

QUE EXPERTS TO MEET TONIGHT

Hoppe and Slosson Will Contest for Championship Honors This Evening.

BOTH BILLIARDISTS ARE IN FINE CONDITION

Match Will Be a Five Hundred Point Game for a Similar Sum, Eighteen-Inch Balk Line, One Shot In—Experts Will Witness the Shooting.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 27.—Devotees of the "gentlemen's game" are on edge in anticipation of the world's championship billiard match between George Slosson, the "student," and Willie Hoppe, the "boy wonder." The contest is to be played in the Grand Central Palace tonight, and it will be the first championship match played in this country since 1901, when Schaefer won the title. For weeks past the two players have been getting into condition for the championship contest. The last practice work shows that each is in splendid form. Both the veteran and the youngster have a host of ardent admirers who are willing to bet on the success of their favorite, and a great amount of money is sure to change hands on the result of the game. It is a significant fact, however, that the professional experts, almost without exception, pick Hoppe to win. This has led to the boy being made a favorite in the betting at odds of 10 to 8. Tonight's contest is to be a 500-point game for \$500 a side and the championship emblem, which Hoppe won from Vignaux in 1914. The match will be at 18-inch balk line, one shot in.

The match has attracted more than the usual amount of interest which centers in a championship contest, which fact is due largely to the fact that in the ages of the contestants and their years of experience. Hoppe is still under 20 years old, while Slosson is over 50. The latter has taken part in more than 50 matches and tournaments.

It was in October, 1878, that he made his first appearance in public. He was beaten by a player named Denison at the old four-ball game. Through all the ensuing transitions of the game he has held his reputation as a public straight pull, the champion's game, cushion caroms and the different balk-line distances. His last big contest was in the 18.2 championship in Paris in 1903, when he finished his second money in the 18.1 tourney of 1901.

Hoppe made his formal debut in public less than five years ago at Daly's academy in this city. It was a handicap affair at 18.2, the other players being Orlan, Morninngstar, Tom Gallagher, Edward McLaughlin and Oris, the Spaniard. The handicaps were: Hoppe, 200 points; Gallagher, McLaughlin and Morninngstar, 300 each; and Oris, 225. Hoppe won all four of his games and did not suffer defeat. In the brief space of five years he has so advanced in billiard proficiency that to men from whom he accepted odds he can give odds.

In 1904, in Paris, Hoppe won the first championship of the "young masters" at the 18.2 game, defeating every one of his rivals. Barring an exhibition in which he defeated Albert Cutler of Boston and a tour with Schaefer, he did no public playing again until January 15 last, when he jumped to the championship by defeating Vignaux, the celebrated French champion.

The first world's championship at the 18.1 game was decided in the Madison Square Garden concert hall, from November 20 to December 4, 1897, the games being of 500 points. Slosson, with a grand average of 8.20, won the run of 57, and returned the winner, with four victories to his credit. Schaefer was second, with three games won, his grand average being 9.20 and his high run 45. Frank C. Ives was third, with two games won, his high run was 140, best single average 10.25, and grand average 14.85. Maurice Daly was fourth, with one victory, a grand average of 7.18 and a high run of 73. George Sutton did not win a game.

The second world's championship at 18.1 was played in the same place from December 7 to 10, 1901. It was the public debut of Leon Barut, Ora Morninngstar and Leonard Howison, in first-class competition. The games were 500 points each, and Schaefer was the victor of the tournament. He won five games, had a high run of 68 and made a grand average of 7.78. Slosson was second with three victories, a high run of 41 and a grand average of 7.58. Barut was third with three games won, a high run of 42 and a grand average of 6.19. Sutton won two games, Morninngstar and Howison one each.

Schaefer and Slosson played the first individual championship at the 18.1 game at the Madison Square Garden concert hall February 6, 1898. Schaefer won by 400 to 384. The winner's average was 7.41 and high run 78. Slosson's high run was 24. In April of the same year, at Chicago, Frank C. Ives defeated Schaefer by a score of 600 to 426. Ives' average was 15 and his high run 101. This was the last contest at the 18.1 game until the tournament of 1901, and then came the match in Paris in 1904 between Vignaux and Slosson, which Vignaux won, 500 to 387. The next competition was between Vignaux and Hoppe last January, and was won by Hoppe.

