

EDGREN, GREAT TEST

Columbia's Excellent Course Cause of U. S. G. A. Action

Completion of Fifth Hole Will Put Course in Great Shape.

By JACK NYE.
At last Washington is to be the scene of the greatest international event in the golfing world.
When the national open championship was awarded to the Columbia Country Club of Chevy Chase by the United States Golf Association, it was not only recognition of the fitness of the Capital City as the place for such an event, but a distinct compliment to the local club.
Probably the chief factors in winning the national open here was the excellence of the Columbia course and the ability of the club to handle the tournament.
Course Should Be Perfect.
When the first ball is driven off some time next summer—probably in June—the course should be in perfect condition. There are practically no changes to be made to it for the gathering of the world's greatest golfers.
The story of the development of the Columbia course stretches back over the past three years and when the members speak of the progress made they invariably give the credit to Dr. Walter Harlan, who, as chairman of the greens committee, worked incessantly to bring about many improvements. He retired as head of the greens committee recently.
The last of the major improvements will be the early completion of the new fifth hole. This has been lengthened to 545 feet and is described to be probably the best three shot hole in the country.
No Change in View.
George H. Chasner, present chairman of the greens committee, declared yesterday that there was little to be done to the course in preparation for the open championship.
We expect to make no radical changes. Of course there will be seeding and other minor improvements, but the chief effort will be that of keeping the course up to its present standard.
The Columbia course is now rated on a par with the best in the country and was one of the few which received special commendation from Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, the English professionals, after their tour of the country last summer.
Expect Large Entry List.
The coming of the national open will be the best in the Washington area. It has staged one of the big annual tournaments. The Middle Atlantic championship is the largest tournament that has taken place here.
Up to this point the indication that the next national open will be the largest in history. The date has not yet been fixed, depending largely on when the British championship tournament is held.
Washington golfers as a whole are overjoyed that the golf classic will be staged at the Columbia Club. It was held last year in Toledo, where Ted Ray won the title.

YANKS DEFEATED BY KEYSER QUINT

Local Tossers No Match for W. Va. Collegians, Who Win, 28-16.

Flashing the classiest passing and goal shooting combination seen in the District in a long time, the Keyser Collegians of West Virginia put their advance notices were not exaggerated when they outplayed the Congress Heights Yankees last night and won by a score of 28 to 16.
Several hundred spectators who gathered to see the claimants of the West Virginia and Maryland championship, went away convinced that they had had a wonderful game. The first period was closely contested, the score ending 9 to 6 in favor of the aliens, but in the second they drew away in easy fashion. Hoyt, the big center, outjumped Sauber consistently, while Gibson and Slocum, the forwards, were unsteady in their ability to pass the ball and spin it through the hoop. Montgomery, billed as "the greatest guard that ever wore a uniform," was all of that, according to the Yankee players.
Ingley, Catlin and Sauber played excellent ball for the home team, but were up against too stiff a proposition. Line-up summary:
Line-up—Positions: Keyser, Atherton, R. P., Gibson, Ingley, L. F., Slocum, Sauber, C., Catlin, Hoyt, Goetz, R. G., Shaffer, L. G., Montgomery, C. Substitutions—Yankees: Hager for Catlin, Hedden for Ingley, Catlin for Hager, Ingley for Hedden, Field for Sauber, Atherton, Ingley, 3; Sauber, 2; Gibson, 2; Slocum, 2; Hoyt, 5; Shaffer, 4; Goetz, 4; Atherton, 4; out of 10; Slocum, 5 out of 8.

