WHAT WILL FREEDMAN DO?

MAGNATES WAITING TO SEE THE NEW YORK TEAM STRENGTHENED.

Local Club Receives Several Charitable Donations, but Star Ballplayers Are Needed—Philadelphia and Chicago After McGraw—Ewing Expected Here To-day.

Nearly all of the National League baseball magnates had left town yesterday, but before they went away they were still guessing as to the policy to be pursued by the New York club. The mere signing of the agreement to pay a total of $104,000 to the Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland and Louisville clubs was not considered of particular consequence, for Freedman's delay in putting his name to the paper could not be regarded as a blockade. But the magnates were particularly concerned about the strength of the New Yorks from a playing standpoint this season, and they were anxious to know whether Freedman would cut the pursestrings for desirable talent, as he had promised to do under certain conditions.

The League has abolished syndicate ball, except that part of it maintained by the New York club.

The League has refunded the $1,000 Holmes fine to Freedman, per request, and has apologized for inflicting the penalty.

The League has guaranteed Freedman against any loss that may be incurred by carrying the lease of Manhattan Field.

These were the conditions laid down by Freedman before he would agree to spend money to strengthen the New Yorks so that they would be able to make a hard fight for the pennant. The League has handed over Pitcher and Third Baseman Mercer to Freedman for nothing. Dreyfuss of Pittsburg has donated Catcher Bowerman to the New York club without charge. Robison has agreed to let Freedman have either Dowd or Hendley, both outfielders, who played with the Clevelands last year, without a cent in return. The Boston club is ready to surrender Pitcher Meekin for no price whatsoever, and may possibibly hand over an outfielder, too. But this is mere charity, and means that not one of these players is of any use to the men that give them. Meanwhile St. Louis has paid $5,000 for First-baseman McGann and $2,000 for Right-fielder Donovan, both good men, who were refused by Freedman.

The New York President also declines to make any offer whatever for McGraw. Robinson or any of the Baltimore players, now the property of the Brooklyn club. He merely says that Buck Ewing will manage the New Yorks this year, will be allowed to pick out desirable material and will be held responsible for the showing of the team. "No unreasonable prices will be paid for players" is the declaration of the New York man, which means that the local team will depend upon the charity of the other clubs in the League. Unless some real stars are secured the baseball cranks of Greater New York can expect another losing team at the Polo Grounds while the liberally managed Brooklyns make a powerful fight to win the second consecutive pennant.

Two clubs are after McGraw and Robinson in earnest. They are Philadelphia and Chicago. It is understood that Chicago stands a better chance of landing the men for the reason that if they should go to Philadelphia that team would come pretty near making a neck-and-neck finish with the Brooklyns for first honors. Beach of Philadelphia is in the field with about $15,000 to a rengthen his nine, even though his partner, Rogers, says this is too much money. Hart of Chicago has had a line out for McGraw for some time past and it is believed that the Brooklyn club is now entertaining an offer. Abell still says he wants McGraw to play third base for the champions, but his partners think differently. Men who are in close touch with the situation say that it is a 100 to 1 shot that McGraw will not be considered by the New York management, unless the Brooklyn club agrees to surrender his services for nothing.

Among the echoes of the recent League meeting is a positive statement to one of the club owners to the effect that the Circuit Committee made terms with the Washington, Baltimore, Cleveland and Louisville clubs at the conference held in Cleveland a month ago. Here is the story which goes to show how some magnates can be believed:

"Louisville, Cleveland and Washington were fixed when the Brooklyn-Baltimore representatives, Hanlon, Ebbets and Abell, were asked to go to Cleveland. The syndicate made three propositions—$75,000, $45,000 and $30,000—to sell Baltimore. The committee, after haggling, offered $20,000 for the franchise and grounds. This was compromised by an agreement to pay $30,000, as requested. The only hitch was the lease of the grounds in Baltimore, which Hanlon had not signed. The syndicate came East only to learn that McGraw had secured the lease and had blocked everything. But when Hanlon got the lease back the Circuit Committee was blocked by Freedman, who held out until he was outvoted by the other eleven clubs."

Immediately after the Cleveland conference THE SUN said exclusively that the circuit had been practically reduced which brought forth a chorus of denials from those who attended the secret meeting. But this was not the only denial of true statements, or the magnates are experts at this line of policy.