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SPLENDID RECORD MADE BY O. A. C. BASKETBALLERS

Corvallis Players by Hard Playing Win the Championship of Oregon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., March 27.—The O. A. C. basketball team is the champion of the Pacific northwest. Its record for the last season follows: Defeated Salem Y. M. C. A. December 5, score 33 to 7; O. S. N. January 12, at Monmouth, 23 to 16; U. of O. Eugene, February 2, 17 to 15; Dallas, February 9, at Dallas, 18 to 17; Willamette, February 16, at O. A. C., 21 to 7; Minnesota Red Wings, February 19, at O. A. C., 25 to 25; U. of O. at Corvallis, February 23, 32 to 6; Dallas, at Corvallis, March 2, 17 to 11; Chicago Meteors, Corvallis, March 5, 28 to 26; Ashland, at Ashland, March 9, 43 to 21. Total scores for O. A. C. during season, 378; total scored by their opponents, 135.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Mrs. John McLean desires to thank everybody who assisted in the benefit baseball game last Sunday, the proceeds of which have been given to her. If nothing of a jarring nature occurs Larry McLean will leave this evening to join the Portland Giants at Stockton, McLean has been undecided for some time whether to join the local aggregation or cast his lot with the outlaw league in Pennsylvania, where bigger salaries are paid. McLean is easily the most valuable man on the Portland team and all the fuss that has been made regarding the payment of a decent salary to him has been in perfect harmony with the prevailing methods employed this year by the Portland management.

Nothing has been heard from Flood nor Smith joining the spring watering place. Flood has already accepted \$200 advance money from the outlaw league and it is a pretty safe bet that he will not be seen in a Portland uniform this year. Flood is an extremely valuable player and would be a tower of strength to any team. Flood claims that he could not afford to play here for the salary offered him.

Dear Editor: I spent all day yesterday walking the streets looking for Larry McLean. I had his ticket for Stockton, but McLean heard that it was a second-class ticket and dodged me from daylight to dark. I expect to corner him this morning. I intend to join the team anon to look after the finances of the club and to direct the secret work. Neither the Judge nor I have heard from Walter since he left. JONTIE.

Zan and Heuser defeated Bilderback and Laidlaw, handicap 10, last evening in the M. A. C. handball tournament. Zan and Harrison will tackle Brant and Dunne. McMillan and Bailey will try a hand with Goodwin and Stipe. Zan and Heuser showed fine form last night. First Turf Adviser—Your friend Mose must have money. Second Turf Adviser—What makes you think so? First Turf Adviser—I saw him going into the Fourth National bank. Second Turf Adviser—You must have been out late.—Chicago Journal.

According to a Cincinnati paper "gold causes deafness," but our observant teachers tell us that there are one or two players left who can hear "What'll you have?" when it's sprung.

A Chicago pugilist has received a medal from the government for saving a boy from drowning. What about Jeffrey's act of stopping a wild runaway and Kid McCoy's in trimming numerous impolite barkeeps, and Young Corbett's in hauling beautiful actresses

EAST PORTLAND TEAM WILL ORGANIZE

Crack Amateur Players Will Meet Tomorrow Evening to Elect Officers.

The East Portland baseball team is a new combination of amateur players. The personnel of the team is not entirely decided upon, but as there are plenty of candidates for places on the team, it will not be long before the list will be complete. These players are trying out for the following positions: Infield, Emeric, Foley, Foy, Poole, Krimmick and Burns; pitchers, Higgins and Hurlburt; catchers, Heitsman, Hanley and Jordan; outfield, Bailey, Offerly, Smith, Stahl. A meeting of the candidates for the team has been called for Wednesday evening to perfect the organization. Most of the players are men of experience.

