

Hildreth Big Winner Novelty Earns \$72,630

Ed. Curley Gives a Review of the
Past Racing Season—Naushon
Another Big Money Getter.

In the statistics of the past season on the turf Sam Hildreth is credited with leading the list of winning owners with \$152,645. Novelty, the champion two-year-old, earned \$72,630, which greatly assisted in placing Hildreth in first position.

It's a strange freak of turf lore that his peerless colt was in a position whereby he could have changed the winning list about so that either of three owners could have ended the season at the head of the column. Novelty was bred by James R. Keene at Castleton Stud, sold as a yearling to John E. Madden and disposed of in the early part of last year by Madden to Hildreth.

Now here is how the little word "if" cuts so prominent a figure. If Keene had retained Novelty his winnings would have amounted to \$134,020 instead of \$61,390, and naturally Hildreth would have only won \$80,015. This would have put the veteran turfman first without any contention. If Madden had kept Novelty he would have topped the list with \$122,830. This is one of the many instances connected with the racing game which proves that the winner is one of the most fickle in the world.

Naushon is another two-year-old which had something to do with the placing of the winning owners. This colt raced in the colors of R. Wilson last season and won \$25,875, which gave Wilson second place in the list with earnings of \$69,880. Naushon was one of the many yearlings sold to Wilson by Madden and proved to be a sterling young racer, as his record proves. If Madden had not disposed of Naushon to Wilson and also retained Novelty he would have wound up the season with a burst of glory and \$88,505 added to his bank account.

It was not that Madden did not know what classy colts Novelty and Naushon would be that induced him to sell the pair. Far from it. Madden was more of a breeder than a racing owner and when he develops a high-class racer he is always willing to let it go at his figure.

Through these methods Madden has amassed a big fortune and also has the reputation of being one of the greatest breeders of thoroughbreds in the country. As the "Wizard of the Turf" often said, he "breeds horses to sell, not to race." At the same time he has a number of classy runners wearing his silks, but there is always a price on them and when the proper figure is reached the sale is consummated.

Within the past few years many of the thoroughbreds sired at Hamburg Place have established themselves as winners on the eastern turf. Last season Naushon and Onager won numerous races for Wilson thereby adding to the reputation of Madden's farm. In the previous season King James and Joe Madden, two stars bred at Hamburg Place, gathered in a fortune for Hildreth.

Reverting to the sale of Novelty by Madden to Hildreth the famous breeder remarked when Hildreth obtained the colt that he had bought the Futurity winner. One afternoon in the paddock at Belmont Madden predicted that Novelty would sweep away all connection in the two-year-old division. That his hope was correct is shown when the name colt captured the blue ribbon event at Saratoga. The victory brought \$12,000 to his exchequer, for in the terms of the sale, Madden guaranteed that fifty per cent. of the Futurity purse would be his, providing Novelty won. It was really a case of Madden staking \$12,000 on his judgment. When he collected what may be termed his water, the turf world was convinced that Madden was still the same old wizard.

This season another batch of youngsters from Hamburg Place will carry the Wilson colors and, according to their breeder, there are a few more Naushons and Onagers in the bunch. Time alone will tell.

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Tu'penny Lessons In Pugilism

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LONDON, Feb. 11.—A placard bearing an unusual prescription for health has, during the last few days, become a principal topic of conversation in Shoreditch Borough Council. The bill announces that "for twopenny you can keep fit and well during the winter by exercising at the fully equipped municipal gymnasium, Pitfield-street baths." A writer paid twopenny at the doors of the Pitfield-street Baths or the privilege of obtaining a quick lesson in pugilism and a cheap road to good health. He writes:

"The gymnasium was a hive of activity. Immediately fronting the doors were two twelve by twelve feet rings, with two very earnest battlers in progress.
"So eager was everyone to have at least a single round that it was half an hour before my turn came to enter the ring. The instructor himself had been kind enough to divest himself of his coat and waistcoat in order to oblige me with my full two penny worth. I received it. The art of boxing, he said, as we dodged about the ring, is mainly a matter of temper. Peculiar was the look of the man's eye and so difficult did I find it to keep my breath that I made no reply. The instructor's left fist shot out very suddenly and in my right ear I felt a queer singing sensation."

