

RIDING TO THE HOUNDS PROVES AN EXHILARATING PASTIME



LEASHMEN LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT SEASON Young Greyhounds of Marked Promise Are Coming Up in Numbers in This State Futurity and Belle Brandon Cup Stakes Will Be Rich Events With Many Entries

COURSEING men are showing great interest in the meeting to be held on Washington's birthday under the auspices of the Interstate Coursing Club. The crack hounds of the all-age division will meet in competition for the California plate, while the saplings, those greyhounds whelped during the past year, will try conclusions in the Belle Brandon cup, named in honor of its first winner.

For the latter stake Frank McComb will start two clever youngsters by Imp. Fetter Free out of Motto. The latter is a sister to the black wonder, Royal Flush. Both these greyhounds were sensational performers on the field.

Vic Noble will start Capitol City Girl, the first of the progeny of Sacramento Boy to go into the hands of the slipper. Ed Walsh of Sacramento will start two of the same litter. They are all reported exceptionally good. Pasha kennels will be represented by some For Freedom-Fly-away sapplings, which have breeding and good looks to recommend them.

At a meeting of the Interstate Club last Tuesday some changes were made in the conditions governing the Futurity of 1904. The time of listing puppies was extended from sixty days after whelping to ninety days. This was done to give the breeders outside California ample time in which to list puppies.

Secretary Frank Cushing of the Interstate Coursing Club has compiled some interesting statistics on the Futurity of 1903, which is run annually in September under the auspices of the club. There are a total of 154 nominations, of which seventy-four are dogs. Thirty-five different litters are represented and twenty-five different sires and prize money more than \$5 on each puppy which started.

The following table shows the number of greyhounds listed, those on which subsequent payments were made, the money added to the stake in addition to entrance fees and the total value of the stake. In the Futurities already run the Interstate Club has added more than \$4 for each puppy listed. The total value of the stake is \$2,363.

Noted Motorist Is Coming. The arrival of W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. in this city is being looked forward to with interest by the automobilists, as he is one of the most notable of American motorists. He is said to have shipped to the Pacific Coast two or three machines, including a Winton touring car and a French carriage.

GREAT FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN UNBEATEN TEAMS

American-British Riflemen to Play Against Veteran Vampires in League Game

ON the ground at Webster street Alameda, to-morrow afternoon, beginning at 2:30, will be played the most interesting and the most important match up to the present time of the California Association Football League. The contest will be between the hitherto unbeaten teams of the American-British Rifles and the Vampires.

Both sides are confident and the outcome of the struggle between the strongest of two clubs in the league is being looked forward to with much interest. Peterson is confident of victory for the Vampires, but Shand is equally sure of a win for the Rifles. Robinson will be recruited for a day of the duties of umpire, which will be performed by "Lanky Bob."

It is reported that Robertson will soon be playing in the Vampires' team. Willing will play center in the Vampires' forward line and is taking hard work to keep himself in condition. The rifle eleven has been in want of a good goalkeeper, as C. C. Y. Williamson, though a fine fullback, was not accustomed to using his hands. But last Sunday at Oakland, in the match against the San Francisco club, he defended the goal excellently, only once allowing the ball to get past him, though many determined attacks were made.

At Twelfth and Madison streets, Oakland, the Albion Lodge eleven will meet the San Francisco club, the Independents taking a day off. It is expected the San Francisco will win, but the Albions have some strong, hard-working players. The teams will line up as follows:

Albion. Positions, San Francisco. Moore, Goalkeeper. Phillips. Lancaster. Back. Franklin. Gilchrist. Halfback. Murphy. Taylor. Forward. Conception. Hooker. Forward. T. Smith. McFarlane. Forward. Davis. McPherson. Forward. Miller. Referee—G. Sully of the Independents. Linemen—Smith and Melville.

COUNCIL'S CUP FOR WOMEN GOES TO NEW WINNER

Robert Johnstone, the San Francisco Professional, Defeats Coast Champion

ROBERT JOHNSTONE, the professional of the San Francisco Golf Club, has established his position as the most skillful golfer resident on the Pacific Coast. In 1901 he won the open championship of the Pacific Coast Golf Association at Del Monte, but last year was beaten by F. J. Reilly, the professional of the Burlingame Country Club.

In order to settle the question of supremacy between these two players, one of Scotch and the other of American birth, it was decided to hold a contest over seventy-two holes, match play, thirty-six on the Presidio links and thirty-six over the Burlingame course. The members of each club being willing to back their own representative, a purse of \$120 was made up by equal contributions from the Burlingame Country Club and the San Francisco Golf Club.

