IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Autumnal Sports Are Taking the Place of the Summer Games.

TIME FOR THE YACHT RACE APPROACHING

Interest in Sports Seems to Increase from Season to Season and the Modern Athlete Appears to Be Superior to His Ancestor.

The bowling season has hardly yet got well under way, nevertheless active preparations are already being made for the fifth annual tour of the Greater New York Bowlers. When this wonderful aggregation of pin knights closed their trip last season with seven world's records to their credit and a list of 235 victories against fifty-nine defeats, plans were laid to begin the coming tour about October 15. This, however, was found impossible, as the bowlers in the far west and northwest would not be in shape to meet the eastern cracks that early.

The team will again tour the country under the auspices of the Crawford, McGregor & Canby Co., Dayton, O., and Sam Karpf will manage them. They will start from New York about January 8, and after spending a few weeks in the leading eastern and southern cities, will proceed westward as far as Salt Lake City and north as far as Minneapolis. Captain Cordes is aiding Manager Karpf in selecting the players. So far the list of players comprises W. Cordes, captain; Otto Foege, individual champion of Greater New York, season of 1899-1900; Sam Holden, N. Thyne, N. Jackson and Phil Wolf, who won the championship of America while enroute last season. The remaining members will be selected soon. The team will play in Omaha about six days and all the players are beginning to practice in anticipation of the event. The dates for Omaha were originally about November 1, but in view of the fact that western and northwestern bowling clubs would not be organized that early the dates have been postponed and will be announced later.

A great cycling carnival has been arranged for Kansas City, to be held in Convention hall, from October 11 to 16, inclusive. The fastest riders in the country will enter and the affair will rival the races that are held in Madison Square garden in New York City. Among the women riders will be: Tillie Anderson, Lizzie Glaw, May Allen, the English champion, Ida Peterson and Dottie Farnsworth. The riders named have been training at St. Joseph for the event, and will go to Kansas City October 9.

John S. Prince, formerly manager of the Valodrome track and the originator of the Omaha Coliseum, has rented Convention hall and will build a track in it. The curves will slant at an angle of 50 degrees. The Velodrome's seating capacity was regarded as insufficient to accommodate the crowds that will attend races where riders of international reputation are entered, and even if the Velodrome's grandstand had been large enough, it was deemed advisable to secure a track that was protected from the elements. The expense incurred in holding a series of races in Convention hall will necessarily be very heavy. After the women's race is concluded on October 16 Manager Prince will present to Kansas City the first motor paced races ever seen in the west. The best middle-distance riders in the country will enter. Among those who have signed contracts are Eddie McDuffie and Tom Cooper.

Many wonder if the bicycle is not losing its hold on the public and, therefore, is on the decline. Many times this question is propounded and, of course, there are many answers, but the truth is, no matter what may be said to the cantrary, that there are more wheels being ridden today than ever.

The wheel is not dead nor is wheel riding defunct. The fad has simply "busted" and has been relegated to the rear, as all fads must sooner or later be, and bicycling is now on sure footing.

The boom which was given the bicycle a few years ago and kept up until recently would have forever killed a weaker sport. It has, in fact, done the bicycle much harm, but the wheel was too much in favor with the real thinking lovers of out-door exercise to be killed off. The bicycle craze or boom caused people to buy wheels who had no use for them at all, and who, when the first enthusiasm for them had died away, laid them aside or else, worse yet, returned them to the dealer unpaid for and said the bicycle was a failure. The real rider who enjoys the sport for what there is in it continued through the craze years, riding as he had always done, not too much nor too little, and pitying, as he should, the poor enthusiast who rode a century every Sunday one year and let his wheel rust the next. These old-timers who knew enough to know a good thing when they saw it, and also knew enough not to run it into the ground, are riding yet, happy with the knowledge that the wheel is the greatest institution of its kind, and that they are enjoying its full benefits. The business side of the case is even more satisfactory to the loyal wheelmen. There is hardly a business or an occupation which is not benefited by the bicycle, and many make the wheel a necessary part of the day's work. An army of laborers of all classes ride to their day's work, saving time and car fare, and in the case of office men needed exercise is furnished. The wheel is here to stay and its influence will be felt in years to come. In Omaha the pleasure-riding parties have diminished in the last two years very noticeably, but when the exposition is out of the way so they can have Twentieth street and the pretty Miller park ride, and when Ed Cornish gets his South Side boulevard opened, there will be more wheels out than ever. Omaha will then again have as good wheeling roads as anyone can desire.

