

Golfers Strive for Pennsylvania Open Title on Merion Cricket Club East Course Today

JOHN REID, FIRST GOLF PRO IN PHILADELPHIA, MADE A HOLE IN ONE

Accomplished Feat at Philadelphia Country Club in 1895—First Tournament Was Won by One-Handed Player When 42 Was Considered Good for 9 Holes

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THE game of golf is getting more popular every day. The American public is taking a greater interest in it, thousands are playing whenever they get a chance and right now there are approximately thirty-five country clubs in and around Philadelphia packed to capacity with pasture chafers ranging from the age of fifteen to sixty, all eager, anxious and willing to step out and play eighteen holes, not so much for the wonderful scores they might make, but for the exercise. That is what makes golf popular. The player hides himself into playing eighteen holes, and before he realizes it he has been out in the open for three hours and walked at least six miles.

However, the popularity of golf did not come in a day, a week or a month or a year. It took lots of time to convince the dear old public that chafing the pill around the pasture was a man's job, whether the pill was discovered or not. The athletes took to the game gradually, until now it is almost impossible to find parking space on any golf course on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Once upon a time the game was not so popular, fewer persons were playing it, and it is of those olden days that we are writing today. In 1895 there was only one real golf course, a nine-hole links at the Philadelphia Country Club. There was another at Devon, but this was a sort of summer resort and few of the guests knew what it was all about. From that number to thirty-five in twenty-six years shows how the game has grown.

The other day we visited Gulph Mills, one of the most beautiful courses in the country. It is situated at Gulph Mills, but outside of that all we can say is it is on Montgomery Pike. It is a well-kept, superb course, the greens are in excellent condition and one of the most famous golf professionals is on the job. His name is John Reid, and he is known to more golf players in Philadelphia than any other man in his profession.

John was the first professional golf player to set his feet on a Philadelphia golf links. He stands alone as the pioneer—the man who blazed the trail which has been followed by hundreds. Reid has been with us off and on for more than twenty-six years, and he now is most proficient in his work. Nobody knows how to handle the greens better than he, and when it comes to teaching the game he is in a class by himself.

REID had quite a career and knows the history of Philadelphia golf backward. He has taught many champions, has laid out many courses and made a name for himself that places him in the foremost rank. Gulph Mills is indeed fortunate in having such a man in its employ.

One-Handed Player Won First Tournament

ORDINARILY, John is not loquacious, but we found him, fortunately, in a conversational mood. We learned all about the Philadelphia Country Club, the first tournament held here and the name of the man who made the first hole in one shot.

Reid hails from Musselburgh, Scotland, the home of many golf pros. He was assistant to Willie Park, and after serving his time as instructor and club maker decided to try his luck in America. He had little hopes of landing a golf job, but felt he was a good carpenter and could work at his trade to keep from starving to death. He landed in New York on April 12, 1895, and looked around for a job. The first place he visited was Spaulding's, and there he met Charlie Cox, the manager. Cox told him there was a position open in Philadelphia and he could get it. He came here, went out to the Country Club and went to work on April 17, five days later.

There were no \$10,000 jobs in those days. A golf pro received the meager salary of \$40 a month and received fifty cents for each lesson when he could get it. All he had to do was take care of the greens, fairways, locker room, teach and keep on good terms with the members. After that was done he had time to do as he pleased.

"The Country Club," said Reid, "was situated then on the same site it now occupies. The course was different, however, and there were only nine holes. The first was down the lawn from the clubhouse, toward the Falls. There was a hazard—a stone wall used at odd moments for horses to jump over. The second was a blind hole, 145 yards, over a fifteen-foot hedge, and crossed a road to the corner of the woods. From there we played through the polo field, and three holes were on the site of Woodside Park. The greens were forty feet square and nobody kicked about crab grass. They never heard of it then.

"The ball used was the old gutta-percha bean bag, and the best score while I was there was a 42 for nine holes, made by Dr. Charles Claxton, of Germantown. The doctor, however, played the game in Port Bush, Ireland, before coming here.

