

ROUND THE SPORTING WORLD

PLAYERS ARE REPORTING

Other Evidence that the Baseball Season is Here.

PRACTICE GAMES NEXT WEEK

Harmonious feeling between players and management—Improvements at the Park—Home Uniforms Will Be Blue in Color.

Joy was yesterday brought to the hearts of Manager McDermott and the few players who have reported. The bright warm sunshine had much to do with it as it gave the management and players a very forcible reminder of the festivity to come.

Hess, Mullarkey and Chiles, who have been here for some time, and Ward and Eagan, who arrived Tuesday and Thursday respectively, were out at the grounds during the afternoon and gave themselves an impromptu session of risky practice. Chiles gave an indication of how he was feeling by hitting the ball four times over the center-field fence from a point near the plate. When it is remembered that the fence is thirty feet farther from the plate than last season the fact will be realized that Chiles is not suffering from spring fever.

HERE OR EN ROUTE. Gett, one of the bunch of untried colts, arrived Thursday night from Waterloo, Ind., and Pitcher Stenmill, of Maryland, and Outfielder Flack, of the Lewistons, of the New England League, reached here during yesterday.

The work of renovating the grounds and buildings is progressing satisfactorily and will surely be finished by the 27th inst. The new grandstand and practice field on East. The grounds are completely enclosed, and the addition of fifty feet to the width and thirty feet to the depth will improve the appearance of the grounds.

Among the players there is a feeling of satisfaction and confidence in the owners and Manager McDermott. This feeling of confidence is not only in the manager but in the players themselves. The feeling of confidence is not only in the manager but in the players themselves.

IT ISN'T A JOLLY.

Pete Eagan has never been accused of being a jolly or overly talkative player. He was talking to the grandstand. He freely and unconsciously expressed the sentiment of all base ball players whose opinion on the matter is echoed by the grandstand.

In selecting the uniforms, blue has been chosen for home games and gray for the games abroad. The blue suits will be lettered in white; the gray will be of the golf college style, the stockings will be of maroon color. The same style of caps and the same colored stockings will be worn with the gray uniforms. Last year the blue uniforms were worn away from home.

It should not be inferred that blue has been adopted this season for the home games because of superstition. The team is a new one and color won't change luck to good or bad. It is good or bad ball playing that will determine Scranton's position in the race.

Already "the midway," as the lamented Mike Kelly called Penn avenue, gives evidence of the approaching season. Players are being congregated there and discuss the all-absorbing topic, "Scranton's Chances." Cuba

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WILL LEAVE TUESDAY.

Between now and Tuesday the players will be in the city. They will be in the city. They will be in the city.

UMPIRES' INSTRUCTIONS.

Sent Out by President Young of the National League. President Young, of the National League, has issued a circular of instructions, addressed to the following:

To League Umpires: As the gentlemen selected to fill the positions of league umpires for 1896 are all men of large experience and mostly of long standing, it seems unnecessary for me to issue special instructions. I desire, however, to call your attention to the changes in the rules in relation to things and men.

I have the utmost confidence in every one of the umpires, and I believe that every one of them will do his duty to the best of his ability. In the discharge of your duty on the field you will be aided by the assistance of the club support, and you will receive the support of every league official.

The umpires will be expected to wear a blue flannel suit and cap, and always present a neat appearance on the field. Be courteous and polite to all players whenever you meet them, and I would advise that you avoid any quarrels with any. With many it would be harmless, while with others it would be taken as a reflection on your own conduct.

TROTTERING PLACES.

Local Horsemen Are Well Pleased at the Prospect.

Local horsemen are deeply interested in the fact that there will be two trotting meets here on June 23 and 24, and in October. They feel that the meetings will be of more than ordinary excellence in view of the strong circuit combination in Waverly, N. J., Alton, N. Y., and the assurance of generous entries.

STATE LEAGUE TROUBLES.

Are Ended by Getting Shamokin Into the League.

Pottsville, Pa., April 10.—After many days of trouble and great anxiety, Manager John Milligan is once more happy. Milligan evidently lost all hope in being able to make satisfactory terms at the Shamokin, which turned his attention to Shamokin, which turned his attention to Shamokin, which turned his attention to Shamokin.

RANDALL ON A TANDEM.

Rochester Bicyclist Assisted in Making Two New Records.

San Diego, Cal., April 10.—Two bicyclists were broken at the Colorado track. The first was the tandem half mile, unpaired, a flying start, and was made in 35.25 seconds, by J. M. Randall, of Rochester, N. Y., and C. Schefski, of Salt Lake City.

Chicago to New York in Five Days. Chicago, April 10.—John Lawson, the "terrible Swede," a well-known Chicago bicycle rider, has determined to try for the Chicago-New York record as soon as the weather permits. Lawson has some original ideas about racing which he will utilize on his attempt.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Princeton, April 10.—The students of Princeton college assembled in Alexander hall and amid the greatest enthusiasm passed a resolution to send the following cablegram to their team in Athens: "We, the undergraduates of Princeton, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for your efforts and congratulate you in your success."

SCRANTON GETS THE RACE.

