

LATE SPORT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD

PRINCIPAL SPORTING

RECORDS OF YEAR 1914

Notable Swimmers.

Swimming experts manage to keep abreast of the times and create new world's records the same as in athletics and other branches. Harry J. Hobner, of Chicago, has been one of the best swimmers during 1914, with Michael McDermott, his club-mate, close up. Hobner likes the back and the breast strokes best. Arthur Rathel and Perry McGilivray, also of Chicago, have entered the record class. Robert Small surprised Duke Kahanamoku, the champion, by beating him, at 50 yards in 23.35 seconds and tying the record. Lucy Langer, of California, lowered the American record for 440 yards to 5.22 1-2, although Barney Kieran swam the distance in Sydney in 1905 in 5.19. Miss Daisy Curwen, of England, lowered the 220-yard mark for women to 3.08, while Fanny Durack of Australia, set several new world's marks. Capt. Alfred Brown, of New York, made some remarkable swims. He went from New York battery to Sandy Hook in 13 hours and 38 minutes, and later swam the Panama canal (48 miles), Charles B. Durbrow, of Philadelphia, and George R. Meahan, of Boston, also made the swim from the Battery to Sandy Hook, Meahan winning the race in 7 hours and 15 minutes. Durbrow swam across the mouth of Delaware Bay several times and completed over thirty long swims during the season.

On Turf Matters

When Nancy Hansen made her famous mile in 1902 in 2:04 the cry went up from horsemen all over the country. "The 2:00 trotter is at hand." Little Alx reduced it to 2:03 1/2 in 1904 and Crescenzo to 2:02 1/2 in 1907, but it was not till 1908 that Lou Dillon not only reached the two minute mark, but set it at 1:58 1/2. This was with the aid of wind shield and pacemaker. Then came Uhan in 1913 with a mark of 1:54 1/2, and it seems that this mark will really remain on the books for some time to come. Several trotting records have been reduced this year, but the pacing marks have been shot to pieces. William, the wonderful Indiana pacer, set numerous new marks, as did Directum L. Anna Brad, Rose McGee, H. H. Brett, while Peter Volo, McGee and Uhan smashed trotting records. The work of Anna Bradford was remarkable, also that of R. H. Brett and Etawah. Hichman set a new world's mark for two-year-olds. Frank Bogash, Jr., was also a sensational performer during the season. All told there were thirty-three new records made in 1914 among the trotters and pacers, while several were also registered among the banglalls.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—Ralph de Palma successfully defended his title to the Vanderbilt cup, over the Santa Monica course, winning the 240 mile race at an average of 75.5 miles an hour, and defeating Barney Oldfield. De Palma's time was 3:53.

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28.—Eddie Pullen won the International Grand Prix over the Santa Monica course,

establishing a new record for average speed of 77.3 miles an hour.

London, Eng., March 21.—(Brooklands).—Jean Chassagne (driver for the Sunbeam company) covered half a mile in 15.03 seconds, at a speed of 110.46 miles per hour; and one mile in 20.02 seconds, at a speed of 120.43 miles an hour. Chassagne also covered two miles in 60.31 seconds, at a speed of 119.23 miles an hour; and the five miles in 154.48 seconds, or 114.08 miles per hour.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 30.—Rene Thomas, driving a Delage (French) car, won the fourth annual 500-mile event at the motor speedway, in the record breaking time of 6:03:45.99, setting a record of \$2.47 miles an hour.

Sioux City, Ia., July 4.—Edward Rickenbacher, driving a Duesenberg special, won the 300-mile Speedway race. His time was 3:49:04, an average of 78.8 miles an hour.

Toledo, O., Aug. 2.—Barney Oldfield drove his Fiat car twice around the Toledo half mile dirt track in 1:03.45, setting a record of 132.35.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 8.—Louis Disbrow lowered two world's records. He made a mile on a circular dirt track in 46.15 seconds, and made two miles in 1:32.35.

Elgin, Ill., Aug. 21.—In the first day's contest of the Elgin road races, Ralph de Palma, driving a German Mercedes, won the Chicago Automobile club trophy, traversing the 301 miles in 4:05:01.4.

