SIXTEEN INNINGS TO TIE ARE PLAYED

Portland and Oakland Battle to Darkness Without Getting Decision.

STEEN AND LIVELY BUSY

Olson's Base Running and Casey's Timely Hitting Save Beavers in Pinch When Defeat Looks Imminent—Gregg on Today.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Portland 2, Oakland 2 (called.)
Sacramento 4, Los Angeles 2.
San Francisco 3, Vernon 1.

Standing of the Clubs.

CLUBS.	Portland	San Fran.	Oakland	Vernon	Los Angeles	Sacramento	Won	P. C.
Portland		10	12	14	8	25	69	.549
San Fran.	14		15	17	16	13	75	.536
Oakland	18	14		18	14	13	75	.536
Vernon	16	9	12		19	14	70	.507
Los Angels	4	20	14	14		18	70	.497
Sacramento	7	12	12	5	14		50	.376
Lost	57	65	65	68	71	83	410	

Sixteen innings of fiercely-fought baseball and the game called at the end of that time with the score tied, 2-2, marked a battle between Pitchers Bill Steen for Portland, and Jack Lively for Oakland, yesterday. Few of the fans left early, for they little cared how late they were for supper. All they wanted was to see more of that grand exhibition, and it is to be regretted that a decision was not reached.

Oakland earned a run on a couple of two baggers in the fifth inning, and this was all Bill Steen allowed in the regulation nine innings. Portland tied this up by Olson's base running and Perle Casey's timely hitting in the ninth. In the 11th chapter both teams scored another run apiece, and this double score tie was not changed during the balance of the long-drawn-out contest. Both Lively and Steen seemed to get better as the game progressed, and the fans were kept on edge throughout.

Fifth Sees First Run.

Oakland put the first run across in the fifth inning. Swander, the first man up, went out on a pop fly to Fisher, but Mitze connected for a two-ply smash to left center. Lively's out did not advance the catcher, but Maggart, who has been hitting like a demon during this series, uncorked another double on which Mitze tallied. Wares got an infield hit after this, but Maggart could get no further than third, as Bill Hogan was retired without difficulty, and Big Six Steen was as steady as a clock afterwards.

Portland ambled along in a more or less amiable way until the ninth chapter arrived, for the team made no real bid for a score until the last round.

Olson, who was the real hero among the Portland players, aside from the grand pitching of Steen, was the first of the Mackmen up in the ninth, and he worried Jack Lively into issuing a free ticket to first. "Roaring Bill" Rapps then sacrificed Olson to second, and Fisher's out sent the shortstop to the siding at third. This put it up to Captain Casey, and he "made good" with a corking single over Wolverton's head and Olson tied the score. Sheehan slammed out a single and reached second when the Oaks tried to get Casey at third. Billy Speas then had a chance to be a hero and end the game, but "heroics" were not in Billy's line, and his out ended that chance to capture the contest.

The 10th inning was non-productive of results, but in the 11th, Portland pulled a couple of erratic plays which gave Oakland a run. Cutshaw negotiated first when Rapps dropped Steen's perfect throw, and took second on Swander's sacrifice hit. Mitze bounced one to Casey, which the second sacker misjudged in distance, and Cutshaw scored before the ball could be retrieved from the outfield.

Disappointed Again Were Visitors.

This run looked like the game, but it was not to be, for the Beavers once more tied it up. Olson again was first man up, and he slammed a single to left field. Bill Rapps bunted and Wolverton tossed to second in the hopes of cutting off Olson, but McGreevy ruled the shortstop safe, whereupon Wolverton objected so strenuously that McGreevy's dignity was sadly hurt, and in replying he told the Oakland manager that his presence on the scene of action was objectionable and ordered him to make himself scarce. Wolverton complied reluctantly, and Happy Bill Hogan went to third, while his position in center field was taken by Frank Carroll. Fisher then advanced both Olson and Rapps with a sacrifice, and Perle Casey was the timely individual with a long fly to Carrol, which sent Olson over the plate for the second run, and again the tieing run.