The first half of the contest took place on Tuesday, the 9th inst., on the Presidio links. At the thirty-second hole, Robert Johnstone was 4 up and 4 to play, but F. J. Reilly took the next three holes, and the last hole being halved Johnstone was 1 up on the first day's play. As each professional has an advantage on his home course and the second half remained to be played on Reilly's home links things looked well for the Burlingame professional.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., Robert Johnstone was in excellent form, playing the best golf that has been seen on the Burlingame course. Except that he hooked his first drive so that the ball went into an unplayable position in the Burlingame stables, he made scarcely an error and won the whole match 8 up 7 to play. The winner made the second and third rounds in 37-37. The first and last rounds were incomplete. Both professionals had played excellent golf at the Presidio. Johnstone's score by rounds being 39, 38, 39, and Reilly's being 40, 40, 39, 37.

That the San Francisco Golf Club stands in need of an extension of its course is evident from the fact that to-day the close of last year the council found it necessary to post a notice to the effect that the playing privileges of visitors or guests would not be honored on Saturday, Sunday or holiday afternoons. Members of the ladies' annex were also requested to refrain from playing on the afternoons of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

It is expected that the tournament committee of the Oakland Golf Club will shortly issue a schedule of tournaments. On Saturday, the 21st inst., on the Presidio course there will be a contest against "honey," open to the members of any club in the Northern California Golf Association.

SAN MATEO HUNT PROVIDES SPORT OF HIGH CLASS

Large Fields Follow the Club's Drag Hounds Over a Picturesque Country

HUNTING is the sport of kings? So wrote the immortal Yorick, and it is an easy matter to agree with him after seeing a pack of any pack of hounds, or better still, having the mount on a favorite hunter and joining in the exhilarating gallop across country.

The San Mateo County Hunt is in full swing at the present time, and its members and their guests are out twice each week, on Wednesday and Saturday. Three o'clock is the hour chosen for the meet. This allows business men an opportunity to slip down by train or the San Mateo electric cars and join the field. The members of the hunt turn out in excellent style, and they are without exception superior horsemen.

Owing to the nature of the fences and the necessity of running over friendly territory a "drag hunt" is substituted for the fox or hare, the usual game in Europe. The boy who lays on the drag is handicapped in having not only to perform that duty, but also in having to take down the top rail of each fence, thus removing any possible obstruction to the budding sportsman in his flight across the country. At that, the jumps are sufficiently stiff to stop the average rider who has not mastered the art of clearing them while on horseback.

When horses are ridden for a time over fences from which the top rail has been removed they generally pull harder than they would otherwise, and rarely take the fences in fine style. As of necessity the field must negotiate the fence in single file the horses are anxious to get over, and as a rule they run in too close before taking off for the jump.

The meet to-day will be at Tanforan racetrack at 3 o'clock. A car of the San Mateo electric road will leave Holy Cross at 2 o'clock and will land spectators at the meet in ample time to see the horsemen gather for the chase. A car will pass the racetrack on the return journey about 2:30 o'clock.

Seek to Save the Antelope. DENVER, Jan. 16.—A special to the Republican from Cheyenne, Wyo., says the League of American Sportsmen has petitioned the Wyoming Legislature to suspend the open season on antelope until 1905. It is stated in the petition that the antelope of Wyoming are more numerous than those of any other State, but the number is not more than 10 per cent of what it was five years ago. At the present rate of slaughter they will be exterminated within the next five years.

TENNIS PLAYERS INTERESTED IN FUTURE GAMES

Clubs on Each Side of the Bay Are Arranging Matches to Take Place Later On

TENNIS players on both sides of the bay are showing an unusual amount of interest in the game and many good matches are scheduled for the future. The three clubs in Alameda County are growing rapidly and some good players are being developed.

The Golden Gate Tennis Club will hold its first tournament of the year on the park courts to-morrow. It will be a handicap doubles event for the challenge cups. The trophies were last won by the Hotchkiss brothers, who played from the "four-sixths" handicap mark.

The mixed doubles tournament to be played on the park courts next Saturday will be the first affair of the kind ever held on the public courts. Ten teams have already entered and more are expected next week. Those who have entered are William Allen and Miss Lulu Wegener, Harry Routh and Miss Eva Varney, Harry Ruffe and Miss Wood, Clarence Griffin and Miss Karin Lindstrom, W. R. Josephson and Miss Rose Josephson, Marius Hotchkiss and Miss Hazel Hotchkiss, J. G. Gibson Jr. and Miss Gertrude Sampson, K. N. Whitwell and Miss Bertha Gardner and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bazarth.

The mixed doubles event will be followed by a class singles tournament. In the first class William Allen swept all before him. He won the first cup three times straight and has already won the second cup put up for this class twice. R. N. Whitney, the strongest player in the bay counties, will have a hard time in the class singles tournaments, but will figure in the next one. Grant Smith of the California Club has joined the Golden Gate Club and will also play in the next tournament.

Tennis is becoming popular at the two universities and the preparatory schools in the bay counties. The matches this year will be unusually interesting. The women tennis players of the two colleges will hold their first intercollegiate match this spring. There are several strong players at Berkeley and the Stanford players realizing this fact are practicing hard for the coming matches.

