

ATHLETICS.

A NEW CHAMPION AT HERCULEAN FEATS.



IN the Hemenway Gymnasium, Cambridge, Mass., February 1st. Mr. Luther Colby Rood, a medical student of Harvard University, raised a dumbbell, weighing 211 lbs., from the floor to his shoulder with both hands, and thence to full arm's length above his shoulder with one hand. Rood is 20½ years old, and 5ft. 6in. high.

The previous American amateur record was 201 lbs. 5 oz., made by R. A. Pennell, in New York city, January 31, 1874, and the previous world's amateur record 210.56 lbs., made by F. Staehr, at Vienna, Austria, December 17, 1885.

Mr. Rood weighs 148 lbs., Pennell weighed 225 lbs. and Staehr 253½ lbs.

AN AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPION IN ENGLAND.

Mr. J. L. Bremer, Jr., a recent graduate of Harvard University, the American intercollegiate champion at the 220-yard hurdle race in 1894, 1895 and 1896, and the present holder of the world's best record at that game, is now a student at Balliol College, Oxford University, England. It is unfortunate for Bremer that his speciality is almost unknown in England, and, failing to find any opportunity for competition in that line, he is compelled to enter in events at which he is less expert.

At the games of his new college, March 4th, he won the final heat of the 100-yard race in 10 2-5s.

At the annual games of Oxford University, held March 8th and 10th, he was left at the post in his trial heat of the 100-yard run and allowed to start in final. In the final heat he finished fourth, about 10 feet behind 10s.

In the quarter-mile run Bremer finished third, 5½ yards behind 50 1-5s.

NEW ENGLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

At their annual meeting, held March 6th, in Boston, Mass., the Executive Committee were authorized to set standards, hold trial contests and select teams for the national interscholastic championship games, and to fix date and place of the annual outdoor games.

The election resulted as follows: President, H. C. Kennington, E. H. S.; Vice President, A. W. Lincoln, B. L. S.; Secretary, X. C. A. Alpin, W. A.; Treasurer, P. Potter, W. H. S.; Executive Committee—H. H. Howe, Harvard University; F. H. Bigelow, H. U.; H. H. Fish, H. U.; C. B. Cotting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Undergraduate Committee—H. C. Kennington E. H. S.; G. A. Sawin, Cambridge Manual Training School; E. W. Mills, C. H. S.; M. Schoonmaker.

GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The annual competition for the gymnastic championships of the Amateur Athletic Union, omitted in 1895 and 1896, was resumed March 18th, in the Knickerbocker Athletic Club House,

New York city, that club having generously offered to pay the expenses of the meeting.

One of the contestants, H. Schwarz, of the Brooklyn (E. D.) Turn Verein, wears an artificial leg.

Rope climbing, 25 feet.—B. Sanford, New Jersey Athletic Club, 7 1-5s.; C. Hoffman, Anchor A. C., 7 4-5s.; W. Schaible, Newark (N. J.) Turn Verein, and E. Kumath, A.A.C., tied for third place, and in the deciding trial Schaible won in 9s.

Club swinging—F. Metz, Jr., N.T.V., 21 9-10 points; H. Lang, New York T.V., 20 9-10 points; J. D. Harris, Pastime A.C., 19 2-5 points.

Horizontal bar—C. Berndt, A.A.C., 59 points; J. Balz, N.Y.T.V., 51½; E. Linderman, Camden T.V., 49½.

Parallel bars—O. Steffen, N.Y.T.V., 44 1-10 points; C. Berndt, A.A.C., 43 1-5; H. Schwarz, Brooklyn (E. D.) T.V., 42 3-10.

Flying rings—C. Berndt, A.A.C., 43 2-5 points; B. Sanford, N.J.A.C., 39 1-10; A. B. de Young, K.A.C., 35½.

Side horse—F. Hartel, N.Y.T.V., 44 points; E. Linderman, C.T.V., 38 3-20; J. Bissinger, N.Y.T.V., 37 1-10.