Both Steen and Lively settled down to business, though Olson again reached third base in the 13th inning, but on this occasion Fisher and Casey were unable to score him.

It was a great baseball battle, and both teams tried hard to win out, but the work of the pitchers was too much for the rival batsmen. This afternoon the same teams will meet in the final game of the Oakland series, and Manager McCredie has decided to send Vean Gregg, the great left-hander against the Oaks once more, while Harry Wolverton will depend upon Ralph Willis unless "Slim" Nelson warms up in good form. Yesterday's score:

OAKLAND.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Maggart, lf	8	0	2	1	1	0
Wares, ss	7	0	2	3	12	0
Hogan, cf	7	0	1	2	3	0
Cameron, 1b	7	0	3	25	0	0
Wolverton, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Cutshaw, 2b	7	1	1	6	6	0
Swander, rf	6	0	1	2	0	0
Mitze, c	5	1	2	8	1	0
Lively, p	7	0	2	0	6	0
Carroll, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Total	60	2	14	48	30	0

PORTLAND.

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Ryan, cf	7	0	0	5	0	0
Olson, ss	6	2	2	2	8	0
Rapps, 1b	4	0	1	25	1	2
Fisher, c	5	0	0	7	2	0
Casey, 2b	5	0	2	2	5	0
Sheehan, 3b	6	0	1	3	8	1
Speas, lf	6	0	1	2	0	0
Ort, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Steen, p	6	0	1	0	5	0
Total	49	2	9	48	29	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Oakland .....0000100000100000—2
Hits .....2001301001210111—14
Portland .....0000000010100000—2
Hits .....1001011120101000—9

SUMMARY.

Struck out—By Steen, 6; by Lively, 5. Bases on balls—Off Steen, 2; off Lively, 4. Two-base hits—Wares, Mitze, Maggart, Steen. Double plays—Wares to Cameron, 2. Sacrifice hits—Wares, Mitze, Ort, Rapps, 3, Swander, Fisher, Casey. Stolen bases—Olson, 2, Wares, Maggart. First base on errors—Oakland, 2. Left on bases, Oakland, 15; Portland, 9. Time of game—Three hours. Umpire—McGreevy.

NATIONAL CHAMPION TENNIS PLAYER READY TO DEFEND TITLE AT NEWPORT TOURNEY.

WILLIAM A. LARNED.

SAN FRANCISCO BEATS VERNON

Miller Pitches No-Hit Game in 3-to-1 Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—San Francisco took today's game in almost errorless ball, Miller allowing Vernon not a single hit during full nine innings. Locals tapped Hitt for 11 long hits. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Vernon	1	0	1	San Fran	3	11	1

Batteries—Hitt and Hogan; Miller and Berry.

Sacramento 4, Los Angeles 2.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—Sacramento easily won today's game. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	4	7	3	Los Angeles	2	4	1

Batteries—Nourse and LaLonge; Criger and Waring.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	76	34	.691
Boston	64	48	.571
Detroit	63	49	.563
New York	63	49	.562
Cleveland	50	60	.455
Washington	49	64	.434
Chicago	44	65	.405
St. Louis	34	74	.315

CLEVELAND BEATS SENATORS

Trio of Pitchers Unable to Save Washington From Defeat.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Cleveland defeated Washington today in 11 innings. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Washingt'n	5	15	2	Cleveland	9	14	

Batteries—Reisling, Groom, Gray and Ainsmith; Young, Mitchell and Easterly.

Philadelphia 6; Chicago 4.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—Philadelphia won from Chicago today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	5	1	Phil'delphia	6	8	

Batteries—Young and Payne; Bender and Thomas.

New York 5-2; St. Louis 3-1.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The New York Americans won their first double-header of the season today from St. Louis. Scores:

First game—

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	9	3	New York	5	11	1

Batteries—Hall and Killifer; Quinn, Fisher and Sweeney.

Second game—

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	7	2	New York	2	6	1

Batteries — Pelty and Stephens; Vaughn and E. Criger.

Detroit 9; Boston 0.

