

WESTERN ATHLETES STAR AT PENNSY RELAY MEET

BRITISH AND YANK GOLFERS AT OUTS ON STANDARD BALLS

Americans Want It Heavier and English Players Boost for Light "Floater."

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New York, April 30.—There are indications that in spite of the agreement between British and American golfers a year ago, all is not serene in the international situation. Indeed it is not irrational to say that there may be a sharp divergence, probably as a result of controversy over the standard golf ball.

This is an old bone of contention. Golfers of the two great nations have always differed about it. Just who is right and who wrong is not for anyone now to determine, but undoubtedly a history of the golf ball will make it clear that the American golfer has much on his side, in the way of argument at the moment.

In the first place, if the English and Scotchmen had their way there would have been little improvement in ball and club—particularly in balls. It will be remembered that the rubber cored ball was in use by most golfers on both sides of the water, stuck tenaciously to the putty ball, and played it through his matches here. The putter was also another instance.

When Walter Travis won the amateur championship over there with the Schenectady putter, and did such remarkable work on the greens, there was a hue and cry and the Schenectady putter has ever since been barred at British courts.

Now, we come to the matter of balls and here even after an agreement was reached and a certain standard ball was adopted by both countries, the Scotchmen and Englishmen still contended for a large, light ball, and the Americans for a heavier ball.

Mr. J. H. Taylor is battling hard for the large light or "floater" ball. In fact he came out with this statement: "I am certain that such action, namely the coming out of the Royal and Ancient Golf club for a floater ball, will probably receive the approbation of all true golfers and the verdict of posterity will be that the game was saved for them."

So the discussion gathers momentum. A recent letter from Charles B. MacDonald of the Royal and Ancient club on the rules of golf has increased the irritation of Americans, one of whom, Nottingham, has just made an answer. Nottingham contends that the wishes of the great majority of golfers have been disregarded for 25 years because those in control of golf in this country believe the dominating seat of government should be in Scotland. The glorification in the fact that the United States Golf association has concluded that the desires of the great army of American golfers should be considered.

To those who missed MacDonald's letter, the following extract will be of interest: "Mr. Bowles says in his letter, 'Mr. Lincoln's letter is refreshing, after being told all this year that we must blindly follow St. Andrews.' " "Told by whom? As a member of the rules of golf committee permit me to say that the Royal and Ancient has never made a statement of that character nor even implied anything of the kind. St. Andrews, when approached in the past, usually by English clubs, in effect has simply replied 'for centuries you have played a game in Scotland called golf, which our forebears have handed down to us and we have been taught it along with our education and our manners from childhood.' " "It has pleased us that England, and later America adopted the game with enthusiasm and that today in almost every part of the world there is a golf course. However, it is not our desire to dictate to anyone. When asked we are happy to tell those in other countries who are interested, the rules of golf as played here in Scotland."

Continuing he said: "Now clubs or associations that care to play a game similar to golf must not blame St. Andrews for any bolshevik game they wish to adopt. St. Andrews is simple, and I am honestly sorry that all others cannot understand the charm the nobility of the game as it is known in Scotland. There is no reason why one should not eat with one's knife, but it isn't done in polite society."

Now, will Americans be good and respect the Royal and Ancient and they should or will they try to continue bolshevik rulings and eat with their knives?

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Nearly as Many Homers as Stolen Bags in Big Leagues, Record Shows

Baseball Writer Deplores Vast Amount of Team Work Which Has Robbed Individual Players of Initiative.

By **GEORGE CHADWICK**
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New York, April 30.—Stolen bases in the big league season thus far have been mighty few. In fact, the total of purloined sacks is not much greater than the home run record to date. According to the box scores turned into the official statisticians, 67 bases stolen and 47 home runs have been batted in. The shower of home runs is as amazing as the paucity of stolen bases. It would be the other way—the circuit wallop infrequent, the pilfered base abundant.

"Where are your stolen bases?" was asked of Bill Donovan, the manager of the Phillies.
"What do you mean?"
"Aren't there any stolen bases in baseball these days?"
He paused and pondered. Then said: "May be not. I see your point. At that I'll bet we've got as many as any other club—almost any club, in any event."

At the time he made this statement the Phillies had four.
Only few recorded. I went to the keeper of the official figures and asked that they might be inspected out of curiosity to see what had become of the stolen base, once a play in baseball that the boys used to brag about. We went through the records, the scores of the games, one by one, as they had been played during the season of 1921. There was, as stated, a total of 67 stolen bases in the scoring documents which had been mailed in and of the 67 bases gained by skill in base running, one club in the National league, Pittsburgh, had 11. One club, in the American league, Detroit, had seven, and it made nearly all of them in one game. Twenty-six of the total were accounted for among three clubs, two of them members of the American circuit.

