BASEBALL AND ATHLETIC SPORTS

RUMORS OF HITCH ARE UNFOUNDED

Ketchel, Johnson and Referee Welch Hold Conference Today to Prevent Disputes and Delay.

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—The rumors of a hitch in the Johnson-Ketchel championship fight, which is scheduled to take place in Coffroth's arena tomorrow afternoon, appear to have been hasty and unfounded, according to information that came from both camps this morning. Johnson and Coffroth had a conference late last night and it was surmised in that there was trouble over the side bet of $10,000. This rumor spread rapidly over town when it was learned that Coffroth had entered his office and said: "There may be no fight, I'll tell you more about it tomorrow."

George Little, Johnson's manager, when asked this morning if there was any hitch, said:

"Certainly not. Johnson and Coffroth had a talk last night but nothing serious came up. It was simply that Johnson wanted to have an understanding in regard to certain little matters so as not to consume time when the men entered the ring. One of the matters was in connection with a certain part of the ring costume to be worn by the principals. It was decided that the managers of the fighters should have a conference with Referee Welch today and settle everything that is likely to cause friction at the last moment. There is nothing wrong with the side bet and there is no chance of anything cropping up to interfere with the fight."

KETCHEL'S MONEY UP.

Willis Britt, Ketchel's manager, said that he had not heard of any trouble, and that he hardly thought Johnson would raise any question as to the side bet.

"Our $500 is up, a final stakeholder has been selected and we are willing to take a chance," said Britt.

Johnson did some sparring with "Gunboat" Smith and Johnny O'Keefe yesterday and went through two burlesque bouts with Charles Ansinger.

When Johnson stepped on the scales after his work he weighed 198 pounds.

"If I felt better I would be satisfied," he said. "Tomorrow I will take a walk and I will be careful about my food and drink. I will try out to 198 pounds and the only thing I'm sorry about is that it is not Jeffries I am going up against."

LOOK OUT FOR KETCHEL.

"Never mind Jeffries," said Bob Armstrong, a sparring partner. "He can wait. You had better go past this other guy first. If Ketchel lands on you he will make you forget there is such a name as Jeffries on earth and I know what I am talking about."

"It's too close to the fight now to indulge in arguments," replied Johnson. "I am betting that there will be no Ketchel after 15 rounds. Please step aside and let me take my bath."

Those who saw Ketchel during the day came away satisfied that he is trained to the minute. His weight was 172. The chances are that he will be close to the 170-pound mark when he gets into the ring.

KETCHEL SAYS HE WILL BE CAREFUL

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—Jack Johnson and Stanley Ketchel, the principals in Saturday's match for the heavy-weight championship, spent a strenuous day in their respective training camps. Neither needed any additional work, for both are in the pink of condition, but they worked furiously under the command of the moving picture operator, who spent the major part of the day taking the pictures which will be used as an introduction to the real fight pictures.

Ketchel was surprised the pugilistic world by announcing that he will not carry the fight to his opponent, as has been his custom in all of his previous battles. He declares that Johnson, as the champion, must do the leading, and he has just to wait and hear into the big black unless the latter shows unexpected weakness from the start. On the other hand, Johnson's manager asserts that his man will go after Ketchel from the sound of the gong to score an early knockout.

Also reminded that the picture privilege might suffer if an early knockout resulted, Manager Little declared that the prospect of this loss would not induce the champion putting his opponent down for the count in the first round if possible.

Betting on the big match showed an increase today, but the odds remain at 10 to 8 with the champion on the long end. Although no change in the odds occurred, it is believed at the poolrooms that the flood of short end money which began today and soon cause a shortening of the odds. Considerable money is being wagered on the event, in opposition that Ketchel will stay 15 rounds against the champion.

Both of the fighters are palpably nervous on the eve of the battle, and of the two Ketchel seems to show the greater strain. Johnson weighed today and tipped the balance at 198 pounds, two pounds lighter than he expects to be when he climbs through the ropes next Saturday. Ketchel remains at his announced weight of 175 pounds. This he declares to be his natural weight and the point at which he has his strongest.

As a result of a disagreement between the principals over the status of the forfeit money of $1,000, it looked for a time tonight as though the Ketchel-Johnson fight would not take place. Willis Britt, Ketchel's manager, stated later that an agreement had been reached, however, and declared that the battle would be fought on Saturday, according to schedule.

