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Many New Records Made by Amateurs and Professionals.

TRAVERS PLAYING BEST GAME

National Amateur Champion in Splendid Shape to Defend His Title at Garden City in September—Anderson Playing Well.

Jerome Travers is now on the record breaking golf game that marked his play before he won the national championship last year, when he gained the distinction of 72, 72—144 for St. Andrews and the new amateur records of 69 for the Nassau Country club, Glen Cove, N. Y., 71 at Hollywood, N. J., 68 at Montclair, N. J., 44 at Roseville on his first sight of the course and 69 at Ekwanok, Va. The Montclair course record when Travers moved to that place was Allan Kennaday's 74, which only Will Anderson, the former open champion, ever was able to lower by a stroke. Travers cut it to 71 in 1906 and last year cut it to 70. This year, after two rounds in 69, Travers did 68. The course is so narrow, only of 5,900 yards, that it is as hard to score over it as one of 6,500 yards.

Travers is not the only amateur who is scoring very well this season, but the Montclair 68 would indicate that he will make a good defense of his title in September at Garden City, N. Y. This is now more than ever the favorite stamping ground of W. J. Travis, who holds the amateur record of 70, while recently H. H. Barker, despite the new hazards, has recorded the professional record for Garden City of 69. Recently Findley S. Douglas, the former amateur champion, lowered the Apawamis (Bye, N. Y.) amateur record, one of long standing, from 73 to 71, and another ex-title holder, H. Chandler Egan, has this season reduced the record of the Louisville course to 67. The former title holders, it is evident, are in the record breaking ranks with the present champion, and Travers will not lack for rivals at Garden City when the time comes to tee up. Warren K. Wood, one of the last year's semifinalists, has made two new records this month, 71 at Homewood and 73 at Normandie.

Will Anderson, who won the western open championship for the third time last June at the Normandie Golf club, St. Louis, with 299, is playing very well and will attend the national open championship Aug. 27 and 28 at the Myopia (Mass.) Hunt club. He has won the title in four different years and makes the journey to meet the present open champion, Aleck Ross of Boston, on one of his home greens. Anderson will visit New York after the Myopia tournament, and he is ready to play a match or two during the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 5. The professional tournament to have been held at Van Cortlandt park, New York, was canceled, but it may turn up there will be a tournament there Sept. 1 and 2, in which Anderson and others to come from the west for the open championship would be eligible to play. That Anderson is to enter is sufficient proof that the rumors that the western professionals were to boycott the open championship were not true.

CONROY'S STEADY GAME.

New York American Third Baseman Has Shown Consistency.

While the New York Americans are fighting for the cellar championship with the Washingtons there are a few of the players on the team who are putting up as good a game as many



"WIDOW" CONROY, NEW YORK AMERICAN THIRD BASEMAN. One of the stars of the leading team. One of them is Theo. Bushong, who is playing a clever and steady game around third station.

He has shown improvement in his batting of late. In a recent game in Chicago his batting was the leading feature.

Abby Proving His Worth.

Abbatechio is now playing something like the game he was expected to play when the Pittsburg Nationals secured him at great cost from Boston.

DECISIONS MADE TOO QUICKLY

Klem Says Officials Cause Trouble by Deciding Close Plays Hurrily.

Umpire Klem says that the general tendency of knights of the indicator is to call their decisions too fast, before the play is really over, and thereto hang nearly half of the mistakes they make and of the trouble they have with the players and spectators.

During one of the recent Pittsburg series in Chicago Klem worked very leisurely, so far as calling decisions was concerned. The time he took on some of them was noticeable to all.

"I have made up my mind that a large part of the trouble we umpires have and the dissatisfaction caused by our decisions come from the fact that we make them so hastily," said Mr. Klem.

"Naturally we want to make our decisions sharp, clear and decisive, that every one may know we are not guessing on what happened, but are thoroughly convinced in the way we have ruled. Lack of positiveness in giving close decisions is sure to bring on you a heap of trouble with the players, who will take every advantage of the umpire.

"Still, there is an immense amount of kicking because the umpire calls a ball or strike before the ball is actually over the plate, so that the break is really missed. That hurts either the pitcher or the batter, and a kick is sure to follow. The same holds true on base decisions that are close. We might just as well wait until the play is entirely over before waving a runner safe or out, and then we'll not have to change our decisions because something has happened right on the heels of the play on which we had just ruled. A little less haste will result in a good deal more accuracy."

SPENCER LOOKS GOOD.

St. Louis Catcher Compares Favorably With Other Backstops.

Without wishing to dim the luster of Billy Sullivan's crown, Eddie Spencer, the big backstop of the St. Louis Americans, is entitled to rank with any catcher in Ban Johnson's organization.

