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JUST NATURALNESS BEST ASSET FOR THE GOLFER, DECLARES VARDON

Hitting the Ball in Tournament Play the Same as in Private Game the Only Way to Win—Recalls What Effect First Victory Had on His Form

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It has been remarked many times that while some golfers win a lot of competitions, others who appear to possess almost if not quite as much playing ability, as a rule, never struggle into the limelight on a field day. I am often asked to discuss the secret of success in tournaments. It is to be found, I think, in a person's first important success.

He may be a long handicapper who has set his heart on winning a second-class medal or a lucky endowed individual who feels that he is capable of capturing a championship. It is the first triumph that renders further success easy to him. For a time he may suffer from a sense of responsibility, born of the fact that he has an enhanced reputation to maintain, but sooner or later he overcomes that little trouble. Nothing can kill in him the faith that what he has done once he can do again. Temperament, certainly, has important effects in some cases. Have known golfers, who, having achieved an ambition, have found so much satisfaction in it as never to enjoy the incentive to rise to greater heights. But they are the exceptions.

Some two years ago, I told J. Douglas Edgar—a truly splendid golfer who had never won a solitary event without winning—that victory would come to him as surely as the rising of the sun if only he would hit the ball in tournaments as naturally and easily as in private games on his own course and not try so hard to make every stroke better than any he had accomplished in the past. Edgar created the outstanding surprise of last season by capturing the French open championship at Le Touquet (the putt into second place in a competition which I particularly wanted to win) and directly the affair was over, the first thing he did was to walk up to me and say:

"I owe this to you, I never forgot what you told me about not trying too hard. I have made a point of being just my natural self in this competition, and it has come off."

I mention this matter not in the spirit of a self-satisfied sage, but merely to afford concrete support for the contention that naturalness is a quality that tells heavily on the linky in a golf competition.

My own first championship was by far the hardest to win if we leave out of the reckoning last year's affair at Prestwick, when the circumstances were exceptional, yet on that victory I remembered occasion at Muirfield in 1896. I do not think I ever made the mistake of trying to play better than in a quiet game on my home course.

In connection with that event I derived a great deal of encouragement from a victory gained a month earlier over H. Taylor, who had then been champion for two years. A team of Southern amateurs came up to Ganton, in Yorkshire, where I was a professional, to meet a Northern side, and it happened that with them they brought Taylor. It was arranged that he and I should contest a match, and to the surprise of most people, including myself, I won. The moral effect of that small incident was considerable.

In the championship itself I was well in the running from beginning to end, and when four holes remained to be played I knew exactly what I had to do in order to beat Taylor, who had just finished. I could not afford to make mistakes; fortunately, matters progressed steadily, and when I arrived on the last green I had a 5 to tie and a 4 to win. The drive was a good one, and then came a very ticklish problem. A perfect brassie shot over the bunker and into the green would enable me to secure a 4 and win the championship; the safe game of playing short with an iron would result in a 5 and leave me to contest a tie with Taylor.

I reflected that if I were at home in such circumstances I would not take the risk of being bunkered, with the almost certain penalty of defeat; I would play short and make sure of a tie so as to live to go on fighting. I acted on that line of reasoning, and it met with success. When Taylor and I came into direct conflict for the title we had an up-and-down struggle. I won by five strokes at the end of six holes, but at the second hole in the afternoon we were level. From that point, however, things went my way, and when a long putt fell with a satisfying "bump" into the tin.

MOTORCARS IN UNITED STATES PASS TWO MILLION MARK

Two million seventy thousand nine hundred and three motor vehicles were registered in the United States during the first six months of 1915. These figures, compiled by Automobile from the records in the various States, include both passenger cars and trucks. They represent a gain of 310,000 registrations over the motor-propelled vehicles in use at the end of 1914 and indicate that automobile production, instead of decreasing in accordance with predictions last year, has expanded to such a degree that the majority of factories are either working night and day or up to capacity.

Pennsylvania stands fifth in the list of States with a registration of 125,023. New York is in the lead with 183,737. Then come Ohio, 123,860; Illinois, 121,121; and California, 123,600. New registrations in this State numbered 22,015.

The receipts of the automobile division of the Pennsylvania State Highway Department for the first six months of the year amount to \$1,435,201. During the corresponding period of the year 1912 the receipts were \$519,000.

Six members of the Society of Automobile Engineers have accepted nomination for positions on the Navy Department Advisory Committee. They are Louis A. Clarke, vice president and consulting engineer of the Autocar Company; Howard E. Coffin, vice president of the Hudson Motor Car Company; A. L. Riker, vice president and chief engineer of the Locomobile Company of America; John G. Perrin, consulting engineer of the Continental Motor Manufacturing Company; William G. Whitely, vice president and chief engineer of the National Motor Vehicle Company; and Robin H. White, first vice president of the White Company.

