RACING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Alpen Won Handicap at New Orleans and Rosormonde at San Francisco.

JOCKEY BOLAND RODE 4 WINNERS.

Shields & Carruthers' Allenna and Topmast Among the Oakland Also Rans.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—The Christmas card drew a very large crowd to the track to-day. The stands were thronged and the infield well filled. The track was heavy and lumpy, but the racing was good, and three favorites landed first money. Jockey Boland rode four winners, having no mount in the first race, thus winning a gold-mounted whip offered by Capt. James Rees for the best riding percentage of the day. Alpen, who outclassed his field, was a strong favorite and won very easily.

First race, selling, 1 mile and 20 yards—Rushfields, 100 (McKinney), 7 to 1, 1; David, 99¾ (Mitchell), even, 2; Belle Ward, 99½ (McCann), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.54. Fewness, Cavalio, Ruskin, Chantilly, Good Order, Lord Neville, Nannie Davis also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Prince of Verona, 113 (Boland), 7 to 10, 1; Dissolute, 108 (Dupee), 10 to 1, 2; inlook, 115 (Mitchell), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. Clara N. Turney, Dr. Fannie, Sam Fullen, Pedantic, Sadie Burnham and The Milliner also ran.

Third race, 2 miles, selling—Pancharm, 105 (Boland), 6 to 1, 1; Sunburst, 100 (Mitchell), 15 to 1, 2; Monk Wayman, 105 (Moody), 11 to 10, 3. Time 3.51. Shinfan, Joe Shelby and Bright Night also ran.

Fourth race, Christmas Handicap, 1 mile—Alpen, 101½ (Boland), 8 to 5, 1; Morini, 104 (Mitchell), 4 to 1, 2; imp. Mint Sauce, 112 (McLoyntl), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.50. Eva Rice, Florizar and Water Crest also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 1 mile and 20 yards—Trebor, 103 (Boland), 2 to 1, 1; Refugee, 104 (Moody), 100 to 1, 2; Albert Vale, 109 (Dupee), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.52. Tillie W., Walkenshaw, Forbush and Dixie also ran.

Entries: First race, selling, 1 mile—Col. Eads 97, Acushla, False Lead, Nailer 100, Manilius 105, Blue Lick 106, Jimp 115.

Second race, 6½ furlongs—Clara H. 98, Polly Bixey 105, Adjutator 108, Sadie Burnham 105, Harry Lucesco, My Chicken 98, Al Reeves, Kindred, Knight Banneret 101, Anna Q. 105, Crane 108.

Third race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Lennap, Good Order 98, Astor 99, Donna Rita 100, Lexington Pirate 102, Rushfields 104, Albert Vale 109, Elkin 110.

Fourth race, handicap, ⅞ mile—Miss Mae Day 89, Schoolgirl 94, Tom Collins 98, St. Wood 102, Strangest 104, Quillo 124.

Fifth race, ⅞ mile—Wiggins, George H. Ketcham, Bell Lackman, Samivel 99, Jim Gore II., Estaca 102, Lady Powhattan, McAlbert, Tinkler 104, Lord Fairfax, Murat, Molo 107.

Frisco Racing Gossip.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Charley Heinshel of Buffalo, who has spent several winters on the coast, is back again. As soon as he gets his eye on the horses he will hang up his slate in the ring.

Adolph Spreckles sold his yearlings on Thursday night and they brought only moderate prices. Mat Storn paid $1200 for Cambacerez, a black colt by Imp. Idalium, and out of Imp. Candid, a mare which Mr. Spreckles raced a great deal. This was the top price. W. B. Jennings, acting as an agent for a New York owner, presumably Jack Follansbee, bid in Beelzebub by Crighton and out of Lasta Rock, for $1000. The yearlings averaged about $240 each. The low prices were due to the untried sires, which owners do not like to patronize.

Jerry Chorn, the colored jockey who was mixed up in the Little Pete scandal and went to New Zealand, where he had hopes of living down his name, is back. When Judge Murphy heard of Chorn being allowed to ride in New Zealand he cabled the Jockey Club his record. The message put Chorn out of the business and he was forced to return to this country. He is now on his way to New York.

