

Kirkwood Forced to Climb a Tree to Qualify at Inwood

ANSAC GOLFER PULLS HIS BEST TRICK SHOT TO FOIL BARBED WIRE

Famous Wizard of the Links Then Hops Into Motor Car to Return to Course and Tournament Gallery.

BY GEORGE TREVOR.
TODAY we shall bid farewell to the rolling sweeps of Flossmoor and transport you by the magic of the printed word—which annihilates time and space—to the meadow peat marshes of Inwood, upon whose ribbon-like fairways, hemmed in by serried traps and insidious barbed wire entanglements, the national open championships of 1923 was contested.

Inwood is perhaps the most difficult course upon which a national open has ever been staged. Certainly it is the most replete with hidden danger—by which we mean that no other course holds greater possibilities for penalizing—often unfairly—a shot that does not hew precisely to the line.

Treacherous in the extreme, some of the holes at Inwood—notably the "unlucky seventh," and the tantalizing ninth. These particular layouts are justly dreaded because of the barbed wire boundary fences that border their respective right flanks. Prexy Steiner feared these horrendous obstructions at great cost to the Inwood club and at greater tribulation to the unhappy competitors.

Burial Place of Hopes.

The wire barrier at the seventh proved Hagen's Jonah. Many a good man went wrong when he shoved his tee shot too close to the pesky barbs on that guileful "one shotter," but the ninth was the burial place of just as many hopes. It might well have proved the sepulchre of Joe Kirkwood in the qualifying round had the curly-haired Anzac Adonis not been the consummate trick-shot master that he is. Joe had to pull more contortions than an India-rubber man in a circus to kick the winding sheets from off his strangled body, but he not only escaped unscathed, as far as qualifying is concerned, but actually had the gall to lead the entire field with the extraordinary score of 30.

Kirkwood's 70 established a new record for the Inwood circuit. Tuesday morning—the second day of qualifying—opened in blustering fashion, a brisk breeze off the backwaters of Jamaica bay increasing the difficulties of a course already hazardous enough in all conscience.

Kirkwood started like a house afire. He fairly reveled in the windy going. The salty tang of the ocean breeze soured him on as the Anzac powder incited an old warhorse to the charge. Kirkwood is not what George Duncan contemptuously refers to as a "back golfer." Joe can do his stuff when the elements are in conspiracy to stop him.

Moving along like a well-tuned engine, Kirkwood—a resplendent figure in his lilac jersey—reached the ninth tee in one under par. Looking at Kirkwood in action one wonders how he ever comes to miss a shot. One is forced to conclude that he has mastered too many shots for his own good. If he had fewer strokes in his kit he would not hesitate, as he sometimes does, whether to try for a fade, a pull or a straight ball.

Kirkwood can thank his trick shot training for pulling him through the subsequent crisis at the ninth hole. We wavered somewhat before deciding that the following exploit of the Anzac deserved to be rated among the great shots of 1923, but if Kirkwood's recovery from beneath the wire doesn't fall under the category of "great," at least it was a part of the most diverting and amusing sequence of incidents we have ever seen occur during the playing of a hole.

The ninth at Inwood measures 360 yards—a drive and pitch layout—with a par of four. It looks innocent enough at first glance, but appearances are deceptive. To begin with, there is that pesky wire fence paralleling the motor road on the right. Examine the dia-

Here's Team of Real Cage Hustlers



NEWSBOYS' CAGE TEAM

These boys have shown they can play basketball as well as they can sell the Newsboys' Protective Union, which they represent, will stage a basketball carnival at Eagles' hall, March 18. Reading from left to right, back row: Andy Petro, V. Petro, C. Sendry and Kall were not present when photo was taken.

where Joe preferred to be on the outside looking in. But how to get over the wire entanglements with their cruel barbs? Ah! The tree! No sooner had Joe espied it than he acted. Hand over hand he climbed the cliffs at Gaba Tepe on the Gallipoli peninsula. Instead of sawtooth Turks with rifles trained upon him, Kirkwood now had only a grinning crowd of amused Yankee golf fans as spectators. Well, let them laugh—at least Joe had saved his nifty knickers from an untimely demise on the barbed wire.

