Fighting Ball Player, No Matter How Game, Loses Heart With Losing Ball Club, Says Cy Williams

AUSTRALIAN GOLF CHAMPION HERE; IS FACING HARD TEST

. H. Kirkwood, Holding Two Crowns, Sent by Countrymen After Three National Titles

S ENTERED IN BRITISH, FRENCH AND U. S. OPEN

By SANDY McNIBLICK

If it were the custom to place a reath of flowers on the brow of a hampion leaving his country in search new golfing glory in strange lands d strew roses in his path, Joseph H. irkwood would have been so banked with floral tribute that he wouldn't ve been able to board his ship.

Never has a golfer left home to battle a championship with more well shes or been backed so fully by the nfidence of his countrymen as has is superman of Australian golf.

He is champion of Australia and New aland. Back home there they think 's the best golfer living.

Kirkwood is in Philadelphia today on s way to compete in three national hampionships. By way of preliminary rout, he will compete at Pinehurst xt week in the championship of the orth and South.

On April 12 he sails for Scotland on e Aquitania. He will compete at St. ndrews for the open championship of reat Britain, and then enter the lists r the French open title.

After that he comes back to America, here he will compete for the open hampionship of these United States, d is likely to be seen at Pine Valley e same week in Philadelphia open and veral of the lesser tournaments, or se in exhibition matches. He has ver been seen outside his own country fore.

His native land has sent him on this ur of the championships of the na ons, has filled his pockets with gold d given him god-speed, firm in the be f that he's the greatest of them all.

odesty Itself

You might expect him to admit that ustralia's confidence was not mis aced. He has burned up his home nd like a conflagration, and no one s been near him there.

You might expect him to brim over ith the confidence of youth. Yester y was his twenty-fourth birthday, t Kirkwood himself echoes none of e assertions of his compatriots. He the essence of modesty.

"They told me I would win, and sent e to do it," smiled the champion from e far land today. "Naturally, I ll do my best. But I know what I'm gainst. The main thing I expect to in on this trip is experience."

Not so, Australian golfers. They are tting he will finish among the first ur at St. Andrews, and thinking he'll at them all. They are sure he'll win e French and American titles.

Kirkwood is a handsome, strongly-lit player, who has no "best shot" cause they say each of his shots as strong as the other. Few will out ive him, the Australians claim; he s no master at the second shot and s putting is flawless. They further ate he is best in a pinch, that he ises to every occasion, that he's a lter with a cool, even temperament. ll of which is a combination hard to at.

Kirkwood was born in South Wales d was out there teeing 'em up at e tender age of eleven. He picked the st out of the style of all the gros e saw till now he has a distinct style his own.

at This

At fifteen he played his first money atch and knocked the gallery goggle rd by traveling over a championship 00-yard Australian course in 68 rokes. If that's not a record for a l in short pants, we'd like to hear rther data.

This match was won, a 72-holer, by e wide and washy margin of 20 up d 18 to play, another mark you can oot at.

It took the country by the ears but young Kirkwood did not get his chance at the championship of his native land till last year, when he just mowed them down with a total of 290 and later took the New Zealand crown.

The pros of Australia are rated. Kirkwood breezes by with plus 8. He so outclasses his fields that now they have sent him these thousands of miles, paid all his expenses, thinking, believing, yes, knowing he'll one day be the champion of the world.

In three successive rounds he had a 66-67-69. Over the course where the Australian championship will be played this year he had 68-68 for 36 holes. The first round he had under 70 was 66.

"Even 4's all the time, now, Joe," they cheered.

"All right," he grinned, and called his shots his next round. He had twelve fours and six threes. Beat that!

At San Francisco the first day off the ship he had a 75 and the next a 72. He improves, you see, as he gets the hang of a course.

All this data was given by his manager.

For Kirkwood has a manager—not a manager exactly, but a golfer, J. Victor East, who is chief advisor and so forth for this young golfing prodigy of Australia.

"I don't expect to do much at Pinehurst," said Kirkwood. "I understand the golf there is different from the ordinary. It's just a trial. But I am used to the seaboard courses they will have abroad, for I was raised on them. The wind and sand won't bother me, but it'll be my first really great test, and that may bother me."

