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Bowling and Billiards by "Len" Collins

The Palace Two-Man League got under way last Monday with six teams entered. While the scores were nothing out of the ordinary, the class of bowling nevertheless was just a little better than the general average. Several of the games were decided by one pin and in one instance a tie resulted, the winners finally coming through by only one pin.

The schedule for the coming week is as follows: Monday, Dugan-Collins vs. Shepherd-Henderson, Dietz-George vs. Watt-Armiger; Tuesday, Thomas-Curtis vs. Hunt-Brosnan; Wednesday, Watt-Armiger vs. Dugan-Collins; Thursday, Shepherd-Henderson vs. Thomas-Curtis, Friday, Hunt-Brosnan vs. Dietz-George.

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Jim Maturo, the Italian expert, will be Frank Taberski's next opponent for the pocket championship, held by Taberski. They will meet, probably, at Schenectady, Taberski's home city, about January 10, the official dates to be announced later. Maturo twice played Benny Allen when Allen was champion, losing one of the matches by only thirteen points. He is showing great work in practice at Harvey's room in Kansas City and hopes to upset the "Silent Pole" when they meet.

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Maurice Cafritz, of the Grand Central Palace, comes out with the statement that while he will make no effort to secure the games of the Washington Duckpin Association's tournament, he nevertheless will gladly allow the association to use his alleys provided there is a public demand that the tourney be bowled at the Grand Central.

There is no getting away from the fact that the Grand Central drives are the best adapted in every way for the staging of one of these tournaments, and while they may have nothing on others as far as getting the wood is concerned, the accommodations are so much better that it would be foolish to think of holding the tournament any other place.

Cafritz also stated that in the event of the games being bowled at the Grand Central he would erect a grand stand immediately in back of the alleys that would accommodate at least 1,000 people.

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Chicago organized a ten-room, three-cushion city league of its own last week, which in point of class rivals the Interstate. Among the players signed are such well-known stars as Joe Capron, Charlie Morin, John Moore, Benny Klatcher, Walter Lauben and Jim Shea. Chicago fans are hoping that the New York roomkeepers will follow suit so that the two big towns may play winner against winner in the spring.

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That pocket billiard tournament being run off at the Palace promises to spring quite a number of surprises before it reaches the final stages. Moffett Bradley pulled the first one when he lambasted Johnnie Murphy, who was supposed to carry an edge on him, to the tune of 100 to 85. Bradley, while not displaying the game he did several years ago, showed that he still retained his knowledge of safety play, a style that returned him a winner.

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The Washington Billiard Association held another meeting in the club rooms of the Palace, Friday afternoon, at which time the constitution and by-laws of the newly-formed organization were adopted.

Several new members were enrolled and the total membership now nears the twenty-five mark. President Scanlon is in hopes of having practically every roomkeeper in the city a member by the time of the next meeting which is scheduled for January 1.

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Two favorite sons of New York City, George Moore, champion and Alfred De Oro, the challenger, will cross cues in deadly combat tomorrow night at Doyle's academy in the opening of their three-night match for the Brunswick diamond trophy, emblematic of the world's three-cushion billiard championship. The men will play one hundred and fifty points in blocks of fifty, total points to count. The winner will meet Charles McCourt, of Cleveland, the next challenger in line and a former holder of the title, forty days later.

Followers of the destinies of the angle players in America are more down right interested in the Moore-De Oro engagement than any similar event that has been staged in years. Both men are of the old school, a school that monopolized the championship for many years or until Bill Huey, of Chicago, invaded New York and won it from Moore. Since that time it has passed through the hands of several exponents of the modern school such as Charlie Ellis, Charlie McCourt and Hugh Heal, all of whom rue the day they lost the coveted bit of jewelry and look longingly to the time when they may retrieve their laurels.

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On paper the Moore-De Oro affair is a hard problem to solve and much will depend on what is known as "the breaks of the game." If George gets them he should retain his crown, but if they favor De Oro, the Cuban doubtless will regain the championship which has been his more than any other man's. In fact it has been an off year for the wily old islander when he has not had either the three-cushion, or pocket title, or both at some time or other for a quarter of a century.

