	0	0	2	0	0
Ross, c	5	1	2	5	1	0
Schuman, p	4	1	2	1	5	0
Totals	45	2	11	36	15	0

Score by innings:		R.
Portsmouth	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	1
Lynchburg	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—	2

Summary: Earned runs—Portsmouth, 1. Two-base hits—Guiheen, Gnadinger, Schrader. Sacrifice hits—Lohr, Byrd (2), Billet, Schrader. Stolen bases—Gnadinger, Toner. Double plays—Byrd to Bowen. Bases on balls—Off Hilbert, 1. Struck out—By Hilbert, 4; by Schuman, 4. Left on bases—Portsmouth, 6; Lynchburg, 10. Time, 2 hours. Umpire, Wallace. Attendance, 1,200.

Rag Comes to Richmond.

Richmond clinched her lead on first place and wins the pennant by her double-header victory here yesterday.

The Lawmakers now have a lead which the Bugs cannot overcome, for even if Lipe's men should drop all seven of this week's games and Danville wins all seven, 14 points would still separate the Bugs from the lead.

The rag will look good flying over Broad Street Park, and to the men who placed it there the Times-Dispatch extends its heartiest congratulations.

WINCHESTER BREAKS ALL BATTING RECORDS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., September 12.—Winchester gave the United States Marine Corps baseball team, of Washington, an awful drubbing at Reservoir Park this afternoon, the score being 28 to 0. Felser, who pitched for the locals, held the visitors safe all the way, while Bell was pounded all over the lot, thirty-one hits for a total of twenty-three runs being made off him. Curly Brown landed for a home run, while Felser, "Cy" MacDonald, Duggan and Sentz all made doubles.

Batteries: Winchester, Felser and Mabry; Marines, Bell and Meager.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE

At Montgomery.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Mobile	1 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 2—	8	14	3
Montgomery	1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—	3	10	5

Batteries: Fisher and Garvin; Juul and Shannon. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Pfenninger.

At Birmingham—

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Birmingham	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0	7	2
Memphis	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	1	5	1

Batteries: Robinson and Raub; Schield and Owens. Time, 1:55. Umpire, Fitzsimmons.

At Atlanta—

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Atlanta	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0	7	1
New Orleans	2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—	3	10	0

Batteries: Sitton and Smith; Clark and Stratton. Time, 1:30. Umpires, Brown and Carpenter.

At Nashville—

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Nashville	0 0 3 0 0 0 7 1 *—	11	11	0
Little Rock	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	1	8	3

Batteries: Perdue and Seabaugh; Hart and Wood. Time, 1:30. Umpires, Moran and Wheeler.

FREDERICKSBURG WINS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 12.—Fredericksburg defeats Rockville, Md., in the third and last game making it three straights. The features of the game were the catching of Menefee and the playing of Bode for the home team, they having 22 putouts between them.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Fredericksburg	0 2 0 1 6 2 0 2 0—	13	11	1
Rockville	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	2	8	3

TOBACCO BUGS WIN TWO CLOSE GAMES

Savage Outslabs Walsh, but Loses on Poor Support—Danville's Fielding a Feature.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., September 12.—The Tobacco Bugs got even with the Tars this afternoon by taking both games of a double-header, the scores being 3 to 2 and 2 to 0. In the five games the two teams broke even.

In the first game, Savage clearly outpitched Walsh, but was given rocky support at critical stages of the game. In the second game, errors caused the loss of the game, although Steiner had slightly the best of the pitching argument. The second game was called at the close of the seventh inning to allow Danville to catch a train.

The features were a phenomenal catch by Edwards in centre, rolling over, but holding the ball; Seitz's great work at third, and the faultless work of Danville at every position.

FIRST GAME.

Danville.

Players:	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Powell, rf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Doyle, 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Henn, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Riggs, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Tydeman, 3b	3	0	0	1	3	0
Fisher, ss	3	1	1	3	6	0
Stafford, 1b	3	1	1	12	2	0
Ryan, c	3	0	1	5	1	0
Walsh, p	3	0	0	2	1	0
Totals	29	3	3	27	13	0

Norfolk

Players:	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Seitz, 3b	4	0	3	0	2	1
Bonner, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	1
Edwards, cf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Rhynder, 1b	4	0	0	11	2	0
Russell, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Warner, ss	4	0	0	0	3	0
Evans, rf	2	1	0	1	0	0
Boyle, c	2	1	0	8	2	0
Savage, p	3	0	1	1	3	0
Totals	31	2	6	27	14	2

Score by innings:		R.
Danville	0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1—	3
Norfolk	0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—	2

Summary: Left on bases—Danville, 1; Norfolk, 5. Sacrifice hits—Boyle. Stolen bases—Henn, Russell, Seitz (2), Edwards, Powell. Struck out—By Savage, 8; by Walsh, 4. Bases on balls—By Savage, 2; by Walsh, 5. Hit by pitcher—Evans. Time, 1:35. Umpire, Mace.

SECOND GAME.

