

OMAHA BEATS CHAMPIONS

Fa's Boys Hit Gehring Hard, Making Score of Four to Two.

THOMPSON HAS HIS OWN WAY

Holds Visitors to Six Hits, on Which They Realize Little, and Does Not Pass Single Man During Game.

Big Thompson had things all his own way at Vinton Street park Wednesday afternoon and held the Des Moines team to two runs while his team-mates were busy with the stick and made four runs for the Rourke family. Thompson did not pass a man, held the Des Moines team to four hits until the last inning, when two more were made, and made a sacrifice himself.

Gehring, on the other hand, was hit safely eight times. He walked three and hit three men with pitched balls. Belden drove in two of Omaha's runs with two timely singles. Franck drove in one with a single and Welch did the same.

Thompson was decided upon by Captain Franck to pitch the opening game of the present series with Des Moines and his judgment proved good, for the big fellow was in fine fettle, especially after the opening inning, when he made the wildest throw ever seen on the home grounds. Schipke was the first man up and bunted to Thompson, who tried to throw the ball to Dolan, but he missed old Joe by thirty feet and Schipke landed on third base. That wild throw was just what Thompson needed, for he got all the wildness out of his system at one fell swoop and from that time on had perfect control, never passing a man or making a wobble the remainder of the game.

Gehring was sent in to do the slab work for Des Moines and he was surely expected to win his game, for he had not held Omaha to four hits on his previous visit, and had he not been sent in to save the game which was going to be lost. But Gehring was found to be no devil. The Rourke family hit him just when his count was at, besides, he passed three and hit three.

First Fight for Omaha.

After Schipke had perched on third following Thompson's wild throw, Hoggie singled to right and slugger, who crossed the plate. The game was beginning to get nervous, but Thompson settled down and there was nothing further doing until the last inning, when Hoggie singled again and was brought home on Corkhill's double.

Andrews tried hard enough to bring the big left fielder home, but it was not as easy as the best he could do was a bouncer to Thompson.

Omaha was not able to tie the run in the opening inning, but in the second two were made, putting them one to the good. Dolan opened out with a hit to deep short, which Gehring won on the left arm, and he came Belden and he chopped one of his next singles toward Corkhill, scoring Dolan. Captain Franck was not to be bothered by his right fielder, so he hit one past Gehring and Gehring, scoring Labrand, but he did not make good and two runs were all for that inning.

Two more were added in the fourth inning. Corkhill muffed Labrand's fly, letting the chunky catcher go to second. Thompson struck out and Belden was in the right place, with his second hit, scoring Labrand, Franck got out on an infield grounder and Gehring delivered the first, a pass, two hits and an error giving the two runs. After the bad start the three fingered pitcher held them helpless.

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GAMES IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Gets Fifteen Hits Off the Cincinnati Easy for Quakers.

CHICAGO, June 5.—New York's first appearance here this season drew a great overflow crowd to see Chicago win, 8 to 2. Every seat in the bleachers, the grand stand and the boxes was occupied and several thousand persons lined the field. The victors defeated the Cincinnati Reds, 8 to 2, in a game which was a real contest from first to last, two hits and an error giving the two runs. After the bad start the three fingered pitcher held them helpless.

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the run by which the Stouts tied the game, and led to Nolan in the last half of the ninth resulted in the winning run when Weed sacrificed and Hart cranked out a single to Nolan. Williams was ineffective, the pitcher and pitcher's Denvers sluggers down when they had a chance to score. The score: St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 2.

ST. LOUIS CITY.

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CROKER'S ORBY WINS DERBY

Classic English Event Goes to Horse with American Blood.

HIDDEN BY AN AMERICAN JOCKEY

Purse is Worth \$22,500 and Former Tammany Chief Wins Quarter of Million in the Betting Ring.

LONDON, June 5.—Richard Croker today won the Derby at Epsom and gained the ambition of his life, his colt Orby, bred from an American dam and ridden by an American jockey, "Johnny" Reiff, having beaten all the British cracks and captured the blue ribbon of the world's turf by two lengths.

Outside of Mr. Croker and his immediate entourage, Orby had but few friends and the betting indicated that the sporting prophets estimated his chances as being slight. Mr. Croker and those who watched the colt's trials, however, were sanguine that he held the purse in store for the Derby crowds. Those who saw the Irish-American candidate do his stretching gallop early this morning liked the youngster so well that they thought it wise to hedge, and his appearance on parade and at the post before the race brought a number of adherents. Nothing, however, could shake the position of Sleeve Gallion, the Irish horse which won the 2,000 guinea stake at Newmarket on May 1, the favorite with the crowds, and his defeat was regarded as inconceivable. Even the short horse on Orby's side, Wave Crest, stopped. Then Orby came out and raced with the better of those who actively supporting him.

Only nine horses went to the post and the starter had no difficulty in getting them away in good shape. A rank outsider, John Bull, belonging to Horatio Bottomley, led the lot from Sleeve Gallion, Benson, Alan, Galvani and Orby, with all Black last. After covering five furlongs in this order Sleeve Gallion took the running. Coming down the hill Bensonian and Orby pushed on the leader and rounding Tattenham former the American representative challenged the favorite.