Joe Says His Prayers.

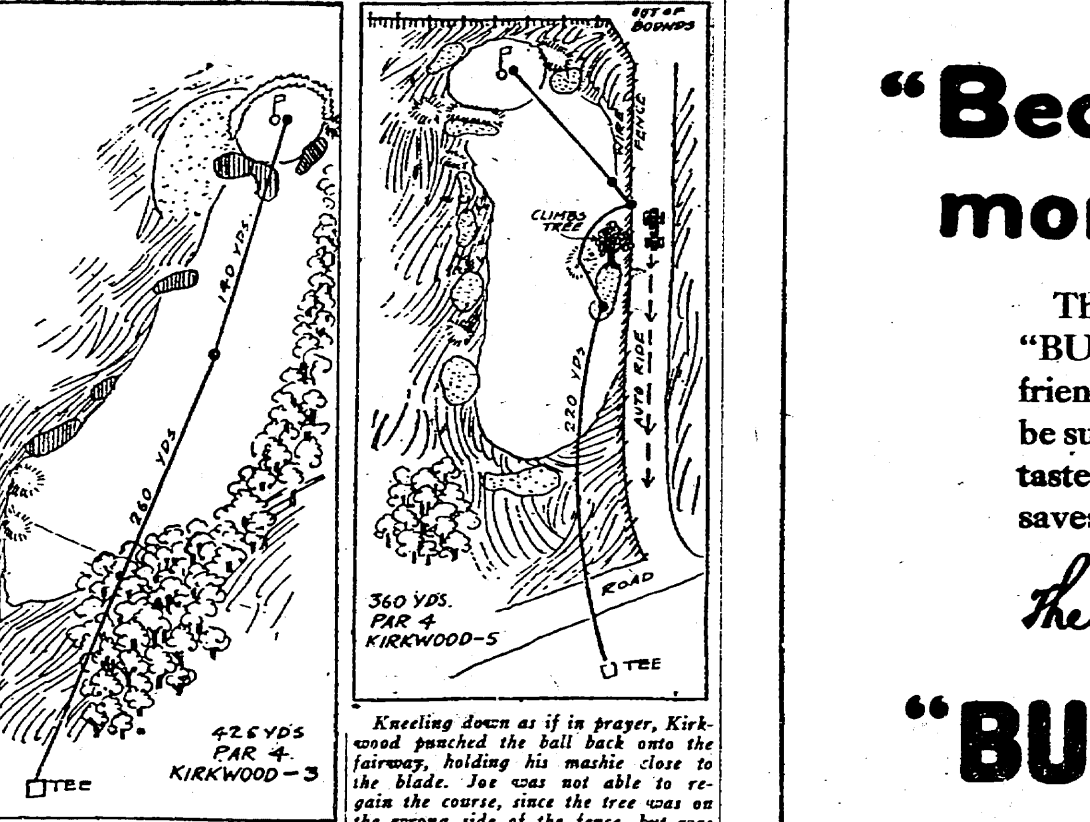
Vaulting from the tree, Kirkwood knelt before his ball in an attitude of prayer. The ball was in an awkward position, wedged beneath the bottom strand of wire, but he dislodged it cleverly with a punch shot from his mashie while still kneeling. Only the trick shot master himself could have extricated the pill with one vicious chop as Kirkwood did, sending it diagonally out onto the course.

So far so good. The problem in geometry now called for some method of getting Joe back to his ball. The tree was unavailable this time because it was on the wrong side of the barbed wire entanglement. A fair damsel now hove in sight to rescue the Australian Adonis from his plight. The lady fair was driving a motor car. It was a runabout—there was room for one more. Now if Joe had not been hand-some—but he is.

Enter the Lady Fair.