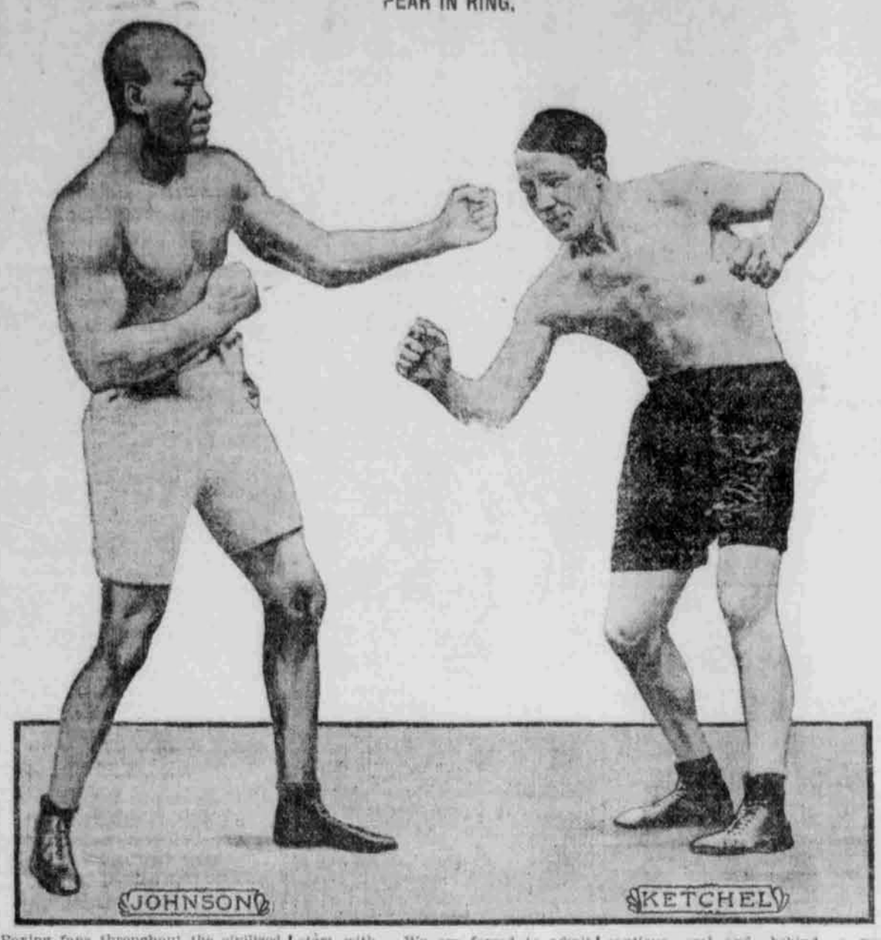
The first word of the controversy came from Promoter Coffroth, who announced that unless he brought Johnson to terms there was little prospect that the fight would take place. He hastened to the negro's training quarters on the ocean beach in an automobile immediately afterward.

The forfeit money was posted several months ago, one man placing his $5,000 in the hands of an eastern stakeholder and the other entrusting his to William Naughton, the local sporting writer. It was understood that this money was to be placed as a side bet.

Johnson demanded today that the money be gathered in one man's hands. Britt and Ketchel demurred to this, as the odds are three to one against them today and they disliked to place their money at even odds. Johnson insisted, and Coffroth dashed to the front to patch up an understanding.

It is said that Naughton has transferred the money in his hands, but it is not possible to learn who the new stakeholder is. In view of Britt's declaration that there is room to believe that Ketchel has acceded to Johnson's demands, but there is still a feeling of uncertainty in local sporting circles.

FAMOUS RING GLADIATORS, WHO ARE TO BATTLE FOR WORLD'S TITLE, AS THEY WILL APPEAR IN RING.