Kirkwood will return to Australia, but expects to take a pro berth in America next year.

Besides his scoring, Kirkwood has amused himself by developing a variety of trick shots. He has a display which takes an hour and a half.

He has driven hundreds of balls off his watch more than 225 yards. He drives off his partner's toe the same and from under his foot.

He's ambidextrous, plays just as well from the left side as the right. In fact, left-handed he will take a right-handed club, playing it upside down, and drive 'em a mile, they say.

He tees three balls one on top of the other and drives any one of them as far as you want. He can hit a full mashie so straight up in the air that he catches it without moving. He does stymie jumps that make 'em all whistle. And things.

Hoppe Racks Cue After Unfinished Run of 500

Detroit, March 23.—Willie Hoppe, champion balkline billiardist, made an unfinished run of 500 points in an exhibition match with Charles Peterson, of St. Louis, here yesterday afternoon.

He passed the 300 mark with sails set. When he reached the 500 mark, he declared it an afternoon's work and laid his cue on the table. As a matter of fact he could have marked the position of the balls and continued the run in the evening.

He decided against that, however, declaring that he was tired playing and there was no use of continuing. This is the highest run ever made in this city at 18.2 balkline.

CHANGES MADE IN LINE-UP OF THE A'S

Brazill to Play First, Witt in Left and Shannon at Short

TACKLE ATLANTA TODAY

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Lake Charles, La., March 23.—Connie Mack will try a new combination this afternoon when the first team of the Athletics meets the Atlanta team, of the Southern Association.

Frank Brazill's terrific batting has won him a place on the first team, and he will be seen guarding the initial sack against Atlanta.

In place of Tilly Walker, Lawton Witt will be in left. Walker is not in the best of shape and has been batting away below his standard. Usually a hard hitter, Tilly has batted .200 this spring.

Red Shannon will continue at short, and Mack believes that these three changes will add the necessary punch to make the Athletics a winner.

LOCAL CHESS EXPERTS WIN TELEGRAPH MATCH

Philadelphia A. T. and T. Team Defeats Boston, 4 Games to 1

A chess match between two teams representing the American Telephone and Telegraph in Boston and Philadelphia resulted in a victory for the Philadelphia team by the score of 4 to 1. The games were played last night in the offices of the company in the respective cities. The moves were made known by telegraph. The match was refereed by S. S. Williamson, of the Franklin Chess Club.

Philadelphia captured the first four matches. The fifth was won by M. Salvoni, of the Boston team. He defeated J. D. Begley.

Results of the games follow:

BOARD 1—RUY LOPEZ
McIntyre, Philadelphia, 1; C. Joemansen, Boston, 0.

BOARD 2—FOUR KNIGHTS DEFENSE
C. C. Dreher, Philadelphia, 1; M. A. Byres, Boston, 0.

BOARD 3—QUEEN'S PAWN
F. C. Koelle, Philadelphia, 1; P. Keene, Boston, 0.

BOARD 4—SCOTCH DEFENSE
C. C. Wilson, Philadelphia, 1; F. E. Syman, Boston, 0.

BOARD 5—RUY LOPEZ
M. Salvoni, Boston, 1; J. D. Begley, Philadelphia, 0.

FOX WINS IN GREAT BOUT FROM WELLING

Lightweights Stage Sensational Scrap at Auditorium Club

One of the most sensational scraps of the season resulted in the return match between Al Fox, 134 pounds, and Philadelphia Joe Welling, 135, at the Auditorium A. A., last night, with the former a winner. Fox led in seven of the eight rounds, Welling being able to win honors only in the fifth frame.

Despite Fox's margin of victory it was not a one-sided contest. Time and again, especially in the last round, the battlers stood toe to toe and exchanged punches. Welling's eye was cut in the fourth. In their previous meeting Fox scored a quick knockout in the first round.

Joey Murphy made a brilliant comeback in his eight-rounder against Buck Reilly and the former was the winner. Joey Kelly put up a swell scrap, boxing a draw with Benny Bass. Young Buck Fleming rallied sufficiently in the latter part of the match with Charley Daggert to earn an even break. Young George Griffin stopped Al Clark in the fourth.

