BILL AND CHICK EVANS HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING FOR GOLF READERS AND PLAY

TAKE A DIVOT WHEN YOU PLAY, SAYS CHICK EVANS, AND THEN REPLACE TURF

Double Crowned Champion Says It Is Necessary if You Want Results, But Putting Back Torn Turf Is Necessary Every Time

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, JR.

IT WAS raining hard in town, and as I looked out of the window and watched the downpour of the gray clouds that spread far to the westward I concluded to take a later train to the club. When I arrived there an hour later I discovered that no rain at all had fallen there, the worst having been a gray and threatening sky. I was angry at myself, of course, but I hurried into my clothes determined to get at least a half-hour of golf.

It was a wise resolution, for in that short demihour I picked up a small idea that ought to be of value to me and it is in effect only a little variation of our old friend the "forward press." Without a doubt, by this time my readers associate me with that idea, and I am not sorry, for in spite of what critics may say I am a strong believer in the "forward press."

At Winnipeg I was not getting my clubhead through on the last day, and the result was frequently disastrous; yet if I had not temporarily forgot the "forward press" all would have been well, for otherwise I was swinging well. What I worked out in my half-hour at Chicago golf was but an expansion of an idea born of a little incident at Duluth. On one of the closing holes I had put my blade too near the ball before pressing forward and it slipped down the uneven ground and just turned the ball over a little into a very bad lie. I stopped my stroke and played carefully a beautiful shot to within three feet of the hole.

Sargent, who was standing near me, said that he thought the ball moved. I agreed with the view, of course, although in our games we are unaccustomed to take notice of it when it is clearly an accident; but I care nothing for winning except by actual strokes, and so when it came my time to putt I purposely missed the half. But here is the time to be careful about such a thing happening again, and in the extra hour today I put my clubhead in the address about an inch behind the ball and the results were very gratifying.

I was careful to see that when I had a very hard lie in the rough I did not place the club head almost next to the ball, because I might be guilty of improving the lie by parting the grass or I might again make it change its position.

On my half hour of practice that lowering afternoon I recalled how sweetly this little stunt permitted the club head to go through the ball. Another thing that it gave me was a clearer vision of the imaginary direction line which means so much to my golf. Then I added to my stunt the little two-foot follow-through I described the other day, and behold! I was getting wonderful shots. I had found once more the right accented beat to the rhythmic measure.

I imagined, too, that my club head was on the ground about a foot, and this leads me to say that it is almost necessary to take turf. I hate to tell this to the average person, but the little scarred spot really does knit over easily if the divot is carefully replaced and you do not dig too deep in mother earth. But I beg you to replace those divots immediately and carefully or every greenkeeper in the country will rise up against me. Be doubly careful and spare me from their wrath.

I have often been asked when the bottom of the blade enters the ground, some actually believing it was before the ball was hit. Let me say here that nothing, no splashing of sand or mud, should get between the striking surface and the ball. It is my guess that the sod is first cut about an eighth of an inch back of the resting ball and then the club head goes through the turf with the ball and the turf steadies the club head and necessarily the flight.

MACKMEN WIN FROM DETROIT

Teams Play Before the the Smallest Baseball Crowd of Season

DUGAN SLIPS UP

Detroit, June 13.

Unless a train from the West brings to town today the well-known Oklahoman, Scott Perry, Detroit fans are going to be considerably disappointed. All spring they have been waiting to see this youngster, just as they used to wait for Walter Johnson. There is little hope that they will get a chance to see him in this series, though a lot of them, if the weather warms up, will go out, ignorant of his absence.

Mack does not know just when his star slinger, who went home from Chicago on receipt of a telegram announcing the almost certainly fatal illness of his father, will be able to return. It is expected that he will report in Cleveland. His absence is the thing that forced Adams into regular service.

Bad Day for Dugan

Queer how many kinds of baseball a player may show in the same game. It looked on Wednesday as if Vean Gregg would lose, instead of winning by a 4-to-3 score, on the mishaps of Second Sacker Dugan. The field was very slippery and the youngster looked as bad in the mud as Shannon did in the opening contest. Twice he let balls that were hit straight at him, and slowly, go through him, one of the errors enabling Detroit to tie up in the sixth.

