

Review of the Record Making Season in American Sport



MANY RECORDS WERE MADE IN VARIOUS LINES OF SPORT

SPEEDWAY RACING.

Event and Distance	Time	Average Miles	Driver	Car
Four miles (3 mile track).....	2m. 3.61s.	111.77	De Palma	Sunbeam
Five Miles (1 1/2 mile track).....	3m. 00.00	109.00	Orr	Maxwell
Six miles (2 mile track).....	3m. 5.65s.	112.86	De Palma	Sunbeam
Hartness Trophy (10 miles).....	20m. 52.11s.	102.90	Resta	Peugeot
Astor Cup Race (2 1/2 miles).....	5h. 21m. 42s.	102.90	Anderson	Stutz
International Sweepstakes (20 miles).....	5h. 21m. 55s.	102.91	De Palma	Mercedes

ROAD RACING.

Event and Distance	Time	Average Miles	Driver	Car
C.A.C. Trophy (21 miles).....	4h. 1m. 22s.	74.97	Cooper	Stutz
Elgin National Sweepstakes (21 miles).....	3h. 53m. 25s.	77.25	Anderson	Stutz

TROTTING.

Any age—Peter Volo	Record	Best on in 1915
Four-year-old—Peter Volo	2:02	1:58
Three-year-old—Mary Putney	2:02	1:58
Two-year-old—Volsa	2:07 1/4	2:04 1/4
Yearling—Ansellia	2:17 1/2	2:15 1/2

PACING.

Any age—Directum I	Record	Best on in 1915
Four-year-old—Saddle Denmore	2:02	2:00
Three-year-old—General Todd	2:04 1/4	2:00 1/4
Two-year-old—Directum I	2:12 1/4	2:07 3/4
Yearling—Poor Man	2:19	2:15

RUNNING.
One Mile Run, Outdoor—4m. 12.3-ss. Norman S. Taber, Boston A.A., made at Harvard Stadium, Cambridge, Mass., July 16, 1915.

WALKING.
Five Mile, Outdoor—34m. 10s. George H. Goulding, Toronto Central Walkers' Club, made at Neilson Field (Rutgers College), New Brunswick, N. J., October 23, 1915.

Six Mile, Outdoor—42m. 25.2-5s. George H. Goulding, Toronto Central Walkers' Club, made at Neilson Field (Rutgers College), New Brunswick, N. J., October 23, 1915.

Seven Mile, Outdoor—50m. 40.4-5s. George H. Goulding, Toronto Central Walkers' Club, made at Neilson Field (Rutgers College), New Brunswick, N. J., October 23, 1915.

HURDLES.
Four Hundred and Forty Yard, Three Foot Hurdles, Outdoor (ten hurdles, first hurdle 40 yards from start, 40 yards between each hurdle and 40 yards to finish)—54.3-5s. William H. Meaney, Boston A.A., made at Harvard Stadium, Cambridge, Mass., July 16, 1915.

Two Hundred and Twenty Yard (2 foot 6 inch hurdles), Outdoor (around a turn)—24.4-5s. F. W. Kelly, University of Southern California, made at Boyard Field, Los Angeles, Cal., May 21, 1915.

SWIMMING.
Fifty Yards, Open, Tidal Salt Water, Straightaway—2s. Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hui Nalu, Honolulu, Honolulu Harbor, Hawaiian Territory, June 11, Swimmer was not aided by the tide.

One Hundred Yards, Open, Tidal Salt Water, Straightaway—51-1/2s. Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hui Nalu, Honolulu, Honolulu Harbor, Hawaiian Territory, June 11, Swimmer was not aided by the tide.

One Hundred Yards, Bath (75 yards), one turn—54-2-5s. Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hui Nalu, Honolulu, Suro Baths, San Francisco, Cal., July 17.

Two Hundred and Forty Yards, Open Tidal Salt Water (100 yards), two turns—2m. 2s. Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hui Nalu, Honolulu, and George Cunha, Hui Nalu, Honolulu (swimming dead heat), Honolulu Harbor, Hawaiian Territory, June 11, Swimmers were not aided by the tide.

