

GOLF IS BIGGEST 'GAMBLE' ON CALENDAR

Anything Can Happen When Stars Parade

Dopester Has to Be Lucky to Call Winner in National Open.

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BALTUSROL GOLF CLUB, N. J., June 4.—According to Mr. Whiskers, as your Uncle Samuel is sometimes called, lotteries in this country are against the law, but it will be noted with some surprise that no steps are ever taken to prohibit the National Open golf championship.

From the standpoint of sheer speculation, change and what-haves, the Open is the most flagrant lottery in sports. It is as unpredictable as a woman's mood, as unbelievable as a Munchausen fable and as unstable as Townsend economics. As in a Billy Rose drama, anything can happen in it.

So many factors enter into the winning and losing of the open that it just naturally becomes the biggest gamble in sports. In discoursing on the uncertainties of football, Bob Zuppke, veteran Illinois coach, said no one could ever be sure which way a football would bounce. And up to now no one has been able to tell for certain just where a golf ball will come to rest.

The twisting fairways, billygoats and treacherous trap comprise a vast roulette wheel, the spinning of which brings good luck to some and bad luck to others. There are also some from 20 to 30 players in the Open skilled enough as shotmakers to win. Thus on the basis of numbers alone the dopester has to be lucky to call the winner. And when you add to this the element of nerve control, mental attitude and temperament in general the assignment becomes hopeless.

THEY started play today in the forties Open, over here in the foothills of Jersey, seventeen miles away from the sky line of Manhattan, and the three players you heard mentioned most often were Henry Picard, Gene Sarazen and Horton Smith. It may well develop that these are the three who must be beaten off, but only a wide-eyed romancer would care to invest any considerable sum in the proposition.

It also may develop that none of the three finishes in the first four. It isn't necessary to go any further in golf history than last year to prove that nothing is impossible in the Open. Over Oakmont, the hardest scoring course in America, Sam Parks, an apprentice professional who had never won a championship of any importance, took all the honors. He was the only man in the huge field even to break 300.

IF that can happen once it can happen again. As a matter of fact it has happened several times. The Open is not always won by the best golfer. Though it is frequently won by the golfer who happens to be the best shot at the moment. This is something else the dopester has no way of knowing in advance.

There has been general belief that of Park's 1935 victory at Oakmont, no doubt some of it is justified because the young man hasn't done anything since; but it should be remembered in the final round when the pressure was greatest, he kept even step with par from the fourth to the sixteenth green, the most consistent scoring any of the leaders was able to produce when the chips were down.

In short, Parks was good when he had to be good. He was at the top of his game at a time when every shot counted. This blissful state may never come to him again—but it may come to some other player, no better equipped to lead the Open, and then you will hear another song of the dark horse.

THE boys are saying putting will win the Open this week. Putting generally always wins the Open. How could it be otherwise when half the game is played on the greens? Parks won the Open last year because he was putting better than anybody else. It probably will be the same when the final scores are posted here.

The player who has had the most accurate line to the can will receive the silverware and the gilt. It may be Picard, Smith or Sarazen—and again it may be some totally unheard-of gent named Joseph P. Diques.

All of this would seem to suggest that the Open is a mad, impractical thing with no bearing on superlative skill and that it might be much better for sports, human sanity and the country at large if the tournament were played by telegraph like chess and the annual swimming meet between Cardinals, Miss. and Long Island Dent. Happily, it isn't as confused and complicated as that. At least there is no law against a good player winning the Open. The good player will win it more often than not. The only trouble here is that at the moment he isn't always accepted as a good player.

FRANCIS OUIMET was a fine young golfer when he won the Open back in 1913, but the public surprise at his outshooting such masters as Vardon and Ray was so great the performance was gently dismissed as a miracle. Yet 18 years later he still was good enough to win the American Amateur, thus proving he was fundamentally a fine golfer from the beginning.

MAN MOUNTAIN WINS
LOS ANGELES, June 4.—Man Mountain Dean, Georgia, threw Howard Cantonow, Iowa, in the main event of the local wrestling show last night.

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Jack Hiatt Is Awarded Fourth Manual Letter

During the Honor Day program at Manual training High School today, Principal E. H. Kemp McComb distributed athletic awards as part of the exercises.

Block Ms and swimmers were presented to Jack Hiatt (pictured here), Robert Leachman, William Kramer and Norman Mueller for outstanding performances on the track squad and to Robert Crouch for his noteworthy record on the golf team. Crouch is captain of the golf squad and captured second place low medalist honors in the recent state high school tournament. Other track awards went to Verlie Arnett, Emery Creekbaum, Alva Stoneburner, Harold Yeagy, Leonard Campbell, Clifford Gribben and William Taveron, block Ms letters; Thomas Nicholas, Vesta Smith and Joe Osman, E. M. T. H. S. monograms; Nathan Lockman, Kenneth Oyler, Roy Zemmer, William T. Neil and Marvin Wyant, sixth Ms. T. and Eugene Crane, Elmer Parks, William Fair, Richard Wenney, Dewey Donovan, Marshall Snoddy and Glen Pevier, four-inches M. T. S.

