

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

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THEFT of golf balls at the new municipal course, Cobb's Creek, has become precariously, 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 around the links without 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 clubs. The hooks and pulls and slices, their dry shots to the woods, the rocks and rough, were easy pickings for gangs of small boys. At these holes the boys deliberately snatched a wandering ball and sprinted back 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 owner.

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. "Coppers" but a short time to get on to the gangs at the 6th and other semiblood holes and these were soon cleaned up. 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 up today tomorrow at Garden City. If they are not on the course, unless they wear the green band, or they will be properly dealt with.

Players are not prohibited from bringing their own caddies. The only restriction is that these caddies 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 believe we have reduced the likelihood to a minimum. We have had few complaints lately."

Meeting Tonight

The organization meeting of the Philadelphia Golf Club, a new body composed of 49 players from Cobb's Creek as charter members, will meet tonight for the first time at the Ritz-Carlton. Officers will be elected, and 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 for membership. The fee is \$3 semi-annually.

The Metropolitan open championship, originally scheduled for last week, will be played today and tomorrow at Garden City. L. I. James M. Barnes, Whitehorse; Charlie Hoffer, Woodbury; James Thompson, Country Club; Jack "Candy" Carver, 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 Creek.

He was one of the first to register when the course was opened and misses few chances to play. His game has advanced in leaps over the difficult course.

W. Wellington Wood, southpaw genius, 75-75, 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 41.

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, 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 Saturday the lucky ones in the three sixteens will play golfers in the same sixteens at match play.

The winners of each group will receive a handsome cup and the runner-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 tournament with the possibility of winning a prize.

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 aibis for poor putting.

NIGHTMARE WINS IN EASTERN Y. C. RUN NORTHEAST HARBOR, Me., July 13.—The winners of the Eastern Yacht Club race yesterday over a course of 22 miles, from Sargent's Point to the port, were Y. C. No. 1 in the first division of schooners, Albatross in the second division of schooners and Ladonia in the first division of sloops. The yachts had a moderate southwest breeze throughout the race and will leave today for the final leg of the cruise to Bar Harbor, and will have a 21-mile race.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AMERICAN LEAGUE. St. Louis, 3; Athletics, 2 (first game). Cleveland, 1; New York, 0 (first game). St. Louis, 3; Athletics, 1 (second game). Boston, 2; Chicago, 1 (third game). Boston, 1; Chicago, 1 (second game). Detroit, 4; Washington, 2. NATIONAL LEAGUE. Phillies, 0; Chicago, 1. Boston, 0; Pittsburgh, 0. St. Louis-Brooklyn, rain. INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. Rochester, 10; Providence, 1 (1st game). St. Louis, 1; Baltimore, 0 (2nd game). Philadelphia, 1; Baltimore, 0 (3rd game). Philadelphia, 1; New York, 0 (4th game).

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 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 fifteen 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 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 limit and 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 would have been a knockout for Dillon. Jim Flynn could not accomplish in twenty rounds, again Dillon knocked Jim Flynn out in three rounds, while Johnson failed to do the trick in nine rounds, the police interfering because Flynn was shooting his head up under the negro's chin. So Dillon'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 contender for Willard's crown.

Levinsky has had a highly meritorious

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 Minkabha are here, and to a man they agree that the Garden City 18-hole circuit presents by far the better test.

Because the field bristled with so much class the gallery scarcely knew which way to turn. It was noted, 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 Wyckoff, who at different times in the past has held both the national and metropolitan titles.

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 follows: First, \$150 and a gold medal; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; fifth, \$40; sixth, \$30; seventh, \$20; eighth, \$10. In addition to these prizes has been made for six specials of \$10 each for the best morning, best afternoon and best 36-hole rounds each day. This makes a total of \$532.

Merion Defeats Germantown Merion upset Germantown in the Interclub Tennis League series at Haverford yesterday by four matches to one, and Lywood defeated Belvidere at Water by the same margin. In the second division Belvidere made a clean sweep against Lywood and Germantown won from Germantown at Manheim by three matches to two.

Pop Geers Thrown From Sulky CLEVELAND, O., July 13.—Ed F. (Pop) Geers, of Memphis, grand old man of the United States racing world, was thrown from his sulky and injured at the North Randall track today when his pacer, Sir Anthony Carter, ran into a harrow which was being used to fix the track. Lizzie Crown, Charlie Valentine's horse, stepped on Geers's head.

Well-Known Horse Breeder Dies LEBESBURG, Va., July 13.—Henry Fairfax, a member of the old Virginia family of that name and breeder of the colubary at a horse, died here in his 67th year. He had been operated on for appendicitis.

FAMINE IN TENNIS BALLS BRINGS INVESTIGATION OF TOURNAMENT BRAND SUPPLY

WITH more than a month of the active tournament season gone from the lawn tennis calendar, there once more is the difficulty experienced by the management 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 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 accoutrements, has issued a circular letter to the clubs and associations of the country jointly signed by Harry C. Johnson, of Boston, and Dean Mathey, also of the committee.

There is real foundation for the assertion that the European war is partially responsible 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 Tennis Association adopted as official for use in tournaments and championships no less than 13 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 ball adopted for use in the national championship meeting on turf, or another brand that has found some favor with players on hard and clay courts.

The fact remains that there has been more or less complaint as to the quality of some of the balls in use during the last two seasons. Balls used at the recent Staten Island junior championship, one of the favored official standard makes,

had loose plugs and jingled like a baby's 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 hear them in mind during the summer. In the meantime, any suggestion regarding tennis balls and supplies will be 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 lasted longest on grass courts?"

"What make of ball lasted longest on clay courts?"

"What make of ball on the whole proved most satisfactory?"

"Did your club use a different ball for clay courts 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, though recently has been considerably argued. There is an increasing number of close students of lawn tennis methods who are of the opinion that speed mania is being overdone to the detriment of a well-developed assortment of strokes and the ability to win points by masterful handling of racquet and ball without depending principally upon mere brute strength.

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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 scored in official games are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of the innings or more are included in the table.

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and runs scored.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table listing baseball games for today, including American League, National League, and International League.

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Table listing the schedule for today's games across various leagues.

Champion Diddel to Play Hunter

TOLSON, O., July 13.—Will H. Diddel, of Crawfordsville, Ind., continued his play in the...