Boxing fans throughout the civilized world are anxiously awaiting the result of the 20-round encounter between Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and Stanley Ketchel, holder of the middleweight title, to be held in San Francisco tomorrow night. Judging by the strict training the men have been doing for several weeks, the bout should result in a hummer. According to all pugilistic "dope" a good big man can whip a good little man and spot him half a dozen hard wallops to start with. We are forced to admit that "Li'l' A'thuh" is a good big man as far as the present day heavyweights go, and no one denies the fact that Ketchel is a working good middleweight. The "dope" naturally points toward the black man. With his advantage of 40 pounds in weight and his natural cleverness many experts can give Stanley nothing more than a look-in. The two men differ greatly in their methods of fighting. In the coming bout the spectators will see a small, courageous, hard hitting, devil-may-care fighter against a giant, who will be cautious, cool and behind a guard which will be hard to penetrate. Therefore the odds are against a knockout in the 20 rounds scheduled. Ketchel will wade in and make every effort to land blows about the stomach which will win for him by the referee's count of 10. Johnson will be satisfied to keep Stanley away and try very cautiously to worry him with jolts now and then when they can be handed out in absolute safety. The betting on the fight is 2 to 1 that the negro wins. Jack Welsh of San Francisco has been selected as referee.

JOHNSON MANY POUNDS HEAVIER

Negro Has Big Advantage Over His Plucky Opponent in Championship Fight Tomorrow Night.

(Ed Smith.)

Just think of the difference in weight at which Jack Johnson and Stanley Ketchel will come together next Saturday afternoon! It is true the difference was as great and even greater on both occasions when Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons met; but you remember what happened to the lighter man, don't you? Fitzsimmons hurt himself in his fight with Jeff, his spine being hurt in a sudden knockdown that the big fellow gave him along about the fifth round. His back hurt him so that he didn't sit down in his corner from the seventh round on.

Bob always figured that he would do better in another meeting with Jeffries and got his wish, but not his revenge in that meeting out in San Francisco. Bob wasn't hurt accidentally in that engagement, but he didn't last as long as he did the first time of trying. He broke every bone in both hands pounding Jeff's face, but the end was just the same. With his wax tools gone Fitzsimmons succumbed quickly.

Of course it may be reasoned by some that Johnson today is not the man that Jeffries was in those days. There may be something in that, but at the same time Johnson is about as big as Jeff was, more clever and a decidedly more accurate hitter than Jeff ever could boast of being.

If Johnson is not today as good as Jeff was six years ago, one may ask if Ketchel is anywhere near as good as Fitz was in those days.

One offsets the other and makes the men, on that basis, about the same as Jeffries and Fitzsimmons were the first time they met. Fitz never had a chance in that engagement for Jeff would have won, accident or no accident.

But is Ketchel another Fitzsimmons? Did he show good form in permitting Billy Papke to almost whip him July 4? Does not Ketchel's defeat at the hands of Papke last fall indicate that he is woefully short of the Fitzsimmons class? Does the last Ketchel-Papke fight of 20 rounds, in which Ketchel hit Papke often enough to win a dozen battles, indicate that Ketchel is really there with such a terrible wallop?

Careful answers to these questions, based upon the plain facts and with all friendship and sentiment and bias laid aside, make Ketchel's case against the negro look like a hopeless one.

On the Johnson side, let us look into the fight he had with Tommy Burns in Australia. Burns was never able to hit the negro with the slightest effect, the motion pictures showing that Tommy was as helpless as a babe in the hands of the giant black.

And yet you would have to say, on form lines alone, that Burns that day would have had a royal chance if Johnson had Stanley Ketchel beat up his opponent instead of Johnson.

It is hard to figure that Ketchel is going to make himself a double champion Saturday afternoon.

JIMMY BRITT OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA

New York, Oct. 15.—James Edward Britt has started for South Africa in the hope of obtaining a few fights there with light-weights. He will go to England in January where the former light-weight champion pugilist has signed contracts to appear in vaudeville.

Willie Lewis has sailed for France, where he has a contract to take part in 10 fights with second raters for a guarantee of $750 for each affair.

JAMES B. HAGGIN GETS KENTUCKY FARM

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 15.—Dixiana, for years one of the most noted breeding farms in Kentucky, has passed into the hands of James B. Haggin. Mal Carson, owner of the noted stud establishment, traded it yesterday to James B. Haggin for a tract of farm land. Mal Carson wishes to take up the breeding of blooded cattle and go into active farming, while the pastures and stabling of Dixiana were considered too valuable to be disturbed. It is thought that this prompted the sale.

