STAR GOLFERS HAVE HAD THEIR DAY-ROOKY PLAYERS FROLIC TODAY IN CLASS TOURNEY

BRAWNY COPS CLEAN OUT SMALL GOLF BALL THIEVES AT COBB'S CREEK COURSE

Theft Nuisance Greatly Abated - Regulars Score Well-No 'Class' in Class Tourney

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

THEFT of golf balls at the new mucome precarious, and, according to Superintendent Harry C. Hunter, has now been reduced to a minimum by the vigilance of the park guard.

Soon after the public links opened the theft of golf balls by small boys rapidly developed from incident to a nuisance and finally to almost a plague.

Most of the beginners using the course elected to worry around the links without a caddy. Their hooks and pulls and slices, their dry shots to the woods, the rocks and rough, were easy pickings for gangs of small boys that gradually thickened and hid somewhere about the course ready to dash out, snatch a wandering ball and sprint beck to cover before they could be discovered.

The favorite ambush was the 6th woods at the top of the hill, where they could not be seen by the golfer ascending. They also camped at the 16th and at the 18th regularly. At these holes the boys deliberately stole the balls when they could not be seen by the owners.

Small Ball Pirates

All along the course boys gathered also, and when a ball was lost in the rough plenty of willing hands sought it with the

When the ball could not be found the owner left, and then one of the boys picked it up, usually where he had pressed it into the ground with his heel.

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the ground with his heel.

It took the mounted "coppers" but a
short time to get on to the gangs at the
6th and other semiblind holes and these
were soon cleaned out. No more are
"found" golf balls bought in by Caddy
Master Coughlin. The latter has now provided green bands with the proper inscription on them for all caddies in the
employ of the municipal course.

The small boy problem is difficult, since
the course is public, but all youngsters
must show good cause now to the park
patrol for being on the course, unless they
wear the green band, or they will be properly dealt with.

erly dealt with.

Players are not prohibited from bringing their own caddies. The only restriction is that these caddles are asked to obtain notes from the caddy master, which can be presented to any of the mounted guard on demand.

"On a public course such as this." said Superintendent Hunter today, "it is difficult to prevent the theft of golf balls, but I be-lieve we have reduced the likelihood to a We have had few complaints

Meeting Tonight

The organization meeting of the Phila-The organization meeting of the Philadelphia Goif Club, a new body composed of 50 players from Cobb's Creek as charter members, will meet tonight for the first time at the Ritz-Carlton. Officers will be elected, tourneys planned at the public links, the caddy question and others taken up and the welfare in general of the municipal course and the new club discussed. All players at the public links are eligible to membership. The fee is \$3 semi-annually.

The Metropolitar open championship, originally scheduled for last week, will be originally scheduled for last week, will be played today and tomorrow at Garden City, L. I. James M. Barnes, Whitemarsh; Charlie Hoffner, Woodbury; James Thomson, Country Club; Jack and "Andy" Campbell. York Road and Springhaven; Wilfred

chances to play. His game has advanced in leaps over the difficult course.

H. Well'ington Wood, southpaw genius. 79-78, Wilmington, plays the course every day at Cobb's Creek and sometimes twice. His best card was recently, when, partnered with David Clegg in a four-ball match, Wood says he shot a fine \$4.

Tomorrow's Tournaments and Today's Tee Talk

First and second rounds of match play in the first annual class tournament of the Golf Association of Philadelphia. Three sixteens to compete in Classes "A," "B." and "C." Tourney at the St. David's Golf Club, St. David's. Pa. Handleap medal play for women at the Woodbury Country Club, 18 boles. Postponed Metropolitan open championship at the Garden City Golf Club, Garden City, L. I.

The most vital thing to the swinzing of a club property is the stance.

This particularly applies to driving, if distance is the result sought.

Long distance driving, St. Andrews golfers demonstrated long ago, means more than a circular swing, and consequently puts the greatest amount of momentum in the swing.

To awing the club head so that it will describe an elluse one must not only stand in a certain position, but must so hold the shaft in the hands that the rhythmical mention of the hody, the arms and the legs will not be disturbed.

This is one of the best cards over the

Wood out.... 4 3 7 5 5 6 5 5 5-45
Par, in..... 3 5 3 5 3 4 4 4 4-35-71
Wood, in.... 3 6 4 6 2 4 4 6 4-39-84
The first-class tourney of the Golf Association of Philadelphia drew out not a single one of the "first-class" golfers of the city, for the simple reason that these good folk were barred out of the going by the rules of the game. The starters today tried to qualify in three sixteens, Class A being for those of 11 to 14 handicaps, so that it will be seen that none of those teeing off were eligible to play for the city championships.

ships.

