

NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD AT HOME AND ABROAD



N. C. HOPPER.

Salt Lake cycle fans will have little trouble in recognizing in the above cut, N. C. Hopper, one of the most popular riders at the famous saucer track. As a "speed merchant" he has made a good record for himself both at home and abroad. He came here a couple of seasons ago from Chicago, and rode with the amateurs. His friends predicted for him then, a brilliant future, and said he should be among the professionals. Taking their advice, he jumped into that class and right from the start "made good." At the close of last season he made up his mind to go to Australia, and he told his fellow riders that he was determined to capture the "Slaney thousand." When that great event was run off, Hopper crossed the tape first, leading a field of fast starters, and beating Major Taylor, the colored whirlwind rider. Hopper will no doubt finish the season at the Salt Palace where he is winning more than his share of the sprint events.

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THE FAVORITE IN THE EAST

But the Winner May Come Out of
The West—Corrigan Has
Dark Horse.

The American Derby, which will be run one week from today, offers a turf puzzle for a mind reader rather than a calculator. With the race so near at hand there are still about forty horses that cannot safely be put down as nonstarters. A year ago it was possible to narrow the field to half that number of candidates. The race this year appears to be the most open in the history of the event.

Events of the past week have insured an eastern representation in the race and it will be the old duel over again—the east against the west. In all probability it will also be the old story as to the favorite. He will come from the east. But the winner may come out from the west. Irish Lad, now positively announced as a starter in the Derby, will most likely on the strength of his great races as a 2-year-old and his recent victory in the Brooklyn handicap, be the favorite on Derby day. His eastern companions will be at longer prices. Yardsman, whom E. R. Thomas said he would send to Washington Park for June 20, has been beaten, but his good record cannot be overlooked. Mackey Dwyer, another easterner, although defeated by Plocarine in the Preakness stakes, had some bad racing luck and is highly regarded by his owner, Senator P. H. McCarren, and his trainer, Frank Brown. The latter has stated in New York that the colt will be shipped west.

None of the eastern horses seems likely to be sent to Chicago until a few days before the race. The late shipment plan is still in vogue. It is the hobby of John E. Madden, who is the turf adviser of the owners of at least two of the eastern candidates. Ontas and Sun Gold are also put down as possible comers from New York. Mexicans, who started the season well, has fallen off and is not now rated as a great horse. Lord of the Vale was injured a few weeks ago and nothing has been heard to the effect that August Belmont will send him out. He is not expected.

It is easy enough to get a fair line on the eastern contingent, but when it comes to picking starters from the western lot of eligibles it is an entirely different matter. Some horses of which nothing is known at all are likely to go to the post.

There is one striking instance of this. Ravel, who is rated in the table below as a possible starter, has been backed from 200 to 1 down to 25 to 1. The horse is owned by E. Corrigan and was bred in England. He has not started here and the public is in absolute ignorance as to his quality.

It is a fair assumption that any horse that has been backed so heavily will go to the post if he is worth anything at all. It is also fair to presume that the money on Ravel has not appeared in public must have come from his stable. Evidently Corrigan has a dark horse, but how dark is a question. Bernays, owned by J. B. Bernays, is another that has been backed but not shown.

In the list of probable starters are the names of fifteen horses representing the best class of Derby entries.

That number alone would make a good field. The largest number that ever ran in the Derby was in 1901, when fifteen horses contested. The field promises at present to be even larger.

This year it would not be surprising if twenty should line up at the barrier on Derby day.

The Chicago Record-Herald gives the following American Derby forecast of starters:

PROBABLE STARTERS.

Irish Lad, Savable, Early, High Chancellor, Early, Mackey Dwyer, Linguist, Claude, Plocarine, Jockey Himes, Dick Welles, Woodlake, Gore and Art, Au Revolt, Gregor K.

POSSIBLE STARTERS.

Yon McCarren, Ravel, Gilfain, Lord News, Gold Bell, Banter, Quatras, Skiffel, Bernays, Bourbon.

DOUBTFUL STARTERS.

