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MEADOWBROOK'S SMALL ENTRIES.

High Fees Are Responsible for the Rather Disappointing List.

RACING RULE CHANGES!

Absolute Necessity for a Code of Betting Laws Again Made Apparent.

By Francis Trevelyan.

The entries received for the Meadowbrook Steeplechase Association's races to-morrow are rather disappointing. One might have reasonably expected more liberal entries. It looks as if the promoters of the event have made a mistake in putting the entrance and starting fees too high in a majority of the races. In the Mackay Cup it costs each team of two $50 to start. In the Open Steeplechase it is $10 to enter and $40 additional to start, and for the Meadowbrook Cup and the Hunters' Flat race there is a play or pay subscription of $25.

A well-known Long Island hunting man, discussing the matter last week, said: "The high fees are a mistake. They might be all right with regular or professional racing men, who become accustomed to going down into their pockets all the while, but amateurs, no matter how rich they may be, cannot be brought to look at things in that light. It would be better if both the entrance and starting fees had been kept very low, even if the amounts of money to be raced for had not been quite so big. As a matter of fact, I believe that the entries would have been so much larger as to compensate for the lower subscriptions."

This is reasonable enough, for such racing cannot be regarded as business, and while a man would not mind paying $15 to enter some hunter, "just for the fun of the thing," he may not feel like paying out $50 for the same purpose.

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The Jockey Club's Mistake.

It is disappointing that, although the Jockey Club will be called upon to consider numerous amendments to the Rules of Racing, on Thursday, no motion relative to the restriction of two-year-old racing is included among the propositions. The amendments, which have been mentioned in the Journal, are for the most part of minor importance, but one may hope that this vital question will be thoroughly discussed. The attendance at the meeting should be good, as people are coming to town for the Horse Show, and there should be a fair chance to thresh the subject out.

The proposition to keep a jockey absolutely "on the ground" during any term of suspension is decidedly healthy. Punishment in such circumstances is only half punishment when a suspended jockey is allowed to ride for his own stable. Of course, it may be argued that the new rule will be hard on employers of jockeys, and so to some extent it will be. It will be the same for every one, however. It will make employers more careful as to whom their jockeys ride for, and make jockeys themselves more circumspect in their conduct.

It is difficult to understand whence comes the proposition to tinker with the handicapping rules again and to abolish the clause calling for the raising of the highest weight, according to 126 pounds, if necessary. The abolition of this clause would leave the rules simply dictating that the top weight in no handicap shall be less than 126 pounds, with no provision for raising the lower weights, even supposing that everything weighted at over 100 pounds be scratched. It does not appear how any one can claim that the existing rule has worked otherwise than satisfactorily. Of course, just at present we have a better supply of light weight jockeys and worse of heavy weights than ever before, but this is presumably a merely temporary condition. In fact, to striking out of this clause would imply a distinct retrogression toward the light weight sprinting that has done so much to damage the prestige of the sport in the last decade.

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Must Be a Code of Betting.

Cases indicative of the absolute necessity of a code of betting rules will continue to occur until the diffident gentlemen who are supposed to constitute the backbone of the Metropolitan Turf Association will be forced to do something in the matter.

The Maurice case, on Saturday, was the most striking example we have yet had. The stewards had to disqualify the horse. The circumstances of weather and condition of the going left them no latitude, since it was perfectly impossible that James should have picked up mud and so weight. On the other hand they were acting under rules which positively forbid them to take any cognizance of betting. Of course those who backed Maurice for the place had every right to cash and under the old rules that obtained till the passage of the Percy-Gray law they would have done so. It was right to disqualify the horse, but it was one of those cases where bets should not have followed the stakes.

The stewards were not to blame—unless it were that they did not seem to have paid any attention to what was an atrociously bad race on the part of James. They did their part all right and it had nothing to do with them that their action entailed hardship upon a certain proportion of backers. They would only have exceeded their authority if they had even suggested, in their official capacity, any action in regard to the betting. The only possible way out of the dilemma would have been for some one representing the Queens County Jockey Club to follow the example Mr. James R. Keene set at Morris Park and arrange with a representative of the M. T. A. what should be done.

But all such difficulties would disappear if betting rules existed. The majority of the members of the M. T. A. are at leisure during the Winter, and will have plenty of time to devise codes before the season of 1899 opens. They need rules for their own protection just as much as the public, and "its up to them."

