Eastern League Makes Debut in New York Tonight When Brickley's Five Meets Wilkes-Barre

Grip Most Important Part of Golf Stroke—Guilford

Double-V Hold Suited to Those With Short, Weak Fingers, but Vardon Method Yields Better Direction, Says Champion

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THE most important part of the stroke is to grip the club properly, and, strangely, this is the first step in the learning of the game.

The beginner, therefore, should give particular attention to this feature of the game, and should adopt a method of grip which seems easiest to him and give it a thorough tryout before trying the other grips.

The most popular grip is the Vardon grip, which is also known as the overlapping grip.

My Grip

Those players using the Vardon grip may not all agree on just the position of the thumb and fingers, but the principle of the grip is the same, whether the thumbs are both on the top of the shaft or at the sides.

In my case, I grip the club with the left hand, having the thumb on the top of the shaft.

The grip is in the fingers and not in the palm of the hand.

I then grip the club with my right hand, having the last two fingers of that hand overlap the fore and middle fingers of the left hand. The thumb of the right hand is pressed against the side of the club.

The placing of the thumbs in this grip constitutes the principal difference of opinion.

SOME very good players have both thumbs on the top of the shaft, others have both thumbs on the sides of the shaft, while in my case I apparently split the difference and have the left thumb on top and the right at the side.

THE most decided advantage that the Vardon grip enjoys over other grips is that both hands have an equal amount of work to do. The interlocking grip is also one in which both hands do a similar amount of work. This grip is not as popular as the Vardon grip, but several of the best players use it, notably among them being Francis Ouimet.

The difference between the two grips is that the right hand, instead of being lapped over the left hand, is interlocked with it. The forefinger of the left hand surrounds the little finger of the right hand.

Double-V

THE double-V grip was probably the most popular grip before Vardon made the overlapping famous.

I can speak with authority on the merits, or lack of merits, of this grip, because it is one which I used for years.

There is no doubt but that I got more distance off the tee while using it, but the distance was received at the cost of direction.

IT WAS Dave Brown, at one time open champion of Great Britain, who first criticized me for using the double-V grip. Whether he advocated the Vardon grip for all golfers I do not know.

POSSIBLY he may have seen that it was absolutely unsuited to my game. "You'll never win a big championship until you change your grip, me lad," he said.

I pondered over this remark one complete season, and the beginning of winter found me wishing that I had heeded his advice.

The idea struck me that I could well change my grip in winter, thus not endangering my game so completely.

With this in view, I practiced swinging indoors one complete winter, using the Vardon grip instead of the double-V.

When Spring Came

IN THE spring I felt well repaid for my effort, for I had abandoned a grip which had continually led me into trouble and had one in its place which was fast becoming more popular on its own merits.

Certainly I have never felt sorry that I made the change. The double-V grip is one which would probably come more natural to a beginner. The left hand grips the club from the upper side; that is, the knuckles of the left hand are showing.

The right hand grips the club from the lower side, but is turned to meet the left hand. Thus the thumb of the left hand is on the side of the club and the thumb of the right hand is on the upper side of the club.

IT IS argued by some that the double-V grip is preferable for those whose fingers are not long and unusually strong, for in this grip the club is held more in the palm, whereas in the Vardon grip the fingers have the brunt of the work.

THERE is no doubt but that greater distance can be secured through using the double V grip, or any half-palm, half-finger grip, but it is a question whether the accuracy of the Vardon grip shot does not compensate for the loss of distance.

GUILFORD'S GRIP

The Vardon grip has many converts, among them being James H. Braid and George Duncan. Abe Mitchell uses a ball-finger, half-palm grip, and with it he gets a tremendous distance off the tee.

Firm Grip

THE club should be gripped firmly, though by no means tightly, for if the grip is too tight the action of the wrist is impeded.

If the club is not gripped firmly there is likely to be trouble caused from the slipping of the club.

Especially is this true when playing in the rain or when playing in extremely hot weather, when the perspiration from the hand causes the club to slip.