Then in the ninth, with Bobby Jones running for Veach, with two down, on his way to second as Heilmann swung, this previous aid to Detroit made a play that he had no right at all to turn, going into the air for a line drive that was marked "triple," spearing it with one hand and with his back partially turned to the batter. This was a wonderful play. Larry Gardner stole three hits for Gregg, but these all were line drives coming straight at him.

300 Fans See Game

Connie's athletes can claim one Detroit record. On Wednesday they played to the smallest attendance that Navin Field has known in its seven years of occupancy. Only about 300 persons braved the wintry weather and the high wind that went with it. On Tuesday the fans sat in shirt sleeves to watch the contest. This time they wore overcoats with collars turned up.

The weather affected the play to some extent, the yard being wet from morning rains. This hampered the infielders and increased the number of base hits. The outfielders, because of the wind, usually caught flies several yards away from the spot they first started to journey to.

Detroit has a ball player who is remarkable in one way. He is the young man who forces Clarence Walker to have an initial prefixed to his name in the box scores while here. This Frank Walker, also a centerfielder, and a crackling good one, was discovered by Detroit in the Virginia League, and sent to Springfield, O., for seasoning. In the minors he is having a slump when he hits below .350.

Can't Hit Southpaw

Up here he hits just fairly well. But the reason for his lack of an average is mainly the southpaw pitching. The queer thing about this is that he is a right-hand hitter, so that, theoretically, left-handers should be his prey. Since the team has been at home Walker has batted against Ruth, Leonard, Harper, of Washington, twice; Gregg and Nick Altrock. Nick didn't fan him. But in each of the other five games he has struck out at least twice. Leonard, in his no-hit game, set Walker down on strikes every time he batted and didn't strike out any other hitter save Bush, who fanned with two down in the ninth.

Utility Quartermasters Win

Camp Dix, N. J., June 13.—The Utility Quartermasters handed the Remount Station short rations here yesterday. Grage allowed but three hits and made as many himself, his team winning by 13 to 3.

SCOTT PERRY AWARDED TO BOSTON BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION

Cincinnati, O., June 13.

In a majority finding the National Baseball Commission yesterday declared the transfer of Player Scott Perry from the Atlanta club to the Philadelphia American League club null and void, and upheld the claim of the Boston National League club to the player's services upon the payment of $2000 to the Atlanta club. The Boston club was also permitted to return the player to Atlanta if, after thirteen days' trial, it desires to do so.

President Johnson, of the American League, did not concur in the finding, which was signed by Chairman August Herrmann, of the National Commission; President Tener, of the National League, and Secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National Association. President R. H. Bough, of the Southern Association, filed a minority finding, in which he stated he believed the Atlanta club was within its rights in disposing of Perry to the Philadelphia club.

Perry was sold by Atlanta to the Boston Nationals for $2000, optional agreement, but deserted the team on June 17, 1917. The Boston club was assured at the time that if the player ever returned to organized baseball its rights would be protected, although the National League notified Boston that it could not carry the player on its ineligible list, as he was being carried on Atlanta's ineligible list. Boston at that time had paid a $500 installment of the $2000 agreed for the player.

This year Atlanta sold the player to the Philadelphia Americans and Boston complained and laid claim to the player, providing it fulfilled the original agreement made to Atlanta. The majority of the commission upheld Boston's claim.

MACK WILL DEFY THE COMMISSION

Says He Will Pitch Perry Despite the Award to Boston Club

JOHNSON MAY AID

Detroit, Mich., June 13.

Something more thrilling than the effect of the war on baseball is promised by Connie Mack's threat that, in defiance of the National Commission, he will pitch Scott Perry when his team reaches Cleveland, where the hurler is to rejoin it, and will use him as often thereafter as he chooses. It is the first outright defiance of this sort that the commission has encountered.