Long horse—E. Linderman, C.T.V., 38 points; J. Bissinger, N.Y.T.V., 37¼; F. Hartel, N.Y.T.V., 35.

Tumbling—W. Haas, P.A.C., 14 7-10 points; P. R. E. Steier, P.A.C., 13 1-10; J. Steier, P.A.C., 12 3-5.

Six of the competing gymnasts also entered for an additional all-round prize, awarded to the man making the highest total score in the general competition. The contestants were Linderman, Hartel, Bissinger, Steffen, Balz and Reuss. The scores of the first three were: Linderman, 164.60; Bissinger, 163.65; Hartel,

INDOOR INTERSCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At Madison Square Garden, New York city, March 27, the National Interscholastic Athletic Association held its annual indoor championship meeting under the management of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, whose officers generously assumed the labor and expense necessary for such an enterprise. The public did not become interested in the meeting, and the result was a large deficit, which was paid by the promoting club. New York was crippled by the absence of the Berkeley School; the honors were carried off by Worcester, Mass., High School, which was represented by only six athletes, yet scored more points than the total of any two other schools, and the Eastern schools, with but a limited representation, scored more than half of all the points.

The prizes were widely distributed, each of ten schools raking one or more first places, while each of nineteen schools won a prize.

The track, laid out on the board floor, was a tenth of a mile in circuit, and the curves at either end were marked by light wooden curbs, not high enough to prevent the runners from stepping inside when occasion offered. The programme was short, the management efficient, and the games ended at an unusually early hour, despite the recess of 20 minutes allowed to the Worcester High School before the relay race.

50-yard run, junior—Final heat, G. Whitmore, Dwight School, 6s.

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440-yard run—H. C. Kennington, English H. S., 55 3-5s.

880-yard run—H. C. Manvel, Pingry S., 2m. 4 2-5s.

1-mile run—E. W. Mills, Chauncy Hall S., 4m. 36s.

Junior relay race, four-tenths of a mile—Collegiate School: B. Smith, F. S. McLintock, H. McLintock, P. Ralph 1m. 31 1-5s.; Cutler's School, 2; Columbia Grammar School, 3.

Relay race, 1 mile—Worcester High School; P. Potter, T. D. Sullivan, L. Mills, A. M. Butler, 4m. 3s.; Dwight S., 2, by 50 feet.

50-yard hurdle race—Final heat, P. Potter, W. H. S., 7 2-5s.

1-mile walk—H. W. Ladd, Melrose S., 7m. 43 2-5s.

Running high jump—S. S. Jones, Bridgeport H. S., and G. P. Serviss, Brooklyn Latin S., tied at 5ft. 9³/₄in., and Jones won the toss.

Pole vault—F. R. Sturtevant, Hyde Park H. S., 10ft. 3in.

Putting 12-lb shot—B. T. Kinney, St. Paul's S., 43ft. 4¹/₂in.

INTERCOLLEGIATE GYMNASTICS.

March 27th, in the gymnasium of the New York University, University Heights, New York city, Lehigh University and New York University contested a gymnastic match, the home team winning by a score of 38 points against 34 points.

Running high jump—A. A. Foreman, New York University, and K. Campbell, N. Y. U., tied for first place, at 5ft. 5in.

Fence vault—W. A. Megraw, Lehigh U., 6ft. 7in.

Rope climbing—O. Sanchez, L. U., 6s.

Tumbling—M. H. Putnam, L. U., 1.

Side horse—F. J. Belcher, N. Y. U., 1.

Club swinging—J. T. Ladue, N. Y. U., 1.

Horizontal bar—J. J. Reamer, L. U., 1.

Parallel bars—C. F. Foster, N. Y. U., 1.

Director F. H. Carm performed with illuminated Indian clubs, and twenty members of the New York University gave an exhibition of pyramid building.

OXFORD WINS ON LAND AS WELL AS ON WATER.

The thirty-fourth annual inter-university games were held April 2d, at Queen's Club Grounds, West Kensington, London, Eng., Oxford winning by a score of 4 and two ties against 3 and two ties.

