

LIGHTWEIGHTS DISGRUNDED BUT JOE RIVERS IS LOGICAL OPPONENT

NOVICE HAS AS MUCH RIGHT TO CHALLENGE AS ANY

By W. W. Naughton.
San Francisco, April 20.—Joe Rivers, the Los Angeles novice, is to get the first crack at Ad Wolgast's championship and all the other lightweights and near lightweights are up in arms about him.

"Ad Wolgast picked an easy mark," say the disgruntled ones.

"He should have looked up with some fighter who stands better with the public."

All right. But who, for instance? Is there any one man among the lightweights who stands head and shoulders above his fellows as the "logical opponent" of Wolgast?

Four Names Suggested.

There are probably a dozen or so called 133 pounders who think themselves entitled to a match with Wolgast. Of these the four that loom up the most prominently are Parkey McFarland, Matt Wells, Freddie Welsh and "Knockout" Brown.

McFarland and Wells are tarr'd with the same brush. Neither of them can make the weight at which Wolgast won the title, and there is too much at stake for Ad to grant them any concessions in the matter of poundage.

Freddie Welsh is an invalid at present. He reports that he is fit for service again, but in view of the manner in which he collapsed a couple of times while training, the promoters do not regard him as a gift edged risk.

No Claimer for Brown.

"Knockout" Brown, who began his career suspiciously, had performed so steadily during many months that there is no public clamor for a Wolgast-Brown fight. True his backers keep advancing his claims, and for that matter, seem willing enough to wager heavily on his chances, but even the sporting critics of his own New York are evincing any excitement over Wolgast's studied coldness toward Brown.

Here is the case in a nutshell: The lightweight situation is in such a shape that whoever brings Wolgast to the article signing point is the one best entitled to fight the champion. And Rivers is the lad.

At that Rivers is lucky. The average lightweight has to bear the heat and burden of an extremely long day; the hooks and wallops of many a bitterly waged battle before he is in line for a whiff at the title. Here, however, is a youngster who is going to signalize his

entry into the lightweight class by striving for the highest honors.

Ad May Have Been Wiser.

There may be a measure of truth in the contention that Wolgast preferred Rivers to some of the others. Ad has been Rivers' train and fight a number of times and it stands to reason the champion would not have been so ready to sign the Los Angeles articles if he considered the Mexican youth the most dangerous of the bunch.

But even if Wolgast set his cap at Rivers who can blame him? Wolgast underwent a severe ordeal a few months ago and fully recognizes that he must feel his way back into the game very carefully.

This thing of a champion being operated upon for appendicitis is a new one and no one can tell what the effect upon Wolgast's fighting speed and strength will be. It is far different from returning to the hurly burly of fusticuffs after being laid off some time with a broken arm. In that case the injury is purely local, whereas with a man who has been under the knife, the whole system is affected.

Champ May Be Converted.

I have heard old trainers of track men say that an appendicitis operation will make a 10 second man a second slower, and this practically means that it will transfer a clever sprinter into an ordinary one. Such being the case it is within the bounds of possibility that a similar experience may convert a champion into a dab.

Rivers is a great little ring man—one who shows improvement every time he boxes—but under ordinary circumstances it would savor of forcing matters to send him against a pugilist of Wolgast's caliber at the very start of his lightweight career.

But those who want to figure out the chances of this bout will have to ignore the ordinary methods of reasoning. The main thing to speculate on is whether Wolgast, minus his appendix, and after months of building up the same compact bundle of fighting machinery he was before he was forced to submit to the surgeon's knife. If Ad's training suggests that he has rounded to all right he will be a top heavy favorite over Rivers. If there is any doubt about the matter, it will be a bleak outlook for the champion. In Rivers he will find a youngster who punches rapidly, accurately and with good force and who knows to a dot when to crowd on a nail.

Peerless Hal Chase After King Cobb's Laurels



Hal Chase, in action at first base, and Ty Cobb (in smaller photograph). Chase has avowed designs on the crown which King Ty Cobb now wears. The initial sacker of the Yankees announces that he is out for the title of the most valuable player in the American league.