Two Hundred and Twenty Yards, Bath (75 yards), two turns—2m. 25-3-5s. Duke P. Kahanamoku, Hui Nalu, Honolulu, Suro Baths, San Francisco, Cal., July 17.

Three Hundred Yards, Bath (20 yards), fourteen turns—3m. 25-1-5s. Perry McGillivray, Illinois A.C., Illinois A.C. Baths, Chicago, Ill., February 4.

Four Hundred and Forty Yards, Open Salt Water (100 yards), three turns—5m. 22-1-5s. Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A.C., San Francisco, Cal., July 15.

Five Hundred Yards, Bath (75 yards), six turns—6m. 13-4-5s. Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A.C., Suro Baths, San Francisco, Cal., July 17.

Eight Hundred and Eighty Yards, Open Salt Water (100 yards), seven turns—12m. 6s. Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A.C., San Francisco, Cal., July 2.

One Thousand Yards, Open, Still Salt Water (84 yards), eleven turns—12m. 53-3-5s. H. E. Vollmer, N.Y.A.C., Steeplechase Park Baths, Coney Island, N. Y., August 10.

One Mile (open salt water, 110 yards, 15 turns)—34m. 59-2-5s. Ludy Langer, Los Angeles A.C., San Francisco, Cal., July 23.

One Hundred and Fifty Yards (back stroke, bath, 75 yards, one turn)—1m. 53-3-5s. H. J. Heber, Illinois A.C., Suro Baths, San Francisco, Cal., July 15.

One Hundred Yards (breast stroke, bath, 20 yards, four turns)—1m. 13-2-5s. Michael McDermott, Illinois A.C., Illinois A.C. Bath, Chicago, Ill., February 4.

Two Hundred Yards (breast stroke, bath, 20 yards, nine turns)—2m. 38-2-5s. Michael McDermott, Illinois A.C., Illinois A.C. Bath, Chicago, Ill., February 4.

RELAY RACING.
Two Hundred Yards (four men, 50 yards each, 25 yards bath)—1m. 42-2-5s. Illinois A.C. team (A. C. Rathel, 24-1-5s.; M. P. Mott, 24-4-5s.; H. J. Heber, 25s.; Perry McGillivray, 25-3-5s.), Andorkum, Milwaukee, Wis., May 15.

Two Hundred and Fifty Yards (five men, 50 yards each, 25 yards bath)—1m. 10-2-5s. N.Y.A.C. team (H. E. Vollmer, Walter Ramme, N. T. Nerich, H. O'Sullivan and W. R. Bennett), Rutgers College Bath, New Brunswick, N. J., March 10.

Four Hundred Yards (four men, 100 yards each, 20 yards bath)—3m. 46-3-5s. Illinois A.C. team (A. C. Rathel, 51-1-5s.; W. R. Vollmer, 52s.; Walter Ramme, 53-4-5s.; N. T. Nerich, 53-4-5s.; H. O'Sullivan, 53-4-5s.), Illinois A.C. Bath, Chicago, Ill., April 15.

Five Hundred Yards (five men, 100 yards each, 25 yards bath)—4m. 53-2-5s. N.Y.A.C. team (J. C. Whately, 54-4-5s.; H. E. Vollmer, 57s.; Walter Ramme, 58-4-5s.; N. T. Nerich, 59-1-5s.; H. O'Sullivan, 59-1-5s.), N.Y.A.C. Bath, New York city, April 8.

Eight Hundred and Eighty Yard Relay (four men each to run 220 yards)—1m. 29-2-5s. University of Chicago team (F. T. Ward, B. Desmond, M. Barank, D. Knight), made at Stages Field, Chicago, Ill., June 12, 1915.

Seventeen Hundred and Sixty Yard, Outdoor (four men, each man to run 440 yards)—3m. 18s. University of Pennsylvania team (F. Kaufmann, J. Lockwood, D. Lippincott, J. E. Meredith), made at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Pa., April 24, 1915.

BILLIARDS.
William F. Hoopce, 152 ballruns, 38, November 23, New York.
Alfredo De Oro, three cushions, 150 points in 145 innings, December 5, Chicago.

MOTOR BOATING.

