HARD TO PICK THE WINNER

Turfmen Are All at Sea Concerning the Great Futurity.

FINEST FIELD WHICH EVER STARTED

Each of the More Favored Ones Have at Times Defeated and Been Defeated by the Others—Belmont's Hastings Has the Call.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Should the present favorable weather continue the greatest of all Futurity contests will be decided at the Sheepshead Bay race track tomorrow. It will be a battle between the best 2-year-olds and fillies in this country. While turfmen consider it a great honor to own a horse that has won the Futurity, the $70,000 that goes with it is a more substantial and desirable possession. Contrary to precedent, no one horse is looked upon by experts as having an overshadowing chance of capturing the race. In former years the favorites in the betting have won the prize. Last year it went to Gideon & Daly's beautiful Butterflies. In 1893 the black whirlwind Domino scored the event for Messrs. A. H. and J. R. Keene, and so on down the list comes Morello, His Highness and Polemac, all speedy Futurity winners, and nearly all were heralded as winners long before the events were decided.

It is different this year. The troop of 3-year-olds is, as a lot, a better class than ever before. This year's stakes have been divided among different stables, and one after another the youngsters have had to see themselves beaten by a colt they had previously won from, and apparently for no good reason. Each week of the training season during the spring produced a likely Futurity winner, and therefore their number has been multiplied until it is larger than ever before.

Tomorrow two or three will start at about equal favorites in the betting, with possibly a slight difference in favor of Hastings. The reason for this possible favoritism of Hastings is the fact that he has defeated Phil Dwyer's Handspring in one of the fastest races of the year for the first half mile. He carried seven pounds less and in the first eighth had Handspring on tiptoe and held him there up to the three-eighths, when he came away and won as he pleased. He is as yet unbeaten, having run and won three races. When he was bought for August Belmont for $37,000 he was thought to be the only colt which was dangerous for Handspring. The latter is a likely second choice, although he ought really to be the favorite. He was slow in rounding to his true form, having been beaten by J. J. McCafferty's Applegate and Hazlet for the Great American stakes at the same distance. P. J. Dwyer has another candidate in his filly, Axiom, who will be a hard one to beat. He has fully as much speed as Hastings, and with a prompt start will be able to make him extend himself as he never did before to keep the lead. Requital should be up in the first lot. He has shown his ability and his last race was won very easily from Crescendo. Since then Requital has been worked, and has shown his owner that he is going to be a hard colt to beat. In the early spring Hazlet was speedy, but he has not done so well since.

Applegate was expected to be one of the favorites, but he did so badly in his work yesterday that his owner said it was doubtful if he started. McCafferty's second and third strings are Wishard and Jefferson. They will do their share in helping Applegate to tire out his opposition. Merry Prince and Refuge are also down to start in the Blenton (August Belmont) interest, but they are only in it to aid Hastings. Formal and Intermission are named to go under the "all scarlet" (D. A. and A. H. Morris), but thus far they have not shown that they are in the class with the leaders. Silver II will represent Marcus Daly, and for A. F. Walcott Palmerstone will go. King of Bohemia will be there in P. Lorrilard's interests, and Whippany with the colors of the Madison stables. Beau Ideal II, who did so well in the west and nothing at Brighton and Aqueduct, is a possible starter, and Nimrod may also start. Morton will run in the colors of T. B. Doswell for the first time, and Roundsman will try for A. T. Hayes.

The starters and probable jockeys are: Applegate, 122 (McCafferty); Jefferson, 115 (Overton); Wishard, 105 (Reiff); Handspring, 120 (Simms); Axiom, 110 (Doggett); Hastings, 118 (Griffin); Merry Prince, 113 (Hamilton); Refuge, 112 (Keefe); Requital, 118 (Griffin); Hazlet, 118 (R. Williams); Intermission, 112 (Littlefield); Formal, 113 (Penn); Silver II, 108 (Ballard); Palmerstone, 118 (O'Leary); King of Bohemia, 115 (Midgley); Crescendo, 113 (Martin); Beau Ideal II, 118 (J. Reagan); Mormon, 108; Nimrod, 118; Roundsman, 117; Whippany, 118.

HIGH WIND MADE THE TIME POOR.

