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# Basket Ball Divides Time With Reminiscences of Games Played Outdoors During the Summer

BASKET BALL TO THE FORE

Two Big Games in Prospect for Cornhuskers During the Holidays.

Columbia and Chicago, However, Would Give Them a Chance to Show This Class Against the Ceneks of Country.

LINCOLN, Dec. 14 .- (Special.) - Chief interest in athletic circles at the State university during the last week has centered in the prospective basket ball games with early in the season. Though both contests, if played, will occur at a time when few of the students are in the city, the prospect of having their representatives pitted against both the men from Columbia and Stagg's Maroons has well-nigh done away with the usual post-season speculation on the results of the foot ball season, basket ball meanwhile taking an unprecedented boost in the affections of the students.

According to present indications, the Columbia game is more likely to be played than is the one with Chicago, though the date asked for by Stagg's men is eight days prior to that wanted by the eastern-Columbia wired Manager Eager anking whether or not Nebraska would play on New Year's night. Eager wired back promptly that the date was to the liking of Nebraska. To this Columbia would have to make final acceptance to make the same a certainty, but the fact that it was asked for was taken in Lincoln to indiproposal was a little more indefinite, requesting terms for a game here December despite doubt he has expressed as to the dale Nymph at Belmont Park. financial possibilities of two big games so close together.

Students Mainstay of Game. The financial end of the matter is about the only trouble the Cornhuskers would experience in arranging their part of the deals. The experience of basket ball boosters since the introduction of the game at Nebraska has been that it was dependent for support chiefly on the students. In this respect it is radically different from football, the mainstay of all college athletics, drawn from the city and state in even greater degree than from the student body. With most of the students out of the city some of the members of the athletic board his supper. ally arranged for the prominence of the record-breaking basket ball crowds.

feated by Yale in the final game on its schedule, but for several years the New won the eastern intercollegiate championyear. This season Columbia is out for battle early, with the hope of beating the Elis out again. The western trip the New York men are taking is in a way a rival affair to Yale's tour. The scheduling of a game in Lincoln indicates, in fact, that Yale is to be outdone. For a number of years the Elis have made annual cleaningup trips through the south and west, but have seldom crossed the Mississippl. Columbia proposes to do the thing up right. After playing in Lincoln the New Yorkers would hit for the south, playing in Kansas City and St. Louis, then returning by a route which would probably include many of the cities visited by Yale

Chance to Prove Class, Chicago holds a similar position in western basket ball to that held by Columbia in the east. The scheduling of both big games would, consequently, provide an opportunity such as they have never had be fore for the Cornhuskers to prove their class. The chance does not come at the most favorable time that could have been chosen for the Nebraska players, however. year's second team.

Captain John Weller of the foot ball team is the likelfest candidate for center at present. Several men who might beat Weller out for the place are inelegible to play this year on account of faulty records in their studies. The most promising man for the place is Paul Anthes, a lanky Lincoln boy, who will give Weller a speedy race as soon as the second semester opens. Weller, however, is showing much prom ise, despite the fact that he has been practicing only a short time, and present indications are that he will hold the keystone position in the Chicago and Columbia ganres, should they finally be played.

Contest with Missouri. Manager Eager this week scheduled another interstate contest which will be one of the most important on the schedule unless overshadowed by such contests as are now in prospect. The contest is to be with Missouri university, which has been seldom met by Nebraska during the last half dozen years. The contract calls for the game in Lincoln on January II. On January 11 Nebraska will play the Muscatine (Ia.) team in Lincoln. Aside from the dates for the northern schedule, already announced, these are the only games so far arranged for the team.

Manager Euger's annual financial report of the foot ball season, which will be presented to the athletic board at its meeting Monday, is expected to show that the receipts of 1997 exceeded those of last year by appreximately \$2,200. The expense of the year have been heavier, however, than they were in 1906, chiefly owing to advances In the salaries of the manager and coaches.

