COFFROTH SCORES TEN-ROUND BOUTS

There Never Was Important One on Level in Philadelphia, Says Promoter.

OTHERS ALSO ATTACKED

San Franciscan Avers That No Kind of Boxing Is Preferable to Limited - Round, No - Decision Fights as in East.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Jimmy Coffroth, premier fight promoter in California in the days of long ago, started a ruction in fight circles a few days ago, when he came out with an assertion relative to the 15-round boxing game.

Coffroth didn't mince his words. He spoke his piece in no uncertain style, and when the Eastern promoters read what he has to say there's bound to be more or less kicking.

"There was never a 10-round bout in Philadelphia of any importance that was absolutely on the level," said Coffroth, "and I doubt if there are many matches in New York or Milwaukee of any class that are not 'arranged.'"

Coffroth declares that if necessary he could substantiate his statement with correspondence from some of the leading lights in the fistic world. The promoter insists that he isn't particularly anxious to befoul his own nest, but that if it is a case of telling the truth, he could say nothing else.

His views were elicited in a general discussion of the boxing situation in the state and the probability or rather the lack of probability of a return to the old conditions. Coffroth, as has been said before, does not believe in 10-round bouts and admits that he would far rather see no boxing at all, than limited-round encounters with no decisions. He feels that such a sport would kill off fighting just as surely as no fighting at all and he prefers to face the situation squarely.

It is an open secret that receipts have dropped off to a remarkable extent in the Eastern and Middle Western centers and that is unquestionably due to the general falling off in interest that has been shown.

When there are so many bouts with the champion losing the popular verdict and still holding close to his title, there is bound to be a disgust on the part of fandom. That is why, unquestionably, Coffroth has seen fit to come out in the open and score the 10-round game.

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Willie Ritchie spent a couple of days in San Francisco this week on his way East. He was considering accepting another week of vaudeville work in the Northwest, but at the last moment declined. The theatrical people were willing to pay him his price for a week each in Portland and Seattle, but he declared that would interfere with his training.

Naturally, his vaudeville work has reduced him considerably in poundage, but he needs a lot of boxing to put him in the best of condition for the bout that is to come. If Ritchie can't make a decent showing against Welsh, he might as well be prepared to quit the game for good. On the other hand, if he does work well with the present title holder, he will have a renewed life and plenty of coin ahead of him.

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Amateur Athletic Union officials have given up as a bad job the task of handling the four-round contests in San Francisco. In the last two or three shows, boxers have applied for registration and have received recognition at the hands of the Pacific Association officials.

There has been any amount of trouble, however. The boxers have thought absolutely nothing of assuming fictitious names and some of the clubs have neglected to have judges to assist in handing out decisions.

Indeed, had the situation proceeded, it would have resulted in nothing more than making a donkey out of the Pacific Association. Some of the amateurs in charge have realized this fact and have finally given notice that such boxers in the future will not be registered.

One of the Supervisors has suggested that there should be regulation in the way of a Supervisorial ordinance that will license and hedge about the game. Something of that sort probably will follow.

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A month before the Jeffries-Johnson fight in Reno, the papers of this country were falling over one another to give space to the big match. Down in Juarez is Jess Willard preparing for a match with Jack Johnson, but aside from an occasional notice that creeps into the papers, you wouldn't know there was anything happening.

The promoters are making good that old adage, "You may lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

In short, the public refuses to accept the match seriously.

Promoter Jack Curley tried to make a big thing of the Johnson-Flynn bout. One would think the experience would have taught him a lesson, but apparently not.

Hector McKenzie, oldtime friend of Jim Jeffries, says that Jeffries is to spend a couple of weeks in the Willard camp tutoring the white man and helping along his chances. One doesn't wish to be sarcastic, but after the way Johnson licked Jeffries, it is hard to figure where Jeffries is to be regarded as a good coach.

SPECIAL CAR FOR GOLFERS

Enthusiasts Will Leave for Gearhart at 2 P. M. Saturday.

Many local golf enthusiasts will make the trip to Gearhart "By-the-Sea" next Saturday. A special car for Gearhart will be attached to the train that leaves the North Bank Depot at 2 P. M.

At the same time a number of Multnomah Club members will make a trip to Seaside for the week-end, remaining until Monday night.

