

More Records Probably Will Be Broken at the Oakland Track This Week

Crocker Stake as Feature of Week's Racing Card

By J. R. Jeffery
So long as the rain holds off it may be expected that records will continue to be broken at Emeryville. Before the opening of the season The Call predicted that there would be record breaking gallops as a natural result of the wonderfully fast state to which Superintendent Grant had brought the track.

The program for this week provides events for the best horses in training and the sport is sure to be of the high order that has given general satisfaction since the opening of the season. A feature will be the Crocker selling stake, at a mile, to be run Saturday. It will have a value of more than \$3,000 and there are 82 eligibles, including many of the leading performers here.

Although Walter Miller has been riding here for only nine days, he has more winners to his credit than any of the boys who have been in the saddle since the opening of the Emeryville meeting, three weeks ago, with the single exception of little Guy Burns, who still heads the list of winning jockeys, but who is likely to lose his lead to Miller within a couple of weeks should both boys continue to land the same proportion of winners as during the past week, when Miller was first to the wire with five of his mounts, as against Burns' nine. Jockey Ross was third on the list for the week, with four winners; Moreland landed three, while Lynch, Davis, Dugan and Chris Miller, each with two, were the only others to add more than one to their record of victories.

Table with columns: Jockey, Wins, Losses, Draws, etc. for various jockeys like Miller, Burns, Moreland, etc.

Twenty-four horses have so far won two or more races at the meeting. Money Muss, Taylor George and Kermit are the only three of the lot that have won all their starts. The list is as follows:

Table listing horses and their records: Money Muss, Taylor George, Kermit, etc.

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Selling Platers Will Fight It Out Today

Closing Race to Be the Only Contest of Class on Program at Emeryville

The Call's Selections
By J. R. Jeffery
First race—Marion Casey, Alice F. Lackfoot.
Second race—E. M. Brattain, Koenig Lulse, Captain Burnett.

In all but the closing race selling platers of ordinary caliber will have the call today at Emeryville. The opener a five and a half furlong sprint for 2 year olds, has for its most promising contenders Lackfoot, Marion Casey, Alice F. and Castle. Any one of this quartet may win. If Marion Casey happens to get off well she may make a runaway race of it, as she appears to run much better when off in front than at other times.

Of the 321 horses that have started since the beginning of the season, 38 have won in excess of \$500. R. F. Carman's Rifleman heads the list, with Jack Nunnally and Johnny Lyons, the other stakes winners to date, second and third, respectively. The frequent record breaker, Rapid Water, is fourth. The list:

Table listing horses and their earnings: Rifleman, Jack Nunnally, Johnny Lyons, etc.

Blondy, Little Joker and Serenty have started more frequently than any of the other horses to date. They have each faced the barrier seven times since the opening. Blondy and Serenty have won, but Little Joker is still a non-winner. Corrigan, Johnny Lyons, Flash-Ning, Silver Stocking and Captain make up the list of those which have started six times and scored once.

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At present there are quartered at the Ascot track 110 yearlings and 392 older horses. The question of transporting their horses from Ascot to the Santa Anita track has been puzzling trainers, as the two tracks are situated about 20 miles apart. The management of the new track has come to their assistance and proposes to make up a train of five cars and convey the horses by rail to the new track. These trips will be made daily and it is thought that the transfer of all the horses can be made within two days.

Cartoonist Ewer's impressions of the game between the Knights of Columbus and St. Ignatius college baseball teams at Recreation park yesterday.



Snappy Ball Played by Catholic Nines

Knights of Columbus Defeat St. Ignatius College by Score of 6 to 5

The Knights of Columbus and St. Ignatius college baseball nines crossed bats at Recreation park yesterday before a crowd that would have made even the calculating manager, Jack Gleason, feel that the public interest in baseball had not gone to the bow-wows. The knights won by a score of 6 to 5. The proceeds of the game are to help rebuild the St. Ignatius college gymnasium, and the gym's friends turned out to contribute his or her 25 cents.

The college lads filled a solid routing sector of red and blue, while the knights were not without a large support. Enthusiasm was featured in large letters, and when Connie Mack—the Connie Mack of Philadelphia Athletics fame—was introduced as the man handling the disk and three cheers were called for, the crowd responded with a vim.

The toss of the coin sent the knights to the bat, Dorland going to the slab for St. Ignatius, while Moran filled that position for the Columbians. The play was fast and snappy. In the last opening round Frank Farry, shortstop for the knights and an old Santa Clara college star, nipped a run from the nearest double play of the game. Brown had found Moran for a liner just between third and short. With a one hand stop Farry nailed the ball and punted it to Maloney. A round of cheering greeted the play.