Lendin, Sun Gold, Americano, Mexican, Metcye, Ahola, J. Sidney Walker, Jackfall.

UNLIKELY TO START.

Tom Maybin, Incubator, The Piccott, Colomado, The Don, Rightful.

ABOUT BURNS' RIDING.

His Rough Work is Causing Considerable Talk.

The manner in which Tommy Burns, the crack jockey of the W. C. Whitney stable, is riding in the east is causing no end of complaints from owners and jockeys that Tommy puts in danger in every race he rides.

The howl is now becoming so long and loud that the stewards will be forced to take action and Mr. Tommy will find himself "down on the ground for a week or so" if he is not careful. Still, when we look back at jockeys of the past, we find that all the "rough riders" met death themselves. Look at Andy McCarthy, who used to swing every boy in the race, and yet he "went over the rail" on Little Nell and met his death just when at the height of his career.

I remember an incident where rough riding won a derby, says Otto Flore, and that was at the Hamill track (now year that Fitzsimmons and Hall were to fight in St. Paul. It was the Twin City Derby, and Overton was on the favorite, the property of Ed Corrigan. "Pare Devil Fitzpatrick" was on one

of the other horses, Don Fulando. If I remember right, Coming into the stretch, Overton was riding great, and Fitzpatrick was in hand, when Fitz shouted out from behind: "Pull out, you d—n nigger, or I'll put you over the fence."

This so frightened Overton, who knew the reputation of Fitzpatrick, that he actually pulled out and allowed Fitz to come through on the inside and win a derby he was never entitled to win. The damage a rough rider can do in a field of timid boys is something the better never realizes, and often the best horse is beaten just on account of such tactics. It should be stopped.

CHICAGO BOYS' LUCK.

Jumps From Salary of \$25 a Month To \$30,000 a Year.

From a salary of \$25 a month to one of \$30,000 a year is the jump that Grover Cleveland Fuller, a Chicago boy, has made in less than one year.

From exercising horses in workouts at Lakeside to riding great thoroughbreds in rich eastern races is just another way of telling the story of little Fuller's remarkable career on the turf. They call him the Tammany boy now because he rides for the Tammany horsemen at Gravesend. He is in pretty solid with the Tammany chiefs, too. They held him a bargain at \$50,000 a year. They wouldn't part with him if they had to double his salary.

A year back Fuller was being kicked about the stables at Lakeside. He was willing to be kicked about if submitting patiently to the abuse would finally bring him a mount. And it did. One day he was given a dog to ride in a field of fellow dogs. Fuller says it was the keenest disappointment of his life when he finished the race absolutely last—so far back of the field, in fact, that the dust stirred up by the other nags didn't reach his eyes.

Fuller had one or two other mounts in Chicago, and then the trainer to whom he was under contract deserted him and went to Russia. Left to his own resources, Fuller had to do things. He went to New Orleans last winter.

Before he had been in the southern city a week he was famous. At the end of the season he led all of the jockeys riding there in the number of winning mounts. Then Tammany got hold of him and he signed a contract for \$30,000 a year.

Fuller is 20 years old. He was born "down on the farm" and he received his first training for the turf riding at country fairs. Two or three years ago he secured a job as a stable boy in a livery stable. But that didn't suit him. He had dreams of greatness as a jockey and he finally drifted to the Lakeside track.

It was not, however, until he was thrown on his own resources, with no trainer to look after and kick him, that he developed into the great jockey that he is today.

MCCOY'S NEW GRAFT.

Henceforth He Will Seek Fortune On Race Track.

Kid McCoy is going to try his hand at a "new graft." He has now publicly stated that no more will he be the stuffed mitt and push the same into the front pieces of aspiring champions. No more will he listen to the count of the referee, both in a standing and lying position, for he is remembered that McCoy has heard the count from all angles.

Henceforth he will in the few hours of the morning hike himself to the race track and watch the bang tails go through their preparations for the stakes he hopes to win. In other words, the kid will own a stable of cures. He admits that his fighting days are a thing of the past and that the race track offers the best possible inducement for an inventive genius such as McCoy has proved himself to be on all occasions when the dear public is to be parted from their hard earned cash.

