BOB CANNEFAX, FORMER CHAMPION, PRAISES WILMINGTON START

Greenleaf Gives Promise Of Also Developing Into Three-Cushion Champion

Young World's Pocket Billiard Champion Gets Jump on Veteran De Oro at Difficult Angle Game.

By Alex. Sullivan.

"BEATING a man at his own game." It is usually taken for granted that it can't be done, but judging by the handicap three-cushion billiard match now in progress at Charlie Klein's Strand Academy, it is going to be done this week.

De Oro is regarded a master of the three-cushion game. For years he has been a top-notcher at it, holding the title for several years. The sport is considered his "own game." He quit playing "pool" because he was so much better at the difficult angle game, and you can bet he was no novice at "pool," either, as it was in this branch of the green baize competition that he first won world fame.

But in the present freak match De Oro appears to be up against it. He is playing none other than Ralph Greenleaf, the twenty-two-year-old world's pocket billiard champion. Greenleaf is in a class by himself at this game, but he doesn't particularly care for it. He is seeking new worlds to conquer. In fact he thought that he could go out and annex the world's three-cushion title. He has been practisin gprivately fo rthe past year or two. And he considered that a good test to find out whether he had a chance to make good would be to take on the veteran Cuban.

But before taking on De Oro, Greenleaf insisted that he be given a handicap of five in every fifty. De Oro, after three hours' argument, agreed to allow the smart Wilmington lad the handicap. Greenleaf is only supposed to make forty-five caroms at each session to fifty for De Oro. They are betting fifty dollars on each of the six blocks and $200 on the final result, which will be known Saturday night.

For a starter yesterday afternoon Greenleaf made 45 points to 31 for De Oro. In evening he made 45 points to De Oro's 47, which made him a winner for both sessions, the totals being 90 to 78. The Cuban ought to have 100 points now, which is quite a way behind in such a hard game as this.

De Oro, however, was not quite himself yesterday, but hopes to get going to-day and make up lost ground.

Bob Cannefax, former world's title holder at three cushions, was a spectator last night.

"The kid's a comer," said Bob. "In a year or two I think he will be a double world's title holder."

Antone Ortiz, the Spanish champion at Class A, 18.2 balkline and also a good three-cushion player, was also loud in his praise of Greenleaf's work.

Greenleaf is one of the most interesting lads that ever took hold of a cue and he and Young Jake Schaefer are stimulating new interest in billiards the country over.

Arthur Church, the present titleholder, last night exhibited some of the qualities which brought him the crown in the New York State pocket billiard championship at Lawler Brothers' Academy, Brooklyn. Church, with only one victory and two defeats in the present tournament, was pitted against James Maturo and succeded in defeating him 125 to 67, after one of the gamest fights possible.

SCHAEFER SUFFERS FIRST DEFEAT SINCE WINNING TITLE.

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—Roger Conti, French balkline billiard champion, was the first man to defeat in match play, Jake Schaefer jr., since the latter won the championship. Conti won a 1600-point match here hasst night by scoring 558 points while the champion was making 148 in the final block. Conti made four runs of more than 100, ending the match with an unfinished run of 252. Schaefer's best run for the match was 246.

70-YEAR-OLD PLAYER WINS BILLIARD TITLE.

By defeating M. W. Leake by one point in a thirty point game Louis A. Servatius last night won the New York State amateur three cushion billiard title. The match was staged at the National Recreation Academy in Brooklyn, and was a see-saw affair. At no time did more than three points separate the players.

RUCKER TO COACH DODGER ROOKIE PITCHERS

Nap Rucker, one of the best left-handed twirlers in the history of the game, who helped to keep Brooklyn on the baseball map many years before the club ever won a pennant, is coming back to the team as an assistant to Manager Robinson. Nap since he left his cotton plantation, has been acting as a scout, but starting with this spring he is going to coach the Dodger rookie twirlers, while Robby is looking after the veterans. Robby imparted this information upon his return to this city. He says the Dodgers are not trying to get Third Baseman Milton Stock from the Cards, but Heinie Groh from the Reds.

