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Select Army 130 of America's Best Begins Play on Rivera Course

By Victor G. Sailer
(Associated Press Sports Writer)
SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 11 (AP)—Stalwarts of the golfing class, a select army of 130 representing virtually every section of the country, gripped iron and wood with resolute grasp here today to test the west's greatest links course, the \$75,000 Los Angeles open under way.

Into the first 18 holes of the 72-hole drive over the picturesque Riviera country club course, this colorfully clad force of professionals and amateurs trudged today, led, at least in degree of fame, by the ever redoubtable Walter Hagen. Vieing with the "Hag" for the \$2,500 top money were just about every one of the first forty nationally ranked pros.

Smith Defending Title
In defense of the open crown stroke, Max Douglas Smith, the Carmichael Scot whose uncanny putting touch is a source of wonder to golden's followers. Although precedent forbade a second title for the Long Island professional he looked a favorite in this fourth annual \$10,000 event. Not forgotten was the "rolling stone's" adroit use of his iron clubs in winning the 1928 open, for the 11th, seldom, if ever, has been seen in the west.

Defying precedent also were "Woo" Bobby Cruikshank of Purchase, N. Y., who annexed the open honors and money two years back, and Hamilton, a former champion of Buffalo, who romped off with the gold and glory of the first Los Angeles open in sensational fashion. While these former winners drew considerable attention, even more was centered upon Hagen, who has held nine British and American championships, and Houston Smith, modest young chap from Jupiter, Fla., whose career in golf is just starting. They were rated as the best bets of the field, these two—the great Hagen and the youthful professional from the "flow state" whom many claim as the "Hag's" successor in the professional golfing throne.

Many Other "Favorites"

But there were many other "favorites" in the field with potential chances at this richest of western golfing prizes. Lee Degeel, of the Agua Caliente country club in Mexico, and national professional champion, Tommy Arnold, of Washington, D. C., and erstwhile title holder, Cyril Walker of Detroit, and also a former open king, Al Espinosa, the stock Chicagoan; Johnny Rodgers of Denver, Colo., a mighty good shot; Roland Hancock of Wilmington, N. C., who almost supplanted the greatest golfer of 1925 when he finished a stroke behind Johnny Farrell and Bobby Jones in the last open, and George Von Elm, blonde amateur of Detroit, who held the national amateur championship in 1927, were just a few of the aspirants. The canyon-situated Riviera course stood as an acting test of golf. Not tricky in any sense, the layout, heavily trapped and with numerous hazards nevertheless furnishes a tough combination for any golfer. Par—72—infrequently has been broken and the consensus was that the winning score would be well above 80, perfect figures for the 72 holes.

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St. Louis Browns Go Into 1929 Race Virtually Intact -- Outlook Bright

NOTE—This is the first of a series of stories dealing with mid-winter prospects of major league baseball clubs. Others will follow day by day.

By Rex Newman
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11 (AP)—The minor team that surprised baseball by finishing a strong third in the 1928 American league race will be virtually intact when the St. Louis Browns go into the 1929 campaign. Manager Dan Howley not only has lost none of the first string strength of last season, but has added what he considers to be some promising new material, picked up from the minors. He also believes the team will show marked improvement because of experience.

If he can develop a stronger pitching staff, and possibly do some shifting in the infield to strengthen the second base position, now regarded as open, Howley feels confident the team will be a grave menace to the Yankees and Athletics in the coming scramble for the flag.

Hurling Prospects
The new flock of pitching prospects includes Warren Collins, veteran major leaguer who is staging a comeback from Toronto; Herb Cobb, from Wichita Falls; Chad Kinsey, from Tulsa, and Oscar Ketradin, blazed in by the draft. Claude Johnson, comes up from Milwaukee for another trial in the big show. Howley has faith in the future of Dick Coffman, a youngster, and believes that George Blueholder, Ed Birebeck and John Ogden should be more effective this year. He is counting on Sam Gray and Alvin Crowder, mainstays of last year's mound staff, for a large share of victories. Crowder led the league in the percentage of games won and lost last year.