"In those days the principal members were John C. Bullitt, president; Llewellyn Barry, J. Franklin McFadden, George D. Fowle, Isaac T. Starr, E. H. McCullough, Lewis A. Riley, Robert E. Hastings, Dr. Alexander Biddle, Louis A. Biddle, A. Sidney Carpenter and E. C. Knight.

"I never will forget the first tournament ever held in Philadelphia. It was for eighteen holes and the entry list was not so large. The morning of the match I was walking down Chestnut street and met A. Sidney Carpenter. I asked him if he would be out in the afternoon, and he shook his head. "I would like to play," he said, "but my hand is sore and I can't hold a club."

"Nonsense," said I. "Come out and play with one hand."

"MR. CARPENTER came out, played one-handed and soon the first Philadelphia tournament.

First Man to Make Hole in One in Philadelphia

"ONE of the things I distinctly remember," he continued, "was a game I played with Percy C. Madeira in 1895. I got a good drive off the tee for that 145-yard second hole, cleared the hedge, crossed the road and the ball sailed toward the corner of the woods. I paid no more attention to it until I heard some of the workmen clapping their hands and shouting. Then I investigated.

"The ball was not in sight when I neared the green and I asked one of the men if he had seen it. The man grinned and pointed to the cup. I looked, and there was the ball. I had made the hole in one, and I have been told that it was the first time it was done in Philadelphia."

"How many other holes in one have you made?" we asked.

"This was the only one in my life, and I have played for thirty years," was the reply. "That's a thrill that comes once in a lifetime, and I have had it. Also I am satisfied, although I would like to do it again. But let me tell you some more old-time stuff."

"In those days we got all our clubs from England. Sometimes the shipments were delayed and the members grew impatient. One day I decided to make some clubs and went to Fairmount Park and cut down a cherry tree. The experiment was not a success, however, for the wood was too soft."

In this Reid differs from George Washington, because he had a reason when he cut down the cherry tree.

"Now take a look at these greens," said John, as he waved his hand sweepingly across the Gulph Mills course. "They are fairly good, but not so good as they will be in another month. Now we have soil experts, many workmen, patent sprinklers and things like that. In the old days we had to carry buckets of water from a spring when we wanted to sprinkle the greens, and I tell you it was hard work. I remember I had to do it to the Huntingdon Valley course after I laid it out."

Reid had laid out many courses. In addition to the Country Club and Huntingdon Valley, he fixed up Franklin, Plumont, Arcanum, Lancaster, Overbrook, Wilmington Country Club, Northfield at Atlantic City, Lancaster, Reading, Richmond, Scranton and Fox Hills Country Club. He has traveled all over. He went to Gulph Mills last April.

"I HAVE taught many players," said Reid before we left, "but the one I am most proud of is Mrs. Cath Fox. She has been a top-notch golfer for years and has a better record than any man now playing the game."

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100-KILOMETER GRIND WILL END BIKE SEASON

Four Riders to Start in 62 1/2-Mile Derby Tomorrow

Because of illness to Jules Miquel, of France, and an injury to George Chapman, while in training, the annual bicycle cycling derby at the Point Breeze Velodrome tomorrow night will have four starters. This derby feature is a 100-kilometer grind, which is sixty-two and one-half miles.

Postpone Baltimore-Toronto Tilt

PHILLIES CONTINUE BRILLIANT PLAYING

Break Cardinals' Streak by Thrilling Performance—Hubbell's Great Pitching

SIX HITS ENOUGH TO WIN

"Discipline and the old fight are the prerequisites I demand from my players," said Irvin "Kaiser" Wilhelm, the newest manager of the Phillies, commenting on the recent playing of his charges. "They are the two virtues a player must have if he wants to succeed in the great game of baseball. I always followed the rules myself and without driving or nagging expect my players to do the same. They hold good in any league and make or break a player."

Twenty-three years in baseball have taught me many, many things, but the most important I think are those I have already mentioned. The man who does as he is told, and the player who gets out there and gives all he has every minute of the game is the successful baseball player all the time, no matter what league he is in.

Judging by the playing of the rejuvenated Phillies in yesterday's double-header with the Cardinals Wilhelm must have inhaled into them some of his own faith in himself and love of discipline. The spirit that was lacking when the locals were recovering from injuries and were in a miserable slump has manifested itself during the last ten days as never before this season. Yesterday was a typical day. The players fought from the start of the game. In the second game when the visitors had a lead of three to nothing, they latched onto the last man was out and came within the proverbial ace of tying the score and even winning the contest.

