



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE new season opens with brighter prospects for athletics than have been in view for many seasons.

Never have the officers of the Amateur Athletic Union taken a step which is likely to prove so beneficial to the inducement of athletics among the younger classes and the novices as their decision to introduce into their championship programme "junior championships." Great credit is due to Secretary Sullivan, of the Amateur Athletic Union, at whose suggestion this change was first brought up. The officers of the association have adopted the new plan of junior championships with the object of reviving interest in the small clubs and schools. Many a man who earns his junior championship will be so encouraged by his success that he will keep up his training with the hope of doing something in the senior event; whereas, if it were not for these junior contests he would give up all hope of entering where he would stand little chance among the well-known cracks. He must be encouraged to train, and the junior championships will undoubtedly work wonderful results in this direction. The new plan is to hold the senior and junior championships on the same day. The junior events will be held in the morning, and the winners in these classes can, if they wish, compete in senior events in the afternoon. No man who has ever won a championship event is eligible for the junior competitions.

"ROUNDERS" IN ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

The action of the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union, held November 20th, was far-reaching in formulating amendments intended to restrict the aggregation into one or more clubs of prominent athletes wherever they may have first appeared. The deterrent effect of this policy, which had become notorious in one or two of the wealthier and more active clubs, has become marked. That its effect must be baneful to the general progress of athleticism was generally recognized. That it was lawful, there is no gainsaying. The restrictions imposed upon contestants hereafter may or may not be ultimately successful; they appear on the surface to be likely to be in the main effective. If they are not, there is undoubtedly so widespread an intention to prevent "rounders," that future and more stringent regulations are assured.

The main points of the reform are (1) that no athlete shall (without first obtaining consent) be allowed to compete from any club in case he has within one year competed as a member of any club in the union, nor (2) shall he be eligible to compete as a member of any club in the territory unless he shall have resided within the territory at least four months previously.

The prospect of this beneficent legislation taking immediate effect, however, is to some extent postponed by a provision that it shall not apply to any undergraduate who shall have been elected to membership of any club prior to November 20, 1899, so long as he remains an undergraduate. However, the spirit of the new laws is right, and the official recognition of the evil valuable.

ANOTHER RESTRICTION.

Another restriction tending to purity in athletics is the removal of the clause in the constitution which permitted amateurs to play professionals in baseball, basket-ball or football. But here again the peculiar circumstances of College sports compelled a modification, and the reform was only possible on the understanding that the union would recognize as amateurs all the men endorsed by the Intercollegiate A. A. A. whether they had played against professionals or not. The time is not ripe for more than this. It is the official recognition of the right path to follow that we must rejoice in; the rest will follow in due season.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first annual championship meeting of the Intercollegiate Cross-country Association was held at Morris Park, N. Y., November 18th. Representatives of Cornell, Yale, Pennsylvania, Columbia, and Princeton participated. Unfortunately Harvard declined, owing to the short time allowed for training long-distance runners. We hope, however, next year to see Harvard take her place among the other candidates for championship honor; at this meeting.

The course was laid over the regular steeplechase ground, inside the race track; and in the five circuits, a distance of six and one-third miles was covered. There were eight jumps to a circuit, including a water and two Liverpools. The three-foot hedge in front of the water jump was removed, which left it a comparatively easy obstacle of about ten feet.

Just before the men lined up a drizzling rain set in which lasted for about the first ten minutes of the race. This did not tend to make the going any too pleasant, and the performance of J. F. Cregan, of Princeton, who won the individual honors, was, therefore, all the more creditable, for he lowered the previous record for the course by more than a minute, covering the distance in the excellent time of 34 minutes 5 2-5 seconds.

Team honors went to Cornell, which certainly had in the field a first class cross-country quartet. Their point score was 24; Yale came second with a score of 32, Pennsylvania third, 50, and Columbia fourth, with 77 points to their credit.

