

DR. WILLING'S RISE IN GOLF IS QUICK

Game Learned Without Help of Instructor.

PLAYERS' FORM STUDIED

Oregon State Champion, However, Advises Beginners to Practice Under Professional.

Two traditions of the ancient and royal game of golf have been smashed to bits by Dr. O. F. Willing, who for the past two years has been called an Oregon state golf champion. One is the belief, not only of golf circles but in other lines of sport, that in order to get anywhere in golf a player must start with his clubs at an early age. The other is that the aspirant for championship honors must spend many hours earnest endeavor under a competent instructor.

Dr. Willing did neither, yet he ranks among the leaders of the northwest. The Oregon champion played his first full nine holes of golf on a regulation course in 1918 and in 1921—three years later—he won the Oregon state title. As for instruction under a golf professional, he never took a lesson in his life.

Players' Form Studied. "Whatever success I have had in this golf world," declared Dr. Willing, "the first was close study of the best form of good players whom I met and opportunity to see them in action, and the second was the determination to carry out the best points of each player's style in my own practice." The present champion found plenty of opportunity to study the best players in his youth, for like many a successful player, he was a champion in other sports. He has won the Oregon state title in basketball, tennis, and the caddy.

Dr. Willing played his first nine holes of golf in 1918 on the course of the Portland Golf club. As a caddy he had learned the clubs by playing on one or two practice holes, but had never even participated in the caddy tournaments.

Shortly after playing his first nine holes of golf at the Portland club, and incidentally, the champion will not divulge what were made on that nine, he enlisted in the United States navy, where he served for the duration of the world war. As a lieutenant in the navy Dr. Willing had opportunity to continue practicing golf and also to pick up further points of the game by watching the best players in the country. While stationed on the Atlantic coast he had the opportunity to see such players as Walter Hazen, Bobby Jones, Chick Evans and many others participate in Red Cross tournaments.

Virginia Field Led. He also was more into actual play and in 1918 won his first trophy by leading the field in a small tournament in Virginia. He played around the world and was going overseas gave the courses around Paris and other cities in France a try.

Returning to Portland in 1919, he began to figure in local tournaments. In this year at Gearhart he won the Gearhart tournament, defeating Millard Rosenbloom in the finals, and the following year he won the city championship on the Eugene Municipal course.

When the team of northwest golfers invaded the national amateur tournament at St. Louis in 1921 Dr. Willing was a member of the team and was among the few from the northwest who qualified. In the qualifying round he tied for seventh place with Willie Hutcheson, British amateur champion, and George Von Elm, present northwest title holder.

Dr. Willing won his first match in the qualifying round on a hole-in-one, but was put out by Bobby Jones, the youthful southern star.

Oregon Crown Retained. On his return from the national tournament at St. Louis Dr. Willing won his first big tournament by defeating through a series of hole-in-one plays at the Portland Golf club he defeated Rudolf Wilhelm in the semi-finals and Karel Kay in the final. This year he won the Oregon title at the Tualatin Country club and retained not only his Oregon state crown but took the medal in the qualifying round. In the qualifying round at Tualatin he got a new record for medal play in competition by negotiating the course in 88 holes.

At Victoria, B. C., this year in the Pacific Northwest Golf association championships Dr. Willing was seven strokes ahead of the large field in the qualifying round. On the second day, though, when in order to make room for the Davis cup play it became necessary to cut the first elimination round to 18-hole matches, Dr. Willing fell before Jack Westland, University of Washington champion, in one of these 18-hole matches. Considerable dissatisfaction was voiced at Victoria over the 18-hole matches, many contending that 18 holes are not a fair test in a championship round.

But there are other northwest tournaments coming and the Oregon champions will get another chance next year at Seattle. While Dr. Willing picked up his knowledge of the game without the aid of instructors, he does not advise beginners to follow in his footsteps as he declares the best way to start is under a golf professional. The Oregon state champion is a member of the Waverley Country club and captained the Waverley team in all its interclub matches this year.

UNUSUAL POSES OF OREGON STATE GOLF CHAMPION.



Dr. O. F. Willing, twice winner of the Oregon state title, doesn't do all his golfing on land. Here are two snags taken of the champion when he was serving the United States in the world war as a lieutenant in the navy. Above—Dr. Willing on board battleship Connecticut kept in practice by strapping into net on deck of boat. This scene was snapped when the ship was 1500 miles from any golf course. Below—Champion Willing in uniform of enlisted sailor.

PITTSBURG ELEVEN COMES BACK AFTER EARLY LOSSES
Stanford's Rival on December 30 Makes Strong Recovery—Turn for Better Makes Fans Take Notice.
BY HARRY B. SMITH.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Sports are getting very thin, but with University of Pittsburgh scheduled for a post-season game against Stanford on Saturday, December 30, they will strike out, so far as northern California is concerned, until the first of the year. And after that baseball will begin to show signs of life.