Other trains will leave the North Bank Depot for Gearhart at 8:10 A. M. and 6:20 P. M. A special train will bring those returning Monday night, leaving Gearhart at 6:35.

UNION DEFEATS ENTERPRISE

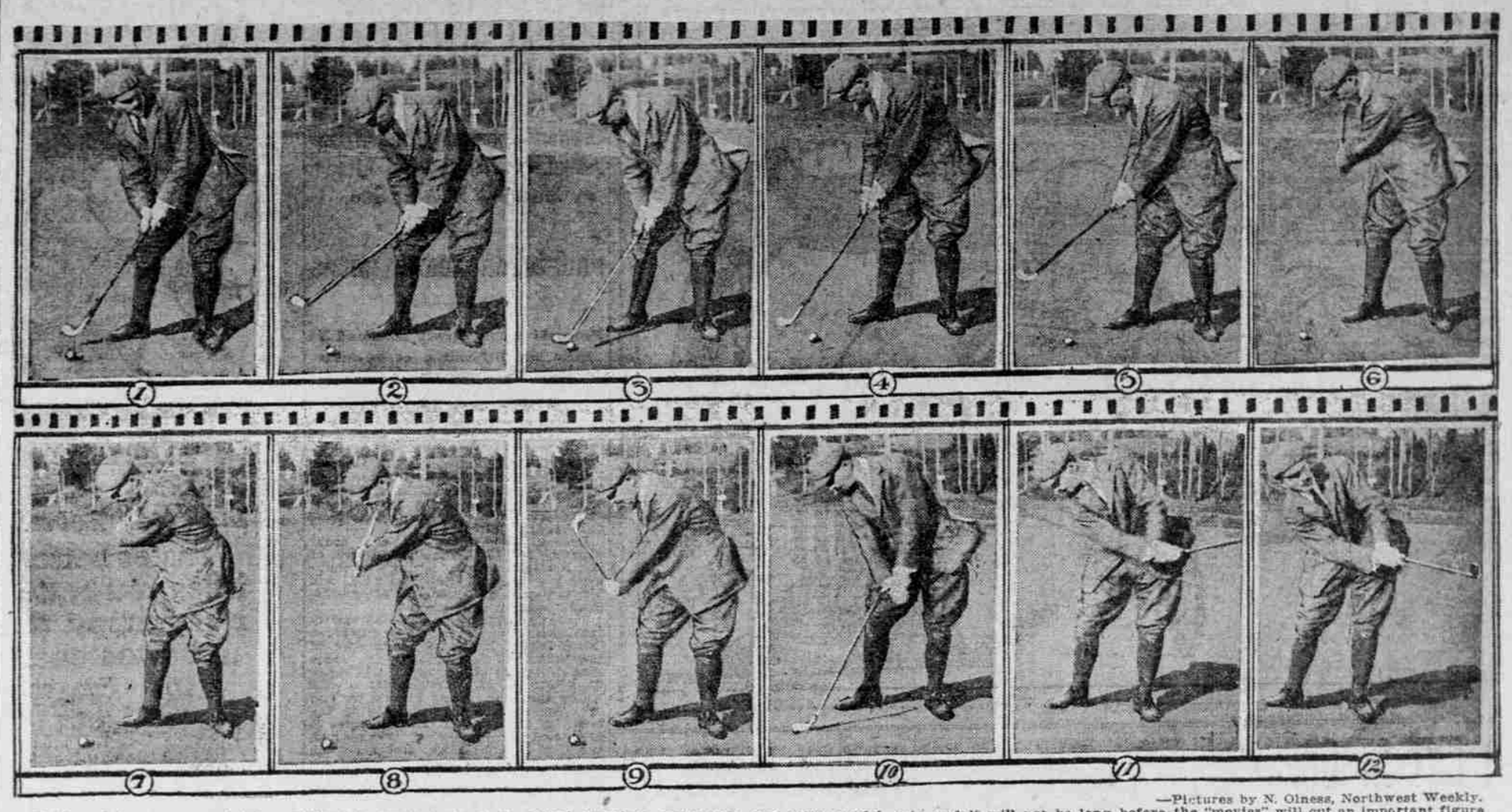
Victory Advances Team in Race for Eastern Oregon Championship.

UNION, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Union High School basketball team took another step toward the Eastern Oregon interscholastic championship last night by defeating the Enterprise team 41 to 8.

