FIVE HOTLY CONTESTED RACES YESTERDAY

DESPITE BAD TRACK, WHICH KILLS FAST TIME, ALL EVENTS ARE CLOSE AND INTERESTING.

Five hotly contested races, four of which were so closely finished as to bring the crowd to its feet, yelling with excitement, marked the second day's racing at the Interstate fair yesterday, and probably 3000 people enjoyed seeing the fast travelers tear up the muddy track.

Time made yesterday was a joke, the heavy, water soaked clap topsoil added to the track last season, and making for fast time then, being one grand muck of sticky clay and preventing anything like good time in either the running or trotting races.

The 2:14 pace, scheduled for the second event of the day, was called off, the $1500 purse not being sufficient to induce the owners to risk their valuable animals on the track in its present condition. The calling off of this race was a big disappointment to the lovers of harness animals, as some of the best pacers in the country had been entered.

The Spokane Bankers' stake for 2:24 trotters was won by Dan McKenny, who took three straight heats, after coming in third in the first heat. Jack Munro took second money by winning the first heat. Geraldine, who finished second in all four heats, was awarded third money, and fourth went to Weses, who finished fourth in all but the last heat. Time, 2:56¼, 2:52¼, 2:55½, 3:00.

Beau Man took the Pioneer Selling stake (six furlongs) in 1:32½, with Roy Junior second and Madeline Musgrave third.

The Palouse Selling purse (four and a half furlongs) was won by Platoon, with Eel second, Sona third. Time, 1:06¾. Eel's jockey was set down after this race for pulling his horse.

The Minnesota Selling purse (one mile) was taken by Kogo after one of the best rides of the day. Lord Rossington was second and Dr. White a close third. Time, 1:57.

Green B. Morris' fine two year old—Edmund Adams—won the Women's purse handily, after a five and one-half furlong scamper, in the good time, under track conditions, of 1:16½. Lackfoot ran second and Banlady third.

GREAT ATHLETE IS TO LEAVE

(By United Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The announcement of John Flanagan, the famous all around athlete, that he sails shortly for Ireland has caused a wail of anguish to go up in local Irish-American circles, where he was expected to bring home the A. A. U. championship for the Irish-American A. C. of New York. Flanagan announced positively today that he would be unable to go to New Orleans. Flanagan leaves soon for Ireland to manage the estate of a relative who recently died.

SURE SOME SLUGGING.

Thirty-nine hits were made in the game between Boston and New York yesterday, 17 being made by the former and 22 by the latter team. The score was 17 to 2, with Boston on the short end.

SMITH'S DOPE FRIDAY.

The Smith's Dope four and one-half furlong race, which has become an annual feature of the Interstate fair, has been set for Friday afternoon.

SPORT SPICE AND DIAMOND GOSSIP

The track was not so soft yesterday as the day before, but it was about the meanest proposition for traveling ever seen during the history of the Interstate fair. It is absolutely impossible to make decent time on the track in its present condition.

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The new system of betting inaugurated at the track yesterday and the day before seems to be meeting with general favor among those who like to have a little something down when the bangtails scamper. There were one or two bookies working, but they had to stay under cover, and they got very little play.

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The wise ones got a jolt when Eel was beaten in the fourth race. The clever mudlark had been picked as a sure enough winner, but came in a pulled second. Had betting been run on the old time plan, all bets would have been called off, as Eel's lose looked mighty shady.

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Jockey McDowell, who rode Eel, was very properly set down for two days by the judges. McDowell nearly pulled his arms off trying to keep his mount from taking the lead, and sehould be barred from this track altogether if he makes another break.

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Beau Man seems to like the mud. He won a hot race Monday, and was first under the wire yesterday in the third race, winning out in a driving finish where there was no daylight between the first three horses.

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It is now settled that Mathewson and Chief Myers will appear in "vodville." Matty is to play the part of an apple pie and Chief Myers will play the part of the cheese that goes with that kind of pie.

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The ball players and pugilists who have stage ambitions will be actors when Walker Whiteside is a white wings.

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After all Fred Clarke says he is going back to Pittsburg next season. Winfield, Kan., must be an awful place.

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From the court action she threatens, it is quite evident that Cavalieri intends to put a few bars on her Chanler flats.

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Eastern pastor says baseball is an outdoor religion. How heavenly!

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Rockefeller's pastor preached to the Cleveland ball players recently and assured them that the deadline in baseball was 40. No fervant amens were heard from Cy Young or Deacon McGuire.

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Small pebble in his eye is said to have caused Ty Cobb's batting slump. That being the case, some players we know of must have cobblestones in theirs.

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WHO IS HE?