Rain Finally Stopped an Interesting Lot of Races.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—A long afternoon of tame racing characterized the trotting sport this afternoon at Washington park, although horses of a high class took part. A strong but hot wind blew all afternoon, good time being impossible. The feature of the day, therefore, was the performance of Mr. James Stinson's pole team, Maud P and Damanta, who went a mile, driven by their owner, in 2:38¼. Mr. Stinson is over 60 years of age and bred and trained the horses near this city. In the 2:20 pace Fidol had no difficulty in winning in straight heats, although Coleridge made just a show of fight in the second heat. In the unfinished 2:30 trot Willis P got a record of 2:16¾ in the second heat, although it was the first race in which he had ever started. At 5 o'clock rain began falling and the races were stopped. Tomorrow's events may be called off. Summaries:

Unfinished 2:12 pace, purse $1,000: The fourth and last heat was won by Susie G in 2:12. Sable Gift took second money, Slumber third, and Emma T fourth. Tom Brown, Alti, Dolly Spanker, Dan McCabe and Sir Edwin Arnold also started.

Unfinished Chicago stakes, 2:20 trot, purse $5,000: Annine won the fourth and deciding heat in 2:11¾. Bryson won second money, Miss McGregor third, Margaret fourth. Helen K, Margaret C, Baker and Lady Wilson also started.

The Calumet stakes, 2:14 trot, purse $3,000: H B P won in straight heats. Time: 2:14¾, 2:16¾, 2:14½. Monett won second money, Maud S third, Impetuous fourth.

The Interstate, 2:10 pacing, purse $3,000: Fidol won in straight heats. Time: 2:08¾, 2:10, 2:13½. Coleridge won second money, Gazette third and Hyannis fourth. Ethel A and Symboler were distanced in the first heat.

2:20 trot, purse $1,000 (unfinished): Peytel won the first heat in 2:17¾. Willis P the second in 2:16¾. Turquoise, Rosina, Judge Rice, Royana, Frederick L and Hawthorne also started.

Match, $200, two in three (unfinished): Akron won the first heat in 2:20. Australian won the second in 2:21½.

Against time, to beat 2:25¾: Domineer went in 2:13.

Long Shots Had the Call.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—There was a good card at Exposition track this afternoon and the attendance was about up to the average. Favorites were left behind in most of the races and mostly long shots carried off the prizes. Results:

First race, four and a half furlongs, selling: Gertrude H (8 to 1) won, Julia C (1 to 2) second, Corn Crib (3 to 1) third. Time: 0:57½.

Second race, six furlongs: Effie T (2 to 1) won, Joe Woolman (10 to 1) second, Ida Wagner (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:18.

Third race, six furlongs, selling: Fannie Hunt (7 to 1) won, Bridget (4 to 1) second, Abana Boy (10 to 1) third. Time: 1:17.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs, selling: Wild Briar (6 to 1) won, Buenos Ayres (10 to 1) second, Barney Aaron, jr., (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:11.

Fifth race, four and a half furlongs: Thurman (3 to 1) won, Little Ed (2 to 1) second, Gus Strauss (6 to 1) third. Time: 0:55.

Results at Bay District.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Summaries:

First race, four and a half furlongs: Lady Leinster, filly, (6 to 1) won, Carara second, Mollie M third. Time: 0:56.

Second race, seven furlongs: Uncle Giles (7 to 5) won, Favory second, Rob Roy third. Time: 1:28.

Third race, six furlongs, selling: Rose Clark (6 to 1) won, Tiberius second, Crawford third. Time: 1:15½.

Fourth race, six furlongs, handicap: Silver State (5 to 1) won, Royal Flush second, Victor third. Time: 1:14.

Fifth race, one mile: Fred Gardner (3 to 1) won, Ike L second, Peter the Second third. Time: 1:42¾.

COMANCHE DIED ON THE TRACK.

Burst a Blood Vessel While Coming Down the Stretch.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 23.—While the Rochester meeting of the grand circuit was not a success financially, good sport was furnished, especially today. Star Pointer won the 2:04 class pace, breaking his record by three seconds. In the 2:21 trot great excitement was caused by the death on the track of Comanche, owned by Mr. Curtis of Fort Erie and attached to Lon McDonald's string. The horse was coming down the finish in the last heat when he staggered and fell, McDonald jumping to save himself. A blood vessel bursted and the animal died almost instantly. He was valued at $1,500. Bicyclist John S. Johnson, paced by two tandems, wheeled a half mile in 0:52 2-5, breaking the world's record by a little over four seconds. The first quarter was made in 0:27. Dandy Jim, E. Dwyer's gray gelding, ran away after taking the first heat in the 2:19 trot. His bit broke and Driver Slim leaped on the animal's back to avoid a runaway, but he could not check the speed. Slim was not injured. About $7,000 was lost by the Driving Park association, and President Archer declares there will be no more grand circuit races here unless the betting laws are modified.

