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## RUNNERS START TRAINING FOR THE NEXT MARATHON

### Jackson Is Willing to Meet All Contestants for the Championship--Origin of the Marathon.

The news of the promotion of another Marathon race next month was well received round town yesterday, and interest in the coming event evinced itself by many repetitions of the word "Marathon" on street-corners and on street-cars.

Nigel Jackson was not a bit taken aback when he read of the many challenges that are out against him. He stated most emphatically that he would defend his title to the championship of the Islands and had already started training for the big event on April 18.

With regard to wagers, Mr. Jackson states that he has made arrangements to have them all covered and that all amounts placed as a side bet by runners, with the sporting writer on the Advertiser, will be promptly paralleled.

Kapiolani Park has become a favorite place for training. Every afternoon and also in the evening the mile track is decorated with the flitting figures of aspiring contestants, and the old place has been found an excellent place to train on.

### Good Lessons Learned.

Some good lessons were learned by the contestants in last Sunday's race. One was that, as stated in these columns, rubber shoes of the cheapest variety were the best things to wear. Another was that going downhill is almost as hard as walking up if you don't know how to do it.

Most of the runners state that the race did them good and that they feel just ready to start in training for the next event. Running round a track will be very different from pounding over the hard roads and, of course, much better time will be made.

H. M. Ayres has definitely decided to enter the race and states that he expects to surprise his friends by the showing he will make. In the last race he actually walked twenty-one miles at a hard pace and has it figured out that a man who will walk a lap and then run a lap, in the next race, will come mighty near copping off the big thing.

By this means a man should be able to make every mile in a trifle less than nine minutes, and if he can keep it up for the entire distance he might easily beat many runners who try and run all the way. Just how good Mr. Ayres' idea is it is hard to say, but there is no denying that he will be a dangerous antagonist to go up against, whatever gait he uses.

### Fahy's Clever Scheme.

Dal Fahy told yesterday of a scheme he had in the last race that was a very good one. He wore a gold-dust belt such as is used by miners, and in each compartment of the belt he carried a small phial of brandy. At each kokua station he washed out his mouth with water and then took a drink of four parts of water to one of brandy. He states most emphatically that this stimulant enabled him to finish as well as he did.

Schemes of this kind will, of course, be unnecessary in the next race as every runner will have his station with trainers and helpers to render him assistance whenever he needs it. The very best and most up-to-date arrangements will be made in this respect and contestants will have the use of the experience of the promoters of all the recent Marathon races that have been run all over the States.

Today the league trustees will state definitely as to the use of the league grounds and the terms on which they will allow them to be rented. Until definite arrangements are made it is impossible to make any announcement as to where and when entries will be taken in.

The management of the event will be the best possible. A responsible party has promised to provide the necessary money with which to run the affair and to provide the very latest and best of everything to make the race a success. Gate money will be charged for admission to the grounds and the party in question will take his chance of coming out even on the proposition.

The minute that the league trustees come to a decision and arrangements for the use of the grounds are made, the place where entries will be received will be announced and work will be begun on roping off the track.

It is expected that there will be a larger entry list than there was for the last race and the event promises to be the most largely attended and exciting affair ever seen on these Islands.

### Origin of the Marathon.

Many people round town have been

asking the origin of the Marathon race. Here it is. It was in 490 B. C. that old man Darius blew over into Greece with a gang of Persians. It was a tough gang all right and there were some hundred and twenty thousand roosters in the aggregation. They had a fair picnic of it chasing over the country, stealing chickens out of the farm yards and handing out a baron of beef for each tent to roast every night. The Greeks took to the mountains and left most of what they had in their homes behind them. By the time the Persian kids got near to Athens they were fat and sassy and thought they would have a walkover when they came to play ball with the Athenians.

But meanwhile old Miltiades, the goop with the golden crown who acted as king and mayor of the good city of Athens, brought a team on to the field and called on Mr. O. K. Mars to act as umpire. Miltiades played first base and he had a mighty mit-wearer by the name of Euclies to act as catcher.

The Persians came out to bat and thought they had a cinch. There was a rooting section as far as from here to Haleiwa to encourage them and a guy with a label and a tin of lemonade at every base. But there was nothing to it. Bill Miltiades with his ten thousand pork-and-beaners put up an awful game and it took only a few hours in which to send the Persians to Foo-foo land.

