

### GEORGE ROTAN BUILT UP HIS GOLF ON WACO SAND GREENS

Even Hagen Didn't Shine There on Approach Shots—Rotan Has Shown Remarkable Talent in Four Days.

Notes of Tourneys

By SANDY McNICLICK

GEORGE V. ROTAN built up his fine golf game on sand greens. For fifteen years he has played his shots to the hole on the sand, and those familiar with that kind of golf know there is a lot of difference between it and the turf of the green in the North.

Rotan's development is all the more remarkable when his record, just for instance, of the last week is considered. First the tall star, who is from Waco, Tex., and is entered here on the Houston Country Club, won the Lynwood Hall cup for the second time on Wednesday, against about as good a field as could be desired. Rotan then decided to journey down the river, looked over the Wilmington course for the first time and played the medal score of the invitation yesterday.

Coming North and performing like that in the short space of four days is what you might call "hauling coals to Newcastle." Rotan grew very fond of his home course and likes the sand greens first rate. In fact, he wishes they would play the "world's championship" down there.

"I believe the pro there and I are the only ones that know how to play the course," smiled Rotan, "for it calls for a peculiar brand of approach shots. The idea is not to land the green, but keep strictly off; that is, play your ball as near as possible to the green. The nearer you get the better, but if you land the green you're gone. From the edge of the green you ought to be able to hole out every time in one, if you can put on a floor."

Rotan recalled that Walter Hagen and Jack Hutchinson had dropped off there for a "howdy-do" game, and were beaten only 6 and 5.

"It was very interesting," laughed Rotan, "as they were uttering at us as to how to play it."

Rotan stated that he would not play in the Philadelphia amateur next week and that he would only be here about a fortnight longer. Most of this time he will spend at Pine Valley, as he is immensely fond of that course. On the way back to Texas he is going to drop off at Oakland to have a game with S. D. Herron, the national champion.

"I can't stay long up here," said Rotan, "and besides I have a big family."

He hopes to make a real Texas golfer out of his son, a husky youngster of ten years, who weighs 125 pounds.

"He's just taking up the game," said Rotan, "so I can't tell yet how well he promises."

Rotan won the Texas championship from 1912-1915, inclusive, and again last year. This year he was beaten in the finals. He first won the Lynwood Hall cup in 1915.

Rotan said that Texas is "all for" golf and that they're now building the 11th course at Dallas. Houston is a center but Galveston has had hard luck with its efforts. A clubhouse burned down, or a course had to be abandoned, and so forth.

Jesse Sweetser, captain of the Yale freshman golf team, was expected to appear at the Wilmington invitation tournament yesterday but didn't. There was much interest in how the brilliant New York youngster would fare against the fine field.

J. Simpson Dean, Princeton's golf team's skipper, had not in the last three holes to make yesterday in order to figure for the medal, but two drives in succession on the seventeenth which flew out of bounds put him right out of it. A shot to the trap at the eighteenth settled it unanimously.

Rotan's score was somewhat remarkable in that he was pace-maker for a player who scored 108. "Didn't mind it a bit, though," said Rotan. "In fact, as I believe he is on the greens committee, I think the size of a couple of my drives rather drove him. One place I took one out a couple of feet long which couldn't be helped nor put back, as it flew all to pieces."

Robert Weir, Wilmington, showed lots of courage and a fine score when he came in. He played the round with a broken wrist. His right forearm was strained in a race, so he couldn't bend his wrist. He had to loop a straight wrist. At that he had three birds and five par holes, two holes in two in the 18th. "What bothered me most in the short game," he said, "he broke it playing baseball when he got in a close decision on a base."

That record score of W. H. Gardner's, a 69 in the second round to qualify for the Lynwood Hall cup, is still very much the topic of conversation before the fans. The statement by one of the veteran members that he had never before been broken at Huntington Valley is displaced by the fact that Mr. Nicholson's score of 69. The steward of the club has the ball, marked, signed and everything, with which the score was made. Now it's unanimous. But Gardner's record stands on the newly arranged course.

The mystery of W. C. Hunt, the player who defeated S. D. Herron, American champion, in a local play here, a good golf-er, is still a puzzle. It is said that Herron when the champion was not going so well, Herron was putting particularly badly.