Johnny Humphreys, the popular bookmaker, met with a hard piece of luck on Sunday. His smart filly Mildity, for which he had declined several large offers, died suddenly from a complication of diseases.

The riding talent has been increased by the arrival of Jockey Jenkins, who rode many winners in New York last summer. Prince Poniatowski has made him a handsome offer for the winter season. Jenkins will probably accept.

The Tanforan meeting met with the approval of everybody save a few losing bookmakers, who laid against the favorites. Despite the heavy rain, which made the track deep, the horses ran to form as they seldom have done before. The upsets can be numbered on the fingers of one hand. Outside of one day, when Caldwell had some bad actors on his hands, the starting was all that could be asked for. He let the horses get away quickly and showed favoritism to none. To Mr. Caldwell all horses look alike at the post. The purses which were offered were worth running for. The smallest amount which the Jockey Club gave away any day was $2500. Alex. Shields was the luckiest owner, pulling down a couple of stakes and several purses. The rest of the owners fared about alike.

The Reiff boys, who have arrived from England after a marvelously successful season in the saddle, will visit their friends in California before they return to the scenes of their triumphs. Much interest is centred in little Johnny Reiff, who left a host of admirers when he went away last spring. His admirers are curious to see how much he has improved in his work. Jack Martin will issue a challenge to Johnny Reiff to ride for the 60-pound championship, and if an acceptance is not forthcoming there will be trouble. Jack will meet his rival if he has to cross the ocean to do it. When the Reiffs left England the papers gave them some splendid notices.

Surveyors have staked out a steeplechase course at the Tanforan track. Before they used their instruments Mr. Corrigan, who is an expert in laying out nice tracks, went over the field and made suggestions to them. It will take very little work to put the ground into condition for the jumpers. When it is finished Mr. Corrigan says that it will be as fine a course as there is in the country. The Jockey Club hopes to have the jumps built in time for the next meeting.

Things came to such a pass that the Oakland track abolished jumping entirely. Ingleside did not despair and Tanforan has taken up the sport and made it a success. Thus far the finishes have all been exciting. A little discipline properly administered can accomplish a world of good sometimes.

Novia Beat King Carnival.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.—Oakland results; weather clear, track fast:

First race, 11-16 mile, purse—Flower of Gold, 101 (Walsh), even, 1; Panamint, 116 (Thorpe), 12 to 1, 2; Olinthus, 113 (Spier), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.06¾. Formero, Strongoff, Tarhill, Firelight II., and Allenna also ran.

Second race, ¾ mile, selling—Bee Bee, 109 (Thorpe), even, 1; Louis B. McWhirter, 101 (Powell), 50 to 1, 2; Monteagle, 103 (C. Wilson), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.14. Bamboulia, May Gertrude, Favorita, Expedient also ran.

Third race, mile, purse—Casdale, 98 (Walsh), 2 to 1, 1; The Fretter, 101 (Devin), 6 to 1, 2; Melkarth, 102 (Ranch), 50 to 1, 3. Time 1.40. Montallade, Hohenlohe, San Venade also ran.

Fourth race, 1⅛ miles, selling—Dr. Bernays, 93 (J. Martin), 7 to 5, 1; Dr. Marks, 93 (Devin), 4 to 1, 2; Personne, 97 (Stuart), 8 to 1, 3. Time 2.34. Dare II., Ledea and Defiance also ran.

Fifth race, 1⅛ miles, Xmas handicap—Rosamonde, 116 (Jenkins), 3 to 1, 1; Lothian, 87 (Vittitoe), 6 to 1, 2; Osculation, 95 (Walsh), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.52½. Imp. Mistral II., Topmast and Senora Cæsar also ran.