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RECORDS FOR THE LAST YEAR Some New Marks Hung Up in Several Branches of Athletic

Sport.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-While 1997 has ot been marvelous in record breaking for SOME DOUBT ABOUT FINANCES the whole sporting calendar, there has been a steady improvement in many lines of sport and the record breaking performances have been of a nature to excite wide

In the ice and snow sports, the snowshoers set a new mark in cross-country running of nine miles in 47 minutes 20 seconds, and the ski jumpers, who have rapidly attained prominence, have placed the record for jumping at 114 feet. local skaters were handicapped by a late sesson and poor ice, but in the internathe Columbia and Chicago teams during tional meet new records were made, about the approaching helidays. Seldom has the best being 9 minutes 64; seconds for 5,000 basket ball as an intercollegiate game at meters (3 miles 188 yards). In ice yacht-Nebraska received such an impetus so ing a twenty-mile course (ten turns) was covered in 39 minutes 50 seconds.

Racing auton were credited with many new records, the fastest mile on a circult track being that of 50 seconds by Walter Christie. In road racing Naszaro (Fiat) overed the Grand Prix course in France of 478 miles at an average speed of 79.61 miles per hour. Duray (De Dietrich) made the fastest round of 47.8 miles in 37 minutes 54 seconds.

Charles M. Daniels, the New York Athletic club swimmer, will receive the great-est credit as one of the best record-breakers of the year. He created more than forty new American records, his 100-yard murk of 55% seconds in the English championship and mile in 23 minutes 40 seconds in a sixty-foot pool being simply marvelous. In aquatics the one-mile cance record of 8 minutes 45 seconds with double paddles, straightaway, was a very good perform

It was fortunate that Colln. the champler horse of the season, found nothing to force cate that the Cornhuskers could have the him to record-breaking efforts in the way contest if they really wanted it. Chloago's of best world's marks. New records were made, however, among them being the one and one-eight miles in 1:50% by Charles 26. Terms were sent, and it is possible that Edward at Brighton Beach and the six Manager Eager will try to land the game and one-half furlongs in 1:17% by Brook-

The world's trotting and pacing records were not shattered, but the newcomers showed such improvement that something may be expected next season in this line. Of the new trotting performances the 2year-old Tramfest (2:12%) and the 3-yearold General Watts (2:96%), also the mare Reproachless (2:04%) among the pacers, divided the honors as the fastest of the

in the Palma trophy international match, in which a world's record of 1,713 out of devotees of the pigskin game being a possible 7,300 was made, and even Top perwein's record for breaking 7,000 flying targets was broken by Captain Hardy, who smashed 13.008 and then quit because one during the holidays, Manager Eager and of the judges had to be home in time for

have indicated a doubt as to whether the Dr. Hudson of New York set up a new proposed games could be made to pay world's record of 1,165 out of a possible sufficiently to induce the would-be visitors 1,250 points on a ring target at 200 yards to come to Lincoln. In case both are fin- in fifty consecutive shots. Rudolph Gute made 2,400 out of a possible 2,500 in a galeastern teams will be depended on to draw | lery match of the Zettler Rifle club. William H. Herr, the professional, made a

have nearly reached their limit in the balk-Yorkers have proved themselves able to line games, although it is not unreasonable maintain a remarkable record and have to believe that something further may happen in this line the present season. Calvin ship oftener than has any other aspirant Demarest, in winning the national amateur for the title. The claim surrendered to championship, put up a new record average Yale last year was based on Columbia's of 27.27 at 14.2. Bush of Elmira pocketed title to the championship the previous 88 balls from the break at pool; Nolan averaged 1.6 in a three-cushion game of 25 points and Sutton made a run of 221 points in practice at 18.1 balkline this season.

Total attendance at the National and American league base ball games was 6.136,557, 300,000 more than the previous best record of 1904. Cobb of Chicago led the American league batsmen, with an average of .352, while Wagner of Pittsburg clouted the horsehide in the National with an average of .350.

A homing pigeon made an average speed of 1,612 yards per minute for 600 miles. Thompson's Colts bowling team Sheppard all broke athletic records.

