

Mutt Is Full of Professional Courtesy

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NEW TROTTING RULES ARE REVOLUTIONARY

Eligibility of Horses Will Depend on Records Made by Winners

Special to The Telegraph New York, Feb. 12.—Rule changes, revolutionary in character, were adopted yesterday by the National Trotting Association at its biennial session. The changes go into effect at once and every track in the United States where honest racing is held comes under the new rules. The most important change made in the rules is one which provides that in determining the eligibility of horses to compete in public races only the records made by the winners of races shall be considered. Records made in performances against time and in public races by non-winners shall not be considered, and bar to eligibility to races. By the operation of this rule a horse with a record of 2:10 may still start in the 2:30 class if he has never won a race and several such horses are now in sight for the campaign of 1914.

By another important change a horse with a record is to be allowed one second for each year raced in which he fails to equal his record or win a race. Still another change provides that a horse with a record made on a mile track shall be allowed four seconds when entered in a race on a half-mile track. When a series of races are given for one entrance fee and a portion of the purse is given for each heat or race, the winner of each heat or race acquires a record for which is to be considered in determining eligibility to compete in other races. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that this rule will virtually put an end to the so-called "heat dash" system of racing, which often leaves the spectators in as much doubt at the end as in the beginning of a race respecting the relative merits of the competing horses.

The A. T. A. rule, which permits the starting of a horse suspended for nonpayment of entrance fees was also adopted. By this rule the secretary of the N. T. A. is empowered to issue a permit allowing such a horse to compete in races, but providing that 15 per cent. of his gross winnings shall be withheld and applied to the payment of the old entrance fee. When a horse obtains a record in a race in which the purse is not paid a record so made will be canceled.

MANY BOWLERS ENTER FOR A BIG TOURNAMENT

Special to The Telegraph New York, Feb. 12.—According to the latest estimates, more than 1,200 bowlers from all parts of the country will toe the foul line in the tournament of the National Bowling Association for the five-men, two-men singles and all around American championships at Atlantic City, N. J., April 8 to 29. Major M. W. Gage, the national secretary who will manage the running of the big event, estimates that three hundred five-men teams will enter, one hundred coming from New York and Brooklyn where enthusiasm runs high. Easter season at the world famous seashore resort has its attractions.

Advertisement for Arrow Collars, featuring a logo with the word 'GRANTON' and the text 'WHITE STRIPED MADRAS ARROW COLLARS 2 for 25 cts. Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.'

Advertisement for Even Steven Cigars, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'Even Steven Cigars THE TASTE TELLS THE TALE.'

FIVE ASPIRANTS FOR THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP



Five men now stand out prominently in the contest for the middleweight championship of the United States. One of them may develop within this year and then there will be a champion in a class which has had none for years. These are the candidates: George Chip (whose real name is Chipulonis), born in Scranton August 25, 1888. Jimmy Clabby, born in Norwich, Conn., July 14, 1890. Eddie McGoorty, born in Oshkosh, Wis., July 31, 1889. Mike Gibbons, born in St. Paul, July 29, 1888. Leo Houck, born in Lancaster, Pa., November 4, 1889. They are virtually all of the same age and weight. The eldest is Mike Gibbons, who is within a few months of twenty-six, and the youngest is Clabby, who is within a few months of twenty-four years.

which the New York and Wisconsin laws permit, and the twelve-round contests customary in Boston. Chip, who fought with indifferent success for several years, has come to the top within the past few months. His two victories over Frank Klaus, the tough middleweight of Pittsburgh, showed he was as good as the other men in the class, for Klaus has beaten some of the best men in the world. In the illustration of Klaus he is shown completing a shift. His left hand is to be brought up in a powerful hook to the body of his opponent. The blow is somewhat like that which made Stanley Ketchel famous. Klaus has used it to good effect in many bouts. Jimmy Clabby's ability is known. He is one of the cleverest boxers in the country, but for some reason he has not been pushed ahead. Though he has beaten Mike Gibbons, St. Paul's clever middleweight, he has not been given the credit the victory warranted. McGoorty, now in Australia, is one of the toughest men in the business. He has a wonderful left hand, which has knocked out many opponents. Mike Gibbons, who fought him in New York several months ago, was very

careful to keep away from it. Gibbons, who is now matched with Frankie McFarland, is suspected of being a little yellow. He fights like a champion against a man without a punch, but he fails to show much

against one who can hurt him. His contest with McGoorty was a very great disappointment to those who thought he was a world beater. He has far more cleverness than most carries a hard left hook and a powerful straight right. On paper he looks like the best middleweight in the ring. But if he really fears punishment it is unlikely that he will ever be a champion. Leo Houck is one of the toughest customers ever turned out, and many hard fighting men have come out of the six-round bouts of that city. He has whipped most of the men he has met, and it is likely he would make a good long-distance fighter. He is scheduled to open his western engagements February 23. California is now the only place where championship bouts may be staged, but most of these middleweights have failed to make themselves good drawing cards in either Los Angeles or San Francisco. Most of their fighting has been done in the middle west, where the bouts are short and the purses small.