Wilson, heretofore used as a sub, scored 27 points for Union. Three towns, Union, Pendleton and Wallowa, are contending for the championship. The deciding game between Pendleton and Union will be played here February 19.

Experiments in cotton growing have been successfully made recently in Southwestern Spain.

MOTION PICTURES SHOW HOW CRACK GOLF PROFESSIONAL MAK ES MASHIE SHOT.



—Pictures by N. Olness, Northwest Weekly.

Motion pictures are now being utilized to teach dance steps, school exercises, cartooning and other useful arts, and it will not be long before the "movies" will cut an important figure in golf instruction. The above series of motion pictures was taken by N. Olness, of the Northwest Weekly, for The Oregonian, and they depict J. Martin Watson, the professional at the Waverly Country Club, in the act of manipulating a perfect mashie shot.

This is the third and last of a series of golf pictures posed for by Mr. Watson, and, judging from the compliments that have come in from golfers all over the Pacific Northwest, the experiment of using the movies in golf has been watched with unusual interest.

CLUB WINS 5 TO 1

Portland Academy Falls Before Multnomah Team.

SOCCER PLAY IS FAIR

George Nixon Is Big Star of Play, With Three Goals to His Credit. Whitmer Scores Single Point for the Losing Eleven.

Multnomah Club's soccer team scored five goals against Portland Academy yesterday, while the private school boys annexed only one point. George Nixon, Columbia University's all-round all-star athlete of the Portland Interscholastic League, was the "big" man of the best-played practice game of the season, shooting three goals and playing an otherwise strong game.

Coach "Scotty" Duncan, of the Academy, bolstered up his lineup by appearing in a suit. The doughty little Scotchman had all the players guessing what he was going to do next. His new center forward, Whitmer, put through the only score made by the losers and this happened toward the latter part of the affair.

Captain Mackenzie shot one point for Multnomah, as did his teammate, Grier, and George Nixon finished up the total. For the clubmen, Nixon, Mackenzie, Grier and Shevlin were the stars, while for the logers were "Scotty" Duncan, Skene and Whitmer.

Coach Duncan did not have his star goaltender, McClintock, against Manager John D. Dwyer's Winged "M" representatives yesterday.

Following are the lineups:

Port. Acad. (1)		Multnomah (5)
Ewing	Goal	Leonard
Deyette	RB	Pager
Thompson	LB	Mackie
Skene	RHB	McKay
"Scotty" Duncan	CHB	Morris
Ransom	LHB	Wright
Dinwiddie	ORF	Mackenzie
Henry	IRF	Nixon
Whitmer	CF	Grier
Norris	ILF	Gray
Bayley	OLF	Shevlin

Officials: Billington, referee; Gil Shea and Meier ("Darkhorse") Newman, linesmen.

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The Jefferson High School soccer team did not go to Eugene yesterday to play the University of Oregon eleven. Nothing definite had been said about making the trip, according to several of the local players, so another date will be offered the varsity for a match. John D. Dwyer, manager of the Multnomah Club squad, is trying to obtain a game with the Jefferson High aggregation on Multnomah Field for next Saturday.

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Basketball again will come to the fore this week. Several postponed games are slated to be staged within the next five days, but as yet nothing definite has been done. Portland Academy and Jefferson High will battle tomorrow, according to Manager Maurice, as will the Washington High and the Columbia University tossers. The Y. M. C. A. gymnasium has been chosen for the Columbia-Washington match, while the Academy gymnasium will house the other affair.

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Captain Jones, of the Washington High School soccer team, has announced that the annual Jefferson-Washington game will be played on Multnomah Field next Wednesday. The officials will be selected later, according to Coach Billington, of Jefferson, and Coach Fairlie, of Washington.

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The Y. M. C. A. Spartan quintet trimmed the 115-pound team of the United Brethren Athletic Club, 16 to 10, in the last two minutes of play the winners scored nine points. The lineups are as follows:

United (10)		Spartans (16)
Rockling (6)	F	Hall (1)
Hunter	F	Mcgill (3)
Stevens (2)	C	McEwan (4)
Wolfe (4)	G	Rucker (4)
Wilsey (4)	G	Myers (0)

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Harry Werschkul was responsible for the 34-to-0 defeat of the Boys' Athletic Club by the Y. M. C. A. Comets in the association gymnasium. Harry not only shot two field baskets, but kept the other team from making a point.

