

America Maintained Athletic Supremacy in 1924---Win at Track, Golf and Polo

Yanks First in Nearly All Lines of Sports

American Athletes Cop Olympic Meet, Polo and Golf Matches; French Race Horse Beaten.

HE great god Sport glanced back over the months of 1924 and smiled a satisfied smile. In retrospect, he saw the American polo team defeat England, he saw the American Olympic team score a notable victory over the nations of the world, he saw Bobby Jones win the amateur golf championship and the American team the Walker cup in spite of the efforts of England's best; he saw Epinard, the French thoroughbred, beaten four times out of a possible four on American tracks.

But the old boy's vision is by no means limited. He saw many and varied things among which was Washington's victory in the world series, the verdict of America's representatives in the Davis cup series, the wholly deserving position of Notre Dame in football.

Duncan, Mitchell to Be Kept Busy

New York, Dec. 27.—George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, the British golfers, arrived at Los Angeles this week and will play at the Wilshire country club today. Tomorrow they will take on Willie Hunter and George Von Elm at the Rancho Golf club. A rearranged list of dates for Duncan and Mitchell is as follows: December 30, Pasadena Golf club; December 31, Midwest Country club; January 2, Hollywood Country club; January 3, Ojai Valley Country club; January 4, La Cumbre Golf and Country club; January 5, Los Angeles Country club; January 7, Hacienda Country club; January 8, Sunnyside Country club; January 9, Stanislaus Country club; January 11, Lake Merced Golf club; January 15-16, California state open championship; January 18, San Francisco Golf and Country club; January 21, revenge match at Duncan against Macdonald Smith at San Francisco, first 36 holes; January 25, final 36-hole revenge match at Los Angeles; January 28, California Country club; January 31, Paloma Country club; February 1, Paloma Verdes links.

Duncan and Mitchell will later play in the Texas open at San Antonio and in the Hot Springs event for two purses of \$5,000 and will probably also compete in the \$7,500 event in California.

Boxing to Be Optional in German Schools

Berlin, Dec. 27.—German pedagogues have decided to make boxing lessons for boys optional in all Berlin schools. In a few it is already compulsory, as part of ordinary physical training, in the gymnasium, but a slight hesitation prevails about making it absolutely necessary for all boys to box, whether they want to or not. The contention is that boxing is admirable from the point of view of quick thinking, which is looked upon here nowadays as a highly necessary equipment in the struggle for life.

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Swimming Enjoys Successful Reign During Fading Year

Director of Swimming Nicholas Senn Hospital, and Vice President of the N. A. A. U. MEN. 100 Yards Free Style—L. J. Klunzmann, University of Iowa. 50 Yards Free Style—C. Condon, Nicholas Senn Hospital. 150 Yards Back Stroke—Reginald Ramsey, Omaha. 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Norman Plunke for Distance—Morris B. Lake, University of Nebraska. Fancy Diving—Jack Foster, Omaha. WOMEN. 40 Yards Free Style—C. Condon, Nicholas Senn Hospital. 50 Yards Back Stroke—C. Condon, Nicholas Senn Hospital. 100 Yards Breast Stroke—C. Condon, Nicholas Senn Hospital. 200 Yards Free Style—Ethel Girtzler for Distance—Henrietta Bora, Nicholas Senn Hospital. MAHA has just passed through another very successful swimming season and with the Nicholas Senn hospital sponsoring the best in the swimming world by bringing several world's champions to Omaha during the last year, greater interest has been aroused and Omaha stands out prominently as a swimming center.

Record Attendance at Husker Games

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 27.—More than 100,000 people paid to see the Nebraska football team in action during the season of 1924, according to figures given out here by John Seleck, business manager of athletics at the state university. The largest crowd of paid admissions was for the Nebraska-Notre Dame game at South Bend, Ind. Next in line was the opening game of the season with Illinois.

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Good Jockeys Appear Scarce

New York, Dec. 27.—Most of the capable jockeys have been signed up for next season. There is a dearth of good riders and not nearly enough to go around. There are now several large stables without riders for next year and they have little prospect of getting any.

Epinard, "Wonder Horse," Beaten

The thoroughbred racing season of 1924 ended in a great furor when Epinard, 3-year-old champion of the European tracks, crossed the ocean for a series of races on American tracks. The French thoroughbred failed to win a single race in four starts, but he convinced the American public that he is one of the greatest of the modern generation.

"TWO AND THREE" PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER WITH "DUGS" DAIR

QUARREL is something that it takes a shovel to bury, but can be dug up again with a teaspoon.