Young Schaefer Readily Agrees To Give Hoppe Return Match

Charles Finnes, Who Managed Old Wizard, Says Son Is Far Better Player.

JAKE SCHAEFER JR., who defeated Willie Hoppe in the recent 18.2 tournament for the world's championship, has accepted the latter's challenge for a return match to be played in Chicago or New York some time in March. By a singular twist of fate the new 18.2 title holder is profiting by what Hoppe thought he himself would when he made arrangements for the recent tournament in Chicago. Hoppe's manager, Mr. Benjamin, inserted in the rules of the tournament that the victor would not be compelled to defend his title until March. Benjamin and Hoppe probably figured the title would remain in their possession another fifteen years, and their motive for inserting the new clause was that they might profit by exhibition playing until March. Now Young Schaefer gets the exhibition privileges.

Schaefer will arrive here Monday and will practise at Maurice Daly's, Broadway and 49th Street. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings of next week the son of the one time famous wizard will meet Roger Conti, billiard champion of France. Charles Tenne, manager of the new 18.2 champion, also guided the affairs of his famous father. He considers young Jake a much better player than his father ever was. His dad had the fault of not keeping in the best of physical condition, a fault of the billiardists of years ago. In technique Jake jr. is the superior of his famous sire. As a masse player he is even greater than Horemans, the Belgian star. In Chicago he made a record run of 480; in Philadelphia he clicked off 317; in Cleveland 306, and recently in New York 486. These high runs, says Tenne, stamp him not only greater than his father, but the greatest billiard player in the world to-day.

Mr. Tenne says: "It is the general impression that Schaefer's victory over Hoppe in Chicago was one in which the element of luck entered. That is not so, Hoppe has achieved the limit of his ability as a player, while Schaefer is a much better player than the New York boy and has not yet reached the height of his prowess."

YOUNG JAKE 'OUTWIZZED' HIS FATHER BY TAKING CROWN FROM HOPPE

JAKE SCHAEFER JR

Washington Heights Five Play Strong Marquettes on Home Court; News of Other School Teams

Girls Taking Lively Interest in Net Contests and Are After Games.

THE Washington Heights Evening High School meets a formidable opponent to-night when it tackles the Marquette quintet of Brooklyn. The school aggregation is playing good basketball this season, notwithstanding the fact that several of the team represent new material. The team has already defeated some strong opponents. Manager Towbie wishes to arrange two or three more games will high class teams to be played on Friday nights. Any manager interested may arrange games by communicating with him at the school, 145th Street, between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.

As a result of the absence of Ernie Seifert, the Starling Grey Big Five has not fared very well in the last two games. But now that the star player has returned and with the strong combination of Hertfelder, Guerdon, Schmoor and Westrup, the Starlings are ready to offer opposition.

Marron, Jerry Sullivan, Franko, Crouch and Doncourt comprise the quintet of the Armory Big Five. These men represent a fighting combination, and they should serve as difficult opponents for all leading teams.

The following teams have open dates:

Manhattanville Five, composed of Grimestead, Leutre, Heidt, Hoff and Becker. Manager Green wishes to arrange games with Corrigan Council, Brooklyn Dodgers, A. B. C. Triangles, Brooklyn Whirlwinds and other leading teams. Address John Green, No. 441 West 124th Street, City.

The Versecon Lassies quintet, composed of girls from the firm of Converse & Co., have organized for the season and are ready for all comers. The aggregation is made up of Anna Gasque, Alice Boland, Mabel Rogers, Berty McGonagle and Frieda Mueller, Miss McGonagle, the booking manager, wants to arrange games with all good girls' teams. Communicate with her by writing to Converse & Co., No. 88 Worth Street, city.

