

EAST DRAWS ON CALIFORNIA FOR BASEBALL PLAYERS

SPORTS

PACIFIC COAST MEN IN STRONG DEMAND

FOOTBALL MEN ARE PUNISHED

NOVEL CONCEITS OF SPORTSMEN.

TENNIS MATCH ENDS PROMISING

YOUNG PLAYERS TRAINING



Association Players Placed Under Ban by Officials for Their Rough Work

SEASON NEARS ITS END

Only One Championship Game of the League Is Scheduled for To-Morrow

Two matches will be played this afternoon for the championship of the Bay Counties Saturday Association Football League, one being between the Hornet Reserves and the Oakland Pirates on the ground near the cotton mills, East Oakland, and the other between the Berkeley Wasps and Hitchcock's Academy, which will probably take place on the Berkeley campus. Only one game for the 1905-1906 championship of the California Association Football League is set down on the schedule for to-morrow. The San Francisco eleven will meet the Oakland Hornets on the Presidio athletic ground at 2:30 p. m.

Trapshooters, Baseball Players, Boxers, All Have Their Superstitions.

WALTER HOBART'S PET SADDLE

The novel conceits and the superstitions of the men interested in the sports and the pastimes of the world are almost as numerous as the men themselves. The trapshooter, the boxer, the hunting man, the gunman—all through the long list of sports, has some pet fad or fancy which does not affect other men not appeal to them.

When Walter S. Hobart was master of and hunted the San Mateo County Hunt draghounds he was a conspicuous figure at the meets on his great gray horse Royalty. Although he has a collection of thirty-five English saddles suitable for hunting and polo, there was one of which he thought a great deal. Whenever it was sent to this city for repairs it was always accompanied by a note, which was usually worded: "I must have this saddle back on to-night's train, as I want to use it to-morrow."

Possibly the remaining saddles were more slightly and more up-to-date, but the young master of the hounds wanted one which he knew would respond to the grip of his knees.

James Hull, a well-known trapshot of Colorado Springs, was gossiping with Edgar Forster and Clarence Nauman recently. "What became of that prize gun of A. J. Webb's?" he asked.

"He has it still," replied Nauman, "but he cannot shoot in anything like his best form with it." "It can't be the fault of the gun," replied Hull, "as I can break more bluebirds with it than with any gun I have ever tried."

"Same here," said Nauman. "I have shot with it at the traps in my best form. Webb simply thinks he can't shoot with it and that affects his work."

"I have known many of the best trapshooters on the coast to have these peculiar ideas," added Forster. "Some men will throw a shell away if, in taking it out

of the center of the barrel. It makes no possible difference in the shooting, but they think it does and that is sufficient to make them miss."

The night Bob Fitzsimmons fought Jeffries at Fourteenth and Valencia streets some admirers sent the old fellow a floral horseshoe. He saw it being carried down the aisle and nearly had a fit. He waved the man carrying it away and would not have it near him. The usher did not know there was any objection to the flowers and when the disturbance subsided he appeared with it again. Fitz sent one of his seconds the next time and made sure the flowers did not reach the ring-side.

Young Corbett has never lost a fight in Mechanics' Pavilion, while each time he has appeared at Woodward's Pavilion he has been defeated. When negotiations were pending for his last fight he tried to have it take place in Mechanics' Pavilion. He failed in this and he lost the fight.

When a fighter is leaving his training quarters on the night of a contest if he or his seconds forget any of his ring attire he is not allowed to return for it. If it is a towel or a pair of trunks new ones will be bought down town.

Some fighters have a favorite pair of shoes in which they do all their fighting, others want a new pair each time. When Jabez White entered the ring to fight Britt he carried a tiny red shoe worn by his daughter in England. He fastened it tenderly to the ring post and seemed to conjure up the little household in that English village awaiting for news of the outcome of his first battle on American soil.