2:21 class, trotting, purse $1,000: Orangelander won in straight heats. Time: 2:17½, 2:19¼, 2:17¼. Yankee Luck won second money, Uncle Josh third, and Red of Waronoke fourth. Miss Huon and Comanche also started.

2:04 class, pacing, purse $1,000: Star Pointer won in straight heats. Time: 2:05, 2:05¾, 2:08½. Scott and Directly won second and third money, respectively. No other starters.

2:19 class, trotting, purse $1,000: Dandy Jim won the first, third and fourth heats. Time: 2:11¾, 2:12, 2:11. Nightingale won the second heat in 2:10¾. Lesa, Tomas, Genevieve and Altao also started.

PROMISE TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

Texas Authorities Warn the Public that the Fight Will Be Prevented.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 23.—Governor Culberson today made public some correspondence between himself and Chief Cabell of Dallas county anent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. The correspondence was opened by Governor Culberson interrogating the chief as to whether he intended to abide by the decision of Attorney General Crane, holding the prize fighting law valid, and as to whether it was his intention to exercise all the power vested in him to prevent the fight. Chief Cabell's reply was that, while he did not ask for the opinion, he would abide by it; that should a writ be placed in his hands by the county attorney he will certainly serve it, or, in case no writ is issued and he is left to face the matter alone, he will unhesitatingly discharge his duties. He cites, however, that the criminal statute defining prize fighting makes it a misdemeanor and not a felony, and asks the governor under such circumstances would he be justified in using such force as it may be necessary, even if it required the shooting down of citizens, and would the governor advise such proceedings. In reply to Cabell's letter the governor says: "While it is true that the prize fight at Dallas is not advertised to take place until October, the propriety of the public officers of the state taking action is obvious. It is proper that they should give notice at once of the firm purpose to enforce the law, that none be deceived. The constitution, which is the supreme law of the state, makes it the duty of the governor to cause the laws to be faithfully executed. At the proper time what force may be necessary and deemed expedient to guard against failure will be used to prevent this proposed infraction of the laws of the state."

Crowd Too Large for the Stands.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 23.—A program of very good bicycle races was run off today. There was a still larger crowd present than yesterday and the capacity of the grand stand was inadequate. The wind blew freshly over the half mile track, at times raising the dust badly and causing especially sensational finishes. Summaries:

One mile, open, class A, first heat: F. W. Benkey, Mount Clemens, won; Harvey Stoffiet, Ann Arbor, second; B. E. Oldfield, Toledo, third. Time: 2:31 1-5. Second heat: C. D. Wilson, Bay City, won; H. R. Morris, Vassar, second; John Schaffer, Detroit, third. Time: 2:29 1-5. Final: F. W. Benkey won, C. D. Wilson second, B. E. Oldfield third. Time: 2:10.

Half mile, open, class A, first heat: F. W. Benkey won, B. E. Oldfield second, Harvey Stoffiet third. Time: 1:12 1-5. Second heat: C. D. Wilson won, John Schaffer second, J. J. Blouin third. Time: 1:39 1-5. Final: C. D. Wilson won, B. E. Oldfield second, F. W. Benkey third. Time: 1:01 4-5.

Mile open, class B: Tom Cooper won, J. P. Bliss second, E. H. Kiser third. Time: 2:06 1-5.

Half mile, class B: Tom Cooper won, J. P. Bliss second, A. D. Brown third. Time: 1:02 2-5.

One mile, handicap, class B: E. H. Kiser (80 yards) won, L. C. Johnson (40 yards) second, A. D. Kennedy (60 yards) third. Time: 2:04 4-5.

Five mile, handicap, class A: F. W. Benkey (480 yards) won, R. J. Meriers (580 yards) second, J. J. Blouin (400 yards) third. Time: 12:06 3-5.

