

Base Ball Training Trips and College Team Schedules Prove That Summer Isn't Very Far Away

SOUTHERN TRIP ABANDONED

Cornhuskers Find Themselves Minus Base Ball Team.

NEW RULES SPOIL TEAM FOR YEAR

Spring Foot Ball Practice to Be Feared This Year—Three Vacant Dates on the Schedule.

LINCOLN, March 28.—(Special).—One of two trips scheduled for the University of Nebraska base ball team this spring has been abandoned, and the giving up of the other is being strongly considered by Manager Eager as a result of the recent adoption by the Missouri valley conference of the rule barring freshmen from intercollegiate athletics. The new eligibility measure hit Nebraska base ball hard and blighted the best prospects for a winning nine that the Cornhuskers have had for several years.

After he found yesterday that it would be impossible to play the freshmen in the intercollegiate games Manager Eager decided to abandon the southern trip and cancelled all the dates for it. The trip was scheduled to begin April 15 and would have included games with several teams in Kansas and Missouri. Manager Eager is now considering the giving up of the eastern trip, which is planned to begin May 2 and extend over a period of two weeks. Games to be played at that time are scheduled with some of the strongest colleges in the middle west, including Notre Dame and Illinois. Neither the Cornhusker manager nor the athletic board are now considering the giving up of the eastern trip, which is planned to begin May 2 and extend over a period of two weeks.

Eligibility Candidates Reduced.

The freshman rule has cut down the size of the eligible list of base ball candidates considerably and the number of strong players is very small. The men who have places on the "varsity clinched," or who have the best show of making good, are Bellamy, Beltzer, Watters, Klein, Rodman, Dodson, Watson, Freeman, Jennings, Slueter, Freeman, Freeman, and Blake. Of these, Bellamy, Beltzer, Dodson, Slueter, Ward, Blake and Freeman are sure to be on the line. The barring of the freshmen has taken out of commission the two star catchers and necessitated the shifting of Denlow from first to second base, leaving a strong bid for short stop and middle infield to land that place. Harris, a freshman, had the short stop position clinched when the eligibility rule knocked him out. Beltzer will play at third base this season. In the outfield Captain Bellamy, Jennings and Freeman appear to be the trio that will work their way into the varsity. Freeman may not be able to make good if Slueter does not stay at first base. The pitching staff will consist of Ward, Blake and Rodman.

Foot Ball Practice Soon.

Within a few weeks spring foot ball practice will be inaugurated at the university for the first time in the history of Cornhusker athletics. Captain Harvey of the 1908 eleven will issue the call for candidates and will get out all the men eligible for next fall's team. It is expected that a large number of men will answer the call and report for the training. Captain Harvey and Manager Eager will have charge of the squad. The prospects are brilliant for another strong eleven next fall, and many students expect the eleven will be even stronger than the championship team of last year. All of the 1907 eleven, with the exception of Captain Walker, are eligible for the 1908 team and will be on hand next fall to help win more honors for the scarlet and cream. In addition to the old men, there will be several of this year's freshmen who showed up well last fall, in line for the team.

Good Supply of Kickers.

The material in the kicking line is plentiful, but it is a little green and will have to be worked out at the hands of some experienced men. Some of the players who will be trained for the kicking department in an effort to train a player who will be able to fill Captain Weller's place. Weller was a star punter and drop kicker, and it was his toe work that the success of last season was in great measure due. His two drop kicks—one them from the fifty yard line—were responsible for the defeat of the Iowa Aggies in the Nebraska-Ames game last November. Captain Harvey, realizing how great the value of a good drop kicker is and how many games are won by a single drop or place kick, will pay much attention to developing a man for the kicking department for the 1908 eleven.

Cornhusker Pitcher

Cornhusker pitcher... (Detailed text about pitcher's performance and team strategy)

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BIG HACK'S SIZE AND STRENGTH

Something About the Giant Frank Gotch Will Tackle in Chicago.

NEW YORK, March 28.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, world's champion wrestler, is probably the strongest man that ever exhibited his power in public. As a weight lifter he can easily distance the performances of the old-time strong man, Eugene Sandow. At a wrestling he has beaten champions outweighing him 100 pounds—the greatest giants of the European circuit. And in spite of his enormous muscular power he has maintained amazing quickness. He is an expert acrobat as well as a wrestler and weight lifter.

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"The explanation is easy. If you desire to gain in strength and you keep thinking about it you will naturally do the things that help you. If you pick up something without thinking, your muscles act with the least possible effort. But if you think while you are lifting it you consciously control your muscles and get more exercise. A very important thing is to put weight which will build up muscular effort. If you are only half determined, there is no strength.