The American Legion in the vicinity of New York has sanctioned the formation of a basketball league. Tiger Post No. 23 has been completely organized and the members of that quintet are ready for their first game, which is to be played against the Western Electric Post on Jan. 7. All posts of the American Legion are eligible for the league. Due to the fact that there are several posts in this city, the committee in charge of the work has formulated plans to organize different sections. Athletic managers of posts are requested to communicate with the Basketball Manager of Tiger Post 23, address P. O. Box 23, City Hall Station.

Danbury Separates have open dates for December 4 and 16. Light heavyweight combination. Manager Jack A. Safran, No. 129 East 117th Street, City.

Flushing Tigers, averaging 120 pounds, will travel in Greater New York, New Jersey and Yonkers. Address D. F. Graham, No. 553 Mitchell Avenue, Flushing, L. I., or telephone Flushing 1746.

BRICKLEY PICKS ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Charles Brickley, famous Harvard kicker and Captain, on these pages to-morrow will announce his All-American selection. The line-up will contain the names of eleven players who excelled at their respective positions during the season. Any All-American team is a mythical selection, but mere mention is considered ample reward for the fortunate youths who earned places on the highest ranking.

Years ago honorary teams were usually recruited from Yale, Harvard and Princeton. Now football has spread to every section of the country and no group of colleges have a monopoly on leading stars. Nowadays a brilliant backfield man is just as apt to be found in the Kentucky Hills as at a great institution like Harvard.

Brickley will make his final selection after carefully weighing reports of important games and from special correspondence from officials and friends wherever football was played this year.

Do not miss this feature in to-morrow's issue.

Kramer to Quit Bicycle Racing After 25 Years

With the completion of the sixteen teams for the annual six-day bicycle race, which starts at midnight Sunday, John Chapman is giving all his attention to the sprint programme to be run off to-morrow night on the Madison Square Garden saucer track. Three big match races will be decided, in addition to as many professional and amateur contests.

Cycling enthusiasts may see Frank L. Kramer's last race in the amphitheatre to-morrow night. He is paired with Jackie Clarke in an international match sprint race, mile heats, best two out of three, against Francisco Verri and Orlando Piani. Kramer says it is hard work to get in shape and meet the younger generation, but he hopes to crown his last efforts indoors with victory. He has been competing for the last twenty-five years, during which time he won innumerable victories. He is a clean liver, which accounts for his long competition. Clarke is another veteran, but he has come back with flying colors and is teamed with Alf Grenda in next week's "grind."

Lack of Patronage Causes $45,000 Loss in Coast League.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—Approximately $45,000 will be lost by owners of clubs in the new California Winter Baseball League during its ten-week season which closes Dec. 6, according to estimates by league officials here. Lack of patronage is given as the reason.

The league is made up of four clubs representing Los Angeles, Vernon, San Francisco and the Mission District of San Francisco. Four major league stars, Rogers Hornsby, George Sisler, Ty Cobb and Harry Heilmann, are pilots of the teams. The other players are from the Pacific Coast baseball leagues.

Hitchcock, Polo Star, Reports for Harvard Hockey Team.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 2.—Tommy Hitchcock, the youthful star polo player, who played on the American team that defeated the British in the international polo matches in England last June, is a candidate for the Harvard varsity hockey team. Hitchcock finished his sophomore year at Harvard in 1920 and then entered Oxford University. When the American polo team went to Cannes, France, for practice, Hitchcock left Oxford to join them. He returned to Harvard this fall as a junior.

Stellar Chosen Wesleyan Basketball Coach.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 2.—Warren E. Stellar, a former Oberlin athlete, will coach the Wesleyan basketball team this year. It was announced to-day. Stellar was Captain of the varsity football and baseball teams at Oberlin, where he was graduated in 1918. He was assistant in the athletic department at Oberlin before he came to Wesleyan. He served overseas during the war.