Ten mile, open, class B: L. C. Johnson won, William DeCardy second, Monte Scott third. Time: 23:38 2-5.

Windup of the Saratoga Meeting.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—The Saratoga Racing association today closed its summer meeting, which began July 20. The weather was cloudy and cool, the track fast and the attendance fairly good. In the first race Miss Hannah got the best of the start, but gave up her lead in the stretch to Flora and Miss Celestine, they finishing in that order a length apart, with Miss Hannah third. Manchester had a bad sendoff in the second, but ran second by four lengths to Jim Flood. In the third Ajax set the pace to the stretch, Ingomar taking the lead there and winning by a neck. Elsmere in the fourth came strong at the finish and won by a length. In the fifth Marcus led all the way around and won by four lengths from Champagne. Summaries:

First race, four and a half furlongs: Florrie (2 to 2) won, Miss Celestine (9 to 2) second, Miss Hannah (3 to 1) third. Time: 0:56¼.

Second race, six furlongs: Jim Flood (6 to 5) won, Manchester (3 to 5) second, Kandor (20 to 1) third. Time: 1:14¾.

Third race, one mile: Ingomar (6 to 5) won, Ajax (even) second, Kilkenny (10 to 1) third. Time: 1:42.

Fourth race, five and a half furlongs: Elsmere (4 to 5) won, Fifield (4 to 5) second, Herrick (15 to 1) third. Time: 1:09¾.

Fifth race, hurdles, mile and a half: Marcus (2 to 5) won, Champagne (5 to 1) second, Beau Brummell (6 to 1) third. Time: 2:39.

Rumors of Upsets Unfounded.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The management has been greatly favored in regard to attendance and weather during the meet. The card shows that many of the better horses have left, and many books retired to recuperate for the Futurity tomorrow. There were many rumors of upsets, but the racing adheres more closely to form than at any previous time during the meeting, nothing of interest occurring except the beating of the favorite, Kinglet, in the fourth race by Logan, who ran in the betting at 5 to 1 and was played by his following at that. Chiswick in the fifth at last won a race after having been played by his party four or five times previously. Summaries:

First race, five furlongs: Venetia II (6 to 1) won, Coremaugh (8 to 1) second, Fred Train (no betting) third. Time: 1:03¾.

Second race, five furlongs: Ameer (2½ to 1) won, Beldemonio (1 to 2) second, Maggie K (6 to 1) third. Time: 1:03¾.

Third race, one mile: Inquirendo (7 to 1) won, Cherrystone (4 to 1) second, Lancer (2 to 1) third. Time: 1:44¾.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile: Logan (3 to 1) won, Kinglet (4 to 5) second, Mirage (4 to 1) third. Time: 1:44¼.

Fifth race, mile and a sixteenth: Chiswick (2½ to 1) won, Speculation (2 to 1) second, Illuminess (2 to 1) third. Time: 1:53½.

Sixth race, mile and an eighth: Sir Dixon, jr., (3 to 5) won, Diabolus (4 to 1) second, Mendicant (5 to 1) third. Time: 1:58¾.

Not a Favorite Won Out.

DETROIT, Aug. 23.—The bookies were good winners at Windsor today, as not a single public choice won, though all the winners were played to some extent. The weather was clear and the track fast. The attendance was large. Results:

First race, six furlongs: Monte Sano won, Sam Louis second, Hanban third. Time: 1:15¾.

Second race, four and a half furlongs: Kaduke won, Miss Kitty second, Minnie Clyde third. Time: 0:55¾.

Third race, one mile: Hazel Hatch won, Grannan second, Somersault third. Time: 1:41½.

Fourth race, six furlongs: Somnambulist won, Ouigo second, Tuscarora third. Time: 1:15¾.

Fifth race, mile and a quarter: Aunt Lida won, Uncle Jim second, Folly third. Time: 2:08¾.

Harness Races at Galesburg.

GALESBURG, Aug. 23.—2:20 pace: Cadet won the second and fourth heats and race. Time: 2:15½, 2:16¼. Dolly B won the first heat in 2:16¾. Spec won the third in 2:17. Tea, Lucy, Gordon, Laporte Girl, Deline, J. C. Chance and Peter Turner also started.

2:20 trot: Flossie won in straight heats. Time: 2:18¾, 2:18¾. Fredonia Wilkes, Bennie B, Ethla K, Lucetta, Miss Zurabella and Orlando also started.