"Any kind of exercise is good if you become interested and work hard at it. The best is always to be out of doors, running and jumping and riding bicycles. Weight lifting is all right, but it is not the best. Little weights are best at first. One must be in good condition to lift heavy weights. If you're not fit, don't try it. Wrestling is good work, because it develops every muscle. Boxing is very good. As for diet, I do not believe in it. At least, I think it is better to eat a strict diet. I eat only complicated dishes. I eat meat and bread and vegetables as I please and drink water or milk or claret. I could do all my work on buttermilk.

Hackenschmidt obtained his first definite impression of the "toe hold," which is fully capable of explaining all of the fine points of the "catch-as-catch-can" method. William Muldoon asked Hackenschmidt if he feared any of the pitfalls of a style of wrestling different to that in which he had made his reputation. He replied:

"I know only that I have to wrestle. After all this means strength, agility and confidence which is of such a kind that it nerves one's self and at the same time does not run to the extent of despising one's opponent. Of course, there are many tricks with which I am not altogether familiar, but I ought to be able to learn a good many of them by the time I get through my training."

RUDE HOLZ WANTS JOE GANS

NEW YORK, March 28.—Rudolph Holz, the lightweight champion of South Africa, who has been in town, has turned down a proposition made to him by Charley Harvey, manager of Owen Moran, the little English fighter, who offered to match Owen against him in a twenty-round bout before Jim Coffroth's club at Colma, Cal., next month, at 150 pounds. Holz told Harvey that he was anxious to fight Joe Gans for the lightweight title and would not think of taking on Moran. Harvey, consisting in battling up files to the infielders and outfielders. Owing to the cold weather the pitchers have been taking it easy. Coach Barry has had Knight and Johns, the two leading candidates for the job of pitcher, throwing the ball around a little, but neither of them are taking any chances. It looks as though Barlow had the receiver's end clinched and this will probably necessitate Messmer's being shifted to first base. In case the captain of the track team plays the initial baz, Muckelstone will probably be moved into the outfield. Captain Kauffman may straighten out his deficiencies in his work, and in case he succeeds he will gain he seen at short, where he put up a star game last season. Dancy has been showing up strong as one of the candidates for first, but he may be switched over to third on account of the hole in that position. Rogers will again play the center garden and the way he has been hauling them down bodes no good in the heavy hitters who are planning for fat battling averages this year.

Working on Track Team.

Captain Hutchins has had the track candidates out for a few days, but no hard work has been done. Natwick has been training steadily in the hurdles and he looks good for points this year. His stride is better than it was last year and he is much stronger. Morris has been practicing the sprints. The broad jumping will fall upon Louis Coorsen this year, as Van Dersee has completed his three years. Coorsen has gone over twenty-two feet and should be able to take care of this event. Wilson, the only promising pole vaulter in the lot, came near having a bad accident Wednesday. He was vaulting with one of the new poles recently purchased by the department, and when in mid-air, the pole snapped under him. The fact that the pole could get no hold in the hard ground was all that saved him from what might have been a severe injury. Bertles, the long distance runner, has again resumed training after a rest of six months, taken upon advice of his physician. He and Blankenship will uphold the honors of the cardinal in the distance runs this year. Captain Hutchins will get their first call to prepare for the autumn campaign.

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West Point High School Basket Ball Team



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BADGER OARSMEN TO GET OUT

Practice on the Water is to Commence Monday Morning.

BASE BALL CANDIDATES ACTIVE

Light Practice Has Already Commenced—Track Men Also Getting in Condition.

MADISON, Wis., March 28.—(Special).—The Badger oarsmen will get their first touch of water on Monday afternoon. Work on the remodeled boat house has been carried on all week and the construction of the pier will be completed by that time. The ice has been piled up on the shore and, had the new piers been up, the men could have gotten out a couple of days ago.

Coach Ten Eyck has practically kept the same men at the same positions for the last three weeks and it looks as though they would be chosen first choice. The men have been rowing in the following order: Stroke, Dine; No. 2, Captain Wilder; No. 3, Iakisch; No. 4, Dreyer; No. 5, Kerr; No. 6, Wiley; No. 7, Hickox; No. 8, Trane. This has been the regular line-up each night with the exception of the fact that Murphy has been rowed at both Nos. 5 and 6. Murphy, although he passed all his examinations, is two points behind the faculty's idea of eligibility and it is not known whether he will be granted permission to pull an oar this year or not. Dr. Hutchins has decided to take the "varsity coaching launch" each evening when the crews go down to Foughtkeeps this year. In past years the Badgers have experienced considerable trouble in getting a suitable launch and for that reason Dr. Hutchins thinks that the added expense will be worth while.