By W. J. McBeth.
New York, April 20.—A new challenger enters Ban Johnson's lists this season for mortal combat with the champion of all diamond knighthood. Tyrus Raymond Cobb, like the "Georgian peach" of Hugh Jennings' mighty Tiger aggregation, he is no novice at the game. His star was firmly established in fame's firmament long before the wonder of the generation signed his first "bush" league contract.

Hal Chase, first baseman of the Highlanders, aspires to Cobb's crown. None can deny that Chase, in his art, stands second only to the sensational Cobb. In many respects the former leader of the Yankees is superior to even Ty.

Greatest of Games.

Chase is the greatest first baseman of baseball history, he is the greatest fielder and the quickest thinker. He is wonderfully fast on the bases; he is able to break away quickly, and possesses that keen intuition of just when to start so as to get the break on the opposing battery. Rarely is he caught stealing and he pliers third more often than any rival.

Before he sets forth on a purloin Ty Chase is absolutely sure that he holds the winning advantage. Chase is a good hitter—a wonderful batter in

fact—and one of the best men before the public when it comes to protecting the runner. Hal is almost infallible on the batting end of a "squeeze" play.

Wouldn't Spike Sacker.

Just one thing, hereafter, has stood around this wonderful player and the all around championship. A fault, you might call it, but it has more the appearance of a virtue. Hal has been handicapped by his charming personality. He has shown it in every movement on the field, and in his every attitude of base stealing. He has always slid head first, not because he cannot progress as cleverly and quickly with the spikes in front of him, but through fear of injuring an opponent.

In his big league career, Chase has never out down a player. In this respect he has always been fair to a fault against himself. Cobb, on the other hand, exacts the last ounce of flesh. He will not relinquish one inch of his right to base lines even if the career of an opponent is the price of a stolen base or an extra base hit.

No Lust for Glory.

Such genuine earnestness as Cobb displays might have placed Chase on a par with the Georgian the past several years. Hal has never been fired with the lust for glory that prompts Ty to climb up and up even at the expense of others. Indeed, the peerless first baseman of the Hill Toppers has always looked upon the national pastime lightly.

Hal seems a new Chase this spring. He still is boyish and lighthearted in his actions both on and off the field. But there is a seriousness in his playing manner never before evidenced. He has assumed Wolgast's of his heartiest cooperation. He declares himself delighted to have been relieved of the responsibilities of management. For the first time he displays deep interest in his colleagues of the infield and coaches them and schools them in his little mannerisms so as to effect the best possible working harmony.

Is Now More Agile.

Chase seems, if possible, more agile than ever. And it can be noticed what little sliding he has done, has been done feet first. Also his spikes are long, of the Ty Cobb type. It is reported that he has bought a file and that he will employ it.

"I've arrived at the conclusion," said Chase the other day, "that it is high time for me to do something with myself. There is no reason that I can see why any one should have anything on me as a ball player. I've always given the other fellows a shade the better of it, but that got me nothing. Now I'm going out to see just what I can do."

"I have always played my hardest, but I do not think it was my best. I did not look upon the game seriously enough. I have given my word to Wolgast that if I do not show New York

this year the real thing in first sacking, then I'm ready to step down and out. And, you know, I'm no 'millionaire. I need the money just as much as the next one."

VICTORIA PLANNING GREATEST GOLF MEETING IN HISTORY OF NORTHWEST

CRACK PLAYERS FROM ALL SECTIONS TO TAKE PART

The Victoria Golf club, which was awarded the twenty annual championship tournament of the Pacific Northwest Golf association, is making elaborate plans for the event. The tournament play will commence Tuesday morning, May 1, and continue until the following Saturday evening.

Entries from the Seattle Golf club, Keweenaw Golf club of Portland, Or., Irving Golf club of Vancouver, B. C., Spokane Country club, Butte Country club, Tacoma club and the Victoria club are expected and it will likely be the largest tournament ever held in this section of the country.

The local golf club is not making any special effort to send a team to Victoria, but the players of the club that can get away from their business at that time will likely enter. Several Waverly members have announced their intention of competing for the championship.

