

RYAN FLIGHT RULES MADE

World's Greatest Aviators Entered for \$10,000 Prize Contest.

CONTEST CLOSES AT 5:30

Aviators Allowed Less Than Three Hours to Fly from Belmont Park to Statue of Liberty and Return.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Rules governing the flight from Belmont park to the Statue of Liberty for a prize of \$10,000, offered by Thomas F. Ryan, were formulated and are as follows:

"The prize will be awarded to the aviator who shall make the best elapsed time in a flight from the starting line, Belmont park, and around the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and return to the starting line.

"The prize will be open to all competitors who shall have remained in the air in one continuous flight one hour or more during previous contests in the meet.

"The contest will take place on Thursday afternoon, October 27, and the start will be made between 10 and 11 o'clock. The elapsed time of any aviator shall be the interval of time between the moment of crossing the starting line in full flight, after giving official notice of his intention to start.

"In starting competitors must fly in the usual direction around the track, which they are at liberty to leave after passing the fifth pylon.

"The flight must be completed before 5:30 p. m."

The race from Belmont park to the Statue of Liberty and back, for the special prize of \$10,000, offered by Thomas F. Ryan, will be as much a test of the aviator's skill and nerve as of the powers of the various makes of monoplane and biplane. While the contest for the international speed trophy will probably furnish the greatest excitement during the meet, the race around Liberty will be by far the most spectacular event.

Great satisfaction has been felt at the entry of the French aviator, Garros, for the international tournament. Garros uses a Domoiselle, the invention of Santos Dumont, which has proved to be one of the most interesting of flying machines in Europe. It has been called the humming bird of the heavier than air brood.

Among the Americans Henry Weymann, who has spent most of his time abroad and who owns three Farman biplanes, will probably be the most dangerous competitor. Though he was beaten in the Circuit de l'Est he holds two world's records, one for the longest cross country flight in a single day and the other for the longest passenger carrying flight. Weymann's resourcefulness was recently shown by flying at night with a passenger.

The following is the makeup of the teams, with the name of the pilot and machine to be driven by each.

FRENCH TEAM: Hubert Latham, 100 h. p. Antoinette, Alfred Leblanc, 100 h. p. Bleriot, Rene Thomas, 50 h. p. Antoinette.

ENGLISH TEAM: Claude Grahame-White, 100 h. p. Bleriot, James Doolittle, 50 h. p. Bleriot, Alvo Ogilvie, new Wright biplane.

The entrants for the American elimination trials will include: J. B. Moisant, 50 h. p. Bleriot, C. R. Hamilton, 110 h. p. biplane, J. A. Drexel, 50 h. p. Wright flyer, Walter Brookins, new Wright flyer, Henry Weymann, 100 h. p. Farman, Glenn H. Curtiss (double), new Curtiss flyer.

FALL TRACK WORK AT SCHOOL

O. H. S. Lads Have Begun Cross-Country Running.

Fall track work at the Omaha High school has begun and for the last week the lads who are developing into runners have been doing cross country work after school and Saturdays. A squad of fifteen men on the average has reported during from one to three miles a day.

Track prospects for the coming year at the school are bright, although it is a little doubtful if the coming year can take in the championship as easily as the 1909 squad did. Kennedy, Burdick, Frazer, Kulakofsky, Long, Mills and several other star men graduated last season.

NEBRASKA BASKET BALL GOOD

High Class and Large Amount of Material at University for Five.

LINCOLN, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Basket ball has started in earnest, although the athletic board has not selected a coach. Captain Hutchinson has the biggest bunch of material to select from of recent years. The freshmen have five teams on the floor and Captain Hutchinson said it would be possible to select two teams from the first-year men which would be able to defeat the varsity.

Now They Figure the Graduation Losses on Field

Yale is Expected to Gain in Sprinting Department—Princeton Strong in Dashes.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—While fall track meets are being planned and cross-country teams are training, the large varsities are figuring their graduation losses on the field and in the sprints.

Yale will gain in the sprinting department, since E. V. Thatcher and T. F. Rodell of last year's freshman team became eligible. E. P. Seymour was lost by graduation. Wheeler, Boyd, Kelly and W. P. Snyder are also valuable men for the Blue.

Princeton should be very strong in the dashes next spring with R. Cook, H. Black and E. Jessup still eligible and helped out by Pendleton, Hall and Thomas of last year's freshman team.