BIG TEAMS TO LOSE MANY MEN Yale and Princeton Foot Ball to Suffer Through Graduation.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7.-Yale, Princeton and Harvard will lose many foot ball men by graduation next June. Prince-Three members of last year's strong team | ton will have to fill five places, Yale seven are back and probably will hold their and Harvard seven. Princeton will lose places. They are Captain Paul Bell and its star ends, Wister and Brown, together his brother Dwight, both guards, and with McCormick, fullback; Phillips, center, Walsh, forward. Russell Burruss, twice a and Harlan, the clever drop-kicking halfmember of the Cornhusker team, will re- back. Yale will lose Tad Jones at quarterregister next semester and will be elegible back, H. Jones and Alcott, ends; Biglow to play on the team after February 1. At and Paige, tackles; Congdon, center, and present, however, he is not in the univer- Bomar, halfback. Harvard will lose Grant sity and until his services may again be at center; Parker, left guard; Burr, left depended on his place will have to be taken | end; Newhall, quarterback; Apollonio, fullby Stevenson or Jones, members of last back; Starr, left end, and Wendell, left halfback.

> May Captain the Cornhuskers Next Year



TOMMY MATTERS. Omaha Boy, Who Was a Brilliant Tackle in the W Team.

### Another of the Nebraska High School Champion Teams



LEXINGTON'S SQUAD, WHO CLAIMS TO BE THE SWIFTEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM IN CENTRAL-WESTERN NEBRASKA, WHO CLAIMS THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE STATE AND ARE READY TO DEFEND THAT CLAIM IN LEXINGTON OR IN ANY TOWN OF THE STATE.

1. Roy Nisley, Sub.; 2. Aloysius Burke, Rt. G.; 3. Earl McKee, Rt. H. B.; 4. Edgar Nisley, Rt. T.; 5. Harry Saft. Sub.; 6. Harold Temple, Sub.; 7. Raiph Reynolds, Rt. End; 8. George Lincoln, L. G.; 9. Roy Wilson, Sub.; 19. Earl Jacobson, L. T.; 11, Carl Hock, Sub.; 12. Charles McKibben, Q. B.; 13. Archie Gilland, Official; 14. "Bob" Malone, Center; 15. John White, F. B.; 16. Elbert Beardslee, L. E.; 17. Guy McKee, L. H. B.; 18. James E. Delzell, Supt.

The shooters had their eye on the targets Play Cuts Big Figure and Makes Good Impression.

SHOULD BE KEPT IN RULES

Coachers and Lawmakers Everywhere Are Discussing it in Contemplating the Changes to Be Made.

coaches and rulemakers of the country and pute.

teams were matched against the larger the return of service and be in command the ball. The minor teams cut loose with course, fundamentals of fair play, and it tions have already been affixed to the fire- \$86.690 and Ballot \$63,380. a recklessness which was alarming to some stands to reason that no player should enof the larger teams and the cry that some- joy such advantages. thing must be done was heard on all

tin Sheridan, George Bonhag and Melvin one of the features of the game which is open, in full view of all and is an excitng movement. A player scoots ahead of his fellows and is blocked by several memattempts to throw the ball is also the center of attraction for several members of the opposing team, so a forward pass must be executed quickly and skillfully.

Let the forward pass remain. To Counteract Ten-Year Rule.

The forward pass was put in the rules to counteract the effects of the ten-yard against the well organized defense of the would permit of strategy and to that end the rule was formulated to give the weaker teams a chance to utilize their skill against the heavier and stronger teams. It was felt the forward pass would assist in open ing up the game and make the play more spectacular.

These plays worked as was intended during the first year. The defense was weaker and the scores evened up and the coaches gradually worked out a forward pass. When the rules were changed from the loss of the ball to a loss of fifteen yards the conches became more bold and the change was the

signal for more passing. At the begining of the present season been working out various schemes to make the forward pass more effective and instead of the shorter passes used the first season of the operation of the new rule, the ball was hurled yards and when the Cornell-Pennsylvania game was on a fiftyyard hurl was often seen. These long hurls were the feature of the final contests. The penalty of 15 yards for the loss of a successful throw was not enough penalty to stop the teams from taking all sorts of chances. Stronger teams claimed their scores were kept down by the better luck of the weaker team in pulling off there long throws.

