

# ATHLETIC NEWS

## LONG BEACH VERSUS ASTORIA

### First Game of the League Results in a Standoff.

The first football game of the league took place on the Astoria grounds Friday evening, the game being called at 7 p.m. The givings was an ideal one for the association game, and was enjoyed as much by the players as by the 100 spectators. The latter, much to their credit, made their way to the grounds, some in buggies, some on bicycles and others by nature's propellers. The road was rough and muddy, but they got there just the same. The home team had the best of the game as regards points, as they held the ball continually in the mouth of their opponents' goal, but had hard luck in scoring, many good shots just passing or going over the goal.

The visitors played a very gentlemanly game throughout, and won the admiration of the fans, especially when in the critical moments, and amid the rooting of the local supports, who were out in good voice and up to date says lots.

The Long Beach team lined up and looked very neat in their gray sweaters with the letters L. B. on them, their chests, their faces, browned from the ocean's bairn, giving them the appearance of condition that would tell on a heavy field.

The A. F. C. boys with the blue and white so familiar to the Astorians, and the Crockette girls, seemed anxious for the sound of the referee's whistle, and, in spite of poor condition, ready to do their best.

Captain Bartholomew won the toss and selected to kick with the wind and a slight advantage of the high ground. Immediately on the kickoff the Astorians secured the ball and rushed it down the field, when it was returned by Starch, as the visitors, astern him, and who played the game for his side in the first half, but Win Crosby was on deck and by his usual long kick sent the ball past Starch to Bob McLean, who passed it to Center Forward John Young, the latter kicking a splendid goal.

Long Beach kicked off and made desperate efforts to score, and after ten minutes were successful, the Astoria backs growing somewhat careless, Abercrombie getting too close to the half backs, and the number twelve was not slow in taking that advantage and secured a goal.

The second half, which was worth going miles to see, resulted in neither side scoring, though the Astorians had the ball continually shooting for a goal, but the goal keeper was equal to all occasions, and saved defeat time and time again. The excitement was intense at this stage that men, women and children left their seats and crowded around the lines, cheering the players as only lovers of many games can, until the referee stopped the game. Such excitement was never before seen on a local field, and a more even and clean game could not be witnessed.

Win Crosby played a splendid game from start to finish, and his sure kicking was a treat to witness.

Crochet played his first game and was on the ball when in his territory, and did excellent work, with John Young also a new player, and when the other wings feed the center, every opportunity the prediction is that the team will be a hard one to beat.

Team work is the chief feature in the game, and the boys should practice passing and not too much fancy dribbling, which looks pretty, but nine times out of ten does little or no execution.

The next game will be between Irwaco and Astoria on the local grounds on Monday, the 21st inst., and it should be a crack-jack. A good crowd will certainly be present.

### THE AMATEURS' MISTAKE.

### He Should Not Expect Too Much From His Club.

The amateur athlete up to date gets a very bad start. Either the colleges or the athletic clubs are to blame for this condition of affairs.

A young man thinks because he is a runner or football player—in fact an adept at any game that he is eligible to take part in—thinks or rather demands that the club or college must defray all his expenses. Directly he does so, those who come in contact with him, knowing the conditions, lose respect for him, and the business part of his career is a failure, as he is continually in trouble with the management.

A young athlete should learn to be a gentleman as well as an amateur, and should not depend upon a rich father or athletic clubs to defray all his expenses. Anyone who can afford the time to practice any particular sport surely ought to have a great interest in it to defray his expenses, if not to make up the true sum of the worth.

Just so it goes with clubs. tolerate this kind of treatment, just so long the athletic feature will be a financial loss and little or no harmony exist. And why should clubs defray those expenses? A person surely has enough privileges from the clubs for his small dues. No matter what game is his hobby, the clubs purchase the implements and keep them in repair, and he also has bath and attention in the club rooms that others do not ask. Besides the athletic part, today in clubs I am sorry to say, is in the minority. You can take clubs with 600 to 700 members and you are doing well if you can find 25 athletes among them, and 50 per cent of the 75 are always more or less behind in dues, while the remaining six hundred steady club members pay regularly when the collector comes or goes.

Take the largest cities on the coast, and it is difficult to make the gate receipts to cover the actual cost of medals and incidentals necessary to have the games. The reason for this is that the admission is far too high, which keeps the crowd away. Better to have popular prices and have your grounds full, and cut all expenses as regards the contestants, and let them see they are not the only ones on the beach.