G. W. Ryley was the only middle-distance runner graduated by Harvard. The Crimson acquired Warren of last year's freshman team. Yale lost L. Kirgassoff, the half-mile, but has new blood in the sophomores, Reed and Baker. Princeton lost G. Whitley, who won the mile against Yale last year.

In the hurdles Long and Lewis remain eligible at Harvard. Gardner's loss will be felt. Yale has G. A. Chisholm, who won the intercollegiate; K. Merrill, Larkin, Platt and Howe. L. M. King was lost, but Yale should be very strong over the hurdles. Dwight is Princeton's mainstay in the hurdles. The sophomores, Simpson and Richards, are promising material.

Harvard will be strong in the distance events with Jacques and the sophomores, Lawson, Newton, Fernald and Withington. Yale also has good men. Yale loses Miles in the 880-yard run and A. L. Haskell, the two-miler.

Yale lost heavily in the field events, losing the crack pole vaulter, Captain Wilson, and several good sophomores, while Yale is in a similar position. Yale retains Captain Kilpatrick in the broad jump, while Harvard has Long, Park and Austin as possible point winners. Princeton has Bement, Bartlett, Simmons and De La Rouelle.

Harvard bids fair to be formidable in the weight events with Speer and Simmons, both point winners at the intercollegiate, remaining eligible. E. J. Hart is also a good shot putter.

Two Hands in Weight Events

Swedes Plan Ambidextrous Throwing, Two Throws to Count—Idea is Questioned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—As the conditions now stand it is understood that the Swedes are going to inaugurate the ambidextrous rule at the next Olympic games. That is in such field events as the discus, javelin, shot and hammer the competitors will have to throw with the right and left hands, yet the distance achieved by the athlete's performance. This may be all right for the Swedes, but what purpose it serves to be ambidextrous at putting the shot or other weight event is hard to understand.

Since Milo of Croton showed his great prowess at pitching the discus at Athens and Polydamas of Thebes exhibited his wonderful accuracy at aiming the javelin men threw things with one hand, and it is their one single effort that has been recorded. Every man has a master hand, the manner in which he has it is better than the other, is certain, and it does not follow that a right-handed man always finds his right leg the strongest. One notable case worth mentioning is the holder of the world's broad jumping record of 41 feet 11 inches. He is a right-handed man, yet he always took off with the left leg.

If this ambidextrous rule is allowed to prevail at Stockholm it may cause lots of confusion to the Americans, the English and other nations that are old in the practice of track and field sports. Of course there is a long time for men to get acquainted with this new practice, and maybe the English and other nations that will have a word to say about the final makeup of the program may have this rule nipped, if it is not then the world may well begin to accustom itself to the confusion.

In that case it might be consistent to have jumping contests; the jumper to take off with the right and again with the left, and to have races first with the right side to the track and to run the same distance with the left side in. It would be also well that fencers should be made to use the right and left hands, and that marksmen of all classes should sight with the right and left eyes in all their contests.

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A Bachelor's Reflections. A man will quit his bad habits when he dies. A woman's figure looks so lovely to herself she knows it does to everybody else. It's never safe to have so many principles that you can't take good care of any of them.

A girl can be so unhappy over never getting married that she will be so over-happy when she is married. Nobody fails to hear about secret engagements. People take an awful lot of trouble about their grammar without bothering about their figures.

The more terms of endearment a man will have for a woman before they are married the fewer he will have after they are.—New York Press.

EXCITES ROWING INTEREST

Success of Pennsylvania Crew is Stimulus.

GREAT WORK OF CAPT. BENNETT

Hoagland, Present Leader, Has a Hard Race-maker to Follow—Campaign is Now Well On.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—The great success of the Pennsylvania varsity crew last spring at Poughkeepsie has been a stimulus in rowing at the university. The squad they had last year was the biggest that ever was got out, and the reason for that was the ardent work done by Alton Bennett, the captain. He went through all the departments, attended class meetings and made a strong personal campaign at the university. The result was that more than 125 men came out for the varsity eight.

Although they didn't look like much when they first got to Poughkeepsie, about ten days' practice there made almost another crew of the quakers. By the day of the race they had improved so much that almost anyone would have conceded to them a chance to be an excellent third. The crew proved to be even better than that, and having the advantage of the smoothest course for the early part of the race lunged out desperately to Cornell and finished a very close second.

