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Track for Harness and Runners

The Grand Circuit Will Take a Step in Direction of Economy—The Tracks Considered Good for Harness Horses As Well As Runners—Change a Radical One, However.

(By Gurney C. Gue in New York Herald-Tribune)

The Grand Circuit schedule tentatively arranged at the stewards' meeting in Cleveland last Tuesday evidently contemplates the use of tracks built for running races in five of the cities and towns to which dates were assigned, there being no mile course kept for trotting now in existence at Buffalo, Salem, Chicago, Cincinnati or Lexington.

Presumably the two week meeting at Buffalo will be held at the Niagara Racing Association's course across the border at Fort Erie, in Canada. The track at Rockingham Park in Salem, though built for running races some twenty five years ago, has been the scene of several trotting meetings, the last of which, in 1933, ushered in a radical innovation which now seems destined to have another trial of three

weeks there. Two or three mile tracks are available at Chicago, where there has been none kept exclusively for trotting since the old Chicago Driving Park was converted to other uses almost fifty years ago. At Cincinnati the trotters probably will race over the old Latonia course across the Ohio River at Covington, Kentucky. The Lexington meeting again will be held on the ancient course of the Kentucky Association owing to the destruction of the grandstand on the track of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association.

The time was, not so many years ago, when the surface of nearly all running tracks was kept so loose and deep that harness horses never raced on them. Today, however, they are so firm and free from sand that almost any one of those in New York and vicinity could be put in condition overnight for fast trotting. Since few trotting tracks are used for harness racing more than one or two weeks in the year it seems unnecessary and extravagant, under present conditions to build or even to maintain separate courses for trotting where the others are available. Hard times have brought about the use of a single track for both kinds of sports in several cities, and incidentally this is leading to a better understanding and more cordial relations between the two schools of horsemen who make use of the same race ground.

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Track and Field Meet at New York Has Classy Field

New York, N. Y., Jan. 23—From far and near the champions and record-holders of spiked shoe society answering the call of winter-time competition on board indoor tracks, are heading for New York, headquarters for the sport in February and March.

Insofar as one can read the signs the year ahead should be the greatest for George Spitz. He is now a senior at New York University. The circumstance of a business career or post-graduate study may take him out of competition altogether after graduation or affect his keenness for jumping, in the turmoil of other pursuits. Most American athletes are in their prime while they are in college; few have the time and leisure for concentration in training afterward. A notable exception recently has been Leo Sexton, who progressed from a forty-six foot shot putter at Georgetown University to successive world's records up to 53 feet one half inch and an Olympic championship two years after graduation.

MARYSVILLE LOST OUT TO THE CATHEDRAL

Interesting Badminton Matches Played on the Cathedral Club Court Monday Evening.

Good badminton was displayed in a scheduled church league game on the Cathedral Badminton Club courts on Monday evening, when Marysville was defeated by the Cathedral club by a total of 12 matches to 4.

The score was as follows:

Mixed Doubles

M. Stewart and A. Patterson (C) defeated Z. Hallett and F. Minue, 15-7, 15-9.

G. Bell and B. McKnight (C) defeated O. Watts and F. Minue, 15-10, 15-4.

E. MacRae and S. Burgess (C) defeated G. Finnermore and J. Fallon, 17-14, 15-3.

M. Williams and T. McKnight (C) defeated P. Tait and C. Stevenson, 13-15, 15-0, 15-5.

D. Boyce and C. Stevenson (M) defeated G. Tilton, and S. Watters, 14-17, 15-7, 15-10.

E. Clarkson and Mr. Barr (C) defeated M. Miller and F. Peterson, 15-10, 15-9.

F. Young and H. Peterson (M) defeated H. MacBride and W. Bebbington, 15-11, 15-10.

D. Crouse and A. Mollins (C) defeated G. Bidlake and F. Sloot, 15-2, 15-6.

Men's Doubles

Patterson and McKnight (C) defeated Fallon and Minue, 15-9, 15-11.

Burgess and McKnight (C) defeated Fallon and Stevenson, 17-16, 15-2.

Watters and Mollins (C) defeated Sloot and Peterson, 15-8, 15-5.

Barr and Bebbington (C) defeated Sloot and Peterson, 18-15, 18-13.

Ladies' Doubles

Bell and MacBride (C) defeated Tait and Miller, 11-3, 11-1.

Hallett and Young (M) defeated Stewart and Tilton, 9-11, 11-1, 11-4.

Clarkson and MacRae (C) defeated Finnermore and Boyce, 11-4, 11-6.

Watts and Bidlake (M) defeated Crouse and Williams, 3-11, 11-7, 11-5.

HELEN WILLS MAY NOT PLAY NEXT SEASON

San Francisco, California, Jan. 23—Mrs. Helen Wills Moody said today she probably would not play tennis for several months and was "entirely indefinite" as to future tournament play in the United States and abroad. Mrs. Moody, at her home here, told The United Press she had not held a racquet since she injured her back and defaulted to Miss Helen Jacobs of Berkeley in the national championships at Forest Hills last August.

"I have not played a game of tennis since the nationals, and it appears that I will not be able to play for several months to come," she said. "In view of this I am entirely indefinite as to my future plans in this country and abroad."

The star spent more than a month in a cast as a result of an injury to a vertebrae. When she was released from her bed by a staff of physicians headed by her father, Dr. C. A. Wills, of Berkeley, she was cautioned not to risk permanent injury by heavy exercise.

Mrs. Moody said she had been following instructions carefully. Long walks with her dog and swimming now and then are her chief exercises.

Your real believer in preparedness is now getting his lawn mower sharpened.