TENTATIVE DATE FOR 1922 YALE-IOWA FOOTBALL GAME.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 2.—The much talked of date of the expected Yale-Iowa football game of 1922 is understood here as likely to be Oct. 14 as that date is held open. The date preceding the Yale-Princeton game, Nov. 11, is scheduled for the Maryland game. This date was named yesterday as being a possibility for the Iowa contest.

YALE TO MAKE NO CHANGE IN ORDER OF ITS BIG GAMES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 2.—The Yale Alumni Weekly in its issue today officially states that Yale is making no move for a rearrangement of the football schedule of the Yale-Harvard-Princeton series growing out of the defeat of the Yale team by Harvard two weeks ago. It also has a few good words to say about the effect of numbering players.

TWO STARS DEFEATED IN SQUASH MATCHES.

Two surprises set the squash followers blinking as the Crescent Athletic Club defeated the Princeton Club forces by 4 matches to 1 in the metropolitan championship series yesterday. The outstanding features were the downfall of Charles M. Bull jr., the Crescent leader, who bowed to H. R. Mixsell, and of Armin W. Riley, rated among the top ten, who was mowed down by James Doig by the margain of one ace in the final game.

Olmstead of Harvard on Oxford Crew.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 2.—Harvard oarsmen have learned that Magline B. Olmsted of Harrisburg, Pa., a member of the Crimson varsity last spring, has earned a place on the varsity rowing squad at Oxford University, England. He is attending Magdalen College.

Owen Only Veteran on Harvard Hockey Team.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 2.—In hockey as in football, George Owen is the nucleus around which Harvard teams of this year are built. When the Crimson ice athletes reported for the first practice yesterday it was found that Owen alone was left of last year's varsity seven. He is Captain of the team. To complete the other five places—all that will be necessary, as Harvard will play six-man hockey this year—Claflin will have to depend largely on last year's freshman team.

Call for Baseball Candidates at Penn.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—First call for candidates for the 1922 baseball squad of the University of Pennsylvania was issued to-day by Walter L. Carlisa, the coach. This is the first time in the history of the university that baseball practice has begun before late January.

Most of the work will be done indoors, Carlisa said. Arrangements are being made to obtain an armory building for batting practice.

Peter Kemp, One Time Champion Sculler, Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Peterr Kemp of Sydney, New South Wales, formerly the world's champion sculler, is dead at his home in Sydney, it is announced in a Central News despatch from that city to-day.

Williams Announces Basketball Dates.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Dec. 2.—The Williams basketball schedule for the coming season announced here to-day will be featured by a three-day trip, which will include games with Wesleyan, M. I. T. and Harvard.

Chicago University Athletes Invited to Japan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—An invitation from Japan to Alonzo A. Stagg, director of athletics at the University of Chicago, inviting him to bring a track team to Japan next summer to meet a team of the best Japanese performers is being considered by him, he said to-day. The invitation has stirred the university athletes to extra efforts in training.

Bright Outlook For Water Sport Among Colleges

With the football season over, reports from the various colleges indicate that preparations are under way to outdo last year's record breaking performances in swimming and water polo.

Never before in the history of college swimming were there so many new marks set in one season as last year. The unusual part of that remarkable establishment of new times lies in the fact that two of the records were made by freshmen, Jones of Brown in the 220 and Sinclair of the Naval Academy in the 220, while Kanakanui, also of the Navy, tied the 40-yard record.

Having won the league championship since 1909, and with a wealth of material eligible for this year, Yale is once again the favorite to capture the title. Binney, the intercollegiate record holder for the 50; Meagher, record holder in the plunge, and Thurston, winner of the 100-yard championship, have all graduated together with Ferguson, a consistent point scorer in the dive. However, Bob Kiputh, the Eli coach, has Capt. Pratt, Jelliffe, Wood, Guernsey, Solley, Cook, Marshall, Crane, Higgins and Copper to count on for points.