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Aqueduct Track Made Money.

The Queens County Jockey Club has made a big financial success of its Fall meeting. The weather has been the main contributing cause. More perfect weather for outdoor sport could not be imagined, and even if the racing had not improved very materially last week the average of the attendances would surely have been maintained.

On the whole the sport has been better than could have been anticipated, since the policy of the association is mainly in the line of catering to horses of no particular class. The public would have been better pleased if the stewards had manifested a little more activity in regard to sundry races that have borne a very suspicious appearance. Some dozen horses have attracted unenviable attention by the inconsistency of their form, and while such inconsistency may be capable of explanation, the backers would be glad to at least know how it can be accounted for. Instances like that of Blarneystone, whose speed is here to-day and gone to-morrow, leave a bad taste.

If Washington is lucky enough to secure a continuance of such grand weather as we have been getting it will go far toward making the meeting a success. There is scarcely likely to be any dearth of horses, as many owners are still looking for the chance to make their Winter feed bills, but class is sure to be scarce. The entries for the Washington Cup, at two miles and a quarter, do not close until Saturday, November 19, the race to be run on Thanksgiving Day. If the entry is good, a number of New Yorkers will surely go over for this event alone. The money guaranteed is big, $1,700, of which $1,200 to the winner, and may amount to more.

PENNSYLVANIA'S DEFEAT MEANS TRIPLE DEAL BY HARVARD, YALE AND PRINCETON.

HOW HARVARD MET THE "GUARDS BACK."

Lewis, the Old Centre Rush, Solved the Problem—Now for the Game with Yale.

CAMBRIDGE, Nov. 6.—To-day all Harvard is speaking of how the Crimson won from Penn, and everybody has a different theory as to what and who was responsible for the victory. The fact is William H. Lewis, the Harvard centre in '93, and at one time captain of the Amherst eleven, was the man who worked up the Quaker football system, and then set about to defeat it in the best way possible.

At the last moment Jack MacMasters received a long telegram from Phil King, the old Princeton player, telling him how successful he had been in breaking up the Pennsylvania style of playing in the West, and in many points the game which he advocated was similar to that devised by Lewis. Lewis saw Pennsylvania play twice this Fall. Finally he thought that he had solved the problem, and as late as last Monday night he explained the system to the Harvard squad.

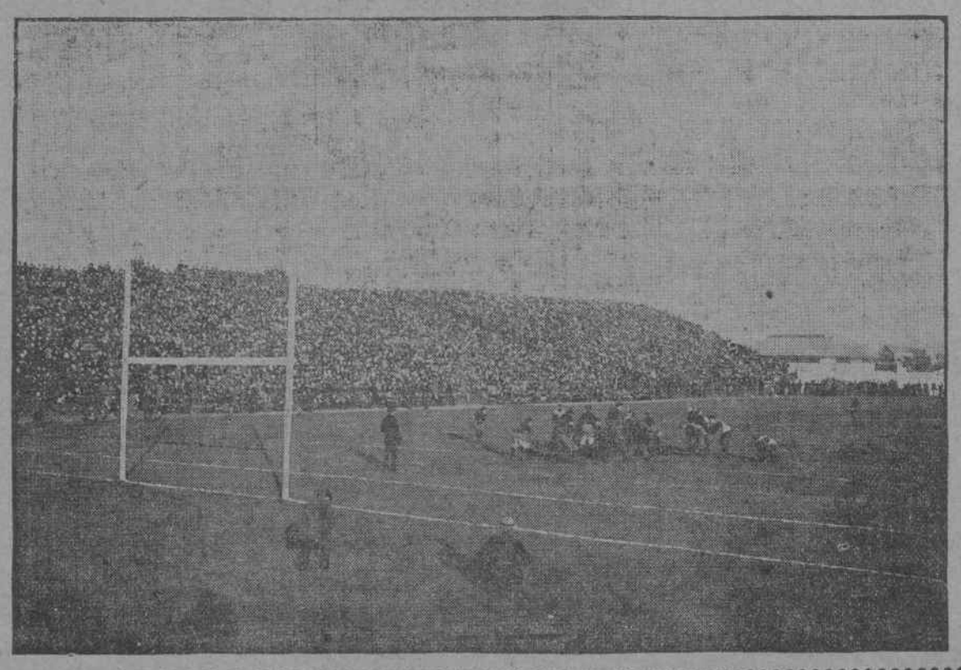
It had been decided to let him carry out his plans, and it was his influence that effected the arrangement this year which the Harvard 'Varsity only played on the offensive during twenty minutes of last week's secret practice. The work was given up to strengthening the defence against the "guards back" formation in particular. Lewis drilled the second eleven in the Penn formation, and the 'Varsity was then taught how to get in the play. The tackles were to be depended upon to break up the Penn formation and the half backs to nail the man.