T. W. Cooper, North Hills, did not share in the triumph of his club in winning the championship. He was beaten by the late Mr. H. H. Deane, formerly Miss Barry, and 2 in the final for the Surrey championship over there recently.

Miss Molly Griffiths, the British woman who studied the course of Miss Mildred Macey, Philadelphia, cricket club, Miss Marion Hollins and others in the ladies' championship of Great Britain, and went to the States to compete in the glory of the Philadelphia club, is still in the States. She is in the States for the Surrey championship over there recently.

The Philadelphia Cricket Club has three young players in its women's list of which it is very proud. They are Miss Mary Lovering, Miss Margaretta Lynn, and Miss Mary Davis. Miss Lovering played on the first team and Miss Lynn led off for the second team, on which Davis also played. The three made good records this season. With the exception of Miss Mary Davis, Miss Mary Bell and Miss Davis—the latest three will bear watching.

There was a flag-raising at Green Valley Country Club the first of the week in honor of breaking the ground for the new golf course. Judge John M. Patterson was one of the speakers. The grounds, 147 acres and nearly 100,000 will be spent on the construction to make it one of the finest courses of the city. Prominent contractors of links have the matter in charge.

American golf players will play at Fox Saturday against the new and cam bridge Society players. They will be carried off to Paris, to play at the famous Le Boule links Sunday, after which they will return to Philadelphia. Gardner will sail for New York Saturday on the Mauretania.

"Nick" Cullip Quits Baseball  
Salt Lake City, Utah, June 18.—Norman Cullip, former New York American pitcher, who joined the Salt Lake club of the Pacific Coast League this season, has retired from baseball and left today for his home in Virginia.

### BETTING IS EVEN ON BIG REGATTA

Cornell and Syracuse Eights Equal Favorites—Penn and Columbia Also Fifty-Fifty

Ithaca, N. Y., June 18.—This modest little college town, which has unexpectedly found itself the underdog of the year less than a week ago, is now the center of the rowing stage, has reached the final period in its preparation for the intercollegiate regatta on Cayuga lake tomorrow afternoon.

With the biggest rowing class of the year less than forty-eight hours away steady progress was in evidence in the task of preparing for the thousands of visitors who will flock to Ithaca.

A dismal drizzle that continued steadily throughout the day prevented any real action by the crews yesterday. When the downpour had lessened in the middle of the day, all four of the contesting eights ventured out on the lake, which had been beaten into quietness by the rain.

Syracuse and Penn took to the water first, with Courtney's Cornell eights following. Columbia followed later, and was hard at it when Syracuse had returned to the lake downriver, where the visiting oarsmen are quartered.

The betting is still firmly lodged at even money between Cornell and Syracuse in the varsity race. One bet of \$1000, two of \$500 and several scattering wagers of smaller sums were made on the main race. Cornell and Syracuse supporters being the principals. It is also a well-established fact that more than \$10,000 of Syracuse coin is in the offing at even money and is awaiting only a word from Ten Eyck, whose reticence is evidently worrying the Orange enthusiasts.

A second battle is being waged between Columbia and Penn, which are regarded as the runners for first place in the varsity race, but are close rivals for third honors. The betting was even, with little money in sight.

It was announced today that the time of the races had been set back to 6 o'clock, when the freshmen will paddle to the starting line. The junior eights will leave the mark at 6:30 and the varsity race will start at 7. The choppy condition of the lake was given as the reason for the change.

The first specialty train arrived early today and will be followed by another in the late afternoon. Following this invasion the procession into the town by train, auto and even by foot, is expected to continue in a steady stream. The most liberal estimate made by the Cornell authorities is 40,000, which will include a host of old grads back for Alumni Day.

### Champion Benny Leonard Hurls Defi at Lew Tendler

Los Angeles, Cal., June 18.—To the Sports Editor EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER: On May 20, on behalf of Benny Leonard, I offered Lew Tendler \$7500 for his end to meet Champion Leonard in a fifteen-round contest to a decision in New York city.

Tendler was given thirty days to accept and was asked to deposit \$5000 with any sporting editor to prove his sincerity in seeking a match with the champion, the weight to be at the recognized lightweight limit which the Walker law calls for. This is the first time in the history of boxing that a champion ever challenged a contender. It is a question now of accepting or stop bluffing.