At the start, Berry and Sweet, of Cornell, set the pace and continued in the lead up to the completion of the first round, with Cregan and Grant some fifteen yards behind. Sweet led at the second lap, but Cregan had come up to second place, and Grant and Berry were close behind. This order continued throughout the third lap. Toward the end of this lap Cregan and Grant had left Berry and had overtaken Sweet. From this on, the race for first honors lay between Cregan and Grant. In the last half mile Cregan began to draw away from Grant, and running the last three hundred yards in

beautiful style won from the Pennsylvanians by a good hundred and fifty yards. Grant finished a hundred yards ahead of Sweet. Smith, of Yale, had worked his way up to fourth place.

One of the most exciting features of the race was the finish for place between Berry and Torrance, of Cornell, and Waldron, of Yale; fifty yards from the finish all three were abreast, but the Cornell men outran their opponent on a fine spurt. The following is a summary of the order of finish and the times:

Position.	Name and College.	Time.
		M. S.
1.	John F. Cregan, Princeton.....	34 05 2-5
2.	Alexander Grant, U. of P.....	34 40
3.	A. J. Sweet, Cornell.....	35 12
4.	H. P. Smith, Yale.....	35 32 1-5
5.	A. O. Berry, Cornell.....	35 59
6.	C. C. Torrance, Cornell.....	35 59 1-5
7.	W. D. Waldron, Yale.....	36 00
8.	J. M. Perry, Princeton.....	36 14
9.	P. Strong, Yale.....	36 14 1-5
10.	E. P. Strowger, Cornell.....	36 36
11.	J. B. Baillie, U. of P.....	36 43
12.	J. P. Adams, Yale.....	36 47
13.	B. G. Teel, Yale.....	36 51
14.	S. B. Chittenden, Yale.....	36 56
15.	G. A. Chamberlain, Princeton.....	37 15
16.	E. R. Bushnell, U. of P.....	37 18
17.	J. C. Caldwell, Columbia.....	37 26
18.	G. G. Parkhurst, Yale.....	37 28 1-5
19.	G. C. Atkins, Columbia.....	37 29
20.	L. S. Thurston, Columbia.....	37 57
21.	W. G. Stuart, U. of P.....	38 05
22.	H. D. Mosenhal, Columbia.....	38 11
23.	L. Juliard, Cornell.....	39 28
24.	J. A. Standin, U. of P.....	39 58
25.	J. C. Davis, Cornell.....	40 02
26.	S. G. Climenson, U. of P.....	40 25
27.	E. A. Mechling, U. of P.....	41 30

A. A. U. TEN-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The ten-mile championship of the A. A. U. was run off under the auspices of the Knickerbocker A. C. at their indoor meeting, held at Madison Square Garden, November 30th.

The increased interest in long-distance running was clearly shown by the fact that no less than twenty-eight starters came out for the long-distance championship.

G. W. Orton, who has become famous as a long-distance and steeplechase man, won the championship with ease, notwithstanding the fact that he had as companions such well-tried men as "Dick" Grant, McGirr and Kennedy. Orton went to the front at the start and was closely followed all through the race by Grant. In the last lap Orton set out in splendid form, and came to the tape fifteen yards in front of Grant, having covered the ten miles in 57min. 28sec. McGirr was third, about a lap behind.

The feature which was next in importance to the long run was the remarkable sprinting of A. F. Duffey, of Georgetown University. He equaled the record in the sixty-yard handicap, and, although giving long starts, finished a dead heat in the final. In the run-off the handicap man beat him by six inches.

A summary of the events follows:

Ten-mile run, A. A. U. championship—Won by George W. Orton, Toronto Lacrosse and A. A.; Dick Grant, Cambridgeport Gymnasium and A. A.; 2; T. J. McGirr, New York A. C.; 3; R. W. Kennedy, Star A. C.; 4; C. L. Brady, Xavier A. A.; 5; C. Maher, Stamford, 6. Time, 57m. 28s.

60-yard run, novice—Final heat won by W. Delgado, New York City; A. Weygang, Jr., Union Settlement A. C.; 2; D. C. Harvey, Pearl River A. A.; 3. Time, 78s.

440-yard run, for schoolboys, scratch—Won by F. A. Breslin, St. Bartholomew A. C.; H. E. Taylor, Ballin High, 2; I. I. Levine, Morris High, 3. Time, 60 3-5s.