Danville.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Powell, rf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Doyle, 2b	2	0	1	1	1	0
Henn, cf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Riggs, lf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Tydeman, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Fisher, ss	2	0	1	2	4	0
Stafford, 1b	3	0	*0	9	0	0
Thackara, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
Steiner, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	2	3	21	8	0

Norfolk.

Players:	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Seitz, 3b	3	0	1	1	1	0
Bonner, 2b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Edwards, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rhynder, 1b	3	0	0	8	1	0
Russell, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Warner, ss	3	0	1	2	2	1
Evans, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Boyle, c	2	0	0	4	3	1
Carroll, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	22	0	2	21	9	2

Score by innings:		R.
Danville	0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0—	2
Norfolk	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0

Summary: Earned runs—Danville, 1. Left on bases—Danville, 2; Norfolk, 4. Two-base hits—Warner, Powell. Three-base hit—Seitz. Double plays—Henn to Thackara. Sacrifice hits—Fisher, Doyle. Stolen bases—Riggs, Bonner, Powell. Struck out—By Steiner, 4; by Carroll, 8. Bases on balls—Off Steiner, 1; off Carroll, 2. Hit by pitcher—Bonner. Time, 1:45. Umpire, Mace. Attendance, 1,200.

MANY ENTRIES BOOKED FOR STATE FAIR RACES

All Indications Point to Successful Fair and Big Race Meet, With Large Fields in Each Event—Grounds, Buildings and Tracks in Fine Order.

Although the time of closing the entries for the class races of the Virginia State Fair is still more than two weeks off, entries are already coming in, which is a sure indication that not only will all the classes be filled, but that there will be an unusually strong list. There is a reason for this, as the Richmond purses are the largest in the circuit, none being smaller than $500. Yesterday a horseman arrived in Richmond from Baltimore, and, calling at the office of the fair, No. 809 East Main Street, gave General Manager Mark R. Lloyd two entries, at the same time planking down $50, being the entrance fee of 5 per cent. in each race.

Stake Races Well Filled.

The stake races filled very satisfactorily at the time appointed for the closing of the entries—June 1st—some having twelve and others as many as seventeen entries. The class races are the 2:14 and 2:25, pacing; 2:16, 2:22 and 2:30, trotting, and a free-for-all, trotting or pacing. The entries for these races close at 10 P. M. on Tuesday, September 29th, and entries contained in envelopes bearing postmark not later than 12 M. September 30th will be accepted. Of the twenty running events on the program, all the entries will close at the same time as the harness races, except those of Friday, October 9th, which will close on the day previous, at 6 P. M.

It is well to remember these dates. It is astonishing how easy it is to forget dates, and this is the more apparent when people inquire as to the dates of the fair, when scarcely a day has passed without the same having been published in some paper. It is the rule among horsemen to put off the making of entries for races until the date of closing, on account of the liability of accident or sickness rendering their animals incapable of racing, and, also, on account of records changing, and a careful watch being kept of the situation, so that the horsemen will know all about the latest performance of any particular animal, and can reckon as to what he will be up against.

The Radford Races.

The races of the Virginia-Carolina circuit, in which Richmond is embraced, opened very auspiciously this week at Radford, according to each day's report published in The Times-Dispatch. While the best time—2:15 1-4—was not so bad for a half-mile course, it made no new record for the Radford track, which is 2:13 1-4, made two years ago by Bad News, then owned by L. K. Kelly, of Greenville, S. C. There was a good field of horses at Radford, and the most of them will be entered for the races here. The horse, Rockridge, owned at Radford, and driven by Homer J. Jamison, one of the best trainers and drivers in Virginia, went to a record of 2:18 1-4. This horse is by Lockridge, and never appeared on a race-track until taken in hand by Trainer Jamison last year.

State Fair Track and Grounds Greatly Improved.

A visit to the grounds and track of the Virginia State Fair will show many improvements, all made within a few weeks. All of the big stables have been given a fresh coat of whitewash and the fences around the track, as well as around the grounds, have been covered with the same material, and now stand out in dazzling immaculateness. The stables have also been thoroughly renovated, and will be in fine condition for the race-horses when they arrive to take part in the events of the Virginia State Fair. The drainage of the grounds has been carefully looked after, the walks and avenues have been put in splendid shape, and the embankment east of the grandstand has been widened, so that plenty of standing room is now afforded around the track and the races can be seen to good advantage by those coming too late to be accommodated on the grandstand.

The Virginia State Fair Association possesses a well-equipped plant, most conveniently situated, and after another successful fair many contemplated improvements can be made in the way of an enlargement of the grandstand and the erection of additional buildings. With new and substantial buildings added each year Richmond will soon be able to boast of having a model equipment for its State Fair. There are none better now in point of location, although some State associations that are older, notably those of Columbus, O.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Springfield, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn., have larger buildings and more of them. At not one of them, however, is there a better track.

Richmond as a Racing Point.

