

High School Athletes Prepare for a Busy Season on the Track, Diamond and Football Field

Academic League Teams Enter Upon New Year With Enthusiasm

The season of high school athletics for 1908 was formally launched by the opening of the different schools about the bay for the spring term last Monday.

Captains for the various teams were elected last fall. The enthusiasm shown by the men trying out for the various positions bids fair to develop a year of sports which will far eclipse the one just concluded.

Baseball and track will be the two activities holding the major portion of the interest of the supporters of secondary school athletics, while basketball and cross country running, which have grown into such favor lately, will be close seconds.

HARTWELL TO COMPETE

The first place trackmen from the schools about the bay will no doubt be the same as those of last term, as few have graduated.

Not much is to be expected from the freshmen as their showing in the last freshman field day was not extraordinary.

Hartwell, the Oakland high school record holder in the mile run, will again compete. Hartwell strained one of the ligaments in his leg during the latter part of 1907, but has recovered completely, with apparently no effect on his running abilities.

Ukiah will again send Riddick, who took three first places in the spring meets, to compete in the spring meets.

Gregory Padilla of Lick and Meyer Lowell are expected to give an exhibition of speed in the 440, and may reduce the record.

In baseball the outlook is exceptionally bright. There is no end of good material for the field, while good, steady pitchers are also plentiful.

Wilmerding has set the lead by turning out for practice. Its captain and catcher, Insell, is one of the best men in the league.

Alameda, which school now holds the cup which it won last year in the 14 inning game with Wilmerding, has the identical team, with the exception of Captain Burton.

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New Auto Club Will Be Organized

Social Feature to Predominate in the Proposed Trade Association

By R. R. l'Hommedieu

Plans for the formation of an automobile dealers' club are under way. The scheme is being fathered by H. W. Bogen, who called upon several of his friends yesterday and asked for their assistance. The organization will be known as the Auto trade club and will have for its object the betterment of conditions in the automobile trade through social intercourse. It will act as a publicity department to boost the game along. It will give runs and races, and these events will be planned to take place on dates that will be selected before the season opens.

The membership will not be composed of members who are representatives of the different houses, but of all who are interested in the automobile game. Among those who have signified their intention of joining the new club are H. W. Bogen, J. H. Bagal, C. S. Howard, Fred J. Linn, Cuyler Lee, J. W. Leavitt and W. F. Culbertson.

The charter membership list may be signed at H. W. Bogen's.

Fred J. Linn, manager of the Maxwell-Briscoe Pacific company, reports the following sales: Two 20 horsepower two cylinder touring cars, 1908 model, to Guyon & Margan of Chicago; three 20 horsepower Dr. Maxwell cars to F. K. Wolf of Colusa, three 14 horsepower runabouts and two 20 horsepower Dr. Maxwell to F. W. Smythe of Eureka.

C. C. Mulk of Napa has purchased a 24 horsepower two cylinder Auburn touring car.

The Homer Boushey company, local agent for the Pope-Hartford cars, has sold a 30 horsepower 1908 Pope-Hartford touring car to William C. Empey. This is one of the cars that arrived in the city this week.

W. E. Holcomb has purchased a four cylinder two cycle Elmore touring car.

The exceedingly pleasant weather yesterday had its effect on the motor car owners. Cuyler Lee could not resist the temptation of touring out of town in his Packard, and accepted the invitation of Charles Rollo Peters to run down to Peters' bungalow at Monterey. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Cuyler Lee, Charles Rollo Peters, Mr. Burton of Santa Barbara and Colonel Brady. They will return Monday.

The model F 60 horsepower Thomas for which the Pioneer automobile company has been waiting for many weeks arrived in San Francisco yesterday morning. At first glance the car seems larger than the previous models; in fact, so well is the machine proportioned that the wheels look small and the body no larger than an ordinary seven passenger, but on close inspection one finds that the car is much larger than the average machine.