BILLY GIBSON.

### SOUTHAMPTON HERE

Suburban Team Meets Madison Club in Big Game

The Southampton team, of Montgomery League fame, comes here tomorrow to cross bats with the Madison Club at Thirty-fourth and Reed streets. The suburban lads are going along at a rapid clip and they expect to take the downtowners, who have recently added

### Leonard Cancels Three Bouts

New York, June 18.—Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, has called off his three fights scheduled to take place on the Pacific coast. Leonard's cancellation is caused by the champion's agreeing a tending during the making of his movie serial. The fights, cancelled were with Jimmy Duffy in San Francisco, Johnny Sheppard at Portland and Harry Shuman at Seattle.

### WATER CARNIVAL AT RIVERTON, N. J.

New York and Philadelphia Mermaids and Mermen to Compete Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 P. M. the Riverton Yacht Club of Riverton, N. J., will stage its water carnival. The New York Women's Swimming Association, of New York, will enter fifteen of its best performers, including Miss Ethelida Bleibrey, premier woman swimmer of the world, and Charlotte Boyle, second greatest mermaid in existence. These girls will be the main-stays on the women's swimming team entered in the Olympics.

Other stars entered at Riverton tomorrow are Eileen Riggan, Helen Wainwright, Alice Lord and Bertha Tompkins. Among the girls sent will be the champion Gotham senior and junior relay teams.

The Philadelphia girls will be in line to give battle to the New Yorkers, and will include Irene Guest, Gertrude Artelt, Eleanor Uhl, Elizabeth Becker and Helen Pennypacker, all five of whom run an excellent chance of representing Philadelphia in the Olympic games.

Other local entries are Florence McLaughlin, Mabel Arklie, Marie Higgins and Bertha Pearlstein. Philadelphia will be represented by the Meadowbrook Club, the Philadelphia Turquoise Club, the First Regiment Swimming Pool and West Branch.

There will be several inter-city matches in swimming and diving between the New York and Philadelphia teams, consisting of a senior and junior relay race, a special match between Miss Bleibrey, Miss Guest and Miss Uhl, and one between Miss Boyle and Miss Artelt.

### Scotch Golfer Used Novel Way to Criticize

A Scotch golf enthusiast, who was too polite to make a face-to-face protest against another player's objectionable manners, but too aggrieved to remain silent, recently inserted this advertisement in the "agony column" of several London newspapers:

"Would the individual with the handicap of eighteen and the large voice, who hawks his way round a certain suburban course, reflect that his golfing adventures do not interest other members to the extent he would think?"

When you consider that the Athletics made only one run with eighteen hits you wonder what is the trouble with the footwork of those A's.

Incidentally it was the eighth straight victory for the St. Louis Browns.

### RAIN HALTS POLO

Philadelphia Country Club Was Leading Point Judith, 5-1

Point Judith and the Philadelphia Country Club team were in the early part of the third period of the polo game at the Bryn Mawr field yesterday, in the second match for the Bryn Mawr cups, when the threatening storm clouds created such darkness that Captain H. H. Holmes, the referee, stopped the play. The players and several hundred spectators barely had time to get under cover from the deluge.

Play was stopped when [the] score stood 5 to 1 in favor of the Country Club four, and the game will be resumed this afternoon, not at Bryn Mawr, but at the Philadelphia Country Club field at Bala.

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### DRUDDING SEEKS REVENGE

Morocco Team Seeks to Defeat Gibson for Former Defeat

The Drudging baseball team has suffered but two defeats all season and one of these was at the hands of the Gibson nine, so the morocco nine plans to even up the score when it clashes with Todd's aggregation at Sixty-fifth street below Elmwood avenue tomorrow afternoon.

Gibson has now won six in a row and hopes to again defeat the uptown nine. The line-up of the teams follows:

DRUDDING: Myers, 12; Whiteley, 2b; Everling, 2b; Smith, 1b; Kitchner, cf; Remers, rf; Leaver, c; West, p; Braithwood, p.

GIBSON: Todd, cf; Harmer, 2b; Everett, 2b; Holt, 2b; Heller, 1b; Kestler, rf; Bradley, cf; Kay, rf; Sutton, c; Rodgers, p.

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