"The instructor's peculiar look broadened into a smile. That's the great idea," he murmured—"temper." This time it was his right glove that met my face and again he whispered the word "temper." Some time later, perhaps it was only half a minute, tho it seemed more like an hour, I was led gently back to the little chair in the corner where I had come. The amiable instructor followed me, and with all the best nature in the world told me exactly what had happened and how I might have avoided those queer sensations in both ears."

**NEWSY LALONDE KNOCKS OUT
TOUGH HOCKEY SPECTATOR.**

The fighting was not confined to the ice for the fourteen men engaged in the hockey game at the Arena at Montreal last Tuesday night. There was an overflow meeting in the vestibule of the rink after all but a few perverted spectators had taken the cars home. Some of these red-hot fans waiting around to see the players come out and to sympathize or to gloat, according to their dispositions, witnessed a pretty little go between Lalonde and a tough hockey spectator. The latter had been guilty of during the game.

The trouble started in the rink after Lalonde had made a run down the ice, in the course of which he dealt out a few blows to the spectators. Some of these players came out and to sympathize or to gloat, according to their dispositions, witnessed a pretty little go between Lalonde and a tough hockey spectator. The latter had been guilty of during the game.

When the game was over, and Lalonde came from the dressing room into the rink vestibule, the first man he saw was the man he had just seen, and, unfortunately for the Wanderer supporter, Newey saw him first. It was only a jump and a swift jab and was over, as far as the belligerent fan was concerned, but his two friends made a rush for the Newey, and for a moment, it looked as if the Newey would be used up, but Paulin, the Canadian left, vice-president, came to the rescue, and with the assistance of some of the tardy spectators, calmed things down and persuaded the two friends to carry their champion out into the cool air, where he gradually recovered and made his way out, resolving never to let his enthusiasm get beyond the shouting point, not even for the Wanderers.

Outfielder John E. (Goal) Anderson, for three seasons with the South Bend Club, one year with the Pittsburgh Nationals, and last season with Rochester, will manage the team. He is going to develop into Roy Montgomery.

President Barrow of the Eastern League says that Paul Kriebel is going to develop into a star catcher for St. Louis. Pitcher Walter Johnson of Washington, it is said, made a \$700 contract—which is \$500 more than has been tendered him.

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SPORTING NOTES

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The dates for the next New York Horse Show are Nov. 18 to 25, making a seven-day show. These dates were decided upon at a meeting of the directors of the National Horse Association of America. The directors elected the following officers: Alfred G. Vanderbilt, president; F. M. Davies, treasurer; James T. Hyde, secretary.

Manager Clarke of the Pirates intends to convert the Pirates into a first-class catcher. President Taylor of the Boston Red Sox also thinks Shortstop Charley Wagner will be turned into a first-class backstop. But when the season opens Flynn and Wagner doubtless will play in their usual positions, as experiments of this kind seldom succeed, the notable exception being when Joe Kelley made a catcher out of Pitcher Fred Mitchell.

That great all-star card of boxing bouts at the American A.C. in Philly the other evening was a losing proposition, financially. It is said that the last night, which was the last, the show, this despite the fact that a world's champion was one of the principals.

The Hon. S. R. Berensford, the brother of Lord Berensford, the Englishman who wedded Miss Gould in New York the other day, is looking for trouble. He wants a match with some good Yankee amateur boxer. He has a reputation as an amateur boxer in England. His backers have tried to make a match with W. Barbour, the New England athlete, or with Fred Biddle of Philadelphia, but he has been pulled out of private, probably in the gymnasium at the home of Anthony J. Drexel, in New York.

Tex Rickard, who promoted the Jeffries-Johnson fight at Reno, was a spectator at the Wolgast-Brown battle, Rickard is on his way to South America. He says he had a talk with John L. Sullivan and, recently, and asked him if he would meet Johnson again. "I am thru with the ring," was Jeff's reply. "No amount of money could induce me to fight again." Rickard ridicules the wild yarn that Jeffries was "doped" before entering the ring at Reno, and says he was beaten on the level. "I don't believe there's anybody who can beat Johnson right now," said Tex. "But when there is one, and a fight seems likely, I will make a bid for it."

