

PHILLIES AND BRAVES START THRILLING SERIES FOR LAST PLACE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE

PATIENT PLODDING HELPED PROF. LUMAN REACH GOLF FINALS

After Late Start in Game and Many Futile Attempts to Qualify in First Sixteen, This Veteran Forced Wood Platt to Lower Course Record to Win in Bala Ti...

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THERE comes a time in the life of every man athletically inclined...

The professor, for a real one and is head of a big business college in Philadelphia...

Mr. Luman's feat is one which cannot pass unnoticed. He is a man past fifty years of age and took up golf because he needed exercise in the open...

But it happened. Age meant nothing in the ancient and honorable pastime. All that was required was a clear eye, a steady hand and nerve...

HE OVERCAME the age handicap, made himself proficient in a game which is considered strenuous and by steady plugging entered the first rank of local experts...

Platt Set Record to Beat Professor Luman OF COURSE he was defeated. Every one knew that only a miracle could defeat young Platt...

Luman played a steady, consistent game. While Platt was brilliant, the runner-up plodded along, made every shot count and although he landed in the rough on almost every shot...

The professor drove one ball out of bounds on the seventh and lost the next three holes. However, he did not seem outclassed and annoyed his youthful opponent to the end...

LUMAN was given an ovation at the end of the match. While accepting congratulations all he said was, "Well, I didn't quit, did I?"

BATTLE for cellar starts at Phils' park. BASEBALL scenery has been shifted to the Phils' park, and this afternoon the record-breaking Combsmen will open a thrilling engagement with the Braves of Rawston...

While New York, Chicago and Cincinnati are fighting their heads off to see which team is the best in the league, we will have a reverse English contest to see which is the worst...

However, the fans can take off their hats and sing the praises of Cactus Gavy Cravath, the kid right fielder, who has proved to be the sensation of the baseball world...

THE pitchers, too, are not wearing medals for past performances. But some morning work on the home lot should put them in shape. Rixey is coming along fairly well and Bradley Hogg should improve with hot weather.

Governor Cox Favors Big Bout TEX RICKARD need have no fear of having the big championship fuss stopped in Toledo on July 1. Governor Cox has stated he will not interfere and the Legislature defeated a bill asking that the affair be halted...

In the meantime the champion and the contender are gathering quarters at their training quarters and getting into shape for the big struggle. Fight fans are talking about the match in all quarters of the globe, but strange as it may seem there has been little betting.

THE wise boys are laying off until the last week, when they will have a chance to size up the merits of the opposing battlers. At that, it would be surprising if little money was put up. The bout is of a piece attraction than a betting proposition.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



THREE OFFICIALS MAY JUDGE BOUT

Referee Would Make Decision if Two Outside Experts Were to Disagree

DREXEL BIDDLE IN TOLEDO

Toledo, O., June 23.—With the arrival today of Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, president of the Army, Navy and Civilian Board of Boxing Control, the much-discussed question of selecting a referee, and possibly two judges, for the heavyweight championship contest between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey...

Two Judges and Referee

The consensus of opinion seems to be that in addition to a referee two judges also will be named. The boxing board has expressed a preference to this manner of deciding the contest, and as neither Willard nor Dempsey has made any objection, the plan may receive its first American tryout in the heavyweight championship contest...

The Barber Out of Luck

John J. Reiser, known as "John, the Barber," a former manager of Dempsey, will have to go into the courts if he expects to receive any money alleged to be due him from the managerial contract, which he claims still is in force. Kearns, Dempsey's manager, told Reiser that he "couldn't give him a dime for a dozen contracts like it."

ONE-ARM STAR WINS

Ives Bocatzou, French Professional, Defeats Louis Martucci, New York, June 23.—About 300 persons were absorbed into this afternoon in the first exhibition match in America of Ives Bocatzou, Frenchman, the most famous one-armed professional in the world. He appeared at the Inwood Country Club, Far Rockaway. He was matched against Louis Martucci, New Jersey's long-known one-armed pro. The affair was a match play, the visitor winning by 1 up at 18 holes.

STYLES WINS BROWN DERBY ON THE LINKS

Plays Three Matches in One Day; Philadelphia Championship Tourney This Week

MEET AT PHILMONT

IS SPICK HALL, IT IS confidentially reported in golfing circles that Eddie Styles, of 50 Old York Road Country Club, is training for his matches on iron filings and similar delicacies. No other diet would put a man in shape to accomplish the feat that he pulled off last Wednesday. Eddie began by trimming C. Havens, Philadelphia Cricket Club, in the morning of June 18 over the course at Huntingdon Valley in the Lynwood Hall tournament. He won that match 3 up and 1 to play. After partaking of a few assorted bolts and steel trimmings, he went out in the afternoon and won his match from Alex Coles, Shawnee, 1 up.

