

WORLD'S GOLFERS AT DEAL TO-DAY.

American and Australian Challengers for Blue Riband of the Game—Big Task for British Players.

ENGLAND'S CHAMPION ATHLETES.

Qualifying rounds of the golf championships are nerve-racking enough in all conscience, but they are as nothing compared with the championship itself. In that every stroke has a significance.

Luck Counts.—Take the case of Roger Wethered last year, for instance. On strokes he beat Hutchison, the American by 1. But in the course of one of his rounds he trod on his ball and was penalised a stroke.

Overseas Challengers.—The feats of J. H. Kirkwood, of Australia, this season are fresh in our memories. Jock Hutchison, the champion, and one of the American contingent, proved his brilliance in the qualifying rounds with a score of 71.



J. H. Barnes.

Triumvirates Two.—The other two members of the triumvirate, Harry Vardon and J. H. Taylor, are playing steadily. But they are veterans, and the strain may well prove too much for them.

Tod Ray at his best, Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Cyril Tolley, Roger Wethered Sandy Herd, and many other great British players, can, if they find their best form to-day and to-morrow, bring the cup back from the States.

Wonderful Contest.—It should be a wonderful contest, and it is hardly likely that the interest in the doings of the cracks, British and overseas, will have abated until late to-morrow, unless, indeed, one of the contestants gets a big lead, goes out early to-morrow and does a fourth round of exceptional merit.

ATHLETIC PROSPECTS.

A.A.A. Entries.—The splendid entry received for the Amateur Athletic Championships of June 30 and July 1 may or may not convince those who advocate the restriction of the meeting to English athletes that their idea would not be in the best interest of sport.

England's Outlook.—Truth to tell, the outlook is not particularly rosy from a British point of view. A. G. Hill does not go for the mile, and although H. B. Stallard is probably an improved man since last year he has something to do to beat the Finn, P. Nurmi. E. D. Mountain was not running at his best distance the other day when he dead-heated at the Civil Service sports.

Unlucky Edward.—H. P. V. Edward is rather an unlucky athlete. That was proved in the last Olympic Games, and now, when he is badly wanted for the 100 yards and the furlong, his "dicky" leg is causing him anxiety. If he cannot turn out H. M. Abraham may prove our best representative in the sprint.

A Task for Fox.—After Joe Fox, England's feather-weight champion, had been beaten by Eugene Criqui there was much talk of a return

match. Now, it appears, matters in that respect are hanging fire somewhat. For one thing, Criqui seems disinclined to get into the ring again for a prize of reasonable dimension. Does this not suggest a task for Fox which, in addition to being likely to put money into his purse, would clear up a ridiculous situation?

Matter for Board of Control.—When Billy Matthews, ex-page-boy at the National Sporting Club, last defeated the Belgian, Arthur Wyns, he effectually disposed of the latter's title to rank as European feather-weight champion. But is Matthews a convincing successor? Few people think so. If Criqui will not get to business Fox should have a cut at Matthews. If he won his claims to a return with the Frenchman would be considerably strengthened. It looks as though the Boxing Board of Control might usefully make some pronouncement upon this situation.

Todd Wants Matches.—Before one season has closed I hear that Mr. "Peggy" Bettinson is busy preparing for another. It is probable that one of the best matches for next October will be between Kin Lewis and Roland Todd for the middle-weight trophy. Meanwhile, Todd, who is a firm believer in the adage that practice makes perfect, would not be at all averse to a contest with Boy McCormick.

Conn Unfit.—Joe Conn, who was to meet Seaman Hall at the Ring on Monday night, will be unable to fight owing to septic poisoning in his left foot. This is to be regretted, as the match would have undoubtedly cleared the air in the light-weight division.

OTHER SPORT IN BRIEF.

News Items and Gossip About Men and Matters of the Moment.

Inter-Varsity Lawn.—Oxford University beat Cambridge University by six games to three in a lawn tennis match at Oxford yesterday.

English Hurdlers Beaten.—Challow and Saxham Prince were unplaced in the Autauld Hurdle in Paris yesterday. The winner, Franche le Pre, paid 61fr. 50c. to a 10fr. stake.

Testimonial to a Champion.—A national testimonial to A. R. Mills, D.C.M., three times winner of the Marathon from Windsor to Chelsea, is being organised in Boston, Lincolnshire.

White Wings.—Royal Temple Yacht Club regatta will open at Ramsgate on July 19. Two days previously the Ostend Royal Y.C. will decide a race from Belgium to the Kentish coast.

Lowie Wins Again.—Although England had already beaten Italy in the Davis Cup two singles remained to be played at Southampton yesterday. F. G. Lowe beat Count Colombo with the loss of only three games, and Count di Robecco scratched to Major Kingscote owing to an injured foot.

NEWBURY PROGRAMME AND YESTERDAY'S RACING RETURNS

Table of racing results for Wiltshire and All-Aged S. Plate, including winners like Greek Vine and Pommel.

Table of racing results for Newbury Summer Cup, including winners like Devizes and Franklin.

Table of racing results for Berkshire Foal Stakes, including winners like P. of Leclair and Drepane.

Table of racing results for Ogbourne H.C.P., including winners like Silver Zep and Envoy.

Table of racing results for League Nations Pools and other races, including winners like Tenroh and Firecracker.

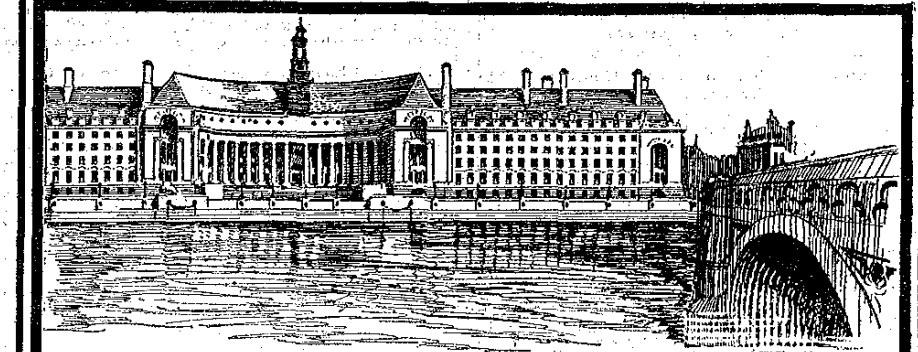
Table of racing results for Gosforth Park Cup, including winners like Nabob and Baxtery.

Table of racing results for Newcastle, including winners like 2.0-Sophia and 2.30-Sa Su.

Table of racing results for Newbury, including winners like 2.0-Wolf's Creek and 2.30-Squarson.

Table of racing results for Irish Derby, including winners like Spike Island and Montserrat.

Table of racing results for Special Newmarket Wire, including winners like 2.0-BIDNA and 3.10-DEVIZES.



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