Base Ball Men Out.

The base ball candidates have been out on the lower campus for the last three days, but it is difficult to get any line on the team as yet, as the men have not been assigned any permanent positions. The practice thus far has been rudimentary, consisting in battling up files to the infielders and outfielders. Owing to the cold weather the pitchers have been taking it easy. Coach Barry has had Knight and Johns, the two leading candidates for the job of pitcher, throwing the ball around a little, but neither of them are taking any chances. It looks as though Barlow had the receiver's end clinched and this will probably necessitate Messmer's being shifted to first base. In case the captain of the track team plays the initial baz, Muckelstone will probably be moved into the outfield. Captain Kauffman may straighten out his deficiencies in his work, and in case he succeeds he will gain he seen at short, where he put up a star game last season. Dancy has been showing up strong as one of the candidates for first, but he may be switched over to third on account of the hole in that position. Rogers will again play the center garden and the way he has been hauling them down bodes no good in the heavy hitters who are planning for fat battling averages this year.

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OLYMPIAD APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Chairman of Committee Says Money is Needed to Entertain Visiting Athletes.

LONDON, March 28.—Lord Desborough, president of the British Olympic association, has issued an appeal for funds. He says: "During the coming summer the representatives of twenty-two countries will be attending the Olympic games at London and a large sum of money will be required to carry out the lengthy program of the games which extends over twelve weeks and includes almost all the better known athletic competitions. Money will also be required to provide gold, silver and bronze medals, badges and diplomas, as well as to entertain in a manner worthy of this country all those representative athletes, judges and committees—who, it is hoped, will take away the pleasantest recollections of their visit to England."

1. That during the present year the Olympic games will be held in this country for the first time since their inception in 1906. 2. That as they take place only every four years, and several countries desire to hold them, a very long time must elapse before they will again be celebrated in the British Isles. 3. That the athletic world will expect a high standard to be set by this country, and that the success of so many modern forms of athletics. 4. That the British Isles have a reputation for hospitality, to keep our countrymen in mind, and to be better exercised than on this occasion, when so many representatives of other countries will be visiting us for the games. The idea of these games is something above and beyond the mere holding of a great athletic meeting; the underlying hope is that the youth, and especially the athletic youth, of the different countries represented, by meeting each other in friendly rivalry will get to know each other better and appreciate each other more. With these ends in view, I appeal with confidence to the generosity of the British people upon this unique occasion.

SECOND BURNS AND BELL MATCH

Sale of Seats at Auditorium for Next Tuesday Night.

The second Burns and Bell match between "Farmer" Burns and Fred Bell, which is to take place next Tuesday night at the Auditorium, will undoubtedly draw as large a house as their first match, on March 15, as the demand for seats is just as great. A large number of seats have already been ordered by out-of-town people and local demand seems even greater than for the first match. Farmer Burns is evidently determined to win the second match and thus establish himself as the unquestioned light heavyweight champion, while Bell is just as determined that he will win from the "Farmer," the champion position which he has carried so long. Bell is in constant training here in the city and Farmer Burns is wrestling every day with Frank Gotch in Chicago, so that both men will be in perfect condition, and the greatest athletic contest ever witnessed in Omaha will be confidently expected.

FOOT BALL WORK IN THE SPRING

Eastern Schools Will Have Their Squads Out Early.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 28.—Practice for the foot ball men at Princeton is to begin shortly, although most of it will consist of boxing and gymnastic tending to develop the men who will pursue the pigskin in the fall. Trainer Val Flood has fitted up training quarters for the men, including two hand ball courts, and in a few days the gridironers will get their first call to prepare for the autumn campaign. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.—For the purpose of being in line with the other colleges rather than for any good to be derived therefrom, the foot ball squads at Yale and Harvard are planning for a little spring practice next month. The Yale players will be called out on April 1 and will work on April 11. Harvard's squad will have two weeks' practice, beginning on April 27.

PA STARTS SLUGGING IN SNOW

Rourke's Wallop Originals at Opening on Winter Day.

CHAMPS SHOW GOOD ORDER

Manager Bradford of Lee-Glass-Andersen Team Will Have Better Lineup Out This Afternoon.