Not content with this, Eddie decided to make it a perfect day. He finished from Huntingdon Valley to Bala, where he played eighteen holes, qualifying in the first sixteen with a card of 85. This record is one that is likely to stand for a long while and few golfers would have been able to get away with it with such sensible effort. However, even iron filings can't get a golfer here at this rate without getting stale. Eddie, as a consequence of his strenuous labors on the links was beaten by J. Luman, Bala, in the first round. However, when Wednesday rolls around and play is begun for the Philadelphia championship at Philmont, Eddie will be ready to make a strong bid for the cup.

Won't Defend Title

Cameron B. Buxton, Huntingdon Valley, who holds the golf championship of Philadelphia, will not be able to defend his title against the pine field that is expected to gather at Philmont Wednesday. Buxton is leaving for Europe on Saturday. At that it is possible that he may play in the qualifying round, which will be thirty-six holes. Buxton won the Philadelphia championship in 1916, and since that time there has been no contest for the title on account of the war. Last year Buxton won the event, but as it was not a titular affair, he still retains his title from 1916.

In this tournament there will be one flight of thirty-two to qualify. The first and second rounds will be played off on Thursday, the third and semifinals on Friday and the final round of thirty-six holes on Saturday. This event is the twenty-second annual tournament for the Philadelphia championship.

Intercollegiate Tuesday

On Tuesday the Merion Cricket Club throws open its doors to the college players. In this intercollegiate tournament it is expected that Penn, Yale, Harvard, Williams, Princeton and Columbia will be represented. The tournament, as usual, will be a double affair, in which matches will be played for team and individual titles. The former will be seventy-two holes medal play, thirty-six holes on Tuesday and the remaining thirty-six the following day. Play for the individual title will begin Thursday with an eight-hole qualifying play, followed by the first round of match play in the afternoon. The second and semifinal rounds will be played on Friday.

South Americans Get Golf Fever

After having completely overrun North America, the game of the South is infecting the sport lovers of South America. Many courses have recently been completed in Brazil and Argentina. Golf is getting a foothold in the Far East. New courses have been begun in Japan and the Philippines. In France the ancient and honorable pastime is flourishing as it never has before.

It looks as if the league of nations will have to include a golf clause governing international competition. The longer distances back in track history were not hard on the runners. They would loaf through most of the race and pull a sprint in the last few hundred yards. Now there is no chance to loaf in any race. Athletes in every event are getting to know their own ability and strength. They keep on the heels of the leaders all the way. There is no letup from the start to finish and when this is the case the farther you go the harder it is.

The Tigers are favorites for the team championship. Penn this year is weak, although she has three very good golfers in Dan Road, George Webster and H. R. Calves. Mrs. G. W. Curran was in medical attendance for the Belmont V. E. Army tracks at the overboarded country club with a new 92. Her husband was 45. Two big golf events that took were the defeat of Eddie Styles by J. Luman in the Bala tournament and the defeat of Cameron Buxton in the hands of W. H. Gardner in the Lynwood trophy meeting at Huntingdon Valley.

Saturday play was resumed by 29 men at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in the R. R. Golf tournament. The winner of the annual invitation tournament of the Wilmington Golf Club, in the final 3 up and 2 to play.

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HARDER TO RUN MILE THAN 440

Meredith Says Short Races Are Not So Strenuous as Long Ones

CUT IN TIME OF 880

By JAMES E. ("TED") MEREDITH, World's Greatest Middle Distance Runner.

One of the favorite questions for debate about followers of track athletics is: "What is the hardest distance to run?" Often I have heard this question debated and usually there was a quarter-mile or a half-mile runner who insisted that the 440 is the hardest because it is a sprint all the way. Twenty years ago that would have been the right answer, but in this age of track development I believe that the farther the distance the harder the race.

Two decades ago the quarter-mile was being run in almost as good time on the average as it is today. The reason for this was that the 440 always has been the most popular of any of the distances, and this furnished the competition. It's the field always that makes a race hard or easy.

Back around 1900 the quarter was run much faster comparatively than any of the other events. As an illustration at these times made in the Olympic championships in 1896 and 1900:

Table with 4 columns: Distance (400m, 800m, 1500m), 1900, 1906. Values include 1:34.5, 2:11, 4:53, 1:50, 2:54.5, 2:11, 2:5.

Maxey Long was running around 49 seconds consistently twenty years ago, and the intercollegiate quarter was being won in under 50 seconds, while 2 minutes and 5 seconds was good enough to win the half-mile college title. Compare these with the times of today. Forty-nine seconds in the quarter virtually assures a runner of a place in the quarter, while a 2:05 half-mile is scarcely good enough for any college track squad.

