

Wood Closed-Face Player But an Open-Face Hitter

Turning Left Hand to Left Cures Hook

Third of six informative and instructive articles.

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NEW YORK, April 23—I was chronic hooker while hitting the ball with the face of the clubhead closed at impact.

I eliminated the hook by turning my left hand a bit to the left, thus seeing that it was not so much toward the top of the shaft.

When the left hand is turned toward the right too far, it blocks wrist action at impact.

Before the reader becomes confused about the open and closed face permit me to explain that when the face of the club is open at the top of the swing it must be closed before impact.

It might be said that I am a closed-face player and an open-face hitter. I seldom hook.

An open face at the top of the swing has the face of the club at right angles to the ground.

A closed face at the top of the swing has the face of the club turned a bit skyward.

A closed face at impact has the face turned inward toward the ground. The reverse is true of an open face.

OPEN FACE AT IMPACT TO HOLD TIGHT GREEN

An open face at impact imparts slice spin and produces a fade. This is preferred when an attempt is made to hold a tight green.

Hitting with a closed face results in a hook or a smothered shot.

I am a closed-face player from the No. 7 iron up and the face of my club is 50 per cent closed at the top of the swing.

In this way the ball is hit lower and thus is better controlled in bad weather, particularly when it is windy.

Lawson Little offers a striking example of this. The national open champion has won several tournaments under unfavorable conditions.

ALL LEADING PLAYERS CLOSE FACE SLIGHTLY

Yet Stewart Maiden, who taught Bobby Jones, advocates an open face at the top of the backswing.

"Note that the hands are lifted high — as high as the head," writes Maiden, "that the club's face is opened well, turning away from the ball so that at the top of the swing the club's toe is pointing directly at the ground."

Knowingly or not, however, at the top of the swing Bobby Jones often had the club's face slightly closed. Chick Evans employed the closed face. So did Bobby Cruickshank.

All leading players have the face of the club slightly closed at the top of the backswing.

My advice to the average player is to copy them.

NEXT: Putting and playoffs.

We too are lost if our faith in civil liberty is blotted out by hate and fear of the temporary invasion of the liberty we have.

Justice Curtis Bok, Philadelphia.



Craig Wood at top of backswing with No. 5 iron. Note that the face of the clubhead is closed . . . turned backward.



Fishin's Fun

By WALTON IZAAK

According to all the scientific dope and the weather man, last weekend should have been just about tops. But something went wrong between the scientific department and the fish department — and the fish didn't cooperate.

The science style of fishing is really something new and the followers of this new school ask for another chance, because this weekend will be another natural, so far as the calendar and the thermometers, etc., go.

Black bass fishing on Lost river was generally off, probably due to the fact that papa bass is making his nest or their nest. Some of the boys caught a few but the best fishing was late in the afternoon. After six, plugs of rainbow finish worked best.

Fish lake was by far the favorite child this weekend. Saturday was very good and limits were plentiful but Sunday the fishing dropped off.

Reg Ashworth of the post office was one of the lucky ones . . . Marshall Cornett, trolling and baiting, caught his limit on Monday.

Bait fishing is still the best

bet with a few on trolls.

The North and South fork of the Sprague river was just fair. The water is too high and the new water is now coming in.

Ann Woodworth hooked another grandpappy out of Anna creek at Wood river—7½ pounds of trout on a streamer fly. This seems to be a habit with Ann. Last year she hooked at least three this big and all on flies.

Seven-mile creek, showed some real signs of getting good. M. C. Deering, Lyle Hayden and Al Macartney collected about 45 pounds between them for near limits. All were on wobblers, their favorite being a Peal wobbler.

Klamath river was low and some fishermen in the late afternoon got even for a lot of lost time. Flies were working good as the afternoon sun started to leave the water and Crete Robertson and Jack Currence were on hand to collect fishing on the river should improve a lot from now on and Bucktail flies are best, especially Klamath Special and Bucktail Royal Streamer.

The upper Rogue river drew some fishermen and Al and Junior Cummings caught limits as did Leslie Dunn and Ira DeWitt. Leslie and Ira found flies worked best around National creek, while Al and Junior used bait to fool 'em on Union creek.

Ernie Bishop trolled on Odell lake and caught three nice fish

that, according to Ernie, were worth the trip.

The Upper Klamath lake at Rocky Point and at the mouths of the rivers was way off on all types of lures including bait. The fortunate part of the fishing on the Upper lake is that it can change from day to day. When it does start, and the boys in the know claim it should be good now, you can expect fish and plenty of them. So far the fish caught have been on wobblers and red and brass Doc Shelton No. 6's with worms.

Marsh creek is still holding its own with a fair rating. The only fish so far seem to be caught on spinners and worms.