Though De Oro is said to be shooting in his best form at present, it must be admitted that Moore has the edge on him in match or tournament play, so far as their own games are concerned. In the Chicago championship tournament two years ago George beat Alfredo and again beat him in their single match when Moore held the title. But De Oro, like the late Jake Schaefer, is erratic and does things by opposites and is just as apt to "railroad" Moore as he did Augie Kleckhefer. If he plays as well against George in the coming battle as he did against Augie at Chicago, Moore might just as well give up the ghost. George, however, is a vastly better general than Kleckhefer and he should be able to keep the veteran in check by means of the fine safety he is able to play. At any rate it should be a battle royal all the way.

"SCOOPS" CAREY, OLD LOCAL PLAYER, DEAD

East Liverpool, Ohio, Dec. 18.—George (Scoops) Carey, 45, former major league first baseman, is dead here of heart disease. Carey was with the old Baltimore Orioles, later with the American Association and then the American League.

Old baseball fans will remember Carey well for his great playing of the first base position in 1895, when the Orioles won their second pennant under Ned Hanlon. Carey got the name of Scoops for his wonderful ability to pick up low thrown balls, but he was a weak hitter, having a tendency to pull away while at the bat. He succeeded Dan Brouthers at first and in turn was replaced by Jack Doyle. At the end of the season he was sent to the Louisville club, then in the National League. From there he drifted to the Southern League and wound up his career in the American Association.

RACING DATES FOR NEXT SEASON NAMED

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—Many of the race tracks of the South and Canada have announced the dates for racing meets for the balance of the year and for 1917.

The dates are as follows:

Tia Juana, November 11, 100 days; Juarez, November 30, 100 days; Havana, December 7 to March 18; New Orleans, January 1 to February 20; Lexington, April 23 to May 19; Louisville, Ky. (Churchill Downs), May 12 to 25; Delorimier Park, Montreal, May 19 to 26; Louisville, Ky. (Douglas Park), May 26 to June 9; Latonia, Ky., June 11 to July 4; Mount Royal Park, Montreal, June 14 to 21; Maisonneuve Park, Montreal, June 22 to 29; Delorimier Park, Montreal, June 30 to July 7; Windsor (Devonshire), June 30 to July 7; King Edward Park, Montreal, August 12 to 19; Kempton Park, Montreal, August 20 to 27; Mount Royal Park, Montreal, September 22 to 29.

"ZULU KID" BEATEN BY JIMMY WILDE

London, Dec. 18.—The "Zulu Kid," Brooklyn, N. Y., boxer, was knocked out in the eleventh round of a scheduled twenty-round contest here today by Jimmy Wilde, champion fly-weight of England.

Perry, Former Oriole Star, Dead.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Dec. 18.—George Perry, member of the old Baltimore Oriole baseball club, and later a player in the American League and American Association, died here yesterday.

MAY SHORTEN SEASON FOR MAJOR LEAGUES

National League Owners Believe Ban Johnson's Plan Will Help Business.

New York, Dec. 18.—No official announcement was made at either major league meeting last week as to schedule plans for 1917, writes W. J. Macbeth, in the New York Tribune.

The joint schedule committee is soon to meet to draft dates for the coming season. It would not be at all surprising if the experiment of contracting the playing season were attempted by the National and American Leagues.

For several years Ban Johnson has advocated a schedule of 140 instead of 154 games. He was prevented from putting his theory to the test because of the unanimous opposition by National League club-owners. Of course, the American League could not afford to remain idle while the National was operating. As a matter of self-protection the schedules must coincide.

Opinion, however, seems to have changed in the National League. More than one club president of the Tener circuit last week expressed the opinion that it might prove beneficial to lop off a couple of weeks, especially as with the new form of contract, and in keeping with the expressed policies of economy it would be possible to tighten salaries accordingly.

"The scheme may not be attempted this year," said a National League advocate of Johnson's idea, "but it is bound to come in 1918, unless early spring weather conditions improve.

"For the last five years early season business has been very poor. Only the weather has been to blame, as under normal conditions public interest in every city should be at high pitch for the first six weeks of the season. It takes that time for each big league club to make the complete circuit, and for that part of the journey, at least, every entrant has a pennant chance.