Robison of St. Louis, still the agent of the Circuit Committee, which has not arranged the minor leagues to suit everybody as yet, held a long conference with P. T. Powers, President of the Eastern League; Mahlon Ryan, owner of the Hartford club, and T. F. Shann, owner of the Springfield Club, at the Hotel Bartholdi yesterday. Tom Barns, the manager of the Springfields, was also present at the confab, while Jake Wells, manager of the Syracuse Club, Charles Dooley, manager of the Montreal Club and William Murray, manager of the Providence Club, awaited developments in the hotel corridor. It is well known that Pfeiffer wants the Baltimore franchise and that Shann and Burns are after Washington, with the idea of placing those cities in the Eastern League. Robison was not authorized to make any offers to the Eastern Leagues, but he received written propositions from those cities, which will be placed before the Circuit Committee. It was announced that no definite action will be taken for the five new Spring cities, as the National League may wish to find out what action the American Association will take regarding another club in Chicago. If President Johnson decides to declare war it is probable that an American Association circuit, outlined in yesterday's SUN, will be put in working order.

Frank Brunn was seen in town yesterday. Robison said he believed the New York man signed the circuit reduction agreement late Friday night, but he wasn't sure. Pitcher Carrick sent his signed contract to the New York club's office yesterday, and it was announced that Manager Ewing would arrive in town some time to-day. It is said that Ewing will insist upon having the New York infield—Doyle, Davis, Gleason, Davis and Mercer. Van Haltren will play centre field, with Foster in right field and some new man, possibly Dowd, in left field. The addition of Catcher Bowerman means the release of Parke Wilson. The present pitching corps will remain as it is. McFarland of Washington may be added.

Although Hanlon has not decided to give out the final assignment of the Brooklyns, it is good be that the team will take the field this way:

Pitcher—McGinnity, Kitson, Hughes, McJames, Dunn, Howell and Weching.

Catcher—Farrell, Maloney and Steelman.

Infielders—Jennings, Daly, De Montreville, Dahlen, Wagner and Casey.

Outfielders—Kelley, Shelbeck, Keeler, Jones.

This a rangement will put the following men on the market, at prices to be fixed by Hanlon later:

Catchers—Smith, Criham, Robinson; pitchers Kennedy, Nops, McGinnis, Bill, Donovan, Yeager; infielder, Lennox; Keister, Harris, McGraw; outfielders, Anderson, Brodie, Helmes.

McGraw wants to manage and captain a League team and insists upon having Robison go with him. In the interests of harmony it is believed that Hanlon will decide to respect McGraw's wishes. Joe Kelly has already proved an efficient captain of the Brooklyns, and a change is not deemed necessary. Hanlon left for Baltimore yesterday afternoon, but would not state the nature of his errand. He said that he expected to take about thirty players to Augusta on March 20. If the players to be placed on the market are not purchased within a reasonable time they will be "turned out" to Eastern League clubs. This will block the game of certain magnates who want to wait until the men are released outright before dickering for their services.

Baseball Notes.

John Biddy McPhee, the Cincinnati club's famous second baseman, announces that he has retired from the diamond. He has been playing ball for twenty-one years.

The Carteret A. C. would like to hear from uniformed teams for Saturday and Sunday games, the coming season. Guarantee given and received. Address Joseph S. Quin, Carteret, N. J.

The Polo A. C. would be pleased to book games with crack teams in this city or New York city, the coming season, suitable inducements preferred. Address James Shea, Manager, 310 East 116th street.

The Nassau Club of Greenpoint is having its grounds put in shape and is looking for first class semi-professional teams who can offer suitable inducements. Address Joseph E. Reed, manager, 401 Graham avenue, Brooklyn.

In a hotly contested league championship game played at the armory of the Third Gatling Battery, Brooklyn, on Wednesday night, the Forty-seventh Regiment team defeated the Third Gatling Battery nine by a score of 17 to 12.

The West Side Club is ready to book games for the coming season—first-class team only. Address John Messler, 459 West Side avenue, Jersey City, stating guarantee expected and date desired. The West Side Club plays no Sunday games.

The Active F. C. of Paterson would like to arrange games with teams in or around New York, averaging eighteen years and offering a suitable guarantee Saturday and holiday games only. Address Harry E. Briody, 26 Dale avenue, Paterson, N. J.

The Resolco Baseball Club would like to hear from the Danburys, Allendales, Linden, Mount Vernon, Westwood, Hillsdale, Dover, Watessing, Emeralds, Borough F. C. and Delmarch F. C. Address L. Halbran, Captain, 424 West Forty-third street.

The Prospect Field Club is ready to book games with all semi-professional teams; games to be played at Prospect F. C. grounds, Howards, Crown A. C., Nassau, West End A. C. and Mauler A. C., preferred. Address J. Lancer, 54 Grattan street, Brooklyn.