NEW ORLEANS AND OAKLAND RACE RESULTS

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, March 27.—City Park results: Half mile—Tom Dolan won, Spion second, King Leopold third; time, 0:48 2-5. Six furlongs—Broad Wag won, Clough second, Silent Water third; time, 1:08 1-5. Six furlongs—Annie Berry won, Pique second, Dundall third; time, 1:16. Steeplechase, short course—Lights Out won, Bank Holiday second, Jiggs Nolan third; time, 3:02 2-5. Six furlongs—J. Ed Grillo won, Jimmy Maher second, America II third; time, 1:48 2-5. Mile—Envoy won, The Gleam second, Bellindian third; time, 1:40 1-5. Seven furlongs—Grandma won, Ruth W. second, Ferroniers third; time, 1:27 3-8.

AT NEW ORLEANS FAIR GROUNDS.

(Journal Special Service.) New Orleans, March 27.—Fair Grounds race results: Electric Spark won, Bonebrake second, Lythelst third; time, 1:42 2-5. Six furlongs—Enverite won, Shenandoah second, Arabo third; time, 1:14 1-5. Mile and a sixteenth—Blennworth won, Whipoorwill second, Footlights Favorite third; time, 1:47 1-8. Handicap, seven furlongs—The Premium won, Logistella second, Columbia Girl third; time, 1:23. Six furlongs—Security won, Peter Mathaniel second, J. C. Clem third; time, 1:16. Mile and an eighth—Lemon Girl won, Won't Ask Me second, King of the Valley third; time, 1:54 4-5.

AT OAKLAND.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 27.—Results at Oakland: Five furlongs—Meada won, Ethel Barrymore second, Little Buttercup third; time, 1:03 3-4. Four and a half furlongs—Doc Craig won, Clements second, Our Anna third; time, 0:57. Mile and a sixteenth—Cardinal Sarto won, The Lady Rhosie second, Easy street third; time, 1:53 3-4. Mile and a half—Dusty Miller won, Harbor second, Lella Hill third; time, 1:29 3-4. Five and a half furlongs—Judge won, St. Francis second, Entre Nous third; time, 1:10.

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AMERICAN GUILDS WIN FROM GOLDEN WESTS

The American Guild bowlers bowled their last match in the league last evening and took two games out of three from the Golden Wests. They put up a very good game, totaling 2,582, without their handicap. Freeborough was their star performer, rolling a 208 average; he also had the highest single game, 257. Bert Case of the Golden Wests bowled like a fiend, putting up a 217 2-3 average for his three games. The scores: Golden Wests—(1) (2) (3) Moore... 102 151 Case... 216 233 204 Peterson... 151 152 188 Hinnekamp... 137 205 155 Closet... 95 86 96 Totals... 928 921 848 American Guilds—(1) (2) (3) Freeborough... 172 267 189 Kalk... 181 187 187 Yates... 158 162 144 Jordan... 140 187 118 Handicap... 95 86 96 Totals... 900 1035 982

BASEBALL INTEREST AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 27.—The center of interest at the Salem high school is the topic of baseball. Ever since Manager Tom Cronise announced that "Ike" Butler, the Portland professional pitcher, would take charge of the baseball squad there has been a sort of revival in favor of the national sport. It was thought at first that this year's team would not measure up with last year's aggregation, as several of last season's players were not in school. A series of games has already been arranged with the various teams of the state as follows: Dallas college, April 13, at Dallas; Albany high school, April 21, at Albany; Eugene high school, April 26, and the University of Oregon, April 27. Other games are being arranged with Roseburg, Pendleton, Willamette university, Chemewa, the Washington State college and the University of Idaho.

CHICAGO WILL HOLD CARNIVAL OF SPORTS

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Ill., March 27.—If the size and high class of the entry list can be taken as a criterion some record performances may be expected at the charity athletic meet which opens in the Coliseum tonight and continues over tomorrow. The contests are to be held under the auspices of the Illinois Athletic club, and the entry list is the largest ever seen hereabouts. Five handicap events are carded, a five-mile run, 16-pound shotput, 12-pound shotput for high and preparatory schools, pole vault and two-mile run. The list of scratch events is as follows: One mile run, 60-yard dash, 60-yard hurdles, 60-yard high hurdles, 440-yard run, 850-yard run, 220-yard run and running high jump.

