JEFFRIES SEEMS TO BE IN SHAPE

Chances of White Man and Rival Contrasted, Give Former Greatest Favor.

PHYSIQUE IS WONDERFUL

Arguments in Johnson's Behalf Fail to Make Good Impression When Carefully Viewed and Weighed.

BY W. J. PETRAIN Despite the departure of James J. Jeffries from Portland over a week ago, Jeffries from Portland over a week ago, the visit of the world's greatest exponent of the fistic game continues to be discussed in all circles. It is Jeffries this and Jeffries that in almost every corner where fistic or other athletic atunts are discussed, and while there still remain a few speculators who are willing to take a chance on Jack Johnson in the betting line, these are mostly men who did not avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the big white man when he was here.

During a discussion the other day a white admirer of Jack Johnson was heard to voice the opinion that the negro would beat Jeff, and when pressed for his reasons he replied:

"Well, in the first place the nigger is younger, and in the second place he has not gone the pace like Jeff, and the third reason is that he is by long odds the shiftlest boxer who ever stepped into the arena, outside of Jim Corbett."

Admittedly the trio of reasons are worth considering, yet at the same

TWO INTERSCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL TEAMS WHICH PAR-TICIPATED IN A FAST GAME I AST FRIDAY.



Portland Academy (Left to Right), Standing-Cobb, Forward and Manager: Bunyan, Center; Norris, Forward and Captain. Kneeling-Edwards, Guard; Bacheldor, Guard; Bean, Guard.



Allen Preparatory School (Left to Right), Standing-Compton, Forward: Smyth, Sub; Harr, Center; Shaver, Forward and Captain; Ringler, Coach. Kneeling-Cook, Guard; Crabbe, Guard and Manager; Hays, Forward: Wilson, Sub.

time each can be refuted by evidence as well as fact. The admirer of John-son issues his first reason based on the age of the two men. James J. Jeffries was born at Carroll, O., April 15, 1875. and Jack Johnson was born at Galveston, Tex. March 31, 1878, which shows a difference of only three years between the two men.

James J. Corbett was eight years

younger than John L. Sullivan when he defeated the "idol of the pugillatic world" at New Orleans, in 1892, and Robert Fitzsimmons was four years older than Corbett when be took the laurels away from the Californian in 1893. From this record a logical rea-soning can be deduced in favor of James J. Jeffries.

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Corbett was one-year older than Jack Johnson is now when he met Robert Fitz-simmons, and during the interval between his defeat of Sullivan and his meeting with the "Ruby One," Corbett went the pace, just as Jack Johnson is now doing. Jeffries admits that he has sujoyed life in all its pleasures and variations, but he has cut the "airy fairy" stuff for over a year, and shows marked physical improvement over his condition physical improvement over his conditi

of 1998 and previously.

Further more, Jeffries is a physical marvel. He is built on the order of mythological giants, possessing a perfect physique and the strength of several orphysique and the strength of several or-dioary mortals. His vital organs must necessarily be on a part with his physical makeup, else he would not now be able to give the demonstrations he does of his strength. In fact, Jeffries is a remark-able specimen of the human race. In fact, he is in a class by himself and while Johnson is a fine specimen of man-hood, he cannot commence to compare hood, he cannot commence to compare with Jeffries, physically,

Race Question, Too.

Another thing to be considered is the fact that the superiority of the white race

fact that the superiority of the white race has been incontrovertibly demonstrated for centuries, and Jeffries, with his tremendous physique, will enter the ring with Jack Johnson with an advantage which neither science nor experience, but nature, has given him.

In this human giant the American people are to be represented by a boxer who knows all the tricks of the fighting game, and a man who, in the past few months, has demonstrated to thousands of people, the fact that he has "come back." Any one who saw Jeffries go through his exercises at the Exposition building a trifle over a week age will be satisfied to support the big white man against all disputing his physical ability. While in Portland Jeffries displayed this ability beyond a question of a doubt, and while in Pertiand Settines about and ability beyond a question of a doubt and he did it in the face of the fact that he had not had an opportunity of enjoying a comfortable night's rest for over a week.

as his theatrical tour embraced one-night stands, requiring his embarkation on a rallway train after each performance and the spending of the restful periods in a rallway sleeper, hardly a comfortable or suitable convenience for training pur-

Ordeman and Roller to Meet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—Henry Ordeman, of Minneapolis, and Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, between whom Champion Frank A. Gotch says will rest the world's championship wrestling title when he retires, will grapple in Seattle next Wednesday night, negotiations for the match having been closed by telegraph yesterday. Ordeman will start at once for Scattle and Holler probably will leave the Jeffries-Gotch-Roller troupe at Butte tomorrow night. Roller and Ordeman met once before in Seattle, and in this match the Scattle physician was thrown on his head and knocked unconscious. head and knocked unconscious.

