

ALL AROUND RUN STAR

Melvin Sheppard is Now America's Cinder Path Leader.

LIST OF HIS TRACK RECORDS.

Mailing From the Quaker City, Sheppard Has Swept Almost All Before Him, Indoors and Outdoors, When in Good Condition.

WHAT SHEPPARD HAS DONE.

600 yards, outdoors, in 1 minute 11 3-5 seconds.
 600 yards, indoors, in 1 minute 13 3-5 seconds.
 800 yards, outdoors, in 1 minute 53 3-5 seconds.
 800 yards, indoors, in 1 minute 54 4-5 seconds.
 One mile, indoors, in 4 minutes 22 seconds.
 Outclassed everybody in the half mile.
 Beaten only twice in the mile and was out of condition both times.

Who is the greatest all round runner in America? This question, once perplexing one, is easily answered since Melvin Sheppard of Philadelphia jumped into the championship class a little over a year ago and has since swept all before him. His work up to date shows him to be absolutely unbeatable at the half mile. He has run the half outdoors in 1 minute 53 3-5 seconds. Indoors he has run relay races in 1 minute 54 4-5 seconds and 1 minute 55 4-5 seconds and has gone the distance from a standing start in 1 minute 56 and 58 seconds. Likewise in the indoor mile he outclassed everybody. Last spring the former Quaker City lad reeled off mile after mile under 4 minutes and 25 seconds, accomplishing 4 minutes and 22 seconds on at least three occasions.

Outdoors Sheppard has not done so well at the mile simply because he has not catered to that distance. Judging from his indoor work, it is entirely within Sheppard's limit to break (conquer) 4 minutes and 15 3-5 seconds if he once gets after it.

Recently we have had good examples of Sheppard's ability in the speed races. At the New York A. C. games he set the pace in the 600 yard special, and Hillman admitted after running that Sheppard had all but run him off his feet in the first 400 yards. It is fresh in every mind how Sheppard set



MELVIN SHEPPARD IN ACTION.

A new indoor record for the "six hundred" recently. He ran it in 1 minute and 13 3-5 seconds, about three and one-half yards faster than either Taylor or Parsons, the erstwhile record holders. Sheppard made a try for the 600 yard outdoor record of 1 minute and 11 seconds last fall and missed it by just three-fifths of a second.

Give the Quaker lad a big track to stretch out on and he will do 50 seconds for a quarter mile. At the east sea indoor meets this winter but one man has bested him in a fair race at this distance, and that man was Hillman.

Sheppard is a flier at longer distances too. He has run two miles well under 10 minutes and was a member of the victorious I. A. A. C. cross country team last fall.

Unlike many fast runners, Sheppard is not especially graceful in his style of action. See him in one of his record races and one is impressed by two things—the deep chest and great bounding power. He does not stride out, but seems to bound along. He runs with his head erect and perfectly still, chest thrown way out, and seems to bound along over the ground with no effort at throwing his legs forward like an ordinary runner. His striding power seems to come from "spring" rather than from "reach."

Sheppard is not a big man. He looks to be five feet nine inches in height, maybe a shade over that. One of the most remarkable parts of his makeup are his legs. Strong, muscular and thick set, they are in exact contrast to the active power agents of most champion runners.

Daisy Snyder, 2:14 1/2.
 Charlie Niles will race the pacing mare Daisy Snyder 2:14 1/2 by Acorn.

THE ROUNDUP COLUMN.

Willie West is Not Yet Through Talking About the Sports. I see that Joe Ullman, bookmaker and backer of a theatrical company, has become afflicted with brain trouble. No wonder. Either one of the games he was mixed up with is enough to soften a man's think works.



In his first game of the season for the New York Nationals the once great pitcher Joe McGinnity and yelet "the Iron Man" swirled much after the manner of a tar baby. The iron man was a bit rusty.

Not in a chiding spirit, but we would like for the purpose of identification that when the newspapers speak of a "prominent horseman" they would designate saddle or shafts. We have waded through many stories only to find at the end that the "prominent horseman" mentioned in the headlines owed the distinction and designation to once having owned a sorrel stallion with a mark of 2-20.

John J. McGraw started training for his verbal campaign at New Orleans. According to Umpire Zimmer, Muggy displayed good vocabulary form.

Battling Nelson has bought forty acres near the place once called Hege-wisch, Ill. Gans appears to be more interested in acres than acres.

"E was thoroughly gone, was Jack Palmer, but the climate slowed 'im hup."

The matching of Peter Maher and Marvin Hart for April 1 at Hot Springs was appropriate.

Joseph Mortality of Worcester, Mass., is the author of a humorous poem on the great Napoleon Lajoie of the Cleveland team, who hails from Woonsocket, R. I., and the Worcester man made a great hit at the social sessions of the Elks and Eagles in Norwich, Conn., on a recent night when he recited the composition. It is in French dialect and is as clever an article as has been turned out on the only Nap. The poem is as follows:

MA LAZ-U-A.
 Or One Game by One Fan From One Socket—Boston Versus Cleveland.
 Louis Boquet, dats ma naim.
 An I lak to saw dose base-ball gaim.
 An won de Clevelandis aim to play
 Dats de time tra holiday.
 Fife thousand fans shees on de ground
 Shees cheer for Boston all around!
 An tra to make de Boston play
 To make the win from Laz-u-a.

The gaim shees play for hour or more.
 An Clevelandis make dose Boston sore.
 An I be happy—hurray! hurray!
 An I make the cheer for Laz-u-a.
 De humpire shees one big bluff.
 An Nap, she ain't afraid, she give her guff.
 An fas, ba gad, jus lak eell
 Nap was make one base steel.
 An de crowd was roar put dose peecher
 To de wood.
 Ba gad, Laz-u-a, shees de goods!
 De next to bat shees Harry Bay,
 An he clinch de gaim for Laz-u-a.
 An nor I'm happy never day.
 Because shees French, ma Laz-u-a.

CHEER UP, MY GOOD WOMAN, YOUR HUSBAND HAS THE BASE-BALL FEVER, IT'S NOT SERIOUS.
 DOCTOR, I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT MY HUSBAND, HE'S LOSING HIS SLEEP AND WHEN HE DOES SLEEP HE HOWLS AND GROANS SO



Probably if the club owners had not shouted so much about the profits of last season the ball players would not now be holding out for fabulous salaries.

WILLIE WEST.
 Sweet Marie, 2:02.
 Billy Andrews will train Sweet Marie, 2:02, and the balance of his stable at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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Armory League

The picture is a group of the Fast Indoor Ball Team of the Police Department who will play outdoor ball this summer in the Armory League. The men are all members of the night force and they play during the afternoon when they have their time off so as not to interfere with police business. Buffalo Police expect to play here July 6th.

Following are the names of the Rochester Police Team:
 Top Row—Riley, c. f.; Popp, catcher and captain; Copenhagen, 1. b.; Miller, p.; Neidert, 1. f.
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