Following are the lineups:

Comets (34)		Athletic Club (0)
Leder (10)	F	Millikin
Werschkul (4)	F	Pattick
Mead (12)	C	Buckles
McLernon (6)	G	Grossenbacher
Stone (2)	G	Pauley

Referee, Morris; scorer, Lucia.

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Captain Josef Lillard, of the Lincoln High School quintet, is showing up well at his position at guard. Coach Borleske depends a great deal on this sentinel, both in his basket-shooting ability and his guarding qualities. Hans Schildknecht, the other regular guard for the West Siders, has been switched from guard to forward and then back again and it is uncertain where he will play in the next game.

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Injuries and illness are responsible for the calling off of all interscholastic basketball games for the Hill Military Academy by Joseph A. Hill. The cadets have been handicapped since early in the season and when Captain Farley broke a bone in his left hand nothing else was left but to call off the remaining games, according to the other members of the squad.

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The Climbers, of Sunnyside, met their first defeat of the season after winning 12 straight contests, at the hands of the Journal Carriers in the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium. The final score was 27 to 13, with the newspaper boys on the long end.

Following are the lineups:

Climbers (13)		Journal (27)
Linker	F	Williams (14)
Ewin (3)	F	Rau (6)
Mautz (7)	C	Pearce
Barron	G	Brosy (2)
Dooly	G	Matin (4)

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The Y. M. C. A. Comets captured another game from the Zephyrs in the Y. M. C. A. by the score of 20 to 11. Ford was the big star of the Zephyrs, while Werschkul again featured for the winners.

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The basketball championship of the Portland Y. M. C. A. will be played tomorrow night. The near-title game was played in the Y. M. C. A. gym. between the fifth and eighth floors and resulted in a 24-to-17 victory for the fifth-floor quintet. Now the fifth floor must play the seventh-floor aggregation to see who wins the coveted position.

Following are the lineups:

Fifth (24)		Eighth (17)
Grevell (8)	F	Grant (7)
McElroy (6)	F	Johnson (6)
Bonner (6)	C	Clark (2)
Callahan	G	Anderson
Pershin (4)	G	Graham (2)

Referee, Cawley.
Referee, Gawley.

SUMMER BASEBALL BAN LIFTED

Southern California Conference Rules on Professionalism.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—Athletes in Southern California colleges who take money in one sport are barred from college teams only in that branch of athletics; they are still eligible for any other of the college teams. This was the rule adopted today by the executive committee of the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference.

The Summer baseball problem is thus solved for Southern California collegians, as the athlete playing professional baseball in Summer is only disqualified from the varsity baseball squad. He can still play football or appear on the track.

Athletes engaged in playground work are not professionalized in any sport.

HOOD RIVER WINS AND LOSES

Boys Defeated by The Dalles, but Girls Beat Visiting Girls.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The second floor of the old Armory building was crowded by spectators last night to witness the games between the girls' and boys' teams of the local High School and The Dalles High. The Hood River boys lost by a score of 24 to 31. The local girls, however, defeated the visitors by 16 to 7.

The games were the hardest-fought contests that have been played here this year. A large delegation of rooters accompanied The Dalles teams.

PROPER USE OF MASHIE DESCRIBED FOR NOVICE

J. Martin Watson Explains Stance, Grip for Club, Position of Body and Swing, as It Should Be Carried Through.

BY J. MARTIN WATSON,
Professional, Waverly Country Club.

No. 3.—The Mashie.

IT has often been said that driving is an art, approaching a science, and putting an inspiration. My reference to putting reminds me of one old-time golfer who said, "There should be no such thing as good putting—it should be good approaching," for the better you play with the mashie the less is left for the putter to do, and for this let us be truly thankful. What more pitiful spectacle to watch than a good player wield his club faultlessly till he comes within three feet of the hole, then go to pieces. Playing with Nat Goodwin, the actor, one day, he missed a short putt on the last green, and, turning to me, said: "Watson, the only thing wrong with this game is that the holes are too d—d small."