OWEN MORAN IS AFTER ABE ATTELL

New York, Oct. 15.—Owen Moran, English featherweight, is expected to arrive here within a day or two prepared to make a match with Abe Attell. James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, will also be here and will try to arrange the match. Jem Driscoll will be here later and it is expected that he will be ready to fight either Moran or Attell.

But the principal business that brings Coffroth to New York is believed to be the expected arrival of James J. Jeffries. As soon as Jeffries arrives, Coffroth will submit his offer which some profess to believe will be in the neighborhood of $20,000, and if it is acceptable, articles can be signed immediately. Of course, the Jeffries-Johnson fight depends entirely on the result of Johnson's fight with Ketchel tomorrow afternoon.

SALT LAKE HIGH DEFEATS ILIFF TEAM

The football game yesterday afternoon between the Salt Lake high school eleven and the Iliff team resulted in victory for the red and black by a score of 35 to 0. The Iliff boys started out like winners and five minutes after the play started had the ball on the high 5-yard line. Here they were held for downs and then the red and black began to do things.

The Iliff boys made a game fight but could not stop the high's rushes and score after score was made until the total of 35 was reached. The teams lined up as follows:

High School.		Iliff.
Worthman	L.E.	Wilson
Judd	L.T.	Daily
Brown	L.G.	Kimball
McIntyre	C.	Moran
Wilkensen	R.G.	Jennings
Bardwell	R.T.	David
Godbe	R.E.	Snow
Fitzpatrick	Q.B.	O. Romney
Attwood, Convill	L.H.B.	Parker
Romney	R.H.	Williams
Stout, Convill	F.B.	Grant

Referee—Convill. Umpire—Scranton. Timekeeper—McCurdy. Head linesman—Winmer. Length of halves—15 and 10 minutes. Time out—For high school, 2 minutes.

STARS WIN ANOTHER.

The Stars took another game yesterday in the contest with the Ninth South Red Sox, the score being 14 to 6. The line-up:

Stars.		Red Sox.
Stillwell	L.E.	Jarvis
McCallop	L.T.	Wieberg
Simms	L.G.	Bailey, Morton
Casey	C.	Burke
Levier	R.G.	Hayes
Romney	R.T.	Hayt, Fletcher
Olsen	R.E.	Tims
Romney	Q.B.	Lewis, Ward
Brinkerf	R.H.B.	Jones
Perkins	L.H.B.	Taylor
Monahan	F.B.	Bonnell

U. OF U. TEAM WANTS GOLDEN TEAM HERE

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon of the athletic council of the U. of U., and it was decided to ask the Golden School of Mines team to come here for a second game with the U. of U. on Nov. 4. Maddock's men play the Golden warriors one week from tomorrow, but owing to the failure of the Montana Miners to keep their agreement for a game tomorrow, the schedule has been interfered with and there is another open date.

It is quite probable that the Colorado boys will agree to come here for the second game. The U. team is in fine shape and Maddock is anxious to get all the games possible.

FORBES PROPOSES LONG BALLOON TRIP

New York, Oct. 15.—A. Holland Forbes, vice president of the Aero Club of America, who with Max Fleischmann of Cincinnati won the Lahm cup by a fast balloon trip from St. Louis to a point in Virginia, declares now that he hopes to break all records by going from St. Louis to Labrador. On the trip last October, the balloon averaged 38 miles an hour for the 291 miles traveled, and is a new record for fast ballooning in this country.

"It is too bad," said Mr. Forbes, "that we could not have found that northeasterly current of wind that would have taken us to Labrador.

"The world's distance record is 1,200 miles, and we had covered more than one-half that distance with less than one-half of the ballast. I am determined to keep on trying until I have set a new distance mark for the world."

SIX BEST SELLING BOOKS.

Record for September.

According to the foregoing lists, the six books (fiction) which have sold best in the order of demand during the month are:

1. The Goose Girl. Macfeath..$1.50
2. The Inner Shrine. Anon $1.50
3. A Certain Rich Man. White $1.50
4. The Bride of the Mistletoe. Allen $1.25
5. Katrine. Lane $1.50
6. The Romance of a Plain Man. Glasgow $1.50

For sale at the DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE.

TRACK RECORD IS BROUGHT DOWN

Talent Is Upset by Charley Paine Who Travels Mile in 1:41 4-5, Beating The Favorites.

