

# McQuinn Is Skinny Guy Who Can Hit

Smallest First-Sacker in Majors Is Gunning for Batting Crown.

CHICAGO, July 7 (NEA).—When Joe McCarthy sends the American League dream team on the field in the All-Star game in New York, next Tuesday, it's very likely the lineup will include:

McQuinn, 1b.  
That's George McQuinn of those so-futle St. Louis Browns, were speaking of, and if he holds down the initial sack in the big show it won't merely be because Jimmy Fox has been bothered with sinus trouble and a stomach ailment.

With the possible exception of the ailing Red Sox slugger, McQuinn stands forth as the best all-around first sacker in the junior circuit.

Baseball experts forget that Willie Keeler was a little fellow. Every once in a while it takes someone like McQuinn to disprove the theory that a good hitter needs a lot of brawn.

Wrists Important

McQuinn, standing slightly less than 5 feet 11 inches and weighing just a little more than 160 pounds, is the lightest regular first baseman in the major leagues.

"Batting power comes mainly from the wrists and ability to time the swing," he explains. The fact that his average hovers around .350 is proof enough that he has both attributes.

Who does he fear most in his drive for the crown? He has a prompt answer for that one. It's Joe DiMaggio.

He failed to click as a pull-hitter when he came up with Cincinnati in 1938. He finished the season with Toronto concentrating on pulling his hits. With Newark in 1937 he finally acquired the knack and hit .330 while helping the Bears win the International League flag by 2½ games.

Yanks Didn't Need Him

McQuinn, a native of Ballston, Va., started his professional career with New Haven in 1930 and soon attracted the attention of Gene McCann, New York Yankee scout.

For eight seasons McQuinn was Yankee property but not once did he ever climb into New York togs. Gehrig was keeping everyone and anyone away from first base for a long time yet.

He climbed up through the Yankee farm system by way of Scranton, Albany, Binghamton and Toronto, finally landing with Newark in 1937.

Glad to Get With Browns

But Iron Horse Gehrig still was far from the spot where he'd be switched onto a siding, so McQuinn welcomed the opportunity when the Browns drafted him at the conclusion of the campaign of 1937.

Only once in his professional career has he failed to hit more than .300. That was in 1936, when given a brief trial with Cincinnati, he failed to get going, hitting a puny .201.

He fears no American League pitcher but admits he has the most trouble with Bob Feller.

George McQuinn has plenty of company in that respect.

# Runyan Defends P.G.A. Title on Course Down His Alley



Paul Runyan makes cut shot from sand trap.

Short Pomonok Layout Puts High Premium on Accurate Shots.

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NEW YORK, July 7.—Paul Runyan defends the Professional Golfers' Association championship and attempts to win it for the third time next week over a course right down his alley—that of the Pomonok Country Club of Flushing, L. I. The tourney opens Sunday.

The shotmakers won't find it as long as layouts they have been accustomed to traversing. It measures only 6345 yards, but puts severe penalties on players whose shots are not right to the mark. It is tightly trapped and spread over a broken and rolling terrain. It puts a terrific premium on accuracy, and Little Poison Runyan when right is as straight as a string.

Runyan established a tournament record at Shawnee-on-Deleware high in the Poconos a year ago by repelling the long-hitting and favored Samuel Jackson Snead in the final, 8 and 7.

Amateurs Had Trouble

Until then no one had lifted the cup by a score of more than 6 and 5 in the concluding journey.

Pomonok has been the scene of several major tournaments, notably the Metropolitan P. G. A. of 1930 and the Metropolitan Amateur three years later. In the qualifying test of the latter, the best crack simon-pures of the district could do was 145 for 36 holes.

Par is 72 and indicating that the

## Pomonok Par

Hole	Yds.	Par	Hole	Yds.	Par
1	350	4	10	153	3
2	418	4	11	528	5
3	235	3	12	575	5
4	521	5	13	425	4
5	320	4	14	330	4
6	185	3	15	500	5
7	375	4	16	410	4
8	325	4	17	120	3
9	275	4	18	300	4
Total	3004	35	Total	3341	37
Grand total	6345	yards; par, 72.			

money players will whack that figure around are Jimmy Hines' preparatory 67 and Jimmy Thomson's 68, which lowered and equaled the previous course record held by Charley Mayo, former professional.