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—Smith and Collins were easy for Detroit today and Boston lost 9 to 0. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Detroit	9	16	0	Boston	0	4	3

Batteries — Donovan and Schmidt; Smith, Collins and Kleinow.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	70	35	.667
Pittsburg	64	41	.610
New York	61	43	.581
Philadelphia	54	52	.509
Cincinnati	53	56	.486
Brooklyn	43	62	.406
St. Louis	42	67	.385
Boston	41	70	.369

BOSTON BEATS PITTSBURG

Beaneaters Score Winning Run on Wild Throw.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 20.—Boston won in the sixth today when Abattachio hit for three bases, and scored on a wild throw. The score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	2	10	3	Boston	3	10	1

Batteries—Adams, Leever and Gibson; Brown and Graham.

Cincinnati 3, New York 0.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 20.—Cincinnati won from New York here today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
New York	6	5	2	Cincinnati	3	8	0

Batteries—Ames, Crandall and Schlei; Suggs and McLean. Umpires—Klem and Kane.

Chicago 11, Brooklyn 2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Chicago pounded Barbour for 14 hits and 10 runs in six innings today and won easily. Score:

	R.	H.	E.		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	3	2	Chicago	11	14	1

Batteries—Barger, Crable and Erwin, Bergen and O. Miller; Reulbach and Kling. Umpires—O'Day and Brennan.

Increases occurred in 125 of the chief articles imported to the Philippines from the United States in 1909. Import duties collected in 1909 amounted to $6,901,970, an increase over 1908 of $393,149.

COBB IS BEST SWATTER

DETROIT WONDER INCREASES LEAD OVER LAJOIE.

Tris Speaker, of Boston, Well Up in List—Duffy Lewis and Hal Chase Also Do Well.

Ty Cobb, Detroit's baseball wonder, is still the leading hitter of the American League. He has increased his average considerably, while Napoleon Lajoie seems to fall slightly each week. The great batsman of the Cleveland team is hitting at a great clip even though he has been passed by Cobb. Tris Speaker, of Boston, is also hitting well in the younger circuit. Duffy Lewis and Hal Chase are both doing good work with the stick.

The American League averages follow:

Player and club.	G	AB	R	H	SH	Avg.
Strunk, Ath.	11	32	7	14	1	.438
Cobb, Det.	101	375	76	142	11	.379
Lajoie, Cleve.	107	401	56	143	16	.357
Speaker, Bos.	92	350	64	121	9	.346
Meloan, Chicago	10	34	3	11	0	.324
E. Collins, Ath.	104	403	58	129	17	.320
Karger, Bos.	19	51	10	16	4	.314
Oldring, Ath.	97	390	55	122	17	.313
Laporte, N. Y.	89	311	33	96	16	.309
L. Gardner, Bos.	79	237	42	89	12	.300
Easterly, Cleve.	72	228	15	68	9	.298
Knight, N. Y.	71	250	33	74	8	.296
Gray, Wash.	20	51	4	15	0	.294
Murphy, Ath.	104	382	46	112	17	.293
Bender, Ath.	27	75	6	22	3	.293
Lewis, Bos.	99	339	37	103	17	.287
Chase, N. Y.	88	362	39	104	13	.287
Wood, Bos.	21	42	6	12	2	.286
Stahl, Bos.	98	365	47	104	18	.285
Cree, N. Y.	90	312	56	88	11	.282
D. Jones, Det.	74	238	49	66	5	.277
Delehanty, Det.	89	275	49	76	12	.276
Bush, Det.	103	367	76	101	23	.275
Wagner, Bos.	98	348	44	95	14	.273
Engle, Bos.	75	263	38	71	8	.270
Baker, Ath.	98	371	58	99	12	.267
Crawford, Det.	102	383	50	101	18	.264
Schmidt, Det.	45	118	15	31	4	.263
E. Gardner, N. Y.	67	202	30	53	5	.262
Milan, Wash.	93	351	58	92	5	.262
Griggs, St. L.	76	252	15	66	7	.262
Lelivelt, Wash.	102	332	36	87	17	.262
Thomas, Ath.	45	138	9	36	4	.261
Dougherty, Chi.	88	318	31	82	3	.258
Hoffman, St. L.	81	293	17	75	8	.256
Carrigan, Bos.	86	271	32	69	16	.255
T. Jones, Det.	83	264	19	67	22	.254
Lord, Bos.	77	288	26	73	16	.253
Barry, Ath.	96	309	41	87	17	.252
Wolter, N. Y.	95	339	62	85	12	.251
H. Davis, Ath.	95	334	46	84	12	.251
Krause, Ath.	10	24	3	6	1	.250
Hauser, Ath.	18	36	7	9	1	.250
Schaefer, Wash.	58	189	22	47	8	.249
Moriarity, eDt.	85	301	33	75	10	.249
Mitchell, N. Y.	54	157	14	39	0	.248
Mullin, Det.	39	93	10	23	0	.247
Stone, St. L.	97	353	35	87	15	.246
Hooper, Bos.	104	402	56	99	21	.246
Daniels, N. Y.	46	179	29	44	4	.246
Elberfeld, Wash.	77	273	32	67	9	.245
Wallace, St. L.	98	371	38	91	10	.245
O'Leary, Det.	35	103	9	25	3	.243
Ray, St. L.	15	25	3	6	2	.240
Criger, N. Y.	10	25	2	6	0	.240