PLEA FOR BURTON IS FILED IN SUPREME COURT

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 27.—A brief in behalf of Senator Burton was filed in the supreme court today. It contends that no offense was committed by the senator, yet he stands committed as an offender.

CURED CONSUMPTION. Mrs. E. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot get without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Woodard, Clarke & Co.

FORWARD PASSES IN FOOTBALL

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GUARD AND TACKLE BACK PLAYS TO BE STOPPED

Line Plunging Will Only Be Used for Short Gains—Changes Will Introduce Many Opportunities for Trick Plays—Fast Backs Required.

The tendency of a number of the smaller colleges throughout the country, and some of the larger as well, to regard the work of the National Intercollegiate Football Rules committee as completed and to adopt without waiting for its final meetings the code as it has already been tentatively passed as of great lessened importance. Held one expert the other day: "The winning teams next year will be those having the best quarterbacks and kickers." This conclusion is evidently based on the expectation that forward passes and kicking are going to be especially prominent in the play, and certainly it seems as though the kicker who can place his punts to advantage and get the most effective formation for his kicking, will be in great demand, while the unerring passer of the ball and the safe catcher will be at a premium everywhere.

Certainly there is no chance at all for a continuance of systems of play based on guards and tackle back. Line plunging as a steady practice is a thing of the past. That line plunging will not be used at all is an absurd conclusion. It will always be the safest play when short distances are to be gained, but to gain 10 yards by such practice in three downs is impossible when teams are evenly matched.

Quick Starting. The quick starting, fast running back that can skirt the ends or cross back into the flanks of the line will be at a tremendous premium, and probably the most effective formation for this style of play will be the straight three-man back formation. If the opposing defense can be compelled to withdraw three men into the backfield, leaving only six on the line to oppose the attacks, there is no reason why those slanting runs into and outside of tackle should not be very effective.

The formation for attack will certainly vary considerably, probably by reason of the large introduction of trick plays of various characters. Fakes from kick formations are sure to be popular, since every time a man drops back for a kick the defending side will have to leave its backfield well covered. Plunges straight through the forward line, long forward passes to the ends, and wide circling runs by the first man to receive the ball are likely to be successful from such a formation, with the two elements of surprise and the weakened defense to favor them. With the forward pass there can be little opportunity for blocking kicks, which will again facilitate the success of fake and trick combinations.

Defensive Attention. The defensive formation is the one that is attracting most attention. First of all the prohibition of more than six men on the forward line has to be met. The best way to meet this requirement appears to be not to withdraw the ends for the reason that plays are most likely to come their way. They will be kept off the forward line has to be met. In other words, than ever before, and the flanks will have to be strengthened at the sacrifice of the line defense. This can be best done by withdrawing the ends a yard or two behind the line, allowing the flanks to remain unchanged. Probably the two halfbacks will play close behind and between the ends and tackle and the quarterback and fullback will be scattered at various distances in the backfield, to meet kicks and forward passes ahead of the line.

The provision that a kick which strikes the ground before being touched by the defending side is a free ball, and may be secured by any player on either side compels the defense to play kicks absolutely safe. It will not do to allow one man to play back on the chance that he can reach and catch the ball. If it go over his head it will roll toward his own goal and any man who can out-foot him can secure it. He must play forward and another man play an in-between distance to handle short kicks for the same reason. When the kick formation is assumed it is probable that a third man will go back.

To the strategist the possibilities of such a condition in the introduction of fakes and trick plays are great, and the result is likely to be an ever shifting variety in attack, with swift moving, quickly changing action that will increase the interest in the game immeasurably. There is no limit apparently to the novelties which the genius of the born tactician can introduce. Certainly the season will carry a great deal of interest at the start that will surpass that of any other season in the history of the game.

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