Foot ball will soon be attracting the attention of the sport-loving public just as it already claims the time and attention of the students and men of much muscle, and a superabundance of hair will be the center of observation.

Foot ball is surely a grand sport for those who are able to stand it, and is a game in which both skill and strength are required. It is not a game to be played Saturday afternoon by men and boys who have been confined indoors all week, but is rather a game for which ample physical preparation must be made in order to avoid accident. It is essentially not a game for weaklings. It requires a man with a strong body which has been trained and conditioned so that a slight bump won't lay him up for life. For a person so prepared foot ball is not so rough and dangerous as imagined. You never hear of a serious accident in any of the games played by the big teams where the men have been put through a thorough course of training. It is in the minor games in which players participate without sufficient training where all the accidents occur.

The modern game needs as much "headwork" to be a winning one as a Filipino campaign, and those who make it a success are usually not found lacking in other fields.

Foot ball comes late in the year and is not long with us, so let us make the most of it while it is here.

People do not wonder much that records made by improved machines and paced bicycles are lowered year by year, but the recent lowering of others forms of athletic records, not requiring any particular form of apparatus, is not so easily accounted for. Why a college student of today should be able to jump any higher than his predecessor of fifty years ago is hard to understand. Perhaps, after all, the race is improving and getting stronger as the years go by, in spite of the wise heads who try to convince us to the contrary. For all they can say, there is not an American record for either skill or endurance that has held for any length of time, a sure sign, it would seem, of the growing strength and cleverness of the American youth.

It will not be many more days now until we will know for certain which nation rules the seas—America or England. The great international yacht race is drawing excitingly near and speculation on the outcome is rife everywhere. For a boat that is to be beaten out of her socks, the Shamrock seems to be attracting a vast deal of attention these days, and all the supreme confidence that is being gushed over the country about the Columbia's cinch should be taken with a liberal quantity of salt. There is none so bold as to dispute the fact that Sir Thomas Lipton has brought over a wonderful and dangerous craft, and it will be just as well to keep our hats on our heads until the first race, at least, has been run.

But what a hubbub the affair is exciting. Seems odd when you consider that the intrinsic value of the ostensible prize, the Queen's Cup, won by the old schooner America way back in '51, isn't worth but a trifle. And yet millions and millions of dollars have been expended in attempts to take it away from us and in our own successful efforts to frustrate these attempts with costly defenders. This is simply because this insignificant gob of silver is the emblem of supremacy in naval construction and seamanship—the trophy of international championship of the blue oceans. For nearly a half century we have owned the cup and it would shock the whole nation, indeed, were we to lose it now in this climacteric of the world's shipbuilding. Let the Columbia win and the civilized nations of the globe will turn to the United States for ideas on superior construction. Let her trail behind the Shamrock, and at a bound Britain will leap to the fore and reap the benefits of an immense international commerce she has not enjoyed for years. But we are still in possession of the coveted trophy, and that is nine points of the law, and if the British bark does out-foot us before Atlantic's freshening breezes next week she will have to get up and get with more celerity than she has yet exhibited. The Columbia is the boat for the connoisseurs, and is the boat the Englishmen have patterned after in their efforts to outpoint her, and it doesn't seem possible for us to lose. If we do, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we compelled the Britons to absolutely abandon their old centerboard ideas and come down to our skeleton keels. But here's to the Columbia, anyway.

MEN OF THE ROD AND GUN

Elliot Will Again Defend the Championship Title at Kansas City This Week.

W. A. Kelley has returned from a two weeks' chicken hunt at Anselmo, Neb. He claims he had fairly good luck, killing forty-nine in one day.