"Hop in," said Kirkwood's fair deliverer, "and I'll drive you back to the ninth tee." Joe hopped. In a jiffy she whisked him back to the tee from whence he trudged triumphantly all the way back to his lonesome ball while the gallery gave him the glad hand. It isn't every day that a golf crowd is treated to the spectacle of its hero climbing a tree, saying his prayers and taking a motor ride between shots! Unperturbed by his close escape from "extinction," Kirkwood proceeded to drop his mashie-niblick pitch eight feet from the cup and hole out in five. One above par, after surviving the vicissitudes chronicled above, is not doing so badly.

Barbed Wire Fails to Stop Joe Kirkwood



Hole 9, Inwood, 360 yards; par 4—Kirkwood boldly aimed his drive close to the wire fence on the right, to open up the hole. His ball caught the shallow trap close to the barrier. A weak recovery glanced off the face of the bunker ahead, the ball resting partly beneath the wire. Unable to get at it from the inside, Kirkwood climbed a neighboring tree and dropped to the ground beyond.

Kneeling down as if in prayer, Kirkwood punched the ball back onto the fairway, holding his mashie close to the blade. Joe was not able to regain the course, since the tree was on the wrong side of the fence, but was picked up by a passing motorist and carried back to the ninth tee. Regaining his ball, he laid a pitch shot eight feet from the flag, and holed out in 5.

Sports Make Japs Grow. As the result of indulging in sports, the average stature of the Japanese is said to have increased half an inch during the last twenty years and the bulk of the nation has improved 10 per cent. Japanese athletes now compete in international games and there is a possible likelihood of their capturing some of the world's most famous sports trophies.

RAILROAD QUINTETS TO PLAY SATURDAY

Unique Basket Carnival Will be Staged at Eagles Hall.

IT HAS been a season of basketball carnivals, but probably the most unique one of the winter will be staged Saturday evening at Eagles Hall, when railroaders of five systems will participate in four games. In the first game, starting at 7:30 p. m., the Wheeling & Lake Erie team will battle the Nickel Plate team of the West Side Industrial league, the second will have the Erie team of Youngstown opposing the Pennsylvanians of Wells-ville, while in the third a picked team from the Cleveland New York Central league, piloted by Cy Perkins, will tackle the Pennsylvania Class A outfit. As a grand finale, Indiana Harbor Belt girls of Chicago are to meet the Cleveland Pennsylvanians maidens. The Pennsylvanians have established a reputation as one of the best feminine outfits in Ohio, but in the Chicago quintet New York Central rooters claim the Keystone maidens will have a real test. Intense rivalry between the New York Central and Pennsylvania cage enthusiasts has been evident all season, and both the boys' and girls' games in which these two systems are opponents give promise of being thrillers.

Lakewood Saturday Y League.