The tourney is the revel of the duffer, for he is stacked up against those that play at his own speed and there is no chance of a "man-eater" wandering into a class where the sixteen is "pie" for him.

In a Nutshell

Allow me to put in a word or two in direct rebuttal to the letter of the Captain of the Opposition, appearing in your column on July 12, anent that never-to-be-forgotten and historic golf match among four of us at Aronimink. Allow me to congratulate you for not commenting on his letter, for, as you say, it was written to deceive the public. Such was the Captain's admission to me under cross-examination.

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mission to me under cross-examination.

At the start of the match the Opponents were, of course, quite confident that they would take us into camp without any trouble. Both know every blade of grass on the Aronimiak course, but when we won the first hole their stock declined several points. Although we failed to get a couple more points on the second, nevertheless, on the remaining holes of the out journey we were sufficiently strong to more than hold our own, and the statement that but for a little carelessness the Opposition would have been 23 points to the good at the turn is, to say the least, ridiculous. We would fain ignore their claims as being beneath our notice.

But the crowning insult of all is the statement that they let down after the luncheon interval. Several times we commented on the fact that occasional snatches of conversation among the members of the gallery, wafted toward us by the gentle breezes, informed us that the Opposition was pressing. The Captain clean forgot a shot he ingleriously dubbed in a bunker off the 13th green, a sure sign of a desperate attempt to catch up. Modesty forbids me to describe at length my masterful recovery from the ditch on the 17th, which took the wind out of their sails completely. In connection with your putt for the match on the 18th, neither the Captain nor the Bala glant c a truthfully say that it failed to go down, since both were at that time well on their way to the 19th hole. Dad But the crowning insult of all is the statewell on their way to the 19th hole. Dad isn't the only one who knows. You know and I know, but, like Dad, we decline to tell, since that would take away entirely the air of mystery that surrounds that great match. Perhaps we owe it to the ubile to tell, but out of deference to the bell, York Road and Springhaven; Wilfred Reid and other local pros are all conceded to have a dashing chance for the title.

The Rev. J Westra B. Stewart, of St. Peter's Church, 3d and Pine streets, is one of the most regular of the golfers at Cobb's Creak. Creek.

He was one of the first to register when the course was opened and misses few penses? Ha! Ha! There is the final and convincing argument.

In closing, I might say, as captain of your side of the match, that we are ready and willing, nay, even eager, to take the Opposition on at catchweights, anywhere, any time, but preferably on a neutrale cours SANDY McNIBLICK'S PARTNER. Philadelphia, Pa.

DUFFERS IN DEBAUCH

AT "CLASS" TOURNEY

Golf "Lubbers" Have Revel at St. David's in Play Just for Them

Duffers by the score teed off today in the first annual "class" tournament of the Golf Association of Philadelphia held at St. David's Golf Club, St. David's, Pa.

The starters qualified in three sixteens and could only qualify in the class under which their official handicap brought them. Players with handicaps from 11 to 14, Players with handicaps from 11 to 14, inclusive, tried to qualify in Class A; those with handicaps from 15 to 18 struggled to turn in cards low enough to qualify in Class B, while those with handicaps running all the way from 19 to infinity earnestly sought a place among the fortunate of the sixteen in Class C.

Tomorrow and Sazurday the lucky ones the three sixteens will play golfers in same sixteens at match play.

The winners of each group will receive a handsome cup and the runners-up will be awarded splendid prizes by Francis B. Warner, secretary of the Golf Association, the one who has worked hardest for the success of the affair.

Players were eligible to take part from any of the clubs that are members of the Golf Association, and the meet brought out a large number of players who never before had much chance to play in a tour-nament with the possibility of winning a

The tournament promises to be an annual affair.

The St. David's course is in splendid shape this year, and the few changes that have been made have added greatly to the "golfness" of the links. The greens are splendid and players had few alibis for

Vagrant Wins in Eastern Y. C. Run NORTHEAST HARBOR Mc., July 13.—The inners of the Eastern Yacht Club race yesterny over a course of 22 miles, from Sargentin to this port, were Venraut in the first visition of schooners Aitee in the second diston of schooners and Ladrons in the first diston of sloope. The yachts had a moderate uithwest breeze throughout the run. The Best III leave today for the finis leg of the cruise Har Harbor, and will have a 21-mile race.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AMERICAN LEAGUE. 54. Louis, S: Athletics, 3 (first game), St. Louis, 2: Athletics, 1 (second game, 1) 1; New York, 9 (Gret game). 6; New York, 3 (second game). Chicago, 1 (Gret game). Chicago, 1 (second game). Washington, 2.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

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Runs Scored This Week by Major League Clubs

Runs scored by all teams in American and National League from Thursday, July 6, to Wednesday, July 12, inclusive, Only runs that flaure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete rames are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table. AMERICAN LEAGUE.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE. NATIONAL LEAGUE. INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE W. L. P.C. 19 27 .591 Montreal . 35 35 .500 41 29 .586 Toronto . 30 72 434 40 31 .541 Newark . 50 40 429 34 34 .500 Rochester . 28 38 .408

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Cleveland at New York—clear. Chleago at Boston—cleady. Louis at Philadelphia—clear. Detroit at Washington—clear. NATIONAL LEAGUE.