Gould Chauffeur Rated at 100.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 20.—The State of New York has given Thomas J. Langton, of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, a rating of 100 per cent in his examination for a chauffeur's license under the Callan automobile law. He is the first chauffeur to achieve this honor. Langton is chauffeur for Miss Helen Gould and swears that he has driven automobiles more than 500,000 miles, the distance record as far as chauffeurs examined in this state are concerned. Langton has been in the employ of Miss Gould 11 years and has covered 350,000 miles in this state during that time.

PORTLAND ALONE IN TENNIS PLAY

Ralph Gorrill Certain to Represent City at Del Monte Tournament.

EVERETT TEAM PLAYS HERE

Formal Challenge for Starr-Reynolds Cup to Be Made to Irvington This Week—Announcement of Deed of Gift Made Public.

BY RALPH H. MITCHELL.

That Portland will be the only Pacific Northwest city represented at the Pacific States Tennis Tournament next month at Del Monte is practically certain and that Ralph C. Gorrill, with Brandt Wickersham, North Pacific International doubles champion, will be one of the representatives is assured.

This information was given out yesterday by F. H. V. Andrews, president of the International Association, who has been most active in an attempt to have all the clubs, members of the association, combine to send a team to the California tournament, but to date no definite word has been received from the majority of the clubs, with the result that the officers of the association have given till tomorrow, to hear from Champion Bernard Schwengers, of Victoria, whether or not he will be able to go south, in company with one other, to represent the North Pacific International Association at Del Monte September 5.

Clubs Fail to Respond.

Considerable correspondence has passed between President Andrews and Secretary Cave in an effort to get Schwengers to give the association a definite answer immediately as well as secure some word from the various clubs as to their view in regard to sending a team south. But replies to the letters were not forthcoming. As a result, President Andrews has decided to do what he can, as chairman of the Irvington Club committee and a member of the Multnomah committee, toward sending a team, representing the two local clubs and Portland.

Gorrill has decided to go south and the question now only arises who will accompany him. Wickersham is the logical teammate and it is hoped by those behind the move that he will be able to get away.

Formal issuance of the challenge of the Everett Tennis Club for the Starr-Reynolds cup, now held by the Irvington Club, of this city, will be delivered this week to the local club. The play may be arranged during the Fall Irvington tournament which will open one week from next Saturday, September 3, instead of September 4, as stated through a typographical error on the announcements sent out by the committee Especial interest has been manifested in the play for this handsome trophy offered by three members of the Irvington Club, the announcement of which is as follows:

Deed of Gift.