Catcher Bill Carrigan of the Red Sox has replied to President Taylor's ultimatum that he either signs or declines to sign the contract. Carrigan states that he will not, under any circumstances, sign at the figure tendered him—said to be \$250 and a \$500 bonus in California residence and made good. President Taylor says he will get along without Carrigan, depending upon Kiebo to do the bulk of the catching for the Red Sox.

Hugh Duffy seems to think that his Chicago White Sox will not be an experiment this year. When asked the other day to outline the regular make-up of the team, Duffy said that Collins, McConnell and Lord would probably cover the bases with Blackburn at shortstop, and McIntyre, Chouinard and Melan in the outfield. He doesn't believe he can improve much on his pitching corps, composed of Walsh, White, Scott, O'Rourke and O'Rourke, and will place much reliance in Block, Payne and Sullivan behind the bat.

Manager Eugene McCann of the Bridgeport Club of the Connecticut League has appointed First-Baseman Tom Crooks as team captain.

Edward G. Barrow, the new president of the Eastern League, has accepted the invitation of Jack Dunn to witness the opening game at Baltimore.

NOTHING NEW IN BASEBALL HAD SPITBALL IN OLD DAYS

Hardie Richardson Says All the
New Fangled Stunts Are
as Old as the Hills.

They say there is nothing new under the sun. Well, that goes for me so far as baseball is concerned. I cannot recall to mind any strategy of the present day that was not a cut-and-dried trick of the trade ten decades ago. I will not attempt to deny that there have been changes in the game. Naturally so, since the pastime is still in a state of development. But these changes have been for the most part nothing but regulations applying to the playing code. The foul strike rule, for instance, furnishes a good illustration.

We old-timers had as varied a repertoire of strategy as anything you can find now in the major leagues. We had the hit and run, the sacrifice, the double steal, and even the "squeeze," which is generally attributed to the inventive brain of Clark Griffith.

Nor could any of the present day stars show the old-time pitchers any new wrinkles. Christy Mathewson is supposed to have invented the "fade-away," while Jack Chesbro or Elmer Strickland divide the honor of having originated the spitball. Why, both these styles of delivery were used more than twenty years ago. The Hon. John Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania, for one, was a master of the spitball. We used to call it the "pump" ball. Tener won many games for Chicago with the freshest Charlie Burdette, John Clarkson and Haddock all threw after the fashion that made famous Chesbro and Ed. Walsh. This style of delivery, we believed, was especially successful against the wind. It was, however, considered very injurious to the arm, and was, therefore, not so popular as a few seasons ago. In the old days a pitcher had to be in such condition as to pitch every other day of even offense. He was not pampered as are the pets of to-day. The spitball fell into disfavor because it was found too racking on the arm, and was classified, numbered and placed on file, in nicely arranged form, the different ways a baseball may be delivered to the batsman. McCormick, McCormick, George Washington Bradley and Westman, all pitched a rising curve and it was seldom that a left handed pitcher could do anything with their offerings. All these men had excellent control and an ace in the hole against any but real, natural hitters, of whom, then, as now, there were few.

Brothers, Lewis, Ewing and Roger Connor were as renowned and revered as are Cobb, Lajoie and Wagner of the present. The latter, I believe, while in Buffalo, went two years without striking out. He always took two strikes before hitting.

"The squeeze" play is an old favorite of mine, tho I haven't seen it since 1882. I remember that this play was used in a game in New York at the Polo Grounds in 1882, the year of the year. M. J. Kelly, of the Boston, pulled it. Boston had but one more game to play with New York and had a lead of one run. The Beaneaters were pitching for the Beaneaters. Kelly was catching. The score was four to one in New York's favor, with two men on base. The Beaneaters, A ball hit to the infield was fielded to Kelly. It looked like a sure enough shutout to us, but Gaffney, who was umpiring, called the runner safe at the home plate. Kelly showed his disapproval by heaving the ball over the grandstand and letting the other three runners score. That put New York eight to one in the lead.

Kelly then went sulking to the club house. I went after him and asked him if he intended to finish the game. "Yes," he said, "just let that Irishman get settled down and we will win a game yet." Kelly was not a quitter. Gaffney not to forget the game as he had but nine men. In due time Kelly put in an appearance. The game was resumed and my boy, Kelly, pitched. New York could no longer touch him. Boston got hitting New York's pitchers and finally won out as Kelly had predicted.

And in the latter part of the game Kelly worked what is now known as the "squeeze" play. I wonder how many who were present that day would remember the play and how it was worked.