The Crescent Baseball Association of New York desires to arrange games with the Empire F. C. of Philadelphia, Pleasantons, Mountain A. C., State Hospital, Wappingers Falls, Tarrytowns and other first class teams within 500 miles of New York offering a suitable guarantee. Address G. Hempeler, Secretary, 628 East 138th street.

HAVANA, March 5.—The Cuban X Giants won another game on the Almendares baseball diamond yesterday. They defeated the Alfonsos by 11 to 6. The game was good one throughout and heavy batting and good fielding was a feature. The longest hit of this series of games was the one by Jordan, shortstop for the Giants, who made a home run in the second inning.

The Linwood Baseball Club of Astoria would like to arrange games with first-class teams within fifteen miles of New York, offering a suitable guarantee, for all Saturdays in June and July, also all mondays in May. Newtown Grove, Howards, Orittani F. C., St. Monas, Alerts and Tenalys of New Jersey preferred. Address William J. McIntyre, manager, 541 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn.

The junior employees of Weed & Kennedy have formed a baseball team under the name of the Alliance Baseball Club, and will play any team of the insurance companies of Brooklyn or New York, averaging seventeen years; games to be played Saturday afternoons at Prospect Park. Address William Teller, 66 Sullivan street, or William E. Draycott, 217 Skillman street, Brooklyn.

The Dewey Baseball Club of Orange has elected the officers: William Brennan, President; Joseph Quinn, Vice-President; James McTigran, Manager and Treasurer; Paul J. Longua, Secretary, and Joseph Longua, Captain. The club would be pleased to schedule games with all reputable teams offering a suitable guarantee within a radius of 10 miles of Orange, N. J. Address Paul J. Longua, P. O. Box 1798, New York city.

So great has been the success attained by the Armory Baseball Association, consisting of the various regimental commands in New York and Brooklyn, that a meeting will be held to-morrow at which the delegates will be asked to vote on the proposition to keep the league in existence all the year round. Every command that is at present named in the championship race is ready, it is said, to continue its nine and play the out-door game. The plan to be presented to the meeting is to start on Memorial Day and to play on every Saturday and holiday throughout the outdoor season for a suitable trophy.

BELLEVILLE, March 10.—Manager Blum of the Woodside A. C. has about completed the baseball schedule for the coming season and has booked the N. Y. of Newark for the opening game on April 28. All of last years players have been engaged with the exception of the third baseman and pitcher McMichael's, formerly of the Texas State League, will play at third in place of Billet Smith, formerly of the Vailsburg team, will alternate in the box with Duguis. Westlake will catch, and in the diamond will be Comesky, Warren, Blum and McMichael, while Flynn, Wanthouse and the pitcher will cover the outfield.

BICYCLE SIDEPATHS.

Movement Spreading in a Way That Has Phases of International Interest.

While Great Britain and the European countries are now the shams of America in regard to good roads and furnish to touring cyclists the burden of their argument, there is every prospect that the sidepath movement here will within a year or two make this preeminently the country for tourists. Abroad the wheelman finds wide, smooth roads to share in common with trucks and light horse-driven vehicles and automobiles. Here the roads are largely made of mud. But what will the contrast be when wheelmen as a class may go from New York to any point in Maine, Florida or California on smooth paths made especially for them? The question is one suggested by the rapid developments being made in the sidepath movement.

The latest news concerning the matter is that the Canadian Wheelmen's Association has adopted the New York State sidepath idea and that a path from Buffalo to Detroit will be built. As there is already on foot the construction of connecting links in the sidepath system from New York to Buffalo and between Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis, there is every prospect that, for cyclists at least, there will soon be a transcontinental highway that will cast a shadow upon the touring possibilities of England and Europe. Pennsylvania, also, has adopted the sidepath law and there has been outlined a system of paths to the West and South that make the question at first proposed a reasonable one. A circumstance about such systems when they become interstate affairs was pointed out yesterday by a lawyer who said that they would always occupy a position of peculiar immunity from private rights and eminent domain, because they were built by private, personal and voluntary subscriptions under a law that makes such a subscription a tax. In the opinion of this individual a strip of land "once a sidepath would always be a sidepath."

The "Poly's" Final Heats.

The annual indoor athletic and gymnastic tournament of the "Poly Prep" School of Brooklyn was not concluded until nearly 1 o'clock yesterday morning. C. H. Zoebisch smashed the "Poly" gymnasium record for the running high jump by one-quarter of an inch. The class of '00 won the school championship, with '04 second and '02 and '03 tied for third honors. The summaries:

20-Yard Dash, Senior—Final heat won by Zoebisch, 1900; Philips, '02, second; Van Cleaf, '02, third.