Joe Nealon Abandons National League

California Giant Will Play Only in This State, on Saturdays and Sundays

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 1.—The Pittsburg baseball club announces the retirement of First Baseman Joe Nealon of California from the National League game and perhaps from professional ball forever, as the San Francisco giant has decided to be considered in any deal that the Pittsburg club might choose to make and will play ball only on Saturdays and Sundays in California.

The Pittsburg team has decided to keep him on the reserve list, so that should he desire to re-enter professional organized ball at any time in the future Pittsburg will have a good claim on him. According to the Pittsburg club Nealon was about the worst "lemon" ever plucked in California by a league club. Two years ago Manager Fred Clarke, a representative of Garry Herman, raced across the continent to land the ball playing wonder, Cincinnati losing the race by a few hours, and the player was bagged by Pittsburg at a frightful salary and bonus.

During the past season Nealon developed habits which did not suit the Pittsburg management, and he was taken from first base entirely as the end of the season drew near. On one occasion he was left at home while the team went around the circuit. Nealon was placed on the bargain counter by Pittsburg last August. In the first heat Luke Marisch's Little Dick finished first, making the circuit in 1:40 1/4. Victor Platte scored in the second heat in 1:39 1/4, while Charley Cincinnati lost the race by a few minutes. Nealon was placed on the bargain counter by Pittsburg last August.

Independents Draw With Rovers

Two Form Upsets Are Features of the Day in Soccer Football Field

Soccer fans found something to meditate about yesterday when two of the league games resulted in complete surprises. The biggest form upset of the day was the Independents' draw with the unbeaten Albion Rovers and of little less importance was the win of the Burns over the Scotias.

The Thistles overpowered the weakened Hornets by three goals and the Vampires sent the San Francisco home with the short end of a 5-2 score. The official referee failed to put in an appearance at the latter game, so the result will make no difference in the standing of the teams.

The Rover-Independent game was one of the best ever played at Freeman's park and the Indies deserved all that they got. It was believed before the game that the Rovers would have little difficulty in acquiring the laurel wreath, but when the festivities got well under way it was seen that the Indies were going to have some say in the game. The teams lined up as follows: Independents—McGran, Soutar, Woods, Grant, Anderson, McKeddie, Hartman, T. Fay, Melville, Smith and Hoggett. Albion Rovers—Stevenson, Anderson, Selkirk, McIntyre, Cockburn, McKiernan, Milne, Donohue, Petrie, McLaughlin and Balmait.

Knights of Columbus Take Fast Game From College Nine at Recreation Park

Thomas and Ketchel to Name Referee

Deadlock May Result Owing to Objections Raised by Manager O'Connor

By R. A. Smyth
The question as to who will referee the fight between Stanley Ketchel and Joe Thomas on the night of December 12 at Recreation park will be decided tonight at a meeting of the principals and Manager Jack Gleason. There are indications that Eddie Graney will be asked to come out of his retirement to act as the third man in the ring. Billy Roche has had a monopoly of the game for some time, but it appears that Manager Joe O'Connor, who represents Ketchel, has some objection to the Howery boy acting.

Thomas is essentially a fighter, and those are the rigors that appeal to Roche, so it is hard to see where any feeling could develop. Eddie Smith refereed the first fight between the middle weights, and he is also listed among the favorites. Thomas may have some decided opinions on the question of the referee, and a deadlock may result.

The fight which is being taken in the interest was reflected yesterday in the crowds which visited the training quarters of the men. Shannon's was crowded with men who wanted to see Thomas in action. The Californian boxed four rounds with Teddy Wolf and went through the usual routine of shadow boxing and bag punching. He gave out his weight as 163 pounds. This means that he must get off eight pounds to weigh in properly.

Shannon thinks this will not be difficult, as he is taking more kindly to his work this time than when he fought Ketchel at the Mission street arena. He has more leeway in the matter of weight this time, and he is feeling the difference already.

Down at Millett's, near Colma, there was an overflow house to see Ketchel at work. So many were present that peddlers found it necessary to sell refreshments. Ketchel boxed with Fred Cooley, the heavy weight, and lusted him about without difficulty. The Montana man had gained in strength since his last fight and seems as tough as whalebone.

Manager Gleason has announced his prices for the fight. The admission to the gallery will be \$2. The reserved seats and boxes run \$3, \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20.

Johnny Frayne and Johnny Murphy are training strictly for their 30 round fight at the little pavilion at Colma. Frayne stole a march on his opponent and secured the latter's training quarters at Shannon's. As Millett's was crowded at present Murphy could not secure accommodations there, and has made his headquarters at the Hawthorne club gymnasium in the Potrero. He has Willie Connors as sparring partner. Frayne puts on the gloves with Joe Thomas and also has an occasional turn with Owen Moran.

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