

DOG DAYS ARE HERE FOR GOLF DEVOTEES

Players Find Consolation at 19th Hole Sessions.

WIERD TALES RELATED

Russell Smith, Waverley Crick, Subject of Admiration When Enthusiasts Get Together.

The "dog days" of golf are here. A few hardy disciples of the ancient Scottish pastime will brave any weather conditions for their daily round, but with the local courses in a state of dampness and players forced to accept temporary greens that the soft turf of the permanent greens may be preserved for the spring and summer seasons...

Wierd Stories Are Told. The hole in one, the eagle on a par four hole, the long put that either did or didn't drop into the cup, or a marvelous recovery from a trap or bunker are all revelers at these 19th-hole gatherings. While these tales are for the most part boastful utterances by the speakers of their own skills on the links...

Russell Smith, one of the leading players of the Waverley Country club and an ex-northwest and Oregon state champion, is often the subject of discussion at these 19th-hole meetings.

Someone Always Remembers. "Do you remember that extra hole match of Russ"—his close friends always refer to him as Russ—"in the northwest tournament?" queries one of the golf bugs. Then the praises of Smith are sung. Yes, someone remembers that extra-hole match, "but did you see Russ recover from trouble in that club championship match?" he counters. And so the discussion goes on.

There is a reason for Smith's outstanding golf reputation. There are golfers more steady and consistent than he, but few as spectacular. The gallery loves the spectacular and Smith is one player who seldom fails to provide a thrill or two in every match.

Recovery Shots Thrill. At some point in the match Smith will be in trouble and it is his remarkable recovery shots that provide the thrill. Smith is master of his iron clubs and rates as one of the best iron club players in the northwest. In fact, for more than a year Smith stuck strictly to his iron clubs for every shot, which perhaps accounts for his mastery of the iron. In recent years he has gone back to the wood and right now, when he is right, carries a greater variety of shots in his bag than most players.

Smith had his big year in championship play in 1918. That year he won both the northwest amateur and the Oregon state titles. In 1915 he was put out in the finals of the Oregon state by Rodolph Wilhelm, but came right back the following year and defeated Rudy in the finals.

Form of Star Splendid. Many golf critics declare that the Waverley star has the best form of any of the northwest cracks. His form is easy with no apparent effort in making his shots. While his play is not always spectacular, it is usually brilliant and bordering on the spectacular. "Where a great many beginners make a mistake," said Smith, "is attempting to copy the form of some big star. The best plan, and one which I adopted when first starting to play, is to take the style best suited to your own play without forcing yourself into some form that is not easy and natural to follow."

MOTORCYCLE RUN MONDAY

Eugene Riders to Start at Midnight on 400-Mile Race.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—The Eugene Motorcycle club on Sunday and Monday is starting its annual New Year's day endurance run over a course of approximately 400 miles. The run will start at midnight tomorrow night and will close about 5 o'clock Monday evening.

Starting from Eugene the course will be north to Junction City via Fredie road, thence north to the Pacific highway, thence north to Independence and West Salem. From here the west side road will be taken to Dayton, thence the pavement will be followed through Newberg to Portland. The first of the riders are expected to arrive in Portland about 11 A. M. Monday and will check in at the Henderson Motorcycle company store at 111 North Broadway, Portland, where Wells Bennett, world-famous motorcycle rider and holder of the championship transcontinental motorcycle record, will serve them with the ever-popular "hot dogs" and coffee. Bennett, who is head of the Henderson motorcycle agency in Portland, was the winner of the New Year's day run a year ago.

After an hour's stop in Portland the riders will leave for Roseburg via Oregon City, Salem, Ankeny hill road to Albany, east side road through Shedd, Harrisburg and Coburg to Eugene, and thence via the Pacific highway to Roseburg. From the latter point the run will be made back to Eugene, then to Independence Grove and via the Loraine road.