In a snow flurry, with one fan in the grandstand and thirty-five on the bleachers, the exhibition base ball season opened in Omaha Saturday at the Vinton street park, when the Champions walloped the Lee-Glass-Andersen team by the score of 26 to 8. The Rourke's showed their training by working at all branches of the game in better form than the amateur team, many of the Colts playing in splendid form, while Bradford's men were erratic and threw over the basemen's heads at every chance offered.

Grand Island Graham was the bright and shining star with the stick, hitting out six safe ones in six times up. In the first inning both Graham and Autrey hit for home runs, both balls going in the same place, scooping past second to the fence. Captain Franck did not present a very formidable array against the hardware men. He had Clark at short and Metz in left field. He presented two of his new pitchers, Isaacs pitched the first four innings and then De Silva from Ainsworth was substituted. The latter gentleman is a big southpaw who was not afraid to bend them, even if it is early in the season, and it did it with such good effect that Brad and his men were able to score but one run after he went in. He is touted as a second Rube Waddell, having many of the eccentricities of that noted player.

Metz is a big, strong player, who has made a hit with the old members of the team, and they are touting him strong for a position as a regular member of the Rourke family. Townsend, formerly of the Omaha team, relieved LeBrand in the fifth and Goding did not care to take any chances in the cold.

At the opening of the game Captain Franck gave orders for the players to "hit 'er out," and hit it they did. After nearly a score of runs had been made he changed his orders and all tried to bunt 'f. Most were successful, as Pa's new grass diamond is not as smooth at present as it will be later in the season.

Bradford did not have the full strength of his team and promises to present a better lineup this afternoon. He had two of his fielders playing infield positions and these went astray on their throws to bases. Pa will trot out three more pitchers this afternoon and the fans will have a chance to see them work.

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Score by Innings: Omaha 3 2 7 2 8 3-36 L-G-A 1 0 2 2 1 6-8 Two-base hits: Belden, Austin, Metz. Home runs: Autrey, Graham. Passed ball: Freese. Wild pitches: Isaacs, 1; Scully, 1. First base on balls: O. Omasas, 4; off Scully, 3; off Bunnell, 1. Hit by pitched ball: By Scully, 1; by Bunnell, 1. Struck out: By Isaacs, 5; by DeSilva, 2; by Scully, 1; by Bunnell, 1. Double play: Lawler to C. Clair. Stolen bases: Belden, Autrey, Scully, 2. Townsend, Dougherty, Time: 1:40. Umpire: Haskell.

JOCKEYS WHO MAY RIDE AGAIN

List of Licensees Granted by the Jockey Club for the Coming Season.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The broad and easy path that a few jockeys traveled last year is not looked upon with favor by the members of the Jockey club at the recent meeting, when licenses to ride during the coming summer were granted. Last year considerable talk was occasioned by the rides that certain boys put up when their mounts were favorites and that there was plenty of reason for it is proved by the fact that this year the said boys will have to return to real work if they want to make a living. The most promising prominent jockey who has been refused a license is Bill Knapp. That he is a clever, capable rider no one will deny. He has learned his profession well and can hold his own with any boy in America when he is so minded. Still, there were times last year when he rode worse than an apprentice and always when his mounts were favorites. In fact he rode a few such peculiar races for Billy Duhois that he thought it best of wisdom to depart for the coast without bidding the king of the club house commissioners goodbye.

Jockey Romanelli, who once lost "alla his amblah" while riding one of big Tim Sullivan's horses and who later had his license taken away at Saratoga, is another one who will not have a chance to show his skill this year. The members of the Jockey club were afraid that he has not recovered from his spell of timidity and thought it best for all concerned to keep him out of the saddle. Harry Michaels, who is now on his way to South America, also had a license refused. This year the applications of Englander, Michaud, White and C. Koerner were laid on the table. Of these Englander and Koerner are about the only ones who will be missed.

The full list of jockeys granted licenses follows: George Ashendon, William Ambron, J. P. Burns, W. C. Bryson, Washington H. Brussel, Guy Burns, W. Cullen, John C. Daly, Harry Bubel, William F. Doyle, A. Delaby, Clifford O. Gilbert, John Hennessy, Joseph Hogg, Emil Kraus, W. Koatling, William Allan Lee, Phil Musgrave, C. T. Miller, Walter Miller, Ernest Martin, Joseph McCarhey, C. E. McDaniel, Edwinton McCarthy, Arthur Helligan, David L. Nie, Joseph Notter, W. O'Leary, G. C. Oland, Herbert Powell, M. Preston, Vincent Powers, Percy Quarrington, C. M. Shilling, Richard Wats, J. J. Walsh, Willie Walsh, Fred Crowley and Charles Garner.