Some fighters have lucky corners and they show their great satisfaction when the toss of a coin results in their favor and they are able to have first choice. Others have a lucky coin or talisman concealed in their abbreviated fighting

Enthusiasts May Have Pleasure of Seeing Janes and Foley in Action

MANY TOURNAMENTS

Players Will Be Kept on the Move on the Courts for Some Time to Come

Several tennis tournaments will be played on the courts to-day and to-morrow. On the public courts at Golden Gate Park the young women of the third class will meet in a handicap singles event to-day. This tournament was scheduled for last Saturday, but was postponed on account of rain. Following are the entrants with their handicaps: Miss L. Unger (30) vs. Miss E. Crystal (15-2-6); Miss Weed (scratch) vs. Miss E. Johns (30); Miss C. Sydel (15-4-6) vs. Miss M. Crystal (30); Miss N. Sydel (30) a bye.

Miss E. Crystal is the only player who has her name on the cup which must be won three times.

The class singles tournament commenced on the Park courts last Sunday will be completed to-morrow. Four players remain in the first class and three good matches should result when they meet.

George Janes will be opposed to Fred Adams in the upper half, while George Baker and Charles Foley will come together in the lower half. Janes and Adams have not crossed rackets since they met in the finals of the coast championship event last year. Adams is in better trim now than he was then.

The Foley-Baker match should be a good one, although the latter is not given much chance to win. Baker, at his best, would prove a stumbling block to Foley, but the former does not play the game he used to, while Foley is the best player in the city.

The final match will draw many spectators, especially if Janes beats Adams. A meeting between Janes and Foley is what the followers of the game have long desired. If Foley plays anything like his game he will carry off the honors.

In the second class three players will fight for the honors. Stewart Gayness is in the finals and will meet the winner of the Drolla-Finnigan match. Drolla is expected by a majority to win the honors.

The third and fourth classes will bring together a number of evenly matched players. The third class matches will be: H. Guerin vs. Korbel; Knowlton vs. G. Guerin; N. Martin vs. Getz; M. Martin vs. Haynes. In the fourth class Levin and Johnson have reached the semi-finals. On the other half the matches will be: Elsworth vs. Cohen and Michaelis vs. Trullinger.

A class singles tournament will be played on the California Club courts to-morrow. In the first class the contestants will be the Long brothers, Schmidt, Rolfe, Janes, Bush, and Garmer. M. Long holds the cup.

The second class will bring together C. Smith, Fuller, Warner, Dr. Lovegrove, Beyfuss, Biddle and several others.

The third and fourth classes will be larger than the other two and in the latter there will be a number of new players. The Alameda County championship tournament in singles and doubles, which has heretofore been held on the courts across the bay, will be started Thursday on the courts in Golden Gate Park. Entries close Tuesday at 5 p. m. when the drawings will be held.

High School Baseball Players Are Now Practicing for the League Matches

RAIN HINDERS WORK

Pitchers Who Expect to Be Future Christy Matthews Try Their Curves

The baseball players who are trying for the various high school teams of this city have not been as active this week as they were last. The recent rains have made the park and the numerous school diamonds unavailable for practice.

Before the first Academic Athletic League game on March 31 the captains will make a practice of taking their teams on out-of-town trips. Last week the Lick team journeyed to St. Matthews to play the team of that school. The weather made their trip fruitless. Lowell High School was more fortunate. Their first practice game of the season with Sacred Heart College resulted in a tie score of 3 to 3.

Only five teams have entered the local sub-league of the Academic League—Lick, Lowell, Mission, Polytechnic and Willamette. In previous years the Hitchcock, San Rafael and Tamalpais academies were always represented by teams. They would play one game apiece during an entire season and then default the rest. This did not suit the baseball players on this side of the bay, who were ever at a loss to know whether they were to journey across the bay or to stay at home. Many times the Marin County institutions would try to let the opponents know by telephone that they had decided to default, but in the event of not getting them, the teams from San Francisco would have the pleasure of a long trip for nothing. The arrangement was unsatisfactory, so the suburban teams decided to withdraw from the sub-league for this season at least.