SEALS BUY CHICAGO PITCHER

Cubs Sell Harry Courtney to San Francisco Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Harry Courtney, left-handed pitcher of the Chicago American league club, has been purchased by the San Francisco Coast league club and will play with the Seals next spring. He pitched seven games for the Seals last season, winning five and losing two. The purchase price was not announced. Courtney was with the Washington Americans two years and served the Yankees one year.

Other pitchers expected to wear San Francisco uniforms when the baseball season opens are: McWaney, Scott, Shea, Geary, Mitchell, Allen, Dodge, Davis, Gilchrist, Wanser, Stanton and Crowder. Seven or eight will be given regular jobs.

WAVERLEY CLUB GOLFER MASTER OF IRON SHOTS.



Russell Smith, ex-northwest and Oregon state champion, expert with iron clubs. In this particular department of the golf game he is rated one of the strongest players in the Pacific northwest.

DOUBLE PLAY WONDER

SHANKS MAKES PUT-OUT AT SECOND AND THEN HOME.

Rule Suggested to Keep Player Where He Does Most Damage to Opposing Teams.

At a certain stage of the 1922 American league race Manager Milan of the Washington team experienced difficulty getting a left fielder who would fit into the proper order. So he pulled Howard Shanks away from third base, his regular station, and told him to go right in left garden. When he did this it was in an effort to stop so much of the run-getting propensity of certain other clubs in the American league. He remembered the Monaca, Pa., boy's oldtime habit of slipping runners at the plate.

A Tonic for Golfers. BY JOCK HUTCHISON. AMERICAN WINNER OF BRITISH OPEN. The advertisement features a stylized logo and text promoting a tonic for golfers.

A PLAYER who looks after the little things in golf and permits the bigger things to take care of themselves will fare a whole lot better than the one who disregards the small things. There are many insignificant and what may appear to be trifling things in golf that turn out to be mountains in the end.

One of these seemingly unimportant little things is the waggle. Few players even know what it is until their attention is called to it. By the waggle we mean that preliminary motion made with the club in preparing to hit the ball. Every golfer has some sort of waggle. Some waggle long and others get the ball away with little or no waggle.

Duncan and Alex Smith are examples of short wagglers. George loses no time hitting the ball. One watching him perform must look closely to see the stroke played, otherwise the ball will be on its way before the watcher sees what it is all about. Sandy Herd, the famous British pro, who was over here last summer with J. H. Taylor, possesses the longest waggle extant. Sandy taps the ground behind the ball nine or ten times before letting the club go. This appears to be a form of nervousness in some players, but it has always been characteristic of Sandy.

George Duncan says "as we waggle, we swing." Every player must waggle just a little differently from his fellow men. The waggle makes one feel comfortable. It is done while the player is making up his mind just how he will hit the little pill.

Grip Another Little Big Thing. Another small thing that is of importance is the way we hold our club. Grasp fairly tight with the left, but do not hold too tightly with the right. The right hand has important things to do later on. If held loosely at the top of the swing or at the beginning of the swing or during the downswing, it is of little use for its chief work in sending the club forward. Many golfers play half through their golfing days without realizing that they have been taking a stance that handicaps them. They perhaps employ the wide-open stance when they should use just the reverse. Walter Hagen makes it a point to tell beginners about the importance of placing the right hand well back down the shaft. Walter J. Travis used to do this. He used to win championships with a right hand that was almost under the

BASEBALL ATHLETICS, THEORY

Restraining Graduates Hard Problem, Complaint.

FINANCIAL AID NEEDED

Schools Declared in Quandary as to How to Limit Enthusiasm Without Offense.

BY HUGH FULLERTON. (By Chicago Tribune League Staff.) CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Practically every college against college athletics may be traced to alumni interest in a mistaken activity in athletics, especially football. Whether it be excesses in sport, excesses in gambling, profligate and practically hiring players, obtaining undesirable characters as coaches, racketeering, interference with sports and a debasing and demoralizing effect upon the players, when we get to the bottom of the case we find the overzealous old graduate.