Coach Warner of the Indians and Coach Crane of Harvard think the present rules should stand. The Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania coaches think the rules should be modified.

FOOT BALL RULES MAY STAND Not Much Change Likely to Be Made in Revision.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14-There is much peculation over possible changes in foot have the best interests of the game at heart do not believe any rudical changes,

Visit of British Team Certain to Add Interest to American Benson,

NEWSYORK, Dec. 14 .- The prospect is for a liveller season in lawn tennis the coming year. The British players will be here to play the preliminary matches for the Davis international trophy, and that means, too, according to announcement, that they will take part in our championships Further than that, before they do get here an effort is to be made to make uniform the playing rules of both coun-The forward pass in foot ball is the tries, and, at least on imopriant points, topic of discussion among the leading to eliminate possibilities of conflict or dis-

forward pass thrown out altogether, but is the rule regarding foot faults. It is Shepherd's bush. The professional billiardists appear to they are the extreme radicals. Some want very clear to those who have watched laws the cutting of the first sod for the exhibithe rules committee to stand pat on the tosmis matches that it is unfair that a tion buildings is January by the reprerule and the moderates ask that the rules player at the moment of striking the ball sentatives of the French ambassador and at Saratoga, which was worth \$16,650 to be modified, fearing the game will lose should be well on his way up to the net to the raising of the first stanchion of the the winner. Bailot also captured the Cen its distinctive features if the present un- get the return of service. In the first huge arena in August by Lady Desborough, restricted forward pass is continued. They place, the closer he is to the net the betdemand a short pass and an accurate one. ter chance he has of making an unplyable When the present season started none service and the more direct force from questioned the merits of the rules permit- above he can bring to bear on the ball. ting the forward pass, but as the smaller Again, he is right up where he can take ones, all sorts of chances were taken with of the play from that on. There are, of

The truth of the matter is that the rules of the two countries mean to prevent any Too much tinkering with the rules will such unfair service, and it also is a matter lidly for education, fine arts, music and not do. Foot ball has jumped back into of fact that the English referees do take popularity as no other condemned game measures to see that no player gets or ever did in such a short time. The forward takes an advantage of this kind. Over here pass and the open game were the features the system of conducting tournaments. in Omaha and exclamations of joy were even the national tournament, which should irresistibly reminds the speciator of the (five men) rolled a 2,853-score for three heard on all sides when a successful for- be a model, is so lax that whether by accigames. Ralph Rose, John Flanagan, Mar- ward pass was made. The forward pass is dent or design players do foot fault continually and without beurring penalties.

If we were to meet a team of British players here naturally all our best men would be engaged, and our best men juckily bers of the opposing team. The man who known enough not to foot fault, and furthermore, do not do it. If they should do so in their eagerness they might foot fault at a time when the loss of the service would lose them a point, a game, a set and perhaps an important match.

There has been not a little complaint against our players who go abroad that they are careless about their footwork. rule. The rulemakers felt that no team The British rule is explicit that no player could consistently make ten yard gains shall be in motion toward the net from against the well organized defense of the strong teams without some new rule which ball is struck by the racket. He must have both feet squarely on the ground. Our rule does not so regulate the feet, but the sense is the same. The facts are that in England most tournaments are models-they have to be to attract the good playersand there is generally an effective corps of referees. Referees in tournaments outside of the national championship here are rare and there is too much slipshod and careless work in the conduct of matches. In some cases the managers make an honest effort to have a good man for every match, not just the one where two good men happen to be engaged. The New York

state tournament, the East New Jersey the coaches showed at the start they had tournament and a couple of others that might be mentioned were well managed in this regard. The Middle States tournament conspicuously was not, and that may explain to the managers of it why the champlonship that should be next to the national has fallen off until it is very poor and draws fewer men than the Long Island tournament. There was some discussion last year when an American player, D. P. Rhoades, States or having migrated to foreign coun-

won several matches in the covered court championships in London. Rhoades foot faulted several times. In the case of Miss Sutton no mention was ever made of her foot faulting, but if she served as she did to America last season, she foot faulted. The movement to codify and to unify the tennis rules of the two countries is approved by the best men on both sides.