THE club should be gripped halfway down the leather on the shaft of the club.

ONE of the worst mistakes that a beginner can make is to grip the club away down toward the end of the leather, and it is equally bad to grip the club at the very top, for in so doing the proper control of the club is lost.

To those who are using a grip other than the Vardon grip, who are experiencing no difficulty, I should not advise a change, but if the feeling is experienced that the grip is wrong, an attempt at the overlapping grip may be beneficial.

To make the change is no easy matter and the player must realize that there is going to be a slump in his game until he has the grip mastered.

On Friday the article will be on "The Stance."

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Mendo Beaten by Bat Leonard

Reading, Pa., Nov. 16.—Battling Leonard, of Philadelphia, had a shade the better of Jimmy Mendo, another Quaker City battler, in an eight-round bout here. Leonard got Mendo over the eye in the fourth round, and thereafter had the latter on the run until the last round, when Mendo finished strong. Bobby Wilson, of Philadelphia, outpounded Pete Camus, of the Philippine Islands, in the eight-round semi-final, but struck several foul punches. Jimmy Kean, of Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Martin, of Scranton, in two rounds, for the second time in this city. Joe Ray, of Philadelphia, took the count in the second round of a scheduled six-round clash with Joe McGovern, of Camden.

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LOCAL GOLF PROS TO FORM OWN P.G.A.

Stanley Hern Asked to Call Meeting Monday—Plans Indorsed Here

B. SAYERS DEADLY AT 69

By SANDY McNIBLICK

The golf pros of this district will crawl out of hibernation and come in from their countryside retreats to have a look at the city next Monday, November 21.

The object of the invasion will be to form a Philadelphia Professional Golfers' Association. Conversation about forming such an organization has been floating around the local links loop for some few weeks, not to say months, and the money-mentors have decided the time has come for action.

Stanley Hern, the demon St. Mungo golf salesman, was asked to lay down the preliminary plans, which he has done. The meeting will be called to order at 715 Denckla Building, Eleventh and Market streets, Monday, at 10 o'clock. Every pro in the district is urged to attend and the announcement of the meeting is the invitation.

Ideas Aired

At this meeting the pros will elect temporary officers and temporary committees. By-laws will be framed and the structure of organization thoroughly established at this meeting.

Every one with an idea will be given a chance to spring it.

This P. P. G. A. is to be formed with the prime purpose of aiding the Quaker City pros to perform any duties it can with the Golf Association of Philadelphia, the national P. G. A. and the game of golf in general.

Its social program will consist at the start in some good, old get-together tournaments. The plan is to hold a one-day links fete of 36-holes medal play for the members alone at least twice a month through the season.

This will give our professionals a chance to get a real latful of tournament play and competition.

In these tourneys they will be handicapped so that one might as well win as another. They will contribute a couple of bucks entry fee. The greenbacks will then be raked into a pile and the golfer with the best net score can then help himself to the pool. Thus the day's play will be worth while for somebody.

It is a fine idea and deserves the support of the pros, the local association, the clubs and everybody else with the interest of golf hereabouts at heart.

Speaking of Stanley Hern reminds of the fact that he played with Jim Barnes when the latter won the Main Line open championship.

Stanley looked over the records claimed for Barnes in that event when the elongated U. S. champion stepped eighteen holes in 105 minutes and broke the course record the whilet.

He also saw how Barnes won a championship in 235 minutes, collecting about $1 a minute en route.

Another Record

But the best record, according to Hern, made that day was at the sixth hole. Hern stuck his ball about eight feet from the pin and joshingly demanded that Jim "beat that."

"I'll take you," answered Barnes. "I'll put my shot inside yours and furthermore I'll get a bird."

One of those high, jump-back shots sped from the Pride of Pelham's club. It rode right to the pin's shadow and strangely enough there was a little flurry of feathers, as it plunked to the green.

Both players took another look and dinged if Barnes' shot hadn't socked a quail, snoozing on the green, right smack in the floating rib.