The battle took place at Marathon some twenty-six miles away from Athens. The Persians had been so sure of victory that they actually toted a bunch of bricks onto the field so as to build a memorial after the battle. Bill Miltiades took up a handful of bricks and chucked them after a few retreats. Percy boys and then sang out to Charlie Euclies to get busy and notify the gang at home that they had won the game.

Charlie started out for all he was worth and beat the record over the course back to Athens. He got there just in time to swallow a spoonful of gin, gasp out the news of the victory and then die all over the floor.

He was a first cousin of old man Euclid who invented Geometry in order to torture the youthful mind and his most famous ancestor is Mary Thorne, the pride of the alley. The idea of having a Marathon race was first introduced at the time of the Turco-Greek war. George, Sardanapalus, Alcibiades, Kremnos, Piaz the fifteenth, who acted as the main squeeze in Greece at that time, was so tickled when he saw how fast his soldiers could run when the dinner bell rang, that he decided to make it an annual event and introduce it into the United States. Hence the race to Haleiwa and the coming race next month.

This account is clipped from Professor Dingbat's history of ancient athletics.

## PETE BARON IS COMING BACK

Pete Baron is coming back to Honolulu, and it may be that he will arrive on the Makura on April 2. The climate of the northern border and the treatment that the dear old athlete received from his supposititious friends have put him to the bad, and he has made up his mind to come back to the place where he has true friends and where his bones do not crack with the cold.

There are no details obtainable as to just what the pilikia was, but it is understood that Dr. Roller did not hand Pete the lovely strawberry that he promised. It seems to have been more of a lemon. The big doctor turned out a fizzle in the boxing business, and his great trip round the world he spoke of, with Pete Baron as his trainer-in-chief, does not seem to have materialized.

Whatever the cause that has brought him, we must welcome the good old boy back again. A bunch of those who saw Pete off are going to get together and give him aloha on his return. Let us do our best to warm the old boy's heart with a rousing welcome when he comes back to Honolulu.

The British sailing ship Dolbadarn Castle has a lively bunch of cricket players aboard and a match has been arranged with the local team for next Saturday. The game will start at two o'clock pronto and all the players are requested to turn out and help. The sailors are said to have a team that can pound the stuffing out of the local players. Eh, what?

## IN MEMORY OF A SQUARE SPORT

### Would Erect Tombstone From Fan Contributions for Jack Dempsey.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 11.—John S. Barnes, globe-trotter, one time holder of the world's championship at 100 yards, ex-professional boxer and wrestler, and all-around athlete at fifty-five years, has launched a plan in Spokane to start a national fund among the followers of fistiana to erect a tombstone in memory of Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil, whose remains are in an unmarked grave, hidden by a patch of dank weeds in a cemetery at Portland, Ore. He said in discussing the project while in Spokane:

"Dempsey was more to Americans than a pugilist. He was a great and lovable character. He was a man among men, square as a die, game to the core, clean in mind and body, a credit to American athletics. He deserves a stone, if any of our great dead deserve it. In starting this fund, I wish it to be placed in the name of an established trust company of responsible business men."

Barnes, who is a remarkably well preserved man at his age, will be remembered by many as surprising the sporting world a few years ago by offering to meet any man in the world over fifty years of age in running, jumping, wrestling and boxing contests. He became a professional sprinter at eighteen and at twenty-one won the world's championship 100-yard dash at the Philadelphia centennial. He has in his possession a certificate showing he ran 100 yards in 93.4 seconds in 1883 at Bellevue, Ontario. He became a professional boxer and beat some of the best men of his day. With W. H. Lucas he assisted in organizing the old Northwestern league with St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and other cities of what is now the north end of the middle west. He has traveled extensively in Australia, the Philippines, Hawaii, China and Japan, where he taught boxing and athletics and managed shows.