When a team wins a baseball game on six hits, while the opposition is getting thirteen, and also comes within a run of exciting the fans to nothing, it must have some of the stuff that Wilhelm likes so much.

Lee King Stars

Smiling Bill Hubbell, with a stout heart and a nimble brain, tripped the Phils to a victory in a game rife with thrills in the opener, and put an end to the winning streak of the Cardinals, which had reached eight.

Brilliant work afield by the Phils kept the crowd in a high pitch throughout the opener. Cox, Williams, with his long stride, covered acres of the greensward on three occasions, and brought down flies that would have been sure hits with nine of ten outfielders coveting in center.

It remained for Lee King, the left field guardian, to pull the thriller of the evening. It occurred in the eighth inning. Dr. Lavender, who was shortstop for the Cards, hit one on a bee line for the left-field bleachers. At the crack of the bat King leaped against the wall, waiting for the pellet. As it soared toward him and when just over his head, the former Giant leaped far back and jumped. The ball struck squarely in his glove in the lap of a blanchette. As King came down he tripped with the wall and rolled over and over. He gamely held the ball for the master putout of the afternoon.

The second game looked like a fiasco at the start. Sedgewick was sent to the mound, but he proved unable to stop the Cards, who lambasted him for three innings and as many runs as they pleased. In the second three more runs scored the platter, as a result of "Jack" Smith's homer with two on. That was all that was needed to give the Cards a 7-0 lead. Smith took up the burden. One more run scored a little later that inning. After that Smith yielded only one more. Betts kept the plate unoccupied in the seventh and eighth, and Winters allowed one in the ninth.

Big Batting Day

The even break gave the Phils a record of six victories out of their last nine games. It also prevented the Cardinals from creeping up on the Braves, as the Hub team split a twin bill with the Reds.

Two triple plays featured yesterday's major league games. Terry, of the Chicago Nationals, started one by catching a line drive batted by Nefis, of New York, and two Giant players were caught off base on relays to Hollock and Grimes. Five Cincinnati players participated in the other play, which came with three Cincinnati men on bases. One Red player scored as a result of the play.

The new New York Nationals played their eighth straight game, but did not gain in the pennant race, as Pittsburgh also won. The New York Americans won and shortened Cleveland's lead to one game. The St. Louis Americans went into third place ahead of Washington. All of the St. Louis Browns had one or more hits, for a grand total of twenty.

Babe Ruth, the home run king, retired in the fifth inning, after turning his ankle in rounding base.

The practice today with the bases full went to the credit of Boeckel, of the Boston Nationals. Robertson, of Pittsburgh, made a home run, triple, double and single, while Sisler, of the St. Louis Americans, batted a triple and four singles.

Brickley Assistant Fordham Coach

New York, Aug. 31.—Charles E. Brickley, former Harvard football star eight years ago, has been appointed assistant coach at Fordham University for the coming season. This was announced last night by Graduate Manager John J. Mulcahy.

Today's Local Ball Games

Harrowgate at Donovan-Armstrong. Fifty-eight and Walnut streets. Chelton avenue and Magnolia street.

American Club vs. Hillside. Third and Erie streets, Camden.

Lit Brothers vs. Hines' Old-Timers. Ward, Twenty-fifth street and Snyder avenue. Cuban stars at Marshall E. Smith, Second street and Erie avenue.

Baltimore Black Sox at Nativty, Belgrade and Ohio streets.

North Phillies at Spring City-Beverford. Spring City and Belmont streets.

Shanahan at Shermans, West Chester.

Brussels at Brimley, Brimley and Belmont. Brimley and Belmont.

Fifty-fourth and Berks streets.

Biologicals vs. Biographical at Belmont. Fifty-fourth and Berks streets.

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AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



What May Happen In Baseball Today

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams and their records.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia, 6; Cardinals, 1 (1st game). St. Louis, 9; Phillies, 8 (2d game).