There were many upsets at Buena Vista yesterday afternoon and only two favorites managed to land first money. The biggest surprise of the day came in the third race, one mile, in which the field was composed of Ethel Day, Godfather, Buckthorn and Charley Paine. Relying on his great brilliant burst of speed in the stretch after trailing the field, the talent went strong on Buckthorn while Ethel Day got much play. Godfather was also liked by many but Charley Paine was almost forgotten. When the barrier flew up, Ethel Day took the lead and held it until the stretch, the other horses being close up with Buckthorn last. With a sixteenth to go, Charley Paine set the crowd wild by closing up the gap and winning. The last race of Paine showed him back of the horses in the money in the close of 1:43 4-5, but in yesterday's race the horse won and covered the mile in 1:41 4-5, breaking the track record.

Another big surprise came in the second race when Furnace, the favorite, was beaten out by Invader, a 10 to 1 shot.

The fourth race would undoubtedly have gone to Ribon but the animal carried 130 pounds which proved too much. In spite of the weight Ribon made a game race of it but La Reine Hughes got away well and had the strength to last. Tuba in the first race and Jane Swift in the last were the only favorites to win.

HANDICAPPER PRAISES BUENA VISTA TRACK

M. J. Nearsey, an expert handicapper who has been picking the winners with startling regularity down at the Buena Vista track, is enthusiastic over the new mile course. Nearsey has been a student of the "sport of kings" and has been on all of the big tracks in this country and Europe.

"The Buena Vista track is one of the best in the country," said Nearsey yesterday afternoon, "and there is little wonder that first time is made in all the races. Few of the people appreciate the high class sport they are getting and the beauty of it is the races are clean.

"This track beats the New York tracks in many ways. As to the racing here we have had about 20 percentage of favorites win while on the metropolitan tracks the percentage is as low as 25. These are facts and should be sufficient answer to those who imagine they are not seeing clean sport.

Mr. Nearsey says that, in the east, if two or three favorites carry off the honors the turfites think it remarkable, while here four and five out of six are frequently the first under the wire.

AUTOMOBILES IN 24-HOUR RACE

New York, Oct. 15.—Unless the weather interferes again in racing automobiles will start at 8 o'clock tonight in a 24-hour contest on the Brighton Beach course. Rain compelled the abandonment of the event two weeks ago and rain is predicted for tonight.

The drivers have been practising on the course daily and a number of fast trials are reported, one car making 30 miles at less than a mile a minute.

A large crowd is expected to greet Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, who has been invited to start the drivers on their 24-hour grind.

BASEBALL GAMES.

New York, Oct. 14.—The Boston Americans wound up the post season series with the New York Nationals here this afternoon by winning their fourth straight victory, 5 to 4. Only 700 fans braved the cold weather to witness the contest. Speaker again starred for Boston, batting in the first three runs scored. The total receipts for the five games were $12,562.50. Of this amount the Boston team received $4,068.72, to be divided among 20 players, the manager, trainer and secretary. The New York players get as their share of the receipts $2,671.16.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	8	1
New York	4	10	2

Batteries—Pape, Wolter, Mathews, Hall and Carrigan; Crandall and Schlei.

Umpires—Rigler and Connolly.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—The Chicago National League team defeated the Chicago American League club here today, 2 to 1, in the fourth game of the city championship. The game stand: Cubs, 2; sox, 1. The paid attendance today was 8,512. Gross receipts today were $8,512, divided as follows: National commission, $639.39; players, $3,828.48; each club, $766.16. The total amount to be divided among the players is $23,530.65.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Americans	1	5	2
Nationals	2	5	2

Batteries—Walsh and Sullivan, Payne; Overall and Archer.

Two-base hit—Archer. Bases on balls—Off Overall, 2; off Walsh, 4. Struck out—By Overall, 9, by Walsh, 6.

Umpires—Sheridan and O'Day.

COAST LEAGUE.

Los Angeles, Oct. 14.—Although hitting the ball offtimes than Sacramento today, Los Angeles was unable to make runs out of the hits, and lost the game, 5 to 1. It was a well played game throughout, but devoid of features.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	1	5	3
Sacramento	5	8	3

Batteries—Toxer and Ormsbee; Whalen and La Longe.

