

Golfers of Metropolitan District Ranked on Basis of Tourney Play During Season

Sweetser Awarded First Place in Spite of Illness; J. G. Anderson Next in Line

Only Linksmen Who Competed Regularly Are Considered for Rating—Reekie, Driggs and McCarthy High Up Among First Ten in Standing

By JACK KOFOED

Ranking golfers of the Metropolitan season at the finish of the playing year is always a difficult task. This time it is more difficult than ever. I have gone through the records of sixty tournaments and sifted a vast mass of information to obtain the results I have. The listing is made without including Gardner White, Oswald Kirkby, Hamilton Kerr, Charley Paul, Reggie Lewis, Larry Lloyd, Eddie Van Vleck and others of prominence. These men, all of them fine golfers, did not compete sufficiently to place them in a ranking of this sort, which is compiled purely on results.

There can be no question but that Jess Sweetser deserves first place. Illness kept him out of play in tournaments hereabouts, but his triumph in the British amateur championship—the first ever achieved by a native-born American—and his victory over Sir Ernest Holderness in the Walker Cup matches clinch and double rivet his position.

I am inclined to give the veteran John O. Anderson second place. He won the French amateur championship, and took down the qualifying medal as well, retained his Westchester championship, scored in the Coral Gables tournament at Westchester, Baltimore, and was finalist in the Metropolitan.

Reekie Successful
Bill Reekie was also a sturdy and successful performer, winning the Metropolitan, qualifying in the National, in which he was beaten by Bobby Jones, going to the semi-final round in the New Jersey State, and playing brilliantly as a member of the New York Lescay Cup team.

Though Eddie Driggs kept more assiduously to business than in the past and made no effort to play in the tournaments in which he did compete, Garden City's invitation always draws a crack field. Driggs was both the winner and medalist. He took the Cherry Valley meet and was finalist at Westchester Biltmore—a strong and very convincing record.

Of all the fine young players in the district Maurice McCarthy, son of the professional at Old Pines, was quite the most sensational. He qualified and played finely in the National, the New York State and the intercollegiate championships and his medal play was dazzling. McCarthy's 295 at Wolf Hollow in the Eastern and 286 at Salisbury in the Metropolitan enabled him to top some of the best professionals in the world.

Homans Rated Highly
Eugene Homans of Englewood, one of the best students of the game among the younger set, might conceivably deserve a bit higher ranking than sixth place, but it is impossible to squeeze by the stars already listed. He probably played often than any of the others, and among his feats were those of qualifying in the National, winning a place on the Lescay Cup team, as McCarthy did, also winning the Metropolitan and New Jersey junior championships, the medal in the intercollegiate, going to the semi-final round of the North and South, finishing eighth in the New Jersey open and beating Ducky Yates in the Pinehurst vs. Florida matches.

Dick Jones, for the second time, qualified in the national, and for the second time met Bobby Jones. This time the incomparable Bobby defeated him only by the narrow margin of one up.

A. F. Kammer, one of the finest stylists and putters in the district, but a more or less infrequent competitive star, won the New Jersey title, played very well in the open championship of his State and took the medal and ultimate victory in the Pinehurst spring tournament.

Eddie Wild, Kammer's perpetual rival, was the finalist in the Jersey amateur, qualified in the national, and was well up in the Jersey open.

Walsh Placed Tenth
Tenth place is held by Dick Walsh. This product of the public links started his campaign by winning the invitation tournament at the Engineers Club, took the medal and went to the third round in the national public links championship, and played excellently in the Metropolitan open.

On this basis he ranks just ahead of Al Brodbeck, the young Stevanoy star, despite the fact that Ed was the unexpected winner of the New York State amateur championship. Brodbeck was also finalist at Greenwich, but was beaten rather convincingly in the intercollegiate.

Lauren Upson, the tall Californian, won a place in the National and captured top honors at Greenwich. He has played more consistently this year than ever before and seems bound on the upward trail.

Joe Ford, the municipal star, won four tournaments at Miami during the winter season and qualified in the Pub-

Leading Metropolitan Golfers



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JESS SWEETSER

WILLIAM REEKIE

INJURIES TO 6 MEN WEAKEN RUTGERS

Scarlet Handcapped by Absence of Regulars in Preparing for Holy Cross

PASSING ATTACK STRESSED

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 14.—With six varsity players positively unable to face Holy Cross at Newark on Saturday, Head Coach Wallace and his advisor, George Foster Sanford, have been confronted with a Herculean task this week in moulding together a Rutgers team capable of conquering an adept foe. George Fraser, end, unable to play against W. and J. because of an infected arm, has reported for practice and will be available for the Newark game.

