

TIMES SPORTING PAGE

MUDLARKS' DAY AT THE H. J. C.

Track Was a Sea of Mud on Saturday Afternoon.

Four Favorites Were in Front at the Finish—Results of Races on Other Tracks.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather on Saturday afternoon there was an immense crowd at the Hamilton Jockey Club track. About 25 books weighed in but they did not handle a great deal of money till the fifth race, as the Toronto special did not arrive till after 4:30 o'clock. The engine on the train broke down near Port Credit and caused consternation among the Queen City pluggers. One of the pencilers stated that a great deal more money was handled by the books in the last three races than in the previous four, showing that the Toronto talent back their fancies.

Saturday was the best day of the meeting for the talent, as four first choices won. Three of these were odds favorites—Banash, Col. Jack and Botanist. The longest price winner was the good old mudder, De Reszke, who closed at 7 to 1.

The track was a sea of mud and this caused a great many scratches, although there were fair sized fields in all but one of the races.

There were only three starters in the handicap at 1 1/4 miles for three year olds and up. Prytania, who won his maiden race at the Quebec meeting a few weeks ago, and was claimed the other day out of a selling race here, was mistakenly figured by some pencilers to have a chance to win with his light impost of 95 pounds, and Jockey Goldstein rode him head and head with Col. Jack for five furlongs. Then Prytania was beaten and while Col. Jack went on to win as he pleased, Prytania stopped so badly that Eyer's patient rider, J. Murphy, passed him and beat him a dozen lengths for second money.

The speculators went to Platoon in the books in the second race as if the race was all over. The Woodbine Stable's gelding opened at 3 to 1 and was quickly hammered down to 5 to 2, which price she closed. When it came to racing she filled her backers with gloom, as she could not run a little bit. The race was taken by Charley Eastman, who negotiated the going in handy style, and in a mild drive beat Avanteur by a length, the latter finishing a length and a half in front of Sally Preston. Turning into the home stretch the three named ran abreast for a sixteenth, when the winner came on and outfooted the others.

There was a big field in the steeple-

About the America's Cup.

Our neighbors may as well nail the America's Cup down and discontinue the farce of making it the subject of a race. The fact about the cup is that it was won from the British in a fair contest. Then rules were adopted with reference to it which render the competition for it by the British absurdity. The United States yachtmen may construct a shell of the lightest possible construction, and race this affair under the name of a yacht. But the British have to build a vessel that is capable of sailing across the Atlantic, otherwise they are not able to compete. It does not require much knowledge of the water to understand that the British are handicapped. The seagoing yacht must be heavier than the yacht which is not required to cross the ocean. To take the sea voyage in a vessel of the style of an American defender would invite calamity. At the same time, to race a yacht equipped for the sea against an American defender is to call for defeat. Our friends therefore have the best of the situation. In fact, they have won the race before the yachts have left their moorings. Sir Thomas Lipton's proposition looking to smaller and stancher yachts would have made the terms more nearly equal. There would have been more of the sailing vessel and less of the racing machine in the yachts. Such, at all events, is the view held under the auspices of the club which has been well served by the New York Yacht Club had accepted the plan Sir Thomas proposed. After all, why not compete with all sorts of yachts, provide each vessel is of the same class?

The refusal of the New York people to entertain this suggestion is a great disappointment to the public, and it is noticed that many of the United States papers regard it as a blunder. The action of the club practically brings the competition for the cup to an end. What is the use of racing on unequal terms? Why not make the conditions such that the royal sports may be encouraged?—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Golf Tourney at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—The Ladies' Golf Championship Club meet at the Ottawa Golf Club today for a conclusion on Saturday when the mixed foursome competition took place, thirty-eight pairs entering. The competition was won by Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Kidd, of Ottawa. They played with a handicap of 8 and did the round in 90, making their net score 82. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mussen, Royal Montreal, were second with 86, and Mrs. Hare, Westmount, and Mr. Gill, Ottawa, third with 87. Miss Nora Lewis, Ottawa, and Mr. G. F. Moss, Ottawa, made the best gross score of the day, playing from scratch, and making the circuit with 88 strokes.

