

SCOTTISH GAME HAS MADE GREAT INROADS ON ENGLISH PASTIME

Great Revival in All Classes of Sports Causes Drop in Attendance.

CRICKET FUTURE BLACK

Variety and Cheapness of Outdoor Entertainment Has Greatly Diminished Attraction of Sport.

While nearly all are agreed that there is something wrong with the great national game of cricket, says Garden G. Smith in Golf Illustrated, there is much diversity of opinion as to what it is, and as to how the decay is to be arrested. So far as one can gather, the best opinion is that the game, although somewhat changed in character, owing to new conditions, has suffered no deterioration and is still, in its highest manifestation, as attractive as ever to those who play it. However this may be, there can be no doubt that, even at its best, cricket has lost much of its attraction as a game to watch, and it is the loss of income consequent upon the decay of public interest that is chiefly causing anxiety.

In a sense, of course, cricket is suffering from the Nemesis which sooner or later overtakes all sports that are run as commercial enterprises. The moment that the financial basis of a sport is laid open to gate-money it loses its independence. It becomes a business and ceases to be a sport, and it can only survive by supplying what its patrons demand.

Cricket Game Slow. But, although cricket may be slower to watch, there are many other causes at work for the falling off in the attendance at big matches. In the last 10 or 15 years there has been a great revival in all branches of athletics, and the public taste in all branches of recreation can now be gratified in many directions that were formerly closed. It is not too much to say that thousands of young men who formerly were quite content to look on at cricket matches are now engaged in the active pursuit of some athletic sport. The enormously improved facilities for travel and the variety and cheapness of indoor entertainments have also greatly diminished the attractions of the cricket ground.

But of the manifold causes of the waning interest in cricket—and we are inclined to think that it is the chief one—is the rivalry of golf. It may not have had any appreciable effect on the gate receipts, because in England the classes that pay their expenses and shillings to see cricket and football matches have not yet taken up golf. But the Scottish game has struck a much more vital blow at cricket than the faithless crowd which has withdrawn its patronage. That after all, is only a financial loss, and if the game is sound at heart it can not permanently injure it. The evil that golf has wrought on cricket is that it is attracting scores and scores of young men of the very class that used to continue their cricket after leaving school and college. Golf is thus draining the very life blood of the English game, and what the supply of first-class amateurs runs short, as it appears to be doing, the future of county cricket is black indeed.

Will Not Need. But the evil does not end here. A very large proportion of the subscriptions to the county and other leading cricket clubs has been derived from members and others who, although unable to play any longer themselves, yet continued to support the club and game. But these superannuated cricketers have found that they are not too old to play golf, and also that it is much better to play golf than

TWO PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS OF THE PORTLAND GOLF CLUB



Andy Junor (on the left) and Anna Junor, who will figure prominently in the tournaments of the Portland Golf club during the coming season. Andy Junor joined the Portland club last summer and his sister will take out a membership next spring. John Junor, the professional of the Tualatin Country club, is a brother.

watch cricket. They have also discovered that golf costs a good deal of money, and in cutting down expenses to meet the necessary outlay it is not to be wondered at if the cricket subscription, from which they derive little or no benefit, is one of the first items to be eliminated.

GOLF NOTES

More than 400,000 rounds of golf were played on the Chicago municipal courses in 1914, according to the official statistics announced recently. At Jackson park, the large course was covered 171,656 times and the small

course 118,730 times, breaking all records for attendance. The rounds played on the other courses: Garfield park, 121,462; Marquette park, 9587, and at Lincoln park, opened late in the summer, 2245, a total of 424,930. The highest attendance was in July and August. An allowance of 50 games a season to each golfer would show a total of 4499 players using the public courses.

The winners in the important women's golf tournaments during the 1914 season are: National—Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson. Metropolitan—Miss Lillian B. Hyde. Eastern—Mrs. H. Arnold Jackson. Western—Mrs. Harry D. Hammond. Southern—Mrs. Frank Graham Jones. Boston district—Miss Margaret Curtis. Philadelphia district—Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow. North and South—Miss Florence L. Harvey. Rhode Island—Mrs. Henry Watson. Western Pennsylvania—Mrs. J. V. Hurd. Pacific Northwest—Miss Violet Pooley. California—Miss Alice Warner. Higgins Trophy (team)—Los Angeles Country club. Grissom cup (team)—Philadelphia. British—Miss Cecil Leitch.

'KICKERS' HANDICAP' IS LOMBARD PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS GOLF

Waverly Club Players Will Have Chance to Win Very Unique Event on Links.