TALKS ABOUT FISH

Dr. Fowler Addresses Members of Adelphi Angling Club

In an address before the Adelphi Angling Club last night, Dr. Henry W. Fowler, curator of fish and reptiles at the Academy of Natural Sciences, gave some interesting information concerning the finny tribe in waters in and near Philadelphia.

That there are between seventy-five and eighty species of fishes in the Delaware and about two hundred and fifty different species in the New Jersey streams and salt water inlets along the coast was asserted by Dr. Fowler. The lecturer dwelt on food and game fish. He remarked that the sturgeon, noted as a good game fish for sportsmen, is fast being exterminated.

The roach and fall fish are distinctive Pennsylvania specimens, Dr. Fowler said. They are dark and light in complexion, depending on the locality in which they are found. The creek chub, silver fin and ref fish also are plentiful in the waters of this vicinity.

JOHNNY ROYCE IDOL OF KENSINGTON RING FANS

Youthful 110-Pounder, After Success as Amateur, Now Shows Well in Professional Glove Competition

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

KENSINGTON, in that northeastern district of Philadelphia, where boxing is considered the king of indoor sports, they have a ring idol in the youthful person of Johnny Royce, clever, a fairly hard hitter and 110 pounds. He has developed steadily since entering the pro ranks.

This blond-haired lad, still in his teens, has had a few more than half a score of battles—thirteen to be exact—since deciding to fight for lucre, instead of medals. Last week Royce placed himself under the management of Sam Lewis, known throughout the fistic world, and the latter has started a campaign to show the little Kensingtonian in every center where the glove game is legalized.

Former Amateur

Starting as an amateur mittman, Royce made good from the outset. His first opponent was Jack Perry and Johnny won in four rounds, after the judges disagreed at the finish of three. This was at the Gayety Theatre, where Royce also won from Young Joe Tuber and Young Johnny Nelson. He lost to Whitey Burke.

Royce also competed in the Shanahan Catholic Club amateur bouts, defeating three opponents in one night, Eddie Palmer, Young Tobins and Benny Bass, respectively. After this Johnny boxed at the Elks' Club, where he whipped Jimmy Clavin and Benny Bass, being awarded a diamond ring following the latter victory. Royce's last bout in an amateur tourney was a defeat suffered at the socks of Young Patsy Wallace.

In reality Royce's first professional bout was of the amateur variety, because he refused to accept money, being given a bathrobe after six rounds against Matty Dechter. It was Royce's idea that in the event of not making good that night at the Cambria he would resume in the role of an amateur.

Pro Opponents

Since making boxing his profession Royce has made good against Steve Cove, Jr., Jimmy Tendler, Al Shaw, Matty Dechter, Sammy Gold, Joe Belmont, twice; Frankie Murray, Bobby Allen, Midget Clavin and Little Bear.

Lewis now is putting Royce through a special course and Sam is taking personal charge of Jonathan's training. The kid Kensingtonian will get started away from home at Rochester, N. Y., next Monday night, then Lewis will map out a schedule which he believes will keep Royce busy throughout the summer months, so that when the regular 1921-22 season opens the little fellow will be in line for top-notch competition.

JOHNNY ROYCE

Scraps About Scrappers

Boobee Hoff has two of his proteges boxing at the Olympia next Monday night. Billy Devine meets Willie Spencer and Frankie Clark tackles Sam Mosberg. The star bout will be Billy Angelo vs. George Chaney.

Al Gordon, a local 115-pounder, is to meet Freddy Kline in one of the bouts at the Tuxedo Club March 30. Gordon is being handled by Ray McCarney, who also manages Harry Joffe, a ninety-four-pounder. The latter is to meet Mickey Morris in Wilmington tomorrow night.

Johnny O'Neil, Steve Lester's featherweight, wants to meet Martin Judge, Earl Puryear or any other 124-pounder. Tony Daniels, a stablemate of O'Neil's, faces Kid Sullivan in Trenton April 2.

Eddie Hayes, of Shenandoah, has agreed to meet Peck Miller at Reading April 2, when Joe Kennedy will stage an all-star show. Joe Tipitta boxes Tim Droney in the main mix.