Harry Melrose returned last week from Atkinson with a goodly bag of chickens, which he reports as plentiful in that region.

C. B. Lane of Phillipsburg, Kan., is in town. He is one of the crack field shots of Kansas and says there are plenty of birds.

Fred Goodrich and party go to Valentine this week for a ten days' duck hunt.

The Iowa quail law is up today and several parties from Omaha will make short excursions into the western part of the state after Mr. Bob White.

The Dupont Gun club will hold its regular meet this week, at which time will be shot off the big handicap prize shoot.

The team from the Omaha Gun club and the Dupont Gun club go to Kansas City about October 10 for a match with the Kansas City Gun club.

H. S. McDonald and George Moore went to the Elkhorn Saturday after snipe. Of course they would not refuse to shoot a chicken if they met one sitting in the road.

C. H. Curtiss and Frank Murray leave this morning for the Crescent bottoms for snipe, which are reported as plentiful in those marshes.

Lafe and Con Young are also going after snipe and will visit the Papio.

R. M. Smith, C. W. Bishop and Gus Windom go to Horse Shoe lake this morning for duck, which are coming in small bunches on account of the recent cold spell.

W. W. Watt went to Honey Creek on his bike last evening, taking his dogs with him, as well as his gun.

J. A. R. Elliot of Kansas City and W. R. Crosby of Batavia, N. Y., will shoot a match at Exposition park, Kansas City, October 3 and 4. The match is for the Republic cup, now recognized as the national championship emblem. Both competitors are well known all over the country. Elliott, holder of the cup, is perhaps the most successful trapshot that ever lived, considering the number of years during which he has been shooting in championship form and the number of important contests in which he has figured. Mr. Crosby has long been known as a great shot, but his most notable performances have occurred recently. Last May he won the inanimate target championship on an average of five days' shooting, against the best shots of the country. June 23 he defeated Elliott in a match for this target trophy. He was then beaten by Elliott, but August 23 again won over his brilliant rival, by the decisive score of 139 to 128. For two years he has won the championship of Illinois.

GOSSIP OF THE GRIDIRON

All the Teams Are Rounding Into Shape for the Big Games Which Come Soon.

The Omaha High school team will soon be in condition to meet any of its opponents on the gridiron, as the boys have been out in large numbers and have been practicing faithfully for the past two weeks. There seems to be more enthusiasm around the school house about the great autumnal game than ever before, and it is this enthusiasm and the knowledge that they have the backing of the whole school and the teachers that makes the boys work harder in their practice and leads them to believe that they are a winning team.

There has been no lack of material so far, as Tracy Thomas, Englehard, Griffith, McCrae, Taylor, Roberts, Marsh, Secrist, Waller, Pritchard, Randall Hughes, Langtry, Kuhn, Herman Lehmer, Charles Lehmer, Welch Moore, Kincaid, Flook, Parrott, Flanders, Clark and Fairbrother have been out nearly every afternoon, and several others have declared their intention of joining the squad as soon as they get their suits.

The practice grounds on the hill are exceptionally hard, and the boys must have well padded suits to avoid injury, and yet this is good training fr the time when they will play on other fields, which have been plowed up so as to soften the fall. In the game at Hastings the team showed up remarkably well, as they played a tie game against a team composed of full-grown men. It always take excellent playing on the part of a smaller team to keep the larger and stronger team from scoring. There was not a small man in the Hastings team, and some say that their smallest man was larger than the heaviest of the Omaha team, and yet they could not score. This, of course, shows that the team must not only have played a good offensive game with the ball, but also tackled low and hard on the ends.

The team is well supplied with coachers and advisers, as Estabrook, Whipple, Barnes, Louis Reed, Benedict and Bernstein are out daily putting the team through the preliminary courses, and Crawford and Thomas have both promised to come up later to fix up the team play and put in the finishing touches before the big games. No meeting has yet been held of the Interscholastic association, but one will soon be held, and a schedule of games arranged. Nearly all the high schools in this vicinity have teams, and all have signified a willingness to enter the league, but even if no league is formed there will be no dearth of games. There is considerable rivalry already existing between the different teams, and this can only be settled on the chalked field.