Hedges Would Enlarge Plant. President Hedges of the St. Louis

trowns is figuring on securing grounds adjacent to Sportsmen's park, with a view to enlarging It. The Browns need a bigger home. Base ball is rapidly becoming such ball rules for another year. Those who a big game that Sunday crowds of "20,000 will soon be a regular thing. When Hedges gets 15,000 fans in his yard he's James E. Sullivan, the executive commitpacked. That means a loss of much money ready to be picked up weekly.

## FORWARD PASS BOON TO GAME LIVELIER YEAR IN LAWN TENNIS LONDON'S OLYMPIAN ARENA

Preparations for Great Athletic Meet Are Being Made.

BUILDINGS GOING UP WITH SPEED

Splendid Place for Holding the Show Where Men of All the World Will Compete in Games.

will best be able to appreciate the astound- | Champion, under a bad rider; won the First | ing advance made in the last few months | Special, \$5,000, and the Second Special, \$5,005 in the erection of the huge constructions after which Salvidere took his measure in that cover 140 acres of what was desert the Cup Preliminary. Ballot was badly land less than twelve months ago. Eight spacious halls, each 400 feet by seventy rest he won both the Election Day handfeet are already outlined in steel, iron and cap, \$2,780, and the Edgemere stakes, \$1,800 concrete. For many the external decoraproof structural walls. Two hundred and fifty thousand square feet of floor space lyn handicap at Gravesend, when he won has been roofed over for the machinery hall alone. Other palaces are rising rapwoman's work.

On its present condition, with only the two great segments finished at each end of the mighty ellipse, the Olympic arena collseum, as "at venerable monument of Imperial Rome now looks in the splendor of its majestle ruins. But the coliseum with all its tieres of arches, could be easily contained within the completed Olympic arena of today. The stadium of modern Athens, seats and all, could be built within the space of grass that forms merly the center of London's latest marvel. The ampitheaters of Nines of Arles could be hidden away at one end of the Shepherd's bush arena and scarcely interfere with its proportions. Some 80,000 people will be able to sit round its spacious seats and watch the greatest athletic gatherings the world has ever seen.

According to reports from the various ountries interested in sports in all parts of the world, the assembly of athletes will be the greatest, both in quality and quantity, that ever competed for international France, Germany, Greece, the United States and many other nations, aside from England and the British colonies, will be represented by a host of entrants skilled in strength, speed and endurance, and the winner of any special event can well be termed champion of the world in his particular specialty

The Olympic games will be held under the auspices of the British Olympic council. The American committee, which has been appointed in accordance with the wishes of Lord Decborough as president of the Olympic council, is a representative one, the honorary president being Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States; Casper Whitney, president, and Julius W. Curtiss of Yale, treasurer. No athlete of the United States will be permitted to compete in the Shepherd's bush stadium through an individual entry. He must be a member of the American team and entered as such by the American Olympic ommittee. Only native born or naturalized Americans, either residents of the United tries within recent years, will be eligible While it is not likely than any of them

will be used, the United States has quite a few athletes in England Itself who, in case of necessity, or in the event of any of them showing such class that they would be entitled to places on the team, can be called upon to compete under the Stars and Stripes at the Olympic games - the Rhoden scholarship men. Under the ruling of Lord Desborough those men are eligible. None of the Rhodes men are world-beaters, but in intercollegiate meets they have been placed well most of the time.

Selecting American Team. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Bartow S. Weeks Julian W. Curtiss, Gustavus T. Kirby and

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#### WINNINGS OF KEENE STABLE Remarkable Success of Castleton Bree Race Horses During Last

Season.

The wonderful success of James R. Keene's racing stable during the campaign of 1967 will go down in turf history as a world's record. No owner and breeder of thoroughbred race horses ever won so much money in stakes and purses in a single season. The fact that Mr. Keene bred the phenominal 2-year-old Colin. by Commando-Pastorella, who won twelve consecutive races without suffering a defeat s alone something to be proud of, but the additional success of the great Peter Pan, another blue blooded son of the dead Commando, together with that of Ballot, by Voter-Cerito, proves to the world that as

breeder Mr. Keene stands pretty close to

upiled a record of the Keene stable for 1907, which shows that the total winnings sistently short prices against them. Mr. breakaways. two times, a remarkable performance, of Trainer James Rowe.