880-yard run handicap—Won by H. Arnold, Union Settlement A. C., 48yds.; A. Mackenzie, Jr., Shamrock

Harriers, 55yds., 2; G. T. Fitzgerald, Star A. C., 36yds., 3. Time, 2m. 5 2-5s.

Putting 16 pound shot, handicap—Won by Dr. Robert P. Froehlich, unattached, 10ft., with an actual put of 35ft. 2½in.; L. E. Fuerbach, West Side Y. M. C. A., 7ft., 2; R. J. Sheridan, Pastime A. C., 6½ft., 3.

Running high jump, handicap—Won by S. S. Jones, New York University, 2½in., with an actual jump of 6ft.; W. L. Drummond Pastime A. C., Gin., 2; J. Kraukauer, Alliance A. C., 8in., 3.

One-mile run, handicap—Won by A. Mackenzie, Jr., Shamrock Harriers, 100yds.; W. H. Christie, Fourth Regiment A. A., 85yds., D. J. Donovan, Xavier A. A., 50yds., 3. Time, 4m. 40 3-5s.

60-yard dash, handicap—Final heat a dead heat between A. F. Duffey, Georgetown University, scratch, and W. S. Edwards, unattached, 13ft.; John C. Doyle, Brooklyn A. C. 16ft., 3. Time, 6 2-5s. Edwards won the run-off for first prize in 6 2-5s.

440-yard dash, handicap—Final heat won by H. Arnold, Union Settlement A. C., 28yds.; G. Meckel, Union Settlement, A. C., 35yds., 2; F. J. Falk, West Side Y. M. C. A., 32yds., 3. Time, 53s.

Throwing 56-pound weight for height, scratch—Won by D. O'Connell, New West Side A. C., with 12ft. 6in.; J. McCarthy, Pastime A. C., 2; R. J. Sheridan, Pastime A. C., 3.

NEW ENGLAND CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The annual New England ten-mile cross-country championship was held under the auspices of the Cambridgeport Gymnasium Association, Nov. 30th. D. C. Hale, of Brown University, won, in 56 minutes and 18 3-5 seconds.

Hale had the race well in hand throughout, and finished two hundred and fifty yards in the lead. Sullivan was a hundred yards in front of Clifford, who was three hundred yards ahead of A. L. Blakemore; A. McDonald was well in the rear. The order and times of the first three men were as follows:

1. D. C. Hale, Brown University, 56m. 18 3-5s.
2. B. Sullivan, Highland A. C., 56m. 45s.
3. W. Clifford, Worcester, 56m. 58s.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN—YALE-CORNELL.

The first dual cross-country contest between Yale and Cornell was held at Ithaca, N. Y., December 2d. The course was laid over country east of Ithaca and a distance of six and three-quarter miles was covered. The day was almost perfect for cross-country work, but the going was a little heavy owing to recent rains. The teams consisted of five men each, and by the system of scoring adopted, the first man home scored ten points. The Cornell team won by a score of 36 points to 19, thus proving that they are, as a team, capable of keeping up to the excellent work exhibited by them in the Intercollegiate championships. Captain Sweet, of the Cornell team, made the best time, finishing in 38 minutes 36 seconds, a hundred yards ahead.

The Cornell men finished in good condition, but some of the Yale team were badly used up. The country was more hilly than they are accustomed to. Captain Adams, of Yale, was taken with cramps early in the race, but managed to finish.

The following is the order of finish:

Score.	Runner.	Team.	Time.
			M. S.
10.....	Sweet.....	Cornell.....	38:36
9.....	Smith.....	Yale.....	38:54
8.....	Torrance.....	Cornell.....	40:15
7.....	Finch.....	Cornell.....	40:21
6.....	Berry.....	Cornell.....	40:31
5.....	Strowger.....	Cornell.....	40:33
4.....	Waldron.....	Yale.....	40:38
3.....	Teel.....	Yale.....	43:21
2.....	Butts.....	Yale.....	45:55
1.....	Adams.....	Yale.....	50:57

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