J. Martin Watson.

Not to digress further, let me go back to this fascinating and versatile club, the mashie. This club is terribly abused at times and used for distances for which it was neither built nor intended. Some people even brag of the length they can get with the mashie. I would advise a beginner to use his club for distances no longer than 100 yards. Regulate your distance by the length of your back swing. The closer you come to the hole the shorter the back swing. This makes an even, proportionate stroke and one which can be the more easily regulated. The first stroke to learn is the pitch and run, so let the position for this shot be considered. The player should stand closer to the ball than usual, which should be about opposite the left heel. The left foot should be pointing outwards, while the right, which should be a few inches in front of the left foot, should be square to the line of play, making the stand decidedly open. Have the feet closer together than in the longer shots, and here I may say something of interest. The shorter the shot the closer together come the feet. Having adjusted the stand, grip the club firmly in the fingers holding the hands well down towards the knees, which in their turn should be thoroughly relaxed, for they are used considerably in this stroke and should be left free for action.

Position Is Explained.

Now take the club head back principally with the wrists, allowing the body to pivot slightly from the hips, this will at once bring the left shoulder round parallel to the ground, while the left knee will naturally bend and assume its proper position. During this action the right knee has stiffened and your club should now be in a perpendicular position if the wrists and forearms have completed their work.

Now examine your position. If your left heel is off the ground, it is wrong, for you must not raise the heels for this shot, but keep them glued to the ground and the head immovable. Examine plate No. 7 and you will see exactly what I mean. I played this shot at a mark 100 yards away and came within three feet of it.

The downward stroke consists of two varieties. You can strike the ball before the club head has reached the bottom of the arc it is describing or after it has done so, but for iron shots it is safer and better to take the ball on the down swing, as it is called; this results in a little turf being taken.

The chief reason why women do not get distance with their irons is that they hit on the up swing and just pop the ball into the air.

Now start the club down with the arms and wrists firm and come into the ball with a right good will. It must be struck almost viciously and sent off to its destination knowing something had struck it.

Plate No. 10 shows position of hands and arms in striking. I hit quickly and the camera was caught napping and does not show the club. At this point the left arm is straight and quite taut, while the right hand has taken the club square onto the ball.

In finishing I have not turned my arms over, but allowed the club to go straight towards the hole with the face uppermost. Had the distance been greater, my arms would have been turned over and the follow through been approximately longer. The plates are lessons without words. They will tell you more in a glance than I can in a paragraph.

So here are a few reminders to help the tyro solve the mystery of the mashie.

Reminders Are Listed.

Grip the club firmly in the fingers, adopt the open stand with ball about opposite the left heel.

Keep the knees flexible, the heels glued to the ground throughout the stroke and the head still till the ball has left the club. Plate No. 11 is a fine example of the latter suggestion.

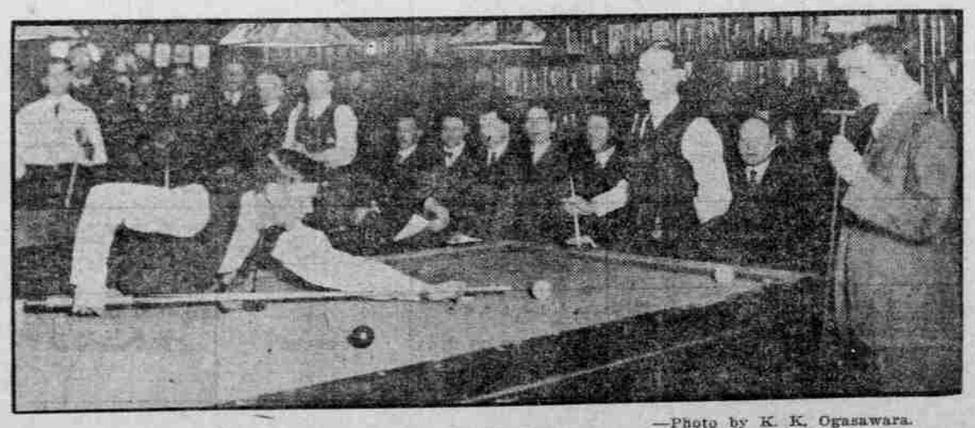
On the back swing bend the left arm as little as possible, keeping it close to the chest, while the wrists, also firm, must turn to allow club to be pointed skywards. Bring the club down vigorously, taking the ball away before the club reaches the bottom of the swing. Take the club straight through towards the hole and finish with it face uppermost.