Having seen what was accomplished by the hard work Captain Bennett did last year, Lloyd W. Hoagland, who will lead the crew this time, has begun his campaign. It is thought that because of the excellent rowing last year it will not be so hard to get the eight which will well on the Hudson only one man is lost. He is Walton. The other men of the varsity eight—Alexander, De Long, Smith, Heath, Bennett and Shoemaker, besides Hoagland—will report. Williams, the coxswain, also will be out. Shoemaker and Williams have had some trouble arranging their college work to permit of their rowing, but they will make an effort.

Bell, Browne and Thomas from the varsity four; Peterson, Stifel and Mulford from the substitutes and all of last year's freshman squad have enlisted for the autumn practice. The varsity eight will be between this season and last is that last year it was almost impossible to get the veterans of the 1908 crew to promise to be out. This time the veterans are not only willing, but eager, because they believe that Pennsylvania has a royal chance to win on the Hudson.

The turnout for the first day's rowing was 112 men, of whom fifty were freshmen. This is an unusually large number for the beginning. In fact the biggest Penn has had for some time. It serves to show that they are in earnest at Pennsylvania in their idea of fostering the rowing triump. The varsity eight, Pennsylvania hasn't had so good a crew, with the exception of the 1908 boat, since 1900.

"We're members of the Finished Second club," says a Penn oarsman, "with Columbia as the other member. We were second in 1906 and 1908, and they were second in 1907, 1908 and 1909. Next time we're going to break into the 'finished first' class again."

The fall rowing will last four weeks. It will come to an end with a series of department races. For the first time first year men in departments other than the academic will have a chance to compete. First year crews will be selected from law, engineering, veterinary, medicine and dental departments, as well as from the college. In addition there will be department crews made up of upper class men and class crews in the college. This will make altogether six classes in the department races. The fall regatta will cover three days, the final for the championship of the university being on the last day.

Farm Claims Ball Players

Big League Stars Represent All Professions, but Most Are Farmers.

One of the most interesting things connected with base ball is the player's life after he has practically passed into oblivion, for a time at least, after the close of each season. There was a time when professional base ball did not enjoy the elevated place as a profession, the smaller it was, when the majority of the players did little but loaf during the off season.

That period has passed and such players are decidedly in the minority today. The great majority of them have some profession other than chasing the horseshoe. Some claim their attention when the ball and glove have been relegated to the shelf.

These professions are many and varied. Practically every walk of business life is represented in the national pastime. Some are lawyers and not a few doctors of medicine, dentistry and surgery. Others are established in businesses of their own. And there are some who are political leaders, but there is no calling which claims more followers than farming.

It is surprising to ascertain how many of the big league ball players have purchased farms, ranging from small ones of a few acres to vast stretches of land where it is necessary for them to employ several farm hands. And another and deeper dig into their private lives reveals that a good many of them were born and reared amid furrows, plowing machines and general wholesomeness.

The natural thing to do is to wonder what should be the case, and the only logical answer that can be forwarded is the fact that the farmer boy has considerably more room to practice base ball than the city-bred chap. It is true that the farmer does not have a great deal of time, but it is light until late in the evening during the summer, and after he has finished his work there is nothing to prevent him from playing base ball.

And, strange to say, the majority of these farmer players are among the best ball tossers in the business. Larry Lajoie has a farm just outside Cleveland, Tyrus Cobb has a farm in Georgia, Russell Ford has a big wheat farm in Manitoba and Nig Clarke, the Cleveland catcher, is a farmer during the off season.

Billy Sullivan and Fielder Jones, both former managers of the Chicago White Sox, have an apple orchard together in Oregon. Walter Johnson has a fertile stretch in Idaho. Street is an Alabama exponent of the hoe.

Manager Frank Chance of the Cubs can practically be called a farmer. He has a big orange grove in California. So has Oveff Overall, the Cub pitcher. Clarke Griffith has a ranch in Montana. Tommy Leah of the Pirates is a chicken farmer. Lou Criger and Frank Laporte have farms in Ohio.

George T. Stallings, former manager of the Yankees, has a stock farm and cotton plantation in Haddocks, Ga. Fred Clarke, manager of Pittsburgh, has a great farm in Kansas. These are just a few of the more prominent players who are engaged in farming.

Work on Big Circuit Under Full Swing

Two Hundred Men Preparing Savannah Track for Approaching Road Races.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 22.—Preparations are full swing for the two big road races to be held in this city, November 11 and 12, under the auspices of the Savannah Automobile club. Since it was decided to have the grand prize race run over the Savannah circuit instead of the Vanderbilt cup course, as was originally planned, the managers have been very active, as but little time remains for them to bring to a successful conclusion the thousand and one details that have to be met.