Foot Ball at Tabor College.

TABOR, Ia., Sept. 25.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: The foot ball prospects at Tabor college are bright. The eleven is working hard and is composed of some promising new material and some excellent and tried old players. We lose Goodfellow and Hall, who so distinguished themselves last season as halfbacks, but we gain some men in the entering class, who, with hard work, will be a credit to the eleven. The schedule will probably include games with Amity college, Bellevue college, Corning, Red Oak, Council Bluffs, Omaha, and possibly Tarkio college. The first game of the season will be played at Malvern next Saturday afternoon with Malvern.

We are slow in getting our games scheduled because of the laxity of other institutions in deciding on what they want and whether or not they are to have elevens. It is possible that we may have a game with Wesleyan, though it is rather indefinite just at present. A college at Hastings is very eager to play us also. I fear the expense with them will be too great a barrier. Very truly, H. EVERETT FARNHAM.

Tekamah in Line.

TEKAMAH, Sept. 21.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Tekamah will be right in line with a strong team this season and if the Interscholastic league is still in existence will surely be heard from, as the prospects are brighter for a strong team this season than they have been for years. Our team will consist mostly of new material, but will be strengthened by several of the old players of last year. Our team will average about 145 pounds. As we have not yet arranged our schedule or determined definitely the positions for our players we cannot at present give them. Can do so and will give schedule by November 1 or sooner. ROSCOE GREENLEAF, Manager of Tekamah Foot Ball Team.

Foot Ball Notes from Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: The two 'varsity elevens between which Chicago divides its sympathies are already in the field in a partially matured condition, though the college year has barely opened. Stagg has had the University of Chicago squad in more or less faithful training since the middle of August, and it is already showing good form. The Northwestern men began active work more tardily, Captain Hunter only arriving at the university yesterday, in time for the opening recitations.

Chicago will apparently continue its open, running game, and the clever dodging in the practice contests this week was a feature which had evidently been carefully cultivated. The line, and particularly the center, appeared weak and mass plays were not frequently attempted. In the game with the Englewood high school on Wednesday Hamill and Henry, the speedy halves, and Slack, left end, made repeated long sprints, the latter in one instance clearing seventy-five yards through a broken field. The score was run up to 45 to 0 against the high school boys, Captain Kennedy kicking every goal but one with surprising accuracy.

Stagg's revolutionary experiment of putting a 180-pound man at quarter has proved a success, as Kennedy gets into the plays with the agility of a man two-thirds his weight. The experiment naturally is not conclusive, as it all depends on the man.

What gains Englewood made were through right tackle and guard, where the 'varsity showed to poor advantage, and at one time the youngsters promised to work through this weak spot to the goal line. At center also Webb failed to hold his man, and the entire line looked decidedly insecure. In all other ways the 'varsity did good work, the punting being exceptionally strong. Kennedy frequently sent the ball fifty yards, getting it away quickly and at a good height, which enabled the ends to get down. There was the high running and tackling usual to the beginning of a season, but the men show a vigor and fire which must be encouraging to those who wear the maroon.

F. B. Barnes of Omaha, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, acted as timekeeper in the game with Englewood. He was on his return from a vacation trip to Boston and New York.

Athletic affairs at the Northwestern university are in a state of confusion. Prof. J. Scott Clark, after five years' leadership, has resigned, leaving the control in the hands of Dr. Hollister, the ex-Pennsylvania athlete and Beloit foot ball coach. The latter's position will be similar to Stagg's at Chicago, except that he will exercise more complete power. The Evanston squad shows an abundance of heavy material and the purple adherents hope for a reversal of the triple defeat of last year at the hands of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Chicago.