York at Cincinnati-cloudy. meso) Brooklyn at St. Louis—clear. (Two games.) Buston at Pittsburgh—cloudy. Philadelphia at Chicago—clear. INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Champion Diddel to Play Hunter OLEDO O. July 13 — Will H. Diddel, wfordswitte Ind., continued his piay in tree States told Association teagrammers years to defending P. Medbury of Youngskin thard Holland Hubbard Robert S. Fruits and F. W. Hunter other favorities in manners, went lieft matches payering value. In the previous

DILLON-LEVINSKY BOUT TODAY WITH ED SMITH REFEREE

Decision Will Carry Light Heavyweight Title in Baltimore Match

SCHEDULED 15 ROUNDS

BALTIMORE, Md., July 13.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, regarded as the best light heavyweight in America, because of his reheavyweight in America, because of his recent conquests over Frank Moran and Jim
Flynn, will face Battling Levinsky, of New
York, in a ring pitched at the Oriole Baseball
Park this afternoon. The bout is to be
fiteen rounds and by special dispensation of the Police Commissioners will be for
a decision. In fact, the light heavyweight
title of America will go with, Referee Ed
Smith's decision. Smith is a Chicago writer
of sports, knows the game of boxing and can
be depended on to render a decision as he be depended on to render a decision as he views the contest. It is up to Dillon and Levinsky to deliver the goods.

Both men have proved their class. They have met on a number of occasions in limited round affairs where no title was at stake ed round affairs where no title was at stake and each can boast of popular verdicts. Dillon's work in the ring during the past season has been the most impressive. He beat Frank Moran in ten rounds, in a manner which left no doubt at the finish. In fact had the bout gone five rounds more it is likely tha. Dillon would have won by a knockout, a feat which Jick Johnson failed to accomplish in twenty rounds. Again Dillon knocked Jim Flynn cold in three rounds, while Johnson failed to do the trick in ning rounds. The police interfering because in nine rounds, the police interfering because Flynn was shooting his head up under the negro's chin. So Dilion's class cannot be denied. He must win today's contest in a decisive manner if he wants the American public to nominate him as a serious con-tender for Willard's crown.

Levinsky has had a highly meritorious

record. He was 25 years old on Tuesday. His list of ring achievements shows a remarkable number of no decision contests. In two years he has boxed fifty-one no decision affairs. His record does not compare with that of Dillon, for in the same space of time the latter has had ten knockouts to his credit, seven victories by decisions and only twenty-one no decision affairs.

Levinsky has been an unpopular boxer because of his clinching and tin canning methods. He will have the chance of his ring career today. He has height, reach and cleverness, and if he should inject a little more aggressiveness into his work, the Elika and all the convention visitors will likely witness a scrap worth while. Dillon canly witness a scrap worth while. Dillon can-not afford to loaf.

The bout is to be staged at the ball park. The ring has been pitched at the home plate, whereby 7500 spectators may have an unobstructed view of the contest. The railroad companies have made a special rate to the convention city. The police commissioners have given every latitude and now it is up to the promoters and principals to de liver the goods.

Amateur Baseball World's Series Amateur Baseball World's Series INDIANAPOLIS, July 13.—President Ruiston Jose, of the National Amateur Baseball Association, has called a special meeting for August 5. In this city, at which time the rules and emilations under which the national champion-tip series for the world's amateur title will be daysed will be promulgated and a schedule will be drafted for those sames. Delegates from hitsburgh, Louisville, Detroit, Chicago, Duluth, dinneapolis, St. Paul, Chuaba, Lincoln and Jouston, Tex.: Sacramento, Los Angeles and Racoma will be requested to attend.

Merion Defeats Germantown

Merion nosed out Germantown in the Interclub Tennis League series at Haverford yesterday by four matches to one, and Cynwyd defeated Beifield at Wister by the same margin. In the second division Belind made a clean sween against Cynwyd at Cynwyd and Merion wor from Germantown at Manhelm by three matches

Pop Geers Thrown From Sulky

CLEVELAND, O., July 13,—Ed F. (Pop) (seers, of Memphis, grand old man of the light sails; archive vorid, was thrown from his aniky and injured at the North Randall track today when his pacer, Sir Anthony Catter, reating a harrow which was being used to fix the track. Limic Grown, Charlie Valentim's horse, stopped on Geer's head.