Sixth race, Futurity Course handicap—Novin, 98 (Burns), 6 to 1, 1; King Carnival, 107 (J. Martin), 6 to 1, 2; St. Cuthbert, 103 (Jenkins), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.09½. Yellow Tail, Frank Beedle, Sister Alice, Aluminum and Good Hope also ran.

New Orleans Talk.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Horsemen who are putting in their first winter season here had an opportunity last week to form the acquaintance of New Orleans mud in its unadulterated state. The newcomers, particularly those from the East, also became acquainted with some of Cap. J. H. Rees' judicial methods. Rees virtually forced B. Vincent to sell his horses on account of one race by Seaport, which he did not like. He went a long way back to get Jockey A. McIntyre, who is to ride for Mike Dwyer in the East next summer. McIntyre is now under suspension, being suspected of knowing the reason why the colt St. Lorenzo ran such a bad race under him and such a good one under Tabor.

The horse George Lee has been sent away from the track because he could not run up to his Chicago form, and Jockey Shepherd and the owner of the horse are under suspension. Johnny Murphy, who, with his horse Moncreith and his jockey Kitley, was suspended yesterday for 30 days, has never before fallen under a judicial ban.

Moncreith is his only horse. He bought him in 1898 from Bill McGuigan for $1100, but was never able to do much with him. Murphy has tried to win three races with him here, or, at least, so it seemed to the general public, but Capt. Rees thinks not. In his three attempts Moncreith was never outside the money. He might have won one of those races but for Kitley's poor judgment, but nobody has ever accused Kitley of knowing too much about race riding.

Murphy and his jockey are not only down for 30 days, but are to be denied all the privileges of the track for that time.

One jockey, Cunningham, has been ruled off the turf for life and three more are under suspension. Two stables are under investigation, and the lists are subject to daily increase.

The outside speculators have been picking the winners with great regularity almost since the season opened, and the bookmakers who have held their own must also have held the right ones. Most of the original force is still on, but a few had to take a rest. Ben Falk formed a coalition with Kid Weller when the latter came here two weeks ago, but the combination did no good, and Falk and Weller are now trying to recoup themselves on the outside.

Sig Levy makes one of the most conservative books in the ring, and he has had but few bad days. His partner, A. E. Lewis, will leave for Chicago in a few days to straighten up some business affairs. Tom Childs, who started out to make one of the big books, has had to call for reinforcements once or twice. Ed Austin handles nearly all the big commissions and keeps as many as get away from him.

Gossip of the Turf.

The National Steeplechase Association has ruled that J. W. Colt is entitled to the full value of the purse hung up by the Saratoga Racing Association for the Beverwyck steeplechase of last summer, in which his horse, Dr. Catlett, had a walkover.

The good fortune which came the bookies' way at the opening of the California racing season has switched about, and recently the players have been creating havoc with the pencillers' bank rolls. Johnnie Coleman, who cleaned up about $20,000 in the opening weeks, has lost it all back, and the Hoffman boys of New York have been up against it good and hard. They took down their slate, and, it is said, will go to Chicago, and open a poolroom. Colonel Applegate is still on, but is not doing well.

A despatch from Memphis says that Grace Van Studdiford, the prima donna of the De Angelis Opera Company will race a select stable of horses in her own name next season. The stable will consist of five coming 3-year-olds, three 2-year-olds, and a couple of steeplechasers. The coming 3-year-olds will be Sidbow, b. c., 3, by imp. Siddartha—Miss Bowling; Kendarth, b. g., 3, by imp. Siddartha—Kenthrope; Woodlace, blk. c., 3, by imp. Woodmoss—Helecia; Mosswitt, br. c., 3, by imp. Woodmoss—Ruby Prewitt; Woodtrice, ch. c., by imp. Woodmoss—Cantatrice.