Saturday evening there was a dinner at the Golf Club in honor of the visiting and Ottawa competitors. The Ottawa Club was congratulated on the success of the meet, which was by far the best ever held under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Golf Association.

SHRUBB AND BILL DAVIS

Greatest Distance Runner Will Meet the Indian. Alfred Shrub, the world's greatest distance runner, was in the city today arranging for his ten-mile race with Bill Davis at Britannia Park next Wednesday night. He is in his usual good condition, and says he will show Hamiltonians some real running on Wednesday. He inspected the track at Britannia Park, and says that it is fast enough to break records on. Shrub holds all the amateur and professional records for more than twelve miles, and has as yet to meet the man who is capable of giving him a close race. He runs the first mile in record time, and has, in his eight years of running, always been able to give his opponents a good handicap and overtake them. During the past month he has started Canadians by his marvellous exhibitions of speed and endurance. His records are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Miles, Sec. 2 miles 9 3-5, 3 miles 24 17-5, 4 miles 23 2-5, 5 miles 24 33-5, 10 miles 50 40, One hour 56 23 5-5. Electric light has been put in at the park, and spectators are assured of an excellent view of the race on any part of the course. Bill Davis is to have a handicap of 250 yards.

CANADIAN GOLFERS INVITED.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—An international tinge will be given to the women's national gold championship at Midlothian next month by the visit of a team of twelve Canadian players, which will meet a team from the Western Golf Association on October 5. Last year the western women's team visited Toronto on its way east, and the Canadians are coming for a return match. Mrs. A. T. H. Brower, of the national championship, there is little doubt this will be done, as it was last year at Brae Burn, and several of the women from the Dominion may stay over for the big event. Mrs. Brower also has written Secretary Morgan, of the United States Golf Association, asking that an invitation be extended to the Canadian players to remain over and compete in the national championship. There is little doubt this will be done, as it was last year at Brae Burn, and several of the women from the Dominion may stay over for the big event.

OTTAWA MERGER.

Rough Riders and St. Patrick's Football Clubs Amalgamate. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—The Rough Rider and St. Patrick's Football Clubs will amalgamate, and under the name of Ottawa City Rugby Football Club, will play in the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union. A meeting of the two clubs will be held in the Russell House on Tuesday night, at which the merger will take place. The decision was arrived at yesterday after Mr. Walter Hager, president of the M. A. A. C. came to Ottawa and conferred with the local club officers. The Ottawa City Rugby Football Club will be a new organization completely. On the executive will be members of last year's Rough Riders and St. Patrick's clubs, N. H. B. Slatyter, Louis Kehoe, Fred. Carling, Fred. Chittick, Tom. Clancy and others who will probably be some of the gentlemen who will figure in the list of officers. Fred. Chittick will act as manager of both senior and intermediates, and a better organizer never attempted to look after an athletic institution. Tom. Clancy, one of the best Rugby coaches in Canada, will in all likelihood be engaged to coach the senior team. The colors of the new club will be red, purple and black. White may be substituted for the black. Argonauts will open here Oct. 5, as originally scheduled. INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE. President Ackerman called a meeting of the officers of the Intermediate City League and the managers of the teams for to-morrow evening. The meeting will be held at the Belmont Hotel.

FIAT CAR WON.

New York, Sept. 29.—Speeding through a sea of mud and a downpour of rain, the 35 horsepower Fiat car, driven by Cedro Burke, finished first in the 24-hour automobile race at Morris Park last night at 10:21 o'clock, having covered 964 miles. Second was the Studebaker car, driven by Holme and Delmar, with 878 miles, and third came the Italian car, driven by Zumbach and Carrine, with 873 miles. Other cars that finished were: Frayer Miller, 736 miles; Allen-Kingston, 745 miles; Simplex, 699 miles; Sterns, 594 miles; Darraco, 594 miles; Motobloc, 485 miles; Rolls-Royce, 468 miles.