Tulelake Cindermen Set for 20-30

TULELAKE — Tryouts for track material to attend the annual 20-30 invitational field meet at Alturas next Saturday are being held this week with Coach Clyde Frischolz expecting seven men to qualify. With Honker energy centering this season largely on baseball interest in track is largely mythical.

Frischolz expects to enter Henry Stonecypher or Bob Woodman in the 480; Kenneth Stark, probably in the 440; Herman Turnbaugh in the 1320 and George Eastwood in the mile.

Dean Callas will run either the 220 or the 440 and Vern Maharry is making a good showing in the high jump.

The meet, largest in the northern California-southern Oregon section will draw men from 30 schools.

Frischolz who states that his Honkers are showing promise on the diamond is seeking hard ball games with any high school nine in this district. The Dorris Bulldogs meet the Honkers at a date yet to be determined and the coach is hoping to arrange a game with Klamath Falls.

Weed, Yreka and Dunsmuir have also been petitioned for rounds but material is scarce, the coach states.

Bay Meadows Daily Double Pays \$3,610.60

SAN MATEO, Calif., April 23 (UP)—The largest daily double payoff in California turf history Tuesday returned \$3610.60 to two ticket-holders at Bay Meadows track.

The payoff was made on the combination of Mad Scramble, a 264.40 to 1 longshot, and Valdina Bishop. Mad Scramble scored in the second race at one of the largest prices for a winning horse, paying \$530.80 for \$2 tickets.

Winners of the daily double were Freddie Watrous, a former jockey and trainer of San Diego, and Mark Brecher, who declined to give his address. Watrous

Dorris Nine Sparkles

Manager Tolbert Elected Over Team's Exhibition

DORRIS — Manager Red Tolbert of the Dorris Lumberjacks Wednesday was a happier man.

His Northern California league nine over the weekend sparked gloriously in walloping the Weed Sons, 12-7, in a pre-season tilt on the Dorris field.

Ronnie McIntyre's circuit smash with two mates aboard in the fifth inning gave the Jacks a lead that the Dorris infield played errorless ball and beautiful stops were turned in by Shortstop Roth and Third Baseman Hatfield.

McIntyre connected with three safe blows in four trips to the plate.

For the visitors, Mazzonic hit four for four including one home run. Zink also hit for the circuit.

According to Tolbert, the Jacks by their inspired early season play, have shown they intend to make a strong bid for a first division berth this year.

Shortscore:

Dorris 12 7 0
Weed 7 10 11

Batteries: Dorris—R. McIntyre, Goldbar, Hatfield and Goldbar, R. McIntyre, Woodbar, Votmeyer, Acquistapace, R. Frussa and J. Frussa.

STANFORD VICTOR

PALO ALTO, Calif., April 23 (UP)—Stanford university's tennis team defeated the University of Miami, from Miami, Fla., 5-4. It was Miami's first defeat since 1938 when the University of Southern California set-down the Floridians.

The CurtissWright CW-20 has been selected by the army for a cargo plane and troop transport.

said he shared his ticket with three other persons.

The world's record for a daily double is \$10,772, paid off at Washington park, Chicago Aug. 14, 1939.

So That's Been The Trouble With Novikoff

CHICAGO, April 23 (P)—Mrs. Esther Novikoff has landed and the situation is well in hand.

Arriving yesterday from California, the wife of the celebrated Chicago Cubs rookie explained why her husband hasn't been hitting in the National league.

"All Lou needs is a little hoops," she said. "That's a Russian dish something like a hamburger. It's rolled in cabbage and served on a bun. He'll begin to hit after he's had some of that."

Two Matthews Win Seattle Ring Bout

SEATTLE, April 23 (P)—Last night was Matthews night at the Civic auditorium, with two fighters by the name scoring technical knockouts which put early finishes to scheduled 10-rounders.

Harry "Kid" Matthews of Emmett, Idaho, technically kayoed Al Globe of Chicago in the sixth round. Matthews weighed 162½; Globe, 168½.

Allen Matthews, St. Louis, Mo., negro veteran was awarded a technical knockout when

Referee Tommy Clark decided Big Boy Hogue, Los Angeles, had eyes which were too badly cut for him to continue. Matthews scaled 158½; Hogue, 158. Another scheduled 10 rounder ended early when Eddie Powell, 169½, Seattle negro, landed a left hook to the chin for a second round kayo over Chief

White, 185, Stockton, Calif., Indian.

FROSH TRACKMEN WIN
EUGENE, April 23 (P)—Frosh trackmen of the University of Oregon won a three-way meet here yesterday, scoring 84 points while Eugene high school scored 50 and University high 16.



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