Know all men by these presents: That we, L. M. Starr, Captain J. J. Reynolds and C. D. Starr, do hereby give, grant and convey to the North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association the cup presented herewith to be called and known as "The Starr-Reynolds Starr Inter-Club Championship Cup," to be held and contested for according to the following rules and regulations which are to govern the inter-club competitions:

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

1. The competition shall be called the Inter-Club Lawn Tennis Championship and shall be opened to any club which is or may become a member of the North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association. The competition shall take place in accordance with the following regulations and with the laws and regulations of the game in whose country the challenge matches shall from time to time be played.

2. The management of the competition shall be intrusted to a committee appointed annually by the president of the N. P. I. L. T. Association.

No gate money shall be taken at any of these matches.

Irvington First Defender.

3. The cup will be given to the Irvington Club, of Portland, Or., to first defend. Any club as above mentioned shall have the right to challenge the club holding the cup upon giving at least two weeks' notice, but the challenged club may, at its option, waive the two weeks' notice, the match to be played upon the courts of the challenged club. No club shall have the right to challenge the same club oftener than once in 30 days. No club shall be compelled to defend the said cup oftener than once in seven days. Notices of challenge must be sent to the proper official of the challenged club and also to the secretary of the N. P. I. L. T. Association within five days after each match has been played, and by him forwarded to each club which is a member of the said association.

4. A player shall be qualified to represent a club providing that he has been a bona fide member of the said club and in good standing for at least 30 days previous to the date of the challenge being issued, provided always that he be a bona fide amateur.

5. A referee shall be appointed by common consent of the competing sides. He shall have power to appoint umpires and shall decide any point of the law which an umpire may profess himself unable to decide or which may be referred to him on appeal from the decision of an umpire by the players. He shall decide, if he be called upon to decide by the captain of either side, whether or not a match or matches shall be stopped owing to the state of courts, the state of the weather, darkness or other unavoidable hindrance.

6. The players shall be chosen in the singles and doubles contests by their respective captains from not more than four players, nominated by the competing clubs. Notices of such nominations shall be sent by the club challenging to the club challenged at least seven days previous to date of match. Should four players be nominated it shall, at the same time, be stated which are to play in the singles and in the doubles. Each tie shall be decided by the combined results of the singles and doubles and the club which shall win the majority of matches shall be the winner of a tie.

Order of Play Decided by Lot.

7. In the singles each team shall consist of two players, who shall play against each of the opposing team the best of three advantage sets. The order of play shall be decided by lot.

8. In the doubles each team shall consist of two players, who shall play against the opposing team the best of three advantage sets.

9. If any player be absent when called upon to play by the referee, the opposing side shall be entitled to two love sets. Should, however, a player be incapacitated by illness, proved to the satisfaction of the referee, another member of the team can be substituted, provided the captain of the other team gives his consent.

10. On January 1, 1913, the club which has scored the largest number of wins in the ties up to that date shall be awarded permanent possession of the cup.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 4th day of July, A. D. 1910.

Expected Happens at Last.

At last the expected has happened. The latest news from English tennis circles is that a prominent player has been the cause of much consternation as the result of a story to the effect that he, who had hitherto been regarded as an unimpeachable amateur, had taken the sum of $500 to "throw" a game to another player who was anxious for fame at any cost. On reaching the ears of G. R. Mewburn, secretary of the English Lawn Tennis Association, a thorough investigation was ordered, the result of which will be anxiously awaited by tennis enthusiasts in this country as well as in England, as it is the first case of "professionalism" which has come to the ears of the tennis world.

Through a mistake in the dispatch sent out by the Associated Press from Seattle during the recent Washington state tournament, it was stated that Sam Russell, the Washington state champion, was defeated in an exhibition match by Miss Hazel Hotchkiss, the National, Oregon and Washington champion in woman's singles. The truth was that Miss Hotchkiss met defeat at the hands of Russell by the scores, 6-1, 6-4, but at that it was necessary for the Seattle man to call forth all his strength, judgment and cleverness to vanquish the little tanned California miss, whose many friends in Portland will read with regret of her defeat after once reading of her victory.