MIXED FOURSOME JAN. 1

Sweepstakes 18-Hole Medal Play Competition for Men to Be Followed by a More Serious Tournament.

Golf tournaments for the holidays have been arranged by Gay Lombard, chairman of the handicap committee of the Waverly Country club. The Christmas Day tournament, which will be known as the "Kickers' Handicap," will be a sweepstakes 18-hole medal play competition for men. The New Years Day tournament will be a handicap mixed foursome.

The rules of the Christmas Day competition are:

Entrance fee will be 50 cents, and the 18 holes may be played in morning or afternoon. A morning round will, however, disqualify any player from playing in the afternoon. Medal play rules will govern, but play in four-ball matches is authorized, and start may be made from tenth tee. Each contestant will fix his own handicap, but it must be done before starting. No limit is placed on the handicap you may award yourself; it may be "plus" if you like.

The winning score will be determined by the average of the three lowest gross scores made. The score nearest to this average will be the winning card. A score lower than this will be no better than one higher.

No cards will be posted until all are turned in, but handicaps must be announced before starting or the player's card will not be considered.

Half of the sweepstakes (in golf balls) will go to the net score winning; the other half (in golf balls) will be divided between low gross and second low gross, the low gross taking two-thirds and second low one-third. Ties will be played off subsequently.

The New Years Day tournament calls for post entries with an entrance fee of \$1. A prize will be offered by the club to the winning players.

French Miss Cecil Leitch, Canadian—Miss Florence L. Harvey.

Approximately 300 pounds, or about \$1500 in our money, was raised at Wimbledon, England, last week, when James Braid, George Duncan, Josh Taylor, Rowland Jones, Tom Ball, Alec Hird and George Pannell, professional of the Country club of Brussels, competed in the best ball matches for the Belgian refugees. Four matches in all were played.

More golfers played on the course of the Spokane Country club during the month of November than in October, according to David Findlay, the club professional.

Play in the annual Coronado Country club cup tournament started last week and handicap events will be played every Saturday and Sunday during December, January and February. Various other tournaments will be played during the season.

The Seattle Country and Golf club's women team defeated the women golfers of the Tacoma Country club in the third match of the series of six for a special trophy cup by the score of 19 holes. The Tacoma women now have a lead of seven points.

The work on the 18 hole course of the Portland Golf club is being rushed. William Dickson, the club professional, is doing all the work possible before the wet weather sets in.

Harold H. Hilton, one of the two golfers who have held both the American and English amateur titles, has had many unusual experiences in the golfing career, but perhaps the most remarkable happened quite some years ago in a medal round at Llandudno, Wales. In back of the twelfth green is a steep bank, and very often the players will overrun the green purposefully and then watch the ball trickle back on to the green, more often than coming to rest close to the pin. On this occasion Hilton followed the usual procedure, but his ball failed to roll back to the green. As it happened, the ball had come to rest in a rabbit scrape, and local rules allowed it to be picked up and dropped behind for the loss of a stroke. So Hilton dropped the ball over his shoulder, stepped to one side and watched the ball wind its way down the hill, slowly trickle on to the green and finally land in the hole. It is very seldom that a player holes out off the green without hitting the ball, such was the case here, and Hilton was given a three-two legitimate stroke and one penalty.

One of New York's big fashionable hotels is said to contemplate the laying out of a golf course indoors and having some expert English player perhaps Harry Vardon as instructor.

Famous Crompton Has Had 503 Games

Rob Crompton, the expert soccer football player of England, considered the greatest back of all times, has played 503 league matches for Blackburn Rovers, and is still going strong. Crompton played his first game against Scotland in 1902, and it seems highly probable that he will make his thirteenth appearance against the Scots at Hillsborough next April. Meredith of Manchester City, and Manchester United fame, at present suspended for an indiscretion, has played 621 league games out of a possible 651 since 1894.

Yale's Boat House To Be Finished Soon

Yale university's new boathouse at Gales Ferry will afford accommodations for coxswains, coaches and 15 servants. There are dressing and shower accommodations for the crews, and separate rooms for the servants. The first floor will be used for boating storage, with space for dressing accommodations. Sixteen bedrooms will be located on the second floor. The structure is rapidly nearing completion.

SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL TROPHY



The Spalding cup, which will be presented to the winners of the interscholastic basketball title for the season of 1914-1915.

