

## A KING OF THE TURF SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; AT HOME AND ABROAD

Last Duke of Queensbury Was  
Popular Idol

### SOME AMAZING WAGERS

Before Days of Steam Bet He  
Could Send Letter Fifty Miles  
an Hour and He Did It

(Pearson's Weekly.)  
James Douglas, fourth and last Duke of Queensbury, was not exactly a saint. Indeed, under his universally known nickname of "Old Q," he figured in some of the most scandalous stories that any other man of his day and generation, which is saying a good deal, for his Grace lived in an age when men drank deeply, loved lightly, fought fiercely and gambled recklessly.

But whatever might be said against his fair fame in other directions, no one ever whispered a word against him as an owner of racehorses. For years he made it a practice to ride his own mounts, and he rode them straight. This may not seem much of a distinction nowadays. But the standard of honor was lower then than it is at present. Even the holders of old and honored names were not always free from suspicion of "jockeying" the public.

James Douglas, however, was known to be averse from even the appearance of trickery, and he was in consequence the idol of the racing public whenever he appeared on the course. In the many strange wagers, too, in which he figured as one of the principals, he always found plenty of followers, for people knew that he betted to win, if winning were humanly possible.

An Amazing Wager  
Thus, when at the age of twenty-five he laid a wager of one thousand guineas that he would produce a carriage that could be driven sixteen miles in one hour, the public showed its faith in him by backing him to the tune of £20,000, at odds on that averaged something like three to one.

By the terms of the bet he was to have the carriage ready on Newmarket Heath on August 29th, 1780, and such was the public interest in the event that a crowd estimated to number over 100,000 persons assembled there on that day. The Duke of Queensbury, in the many strange wagers, too, in which he figured as one of the principals, he always found plenty of followers, for people knew that he betted to win, if winning were humanly possible.

The carriage, when uncovered, proved to be an extraordinary contrivance. It was, indeed, not so much a carriage as the framework of a carriage, made principally of whalebone, steel springs, and leather straps. It was drawn by four horses, each ridden by a jockey, and was pulled by whip and spur.

The seat for the driver was placed very low in the rear, and consisted of leather straps padded with velvet. Ball bearings were not then invented, of course, but the ends of the axles revolved in brass sockets fitted with the old-time equivalent of the modern oil-bath. The whole weighed less than one and a half hundredweight.

Letter in a Cricket Ball  
Before this carriage was decided on several others had been tried, about 2700 having been spent in preliminary experiments. Douglas won his wager, however, together with about £10,000 in side bets, for the carriage was driven in fifty-three minutes twenty-seven seconds, leaving fully ten minutes to spare.

Soon after this he made a series of bets, aggregating many thousands of guineas, that he would have a letter conveyed fifty miles within an hour. At this was long before the days of steam, the feat was looked upon as an impossible one. But "Old Q," successfully accomplished it by enclosing the missive in a cricket ball, which was thrown from a hand to hand by relays of expert catchers.

About this time he fell in love with Miss Pelham, the ravishingly beautiful daughter of the then secretary of state and niece of the Duke of Newcastle. The Duke of Hamilton was also a suitor for the lady's hand, and to settle which of them was to retire in favor of the other, the two noblemen agreed to race against one another, each to ride his own horse. A wager of one thousand guineas also depended on the result. Queensberry showed superb jockeyship, and won by a short head. The lady does not seem to have taken any of this summary method of disposing of her person, and soon afterwards the couple became engaged.

Almost on the eve of the wedding, however, the engagement was officially declared "off," and although the reason was never made public, it is fairly certain that the couple were genuinely in love with one another, and anxious to be married, and that the opposition came from the young lady's relatives. It is a noteworthy fact that both the lovers

**WAS WEAK  
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NOT ABLE TO DO HER WORK.**

Many women get run down, and are unable to look after their household duties, owing to their nervous system becoming unstrung. Day in and day out they have to go through the same routine of work, sweeping, dusting, cooking, etc. No wonder their work gets on the nerves and they become run down.

When a woman gets into this state there is only one thing for her to do, and that is, to get something that will build up her system.

For this purpose there is not an equal to Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. Their restorative action is felt on every organ and tissue of the body, and in a short time the weakness will give place to strength and vitality, and make life worth living.

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### BASEBALL

#### City League

The Carletons won from the Rocklands last evening by a score of 6 to 2. The game was a fast one after the opening, Ramsey and Wiley starred for Carleton, and Chase and Gillespie for the Rocklands.

#### Rocklands.

AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Shirley, c.	4	0	11	0	0
Wiley, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0
Cunningham, f.	2	0	0	0	0
Ramsey, 3b.	2	0	0	1	2
Donnelly, 2b.	2	0	1	2	1
Chase, f.	1	2	0	1	0
Rowing, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Gillespie, 3b.	1	1	1	1	1
Megarity, p.	0	0	0	1	0
Dunlop, p.	2	0	0	11	0
Elliot, 1b.	1	0	1	0	0

#### Carleton.

AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Baker, c.	5	1	2	0	0
Courtenay, f.	5	0	0	0	0
Murphy, f.	4	0	0	0	0
Wiley, 1b.	4	0	0	10	0
Ramsey, 2b.	4	1	2	5	2
Carleton, 3b.	3	1	1	1	1
Conners, c.	4	1	2	2	0
Seely, 1b.	3	1	1	6	0
Perry, 3b.	4	0	3	1	0
Seely, 5. Struck out by Dunlop, 9; by Seely, 5.					