The event of Saturday afternoon at Oakland was the meeting of the four 2-year-olds, Advance Guard, Princess Zelka, Decoy and Erwin, at a mile. Erwin was generally favorite, but Decoy and Advance Guard were equal choices with Erwin at different times. Princess Zelka and Decoy raced off neck and neck, with Advance Guard two lengths away, and Erwin that far behind Advance Guard. It was a killing pace for 2-year-olds to the half, with no variation in position, except that Erwin closed up his gap, and was alongside of Advance Guard at the five-eighths. They turned into the stretch in a bunch, and, from the seven-eighths pole it was a drive for the four. Advance Guard won out by a length from Princess Zelka, with Decoy lapping her. Erwin was made too much use of on the back stretch, and tired somewhat at the end. The time was 1.38¾.

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GRANITES' GREEN CHRISTMAS

Lawn Bowling in the Morning, Cameron's Rink Defeating Team Skipped by Orr.

THERE WAS ICE IN THE AFTERNOON.

Annual Matches, President v. Vice-President, Scheduled for New Year's Day.

Jack Frost was a little late in arriving on Sunday night and did not get to work in time to have the ice ready for the curlers. But the Granites are an independent lot and hard to beat. Determined not to be cheated of their usual Christmas game, two picked rinks sallied forth and enjoyed the novelty of a game of lawn bowls, while the ice-makers were hard at work in the adjoining rinks getting ready for the curlers in the afternoon. The following is the score made in this record-breaker:

John Turnbull,	Atwell Fleming,
Joseph Lugsdin,	J. E. Hulett,
J. W. Corcoran,	W. G. H. Lowe,
W. A. Cameron, s.15	Geo. H. Orr, skip..10

Ice in the Afternoon.

The Granite Rink was the only one in the city to have ice yesterday sufficiently thick to curl on, and only about a dozen brithers were out in the afternoon, they being members of the affiliated Wanderers' Bicycle Club, who took the chance to practise.

It is likely that the Granites will play their President-Vice-President match on New Year's day.

The Victoria Rink was flooded on Sunday night and all day yesterday, and will be fit to curl on to-day.

The President-Vice-President match of the Victoria Club will be played on New Year's day.

The Queen City Curling Club's President-Vice-President match may be played New Year's morning.

PUT PUCK WHERE THEY WANTED IT.

St. Georges of Toronto Easy for the Nationals at Guelph—Notes of the Game.

Guelph, Dec. 25.—The hockey season opened here this evening in the Petrie Rink with an exhibition game between St. George's of Toronto and the Nationals. The ice was in first-class condition, it being kept especially for this match. From the start of it it was clearly seen which was the better team. The Nationals seemed to put the puck where they wanted it almost at any time. At the end of the first the Nationals scored 6 times and St. George's once. The second half was a repetition of the first, the final score being: Nationals 11, St. George's 2. The game was a very clean exhibition of hockey, and some very good plays were put by both teams. Following are the players:

St. George's (2): Goal, W Pardo; point, Evans; coverpoint, Bish; forwards, Birmingham, Taylor, Gilles and Peatt.

Nationals (11): Goal, Mitchell; point, Morrison; coverpoint, Johnston; forwards, Barber, Howell, Carmichael and Snell.

Referee: Henry Howitt, Guelph.

After the Puck.

The St. George's will be stronger this season than last.

George McKay of the Bank of Toronto will play with the Wellingtons this season.

Three of the Wellingtons' forward line will be: Donaldson, Hill and George McKay.

The Wellingtons will practise and play their home matches at the Caledonian Rink again this season.

Gordon Crawford will be out again this season at hockey and will be identified with the Wellingtons.

Peterboro will have a fast senior team again this season. Nearly all the old players will be back and they will have one or two new ones.

Secretary Beaton of the O. H. A. said on Saturday that not one complaint had been sent in to him over the season's schedule, in any of the three series.

Percy Hardisty, who earned a reputation at Rugby last season, will play hockey with the Wellingtons, and, if he does as well as at Rugby he should be a useful man for them.

WHERE THEY ARE ROAD RACING MAD

Hamilton Had Five Christmas Day Runs, the Chief Event Being Won by Fred Hughson.