Coach Wallace has been developing a forward passing attack. Using this type of play through a long signal drill, Wallace has perfected several fine plays. In scrimmages with the freshmen the varsity has been continually on the offensive and used the aerial game with decided success. Joe Irwin, lanky sophomore fullback, is tossing the passes and giving a creditable exhibition.

Gesbocker, a sophomore, with no varsity experience, is being groomed by Wallace to fill Jack Lord's place at guard. The underclassman is big and heavy and has received most of the personal coaching attention during the past two days. Lord is out with a bad knee. The other injured players are Goldschmidt, Moscovitz, Fleckbarth, Brown and Lorenze.

The varsity combination which faced the freshmen in yesterday's scrimmage were Hibbe, center; Peil and Gesbocker, guards; Burkhardt and Shelden, tackles; Captain Hanf and Carney, ends; Nelson, quarterback; Rosen and Gordinier, halfbacks; Irwin, fullback.

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Clark Shaughnessy, the coach, learned his football under Dr. H. L. Williams when the doctor was developing for the University of Minnesota some of the greatest teams the Western Conference ever saw. When Shaughnessy went to school under Dr. Williams the Minnesota Shift was at the height of its popularity and power.

Shaughnessy said a Tulane man today who has come to New York in advance of the team for Saturday's game with N. Y. U. at the Yankee Stadium, has gone several steps beyond the then revolutionary Minnesota Shift in developing his attack.

He has gone so far as to change the terminology of the sport, in relation to his team, at least. The center is not a center at Tulane but is a "snapper-back." That is logical, it is explained, because the "snapper-back" may actually be at one end of the line or the other or somewhere in between, according to the formation.

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Girl Jockey Rides Newmarket Winner

Newmarket, England, Oct. 14 (AP).—A girl jockey, Iris Rickaby, won the Town Plate today on Major F. B. Stapleton-Bretherton's bay filly Stephanie, by Stefan the Great out of Floote.

Of the two other girl jockeys in the race, Eileen Joel, daughter of the well-known turfman Bob Joel, came in second on her father's Hogier, which she piloted to victory last year.

Miss Jane Vaughan's mount was unplaced. The race, established in 1865 by King Charles II, was over four miles. The stakes were only about £30, but the winning jockey and owner received cups presented by the townpeople.

Participation of girl jockeys is possible in this event because it is not governed by the Jockey Club.

LARGE ENTRY LIST FOR HORSE SHOW AT WESTCHESTER

Three-Day Event Held for Benefit of Sportsmen's Bay in Cathedral

Their majesties the thoroughbreds will be on exhibition at the Westchester Biltmore Country Club's Polo Field number two today. More than 500 of the elite of the equine world will be put through their paces in the horse show given in the interest of the Sportsmen's Bay in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

Aside from the sporting interest and the desire to help a worthy cause the event, which will continue tomorrow and Saturday, has additional drawing power.

Westchester County abounds in beautiful spots and few are able to surpass the neighborhood in which the show is to be held. Add to the natural scenery the bright colored costumes of the hunt clubs, the military touch, and the beautiful women, then you will have a scene which beggars description.

Bishop William T. Manning is honorary president along with a non-denominational board of directors, composed of clergymen from twenty-nine metropolitan churches. Among the exhibitors will be representatives of the most prominent Eastern families, making the affair as much a social as sporting event.

Four courses have been laid out for the hunters and jumpers, owing to the number of entries in these classes. The hazards will vary in size and quantity. Waterway, Over There, Tiny Tim, Kennel Up, No Name and Damsel are entered in the hunters and jumpers class by Mr. John McEntee Bowman. Mr. John H. Neville has entered Follow On and Mr. Charles B. Cushman, Pomfret Center, Conn., will have Dunhalp, Chantry and Billy Clough as candidates for the prize.

The class for polo mounts also has drawn a large and varied list of entries. Among these are Mr. E. M. Cromwell's Red Cloud, Miss Charlotte Lovell's Gallant and Mr. John W. Hanes' Paper Doll.

Military exhibitors will include Troop C, N. Y. N. G., which has entered Cocktail and Oxford; Troop K, N. Y. State Troopers, which has entered Kap, Kitten, Kid and Kirk, and West Point's Queen's Own.

Lieutenant Frederic H. Bontecou will exhibit his Ballymacanane, the splendid gray gelding which won the King George Gold Cup last June at the International Horse Show at Olympia, London.