Valuable prizes have been donated for first and second places in all events. The conditions of the meet follow:

The rules of the U. S. Golf association will govern all competitions. The championship event in men's and ladies' matches will be open only to members of the Pacific Northwest Golf association. All other competitors are open to all amateurs.

Entries Close May 8.

The entry fee for both men's and ladies' championship will be \$1. Entry fee must accompany entry in all cases. Entries close 5 p. m. Monday, May 6, and must be made with or addressed to Harvey Combe, secretary Victoria Golf club, Victoria, B. C. For all handicap events, the entries must be made with the secretary by 4 p. m. the previous day to competitors.

Men's Pacific northwest championship to be played as follows: Qualifying round on Tuesday, May 7, 18 holes, medal play. Best 12 to qualify and continue at match play, rounds of 18 holes. Semi-finals and finals to be 36 holes. The losers in the first round of the championship shall constitute the first flight, the third sixteen in the qualifying round shall constitute the second flight, the next sixteen the third flight, and should there be sufficient entries, a fourth flight prize will be given.

Ladies' Pacific northwest championship: Qualifying round 18 holes, medal play, Tuesday afternoon, May 7. Best sixteen to qualify and continue at match play, rounds of 18 holes throughout. The losers in the first round of the championship shall constitute the first flight, the third eight in the qualifying round shall constitute the second flight.

Open Entries Close May 9.

Entries for the open championship must be in by 10 p. m. Thursday, May 9.

In the handicap events, the handicap committee will use the handicap lists as returned by the secretaries of the various clubs, supplemented by any authentic information of changes necessary to handicap all players on the same basis. Drawings and pairings for all events and matches, other than the championship, and details of the tournament generally will be in charge of the tournament committee.

Competitors must be on the first tee, ready to play at the time fixed for each event or match.

The schedule of play follows:

Tuesday, May 7.

9 a. m.—Men's Pacific northwest championship. Qualifying round, first 18 holes, medal play.

12:30 p. m.—Men's Pacific northwest championship. Qualifying round, second 18 holes to count, medal play, 18 to qualify.

1:30 p. m.—Ladies' Pacific northwest championship. Qualifying round, 18 holes, medal play, 18 to qualify.

All day—Putting.

Wednesday, May 8.

9 a. m.—Men's Pacific northwest championship. First round, match play, 18 holes.

10:45 a. m.—Ladies' Pacific northwest championship. First round, match play, 18 holes.

1:30 p. m.—Men's Pacific northwest championship. Second round, match play, 18 holes.

1:30 p. m.—Pacific northwest flight. First, second, third and fourth flights. First round, 18 holes, match play.

2 p. m.—Ladies' first and second flights. First round, 18 holes, match play.

All day—Putting.

Thursday, May 9.

9 a. m.—Third round men's championship match, 18 holes.

9:30 a. m.—Men's flights. Second round, match play, 18 holes.

10:45 a. m.—Semi-finals, ladies' championship matches, 18 holes.

1:30 p. m.—Semi-finals, men's flights, 18 holes, match play.

All day—Putting.

Friday, May 10.

9 a. m.—Semi-finals, men's championship match, match play, first 18 holes.

9:30 a. m.—Finals, men's flights, 18 holes, match play.

10 a. m.—Finals, ladies' championship matches, 18 holes.

12:30 p. m.—Finals, men's championship match, match play, second 18 holes.

12:45 p. m.—Men's open handicap, 18 holes, match play.

2:30 p. m.—Ladies' driving.

4:30 p. m.—Men's driving.

5 p. m.—Championship putting, match play, putting till 1 p. m.

Men's open championship will be played the following day.

Saturday, May 11.

9 a. m.—Finals, men's Pacific northwest championship, match play, first 18 holes.

9:15 a. m.—Finals, men's flights, 18 holes, match play.

10 a. m.—Ladies' open handicap, 18 holes, medal play.

12:30 p. m.—Finals, men's championship match, match play, second 18 holes.

12:45 p. m.—Men's open handicap, 18 holes, match play.

2:30 p. m.—Ladies' driving.

4:30 p. m.—Men's driving.