Dick Ferrell, sensational young catcher whom Commissioner Landis declared a free agent recently, is regarded as a valuable addition to the Browns' ranks. There was a scramble for his contract, and the Browns landed it. He will aid the veteran Watty Schang and Clyde Manion of last year's catching staff.

Many Return Positions
Lu Blue, flashy first catcher, will be back at the initial bog with Hook Stanton from Wichita Falls in reserve. Ottie Thompson is still available for second, but if Eddie Collins can make good at third, it is regarded likely that Howley will send the veteran Frank

OREGON STATE WINS, 36 TO 20, FROM GONZAGA

COVINGTON, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Oregon State, flashing a consistent offensive, defeated Gonzaga's backsliders here last night, 36 to 20. The Orangemen played a close-checking game, forcing the Bulldogs to take lung chances.

PENDLETON TO PLAY
PENDLETON, Jan. 11 (AP)—The Pendleton high school basketball squad left here today for The Dalles, where a game will be played tonight. Pendleton meets Hood River Saturday night.

BUCKS WIN BY SHUTOUT
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Portland took a well played and exciting hockey game from Victoria here last night, 2 to 0.

COVE TOSSERS DOWN IMBLER HIGH, 16 TO 14

By Mrs. Frank McKennon
(Observer's Correspondent)
IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—The Cove High school basketball team played Imbler High school here Wednesday night and won 16 to 14.

Mrs. William Henrie has returned to her home in Imbler for the rest of the winter. Jake Gearhart is seriously ill at his home south of Imbler. The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Welch Wednesday afternoon. The topic for discussion was "Art" and was in charge of Mrs. C. W. Cleaver. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lydia Wilson, the topic "Kitchen's Old and Kitchen's New."

Mrs. D. K. Sutton of Portland is visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Huron. Mrs. Ida Hawley of Sumpter is visiting this week with her sister Mrs. H. H. Huron.

KNUTE SIGNS FOR FIGHT
NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Knute Hansen, more melancholy than ever since his knockout defeat at the hands of K. O. Christner, has been signed to meet Emmet Hokeo, Akron, O., heavyweight in the semi-final to the Christner-Jack Sharkey match in the Madison Square Garden January 29.

MONOCLE DANGEROUS
PARIS, Jan. 11 (AP)—The ever present monocle of Joseph Caillaux, former premier, nearly cost him the sight of his right eye when he was injured in an automobile accident near Chartres yesterday. His nose was broken and his eye injured, but it was announced today that there was no permanent injury.

ASSISTANT PURSER SHOT
MANILA, Jan. 11 (AP)—Allen McDaniel, assistant purser of the Pacific liner President McKinley, was shot in the abdomen by an unknown assailant while he slept aboard the ship early today. McDaniel was pronounced in a serious condition and may die. McDaniel's home is at Moscow, Idaho.

An experienced wife is one who maintains a cheerful silence until her husband finishes blowing off steam and gets ashamed of himself.

La Grande M. I. A. Five Will Play Baker Saturday

The first of the winter series of independent basketball games in La Grande is scheduled for tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock in the Recreational hall when the Baker Athletic club and the La Grande M. I. A. teams meet.

Baker, with a number of former high school and independent stars, has played 12 games this year, winning all of them. Their offense is limited around Payne and Condiff, former Bulldog stars, and other members of the team are: O. Manary, M. Crouh (capt.), Jordan, D. Caldwell, N. Thomas, McAllister, C. Primo and C. Hansen. The local M. I. A. team, which represents the pick of five wards, follows: P. Berry, M. Stoddard, A. Orton, M. Baxter, B. Hanson, B. Anderson, C. Baxter, L. Stoddard, F. Black and P. Baxter.

