

DISASTROUS CYCLE FOR SPORTS WRITERS

Only Four Days Left of Year That Has Brought Upsets to Many Champions.

POLO OUTCOME INCIDENT

Ritchie's Defeat by Welsh, Boston's Victory on Henley Feat of Series of Calamities.

Only four effulgent, ebullient days and the mystic will open the entrancing vista of a new season in the realms of sport.

DUFFEE'S HORSES LEAD

ESPERANZA WINS MOST MONEY IN CALIFORNIA CIRCUIT.

Frank S. Whitney and Rags Take Second and Third Places Respectively.

The Horseman's Figures Show.

In the money-winning race horse statistics, compiled in the recent Christmas number of the Horseman, Will Duffee's string, as usual, headed the list in California.

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Giants had won the National League pennant, and for 13 years New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh had captured all the flags in the organization.

But there were other upsets in the National game which were lost to view when attention became focused on the brilliant career of the Braves.

Rube Marquard, who once won 19 straight and defeated Babe Adams in the longest pitchers' battle ever staged in the history of the game.

Reversal of form did not affect golf to any great degree.

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She is a Kentucky bred mare and is a royal bred one, too, being by Samson-Ethel Simpson.

Lady Pauchita, another Northwest owned galloper, also made a trip to Kentucky, though not favored with so much success as Lackrose.

Sepulveda, a horse well known here, formerly owned by Rube Dickson and winner of the Oregon derby one year at Salem, has been fairly successful on the Eastern tracks this year.

University's Financial Report Shows Net Balance of \$3220.

Athletics at the University of Wisconsin netted a profit of \$220, according to the financial report for the year ending July 30, 1914.

Football and basketball were the only two self-supporting sports, although the deficit on baseball was only \$559, the first time in years that it was a profit.

Boxer quits brother's class.

Tommy Gibbons leaves Middleweights to become Heavy.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(Special).—What would you do if you were one of the world's greatest middle-weight boxers?

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GEARHART COAST BE BUILT BY COAST

Natural Bunkers and Hazards Abundant on 18-Hole Course Now in Progress.

SITE HAS PANORAMA VIEW

Golfers Will Be Able to Use Grounds That Drain Quickly Because of Sand Nearly All Year Round.

Longest Hole is 632 Yards.

What many devotees of golf believe will prove to be the best seashore course in America, is under construction at Gearhart Park and will be opened to the public, June 1, 1915.

Chicago Speedway Oval Will Incline One of Longest Links.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—(Special).—Within the two-mile oval of the new Chicago Automobile Speedway, one of the longest golf courses in the United States is to be constructed.

By way of getting actual work upon the course started, the speedway officials sent Bob Jolly, the director of the indoor golf department at the Sportsmen's Club of America, to inspect the ground in Maywood.

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course has ceased until about the first of February, according to O. W. Taylor, of the Gearhart Park Company.

Mr. Taylor visited the links last Sunday and reported that more than 20 golfers were out, trying their luck.

George H. Eddy, George Turnbull and R. C. F. Astbury, all well-known professionals, went over the new ground on the 19th of February.

Work is explained.

After visiting the grounds Sunday, Mr. Taylor said:

"I am mighty pleased with the progress that has been made on the new course and now we are waiting for the first of February, when active work again will commence.

"We dug up the sand and then cut sod and placed it so that it will be in good condition by early spring.

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WESTERS' EYES ARE ON CALIFORNIA

Hint Is Given in Letter to Sol Levinson From George McLeod, Old-Timer.

SOME ALREADY IN WEST

Mat Game Seldom Flourishes Where Boxing Is Permitted, But Ban on Fights May Put Other Sport in Favor Once More.

BY HARRY B. SMITH. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(Special). There is a well-defined suspicion that the westers are looking upon California with longing eyes and would enjoy the better part of the year in the footholds in the Golden West, now that the boxing game is passe.

A small canal, about 100 feet long, is to be dug off to the east just below the present eighth hole and this will make the hole a double hole.

Most of the players can drive over this bad spot under the temporary links, but when the permanent greens are ready the hole will be much too rough for everybody except ball dealers.

Last Sunday J. Martin Watson, the new professional at the Waverly Country Club, was quoted incorrectly as advocating the running-up-shot.

"Every golfer ought to know the running-up-shot," said Watson, "but I consider that country is my home."

It is generally considered by men who follow the game that the running-up-shot is not a reform, although there will have to be a reformation all along the line.

There are three disks through which the ball is put, and these disks, which are made of iron, are placed in a row so as to present the opening toward the ball.

James F. Hughes, New York golfer, has invented a game that is long made possible by the fact that the ball is put through three disks.

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PAST AND FUTURE OF GOLF GETS COMMENT

Rapid Growth in Popularity Attributed to Charm That Gives New Life Even to Tired Business Man—J. Martin Watson Considers Phases.

HEAVY TITLE BOUTS DECIDED IN CALIFORNIA ARENAS

1891, May 21—James J. Corbett and Peter Jackson fought 61 rounds for the title at San Francisco, eight rounds.

1902, July 25—James J. Jeffries knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons for the title at San Francisco, eight rounds.

1903, August 14—James J. Jeffries knocked out James O'Brien for the title at San Francisco, ten rounds.

1904, August 26—James J. Jeffries knocked out Jack Johnson for the title at San Francisco, two rounds.

1905, December 20—Jack Johnson knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons for the title at San Francisco, 12 rounds.

1906, February 21—Tommy Burns defeated Marvin Hart, who claimed the title, at Los Angeles, 20 rounds.

1907, July 15—Tommy Burns defeated Jack O'Brien at Los Angeles, 20 rounds.

1908, October 16—Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel at Colma, 12 rounds.

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1920, October 16—Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel at Colma, 12 rounds.

1921, October 16—Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel at Colma, 12 rounds.