The one play that Harvard was not able to meet was the jump of Hare. The players think that there was a different signal for this, and that the style of going at the play varied from what they had expected.

There is no denying that Pennsylvania expected to win, and, therefore, when Captain John Outland came into the Harvard quarters, immediately after the game, his face dripping with perspiration and began to shake each Harvard man by the hand and congratulate him, all the players thought that the right kind of gentlemanly sportsmanship was being shown. As he left, Captain Dibblee called for three cheers for Captain Outland, and they were given with a will.

With the Pennsylvania game gone down into history, the problem is now to beat Yale. The condition of the players is not troubling the coaches, and Jack McMasters can have anything he wants to carry out his plans. The way the men lasted in the Pennsylvania game has convinced everybody that Harvard now has a man who can take care of the men, and therefore they are not worrying about this feature. But a new style of play will have to be developed during the next two weeks, as Yale does not use any guards back or similar formation, but thus far has depended upon an open game. This means an entirely new methods of defence.

The college looks forward to the possibility of victory over Yale as something more definite than a remote possibility, and the coaches will have all they can do to take some of the over-confidence out of the players. The problem from now on will not be so much to develop a defence as to get the offensive play together. On the punting question there will be a great struggle between McBride and Haughton, with the odds about even. The Harvard line buckers and backs did not do anything brilliant, and will have to be drilled long and often to reach the level of the Yale men to-day.



The Harvard-Penn. Game—View of North Stand and Field.

(From a photograph taken on Soldiers' Field, Cambridge, on Saturday, for the Journal by Burton.)

Harvard Breaking Up Pennsylvania's "Guard Back" Formation.

(From a photograph taken on Soldiers' Field, Cambridge, for the Journal by Burton.)

Don't put paster on ballots. A paster on a ballot renders the vote defective. If you put paster on your ballot your vote will be thrown out.

YALE IS IN BAD SHAPE.

New Haven, Nov. 6.—After the extremely disappointing showing which the football team made in the game with Chicago yesterday there is a feeling of great uneasiness among the supporters of the blue just at present in regard to the outcome of the game with Princeton next Saturday. The men had been showing such marked improvement during the past week that every one was beginning to feel highly encouraged, but the weakness which the team showed in yesterday's game was startling to a degree, and made it very apparent to even the most casual observer that before Yale can begin to expect a victory in the contest on November 12 something has got to be done to the team, and done immediately.

A good deal of Saturday's poor work can be explained by the fact that nearly all the men are in wretched condition physically. Never was a team which has had such hard luck in the matter of having men laid up, but still there is no way of accounting for some of the weakness of the team. There seems to continue to be a great lack of team work in the playing of the men, and it is very seldom indeed that the team really plays together.

The playing of the ends especially was wofully weak yesterday, and the Chicago full back had little difficulty in eluding them on running in kicks. Coy was really not in condition to play, and he was consequently of little use in his defensive game.

Neither Allen nor Chamberlain himself did himself justice in his practice at tackle, and quite a number of the gains which Chicago made were through these places in the line. Cutten seemed unable to handle his man, allowing the opposing backs to come through him for large gains. Marshall was also weak at times, and even Gordon Brown, although he put up a strong game, did not play in the way he is capable of doing.

The most noticeable feature of the playing of the men was the absence of any breaking through the lines, and blocking kicks, and the Chicago full back got off his punts with the greatest ease with one exception, when Gilmore rushed through nicely and partially blocked a punt. The playing of the backs was very creditable, considering the lightness of most of them.

All of the injured backs are still unable to get into the game at all. Benjamin has been sick at his home for the last ten days and will not be here for a day or so. In all probability he will be too weak to go into the Princeton game. Marvin has been at the infirmary for the past four days with water on the knee.

