

EVEN THE LOSERS IN BARNYARD GOLF HAVE HORSESHOES AND THEY ALL ADMIT IT, TOO

RAIN HALTS BARNYARD TOURNEY AT ST. PETE, BUT DOESN'T PREVENT ATHLETES FROM HAVING PRACTICE

THE only thing that interfered with the great national horseshoe tournament yesterday was a thrilling rainstorm. Rainstorms are thrilling and cause much excitement down here because in the winter season the folks are so proud of the sunshine that whenever it rains the daily paper is distributed free. Getting a newspaper for nothing was enough entertainment for the natives in one day, and it was thought advisable to postpone the championship tourney until today.

In this manner George Washington's birthday is celebrated in a just and fitting manner. Abraham Lincoln had a birthday some time ago, but nobody said a word about it. George, however, will be signally honored because it is indeed a wonderful thing to start the big event on one's birthday. Only ice hockey matches are played on Lincoln's anniversary.

The committee in charge looked over the course at high noon and after a very thorough investigation he said the lanes were entirely too moist for fast pitching. Therefore, everything was declared off for the day, despite the fact I told him I couldn't be present at the opening exercises this morning. He said he should worry, which is considered snappy slang in these parts.

In the meantime, all of the contestants were practicing. A barnyard golfer has his own idea of practicing. He pitches all day, trying to improve his control. Perhaps it is easy work, but we can't see it. Hurling those iron rags through the air and walking after them is like a blacksmith taking a day off to shoe some horses or a piano mover spending a vacation at a weight-lifting contest.

AFTER the tourney had been called off the contestants did nothing but continue to pitch. They were out there during the tropical rainstorm and called it a day when the sun sank suddenly and ruined the practice. Then everybody went home and read the paper which was left on the doorstep with the compliments of the editor. The circulation was unusually large.

Champion of Arizona Arrives

THE mysterious stranger, which is a way of referring to the dark horse, arrived yesterday. At first it was thought that Flinger Smith, of Hotzewood, Pa., heavily backed by Ira Levy, was the man, but The Flinger still is absent. Instead, F. A. Scott, of Yuma, Arizona, appeared, and after going over the course with his shoes developed a sore eye and withdrew from the tourney. Some of the gossip says his eye was good enough to see the other fingers in Arizona, and he is satisfied with the championship of Arizona.

Barnyard golf championships have been held since 1915 and they always have been successful. According to the dope spilled around the clubhouse, the tourney was held to offset the stunts being pulled at Miami. For some reason, the folks here are jealous of the eastern shore inhabitants and get very sore when they read about the horse polo games which were being played.

At first the St. Pete boosters thought of playing polo on a horse, and in order to have an equine flavor to the shoe pitching was substituted. The sport made such a hit that several business up North took it up and started to develop champions.

The first tournament was won by Brust, but he was trimmed in the next. The best player seen here, according to the fans, was George May, George could not throw ringers out of three pitches and was considered invincible. However, he was fighting a fire and hurt his eyesight and couldn't find the peg. Now he is a veteran, and that's going some.

There's a lot of clever stuff in barnyard golf. For example, take Lee Toot, of Youngstown. Toot is a fast finger and takes a wind-up. This makes his opponent nervous and he usually wins.

JOHN HARD MILLER, of Rock Valley, Iowa, in another type. This "Hard" guy takes one at a time to pick a shoe and is the slowest on the links. "Hard" says he does this on purpose to break down the nerve of his opponents. When

GOLDSTEIN LACKS COURAGE; KID WILLIAMS EASY VICTOR

New York Lad, Leary of Veteran, Loses Popularity and Popular Decision in One-Sided Match at Olympia

LACK of courage proved a double-edged sword for Abe Attell Goldstein at the Olympia last night. Through his unwillingness to take chances, Abe lost a lot of his popularity and also the popular decision to Kiddo Williams. It was a case of youth being served.