"October weather invariably has proved more affable to the game than late April and early May. But by October interest is dead, save in the cities which have teams that enjoy mathematical chances to win a pennant. Even if the 154-game schedule is to remain an institution, I believe it would be a wise move to open ten days or two weeks later and close later. There are enough open dates to permit a more compact schedule that would delay the wind-up only a few days later than last year. The American League clubs of the West had finished almost a week ahead of the National League close in the East last season."

LON JOURDET PICKS BASKET-BALL TOSSERS

Penn Champion Quint for the Intercollegiate Game and is Fast.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—Coach Lon Jourdet, of the champion Penn basket-ball quintet, has picked his team for the great battles in the Intercollegiate League, and his five is even faster than last season's clan, and the 1916 team captured the championship after a play-off of the tie with Princeton.

Lou Martin, the star forward, who made the All-American, cannot play until after New Years, and Billy Williamson was graduated, so it is up to Jourdet to develop two new forwards. Johnny Lavan, of Philadelphia, and "Hoboy" Light, the football player, at present appear to have the posts won, but Light is going to California with the football team and will miss all the training until January 6.

Capt. McNichol, the All-American guard of cage lore, will again lead the Penn five. He is without a doubt the best guard ever developed at Penn, if not in the college game. He was second high scorer last season and yet was a guard. Karl Emery, a fleet-flooted sophomore, will play the other guard post. This lad has shown wonderful form in the practice matches with the scrub. He will replace Jones, the 1915 guard, who was graduated.

Art Jeffords, of Philadelphia, will again jump center for the Red and Blue. Jeffords is not a star at leaping, but the instant the ball has been put into play, there is not a center in the college league who classes with the strong Philadelphian.

Jourdet's team will average 164 pounds, a fairly heavy team, but Capt. McNichol weighs 195 pounds, so he pulls the beam up a lot for his team. The Penn coach is teaching his men a tricky attack, and the Red and Blue, when in possession of the ball, will play the Eastern League game, of four men "in the enemies' territory." Capt. McNichol will remain in the Penn court on the defense, and he will go up the floor when his men are covered and take a long shot at the net.

The freshman five at Penn is the strongest ever known at Franklin Field. Lou Sugerman, the famous Greystock player, is teaching the freshmen and they play a whirlwind attack. Among the stars of the freshman five are Sweeney, of the Atlantic City High School; H. R. Peck, of Western High School, of Washington, D. C.; Stanard, of the Hoboken High School; Lannon, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mitchell, of White Plains, N. Y.; Stern, of the Williamsport High School.

The Penn schedule follows: December 16, Muhlenburg at Philadelphia; January 6, Dartmouth at Philadelphia; January 13, Columbia at Philadelphia; January 20, Princeton at Princeton, N. J.; January 23, Cornell at Ithaca, N. Y.; January 27, Swarthmore at Philadelphia; February 10, Rutgers at Philadelphia; February 12, Yale at New Haven, Conn.; February 17, Yale at Philadelphia; February 24, Cornell at Philadelphia; February 27, Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H.; March 2, Columbia at New York; March 3, C. C. N. Y. at New York; March 10, Princeton at Philadelphia; March 16, Syracuse at Syracuse, and March 17, Rochester at Rochester, N. Y.

DOBIE TO LEAVE.

When the University of Washington football team defeated California on Thanksgiving Day Gilmore Dobie saw the end of his twelfth year as coach without experiencing a single defeat. Not since 1905, the year following his graduation from the University of Minnesota has Dobie coached a beaten eleven, and he has made a record unique in the history of athletics.

Dobie's victorious career is made up of one year at the Minneapolis High School, two years at the North Dakota Agricultural College and nine at the University of Washington. In all his teams have played fifty-six games, won fifty-three and tied three, making a total of 1686 points, as against 118 scored by opposing elevens. Dobie first coached the University of Washington in 1908, and since that time Washington has won forty-four games, scoring 1260 points, as against 107. Two college generations have come and gone at Washington without seeing their team beaten. In twenty-eight of the forty-four games the opposing team has failed to score.

Sigel to Lead P. M. C. Eleven.

Chester, Pa., Dec. 18.—Louis S. Sigel, a Philadelphia boy and star quarter back on this year's varsity eleven, has been elected to lead the Pennsylvania Military College football team next season.