20-Yard Dash, Junior—Final heat won by Henry, Kerman, second; Robinson, third.

Pole Vault for Height—Won by S. H. McGahie, 1900; H. Kerman, '01, second; I. C. Miller, '02, third.

100-Yard Potato Race for Boys Under Thirteen Years—Won by E. Courtney; H. H. Tower, second; J. M. McCaffrey, third.

Horizontal Bar—Won by S. H. McGahie; O. Liebig, '00, second; J. G. Lazatto, '01, third.

Parallel Bar—Won by Charles Burns, 1900; O. Liebig, second; J. G. Lazatto, third.

Three Standing Jumps—Won by H. G. Williamson, 1900; O. W. Wuldmann, 1900, second; H. M. Halstead, third.

Side Horse—Won by O. Liebig; C. B. Franc, 1900, second; E. S. Van Olinda, '02, third.

Running High Jump, Junior—Won by H. Kerman, '03; William M. Jones, 1900, second; R. Gospel, 1900, third.

Football Potato Race, Open—Final heat won by Roberts Jones, second; Henry, third.

Running High Jump, Senior—Won by C. H. Zoebisch, 1900; S. H. McGahie and M. E. Smith tied for second honors; O. W. Wuldmann, 1900, third.

Putting the 12-Pound Shot—Won by Irving C. Mills, 1900; J. G. Lazatto, second; L. W. Ross, 1900, third.

Wrestling—Lightweight—Final bout—C. W. Cummings, 1900, threw Walter L. Durack, '03, in two straight falls. Heavyweight won by R. B. Emlott, '02, in two straight falls from J. G. Lazatto. Middleweight—S. H. McGahie won in two straight falls from N. C. Halstead.

Manual Training Girls Win the Basketball Championship.

The final games in the Girls' Basketball tournament were played yesterday. The result is that Manual Training School wins the championship with a clean record. Flushing High School is second, Erasmus Hall School, third, and Jersey City Public High School, fourth. The Manual Training girls defeated the Jersey City team yesterday at the Hasbrouck Institute courts, Jersey City Heights, by 3 points to 0. The teams lined up as follows:

Manual Training.	*Positions.*	*Jersey City.*
Miss Holler	Right forward	Miss Lab mann
Miss Matler	Left forward	Miss Pasco
Miss Battigous	Centre	Miss Mazes
Miss Cutting	Right guard	Miss Wilson
Miss DeLorraine	Left guard	Miss Pastor

The girl students of Flushing High School and Erasmus Hall High School also met in the old Thirteenth Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. The game was interesting, and during the first half Erasmus Hall took the point. In the second period neither side scored for eleven minutes. Then Miss Holler shot a field goal. Shortly after this Miss Benedict scored again for Flushing. Just before the finish Miss Sutton scored for Erasmus Hall, and the score was tied. An extra period was played and Miss McCleery shot the winning goal for Erasmus Hall. The teams were:

Erasmus Hall.	*Positions.*	*Flushing.*
Miss K. Beckett	Left forward	Miss B. Jones
Miss B. Gunzburger	Right forward	Miss E. Farmester
Miss Stern	Centre	Miss Sage
Miss McCleery	Right guard	Miss Benedict
Miss M. Douglass	Left guard	Miss McGahie

Hockey.

The hockey teams of the New York Boys' High School of this borough and the Polytechnic Collegiate Institute of Brooklyn met last evening at the Clermont Avenue Ice Skating Rink in the final game of the season in Brooklyn this year between student teams. The score: Polytechnic Institute, 8, New York Boys High, 1.

The hockey team of Yale University met the New York A. C. seven at the St. Nicholas Rink last night, and although the "Mary Pickfords" were worsted to Yale one hundred and one to a Fordham game against their former opponents, the New York A. C. men were vastly stronger at certain times than the collegians but, taken as a whole, the Yale team showed surprising strength for supporters. Yale made desperate efforts to score in the first half, the work of O'Donnell at goal and point saved what looked like scores several times by their over play. The opposing tally score made by the visitors was on a very pretty triple pass. Shaw to Rockefeller to Bronson, the latter driving the puck through. Cross, Howard and Hornbeck did the scoring for the New York A. C.

RACING.

Tobe Paine Wins the Dewey Highweight Handicap in Slow Time.