And there were many quarrels in sports this year. The vendettas were running strong all year, but have been interred for the holidays.

Even Ban Johnson felt the Christmas urge and wished all his baseball friends a merry Xmas on one postcard.

A note from Fulton to California stated that Fred would be glad to visit that state again some time under happier circumstances.

THIS indicates that all the boys have patched up their arguments and are as anxious to be just as friendly outside the ring as they are in it.

Just to prove that a white Xmas means nothing to him, Tiger Flowers has challenged the works. The kid inaugurated his new passenger service this year when he took on two battlers in one night and gave them a rougher ride than the Erie.

He has sent Xmas cards to all the light heavies in the land. But when a heavy sees Tiger the heavy snaps on a white beard and makes a noise like Santa Claus.

THEY don't want any of those little gifts from Tiger. It is all right to get socks and gloves from your relatives.

But the socks and gloves handed out by Flowers spoil flowers.

Few Championship Fistic Bouts Served During 1924

HE many art of refined mayhem staked itself to a period of depression such as it had not known in modern years. Only one championship changed hands, title bouts being all too few. Even meetings between good second-raters were exceptional.

Grange and Notre Dame Team Stand Out in Football World

TWO million souls saw the great American game of football played during the season of 1924, the most notable of all the years the game has survived. Some 65,000 of an original turnout of 75,000 sat through a torrential deluge to the end of the Harvard-Tale battle at New Haven; and the stadiums at Urbana, Ill., and Berkeley, Cal., were burdened to their tremendous capacity for the Illinois-Michigan and the California-Stanford games, respectively.

Boy Manager Wins Baseball Championship

Work of Stanley Harris at Washington One of Features of 1924 Season. WORLD'S championship flag proudly flies in the shadow of the capitol's dome, from the peak of a staff that was starkly unadorned at this time last year.

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SPORT CHATTER

Johnny Dundee, always rated a great little fighter but anything but a matinee idol, is "high-hatting" the London folks these days. Dundee is now touring Europe and expects to look them over in Italy and Paris. Johnny is an Italian.

Here is a society note for the sport page which is of general interest to golf enthusiasts. Alexia Stirling of Atlanta, Ga., famous woman golfer and holder of many championships, has announced her engagement to Dr. Wilbur Green Fraser, medical practitioner at Ottawa, Canada. Rumor has it that the engagement is another romance of the golf links. Dr. Fraser is a pretty fair golfer himself, but he will certainly have a hard time winning from the fair Alexia.

While Miller Huggins, manager of the New York Yankees, realizes his pitching is slipping he is not as worried as it might seem. Of his veterans Jones, Hoyt, and Penneck should be consistent winners. Huggins feels that he has a great aid to the hurling staff in Walter Beall, a husky right-hander secured from Rochester of the International league. Beall did a lot of good work in the closing months of the 1924 season. He is being banked as a regular by the midgest manager of the Yanks.

Ty Cobb, to set aside all rumors as to who is to play second base for the Tigers in 1925, announces that Frank O'Rourke will positively be a part of O'Rourke is a great fielder, but weak with the bat.

Frankie Frisch of the Giants is one of the few hitters who bat equally well against right or left-handers. However, he says he has more confidence when he hits from the left side of the plate and believes he gets a better punch into his swing. Incidentally he says he has a stronger liking for right-handed pitching than southpaws. He also realizes the value of the extra step saved when hitting from the left side of the plate. That step is a difference from a base hit and just an ordinary out at first base many times during the year.

It is a bit of a coincidence that two athletes expected to star as pitchers for Yale the coming season, Pond and Scott, played in the Blue's backfield.

Both George Sisler and Babe Ruth, who achieved big league fame as pitchers, say they consider the twirling job a harder assignment than playing regularly at first base or in the outfield. Pitching one hard game takes more out of a player than talking part in four regular games at any other position, according to Ruth. Sisler says "In pitching you must beat down on every batter, as carelessness on some weak hitter invariably causes defeat. There is no rest for a pitcher from start to finish of a game."

Squash Tennis at first glance may not strike one as a strenuous game, but it is. It is really indoor tennis and is very fast. Walter Kinsella is the world's champion squash player. He recently defended his title against Robert Cahill in New York, taking three of the five sets, 10-15, 15-12, 12-15 and 15-12.

Japan has a baseball nine made up from royalty.

Harry Wills has taken part in 96 fights, winning 44 of them with knockouts.

One of the oldest licensed hunters in Maryland is Daniel H. May, age 91, of Bedford.

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