Evers Was Rescued By National League; Will Go to Boston

New York, Feb. 12.—The National League as a body came to the rescue yesterday of Johnny Evers, the de-throned manager of the Chicago Cubs. They also told Murphy that with the Federal League bosses right around the corner that he had not done the right thing by Evers and that they, the National League, would take care of one of the best players and managers in the ranks. The result was that the league guaranteed to Evers his combined salary as player and manager amounting to \$10,000 for the next four years, which is the life of his contract with the Chicago team. Then Evers, figuratively speaking, was put on the block and was bid in by James Gaffney, of the Boston team, who agreed to pay Evers \$10,000 a year and to give Murphy Sweeney and Purdue. Neither Gaffney nor Evers would say that any bonus went with the deal, but as Evers said that Mr. Gaffney's offer was very flattering, it is presumed that Johnny, who held the whip hand, is to receive a nice little present above his salary. But Evers claims he is not satisfied to go to Boston as Murphy will receive two players in his place. Evers' case was taken up by the board of directors of the League, who would have probably held the matter under advisement had not the other three club owners taken a hand in the matter which had been urged upon them by President Tener. Evers appeared before the board and told of his grievance, saying that Murphy had played fast and loose with him. Murphy then presented his side, showing the letter which Evers wrote and which he claimed was equivalent to a resignation. The contract with Evers was also exhibited. Barney Dreyfus brought the matter to a head by asking Murphy if he had given Evers the necessary ten days' notice of his release. Mr. Murphy admitted that he had overlooked that little matter. Then it was that the league magnates declared the whole business was badly mixed, and stepped in by agreeing that the league should guarantee Evers his full salary and take it out on Murphy afterwards.

Tinker is on the way here to induce me to be his side partner again, and I haven't any objection to that. I think 'Jim' Gaffney is one of the gamest men I ever met. He offered me the same salary to play with Boston that I was getting with Murphy as player and manager. But why should I be used by the National League in a trade that will help Murphy? On the authority of Clark Griffith there is a concerted action on the part of Ban Johnson and President Tener to go after Murphy. Just what they will do to him is food for thought. But if Murphy is not retired from baseball it is expected that they will be able to pull up the check rein very tight and prevent the repetition of the many ructions stirred up by the Chicago man.

SENATORS WERE WINNERS In one of the closest games of the season the Senators last night defeated the Cardinals in the Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association series; score, 26 to 29. The score was tie until near the close of the game. In a second game the Pirates won from the Athletics; score, 13 to 11.

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President George Graham Favors Salary Changes Individual Limit Will Be Eliminated When Tri-State Meets in Philadelphia Next Week

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 12.—Maurice McLoughlin, tennis champion of America, does not agree with Anthony Wilding, of Australia, champion of the world, that the game could be bettered by amending the rules so that only one service stroke should be permitted for each play. Wilding recently made such a suggestion and it was first called to McLoughlin's attention yesterday. Wilding believes the change would make the game faster and all of the history of its development has been along the lines of speed. McLoughlin thinks the opposite.

It is a certainty that the individual salary limit in the Tri-State will be eliminated at the meeting to be held in Philadelphia next week, which heretofore it has been against. The rules of the organization for any individual player to receive more than \$150 per month salary, principally because "Charley" Carpenter, the deposed president, was opposed to the abolition of the limit. With George Graham as president of the league, however, there seems to be a probability of the Tri-State coming into its own in more ways than one. Graham favors the abolition of the individual salary limit. Every manager thus far signed by the clubs in the fold will vote for the discontinu-

NEWPORT BASEBALL FANS WILL MEET TO-NIGHT

Newport, Pa., Feb. 12.—Baseball is to be a popular sport again this summer at Newport and the local fans will be given an opportunity to fix the standard of the game at a meeting to be held to-night in Calumet Hall. Everybody interested in the game has been invited to attend this meeting. Prominent citizens anxious to boost the game have promised their support.

TECH LOST AGAIN; LEBANON TOO FAST

A crippled team and A. A. U. rules were responsible for Tech's defeat at Lebanon last night by the Lebanon High five; score, 28 to 22. Beck and Title were unable to go with the team. Tech weakened near the close of the second half, allowing Lebanon to get a big lead. Emanuel was Tech's star. Leigh and Haddow did good work for Lebanon.

AMUSEMENTS MAJESTIC THEATRE

3 DAYS, STARTING TODAY, MAT. AND NIGHT, KIM & GAZZANO Present Robert Edeson's Great Western Play.

Advertisement for 'Where the Trail Divides' at the Majestic Theatre, featuring a story of ranch life in the Dakotas and listing showtimes and prices.

KING OSCAR CIGARS 5c

Advertisement for King Oscar 5c Cigars, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'Millions of nickles are wisely invested every year by smokers of King Oscar 5c Cigars. Ask the men who smoke them, & watch them ask for this quality smoke.'

Advertisement for Orpheum and Colonial theaters, featuring 'HOMER MILES & CO. PRESENTING "ON THE EDGE OF THINGS" AND "Cheyenne Days" A Wild West Show in Vaudeville Next Week—Six Diving Nymphs. NO EXTRA CHARGE TO-DAY' and 'FOUR READINGS Hand to Hand Acrobats HOWARD & DENNETTE THEO BAMBERG 5-10c'.