A number of trainers were licensed without gloves and it may be that the ones handed them will keep a few others who are inclined to look for the best of it in line. The only two trainers to be absolutely refused licenses were Willie Martin, who has been on the black list for some years, and W. C. McDermott. This application of a number of others, however, were laid on the table and some of them will find that they are in the same old spot when the snow comes again. "Dynamite Jack" Thornby, Bobbie Beach and Algonzo Clark are the most prominent ones who still are on the anxious list.

Several of the cross-country riders who are to perform during the coming season of racing were granted licenses at a recent meeting of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association. For the racing year so soon to be inaugurated, the percentage of gentlemen riders is exceedingly high and the professionals through the field will undoubtedly find some very clever amateurs trying against them. The gentlemen who were granted licenses to ride through the field were H. L. Morris, C. H. Kirk, Thomas Wright, S. J. Holloway, Courtenay Smith, Bowling W. Haxall, T. Hyland Jones, E. Frank Neer, Charles K. Harrison, Dr. Milton P. Hill, Jarvis Spencer, Marshall Clapp, George Watson, W. Ellis Johnson, W. R. Martin, W. R. Martin, who is of Lancaster, Pa., also has a license permitting him to ride on the flat. His is the first application that has been received from any gentleman rider to ride on equal terms with professionals in flat races.

The professional jockeys who were awarded licenses are Robert Curran, T. J. Donohue, P. J. Hagan, Otto Heider, A. Hewitt, M. Henderson, E. Huppe, Gene Phelan, P. Kellner, E. Owens, R. Afee, Luigi Mammano, E. Frank Neer, Robinson, H. L. Saffell, R. D. Sampson, J. Steele, G. B. Wilson, J. Kelly, P. McInerney, G. Palmer, L. Rogan, E. Savage and S. Turner.

Applications that were laid on the table and temporarily held up were those of Nat Ray, W. G. Wilson, G. E. Bernhard, C. Corbett, F. Turnbull and W. H. Henry. The application of Sitas McDavid was denied, while that of Albert Davidson was referred to the stewards of the Washington Jockey club.

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Miller and Gilbert Contracts. Thomas H. Williams, president of the Pacific Coast Jockey club and the chief owner of the Oakland race track, will have two crack jockeys, Walter Miller and Clifford Gilbert, under contract here. Williams signed Miller last fall when the champion jockey was released by the Newcastle stable and took him to California. Miller contracted to make 36 pounds, but within the last few weeks he has found this task a most difficult one.

In fact Miller is growing so rapidly that the time is not far distant when he will be satisfied if he can scale at 110. But Miller, even with increasing bulk, is still the greatest race rider on the American turf. He has ridden more winners in California this winter than any other boy and comes east with his vast popularity. It is understood that when his services are required by Williams and his trainer, H. E. Stowell, Miller will ride for the Newcastle Stable, trained by Tom Welch. Miller and Welch have been best friends ever since the big trainer took hold of the boy two years ago. Welch, who has a good sized stable this season, so that Miller will be needed to help out.

Little Gilbert whose contract was recently purchased by Williams for \$10,000 cash, is said to be a coming star. He has made some rapid strides since the New Year, and on the coast the experts say he is bound to make his mark. His work has been of such brilliancy that James R. Keene, it is reported, recently made a successful offer for second call on the boy's services.

Mr. Keene, with both Joe Notter and Gilbert, will be well fixed for riding material. It was when he had become dissatisfied with Miller's handling of Ballot in the Annual Champion stakes last September that Mr. Keene put Notter on Peter Pan in the Brighton handicap. Notter had been riding for Lucky Jack Mooney and had been making only fair progress when he received the Keene offer.

Racegoers will remember the magnificent handling of Peter Pan which resulted in a superb triumph at the beach. It was a rare exhibition of pluck and skill and Mr. Keene was so delighted that he lost no time in securing a contract on the boy's services. Notter has been riding all winter at the New Orleans tracks, where he has had no trouble in distancing his competitors. C. R. Ellison, the noted plunger, said recently that in his opinion Notter this year would ride more winners on the Jockey club's tracks than Miller and that he would become the best rider in the country. Notter will receive a salary of \$75,000, it is said, which, with other fees, will enable him to earn more money than ever before.

