

SPORTS

Of the Gridiron, Race Track, Boxers and Bowling Alleys

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OSTRICH HITCHED TO SULKY BEATS TROTTING HORSE IN MILE RACE



AST BRADFORD, Va., Nov. 1.—A race between an ostrich and a trotting horse was the feature event of last week's county fair held here, and the long legged bird defeated the horse, the mile being done in 2:21 1/4.

The finish was close, but those who witnessed the strange race all agreed that the ostrich could distance the trotter under suitable conditions. The huge bird, while possessing all kinds of speed, apparently has little sense, and its driver, William A. Cockburn, of Hot Springs, Ark., has great difficulty with his ungainly racer, which kicked, fought, balked and otherwise misbehaved in a fashion that would have sent a horse to the stable in a hurry.

The race was run Thursday afternoon before a crowd of nearly 12,000 persons, most of whom were present to witness the unique contest. The hiped and quadriped were to have had a trial Wednesday, but when the bird was brought out to the track it became unmanageable and dashed around in erratic circles until it became entangled in the harness. A few spasmodic kicks and the light bike was smashed, and it took all the grooms from

the racing barns to get the bird to the stall. Cockburn labored for several hours with the bird Wednesday night, and succeeded in calming "Black Diamond," as the ungainly fowl is known. Thursday afternoon Black Diamond and Ollie B. a trotter with a mark of 2:18, trotted out on the track ready for the race. The judges had a problem of getting them off on anything like an even start, and Black Diamond showed a disposition to forge to the front or else lag behind. When the word was given the bird was in the lead, but Cockburn could not hold him to the pole at the first turn, and for a moment it looked as if Black Diamond was going to hurdle the fence.

Horse in the Lead

The horse more than made up for the poor start, and on the way to the first quarter had a long lead. By a strenuous application of the whip about the ostrich's legs he was squared around. Spreading his short thirty wings out over the shafts Black Diamond settled down to a swinging pace and went over the ground at an incredible rate of speed. He caught the horse a few rods past

the quarter pole and as the seconds snapped off opened up a gap that in a horse race would have meant the flag for the trailer. Just when it looked as if the horse was standing still Black Diamond evidently felt that he had done enough and slowed down. Cockburn's efforts to make him move along started another row, and it looked as if the driver and sulky would need repairs. Before the horse could make up the distance Black Diamond was started again and soon was leaving the trotter away in the rear, but on the last turn the bird swung wide once more and slowed down almost to a walk. Cockburn applied the whip unmercifully and Black Diamond started to back. The driver began to get down from his seat as the horse rounded the turn.

Black Diamond Sprints

Black Diamond then appeared to catch the race fever for the first time and started to make a sprint. Owing to the fact that the driver was half off the sulky his short thirty wings out over the shafts could be started, but when he did start there was nothing to it. Once more the wings fluttered out and the bird seemed to fly. There was no need for the whip

on the bird. The horse had a long lead down the stretch, but every stride by the ostrich cut down the distance and when they went under the wire the horse's head was at the bird's bike wheel. Black Diamond had no idea where the race ended and where he saw Michigan defeat Wisconsin, and was out in a suit again. It is thought that his coming will fill the bird to a sulky with some prospect of his doing what was wanted. That he will ever be broken to drive like a horse is extremely doubtful, as he is easily excitable and will do more freak stunts on shorter notice than anything alive. Dr. Williams says that if he could be trained to do his best on the track that Lou Dillon's record would be slow in comparison. Up to date the bird has never stepped a true mile, but his little spurts have been clocked and show better than two minutes flat.

cluding his reductions he has seven new ones in his 2:20 list, seven new ones in his 2:15 list, and three new ones in his 2:10 list. Margrave, 2:15 1/4, also has nine new ones, a greater number than any other sire ever put in the list in his fourteenth year. A remarkable showing is that made by the Pancoast family representative, Parole, 2:16. He clearly leads all early speed sires of the year, having seven new standard performers to his credit, six of them trotters and all three years old and under. Also a two-year-old and a three-year-old entering the list last year having lowered their relative rating of speed sires of three-year-olds and one two-year-old which have performed in standard time this season. Axell is making his usual good showing this year, while his sons are leading the sons of any other sire of his age, and his daughters have added greatly to their former remarkable showing as speed performers last year. Bobby Burns, 2:19 1/4, is well up toward the top for the year, with eight new performers and five reductions. The California owned stallion, Nutwood Wilkes, 2:19 1/4, leads the Pacific coast group of sires for the year, with seven new ones, two of them better than 2:20.

DR. WILLIAMS GIVES GOPHERS HARD DAY

Varsity Team Resumes Practice and Is Worked to Limit

If the members of the Minnesota university football team had a rest Monday they more than made up for it yesterday when they were put through two hours of good stiff practice. The effects of Saturday's game were noticeable in the many bandaged wrists, and limbs were not few and far between, but except for these minor injuries the team was in good condition.

The practice was opened with the usual punting exercises, but more than the usual amount of attention was bestowed on this department, as Saturday's game showed that it was the Gopher's weakest spot. "Big" Harris returned from Madison, where he saw Michigan defeat Wisconsin, and was out in a suit again. It is thought that his coming will fill the bird to a sulky with some prospect of his doing what was wanted. That he will ever be broken to drive like a horse is extremely doubtful, as he is easily excitable and will do more freak stunts on shorter notice than anything alive. Dr. Williams says that if he could be trained to do his best on the track that Lou Dillon's record would be slow in comparison. Up to date the bird has never stepped a true mile, but his little spurts have been clocked and show better than two minutes flat.

got through, but both need a whole lot more practice of the same kind. Dr. Williams evidently had a few visions of Wisconsin men breaking through the line to block kicks last Saturday night and he put the scrubs up against the varsity line and told them to get through and then gave the men a few more pointers on how to stop them, which were much needed. It was in the regular scrimmage work that the long, hard tryout came, however, and loading was not in order. The men charged into each other in great shape and the varsity men forgot their little aches and pains and tore big holes in the scrub line.