The local five defeated the Haldreaders last night and is beginning to hit its stride. Several of the players this year were on the Eastern Oregon championship team last year, which also held the L. D. K. championship of the entire state. Only the Eugene Mohawks and the La Grande M. I. A. were undefeated in Oregon last year in

Joe Glick, Jimmy McLarnin to Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Joe Glick, the lightweight champion pressed from Williamsburg, battles Jimmy McLarnin in the 18-round feature bout in Madison Square Garden tonight.

The bout is at 123 pounds for McLarnin no longer can make the lightweight limit and will campaign as a featherweight hereafter. Despite the fact that he was stopped by Ray Miller in his last start, the coast Irishman has been established as an 8 to 5 favorite in the betting. Glick has been plunging along until he now rates as one of the outstanding challengers for Sammy Mandell's 125 pound title. Although a deadly body finisher he does not rate with McLarnin as a slugger. If he wins it probably will be because of superior boxing skill.

A cache of liquor was found under a dog kennel in San Francisco. All the owner has to do is go into court and prove the dog is a booze hound.

Tom Alley Winner In Eugene Match

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—Tom Alley, of Montana, won over Ralph Hand, Wenatchee, Wash., in last night's light heavyweight wrestling match here. Hand took the first fall in 31 minutes with a toe hold. Alley came back and pinned Hand to the mat with his so-called crucifix hold in 32 minutes. Hand's left arm was injured in the fall and Alley quickly disposed of his opponent with a Jiu Jitsu arm hold in 35 seconds.

UMATILLA DOCTOR JAILED

PENDLETON, Jan. 11 (AP)—Dr. O. Kingdom of Umatilla, a self-styled "harmony doctor," was in jail here today, held under \$250 bond, pending trial on a charge of practicing without a license. The charge was preferred by the state board of medical examiners.

One swallow may make a summer, but the same doesn't seem to hold for New Year's Eve.

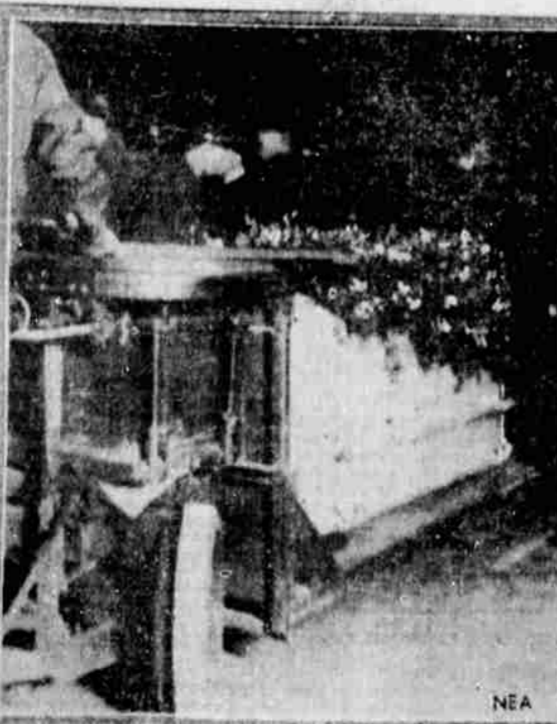
ROOTERS ARE CRITICIZED BY STANFORD MEN

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Jan. 11 (AP)—President Ray Lyman Wilbur, of Stanford university, today made a statement to press representatives explaining that in his letter to graduate Manager Alfred Masters Wednesday regarding conduct of the Stanford rooting section at athletic events, he meant only to insist that evils attendant on rooting be abolished.

In the letter, President Wilbur asked Masters to take under consideration the abolishment of the rooting section, about which, he said, he had received many complaints. Foul, obscene, and profane language had been used in the rooting section, he stated.

Glenn S. (Pop) Warner, Stanford football coach, and Philip Calavero, president of the student body said they agreed with president Wilbur in his demand that the rooting section cease objectionable language.

RICKARD'S BODY REACHES N. Y.



Tex Rickard's remains arrive in New York for burial services. This telephoto, sent from New York to San Francisco, shows the ornate flower-strewn casket as it was being removed from the funeral train for transfer to Madison Square Garden.

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