"We will hold Perry and will pitch him," are the exact words of Manager Mack, uttered calmly and with apparent forethought, when he was questioned last night. The Mackmen came here from Chicago, and though he did not make this plain, any such direct statement, it was apparent from Mack's words, that he and President Johnson had discussed the case and the Athletics' possible course. He did say directly that he had a fairly definite idea what the commission decision would be, and had reached his own before the formal award was made.

Should Mack's plans go through, it looks like civil war in baseball. It also would appear that President Johnson is prepare to stand back of him in opposition to his National League conferees. Perry, as told elsewhere in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER dispatches, is not with the club in Detroit, and the issue cannot be forced until the Mackmen reach Cleveland.

BRESSLER, OF REDS, IS CALLED IN THE DRAFT

Lock Haven, Pa., June 13.—Raymond B. Bressler, one of the star pitchers of the Cincinnati National League team, has been called by the Clinton County draft board to go with those from this county who will leave here in the five-day period beginning June 24.

Rube, as he is known by his associates in this section, resides in Flemington, a suburb of this city. He will now go in training to pitch hand grenades to the Huns, instead of the elusive pill to the National League batsmen.

Pitches No-Hit Game

Camp Dix, N. J., June 13.—The Fifty-ninth Pioneers blanked the First Regiment Depot Brigade here yesterday. Score, 4 to 0. Haggerty pitched the first no hit, no run game played at the camp.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York, 1; Chicago, 0.
Boston, 1; Pittsburgh, 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Athletics, 4; Detroit, 3.
Boston, 7; Chicago, 0.
Cleveland, 7; New York, 5.
Washington, 6; St. Louis, 4.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Chicago	31	13	.705	Pittsburgh	20	24	.455
New York	30	15	.667	Phillies	18	25	.419
Cincinnati	23	23	.500	St. Louis	18	25	.419
Boston	21	25	.457	Brooklyn	17	28	.378

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Boston	31	20	.608	Wash'gton	25	26	.490
New York	27	21	.563	St. Louis	22	24	.478
Chicago	24	20	.545	Athletics	19	27	.413
Cleveland	27	24	.529	Detroit	15	28	.349

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Pittsburgh at Boston.
Cincinnati at Brooklyn.
Chicago at New York.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Athletics at Detroit.
Boston at Chicago.
Washington at St. Louis.
New York at Cleveland.

Manager Toole Injured

Scranton, Pa., June 13.—Walter Toole, manager of the Scranton team of the County Semiprofessional League, suffered a broken jaw yesterday when struck in the face by a batted ball. Toole was practising at third base when the accident occurred.

FOUR GREAT GOLF STARS TO PLAY AT MERION NEXT MONDAY FOR RED CROSS

Evans, Barnes, Hagen and Marston in Four-Ball Match at Thirty-six Holes Over the Championship East Course

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

PHILADELPHIANS will have their first glimpse of Red Cross golf at the Merion Cricket Club next Monday, when four of the best experts in the country will play a thirty-six hole match over the east course, the same links over which was fought the last amateur championship played in this country. And the player who won the last amateur championship will be one of the quartet. Chick Evans, the only golfer in this country or anywhere else who ever won the open and amateur championship the same year, will, with Max Marston, play against Jim Barnes, the western and Philadelphia open champion, and Walter Hagen, the second of the home breds to win the open title.

First Time Since Championship

It will be the first time that Evans has played at Merion since he won the amateur title. It will also be the first time that Barnes has played the course since he won the Philadelphia open last summer. Hagen has played the course before and Marston is now a member of the Merion Cricket Club and is familiar with the course.

The last time that two amateurs played in this city against two professionals was last fall, when Evans and Norman H. Maxwell, the then North and South amateur champion, defeated Barnes and Eddie Loos on the thirty-eighth hole at Whitemarsh in one of the most sensational matches ever staged in this country. The feeling before the match began was that the two professionals would win, as Barnes had shot a 67 for the course record and both he and Loos had played the course a number of times under 70. On the other hand, Evans never saw the course until he arrived that morning.

Great Match Likely

There are those who figure that Barnes and Hagen may prove too strong a combination for the amateurs, but just at present both Evans and Marston are going at a very fine clip and there is no doubt that they will give a splendid account of themselves. Merion offers a fine test of golf and the players who competed in the amateur were unanimous in saying that the course was the best ever offered in this country for a championship.