Upon the authority of the Boston Herald, it is now practically settled that the big quadrangular boat race between Harvard, Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania, will take place at Saratoga, N. Y., and not on the Hudson river course at Poughkeepsie, or on the Connecticut.

RODE HIS OWN JUMPERS TO VICTORY.

Dublin, April 10.—At the Fairy House Steeplechase meeting, which was held here on April 6, W. C. Eustis, an American millionaire, won three races. Mr. Eustis rode his own horses, and had for his competitors some of the best jockeys in Great Britain.

HAMILTON A RICH JOCKEY

Colored Rider Ranks Next to Taral in Wealth.

RODE THE GREAT SALVATOR

Only Jockey Who Ever Won the Brooklyn and the Suburban in One Year. A Good Wife Helped Enrich Him.

With the possible exception of Jockey Fred Taral, who has plied fully \$100,000 of his earnings, Tony Hamilton, the colored jockey, is the wealthiest rider on the American turf. Hamilton makes St. Louis his home in the winter and he owns some improved real estate there which has greatly increased in value since he purchased it several years ago. In addition, he owns a house in New York city, which cost him \$20,000, and a farm in South Carolina, where his people reside.

The general public has no idea of the tremendous sums earned annually by successful jockeys. A first-class rider easily earns from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a season, but the money comes easy, and the jockeys have no idea of its real value. They gamble and waste in circulation through various other channels. Hamilton was like the rest until he married the daughter of a thrifty St. Louis colored man named May, who is the janitor of the Laclede building. She made him settle down and take care of his earnings.

BEGAN IN 1881.

The story of Hamilton's career on the turf will no doubt prove interesting. Tony is now 29 years old, and he went on the turf as a stable boy when he was 14 years old. That was back in 1881, and he was galloping horses and riding them in the morning. He was a lad of 14 years before he finally landed his first winner. He rode his first winning mount on Billy Lakeland's famous road-winning Exile. For a year previous Hamilton had been in the service of Lakeland, who has since made a name for himself as "Snapper" Gary, the late Augustus Belmont, Mike Dwyer and the Messrs. Keene, for whom Billy Lakeland is now training.

After he was with Lakeland for two years Hamilton was recognized as one of the best riders in America. Then J. B. Huggin, the millionaire California turfman, who owned the immortal Saltator, secured first call on his services. Later on Hamilton rode regularly for the late Senator Hearst, the late August Belmont, Mike Dwyer and the Messrs. Keene, for whom Billy Lakeland is now training.

PAYS TO BE HONEST.

Although almost every promising rider is offered big inducements to cheat at the outset of his career, Tony does so never amounts to much afterward. He may be the best kind of a rider, but the better class of owners shun him. Tony is a man of honor, and a rider is in disrepute with them, his earning capacity is limited. Most of the first-class jockeys are smart enough to realize this fact when they take to the turf, and no matter what the price is against their mount.

Every racing stable has to have a number of second-class boys. Many of these are bound out to the owner or trainer. Harry Griffin, the most celebrated light-weight rider in America, was taken from an orphan asylum in New York when he was only a boy, and was by Jimmy Shields. The latter is still his guardian, and will, no doubt, get his share of the \$20,000 which, it is said, August Belmont has contracted to pay for Griffin's services.

The exercise boys gallop the horses in the mornings, and as soon as any particular lad shows unusual aptitude he is put to work when he is only a boy gets a chance to ride in a race. Even under the most competent schooling, however, it takes years to develop a finished rider. A lad may take to riding horses like duck to water, but before he becomes a first-class jockey he must learn to judge pace and the other essential qualities, which will enable a good rider on a poor horse to beat a poor jockey on a good horse a great deal more frequently than is generally supposed.

WON TWO BIG RACES.

During the past season Hamilton accomplished the remarkable achievement of riding the winner of both the Brooklyn and the Suburban handicaps. In the Brooklyn he rode Hornpipe to victory and in the Suburban he finished in front of Lazzarone. Both were neglected outsiders in the betting, but J. B. Huggin, the millionaire California turfman, who owned the immortal Saltator, secured first call on his services. Later on Hamilton rode regularly for the late Senator Hearst, the late August Belmont, Mike Dwyer and the Messrs. Keene, for whom Billy Lakeland is now training.

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ROLL STILL CLIMBING.

Over 1,000 Members Added to L. A. W. During the Year. Boston, April 10.—The League of American Wheelmen membership got another big boost last week, by virtue of the previous week's record for more than 100 names. Out of thirty-seven states and territories 1,180 applications found their way into Secretary Bassett's office, and the total membership all by a big plurality. Massachusetts is in second place. New York contributed 431, Massachusetts 209, while New Jersey comes in third with 115.

The other states follow in order: Pennsylvania 83, Indiana 38, Iowa 35, Missouri 31, Kentucky 27, California 22, Michigan 21, District of Columbia 17, Maryland 14, Rhode Island 12, Connecticut and Wisconsin 11 each, Kansas 9, Illinois, Maine, Ohio and Oregon 7 each, West Virginia 6, Nebraska 5.

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