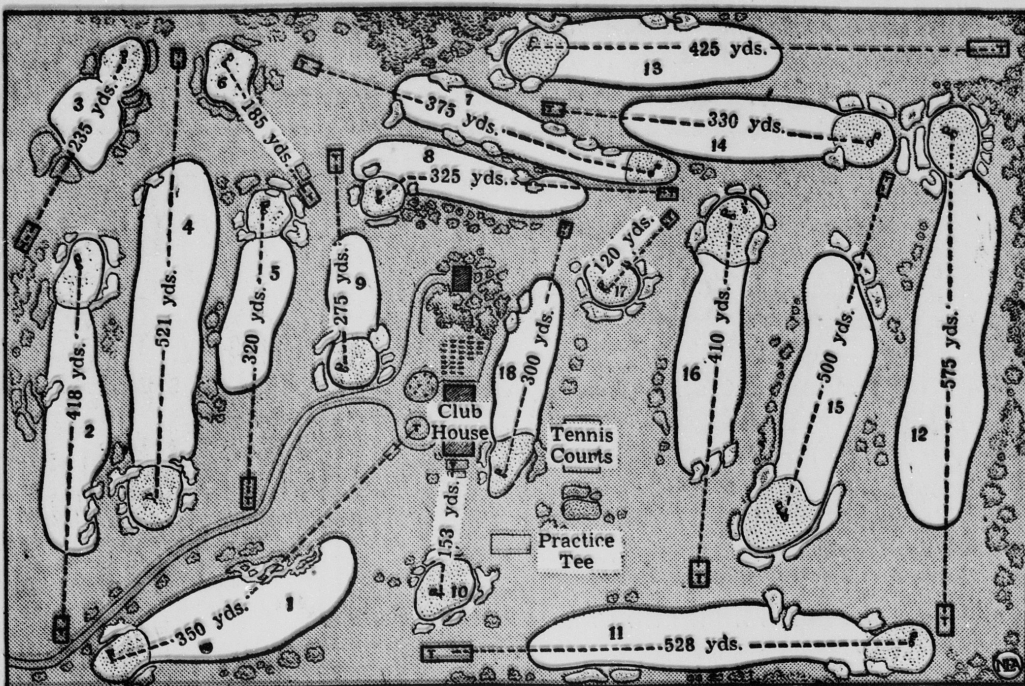
Nelson Bids for Double

A fine field of 120 goes to the post, with 63 and the current titleholder qualifying for match play. Runyan and his big spoon are automatically qualified for match play but will compete in the qualifying rounds for the Alex Smith Memorial Trophy which goes to the low qualifier.

There will be two 18-hole matches July 11 with 36-hole battles the following four days... semifinals and the final the last two.

Byron Nelson strives to be the second combatant to bag the United States Open and P. G. A. in the same year since Gene Sarazen performed the feat in 1922. Sarazen also won in '23 and '33, and can't be counted out this trip.

Denny Shute, who copped the P. G. A. in successive years, is one of the bigger names missing.



Yardage and general layout of Pomonok Country Club course, Flushing, Long Island.

The Cleveland product was late in filing his entry.

Lawson Little, superlative at match play, is ineligible because he is not a member of the association due to never having served an apprenticeship.

Ralph Guldahl and Snead will be among those present.

So will Walter Hagen, who took the title on five occasions four times hand running. Other former P. G. A. champions teeing off are Tommy Armour, who came down in front in 1930; Tom Creavy, who prevailed the following season, and Johnny Revolta, who scored over Oklahoma City's Twin Hills in '35.

Hotter than a smoking cannon is Henry Picard, the tall Chocolate Soldier of Hershey, Pa., fresh from his triumph in Scranton's \$5000 Anthracite Open which he closed with a two under par 68.

Horton Smith is another rousing performer at match play who must be figured. Harry Cooper, Dick

Metz, Jug McSpaden, Vic Ghezzi, Billy Burke, Dutch Harrison, Ray Mangrum and Ben Hogan are additional robust contenders.

This is the 22d P. G. A. Pomonok is one of the closest clubs to the center of New York. It is situated a mile and a half from the World's Fair and the same distance from Kew Gardens, where hotel headquarters have been established.

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# World Series Crowds Already Worrying Cincy

CINCINNATI, July 7 (U. P.).—It's a long time between today and October but this city's Chamber of Commerce and the Cincinnati Hotels Association are "worrying" not without smiles—how they will handle the crowds that will flock here for the World's Series if the Cincinnati Reds win the National League pennant.

Reason for the "worry" is that the American Federation of Labor is holding its annual convention here Oct. 2-14—about the same time the World's Series would be played. To obviate any possibility of confusion and over-crowding, the chamber and the hotels association are planning to establish a "housing bureau."

The housing bureau would operate in co-operation with the 12 member hotels of the association

which have 6000 rooms available. The A. F. of L. convention would require only approximately 700 rooms and the remainder would be available to transients who come here for baseball games and for regular guests.

Private homes also would be enlisted to accommodate the World's Series throngs through the proposed housing bureau. Altogether, the combined housing facilities would be expected to provide for 40,000 out-of-town visitors.

The chamber, however, is more concerned with the problem of housing World's Series crowds than is the hotels association, which reasons that the games would be scheduled for a week-end. Hotel managers point out that week-end crowds this season caused no over-crowding. The fans usually arrive in town by automobiles, they say, and drive home after the game. Furthermore, they add, if there is a World's Series here, special railroad trains probably would be available for transportation.

It is estimated that each World's Series game in Cincinnati, if there are any, would draw approximately 35,000 persons to Crosley Field.

Softball Tourney Officials Named

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 7 (U. P.).—Alfred Campbell of Kokomo has been appointed chairman of the Indiana Recreation Association's Committee which will conduct the seventh annual state softball tournament of that organization, it was announced today.

The appointment was made by S. Harlan Vogt, association president. Other committee members are H. W. Middlesworth of Indianapolis; Karl Huffine of Hammond; E. A. Brunoehler of Brazil and W. R. Griffey of Shelbyville.

Tournament play will start in the middle of August and nearly 700 teams are expected to compete for the state title now held by the Shannon Dairy team of Jeffersonville. There will be 32 sectional tournaments.

The rules of play will remain virtually unchanged from last year.

To Be Expected

MINNEAPOLIS, July 7 (NEA).—Herman Berg, younger brother of Fatty Berg, won the Minnesota state high school golf championship.

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