Mme. Quail, highly indignant at having her nap disturbed by that sock, arose, gave Barnes and Hern the stoney eye, and limped away from there, first kicking Barnes' ball angrily about two feet from the hole.

"That's one bird," grinned Barnes, as he watched Her Feathered Ladyship hobble to the bushes, "and here's another."

He sank the putt and picked up his ball chuckling over the fact that it was the first time in history anybody had ever "gotten two birds" at one hole.

In 69 at 69

Benny Sayers, the "grand old man" of professional golf and father of George Sayers, pro at Merion, celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday recently by scoring a 69 over his native course at North Berwick, Scotland.

Last year, aged 68, he scored a 68 on his birthday.

"A 68, a 69, and next year a 70," mused Benny. "'Tis na discouragin'! I'm gettin' worse every year."

Benny's card and par follow:

Sayers—										
Out	2	6	4	3	3	4	5	5	3	—35
In	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	—34—69
Par—										
Out	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	—38
In	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	—35—73

Thus the veteran pro was four under par, had an eagle and five birdies, and it was on his sixty-ninth birthday. Many happy returns, you might say.

Green Council Denies Football Coach Rumor

Official denial of the rumor that those in charge of athletics at Dartmouth were seeking Larry Bankart as coach of the Green football team has been made by the Dartmouth College Athletic Council through Joseph W. Gannon, chairman.

"There is no basis for the report so far as the council is concerned," said Mr. Gannon. "For all we know Bankart's name may have been mentioned by outsiders, but the matter has at no time come up for consideration by the council, nor have we any intention of giving the subject of next year's coach any consideration until after the football season. The council and the Dartmouth undergraduate body are solidly behind the present coach, Jackson Cannell, in all the remaining games of the season."

WANT PLAYERS FOR FRIEDMAN—SEDRAN

Camden Owners Would Then Help Weaker Clubs With Players Secured in Deal—Not After Money

TO PLAY READING

NEW YORK is scheduled to receive its first glimpse of a regularly scheduled Eastern League basketball game this evening. Charlie Brickley's Giants are due to mingle with Colonel Smith's Wilkes-Barre Barons headed by "Doc" Newman. The most willing man to be interviewed in basketball was the same fellow that for the past few weeks kept things moving in the Eastern Basketball League and now he happens to play the game that will keep things going again for the rest of the season.

The Giants are expected to line up with Barney Sedran and Garry Schmeelk, forwards, "Jocko" Lawrence, center, and Harry Riconda and Marty Friedman. Riconda has never performed in the league before, but all the boys say he is as good as or better than Marty Friedman, and such an assertion prompts the declaration that the Giants have possibly the best defense in the circuit. And the offense is not to be passed up as Barney Sedran and Garry Schmeelk have played together for a long while, fans up Jasper way recalling a few games in which the rotund Garry passed with the midget Barney.

What About Camden?

But in the meantime what is the Camden management to receive in return for players Friedman and Sedran? "Doc" Helms, of the Skeeters, was not averse to discussing the situation this morning and he and the "Sheriff" surely have something coming to them.

Charlie Brickley is credited with being willing to reimburse the Albany Club (Messrs. Friedman and Sedran), for the loss of its stars, but what is Camden going to secure for these players and they are the property of Camden if they ever play in the Eastern League.

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Trenton	10	1	.909	Wilkes-B.	3	6	.333
Camden	7	1	.875	Reading	3	7	.300
Scranton	8	2	.800	Phila.	3	8	.273
Coatesville	4	6	.400	New York	1	8	.111

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tonight—Reading at Camden. Wilkes-Barre at New York.
Thursday—Scranton at Coatesville.
Friday—New York at Philadelphia. Camden at Trenton.
Saturday—Scranton at Camden. New York at Wilkes-Barre. Coatesville at Reading.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
P. G. & B.	1	0	1.000	20th Cent.	0	0	.000
Broadway	1	0	1.000	Amer. In.	0	0	.000
Alpha	0	0	.000	East. Ger.	0	1	.000
Holy Name	0	0	.000	Merrill	0	1	.000

Schedule for Tonight

Twentieth Century vs. American Independents. Alpha vs. Holy Name.

