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In the World of Sport

GREATEST GOLF YEAR DUE TO ENGLISHMEN

Quartet of Visiting Stars Lived Up to American Championships.

Francis Ouimet writes of the year 1920 which he says stands forth as the greatest season American golf has ever known, both on account of the quality of golf displayed and the number of first-class players who competed for the first time in the numerous tournaments throughout the country. He goes on: "The I cannot recall a single event of major importance which was won by any of these novices, there were many of them who came into national prominence just the same. First honors invariably fell to the veterans."

The feature events, the two national championships, were unusually interesting, owing to the fact that the open and Cyril Tooley, British amateur champion; Armour, Wethered and Lord Hope, a quartet representing the cream of English amateurs, strove to duplicate Hilton's victory of 1911 in the amateur.

While we considered a victory by Vardon or Ray extremely likely in our open there were men like Hagen, Hutchinson and Barnes and many others almost as good who were looking upon having a slightly better chance than either of the Britons. In short the Englishmen were not taken seriously enough the odds were against their winning. For some reason or other the favorites had a bad time of it all year, as they most always do, and the open was no exception. It was Ray who breezed over his countryman, Vardon, as well as over Jock Hutchinson, Jack Burke and Leo Deigel. Vardon really had the little sewed up. It is an old story how badly he faltered on the last few holes. He had nothing extraordinary to accomplish then, to win; in fact, a victory by him was far easier than for the other leaders. But then a man over fifty has not the vitality of younger men and this natural deficiency prevented him from bearing up under the strain. His fall was in no sense due to a blow up.

Most critics have overlooked Jock Hutchinson. His was the real showing of the home-bred pros. Under the regular scheme of holding the open in the past, Jock won at the hands down. But it seems as if the open is played under different methods each year. At Brae Burn in 1919 a qualifying round was held, and a certain number eliminated after the first two rounds. Those remaining continued for another 36 holes, so that the man who led at the end of the 72 was champion. Had that system been in vogue this last season Jock would have crushed the field. I do not recall just what his score was for that distance, but his first and third rounds were record-breaking 69s. It was Jock's final round which proved his undoing, inasmuch as he finished but a stroke behind Ray.

The biggest golfing surprise of the year happened in our amateur when England's four leading players, without exception failed to qualify. This proved one thing for certain, and that is the abundance of strength we possess. There are those who flay our scheme of qualifying rounds, but there is apparently no other way to handle big events. In respect to the Britons, but one, Tom Armour, showed a game strong enough to compare with former English golfers like Hilton, Ball, Graham and Maxwell. Evans had a narrow escape in his match with Reggie Lewis and his victory came unexpectedly. For years Evans has been checked continually by inability to putt at critical stages. Against Lewis he holed by all odds the finest putt I ever saw sunk at a critical stage of a critical match when he ran down a twenty-footer on a slippery side-hill

green when one down on the final hole. He eventually won on the 41st hole in what goes down as the longest match of this event.

It was my lot to play him in the finals, and I never even looked a winner. If Evans cannot putt, then no golfer can.

RACING IN MARYLAND

Yielded More Than Half Million for the State.

The particularly active Maryland state-racing commission has sent a bill for 15 per cent. of each race-track net earnings during the season of 1920. These earnings are said to be in the neighborhood of \$875,000 and the amount of the bills some \$131,000.

In addition to the 15 per cent. tax, the tracks pay to the state a fee of \$5,000 for each day of racing at each track. There were 69 days of racing in the fall season, the period covered by the reports of the commission.

The total amount received by the state from these daily fees is \$414,000, which, plus the 15 per cent. tax, makes a total of \$545,000 by which the four one-mile tracks are to increase the state's revenues for the 69 days of racing.

Norman Mitchell, of Port Arthur, was drawing gasoline from a drum in his garage, with a lighted lamp close at hand. The natural explosion burned the garage, and with it Mitchell, whereupon a coroner's jury found "death by accident."

An itinerant peddler fined \$2 in Essex Market, New York, police court, paid up with a \$10 note, receiving \$8 change. He was far away when the discovery was made that the bill was a cleverly "raised" dollar note.

Be sure you are wrong before you go back and sit down.

SMILES



BOTH DISAPPOINTED
He: I expected you'd stand under the mistletoe when I called.
She: And I expected you'd have an armful of Christmas presents.



FROZEN WITH FEAR
"Are you cool in the presence of danger?"
"Yes; ice cold."