Along with Crouch in the golf division, Ralph Brown and Jack Hiatt received block Ms. Upon receipt of his golf block M, Hiatt became the only four-letter high school athlete in Indianapolis, as he already has obtained letters in football, basketball and track. Herbert Hinkley, the other member of the golf foursome, received a E. M. T. H. S. monogram.

Morris Nahmias won the medical given to the most consistent winner in the Roines Freshman Track meet. Ribbon winners were Eugene Crane, Marshall Snoddy, Morris Nahmias, Gile Pewell, William Fair, Elmer Parks, William McCrary, Royce Stevens, Frederick Mueller and Jack Cohn.

O'Neal Is Matched With Harry Burris

Jack O'Neal of Shelbyville signed last night to meet Harry Burris, the Anderson middleweight in the first of the two main events on the mat program at the Illinois Arena Monday night. In the final bout, Eddie Slaughter, speedy local grappler, meets Jack Sherry of Louisville who has went undefeated here in eight starts.

Hans Strassinger and Dan Bray, Indianapolis middleweights, will clash in the one-fall semi-final. Two other supporting bouts are in the making.

Semi-Pros and Amateurs

Schedules for Saturday of three of five leagues which are members of the Indianapolis Amateur Baseball Association are as follows:

MANUFACTURERS LEAGUE Rockwood Mfg. Co. vs. King & Co., at Corruated Box vs. P. T. Harrison, at Ft. Harrison.

INDIA Tires vs. E. C. Atkins, at Riverside.

Chapman-Priest vs. P. R. Mallory, at Rhodus 2.

CO-OPERATIVE LEAGUE

Ziffner Trucking vs. Roy Steele Co., at Riverside 4.

Reliable Iron vs. Real Silk at Brookside 2.

Walls Terminal vs. Eli Lilly, at Riverside 2.

EM-ROE FACTORY LEAGUE

Link Belt vs. Herff-Jones, at Riverside 3.

Union Printers vs. Marks, Inc., at Riverside 2.

Rockwood Cut vs. Chev. Com. Body, at Riverside 4.

Ten games are carded on Sunday in City Association circuits. The Sabbath schedule follows:

EM-ROE SENIOR LEAGUE

Fields Tavern vs. So-Athetics, at Riverside 2.

Reliable Cleaners vs. Bennett Coal, at Riverside 2.

Gulina Aut. Elec. vs. Sexson Bros. Coal, at Riverside 2.

211 vs. Friel's Merchants, at Riverside 3.

BIG SIX LEAGUE

Irvington Aut. vs. Standard Mar-

gazine, at Elkhorn.

Inland Container vs. Community Ser-

vice Hoosier Cab Co. vs. Brink Express, at Riverside 1.

CAPITOL CITY LEAGUE

Holy Cross vs. Southern A. C. at Riv-

eride 1.

Question Marks vs. Uptown A. C. at Riv-

eride 1.

Score:

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Blackman, Gossler and Bowlin; Larson and Jabolson.



Ex-Champ Agrees to Rematch With Nebraska Farmer

Sonnenberg and Fraley Are Paired in Mat Tussle.

A "rubber" match between Gus Sonnenberg, 210, former undisputed world heavyweight mat king, and Pat (Black Secret) Fraley, 220, well-known Nebraska farmer, is assured for next Tuesday night at Sports Arena, Matchmaker Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A. C. announced today.

Sonnenberg has accepted an attractive offer for a rematch, Carter reports. The tussle will bring the pair together for the third time.

Fraley, wearing a mask and grappling as the "Black Secret," was undefeated in local mat warfare in nine tugs, losing such well-known foes as Otto Koenig, Leo Numa and Sonnenberg. In a second clash with Gus on May 19, the Nebraskan was disqualified after each had annexed a fall. Pat's first triumph over Sonnenberg was the first loss the "Dynamite" had ever suffered in a local ring.

Carter rates the Sonnenberg-Fraley encounter an "natural" and believes it will attract a large turnout of local and state fans to the outdoor arena.

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Gillispie had 13 strikeouts for the winners.

Baby Lincolns will play at Kempson Sunday and will travel to Waukegan the following week. For Sunday games in July write Earl Smith, 762 N. Sheffield-av, Indianapolis.

Michigan Finishes First in Big Ten

Wolverines Beat Iowa, 8-6, in Final Game.

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