Penalty Is Imposed on Wandering Horse

Brandon, Vt., Oct. 14 (AP)—The first penalty for late arrival in the eighth annual saddle horse endurance ride was imposed here during the third sixty miles of the 300-mile ride. Dolly, entered by Battery A, Fifteenth Field Artillery, went three miles off the road when Sergeant Yarronak, her rider, lost his way, and came in twenty-one minutes over the nine hours allotted for each day's ride. The overtime cost her 3 points.

The other eight horses of an original field of fourteen starters finished on time and in good condition. Final judging will be announced Friday on a point basis for time record and condition.

Wrestler Hurt in Match

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 14 (AP)—Tony Di-vitchi, Philadelphia, is in a serious condition at a hospital here today as the result of possible internal injuries suffered last night when he lost a wrestling bout to Dick Davis-Cool of Hollywood, Cal.

Babe Ruth Came Back

This phenomenal return to form "the Duke" achieved in the previous season's season when he led the Yankees to the pennant, and made his debut with the Yankees.

Scullers May Race for Titular Honors

Los Angeles, Oct. 14 (AP)—Major Goodell, world's champion sculler, formerly a resident of Australia but now of Los Angeles, has accepted the challenge of Pat Hanlon, New Zealand titleholder, for a championship race here during the Christmas holidays. The match would be the first for the world's sculling championship held in the United States since 1888, when Hanlon defended his title at Philadelphia.

RICHARDS RANKED FIRST IN NET LIST FOR PAST SEASON

Big 4 Remain Supreme in the U. S., Although French Capture National Title

CHAPIN GIVEN FIFTH PLACE; CHANDLER AND KING NEXT

By HERBERT S. ALLAN

In rating men's singles players for 1926 the ranking committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association will face a problem closely akin to that which confronted thousands of French refugees on returning to their shattered homes after the World War. The question will be one not of elimination but of salvage.

The havoc wrought in American racket ranks by the French invasion is horrible to behold. Not one of Uncle Sam's court heroes survived the onslaught. The Troolcar had complete possession of the field twenty-four hours before the most important basis of the American campaign was over and its two leading champions spent the final day fighting among themselves because there were no more worlds to conquer for the glory of France.

Task Complicated
The ranking task will be further complicated by another unprecedented situation. Shortly after the close of the amateur season Vincent Richards, the only American to reach the semifinals of the national singles championship, joined the professional exhibition troupe headed by Suzanne Lenglen and managed by Charles C. Pyle. Before tackling their job the U. S. L. T. A. ranking committee will have to pass upon Richards' eligibility. This decision, according to an official of the association, will be made about the first of the year, when the committee meets to settle the ranking issue.

It seems to me that Richards' professional status should not be permitted to affect his standing with respect to amateur ranking for 1926. Inasmuch as the classification is based on competition up to and including the national singles championship, it would appear to be grossly unfair to disqualify a player on the basis of his actions subsequent to that event.

Suggested Rating
The following suggested three-ten ranking, therefore, is made on the supposition that the Yonkers star will be classed as an amateur for rating purposes:

- 1—Vincent Richards.
- 2—William T. Tilden, 3d.
- 3—William M. Johnston.
- 4—R. Norris Williams, 2d.
- 5—Alfred H. Chipin, Jr.
- 6—Edward G. Chandler.
- 7—Dr. George King.
- 8—Takelichi Harada.
- 9—Manuel Alonso.
- 10—Cranston Holman.

In view of his three decisive victories over Tilden in the South, his fourth triumph over the former champion in the Metropolitan last court championship and the fact that he outplayed all his fellow countrymen at Forest Hills, Richards' right to the No. 1 position seems to me undisputed. If they had met in the title event I think Vinnie would have conquered "Big Bill" again.

Tilden, however, despite a disastrous season, deserves the runner-up honor on the strength of his crushing defeat of Johnston in the East-West exhibition. Add to this his brilliant triumph over Richards in the Southern New York State championship and his gallant fight against Cockett under the handicap of a crippled knee, and you have a combination of irrefutable arguments to support his second place assignment.

Johnston proved himself superior to two of the leading younger players in the Davis Cup trials by defeating Chapin and George M. Lott, Jr., and undoubtedly could have disposed of Chandler as easily as did Tilden if he had the chance. "Little Billy" also gave up a far better game against the French in the Davis Cup challenge round than Williams. In view of this fact and the edge he had on the Philadelphia in comparative play throughout the season, the wily little Californian is entitled to retain third position another year.

Though Williams had an indifferent season, there seems to be no one capable of ousting him from fourth place.

Evening Post's Ranking of Metropolitan Golfers

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2. John O. Anderson, Woodport Park.
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4. Bill Reekie, Upper Merion.
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6. Maurice McCarthy, Old Pines.
7. George Fraser, Upper Merion.
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