Yale most likely will receive its keenest competition from Pennsylvania. George Kiefler, the veteran Penn coach, has the best material in the history of the Quaker institution. Genthner, the former Poly Prep swimmer, and Holst, from the West Philadelphia High School, will strengthen the nucleus inherited from last season in Capt. Armstrong, Bechtel, Martyr and Kohler.

Columbia and Princeton do not appear to be as strong as their other two rivals, while City College with the graduation of Lehrman loses its only dependable swimmer.

GREEN FEES NOT TAXABLE, RULING FROM WASHINGTON.

The decision handed down some three years ago by the Treasury Department to the effect that golf clubs throughout the country would be subject to a 10 per cent. tax on green fees has been reversed, according to word received by W. D. Vanderpool, Secretary of the United States Golf Association, from the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington. For more than a year Vanderpool has been in communication with the Treasury Department and only the other day he received definite word as follows:

"You are advised that ordinarily green fees are not taxable, either as admissions or as dues or fees, but when a club or organization grants golf privileges or similar privileges for a period of time the charge made therefore is considered as dues or fees within the meaning of Section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1918.

"In regard to refund of tax which has been paid on green fees, you are advised the provisions of the last revision of these regulations which held that green fees are not taxable, are retroactive in effect to the date the tax on admissions became effective. Therefore clubs which failed to collect this tax are not liable on account of such failure.

"In any case where a club has collected tax from persons from whom it collected green fees, the claim for refund filed by the club must be supported by waivers from the persons who paid the tax to the club, showing the payment of the tax and that no claim has been filed with the Government or will be filed for refund thereof.

"In cases where clubs failed to collect the tax from its guests but paid it out of its own funds, such waivers are not necessary, but the fact that the tax was paid by the club itself must be clearly shown."

Fistic News and Gossip

By John Pollock

On account of Sailor Friedman of Chicago having injured his hand while in training, his manager, Nate Lewis, has been compelled to cancel two bouts which he had him signed up for. The first was to have been with Johnny Dundee at Jersey City on Monday night and his second with Lew Tendler of Philadelphia for fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 15. Joe Benjamin may be selected by Tex Rickard to meet Tendler in Friedman's place.

It looks like a sure thing now that Mike Gibbons and Mike O'Dowd will meet in a return bout of ten rounds at a show to be staged by Jack Reddy at the Auditorium at St. Paul on Dec. 16. Mike Collins has already accepted for Gibbons and O'Dowd's manager is expected to do likewise. The men drew $37,000 when they boxed there before.

Al. Norton, the good welterweight of Yonkers, has been signed up to meet Barney Adair, the sturdy local welterweight of New York, in the main bout of twelve rounds at the Columbus Sporting Club of Yonkers on next Thursday night. This ought to be a rattling fast bout, as both men are aggressive hitters. Adair is fighting in his best form now.

Charley Dooserick has completed his card of bouts for his next show at the Pioneer Sporting Club on Tuesday night. In the main bout Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight, will take on Louis Bogash of Bridgeport for twelve rounds. Sammy Cohen meets Johnny Inakouse for ten rounds in the semi-final and Bobby Winters meets Joe Clifford for eight rounds.

Tommy Stuart, the new matchmaker of the Commonwealth Sporting Club of Harlem, has completed his fistic programme for to-morrow night. Two twelve round events will feature the bill. Tommy Mealiey, the west side welterweight, will face Jimmy Kelly. In the other twelve-rounder, Bobby Lyons, a newcomer, and George Levings are paired.

Panama Joe Gans, the colored champion, who recently knocked out Joe Borrell of Philadelphia in six rounds at Trenton, N. J., is booked up for two more fights. Tuesday night he meets Young Hicks of Newark for twelve rounds at Harrison, N. J., and Dec. 12 he battles Young Patille for twelve rounds at Columbus, O. Gans ought to beat both his opponents.

