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SARAZEN TO WIN ONE BIG EVENT?

Youthful Italian Entered in Three Big Meets and Should Win One of Them.

By Joe Williams. No forecast of the golfing season would be complete without a consideration of the prospects of Gino Sarazen, erstwhile Italian caddy who scored to fame two years ago at Skokie.

Sarazen is one of the giants of American golf, a brilliant shot maker and a courageous match player. He proved his enduring qualities as a top-notch last season by repeating in the P. G. A. match play tournament. Of all the champions who started the season in the throne room Sarazen alone was there at the finish. No other major champion was able to repeat.

Sarazen entered in the British open this year as well as the two big professional tournaments in this country, and while the odds are always heavy against the individual in golf the Italian seems in a fair way to win at least one of these three baubles.

Sarazen is as fine all-round golfer as you'll find in the game. He hits a golf ball as well and with as much form as anybody. He is superbly muscled, has powerful wrists and is well up among the game's longest swatters.

It is a treat to watch him tear into a shot with driver or brassie, with his right shoulder going out after the ball in the manner of a Dempsey launching an attack.

At Pelham Bay last fall, during the P. G. A. tournament, Sarazen

reached the 274-yard home green over a tricky fairway nine successive times with perfect shots. A Tennessee rifeman couldn't have been more deadly.

Sarazen failed to qualify in the British open last spring. This was not wholly unexpected. American stars always have their troubles on their debut in England. The wind-swept courses and the fast greens are mean obstacles. Sarazen will know what to expect this year and a greater portion of success should crown his efforts.

Sarazen did not fare well in the American open last summer at Inwood. Nor was that exactly a surprise. Defending champions seldom do. Just the same, Sarazen is a real star and he'll be in the thick of the fight this year.

Do You Know Baseball?

By Billy Evans

If you want the final decision on any baseball dispute, write Billy Evans, NEA Service, 1200 W. Third street, Cleveland.

QUESTIONS.

1. Men are on first and second. Batsman hits to the right of the shortstop, who makes a great play and by a quick throw forces the runner at third. The third baseman threw to first for a double play, but the first baseman missed the ball and the batsman reached first in safety. Is the first baseman charged with an error?—F. M.

2. With a runner on first base, a ground ball is hit to the first baseman, who touches first, retiring the batter. Then he throws to second ahead of the runner. Does this make a force play at second or must the runner be tagged out? Is he entitled to first or second provided he can reach either one safely?—E. D. F.

ANSWERS.

1. The first baseman is charged with an error, if by holding the throw of the third baseman he would have retired the batsman and completed a double play.

2. When the first baseman fields the ground ball and touches first, retiring the batsman, he removes the force on the man going to second. The runner going into that base must be tagged out. The mere throwing of the ball to that base ahead of his arrival does not retire him. He is entitled to either first or second, provided he can reach either one in safety.

BASEBALL SCORES

TUESDAY'S GAMES.

National League. New York 3; St. Louis 5. Brooklyn 1; Chicago 3. Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 4. Boston 1; Pittsburgh 5.

American League. Chicago 7; Yanks 5. St. Louis 5; Boston 3. Cleveland 3; Philadelphia 2. Detroit 3; Washington 6.

International League. Reading 4; Toronto 0. Jersey City 6; Syracuse 7. Baltimore 4; Rochester 3. Newark-Buffalo, postponed.

SYDENHAM MAY LOSE STAR FIRST SEEKER

According to the latest news from the Inter-county league centres, Allan (Gus) Knapp of the Sydenham team has located at Brockville for the summer and his leaving the mill town will be a severe blow to the championship aspirations of that team. He has been the leading first baseman of the league for the past two seasons. He will, in all probability, be found with the Loring team in the Brockville town league, and that team will have just that much better chance of annexing the O.B. A.A. honors.

The sturdy Sydenhamite has risen steadily in baseball ability since he first took to the game. In 1922 he batted the Sydenham team to the leadership of the Inter-county League, and his hitting has all along been the despair of left hand pitchers. Against Jack Williams he was always a strong hitter, their meetings being always interesting features of the old-time county games. In 1922 he was the home run king of the league, one of his great accomplishments in that series being the home run clout in the final which robbed Tamworth of what looked like a sure victory, they having gone into the ninth inning with a lead. In 1922 Knapp's batting average was .238, but last year it rose to over the .300 mark. In both years he led the first basemen in fielding. He is also a dependable outfielder.

Knapp's father, the genial Sydenham postmaster, was in his younger days a well known athlete, being one of the outstanding soccer players on the Sydenham team in the old days when that aggregation had a high reputation and when opposing teams were far more numerous than they are now. Another relative, Dr. Walter Jacquith, was a noted sprinter and jumper, and won the all round championship of Queen's for several years during his student days.

TIPS TO SECOND BASEMEN.



BY EDDIE COLLINS World's greatest second baseman.

Cover the bag—Offer that slogan for every second baseman. On every ball that is hit always have in mind the play that may arise at your bag and be ready for it.

Work with your shortstop—There should be a perfect understanding between the second baseman and shortstop. For smooth play it is necessary that the shortstop and second baseman know who is to cover the bag. This can be done by the use of a simple yet obvious sign.

Get the catcher's signs—The second baseman should be familiar with the catcher's signs, so that he knows just what style of ball is going to be pitched. This enables him to shift on his baters so as to be in the best possible position at all times.

On an attempted steal—When the understanding between shortstop and second baseman calls for the second baseman to cover the bag and take the throw on an attempted steal he should make it a point to be at the

bag in plenty of time. Leave your position as the runner starts his steal.

With a runner on first—I favor playing a step or two closer to second base with a runner on first than I ordinarily do. The reason of course is that the short distance so gained often makes possible the completion of a double play on a ball hit to the shortstop. Many a double play is lost by a matter of inches.