The fight for supremacy in baseball this spring will be, as in track, a struggle between Lick and Lowell High schools. Mission had a strong team last year, as did Polytechnic, but many of their "stars" have graduated. This leaves them in a weakened condition.

Of the championship team Lick School turned out last spring, only Barreau, Hall, Dearn, Acton and Bleacher have returned. However, Lick has gained more than it has lost in the last incoming class. Two pitchers, C. Bell and F. Mallot; a third baseman, H. Griffith, and a fielder, E. Lieb, have joined the Lick forces. This makes their chances for this spring look bright. Mallot opposed White of Lick in the final Academic Athletic League game last year. Bell is a Modesto man. In Lick's game with San Jose High a week ago, Bell pitched his team to victory, coming out on the long end of a 5 to 4 score. In this game he walked but one man, allowed four hits and fanned nine of the opposing batsmen.

Captain Hall will take his men to Anderson's Academy, beyond Niles Canyon, this week for a practice game. The men who will be seen on the field are: Pitcher, Bell; catcher, Captain Hall; first base, Dearn; second base, Barreau; left field, Bleacher; center field, Mallot; right field, Acton, and Gay extra.

Lowell as yet has no practice game for to-day. The following men will show up for training: Pitcher, Tom Sperry; catcher, Sperbeck; first base, "Dutch" Hamilton; second base, Richardson; third base, Sinceheimer; shortstop, S. Hamilton (captain); left field, Van Orden; right field, Bennett; center field, Moral; extra, Murray.

ORDER NEW HORSES FOR DUTY IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Commissioners Award Contract to Joseph Levy for Supply of One Hundred and Fifty Animals.

The Board of Fire Commissioners yesterday at its regular meeting took an active step toward strengthening the department by awarding a contract to Joseph Levy for the supply of 150 horses. The animals were divided into three classes, distinguished by weight, and the contract price on each horse of the respective classes is \$338.50, \$317 and \$278. Levy was required to furnish a \$3000 bond to deliver the greater part of the order within thirty days.

A notice was received from the Civil Service Commission saying that an examination of applicants for positions as engineers in the Fire Department will be held on the afternoon of March 24 at the Girls' High School. The examination is open to persons not members of the department upon passing the physical examination.

The board accepted the resignation of Hoseman John McCloskey of relief engine No. 2. L. A. Donovan has been assigned by the superintendent of engines to duty at the corporation yard. The following details were made: Truckman F. J. Bowlen, from truck 4 to engine 4; Truckman John F. Smith, truck 1, to hydrant duty during repairs on Fourth street; Hoseman Edward Lennon of engine 2 was made temporary lieutenant of engine 8. Truckman Thomas Riley was transferred from truck 8 to truck 9 and Truckman Thomas Fitzpatrick from truck 9 to truck 8. R. Oppenheim, truck 5, was ordered transferred. Edmund O'Dea and John F. Coyne were appointed hosemen and await assignment to duty.

PROFESSIONALS ALLEGED IN COLLEGE BASEBALL

Intercollegiate Agreement Committee Will Probe the Charges To-Morrow at Its Meeting.

BERKELEY, Feb. 16.—Charges of alleged professionalism, in connection with the baseball teams of the universities of California and Stanford, will be discussed at a meeting of the intercollegiate agreement committee to-morrow afternoon at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. The committee is also expected to take up the so-called "one-year-residence rule," and the question of adding to the restrictions upon freshman athletes.

The suggestion of professionalism in the make-up of the baseball squads of the universities was heard at the last meeting of the committee two weeks ago. It was then declared that men now in training on the varsity squads have received money for participating in baseball contests. Trainer Christie California says he knows of no men in the squad here who have acted in this manner.

