

ACADEMY BALL NINE WINS

VANCOUVER BEATEN, 6 TO 3, AT OPENING OF SEASON.

Home Team Unable to Find Portland's Crack Pitcher—Errors Did the Rest.

The opening of the scholastic baseball season occurred yesterday, when the Portland Academy team defeated the Vancouver High School nine...

Table with columns: P. A., Position, V. H. B. listing players like Stott, Williams, and their statistics.

FIRST BALL GAME TODAY.

Portland's Will Cross Bats with the Monograms. The Portland baseball team and the Monograms will cross bats at the professional ball grounds this afternoon...

Baseball at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, APRIL 12.—Exhibition game Salt Lake, 9; Duffie, 7.

MANY ENTRIES FOR DOG SHOW.

Great Event Will Begin in Portland Next Wednesday.

The annual bench show of the Portland Kennel Club, which will begin Wednesday morning at the Exposition building, gives every promise of being the finest exhibition of its kind ever held in the Northwest...

Imp to Be Sold at Auction.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Imp, the famous black mare that has won great stakes, set race records and performed so wonderfully as to make her the idol of race-track crowds, is to be sold under the hammer to the highest bidder...

NATIONAL Polo Meeting.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The annual convention of the National Polo Association which will convene at the Metropolitan Club Tuesday night promises some radical changes in the rules of the game...

The Haquet Champion.

LONDON, April 12.—The second of the two matches for £200 a side and the professional raquet championship between Peter Latham and Gilbert Browne took place yesterday at the Crystal Palace here...

Schaefer and Vignaux Matched.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Jacob Schaefer cabled his wife today that he has been matched to play Maurice Vignaux, the French billiard expert, for the championship of the world in this city in May.

Officers Decide to Hold Annual Races at Irvington.

The executive committee of the Portland Hunt Club decided yesterday to hold the second annual spring meet in June on the Irvington track. Since the success of the first club event, held a year ago, and the exhibition at the Portland Carnival last winter, the members have been looking forward with pleasure to the races which proved such a popular society event...

THE DAY'S RACES.

Gold Van Wins the Gebhardt Handicap at Oakland. SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Gold Van, a son of Gold Finch, in the strain of Green Martin, won the Gebhardt handicap at Oakland today. It was the first time since 1893 that the youngsters were asked to the futurity course, and much interest was taken in the event, which was valued at \$10,000...

Gold Van received some support at 10 to 1. First money amounted to \$100.

The mile and a sixteenth handicap resulted in a victory for Position, the favorite. He won by a length from MacGybe, the strongly played choice. Favorites fared badly, only one getting home in front. Bab, the medium of a heavy play, took the mile event. The Pretter made a miserable showing. Bab was bid up from \$400 to \$500 by W. P. Magrane, owner of Limestone, but William Cahill retained the mare. Indio, who spent several years in the stud at Ed Corrigan's farm, made his reappearance on the turf in the last race, but after showing speed, stopped badly. Doublet won from May W. Results: One mile and 1/16 mile—Frank Woods won, Straggler second, Elpinar third; time, 1:48. Seven furlongs, selling—Captain Gaines won, Miles second, Halmetta third; time, 1:23. One mile, selling—Bab won, Limestone second, Kitty Kelly third; time, 1:41 1/2. Futurity course, Gebhardt handicap, purse \$20,000—Gold Van won, Arago second, High Chancellor third; time, 1:41 1/2. One mile and a sixteenth, handicap—Position won, MacGybe second, Bragg third; time, 1:47 1/2. Six furlongs—Doublet won, May W. second, Flush of Gold third; time, 1:23 1/2.

Races at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, April 12.—Montgomery Park. Six furlongs, selling—Amirante won, Small Jack second, Aratoma third; time, 1:18. Four furlongs—Henry McDaniel won, Jim A. Scott second, Poor Boy third; time, 0:59 1/2. One mile—Autumn Leaves won, Aladdin second, Lucien Appleby third; time, 1:49 1/2. One and one-eighth miles—The Lily won, Wax Taper second, South Breeze third; time, 1:58 1/2. Cotton steeplechase, \$1000 added, about two miles—Dick Furber won, Daryl second, Golden Link third; time, 5:00. Error Boy fell at the first jump, seriously injuring Jockey Southernland. Four and one-half furlongs, selling—Votey won, Rainey C. second, Deas third; time, 0:57 1/2. One mile—Autumn Leaves won, Aladdin second, Lucien Appleby third; time, 1:49 1/2. One and one-eighth miles—The Lily won, Wax Taper second, South Breeze third; time, 1:58 1/2. Cotton steeplechase, \$1000 added, about two miles—Dick Furber won, Daryl second, Golden Link third; time, 5:00. Error Boy fell at the first jump, seriously injuring Jockey Southernland. Four and one-half furlongs, selling—Votey won, Rainey C. second, Deas third; time, 0:57 1/2.

