

U. S. Best Golfers Are In Training for Big Tourney

Travers, Ouimet, Evans, Herreschoff and Schmidt Are Now in England Practicing, and Chances of a Successful Contest With Britons Are Bright, According to Indications Now.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Some of the very best little golfers in the United States either are in England now or soon will start for that section of the world with the intention of showing John Bill's sons how the game is played, and of grabbing off all the championships that John has at his disposal.

Jerome B. Travers, who has held about all the amateur titles that one can annex in this country, now is over in England, sweating the turf and around and familiarizing himself with the courses there. Fred Herreschoff, another of the best amateurs ever produced in this country, is over in British soil, too, and is doing a little practicing, when not seeing the sights of dear old London.

Francis Ouimet, the juvenile wonder, "Chick" Evans, the Chicago star, and Heinrich Schmidt, of Worcester, Mass., who made a great showing in the championship battles in England last year, will be in England before the middle of next month and will join the other two Americans in a conspiracy to appropriate the amateur title which will be fought out on May 15.

Two Will Not Remain. Travers and Herreschoff, according to their present intentions, will not remain in England for the golfing classic on May 26—the open championship—but will hop over to France and try conclusions with some amateurs there, while Evans, Ouimet and Schmidt, the youthful trio will fight it out for the greatest golfing honors in the world with such link wizards as Vardon, Ray, Taylor and the other great English professionals.

Many there are who still regard Ouimet's victory over Vardon and Ray last summer as a fluke, and that he had never again can accomplish that feat. But those who have watched the kid's game in the past few months declare he has improved more than 50 per cent, and that he now is as steady and smooth a player as either Vardon or Ray. It is a rather extraordinary statement to say that a kid who has been playing only a few years is as good as a brace of men who have devoted most of their lives to the game. But, in rebuttal, Ouimet's friends declare he is a prodigy—a golfing wonder—a bird that is born only once in every 100 years.

Difference in Play. The English tournaments are conducted differently from the American tournaments—and many believe that the English method carries a big advantage for the American. In this country elimination contests are held prior to the real matches. No elimination contests are held in English tournaments—match play begins when the tournament opens. It is figured by optimistic American

SEATON IS CAUSE OF FEDERAL MIXUP

Chicago, Ill., March 27.—The determination of Tom Seaton, pitcher, to play with the Chicago Federals or not at all, reported in dispatches from Shreveport, La., further complicates affairs in the Federal league. Even manager Fink, though loath to do so, advised him to join the Brooklyn club, said the report, but Seaton declared he would play only with his old team mate, Ad Brennan, who is definitely attached to the Chicago club.

Seaton's declaration followed an announcement by president Gilmore that the pitcher rightfully belonged to Brooklyn and must play for the Brooklyn team. The sale of outfielder Cotes to the Kansas City Federals, reported at local headquarters, was directly the result of the Seaton mixup. Cotes was to have been given Brooklyn in a part payment for Seaton's release to the Chicago team, but when the deal fell through, manager Stovall, of Kansas City, bid for the outfielder.

CLAIMS ORGANIZED BASEBALL IS ILLEGAL COMBINATION

Hot Springs, Ark., March 27.—George Whittington, attorney for S. H. Camnitz, agent for the Pittsburgh Federal league baseball club, replying in chancery court to injunction proceedings, instituted by the Pittsburgh National league club management, announced that an effort would be made to show that organized baseball is a combination in restraint of trade within the meaning of the Sherman anti-trust law.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS LOSE IN INVITATION MATCH

Boston, Mass., March 27.—W. Larned of East Orange, N. J., seven times national lawn tennis champion, and R. Norris Williams, second, of Philadelphia, were defeated in an invitation tournament begun Thursday in the new covered courts of the Longwood Cricket club. Larned was defeated in the first round by D. J. E. Jones of Providence, 4-1, 6-4, 4-1. Williams was defeated Thursday in the second round by H. C. Johnson of Boston, former state champion, 6-2, 9-7.