MITCHELL FIGHTS LEONARD FRIDAY

Title Holder Is Favorite But Challenger May Upset

Dope.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Friday, January 14, is a red-letter day for boxing, giving the sport a big impetus to start the new year. Benny Leonard and Jimmy Wilde, two champions, will be in action, as will several former champions and a number of aspiring titleholders.
New York and London hold the center of the sport for the day—the former with the Leonard-Ritchie Mitchell decision and the latter with the battles between Jimmy Wilde and Pete Herman and Battling Levinsky with Bombardier Wells.
Mitchell is a much improved boxer since his original meeting with Leonard about two years ago, and if there is anybody in the light-weight division today who might upset the champion, the Milwaukee fighter is fancied to do it. Naturally, Leonard is the quoted favorite, but a lot of wise fight followers are stringing along with Mitchell in the belief he had enough of a chance to justify taking large bets of money on the short end.
Two other features distinguish the fight. Leonard will receive \$40,000 for his end—more money than John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett received together when they fought thirty years ago for the heavy-weight title—and Mitchell gets \$20,000—more than either Sullivan or Corbett received. The other feature is that the show is conducted by the executive committee for devastated France, with Miss Anne Morgan, Maj. Arthur Woods and Louis Stoddard as members.
Wilde rules a heavy favorite in London to win over Pete Herman, while the odds in this country also favor Wilde. The sentiment is growing that Herman is nearing the end of his pugilistic career and the opinion is general that Wilde will trim him. It's a toss-up as to Levinsky and Wells. Only a question of which one falls first—he'll never get up.

NAVY FIVE WINS SIXTH STRAIGHT

Middies' Defense Big Factor In Victory Over Lafayette Tossers.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 8.—Playing a sharper game in every respect, the Midshipmen's basketball team annexed their sixth consecutive victory here this afternoon. Lafayette College of Easton, Pa., fell victim and the score was 27 to 13. The game developed spirited work at stages. The Middies led off in the scoring in the first few minutes of play, and at no time were they in imminent danger of being overhauled. The visitors uncovered some good team play at times, but the Navy defense was too strong, and their work frustrated many of the visitors' attempts at the basket.
The first half ended with a count of 17 to 8 favoring Navy. Second quarter they took the floor for Navy started only to be replaced by the regulars to check a short spurt made by Lafayette. Byerly, Ault and Watters were the chief point getters for Navy, although McKee was successful in six ten attempts in throwing from the foul circle. Bieber and Reeves bore the brunt of the work for Lafayette.
Line-up:
Navy: Pos. Lafayette: McKee, L. F., Bieber, Byerly, R. F., Longacre, Ault, Brennan, Watters, L. G., Barney, Parr, R. G., Reese, Navy scoring—Goals from court: Byerly, 4; Ault, 2; Watters, 2; Davis, 1. Goals from fouls: McKee, 6 out of 10; Davis, 2 out of 3; McCrory, 1. Lafayette scoring—Goals from court: Bieber, 2; Brennan, 1; Reeves, 4. Goals from fouls: Longacre, 2 out of 5; Reeves, 3 out of 5. Referee: McDevitt, University of Pennsylvania.
Time of halves: Twenty minutes each. Substitutions: Navy, Davis for McKee, McCrory for Davis, Lenhart for Byerly, Johnston for Ault, Barnes for Watters, Greiber for Parr, Lafayette: Kearney for Longacre, Reeves for Kearney.

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Successful Fighter Must Be a Student, Says Leonard



When Leonard punches his arms are held well forward.
But when he hits his elbow is drawn back quickly, giving him a two foot drive.
This is how he illustrates it. He says there is no "6 inch knockout blow."
Benny Leonard's smile, which never gives a hint of what Benny intends to do.
He has found that the "weak spot" of some boxers is their head, but we knew that already.
His favorite punch is a lifting hook below the edge of the ribs—driving up against the heart.
When Benny began boxing he used his legs more than his head, and developed a wonderful calf.
Say, you poor, don't you worry on the ground hasn't been invented yet.