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President Kent's Association Drops a Pair of Dead Weights.

RUPTURE IN WESTERN BASE BALL CIRCLES

Denver and Springfield Dropped from the Association Because of the Financial Troubles of Manager Dave Rowe.

PEORIA, Aug. 23.—At a meeting of the Western Base Ball association this morning, the franchise of the Denver-Omaha club was taken away from Dave E. Rowe, because, it is stated, he had failed to pay his dues, and, that organization having been abandoned, Springfield was also dropped, and it was decided to continue the season as a six-club league, comprising Lincoln, Neb., Peoria, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Rockford and Quincy. A new schedule is being arranged.

GAMES OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Poor Fielding by Washington Gives Baltimore a Boost.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 23.—The Senators lost two games today, principally through bad fielding. McGuire's home run hit in the second game with the bases full was the feature. Attendance, 5,500. Score, first game:

Baltimore	1	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0—8
Washington	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0—6

Hits: Baltimore, 7; Washington, 10. Errors: Baltimore, 4; Washington, 4. Earned runs: Baltimore, 4; Washington, 3. Two-base hits: Jennings, Hassamaer, Kelly, Carey, Crooks. Three-base hit: Abbey. Sacrifice hits: Keeler, Clarkson, McGuire. Stolen bases: McGraw, Crooks, Abbey, Keeler, Kelly. Double plays: Gleason to Jennings. First base on balls: Off Clarkson, 1; off Mallarkey, 6. Struck out: By Clarkson, 3; by Mallarkey, 2. Passed ball: McGuire. Batteries: Clarkson and Clark; Mallarkey and McGuire. Time: Two hours and twenty minutes. Umpires: O'Day and Burnham.

Score, second game:

Baltimore	2	1	1	0	2	5	—	—	11
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4—4

Hits: Baltimore, 10; Washington, 6. Errors: Baltimore, 2; Washington, 7. Earned runs: Baltimore, 4; Washington, 3. Two-base hits: Schiebeck, Reitz (2), Joyce. Three-base hits: Carey, Brodie. Home runs: Jennings, McGuire. Stolen bases: Clarke, Brodie, Reitz, Jennings. Double plays: Hassamaer to McGuire. First base on balls: Off McMahon, 2; off Corbett, 1. Struck out: By McMahon, 5. Batteries: McMahon and Clarke; Corbett and McGuire. Time: One hour and fifty minutes. Umpires: O'Day and Burnham.

SOAKED THE COLONELS TWICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 23.—The Phillies won two games from Louisville today. The visitors were unclassed. Manager McCloskey appeared on the coaching line in uniform and abused the umpire to such an extent that he was ordered to the bench. The Colonels have purchased Hassamaer's release from Washington. Attendance, 9,282. Score, first game:

Philadelphia	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0—5
Louisville	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1—4

Hits: Philadelphia, 14; Louisville, 9. Errors: Philadelphia, 1; Louisville, 1. Earned runs: Philadelphia, 4; Louisville, 3. Two-base hit: Turner. Home run: Wright. Sacrifice hits: Hamilton, Boyle. Stolen bases: Cross, Clarke, Stricklett. Double plays: Carsey, 3. Double plays: Carsey to Hallman to Boyle; O'Brien to Shugart to Spies. First on balls: Off Carsey, 1; off Inks, 3. Batteries: Carsey and Grady; Inks and Warner. Umpires: Keefe and Henderson. Time: One hour and fifty-five minutes.

Score, second game:

Philadelphia	2	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	2—12
Louisville	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0—3

Hits: Philadelphia, 16; Louisville, 10. Errors: Philadelphia, 1; Louisville, 3. Earned runs: Philadelphia, 7; Louisville, 2. Two-base hits: Delehanty, Thompson, Turner, Orth, Clarke (2). Three-base hits: Hamilton, Cross. Sacrifice hits: Cross, Stofel. Stolen bases: Thompson. Struck out: Turner, Orth, Clarke, Warner, Weyhing (2). Double plays: Spies, unassisted. First base on balls: Off Orth, 2; off Weyhing, 3. Batteries: Orth and Clements; Weyhing and Warner. Time: Two hours. Umpires: Keefe and Henderson.

IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE STANDING.

