

NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOLFERS TO MEET HERE WITHIN FORTNIGHT DETERMINE 1918 FATE OF GAME

Meetings which will have an effect upon national and local golf will be held in this city in the next two weeks. The Golf Association of Philadelphia will meet in annual gathering at the Bellevue-Stratford on Wednesday, January 23. Two nights later the United States Golf Association will meet at the same hotel. The United States Lawn Tennis Association will meet at the same hotel, acting virtually as a unit, last year did away with championships and titles. As a result of this the national golf body only one tournament, the patriotic open, at the Whitmarsh Valley Country Club. The amateur and the women's events were called off. The officials have had a change of heart, and this year not only will the championships be held, but the titles will be awarded and the winners will be listed as usual.

While the two great amateur bodies acted as one last year, there is no certainty that the U. S. G. A. will follow in the footsteps of the British. There is not the slightest doubt that the golf players of this country have done their share in the fight for democracy. From Philadelphia alone 1000 young golfers have gone. Many of them are in France and are in camp or at home ready to go abroad. In addition to the many day tournaments all over the country, which netted large sums for the Red Cross, some of the best players in the country have played in exhibition matches for the Red Cross or the soldiers' tobacco fund.

There are thousands of golfers who have passed the conscription age and there are millions of dollars invested in the 4000 golf courses throughout the country. One of the duties of those who stay at home is to keep the golf industry from going to rack and ruin. Obligations in the shape of rentals and taxes must be met. Every man who belongs to a golf club must pay a fee of 10 per cent on his yearly dues, and this tax in Philadelphia alone will amount to the thousands of dollars. There is no better way of stimulating interest in athletic events than by holding tournaments. The local association found this out last year. It is not unpatriotic to play golf or baseball and one is not aiding the enemy by playing in tournaments. We cannot afford to tie up our sports.

Naturally, if the war continues and we are confronted by long casualty lists we should call off tournament play, but until that time comes we should see that the better plan would be to have tournaments. So far as the golfers are concerned, we have brothers or sons or cousins in the National Army, we are buyers of Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps, we adhere to the meatless and wheatless days and we are doing what we can to win the big fight. But we want recreation.

It was not Wellington who said that the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of Eton? Who knows, after all, but the great fight in France will be won on the golf links of America and Great Britain? A lot of us are learning that our colleges have been developing the champion rather than the chap who looks up to the champion. Why are all our camps devoting so much time to the athletic development of the men? Do you suppose it is merely recreational or that the army authorities believe that a soldier who is developed physically is more fit for the hard fight than those who have no athletic training?

Western Golfers May Take Radical Action. The Western Golf Association will meet in Chicago next week and there seems little doubt that the big insurgent body will decide to run its tournaments as usual next year. Whether the westerners will take any radical action remains to be seen. At all events the breach between the two big organizations is widening year after year. The westerners do not believe they should in any way be dependent upon the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and it is possible they may reframe some of the rules, just as they have done the same. The U. S. G. A. believes that no action should be taken about the rules until the war is over and they can confer with the foreign golf authorities. Many of the western delegates will come to this city for the annual meeting, but whether they will attempt to put through any innovations is something that it is impossible to get a line on just at the present writing.

Baseball Invaluable as War Sport. Those who assume that the maintenance of baseball as a sport during the progress of the war is ill-advised and unnecessary are not well posted as to the proved value of public sports in those countries that now have been fighting for three and a half years. England is, of course, more nearly like the United States in its sports activities and affections and system of athletics than any other country. The conditions there are necessarily more in point. In that country, at the beginning of the war, the cry against the maintenance of public play was greater than in this country at the present time. With the passing of time, however, the need of keeping the home mind relaxed and entertained has become more and more apparent. The incident a few days ago of a crowd of 50,000 attending a soccer game in Glasgow makes it plain how keenly the people want sports during wartime and how necessary it is to supply that demand and to encourage sports in every way.

The conclusion is inevitable that the United States public needs baseball in the coming season, and that special effort and sacrifice should be made by promoters of the sport to keep it alive and to furnish that part of the public not called upon actively to participate in the war service to their minds refreshed and buoyant.

Baseball to Become International Sport. As the Civil War made a sport of baseball, the present conflict promises to bring about a result that has long been desired by American promoters and the home sport public. Big league teams have been abroad and, in fact, around the world on missionary moves, and there has been played informally by Americans in both England and France, making a foothold for baseball abroad has been slow. With the millions of Americans in army camps in France, in each of which the game is to be played, the sport is bound to become popular, just as everything American. And a point that is going to appeal heavily to the fondness of the Canadians for the game. The Canadians, in fact, had already well broken the ground for the Americans to cultivate, for they have been playing baseball in their camps ever since the war started. When the first sign of spring appears abroad this season the crack that will be heard "everywhere over there." American soldiers have along the needed equipment, and unless the war blows up overnight the teams to last through the summer they will wage an effective campaign for a general education of the soldiers of our allies, who will then disseminate the game generally after the conflict.

Official Washington has warned that the war strain is bound to be severe this year and that the maintenance of all branches of American sport is not only desirable, but necessary. The President and his war chiefs have positively favored the idea, and this year should be patriotically accepted and adopted.