Light-Weight Title Holder Admits His Brains Are Located in His Head

By ROBERT EDGREN.
"Study is the thing that makes a successful fighter nowadays," said light-weight champion Benny Leonard.
We were sitting in a room at the New York Athletic Club talking over Benny's career.
"Yes," Benny went on, "the day of the boy with a strong back and a thick skull has gone by. You have to be a student to get to the top and stay there. I'm champion and any other light-weight could make a fortune by beating me, yet nothing can induce the best of them to meet me in the ring. I'm in a funny position as a champion without a contender for his title. Tandler, Jackson and the others know I can beat them, but they don't know why. They think it's because I've got an awful kick." They think I'm bigger and stronger than I am. They don't realize that I can beat them because I'm a better student.
"When I began fighting as a boy I used my legs at first instead of my brain, and I was called a 'feather duster boxer' because I only danced around and tapped. But I began to study, and I knocked out Mandot, I met Welsh three times. I learned a lot fighting Welsh. The third time I knew enough to beat him and win the title. I've gone on studying ever since.
"You have to study three things to be a first class fighter. First, your opponent's mind and habit of thought; second, your own mental control of timing and movement, and last, physiology."
Here Benny Leonard stopped and thought for a moment, while I wondered where he got his supply of language, which was rather novel for a fighting man.
"I learned about the importance of understanding physiology while I was in the army," said Benny. "While I was boxing instructor at Camp Upton, Lieut. Smith was instructor in Jiu Jitsu, which he learned in Japan. We worked together, and he taught me Jiu Jitsu. I learned a lot of things about the nerves and the vital organs.
"Do you know what a knockout is? It's simply a shock to a nerve carried to the brain. There are three knockout points on the head, each where nerves lie near the surface. For instance, a straight blow on the end of the chin isn't a good knockout punch. But hit a man on either side of the chin, an inch or so back, or above the eye tooth, and you deliver a shock to a nerve connecting with the brain. The nerve telegraphs the brain that you've knocked out, and down you go. A Jiu Jitsu expert can put a man out by digging at certain nerves with his thumb. It isn't necessary to deliver a smashing blow."
Leonard's Favorite Blow.
"One of my favorites is the blow that started Welsh to defend. It's a body blow, delivered with a lifting twist. Sam Langford was a master of that lifting punch. It can be quick but not very hard, but it must lift the head. As the lifting blow drives the intestines up against the heart, causing a weakening shock. The effect is only temporary, and isn't dangerous.
"I've used that blow used that blow, because it felt that way. But I wasn't. I never considered it anything but a weakening blow that would make an opponent leave an opening for a knockout punch, and render him too slow to block it.
"If I haven't had a chance to study an opponent before a fight I study him as well as I can in the early rounds. First his mental limits and then his physical power. I see how quickly he can think, how quick he is to defend and how quick to lead or counter. Then I look for his weak spot. A funny thing, some fellows you can't hurt with the standard knockout punches. I remember one welter-weight I knocked out almost by accident, and learned something by it. I won't tell his name because it would be a tip off of his weak spot to other fighters. I hit him with every punch I had. His body was covered with muscles that made a solar plexus punch useless.
"I couldn't catch him relaxed. He didn't make an attempt to punch on the chin or behind the ear. I accidently caught him on the temple and he dropped. Now when I box a tough fellow whose nerves don't respond to the usual treatment, I

ROBERT EDGREN

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Buds Want Games.

Henry Bud's basket-ball team is seeking games with any 96-pound team. To arrange matches call North 5321 and ask for A. Hinkel.

OLD FOX TO S... PITCHERS SOUTH EARLY IN MARCH

Will Precede Rest of the Squad Two Weeks; Griff Leaves for Chicago.

Along about March 1 the pitchers on Clark Griffith's pay roll will be flowing into Tampa, Fla., to begin their course of training which is expected to put them in prime shape for the opening of the American League race.
Two weeks later the rest of the Nationals will put in their appearance and indulge in two weeks of work before the team packs up and starts on its homeward trip.
Before leaving Florida the Griffs will tie up with the Philadelphia Nationals for a couple of games. Then they will work their way to Chattanooga, playing several teams along the way. This part of the spring training schedule has not been completed, but from the time they reach Chattanooga on April 2, every day is mapped out for them. After meeting the Lookouts in two games, Griffs' men will journey over to Jackson, Tenn., where they combine with the New York Giants in a road show that will bring them all the way back home. Here's the schedule of the Giants and Nationals:
April 4—Jackson, Tenn.
April 5—Knoxville, Tenn.
April 6—Petersburg, Va.
April 7—Norfolk, Va.
April 8—Game in Washington.
April 9—Game in New York.
April 10—Game in New York.
President Griffith leaves tonight for the Chicago baseball meeting and declares that he will try to land a third baseman while in the Windy City.
"A third-sacker is the chief thing we need," he said, "and I am going to try to get one either by a trade or by outright purchase. When I get that off my mind, I'll be pretty well satisfied with the team's prospects."
The stand among the minors over the draft is warring not a few of the major moguls. Griffith is among those who want to see the minors get a square deal under the national agreement, but he contends that the proposed draft price of \$7,500 is too much to be expected.
"If they will be a little more reasonable," he holds, "everything will pan out all right."
NATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRE VERY SICK
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Peter A. Harrison, National League umpire, whose home is here was operated on for appendicitis at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. His condition is critical, doctors declaring today the operation should have been performed four years ago.