A new plan has been introduced which it is felt will put the eleven on a far more effective footing. The remoteness of the law, medical and dental schools, which are located in Chicago, has hitherto made it impossible for them to compete for places on the team, but this year players from the professional schools will eat at the Evanston training tables and Hollister will have his pick of 900 men instead of 400. The dental school has produced a numbed of capital players and three of them are expected to make the 'varsity. They have an advantage in age and weight.

Local collegians do not take kindly to the recent decision to locate the Michigan-Wisconsin game in Chicago on Thanksgiving day and promise that it will be hopelessly overshadowed by the home contest. Wisconsin is to play Illinois in Milwaukee on November 11, however, and the management feared that the brewers could not support two games so close together.

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In general, it may be said that the best foot ball material to be found in any of the eastern colleges this season will be found at Pennsylvania. This is a comparative statement. Never before has Pennsylvania had so many men at the start of a season, and they are good men, too. It should have no difficulty at all in turning out a line of unusually strong caliber. Its ends, though hardly likely to be up to the standard of recent years, are still likely to be first-class, while behind the line its prospects at this time are much better than last season. This means, of course, a stronger eleven than it had last year and unless signs fail or accidents intervene, a successful team.

Next to Pennsy Harvard seems to have the best outlook. Its line of last year did very creditable work and this season remains almost intact, and what vacancies there are can easily be well filled with the material at hand, leaving nothing but the problem of fixing up the back field. This of course will be far more difficult, as there is little chance of its replacing Dibble and Houghton with as efficient men, and while Daly may remain at quarter it cannot hope to have as well rounded an eleven as that which won the championship last fall.

At Princeton the prospect is indifferent, but not wholly bad. Although it won from Yale last year it did not have a strong team at all. Princeton will lose Cowdis from the line, and also Gear and Black's place behind the line must be filled. There seems to be little hope that the Princeton eleven will approach in strength any of the teams which have played first-class foot ball for old Nassau.

As for Yale, as usual, her condition is deplorable. It loses nearly all of last year's team, which, though a very inferior one, yet contained several very strong individual players. This individual play was the cause of Yale's disastrous defeats last year and unless it unexpectedly evolves a good training system is likely to be again a failure, while the individual stars will be lacking to redeem the eleven. Chamberlain will be greatly missed and so will Cutler, but neither will be so sorely needed as Ely and De Saulles, either of whom might have developed something like marked team play out of the new material at hand. Benjamin, too, is an important loss.

But the success of a foot ball team is not due so much to good material as to good, systematic coaching. For this reason it would be folly to suppose that the ranking of these four colleges in the above order is unalterable. Disconcerted work would ruin enther Pennsylvania's or Harvard's good chances, concerted work make either Yale or Princeton strong. So it is better to examine the possibilities of the systems and styles of play than to judge the teams on their material.

Yale again stands out of the four most markedly in this respect. She has neither system nor style at present. Since '95 she has retrograded very decidedly. Her narrow-minded athletic policy, noticeable in all lines of sport, is responsible for this. She is not alive to the new developments of the game and is almost a back number in her style of play. Failing to appreciate this fact she has changed coaches and systems of coaching time and again and has only managed to introduce a more chaotic condition. Unless she radically departs from her practice of the past two years this fall she will go even further back.

Princeton is in much the same condition, due to the fact that its contests are confined entirely to its games with Yale. It is following the same style of play it has followed for ten years, with a single break—when Baird's phenomenal kicking led it to develop a kicking game against its judgment. The difference between its playing and Yale's is that in the last ten years it has had consistent and good coaching along its adopted line and has really played that style of game well. This has been responsible for its success with Yale and will score for it another victory unless Yale improves vastly and unexpectedly.

Harvard achieved success last year by departing from its old systems and adopting the more up to date methods. It abandoned theoretical foot ball taught by two dozen coaches and instructed its team in the practical game taught by one man. It used end running judiciously and line bucking to a goodly degree and it kicked long and well. It may be truly said that Harvard owes its success last year principally to kicking. Its brilliancy in this regard, however, was due not so much to remarkable kicking as to good, strong, consistent kicking coupled with good end work in following the ball. Its ends and kickers worked harmoniously together.