Blue Boars—17	Celtics—0
Johnson, Jr. 1 0 2	Pieburn, Jr. 0 0 0
Perry, Jr. 3 0 8	Parlett, Jr. 0 0 0
Wilkinson, Jr. 1 0 2	Harlow, Jr. 0 0 0
Ruby, Jr. 4 0 8	Kasson, Jr. 0 0 0
Thompson, Jr. 2 0 4	Preston, Jr. 0 0 0
Spir, Jr. 1 0 2	
Morgan, Jr. 0 0 0	
Kingtons—35	Mars Jrs.—7
Williams, Jr. 1 0 2	Bacon, Jr. 1 0 2
Tammam, Jr. 1 0 2	Gehring, Jr. 1 0 2
Low, Jr. 3 1 7	Gray, Jr. 0 0 0
Gras, Jr. 5 1 11	Cramer, Jr. 0 0 0
Minner, Jr. 0 0 0	Criff, Jr. 0 0 0
	Spark, Jr. 0 0 0
Alphas—13	Wildcats—6
Foster, Jr. 0 0 0	Markley, Jr. 0 0 0
Weller, Jr. 0 0 0	Salsbury, Jr. 0 0 0
Mueller, Jr. 3 1 7	Hand, Jr. 0 0 0
McGahan, Jr. 0 0 0	William, Jr. 0 0 0
Stutz, Jr. 0 0 0	Mathews, Jr. 0 0 0
Omas—10	Wildcats—6
Rias, Jr. 0 0 0	Markley, Jr. 0 0 0
Gorie, Jr. 0 0 0	Salsbury, Jr. 0 0 0
Phillips, Jr. 1 0 2	Hand, Jr. 0 0 0
Brillier, Jr. 0 0 0	William, Jr. 0 0 0
Dawson, Jr. 0 0 0	Mathews, Jr. 0 0 0
Pirates—11	Bullpups—1
Kirkland, Jr. 1 0 2	Broiler, Jr. 0 0 0
Nick, Jr. 0 0 0	Gray, Jr. 0 0 0
McNelly, Jr. 0 0 0	Brown, Jr. 0 0 0
Ramsey, Jr. 0 0 0	Twigg, Jr. 0 0 0
Pirates—46	Meyer Sports—0
Kirby, Jr. 8 0 16	Reiton, Jr. 0 0 0
Grummitt, Jr. 11 0 22	Saunderson, Jr. 0 0 0
Nick, Jr. 3 0 6	McIntire, Jr. 0 0 0
Weaver, Jr. 1 0 2	McIntire, Jr. 0 0 0
Shetter, Jr. 3 1 7	Parker, Jr. 0 0 0
Stacy, Jr. 0 0 0	Misson, Jr. 0 0 0
Pirates—10	Foxy Fire—1
Kirby, Jr. 2 1 5	Sterens, Jr. 0 0 0
Grummitt, Jr. 0 0 0	Shepherd, Jr. 0 0 0
Hodgson, Jr. 0 0 0	Y. Bur, Jr. 0 0 0
Weaver, Jr. 0 0 0	C. Bur, Jr. 0 0 0
Shetter, Jr. 3 1 7	Parker, Jr. 0 0 0
Kentons Jr. High—12	Herbert Hoos—0
Russell, Jr. 0 0 0	Geller, Jr. 0 0 0
Anderson, Jr. 0 0 0	J. Herbert, Jr. 0 0 0
Smith, Jr. 0 0 0	T. Herbert, Jr. 0 0 0
Stratford, Jr. 0 0 0	Leak, Jr. 0 0 0
Grubman, Jr. 4 0 8	Notting, Jr. 0 0 0

O. S. U. BEATS WESLEYAN

Buckeyes Take Five Firsts in Indoor Meet.

DELAWARE, O., March 8.—Ohio State defeated Ohio Wesleyan university in a gym meet here this afternoon, taking five out of six first places. McWhorter and Smith of State were high men of the meet with nearly identical scores. Each took two firsts.

Nelson, Vigor, Marlan, was third high scorer and starred for Wesleyan, taking a first in the Indian clubs, the only event won by the Methodists.

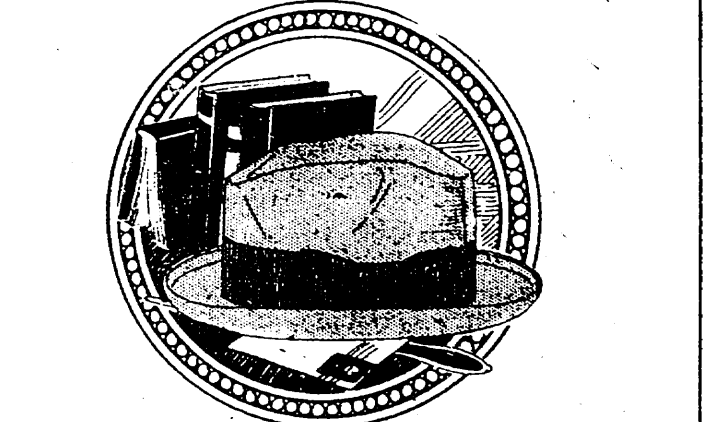
Herbert Frazer, Wesleyan star, did not compete, having been found ineligible due to scholastic difficulties.

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