5 p. m.—Championship putting, match play, putting till 1 p. m.

Men's open championship will be played the following day.

PORTLAND ACADEMY WILL PLAY CADETS

The Portland Academy baseball team will line up against the Hill Military Academy team Wednesday afternoon on Multnomah field. Both teams are about the same in strength, and an interesting game should be played.

Stevens will likely pitch for the P. A. team, while Van Zandt will work on the mound for the Cadets. Both teams have had plenty of practice since they played their last game.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock. Friday the Columbia University team will line up against the Washington High school nine.

THE WOMAN GOLFER

By Dorothy Campbell, Women's Champion of Great Britain and Canada; Ex-Women's Champion of the United States.



It is noticeable that quite a number of women use clubs that are much too heavy for them, and cannot understand why they become so quickly tired. This is often because they are content to use the cast-off tools of their male relations instead of getting a set for themselves.

Another fruitful source of discouragement is billeted hands, many players believing that gloves are an insurmountable hindrance to gripping the club evenly, which surely must be only a superstition, as so many of the best-known women players are never seen without them. Of course there is the danger of the club slipping around on a wet day, but it is an easy matter to carry an extra pair of gloves. One so often hears of a match going in an unexpected way owing to one of the couple having a badly blistered thumb or palm that it is surprising that so many people continue to play without them. The advantage of being able to wear them on cold days is inestimable.

The tendency to specialize in one particular stroke, a fault that is by no means confined to women, is after all a natural one. Every golfer has her favorite club, one with which she feels more sure than with any other, and she is apt to develop that shot out of proportion to the rest of her game. Instead of doing this it would be far wiser to try and bring her other shots up to the level of this one, because a player who can do well with one club is capable of doing well with them all.

In spite of all the talk one hears about the disappearance of the disparity between the standard of the two sexes, it is unlikely for a variety of reasons that the fair sex will ever be serious rivals to men. But there is one department of the game in which women ought not to be outclassed, and that is in putting. Even allowing this to be the case, it is the woman player who is the most serious offender in making that most futile of all mistakes—being short with approach putts. This is an absolutely inexcusable fault, as not only is it a case of "never up, never in," but the exact strength of the green around the hole, giving the advantage to the player who putts to be a little more than hole high every time. Of course it requires a little courage to play boldly for the hole, but it is quite worth while to accustom oneself to doing it, as there is always a chance of striking the back of the tin and going in even from a distance of 19 yards or more.

When playing in a tournament it is a good plan to try and remember exactly from the first day which of the greens are fast and which slow; although they change according to the weather they generally vary at pretty much the same ratio. On seaside links the greens as a rule are more variable than those on inland courses, and even a slight shower will make the greatest difference possible in the result.

The Toronto Checker and Chess club will hold a checker tournament during the Easter holidays to decide the championship. The first prize will be a gold medal valued at \$10. Anderson's rules will govern play which will be run on the knockout system.

Detroit, Baltimore, Cleveland and Indianapolis contemplate building motorcycle tracks this summer.

Girls' Basket Team of Beaverton School



Though made up entirely of inexperienced players the Beaverton, Or., team closed its season with an enviable record. They met Forest Grove High, Clatsop Indian school, St. Johns High and Park Place, losing but one game in six. The Indian girls beat them 19 to 5 at Chemawa, but they took revenge in the return game, winning by a 25 to 19 score. In the season they scored 111 points to their opponents' 2. In the picture, reading from left to right the players are: Upper row: Margaret Peterson, Azalea Young, Helen Baird, J. E. Waggoner, (coach), Goldie Vincent; lower row: Pearl Hugheson, Rita Fitzpatrick, (captain), Anna Peterson, Marie Waggoner, (mascot), Kathryn Decker.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON FOR A RUGBY JAUNT

The California Rugby Football union has invited an all-star Rugby team from Australia to visit this country during the football season next fall. Preliminary negotiations are already under way whereby the California teams, including Stanford, University of California, Olympic club and several others and the British Columbia Rugby union will assist in preparing the schedule of games. Two years ago a picked University of California and Island Stanford university squad played a series of games in Australia and New Zealand.

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