Huggins Begins to Answer Questions in New York. MAJOR MILLER HUGGINS has arrived in New York and he is a busy man trying to give the newspaper scribes satisfactory answers for the local baseball public. The New York public, or at least that part of it interested in the Yankees, is always seeking information. At this time of the year always is, what trades are being brought in, long expected pennant winners. There are always two questions of players on the Yankees—one that the public wants to see answered and one that it won't stand for losing. There also are players on the team that everybody wants. The all-year-round question is, who can be depended upon to take Ray Caldwell in return for a real ball player or not.

McGoorty says that boxing in Australia is badly crippled. Les Darcy's death put a crusher on the enthusiasm of the natives and many other scrappers have deserted the ring. In fact, boxing in Australia is in a state of complete collapse.

THE ANNUAL DILEMMA



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Penn-Columbia Game in Weightman Hall Starts Title Cage Season. SERIES ENDS MARCH 16. Most every one at Penn sees the late Mike Murphy, that credit for coming the extension that confides in half the victory. The adage may run back through the ages, but it was a bit theory with the veteran trainer and right now it may be used in speaking of the Penn basketball team which opens the intercollegiate league season with Columbia in Weightman Hall tonight.

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McNichol Brothers Form Basketball Team. One of the most out-of-the-ordinary feats connected with United States sports courts, from Camp Meade in the form of basketball. At this camp are four McNichol brothers, all of whom are excellent players. They have formed a team and are practicing hard for the coming season.

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DALLAS, EARNEST AND PRACTICAL WORKER, BOOSTS TRACK SPORTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Promoter of Meadowbrook Games Puts Local Track Interests in Limelight. By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. ONE night about six years ago the officials of the Meadowbrook Club were greatly perturbed. It was time to get busy on the annual indoor track meet, and some hustler was needed to inject some "zip" into the work. A thorough search was made by A. C. McGraw, president of the club, and C. E. Wannamaker, secretary, and it was decided to give up as a bad job when some one—nobody knows who it was, but it was some one—spoke up and said: "Why not have the job go to Dallas? He seems to be a hustler and a practical worker."



It was agreed to look up the new man and give him a trial, and the deed was done. This was the introduction of Samuel J. Dallas, secretary of the Meadowbrook Club and the most recent president of the Middle Atlantic division of the A. U. U. to track athletics in Philadelphia. Dallas has been a most successful promoter of track sports in Philadelphia for many years. He has been instrumental in the development of the Meadowbrook Club and the Philadelphia Athletic Club.

It will be remembered that 'Convention Hall was an ideal place for everything but a track meet. There was no room for the seats, and the heating facilities were inadequate. Dallas saw the need for a new track and started to build a smaller track. It was an innovation, but little was thought of the scheme because of the enormous cost. Work was started and the track was ready \$2200 had been spent on it. "What are you going to do with the track after the meet is over?" Dallas was asked. "I'll throw it away," he replied. "Do you mean to say that you are spending \$2200 on something which will be useless after one night's use?" "Yes, and we will make enough money to pay for it and show a profit besides." Then came the problem of heating the place. There were no steam pipes to be used, nor was there an engine room. Dallas overcame this by renting all of the heating pipes from the city and keeping them going at full blast until 6 o'clock on the night of the meet. When the spectators arrived the hall was warm and cozy and they suffered no inconvenience. A crowd of 10,000 attended the meet and the attendance has been growing larger each year. In 1916, the last time 'Convention Hall was used, more than 15,000 crowded into the place, and the

BIG DOINGS LISTED FOR GUNNERS TODAY

Traps, Shooters' League Matches, With Ten Clubs in Field, to Feature. Traps and shooters' league matches will be held today at the Chestnut Street Gun Club. Ten clubs will be in the field, and the matches will be a feature of the day.

Wilmington and West Chester are leading the ten-club circuit with three straight victories. Today's matches will be a feature of the day. The Wilmington organization will have more than fifty target shooters on the firing line.

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Overcomes Apparently Insurmountable Obstacles and Takes Chances

Makes Track Sport Popular. Since 1913 more than 67,000 persons have attended the Meadowbrook games, which proves that Philadelphians are willing to support track athletics provided they are run properly.

Samuel J. Dallas has been the savior of track athletics in Philadelphia. He has started more meets than any one else, and now that he is head of the Middle West and western rivals, he is a booster, full of enthusiasm and goes through with everything he undertakes. Also, he is willing to take chances.

After spending \$2200 for a track which was used in one meet and then throwing it away, Dallas began to make plans for another. "I think a nice board track will be better next year," he said one day. "How much will it cost?" he was asked. "Oh, I think we can get a GOOD one for \$20,000."

SCHOOLBOY FUMBLES

All-American 1917 Interscholastic Team. By FRED W. RUBIN. The All-American interscholastic football team for 1917, selected by the National Football Association, is as follows: Quarterback—W. E. Massey, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Running back—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Fullback—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; End—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Tackle—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Guard—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Center—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Linebacker—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Defensive back—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania; Punter—J. W. Dowling, Hill School, Pennsylvania.

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