MRS. R. BARLOW HAS BRILLIANT LINKS RECORD

Philadelphia Woman Wins Chief Trophy in 10 Out of 13 Tourneys.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Undoubtedly the most brilliant season's record of any woman golfer in the eastern section of the country is that of Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, of Philadelphia. She won the chief trophies in 10 out of the 13 tournaments in which she competed. No less than five qualifying medals were gathered in by her. The Golf association of Philadelphia recently awarded her the silver cross, an acknowledgment that she is the best golfer in that district.

Mrs. Barlow has won the Philadelphia championship for the last three years and five times in the last 10, and has won the Mary Thayer Farnum memorial trophy 10 times out of 12. The summary of her success this year follows:

May 3.—Won one-day invitation at Overbrook Country club. May 11.—Won qualifying round medal at St. David's with a new score record of 84; won St. David's tournament.

May 28.—Won invitation tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club. June 1.—Fourth in women's eastern championship at Greenwich.

June 27.—Won qualifying round medal at Shawnee Country club; won Shawnee tournament. July 3.—Won Cape May tournament; third in the qualifying round.

September 18.—Lost in semi-final round of women's national championship at Nassau. September 22.—Won qualifying round medal play for Berthelby cup at Huntington Valley with a new score record of 82.

September 24.—Lost to Mrs. F. H. Fitter in second round for Berthelby cup. October 5-6.—Won Mary Thayer Farnum memorial trophy for tenth time.

October 18.—Won qualifying round of Mrs. Thomas' tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club. Won tournament at Philadelphia Cricket club.

October 24.—Won championship of Merion Cricket club. November 14.—Won invitation tournament at Lakewood Country club. Second in qualifying round.

Awarded silver cross by Golf association of Philadelphia for best aggregate score in the qualifying round for the Philadelphia championship and the Mary Thayer Farnum cup.

TETRARCH COSTLY SIRE

Even a potential Derby winner is an animal of enormous value. The sensational gray horse, The Tetrarch, now in the stud of Captain Dermot McCallmont's Mount Juliet farm in Kilkenny, Ireland, has his book full for the next two years at \$1500 a mare, and will earn at least \$30,000 a year for his owner.

THIS LITTLE BEAUTY COMES FROM HOLBROOK



Pretty Golden Cocker Spaniel recently purchased by H. G. Makelin of Holbrook, Or., and which may be benched next season.

AMATEURS WILL OPEN ICE PLAY NEXT THURSDAY

Multnomah and the Portland Rowing Clubs Face Puck in First Game.

The opening contest of the Portland Amateur Hockey league will be played Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, between the Multnomah puck chasers and the Portland Rowing club septet. There is a great deal of interest in hockey among the amateur clubs of Portland, and it is expected that the contest will be interesting, although they will not be as fast as the professional game.

Manager W. A. Kearns, of the Multnomah club eleven, has a number of experienced players in his line-up, including Ukella, a former Detroit player and Irvine, who was one of the star goal keepers in the Vancouver, B. C. league last season. Perry and Dietz are two other players, who are showing up very well in practice.

Gore, who will play the cover point position for the "Winged-M" team, is a former Yale university player, and he is showing great form in practice games. Herman and Kearns are showing lots of speed in the wing positions.

The Portland Rowing club team's showing in practice has pleased H. E. Judge, manager of the team, very much. Barr, the P. R. C. left wing, played in the Regina City league in 1913, and is an exceptionally fast skater.

Officials for the game will be selected during the first part of next week. The lineups:

Multnomah Pos. Rowing club. Irvine Goal Hawes Herman (c) Point Cameron Gore C. P. Kiefhaber Ukella C. E. J. Parsons (c) Perry R. W. S. Leslie Dietz L. W. L. Barr Kearns L. W. L. Barr

Soccer Football Is Great Drawing Card

Association football in Great Britain corresponds in the place it holds in public interest to organized ball in this country, except that football teams in the big leagues are more numerous and the attendance larger than at baseball contests. Soccer football games are played almost entirely, though, on Saturdays, though a few mid-week fixtures occur during the season. From small beginnings, with a complete and powerful organization in control, the game of soccer has grown to immense proportions and in the important leagues is practically wholly professional, though under the curious code that prevails in the game, an occasional player remains amateur.

Ritchie to Meet Welsh

Willie Ritchie and Freddie Welsh may be matched to box for the light weight championship during the Pan-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next year.

AMATEUR GOLF RULES TO BE MADE STRICTER AT REQUEST OF CLUBS

Players Are Unanimous for a More Rigid Code to Prevent Commercialism.

MAY BAR PLAYER-AUTHOR

Young Players Have Been Introducing Plans Whereby They Can Make Money; Exhibitions May Be Stopped.