Stanford and this section of the state have been lucky more ways than one when it comes to post-season football. When that game was announced it looked to be more or less a gamble. Then the Panthers took their early season games in the east. The wisecracker shook their heads and said that Stanford had made an mighty poor selection.

They shook their heads a lot harder when Stanford started to lose games consistently—a habit into which the boys fell with considerable frequency.

Then came a turn. Pittsburgh started on the upward path. It won from teams that were figured as in the going. Finally it conquered Washington and Jefferson, which had been touted as a possible post-season game contestant in the west.

The game for the Stadium on the next to the last game in the year means something. It is the southern end of the west classic—unless something happens to change the issue materially. Penn State and University of Southern California will be contenders. Penn State has been thoroughly trounced this season and so team better than Pittsburgh.

Alex Greggains used to be a prominent fighter in these parts. Alex may never have been a champion, but he fought a lot of the good heavyweights of his day, including George Lavigne, Tom Sharkey and others. He was a member of the men of the ring world. Then Alex passed on the picture as a fighter. He reappeared as a promoter and was in charge some years ago with San Francisco Athletic club. In that line of business he not only staged some good fights before the fire, but he developed the last few years in the fighting game. It is true he has done some handling of fighters, but for the most part he was a companion and guide for Chris Buckley, the one time political democratic boss of San Francisco.

Buckley died a few months back and in his will requested that Greggains be given the sum of \$5000. Despite the fact that the estate is not ready for complete distribution Judge Thomas F. Graham has given Greggains the money.

Incidentally everyone in San Francisco who knows Greggains will be glad of the news. He is well liked hereabouts. I doubt very much whether Greggains has an enemy in the city. Certainly never heard anyone speak otherwise than well of him.

If that \$5000 is going to help Greggains along the last few years of his life the fans will be mighty pleased to know it.

For all the talk of Ritchie coming back into the ring, prospects are none too bright. Ritchie and Tommy Simpson, the Oakland promoter, had a conference last week. Simpson has been charging from 50 cents to \$1.50 for his show. The former lightweight champion was quite willing to work on a percentage basis, but insisted that his prices be doubled with the top \$3. Simpson couldn't see it that way. He says it wouldn't be fair to his patrons and that he would rather forego as strong an attraction.

Ritchie isn't crazy to fight unless there is a lot of coin in sight. He admits the boxing game has lost its charm for him, aside from the financial standpoint.

Frank Schuler seems to be out as our leading wrestling promoter. At least all the recent wrestling cards have been staged at the Arcadia, where the rival fights are held as well.

TRACK UNUSUAL

Oregon Runner Holds Coast Record for Mile.

VARSITY WORK IS FIRST

Distance Man, Though Once Discouraged by Hayward, Has Remarkable Career.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The career of Glen Walkley, veteran distance man who in his last race under the Oregon colors finished first in the dual cross-country meet with the Argonauts, is a story of one extending over four years and one full of accomplishment.

While Walkley never succeeded in beating the famous Argonaut distance man, Swan, he holds the Pacific coast conference record in the one mile at 4:28, established in the Pacific coast meet held in Eugene in 1921. Walkley broke the record of 4:28-1/2 set up by Swan at the conference meet in Palo Alto a year previous.

During his four years of track at Oregon Walkley won 11 first places, five second and four fourth, two fifths, and in the Portland News five-mile marathon, held in Portland, Walkley finished 11th. A noteworthy fact of that marathon race was that four Aggie runners whom Walkley had beaten to the tune of a few weeks previous in the annual cross-country race, were in the race and finished fifth in the year.

Varsity Work Is First. Walkley graduated from Eugene high school and during his preparatory career never ran a race. When he returned to Eugene to attend the University of Oregon, he was met by Bill Hayward, veteran trainer, looked him over and advised him to turn his attention to other sports. But Walkley kept on training the year around and gradually became one of the most-feared distance men of the northwest.

He is now an assistant in the geology department of the University of Oregon. He ran his first race at the Columbia university indoor meet at Berkeley, California, in 1920. He was incidentally, the only cross-country meet that he ever lost. Walkley also ran the mile in the Columbia meet and finished fifth. Some time back one of the San Francisco papers published a story that the percentage his manager was receiving was too big.

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What came of it I don't know, but it may be significant that at the last four-round fight card Herget was seconded by another chap, Tony Swan, Coleman, Payne and Spearson, all famous milers, beat him in. In the same race, however, for the mile, Walkley finished third in the mile, Payne and Windnagle finished ahead of him. These two were former Oregon stars. Windnagle, who had gone to the University of California, where he ran the mile in 4:16 one year. While at Cornell Windnagle ran against Meredith, the nationally famous half-miler, and forced Meredith to break a national record to beat him.