If you have never seen Evans play you ought to run out to Merion some time during that day even if you have to break an engagement. There is no finer exponent with wood and iron in the country than smiling Chick Evans. He has not a bad shot in his bag. You may have heard that he is a poor putter, but do not place any stock in that statement for it has no basis in fact. Evans puts his approach shots so dead to the hole that when he fails to run down those eight and ten foot putts people remark that he is a poor putter.

Most of us have seen long Jim Barnes in action and if you have not it is about time that you saw the finest of the American pros play. He drives a terrific ball, and on most two-shot holes he uses a mashie niblic for his approach shot, so far does he hit them. He frequently plays under a seventy and rarely does he go over 76 or 77, so there is a treat in store for you.

Hagen is supposed to be the longest driver of the quartet, and some of his tee shots are wonderful to look at. He is also a master mechanic with his irons. Marston also hits a long ball, and we may look forward to a series of terrific wooden shots from the various tees. There is every indication that the battle will be concentrated on the short game, and the green and the best ball of either pair ought to be low.

To Auction Caddie Privilege

The privilege of acting as the caddie for the four men will be sold to the four highest bidders, and as all this money will go to the Red Cross it is expected that a large sum will be realized from this alone. In addition, the four balls used by the players will be sold to the highest bidders after the first hole has been played, and, in all likelihood, the score cards will also be sold to the spectators. The gallery will not be charged any specific sum, and may give what they please for the badges which will be sold by the Red Cross women, but the minimum contribution is fixed at $1, which is very cheap for the sort of golf entertaintment these four players will provide.

The Merion Cricket Club course is accessible by motor and trolley. Philadelphia and Western have Ardmore avenue station right at the twelfth hole. The morning match will begin about 10 o'clock, and the afternoon round at 2 o'clock.

Texas League Will Finish

Dallas, Tex., June 13.—Reorganization of the Texas League into an eight-club organization, probably including New Orleans, of the Southern Association, and Beaumont, Tex., was agreed upon here yesterday by Texas League club presidents and it is that direction will be taken at once, it was announced tonight.

It was decided at today's session that the Texas League would finish out the season.

Scraps About Scrappers

Gussie Lewis is in excellent condition for his scheduled six-round scrap with Al Shubert, the New Bedford bantam. This will be the third meeting between the pair, Lewis receiving the popular newspaper verdict over Al in this city and Shubert getting the referee's decision over Gussie in Boston after twelve hard-fought rounds. This will be the final bout to a well-balanced program in the second open-air show at the Cambria A. C., Frankford avenue and Cambria street, and will be held tomorrow evening provided it does not rain, and in case of a downpour the show will be held the following day instead of Monday, as Shubert boxes in Boston on that day. The semi-and-six-rounders are Young Merino, of New York, and Denny Hughes, of this city. Three other good bouts also are on the program.

Pop Feeney, one of the proprietors of the Cambria A. C., wishes to let the static fans and managers know that Joe Koons, the local lightweight, is now ready to come with the leading men in his division. Koons in his last bout stopped Bobby North, of New York, a few weeks ago.

Eddie McGoorty, of Oshkosh, and Phil Harrison, of Chicago, will meet for the third time within two months. They have just been matched to appear in a ten-round scrap at Racine, Wis., on the night of June 21.

Ad Wolgast, the former lightweight champion, who was recently released from a sanatorium, is spending the summer at a resort near Minocqua, Mich. According to his physician, Wolgast is a very-much-improved person.

The latest man to issue a defi to Lew Tendler is Mel Coogan, a Boston lightweight. Coogan claims that they were to have met in the recent boxing show that was held in New York for the benefit of the United States soldiers and sailors, but Tendler was afraid of him and asked that he box some other boer, and Barney Adair, of New York, was substituted.

