

## NOTABLE PERFORMANCES AND RECORDS.

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THE annual Intercollegiate Athletic Championship Meeting usually makes work for compilers and correctors of record tables, and this year's competitors were fully up to the standard; but bad weather interfered so seriously with good performances that no American records were broken, and in only four events were previous collegiate performances equaled or beaten. A storm during the forenoon of the first day left the track soft and the field slippery, while the rain which fell drearily the afternoon of next day made matters worse.

Published comment on this meeting shows that the distinction between a collegiate record and an intercollegiate record is not generally understood. The laws of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America provide that an intercollegiate record can be made only at the annual championship meeting, whereas a collegiate record may be made by a collegian at any amateur games. Intercollegiate records are, therefore, necessarily collegiate records, but many collegiate records are not intercollegiate records.

During the preliminary trials on Friday, F. Beck, of Yale, despite the slippery ground, put the 16-lb. shot 44ft. 3in., thus establishing new intercollegiate and collegiate records, the previous best having been 43ft. 8½in., by J. C. McCracken, Pennsylvania, in 1898, and 44ft. 1½in., by O. Hickok, Yale, at the Yale-Harvard match, Cambridge, Mass., May 18, 1895. Beck, although comparatively a small man, has a fine style, and will, no doubt, do still better.

ON the same afternoon, A. Plaw, University of California, threw the 16-lb. hammer 154ft. 4½in., thus supplanting former intercollegiate and collegiate records, which were 149ft. 5in., by J. C. McCracken, in 1898, and 153ft. 8in., by the same athlete, May 30, 1898, in the games of the N. J. A. C., at Bergen Point, N. J.

Plaw, a genial young giant of 19 years, looks more like a gentleman of leisure than an athlete, and shows no evidence of training. He was taught by Carroll, of San Francisco, one of the most skilful professionals in the world. Plaw moves with surprising quickness, and makes three turns, which naturally tend to pull him out of the ring, so that many of his attempts are foul, but he is likely to get in one or two fair throws in every competition.

At the match between the Universities of California and Pennsylvania, held on Franklin

Field, Philadelphia, Pa., May 28, Plaw lengthened his collegiate record by winning the hammer-throwing at 165ft. ½in., and also cleared 170ft. 7in., in an informal trial, before the competition.

THE most remarkable performance of the meeting was the final heat of the 120 yards hurdle race. A drizzling rain was falling, the track was so soft that the runner's foot slipped back a little at each take-off for a hurdle, and a light east wind blew against the men. A. C. Kraenzlein, University of Pennsylvania, did not touch any hurdle, and won in 15<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>s. The previous intercollegiate record was 15<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>s., by Kraenzlein, last year. At the fifty-fifth annual games of the N. Y. A. C., held September 28, 1895, on Travers Island, N. Y., S. Chase, of Dartmouth College, won the 120 yards hurdle race in 15<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>s., which shares the collegiate honors with Kraenzlein's two performances. The world's best record is 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>s., by Kraenzlein, at Chicago, Ill., June 18, 1898. That he could, under the circumstances described above, equal the best performance by any other man, and come within a fifth of a second of his own world's record, proves that he has not yet reached his limit, and, whenever all conditions are favorable, it is likely he will run the race in 15s.

AT the annual Decoration Day games of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, held on their grounds at Bayonne, N. J., J. Flanagan, N. Y. A. C., won the hammer-throwing at 159ft. 10in., and in an exhibition cleared 171ft., which would, if regularly made, have become a new world's record. R. Sheldon, of the same club, won the discus-throwing at 121ft. 8½in., which is better than all previous performances, but the record cannot be allowed, because the throwing-ground was a trifle larger than allowed by the rules.

Sheldon has been peculiarly unfortunate at this game. In the annual amateur championship meeting, at Riverside, Mass., last fall, he cleared a distance greater than the world's record, but the implement proved to be an ounce short of the required weight. In each of these cases the fault was with the management, and not with the athlete.