NEW ORLEANS, March 10.—The Dewey Highweight Handicap, at seven furlongs, and worth $1,000 to the winner, was won handily by Tobe Paine in slow time to-day. The winner was coupled in the betting with Sea Knight as Lionizi's entry. Acushla made the pace, but tired in the last sixteenth. However, she managed to get second money. Seven races were down for decision, including a short course steeplechase, which was won by Jim Hogg, an outsider. Van Brunt was the favorite. Prince of Veronia, the Morris colt, ran an excellent race in the first event. He had up 119 pounds. It was a case of the Derby question being asked of him. Summaries:

First Race—Handicap; three-year-olds; one mile—Prince of Veronia, 119 (Rose), 10 to 5 and 11 to 10, won; Knight Banneret, 114 (Newcom), 5 to 1 for place, second; Ben Chance, 98 (Miller), third. Time, 1:44¾.

Second Race—Two-year-old fillies; four furlongs—Erma, 110 (Mitchell), 18 to 5 and 3 to 5, won; Jamewood, 103 (Newcom), 4 to 1 for place, second; Francis Reis, 110 (Winkfield), third. Time, 0:50¾.

Third Race—Handicap steeplechase; short course—Jim Hogg, 135 (William), 10 to 1 and 8 to 1, won; Van Brunt, 135 (Eggleston), 3 to 5 for place; Seidemba, b. 134 (Hanston), third. Time, 3:21¾.

Fourth Race—Dewey Highweight Handicap; four-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs—Tobe Paine, 121 (Wedderstrandt), 3 to 1 and even, won; Acushla, 104 (Boland), 3 to 1 for place, second; Sea Knight, 124 (Van Dusen, jr.), third. Time, 1:30¼.

Fifth Race—Selling; four-year-olds and upward; one mile and five furlongs—Albert Vale, 110 (Boland), 12 to 1 and 5 to 1, won; Banquo II. (Clay), 8 to 5 for place, second; Julius Cæsar, 102 (Winkfield), third. Time, 2:54.

Sixth Race—Selling; four-year-olds and upward; one mile and a sixteenth—Plantain, 105 (Mitchell), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Marion Sansom, 99 (Waldo), 40 to 1 for place, second; Shinfaus, 102 (Tully), third. Time, 1:51¾.

Seventh Race—Selling; three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs—Digas, 100 (Mitchell), 8 to 5 and 3 to 5, won; Nellie Price, 105 (Mo dy), 10 to 1 for place, second; Free Lady, 107 (Rose), third. Time, 1:16¾.

Bendoran Wins the Stake Race at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The Palace Hotel Stake, at one mile and a furlong, was the feature of the card at Oakland this afternoon. Walter Jennings's Bendoran, carrying 124 pounds, won by a length and half from fast-closing Imperious. It was a procession all the way. Storm King, Rosinante and Topmast finished heads apart, three lengths back of Imperious. The latter carried ten more pounds than in the Burns Handicap. Barney Schreiber's Baby Sofala took up 118 pounds in the two-year-old race and made some of the best youngsters in California look cheap. The track was very sticky, but the little chestnut covered four furlongs in 50½ seconds, winning, pulled up, by two lengths. Other winners, Durward, Andrissa, Cormorant and Lena.

Wrestling Match Winds Up In a Fizzle.

The wrestling match between John Piening of this city and Ernest Ziegler of Germany, at the Broadway A. C. last night, ended in a fizzle. While the contest lasted, however, it gave the small-sized crowd present a good idea of the prowess of Piening, who showed that he knows a good deal about the game. Piening and Ziegler were to have wrestled best two out of three falls at Greco-Roman style. Ziegler, who was fat and cumbersome, thought he had an easy thing and was lax as regards his training. Steve O'Donnell, the old-time announcer, was referee.

Ziegler went in without any delay and got a body hold of his rival. Piening was wiry and wriggled out of his grasp with the elusiveness of an old-timer. Then he got Ziegler down and both wrestled away until they were perspiring freely. After 18 minutes and 40 seconds Piening forced Ziegler with a secure lock about the shoulders and lifting him in the air fully three feet threw him on his back and pinned him securely to the floor. There was no doubt as to the fall, and the crowd applauded liberally. According to the articles the men were permitted to rest fifteen minutes.

When the time expired Ziegler entered the ring and one of his seconds told the crowd that he was suspicious regarding the fall and that unless another referee was substituted he would not wrestle. His remarks were hissed, and then O'Donnell pulled out a watch and gave him five minutes in which to proceed with the contest. Ziegler had apparently enough and did not continue, so Piening got the fall and the match.