The one absorbing topic of conversation since the New York State Motor Vehicle Law was passed is the fact that E. B. Jackson, Packard branch manager, had been appointed president of the Packard Motor Car Company of New York and Chicago. Jackson, who is also vice president of the Packard Motor Car Company of New York and Chicago, is a resident of 140 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. Jackson will retain general supervision of the New York branch of the Packard Motor Car Company.

THINGS THAT REALLY HAPPEN ON THE GOLF LINKS



BEHR AND WILLIAMS PLAY FOR TROPHY

Lawn Tennis Interest Centered in Match on Courts at Seabright

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Aug. 14.—Karl H. Behr, Middle States champion, will meet R. Norris Williams, 34, national lawn tennis and clay-court champion, here today, in the challenge round for the Achille trophy. The odds favor Williams in spite of the great game put up by Behr yesterday when he defeated Maurice McLoughlin in straight sets, 6-6, 7-5, 7-5.

WESTERNERS WIN AT TENNIS

Griffin and Johnston to Meet McLoughlin and Bundy

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Clarence J. Griffin and William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, Pacific coast champions, and Walter T. Davis and Ralph H. Burdick, of this city, Western titlists, earned the right to compete in the final round of the national doubles tennis championship.

Federal League Pitcher Now Umpire

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—Irving (Kaiser) Wilhelm, a pitcher of the Baltimore Federal League Club, has been appointed an umpire in the same league.

BRILLIANT WORK BY MAMAUX HAS KEPT PIRATES IN RACE

Youngster Has Made One of Most Remarkable Debuts in Game—Braves Have Advantage, in That They Have Gone Through Fire Before

By GRANTLAND RICE

Song of the Stalwart  
Write not that his heart failed to feel  
The fear of the fight;  
Write not that his nerves were of steel  
In the hurricane blast.  
Write not that he stood to the flame  
Bereft of all fears;  
But rather 'grace this for his fame  
Through the myriad years:  
"He looked to no conqueror's role  
Where the paladins dwell;  
He was scared to the pit of his soul—  
But he fought till he fell."

If Pittsburgh stands up fairly well through her next Eastern jaunt, soon to be launched, Boston, Brooklyn and Philadelphia can look for a worthy rival to the last shot in October.

MAMAUX vs. THE FIELD

An argument came up the other day as to whether or not any pitching debutant had ever drawn as brilliant a start as Al Mamaux, the Pittsburgh sensation. Mathewson's first season out, Alex. Anderson, starting in 1911, won 25 and lost 13 with a ball club up in the race through August. Ed Walsh and Miner Brown required several seasons to get started properly up the steep path of renown.

Maxims of the 19th Hole

When the sun turneth green and water groweth as dry as dust, then shall the golfer who returneth an average score admit that he is "on his game."

Moran vs. Coffey

The arrival of Frank Moran has

P.R.R. TRACK AND FIELD MEET IS ON TODAY

Nearly 200 Entries Received for Events—Baseball Game Feature of Afternoon

Athletes of the Philadelphia terminal division of the Pennsylvania Railroad company will gather on the P. R. R. Branch Y. M. C. A. track and field, 4th street and Parkside avenue, this afternoon for their annual field day.

One of the attractions of the afternoon will be a baseball game between the representatives of the P. R. R. Employee Beneficial Association and the Kensington Freight Station athletes.

CHINESE WILL PLAY U. G. I. NINE TODAY

Touring University Boys in 117th Contest of Trip—Have Lost But 31 Games

When the Chinese University baseball team meets the U. G. I. Station B. Club today at Richmond and Rockwell streets, Bridesburg, it will mark their fifth annual season. Out of 116 games played the team has dropped only 31. Two other contests resulted in ties.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

National League	
Boston at Philadelphia, clear.	
New York at Brooklyn, clear.	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, clear (two games).	
Chicago at St. Louis, partly cloudy.	
American League	
Philadelphia at New York, clear.	
Washington at Boston, clear.	
St. Louis at Cleveland, clear (two games).	
Detroit at Chicago, cloudy.	
Federal League	
St. Louis at Newark, clear.	
Kansas City at Buffalo, clear (two games).	
Chicago at Baltimore, clear (two games).	
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh, clear.	
International League	
Jersey City at Providence, clear (two games).	
Richmond at Harrisburg, clear (two games).	
Buffalo at Rochester, partly cloudy (two games).	
Montreal at Toronto, clear (two games).	

Pittsford Adopt Dime Basis  
PITTSFORD, Aug. 14.—The management of the Pittsford Federal League club announced that it would adopt the dime basis for the season.