New York, Dec. 12.—The tradition of golf are to be upheld. It is to remain pre-eminently a gentleman's game. A majority of about 370 clubs that are members of the United States Golf association have so voted and will so vote at the annual meeting here January 8.

An informal meeting of officers and other prominent members of the United States Golf association, of which Robert C. Watson is president, held recently, proposed amendments to the by-law defining an amateur were drawn up. So many clubs have expressed a desire for a stricter amateur rule that a change is certain to be made. At the request of golfing interests all over the United States, many of whom were represented at the informal meeting, these proposed amendments have been drafted and one of them is certain to be passed. Golf players are almost unanimous in declaring that a more rigid amateur rule is necessary for the best interests of the game. They say that the slightest tendency toward commercializing an amateur golf player's skill must be checked at once in order to preserve the character of the sport. Commercialism threatens golf, they say. Unless quick action is taken they fear its tone may be lowered. One golfer half humorously suggested that if nothing was done to check the spirit that seems to be creeping in, in a few years well known amateur golfers might be appearing in vaudeville.

Older Players Are Opposed. The older golf players have been opposed to the practice of some of the younger players. Golf tradition is that an amateur should play only for pleasure and that he should in no way profit financially from his skill at the game. The line between amateur and professional is clearly drawn. According to tradition there is as much difference between an amateur and a professional as between a country club polo player and a professional jockey.

Slowly a few of the younger amateur players have been introducing plans whereby they have made money from golf. They have been cutting in slightly upon the field of the professional. They have allowed their names to be used in advertising schemes. They have helped amateur hotels by playing exhibition matches on hotel courses. Some have helped along real estate projects by playing on courses laid out on new additions. Several have written articles on golf, which some persons have construed as being as much a professional act as actually teaching golf.

The amateur has not attempted to conceal these acts. They believe they are right and there is now nothing in the U. S. G. A. code that prohibits them from so doing. "If a golfer is an amateur," says one golfer, "he is an amateur who accepts or has accepted, directly or indirectly, any fee, gratuity, money or other consideration for playing golf or teaching golf. If he is a professional, he makes or repairs golf clubs, golf balls or other articles for pay or who after the age of 16 years has received pay for services as caddy, saddle master or groundsman, or who has been a professional in any other branch of athletics."

This by-law will be amended so as to prohibit any amateur from setting the use of his name for any advertising project or from selling his influence as a golfer to aid any business. Amateurs will be prevented from taking money, which would be offered them if they were not golfers. Even the player-authors may be declared professionals, although there is some doubt that the new by-law will be made as drastic as that.

Harvard Doctors May Bar Three

Captain Eddie Mahan of Harvard university, "Tack" Hardwick and ex-football captain Charles Brickley and other noted athletes of the Cambridge institution may be affected by the regulation which the board of graduates that governs athletics at the university is now considering. On a new being collected from the physicians who attend to the football, crew, baseball and track squads, depend whether the Crimson directors shall decree that no athlete shall participate in more than two major sports during a college year.

BASEBALL CHATTER

There is a rumor in Los Angeles to the effect that Walter Holke, the heady catcher of the Angel team, will step into Dillon's shoes as manager next season.

Frank Miller, former San Francisco twirler who was with the Montreal team of the International league last year, was married in Chicago recently to Miss Clara Haley.

An all-star base stealing and an all-star run getting team of the Pacific Coast league would be as follows:

Position-Player Stolen bases. Pitcher—Gregory, Missions 5 Catcher—Schmidt, San Francisco 51 First base—Abstein, Los Angeles 71 Second base—Rodgers, Portland 71 Third base—Kores, Portland 20 Shortstop—Johnson, Los Angeles 27 Left field—Schaller, San Francisco 49 Center field—Magrath, Los A. 51 Right field—Wolter, Los Angeles 44

BEST RUN-GETTING CLUB Position-Player Runs scored. Pitcher—J. Ryan, Los Angeles 19 Catcher—Fisher, Portland 19 First base—Abstein, Los Angeles 102 Second base—Young, Missions 114 Third base—Young, Missions 114 Shortstop—Baneroff, Portland 99 Left field—Carlisle, Venice 122 Center field—Wolter, Los Angeles 122 Right field—Wolter, Los Angeles 120

Eucius Walsh, a St. Louis semi-pro player, has been signed by President Farr of the Spokane baseball team. Walsh was recommended to the Indians by Walter Holke and can play either infield or outfield positions.

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