And this is not all. Its handling of kicks was so greatly superior to anything shown on the gridiron in years that it decreased the efficiency of its opponent's kicking proportionately as it increased its own. Never will it get two men to work together as Dibblee and Daly did. Daly remains, but Dibblee will be sorely missed. Another fullback may not work so well with his ends as Haughton, either. This remains to be developed.

BRIEF BASE BALL GOSSIP

Notes of Interest Concerning Players and Events—Crawford, a Nebraska Boy, Goes to the Front.

Samuel Crawford, the clever centerfielder for Cincinnati, now playing such phenomenal ball and batting with the top-notchers in the National league, is a Nebraska boy, his home being at Wahoo. He is only 20 years of age and played his first base ball with the Norfolk team in 1897. Last year he played with Wymore and had much to do with the team from that city, gaining the reputation of being the best team in the state. While with Wymore he played leftfield and was always put in the box when a hard game was on hand. It was he who pitched the game against the Nebraska Indians last year, winning his game and holding them down to two hits. Young Crawford is a barber by trade and held a position in that capacity while playing at Wymore last year. He always had a desire to get in faster company and took the very best care of himself. He never tasted liquor and did not use tobacco in any form. He was one of the heaviest batters on Wymore's hard-hitting team and won several games by his batting alone. His first professional ball was played this year, when he was signed by Hamilton, one of the clubs in the Canadian league. He played there a short time and then went to Grand Rapids, where he played such phenomenal ball that he attracted the attention of several clubs in the National league. Chicago and Cincinnati both tried to secure him, but Cicinnati was successful and since he joined that team two weeks ago he has been the talk of the eastern press and is lionized by the Cincinnati fans. Nearly every day he makes a home run and is already recognized as the best batter on the team. His Nebraska admirers are particularly proud of the record he is making since getting into fast company. Crawford also played for a short time with the Superior team and has many friends all over Nebraska.

New York tried out Fleming and Woodruff, two new outefilders, in a game with St. Louis. Both of them are from the New England league. Fleming showed up all right in the field, but Woodruff did not get a chance to show what he could do. Neither one made a hit.

Thomas Cloney, manager of the Princeton University Base Ball Association, announced that Arthur S. Hildebrand had been elected captain of the base ball team for the ensuing year to succeed Frederick Kafer, resigned.

Jack Cronin, Detroit's star pitcher, has been sold to Cincinnati. He won twenty-six of the thirty-nine games pitched by him during the season. He reported at Baltimore.

According to a St. Louis report, the new infield of the new league team in St. Louis will consist of Joyce, Gleason, Davis and Collins. This is a case where seeing will be required for believing.

The Detroit Tigers made twenty-eight home runs during the season, Slater leading with seven, Ryan and Stallings five each, Dungan four, Barrett and Frisk two each, Dillard, Buelow and Lewee one each.

The drafting season begins October 1 and lasts to January 1. During this period National League clubs have the privilege of securing any minor league player by paying $500 for a Western or Eastern league man, $300 for an Interstate league man and $200 for a New York State league, New England or Connecticut league man.

There is always a great demand for noted foot ball players for coaches. Princeton is furnishing Cochrane of last year's eleven as instructor of football science at the University of California, and Bannard goes to Cornell. The University of Pennsylvania furnishes coaches for Annapolis, Swathmore, Knipe, Iowa, Beloit, Denver, Pennsylvania State college and University of Nevada.

All that the proposed anti-National league baseball organization needs, says the Chicago dispatches, is capital. The base ball Filipinos are shy of funds, and as it would take a million dollars or so to start the new league, its prospects for opening for business next spring are not over bright. It will take better financiers than Chris Von der Ahe, Harry Quinn and Ted Sullivan to find angels enough to float the new league.

NOTES OF THE CRICKETERS

The Team of Cricketers which Prince Ranjitsinhji Brought with Him Are All Experts.