If the kid will show the same cunning and the same ability among the horses he has shown in the roped arena there is no telling to what heights of the racing game he will rise. Just at present the country is racing mad and never in the history of the sport has the attendance been so large or the betting so heavy. The many prominent financiers of the game are attending the race tracks daily and bet \$10,000 and \$20,000 where formerly \$100 was bet. It is making the game so good.

Ever since William C. Whitney entered the game it has come forward with a bound and now all the leading men of the country are following the Whitney example and gathering stables. This year it is the best recreation in the world for a man who works hard during his business hours.

With McCoy, however, it will be purely a business proposition. He is there to get the coin and get it he will. If it shows up, for he is by far the cleverest of all the fighting brigade when it comes to making money by his wits.

SMATHERS' WAS TICKLED.

Because His Horse McChesney Won It in a Horse Handicap.

By the victory of McChesney in the Harlem National handicap, E. E. Smathers, the New York millionaire who paid \$20,000 for the horse, won \$75,000.

The betting on McChesney began when the horse was 15 to 1 in the future books. It continued until he was 4 to 1. Little of the money was placed in Smathers' name. It was offered by agents and came at first in such amounts that the bookmakers were taken unawares. Jim O'Leary said that he was \$50,000 loser to the race and "Kid" Weller announced a loss of \$60,000 to McChesney and \$2,000 to the race.

Smathers won so heavily that he treated those connected with McChesney with large gifts. He gave away more money than the purse amounted to. Sam Hildreth, whose training made the victory possible, was given \$2,500. To Jockey Charles Gray, who made so skillful a ride on the winner that it made a deep impression on Smathers, he gave \$5,000.

Mrs. S. C. Hildreth was asked to accept \$1,000. When Gray was placed on McChesney as substitute for Bullman it took him from Favonius, which he was originally scheduled to ride. Mrs. Hildreth owns Favonius, and for her willingness to surrender the ride Smathers offered to give her the entire purse if Favonius ran as good as second. Jockey Lee Jackson was therefore instructed to pull up Favonius in favor of McChesney in case the pair, which were coupled, came to the wire together.

Smathers' liberality did not cease with the important members of the stable. To the foreman of the stable he gave \$500, and to "Dave the Swipe," the man who rubs McChesney, he also gave \$500. An ex-convict received \$100. Altogether Smathers gave away more than \$12,000.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE ROPED ARENA

Much Dissatisfaction Over the
Christie-McCarthy Fiasco.

AMONG THE BIG FELLOWS.

Jeffries and Corbett Preparing for
Championship Battle—Root and
Gardner in July.

There has been more genuine dissatisfaction over the Christie-McCarthy alleged fight than there was over the Baker-Atell fiasco. It is making no mistake in saying that friends of both men were greatly disappointed in their showing, and especially is that true with reference to Jack Christie, the heretofore undefeated middle weight champion of the state. There has been a great deal said among the ring followers since Tuesday night, and some grave charges have been made. Some of them may be true, but it is quite certain that some are untrue. For instance, it is claimed in certain quarters that the match was a fake, that it was fixed for McCarthy to lose on a foul and that a re-fight would be arranged in the near future. As to the first part of the charge: It is not reasonable to believe that either man agreed to lose. That neither man put up even a good third round fight is conceded. Christie was evidently scared before he got his gloves warmed. He also looked too flimsy drawn. The style of milling was not suited to him and it must be said that, although Jack is a good, clever boxer, he is not cut out for a rough and ready fighter who can mix things up in a punch, and he never will be. It is not his nature and he can not stand rough tactics. As to a re-fight match, that is simply out of the question. The management of the club had better be wise and steer clear of any such a proposition, for it would surely be losing venture for all concerned.