The "one-year-residence" rule, to be discussed to-morrow, is desired, it is said, to stop the Stanford rule. The rule requires that no student be allowed to compete in an athletic contest (freshmen excepted) until he has been a resident of the institution he represents for one year. The rule was adopted to stop the practice of offering inducements to men from preparatory schools to enter a university. If the Stanford men seek to rescind this rule they will be vigorously opposed by the California members of the committee.

The committee is expected to deal with the style of football game which the freshman teams will play next season, choosing either Rugby or the present intercollegiate style of play.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Feb. 15.—Mine of Iowa University's best baseball players to-day agreed not to play this year, acknowledging they were professionals and saying there is not an amateur baseball player of any skill whatever in any university of the United States.

CUSTUS WINS OVER THE JAMPS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 16.—City Park racing results: First race, seven furlongs—The Don won, Linn second, Tapida third. Time, 1:31 4-5. Second race, steeplechase, short course—Custus won, Python second, Malcolm M third. Time, 1:35. Third race, one mile, selling—Jack Adams won, Ezra second, Del Carina third. Time, 1:44 3-5. Fourth race, one mile, selling—Goldie won, Merry Acrobat second, Ambertha third. Time, 1:44 3-5. Fifth race, seven furlongs, selling—Clove Hampton won, Limerick Girl second, Loch Hill third. Time, 1:30 4-5. Sixth race, six furlongs—Monocorer won, Grapado second, Lucy Young third. Time, 1:15 5-8. Seventh race, seven furlongs, selling—St. Tammany won, Freebooter second, Girard third. Time, 1:29 3-5.

STEAL A COPPER BOILER—Edward Rodgers and Oscar Edmister, teamsters, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Conlon and McGowan and booked at the City Prison on a charge of grand larceny. They are accused of stealing a copper boiler valued at \$1500 from Schultz & Morris, 305 Howard street.

Pitchers and Fielders Alike Look Good to the Eastern Judges of Baseball Talent.

California ball players, or men who have made their mark in the Golden State, will be among the most conspicuous figures on the payroll of the New York American League baseball team when the season opens two months hence. Two of them, Whalen and Hitt, come from the San Francisco ball team. Keefe made his mark with the Tacoma Tigers while Chase was a star with the Angels, as well as Newton. These last two men were with the New Yorkers last season and have more than made good with the critical fans of Gotham.

Keefe and Whalen are expected to prove fully as effective in fast company as they were out here last season. Hitt has not yet had enough experience, but as he is a husky southwinger, with plenty of speed and marvellous control, he should break in as strongly as any of them. Many of the knowing ones predict a brighter career for Hitt than that of any Californian who has gone East since poor old Charley Sweeney set the baseball world on fire back in the early '80's.

Whalen did not show his best form during the latter part of last season here. He was not well at the time and to this can partly be attributed his lack of success. Little Keefe is one of the greatest curve ball pitchers in the business to-day and if his strength holds out he will soon be classed with the stars of the American Leagues control. On the Pittsburgh team will be three prominent Californians—Joe Nealon at first, Tommy Sheehan at third and Doc Moskman in the box. Nealon is the highest salaried man ever drafted from a minor league and consequently will be closely watched by the fans all over the country, as his name has been mentioned by all who know the national game. If Moskman takes a brace and gets into the game as he should there is no question as to his making good. He is a success in any position as well as with the bat. Sheehan will have to hit a bit harder than he did last year, but he will hold his own with any of them picking up the hot ones around the third station. Charley Graham is another man who should be a star in fast company. Graham is well thought of by the owners of the Boston Club, who have signed him. His ability to use his head as well as his hands should keep him at the top of the list. Nordyke, who goes to the St. Louis Americans, has a bright future. He is one of those men who meet the ball hard. He is as good a first baseman as ever picked up a ball on a Pacific Coast field.