THE chief event of the Olympic Games at Athens, Greece, in 1896, was a race over ordinary roads, from Marathon to Athens—42 kilometers, which is a trifle over 26 miles. In com-

memoration of the honors won by their athletes at these games, the Boston Athletic Association founded an American Marathon race, from the bridge above Ashland, Mass., to the Boston A. A. club-house, Blagden and Exeter streets, Boston, Mass. The roads are well made and well kept, but the route, although surmounting no great hills, has many ups and downs, some of which are steep enough to hinder a runner.

In the fourth annual race, held April 19th, the first third of the course had several muddy stretches which compelled the contestants to run on the side-paths. There were 29 starters, of whom 26 finished the whole distance. John Caffrey, of the St. Patrick's Athletic Club, Hamilton, Ontario, finished first, in 2h. 39m. 44<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub>s., beating the best former American performance (2h. 42m.); over the same course. W. Sherring, Hamilton Young Men's Christian Association, was second, in 2h. 41m. 31 3-5s.

THE sixth annual relay race meeting promoted by the Athletic Association of the University of Pennsylvania was held April 28th, on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Pa. The weather was warm and hazy, while a shifty wind, varying from time to time in both speed and direction, blew down the field against the regular finish. So, after the University 100 yards race, the competitors in the special 100 yards and the 220 yards races unanimously petitioned the referee to run the other sprints from the lower end of the path, as it was hard work to struggle against the wind. This was done, and in the 100 yards special A. J. Duffey, of Georgetown University, amateur 100 yards champion of America, won in 9 4-5s, two of the seven watches recording 9 3-5s. No claim for record will be made, but it is probable that Duffey would have finished easily in 10s. if there had been no wind; and whenever, during the coming season, he meets good day and good track, his name will no doubt be added to the list of American sprinters who have traveled 100 yards in 9 4-5s.

THE special running broad jump had six entries, but the actual competitors were only two, Myer Prinstein, Syracuse University, and A. C. Kraenzlein, University of Pennsylvania. The runway is smooth, hard and level, the take-off in accord with the rules, and the alighting-place on the same level as the take-off. The take-off plank, five inches in width, has warped slightly, so that the face of the plank at the left end slopes up from the starting side a little; but the other end is level, and the slope, in the middle, where the jumpers take off, is

near enough to a water level to make the jumps acceptable as records. Kraenzlein, ill with malaria, seemed to have no ambition, and jumped miserably, for him, although many well men would like to duplicate his performance. Prinstein also was awkward at the start, touching the plank but once, and then taking off about one inch behind the line. His three attempts were 23ft. 2in., 24ft. 7in. and 23ft. 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in. His second jump was longer than Kraenzlein's world's record, but will hardly be allowed, as the wind was with the jumpers. Some onlookers were indignant that any one should dare to question the record; but a wind which kept all the high jumpers from one to two inches below their ability, blew down one of the pole-vaulting standards, and drove the sprinters to petition for a change in the direction of their races, must certainly have been a factor in the running broad jump, where a following breeze helps the jumper, not only in the run up to the mark, but in the subsequent flight through the air. During the hour following the jump, the referee asked about twenty spectators, all either officials or athletic experts, how much they thought the wind had helped the jumper; and their answers, running all the way from nothing to a foot, prove that the effect of a following wind on a running broad jump is not as yet scientifically determined.

#### Important recent decisions:

Cross-Country Running Metropolitan Championship, 8 miles over Jerome Park course, April 22; 41 starters—Won by M. J. McGarry, Pastime A. C., 51m. 8s.

English Amateur Golf Championship at Sandwich, Eng.—Won by H. H. Hilton, Liverpool Golf Club, 79.

New England Intercollegiate Tennis Association Championship, Longwood Court, May 16-18. Doubles—Won by Bates College team (Summerbell and Willis), who defeated Dartmouth (Hildreth and Moulton), 10-8, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2. Singles—Won by Gross, of Brown University, over Hildreth, of Dartmouth, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

Fourteenth Annual Championship New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association, at Worcester, May 19—Won by Williams 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, Brown 29<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, Bowdoin 25, Dartmouth 20<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>.

New England Intercollegiate Cycling Association Championship, at Charles River Park, May 21—Won by Ray Murray, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 4m. 38 3-5s. B. L. Wells (Williams) second, H. M. Brown (Brown) third.