"MYSTERIOUS" MITCHELL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Who is "Mysterious" Mitchell?

That is the question that every baseball fan on the Pacific coast, old and young, male and female, white and black, has been asking ever since a sturdy, handsome young fellow, of undeniable college education, made his advent into the ranks of the Pacific Coast league players.

About a month ago, while the San Francisco team was playing in Portland, a mysterious stranger approached the captain of the San Francisco team and with much show of dignity and confidence, applied for a position on his pitching staff.

"Try him out," was the instruction issued to one of the catchers. The stranger jumped into a uniform and was given a most severe tryout. At its conclusion the catcher tersely reported:

"He'll do. He has everything."

Terms were agreed upon and the new man was asked where he had worked. If he told, the secret has been well guarded, for to this day the general public does not know for a certainty what his name is, where he learned the game or where he lives. On the contract his name appears as F. Mitchell. The San Francisco team was scheduled to play in Los Angeles after its Portland engagement, therefore it was two weeks before the local fans had an opportunity of seeing him. Little was thought about him, in fact, that he had even been signed was practically forgotten, until one day he was given his turn in the box in Los Angeles, pitched a double header, won both games and batted like a fiend.

Then everybody began to ask the great question:

"Who is Mitchell?"

The Los Angeles correspondents for the San Francisco papers were overwhelmed with rush orders for pictures and interviews, and when they tackled the job they found that they had bumped up against another eighth wonder—a baseball player who shunned publicity, who would not speak to the reporters and threatened photographers with violence if they attemnted to take his picture. That simply stimulated curiosity and when the mysterious one showed on the diamond in this city for the first time a whole flock of photographers swarmed on the field, but like their brethren in the south, they were doomed to disappointment. Mitchell was scheduled to pitch that day, but he positively refused to come out and take his place on the mound until the photographers had been driven off the field. Several of the better equipped photograjhers took long distance snaps at him, but none has been able to secure a faithful photograph.

Mitchell has been variously identified as Bob Mitchell, who had a brief engagement with the Chicago White Sox; as Fred Mitchell, a Mississippi college pitcher; as McQuillen, a suspended National league pitcher, and as Fred Walker, formerly of the University of Chicago. The latter seems to be the best identification, but Mitchell has said nothing to indicate that it is correct.

And still the question is being asked, "Who is Mitchell?" Undoubtedly he is the greatest mystery in organized baseball. "Ringers" frequently have appeared in the bushes, but rarely if ever in a class A organization.

SULLIVAN MAY COACH ATHLETES

(By United Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Catcher Billy Sullivan of the Chicago White Sox today received a telegram from Connie Mack asking him to come to Philadelphia at the close of the American league season. Mack wants Sullivan to coach the Athletics in the style of playing that the Cubs use. Sullivan caught in the White Sox-Cubs world's series in 1906, when the Sox won the world's championship, and he is familiar with every player on the Cub team, with the possible exception of Zimmerman, who will take Johnny Evers' place at second base. Sullivan probably will do most of the catching for the all star team which will play against the Athletics in the intermission before the world's series begins.

About 30 per cent of divorce cases in Switzerland are settled out of court.

MAJOR LEAGUES

Yesterday's Score.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	97	48	.671
New York	89	59	.602
Pittsburg	86	63	.578
Philadelphia	75	73	.506
Cincinnati	74	78	.487
Brooklyn	62	86	.415
St. Louis	60	86	.407
Boston	50	99	.333

At Boston—	R.	H.	E.
New York	17	22	3
Boston	9	17	1

Batteries—Crandall and Wilson; Mattern, Frisk, Ferguson, Burke and Raridon.

At Cincinnati—	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	5	0
Cincinnati	2	6	1

Bateries—Pfeiffer and Needham; Rowan and McLean. (Game called in the fifth on account of rain.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	102	46	.691
New York	84	63	.572
Detroit	84	64	.568
Boston	80	69	.538
Cleveland	68	78	.464
Chicago	65	84	.436
Washington	64	85	.430
St. Louis	45	105	.306

At New York—	R.	H.	E.
Washington	5	12	2
New York	8	13	3

Batteries—Moyer, Otey and Street; Henry, Quinn and Mitchell.

At Cleveland—Detroit-Cleveland game postponed; rain.

At Philadelphia—	R.	H.	E.
Boston	1	7	2
Philadelphia	3	5	3

Batteries—Cicotte and Carrigan; Krause and Thomas, Bradley.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Portland	94	74	.560
Oakland	103	82	.556
San Francisco	95	89	.516
Vernon	92	94	.495
Los Angeles	89	94	.480
Sacramento	70	108	.393

Portland-Sacramento game postponed; rain.

