

Merion Links Bustling With Ante-Championship Activities

Big Force at Work on Links Promises Superb Turf—Some of the Problems Which Must Be Solved by Greenkeeping Experts.

A visit to the Merion Links, near Philadelphia, gives an idea of the work being done to fit the two courses for the national amateur championship which is to be played there beginning Labor Day. It should be borne in mind that the links do not adjoin the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford, Pa., but are three or more miles west at Ardmore.

Several years ago, when it was found that the club needed more space for the links, the east course was established on Ardmore avenue, which runs west from Ardmore. Then later the west course was opened. It is on these two links that the qualifying round on September 4 will be played but the match play for the title will be held only on the East, or older course.

The utilization of the two courses for qualifying play is a carrying-over of the practical effect of the suggestion made in The Eagle on October 1, 1915, when, in discussing the playing of the Lealey Cup, tri-city matches at Merion at that time, it was recommended that the United States Golf Association adopt the two-links idea and award the championship each year only to such clubs as could provide directly two courses of their own or who could obtain them by doubling up with some neighboring club like Nassau and Piping Rock, Garden City and Cherry Valley (Salisbury) and others.

The title of that column article in The Eagle shows how clearly the idea was set forth for the relieving of the annual nuisance of congestion due to the crowd that gathers on the links. It is headed: "Two Links Clubs May Solve Congestion in Golf Title Play."

With two courses to get into championship play, it is naturally exceedingly onerous and the entire greenkeeping force is working full time each week to get the links in the best possible condition for the extent of the work is shown by the fact that on Friday, July 23, there were twenty-two men and thirteen boys at work on the links. There were also several greenkeepers and boys during the championship. This entire force is under direction of William S. Flynn, the greenkeeper, while the strictly professional work is done by Ben Savers, the famous British golfer.

Though the clubhouse is miles distant, there is a spacious golf house at work on the links. It has a locker room and showers, etc., sufficient even for the host of amateurs who will compete there in the testing rounds of the championship.

Upper-Tier Locker Room Idea. Merion was the first club to adopt the upper-tier idea for the locker rooms. Besides the lockers and showers on the ground floor, there is the same number of such facilities upstairs. But the upstairs section is not walled or ceilinged off from the ground floor, but like a gallery, is open to light and the circulation of air.

CLOSE RACES MARK PARKWAY MATINEE

El Vivillo Looming Up as Best Trotter of the Year. Other Winners.

Another good matinee was witnessed by more than 500 lovers of harness racing yesterday afternoon at the Parkway track. Seven events were contested.

CLASS A TROT. El Vivillo, b. g. (M. Aronson) 1; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 2; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 3. Time—2:19 1/2.

CLASS B TROT. El Vivillo, b. g. (M. Aronson) 1; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 2; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 3. Time—2:22 1/2.

CLASS C TROT. El Vivillo, b. g. (M. Aronson) 1; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 2; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 3. Time—2:25 1/2.

CLASS D TROT. El Vivillo, b. g. (M. Aronson) 1; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 2; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 3. Time—2:28 1/2.

CLASS E TROT. El Vivillo, b. g. (M. Aronson) 1; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 2; El Vivillo, b. g. (J. P. Kennedy) 3. Time—2:31 1/2.

National League Records As Shown by Cities

Table with columns: City, Most Wins, Most Defeats, etc. Rows include Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

Red Stars Score Great 1-0 Victory

The Red Stars of R. H. Macy & Co. defeated Best & Co.'s baseball team 1 to 0 in the first game of the season at the Red Stars stadium, E. S. A. L. Field yesterday. Big Dan Wagner had the Best boys completely buffaloed, holding them to two hits and causing thirteen to fan. Wagner walked four men and two others got on through errors, but his great work in the pinch kept his opponents away from the plate. Twice Best boys got to third, but they were left.

Next to Wagner, Reid, his chunky little receiver, shone as the star of a game that was full of brilliant playing. In addition to helping drive in the lone tally of the game, Reid handled Wagner's shots in great style. He accurately throwing to bases staved-off runs several times.

Biglin pitched a steady game for the losers, but his teammates could not hit behind him and his good work went for nothing. Score: Red Stars, 1; Best & Co., 0.

TRAINMEN'S BALLOTS ALL COUNTED TODAY, 90 P. C. FOR STRIKE

Only a Few Stragglers Remain to Be Tabulated at Broadway Central.

Demands of Railroad Brotherhoods to Be Discussed in Public at Amsterdam Opera House.

Almost the entire vote of the 400,000 members of the "Big Four" Railway Brotherhood on the question of a strike to be held at Broadway Central Hotel in Manhattan last night, and there is no doubt but that considerably over 90 per cent. of the members voted to give the power to strike to the heads of the union.

New Trophy Is Offered For Star and X Yachts

Intersectional racing between yachts of Star and the lower bay knock-out classes will be the feature of Friday of the annual race week of the Atlantic Yacht Club this year.

AURORAS MOVE UP IN AMATEUR LEAGUE

Tie Centrals by Defeating Cousins Team—Trinity Scores Another Victory.

Standing of the Clubs.

Table showing standings of clubs: Club, W, L, P, C. Rows include Knights of St. Anthony, Central Y. M. C. A., etc.

Holds Court Under MANY DIFFICULTIES

Magistrate Nash Has to Try Cases for Population of 360,000 People.

That the administration of justice in the Fifth District Magistrate's Court, popularly known as the Bedford avenue court, is being very seriously obstructed by lack of interpreters in Polish, Russian, Lithuanian and Yiddish, is the opinion of Magistrate Howard Nash, who has been sitting daily at the court for the last month. The Fifth District is by far the largest court district in the city, with its more than 360,000 inhabitants, and the fact that most of them are foreigners, who are unable to make themselves understood in English, adds to the difficulties of the situation.

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