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

St. Louis at Philadelphia. Cincinnati at Boston. Cleveland at Boston. St. Louis at Chicago.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Reading, 3; Toronto, 2 (1st game). Toronto, 15; Reading, 9 (2d game). Rochester, 7; Jersey City, 2.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

Phillies 75, W. L. P. C. Newark 69, W. L. P. C. Boston 65, W. L. P. C. Reading 46, W. L. P. C.

Boots and Saddle

The rich hopeful stakes will be decided today at Saratoga with Morris, of the Saratoga, and the Saratoga Cup, which is a walkover for the winner, as Donnacona is the only opposition.

Horses which seem best in other races are—First, Saddle King, Surmount, Tidings, second, Queerock, Billie McLaughlin, Recount; fifth, Episod, Pirate McGee, Thimble; sixth, St. Henry, Dovesroost, Transatlantic.

At Windsor—First race, Veiled Colonel, Happy Buxton, Evelyn White; second, Delhi Maid, Zack Terrell, Conard; third, Whalebone, Alvin T. Hart, Link Boy; fourth, Brown Check, Diana, Top O' the Morning; fifth, Drivel Voter, Vanessa Welles, Galloot; sixth, Pic Court, Fozzard, Gourmand; seventh, Harry Burgoyne, Omer K. Koli-noor.

At Montreal—First race, Overrun, Navisco, Puff Ball; second, Lady Heart, Gazette, third, Point, Gallou Berry, Paddy Dear, Mess Kit; fourth, Sister Susie, American Eagle, Perhaps; fifth, Kings Clampton, Night Raider, Assumption; sixth, Point to Point, Crispin Rambler, Pretty Baby; seventh, Tricker II, Bourbon Green, George C. J.

The steeplechase division of the Cowden-Parr race establishment has fallen far below the standard of the season. The racing division did not fare a whole lot better. There are between 1200 and 1300 horses at ready at Latonia for the opening of the fall meeting Saturday.

There will be no "official champion" of two-year-olds. The St. Louis American, as Morris and Miss Joy will not meet. The East and West is divided as to the champion. It is a matter of opinion whether a youngster have a total of more than \$200,000 tied up in bets on the two.

TONIGHT!

Advertisement for a boxing match at Shibe Park. It lists the names of the fighters: Willie Jackson vs. Dundee, White vs. Valger, Loughlin vs. Sullivan, Delmont vs. De Foe. It also lists the time and location of the match.

TITLE TILTS ON BASEBALL CARD

Germantown Will Tackle Stenton Tonight—Sphas to Play Old-Timers

NATIVITY VS. BLACK SOX

Another "battle for the championship" of Germantown will be staged this evening when the Stenton Field Club travels to Chelton avenue and Magnolia street to tackle Dave Bennis' Germantown club. This will be the fifth meeting of the two teams.

Three clubs are battling for the so-called title, and to date the Germs have the advantage. They have trimmed Stenton in three out of four starts and have taken two out of three from the Beifield stickmen.

Not so long ago, August 10 to be exact, Stenton traveled over to the Beffis lot and was in the lead in the eighth inning, when a decision by the umpire incensed the players and they walked off the field. The score at the time was 2 to 1.

There is always plenty of excitement in the games for the "championship," and if everything goes off according to form there should be plenty of thrills tonight.

Phil Hagerty's Nativity team will have its hands full tonight with the Baltimore Black Sox. The Sox, one of the fastest colored teams on the diamond, have been going great guns lately, while Nativity has been in a slump.

Last Saturday Hagerty's club was surprised by Bridesburg in the first game of the "series for the championship of the northeast," and after a lay-off on Sunday was handed another wallop by the Fleisher Yarners.

Friday the first game of the series between the South Philadelphia Hebrews and "Jack Hines' old timers for the "championship of South Philadelphia" will be staged. These games for some title or other are getting to be popular.

A good idea of what sort of a crowd is expected to see the first game on Friday can be obtained by taking a glimpse at the seating arrangements for the opening management have made. A regular ring of seats has been put up on each diamond, extending around the whole of the field.

Still another championship tussle will be staged when the Superintendent Car Service baseball team plays the Philadelphia Terminal Division aggregation for the W. W. Atterbury Cup, emblematic of the P. R. Eastern zone title.