Interscholastic half-mile championships are won under 2 minutes and only occasionally would a 2:05 schoolboy 880 runner get into the scoring.

Millers Were Slow

The same facts apply to the mile and two-mile. At the start of the twentieth century a 4:30 miler was an exception, now four four quarters in that time is considered a shade worse than mediocre. An intercollegiate mile usually is won around 4:20 and often in much faster time. A two-mile race in ten minutes was remarkable time in 1900, but compare that with the times of this age when Joey Ray is running 9:16 indoors. A 9:16 two miles means two races of one mile in as fast time as the four quarters were run twenty years back. For instance, the first mile of a 9:16 race would have to be run in about 4:30 and the second in 4:46.

In the last ten years track races other than the quarter developed to such an extent that the times were forced down. This was caused by the fact that the trainers in colleges began looking to races other than the 440 for points in the meets and coached their men especially for the longer events.

440 Field Large

One thing that has done a lot to make the 440 popular is the annual relay carnival at the University of Pennsylvania. Schoolboys going out for their high school track teams in the east had one goal in view. That was to run in the Penn relays and naturally they picked the quarter mile so that they could make the mile relay team. This has kept the competition keen and the field large.

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ATHLETES PRAISED

General Pershing Pays Tribute to American Stars Paris, June 23.—General Secretary Carter, of the Young Men's Christian Association, yesterday presented Pershing Stadium to the American army. General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces, received the stadium on behalf of the American expeditionary force and then presented it to the French people.

General Pershing in an address said, in part: "Conscious of the service which athletes rendered and of the influence athletic training had in making victory possible, it seems a fitting conclusion that our heroes in a common cause should be celebrated by a great tournament, in which the athletes of the allied nations will join in friendly contest."

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The First Upset

TWENTY-SEVEN years ago around this date or a bit later there was supposed to be one cliché left in the universe. This pipe wagger was that John Lawrence Sullivan would knock out James J. Corbett in jigtime.

There was one dissector of note. His name was Harry Weldon, sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and Weldon earned nation-wide fame by picking Corbett all seven ways and sticking to his pick on through to the finish. Weldon was virtually alone, so when Corbett won the Cincinnati writer had earned his fame.

Today the situation is different. There are about as many picking Dempsey as there are picking Willard. The champion may have a shade, but not as much of a shade in the fan selections as the champion usually carries.

WHOEVER wins now, there will be a wild and woolly flock of I-told-You-Sos lifting their voices to the July breeze—just as if 77 per cent of 'em hadn't been a guess.

Jess and John L.

HERE is an item that may be worth a thought. Then, again, it may not. Use your own judgment. When Sullivan fought Corbett, John L. was thirty-four years old, three or four years or more younger than Willard.

But here's the point. Sullivan's last fight before meeting Corbett was with Jake Kilrain, July 8, 1889. He had no battle to help him along until he met Corbett. An interval of three years and three months intervened between Sullivan's Kilrain and Corbett fights.

Willard's last battle was against Frank Moran in March, 1916. An interval of three years and four months will have separated Willard's last two contests.

The Old System

THE Red Sox won a number of opponents by trimming their main rivals—the Tigers and White Sox—consistently. They might lose a few ignominious pastimes to others, including second division clubs, but when they struck these two teams they struck with winning force.

THIS happens when a victory brings a double reward in the percentage column, lifting one club as it pushes the other down. Except the Eighth. The saddest sight in the well known hub. Is the seventh stroke of a bunkered dub.

ANY ONE who believes that a lusk weighing 195 pounds isn't big enough to drop any man on earth for the fatal count if he lands on the correct spot has another guess coming. Dempsey may not even dare Willard. But it is entirely in the realm of physical possibilities that he can drop the champion cold and kicking in two punches.

THE main point in sizing up the contest seems to be a matter of fifty surplus pounds versus sixteen surplus years. How much is a year worth in poundage after you pass twenty-five? Or how much is a pound worth in years after you slip by thirty?

IT IS quite unlikely that flying across the ocean will ever cut very deeply into our forenoons or afternoons. Not as long as the ocean remains as wet as it has been for a number of years.

THE time is probably not so far away when an American golf team will leave New York one morning and arrive at St. Andrews or Walton Heath or Westward Ho the next for an international match. And only think what a wonderful alibi this trip will be for a missed putt! What a chance for those who have run out of alibis.

CONNIE MACK has been embedded in the cellar for so long now that in place of getting new ball players he may soon have to send for a few kegs of nitroglycerin and turn it into a blasting job.

"GOLF" as George Low says, "is an humblin' game." And there are more people in the world, here and there, who need humblin' than there are who need cheering up.

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