BEACH TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

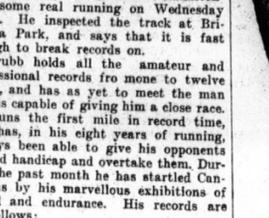
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hockey player, has signed to play during the coming season with the champion Wanderers of Montreal, and expects to leave in a few weeks for the east. Prospects for a senior professional team in Brampton this season are not very bright, and very little interest is being taken in the matter.

A SEVENTEENTH CABLE.

Submarines Evidently Do Not Fear Wireless. London, Sept. 29.—William Marconi's inauguration of his promised transatlantic wireless service for commercial work is awaited here with the keenest interest. Representatives of submarine cable companies say that even if Marconi accomplishes all he promises the achievement will only be equivalent to the addition of a seventeenth cable to the sixteen already in existence, and that at best it will be able to handle only a certain amount of business. It is pointed out, however, that this seventeenth cable, assuming its successful working, will be taking messages at less than half the rates charged by the submarine companies, and that, therefore, it will always be fully occupied. It was declared by the Marconi Company here that under the new system, with merely two stations, the company would be able to handle as much business as eight ordinary lines. Numbers of business men state that a reduction would be of benefit to the cable companies, as if tools were brought to a proper level practically all the business communications between Europe and America would be transmitted by cable.

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The championship wrestling match between Fred. Bartl, of Akron, Ohio, and Charles Conkle's "Unknown" will not take place to-morrow night, owing to an accident to the Unknown. The accident happened on Saturday, while he was working out with Conkle. Dr. Bauer was called in and he said the grappler would not be able to walk for two or three days or to wrestle for two or three weeks. A telegram was sent at once to Bartl's manager, E. C. Finley, and it caught him just as the pair were leaving to take the train. A letter to the secretary of the Globe A. C. received this morning. Finley said he would not claim the forfeit if the club was satisfied that the unknown was really hurt. He asked, however, that his forfeit be held for a match as soon as he is able to go on the mat. This arrangement was entirely satisfactory to the Unknown, who desired the forfeit to remain up. Conkle paid the club half of the expenses incurred, which are considerable. Unless the Unknown's injury is worse than the doctor thinks he will be able to meet Bartl in three weeks. Bartl is still after Conkle. To-day he sent a challenge to him on behalf of Al. Ackerman. He offers to back Ackerman at 145 pounds for \$50 to \$200 a side.

Jack Sullivan Put Him Out in the 19th Round.

San Francisco, Sept. 30.—"Australian Bill" Squires, heavyweight pugilist, who came to this country with the avowed intention of wrestling the title of pugilistic champion of the world from James Jeffries, went down to defeat for the second time. He was virtually knocked out by Jack "Twins" Sullivan in the nineteenth round of a 25-round contest in the Mission street armory. A fair-sized crowd attended. Squires showed little improvement since his last appearance in the ring. He was strong, willing and game, but did not have the skill to land blows. Had Sullivan been in first class form he would have knocked the Australian out sooner. As it was, he smashed Squires in the face and on

Beach Tennis Tournament.

The result of the tennis tournament, the finals of which were played off at the courts of the Beach Tennis Club on Saturday, September 21st, was as follows: Gentlemen's singles (championship event)—J. H. Stratton. Ladies' singles—Violet J. Mills. Gentlemen's doubles—H. W. McPhie and J. H. Stratton. On account of the tournament being held so late this year the management decided to cancel the mixed doubles, and Mr. Norman Ellis kindly offered a prize for the gentlemen's singles instead.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near. The entries for the Blackpool, England bowling tournament this year number 816, a record. The Blackpool tournament is a professional affair. Jabes Wolfe, one of the swimmers who have been attempting to swim the English Channel, had to give up his last trial when within two miles of its successful accomplishment. He was eleven hours and a half in the water. On his previous attempt he did not do so well, though he was in the water for sixteen hours. Brandon, Sept. 29.—It is learned Saturday that Arthur Ross, the well-known

Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

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