Ring "Fan" Has Scheme To Make Boxers Fight

New York, Dec. 18.—A Boston man has come out with a novel suggestion to do away with the clinching that spoils so many bouts. His idea is to have the timekeeper take out time whenever the men become locked in a fond embrace. The idea is worth more than passing notice. If the men were compelled actually to fight ten rounds instead of spending most of the time hugging each other, twenty-round bouts would not be necessary to decide a championship in most cases. There would be just as much fighting as there is in twenty rounds under the present rules and the bouts would be far more interesting. Eliminating the clinch altogether cannot be done, for there are times when a clinch is unavoidable, and sometimes good ring generalship requires it.

"HOBBY" O'MEARA IS NAMED MOHAWK PILOT

Left Half Back of Champions to Lead 1917 Gridiron Eleven of Indians.

At the banquet tendered the Mohawk Athletic Club football team last night Harry D. O'Meara, better known to Washington followers of independent football as "Hobby," was elected captain for the 1917 gridiron team of the "Indians."

O'Meara played left half back with the champions this season and was the unanimous choice at a meeting of the letter men held previous to the banquet.

The Mohawks held their big feed at the Northeast Temple last night, which was presided over by L. C. White, the president of the Southeast organization. Retiring Capt. Paul Cohill, the former Eastern High School star, was greeted with rounds of applause when he took the floor to tell of the victorious season, while Coach Milton T. Bumps Turner was given an equal amount of applause.

C. R. McClure, the retiring manager of the independent champion gridironers, was called upon by Toastmaster White, and it was quite a long while before he was able to review the season's work for the members and friends gathered around the banquet table. The honors of the great work shown by the Indians this season was voted due to the untiring efforts of Manager McClure. Each member of the championship team was called upon between the courses, while members of the press were also asked to render their opinion of the 1916 champions.

The Mohawk quartet along with talented soloists rendered selections during the evenings: The following were present: B. American T. Burns, J. Burns, J. Bjorlsaind, W. Beam, H. Deacons, J. Dulin, M. Flood, J. Free, A. Hayden, B. Keith, J. McClary, T. O'Brien, E. Rees, P. Scheytt, J. Murphy, L. C. White, R. Smithson, C. Hardestey, B. Haimer, P. Cohill, R. Cohill, T. Poss, J. Tipton, Hobe, C. R. McClure, M. J. Turner, F. Hardey, V. Litkus, G. Durity, L. Langon, L. Flatherty, W. W. CcCahn, R. Schofield, W. Dyer, H. O'Meara, G. Beyer, B. Hager, K. Brook, G. Hamilton, J. Dugan, J. Keller, R. Thomas, Doc. J. C. Pyles, L. Towers, F. McCabe, T. Martin, B. Jarbow, Carl Martin, F. Murphy.

SYRACUSE HAS GOOD BASKET-BALL QUINT

Princeton, Yale, Penn State, Dartmouth and Others Are on Schedule.

Syracuse, Dec. 18.—The Syracuse University basket-ball team, for four years unconquered on its home floor, has opened the current season with excellent prospects of a victorious record.

Sixteen games with as many representative college teams have been scheduled by Manager Elias Raff, and unless unforeseen occurrences interefere the team which will stand this schedule will be one of the best in the history of the sport here.

Only Harris, of the successful 1916 quint, is unavailable for the new aggregation. Rafter, the little Trojan athlete, who has been named captain, is available for his forward position along with Casey, his running mate a year ago.

Joe Schwartzer, an Albany star, promises to retain his position at center, and Wilbur Crisp looks good for his place at guard. Ruffin, Greenman, Keefer, and several others are fighting for the other guard berth.

Among the candidates for center are Art Osman, star oarsman, Marcus and Barnard. There is a bare possibility that Schwartzer will be sent back to guard in the event that any of these larger men show required form at center.

Sanney, Peters, Martin, Vensell and Whitehead are looking for positions as forwards. Coach Dollard, who has given the Orange a number of successful aggregations may find some changes necessary to accomodate the stars among this list.

The schedule includes contests with Princeton, Yale, Penn State, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Colgate, Williams, Rochester, Allegheny, and West Virginia. Some of these teams are met at home and abroad.