In the preliminary struggle Charles Weisladder of the German-American A. C. tackled Billy Edwards. They each won a fall and the match was called a draw.

Sam Fitzpatrick Back From England.

Sam Fitzpatrick returned from England yesterday on the St. Paul. His coming was unexpected and there were few of his friends at the dock to greet him. It was understood that Fitzpatrick was to remain on the other side until June, but it appears that the proposed match between Tommy Hogan and Jabez White has fallen through. White was present when Hogan knocked Chester out at the National Sporting Club on Feb. 26, and came to the conclusion that the American was hard game. So he took on Jemmy Curran, the lightweight, and the pair are to fight at Longton on March 19 next. In a talk with a reporter of THE SUN Sam said:

"Pugilism is lively in England just now and there are many good boxers over there. The best one I consider is Jewey Cooke. He fights at 140 pounds, and besides being a stiff puncher and clever is very quick. If he visits this country he is likely to make a success. The British sport are all uncle Tom McCleverys and are itching to see him fight. If he goes across I think he will make a lot of money doing turns at the music halls. Hogan and Jimmy Ryan of Australia are now in England. Ryan is matched to box Lido Plumb in a few weeks and is in good shape. Whether he wins or loses the two will immediately return to America. Hogan is in great form just now and the sports in England think a great deal of him. He defeated Chester after a hard-fought battle and did it so decisively that he left no question of superiority. For the fine treatment we received abroad I wish to thank my friends through THE SUN. Hogan is now ready to box any 126-pound lad in the world."

Figure-Skating Championships.

One of the most attractive competitions scheduled for the winter months will be held at the St. Nicholas Rink next Thursday, when the annual figure-skating championship will be decided under the auspices of the National Amateur Skating Association. The programme, which consists of twenty-one numbers, is so long that it will be necessary to divide the movements. The first part will be skated at the afternoon session, beginning at 2:15 o'clock, and the concluding portion after 8:15 o'clock. Besides the compulsory simple varieties of inside and outside edge rolls, the programme embraces spread eagle, curved angles, grapevines, toe and heel movements, flat-foot spins, loops and ringlets.

In addition to the scheduled figures the competitors will be allowed to execute specialties of their own selection, which are likely to result in many original and peculiar movements.

So far as the practice in the various rinks indicate the probable winner there is little likelihood of any of the local skaters defeating Arthur G. Keane, the holder, who has won the event two years in succession in holow style.

Some Canadians will be among the competitors and it will be interesting to note how they compare with Keane, who is generally acknowledged to be the best natural figure skater ever seen in America.

The judges will be three ex-champions—Louis Rubenstein of Montreal, Frank P. Good of Brooklyn and George D. Phillips, New York.

Trap Shooting.

Some good shooting was done by the Crescent Athletic Club members and guests on the grounds of the organization at Bay Ridge yesterday. Henry Kreh won seventeen in capital fashion. The feature of the day was the rapid fire match shot at twenty-five clay birds. The event was shot off in 4 minutes and 32 seconds, Kreh winning. Dr. H. L. O'Brien won the gold shoot handicap at twenty-five birds, with 23 to his credit. Grant Salman also captured a sweepstake, the trophy for which was made by the Scott Cycle Mfg. Co. Club, which was held in conjunction on the grounds on the Sheepshead Bay road. Conrad Lierz and Paul Sies tied for first honors, and Dr. John B. Meyernberg and P. E. Remsen were the runners-up.

G. Williams won the shoot for the Wright trophy at the grounds of the Brooklyn Gun Club at Union Course, L. I., yesterday, beating out George Patterson, the latter second, and the club, by one bird. The trophy has been shot at twice and has four more to pass. The scores made during the day's competitions were very good. J. S. Schenck Remsen, of Greater New York champion, George H. Fetter, Jacob Ditmars and N. J. Lane did the best work of the day.

At Wheeler's Hickewood Park on the Glendale road, the members of the Hickewood Gun Club held forth yesterday in a most interesting programme. Frank Ashton, A. C. Wheeler and Grant Martin won with straight scores while Class B was won by H. J. Weuma, with a clean slate, and in Class C John F. Young and Henry J. Baringher went out with a clean slate.

The members of the Medina Gun Club held their weekly shoot at the Queens County Driving Park, Maspeth, L. I., yesterday. Some capital scores were made. Dr. Dr. Goods did the best work of the day. In the shoot for the Medina cup he guessed nine of his ten birds.

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SPRING START AT GOLF.

LARGE FIELDS IN THE OPEN HANDICAPS ON TWO LAKEWOOD LINKS.