I do not say this is the only way to play the ordinary mashie shot, but I think it the most general one and do not hesitate to offer it to any normal beginner. It must be understood that when making the actual stroke there is no pause at the top of the swing—all the actions described must blend together into a harmonious whole. It is a gradual increase of speed from the moment the club head leaves the ball, the club to be traveling at its highest velocity when it takes the ball away.

A clever English golfer tells a bright story of the critical acumen of the caddie. He had just finished a rather unfortunate morning on the Westward-Ho links when he happened to overhear another boy ask his caddie the question: "Who was you a-playing against?" "So-and-So," replied the caddie. "Oh," said the other, "I suppose you beat 'ee?" "No," replied the caddie, "us didn't; 'ee beat we; us putted like a bloomin' monkey."

At the Church of the Sacred Heart in Paris a 22-ton bell is tolled by electricity. A choir boy does the work which formerly required the services of five men.

MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN INTER-CLUB BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.



—Photo by K. K. Ogasawara.

Left to Right—Harry Lyons, Elks Club, Making Shot; F. W. Chauffe, Commercial Club, at End of Table, and Dave Atkinson, Referee.

Multnomah Club is now leading the Elks and Commercial Clubs by several points in the billiard tournament now being played by the three clubs. Two matches are played at each club once a week. Two players of the home club meet one man from each of the other clubs.

STAR OFT IN SCRUB

Many Plug Away for Years to Equal World's Record.

SOME COACH OLD TEAMS

"Dad" King Still Hopes to Make Aggie Team in Sixth Season of Fighting—Chicago Runner Enters in 37 Races and Wins.

BY U-NO-ME.

Every institution has had hard-working athletes who have given from three to four, and in rare instances six or seven years' time on the scrub teams and have gone without reward. They have been good scrubs and have taken all the knocks of the varsity, the jeers of the students, and the wrath of the unfeeling coach.

"Dad" King, at Oregon Agricultural College, fought hopelessly for five seasons to make the football team and he will put in another season before giving up hope.

California, in the days when she played civilized football, had a player who played on the scrubs seven years and they gave him his "C."

Carpenter, a long-distance runner at Chicago, ran in 37 races before he won his "C."

A mile runner at Iowa competed in every meet Iowa had for four years. He needed to win only a third place in the state meet to win an "I," and the week before the state meet in his senior year he broke the Iowa record in an interclass meet. He was conceded first place by all dope experts. He came in seventh in a race many seconds slower than his record. He smiled a wan little smile, rolled up his suit, and found solace in a "little town."

Some of our greatest coaches were forced to pass through trying ordeals before becoming famous.

John Crum, of Iowa, the first Hawkeye to run a hundred in 0:9 4-5, couldn't make a class team for two years.

"Speedy" Rush, of Grinnell College, was so clumsy and slow that the students dubbed him "Speedy." He sneaked off to the back stretch and practiced alone for weeks. "Speedy" became the greatest sprinter Iowa ever developed. In his senior year, 1897, he won the 50, 100, 220 and 440 yards in the state meets. He equaled the world's records in the first two, ran the 220 in 0:21 4-5 and walked home in the 440. He won both the 100 and 220 yards at Chicago in the Big Nine meet the following Saturday. He then entered Princeton and for two years represented "Old Nassau." He holds the Princeton record for the 100 yards at 0:9 4-5.

Two weeks ago he was selected as head football coach at Princeton.

Dan McGugin, the Vanderbilt coach, was a joke at Drake University for three seasons and barely made the team the fourth. He then went to Michigan and played on the 1902-03 teams—the best that Michigan ever had. For 10 years he has developed teams that have won the championship of the South and played Michigan, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Yale on even terms.

So green was Dan that, when one day the boys told him that they were going to play a game out at the fair grounds and wanted him to play, he put on his suit and walked out a distance of five miles. He didn't have a dime so had to walk. He finally "tumbled," and footsore and weary, dragged himself back to his room.

Zuppke, of Illinois, was a puny scrub at Wisconsin, but 10 years later returned to the campus as coach of Illinois and walloped "Alma Mater" and won the championship of the Big Nine.

It pays to "stick to it."