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Since The Herald road racing was commenced local sports have gone road racing mad. No less than five long distance foot races were held here to-day. The principal one was the W. R. Harper race, to Dundas and return, a distance of ten miles. Fred Hughson won in 59 minutes, 18 seconds; J. Barnard was second in 1 hour, 1 second; W. Davis (an Indian) was third, D. Ayres fourth, E. Jones fifth. Barnard, the favorite in the betting, dropped out on the return journey. There were eleven starters.

The road race, nine miles, brought out a big field of second class runners, and the result was: Angus Martin (Dundas), 1; James Riley (Hamilton), 2; Joe Nash (Hamilton), 3. Time, 1 hour, 1 minute and 33 seconds.

In the Gilleland races for boys the result was: Fourteen and under—Dan Barrett, 1; R. Wearn, 2. Twelve and under—A. Ballantine, jun., 1; M. J. Swazie, 2.

Next July at Henley.

At the annual meeting of the Henley Regatta stewards the following gentlemen were elected as the Committee of Management for the ensuing year: Mr. W. D. Macdonald, Colonel F. Wilan, Mr. F. Fenber, Mr. H. T. Steward, Mr. J. Page, Mr. A. Brakspear, Mr. W. Russell Griffiths, the Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., Mr. D. H. McLean, Lord Ampthill, Mr. F. I. Pitman and Mr. R. C. Lehmann.

At the usual committee meeting which followed Mr. Herbert T. Steward was elected chairman, and the dates for the 1900 regatta were fixed for July 4, 5 and 6.

In the report of the Committee of Management there was little calling for special comment. The expenses which had been incurred in booming the course had necessitated their drawing upon the reserve fund to the extent of £773 10s., but the new venture proved so completely satisfactory as to justify the outlay.

Beyond this the report only dealt with the success which had attended this year's regatta.

Triangular College Chess.

New York, Dec. 25.—Arrangements have been completed for a triangular chess match, to be played between Cornell, Brown and Pennsylvania Universities, at the Manhattan Chess Club this week. Two men from each university will contest. Cornell will be represented by Karpinski and Riedel, and Pennsylvania by Griffith and Francis. The Brown players have not yet been selected. Major Hanham will act as umpire.

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Sir Thomas Lipton has been unanimously elected rear commodore of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

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BASKETBALL AT HAMILTON.

Toronto's West End Y.M.C.A. Team Lost by 23 Goals to 18.

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The West Toronto Y.M.C.A. basket ball team was defeated here to-night by the Hamilton Y.M.C.A.'s by a score of 23 to 18. At the end of the first half it was 13 to 11 in favor of Toronto. A. J. Taylor was referee. The teams:

Hamilton (23): Jeffs, Christie, Marriott, Sharp, Yorick.

Toronto (18): J. Brown, H. McGuire, A. Allan, J. Burnette, W. Nichols.

McCoy and Maher Compared.

Following are the dimensions of the two that will do battle on New Year's Day for a $20,000 purse:

McCoy.		Maher.
24 years	age	30 years
5 feet 10¾ inches	height	5 feet 11¾ inches
158 pounds	weight	175 pounds
37 inches	chest, normal	40 inches
41 inches	chest, expanded	42 inches
34 inches	waist	31 inches
14 inches	biceps	13 inches
76 inches	reach	73 inches
16 inches	neck	17 inches
21¼ inches	thigh	23 inches
15½ inches	calf	16 inches
7½ inches	wrist	6½ inches
11½ inches	forearm	10½ inches

Around the Ring.

Jim Ferris, who is being prepared by Jack Hanley for his bout with Mysterious Billy Smith, at the Olympic Club, sends word from Buffalo that he would like to match with any welterweight in the world.

Bobby Dobbs of Minneapolis won from Pete Sheehan of Bethlehem at Treaton yesterday afternoon. Sheehan was also badly punished in the ninth round, and he failed to respond at the opening of the 10th. The bout was to have been 20 rounds.

Sam Fitzpatrick received word on Saturday from Dr. Ordway that the contest between Tommy Hogan of Chicago and Bill Chester, the crack English 200-pounder, has been clinched, and that the pair will meet for twenty rounds before the National Sporting Club during the second week of February.