Brighton Junior stakes, \$11,750; the Saratoga Special, \$14,500; the Grand Union Hotel stakes, \$8,250; the Futurity, \$27,075; the Flatbush stakes, \$8,420; the Brighton Produce stakes, \$10,874; the Matron Stakes, \$11,242; the Champagne stakes, \$5,775, in which he wound up the season. By long odds he is believed to be the greatest 2-year-old in

cap at the Beach, netting \$9.525. His next success was in the Great Republic stake tury stakes, \$15,150; ran third in the Annual beaten in the Brighton Cup, but after a at Aqueduct, Peter Pan won a total of

Superman's best race was in the Brook on a heavy track and picked up \$15,800. Aside from Colin, the filly Meggs Hill, by Ben Brush-Runaway Girl, was the most successful 2-year-old, as she gathered forty-three stakes, including the Belmont, Furity, Century, Platbush and Champagne stukes all leading fixtures on the American turf calendar. The appended table

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the Intercollegiate Champions



BELLEVUE AND THE

#### CONTROL OF NEW YORK TRACK

Empire State Racing Commission to Make Good on Name.

STARTING METHODS DISCUSSED

Walkup System Will Be Given Further Trial, but is Not Looked Upon as a Permanent Feature of Racing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 .- A rumor has been in circulation among local turfmen that the state racing commission will exercise more authority in the general supervision of the sport in this state next year than ever before and that incidentally the members From unofficial figures The Bee has of the commission, James Wadsworth, John Sanford and N. K. Knapp, will recommend largely to the Jockey club that the were \$402,338. This amount includes first, walkup system of starting be adopted withsecond and third moneys, also special out further delay. Just who started this bonuses to Mr. Keene for breeding various rumor nobody seemed to know, but instake winners, and after all subscriptions fluential turfmen, when asked for an fees have been deducted. The achieve- opinion declared that the state racing comment stands as a world's record, the best mission had no power to act and that its previous figures being \$376,000, won by the duties were limited solely to the granting Duke of Portland's horses in Europe in 1889. of race track licenses. Furthermore these Almost from the opening of the season at turfmen said that the jockey club had de-Aqueduct last April the Keene stable began | cided some time ago to adopt the walkup sending winners to the post and in nearly system next season and that when the every instance the horses were held in such spring meeting at Bennings opens next high esteem that the layers quoted con- March there would be no more flat-footed

Keene's horses won seventy races, were As a matter of fact, these turfmen insecond forty-four times and third twenty- sisted that the stewards of the jockey club reached their conclusion last September which reflects much credit upon the skill and intended to make an immediate change at that time, but after deliberation it was Colin, Peter Pan and Ballot won a concluded that such a change would cause greater part of the money. Colin cleaned no end of confusion at the barrier because up \$138.253, including plate and breeding of the fact that 90 per cent of the horses fees. He began his remarkable career by had not been schooled to the new method. winning an overweight event at Belmont It was also stated this week that before Park on May 29, when his share of the Mrs. Cassidy finished his work with the purse was a paltry \$940. After that he gate here a few weeks ago he was notified triumphed in the National Stallion stakes, that he could operate with the walkup next worth \$10,002 net; the eclipse stakes, netting March and that it would be well for him 29.225; the Great Trial stakes, \$19,550; the to employ this method at New Orleans, Brighton Junior stakes, \$11,750; the Sarawinter. Cassidy has always been a strong advocate of the walkup system, so that under the present plans he will be expected to show a vast improvement in his work. which at times has not been entirely satisfactory in the opinion of the racing public.