The weather was cold and cloudy, and the track in fair condition, despite recent heavy rains.

The path, a third of a mile in circuit, is a trapezium with four straight sides and four corners, one of which is easy and the three others rather short.

100-yard run—C. R. Thomas, Jesus College, Oxford University, and F. L. Carter, Caius C., Cambridge U., a dead heat in 10 1-58.

Quarter-mile run—G. Jordan, U. C., O. U., 49 4-58; W. Fitzherbert, Trinity Hall, C. U., 2, by 8 yards.

1-mile run—H. F. Howard, T. H., C. U., 4m. 27 2-58; A. L. Danson, Balliol C., O. U., 2, by 12 yards.

3-mile run—M. Freemantle, Hertford C., O. U., 14m. 47 1-58; W. V. Wood, Clare C., C. U., 2, by 60 yards.

120-yard hurdle race—E. D. Garner, Oriol C., O. U., 16 3-58; W. H. Maundrell, Corpus C., C. U., 2, by 212 yards.

Running high jump—E. O. Kirlew, Christ Church, O. U., and E. H. Cholmeley, J. C., C. U., tied at 5ft. 7 5-8in.

Running long jump—G. C. Vassal, O. C., O. U., 22ft. 7in.; L. R. O. Bevan, T. H., C. U., 21ft. 8 1-4in.

Putting 16-lb. shot—J. H. Bulloch, Trinity C., C. U., 37ft. 6 1-2in.; A. O. Dowson, New C., O. U., 36ft. 1 1-2in.

Throwing 16-lb. hammer—J. A. Halliday, T. C., C. U., 97ft. 9in.; P. P. Crossley, T. C., O. U., 95ft. 10 1-2in.

Cambridge has won the majority of firsts in nineteen years, Oxford in fourteen years; and in 1864 when there were but eight events, the result was a tie in firsts, although Cambridge won by scoring 7 seconds against 1 for Oxford.

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BASEBALL.

IN THE EASTERN COLLEGES.



A BRIEF summary of the college season of 1896 may not be unwelcome at this time when we are just beginning the new season of 1897.

The games of last year did not enable us to determine exactly what was the best college team of the year, since Princeton did not play Pennsylvania and Yale played neither Pennsylvania nor Harvard. But on the games played, Princeton had the best record, defeating both Harvard and Yale and not losing a series. Harvard started off poorly but finished very strongly, a close second to Princeton; while Pennsylvania and Yale, with practically new teams, lost a majority of their important games. Pennsylvania, however, deserves special credit for a good fight, after losing almost a whole team of experienced players at the very beginning of the season, by a faculty regulation against "summer hotel" players. Few in-

stitutions would have handicapped themselves so much for the sake of amateur sport, and fewer still would have shown such good courage under such a disadvantage. Brown, as usual, had a team which was very close to the top, and some consider it the best team of the year, but unfortunately a few of the men on her team could hardly pass muster as amateurs. In the New England Associations, Williams won the championship after a close contest with Amherst.

The present season should be a great improvement on the season of 1896. All the teams should be stronger than they were last year, and we are to have a Harvard-Yale series once more to close the playing of the year, something we missed very much last season.

Princeton's team is the first in the field, and is practically the same as last year. Ward and Gunter have left vacant the positions of short-stop and third base, and Princeton will be exceedingly fortunate if she succeeds in filling their places. The team has a lot of seasoned material in the pitcher's box, in Wilson, Easton, Altman and Payne, and an excellent new man in Hildebrand, of Andover, who is large and strong, and has fine speed and fair curves. Kafer, of last year's Lawrenceville team, is a fine back-stop and a very strong thrower, and should make the best catcher Princeton has had for some years. Kelly will play first again, and Sankey, Butler, Hildebrand and Barrett, the last three new men, are counted on to complete the infield. Just what sort of an infield Princeton will have cannot yet be determined, but the new men have shown up strongly in the