The West is still holding its own in Young Maurice E. McLoughlin, the California crack, runner-up in the Longwood tourney at Brookline, Mass., where he lost to the title-holder, National Champion Larned, and also lost in the New York state play to C. M. Bull, Jr., has been playing a wonderfully steady game in the National championship play at Newport this last week.

Following his defeat in the New York state championship play McLoughlin went after the honors in the tennis singles at Southampton, L. I., and won with ease from Frederick A. Colston, of Maryland, in three straight sets, 6—2, 6—1, 6—2, his success here making the lad the successor of Champion W. A. Larned, W. J. Clothier, Beals C. Wright and H. L. Doherty, the British crack and former world's champion. His victory was the most notable one by any Pacific Coast player in the East. It was at the same tournament that McLoughlin, paired with Larned in the doubles, defeated two of the most promising Western players, Thomas C. Bundy and T. W. Hendricks, 8—6, 4—6, 7—5, 5—7, 6—4.

Rain Aid to Westerners.

Rain, fortunately for the Western players, and unfortunately for the Eastern cracks, has interfered, probably seriously for some old-time players, in the Newport National championship play this last week, and from appearances it seems that young McLoughlin will be runner-up and challenger again to W. A. Larned, the National champion. The intense heat has been the cause largely of the inability of McLoughlin to land at critical times in his play on his present trip East, but at Newport the rains last week cooled the atmosphere, and aided the Westerner greatly in becoming acclimated. His performance Thursday in defeating R. H. Palmer, the Ridgewood, N. Y., crack, in four fast sets was one long to be remembered in National tennis circles. Thomas Bundy, also of California and oftentimes mixed doubles partner with Miss Hotchkiss in California tournament play, is still in the running and giving a good account of himself. His doubles partner, Hendricks, however, is now out of the running.

Newport, on Thursday also, was given the opportunity of witnessing two coming champions in the victory of E. N. Whitney of Harvard, over young G. M. Church of Princeton, for the National Interscholastic title in three out of four sets, 6—8, 6—4, 6—4, 8—6, a total of 48 games.

Gustave Touchard's vermiform appendix seems to have finally gotten the better of him. It was noted in these columns three weeks ago that the California-born tennis player was suffering from a vexatious internal trouble, the cause of which has just become known. By temperament Touchard, who is National indoor champion, has been one of the most interesting players of National celebrity, for whom a great future has been predicted. Even yet his admirers say that if he would eat and take care of himself he would surely have been a factor in the Newport National play. But, as a rule, Touchard is governed by his whims.

It was at the recent Longwood tournament that Touchard, who breakfasts on a cigarette and will eat no luncheon unless he happens to like it, "fell down" through sheer physical weakness. Touchard is only 22 years old, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs only 110 pounds. He has wonderful ability as a player, if only he would accumulate a little physical strength to express it. Touchard is a shining example of the warning oft-repeated to the cigarette fiend.

BASEBALL NINE WINS FOURTEEN OUT OF SIXTEEN GAMES.

UNITED STATES ENGINEERS' TEAM, OF HAMMOND, OR.

HAMMOND, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The United States Engineers' baseball team, of Hammond, has made an enviable record this season. Of 16 games played the team has won 14. It is ready to play all comers. Reading from left to right, the players in the above photograph are as follows: Top row—Kelly, pitcher; Brown, left Field; L. Eberman, second base; Moody, pitcher; Lucher, right field. Bottom row—Carlson, third base; F. Eberman, center field; Elsi Bell, first base; Luck, shortstop; Jack, catcher; F. Flatman, manager.

TAFT SEES AMERICANS WIN

President Witnesses Defeat of Spanish Challengers.

MARBLEHEAD, Aug. 20.—President Taft saw the American Sonder yacht Harpoon, owned and sailed by C. F. Adams II, win the cup that bears the name of the chief magistrate in the fourth race against the Spanish challengers today. The Beaver, owned and sailed by C. H. W. Foster, was second, and the Irma, Guy Lowell's entry, was third.

The Spaniards were beaten worse today than in any of the three races. The Chonta, the leading craft of the visitors, was more than two miles astern when the Harpoon crossed the finish line, with the Papoose fifth. The Mosquito II, which brought up the rear, had turned the outer mark two and a half miles from the finish line only a minute before the Harpoon was saluted as the winner.