Both got started defensively. One waited for the other to lead. For two rounds there was little action. Beginning with the third round Williams evidently figured that Goldstein was fearful and the Kid began to force the killing.

Williams' one-sided victory greatly upset the dope. Goldstein stepped into the ring a heavy favorite, but it was proved from the outset that the "know-nothing" had made a very bad guess. The little New Yorker failed to show to advantage in any round. For two rounds there was little action. Beginning with the third round Williams evidently figured that Goldstein was fearful and the Kid began to force the killing.

Vince Grady Changes His Style

THEN there is Vincent Grady, of Maroa, Ill. Last year which turned one and one-half times. He wasn't satisfied with this form of delivery, so decided to change it. Therefore, he went back to the farm and between digging potatoes and hoeing corn and things like that developed something new. He now slings a rolling shoe which travels end over end and says he now has a chance to make lots of ringers.

C. A. Giant is known as "Pittsburgh" on the links. He is the Ohio champion and trains faithfully. Every fall he cranks up the diver and takes the wife to St. Augustine, where he pitches a couple of months. Then he moves his training camp to Palm Beach and Miami, getting in better condition all the time. He arrived here two weeks ago and has been out on the links every morning and afternoon. "Pittsburgh" has many admirers and they pick him to finish up in the race.

But the real pitcher is Hughie Palmer, of Akron. Hughie is a great athlete and trains harder than Jack Dempsey. He is up at sunrise every day and takes a three-mile walk. Then after a light breakfast he goes to the links and pitches until noon. One-half hour is spent for luncheon purposes and he is back again until they chase him home.

"Don't tell me that horseshoe pitching isn't a scientific game," said Hughie vigorously. "It's the greatest sport in the world and I'd like to see some of you young fellows try it. Looks easy, but it isn't. A barnyard pitcher has a plate of eighteen inches wide to throw at and he can't get 'em over. We have a one-inch stake and the opening of the shoe is only three and one-half inches wide, but we not only hit the stake but also make ringers. Don't tell me it ain't hard to do."

Hughie, with his three score years and ten and then some, is the Ohio champion and the American industrial titleholder. He throws a slow shoe because they changed the rules on him. Once the pitching distance was forty-six feet and the strain was too great for the athletes. Therefore, it was changed to forty feet and Hughie had to change his style. Instead of taking two and one-half turns he now does but one and has been doing so good that he has a record of twenty-four ringers in succession.

Competitors Carry Their Own Weapons

EVERY athlete has his own private shoes and carries them in a traveling case. The shoes are of standard size and can't weigh more than two and one-quarter pounds, the length must not exceed seven and one-half inches, the width seven and the opening measured on the inside three and one-half inches. The shoes are of standard size and can't weigh more than two and one-quarter pounds, the length must not exceed seven and one-half inches, the width seven and the opening measured on the inside three and one-half inches.

The Sunshine Pleasure Club, which is staging the tournament, has free files on the courts to file off any stray burrs on the shoes. An emery wheel has also been installed to smooth the rough spots. Adhesive tape is furnished free and also brushes and soap, as the athletes sometimes are in need of them.

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YOUNG MICKS SCORES KNOCKOUT

Joe Young, 117½, scored a hard-fought victory in six sizzling sessions over Jimmy Brown, 113. Wolfe made his victory unanimous with an eight-second knockdown in the last period.

Martin Judge's experience stood him in good stead and he succeeded in breaking the winning streak of Earl Hartman, who, nevertheless, did not lose any prestige. Judge's margin of victory was of the shade variety. Hartman, weighing 124, was a pound lighter than his more experienced foe, Willie Cross, 118, outboxed King Bodie, 117½.

Enter Champ Lynch. Joseph Lynch, Esq., New York City, andbantamweight champion of the world, will make his bow as the 118-pound titleholder in Philadelphia tonight. He is booked to go in with James White, the red-head, rugged, rough and ready, from Albany, N. Y.