LAVERNER IN FINE FORM; CHICAGO DEFEATS LOUISVILLE

Louisville, Ky., March 27.—With Jimmy Laverne in excellent form, the Chicago Nationals had no difficulty in defeating the Louisville team, 1-0. Laverne held the colonels to three hits and would have been credited with a shutout but for Zimmerman's error in the first inning.

Score: R H E Chicago..... 6 12 2 Louisville..... 1 2 3 Batteries: Laverne and Archer; Northon, R. Clemens, Leverett and Severid.

NASHVILLE LOSES, 13 TO 4

Nashville, Tenn., March 27.—The St. Louis Americans defeated the Nashville Southern leaguers today, 13 to 4. Three young pitchers were hit hard by the visitors.

Score: R H E St. Louis..... 13 23 3 Nashville..... 4 11 7 Batteries: James and Engenroth; Crossin; Stodder, Marbel, Marshall and Rogers.

ATHLETICS DEFEAT RALEIGH

Raleigh, N. C., March 27.—The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Raleigh Carolina leaguers Thursday, 10 to 1.

Score: R H E Athletics..... 10 18 2 Raleigh..... 1 7 6 Batteries: Killip and Alexander; Benz and Sullivan.

WHITE SOX NO. 2 TEAM LOSES TO OAKLAND TEAM

Oakland, Calif., March 27.—The second team of the Chicago Americans was defeated Thursday by the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast league by a score of 6 to 2. Chicago fielded poorly.

Score: R H E Oakland..... 6 11 1 Chicago..... 2 7 6 Batteries: Killip and Alexander; Benz and Sullivan.

THREE GAME SERIES OPENS

Washington, D. C., March 27.—The Washington Americans and the Philadelphia Nationals opened a three game series Thursday, the locals winning 4 to 1. Shaw and Bentley, recruits for Washington, and Jacobs and Alexander for Philadelphia, were the opposing pitchers.

ATLANTA TEAM LOSES

Atlanta, Ga., March 27.—The New York Americans defeated the Atlanta team of the Southern Association Thursday.

Score: R H E New York..... 12 9 1 Atlanta..... 7 4 5 Batteries: Thompson and Johnson; Sweeney; Kinsinger, Price and Reyz nolds.

KANE GOES TO TULSA

Sloux City, Ia., March 27.—Announcement was made Thursday by president Hanlon of the Sloux City baseball club that Jimmy Kane, for the last six years first baseman for the Omaha team, had been purchased from the Rockies and scheduled to be reported at Tulsa, Okla. Kane will be used at first base.

HERRICK AND YORK FIGHT

Joe Herrick, of Kewanee, and Bob York, the Pueblo middleweight, will clash tonight in scheduled ten-round contest, at Roswell, N. M. Perfect physical condition has been attained by both principals, according to recent advices.

When the Wife is at the 'Phone



Browns Now Have Real Manager

Rickey is Teaching His Players

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 27.—Basing the opinion on reports from St. Petersburg, the Browns are now experiencing their first touch of life under a manager. During 12 years the team has been bossed, but not managed.

For 12 years the club's owners have paid James McAleer, Jack O'Connor, Bob Wallace and George Stovall salaries to order their players around. This year he is paying Rickey a fair salary for teaching the men what to do without being ordered.

Rickey Has Obtained Results. Newspaper correspondents on the ground are agreed that Rickey has accomplished the following results during the spring training season: Restored harmony to a bunch that was disintegrated last season. Brought his men to perfect condition without causing even a sore arm.

Trained slow men how to gain speed and fast men how to use it in stealing. Developed base sliding to hitherto unknown excellence.

Used scientific methods to improve pitching and batting. Tried in another field the interest of his men in baseball classes.

Passing of the Old Times. Rickey seems to be the first thinker that has tried to handle the Browns. McAleer was a hide bound old timer who believed in signing experienced men, and letting them do the rest. O'Connor was another of the passing regime. Wallace lacked the punch and also was brought up in the old school. George Stovall, in this city, showed no sign of any qualities that go to make a leader, unless earnestness, and temper and hard words fill the bill.