It is the old graduate who refuses to realize that he has had his day and that the present, both in college and in life, belongs to the undergraduate, who has brought football into partial disrepute. The problems of restraining the old graduate from "helping" his old school and his team is a complicated one, for the reason that usually the school needs his influence and needs the old graduate's aid. He sees the matter in an entirely different light from that of the advanced thinkers, and cannot realize that changes have come into college life and into athletics since his day.

Graduates Defend Acts. He is insulted at the idea that his acts reflect upon the honor of his college and have a debasing and demoralizing effect upon the players, and constitute a menace to the morals of the undergraduate body.

Coaches, athletic directors and others admit these facts and say, in despair: "What are we going to do about it?" That the majority of universities and colleges have tried to prevent the proselyting of students and the lending of money to athletes, and have partially balked at the idea of making it so easy for their school, Princeton rebelled openly against this interference with university activities by the old graduate. Princeton suspended a number of stars who had borrowed money from the students' help fund was one of the big moves of the year rather hard on the victims, who had done no wrong, but were victims of circumstances.

Princeton has a fund to help needy students through college—a well-meaning fund until it was misused. The majority of students, both athletic and otherwise, who borrowed from that fund, were honest, and the great majority repaid the money. But the contribution to that fund poured in with a condition attached that the money be used for football men only, the university put down its face. Of all who borrowed from the fund I do not think six intentionally abused it, although I find that some who wanted to borrow to meet emergencies were urged by old graduates to take the money and regard it as a gift.

Cure Hard to Find. The cause of the trouble is easy to find out, but the cure is hard. There are so many instances of "help" extended to football players that are legitimate that it is like deciding between graft and "emoluments." But the effect is the same. It is setting up a favored class of institutions supposedly purely democratic, and therefore wrong.

The last element in the football situation is the undergraduate. The faculties and the athletic boards, most of the coaches and the best element of the alumni are considering him.

The general attitude is that football (and other athletic sports) are undergraduate activities; that the game belongs to the undergraduates; that the players must be bona fide undergraduate students; that football is a game for, by and of the undergraduates, which is sound.

Undergraduate Is Square. After studying the eastern situation and mingling with the undergraduates before, during and after "big" games, I find that the undergraduate on the average is a square shooter; that he is much less hysterical and inclined to excesses than the "old graduate" who comes back to celebrate; that as a rule the requirements of his course keep him pretty busy up to an hour or so before the game, and that he settles back into the routine much quicker than would be supposed.

A week after the Yale-Princeton game this fall there was scarcely a mention of football among the undergraduates, while the alumni and "sports" still were discussing every phase of the game.

Swimming Splashes. Ernest Brandstien, coach of swimming at Stanford university, visited Eugene recently and had several opportunities to see in action Arne Borg of Stockholm, the Swedish swimmer, who is regarded by his countrymen as the only swimmer in the world able to give Johnny Weismuller a good fight for world's middle distance swimming. Brandstien is a young man, who stands 6 feet and weighs only 150 pounds, has an atrocious nose, but is a swimmer of unusual velocity, able to cover 220 yards around 2 miles in 20 minutes and the longer distances from 440 to 1500 yards at even greater proportionate speed.

Fresh evidence of the phenomenal increase of interest in swimming among women is provided in the published report that the Women's Swimming association of New York has taken in more than 200 new members within six weeks.

William Kahanamoku, one of the five brothers of the famous Hawaiian swimmer, Duke Kahanamoku, has joined the Duke in Los Angeles and they will engage in aquatic exhibitions there. While they are in the city, they will make a crack all-around waterman and sprinter of ability.

Nels Thorpe, coach of swimming at the University of Minnesota, whose team won the highest honor in the conference competition last year, will make another bid for leadership this season. Among the stars available for his variety

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