PRECISE
She: Do you know Tennyson, the poet?
He: Can't say I do.
She: What! You've never read his immortal verse?
He: That isn't what you asked. Yes, I've read his verse.



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OLD COUNTRY SOCCER RESULTS AT CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day Association League football in England produced fewer curious results than usually seen in holiday play.

About one-third of the matches were drawn, and eight home teams were beaten in the English divisions and five in the Scottish. Only one of these was in the first division, when Arsenal, who have played a very in and out game, unexpectedly defeated Everton by four to two, the result bringing the winners just above their London rivals, Tottenham, in the league table. Arsenal now have 23 points against Tottenham's 22.

Three games were not played in Saturday afternoons scheduled matches. They were: Aston Villa v. Manchester United, Leeds v. Fulham and Stockport v. Wolverhampton.

Cardiff and Bristol City were away winners in the second division and the victory strengthened the former's already lead in the list. Queen's Park Rangers, Crystal Palace, Swansea, Swindon, Northampton each succeeded on their opponent's ground, the last named vanquishing Gillingham by five to two. This was not the highest score of the day, Bolton, Burnley and Nottingham Forest each scoring six goals, and were easy winners. Except that Bolton replaces Newcastle in the third position in the first division, and Bristol City takes second place, the second division, the league results lists undergo no very important changes as the consequence of Saturday's play. Results:

First Division.
Blackburn 2, Preston N.E. 2.
Bolton W. 6, Sunderland 2.
Bradford City 2, Derby 2.
Barnsley 6, Sheffield U. 0.
Chelsea 1, Liverpool 1.
Everton 2, Arsenal 4.
Manchester C. 4, West Bromwich Albion 0.
Middlesboro 2, Huddersfield 0.
Newcastle U. 1, Tottenham H. 1.
Oldham A. 1, Bradford 0.

Second Division.
Blackpool 1, Barnsley 0.
Bury 1, South Shields 0.
Clapton Orient 1, Hull City 1.
Coventry City 2, Cardiff City 4.
Leicester City 3, Stoke 1.
Nottingham F. 6, Rotherham 1.
Port Vale 0, Bristol City 2.
Sheffield Wednesday 1, Notts County 1.
West Ham U. 1, Birmingham 1.

Third Division.
Brentford 0, Queen's Park R. 2.
Brighton-Hove 0, Crystal P. 2.
Bristol R. 1, Swansea 2.
Gillingham 2, Northampton 5.
Grimby T. 1, Norwich City 1.
Luton T. 1, Southampton 1.
Millwall A. 0, Merthyr Town, 0.
Newport City 1, South End U. 1.
Plymouth A. 0, Exeter City 0.
Reading 2, Swindon Town 2.
Watford 3, Portsmouth 2.

Scottish League.
Aberdeen 0, Partick Thistle 3.
Airdrieonians 3, Morton 2.
Clyde 1, Rangers 3.
Clydebank 2, Hibernians 2.
Dundee 4, Hamilton A. 0.
Hearts 6, Dumbarton 2.
Kilmarnock 2, Falkirk 0.
Motherwell 6, Ayr United 1.
Raith Rovers 2, Albion R. 4.
St. Mirren 0, Celtic 2.
Third Lanark 1, Queen's Park 2.

Rugby Union.
Ango-Scottish 14, Rest 24.
Edinburgh Academicals 23, London Scottish 5.
Swansea 22, Walsworthians 0.
Neath 5, London Welsh 3.

OFFER TO AMATEURS.

St. Patricks Realize Necessity for New Players.

The Toronto Globe's sporting editor says: With Ottawa due to play their first game of the season here on Wednesday night, the St. Patrick's club management is making special efforts to secure one or two amateur stars. On Saturday an offer was made to McLeod, the former Collingwood defence player, who was refused an O.H.A. certificate to play for Welland, but McLeod, far from entertaining any idea of turning professional, believes that he will be able to convince the O.H.A. that a mistake was made when he was "barred."

St. Pats realize that they must secure another defence player and are now angling for one. Against Canadians, Randall and Cameron did good work, but it cannot be expected that these two players will be able to take part in every game and play the full sixty minutes.

Canadians and St. Patricks are anxious to secure the services of Lionel Conacher, but the latter is averse to turning professional. He is anxious to play football, lacrosse and baseball, and to do so must remain an amateur. Conacher has youth, ambition and weight in his favor, and there is little doubt, but that he would star in the N.H.L.

Suggestions For Xmas

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