Spike Sullivan has sent out word to San Francisco that he will fight Parker there in February. The National Club has wired his Spikelets to go out. Parker wants to fight Sullivan, and will be in better condition for him than he was for Turner, whom the Kid beat easily.

Chicago Jack Lewis, the Chicago lightweight, showed that he was entirely outclassed by Kid McFadden of New York Monday night in the wind-up of the Chicago Athletic Association's boxing show. McCartland found the local man's vulnerable spot in the second round in the first round and had him all but out with three punches.

Betting on the result of the coming contest between George Dixon and Terry McGovern is on in real earnest. Charlie Mahoney at Hotel Rivers, New York, Saturday night placed $500 to $270 on Terry. He says he will wager $1000 more at the same price. Joe Carey of Louisville offers to bet $1000 on McGovern at prevailing odds. Carey is stopping at the Hoffman House. Gus Gilfeather of San Francisco has commissioned San Fitzpatrick to bet $5000 on Dixon.

Paddy Sweeney of Manchester and Whitey Lester of Philadelphia were billed to go 20 rounds at 135 pounds at Brooklyn Saturday night. Four rounds were enough for Lester. In the second round Sweeney swung a right square on the jaw. The blow made the Philadelphian take to the ring floor. Instead of starting to count him out, however, the referee ordered him to get up and fight. From that on Lester repeatedly clinched to save himself. In a break away Sweeney sent a left to the ribs, and Lester went down and out.

There was plenty of fighting in the final bouts of the Lexington Athletic Club's tournament, held at Brooklyn last Saturday night. Additional excitement was furnished in the final bout of the 135-pound class, which brought together Kid Crosby and J. McGuire. They fought fiercely for three rounds, but the judges could not pick the winner, and the referee ordered an extra round. The judges again failed to agree, and the referee declared Crosby the winner. The decision was hissed. An enraged spectator in the gallery drew a pistol, and was pointing it at Sparrow Robinson, the referee, when two policemen disarmed him and led him out of the building.

Spike Sullivan announced to the spectators at Philadelphia Saturday night that he was sick and unable to meet Young Starr in the wind-up. His head and right hand were bandaged, and he stated that an abscess had formed in his left ear, and that that member was doubled up and in bad shape; that an operation had been performed upon it, and that, although sorry to disappoint the crowd, he could not box with safety. The tendons of his right wrist also bothered him. He thought, however, he would be able to meet McFadden on Jan. 5. Martin Judge was substituted. There was a contrast between his condition, he having come as a spectator and volunteered to take Sullivan's place, and Starr, who appeared to be in fine shape for the contest.

Cricket Gates in the Thousands.

The gross gate receipts of the five cricket test matches played in England with the Australians last summer amounted to £11,573 10s. They were made up as follows:

Nottingham	£1,221
Leeds	2,315
Lord's	1,868
Manchester	3,737
Oval	2,441

Where Cock-Fighting Flourishes.

Dunkirk, Dec. 25.—A cocking main was pulled off to-day within the limits of the town of Dunkirk, in the region of the First Gulf. The principals were from Jamestown, Buffalo and Erie, Pa. On account of the early hour, 4 a.m., that the main came off, it escaped the attention of the police.

It is rumored that cock fights have been held several times during the last three months in different localities in the surrounding country.

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STATE LEAGUE HITTERS.

Knotty Lee, the Toronto Lad, Who Was With Binghamton, Has .278 — Tull Leads.