Eddie Dugan's Contracts. H. P. Whitney and R. T. Wilson, Jr., will practically monopolize the services of Eddie Dugan so far as stake events are concerned. Dugan, it will be recalled, was brought out by Boots Burness, now ruled out by Isaac, but Dugan's contract all last year. Dugan developed so rapidly that

BEST JOCKEYS FOR NEW YORK

Newcomers Among Those Who Will Strive for Saddle Honors.

KNIGHTS OF GOTRUM TRACKS

Knapp, Mountain, Radtke, Jack Martin, Michaels, Englander and Others Will Be in Evidence.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Nearly every jockey of any account in this country will ride on the eastern tracks this year provided, of course, he has received a license from the stewards of the Jockey club. But at that some of the noted riders will be among the missing.

Willie Knapp, who was accused of pulling Gold Lady in a memorable race at Belmont Park last fall, will not be permitted to sport silk again, as the Jockey club has placed him under the ban. Harry Michaels, who was ruled off two years ago, recently applied for a license, but was turned down again, and is now on his way back to South America after coming home in vain. Roche Romanelli, who was caught rehanding at Saratoga in 1908, is still in disfavor, while it will require much persuasive eloquence to restore Jockeys Englander, Michaud, White and Koerner to good standing. Mountain was ruled off some time ago, and is now on his way to Europe. Dadtke did not apply for a license this year, as he decided some time ago to ride in Russia in future. Jack Martin, known for years as the "money rider," has retired permanently, while Lucien Lyons will again try his luck on the English turf.

Two Veterans Back. Two veterans, Willie Shaw and Tommy Burns, however, will come back after campaigns last season in Germany. Shaw, who has been here all winter, recently signed a contract to ride for Dr. T. M. Cassidy, brother of Joe Cassidy, former borough president, who has a shifty list of racers and has been in Los Angeles since the season closed here last fall. Shaw rode in splendid form in Germany, but he did not care much for his surroundings and was glad when his contract expired. Although matured, Shaw can ride at about 108 pounds and is considered one of the most finished horsemen in the game. His long experience in the employ of the late J. Edgar Phil was a source of profit to him in many ways, so that since those days his services have been in constant demand.

If Shaw displays his old skill he will probably ride for the stable trained by Frank D. Wyle, which contains some great racers, notably Rossoben, Dr. Gardiner, Jim Gaffney and others who will go after some of the big stakes this year. It is also probable that Shaw will have a mount now and then in the Keene and Whitney colors, as he has always stood well with those big stakes.

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In fact Miller is growing so rapidly that the time is not far distant when he will be satisfied if he can scale at 110. But Miller, even with increasing bulk, is still the greatest race rider on the American turf. He has ridden more winners in California this winter than any other boy and comes east with his vast popularity. It is understood that when his services are required by Williams and his trainer, H. E. Stowell, Miller will ride for the Newcastle Stable, trained by Tom Welch. Miller and Welch have been best friends ever since the big trainer took hold of the boy two years ago. Welch, who has a good sized stable this season, so that Miller will be needed to help out.

Little Gilbert whose contract was recently purchased by Williams for \$10,000 cash, is said to be a coming star. He has made some rapid strides since the New Year, and on the coast the experts say he is bound to make his mark. His work has been of such brilliancy that James R. Keene, it is reported, recently made a successful offer for second call on the boy's services.

Mr. Keene, with both Joe Notter and Gilbert, will be well fixed for riding material. It was when he had become dissatisfied with Miller's handling of Ballot in the Annual Champion stakes last September that Mr. Keene put Notter on Peter Pan in the Brighton handicap. Notter had been riding for Lucky Jack Mooney and had been making only fair progress when he received the Keene offer.

Racegoers will remember the magnificent handling of Peter Pan which resulted in a superb triumph at the beach. It was a rare exhibition of pluck and skill and Mr. Keene was so delighted that he lost no time in securing a contract on the boy's services. Notter has been riding all winter at the New Orleans tracks, where he has had no trouble in distancing his competitors. C. R. Ellison, the noted plunger, said recently that in his opinion Notter this year would ride more winners on the Jockey club's tracks than Miller and that he would become the best rider in the country. Notter will receive a salary of \$75,000, it is said, which, with other fees, will enable him to earn more money than ever before.

Eddie Dugan's Contracts. H. P. Whitney and R. T. Wilson, Jr., will practically monopolize the services of Eddie Dugan so far as stake events are concerned. Dugan, it will be recalled, was brought out by Boots Burness, now ruled out by Isaac, but Dugan's contract all last year. Dugan developed so rapidly that