In discussing the situation "Doc" Helms has this to say:

"The Camden basketball owners certainly expect to secure something for the release of these men. But we are not looking for money. Get me on that point. We want something and I think we are perfectly within our rights in demanding the same, but money is not the thing we are after.

League Needs Help

"The Eastern Basketball League needs something more than money in certain quarters. It needs players. And we would like to secure the same. Not that Camden needs them. No, not at all. But they are coming to us and we could in turn help some of the weaker clubs. For instance, if we should get a man like Lawrence I would give him to Bill Myers for the Philadelphia team. It is where Lawrence belongs and would certainly help that club.

"In short, we want players. It is up to us to do with them what we see fit, but Camden must be given something for these men if they are to play in the Eastern League. As to the pennant race, our boys are not saying a word. They never do. I doubt if there is ever a team put together that is plugging so hard as our present outfit.

"We are one and a half games behind Trenton, but that does not mean a thing as far as Camden is concerned. We expect to win tonight. Sam Diense is out of the game with a bad hand, but Jimmy Campbell is O. K. again. The boys worked out last evening and we had a newcomer. He is a local boy, Harold Costello, and pardon me if I do say he looks good. He is a baseball pitcher of note, and has been playing basketball with Nativity and making a few records as a goal shooter. He will be with the team for the first tonight."

Phils Drop Another

The Phillies made a trip to Trenton last evening all set to establish a record for the season by making it two straight wins in as many days, but they came home disappointed. They were beaten by the Potters 31 to 9, and Freddy Cooper's boys incidentally increased their advantage on first place to one and one-half games.

The best the Phils could do was a pair of field goals, one by Calhoun and the other by Andy McMahon. In the meantime the home talent was hitting the cords for ten. Tommy "Team" Barlow getting no less than an even half dozen.

But that was not all. A continuation of the Cross-Meehan encounter was staged and it became so open and rough that Herman Baetzel decided that a fine of $10 for each man, which enriches each club owner's treasury $2.50 was forthcoming, and so both men were again chased from the cage.

HIGH SCHOOL RUN TODAY

Will Decide Senior Cross-Country Title Over Boathouse Course

The senior cross-country championships of the public high schools will be held this afternoon over the Boathouse Row course, of three and one-half miles, in Fairmount Park. Every public high school in the city has signified its intention of entering one or more athletes in the race.

The championship at the present time is in the possession of West Philadelphia High. The institution won the title two weeks ago when Howard Euch captained the team.

The Orange and Blue once more is the favorite to cop the honors. The team has won all of its meets this year, and should come through. Northeast, however, may give some snappy competition.

FINAL HOCKEY MATCH

All-Philadelphia Girls Meet All-England at Cricket Club Today

The last of the series of three games between the 1921 All-Philadelphia and the All-England team will be played this afternoon at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

Despite the string of fourteen straight victories for the English girls, the All-Philadelphians are expected to make a better showing than any American team has so far. The probable line-up follows:

All-England Misses—		All-Philadelphia Misses—
Clay	goal	Ferguson
Mrs. Ward	left fullback	Mrs. Naile
Bauman	right fullback	Macy
Scarlett	left halfback	Carpenter
Armfield	center halfback	Bergen
Price	right halfback	McLean
Willock	left wing	Morgan
Ames	left inside	Townsend
Liddiadale	center	Hearne
Mrs. Stewart	right inside	C. Chestnut
Clarke	right wing	Goodman

Nothing the Matter With Flora

Panama, Nov. 16.—Florentine Matter, a graduate of the Balboa High School, yesterday broke the South American endurance record for women swimmers. She covered nine and one-eighth miles in a pool, being in the water for nine hours.

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