Walkley Wins in Mile. Walkley won his first race that year when he finished first in the mile in the Pacific coast conference meet in Eugene, Oregon, in the fall of 1919 he started winning cross-country races and finished first in the mile in the Oregon Agricultural and Aggies. Incidentally, that meet was the only one that Oregon has won in four years.

Don Nichols Chosen Captain of Bear Football Machine. BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 9.—To the list of brothers who have fought their way to the top in Pacific coast inter-collegiate athletics has been added the names of Don and David P. Nichols, graduates of the University of California. In addition to being prominent in student affairs, they are nephews of Dr. David P. Nichols, president of the university.

Don is the captain of the Bear football machine. Varsity men are telling of an incident that occurred when Don was elected captain at the close of the season. It seems that Luther had never even thought of his brother being chosen captain and brother being chosen captain was a surprise. When Don was chosen Luther was very enthusiastic and hugged his brother for several minutes.

"Think of it," Luther said, "my little brother Don being captain of the greatest football team in the world this season."

Don is entered in the law department and on his graduation here will go to Harvard university for graduate study.

Siki Refuses to Appear. Senegalese Says Hearing Might Injure Legal Action. PARIS, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Battling Siki refused to appear before the investigating committee appointed by the French boxing federation which held its first session today in an attempt to clear up the Senegalese-Siki fraud charges. The Senegalese, through his counsel, sent a letter to the committee saying that inasmuch as the committee had already taken away from him his license and title of champion without giving him a hearing, thus placing him under the necessity of suing them before the courts, he failed to see why they should ask to hear him now; it might cause prejudice to legal actions which would be heard by a tribunal.

The committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday.

George Wheelock Noted on Track for Nerve. \$200,000 Bet on Race Which Is Dead Heat; Crowd Goes Mad, but Betting Men Don't.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—George Wheelock, for some years president of the Metropolitan Turf association and known to thousands as "King of the Betting Ring," has just been buried in Woodlawn cemetery, New York.

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Entries. First race—Six furlongs, 3 years old and up; Eva, 108; Kinsley, 108; Wagon, 108; Virginia, 108; Chormaster, 108; American Maid, 108; Chick Barkley, 107; Red William, 108; L. W. Harper, 112; Count Boris, 112.

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Fourth race—Five furlongs, 3 years old and up; San Hedon, 104; Dora, 104; Rhymus, 104; Froward, 104; Poscher, 104; Tom, 108; Siles, 107; Lottery, 118; Weather cloudy, track heavy.

Results. First race, 5 1/2 furlongs, 3-year-olds and upward—Count Boris, 114 (Anderson), 1:10.40; 2:40.00; 3:50.00; 4:50.00. Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs, 3-year-olds and upward—Meron, 107 (Foster), second; Plover Steel, 104 (Stroms), third.

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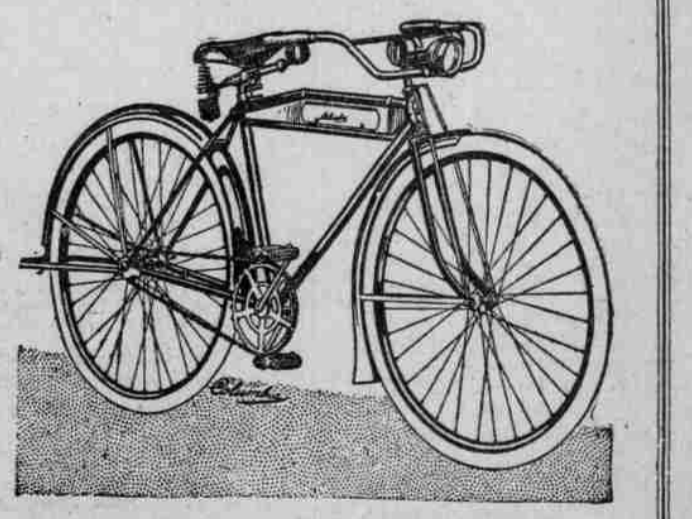
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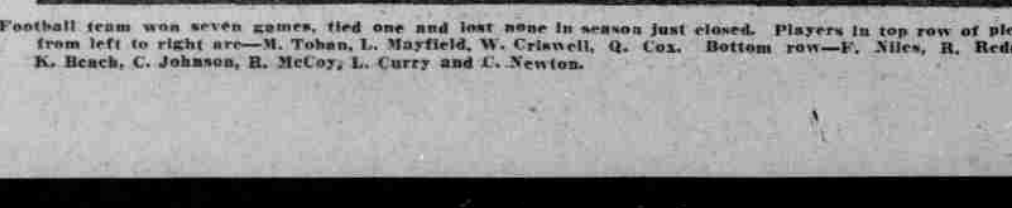
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Football team won seven games, tied one and lost none in season just closed. Players in top row of picture from left to right are—M. Toban, L. Mayfield, W. Criswell, C. Cox. Bottom row—F. Niles, R. Reddick, K. Beach, R. Johnson, B. McCoy, L. Murray and G. Newell.