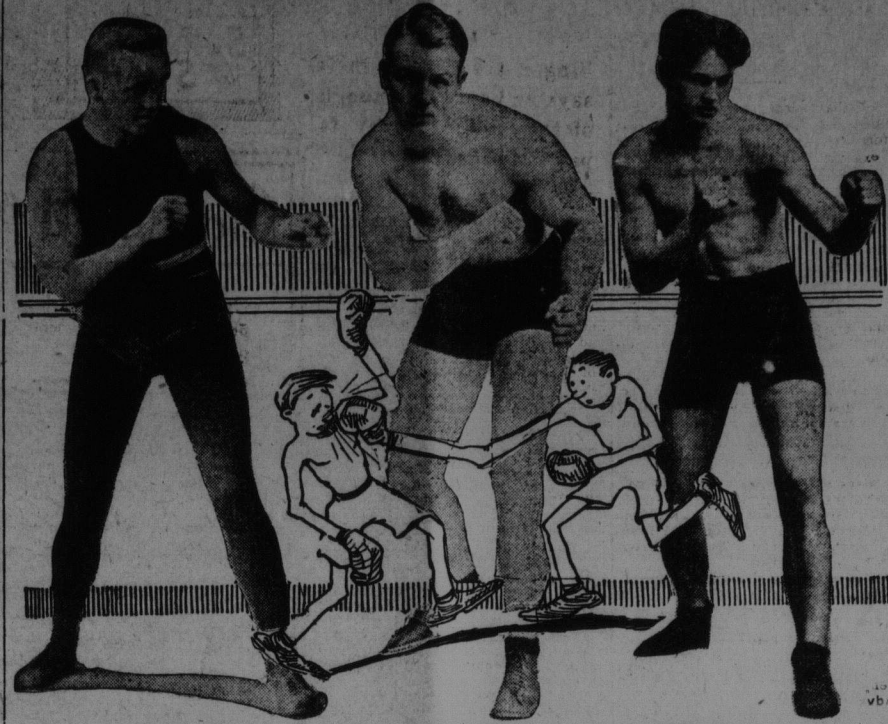
Elgin, Ill., Aug. 22.—Ralph de Palma (Mercedes) won the 301-mile road race for the Elgin National trophy in 4:06:18. Pullen was second, and Oldfield third.

New York City, Sept. 7.—(Brighton Beach).—The Labor Day sweepstakes, a free-for-all contest at 100 miles, was won by Ralph de Palma in 1:40:15. Hamline, Minn., Sept. 12.—Louis Disbrow, in racing against time, lowered the world's record for 15 miles on a circular dirt track, the new mark being 13:02.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 19.—Bob Burman broke two world's records when he traveled 20 miles in 17:10.34, and 25 miles in 21:38 on a circular track. St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 20.—Barney Oldfield broke three world's records for a mile circular dirt track, driving one mile in 44 seconds; two miles in 1:27, and five miles in 3:40.25. Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 2.—Louis Disbrow drove two miles over a half mile dirt track in 2:13.35.

Corona, Cal., Nov. 26.—The Corona \$12,000 grand prize was won by Edward Pullen (Mercedes car) in 3:26:02. He broke existing road contest records by averaging 85.1 miles an hour for the 300 miles. His average for the first 100 miles was 98.6 miles an hour.

"BIG THREE" MUST STILL RECKON WITH "AL" MCCOY.



MIKE GIBBONS.