Young Brown, the New York welterweight, has been obtained to box eight rounds with Joe Welsh, of this city, in the wind-up at the Pennsgrove A. C. of New Jersey on Friday night. This match ought to draw a packed arena, as both men are known for their slugging and cleverness. The semi-final brings together Joe Phillips, of this city, and Jack Russo, formerly of New Orleans, but now of this city, in a six-round scrap. This bout was supposed to have been held at that club last week, but as Allen did not receive his railroad tickets in time he did not put in an appearance. These other preliminary bouts are on the program.

Jack O'Brien is now known from coast to coast and from the Great Lakes to the Rio Grande for his kind assistance to the Government by helping to sell Liberty Bonds of the third loan and staging boxing contests on the City Hall plaza for the benefit of the Liberty Loan and Red Cross.

In reference to the many challenges hurled at Pete Harman, the bantamweight champion, his manager, Red Walsh, wishes to announce that Herman will defend his championship against any contender for his crown providing he is given a flat guarantee of $6500.

Herman ("Muggsy") Taylor, matchmaker of the National A. A., who recently tendered his resignation as matchmaker of the Pennsgrove A. C. of New Jersey, states that he has dropped Young Joe Borrell and hereafter the local Italian boxer will be handled by another manager, who will probably be himself.

Preston Brown, the colored battler, seems to have returned to his old-time form, when he showed the boxing fans at the Cambria A. C. last week that he can still battle as of old when he handed Eddie Morgan, the English featherweight, a neat six-round pasting.

Amateur Notes

Al Heckfield's sensational twirling was the feature of the Atlas Club's 6-1 victory over the Ajax A. A. He fanned seventeen batsmen.

Henry A. A. has June 15 open and also a few other dates later in the season for traveling teams. W. S. Kiken, 805 North Sixty-sixth street.

The Greenleaf A. A. would like to hear from seventeen-eighteen-year-old home clubs offering a fair guarantee. M. Gronio, 2028 West Indiana avenue.

Argo A. A., a semiprofessional traveling club, has June 15-22 and July 4 (a. m.) open. J. Dailey, 710 Belgrade street, or phone Kensington 3477 from 7 to 9 p. m.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit A. C. has June 15 open with a first-class semiprofessional home team offering a reasonable guarantee. J. Whiteside, 3511 Joyce street, or phone Frankford 890.

South Philadelphia A. C., a sixteen-seventeen-year-old traveling club, is desirous of arranging games with teams in or outside of this city for June 15, all of July and August. H. Mogell, 1624 Tasker street.

Frankford Junction R. R. team would like to hear from all traveling teams. C. Stevenson, 5717 Van Dyke street.

Caldon A. A., a first-class uniformed traveling team, would like to arrange contests with home clubs giving a fair guarantee for July 4 (p. m.), July 20, July 27 and August 3. William F. McCarthy, 1947 Poplar street.

Buster Club, a first-class traveling uniformed team, has June 15-22 open. Robert L. Beecher, 2901 South Franklin street, or phone Lombard 2942 between noon and 1 p. m.

The S. P. H. A. won its fourth straight game by defeating the Sheridan F. C., 5-3. With Hughie Black, the former South Philadelphia High star, and Charlie Newman in its line-up this club would like to hear from all first-class home teams playing Sunday ball. Bob Seitchick, Fourth and Reed streets.

Essex A. C., a sixteen-eighteen-year-old uniformed team, has open dates in July and August with teams having grounds. Louis Angele, 1721 South Mole street.

Mifflin Square would like to hear from first-class eighteen-twenty-year-old home teams playing Sunday ball and offering a fair guarantee. Al King, 1722 South Fifth street.

Philmore A. A. would like to hear from first-class teams in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware having June 29 and July 4 open. Edwin Leech, 2747 North Front street.

Norris Field Club, a semiprofessional team, has June 15 and 22 and also several later dates open for home teams offering fair inducements. Frank C. Sheller, 504 Norris street, or phone Diamond 7078.

St. Marcus A. A., a traveling and home team, which has won its last six games, has a few open dates and would like to hear from first-class traveling or home teams. Albert C. Roemhild, 2318 West Cumberland street, or call Diamond 5896 J.

Victory for Union Trades School

Fountain Hill, Pa., June 13.—The Union Trade School showed baseball ability here yesterday by defeating Fountain Hill, 11 to 6.

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