The official elapsed times for the race were: Harpoon, 2:14:30; Beaver, 2:16:37; Irma, 2:18:37; Chonta, 2:36:47; Papoose, 2:38:26; Mosquito II, 2:41:14.

An essential feature of a new Belgian monorail car is a pair of large wheels at the ends of an axle to serve to maintain equilibrium when the car is starting, after which they are raised from the ground.

AMBITIOUS "PUGS" WRITE TO CORBETT

Mail Is Heavy With Letters From "Phenoms" Eager to Try for Title.

"UNKNOWN" KEPT SECRET

Aspiring Huskies Must Prove Their Ability Before He Can Take Them, Says Gentleman Jim—Does Not Know McLeod.

BY JAMES J. CORBETT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—This country can boast many a youngster ambitious to wrest the crown of pugilistic championship from the chocolate brow of Jack Johnson, judging from the number of letters that have reached me since I announced in a recent article in The Oregonian that my efforts in the future would be directed toward finding a man to bring back the title to the white race.

In every mail there are communications from would-be champions, and if one-tenth of them are to be properly looked after and developed we will be forced to establish a school for trainers, for there are not enough professional handlers in this big country of ours to look after the spouting crop of boxers.

Many Want to Fight.

I really did not know that we could lay claim to so many young and willing huskies. I am more than pleased that my offer to assist any promising white man in his attempt to climb to the top has helped to inoculate the youth of the country with the fighting spirit that makes champions, and feel greatly impressed with the tone and sincerity of the majority of the communications that come to me.

At the same time I wish to state that it absolutely is impossible for me to take under my personal care and charge any man who aspires to the highest boxing honors until he has proved not only to his own satisfaction but to that of the public as well, that he has the ability to mount to the top, or has at least shown something that justifies his claims to meet the best man in the game. There must be a start made in boxing as in everything else, and the beginners must prove their quality and show what metal they are made of before given serious consideration.

Promising Men in Sight.

I want to see a white man win the heavyweight championship of the world, an American preferred, of course, but by all means a white man, and will do everything in my power to help. I cannot, however, personally take hold of and try to develop all the ambitious youngsters who have written me on the subject. I now have my eye on one or two, promising boxers, men who have shown fair ability in a number of contests and whose knowledge of the game will be put more severely to the test in the near future.

If any one of these men in his next engagement demonstrates to my satisfaction that he has a good chance with the more prominent heavyweights now in the limelight, I will make an offer to take him under my care with the hope that my knowledge of the art of boxing will help him on his way to the coveted championship goal. I will be on the ground to watch these men and feel competent to judge as to their merits as boxers.

Guesses on "Unknown" Wrong.

The newspapers are making a great many guesses as to the identity of the "unknown" that I have under cover, but none has hit the right man up to date. I will go so far as to say that he is one of the men above referred to and from what he has shown me in private I am sincere in the belief that in him I have the next heavyweight champion unless Johnson should first fall victim to the skill of Langford, Kaufmann, or Burns, which, to be frank, I do not think likely.

Hugh McIntosh is willing to back my unknown against the present holder of the title for $5000 or as much more as desired with the understanding that the fight be for 20 rounds or more, but I first wish to send him against one or two good men before tackling the champion.

Much space has been given of late to the description of a young giant from out of the West named McLeod who is anxious to fight Johnson and who has been mentioned in the press dispatches as "Corbett's unknown."

McLeod Not Known to Corbett.

He certainly is "unknown" so far as I am concerned and is one of the few men out of the entire bunch of ambitious amateurs who has not written me to take him in charge. So far as height and weight will go the young man qualifies, according to the description, but it takes considerable more than mere size and strength to make a great fighter. My advice, if he cares for it, is to aim a little lower than Johnson the first few trials and try to fight his way until he can command attention.

