

# BRASSIE BIRDIES

By DICK MILLER

McDONALD SMITH, western open champion, who will defend his title at Highland Aug. 26, 27 and 28, is shooting the best game of his career. That is saying much, for Smith has, since his comeback from a California sanitarium experience three or four years ago, been shooting wonderful golf. As a shot-maker, few can rank with Smith. His sensational scores have long been a part of his performance.

His most recent win has been the California open, in which he finished ahead of a great field. Previous to that, he won the 1926 Metropolitan open in a sensational play-off with Gene Sarazen. Smith's 68 was too good for the perfect 70 of Gene.

Smith is one of the picturesque figures in golf. He has twice won the Western Open last year and in 1912, when he was considered a great prospect. MacDonald is one of a famous family of Smith brothers, of Carnoustie, Scotland, who have done much in golf. Mac is the youngest. Alex Smith, his oldest brother, won the American Open championship twice. Willie Smith, another brother, won the first Western Open championship in 1919 and the same year the National Open at Baltimore.

Mac Smith is a professional at Long Island. He played much in Florida last winter, and teaming with Bill Mihmorn, won the Miami best ball championship.

The entrants in the Western open championship at Highland will have no easy progress, according to ground and local rules during the tournament, promulgated by the Western Association officials, and sent to the Highland committee that they might be printed on the score cards for use tournament week.

The rules come as a result of the visit of A. C. Allen, vice president of the association, and Ray Fruitt, assistant secretary, last week. All ditches and roads at Highland must be played as hazards, which means that clubs must not be grounded if the ball rests there, or that nothing be moved. A ball out of bounds or a lost ball are penalized distance only. Spaded ground around newly planted trees are hazards. Balls lodging against temporary water pipes may be dropped one club's length away, but not nearer the hole, with-out penalty.

Merchants of Indianapolis have noticed Albert Buchanan, chairman of the sports and pastimes committee of Highland, that they think so much of the tournament as an Indianapolis event that several days before the tournament and during the play they will maintain golf displays in their windows.

South Grove is a golf bee hive these days. Harry Schopp and Dave Mitchell, pro and assistant, have been working morning until night taking care of the new beginners who seek to get away on the golf course.

In looking over and meeting some of the golfers in the city, the world department has gone in for the great outdoors.

Miss Helen Kernack lived many years in Denver, Colo., without being stung by the wasps. When she came to New York with its eleven fine courses, the sting was too severe and she fled wounded.

Living in a room in Eileen Woods, 3850 N. Delaware St., a nurse, she had training in London, her father and uncle lived in the Scotch gang at the famous Farnham Club, London, and this city that she took to the game and took her first lesson from Schopp.

Miss Schopp, of the Rock-Arms, and Mrs. A. C. Ostermeyer, also are new players.

Then we find that the park board position became attractive to Adolph Embhardt, that he is now a boy of some of the things he was making possible. Schopp got him away on the right foot.

John Scudder of the Messick and Foster Insurance Company, purchased a set of clubs recently and allowed Schopp to tell him how it is done.

Mrs. Claude Stephenson, who teaches expressive dancing, was in expression when she missed the first stroke she took at the little white pellet, so now she is a frequent visitor to the park.

Dave Mitchell has indicated his intention to enter the Western open competition in the park board. If Dave can shoot Highland like he does South Grove, some one better will out.

Herb Jennings sent Buddy Leo to South Grove for his favorite pig. As Herb won, he thinks the club has idle moments taken up with golf, and feels it is not a bad thought to while them away on your greens.

## With the Majors

Walter (Lefty) Miller, former Ohio State University pitcher, continued to exercise his hoodoo over the Chicago White Sox and Cleveland whitehanded the Rose. 5 to 2.

A pitcher, who was once on the Yankee pay roll, held his team to a scoreless tie. It was George Murray, and was his first game in the Bronx. Murray, third straight from Huguenin Yanks, 5 to 2.

A Homer by Schopp, and three safe hits by Staler gave the St. Louis Browns a 7-2 win from the Detroit Tigers.

The Athletics larruped the Boston Red Sox twice, 5 to 1, and 5 to 0. The second game was called in the seventh because of rain.

By bunching four tallies in the third inning, the Cincinnati Reds took a lead on the Phillips and were never headed, winning 9 to 2.

## SPEED BOAT TRIAL

By United Press

PORT WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—A new speed boat owned by Caleb Bragg was tried out Thursday and sped along a course of 68 statute miles an hour. The flier has been entered in the Dodge memorial trophy race during the golden cup regatta.