Los Angeles	2	4	1
San Francisco	1	8	3

PAL MOORE A "COMER."

(By United Press Leased Wire)

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 5.—Pal Moore's stock, which took a slump after his first meeting with Owen Moran, is again in the ascendency. Fans are divided as to which is the better man, but on his showing last night it is conceded that Moore is a comer. Moore held the little Briton for 12 rounds and the draw decision was well received.

BREAKS RIB IN FOOTBALL GAME.

GRANGEVILLE Idaho, Oct. 5.—Harold Simpson, day clerk at the Imperial hotel, quarterback in Friday's football game between the local squad and the Cottonwood eleven, was today found suffering with a couple of badly fractured ribs, sustained in a scrimmage.

NEW TRACK CAPTAIN.

Charles North, elected captain of the track team at Washington State college, having resigned, Tabor La-Follette, son of the republican candidate for congress was chosen in his place.

S. A. A. C. SMOKER.

The first smoker of the season will be given by the S. A. A. C. next Friday evening, for members only. A good program of boxing and wrestling has been arranged.

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OAKLAND LEADS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Judge Graham, president of the Pacific Coast league, today ordered that all Portland Oakland games protested by Wolverton, be forfeited to Oakland. This action places Oakland in the lead in the race for the pennant.

BOB BROWN IS STILL HOWLING

Bob Brown is bound to sneak that pennant away from Joe Cohn, even if he has got to get it on technicalities instead of merit.

Bob is now howling over that protest gag again, and bases his present claim on the contention of the Portland team that Hetling was only loaned to Spokane and was never released from the Coast league.

If Hetling was never released from the Coast league, claims Ruddy Robert, he could never have legally played with Spokane, and therefore all games in which the peppery third sacker participated must be thrown out.

Brown says that he will put the matter before the Northwestern league magnates at their meeting tomorrow, and he expects to have the pennant about December 25.

If Bob Brown wants a pennant so badly that he has to resort to this kind of work, somebody ought to buy him a nice little pennant rag and present it to him to stop his howling.

CYCLE RACES IN PORTLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5.—"Dare Devil" Christ Leonidas, a Greek motorcycle racer, who with 32 others, left Atlanta, Ga., on August 7, on a 12,000 mile race from Atlanta to San Francisco for a prize of $7500, arrived in Portland last night. He will leave Thursday afternoon for San Francisco, expecting to arrive there either Saturday night or Sunday to receive the prize. His nearest competitor is more than 2000 miles behind him.

CHICAGO CLOTHIERS WIN.

The Chicago Clothing company team defeated the Casino bowlers in a preliminary match game at the Pfister alleys last night by a score of 2606 to 2441. Taylor, of the winning team, rolled high average of 182 and high score of 223.

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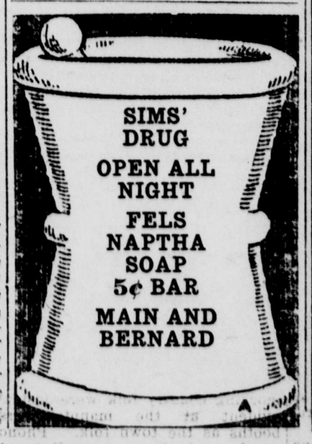

GONZAGA'S FIRST

Ganzoga college football team will play its first game of the season tomorrow afternoon, and will line up against the Davenport high school team as follows: Skeffington, left end; Balfe, left tackle; O'Shea, left guard; Groger, center; Bogle, right guard; Greif, right tackle; Maguire, right end; McKevitt, quarter; Roche, left half; Moriarity, full back; Sweeney, right half.

EXPANSION TO BE SETTLED TODAY

The meeting of Coast leagu eand Northwestern league baseball magnates being held in Portland today will settle the much mooted question of whether or no the Coast league will expand by absorbing the Northwestern.

W. W. McCreedie represents Portland of the Coast league and Charlie Graham of Sacramento is attending the meeting both in behalf of himself and as representative of Henry Berry and Edward Walter, the Coast league expansion committee.

The Northwestern league will be represented by Joe Cohn, Dave Dugdale, Eddie Quinn and Bob Brown.

That anything will come of the meeting is extremely doubtful, inasmuch as the propositions of the two leagues vary in one essential detail. That little detail, which wrecks the whole plan, is that the Coast people want five clubs in the south, while the Northwestern leaders insist on four northern clubs.

Neither side is likely to back down, so there you are, with nothing doing.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE MEET

Northwestern league magnates will meet tomorrow at Seattle to decide on the circuit for the league next season. It is now practically assured that Victoria and Everett will be added. North Yakima has been agitating admission to the league, but stands about as much chance of getting in as mud pie does of being edible.

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