I do not wish to impress on the public mind that the only idea in giving games is to make money, but to have pure amateur sports and more of them. We do not have enough games, either track, football or baseball.

When clubs arrange a game the athletes train hard for weeks just for one particular meet, and then have to wait months or probably until the next season before they can meet the firs.

The public does not care whether the men are trained to the hour. It wants to see games of every description, and wants them often, at a reasonable admission.

### On the Alleys.

The past week has been one of steady playing. No matches of any note, except a game between the ladies which took place on Friday. Several in the individual championship completed 100 games during the week, with very good averages indeed, for such short practice.

The ladies played a game on Friday from tenth street west (nine a side), captained by

### THE WHEEL.

Mrs. Normile, and a team from Tenth street east, captained by Mrs. Gunn, and, judging by the noise it must have been "awfully exciting." The first game was won by the Eastenders by 2 and the second by 9.

M. M. Pickens is the bumper player so far and it is very doubtful if any other will get even with him. His score of 34 for the 100 games is very good.

Mr. K. Parker is playing in splendid form and has the only chance of beating Pickens out. Parker's 32 for 75 games speaks for itself and without any serious injury down will come in a good second.

The daily scores are getting higher every day and compare very favorably with the other clubs.

The bowling ally committee are arranging for a club tournament in the ladies and gentlemen's and ladies individually. Medals will be given to the lucky winners, and as it is a handicap event, one will have the same chance.

The match game between Bond and Com streets was postponed on account of the football game, but it is safe to say the captains of both teams will not allow the game to go by default.

W. L. Robb has changed 4, 11, 14, and makes 12, 14, 17.

H. Pinnell is developing as a splendid bowler and will be a strong favorite in the club tournament.

The following are the daily records:

Monday—H. Pinnell.....50

Tuesday—F. L. Parker.....47

Wednesday—Mrs. Silke.....54

Wednesday—H. Wiss.....50

Thursday—H. Pinnell.....49

Friday—J. Finlayson.....55

Friday—Mrs. H. F. Frese.....50

Individual championship, including the week ending June 12:

GAMES AVERAGE

N. Grimes.....53.....53

M. F. Gunn.....48.....50

C. R. Higgins.....49.....52

L. E. Howes.....50.....52

H. Wherry.....54.....52

K. C. F. Astbury.....48.....50

H. Bell.....50.....52

W. B. Beveridge.....60.....50

L. H. Burroughs.....52.....50

C. H. Cooper.....100.....50

J. D. McGowan.....100.....50

M. M. Pickens.....100.....50

F. L. Parker.....55.....51

C. McDonald.....100.....50

James Finlayson.....100.....50

Herman Will.....100.....50

### CRICKET.

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The local players go to Portland on Sunday, June 20th, to meet the Multnomah team, their old-time rivals, and a hard game is expected. With the addition of Thomas and W. T. Clutter, victory should await the visitors.

The Portland cricketers have beautiful grounds prepared at Riverside, and are making club rooms at the White House. They have one floor of that famous hotel for visiting teams, and it will be but short time before they will have a splendid country club and grounds always at their disposal.

The local team is overjoyed at the prospect of playing a game once more on a large grass field, and enjoy the social features for which the game is famous.

The Alameda team from California is coming strip to Oregon, and a series of matches will be arranged with the Oregon clubs.

The players to represent the A. F. C. on the 21st are H. C. F. Astbury (captain), W. O. Wilkinson, O. J. Thomas, F. G. Gunn, R. Gibson, H. Bell, W. T. Clutter, M. M. Pickens, C. R. Higgins, J. S. Hitchon and A. S. Tee.

A practice game took place last night on the Smith's point grounds. About fourteen players enjoyed a double wicket game.

### BASE BALL.

Old Jack Glasscock, once of Washington, continues to line out singles, doubles and time to the St. Paul, with his team, by the way, is now occupying first place in the Western League.

All the ball-players of the Springfield and Dayton teams were recently arrested at Springfield, O., for violating the Sunday law.

Charles Forrest, the big Washington catcher, wouldn't need much time up to pass as Peter Maher, the Irish champion. Their features are similar, and there is not an inch between them in height, or ten pounds in weight.