Auburn, Dec. 25.—President Farrell has given out the official batting averages of the State League players for the season of 1899. The fielding averages will not be made public until later. Tull, who leads the league in stick work, participated in but thirteen games. In one game he secured seven hits and in another five, which gave him a big start. Whistler and Hill are the real leaders. The averages on the whole are better than last year. The figures of the .250 hitters and better are as follows:

Name.	Games.	A.B.	H.	Pct.
Tull	13	49	20	.408
Whistler	62	232	93	.400
E. Hill	94	417	158	.378
Egan	61	250	87	.348
Malns	49	195	66	.338
Molesworth	110	460	155	.336
Mazena	42	176	59	.335
Bey	69	284	95	.334
Slagle	31	93	31	.333
Adbinger	55	215	71	.330
Simon	117	460	150	.326
Minnehan	18	86	28	.325
Zinzer	51	207	67	.325
Donahue	46	193	62	.321
Chase	33	150	48	.320
Bottenus	22	78	25	.320
Pleiss	56	238	76	.319
Duffy	53	210	67	.319
O'Rourke	38	154	49	.318
Ketchum	101	410	130	.317
Townsend	97	368	117	.317
Ganley	33	136	43	.316
Gannon	101	398	125	.314
Bradley	88	323	101	.312
Lawler	97	374	117	.312
Ryan	60	232	72	.310
Messitt	105	407	126	.309
Jones	65	285	88	.309
Callopy	68	270	86	.308
Brown	94	383	118	.308
Ross, Rome	81	341	104	.301
Honeymoon	68	273	83	.304
Ashenback	54	198	60	.303
Earl	99	370	112	.302
Malarkey	22	80	24	.300
Coogan	42	157	47	.299
Gilbert	111	417	125	.299
Hallman	116	469	140	.298
Lauzon	62	224	66	.294
O'Brien	71	307	90	.293
Rafter	105	448	134	.292
Daley	78	288	84	.291
Davis	24	97	28	.288
Inman	102	407	115	.282
Veitch	23	92	26	.282
Hill, Utica	55	217	61	.281
Hamburg	113	442	125	.280
Nelson	97	393	102	.278
Lee	56	176	49	.278
Wentz	113	445	123	.278
McQuaid	40	152	41	.277
Deasy	35	144	40	.277
Bernard	31	126	35	.277
Fox	103	454	125	.275
Pickett	110	457	126	.275
Mills	107	404	111	.274
Woodlock	65	253	69	.272
Cargo	116	475	128	.269
Tansett	105	463	125	.269
Johnson	19	67	18	.268
Stokes	60	60	16	.266
Dwyer	26	105	28	.266
Ross, Schenectady	27	109	29	.266
Hanley	102	405	108	.266
McNamara	100	196	52	.265
Wheeler, Bingh'ton	43	155	41	.264
Downey	75	299	79	.264
Shea	95	351	93	.264
Maguire	105	464	122	.262
Neville	58	217	57	.262
Rhuland	86	347	91	.262
McCarthy	42	168	44	.261
Wheeler, Rome	39	168	44	.261
Conroy	95	403	105	.260
Heine	113	440	114	.259
Deisel	14	54	14	.259
Kochel	16	54	14	.259
Ahearn	91	398	98	.257
O'Connell	62	263	67	.254
Hurley	100	350	89	.254
Delaney	17	71	18	.253
Eason	31	111	28	.252

Goal Nets and Dirty Players.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—The Western Pennsylvania Hockey League held a meeting at Duquesne Garden, the gathering having been called because of the recent ungentlemanly action of some of the players. Besides rowdy playing, several other subjects were brought up. One of the most important decisions arrived was the one to have nets back of the goal posts, into which the puck must be shot before a goal is counted. This is the system in vogue in Canada, and is somewhat similar to the cages that were used in polo games on roller skates, when roller skating was the craze several years ago. There was a two hours' session on dirty hockey playing, and it was decided that hereafter Referee H. N. Duff will have full authority on the ice, and will be the sole judge of what constitutes playing that conflicts with the rules. The players against whom charges were made will be disciplined in some manner by the captains and managers of their respective teams.

Anson Talks Baseball.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A. C. Anson, former manager of the Chicago league team, and now an active promoter of the proposed rival organization, returned from the east yesterday.

The Grand Old Man of baseball was apparently in the very best of health and spirits when seen at his billiard parlor last night.