BROOKLYN, Aug. 28.—The game between Pittsburg and Brooklyn was eventful. Both teams played with a vengeance, as it was the protested game of June 1, which Brooklyn then won. The score was tied two or three times, and when Corcoran lifted the ball over Stenzel's head in the ninth inning, sending in the winning run, the crowd went wild. Attendance, 3,000. Score:

Pittsburg	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1—6
Brooklyn	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2—7

Hits: Pittsburg, 10; Brooklyn, 17. Errors: Pittsburg, 1; Brooklyn, 1. Earned runs: Brooklyn, 4; Pittsburg, 1. First base on balls: Off Stein, 4; off Foreman, 4. Struck out: By Stein, 2; by Foreman, 2; by Hawley, 1; by Ehret, 1. Sacrifice hits: Corcoran, 2. Two-base hits: Shindle, Grimm, Lachance, Merritt, Stuart, Stenzel, Beckley. Sacrifice hits: Stenzel. Stolen bases: Schoch, Daly (2), Bierbauer. Double plays: Smith to Merritt; Stein to Lachance. Passed balls: Grimm. Wild pitches: Stein, 1. Batteries: Foreman, Hawley and Merritt; Stein and Grimm. Time: Two hours and fourteen minutes. Umpire: Murray.

GIANTS GET AN EASY ONE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The home team won an easy game from St. Louis today. About 600 persons saw the contest, which was slow and uninteresting. The Browns outbatted their opponents, but lost through poor fielding. Score:

New York	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	*—7
St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0—4

Hits: New York, 8; St. Louis, 11. Errors: New York, 4; St. Louis, 4. Earned runs: New York, 4; St. Louis, 2. First base on balls: Off Breitenstein, 1. Struck out: By Meekin, 2; by Breitenstein, 2. Three-base hits: Burns. Two-base hits: Van Haltren, Burns, Farrell. Stolen bases: Davis, Bannon, Farrell, Cooley (2), Dowd. Double plays: Peitz, Miller; Stafford to Bannon. Batteries: Meekin and Farrell; Breitenstein and Peitz. Time: One hour and thirty-eight minutes. Umpires: Emslie and Jevne.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Baltimore	96	62	34	64.6
Cleveland	105	66	39	62.9
Pittsburg	100	60	40	60.0
Philadelphia	98	55	43	56.1
Boston	97	54	43	55.7
Cincinnati	97	53	44	54.6
Brooklyn	97	53	44	54.6
Chicago	102	55	47	53.9
New York	99	50	49	50.5
Washington	92	30	62	32.6
St. Louis	101	32	69	31.7
Louisville	97	23	74	23.5

Games today: Pittsburg at Boston; St. Louis at Brooklyn; Louisville at New York; Cleveland at Philadelphia; Cincinnati at Baltimore; Chicago at Washington.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION RESULTS.

Des Moines Gives Peoria Another Push Down the Chute.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 23.—Des Moines met Peoria in a championship game here today. The same clubs play here tomorrow and two games on Sunday. Score:

Des Moines	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	2—6
Peoria	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0—5

Hits: Des Moines, 15; Peoria, 9. Errors: Des Moines, 0; Peoria, 2. Batteries: Roach and McFarland; Thomas and Dugdale.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Aug. 23.—Today's game was interrupted at the end of the third inning by rain.

QUINCY, Ill., Aug. 23.—No game; rain.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Lincoln	93	57	36	61.3
Des Moines	95	57	38	60.0
Peoria	96	54	42	56.3
Quincy	94	48	46	51.1
Rockford	93	44	49	47.3
St. Joseph	91	35	59	37.7

Games today: Lincoln at Rockford; St. Joseph at Quincy; Des Moines-Peoria at Bloomington.

SCORES OF THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

Kansas City Climbs a Little Higher by Beating Grand Rapids.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 23.—Score:

Kansas City	4	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	1—10
Grand Rapids	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0—4

Hits: Kansas City, 15; Grand Rapids, 8. Errors: Kansas City, 2; Grand Rapids, 6. Batteries: Kling and Zahner; Stafford and Campbell.