McBride gave every one a great shock by having his knee injured in the game yesterday and developing a bad case of water on the knee. He is at present out in the infirmary, unable to move. Corwin is also in a helpless condition, owing to water on the knee, and will not be out before Wednesday at the earliest. Townsend, Dudley and De Saulles are all able to go out to the field, but are in no condition to play. Unless some of these men can be brought around enough to go into the game the situation next Saturday will be desperate for the Yale team.

TIGERS FULL OF FIGHT.

Princeton, Nov. 6.—The Tigers came back to their lair at 9 o'clock last night, as full of fight as when they left to play West Point and Umpire Vail early Saturday morning. There were the bruises and hurts of a crashing gridiron battle on nearly every man, but one and all will be able to play against Yale next Saturday.

Tigertown was naturally dumfounded at the score of the West Point game, but there is no discouragement whatever over the result. Notwithstanding the weird reports sent out from Cadetville, it is generally known here that the Tigers would have easily won the game on three separate occasions, had it not been for the allegedly unfair rulings of Umpire Vail, who on three occasions in the second half gave the ball to West Point for holding, etc., when the Tigers had in each instance rushed the ball down the field to the fifteen-yard line of Uncle Sam's boys.

The game demonstrated two things conclusively, to-wit: That every big team should have an accurate goal kicker, and that a place kick field goal is not worth five points.

The Nassau coaches are entirely satisfied in the work of Princeton's line in Saturday's game. The three centre men especially were star factors in preventing West Point from gaining the first down more than three times. The chief criticism is found in the slowness of the backs in handling punts and in starting quickly. This defect will be remedied in the secret practice of the coming week.

There now seems to be no hope of Wheeler playing full back in the Yale game. He is at present in Philadelphia undergoing surgical treatment, and if his improvement does not take a speedier route of complete recovery, Nassau will lose the services of this sterling player.

RESULT OF TO-MORROW'S ELECTION.

The Most Complete and Accurate Returns Will Be Found in Wednesday Morning's Journal.

News of the Boxers.

Larry Becker, of Bayonne, and George McFadden, the East Side boxer, who has been looking for a match with Martin Flaherty, have been matched for a twenty-round go at the Excelsior Boat Club, of Paterson, N. J., on December 5. Black Griffo has signed to meet a local man in the preliminary on the same night.

It is said that Mike Leonard has decided to give up the fighting business and will join the Fire Department. The Beau Brummel of pugilism has had his application in for some time and expects to get his appointment on January 1.

Hiram Goldstein, the clever Buffalo lightweight who fought Frank Erne a draw some time ago, is out with a challenge to meet anybody at 130 pounds at 3 o'clock, or 133 pounds at ringside. His manager, Fred Fox, says he has been trying to get on a return match with Erne, but as the latter is now in England he has decided to arrange a match with Joe Gans, Jack Downey or some other good man in the lightweight class.

Billy Wilson has matched his man, Jack O'Brien, to box Jack Hamilton twenty rounds before the Manhattan Athletic Club of Troy on November 15.

Sup for Pennsylvania.

Cambridge, Nov. 6.—The intercollegiate shoot between Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania resulted in a victory for Pennsylvania. The highest scores were made by Signer, of Pennsylvania, and Kaisner, of Harvard, each of whom hit 26 out of 30 birds. The regulation clay bird were used. The scores were: Pennsylvania killed 140, missed 40; Harvard killed 139, missed 40.

TIGERS WONT PLAY THE QUAKERS NOW.

Princeton Supporters Rely on a Triple Football Alliance with Harvard and Yale.

PRINCETON, Nov. 6.—The unexpected and crushing defeat of Pennsylvania by Harvard last Saturday will now undoubtedly have far-reaching effects. The whole football situation is changed, and Pennsylvania is for once the under dog.

It was learned to-day on excellent authority that Harvard, being in a position to dictate, would retire from her alliance with the Quakers and would become a third member of the three-cornered league of which Princeton and Yale will be the other members.

The formation of such a league, dependent upon Harvard's defeat of Pennsylvania, has long been an open secret, even in the Quaker stronghold, and now that the only obstacle has been removed overtures looking toward the speedy consummation of the project will be made this Fall.

It is also now a positive fact that Princeton will make absolutely no effort to arrange a football game with Pennsylvania this Fall. All Tigertown is of the opinion that inasmuch as Pennsylvania was so easily defeated by the Crimson warriors there could be no possible gain in defeating an already defeated team.