Only one more game will be played before the holiday recess, Princeton coming here next Wednesday. Pennsylvania closes the season here on March 16.

Trip for Michigan Football Men.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 18.—A rugby team composed of South African students of the University of Michigan, will begin a trip to the Pacific Coast on Tuesday. The schedule, which is said to have been arranged by athletic authorities of Leland Stanford University, calls for matches at Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.

Tennis on the Ice.

New York, Dec. 18.—Tennis on the ice—the newest of sports—will be informally introduced when the first practice is held at the One Hundred and Eighty-first Street Ice Skating Palace tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Five of the most prominent tennis players in this country will play. They are Theodore Roosevelt Pell, Karl Behr, Dean Mathey, Francis Hunter and Fred B. Alexander. None needs any introduction to the sporting public.

Basket-ball Game Postponed

The basket-ball game scheduled for tonight between the Catholic University quint and the Layola College team, from Baltimore, has been postponed until tomorrow night. The game Catholic University had scheduled with the Delaware College team at Newark, Del., on Thursday night, has been concelled, but the Brooklanders will make the trip to Brooklyn Saturday night to play the St. John's College team.

MITCHELL DECLARES HE'LL HAVE WINNER

Former Coach of Braves Is Optimistic in Opinion of Cubs.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—"Give me two years and I'll give Chicago a real ball club."

That was the enthusiastic statement of Fred Mitchell, the newly appointed manager of the Chicago Cubs, just before he left New York for his home in Boston, preparatory to going to Chicago to arrange details for the spring training trip of the club.

It is seldom that Mitchell becomes enthusiastic. For more than a decade as aid of George Stallings, with the Buffalo, New York and Boston clubs, he was just a stolid figure in the background.

Now that he has leaped into the front rank alongside the baseball leaders, he is the same unassuming fellow who has won the admiration of players, newspepermen and fans the country over. It is safe to say that no manager ever started his career in major league baseball assured of more loyal support.

"I will start with forty-six players," he continued, "and among them is some very fine material. We have a nucleus for one of the strongest teams in the country. Spirit counts most in baseball. The player that goes out and plays his hardest to win, who shows real spirit will get the favors all the time. He's the man I want and I'm going to make that very plain to my players as soon as I have a talk with them. I cannot say now whether there will be any trades or not. There may be later.

"I have been in the National League for a number of years and am familiar with nearly all the players on my list. That will help me considerably. Doyle has fully recovered from his broken leg and will be at second base. That will help, too.

"While there were some strong points to the team as it stood at the end of last season, there also were some mighty weak ones, and these are the ones to which I will give my attention without delay.

"Mr. Weegham has instructed me to go right ahead and do what I think best for the development of the team. He wants a winner as much as I do. Although I realize I have drawn a tough assignment I am confident that in two years I will give to Chicago a winning ball club."

BLUDGEON WIELDERS PRODUCE SOME ALIBIS

Those Who Slumped in 1916 Point to Enlightening Pitching Records.

(By the International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Some of the bludgeon wielders in the National League who failed to sting the ball safely as many times as they had hoped to during the 1916 season have an alibi.

Yes, boy! And that alibi can be found in the pitching records of the forkhand slabbers.

It might seem a little "farfetched" to you at first, but if you, Mr. Fan, had stood up against some of the uncanny southpaw twirling that National League batsmen faced last summer you'd understand right off the reel.

In slanting at the pitching records for 1916 we notice that the southpawing fellers have a good reason to stick out their chests and grin, for the number of earned runs made off them were fewer than those made off the righthanders.

Standing at the head of the list is Ferdie Schupp, the young sensation of the New York Giants. Just nine-tenths of a tally was earned off Schupp in each nine-inning game. So, you see, if the opposition had gotten no more than it earned off Ferdinand he wouldn't have had a whole run sneaked across the dish against him all season. Not bad, eh?

In second place is Grover Alexander, of the Phils, and, of course, Grover is known the country over as a corking pitcher from the right-hand side of the slab. Grover allowed a trifle over one run per nine innings.

Next in the averages come Rube Marquard, of the Dodgers; Eppa Rixey, of the Phils, and Wilbur Cooper, of the Pirates. All of these athletes are left-handers. Sixth and seventh places in the pitching records are occupied by Eddie Pfeffer and Larry Cheney, both right-handers, and the first seven men allowed less than two earned runs per game.