Forbes Will Return to Ring. CHICAGO, Feb. 5 .- Harry Forbes, the

turn to the prizering after an absence of several years. Forbes was in Chicago yesterday on his way for Troy, N. Y., where he matched to fight Knockout Brown, a tough New York 120-pounder, before Billy Gibson's club on Monday night. night.

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PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Porest Grove,
Or., Feb. 5.—Lesile L. Hope has been
elected football manager for the senson of 1910, to succeed C. F. Koch. Mr.
Hope is registered from Vale, Or., and
is the first Eastern Oregon man to be
elected to the office of football manager at Pacific University. He is a
sophomore in college, and is active in
student body affairs. He has been a
member of the intercollegiate debating
teams for the past three years, and was
on the team that defeated Willamette
University last year. Mr. Hope is a
member of the Alpha Zeta Literary Society. He is already busy on the schedule for the season's games, and will
likely take his team to Tacoms to play
Whitworth and the University of Puget
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Columbia Has Slight Lead in Basketball Series.

TWO OTHERS WELL UP

Both Lincoln High School and Portland Academy Have Chance to Win Championship in Six Remaining Games.

The results of the basketball games played so far in the interscholastic league indicate that the championship of the season probably lies between Lincoln High School, Portland Academy and Columbia University, with the odds in favor of Columbia.

In the first game of the season, a week ago Wednesday, Portland Academy was defeated, 22 to 14, by Lincoln High School, and although Runyan, P. A's star center, was cut of the game, the Lincoln High team probably would have won anyway because it excelled the gcademics in general team work. The work of Lincoln's guards was superior.

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In the next game at the Y. M. C. A. gym. Allen won over Washington High in a fast game by the close margin of 21 to 19. In this game the Allens put up a poor exhibition in the first half, but played brilliantly in the second period, and won the game. All in all, the Allen team put up the best game both individually and collectively.

Decision May Change Result.

In a hard-fought game last Wednes-In a hard-fought game last Wednesday, Columbia University won over Lincoln High, 27 to 28. This game has been protested by the Lincoln High team on the ground that it should have been allowed two more points on a basket that was made just after the referee called a foul on one of the Columbia men, and another on the foul. The referee ruled at the time not to allow the points, and it is maintained by the Columbia team and others that his decision should hold. The championship of the season may hinge on the ruling of the athletic committee on this game.

Strengthened by the playing of Run-yan at center, Portland Academy won-handliy over the Allen Preps last Fri-day by the score of \$2 to 14. The Allens were somewhat weakened in this game by the fact that Hays, their crack forward, was not in condition to put up his usual fine game. Nevertheless the academics had it over the pre-paratory school lads considerably more than a shade in passing, in accurate basket throwing and in defensive work.

The Allen team did not have the form shown in the game Wednesday against Washington High.

Judging from the fact that Columbia defeated Lincoln High on a very close margin, while Lincoln High defeated Portland Academy and Portland Academy defeated Allen, it looks as though the result of the season's contests will be the same as last year—a tie between Lincoln High and Columbia for first place.

Columbia Is Now Exporte

Columbia Is Now Favorite.

It is the opinion of many of the fans that Columbia will win out without losing a game, while the other teams will finish in this order: Lincoln High School, Portland Academy, Allen Preparatory and Washington High School. It is figured that Lincoln will win over every team except Columbia, that Portland Academy will lose to Columbia and that Allen will lose all the games remaining to be played. Washington

and that Allen will lose all the games remaining to be played. Washington is expected to finish last.

However, there are six games yet to be played, and there is a chance for all the teams to spruce up and for the tail-enders to spring a few surprises.

The games still to be played are as follows:

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Fabruary 3.—Washington High School vs.
Columnia University.
February 11.—Lincoln High School vs.
Allen Preparatory School.
February 18.—Portland Academy vs. Allen
Preparatory Scissol
February 18.—Allen Preparatory School vs.
Columnia University.
February 22.—Lincoln High School vs.
Washington High School.
February 21.—Portland Academy vs. Coumbia University.

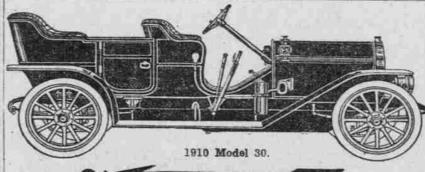
The present standing of the teams follows:

and knows the game thoroughly

Attel Is Recognized Champion.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5,-(To the Sporting Editor of The Oregonian.)-Kindly state through the columns of The Orereal recognized legitimate bantamweight champlon of the world-Atte Webster or Coulon. READER.

Answer-Monte Attel is generally answer—atonte Attel is generally recognized as the champion because of his decisive victory over Frankie Neil. Coulon has not yet met either Webster or Attel. The Los Angeles lad's claim is based on three fights with Attel in which he secured one newspaper decision over Monte.



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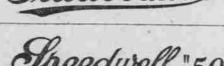


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