The Australians who came to America in the hope that they could put up a presentable base ball, saw the Baltimore and Chicago teams a short time since. They were rendered speechless by the sight of men capturing hotshot lines and rounders, and by the way, the field was invariably caught high flies. What astonished them greatly was that no applause followed a fly catch in the outfield. Manager Musgrave said he was not surprised that Baltimore held the championship.

The indications are that San Francisco is going to be again seized with base ball frenzy.

The Stockton club is still holding the senior championship.

On June 6, the Bushnell Alerts of Alameda and the Columbias of San Francisco, played the first game of the tournament for the championship of California. "The Examiner" standard championship trophy, \$1,000, in gold coin and the pennant of 1897. The Columbias were beaten, the score at the finish being 14 to 1.

Baseball worth going miles to see was played at Central Park, in San Francisco Sunday afternoon. The second game of the championship tournament between the Violets and the San Francisco Athletic Club team, was of the sort that stirs the blood to fever heat and turns distinguished citizens into pop-eyed howling derivatives—the violets, won, score 8 to 5. The other winners in the tournament were Fresno Republicans, Bakersfield, Santa Cruz, Riverdale, Santa Rosa, Los Angeles, Sacramento.

"They are dandies" said Thos. Bowers, of the Crocket, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. Charles Rogers.

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#### Marble and Granite MONUMENTS

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ALL KINDS OF CEMETERY WORK...

though some who were together then will be on opposite sides.

Astoria has few advantages to offer her athletes or patrons in the way of grounds to practice upon, yet has one great advantage in the many waters around its territory, and yet, strange to relate, one never sees a boat on the river, for pleasure, manned by a native.

A city the size of Astoria would have one rowing club at least. It has the healthy youth to cope with the sculls, so why are we so dimity in aquatic? The piles go forth that the water is too rough, or the tides too rapid, but this is not the case. The best sailors in the world have to practice over the roughest kind of water, and are made to go over the course every day, when in the stable learning to be seamen.

The New York state division of L. A. W. enrolled 577 new members during the past week. The Pennsylvania comes second with 471, passing the 15,000 mark. The return of the week number 3,601 new names, making the total membership 79,725. The standing of the legal divisions was as follows: New York, 20,887; Massachusetts, 16,155; Pennsylvania, 2,053; New Jersey, 5,189; Ohio, 2,027; Illinois, 2,006; Indiana, 3,219; Iowa, 3,612; Missouri, 1,018.

J. Platt-Betts, the English professional, is fast acquiring a reputation as the fastest short-distance rider in the world. In a recent assault upon records at the Crystal Palace track and riding a wheel geared to 100 and paced by half a dozen midgets, he made the following times: One mile, 1 minute 49.45 seconds; three miles, 5 minutes 32 seconds; four miles, 7 minutes 15 seconds; five miles, 9 minutes 14.4 seconds. Platt-Betts placed the mile record at 1 minute 7.5 seconds, so that he now holds the records from two to five miles. As proposed shortly to make a trial to reduce the figures from two to five miles, and will be assisted in his trial by the fastest pacemakers available in England.

The Nation Cyclists' Union of England maintains strict discipline in races held under its jurisdiction. In a recent race, Spencer and McLaren, the crack tandem team, rode easily at the finish of a six-mile race and were suspended for thirty days.

Ricycletes in Berlin are compelled to carry a number about as large as a locomotive headlight and illumination at night, so that when a scooter passes his wheel to run down a pedestrian, the injured party or some bystander can take notice of the number and the offender can be spotted afterward, if he does not fit to stay. As the numbers are officially registered, it is difficult to avoid detection.

Oto Zeigler is riding in grand form just now. At Sacramento recently he gave a taste of his quality by lowering the record for one mile in competition, covering the distance in 2:05.25.

J. E. Wing, of the Olympic Club Wheelmen, did some grand riding in the amateur handball. He won his first heat in 2:08.44 and the final in 2:10.34, after a desperate ride, which was made all the more difficult from the fact that he broke one of the small bones in his wrist a week before in San Jose.

### GENERAL.

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It seems from the latest advices received, that the much talked of meet between the Olympic Club of San Francisco and the Multnomah Club of Portland, which was scheduled for the latter city on July 1, will be all probability postponed to materialize. The reason assigned is that the late disaffection between the California clubs and the Amateur Union has precluded the California clubs from playing against clubs of that union of which Multnomah is a member. The games, should they take place, would be of more than passing interest, from the fact that the contestants, at least many of them, took part in the Stanford U. C. games, and will participate again.

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