With such pitching, and especially such effective work by some of the portsided wigglers, the player whose batting average did not please him can point to the pitching records and murmur: "There's the reason."

The remainder of the list showing pitching averages contains many of the lads who hurl with the knife hand, and it is noticeable that out of the first fourteen men nine are southpaws and four of the leading men are also side-wheelers, while the same holds for seven of the first ten.

JUAREZ ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Selling; 2-year-olds; five and one-half furlongs. Lycoia, 106; Milbrey, 106; Crankie, 102; Tuffy, 102; Belle C., 102; Kestra, 102; Alan, 102.

SECOND RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; six furlongs. Gallant Boy, 112; Virginia Dot, 110; Yaca, 108; Panhachapi, 108; *Type, 107; Finnigin, 105; *Smiling Maggie, 103; *Circulate, 103; Polls, 102; *C. M. Johnson, 100.

THIRD RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; five furlongs. Mary Estelle, 112; Rochester, 112; Clara James, 109; Certain Point, 109; June Bride, 109; Sir Fretful, 109; Garthelma, 109; Major Bell, 109; Force, 109; Jefferson, 109; Lady Tendi, 104; *Esther Graham, 104; *Prosperos Boy, 104; *Allan Asia, 104.

FOURTH RACE—Handicap; all ages; five and one-half furlongs. Little String, 109; Fascinating, 105; Lytle, 106; Bongo, 99.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 3 year-olds and upward; one mile. Alda, 108; *Bogart, 107; Big To Do, 106; Tze Lai, 106.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; one mile. Rey, 108; Rhodes, 108; Star Rose, 105; Air Line, 105; Endurance, 105; *Husky Lad, 105; *Marjorie D., 100.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

TIA JUANA ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs. Commoness, 105; Lady Lerose, 110, Cinco Colorado, 110; Ella R., 110; Fairy Monde, 110; Dominion Park, 110; Dr. Bamberger, 113.

SECOND RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Virginia W., 105; Cabrio, 110; Lucky Mack, 110; Dereszke Lad, 110; Category, 110; Marion Rose II, 110; Venovon, 110; Lady St. Patrick, 110; Muy Buena, 113.

THIRD RACE—Five and one-half furlongs. Industry, 106; Oakland, 110; Kenneth, 111; Orimar Lad, 111; Swarts Hill 110; Sir Dyke, 110.

FOURTH RACE—One mile. Cemellia, 103; Samuel R. Meyer, 103; Injury, 105; Harwood, 105; Prince S., 107; John Graham, 109.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs. Charmeuse, 102; Larkin, 106; Sultana, 107; Prospero's Baby, 107; Cecil, 107; Black Thorne, 107; Maznik, 107; Barsac, 108; Sweetdale, 107; Roscas, 110.

SIXTH RACE—One mile. Vireo, 103; Glomer, 106; Concha, 107; Morada, 108; John Walters, 108; Acumen, 108; Dave Montgomery, 108; John Louise, 108; Prince Conrad, 112; Leo. H., 112; Plume, 112; Zangaree, 112.

Cornell Men to Race.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Jack Moakley, the Cornell track coach, is likely to enter several of his athletes in the national junior indoor championships at Buffalo on January 1. T. E. Jones, coach of the University of Wisconsin, has applied for entry blanks and may also enter some men. The Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago, will send a strong relay team for the medley championship.

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GOLF AND TENNIS NOTES

By F. H. YOUNG.