The men's intercollegiate matches will probably be closer than last year. Reuben Hunt has graduated from Berkeley and his place will be a hard one to fill. MacGavin is the strongest player at present and should have no difficulty in winning his match. Of the other players little is known, the strongest being Dibert, who played for Oakland High School several years ago. Stanford will again be represented by Harry Welbe and Cleve Baker. The former is out of practice, but should be at his best in April. Baker made a good showing last year and will be a hard man to beat in the coming tournament.

SPORTSMEN SEEK THE FIELDS AS SEASON CLOSES

Two More Weeks in Which Ducks May Be Killed Under Sanction of the Law

WITH but two weeks of the shooting season left the sportsmen are taking advantage of every opportunity for a day afield after either ducks or quail. The men who visited the San Pablo marshes last Sunday secured a number of canvassbacks. After the fog lifted there was a good flight of "cans" for an hour while the tide was falling.

The Kleveasch brothers killed forty-two "cans" Saturday and Sunday. Charles Sartan, E. Milder, John Struven and "Doc" Mattoon had a good shoot. Ed Bowen and Erquart secured a joint bag of thirty. William Price, Billy Schindel and Edgar Forster killed thirty-five in all.

Clarence Nauman, Joe Sweeney and Jim Maynard shot over the preserve of the Canvasback Club. They had excellent sport, the bag being made up chiefly of sprig and teal. Thomas Watson and "Doc" O'Brien shot over private grounds near Magill's, killing thirty-two "cans" and mallard. With a continuation of the present cold weather the shooting all along the bay shore to-morrow should be of the best, as the conditions are all favorable.

Several members of the State Game Protective Association are at Sacramento in the interest of that organization. The members want to head off any adverse legislation which would tend to decrease the game in this State. Eleven members of the Empire Gun Club and three guests comprised the delegation at the club's Monterey preserve last Sunday. A sharp east wind set the "cans" in motion and the majority of those present secured good strings.

The best joint bag was secured by Messrs. James P. Sweeney and Bert Patrick and the best individual bag by Floyd S. Judah. Dr. F. Cornwall of the San Rafael Gun Club, Dr. Halle and W. O. Cullen shot as the guests of the club. The members present were James P. Sweeney, J. Pellicer, J. B. Hauer, Con Roman, Dr. George G. Gere, Lewis H. Allen, F. S. Judah, John Pennington, Dr. B. F. Alden and Bert Patrick. Drs. Alden and Halle remained to be joined by Moady's shoot. English snipe and quail were not molested during the day, the members contenting themselves with duck shooting. A number of members are going down especially for these birds to-morrow. The members of the Golden Gate Gun Club will hold their first buercock shoot of the season at Ingleside traps on Washington's birthday. Edgar Forster has devised an ingenious system under which the prizes will be distributed, which is expected to attract the entries of shooters of all classes.

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MANAGERS CLAIM TO HAVE SIGNED MANY PLAYERS

"Nick" Williams Receives Two Offers From Boston and Philadelphia Clubs

EVERYTHING in the baseball world seems to have settled down to a normal state again, and no new sensations are cropping up. Affairs of the new league are resting easily at present. The magnates of the new Pacific Coast organization figure on having a great season during 1903, and scoff at the idea of any opposition league spoiling their plans.

The work of signing players continues, and most of the teams which will battle for the championship next season appear to have plenty of material with which to open the campaign. In fact, players have been signed up in faster order this year than ever before, all of which must mean there is method in this madness. Peter Lohman is doing a lot of still hunting and but little talking. From present indications it would appear Peter intends to stay with Cal Ewing for another year at least. He has been watching the amateurs closely of late. It is tipped off the veteran has signed young Charley Baum to do some slab work for the 1903 Oakland nine. Baum is a clever youngster and was given a chance by Harris last season. He should easily make good in fast company if he gets in and works hard.

Nick Williams, the Berkeley lad who pitched such phenomenal ball for the local team last season and then signed with the Columbus team for 1903, has a hard luck story to pass out. Nick did not realize how valuable he was at the time, and when the offer from Columbus came he went to it and signed up at a good figure. Since that time, however, he has been offered swell jobs to twirl for the Philadelphia Athletics, and also the Boston Nationals. Connie Mack a few days ago sent Williams word to sign which called for nearly twice as much money as he is to receive for his services with the Columbus team. Following close upon the heels of Mack's offer came one from the management of the Boston team, which also called for a big salary. When Williams saw the turn affairs had taken his felt hurt. He blames himself for not holding out a while longer. Had he waited he could be a member of the greatest ball team in the world—the Philadelphia Athletics. With the support he would receive he could easily have made good and become a star outright.

Much interest is being manifested in the appearance of the two favorites of former days, Joe Corbett and big Bill Lange, on the diamond heroes of to-day. Conditions are against Corbett and Lange as they are out of training, but nevertheless it will be a great advertisement for the pair and will certainly draw an immense crowd to the Eighth-street lot.

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Find the Arab fisherman in tomorrow's Call. Points for money makers in the Wasp. Out at a day.