For the first time since it has been customary to play a yearly international cricket series the lovers of the game are to have an opportunity of seeing a team that will truly represent the amateur strength of England. K. S. Ranjitsinhji, the Indian prince, who is the acknowledged champion cricketer of the world, has brought over with him on the steamship Etruria the very flower of English amateur cricket, his side containing seven men who act as captains of strong English elevens. For instance, A. C. MacLaren is captain of the All-England eleven, and also of the Lancashire county team. The Prince himself captains the Sussex county eleven. C. I. Robson is deputy captain of Hampshire and invariable takes charge of the eleven in the frequent absence of Captain Wynyard. G. L. Jessup captains the Cambridge university team, S. M. J. Woods is the Somersetshire leader, and A. E. Stoddard and A. Priestley have both captained strong touring elevens to Australia and the West Indies. Other members of the visiting party are G. Brann of Sussex, C. L. Townsend of Gloucestershire, V. Barton, the crack Hampshire professional; B. T. J. Bosanquet, who was here with Warner's team last fall; W. Llewellyn of Oxford, and J. Robertson-Walker of Middlesex.

A. C. MacLaren is one of the best batsmen in England. He won his reputation as a first-class batsman before he left Harrow. The form he showed at school was so fine as to justify the remark that he played like a man among boys. Since those days he has never looked back, and now he stands at the head of English batsmen. He holds the record for the highest score in first-class cricket—424 against Somersetshire. He has always played with brilliant and consistent success in England for Lancashire and in representative matches also, but his performances in Australia have been even more notable. His style in batting is an example of a perfect adaptation of means to ends. He is not a batsman with striking peculiarities or distinguishing strokes; he is too good for that; he can play every stroke there is in cricket and that is what is for him the most natural, simple and effective manner.

Prince Kumar Shrio Ranjitsinhji first came into prominence as a member of the Cambridge eleven in 1893.

He represented England in 1896, and was a member of Mr. Stoddart's Australian eleven in 1897-98. He has played for Sussex since 1895. His great fame as a batsman is due not only to his success as measured in runs, but also, and in chief, to the originality and peculiar charm of style. Nothing is as effective as a striking result produced without any apparent effort. There are many batsmen who make some one stroke with such wonderful ease and effect that all their other strokes receive in comparison but scant appreciation.

In Ranjitsinhji's case every turn of his bat has the appearance of extreme facility; to such a degree, indeed, that his style seems almost casual and careless. The distinctive trait of his cricket is an electric quickness both in the conception and execution of his strokes. Thereby is he able to do such things that a slower eye and wrist dare not attempt. In making the ordinary strokes he differs from the run of batsmen in that he judges the flight of the ball about half as soon again, and can therefore shape for his stroke more readily and with more certainty. At the same time he need not, owing to his marvelous rapidity of movement, allow himself as much margin for error as others find necessary, and it is this quickness that enables him to take, even upon the fastest wickets, the most unheard of liberties without fatal results.

Who, for instance, but Ranji can hit across a fast straight ball without either being bowled or making an appalling mis-hit? Yet Ranji finds not the slightest difficulty in doing so. This hook is perhaps his most notable stroke. He has a miraculous knack of timing the ball accurately from the pitch, and flicks it round to the on-side with supple yet terrific power. He meets the slightly over-pitched delivery with a similar hit, reaching right out so as to clip the ball before it pitches. There never has been a greater master of cutting and leg-play. In cutting his faculty for quick and accurate timing gives him the power of varying and placing his stroke, as well as of making it with force and precision.

His leg-strokes are sometimes called "glances," but they are really wrist-strokes, as the ball does not merely hit the bat, but it is turned aside with a like forcing movement. His forward play is somewhat unorthodox, as he walks out to the ball as he hits, but it is none the less strong and safe. He can drive finely in all directions when in the mood; indeed, at his best, he can use every stroke in the game.

He is a beautiful fielder in any position. He excels at point or in the slips, where there is scope for his quickness, but as he can pick up a ball very clean, catch anything and throw well, he is almost equally as good as extra cover or in the long field. His bowling is somewhat underrated. He rarely goes on without getting a wicket or having a catch missed off him. He bowls medium pace, keeps a good length, makes the ball break from the off and has plenty of resource. He is the keenest of cricketers, very observant, and is also a first-rate judge of the game.