DETROIT, Aug. 22.—Score:

Detroit	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—2
Milwaukee	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	*—4

Hits: Detroit, 11; Milwaukee, 11. Errors: Detroit, 1; Milwaukee, 2. Batteries: Gayle and Kossuch; Stephens and Bolan.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—The Minneapolis club failed to appear on the field today. The umpire awarded the game to Indianapolis by a score of 9 to 0.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.Ct.
Indianapolis	96	62	34	64.6
St. Paul	93	60	33	60.6
Kansas City	100	60	40	60.0
Minneapolis	98	49	49	50.0
Milwaukee	100	49	51	49.0
Detroit	98	44	54	44.9
Terre Haute	98	40	58	40.8
Grand Rapids	100	31	69	31.0

Games today: Minneapolis at Indianapolis; St. Paul at Terre Haute; Milwaukee at Detroit; Grand Rapids at Kansas City.

GAMES OF THE LIVELY AMATEURS.

Coleridge Gives O'Neill a Terrible Trouncing on the Latter's Grounds.

O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Coleridge and O'Neill played here today. The features of the game were the slugging of the Coleridge team and the dummy-like playing of the home team. The same teams play here tomorrow and Sunday. Score:

O'Neill	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3—6
Coleridge	5	0	9	0	5	1	1	0	*—20

Hits: O'Neill, 11; Coleridge, 20. Batteries: O'Neill, Jamison, Mansfield and Slim Jack; Coleridge, Rodman and Wood. Umpire: D. H. Croxton.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The ball game today between Hartington and Wausa resulted in favor of Hartington by a score of 17 to 5. The features of the game were the good batting of the two Partridges and Zink. Batteries: Davenports and Zink; Morrison and Jones. Home runs: Zink, 2.

JUNIATA, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Juniata and Minden played the third game on the home grounds today. Juniata winning by a score of 12 to 5. The home men played the better all around game. Batteries: Juniata, Bechtelheimer and Vreeland; Minden, Funk and Pate. This is three straight games Juniata winning at Minden Wednesday by 7 to 6.

LUSK, Wyo., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Harrison (Neb.) club played Lusk today with Williams, the Chadron pitcher, in the box. Lusk won, 6 to 2.

HASTINGS, Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The North Side Athletic club grounds were opened this afternoon with a game of ball between Hastings and Edgar. Hastings won by a score of 13 to 8.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO DEFENDER.

Nothing More Has Happened Than is Usual with a New Boat.

BRISTOL, R. I., Aug. 23.—The many reports that have been printed regarding the condition of the yacht Defender were answered this afternoon by a statement made to an Associated press reporter by President John Herreshoff of the Herreshoff Manufacturing company, in which he not only denied emphatically that there was any truth in these reports, but declared that the boat had more than met the highest expectations of her builders.

"There is nothing the matter with Defender, and there has never been any serious trouble with her," said Mr. Herreshoff. "The reports that her huss has been wrenched are unqualifiedly without foundation. The breaking of the first spar and many of the slight accidents were unavoidable and were not unexpected in a new boat. The breaking of the gaff was the only serious accident that has occurred. Last Tuesday in the race it became apparent that the mast, after the previous accident, was scarcely strong enough for the new rigging, and especially in the weather that prevailed, and in order to prevent any possible accident Defender withdrew from the race and was brought back to Bristol in order that she might be thoroughly overhauled and have everything done that could be done to anticipate any future accidents, and especially after she should be rigged with her steel boom and gaff. As soon as the new mast is put in position this steel boom will be put on, and Defender will then be ready to protect the America's cup."

Mr. Herreshoff was of the opinion that the work would be completed by Monday or Tuesday at the least.

UNIQUE RACE FOR THIS EVENING.

Holton, Reading and Others in a Fifty-Mile Dash.

Ned Reading, the soldier cyclist, will take another whirl at Lester Holton this evening at the Charles Street Bicycle park at 8 o'clock. It will be a fifty-mile race, sweepstakes, every entry depositing $25 with the management before the start is made, and the winner will take the whole amount. Besides Reading and Holton, "Rabbi" Clark, the comer, and R. E. McCullough and one or two entries from over the river will be in the race, which will be a hot and stubborn one for many reasons. Manager Mardis has it arranged so that the contestants must ride their best or get nothing. In the first place, a time limit of two hours and twenty minutes has been prescribed for the whole journey. Again, the first two men at every five miles will receive $10 and $5, respectively, as an inducement to cross the tape first. This is sure to make a great race. There will be no loafing on this trip, and it will be speed and endurance alone that carries off the honor and coin. Reading was last he will win, or ruin a few tires. He is extremely wrathy over the fact that "Shadder" Holton—as he calls him—was able to beat him out last week, and he says he'll show him this time what racing is.