PIRATES RELEASE THREE MEN

One of Trio, Pitcher Thomas Quigley, Unconditionally Dropped.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 13.—Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburg National League Baseball Club, announced today that Joe Kelley, outfielder, had been released to the Indianapolis club of the American Association; that Clarence E. Berger, outfielder, had been released to the Richmond club of the International League and that Thomas Quigley, a pitcher, had been released unconditionally.

Prendergast Joins Chicago Feds.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Mike Prendergast, the pitcher who has been "holding out" for a greater salary increase than offered him, today agreed to terms and signed another contract with the Chicago Federals.

SEVEN INTERCITY GOLF MATCHES SET

Portland, Eugene, Salem and Medford Players Are to Take Part in Series.

PLAY STARTS NEXT MONTH

Municipal Course at Spokane Said to Be Assured—Links on Top of Downtown Building at Seattle Is to Be Built.

Seven golf matches between Portland players and players of Eugene, Salem and Medford have been set for the coming season. They comprise the first extensive intercity golf series to be staged in Western Oregon.

The opening games will be played next month. Salem golfers will then be the guests of the Eugene Country Club. The Portland Golf Club will follow in April. The Eugene players will go to Medford in May and to Salem in June. Portland will get an exchange of matches in August and September, when representatives of the three cities will play at the Waverly links.

The first of the handicap matches at the Eugene club will start today. They will be known as the Winter handicaps, and will be played separately by the men and women members. These matches will last through March.

The Spring tournament at Eugene will last through April and May, and the Summer tournament through June and July. The Challenge cup matches will be played in August and September.

In September the Fall tournament will start, and after it the President's cup series will continue until December. At that time a tournament will be held for the women members, for which a trophy will be given known as the Director's cup.

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According to reports, Spokane golfers are practically assured of a Municipal links. Half of the necessary $3000 has been raised and Sam Galland says no trouble will be met in obtaining the rest of the money.

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Seattle is to the fore once more in golf. It is the intention of the owners of the Stuart building at Fourth avenue and University street, to build a downtown links on the roof, it is said.

It is expected that many business men will put in their lunch time chasing the ball over the roof links. It is planned to make the putting greens of real turf. W. Philpott, a professional at one of the Seattle clubs, has charge of the laying out of the course.

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Walter J. Travis recently hung up a new amateur mark playing over the re-arranged course at Palm Beach. He went around in 71.

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It was suggested that the first flight of the big invitation golf tournament to be held at the Santa Barbara, Cal., Country Club the first week in March be made a scratch event for eight men. It now appears that it will have to be for 16.

"Chick" Evans, Jack Neville and Chandler Egan, three of the first eight ranking players in the country, are expected to compete and in addition, Heinrich Schmidt, Robin Hayne, Norman Macbeth, E. S. Armstrong, Conde Jones, Morris Phillips, Vincent Whitney, R. E. Hunter and Harry Davis have signified their intentions of competing.

The course is improving every day with the work being done upon it, it is said. It promises to be in fine condition by the first of the month.

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Rudy Wilhelm, champion of the Portland Golf Club, was the guest of the Eugene Country Club last week. He went to look over the Eugene links and complete plans for matches between the Eugene Club and the Portland Club. He visited his brother, John Wilhelm, holder of the challenge trophy last season on the Eugene links.

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A field day is being planned for early in May by the Eugene Club. Driving contests, putting matches and approach matches for men and women will be held.

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Caustic comments were made by Justice Scrutton in the King's Bench Division, London, recently, during the hearing of an action in which Bernard Clarke Lens asked for a declaration that the Devonshire Club, Eastbourne, was wrong in excluding him from a golf competition.

"It is a matter for conjecture," said the judge, "what the future historians of the British Empire will think when, years hence, they will find in the paper that on December 3, 1914, in the middle of the greatest war the world has ever known, a judge of the high courts with the assistance of two king's counsel and two juniors, was occupied for three hours discussing the rights and wrongs of a golf competition at the Devonshire Club, Eastbourne, and the question whether a certain gentleman in the second or third round ought to have the first choice of links because his name was drawn first, or whether he was compelled to toss for the links."

Judgment was entered for the Devonshire Club, with costs. The judge refused to grant a stay of execution, saying that he was not going to encourage further litigation in such matters.

For the use of soldiers a new combination tool made of only three parts can be used for 20 purposes.