Southern Lawn Tennis Championship, Bachelors' Club Courts, Washington, D. C., May 23-29. Singles—Won by J. Parmley Paret, from John C. Davidson 5-7, 8-10, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3. Doubles—Won by J. Parmley Paret and J. C. Davidson over R. D. Little and F. B. Alexander by 2-6, 12-10, 7-5, 6-8, 6-4.

Golf, Championship of the Metropolitan Association over the Nassau Links, L. I., May 23-26—Won by W. J. Travis over H. M. Harriman, 3 up and 2 to play.

Open Golf Championship of Great Britain, at St. Andrews, Scotland, June 7-9—Won by J. H. Taylor, 309 strokes, over Harry Vardon, 317.

25th Annual Intercollegiate Athletic Championship, Columbia Field, New York, May 26, 1900.

Events. 1st place, 5 points. 2d place, 3 points. 3d place, 2 points. 4th place, 1 point.	Penn.	Princeton.	Yale.	Harvard.	Syracuse.	California.	Williams.	Cornell.	N. Y. Univ.	Winner.	Winner's Performance.	Intercollegiate Record.	Year made.
100-yard dash.....	7	3						1		Kraenzlein, Jarvis, McClain, Matthewson.	10 1-5 sec.	† 9 4-5 sec. B. J. Wefers, Georgetown.....	1896
320-yard dash.....		5	3							Jarvis, Boardman, Mulligan, Cloudman.	23 1-5 sec.	† 21 1-5 sec. B. J. Wefers, Georgetown.....	1896
440-yard run.....			5	1	3					Boardman, Lee, Long, Clerk, Perry.	49 3-5 sec.	49 2-5 sec. M. W. Long, Columbia.....	1899
880-yard run.....		5	2		1			3		Hastings, Smith, Scrafford, Cregan.	2 min. 3 3-5 sec.	1 min. 56 4-5 sec. Evan Hollister, Harvard.....	1896
One-mile run....	1	5					3	2		Bray, Berry, Bushnell, Grant, Hall.	4 min. 24 2-5 sec.	4 m. 23 2-5 sec. G. W. Orton, Pennsylvania...	1895
Two-mile run....	5			2				1		Richardson, Gallagher, Kraenzlein, Potter, Remington, Lewis.	9 min. 51 3-5 sec.	9 m. 51 3-5 sec. Alex Grant, Pennsylvania.....	1900
120-yard hurdles.	7				1		3			Kraenzlein, Willis, Hallowell, Remington, Jones.	15 2-5 sec.	15 2-5 sec. A. C. Kraenzlein, Pennsylvania.....	1899
220-yard hurdles.	6			5						Rice, Carroll, Serviss-Rotch.	25 1-5 sec.	23 3-5 sec. A. C. Kraenzlein, Pennsylvania.....	1898
High jump.....		2		4					5	PrinStein, Kraenzlein, Remington, Sherek.	5 ft. 10½ in.	6 ft. 3 in. J. D. Winsor, Jun., Pennsylvania...	1897
Broad jump.....	5			1	5					Johnson, Coleman, Horton, Kinsey-Adriance.	23 ft. 8 in.	‡ 24 ft. 4½ in. A. C. Kraenzlein, Pennsylvania.	1899
Pole vault.....		5	5½					½		Plaw, McCracken, Hare, Boal.	11 ft. 3¼ in.	11 ft. 5 in. R. G. Clapp, Yale.....	1899
16-lb. hammer....	5			1		5				Beck, McCracken, Plaw, Woolsey.	154 ft. 4½ in.	154 ft. 4½ in. A. Plaw, California.....	1900
16-lb. shot.....	3		5			3					44 ft. 3 in.	44 ft. 3 in. F. Beck, Yale.....	1900
Total Points...	39	25	20½	14	10	8	6	7½	5	* All tied for third; points divided pro rata. † World's record held jointly by Wefers and John Owen, Jr. ‡ World's record. Bowdoin won 1 and Georgetown 2 points in the 220 flat; Columbia 2 in the quarter; Brown 2 in the 2 miles.			