Well-Known Horse Breeder Dies LEESBURG, Va., July 13.—Henry Fairfax, a sember of the old Virginia family of that a and known throughout the country as a case breeder, died here in his cith year. He

TOURNEY FOR PRO **GOLFERS STARTS** AT GARDEN CITY

Majority of Competitors in National Open Entered in Metropolitan

TRAVIS WILL COMPETE

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., July 13.—Golfers who have done things worth while were seen on all sides as the pairs were sent away in the annual metropolitan open championship on the links of the Garden City Golf Club today. A majority of those who competed a fortnight since in the national open at Minikahda are here, and to a man they agree that the Garden City 18-bile circuit presents by far the better test.

Because the field bristled with so much Because the field bristled with so much class the gallery scarcely knew which way to turn. It was noticed, however, that a good many wanted to have a look at Jack, Hutchinson, the "pro" from the Allegheny Country Club, who, in addition to finishing second to Evans at Minneapolis, distinguished himself by tearing off a record round of 68. Hutchinson was paired with Alec Smith, of Wykagyl, who at different times in the past has held both the national and metropolitan titles.

and metropolitan titles. There are those who expect to see Walter There are those who expect to see Walter
J. Travis not only head the amateurs, but
actually finish among the leaders at the
end of the 72 holes. All he has to do is to
play his normal game to finish close up, for
if the "old man" doesn't get round in 78
or better he feels off form.
There are eight regular money prizes as

FAMINE IN TENNIS BALLS BRINGS INVESTIGATION OF TOURNAMENT BRAND SUPPLY

ennis calendar, there once more is the dificulty experienced by the management of the competitive meetings and of players of the competitive meetings and of players of securing the necessary balls with which to compete. A visit to prominent sporting goods stores only a few days ago brought out the fact that they had immediate orders for upwards of a hundred dozen which they optimistically were expecting from the factory.

Reports from other stores indicated that Reports from other stores indicated that the condition was much the same as it has been for the last two or three seasons. Right on top of the ball famine, Watson M. Washburn, chairman of the specially appointed committee to investigate the quality and the condition of sale of balls and lawn tennis accountements, has issued a circular letter to the clubs and associations of the country totally alread by Harry C. of the country jointly signed by Harry C. Johnson, of Boston, and Dean Mathey, also

There is real foundation for the asser ion that the European war is partially re-ponsible for the present shortage in tennis balls. Up to the time of hostilities, the rough rubber spheres were made in Germany. They were imported and inflated and covered here. At least that was true of several makes of balls.

At the last annual meeting the United States National Lawn Tonnis Association adopted as official for use in tournaments and championships no less than 18 brands of balls. Few of the players appear to be cognizant of this fact and insist on using the ball that held sole sway in this country for many years and is still the hall. try for many years and is still the ball adopted for use in the national champion-ship meeting on turf, or another brand that has found some favor with players on hard

WITH more than a month of the active | had loose plugs and jingled like a baby's rattle.

rattle.

Criticisms as to resiliency and other details have been heard, so that it is not to be wondered at that Washburn in closing his request for an opinion as to the quality of tennis balls states:

"You probably will be able to answer the questions best at the end of the season, but we are sending them out now so that you may bear them in mind during the summer. In the meantime, any suggestion regarding tennis balls and supplies will be gratefully received." gratefully received." The list of questions propounded to the

club officers unquestionably will bring about much-needed reforms as to the quality of the balls if they are answered by players of experience. The questions are on a printed form blank and are as follows: What makes of balls were used by your

club this year?
"What make of ball was used most?
"What make of ball lasted longest on

What make of ball lasted longest on clay

What make of ball on the whole proved What make of ball on the whole proved most satisfactory?
"Did your club use a different ball for club yourts and for grass courts, and if so, what makes were used?"
"Is your club in favor of adopting one

ball for the grass court championship and a hard court ball for the clay court championship.

"Is your club in favor of making the hard court balls less lively, so that clay court play will more nearly resemble grass court play?"

The last is a new proposition, and one over which there recently has been considerable argument. There is an increasing number of close students of lawn tennis First, \$150 and a gold medal; second.

First, \$150 and a gold medal; second.

The fact remains that there has been made is being overdone to the detriment of a well-developed assortment of strokes of some of the balls in use during the last two seasons. Balls used at the recent of some of the balls used at the recent staten Island junior championship, one of the favored official standard makes.