Johnny Moore, after being in retirement for three years, plans to return to the ring under the guidance of Eddie Rando. Moore is a 150-pounder.

Battling Leonard, local bantam, has decided to do his own business for a while, having broken away from Joe Blum. Leonard recently lost a charm, which was presented to him at the tobacco fund show here during the war, and he is willing to give a reward for the return of the same.

Lawrence Shea, a deaf mute, is managing Silent Puryear, also a deaf mute. The latter boxes at 145-150 pounds, and wants to meet K. O. Harry Baker. Another deaf mute, Silent Mike, also is handled by Shea. Mike, at the present time, is recuperating at Danville, Va., following an operation on his nose.

Jack West, according to Eddie Rando, has five consecutive knockouts to his credit and he is open for 118-pound competition with any one. Rando also manages Willie Tasker, 112 pounds.

An Italian welterweight bout will be the headliner at the National Saturday night. Tommy Howell meeting Joe Jackson. The semi is Tommy Cleary vs. K. O. Al Wagner. Prelims: Bricky Ryan vs. Steve Morris, Tommy Devlin vs. George Harley and Jimmy Eagan vs. Buck Reilly.

J. McG., 1918 South Eighteenth street, a 160-pounder, is looking for a manager.

Boots and Saddle

Horses favorably placed at Havana today are: First race, Thornbloom, Seven Seas, Fleer; second, Terrible Susan, Mollnero, Eddie McBride; third, Cigale, Talent, Disturbance; fourth, Currency, Nepe, Flying Frog; fifth, Dixie Flyer, Sir William Johnson, Leinster; sixth, Fireworth, Clip, La Balafre.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune is out in a plea for a state racing commission to popularize racing at New Orleans by getting the sport out of the rival private associations dominating the turf in the Crescent City. It would seem that racing should be under state control everywhere in order to hold the public confidence. That is shown by the clashes arising where there is no state commission, such as are witnessed in New York, where the jockey club is surrounding itself with unpleasant situations which shake public confidence in the turf.

Inchrape again is working well at Jobstown, N. J., and the boss, Sam Hildreth, also is active again after a siege of rheumatism. It would be a distinct disappointment if Inchrape should not be entered in the Kentucky Derby.

Votaries of steeplechasing in Philadelphia and Maryland will be glad to know that there is promising cross-country material in the stable of fifty thoroughbreds William Garth has brought up from Virginia to the Pimlico course to race in the silks of Captain Ral Parr. Parr will not race any flat horses the coming season. Franc Tireur, Midas, Violet Tip, Ireland, Bullseye and Royal Arch are prominent in the Garth band.

NEW PLAYERS ARE NEEDED BY PHILS TO BOLSTER CLUB

Last-Place Team for Two Years Cannot Go Along at Healthy Pace

MONOTONY, NOT GAMENESS, BREAKS SPIRIT OF STARS

By SPICK HALL

Gainesville, Fla., March 23. — No matter how game a baseball player may be, he cannot go on losing forever and at the same time give his best efforts to the club. He may try with all the power that's in him to play just as hard as he does when the team is winning, but it is a physical impossibility, because it is a mental impossibility to retain the fighting spirit in the face of one knockdown after another.

That is why attempts to bolster a losing club late in the season fail and why the Phillies should be strengthened as much as possible right away without waiting to have them slide to the foot of the ladder and then try to curb the evils of defeat with new blood.

For the last two seasons the Phils have finished in last place. The players who are with the club today and were with them when they were left at the post in 1919 and 1920 cannot keep up a healthy stride unless they get a fairly good start. Cy Williams is one of the men who fought for the club with all his might the last two seasons, yet his individual efforts counted in the long run for nothing because the club was beaten by the seven others in the National League.

Loses Heart

"For a certain length of time," the ex-Notre Dame star said, "a man can suffer defeats, one after the other and still be in there playing just as hard and just as well as ever. He can keep this up just so long as he believes the club is being beaten by the breaks of the game. But when the time comes that he realizes the losses are the result of innate inferiority he will lose heart to a certain extent. He may keep on fighting, but no matter how hard he tries, he cannot play as well against what he takes to be inevitable defeat as he could if the club were winning.