Reiff Uses Good Judgment. "Johnny" Reiff, riding Orby with admirable judgment, gradually took his mount to the front, and stalling off a challenge on the post by Wool Winder, landed his horse a winner by two lengths. Half a length separated the second and third place finishers, and the crowd's jubilation on returning to the stand, was manifold. The crowd had lost money, in many cases huge sums. The hundreds of Americans present, however, gave the ex-Tammany chief and his horse a rousing reception.

And so the enormous prestige of winning the blue ribbon of the turf, Mr. Croker has made a fortune today. Besides the stake of \$22,500 he had the opportunity of making any number of bets at about 10 to 1, and, finally, the value of Orby has increased to such an extent that Mr. Croker may be so desirous to sell him for an immense sum. In one way or another his financial fruits are placed at about \$50,000.

Lord Rosebery's Bensonian, ridden by "Danny" Maher, was fourth. Money was lacking in the familiar Derby-day scenes on the road to Epsom this morning. Torrents of rain poured down to 10 o'clock, and the muddy, dismal procession bound to the downs looked anything but the return of the procession after the downfall of the favorite. The usual Derby day types were present, but they were sadly reduced in numbers and the intermittent attempts of the holiday makers to inject some of the old-time gaiety into the scene failed to remove the general gloom of the favorite's abandonment the road in favor of trains and scores of special took enormous crowds to Epsom. King Edward elected to travel by train. The royal party included the prince and princess of Wales, the duke and duchess of Connaught and the Grand Duke Michael of Russia.

Crocker Proud of Victory. To a representative of the Associated Press Mr. Croker said: "Yes, I have attained the ambition of my life—at least the ambition I have had since I first took up the sport of racing—and the desire, I think, of every owner of a racing stable on this side of the Atlantic, as well as of many Americans. It is a great thing to win the Derby, the most famous race in the calendar of the racing world, and how proud I am to have accomplished this I have not words to express. I am very, very general and very very happy, especially as Orby was bred and raised in my stable. I am flying about this dam from America as a jockey. I cannot say that I feel sure of winning, but still I had the greatest confidence in Orby and was certain he would give a good account of himself. I am proud to be among the first group at the finish. He is a grand horse, and if all goes well he will add many laurels to this, the greatest of all racing honors. Orby is entered for the Royal Hunt cup at Ascot this month, as well as for the St. Leger, but I have not time to decide whether he is to run or not. I think, however, that he will."

Asked what he had given Reiff for winning, Mr. Croker replied: "That is between Johnny and me. I would like you to say, however, that the report that I offered Mr. Reiff \$100 to ride Orby is without foundation. Maher would have ridden for me if he could, but he had a previous engagement and I made him no offer of any kind."

Many Congratulatory Telegrams. Even before he left the track Mr. Croker was handed many congratulatory telegrams and there was an avalanche of such messages awaiting him upon his arrival in London. His secretary had spread them all out upon a large square table, the cablegrams from America on one side and the telegrams from all parts of Great Britain on the other. Together they more than covered the table and hundreds more were in the air during the evening. These messages seemed to please Mr. Croker greatly.

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BETTER SCORES AT TRAPS

Absence of Winds Helps Out in Second Day of Tournament.

FORD OF IOWA HIGH AMATEUR

Birds of Tennessee, Professional, Ties Him—Mrs. Tupperwin the Center of Attraction for the Spectators.

The second day of the tournament of the Nebraska Sportsmen's association drew four times as many spectators as witnessed the first day's events. The afternoon was an ideal one for both shooters and spectators. During the forenoon there was considerable rain, but it was well timed, and the traps, and this caused some delay and consequent confusion. There were no completed events until after 1 p. m. The number of entries increased to ninety-five, but a few of those who entered in the first day's events dropped out, leaving the actual number who shot at about eighty-five. The averages were decidedly higher than on the first day. This is accounted for by the condition of the weather. Yesterday was perfect in every respect, but the heavy wind of Tuesday was a severe handicap. This was the first day of the tournament of several of the professional marksmen of high reputation. Ford of Central City, Ia., claims the honors of the day as the high amateur contestant. He succeeded in making 100 out of a possible 100. This is the first day for him, not being in the day's events. H. J. Borden, Memphis, Tenn., professional, tied him for first place. The latter does not receive any of the prizes. Three professionals tied for second place. They were Mr. Adolph Tupperwin of San Antonio, Tex., Maxwell of Hastings, Neb., and Charles Gottlieb of Kansas City. Each made a score of 91. F. Rogers holds the second place as amateur with a score of 90. The three marksmen watched with greatest interest during the day were Tupperwin, Maxwell and Harry. The crowd of spectators followed Mrs. Tupperwin from trap to trap during the entire day and were rewarded by an exhibit of fine shooting. During the entire day she missed only nine birds.

Maxwell had the attention of the crowd from the start because he has only one arm.

Captain Harry of Lincoln attracted attention on account of his wide reputation and his military bearing. His score at the traps was not very high, being far, 82 out of 100. It was his special exhibit of expert rifle shooting that he won the admiration of the spectators. This event occurred at 4 p. m. The captain's work was not quite as good as expected for the reason that one of his rifles was working badly and refused to respond when he wished at several critical moments. He accomplished enough difficult feats to satisfy the crowd, which pressed him eagerly.

Scores of the Day.

The events of today will include the eagerly anticipated exhibition shooting by Mr. and Mrs. Tupperwin. The following are the scores of yesterday:

Ad