During the week Manager McGinnis of the Salt Lake athletic club had his breath taken away by a letter he received from Jack Clifford, an old Salt Lake favorite who is now in Grass Valley, Nev. Jack issued a sweeping challenge to fight anything in existence that wore gloves and did not weigh more than 125 pounds. He is particularly anxious to mix matters a second time with Toby Irwin, and he says that the Californian would be willing to come out here and fight him. Jack has also issued a challenge to the winner of the O'Keefe-Britt fight. It is noticed that Jack's letter is absolutely silent about a certain Mexican who travels about the country under the pseudonym of Aurelio Herrera. Probably since the Mexican's famous fight connected with Jack's jaw, the latter's past has been a blank.

But writing of Herrera brings to mind the fact that McGinnis got another letter. This one was from the man who looks after the interest of an Eddie Toy. He is determined to get Herrera's scalp and not care how soon he does it. He claims that he has tried and tried to get the Mexican to sign up, but for some unknown reason, Billy Blasher is trying to steer Aurelio clear of Toy. The latter's manager states that if he can not get a fight with Herrera, his man would be willing to take on Tommy Jacobs, Long, or Billy De Coursey.

Say, what's become of that new athletic club and the Price-Forbes match?

The battle between Jack Root and Geo. Gardner for the light heavyweight championship will be fought at Fort Erie, Canada, instead of on the Mexican shore across from Blakes, Ariz., and scores of Salt Lakeers will be interested in the outcome. It seemed to be a case of going out of the country, and the fighters chose Canada in preference to Mexico.

Their choice is not surprising. The Fort Erie climate is better for training when it comes to a Fourth of July fight, and the prospects are better for a large crowd.

Root and Gardner will meet on the afternoon of July 4. Few more important or attractive matches could be made than that between the rival light heavyweights. Although Gardner holds the title by virtue of beating Root in this city last summer, the Chicago boxer has scored a victory over the champion.

Root's victory was on a foul and Gardner's came after Root had injured a hand. On that score, therefore, they seem to be a stand-off. They are well matched as to size, and the weight, 165 pounds at 9 o'clock in the morning, give or take two pounds, will be easy for both. The men should be at their best fighting weights.

Root and Gardner are similar in other respects. Both have fought their way up carefully and steadily to the top place in the business. Gardner had a rougher road to travel than Root, but after some defeats he suddenly developed and his reputation has not suffered in the least because he was defeated in former days. His victories have overshadowed his defeats.

Root was never beaten until he lost to Gardner. Previous to that time he had a clean record with only a few draws. In fighting style the men are much different. Gardner is a vicious in-fighter of the most pronounced type, while Root is a clever fellow, who likes long-range work, but who is strong enough to do some roughing if it becomes necessary.

The Corbett-Jeffries fight for the heavyweight championship is now attracting considerable attention. Jeffries has been confident from the start that he would again be returned the winner and he still believes so. However, Corbett is by his convincing arguments has won an army of admirers who, while they do not just believe he will win, are positive that Jim will make a showing against the champion of which they may feel proud.

Corbett's showing against the champion when they clashed at Coney Island several years ago was par-excellence for 20 rounds. Then his mode of living began to tell on him. He sloshed up and lost the attributes of foot that carried him over the dangerous ground in the early stages of the battle. He became slow and Jeff reached the vital spots, with the result that he soon won.

It is the showing that Corbett made in the first 20 rounds of that fight on which he bases his argument in the present match, and says: "If I don't lose my speed in our previous match I will have received the decision and there would have been nothing else to it."

All of this is very true and Corbett



ORLANDO STEVENS.

The above likeness is that of one of the crack bike riders now performing at the Salt Palace track. It is that of Orlando Stevens, who has an enviable record as a sprinter. Stevens began riding the wheel on the race track in '96, starting the same year that Manager Schefelski of the saucer, branched out as a cyclist. In '97 he finished third on the National circuit for the championship. The leaders were Bald, Cooper and Stevens. He did not compete on the track last year, but went to California, where he became a benedict. He came here recently from the coast and at once began riding on the saucer where he has won in some red hot finishes. His most notable victory was gained on Wednesday night, when he defeated young Hopper in a three mile match race. Stevens expects to finish out the season in Salt Lake.

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