EDDIE MCGOORTY

JIMMIE CLABBY

The middle weight question in pugilistic circles is in a sort of pot pie. The championship is in the dish, as it were, but to whom it belongs is another matter. The standing at the present time indicates that "Al" McCoy is the holder of the title. It came into his possession practically by accident. It was this way:—While Clabby, Gibbons and McGoorty were not eager to get out of the welterweight class the middleweight championship was floating around between Klaus and Papke. The former was supposed to hold the title. Frank Klaus had no sooner fastened the laurel wreath upon his forehead than it was looked upon with envy by George Chip. Arrangements were made for a meeting between the two, and Chip put Klaus to the mat. That gave him the title. Klaus was not satisfied, and he begged for another meeting. It was granted. The result was much the same. Chip won again, which gave him a double Nelson on the title. Chip was elated and held on to the honor for some time, until he struck "Al" McCoy, in Brooklyn. There was a chance blow struck—that is, all who saw it believed it was a chance blow, but it put Chip to the floor, and ever since then McCoy has considered he is the real champion. Some folk agree with him. There are three men who do not—Clabby, McGoorty and "Mike" Gibbons—as well as every follower of boxing who knows how "Al" compares with this trio. All these are now anxious to get a chance for the middle weight championship, and as they are mighty good men and true the public has an idea something should be done by which the best middle weight should be selected from these aspirants.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

Result of First Series, Victoria Alleys.

Team	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	Average
Capt. No. 1	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Gambin	1	27	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Duffy	4	24	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Stevens	6	22	18	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Gardner	3	19	21	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Hill	5	14	26	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Laskey	2	14	26	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Games played	10										

Highest pinfall (1 game), No. 6, 1447.	f) teams open the second series Tuesday night.
Highest team average, (No. 4), 91.46-150.	Duffy's 374 for 3 strings still stands for a Maritime record.
Highest average, (player) Sullivan, 97.9-30.	New Year's afternoon Gambin's team will meet Steen's team in their first game of the second series and a fast game is looked for by the followers of the games. Gambin's team finished first in the first series and Steen's team has got going at a rapid pace this last few games so a good game should be witnessed by the fans.
Highest three string (in series), Sullivan, 333.	
Highest single (in series), Sullivan, 128.	
Highest single this year, Howard, 151.	
Highest ten string, Duffy, 1085.	
Highest five string, Steen, 561.	
Winner of prize (a turkey) Xmas Day, Coughlan, 129; McDonald, 2nd, 124; Pendleton, 3rd, 120; Morrissey, 4th, 115.	
Special roll-off Saturday—1st prize, Kelly, 131; 2nd, McIlveen, 127; 3rd, Hewitson, 118.	
No. 3 (Gardner) and No. 4 (Duffy) teams open the second series Tuesday night.	

U. S., IRELAND AND SWEDEN REJECT PROPOSALS TO HOLD CLASSIC ATHLETIC MEET

New York, Dec. 28.—J. S. Mitchell writes in the American: The news reached here during the week that the Greeks are out to annex the Olympic Games of 1916. To mention a word about holding any sort of sports in Europe just now seems absurd, but there exists a strong undercurrent feeling that the war will be over at least a year before the time for holding the Olympiad and the Grecian Government wants to be in the field early with an application.

Even in London, where there is nothing but war talk and war excitement, every one believes that the last volley in the big battle will go off next spring. In that case there will be a solid year to prepare for the athletic festival, and even though many of the best athletes have been killed, there are enough left in neutral countries to contribute some rattling competitions.

The major portion of the winners at Stockholm came from the United States, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Greece itself; and as these countries have not been engaged in warfare, the same teams could be on hand again to do battle on track and field.

Berlin Passes up Games

Originally the 1916 fixture belonged to Germany, and the stadium had already been built in Berlin for that purpose. But a year would not be time enough for Germany to gather her equanimity and turn her attention to the peaceful pursuit of athletic glory.

Since the war blazed forth various countries have been mentioned for the site of the next games. Sweden was asked to hold the meet, but the Swedes were heavy losers over the 1912 fixture and they did not care to face another deficit, especially as there was but a very slim outlook. The United States was spoken of and so was Ireland, but nothing came of the reports.

The Greeks held the games in 1908. It was their intention to hold them again in 1910, and they had the program issued when the Balkan war loomed up and put the affair out of commission. When that trouble blew over and the Greeks came in for a fine strip of territory they planned to celebrate an Athenian Festival this year. The list of events had been arranged and several nations, including the United States, had declared their intention of sending teams when the present war knocked the project on the head.

No country is more deserving of the sanction to hold the games than Greece, for to its efforts is due the modern revival of what in ancient times was the most classic gathering in the world. The present stadium at Athens was built in 1896 and is constructed of white marble. As for style, grandeur of architecture, and an impressive spectacle it outclasses anything on earth in the line of a sporting amphitheatre.