The prince strengthened his side in bowling at the last moment, and now is quite well off in this department, Jessop, Bosanquet, Woods and Townsend being a remarkably strong quartette, while Stoddart, MacLaren, Robson and Ranji himself can all bowl fairly well in case of necessity. It is in batting, however, the visiting team is so much stronger than any of its predecessors. Ranjitsinhji, MacLaren, Townsend, Brann, Robson, Woods, Stoddart and Jessop are all the very cream of English amateur batsmen, and Barton is one of the most consistent scorers among the professionals.

PALAVER OF THE PUGILISTS

McCoy Wins Back Lost Laurels by Defeating McCormick Wednesday—Other Ring Notes.

McCoy had a day of reckoning Wednesday night at the Lenox Athletic club, New York, before a crowd of 4,000 people, and with that treacherous left he made a mighty effort to wash out the stain of defeat which the giant McCormick placed upon him a few weeks ago.

McCoy floored his antagonist several times, but McCormick was not satisfied with short breathing spells and so "lay down" on his own accord, just keeping within the time limit all the while and proving what a big dub he was, and that it was merely a chance blow that got the decision at the former meeting. McCormick was continually trying for one of these chances at their meeting Wednesday evening, but the "Kid" was too sharp to be caught at the same game twice and was watching him like a hawk all the time, so that all of his efforts to catch McCoy unawares were of no avail.

The spectators all became disgusted with McCormick's performances, as did also Referee Charles White who, in the eighth round, sent McCormick to his corner and declared McCoy the winner, which decision met with the hearty approval of all, and once more placed McCoy back to his old position of general favorite in the eyes of all the lovers of the manly art.

Peter Maher was at the ringside and when the men had entered the arena issued a challenge to the winner.

The heavyweight championship battle between Tom Sharkey and Jim Jeffries will take place on October 27, instead of 23d. This was decided at a meeting held yesterday between William A. Brady and Tom O'Rourke, when the fighters' managers agreed to postpone the meeting a few days. The postponement was made to give the Coney Island club more time to arrange its boxing carnival, to take place during the week of the big battle. There will be three-days' fighting. On Wednesday, October 25, Dixon and Curley will fight, and on the following night Gardner and Jordan will meet.

Pedlar Palmer will issue a challenge to fight McGovern again after his match with Will Curley has taken place. If McGovern refuses to give him another chance the Englishman will retire from the field.

Terry McGovern has accepted an offer of $400 per week to tour with a theatrical company for six months. He will meet all comers in towns where the boxing game is open.

Oscar Gardner declares that he will give Terry McGovern no rest until the little Brooklynite agrees to fight him. According to Gardner's statement, he can fight strong at 116 pounds, and is willing to make that weight for McGovern.

Barring accidents, the Hart-Murphy fight, scheduled on October 21 in Sioux City, should be a great battle. Those who think "Australian" Billy is "out of it" from old age or dissipation should have seen him last week. His improvement since his arrival in Sioux City two months ago has been phenomenal. True, Hart got the decision last week, but many thought it ought to have been a draw. Murphy was constantly on the aggressive and Hart is entitled to unlimited credit for his cleverness in escaping punishment. Next month, however, Billy will fight more carefully, and the betting among Sioux City sports is in his favor. It seems impossible on the strength of his previous showing that Hart can beat him, and with the Australian's present knowledge of his methods it will take all the Chicago man's skill to save him from defeat.

It is announced semi-officially that the receipts of the McGovern-Palmer fight amounted to $16,922. The fighters received $5,000 each and the club retained the balance.

That Oscar Gardner is serious in his intention to meet Terry McGovern at any weight from 114 to 130 pounds was demonstrated when Paddy Sullivan posted $1,000 to bind a match. Upon hearing this McGovern's manager said that he would meet Sullivan sometime this week to arrange a battle, to take place next January. The Broadway club has agreed to give, besides a good guarantee, a percentage of the gate receipts.

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