A gang of more than 200 men has been put to work on the course, and so rapidly is the work progressing that there is no doubt about the circuit being in perfect trim on the days of the contests. Carriages of gravel are dumped along the roadway, and this is being worked into the roadbed with excellent results. The circuit this year will be in better shape than ever before. All the turns are being banked. With an ideal course policed by militia, with the fastest cars and the most famous drivers from America and Europe entered for competition, it is easy to forecast that a good event is in store.

In order to get a large corps of workers on the roads that form the race circuit the dragnet of the police of Savannah has been put into action and all vagrants and loafers have been rounded up. The men who have been convicted of vagrancy and loitering have been rounded up and put to work. Thus, while the auto racers are going southward, the bird brids of leisure are hastily heading northward in order to escape the task of "making little stones out of big ones."

The international race for the grand prize of the Automobile Club of America will be run on Saturday, November 12. The entrant of the winning car will have the custody of the \$5,000 gold trophy until it is again competed for. The Flat company is the present holder of the cup, it having been won in the grand prize race held at Savannah on Thanksgiving day in 1908, by Louis Wagner.

Several cash prizes are offered for the 15-mile circuit twenty-two times. The race for small cars, which will be run the day before the grand prize event, promises to be one of the biggest races of its kind ever held in America. Two trophies are offered for the contest, the Savannah challenge trophy and the Tiedeman prize. The Savannah challenge trophy is offered to the entrant of the winning car in the 15-mile circuit twenty-two times.

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Great Aviation Tournery Nears

Meet at Baltimore Promises to Be Participated in by Best Native and Foreign Stars.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 22.—With a large entry list of well-known fliers, and a generous assortment of prizes, the great aviation meet at Baltimore, November 2 to 5, inclusive, now promises to be a worthy rival to the international aviation meet at Belmont park this month. The aviators of America and Europe will come direct to Baltimore from Belmont park at the close of the meet, and will continue their rivalry in this city. Among those whose presence is assured are Glenn H. Curtiss, the international champion, and his corps; the Wright brothers, with Brookings; the two Count de Lesseps, Hubert Latham, Aubrun, and Simon, and the English team, including James Radley, holder of the world's record for speed. Efforts also will be made to secure Garros and his "Domoiselle" machine, the smallest ever in the world, yet capable of great speed.

Subject to increase in both number and value, the prizes so far settled are: Lord Baltimore prize, \$10,000; speed, \$5,000; altitude, \$5,000; duration of flight, \$5,000; longest flight, \$5,000; slowest flight, \$5,000; best accuracy, \$5,000; accuracy, \$5,000; bomb throw, \$5,000. Besides these will be a number of trophies for amateurs, while J. Barry Ryan has offered a trophy, to be known as the Commodore Barry cup, for bomb throwing, this event to be open only to members of the Aeronauts Reserve and Foreigners.

Selected by Curtiss, and approved by experts, the field has been pronounced one of the best in the country, while it also is convenient and accessible. The course is one mile in circumference, and 300 feet wide. In anticipation of enormous crowds the race course is situated on the large, open, sandy beach, and also will provide special trains and excursions from all parts of the east.

NORTH PLATTE WINS BATTLE

On Local Ground Team Trims Past Sterling Foot Ball Aggregation.

NORTH PLATTE, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The North Platte High school foot ball team met and defeated the team from Sterling, Colo., on the local grounds today. The score was 11 to 6. This is the surprising part of the game, because Sterling has one of the best teams among the large schools of Colorado, and the North Platte boys did not expect to be able to keep them from scoring. The crowd was very large and gave the local team good support. Trick and fake plays, mingled with straight foot ball, kept the visitors from scoring and made the game interesting to the spectators. The game was marked by freedom from rough play and from accidents. North Platte will play a return game at Sterling next year.

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TENNIS MEN MAKE BLUNDER

Novices Often Wear Themselves Out in Practice.

TOO MANY TOURNAMENTS BAD

Young Players Lose Form by Playing Superior Too Often and Over-Practicing Under Hot Summer Sun.

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"It would hardly be an exaggeration to say that at least nine out of ten players who take up the game are so badly handicapped at the start by this lack of skilled coaching that there is practically no chance of their ever acquiring a correct form of developing half the proficiency they might have attained had they been taken in hand early by experts and taught correct methods of play."

