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GOLFERS ARGUE OVER CHANGES

Stirring Meeting Was Held Last Evening at Keokuk Club and Several Important Moves Made

NO BUNKER AT NO. 9

Golfers Strenuously Object to this Additional Hazard, But Favor Sand Pit at No. 6 Bunker.

Strenuous objection to the construction of a low bunker going to hole No. 9, the appointment of a committee to draft new local rules and a suggestion to this committee that every ball going over the boundary fence be designated as a ball "out of bounds," and played as such, featured a very interesting meeting of Keokuk golfers last evening at the Keokuk club.

The meeting was well attended by those who play the Scotchman's game and a general discussion of many things relative to the course resulted. The proposed construction of a bunker about forty yards from No. 9 green met almost unanimous disapproval. Golfers argued that the fence on the left was a hazard and the ditch on the right was equally one, so that there was no need for a hazard near the green. While this matter is not in the hands of the rules committee it was decided by those who had advanced the idea, to do away with the innovation.

Rules Committee. President J. N. D. Dickinson appointed as members of the rules committee C. F. McFarland, J. Perdue Sheldon, J. F. Elder and C. H. Dickey. This committee will have a meeting within the next week for the purpose of changing the local rules to a material extent and also the bogey. This course has been measured since the changes were made and more than eighty yards have been added, according to the figures. It now measures 2,401 yards, and it is likely that bogey will be increased one stroke.

It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the golfers that a ball passing the boundary fence should be termed "out of bounds." A suggestion that such rule be included by the committee was made. Hence a ball out of bounds will cause the player to drop another ball at the point from which he last played. The old rule will be applicable going to holes No. 5 and No. 6.

Adopt Western Rules. It is thought that the Western Golf association rules will be adopted. There is a large tree directly in line of flight going to No. 4 since the hole has been lengthened and this is to be cut down.

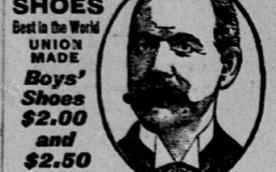
There was also some discussion at the meeting as to the fence which crosses the grounds near No. 2 and No. 4 greens. Many deem this a hazard that should not be and suggested a rule that if a ball gets within a club's length of the fence it can be moved back. This ruling may be made with regard to play at No. 4, but not at No. 2.

Bunker to Have Sand Pit. A good suggestion was made with regard to No. 6 bunker. It is that a sand pit be built on the tee side of the bunker, and the suggestion is going to be adopted and the work carried out. Under the change at this hole it will take a 165-yard shot to carry and many golfers will likely pick their ball up in the sand.

President Dickinson said that he had received word from the Chicago house relative to clubs and a shipment will be received this week.

An Early Opening. It is likely the club will be opened up before May 1, although that is the probable date. The course is already rounding into good shape.

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WILL NOT BAR COLORED ATHLETE

Action Taken by Western Illinois Association Will Not be Repeated by the Keokuk Management.

Lewis, the crack colored athlete of the Pittsfield High school, has been barred from competing in the Western Illinois track meet which will be held in Jacksonville, but it was announced today from Keokuk High school headquarters that the action of the Illinois management would have no effect upon his entrance in the annual tri-state meet to be held here on May 7.

WILL COME TO TRI-STATE

Pittsburg Athlete Won First Place in Two Events and Will be Given Chance to Display Ability.

The Keokuk management has found nothing against the colored track star and in a letter it was learned that he has been barred from competing at Jacksonville for the reason that he took part in a track meet while in the eighth grade of the public schools of Pittsfield.

Lewis won ten points in the second annual tri-state meet held in Keokuk last year, finishing first in the hundred-yard dash and first in the running broad jump. In the latter event he is a star, being holder of the Illinois high school state record, made several years ago. The mark is not far from twenty-three feet, but he fell far short of it in the event here last year.

Lewis will take part again this year and from reports received here he is faster than ever. Should Pittsfield be able to send two or three other sturdy athletes to the meet the school would make a strong showing.

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THEY FIND RAIN A HINDRANCE

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OTHER PLAYERS ARRIVE

Draher, the Catcher, Vasbinder and Sensenback Arrived and Joined Recruits—Work for Markley.

Jupiter Pluvius in his mild sort of a way put a crimp in morning practice today and the second day of training was a quiet one. A number of players hied to a local billiard parlor and indulged in a big game of "Kelley" pool.

"Rube" Burch happened to saunter along and was invited to take part and incidentally lose a little change, but the southpaw declared that next to the national pastime the only game he played was ping pong, and that was strenuous enough, he said. Several of the quiet young fellows remained at the Royal hotel and wrote letters back home. Trainer Markley had one or two invalids on his list and administered the massage treatment to them in their rooms.

In the way of arrivals there were three more registered at the hotel this morning. They were Wade J. Vasbinder, the outfielder who comes from Dallas; William Draher, the catcher, who was with Saginaw, Mich., last season, and Sensenback, the shortstop from St. Louis.

Draher is Promising.

Draher is an interesting little ball player and something is expected of him. While young, he is by no means without experience. Belt purchased him from Saginaw for a neat sum, but if the Keokuk manager does not want to retain him during the season he has the option of returning him to the Michigan club on or before June 1. This stipulation leads to the belief that Draher is well thought of at Saginaw, or no such arrangement would have been made with Keokuk.

He is twenty-six years old and is small, but very chunky and apparently well built. He has had six years experience in such class of baseball that should have taught him the game. He opened up at Grove City college, in Pennsylvania, and later played with Beaver college, in the same state. Billy Hamilton, the Boston outfielder, got a line on the catcher and he was signed by Haverhill in the New England league and then went to Fall River in the same league by sale. Burkhart, manager of the Saginaw club in the Southern Michigan league, then obtained the catcher. He tied for third place in fielding percentage with .981 and batted .296 last year.

Rivalry in Outfield.

Vasbinder is the player who is expected to make the other candidates hustle for a berth in the outfield. He is low and heavy set, weighing about 165 pounds. He comes highly recommended and will give Reichle, Morris and Hildebrand some fast competition. While it is hard to make any predictions as to who will make good it is believed that Hildebrand and Vasbinder will be the two to fight it out for the position of right field. Hildebrand is counted upon to display more class than last season, especially as a consistent hitter. "Hildie" has a powerful swing and as soon as he loses a few weaknesses will make a for midable hitter.

Sensenback is the first cripple to be taken in tow by Trainer Markley, but his ailment is not at all serious. In fact he probably is just trying out the trainer for the good results to be derived. He is troubled slightly with rheumatism in the back and Markley went to his room in the hotel today to work a little of it out. Sensenback is expected to burn up the territory around short and will be given an opportunity of displaying his ability against the Browns Saturday or Sunday.

Wheeler Trying Out.

The players think the new trainer is about right. Nothing would satisfy them yesterday afternoon after the light practice but a little of Markley's electric rubs. The trainer set to his task in earnest and went over every one of them. Markley calls his treatment of last night a Turkish bath and had for its purpose thoroughly cleaning and getting rid of the dead skin on the body. The trainer states that a good deal of trouble emanates from the kidneys and these organs of the body are always given special attention by him.

According to report Connie Bresnahan is coveting around third in a real clever manner and looks good, while Wetzel is also speedy and has a good arm. Glen Wheeler was working out with Keokuk yesterday and says he is going to make the Indian catchers so some to keep pace with him. Terrell, the first catcher to report, took light work and appears to handle himself

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