#### East End League

The Alerts defeated the Glenwoods in a seven inning game last evening. Heavy batting and numerous errors marked the play.

#### Glenwoods

AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Arsenal, c.	3	0	2	0	0
Mooney, s.	1	2	0	3	0
McAnnulty, 2 b.	3	0	1	2	0
Sproul, c.	3	0	1	2	0
Howe, 1st b.	2	0	1	4	0
Thompson, p.	3	0	0	3	4
Costello, r. f.	2	0	1	0	2
O'Brien, 3rd b.	3	2	0	3	0
Reagan, 1 f.	1	0	1	1	1
	21	6	7	21	7

remained single to the day of their deaths.

#### To Live for Pleasure Alone

The disappointment of having probably much to do with launching "Old Q" on that career of fashionable dissipation which was afterwards to make his name a by-word even amongst the notorious lax set in which he moved. Not that he ever did anything dishonorable as far as his code of morality. By other words he remained to the end of his life a gentleman, as the term "gentleman" was understood in those days.

But he openly avowed that henceforth he meant to live for pleasure alone, and as the attainment of this aim, his object he had built for him at Richmond a villa which was a marvel of splendour.

Here his amours, however, exposed him to the vengeance of men whom he had supplanted, and he was several times challenged to fight "Old Q" however, although not exactly a coward, seemed to have had a constitutional aversion to meeting an adversary in mortal combat.

Of his "affairs of honor," he managed to compromise, either by a money payment or an apology, or both combined. But on one occasion the grievous party, a well-known free-fighting Irish nobleman, would take no denial, and a duel was arranged to take place on Wimbledon Common, the weapon to be pistols.

#### Bought a Coffin for "Old Q."

On the morning appointed for the meeting the Irishman appeared on the ground somewhat late followed by a closed carriage of hearse-like appearance, whence two men presently withdrew a coffin, which they laid upon the grass. Considerably agitated, "Old Q" demanded of his antagonist what he meant by this strange proceeding.

"Well, my dear fellow," was the reply, "you know, of course, what I mean. I miss any man, and as I feel in excellent form today I make no doubt but you will need a coffin before many more minutes are over, and so, you see, I have had the consideration and forethought to bring one along with me, in order to save your friends trouble."

This cold-blooded speech, delivered with the most perfect nonchalance of manner, was too much for Queensberry's nerves. He turned deadly pale, dropped his pistol, and bolted from the spot. Milk and Brandy Bats.

Nevertheless, up to almost the day of his death, which took place at the advanced age of eighty-six, "Old Q" continued to scandalize the Mrs. Grundys of his day by all sorts of mad tricks and wild pranks. "Country cousins," up in London for a holiday, would be escorted down Plesbury in order to have the "wicked old duke" pointed out to them, sitting, as was his custom, on the balcony of his club, dressed in a blue coat and yellow breeches.

Then, too, would be told with bated breath wonderful stories of how he sustained his flagging energies, and practically defied old age, with all kinds of wonderful restoratives, notably milk and brandy baths followed by copious draughts of his world-famous "Tokay wine," the remnants of which sold, after his death, for one hundred guineas a dozen.

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Parlee, p.	2	0	2	1	9
Britt, 1st b.	1	0	0	0	1
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G. Hannan, f.	4	1	2	1	0
Horton, s. s.	4	1	1	2	1
C. Hannan, 2 b.	3	1	2	2	3
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The consideration was announced,

except that money and players were

involved. Each man is hitting above

the .300 mark, but Watson now is out

of the game with a broken leg. They

will report to Pittsburg next spring.

#### American League

At Chicago: St. Louis 1, Chicago 4;

Batteries: Allison, Stone and Agnew;

Washington 2, Boston 1; Batteries:

Ford and Sweeney; Wood

at Washington—Philadelphia, 14;

Washington 2, Boston 1; Batteries:

Lapp and Schatz; Johnson, Galls, Al-

Smith and Williams.

At Detroit—Cleveland 3, Detroit 4;

Batteries: Cullen, Handing and O'Neill;

Dubuc and Stange.

#### American League Standing

Won. Lost. P.C.

Philadelphia . . . 44 16 .746

Cleveland . . . 40 25 .615

Washington . . . 34 29 .540

Boston . . . 31 28 .523

Chicago . . . 35 31 .530

St. Louis . . . 27 32 .468

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New York . . . 18 42 .300

#### National League

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn 8, Phila-

delphia 11. Batteries: Egan, Pagan,

Brennan, Killifer and Dooin.

At New York (first game): Boston,

1; New York 5. Batteries: Rudolph and

Whaling and Brown; Demaree, Meyers

and Hartley.

At New York (second game): Boston

4; New York 8. Batteries: Perdue

and Brown; Marquard and Meyers.

At St. Louis—Philadelphia 9, St. Louis,

1. Batteries: O'Toole and Coleman;

Harmon, Geyer, Marbot, Perritt, McLean