Veteran Prize Fighter Dead

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—George Rooker, sixty-two years old, who at one time claimed to be middleweight champion pugilist of the world, is dead in a Newark (N. J.) hospital. He was comparatively unknown to the younger generation of pugilists and sporting men in general, but a quarter of a century ago he was a star in pugilistic circles. All his contests were fought with bare knuckles. His last fight was when he defeated "Faddy" Ryan in Chicago twenty-five years ago.

Hueston Is Out of It

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—As a result of tonight's game in the play off of the three-cornered tie in the tournament for pool championship of the world, Thomas Hueston, of St. Louis, was eliminated from the race. Alfredo de Oro, of New York, defeated him by a score of 15 to 116, and will meet Jerome R. Koepf, of Buffalo, tomorrow night in the deciding game for the championship.

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OFFERS BRITT CHANCE

Hereford Says Gans Will Fight Frisco Boy Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 1.—Al Hereford, manager of Joe Gans, the champion lightweight pugilist, said today:

"I will give Gans a purse of \$15,000, and if Britt will meet Gans at 134 Ring-side I will give him a side bet of \$3,500, and he can split the purse 60 and 40 if he chooses. I have always contended that Gans can do weight easier East than he can here and I am still of this belief. I will take Groney for referee, or Britt can have somebody else."

Of the fight last night Gans said: "I was too weak to do myself justice. After I went to my corner in the second round I knew it. I would like to fight Britt again, but I would not do it at 133 pounds ringside. Britt would have won had it continued."

Referring to his failure to win the championship, Britt said: "The decision was fair. I could not help it. Gans kept slipping to the floor without being struck. He also kept hanging on to me and I could not fight him off. I went in to win and would have done so if the fight had continued."

Wine Chess Championship

LONDON, Nov. 1.—W. E. Napier, late of Brooklyn and Pittsburg, won the British amateur chess championship this evening by defeating Spoonsmith, of this city, in a match, the final score being Napier 2, Spoonsmith 0, drawn 1.

BADGERS NOT BRAVE

Wisconsin Men Laying Lines for Bear Stories

Special to The Globe. MADISON, Wis., Nov. 1.—The same team that was overwhelmed by Michigan will be whipped into shape to play the Gophers at Minneapolis a week from Saturday.

The men are recuperating from their injuries, which, aside from the cut on Findlay's head, were not serious. Light work will be given the Badgers this week in preparation for the Beloit game Saturday, the reasons being the wearing caused by Michigan, the necessity of giving the men a rest and the fact that Beloit is not considered strong enough to warrant much hard preparatory work.

Minnesota is the next objective in the Wisconsin schedule, and it is announced that the spirit returning to the Badger training quarters, but it is apparent that the stinging defeat by Michigan has taken much of the confidence and ginger out of the Badgers.

As a result of the disaster of the first championship game it is doubtful whether a large delegation will follow the team to Minneapolis, and it is apparent that not much substantial hope exists of defeating Dr. Williams' team, although it is argued with some reason that the team that could hold the Wolverines to a single touchdown in one half, will, if in proper physical condition, be able to give a twice scored upon by Nebraska.

FITZ IS A PATRIOT

Ring Veteran Insists on Being Allowed to Vote

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Bob Fitzsimmons has canceled his matinee engagement in "A Fight for Love" at the Empire Theater, Providence, on election day, in order to come to New York to vote. It is estimated by Manager Spitz, of the theater, that the vote will cost Fitzsimmons \$500.

Fitz will leave Providence at 8:50 a. m., arriving at the Grand Central station at 1:50. He will leave again at 3 p. m., arriving at Providence at 7:50 in the evening, just in time to rush to the theater and make up. He will have but sixty-one minutes in which to get from the station to Bensonhurst, vote and catch his train.

Tod Sloan has volunteered to take Fitz back north in his auto and perhaps the trick will be turned all right. Fitz refuses to say for whom he is going to vote, so after all there is a question as to his patriotism. Joe Edmondson, Fitz's manager, insists that all this eagerness to vote is rubbish.

"If you will tell me your politics," he said to Fitz, "I will find some one of the opposite faith and have him pair off. Neither one votes and it is a stand off." "Count me out," replied Fitz. "I was not made a blooming citizen to monkey with the ballot."

Foot Racers on the Trill Special to The Globe. YANKTON, S. D., Nov. 1.—Leslie F. Grant, the champion sprinter of this state, and his trainer, Fritz Erdell, both of Scotland, have been in the city and left for Nebraska on a foot-racing expedition.

ALLERTON IN LEAD

Heads List for Series of Speedy Trotters

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—It is too early for a correct and complete tabulation of the year's new 2:20 trotters, but the present relative rating of speed sires will probably not shift a great deal. The number of new standard performers for this year will probably fall short of last year's total, and it seems doubtful if the leading sires of this year will equal in number of new performers the leading sires of last year.

As the score now stands Allerton (2:08 1/4) leads in the number of new ones, with thirteen to his credit, none of them as yet in the 2:20 list.

McKinney, 2:11 1/4, comes next, with nine new ones, all of them in the 2:20 list, four of them in the 2:15 list, and one of them in the 2:10 list. In-

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