Yankees Have But One.
The heavy muscled Yankee batters, though they boast but a single stolen base yet are stubbornly heralded to

BROSS-CRAWFORD GO WILL BE SEMIFINAL ON NEXT BILL HERE

Two Great Falls Middleweights Signed; No Opponent Picked for Schauer.

Articles were signed Saturday for the semi-windup event of the card to be held in Great Falls, May 16. "Pete" Bross and "Bill" Crawford, both Great



"PETE" BROSS
Great Falls middleweight has been signed for the eight round semi-windup event at the next fight card to be held in Great Falls, May 16. Bross will meet "Bill" Crawford, also of Great Falls.

Falls pugilists, will appear in the bout. Some difficulties had arisen as to weight and guarantee but these matters were all patched up and contracts were drawn up by Loy Molunby, boxing com-

Rod and Gun Club Members Will Hold Usual Shoot Today

The regular Sunday shoot of the Great Falls Rod and Gun club will be held at the Earling park traps at 1:30 today (Sunday). With the weather permitting a large number of shooters are expected by W. R. Wilcoxon, president of the club. The shoot today will not be a registered shoot. The next registered shoot will be held a week from today and members are already signing up with the expectancy of breaking records as well as "birds". The regular monthly meeting of the Great Falls Rod and Gun club will be held Monday in the Park billiard parlors at 8 p. m.

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win a championship. Has there been a championship, ever won in baseball by a team which can steal but a single base where the teams of less pretensions at least, have a record of stealing a half dozen? It's a question full of meat to put up to the fans who think and the managers who observe.

To date Harris of Washington is running away from both leagues in stolen bases. If he continues to be so successful he will easily carry away the honor of outwitting pitchers and catchers, even if he doesn't accumulate the total with which Ty Cobb was wont to regale his admirers when the cunning Georgian, with Sam Crawford in the background, eluded the watchful eyes of opposing pitchers and catchers.

Are Not Crafty Runners.
The Giants do little with stolen bases. They have fleet runners, but their runners are not crafty. They are honest and they expect to be caught, but they can't make a base under the eyes of the battery.
Why are there so few stolen bases? Can't players run as well as they could?
The pitchers more aghast and the catchers better throwers?
On the whole it is not the decreased speed of players, nor the increasing skill of pitchers and catchers.

The best answer to the query about lack of base running is lack of initiative on the part of the players. The individual has been submerged to such an extent that he expects to team up on everything even to getting around the bases. The runner will not leave first base except by encouragement from the batsman.

Too Much Team Work.
Standing on first the runner keeps his eyes glued to the batter. He sees whether his hit and run play is to be tried or whether he is to be advanced by a sacrifice.
The managers have not the game so thoroughly under the mystery that the older player has ceased to care and the younger player is frightened stiff for fear they may be criticized for doing the wrong thing.

missioner, and signed by Crawford and Fred Golbahn, manager of Bross. The article stipulates that Crawford weigh in at 165 pounds at 3 o'clock and a \$50 guarantee has been placed that he make that weight. Bross will weigh about 158 pounds. The bout will be an eight round affair.

Nothing has been signed for the headline event and it is undetermined as to what men will appear. It is probable that Schauer will be one of the participants, but no opponent has been selected. Loy Molunby and Frank McDonnell, who are arranging the card find it hard to pick the headline fighters. Schauer has made a good impression with a number of fans and for this reason they would like to sign him. On the other hand there are many who are anxious to see Monk Fowler in action. Fowler has made a creditable showing in his bouts before Montana fans and they are willing to see him fight any time. Jack Russell, Fowler's manager, stated that he did not care particularly whether his protegee appeared on the next card in Great Falls or not as he had a chance to fight at Havre at the Knights of Columbus convention, May 23.

Preliminaries for the Great Falls card have not been selected yet. It is probable that "Chick" Ferguson, who has acted as sparring partner for fighters who have made their headquarters in Great Falls in preparation for bouts will be signed. Ferguson is entitled to a place on the card and would likely show much improvement as he has learned considerable of the fighting pastime working out with various headliners. He may be signed with "Jimmy" Roe or "Frankie" LaDuc.