Possibly Sullivan of the Chicago Americans and Lou Criger of the Bostonians have seen their best days. "Nig" Clarke's greatest season was in 1906, although still a star backstop. Smith, Spencer's team mate, is coming fast, but the latter has matured to a point where he is recognized as one of the best catchers in the business.

Spencer has only one weakness. He is a slow runner, but his weight makes him a strong enough bulwark to withstand any onslaught made by runners coming home. He blocks them well. Spencer throws accurately to second, gets the ball away quickly and watches the bases like a policeman guarding a trust company's safe.

KETCHEL A BUSY PUGILIST.

Middleweight Champion to Meet Joe Thomas and Billy Papke.

Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion who defeated Hugo Kelly in San Francisco recently, has mapped out a programme that will keep him busy for some time.

His first battle will be a twenty round contest with Joe Thomas on Aug. 18 before the Occidental club of San Francisco at catchweights. Thomas and Ketchel have met three



STANLEY KETCHEL, MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

times in the last two years at the middleweight limit, the first meeting resulting in a draw, Ketchel winning the other two by knockouts.

In the afternoon of Labor day Ketchel will fight Billy Papke of Illinois before the Jeffries Athletic club of Los Angeles. This will be a twenty-five round event for 50 per cent of the receipts. This will be the second meeting of the pair, their first fight resulting in a decision for Ketchel after a terrific ten round battle. Many of Papke's friends claimed that he was entitled to a draw. In the event of winning both these matches Ketchel will challenge Tommy Burns for the heavyweight championship.

Tommy Leach.

It is a pity that Tommy Leach of the Pittsburg Nationals is getting so old that he doesn't want to play third any more. Poor old fellow! He lifted one in the ninth in a recent game and hobbled around the bases in time to break up the game.

Lober's Heavy Hitting.

Hans Lober of Cincinnati has made more three baggers than any other player in the National league. In sixty-three games he has rapped out fourteen hits for three bases.

NATIONAL RACE CLOSE

Fight For Pennant in Old League Very Exciting.

FOUR TEAMS HAVE CHANCE.

Pittsburg, New York, Chicago and Philadelphia All Putting Up a Fast Game of Ball—Long String of Home Games May Help Giants' Chances.

It has been said many, many times that the American league was "the big show." This was quite true in years gone by, owing to the runaway races in the National, but let it be said here and now that the National has this year laid claim to the honor, and unless things go amiss it will continue to hold it for the remainder of this season at least.

The race between the top three teams, Pittsburg, New York and Chi-



PITCHER ED REULBACH OF THE CHICAGO NATIONALS.

ago, to say nothing of the wonderful spurt of the Phillies, is something strange in National league annals, and from present prospects it appears as though none of the teams is going to let up.

The wisecracks still pick Chicago to win, and they may be right, but the manner in which Pittsburg and New York are traveling along makes one believe that Mr. Chance's bunch of ball tossers will certainly have to hustle to repeat the dose they administered last season.

The Cubs seem to lack the dash with which they were playing last year and have suffered from many injuries, which must necessarily have impaired the strength of their personnel. Chance is playing but occasionally. Evers was out of the game with a very bad ankle, Kilgus' catching has been away below par, and the batting strength of the club has been very materially weaker than in past seasons. Most important of all, Brown is the only one of the Cub pitchers who is a reliable winner.

The Chicago crowds have lost confidence in Pfister; Overall has been hit hard quite frequently; Reulbach's control has been very erratic, and Fraser, while a good "spit" ball pitcher, is not so much to be feared.

It will be impossible this year for the Cubs to rest up their men and wait for the big series, content in a big margin of victories. They will have to keep working as the American league teams are doing now. When the big series comes along they will be as likely to blow up as their rivals.

New York appears to have a shade the best of it, inasmuch as it will play more home games than either the Pirates or Cubs, and this should help considerably, for even this year Manager McGraw's men have maintained their reputation of being a great home team.

But, after all, with the teams playing the great ball that they are putting up, it's a toss-up, and then Philadelphia must not be figured out of the running, while even the Reds, should they take on the streak that characterized them just before and on the last eastern trip, might be considered factors.

The one beauty part about the race is the fact that the Cubs are no longer invincible. They had the majority of games won heretofore before they ever picked up a bat, but now it is different. The confidence that they have been accustomed to is not there, for reports are coming in every day of Murphy's frantic efforts and fabulous prices to obtain new material to strengthen his team with. McGraw is going along at a nice clip. His pitchers are working well, especially Mathewson, and when Matty is the Matty of old any team upon which he is playing has a chance for the old flag.

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