In the women's field things during the year were satisfactory, although it was only at the last ditch that the women repelled a foreign invasion in the national championship. A new name goes on the cup, the winner being Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbock of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, of Philadelphia, who, on the links of the Oronota Country Club, of Lake Forest, Ill., defeated Mrs. W. A. Gawin, of England, in the final by a margin of 3 up and 2 to play.

HARNES RACING.

While the harness racing season of 1915 developed many brilliant trotters and pacers their performances resulted in but one new record of the first importance. This was made by the eight-year-old pacing stallion Directum I. He lowered his own champion record from 1:53 to 1:52 1/2, putting the lateral gaited harness horse once more in advance of the trotter, whose best record is Ublin's, 1:54, made in 1912.

RACING.

Thoroughbred racing bounded back into popular favor in 1915, and devotees of the turf in New York State enjoyed the best sport offered under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club since the anti-rabbling law was enacted. Many performances which gave evidence that in speed and staying powers the present crop of racers is returning to the high standard of the halcyon days of the sport characterized the year's turf doings.

YACHTING.

The year 1915 will go down in the annals of yachting as a most unusual one in many respects. Because of the war abroad, which put a sudden quagmire on the sport in August, 1914, many thoughts

ROWING.

Interest in rowing was greatly added to this year by the international rivalry. Leland Stanford University went all the way from California to compete on the Hudson in the intercollegiate regatta, and the Westerners made a mighty fine showing when they beat every crew on the river except Cornell, and were only a second behind the mighty Iliacs at the end of four miles. It was another feather in the cap of "Charley" Courtney, the dean of the coaches, when he put another winning crew across the line, but it was almost as much of a triumph for Frank Guarna, the twenty-six-year-old coach of Stanford, to get his charges up into second position after the long trip across the continent. At New London Yale had a holiday at the expense of Harvard, beating the Crimson by five lengths. In the national regatta at Springfield, Mass., there was little to it but Duluth. The boys from that town won practically everything that could be won. "Bob" Dibble, of Toronto, was again the best single sculler.

TENNIS.

In spite of the fact that there were no international tennis matches this year because of the war, there was no lull in this sport on this side, and it is doubtful if there was ever a better season. One of the chief things that made tennis so attractive was the fact that new champions were crowned. If a committee were to have selected a team to represent the United States before the national championships were held it is doubtful if the man who ultimately won the title would have been chosen in the first half dozen. The victory of William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, was one of the outstanding feats of the year. In fact, it was probably the greatest achievement in amateur sport in the United States during the season. Johnston was an outsider, still he did something that no other title holder ever did. When on his way to the final bracket he defeated the men who were ranked one, two, three the year before. No one ever had a harder draw to get through than he did, for he beat the great McLoughlin, thought to be invincible, and also Richard Norris Williams, who was considered almost the equal of the "California Comet." Johnston was about as much surprised as any one else. With Clarence J. Griffin he also added to his laurels by winning the doubles championship. Something as was Johnston's career on the courts, Miss Molla Bjurstedt had an equally meteoric career. In some respects the visitor from Norway had even a more remarkable record, for she not only won the indoor title but she took the trophy on the turf and the clay courts. She was practically invincible and by winning these three different events she did something that no one ever did before.

BUNGALOW TURK'S CAP.

1915 would be without any unusual activity, and in that they were mistaken. All the yacht clubs held their regular regattas, and while the existing record for starters on any one day was not exceeded, the average number of competitors was entirely satisfactory and far better than usual. The continuation of the war caused further postponement of the blue ribbon event of the seas—the contest for the America's Cup—and this event will not take place until the war is at an end.

AMERICAN CHAMPIONS IN 1915.