There is not another point in all the land more deserving of success as a racing centre than Richmond. Some of its most enterprising citizens are identified with the Fair Association, and are determined to give the public the best entertainment possible in the way of races. The track has acquired a widespread reputation among horsemen for its general excellence, and the accommodations afforded on the grounds are equal to any that can be obtained anywhere. With the mild winter climate that Richmond enjoys, the hospitality of her citizens and the opportunities here for enjoyment, it is no wonder that horsemen are looking towards this city as a most desirable place for wintering their racers, and it will not be long before Richmond will be celebrated as the Southern hub of the trotting horse world.

The Races a Benefit to Richmond Business.

The presence of a number of racing stables here will be a good thing for the business men of Richmond. Horsemen are liberal spenders, and the winnings of their animals go very freely. Much money is spent in the care and keeping of the horses, and providing the proper "horse clothing," such as blankets, covers, fine harness, etc. A field is also open for horse insurance whenever a stable of horses is at one place for any length of time. The rates of this kind of insurance are much higher than those for mankind, and there are animals which carry more than $20,000 insurance.

When M. H. Reardon, of Indianapolis, the owner of Allen Winter, the winner of the American Trotting Derby at Readsville, Mass., achieved his recent success he wired the next day a horse insurance agency to place $7,000 more insurance on Allen Winter, as he had refused an offer of $40,000 for him. It is said that M. W. Savage, of International Stock Food fame, the owner of Dan Patch, record 1:55, holds policies on this great horse amounting to $105,000.

The Four-Weeks Plan a Good One.

The announcement in The Times-Dispatch several days ago of the movement to connect several places in Virginia to give four weeks' racing after the Virginia State Fair, aroused very favorable comment on the part of local horsemen, as it will encourage the horse spirit, and result in a good many more trotters and pacers being kept in this part of the country. The places named—Emporia, Petersburg, Suffolk, Murfreesboro, and then Richmond for the wind-up—are comparatively close together, and no shipment of horses would exceed seventy miles. The purses at Emporia having been fixed at $300 each, the other places will undoubtedly adopt the same figures. The Emporia races will be held under the auspices of the Fair Association of that enterprising town, and there will be four days' racing—October 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th—whereas at the other places the number of days will be three.

This movement is calculated to be of assistance to the Virginia State Fair, as many horsemen will enter here because of the opportunity of racing at three or more places before winter sets in, without being far away from an established horse centre, and with their traveling and shipping expenses kept at the minimum. Mr. A. A. Slagle, the manager of the Emporia Fair, writes that the horses that have been in training for some time at the track of that association will be sent to the Virginia State Fair, and it is expected that the Richmond horsemen will return the compliment.

The running races of the Virginia State Fair, on account of their number, twenty, are also much spoken of by horsemen. A gentleman who was at Prospect Park, Baltimore, and subsequently attended other races, where dashes and steeplechasers were prominently featured, found that Richmond is held in great favor, on account of the attractive purses, and the fact that there will be four running events each day. This will give plenty of chances of winning some money.

CHURCH HILL S. S. A. LEAGUE

Scores Yesterday.

Broadus, 17; Leigh Street, 4.
Third Christian, 9; Union Station, 0 (forfeited).
Hasker Memorial, 9; Branch Memorial, 3.
St. James, 5; Third Presbyterian, 0 (first game).
St. James, 9; Third Presbyterian, 4 (second game).

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Hasker Memorial	11	3	.785
Broadus	10	4	.714
Third Christian	10	4	.714
St. James	9	5	.643
Union Station	6	7	.461
Leigh Street	5	9	.357
Third Presbyterian	2	11	.154
Branch Memorial	2	12	.143

The above games close the season, with Hasker Memorial the pennant winners. The board of governors will meet at 8:15 P. M. Tuesday, September 15th, at Leigh Street Baptist Church. All members are urged to make it convenient to be present.

WEST END S. S. A. ASSOCIATION

FIRST DIVISION.

Standing of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Tabernacle	15	4	.789
West End	12	6	.667
Seventh Street	11	9	.550
Westminster	7	10	.411
Grove Avenue	7	12	.368
Asbury Methodist	3	13	.125

Yesterday's Results.

Tabernacle, 9; Seventh Street, 5.
West End, 9; Asbury Methodist, 0 (forfeited).
West End, 5; Westminster, 5.
Westminster, 9; Grove Avenue, 0 (forfeited).

INDIANAPOLIS GETS RAG

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 12.—The Indianapolis team captured the 1908 pennant of the American Association by defeating Louisville in to-day's game. The Indianapolis team has a lead now that cannot be overcome.

Columbia Wins.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

COLUMBIA, VA., September 12.—In a close and exciting game here to-day Columbia defeated Cartersville, 8 to 6. Strange, who started in to pitch for Columbia, got his bumps in the second inning, Cartersville scoring five runs. After this Nelson, the red-headed enigma from the banks of the James, stepped into the box and pitched invincible ball, having Cartersville completely at his mercy. Other features for Columbia were Winn's double play, unassisted, and She