RAIN PREVENTED TENNIS PLAY.

Games Again Postponed, but May Be Resumed This Afternoon.

Rain made play in the interstate lawn tennis tournament an utter impossibility yesterday. The courts were soaked through and through in the early morning, and as the clouds continued to pour forth their contents the tournament committee could do nothing but look on and grin. Some of the visiting players came here for one week and find it difficult to arrange to stay longer. It is therefore sincerely hoped that it will be possible to play off at least the final of the doubles this afternoon. If no more rain falls today this will probably be possible. The game will be called in that event at 4 o'clock.

Last night an informal reception and dance was given at the house of Mr. Victor B. Caldwell for the visitors. The large porches surrounding the house were hung with Japanese lanterns and the interior rooms were tastefully arranged for the occasion. About thirty couples were present and the dancing was kept up until a late hour. The affair was a decided success. It is expected that the dancing party will now become one of the features of the lawn tennis week in Omaha.

Fourteenth Round Finished.

HASTINGS, England, Aug. 23.—Today the fourteenth round of the International Chess Masters' tournament was played at Brassey's institute in this city, the results up to 5 o'clock being as follows:

Pollock beat Gunsberg in a Vienna game after twenty-nine moves. Schlechter beat Tinsley in a queen's gambit (declined) after thirty-eight moves. Toschgorn beat Bardeleben in a pod opening after thirty-two moves. Pillsbury beat Bird in an Evans gambit after forty-two moves. In the evening session the final results were arrived at. Steinitz and Burn drew a queen's gambit (declined) after fifty moves. Schieffer and Janowski adjourned their games. Lasker beat Teichmann in a queen's gambit after forty moves. Albin and Mason drew a ruy lopez after forty-five moves. Terrasch beat Marco in a ruy lopez after forty-five moves. Walbrodt beat Mieses in a Vienna game after thirty-nine moves. Blackburne beat Vergani in an irregular opening after forty-eight moves.

Carr Neel Defeats Malcolm Chace.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 23.—There was a high wind today which interfered somewhat with the play in the tennis tournament. There were but eight players left out of the eighty at the start. The game for the grand stand court was between Malcolm Chace and Carr Neel. The first set went to Neel, 6-4. The second set also went to Neel by a score of 6-1. Neel was putting up a wonderful game, his playing being magnificent. Toward the last of the second set Chace began his lobbing, but it was ineffective. The third set went also to Neel, 6-4, and Chace is retired from the tournament. The other matches resulted:

Hovey beat Hinckley, 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.
Howland beat Rollins, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Larned beat Foote, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Cricket Game Today.

The Omaha Cricket club will play a return match with Fort Omaha this afternoon on the home grounds. The following will make up the team: H. Lawrie, captain; G. H. Vaughan, C. C. Doyle, R. W. Taylor, W. R. Vaughan, W. H. Cookson, J. Cameron, H. New, P. S. Young, P. B. Ford, G. O. Miles, Charles Hill; substitutes, S. Heth, D. Broatchie, J. Douglas. Stumps will be pitched promptly at 2:30.

Crete Team This Afternoon.

The University club team and the team from Crete, Neb., will play their first game at University park this afternoon. The Crete team is one of the very strongest in the state and they will make the University team play all they know how. Game called at 3:30.

Charles Kemmick is Dead.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—Charles Kemmick of St. Paul, once famous as the champion welterweight pugilist of the northwest, has died in this city of consumption, aged 25 years. He had a record of thirty-three fights in which he was victorious.

Prize Fight and Bull Fight.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—George Hall and "Frenchy" Osborne have signed articles for a finish fight Saturday at Gillett, in connection with the "Wild West" show, another advertised feature of which is a genuine Mexican bull fight.

Exhibition Games.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 23.—Demorest, 10; Cleveland, 15.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 23.—Atlantic City, 7; Cincinnati, 20.

Rain Stopped the Game.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The Burlington game today was postponed on account of rain.

CALLED IT A COLOSSAL JOB

Strong Language Used in the Northern Pacific Receiver's Case.

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