"I know that I have gone along for weeks and weeks when the club was losing and I am sure that I was doing just as well as I ever did in my career, but the time ultimately would come in the season when I would realize that it was all to no purpose. Then, in spite of my best efforts to get going well, I could go on playing up to my best standards. It is simply a mental hazard that cannot be overcome."

Not Gameness

Cy is correct. It is not a question of gameness in a player that he doesn't do so well when he is on a long losing streak as he is when he is winning. The monotony of losing constantly and of being in a hopeless position in the league race breaks down the power of the athlete to co-ordinate the mind and the body.

There is only one inference to be drawn from this. That is, the Philly players who have been with the club during the last two years will not be able to give their best efforts as long this season as they did last if the club takes a slump right off the bat. In short, they must make a fair start to prevent a hopeless crash before mid-season.

Fortunately, the Phillies will start the season well equipped mentally. They have confidence in Manager Donovan and they are going in to give their best. This applies to each man on the club, without exception, because there isn't one who appears dissatisfied. Most of the pitchers have no hesitancy in saying that they expect to have a good season. They are in very good shape already, and by the time the season opens all of them should be on edge and able to go any distance.

In spite of this spirit of confidence there is no getting away from the fact that the club needs and must have something more than spirit to win. By no stretch of the imagination can anyone visualize the present squad playing anything but second division baseball, and low second division at that.

Need New Players

Not even the most optimistic Philly follower can figure how the club as it now stands could possibly beat out any organization in the National League with the possible exception of Cincinnati and Boston, and it isn't an even bet they could do that.

Therefore, the Phils' only hope seems to be to get some new players on the pitching staff and on the infield before June. By that time, if the team remains as it is and starts to skid, it will be a hopeless bunch and might as well toss up the sponge.

Meusel is a hard hitter and good all-round player, and it is quite possible that he will be able to fill the bill at first sufficiently to warrant the assertion that the club has a real infield. He took his workout at the initial corner, and it must be said that he handled himself creditably. If he can improve, as his opening day's work indicated he might, he'll do. The next three weeks will tell.

While Manager Donovan is getting ready for a contingency, he still has a forlorn hope that Gene Paulette may come back to the fold. Donovan doesn't know whether the report of Paulette's signing a Massillon contract is true or not. However, if Judge Landis takes up the Paulette case and clears him, he could come back and sign his Philly contract even though he had signed with Massillon.

Bicycle Polo Tonight

The Germantown Boys' Club and Quaker City bicycle polo teams will play this evening at 8.15 p. m. at the field of the Germantown Boys' Club, 35 West Penn street. The contest will be played with the aid of arc lights and is the third game in the series of five. Quaker City won the first two games.

Public Reception for Spears

Morgantown, W. Va., March 23.—Clarence W. Spears, coach of the 1921 West Virginia University football team, will arrive here today for his first visit since being appointed. He will be tendered a public reception.

NEW FIELD FOR NORTH PHILLIES

Baseball Team Will Play This Season at Fourth and Wingohocking Streets

HAVE A STRONG LINE-UP

Contrary to reports, the North Phillies will be back in the baseball field this season. The same players who last year established a record of forty-eight victories and fourteen defeats have been signed.

The Phils have lost their field at Second and Bristol streets, but are building new grounds at Fourth and Wingohocking streets, and it will be the fourth park they have constructed in seven years. The new grounds will be only two blocks away from the old location and more convenient to the cars.

There is a possibility that the new field will not be available until after the opening of the season and the team is desirous of arranging dates in April and May away from home with the leading clubs. Last year the Phils humbled Stetson, Nativity, Bridesburg, Penceyd, Lit Bros., New York Ship, Bronx Athletics, of New York, and Fultons, of Lancaster.

The line-up will be: Catchers, Dougherty and Holden; pitchers, Johnny Barker, Schmidt and Chapin; first baseman, Hallman; second base, Fothergill; shortstop, Jackal; third base, Heintzman; with Eberts, Greene, Dash and Reifsnyder in the outfield.

Perry K. Reifsnyder is manager and William A. Gleason, business manager. Games can be secured through the latter, at 3960 North Fairhill street, or 'phone, Tioga 6106 and Tioga 5960.

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