- Aeronautics—Aeroplane, Victor Carlstrom.
- Hydroplane, Oscar Brindley.
- Angling—W. D. Mansfield, San Francisco.
- Athletics—Indoor senior team, Irish-American A.C.
- Indoor junior team, New York A.C.
- Outdoor senior team, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
- Outdoor junior team, Olympic Club, San Francisco.
- All around, Alma Richards, Illinois A.C.
- Intercollegiate team, Cornell.
- Automobile—Earl Cooper and "Gil" Anderson.
- Baseball—World's champion team, Boston Red Sox.
- National League champion, Philadelphia.
- American League champion, Boston.
- Federal League champion, Chicago.
- Battling, Larry Doyle, New York Nationals; "Ty" Cobb, Detroit Americans, and "Benny" Kauff, Brooklyn Federal.
- Pitching, Grover C. Alexander, Philadelphia Nationals; Walter Johnson, Washington Americans, and "Eddie" Plank, St. Louis Federal.
- Basketball—Olympic Club, San Francisco.
- Intercollegiate, Yale.
- Bicycling—Frank Kramer, East Orange (professional), Hans Oht, San Francisco (amateur).
- Billiards—William F. Hoopce (professional balkline), Alfredo De Oro (professional three cushions), Joseph Mayer (Class A amateur).
- Bowling—Harry Cohn, Yonkers.
- Boxing—Andrew Sheridan, Trinity Club, N. Y. (amateur), "Johnny" Kilbane, Cleveland, Kan. (professional), "Fred" Welsh, England (Wales) (lightweight), "Johnny" Ertle, St. Paul (bantamweight).
- Cal.—Miss Ava Follard's Bungalow Turk's Cap of Hyver.
- Chees—Emanuel Leaker.
- Court Tennis—Jay Gould (singles), Jay Gould and W. H. T. Huhn (doubles).
- Clay Court Tennis—R. N. Williams, 2d (singles), G. M. Church and D. Manthey (doubles).
- Miss Molla Bjurstedt (singles), "Fred" Welsh, England (Wales) (lightweight), "Johnny" Ertle, St. Paul (bantamweight).
- Cross-country—Junior, Gaston Strobino, N.Y.A.C. Junior team, N.Y.A.C.
- Intercollegiate team, University of Maine.
- Intercollegiate individual, J. W. Overton, Yale.
- Diving—Ulta (Gordon medal leaders).
- Curling—Arthur McAleenan, Jr., Yale (fancy), A. E. Downes, N.Y.A.C. (high).

- Dog—Matford Vic (wire haired fox terrier), Fenice.
- Football—Cornell (East), Washington State (Far West), Illinois-Minnesota (Middle West).
- Golf—Robert A. Gardner, Chicago (amateur), Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbock (women), Gynastics—Frank Kanis, Newark Turn Verein.
- Yale intercollegiate team (individual), Heckey—St. Nicholas Skating Club.
- Horse Racing—Roamer (colt), Regret (filly), Ice Yachting—The Imp.
- Indoor Tennis—Gustave F. Touchard, New York city, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, Norway.
- Lawn Tennis—William M. Johnston, San Francisco, W. M. Johnston and C. J. Griffin, San Francisco (doubles), Miss Molla Bjurstedt, Norway.
- Mrs. Wightman and Miss Eleonora Sears, Boston (women's doubles), R. N. Williams, 2d, Harvard (intercollegiate singles), R. N. Williams, 2d, and R. F. Hartig, Harvard (intercollegiate doubles), Plunging—L. D. Hurrig, Cincinnati, Gym. and A.C. Pool—Benjamin Allen, Kansas City (professional), J. Howard Shoemaker, New York city (amateur), Polo—Meadow Brook (senior), Bryn Mawr (junior), Racing—Directum I.
- Racquets—C. C. Pell, New York (singles), C. C. Pell and S. G. Mortimer, New York (doubles), Rowing—Harold and Edward Clark, Norwich, Conn. (tied), Roving—Bob Dibble, Don Rowing Club, Toronto (singles), The (eights), Cornell (intercollegiate), Soccer Football—Haverford College, Skat—H. Wenat, Milwaukee.
- Skating—Lars Haugen, Duluth.
- Squash Tennis—Eric S. Winston, Harvard Club (amateur), Walter S. Kinsella, New York city (professional), Ludy Langer, Los Angeles (middle distances), Water Polo—Illinois A.C. (long distances), Wrestling—Earl Caddock, Chicago A.A., Alexander Aberg, Estonia, Russia (Grec-Roman), Yachting—The Josephine.