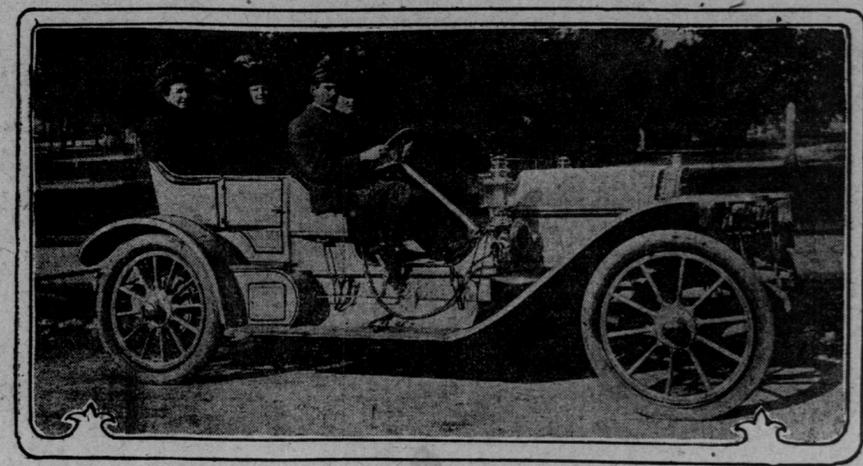
The details are well taken care of, both as to finish and material. There is nothing that is heavy where strength is not needed, and those parts where the greatest strains may be expected are made unusually strong. The engine retains all the old Thomas features, with a few exceptions. It is hung about four inches lower than in previous models.

Perhaps the most practical feature from a mechanical standpoint on the whole car is the pan which is made to completely enclose all the working mechanism underneath the machine. It runs from the radiator to the rear axle and there is no possibility of dust or mud getting in.

W. F. Culbertson of the Mobile carriage company has received a carload of Little Six Piece Great Arrows will arrive about midweek.

Upon the arrival of the model F Thomas flyer 60 horsepower cars, the one sold to S. O. Johnson of this city

The 1908 Sterns light touring car. At the wheel is J. C. Snead, agent for the Sterns; next to him, E. J. Dodge; in the tonneau, from left to right: Blanche Laymance and Mrs. E. J. Dodge.



Lively Competition for Soccer Cup

Ten Teams Will Strive Hard to Win the Association Football Trophy

Games today: Albion Rovers against San Francisco, at Freeman's park; Oakland Vampires against Independents, at Alameda; Robert Burns against Hornets, at stadium, Golden Gate park; Thistles against Scotias, at Seventh and California street grounds.

By Bob Shand

If you should be perambulating in the outskirts of the city and a number of young men, clad in decollete raiment, should suddenly rush past you, do not be alarmed. It probably will be only some soccer team doing a little training. Since the announcement of the cup drawing strict training has been the rule in all the camps, and as cinder paths are an unknown luxury to the soccerists of these parts, the player must hit the highways.

Hiram Henry of Boise, Idaho, writes to a member of the White company that the White steamer has won last year's laurels in that city, having climbed the dangerous mountain trail of mud and rocks from Boise to Pearl mining camp. Hence, fording treacherous streams, up and down rough canyons and through boggy mires, it traveled to Horseshoe bend; thence on to the highest altitude of the Boise mountains, back to Pearl and by another dangerous road to Boise, a distance of 75 miles, in four hours. The same route is covered by a team in two days.

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Orange Belt High School League Ignores the Amateur Governing Body

Defies the Pacific Athletic Association

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

CLAREMONT, Jan. 11.—The directors of the Orange Belt high school league in a meeting here yesterday voted to ignore the southern California organization of the Pacific athletic association, and the six schools in the league will conduct their athletic meetings independently of the rules of the Amateur athletic union.

The action of the league was due to the failure of the Amateur athletic union commission of southern California to send to any of the schools notice of the proposed organization of a branch of the Pacific athletic association. The league will not join the southern branch and will refuse to recognize the association.

Pomona, Riverside, Redlands, San Bernardino, Colton and Ontario high schools form the Orange Belt league.

Polo Teams to Clash

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 11.—Interest is growing throughout the southern part of the state in the annual polo tournaments scheduled for next March. Paul H. Schmidt, secretary of the Coronado country club, has gone north to confer with poloists in that district. Schmidt will meet representatives from Riverside, Los Angeles, the Burlingame club of San Francisco and the polo organizations of Santa Barbara and Santa Monica.