The courting at Ingleside Park this week will be limited to one day, two stakes, with a total of seventy-two entries, being decided to-morrow. John Sheehan will succeed John Sutton as judge. The likely winners: Champion stake—Pocattell, Frank C. Flower Girl, Richard Anton, Davy Crockett, Abbey Sims, Belmont, Lord Byron, Barticus, Eleanor B. Pony Capital, Renegade Apache. B. Class stake—Gallant Boy, Duballow, Princess Savory, The Rival, Judge Dean, Gold Chain, Patched Up, Lady Fieldwick, Milkmaid, Honest John, Conroy, Valley Prince, Iodine, Cranberry Sauce, Grace's Best, Anne Eye, Lady Seeks, Queen's Motto, Lady Honey, King V. Tralee Maid, Gallant Friend, Face King, Ammandan.

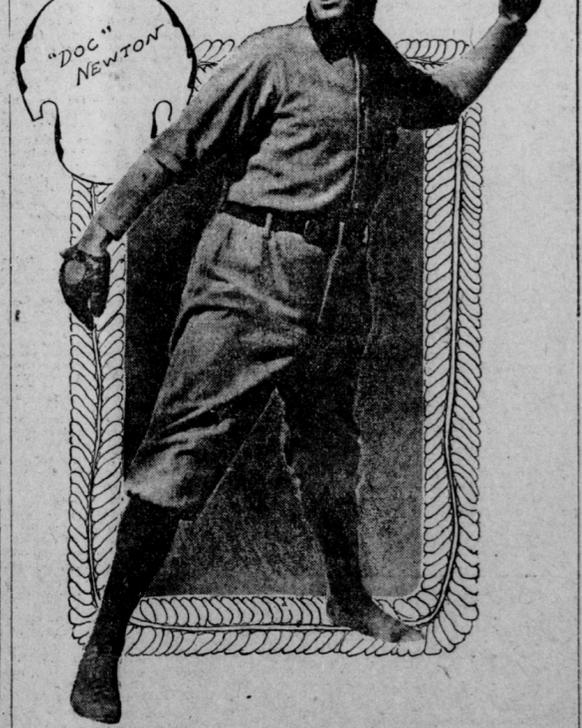
The Hornets occupy so strong a position in the table of results for the league championship that hardly anything can displace them, but in the contests for the California Association Football Union cup they will be started by the Albion Rovers at Freeman's Park, Golden Gate, by the unequal score of 11 goals to 0. The match between the Sacramento and Santa Cruz teams, set down to be played at Sacramento, was postponed till to-morrow.

The standing of the clubs is shown in the table: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE—STANDING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP ON FEBRUARY 17, 1906.

CLUBS.	Matches.		Goals.		Points.
	W.	L.	For.	Against.	
Oakland Hornets	11	0	1	38	6 21
Vampires	13	8	3	27	12 18
Independents	13	6	5	17	25 13
Albion Rovers	12	6	4	20	15 12
San Francisco	11	4	1	15	12 11
Eagles	12	1	1	11	48 13
Santa Cruz	10	1	1	0	40 2
Sacramento	8	7	1	2	28 1

The arrangements for the competition for the California Association Football Union cup, of which the independent club is the holder, have been completed. The first cup tie will be played on the Presidio athletic ground on Sunday, March 4, between the Olympic and Independent elevens, A. W. Wilding being the referee.

Meet of the San Mateo Hounds. The draghounds of the San Mateo County Hunt will meet this afternoon at 8 o'clock at Laurel Creek.



BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO HAVE WON FAME ON CALIFORNIA DIAMONDS AND WHO ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE GOOD IN THE EAST THIS SEASON IN THE UNIFORMS OF THE NEW YORK AMERICANS.

of their pocket they happen to drop it. Others always miss if they notice the shell does not enter in the barrel with the name of its manufacturer squarely

atire. Some will not enter the ring left foot first. If they find they are about to do so they will change their stride so that when they reach the ropes they can