White is a willing battler. He proved this in a fight with Danny Kramer recently. James doesn't believe in letting the other fellow do all of the fighting. This he also proved against Kramer. So, the whole thing is in a nutshell, that there is no reason whatever why Lynch should be handicapped from showing everything he has in his championship stock.

The articles call for White to come in at 118 pounds. He should not have any trouble making the weight. Lynch will come in at catch-weight.

Ruby Johnson and Jack Perry will go on in the semi. The Prelims will go on in the semi. The Prelims will go on in the semi.

George Brown vs. Jimmy Jordan, Sammy Morris vs. Al Wagner, and Joe Bird vs. Joey Wallace.

Whitted Accepts Pirate Terms. Pittsburgh, Feb. 22.—George Whitted accepted the terms of a pirate. Whitted was with the pirates this week and predicted that they will win the pennant.

Wrestling Match at the Gayety. Ed Spina Howard will put on a wrestling match at the Gayety tonight. Joe Laidy and Young Atcher will meet in a waterweight bout.

GERMS ASSUME LEAD; PLAY POTTERS TONIGHT

Bennis' Aggregation Wins First Game of Season on Coatesville's Floor; Nat Holman Stars

THE chances of the Germantown basketball five coping the second-half honors in the Eastern Basketball League grow brighter every day. The locals traveled to Coatesville last evening and won from the Holman clan by the score of 24 to 20, which incidentally marked their first victory of the season at Coatesville.

This evening at Auditorium Hall, Chew street and Chelten avenue, the Germans will take on the Trenton Tigers, who will appear with an all-star line-up. All the high-priced talent of the Jersey aggregation will be on hand, including Johnny Beckman and Oscar Grinstead. The visitors are anxious to finish ahead of the Reading Bears, as either of these clubs will furnish the second half of the bill in the series for the Eastern League championship at the end of the season.

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ADAMS STILL SHINES IN BOX AT AGE OF 38

The "Babe" Has Been Hurling Since 1904, Was Shipped to Minors Once, But Continues as Star

By GRANTLAND RICE. G. W. never told a lie. Nor horned in with an alibi. But back in great G. W.'s day if one had asked about his score, "I should have had an eighty-four." No great temptation lured him off. Who'd never even heard of golf.

G. W. jousting in the sand. With nibble in his upraised hand. He was never called upon to strike. While thrashing back and forth again. Or very likely nine or ten—tougher game, you see, than chopping down a cherry tree.

IN THE last ten years what a group of ballplaying wonders you have seen pass over the hill to fade away in a mist—Mathewson, Lajoie, Wagner, Brown, Walsh, Plank—

Each spring some star takes his last trip South with a big league club. And the spring of 1921 will be no exception. Both leagues are full of veterans who have only a short distance to go, but many of them persist in spilling the dope by hanging on.

There is the remarkable "Babe" Adams, for one example. "Babe" was pitching professional ball back around 1904, seventeen years ago.

In 1900 he won a world series star, winning three straight contests from Detroit.

In 1917 he was figured all through the country as the best pitcher in the minors with "Has-Been" written on his career.

After spending two years in the minors the "Babe" returned to Pittsburgh at the age of thirty-six, and has won in two great campaigns. He is now thirty-eight and still one of the best.

But at thirty-eight one hasn't many strikes left, no matter how remarkable his stamina is.

ADAMS' comeback at his advanced age is a baseball game of the most remarkable features of recent years. He was thirty-four when Pittsburgh sent him back over the old road, but he started forward on thirteen years before.

Veterans of thirty-four who are sent back rarely have the stuff or the ambition to get a new start.

But the "Babe" was a miraculous exception. In place of being merely a filler-in he was one of the club's mainstays, good for thirty-five games a year and able to win a big percentage of his starts.

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The worst he deserves is a chaplet of glory.

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