Races at Benning.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Benning results: One half-mile hurdle—Gould won, Tankard second, Water Alone third; time, 2:32 1/2. Steeplechase, about two miles—Deermon won, Artus second, Silent Flier fell; time, 4:07 1/2 (not started). Seven furlongs, Benning handicap, purse \$1000—Himself won, Price second, Man-o-War third; time, 1:30. Seven furlongs, purse—Fahus won, Nuttal second, Flora R. third; time, 1:22. Getaway purse, one mile and 1/4 miles—Swamplands won, Nimona second, Rough Rider third; time, 1:23 1/2.

Horse Breaks High Jump Record.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Heatherbloom, the high-jumping horse, has broken the world's record at the Riding Academy horse show in this city by clearing the bar at seven feet six inches. The former record was seven feet four and a half inches, Heatherbloom's previous mark. The academy was well filled with society people and there was a roar of applause over the wonderful performance. There were eight horses when the event opened and the competition put all but three on one side of the bar. Heatherbloom's mare Sure Top and a horse entered by Charles Pfizer, were pitted against Heatherbloom for the final test, but they both failed. Heatherbloom acted badly but never flinched until he cleared the bar by stopping short before the barrier. At last the excited animal got an excellent start at the bar. Within four feet of the barrier the horse went with the grace of a panther and cleared the six feet bar by at least a foot and a half. Although the record is not an official one, it is the highest ever made in this country and Heatherbloom had beaten his own record by almost two inches.

WIDENING VANCOUVER AVE.

Donations of Strips Are Slowly Made by Property-Owners. The committee appointed to secure donations for the widening of Vancouver avenue to a uniform width of 60 feet between Morris and Alberta streets reports that signatures of property-owners are being secured slowly. About 30 have made the necessary donation, but it is necessary that all affected in any way by the widening should sign the document, or it will not be successful, and condemnation proceedings will have to be resorted to, which will take six months or more. The importance of making this street uniformly 60 feet wide is conceded, but there are some who move very slowly. They are waiting for the rest to go when they will come in. M. E. Thompson, chairman of the committee, said he has no doubt that all will be secured, but he would like the property-owners who are interested to come forward promptly and sign the donation document, and have done with it, and not wait until they are urged to sign. The committee members are giving as much time from their own business as they can afford.

Japan's Strength on the Sea.

In view of future possible complications, it may not be inopportune to briefly consider our new ally's naval strength. In no department of their national progress has the enterprise and progressive policy of the Japanese Government been more pronounced than in the reconstruction of their navy. Long before the Sino-Japanese war, her statesmen had recognized that Japan's future depended upon her naval strength, and it was her preparedness for action which enabled her not only to maintain, but to greatly improve her sea power as a result of her short, but decisive struggle with the Celestial empire. Today Japan has at her command some 7 battleships, 22 cruisers, 12 torpedo craft, 1 torpedo gunboat, and 1 coast-defense ship, the whole aggregating 220,000 tons displacement. But mere numbers do not express the full strength of Japan's navy, for her recent ships individually mark distinct progress in the science of war-ship design. All the six battleships built since the war have been constructed in the country, the Mikasa, the latest of them, being not only the largest but also the most powerfully armed and armored battleship in the world. In the building of the first two ships, the Fuji and the Yamato, the many excellent qualities of our Royal Sovereign were embodied, their speed being, however, slightly greater than their British prototype. The next three ships, the Shikishima, the Hatsuse, and the Ashi, were constructed on the lines of the Maletic class, but the advent of the Krupp-Harvey armor allowed the designer of the Japanese ships to give an equal armor protection over a very much larger area for the same weight than was possible in the Maletic class. In the last of the six ships, the Mikasa, still further developments have been made. Here, again, advantage has been taken of still harder armor, and though the thickness of the main belt was maintained at 12 inches, an entirely new system of gun-emplacements has rendered it possible for corresponding weight to increase the depth of the ironclad citadel to 21 feet 6 inches, as compared with 14 feet for the preceding ships. The gun power of the four latter ships is the same, and marks a considerable advance in the armament as compared with the first two ships. These six splendid battleships were designed for a speed of 18 knots (the Fuji and Yamato for 15 1/2), and the Mikasa had no difficulty at all in maintaining 15 1/2 knots. With this fleet Japan has to protect approximately 4000 miles of coastline and 788,940 tons of merchant shipping, and this she does for an aggregate naval expenditure of \$4,077,553 per annum. This gives a naval expenditure of \$2 26 40 per ton of shipping, a figure which compares very favorably with France's \$12 1/2 to \$14, Russia's \$14 7/8 to \$20, and America's \$16 3/4 to \$20, though in fairness it should be said that the last figures cover America's overseas tonnage only. Pigmentophagus is a name which has been applied by M. Metchnikoff, a bacteriologist, to certain micro-organisms which he claims devour the coloring pigments of the hair, and are the cause of baldness. Since 1890 the number of ships in the American whaling fleet has decreased from 97 to 40. There is a steady falling off in the production of both sperm oil and whalebone.



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