Thirteen seems to be a lucky number for some people. It was in this position that the ranking committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association placed "Connie" Doyle and the whole local tennis contingent is priding itself on the fact that the District champion was thought so highly of in elite circles. As a matter of fact, many believe he is entitled to even a higher place on the national list. Doyle has been playing now for several years and has beaten such players as Wallace Johnson, Gustav Touchard, Fred Colston, Charles Bull, Fred Inman and a number of others of national repute, but this was the first year that he has ever ranked within the first twenty. This was largely due to the fact that he had not played in sufficient tournaments and the committee consequently did not have the necessary data. Doyle's rating in the list just issued is based to a great extent on his showing in the clay-court and national championships, where he met and defeated some of the country's best, including George M. Church, who is given third place. On this trip, he also gave Karl Behr one of the hardest battles of his life and lost by a small margin in the fifth set. Unfortunately for the tennis world, Doyle is not one of these fellows "with nothing to do 'til tomorrow, and tomorrow never comes." He cannot afford the time nor is he financially able to enter the various events throughout the country and for this reason alone he cannot hope to reach much higher than the position given him for 1916. Was Doyle in a position to travel from one tournament to the other during the season, meeting the best players of the various sections, there is no doubt but what he has the natural ability to pull himself to the very top.

President Daniel L. Hazard, of the Bannockburn Golf Club, will spend his Christmas holidays at his home at Narragansett Pier.

The week just closed has been an exceptional one in that not more than ten or twelve golfers have played on all of the local courses combined—a condition that probably will not again arise throughout the whole winter. All of the local courses are still covered with snow and only the real 'dyed in the wool" players have attempted to play. At Columbia, Bannockburn, Kirkside, Washington Golf and Country and the Town and country Clubs, not a single player was out for the first five days, while at Chevy Chase on these days only one or two braved the conditions.

J. M. Hancock, one of the best players on the Dumbarton Club's tennis team, has just gotten his racquet restrung with extra heavy gut and expects to play all winter, using the cement court at Columbia. We don't know of anyone else who wants to play with the thermometer down to the freezing point and are wondering where he is going to get his opponents.

Members of the Columbia Country Club have been talking for a number of years of opening up an indoor golf "course" in the downtown section of the city and as usual the story started the rounds again this year. George James, captain of the golf team, states that there is nothing to it and that the idea has been given up. The fact of the matter is that Washington has such mild winters that there is hardly a week but what there are one or two days in which the weather is good for a round of the real thing.

The board of governors of the Bannockburn Golf Club has appointed J. Martin Scranage chairman of a special committee for promoting the transfer of associate members to the active list and he will call a meeting at his home this week. The secretary and treasurer have given Chairman Scranage the data relative to the eligibility of various associate members to become active ones under certain conditions laid down by the board of governors and with this information, he expects to start off with a rush and to wage a hot campaign.

One of the most interesting talks of the local season was that made by S. W. Merrihew, editor of American Lawn Tennis at the recent tennis dinner of the Washington Tennis Association. Mr. Merrihew's topic was "Tennis Rules," and he gave those present quite a good deal to think about. After touching lightly and giving suggestions in regard to minor infractions, his talk turned to the much discussed rule regarding foot faults. According to him, this is one of the most important of tennis rules, and in sending his ideas home, Mr. Merrihew gave an interesting sidelight on the Lindley Murray-Ichiya Kumagae match, which shows how a match may be won or lost on account of slight advantages gained because the rules are not enforced to the letter. In this match, the Japanese player apparently had all the best of it. When Murray served, his opponent got the ball back so quickly that he could not get up to the net. In his anxiety, he foot-faulted in the last two sets and, according to Mr. Merrihew, it was these foot-faults which enabled him to reach the net in time to take the Jap's returns, and to ultimately win the match. Of course, Murray did not break the rules intentionally, but the fact that he was not "called" for it or penalized gave him a big advantage over his opponent and probably cost the latter the match.

The improved thirteenth and seventeenth holes at Columbia are now ready for use. Number 13 green has been remodeled with a terrace effect while the seventeenth has been raised in back and lowered in front, and the green has also been reduced in size. The green committee is also having a number of bunkers built. A large one has been placed on the side hill in the elbow going to Number 14, which forces the play uphill. A new bunker is planned for the thirteenth hole, while a rough one will be put in on the old fifth green. One or two others will be planned from time to time through the winter.