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—Oakland established an San Francisco today by pounding Stewart out of the box in the first three innings and piled up a 5 to 2 victory. Durham replaced Stewart during the fourth inning and, while he was hit frequently, he did not allow any runs.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	7	10	
San Francisco	2	5	1

Batteries—Denk and Lewis; Stewart, Durham and Berry.

Portland, Or., Oct. 14.—Portland was shearing over Vernon today principally through inept playing of the visitors.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Vernon	6	6	3
Portland	2	5	1

Batteries—Willis and Brown; Carson and Fisher.

"PENNY" GOSSIP.

Golf play for the Country club championship begins tomorrow at the Country club.

Coach Teetzel of the Aggies is trying to arrange for a game with the Salt Lake high school eleven. The latter plays Butte Nov. 13.

What promises to be a fast game of football is on this afternoon between the Granite and Jordan high school teams. The game is played on the Granite gridiron. The Jordan team is a strong one and may surprise the Granite boys.

Judge Pomeroy has a keen eye for jockeys who are inclined to be rough. Yesterday Jockey Cavanagh on La Reine Hughes struck Ribon across the nose with his whip. He claimed it was an accident but Judge Pomeroy issued an order that will prevent Cavanagh from riding any more this week.

Jockey Nelson, the clever little rider who had several winning mounts here last spring, arrived here yesterday afternoon from the Canada circuit and will probably be seen on some of the fast ones at the track next week. From here he will most likely go to Mexico.

Joe Carroll, one of the oldest men in the wrestling game and who should be as well posted on the sport as any living man, has come out with the startling statement that all wrestlers are crooked and that the game is just run for what money there is in it. Many Salt Lakers have reason to believe the statement is true.

The Fifteenth football team at Fort Douglas is keeping its hand industry in preparation for the game with the U. of U. on St. Louis. Little Kade is confident that the boys in blue will make Maddock's men travel mighty fast to win. The fort eleven is a fine expect to beat the varsity.

Here is the lineup for the ball game between the jackass and rabbits at the Bonneville track Sunday: Rabbits—Smith, c.; Brady, p.; Wells, 1. b.; Ott, 2. b.; Roberts, s. s.; Reynolds, 3. b.; Patterson, r. f.; Nash, c. f.; Wright, l. f.; substitutes, Smith, Beiser. Dre. Jackass—Davis, c.; Cavanagh, p.; Kinghsum, 1. b.; Peach, 2. b.; Henry, 3. b.; Fisher, s. s.; Pickens, l. f.; Van Dessen, r. f.; Stoddard, c. f.; substitutes, Bills, Willis, Tillette.

Dr. R. F. Retler, the well known Seattle physician wrestler, is in the city. He is accompanied by his manager, Jack Curley. They will spend a few days here and then go east for a number of matches scheduled. Dr. Retler declares that Frank Gotch the champion is the best of them all and that there is not a wrestler living who can beat him.

The Eagles will play at Buena Vista next Wednesday. It will be Eagles' day and the Utah Jockey club will put on its headliners the Eagles handicap. Efforts will be made to get Gloria and Ribon in this race. W. P. Fine, owner of Gloria, says he will keep the horse in training if there is a chance for a race with Ribon.

GOOD RACE CARD FOR SATURDAY

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Second race, six furlongs, selling, 3-year-old and up—Arthur Hyman, 99; Bloodale, 102; Bab Tee, 108; Chief Desmond, 97; Kay White, 107; Geo Wood, 109; Lady Adelaide, 98; Gossiper 11, 99.

Third race, six furlongs, selling, 2-year-old and up—Si Jor, 94; Rostling Silk, 99; Bavaria, 99; Rosal River, 101; Brasche, 95; Old Nick, 101; Kerry, 98.

Fourth race, six and one-half furlongs, handicap, all ages—Galvin, 100; Frank Lubbock, 98; Ebing, 122; Meddling Hancock, 94.

Fifth race, one mile, selling, 2-year-old and up—Bad Luck, 98; Bolder, 106; Lovelady, 105; Altair, 98; Clearlighter, 98; Marlinge, 108; Tom Barker, 111; Lady Alice, 98; Rudera, 101; R. A. McCurdy, 98.

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling, 3-year-old and up—Wheatstone, 121; Anaconda, 120; Sir John, 112; Primero, 122; Sycamina, 93; Indemnity, 111; Rarefy, 118.

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