George Chaney of Baltimore will meet Freddie Jacks, the English fighter, in the main go of eight rounds at the Olympia A. A. of Philadelphia Monday night. This pair takes the place of Joe Benjamin and Joe Tiglitz, the latter having hurt his ankle recently, which compelled him to call off the bout. Chaney ought to stop Jacks.

Those two popular light heavyweights, Eddie O'Hara of Yorkville and Gene Tunney of Greenwich Village, are as good as matched for a bout at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 26. It will be one of the preliminary ten-round bouts. As each man has a big following, they ought to half pack the Garden with their admirers. Tunney's hands are in good shape again.

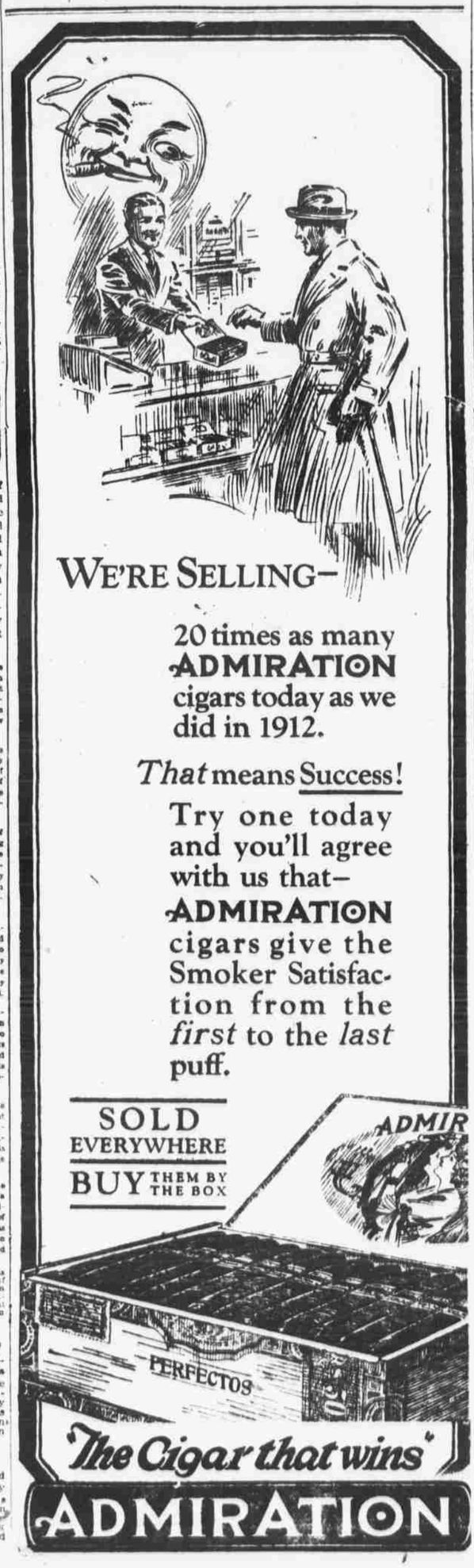
Bobby Michaels, the local lightweight, who has been fighting in fine form since he placed himself under the management of Leo Flynn, has been booked up by Flynn to meet Ray West, the Brooklyn fighter, in the main bout of twelve rounds at the Broadway Exhibition Association of Brooklyn on next Monday night.

Pixley Ohio State Football Captain

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2.—Lloyd A. (Butch) Pixley, guard of Columbus, is captain-elect of the 1922 Ohio State football team, following a complimentary banquet given the squad here by the Chamber of Commerce. Pixley has played three years and was named on several all-Western and all-American teams during that time.

Fordham in Relay Carnival.

Jake Weber, the newly appointed coach of the Fordham University track team, yesterday entered his crack medley relay team in the open one and one-quarter-mile medley, one of the feature races of the Mohawk Indoor Relay Carnival in the 22d Regiment Armory on Dec. 10.



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