The suggestion is frequently made that the putting green cup should be considerably enlarged. It probably never will be, although there are some good reasons why a change of this kind should be made. There are at least six clubs in the bag of the average golfer. Of these, the putter does 50 per cent of the work, which is a rather large proportion. Putting to a certain extent is more a matter of how one happens to feel on a certain day and how one's mental attitude is adjusted, and no other part of a good player's game varies so widely. Three years ago at Brookline when Ouimet beat Vardon and Ray, Alex Smith, the well-known professional, figured out that at least 70 and possibly 75 per cent of all shots taken were on the green. Those in favor of enlarging the cup—not the one at the nineteenth hole—contend that to be even a finer test, golf would be improved by many additional hazards, pits and bunkers around the rest of the course and enlarging the hole a little. On the other hand, as many others contend that the game is all right now and that putting is more a matter of practice and that being the case, the poor putter simply needs to practice up on his short game and no change will be necessary.

Now that recquetters have gotten a number of clay courts built by Uncle Sam as part of the Capital's recreation plan, the suggestion has been made that Col. Harts be asked to consider in his next year's plans the feasibility of having one or two cement or concrete courts built. Cement courts can be used all winter and are very popular at the various clubs and if a couple of municipal ones were added to next year's plans local players would be able to keep in condition all the year round.

Basil M. Manly, who recently won the club championship at the Bannockburn Golf Club, when he took the "Harvest Home" tournament has been presented with a loving cub which was donated by Richard Beatty, club title holder for 1914 and 1915. Dr. T. J. W. Brown was runner-up this year.

The Washington Suburban Club is now a thing of the past. It has consolidated with the Mercantile and Octogan Club and the new name will be the Town and Country Club. The two clubs with which it joined forces were social ones and the present town quarters are at Fourteenth and Fairmont streets, but beginning January 1 they will be moved to Eighteenth street, near Columbia road.

W. Frederick Zens has been elected captain for next season of the Accounts Division tennis team in the Geological Survey League.

CORNELL TO PLAY COLGATE IN 1917

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Cornell will play Colgate at Ithaca on October 29 next fall. The game is to be the big home contest of Cornell's season. This was revealed tonight when the foot ball schedule of nine games was announced by the Athletic Association. Up to 1914 Colgate had a regular place on the Cornell schedule and beat the Ithacans on more than one occasion.

Colgate used to have the first or second game on the list. Fordham gets the date filled by Massachusetts Aggies last fall, and Rochester is to be played for the first time since 1908. Pennsylvania and Michigan will furnish the other big games, the Ithacans concluding another two-year agreement with the Wolverines.

The Schedule:

September 29, Rochester at Ithaca; October 6, Oberlin at Ithaca; October 13, Williams at Ithaca; October 20, Colgate at Ithaca; October 27, Bucknell at Ithaca; November 3, Carnegie Technical at Ithaca; November 10, Michigan at Ann Arbor; November 17, Fordham at Ithaca; November 29, Pennsylvania at Ithaca.

FOOTBALL OFFICIALS WILL DISCUSS PLAYS

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Football officials appointed by the central board in this district, will meet at the Walton tomorrow night, at 8 o'clock, to discuss intricate plays that came up during the past season. As last year, they will make recommendations to the rules committee.

FORMER FOOTBALL STAR TO CHALLENGE STECHER

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 18.—Declaring he will challenge Joe Stecher, the Nebraska grappler, to a finish match in the event of victory here, Ralph Vita, of Seattle, heavyweight champion wrestler of the Pacific Coast and former Minnesota gridiron star, ended training for his bout with Charles Cutler, of Chicago, tonight.

CUMBERLAND "WANTS IN" IN BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 18.—Col. Nelson W. Russler, manager of the Cumberland baseball team, has notified President Jamison, of the Blue Ridge League, that he will attend the meeting of the league early in January to press Cumberland's claims for a berth in the organization. Col. Russler and George E. Jordan, deputy register of wills, are the sole owners of the Cumberland franchise.

Demaree Anxious to Be Cub.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Al Demaree, pitcher for the Philadelphia Nationals, may wear a Cub uniform next season. His home is in Chicago and he authorized President Weeghman before he departed for the National League meeting in New York to open negotiations for him in New York. It is understood Weeghman offered to trade Lavender for Demaree but Moran doesn't care for the Cub twirler, but is willing to consider some other twirler in exchange.

Schaub Signs with Freeland.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 18.—"Butch" Shaub, for the last three years one of the stars of the Freeland basket-ball team of the State League, was signed by Hazleton and will appear in the line-up next week. Schaub had a disagreement with the Freeland management. Several clubs were after his services.