In making double plays—Speed is the key to the making of double plays. Get the ball away from you with merely toss it. In order to handle a speedy throw it is necessary to be at the bag, ready to pivot and throw.

Shifting your position—The stationary second baseman is a serious handicap to a team's success. Seldom do I make two plays from the same position. On the player known as a right-field hitter, shift over in the direction of first. On the dead left fielder shift much closer to sec-

ond than is customary. Study your batters, take into consideration the style ball that is to be pitched and shift accordingly.

The part the pitcher plays—Very often an infielder is made to look foolish by having a batter hit through the spot that he has vacated. This slip can often be traced back to the failure of the pitcher to deliver the ball called for. Getting crossed in signals often makes the infielder look foolish.

Concentrate—Keep your mind on the ball game. Carry on no conversation with a fellow player other than is necessary to dope out your plan of defensive strategy. Don't play the game as a mere machine. Try to figure out the possibilities of every situation and be prepared to meet them.

Don't worry—If you have a ball day try to forget it. Fretting over the tough breaks hurts one's game. Figure each game, just a fractional part of the season. It doesn't always rain.

Is a Formidable Opponent In the Courts at Seventy

London, Ont., May 14.—Golf may be all right as an old man's game, but the riotously leaping blood of three score and ten demands a more active and virile form of amusement, says the London Free Press. Thus it is that, despite his 70 years, four times a week Hon. Charles S. Hyman, one time Minister of Public Works in the Laurier government, is found on his private tennis court, giving his opponent a rather lively time. For the skill of the ex-champion of Canada has not suffered from dimmed eyes or flabby muscles, and he who tries conclusions with the Hon. Charles must possess more than mediocre ability, for since its adoption into Canada, Charles Hyman has been one of its most enthusiastic advocates.

In a short historical sketch of the growth of the popularity of tennis in Canada, Mr. Hyman declared that the original tennis set was brought from England to this country in the late 70's by Isadore Hellmuth, a prominent Toronto lawyer who was then studying at Cambridge University.

The game at that time had just been adapted into lawn tennis from real tennis, an indoor game with a highly complicated scoring system. The net was placed on the present site of the Huron College grounds and there tennis was launched in Canada. The racket used came from the old game of rackets and was of a long curved shape, which gradually evolved into the present day oval-shaped racket. The balls used were common uncovered rubber balls, and the scoring much the same as the present-day Badminton.

The first championship matches were held in Toronto about 1881 or 1882, and a couple of years later the Hon. Charles succeeded in winning the title and holding it for several years.

"The reason that I don't play golf," Mr. Hyman stated, "is that with tennis you get far more exercise. You get a fine perspiration and a shower after and feel fine. I can't imagine anyone getting a fine perspiration from golf."

And so this 70-year-old enthusiast indulges in several hours of tennis each week and still swings a mighty mean racket.

Another International Chess Masters' Tournament is announced to be held at Gyor, Hungary, from Aug. 3rd to 24th.

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Better Times Are Ahead For Pitchers, Says Walsh

The new rule which is keeping the old ball in play as long as possible is giving pitchers more effectiveness, according to "Big Ed" Walsh, veteran spit ball star, and now first lieutenant to Manager Johnny Evers of the Chicago White Sox. "Good pitching is not a thing of the past," said Walsh. "This new generation of pitchers is going to turn out as many stars as the old days and the rule to keep the ball in play as long as possible is a big help to the newcomers. When they were shooting that new ball to the game every time it became the least bit soiled or some batter lodged a complaint, it was pretty tough on the pitcher to strike his stride and many a rookie went back to the bushes before he got a fair start."

In order to raise its quota of \$15,000 for defraying the expenses of the American athletes who will compete in the Olympic games at Paris this summer Washington will stage a mammoth athletic carnival on May 19th.

Harry Samuel Hay, aged 45, once a pitcher for the Cincinnati National League Baseball Team, is dead at La Porte, Ind., of heart disease.



Formerly of Toronto Leafs, who promises to have a good season with Detroit Tigers.

COUNTY LEAGUE

Tomorrow evening at eight o'clock there will be a meeting of the Inter-county Baseball League in the Whig Building which has before it the most important business of the year. President James Davidson and Secretary J. D. Cosgrove will conduct the meeting and delegates from every centre are urged to attend. Entries will close on that date and the entry fees must be paid. J. J. Solomon, a vice-president of the O. B. A. A. will attend the meeting, coming down from Peterboro to do so. Those with questions to ask had better put them to "Jake." He can be depended upon to give an answer, be it satisfactory or otherwise.

Ty Cobb Smashes Record In Every Game He Plays

Detroit, May 14.—Ty Cobb is smashing major league records this year every time his name appears in a box score.

During 19 years Cobb has played more games than any other American League player. The figure stood at 2,449, when the season opened, and each appearance this year establishes a new high mark.

Cobb also sets a new record this season every time he has a time at bat, every time he singles, every time he triples, every time he hits safely, and every time he scores. Demolition of these records automatically results in the fracture of others. Each triple, for example, adds to his record of the most extra base hits and also to his record for the most extra bases on hits. Likewise, every safe hit increases his record total bases.

In addition to these marks that are daily targets of the Tiger manager, there are others that are likely to tumble if he plays in 100 or more games, among them his record of having batted .300 or better for 15 seasons.

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Jack Reddick, Moose Jaw middleweight champion of Canada, has been matched to defend his middleweight title at Calgary on May 24th against Billy Harms, Everett, Washington, Pacific Northwest champion. If good pitching coaches mean a thing, the Washington rookie twirler should profit greatly. In Nick Altrock and Jack Chesbro, the Nationals have two old time stars to tutor the recruits.

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