**WOMEN "FISHERMEN"**

By United Press

CARMEL, N. Y., Aug. 13.—More bass have been taken from Gypsy Lake this season by women members of the Anglers' Club than by male. As a result the men have been challenged to a series of angling contests.

**MITCHELL VICTOR**

By United Press

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 13.—Pinkey Mitchell of Milwaukee had the edge on Tommy White of Ft. Worth, Texas, in a ten-round no-decision bout in the ball park here Thursday night.

**SOLD TO ROBINS**

Terre Haute has sold Pitcher Lefty Clark to the Brooklyn Robins. Clark was not at his best early in the season because of an attack of flu, but scouts for the National League Club looked him over and liked his work anyway.

## TEX RICKARD SITS TIGHT AMIDST FIGHT TURMOIL

Promoter Least Concerned as Commission and License Board Toss Permit Back and Forth.

By Henry L. Farrell

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—Back in the Klondike days when Tex Rickard was the mayor, chief of police, sheriff and the owner of the biggest place in Nome he was known as a game man who would wager anything he had on a cold deck and never bat an eye.

## SPEED IS PROMISED AT FORT

Galaxy of Fast Boys Lined Up for Tuesday Boxing Program.

The beefy, slow-motion maulers will be conspicuous by their absence on next Tuesday night'sistic bill at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, and ring-siders who prefer the little fellows with speed are going to get a choice dish served them.

Captain Clark, matchmaker, has collected a galaxy of bantams, featherweights, junior lightweights and middleweights to do their stuff on his five-round offering.

Rickard goes always on the theory that "everything will be all right," and on this optimistic theory he ordered tickets printed today for the fight.

### Chuck Rychell Signed

Ted Blatt has been dropped from the semi-windup and Chuck Rychell, brother of Ray, will take his place against Midgit Mike Moran of Pittsburgh in the other ten-round feature.

Three other Windy City boxers will appear in the prelims. Joe Thomas, featherweight, will clash with Cecil Payne, Louisville, over the six-round distance; Larry Goldstein, middleweight, will be sent against Jack McCullough, Ft. Harrison, in a six-round conflict, and in the four-round opener Joe Becker, Chicago, will battle Soldier Fields, Ft. Harrison, at 130 pounds.

### Probable Loss

"What if you can't pull off the fight?" he was asked.

"I'll lose a little," he answered.

"How much?"

"About \$40,000 or \$50,000."

"Is that all?"

"Maybe more. That's just the cost of the tickets and advertising."

"How about the money advanced to the fighters?"

"They'll pay ball with me. They always do. They'll loan the advance money back to me and I'll fix it up later."

"How about the expenses of trips made trying to make the match and incidents?"

"Just a couple thousand. You always got to figure on losses in this business," he said. "The financial risk in promoting a heavyweight championship fight isn't so bad as the personal jams you get into. Take this case. I haven't any fight with the boxing commission or the licenses committee. They're fighting among themselves. I didn't do a thing to cause it."

### Other Places

"They told me I couldn't stage the fight in New York and I was looking around for another place—Chicago, Jersey City or Philadelphia. I was in Chicago when Commissioner Brower sent for me to come back and try it again. He said the fight belonged in New York and there was no reason why it couldn't be held in New York.

"I took him up on his word and look at the mess we've been through. They made almost a nervous wreck out of Dempsey when he should have been working in his training camp. I can't be blamed for any part of it because I have been on record for years that a Dempsey-Wills fight couldn't be made; that I didn't want it and that Dempsey and Tunney would make a more interesting fight and cause no trouble."

Rickard said he was "going to sit around for a couple of days and see what happens."

"I'd like to get that license thing settled, though," he added. "I have such a good organization that I could arrange the fight within two weeks and put it over. Firpo didn't get a license until the day before he fought Dempsey. Greb didn't get a license until the day he fought Flowers and we've never had a show that one boxer didn't have to hurry for a license."

Rickard said he had decided upon a \$25 top price for the fight. He was given to understand that the commission might change the rule to provide a maximum price of \$50, but he said: "I don't want any more fussing around."

Both major leagues are now in their interpretation.

There will be an amateur boxing show at the Fairbanks-Morse open air arena tonight, the first bout starting at 8 o'clock. The card:

F. Clark, F.-M. vs. Ray VanHook, Terre Haute, 130 pounds.

R. Rogers, F.-M. vs. L. Everard, 130 pounds.

F. D. Stuts, F.-M. vs. F. Miles, Arcadia Gym, 144 pounds.

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