SENATORS HAND U.N.B. DEFEAT IN CAGE OPENER

Red and Black on Short End of 34-21 Score In Exhibition Tilt—Junior Hockey Under Way.

In an exhibition game here last night the Woodstock Senators basketball team defeated the U.N.B. quintet 34-21 in a fast clean encounter. It was the first game of the season for the local collegians who were outscored by the smart defence work and attack of the visitors.

The first half score was 20 to 6 for the victors. The lineups: Senator—Reardon, f. 14; Brown, f. 5; Morse, f. 2; R. Hull, f. 3; Oldham, c. 4; Aughurst, g. 4; D. Hull, g. 2.

U. N. B.—Donaldson, f. 9; McKinnon, f. 3; Cuthbertson, f. 1; LeBlanc, f. 1; Lilley, c. 3; P. Freeze, c. 3; A. Freeze, f. 2; Thomas, g. 3; Beatty, g. 3; Storey, g. 3.

Referee—Egbert Cass.

HARRIS SAYS THE RED SOX WILL BE IN THE BIG DOUGH

Boston, Mass., Jan. 23 — Stanley "Bucky" Harris, new manager of the Boston Red Sox, hastened here from his Washington home, to spread the alarm that his charges must beat the Senators to gain the American League pennant.

"Washington is still the club to beat", he reported to General Manager Eddie Collins before they went into their huddle over spring training camps.

"Too many ifs dot the Yankees' prospects", he continued, "and, now that Mickey Cochrane has left Philadelphia to take over my old job in Detroit, you can bank on it that the Athletics pitching is not going to be anything to boast about."

Personally I think the league has more balance than it has enjoyed for many years and the team with a consistent punch is going to nish on top. Don't be surprised to find the end of the 1934 American League race the same neck-and-neck affair that thrilled the National League last season.

"I am delighted with the trades that Tom Yawkey and Eddie Collins have put over. The club may not win the pennant, but I don't see how we can be kept out of the money. The new players can be depended upon to maintain over standards and I look for a great improvement from those who were retained."

After asking Collins the time "Lefty" Grove required to get in shape and receiving the reply that he was rearing to go now, Harris said that he would limit Moses' duties to those of a starting pitcher and would not use him for mopping-up purposes as was the case in Philadelphia.

To prove he isn't superstitious, Harris set Friday, March 2, as the date of the Red Sox' departure for the spring training camp at Sarasota, Fla.

New York, Jan. 22—Friends of John Jacob Astor, one of the wealthiest bachelors in the world, and Miss Eileen S. S. Gillespie professed themselves nonplussed today by the sudden cancellation of the engagement of the socially exalted couple.

Even William K. Dicks, former step-father of young Astor, was unaware of what had caused the break but, friends said, it must have taken place with dramatic abruptness. Speculation of acquaintances merely intensified the mystery of the break.

As late as yesterday morning, it was said, Astor and Miss Gillespie were seen together, apparently quite happy. The night before they had attended a party in excellent spirits.

Today the debutante and her parents remained in seclusion. Astor barred all visitors.

TURNING THE DIAL

GIRLS AND THE NEW SPORT

The girls of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., take generously to athletics. They are not so enthused about actual competition in sports as they are over bodily exercise and rhythm. The following paragraph written by Janet Owen, authority on girls' sport, is rather significant, following as it does a trend away from arduous competition to sheer delight in the exercise itself. Says Miss Owen:

"Third preference is rhythmic dancing.. This is a significant choice. Dancing, in colleges, even as recently as less than ten years ago, used to be taken up only by those who had some special reason for interest in it. Since then the dance has become modern, dropped its sentimentalities, become real. It now attracts girls of all interests, as is shown by the fact it is more popular at Smith, among two thousand individual tastes, than indoor tennis, swimming, squash racquets, fencing, badminton, ice hockey, and a list of other well established full-blooded sports. When one thinks of the vital rhythm of the current concert stage this becomes no mystery."

While rhythmic dancing is hardly the example to point out to full-blooded athletes in colleges nevertheless the emphasis on bodily rhythm and relish of "sport for sport's sake" is not astray. Football, baseball, hockey—all our well reputed manly games—could use more than a dash of such a spirit and been fit beyond measure. Often it is used by the individual athlete and just as often he is taken for a "grandstander". The biggest grandstander of them all, Babe Ruth, could hardly be called that in view of his great record. Oddly enough Ruth's

great fame came just because was a great-stand player. Of course he had everything else with it. Competitive sport is still necessary as a basis for the other, but it could stand a lot of de-emphasizing."

OUT OF SEASON, BUT...

John McGraw in a recent story to George Daley, New York Sport historian, tells of a great play once made in baseball. The story as McGraw told it is as follows: "Let me tell you one in which I was concerned that is on the same order. Baltimore was playing Washington in the long ago. I reached first on a base on balls, and scored from first on a short single to left field. Willie Keeler was at bat and hit a single to left which Charley Abbey took the bound. I was off with the pitch and nearing second as Abbey took the ball. Anticipating that he would lob the ball to third, not thinking I would dare go on, it was easy to cross him. So I kept and when he did lob the ball in I raced on for home as Bill Joyce had to rush off the bag to take the throw. Joyce made a hurried throw to the plate and a bit wide so that I scored. But that is not the wonderful part of the play. As I got up, dusting off my trousers, Willie Keeler also slid across the plate with the second run. Surely that is one for the book!"

What a lot of high-hatting must have gone on at the annual butler's ball in New York the other night. For, if there isn't caste among butlers and others who serve the wealthy, there is caste nowhere. The affairs was in the name of charity and 3000 butlers, stewards, maids and chauffeurs were in attendance.

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