Numerous challenges have been directed at Johnson the last few weeks, many from men who never have had a glove on in a professional contest, but who evidently are earnest in their desire to tackle the negro. Also a number of freaks, who properly belong in dime museums and sideshows, are trying this method of getting their names in the papers.

I understand that a number of ambitious youngsters are after Joe Choynski to take in hand their budding talents and endeavor to make champions of the promising raw material. Well, they could go a great deal farther and not find a man more competent than Joe to teach the art of which he was at one time one of the greatest exponents. Choynski is one of the few good boxers who has the gift of being able to impart his knowledge to the rawest amateur.

Jack's Press Agent Bats .300.

Jack Johnson's press agent continues to hit .300 in the publicity league, and many are the methods adopted to keep the colored champion's name before the people. One of the latest stories sprung on an unsuspecting and helpless public is that Jack is figuring on the purchase of a home in an exclusive section of Brooklyn and that the residents of the locality are in a turmoil over the announcement. The price of the property is given as $62,500. Jack must be careless with his money, because if some of the stories are to be believed he has already spent $1,000,000 or so since the Reno fight.

Another is the acceptance by Barney Oldfield of Jack's challenge to race any automobile driver in the world. Barney says that he will not draw the color line on Johnson's bank roll and will bet $5000 he can beat the negro. If it is true that Jack is to race Oldfield it ought to be a little soft money for Barney. But when Johnson's managers challenged they knew there was no chance of a race, as the Automobile Contest Association would put the lid down hard on such an affair.

They are telling an amusing story around town about Johnson that emphasizes the negro's vanity and also goes to show that he is getting "wised up." The story runs that on his return from Reno Jack visited an Italian sculptor of this city and was so eager to have a cast of himself made that he passed several hours posing each day. Finally the sculptor sent Johnson a bill for $4000, which the champion refused to pay. Though anxious to be reproduced in marble Jack says he thinks the sculptor made a mistake and has charged him for a dozen busts. Result is, Johnson has been made defendant in a suit for the amount.

Billy Delaney, Jack Gleason and Sam Berger are a few of the notables in sporting circles visiting in New York lately and each has given his little talk on the subject of the Reno fight. Delaney says that neither he nor Johnson had any fear as to the outcome, and that the negro was brimming over with confidence before the fight. Billy may be sincere in his belief that such was the case, but if ever I saw a more anxious or worried colored gentleman than Johnson was as he sat in his corner just before the fight began then my memory fails me.

Johnson Was Afraid of Jeff.

Jack's confidence did not show impressively until he realized that he had a man before him who was so weak he could not strike a blow with sufficient force to hurt a welterweight. The fact that Johnson a day or two before the fight insisted that the original agreement to divide the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser be changed and that the amount be split equally between the two men did not show any great confidence in his ability to defeat Jeffries.

That he received 60 per cent instead of 50 per cent for winning was because Jeff would not consent to an equal division and wanted the original agreement to stand. This would indicate that Jeffries was the confident one. I still believe that had the fight taken place one week before the Fourth that Jeff would have won decisively. The nervous collapse of the last few days was what killed his chances and not the confidence nor great skill of Jack Johnson.

There has been a great deal said and written about the race prejudice that exists against the colored boxers of today and of the last 20 years, and a number of lovers of the game say that Jeffries should not have risked his title in a battle with a negro.

Langford Has "Cold Feet."

They point to the record of a famous ex-champion who never would fight a colored man, and who berated every man who believed in giving a negro a chance at the title This helps to remind me that immediately after the recent championship contest the first man to scramble through the ropes to greet Johnson as champion was no other than this former pride of pugilism. It was this same ex-gladiator who drew the color line so tight when he was champion and yet he was the first man, and one of the few white men, to congratulate the negro. It's a funny world.

Looks very much like a case of cold feet on the part of Sam Langford in refusing to meet Al Kaufmann at Philadelphia last week. After the fight had been postponed one day on account of bad weather, Langford's manager, Joe Woodman, asked for an extension of one week, which was refused by the club managers and Billy Delaney, representing Kaufmann. Al was reported in superb condition and Sam may have feared a knockout, which would end any chance he might have of meeting Johnson.

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