MAYER TO OPPOSE GEORGE TYLER ON THE MOUND TODAY

Moranmen Confident They Will Annex Second Contest With Stallings' World's Champs From Boston

BIG CROWD IS EXPECTED

Attendance Records Likely to Be Broken at National League Park This Afternoon

With one of the three games with the Braves chalked up on the right side of the slate, the Philly players are a much more confident and care-free aggregation today, and they are confident that the next two games will also be won. Basking Mayer will be sent against the world's champions this afternoon, with Grover Alexander in great trim to go back on the mound on Monday.

Mayer has not been going so very well of late, but as he has always been effective against the Braves, Manager Moran is certain that he will upset the champions again today. In case Mayer should not look good to Moran in warm-up, Eppa Rixey will go to the mound. Manager Stallings said this morning that he would use George Tyler on the mound this afternoon, and as this star southpaw has broken the Phillies' spell over the portlanders' trimming twice this season, Moran's men are likely to have a hard game on their hands.

The great victory of the Phillies yesterday has convinced the fans that the team is in the race to stay, and Manager Shetline is preparing to handle the largest crowd that ever attended a local National League game. Several times before this season the Phillies were expecting to turn them away, but they have been able to handle all who turned out to date. This afternoon, however, the gates will surely be closed by same time if good weather prevails.

KELLY MEETS DIBBLE IN SINGLES CLASSIC AT NATIONAL MEET

Philadelphia Faces Biggest Job He Ever Undertook When He Races National Champion at Springfield Today

Jack Kelly, iron man of the Vesper Boat Club and king of the oarsmen on the Schuylkill River, has a man's sized job on his hands this afternoon when he meets Robert Dibble, of Toronto, Can., international sculling champion, at the national championships at Springfield, Mass.

Kelly will find a man worthy of his steel, and in every department of the game will be opposed by the craftiest oarsman developed on this continent in many years. A close friend of Dibble's in this city has a letter from the great oarsman telling of his superb condition. According to the letter, Dibble is going better than at any time in his career.

Kelly is as foxxy as you make them in a shell, but in Dibble he will meet a master of all-around oarsmanship. It will be the feather edge of experience that will win for Dibble unless Kelly catches him napping. With both men trained to the minute and ready for their row it will be, without a doubt, the greatest single sculling race for amateurs ever staged in this country.

The Vesper men hope to see their favorite win, but like true sportsmen, have great regard for the skill of Kelly's opponent. Kelly has a greater incentive to win than usual, as he has been offered stroke oak in the senior eight at the Middle States Regatta to be held here on Labor Day if he defeats Dibble.

Undine and University Club representatives are in the regatta today. Vivian Nickalls, who has coached the University of Pennsylvania and Undine Boat Club crews, will leave America today for England, where he will enlist his services for his King, Guy Nickalls, a brother, who is now in the army. Both men are to aid in recruiting for the army of Great Britain.

The Holybeach Yacht Club members will have a glorious time this afternoon. In addition to motorboat races there will be swimming contests.

Oiga Dorfner and a party of friends will go to Cape May this afternoon and will try their skill at the waterplane game. The motorboat which will furnish the aquaplane power will be boarded at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

Miss E. Meahan, of 400 Dorset street, Germantown, is preparing to swim from the foot of 10th street, Ocean City, to the Steel Pier at Atlantic City, a distance of 12 miles.

The National Women's Life Saving League will hold a meet for women today at Long Beach, N. Y. Two thousand women are members of the organization.

ATHLETICS MEET YANKS AT THE POLO GROUNDS

Bressler and Fisher Will Do Pitching This Afternoon

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The Athletics and Yankees will play again here at the Polo Grounds this afternoon in the second game of the series. The defeat of the Athletics yesterday in the 12-round fray was left some time ago. Both sides of the local American Leaguers and they expect to repeat today.

Connie Mack will probably use Rube Bressler on the mound today, while Bill Donovan will start Ray Fisher. The release of Sweeney, Mullin and Warhop does not come as a surprise to local fans, as it has been known for some time that waivers had been asked on this trio.

Baseball Today Chinese Univ. vs. U. G. I. STATION B

Richmond and Rockwell Streets Take "Route" 53 on 3d St. to Grounds



The tourists have convinced the Americans that they are masters of the national pastime. Out of 116 games played they have lost only 31. This afternoon they meet the fast U. G. I. nine at Richmond and Rockwell streets, Bridesburg. Reading from left to right: Top row—Yim, st.; Bo, p.; Lee, c.; Yap, lb.; Lee, 1b. Second row—Ako, p.; Mark, c.; Apau, p.; Lai, 3b.; C. Chin, p. Front—Ayan, ss.; J. Chin, 2b.