The athletes from the United States have won the point honors at every

Olympiad since the first revival, and the representatives of Uncle Sam can be banked on to do the trick again at Athens. Many of the winners at Stockholm have kept in training so as to be in line for the meet in 1916, and they were disappointed when the war spoiled the possibilities of a trip to Berlin. Nevertheless they have kept in time, hoping that everything would right itself and that the Berlin fixture would eventually come off. Several have passed from athletic competition but the new brigade that has come along would help capture the honors.

Drew, Premier Sprinter.

In the 100 meters we would have such men as Drew and Parker, the young wonder from California; with a possibility of Robinson, Loomis, and some others about to blossom into the front rank of sprinters. Drew is the foremost amateur in the world today with his record of 9.35 seconds for the 100 yards.

Donald Lippincott, who ran the 100 meters in the world's record time of 10.35 seconds at Stockholm, may come around again, and if he should he will not be too old to show both in the 100 and 200 meters. With the exception of Drew, who is best at the shorter distance, the others could be sent out for the points in the 200 meters.

In "Ted" Meredith, this world's record holder for the 800 meters and half-mile, America will be well fortified in either the 400 meters or the longer distance. It is the plan of the University of Pennsylvania runner to remain trained for the next two years, as he has an eye on another Olympic championship. At Stockholm, when only a mere schoolboy, he wiped away all previous marks for both distances and was hailed the wonder of the present generation.

Meredith will be ably supported by Homer Baker, the English and American half-mile, and were it found necessary, Meredith could be used for the 400 meters and Baker for the 800 meters, and there would be two sure wins for America.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 28.—The following are the results of soccer games played in England today:

First League
Chelsea, 1; Burnley, 4.
Sheffield United, 1; Notts County, 0.
Second League
Birmingham, 3; Notts Forest, 0.
Leicester, 0; Derby County, 6.
Southern League
Crest Palace, 2; Norwich, 1.
Northampton, 1; Exeter, 1.
Swindon, 7; Croynon, 1.
Bristol Rovers, 1; South End, 1.

FARRELL TRIED

HARD TO GET

N. Y. WINNER

In the general enthusiasm to welcome the new owners of the Yankees there is a tendency to forget that the American league has lost one of its hardest fighters and gamest sportsmen in the person of the retiring leader of the club. Failure of recent years have somewhat dimmed the happenings of years gone by when a stout heart and open purse were requisites in the fight for recognition and Frank Farrell supplied both. That his efforts were not crowned with a championship during his twelve years as an American league must be regretted by baseball followers in general, particularly American league sympathizers.

In his early days as a club owner Farrell spared nothing to get together a winner. He took all the high priced stars he could get and paid salaries above the average at that time in the major leagues. His team came within one wild pitch of a championship back in 1904 and again in 1910 the Yankees made a brave fight, but fell because the great Athletic machine was just reaching its wonderful speed. But dissonance which was beyond the power of the Yankee owner to prevent wrecked the second place team of 1910 and it has never recovered from the trouble that had its beginning that year. To the last Farrell fought hard, but the battle in its closing stages was a losing one. Again he was a victim of circumstance over which he had but a slight control.

Farrell's eagerness to give New York fans the best that could be had needs no further proof than his work in the case of Manager Frank Chance, who was coaxed from retirement at a princely stipend. If Chance's salary was not the record figure for baseball it certainly was the second highest, and the majority of club owners would have hesitated at paying it. That Chance's rule was not successful was one of the bitter disappointments of Farrell's twelve years as a club owner. The failure of 1904 was another. His generous tender of his park to the plants while the smoke was still rising from the Polo Grounds ruins in April, 1911, did much to cement the friendly feelings between the two clubs which had little in common up to that time.

Other business interests have hurried Farrell's departure from the national game. He leaves the scene with the reputation of having fought hard and gamely and his departure, while it may open the way to broader possibilities in the American league, cannot be regarded except with regret.

Mutt Isn't Quite in Edison's Class