Barnes gave Spokane its only pennant-winning team of baseball. He came to this city in 1890, bringing with him Jake Stenzel, Gus Klopff, Piggy Ward, Jack Houston, Borchers, McGuirk, Pelhemus and others. In a four-club league with Seattle, Tacoma and Portland that year Spokane finished first. Barnes' team was beaten out in 1891 by Portland and in 1892 he went over to Portland, the league breaking up in the middle of the season. Since then he has been over much of the world. He has invested his savings in the Butte franchise in the Intermountain league. Other teams will be Salt Lake City, Utah; Missoula, Bozeman, Helena, Billings and Great Falls, Mont., and Boise, Idaho. The salary limit is \$1500. A guarantee of \$50 a game, with a rain guarantee of \$35, will be asked.

Barnes was entertained by Harry Baer and "Dutch Jake" Goetz, millionaire mining operator in the Coeur d'Alenes, during his stay in Spokane.

## PLANTATION LEAGUE STARTS

Very shortly the plantation kids will get busy. There will be big doings this season in the out-of-town league and some of the sugar boilers are very much worked up over the prospects for their particular team to win the championship.

The Oahu Plantation Baseball League has got together in one bunch and arranged a schedule for the coming season. They have also, mainly through the efforts of W. Leslie West, president of the League, gathered in sufficient contributions from the different plantations to purchase a fine cup. This cup will set the league back about seventy-five Simoleons and will be the real thing.

There are four teams in the league, Ewa, Waianae, Aiea and the famous Waialua team. The great and only Waialua boys who spilled the white-wash all over the 'Tisers and had to give them a rattling good luanu to make them feel good again. What ho, you Waialuas.

The championship of the first year does not carry possession of the cup with it. The pot must be won two years in succession before the winning team can keep it. The Waialua boys have their name on the cup already. Perhaps, perhaps not.

The officers of the league are: W. Leslie West (Ewa), president; Chas. Arnold (Aiea), vice president; A. M. Simpson (Waianae), manager; G. R. Clark (Ewa), secretary; A. Waikalua (Waialua), treasurer.

The schedule of the league for the season of 1909, is as follows:  
March 28—Ewa vs Waialua at Ewa; Aiea vs Waianae at Waianae.  
April 4—Waianae vs Waialua at Waialua; Ewa vs Aiea at Aiea.

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April 11—Waianae vs Ewa at Ewa; Waialua vs Aiea at Aiea.  
April 18—Waianae vs Ewa at Waianae; Aiea vs Waialua at Waialua.  
April 25—Waialua vs Ewa at Waialua; Aiea vs Waianae at Aiea.  
May 2—Waianae vs Waialua at Waianae; Ewa vs Aiea at Ewa.  
The balance of games to be decided on later.

## JUNIOR FIELD MEET FRIDAY

The youngsters are going to have a chance to show what they can do on the track in the field meet next Friday afternoon at Alexander field, when the interscholastic junior field and track meet will be held.

This event, like that of last Saturday, will be a triangular affair. Punahele Prep, Kaahumanu and Central Grammar schools will take part, and a very close contest for the championship is looked for.

The events will be the same as those of the senior meet, except that there will be a fifty-yard dash and there will be no hammer throw. In other respects the program will be the same. The kiddies are preparing for a great event and there will be something doing when they get together on Friday. The famous "Buster" will head the Kaahumanu rooting section and he is said to have a line of dope that will put the welkin to the bad.

Here is a line of talk about the boys that will enter in the different events and it sounds as though they were getting busy. "The honorable Ching will run in the mile. He may run and he may walk it. There is a dark horse in the mile and his name is Major. They say that he can cover the distance pretty nearly in five minutes and he is expected to come through with a burst."  
"Sanford Blake is out for the goods and leaves nobody behind him. Henry Yap is a Central Grammar sprinter who has bought a new pair of wings for his heels."

Then the clever young press agent goes on to say that Kenneth McGuire is the motorcycle kid, that Nee En is a "Windjammer" and that Harold Nott is a leaping kangaroo.

The youngsters are very enthusiastic about the meet and all the encouragement that can be given in the way of attendance is certainly coming to them. With clean-limbed youngsters to enter the races, good coaches to train them and the enthusiasm of their fellow students to back them up, they certainly deserve to have their meet a great success.

## Sport Notes

The Riverside League will hold a meeting in the offices of Mr. A. L. C. Atkinson next Friday night at half past seven. Full representation is requested.

The choosing of prizes, by the winners of last Sunday, is going on very satisfactorily. It would be a great help if all those entitled to an early choice would get in and let Mr. Vierra know about it.

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