

PEDESTRIANISM.

W. PERKINS AGAINST TIME.

EIGHT MILES WALKED IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR.

The latest advices from England bring the intelligence that W. Perkins, on Monday, September 20, performed the feat of fully walking eight miles within one hour. It was accomplished over the Lilliebridge ground, London, in the presence of 5,000 spectators, and was to decide a wager of £100 to £50 that it could not be done. For many years it has been the ambition of rapid walkers to make this record, and numbers have attempted the task, but failed. Twice before Perkins made unsuccessful attempts, but he had long been considered the most likely man for such a performance, and, being determined to try it again, was given the chance by his friends. So far back as 1857 the late C. Westhall completed seven miles and a half in 58m. 25s., on the turnpike road at Slough, and to the present time this remains unequalled, except, of course, in an inclosed ground. It was not until George Topley came out that Westhall's time was beaten, and that on Old Brompton grounds, where both Topley and then W. Spooner defeated it; but their styles were not all to be compared with that of the present day, and those performances cannot be recognized. In December, 1869, George Davison created a sensation by walking twenty-one miles in three hours, and during the first hour he covered seven miles 1,380 yards, this being the nearest approach to the "eight miles in one" previous to yesterday.

Perkins stands five feet six inches, weighs 182 pounds and is now in his twenty-third year. For the present match, says the London Sportsman, September 21, he has trained at several places, in company with J. Smith and H. Bodt, but wound up his preparation at Lilliebridge, and he certainly came out in the pink of condition. Everything being in readiness he took the mark at 5h. 30m., with odds of 5 to 4 betted on him, although half an hour previously 6 to 4 had been laid on time. He bounded away at such a terrific pace that his attendant, J. Hiley, was soon left in the rear, and the first lap was covered in 2m. 5s., which will account for the first mile being so much faster than the others. He entered on the second mile quite fresh, and amidst the cheers of his friends he completed it in 14m. 18s., the official time of each mile being clearly chalked up by Bob Rogers. At the end of the eighth lap a slight perspiration was observable, but this soon disappeared, and the third mile was finished with the watches pointing at 21m. 37s. As several bets were depending on his doing half the distance "inside" twenty-nine minutes he bustled along until the four miles were timed at 28m. 50s., this feat being received with deafening cheers. Odds of two to one were now freely offered on Perkins, and this price was increased at the end of five miles, but from this point to the sixth he fell off perceptibly. The walker, however, soon set going again, and seven miles were recorded at 51m. 51s. Although Perkins had a trifle in hand, he stuck to his work, and amidst uproarious cheers and throwing of hats, he passed the post a winner by fifty-five seconds, and without taking any kind of refreshment throughout his arduous task. Mr. J. Vandy was referee.

ATHLETICS.

THE CRICKET CLUB GAMES.

The annual games of the Toronto Cricket Club came off on the Cricket Ground on Saturday last. Some of the games were graced with large entries, and the contests were enjoyed by a numerous audience. The following is the prize list:—

Throwing Cricket Ball—Distance.—For members only. Eight entries. Prize—1st, cricket bat and ball, C. Meagher. 99 yds., 1 ft.; 2nd, open to all, cricket bat, C. Meagher, 97 yds.

300 Yards Race.—For boys under 16 years of age, sons of members, or persons introduced by members. Five entries. Prize, gold pencil case, H. C. Wilson.

Wheelbarrow Race—Blindfolded—Amateurs, 100 yards. Nine entries. Prize, \$4, George Cooper.

320 Yards Race.—Open to members of clubs. Eleven entries. Prize—1st, cup, R. Pearson; 2nd, running or cricketing shoes, J. Pearson.

Three-Legged Race.—150 yards—Open to amateurs. Five pair of entries. Prize, mug, Persons and Thompson.

Hurdle Race.—10 hurdles, 9 single and 1 double, each 8 ft. 6 in. high, 320 yards. Three entries. Prize—1st, sleeve links, J. Pearson; 2nd, set of studs, R. Pearson.

Sack Race.—50 yards and back—Amateurs. Nine entries. Prize—1st, mug, C. S. Shanklin; 2nd, pipe, F. Thompson.

100 Yards Race—open to all. Six entries. Prize, \$10, Carnegie Burns.

The excellent band of the Toronto Musicians' Association was present during the afternoon.

(This was crowded out of our last week's issue.)

BASE BALL.

QUELPH MAPLE LEAF B. B. C.

The following is an interesting record of their seasons play. The following are the games played:—

VICTORIES.		SCORE.
May 24,	Maple Leaf vs Tecumsehs of London, at Guelph	8 3
June 18,	Maple Leaf vs Tecumsehs of London, at London	10 8
" 26,	M. L. vs Athletics of Detroit, at Guelph	7 2
July 8,	M. L. vs Stars of Syracuse, N. Y., forfeit, Watertown tour	9 0
" 5,	" L. vs Flyaways of N. Y., Watertown tour	7 1
" 6,	M. L. vs St Lawrence of Kingston, forfeit, Watertown tour	9 0
" 9,	M. L. vs Ottawas of Ottawa at Ottawa	12 1
" 12,	M. L. vs Silver Stars of Port Hope, at Port Hope	81 4
" 18,	M. L. vs Royal Oaks of Bowmanville, at Bowmanville	12 4
" 16,	M. L. vs Mutuals of Jackson, Mich., at Guelph	19 4
" 24,	M. L. vs Athletics of Toronto at Toronto	12 1
Aug 16,	M. L. vs Tecumsehs of London at Guelph	14 9
" 28,	M. L. vs St Lawrence of Kingston at Guelph	10 8
Sept 4,	M. L. vs New Havens of New Haven, Conn., at Guelph	7 5
" 11,	M. L. vs St Lawrence of Kingston, at Toronto	9 0

DEFEATS.		SCORE.
July 1,	Hartfords of Hartford, Conn., vs Maple Leaf, at Guelph	2 17
" 6,	Live Oaks of Lynn, Mass., vs Maple Leaf at Watertown, N. Y.	8 6
" 10,	St Lawrence of Kingston, vs Maple Leaf at Kingston, 12 innings	2 8
Sept 8,	New Havens of New Haven, Conn., at St Catharines	2 10

PLAYERS.	No. of Games.	Times to bat.	Total Runs.	Base hits.	No. put out.	Times Assisted.	Avg. No. of runs per times to bat.	Avg. No. of base hits per times to bat.	Avg. No. put out per game.	Avg. No. times assisted per game.
W. Smith	19	79	34	30	20	1	1.79	1.58	1.05	1.21
J. Smith	19	81	26	28	18	1	1.84	1.47	1.00	1.16
C. Meagher	17	73	23	26	15	1	1.35	1.53	1.00	1.18
J. Bodt	17	71	19	23	15	1	1.29	1.35	1.00	1.12
J. Vandy	17	74	19	23	15	1	1.41	1.35	1.00	1.12
J. Pearson	17	74	19	23	15	1	1.41	1.35	1.00	1.12
J. Cooper	17	74	19	23	15	1	1.41	1.35	1.00	1.12
J. Wilson	17	74	19	23	15	1	1.41	1.35	1.00	1.12
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