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2—Was J. J. Corbett heavyweight champion of the world? If not, why not?

3—Was Robert Fitzsimmons heavyweight champion of the world? If not, why?

4—Was James J. Jeffries heavyweight champion of the world? If not, why?

5—Is Jack Johnson the heavyweight champion of the world? If not, why?

6—Some eminent sporting critics have argued that Sullivan was never the champion of the world under the prize ring rules, although he held the opposite view, rely upon the records to prove that John L. really was the kingpin of bare knuckle boxing in his recent years of activity.

To prove their ground, Sullivan's supporters instance the fact that Joe Goss wrestled the London prize ring Championship from Tom Allen; that Paddy Ryan defeated Joe Goss, and that John L. Sullivan knocked Paddy Ryan out at Mississippi City, Feb. 7, 1882, in nine rounds.

"Yes," says the other side, "but Sullivan fought Joe Goss, and Joe Goss was the champion of the world."

There is a chance for an argument there all right, but it is a fact nevertheless, that John L. Sullivan and Joe Kilrain met in a contest for the championship under the old rules at Richmond, Mississippi sixteen months after the Mitchell-Sullivan fight, and that all the world at that time recognized the right of the men to battle for the blue ribbon of the prize ring.

Charley Mitchell, in fact, was a party to the arrangement as he acted as Kilrain's principal second; and it was not on record that Mitchell rebelled at the function being classed as a world's championship dispute. Sullivan won that fight, and according to the spirit of the times, clinched his right to be known as London prize ring champion of the world.

If half-splitting is resorted to, doubt can be cast on almost any proposition, but if my opinion counts for anything, Sullivan was the champion of the world when bare knuckle fighting went out of vogue. He had no belt, no diploma, or no championship badge to display as his insignia of superiority but he was the champion to a majority of people, and as far back as I can remember, that is what counted in the affairs of the ring. If there had been any man living better entitled to be called champion, the public would not have placed Sullivan on the high pedestal of pugilism.

When the Queensberry method of boxing took the place of the old style, it was considered that Sullivan's title became clouded when he refused to meet Peter Jackson in a contest with gloves. The main argument adduced, in fact, to sustain the contention that Sullivan was never

more than champion of America under any rules, was that he fought a draw with Charley Mitchell for the bare knuckle championship and declined to box Peter Jackson for the Queensberry championship.

To my way of thinking, Sullivan's championship days ended with his bare knuckle fighting. He simply proclaimed himself Queensberry champion after the old style of fighting went out of fashion, and declared his readiness to defend the title. Jim Corbett accepted Sullivan's deft and their battle at New Orleans in 1885 was the first bona fide battle for the championship under the new system.

Corbett won it and has the right to style himself the first indoor champion of the modern prize ring.

Corbett improved his hold on the title when he defeated Charley Mitchell and Bob Fitzsimmons (who in turn defeated Corbett) and he certainly had a right to sign himself champion of the world or "heavyweight champion of the world," as the man who has asked me the questions prefers to call him.

James J. Jeffries, in turn, won the championship from Fitzsimmons and incidentally defeated Peter Jackson in a decisive manner while working toward the championship goal.

It is highly probable that Jack Johnson's claim to the championship is safer from attack by anyone who is a penchant for discovering flaws than any of his predecessors. The fact

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Mount Forest 6, Listowel 3.

LISTOWEL, Ont., Feb. 11.—The Mount Forest Northern League hockey team played here Friday night and defeated Listowel by a score of 6 to 3.

The superior weight of the visitors was a factor in the victory, as they were accompanied by a goodly number of supporters.

The half-time score was 3 to 1 in favor of Mount Forest. The second half was a repetition of the first half, close checking being the leading feature.

The superior weight of the visitors was too much for the local team, the final score being 6 to 3 in favor of Mount Forest. Referee Gorrie of Toronto handled the game very satisfactorily and was very liberal with the penalties.

The line-up: Mount Forest (6): Goal, Sealer; point, Montferrer; cover, Langdon; rover, Johnson; centre, Ross; left, McEwen; right, Murray.

Listowel (3): Goal, Seinkman; point, Patterson; cover, Thompson; rover, Burt; centre, Hendow; left, Gibson; right, Schenkein.

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