With the exception of the Santa Barbara team, which was not present last year, all the organizations mentioned will struggle for the John D. Spreckels cup. Possibly an army team from the Presidio at Monterey will compete again this year.

The Burlingame team, twice the champion at Coronado and candidate for the third victory and final ownership of the John D. Spreckels trophy, has been working all winter in order to be in the best possible form for the Coronado tournament.

The soccer menu today is one of the best of the season, as every contest has an open appearance. The majority of fans no doubt will visit Freeman's park, where the San Francisco, fresh from their victory over the Vampires, will attempt to administer a knockout to the Rovers' unbeaten record. This contest should be a hummer.

Following are the teams and referees for today:

Albion Rovers—Marrs, Selkirk, Anderson, McIntyre, Cockburn, McKiernan, Milne, Donohue, Petrie, Pike and Balmain.

San Francisco—Storr, Kirvin, Fitchie, Mison, Spencer, Stone, Walters, Fell, McGee, Burns and Aley.

Vampires—McFarlane, Peterson, Hunter, Lees, Scott, Middleton, McKenzie, Bernard, Robertson, Lee and Singer.

Independents—Buchanan, Sontar, Woods, Grant, McKiddie, McGran, Fay, Melville, Glenn, Anderson and Hight.

Referree—Thomas Wood.

Burns—Farmer, Harrower, Watt, Cameron, Dolg, Harris, Monroe, Inglis, McFarlane, Gray and Jackson.

Hornets—McFitchie, Waaber, Lynch, C. Pomeroy, Cullen, M. Gray, Sharp, Phillips, Edwards, Selton and McLean.

Thistles—McFitchie, Gore, Kay, Duncomson, Turke, Tomes, Shanks, W. Symons, Brown, Scott and K. Symons.

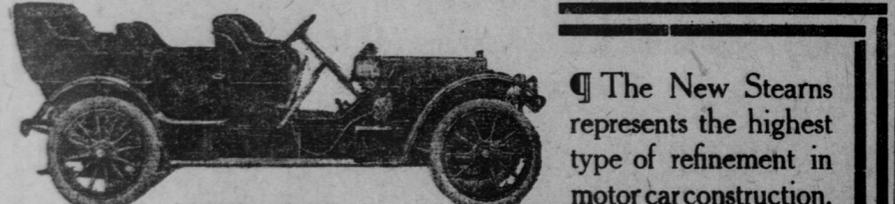
Scotias—McDonald, Sharp, Dewar, Wardlaw, Bick, Livingston, Armour, Trueman, Somerville, Haig and Briggs.

Referree—William Canning.

Here is how the teams in the "Saturday league" stack up:

Clubs—	Goals		Points
	For	Against	
Wanderers	6	4	120
Berkeley Buffs	4	3	118
San Francisco	4	3	110
Burns	4	1	95
Albion Rovers	4	1	92
Hornets	6	1	62
Hitchcock's Academy	4	0	518

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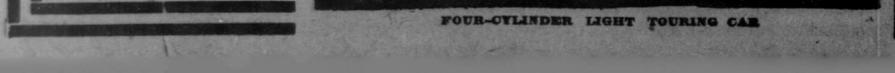


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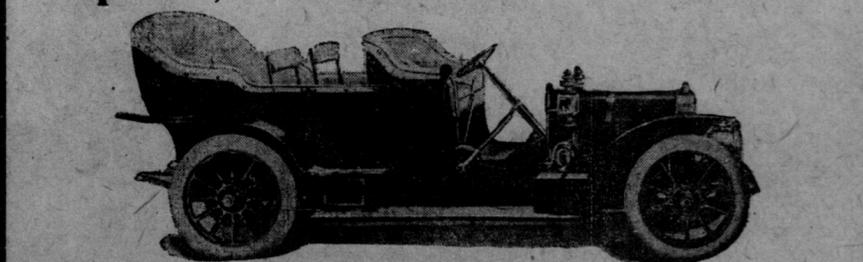
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