"Another almost insurmountable obstacle to the success of most tennis players is their curious inability or unwillingness to recognize their mistakes and to correct them. To the observer it sometimes seems as though the average player must leave what brain he has in the clubhouse when he goes out to play, for he so rarely acts as though he had them with him on the court. Again and again in a match he will be guilty of making the same stupid and fatal mistake—such as trying to volley from the back of the court, or rushing wildly to the net after an easy return, or sticking to the sort of game which is only too plainly to his opponent's liking. The average player, in short, uses everything but his head in trying to win."

"Favorite" Shots Hurt. "It is apparently too much concerned as a rule in trying to bring off some favorite shot—generally of a highly spectacular and risky kind—to give any thought to anything else. It is as though he were fatally obsessed with the idea that he must win the point in one particular way, maybe the one least adapted to the purpose. His main notion is to end the point one way or another as soon as possible. Seldom does he even see the slightest disposition to plan ahead for a shot, to try to work his opponent out of position or to keep him guessing as to just what sort of a stroke to expect next."

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LARGE SQUAD OUT FOR OLD YALE

Annual Fall Track Meet Billed for October 24.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 22.—One of the largest squads in the history of cross-country running at New Haven is now out for the Yale team, and as only two men are missing from last season's varsity hill and dale runners, Captain W. K. Kaynor is conceded to have an excellent chance of heading a winning team. Southgate, Marsh, Tibben, Gray and Smith are all back in college and working hard. The cold weather of the last week has given the men an added incentive for working and an unusually large amount of new material has come out, which has been divided up into two squads. The annual fall track meet will be on October 24. It will give the coaches an idea of how matters stand with regard to new material. Thatcher, Brigham and Wagner are the best material which have come up from last year's freshman class. Thatcher is a first-class sprinter, the first that the Blue has had in five years. Brigham is a quarter-mile with some striking performance to his credit, while Wagner is a pole vaulter of sufficient promise to make it probable that the Yale tradition of cornering a share of the points in this event for the intercollegiate meet will hold good a while longer. Bob Gardner, the excellent golf champion, has given up the game this fall to concentrate his attention on pole vaulting. He took second place in the big meet last May, but he is constantly improving. Captain Nelson, who took the five points in this event for Yale, has left college.

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Another good thing for a player, especially a beginner, is to practice the right way of making his shots. In discussing this and other points of the game an expert remarks: "Nearly every aspirant for lawn tennis honors is firmly imbued with the idea that the only way he will ever get to be a first class player is through tournament play, by meeting men with whose style he is unfamiliar and getting beaten by some so-called crack. But while it is undoubtedly an advantage for the novice to play against men much better than himself, the notion that a sufficiency of tournament play in all he needs in time to make him a champion or a near-champion is an unfortunate delusion, from which too many young players are suffering. About as reasonably might they hope to become great singers by 'sipping' faithfully at grand opera."

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"It would hardly be an exaggeration to say that at least nine out of ten players who take up the game are so badly handicapped at the start by this lack of skilled coaching that there is practically no chance of their ever acquiring a correct form of developing half the proficiency they might have attained had they been taken in hand early by experts and taught correct methods of play."

"Another almost insurmountable obstacle to the success of most tennis players is their curious inability or unwillingness to recognize their mistakes and to correct them. To the observer it sometimes seems as though the average player must leave what brain he has in the clubhouse when he goes out to play, for he so rarely acts as though he had them with him on the court. Again and again in a match he will be guilty of making the same stupid and fatal mistake—such as trying to volley from the back of the court, or rushing wildly to the net after an easy return, or sticking to the sort of game which is only too plainly to his opponent's liking. The average player, in short, uses everything but his head in trying to win."

"Favorite" Shots Hurt. "It is apparently too much concerned as a rule in trying to bring off some favorite shot—generally of a highly spectacular and risky kind—to give any thought to anything else. It is as though he were fatally obsessed with the idea that he must win the point in one particular way, maybe the one least adapted to the purpose. His main notion is to end the point one way or another as soon as possible. Seldom does he even see the slightest disposition to plan ahead for a shot, to try to work his opponent out of position or to keep him guessing as to just what sort of a stroke to expect next."

"A contest between two players of this kind is usually a damn hard affair, which provides more amusement than real interest for the players."

"In the early stages of any large tournament one may see men who have been playing tennis for years and years repeatedly commit errors of judgment and faults of execution which make their playing seem like that of the veriest Turk. The men have, time and again, watched the best players of this country compete; they are not deficient in powers of observation or mental astuteness and yet to watch them one would think them ignorant of all the finer points of the game. This advice that isn't taken is an old one, but new trials seem to apply with peculiar force in the case