Rickey is constructive. He is a teacher, like Connie Mack, and does not rely on ready made talent to do things. This is the only type of manager that can hope to climb, except one that inherits talent.

Where Rickey is Wise. Rickey's reluctance to release his men and his willingness to give all his players a chance to shine is another thing that has called attention to his wisdom. With an original squad of 45 or more men, Rickey was confronted with the difficult task of signing up about 25 new men and ascertaining their respective abilities in a short time.

To do this he has had to schedule as many as three practice games in one day. Nor has he had much assistance in this work. To date only a few men have been turned loose and Rickey is still looking them over, although there is little doubt that he has decided on the fate of at least 15 of the men.

That Paris Champion. Like our Browns according to a well known expert in the Florida compartment—George Carpenter, the French pugilistic idol, "looks good, even in defeat," at least to his own countrymen. Georges was handed a

receiving 50 percent of the gross gate receipts, after the state tax has been deducted. Smith at this writing weighs only about 180 pounds while Levinsky, with few of the weeks rest, will scale within a few pounds of that weight. Levinsky's end will be a split of the profits with the promoters.

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"Billy" Evans's Puzzling Problems of the Diamond

By Billy Evans Famous American League Umpire.

THE infield fly rule causes as much if not more discussion and argument than any other clause in the playing code. Every year questions galore are raised over different interpretations of the rule. Just when is a fly an infield fly is a question that causes many a debate. It can only be decided by the umpire, and the umpire must rely on his judgment entirely, for any fly ball before two hands are out, with first and second, or first, second and third occupied, is an infield fly, if, in the opinion of the umpire, it can be handled by an infielder.

A few years ago Jack Sheridan, the dean of the American League umpires, had a freak decision put up to him in a very important game, and the entire responsibility for the peculiar decision rested on the infield fly rule. In reaching his decision Jack called upon the rule of common sense as well as the rule book governing the game.

With the bases filled and one man out, the batter hit up a high fly that seemed certain to drop in the vicinity of the pitcher's box. Had the day been an ordinary one, that is just about where the ball would have come down, and no doubt it would have been easily handled by one of the infielders, but a rather high wind, which always plays havoc with fly balls, was blowing. When the ball was hit in the air, Sheridan looked it over carefully and decided that one of the infielders ought to be able to handle the ball. Following out the rule, he immediately declared infield fly, which is supposed automatically to retire the batter. The shortstop and third baseman both called for the ball, but because of the high wind neither player was able to judge it correctly, and it dropped to the ground untouched, striking about six inches in foul territory. What would have been your ruling on the play?

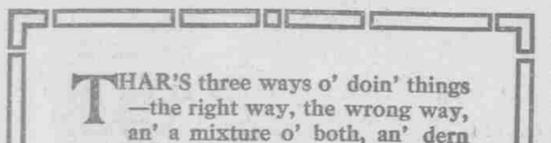
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Answer to Yesterday's Problem.

THE latter part of section 17 of rule 56, which covers the first play, says: "If the base runner, after over-running first base, attempt to run to second base before returning to first base, he shall forfeit exemption from liability to be put out. The base runner made a start for second, but seeing that he had no chance to make it, changed his mind. By that start he forfeited his exemption from liability to be put out. In the second play, the runner merely turned contrary to custom, and instead of going back to the base on foul territory as he would have done had he turned to his right, he returned to the base in fair territory. Some years ago such action on the part of a runner forfeited his exemption from liability to be put out, but of recent years that clause has been stricken out. Consequently, the umpire was right in both rulings.—B. E.

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Chicago Cubs Continue Crabbing

Angry Actions Amaze Athletics

THE outing of Johnny Evers has not caused any loss of crabbliness among the Chicago Cubs. Even in exhibition games they start out to make life miserable for umpires by continual nagging, it is declared. The attitude of the Cubs, in one of the spring series at Jackson, Miss., tonight, amazed the Athletics, who are not much on kicking, even in championship contests. After going after the arbitrator at every stage of the game, one of the Cub players, was guilty of swearing so loudly, it is said, that a number of dissent went up from the spectators.

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