The winner of the series between these two clubs will play the winner of the Western zone championship for the Pennsylvania Railroad system title at Dennison, O., on September 24.

Jim Sewell's Donovan-Armstrong attack will again Eddie Lester's Harrogate aggregation, which is made up of Eddie Green and eight other boys on the team. The game tonight will be the third "big" battle of the season. Sewell's team and Dewey O'Brien's Fleisher Yarners having been played Monday and yesterday, respectively.

LAST WEEK Final Reductions Men's Shoes

Advertisement for French, Shriner & Urner shoes. It features a picture of a shoe and lists prices for various styles. The text says: "All shoes made especially for us are featured at \$6.85. French, Shriner & Urner 115 S. 12th St. Chicago, Kansas City, St. Paul, New York."

SEPTEMBER IS BUSY MONTH IN SPORTS

Baseball, Football, Golf and Tennis Add to Gayety of Nation When Leaves Begin to Turn—Can Pirates Come Through?—Bambino's Batting

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Song of the Davis Cup I have traveled with the winds, borne by steam and spar, and over seven seas or more, all the seas that are. Ever since they nurtured me, where the valleys whirled, I have led a roving life up and down the world.

Where the early dawn rode out, dipping to the sea, I have seen the English cliffs beckoning to me. I have known the Melbourne road where the drovers ply. I have seen the St. Bern Cross ride the summer sky.

Now, at last, I'm home again, back to the sea, Where the winds come whispering to me in a song. Maybe I am older now—anyway, I am quite content to stay for a year or so.

ONLY a few days ago the last football season closed. At least, it doesn't seem much longer. Next week the first call goes out to candidates for the current or fiscal eleven, and, almost before we know it, Harvard will be fearing Bowdoin, while Stagg is dreading Purdue. You can hardly turn around before a new season hits you over the right or left ear.

THE overlapping month of SEPTEMBER, just over the next rim, might be known as the overlapping month. The Davis Cup breaks out this week. Next week football practice starts. A week later begins the tennis championship. The latter part of the same week starts the amateur golf championship in St. Louis.

And all the while New York and Cleveland are sparing to see which one can stop Adams and Cooper in the next World Series. This sporting life may be checked, but it's never wholly dull.

WHAT chance has Pittsburgh to lift the National League out of the World Series rut?

The Braves accomplished this feat back in 1914. The Reds got credit for the same achievement in 1919, but a salmon-colored veil is drawn over that melancholy spot in the game's history.

Tossing out the pillow, wife and

middle sister, the older League has made no winning gesture in seven years. In fact, it has won but once since. Only once since 1900—throwing out the year when Hawks flew into the chicken yard. League-and-League yet to open up any depressing facts, so far as the National League is concerned, are not overlooked.

SOMETHING to Shoot At "BAMBE" RUTH fired off twenty-nine home runs in 1910. He lifted the mark to forty-four home runs in 1920. For 1921 he may easily run the string up around sixty.

If he does he will leave himself quite a target to shoot at for 1922. There almost before we know it, Harvard will be fearing Bowdoin, while Stagg is dreading Purdue. You can hardly turn around before a new season hits you over the right or left ear.

I know many records have fallen as men improve," writes Glimmer, "but has football ever developed two greater guards than Pudge Hefflinger and Truxton Hare?" Not up to the moment of sending these unimpassioned words to the linotype. Others may have other favorites, but if we were a football coach and had our selections of two guards, Hefflinger and Hare would suit without further debate.

Amateur Sports

Northwest Profs want games with all first-class home teams for this Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoon. Telephone Columbia 4-1234.

Mary Wilson's Merrill Profs want games for this week-end with home clubs. Mary Wilson, 2212 Mount Pleasant street. Huesley McLendon, 1887 1/2 St. Clair street.

A first-class pitcher wants to connect with a team of the same caliber. R. M. Smith, 4008 North Darnley street.

Home Club wants games with all of the leading home teams in the city. R. Beeder, 2007 South Franklin street.

Joe Jackson P. C. desires games with first-class teams away. Joe Jackson, 1900 South Ninth street.

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