Phillips Takes First Place at the Dyker Meadow Course—Redfield Wins in the Westchester Bogie Competition—Harry Vardon in Form at Pinehurst—Gossip.

An interesting medal-play handicap, the second in the series for the cup presented by Horatio M. Adams, brought out thirty-one starters at the Dyker Meadow Golf Club yesterday, but only seventeen returned cards. The course was in splendid order and the conditions, although the wind was half a gale, were nearly perfect for spring golfing. George Low, the Dyker professional, who has been in Florida, played over the links several times in quite his best form. Four of the competitors made gross scores under the 100 mark, one being Phillips, who, with a handicap of fifteen, had the best net score, at 81. Chauncey and Powers had the best gross scores, as follows:

Chauncey—										
Out	6	8	6	5	6	7	5	4	7	—49
In	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	4	6	—44—93
Powers—										
Out	5	4	6	5	7	5	7	5	5	—49
In	5	4	7	5	6	4	7	4	4	—46—95

Anything under the high wind and on the rough winter greens. The summary follows:

	Gross.	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
F. J. Phillips	96	15	81
J. C. Powers	95	11	84
W. A. Putnam	101	16	85
W. B. Hill	105	18	87
Daniel Chauncey	93	5	88
A. E. Smythe	111	22	89
B. Clark	98	8	90
William Jarvie	111	20	91
James H. Merritt	101	10	91
A. H. Porter, Jr.	100	8	92
E. L. Kalbfleisch, Jr.	104	11	93
Norman S. Dike	105	11	94
A. E. Whitney	106	11	95
L. F. Abbott	111	16	95
A. S. Fish	110	10	100
H. A. Harrison	111	10	101
W. W. Goodrich	146	30	111

The competitions will be continued on each Saturday during March. The point winners to date are: Clark, 3; Putnam, 3; Phillips, 3; Powers, 2; Chauncey, 2; Harrison, 2.

LAKEWOOD, March 10.—A beautiful spring day, a trifle free with its breeze, called out hosts of golfers at each of the Lakewood clubs, both announcing double attractions. The Country Club had a men's handicap running all day and a women's foursome which was finished up in the morning and which proved the most interesting event of the season. It was a nine-hole event and special prizes were offered by Mrs. E. Robbins Walker and Mrs. Charles S. Bates, Jr., and the starting of eighteen women who entered and completed their cards made the clubhouse an exceedingly lively place during the forenoon. A summary of the scores follows:

	Gross.	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
Miss Bowers and Mrs. Thomas	70	10	60
Miss Downer and Miss Ferris	74	13	61
Mrs. Minot and Miss Craft	77	15	62
Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bates	74	8	66
The Misses Robbins	81	10	71
Mrs. Pratt and Miss Robertson	90	17	73
Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Moller	89	12	77
Mrs. Dilworth and Mrs. Kerr	98	15	83
Miss Fisk and Miss Cox	98	10	88

Twenty entries were listed for the men's handicap, which carried first and second net and best gross prizes. In the afternoon the wind completely died away, giving a decided advantage to the late starters, and it happened that which was spotted as the winning score at noon was third on the list when the last of the sixteen scores was posted. John Moller, Jr., making 94, which won in both gross and net columns, and Dwight C. Harris, coming in for second honors. The scores:

	Gross.	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
John Moller, Jr., Apawamis	94	4	90
D. C. Harris, Lakewood School	103	12	91
J. W. Robbins, Country Club	97	5	92
A. E. Heistrom, Buffalo Country	98	3	95
S. L. Schoonmaker, Hillside	110	10	100
Chas. S. Bates, Jr., Country Club	112	10	102
Frank D. Beard, Country Club	115	10	105
Thos. W. Fisk, Hillside	115	10	105
F. Robbins Walker, Country Club	114	8	106
T. W. Parsall, Country Club	122	14	108
H. S. Wilkinson, Country Club	124	12	112
L. J. Smith, Country Club	123	10	113
S. W. Bonsall, Country Club	132	18	114
George C. Smith, Country Club	130	10	120
J. Robinson Beard, Country Club	136	15	121
John B. Morris, Country Club	142	18	124

James A. Tyng, Morris county's popular golfer, made his morning round at the Golf Club, Lakewood, in beautiful style. His card was an 80 from scratch, which won the prize offered for the best gross score and tied with Mr. Brathwaite, who had the aid of a large handicap, for the net score prizes. Summaries of the fourteen cards returned:

James A. Tyng, Morris County—	*Gross.*	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
Out	5 5 5 5 4 5 6 2 5—42		
In	5 5 5 4 5 5 5 4—44	88	86
F. G. Brathwaite, Lakewood	102	16	86
H. B. Blinkey, Essex County	94	6	88
C. A. Sherman, Oyster Bay	121	30	91
Jasper Lynch, Lakewood	92	0	92
Nathan Surfee, Fall River Golf	108	16	92
J. Moller, Jr., Apawamis	99	6	93
Fred A. Potts, Lakewood	118	25	93
C. Adams, Dyker Meadow	105	11	94
Justus S. Hotchkiss, New Haven	124	30	94
F. S. P. Randolph, Philadelphia	107	10	95
H. F. Peers, Nassau Garden City	107	10	97
Frank M. Freeman, Lakewood	108	6	102
J. C. Onderdonk, Buffalo Country	113	10	103

Ten pairs posted scores in the mixed foursome handicap of the afternoon, and over-generous handicapping was a prominent factor in prize winning. The best actual score was made by Mrs. Frank M. Freeman and James A. Tyng. The scores, summarized:

	Gross.	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
Mrs. F. G. Brathwaite and Duncan Hunter	126	40	86
Miss Ferris and S. B. Ferris	119	25	94
Mrs. Duncan Hunter and F. G. Brathwaite	126	30	96
Mrs. Arthur E. Hedstrom and Mr. Hedstrom	121	20	101
Mrs. R. B. Kerr and Mr. Kerr	131	30	101
Mrs. C. Adams and Mr. Adams	126	20	106
Mrs. F. M. Freeman and J. Tyng	112	5	107
Mrs. Dilworth and P. S. P. Randolph	183	25	108
Mrs. John Moller, Jr., and Frank M. Freeman	136	25	111
Miss Parrish and Mr. Onderdonk	148	25	123

MIAMI, Fla., March 10.—Clarence Moore of the Chevy Chase Golf Club, the winner of the Qualification cup on Thursday on a score of 180 for thirty-six holes, was defeated to-day in the finals for the Miami Championship cup, by J. H. Brooks of New York, by 7 up and 5 to play. Moore took away the second cup. In the consolation contest E. S. Crocker of Pitchburg, Mass., easily won the cup over George McK. Brown of New York, by 6 and 5 to play. Brooks also captured the handicap cup by the net score of 84. Under the rules the finalists were allowed to keep medal scores during the match play for the handicap prize. In this way Brooks won two cups in one match. The scores by holes of the winners were:

Brooks—										
Out	4	5	6	3	5	5	8	5	6	—42
In	5	5	8	3	5	6	6	3	6	4—46—88
Moore—										
Out	5	5	7	8	7	6	5	6	7	—51
In	5	5	7	4	6	3	5	x	x	

Moore did not complete his medal score in the last two holes. The scores in the consolation match were:

Crocker—										
Out	5	6	7	8	5	6	8	5	7	—47
In	5	4	8	4	7	5	6	6	7	—56—103
Brown—										
Out	5	5	8	3	10	6	8	6	8	—54
In	7	5	8	5	8	6	5	11	18	—68—122

The leading scores in the handicap play were:

	Gross.	*H'cap.*	*Net.*
Brooks	88	4	84
Marshall	106	18	88
Brown	122	18	104
Mackenzie	134	18	116

The Palm Beach open tournament of three days will begin on Monday.

In the weekly contest against bogie at the Westchester Golf Club yesterday the best showing was made by Redfield, who finished on even terms with the fixed score, which was 4, 5, 6, 5, 4, 5, 3, 5, 4—41. The results:

	Gross.	*Bogie.*	*Result.*
R. L. Redfield	83	2	81 Even
A. W. Craigie	92	8	84 2 down
A. D. Compton	86	0	86 2 down
R. P. Lydon	110	18	92 5 down
G. Fox Tiffany	90	0	90 4 down
G. L. Shearer	99	10	89 6 down

PINEHURST, N. C., March 10.—Harry Vardon played the best ball of G. C. Dutton and Lathrop E. Baldwin to-day, beating them 12 up and 11 to play; 14 up, with the bye holes. Vardon scored 71 and 73; Baldwin, 92 and 88; Dutton, 92 and 101; best ball, 82 and 84. Vardon lowered his own record four strokes. The eighteen-hole course is 5,200 yards, the distance marks every fifty yards. There are two holes which cannot be reached in less than three full shots and the whole course is very sporty. Going to number seven Vardon pulled a long drive into the wood, then taking the lie good he hooked with the brassy round some trees dead on the hole, fully 235 yards away. Vardon's average