Although a match between Johnny Schauer and Monk Fowler would be a high class main event for the card it appears that the commission is making a good number of fans by not going too far to sign the men. Great Falls fans know what Fowler is and are satisfied that he is a clever fighter and would give any boxer in the country of an equal weight a fight that he would remember. But Fowler is a trifle light for the average lightweight and were he

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FRIENDS OF KIDS BOTHERED BY TAX ON SPORT GOODS

Some One Tell Congress the War Is Over, Sanborn's Earnest Plea.

By **I. E. SANBORN**

Chicago, April 30.—No intensive lobbying at Washington ought to be required to make congress see the justice of the request to remove the 10 per cent war tax on athletic and recreational equipment. This was made in the form of a resolution adopted by the National Baseball federation at a recent meeting in Cleveland.

The federation exercises a fatherly interest over the sandlot baseball of the country and is gradually extending its influence in a quiet and orderly way. Its request to congress applies to only the sporting paraphernalia used by amateurs, and in that form it probably cannot be granted.

Must Be Framed Differently.
So-called "class legislation" has been held unconstitutional repeatedly, consequently it will be necessary to remove the tax from all kinds of sporting equipment, whether professional or amateur, to make the change stand up, and also because of the difficulty of drawing the line between amateur and professional.
Originally the idea of the lawmak-

ers was to compel professional baseball promoters and the amateurs who could afford the luxuries of golf, tennis, polo, etc., to contribute to the cost of winning the war. With their usual shortsightedness they overlooked the fact they also would be taxing the kids on the sandlots, whose number greatly exceeds that of the professionals or the "idle rich."

Remember the Dime Ball?
The old-fashioned 10 cent ball, which disappeared with the war tax, kept many a kid from getting into mischief that might ultimately land his phiz in the Bertillon cabinet. Congress should not lose no time in restoring it to the nation's youngsters, not all of whom can be accommodated on the municipal playgrounds of the big cities.
If Uncle Sam still needs to tax sport in order to pay for the many millions squandered during the war, it would be better to raise the tax on all amusement enterprises from 10 to 15 per cent, because the adult can be deprived of recreation with fewer bad results than the kid can be made to play train robber and handit for lack of balls, bats, and gloves, with which to get rid of his excess of animal spirits.

Greatest Melting Pot.
The average patron of a baseball game or a theater gets less personal benefit out of it than does the sandlot youngster out of his daily game of "one-two-three" after school hours.
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ILLINOIS CAPTURES FOUR MILE EVENT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, High School Team Wins Two Mile Interscholastic Title.

Philadelphia, April 30.—Remarkable athletic performance by western athletes were the outstanding features of the final day of the 27th annual relay carnival of the University of Pennsylvania staged on Franklin field Saturday afternoon. On a water-soaked track and turf, with a chilling wind sweeping the field, athletes from the middle west section of the country won a number of important competitions.

Of the more important college championship races, Illinois captured the four mile event after a steady race which caused both Cornell and Princeton runners to falter under the strain. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, high school relay team won both the one mile high school championship and the two mile inter-scholastic titular run.

In the individual contests, Weiss of Illinois won the discus throw; Osborne of Illinois tied with Chamberlain of Virginia, Alberts of Illinois and Murphy of Notre Dame tied in the high jump at 6 feet 2 3/4 inches and on the toss for places won ties in the order named.
Wisconsin Ties Yale.
Merrick of Wisconsin tied with Gardner of Yale in the pole vault at 12 feet 6 inches and won first place the toss while two of the next three places also went to western vaulters. Sandefur of the University of Kansas, won first place in the shot put and was second to W. Weiss in the discus. Breda of Illinois, was second in the javelin throw and Wright of Nebraska second in the 120 yard hurdles and Paul of Grinnell, Iowa, second in the 100 yard dash.

Notwithstanding the heavy track the Iowa State quartet of half milers hailing from Ames, which established a new American record of 7:52 2-5 for two miles at the Drake relays, Des Moines, last week, forced Yale to run within four-fifths of a second of the

old record of 7:53 to win Saturday in what was the best and most thrilling of all the championship events. This contest was in doubt until the final dash for the tape, and during the entire two miles the lead changed in frequent and sensational manner.
Easterners Win Honors.
Eastern athletes were not without their share of glory however, for in addition to the remarkable race run and won by the Yale four in the two mile event, Boston college sprang a surprise by winning the class B one mile college championship. Pennsylvania freshmen captured the one mile relay for first year men and Syracuse led the way home in the one mile college relay race.
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