Not a Permanent Feature, But while it is said that the Jockey club Peter Pan did not begin the season stewards have yielded to an alleged public uspiciously, even though Rowe pronounced clamor the fact remains that there are him the best 3-year-old in the barn. He many conservative horsemen, who believe was beaten in the Wither's stakes by Frank that the walkup system will not be Gill and also in the Carlton stakes by permanent fixture. These men have insisted Dinna Ken, but he came into his own all along that the walkup starting would when he captured the historic Belmont afford an immense advantage for quick stakes, netting the handsome prize of \$22,- breakers at the post, while horses not in-765. This race was a most impressive clined to get away at a given signal would Keens triumph, as Superman, also by Com- be so hopelessly handicapped that they mando, ran second. Peter Pan also was would have practically no chance to make victories in the Standard Stakes, \$5,300; up lost ground. This has always been the the I lyn Derby, \$10,475; the Tidal contention of some of the biggest betters stakes, 15,060; the Advance stakes, \$11,750, on the eastern turf, and as these speculaand the Brighton handleap, of which his tors usually study every angle of racing share was \$19,750. After that success Peter with extreme care it is thought that some LONDON, Dec. 14.—Nothing more extraor-dinary, as a constructive feat, is to be task of rolling up the winnings of the erations. The fact that the public has seen Seen just now in London than the city Jockey club's vice chairman. Ballot had some superb starting in years gone by The Columbia team is considered the equal of any in the ranks of the country. Last year Columbia was fie
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broke of the most important points that with the flatfooted break, as executed by short at 14,055 targets in compelition and of some sort of change. Few want the any joint rules committee can decide upon his next start he won the Iroquois stakes, forward pass thrown out altogether, but is the rule regarding foot faults. It is

Shepherd's bush. Those who remember 55,850, and then won the Invincible handichange in the walkup will be regarded in the light of a means of improving the work of Starter Cassidy. Holtman, who started at Empire City last summer, employed, both systems, with the result that race goers who looked on were not slow in declaring that the best results accrued from the standing breakaway.

Crooked Racing Under Fire. The starting system, however, is not the most impostant matter to be considered by the Jockey club stewards this winter. In view of the erratic racing of the past season, which caused all sorts of unpleasant criticism, it is generally believed that the Jockey club will look into the advisability of having more competent officials in the stewards' stands in future. That a more vigilant supervision of racing is necessary in future nobody in authority will deny, but just at present the proposition to employ "professional stewards" to not regarded with particular favor by the powers that be. The Jockey club never does things in a hurry, but when action is finally taken the turf is usually benefited, The turf governors began a vigorous crusade against existing evils in October, but the season was so near a conclusion that much was left undone. But it is sald that an investigation of certain important matters is still under way, and that when the season of 1908 rolls around there will be little or no room on the metropolitan tracks for unscrupulous operators.

BUSY DAYS FOR THE TRAINERS Much Work Before the Racers Are

Cooled Out. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Although active racing for the season has ended in the east, the activity of trainers and their help about the stables has by no means suspended. Down at Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay, where 90 per cent of the high class horses are wintered, there are, asyet, few indications that the dull routine of winter is at hand. Several shipments of horses have reached both tracks from Bennings. Before the last of the late racers have been called out, so to speak, the greater part of the month will have gone. Just as the two weeks of galloping are required to thoroughly fit a horse for the strain of racing, care must be taken in preparing for an extended period of idleness. The Bennings runners coming back for the winter must be eased off gradually by means of decreased work until their handlers consider them fit for the idle sea-son. Therefore, although there will be no more racing hereabout until the first of next April, more or less work in the way of galloping goes on at the local courses from day to day, and barring a spell of very bad weather, will be continued

throughout the month. Real winter at the race track brings tho period of indoor work. The horses by that time do little, and trainers, stablemen and exercise boys relax from the long hours and steady work entailed in the handling of the runners during the regular racing season. With most of the stables, however, strict discipline is enforced the year

In the next few weeks to come owners and trainers of the better class of horses will have to decide about their candidates for the classic handicaps of 1968. Nominations to the trio of \$25,000 races must be made by January 1, and it is a subject of much study, especially with owners of big strings, to decide just what shall be honored by a nomination to one or more of the classics. Paying forfeits in races of this kind means a big drain financially, but few owners care to risk leaving out a horse that may develop fato a high class handicap performer. Very frequently it