The Yale-Harvard-Princeton league will be welcomed here as the final settlement of the vexed question as to whom Princeton should play in order to give her two big football games every year.

John the Apple Man and Harvard Mascot.

(From a photograph taken on Soldiers' Field for the Journal by Burton.)

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To-day's Probable Winners.

FIRST RACE—FLEETING GOLD, BONNIE GEM.
SECOND RACE—LADY EXILE, AL REEVES.
THIRD RACE—SWAMP ANGEL, DAN RICE.
FOURTH RACE—KIRKWOOD, BESSIE TAYLOR
FIFTH RACE—NOSEY, FROHMAN.
SIXTH RACE—DANFORTH, MIZPAH.

WANT L. A. W. TO QUIT RACING.

Prominent Members in Favor of Dropping the Sport Altogether.

SALARIED MEN OBJECT.

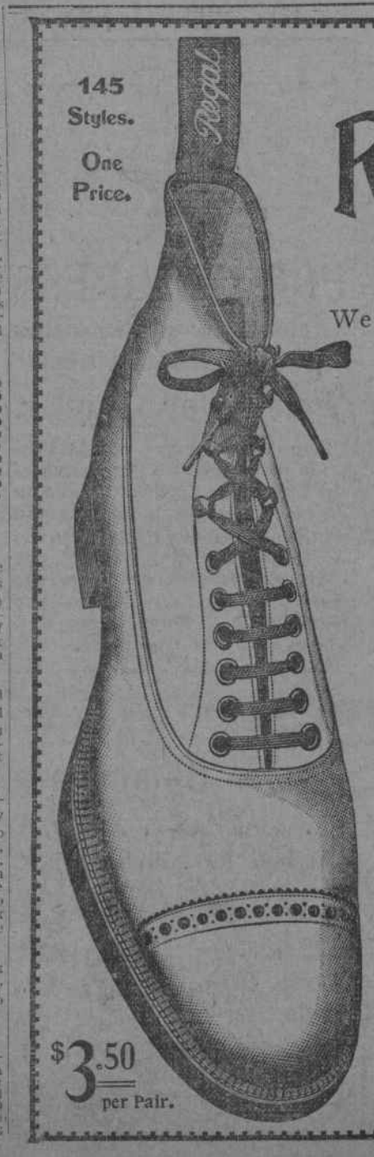
But the Organization May Be Forced to Act at the Next Assembly.

Sterling Elliott is one of the most unique, enthusiastic and entertaining landmarks of the L. A. W. An ex-president of the national cycling body, the publisher of its official organ, and now an unopposed candidate for a third term as chief consul of the Massachusetts Division, the original Yankee is certainly well qualified to speak upon League matters from a point of view made possible by experience, the best of instructors. Mr. Elliott is most eloquent in his advocacy of the divorce of cycle racing from the League, and in his current editorial on the subject he expresses himself in his usual characteristic manner.

"If the L. A. W. formally turns the control of racing over to some other body," remarks he, "we will be to a certain extent—in the eyes of the public, at least—responsible for the actions of that body. I don't believe in placing it on anybody's doorstep—any more than a man who has smoked a cigar would insult another by offering him the 'butt.' Let us drop it in the middle of the street in broad daylight, not knowing who will pick it up and feeling pleased that we don't have to know anything about it."

Another man who shares about the same idea as the Bay State leader is Mr. Belding, the chief consul-elect of the New York Division, and Mr. Fullerton, his tandem mate in the coming administration, has expressed himself in like effect. "Phil" Collins, the Pennsylvania power behind the throne, compliments the professional racing men on their declaration of independence, and puts himself squarely on record as being in favor of the League relinquishing the sport. George D. Gideon, the former chairman of the Racing Board, does not hesitate to advance an opinion as to the wisdom of the League in retiring from the racing business, in which the League is losing more than it gains.

Mr. Raymond, who preceded "Honest Gid" as the autocrat of the League's sporting department, professes to believe that no body can be devised which would control racing as well as the League performs the duty. Mr. Mott, the present chairman, who enjoys a substantial salary, can be pardoned for possessing impressions similar to those of Mr. Raymond, and the various members of the Racing Board and the many handicappers are excusable for harboring closely related trains of thought.



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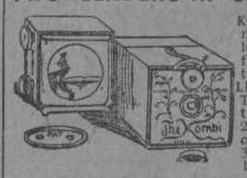

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