"Yes, I have been down east hobnobbing with the baseball people," he said, "and I must say that I had a splendid time. I met all the magnates, good, bad and indifferent, at the recent league meeting in New York, and managed to pick up a pretty fair idea of the situation. In my opinion these league people have about decided that it is almost an impossible task to solve the existing problem. There was more wrangling and bitterness displayed at this meeting than at any I ever attended, and I do not envy any man that takes the job of patching up existing difficulties.

"To my mind the outlook for the new Association, in which I am deeply interested, was never brighter. I believe that we will succeed in forming a good and profitable eight-club circuit before the opening of next season, and if we do, it is safe to say that we will give the old leaguers a pretty lively argument. However, I cannot go into details or give you a complete outline of our plans at present.

"Yes, it is true that I called on Mr. Freedman and had a long talk with the owner of the New York Club. From New York I went to Philadelphia, and held several important conferences with certain gentlemen in that city. Then I went on to Baltimore and had a long talk with McGraw and Roberts. Then I boarded a train for home.

"There is no truth in the story that I have accepted the management of the Philadelphia league club. The fact is that I do not care to have anything more to do with these old league magnates.

"To sum it all up, I am more than satisfied with the results of my eastern trip. That is all I care to say at present."

Baseball Brevities.

Tim Hurst wants to umpire again next season, and, being above the average, it is up to Uncle Nick to appoint him.

Jack Glasscock, at one time the premier shortstop of the National League, will be retained as manager of the Fort Wayne Club of the Western League again next season.

The directors of the Lincoln Baseball Association have decided to resign its membership in the Western League, recently organized at Omaha, with Denver, St. Joseph, Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha and Lincoln as members. The grand stand and fences of the old grounds were torn down two years ago, and there are no grounds properly equipped within three miles of the business centre. The directors decided that it would require too much money to get the shape to play, more than was in sight, and they decided to quit now.

At a recent meeting of the Providence Baseball Club directors, plans for the coming season were discussed. This meeting resulted in the re-engagement of Manager William J. Murray, and he was directed to procure new men to strengthen the team before the playing season opens. Manager Murray does not intend to play unless in case of emergency, and he will endeavor to secure a man for right field who will bat batting strength to the front. President McKenna and Mr. Draper will look after the Providence interests at the Eastern League meeting.

Tom Cooper, the National Cycling Association champion, like Major Taylor, the L.A.W. champion, has issued a challenge to meet Giovanni Fernando Tomaselli, the champion of Europe, or Henry Meyers, the close competitor of Tomaselli, in a series of match races for from $500 to $20,000 a side.

AN XMAS ACCIDENT.

Little Willie was having a splendid time. Sitting up in bed, he was licking the yellow paint off a jumping jack that Santa Claus, with a careless disregard of the rules of hygiene, had left at the foot of the bed for him. It was just daylight, and in the rat Willie was traveling it was quite possible he would need a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet before breakfast. He certainly would if he persevered with his intention of licking all the color off his Noah's Ark after he had finished his jumping jack.

Willie was not particularly fond of yellow paint; in fact, he was rather impartial as to color. But he did enjoy paint of some kind, if only the harmless red stuff on the back of his mother's hand mirror.

There was one thing Willie couldn't stand, however—ratties. Egad, give him no ratties! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich brown paint like they put on wooden horses, or a dark Paris green. It was a lucky thing for Willie that his mother always kept Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house.

This jumping jack, however, was something new. It was of a good rich yellow, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he couldn't quite grasp the flavor. It was a little beyond him. As a matter of simple fact, the jumping jack was too strong for Willie. He was getting sick before he had finished the job, and in urgent need of a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet already.

Willie felt deeply humiliated. Besides that he felt a peculiar and decidedly unpleasant sensation in his little stomach. So, coming to the conclusion that the jumping jack was a snare and a fraud, little Willie raised his voice and bawled lustily.

Of course there was a great to do. His mother said it was his father's fault—the poor precious innocent lamb—and incoherent words to that effect. However, Willie's digestive system was strong, and a couple of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets had him all right by dinner-time.

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