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**The Country Club of Rochester**

# Articles

# 1921

## Looking Backward

(Readers of the Democrat and Chronicle are invited to send to the office brief reminiscences of former years which are likely to be of interest in Rochester and neighboring territory.)

### FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY—1876.

The highest temperature was 59 degrees; lowest, 39 degrees.

The University of Rochester instituted a new plan for commencement day by selecting sixteen members of the senior class to make orations, instead of requiring the entire class to prepare. The Rochester men appointed from the Class of '76 were Joseph Tilden Alling, Charles Wilder Gorton, Frank Lemoine Wilkins.

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY—1886.

The highest temperature was 70 degrees; lowest, 48 degrees.

Charles E. Fitch began a series of lectures on "Journalism" at Cornell university.

The First German Evangelical church and the North Street Methodist Episcopal church announced plans for new buildings.

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY—1896.

The highest temperature was 83 degrees; lowest, 54 degrees. The highest temperature for 1895 was 86; lowest, 64.

The Mabbett class of Central church, of which Mrs. A. L. Mabbett had been the leader since its organization, observed its twenty-fifth anniversary with a banquet.

David Honeyman, from St. Andrews, was engaged as the professional for the Thistle Gold Club at the Country club.

The Rochester Yacht club elected 150 new members. George Hutchinson and F. S. Todd won prizes for obtaining the greatest number.

Ira Disbrow, paper box manufacturer, died at his home, No. 300 West avenue.

The veterans of the Old Thirteenth observed the thirty-fifth anniversary of their departure from Rochester. The following officers were elected: Colonel, F. A. Schoeffel; lieutenant-colonel, J. P. Cleary; major, J. E. Knowles; adjutant, J. Cawthra; president, B. F. Thomas; vice-president, James S. Graham; quartermaster sergeant, E. C. Austin; first sergeant, Patrick Duffy; second sergeant, J. Glavey; third sergeant, E. L. Morse; color sergeant, Ralph Pendleburg; commissary sergeant, James Hutchinson; chaplain, Calvin Keubles; first corporal, H. Beilby; second corporal, George Mosier; third corporal, James Cassidy; fourth corporal, James S. Graham. Other veterans at the reunion were Sumner Austin, Enos Frankenberg, William S. Foster, Edwin Hamilton, E. S. West, P. J. Oberdorf, R. C. Wood, S. H. Draper, J. G. Allen, H. Jerrells, F. N. Hart, G. Carmichael, A. Wilson, E. Jordan, D. S. Barber, G. E. Filkins, S. Allen, James Young, J. Stuermer, Adolph Rodenbeck.

## WALTER HAGEN IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

Wife Also Asks for Custody of  
Her Son, Walter  
Hagen, Jr.

(Special to The Gazette).

Detroit, Mich., May 14.—Mrs. Margaret Hagen, 24 years old, is asking for the custody of her son, Walter Hagen, Jr., and a divorce from Walter Hagen, twice winner of the American open golf championship, winner of the French open golf title and member of the American team which will play in Great Britain this month. A suppressed bill of complaint was filed last November. No cross bill has been filed by Hagen's attorneys and no date has been set for the hearing attorneys said today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagen were married in Rochester in 1917 when Hagen was caddymaster at the Country Club of Rochester.

## Stage Graveyard Tourney.

A graveyard tournament was staged by golfers at the Country Club of Rochester yesterday afternoon. There also were putting and driving contests for women.

## KENNY TURNS IN CARD OF 157 IN ROCHESTER PLAY

Olean Professional Leads  
Western New Yorkers.

### LOST BALL DEFEATS BEMIS

Oak Hill Assistant Professional Is  
Forced to Suffer Penalty of Two  
Strokes, but Finishes Second in  
Competition with Older Players.

Long drives, some of them going three hundred yards, and a deadly accuracy in putting enabled Dan Kenny, professional of the Bemis Point Golf Club, of Olean, to win first honors in the second tournament of the Western New York Professional Golfers' League over the Country Club of Rochester course yesterday afternoon. Kenny led Walter Bemish, assistant professional at the Oak Hill County Club of Rochester, by a margin of one stroke at the finish of the thirty-six hole play. Kenny went around in 157, while Bemish took 158.

It remained for Will Entwistle, of the Bellevue Country Club, of Syracuse, to come through with the best eighteen-hole round for the day, the Salt City golfer going over the course in 75 during the afternoon round, having a 39 and 36. The Syracusean's 36 also was best for the nine-hole play of the day. Entwistle placed in a tie for third place with George Christ, professional at the Country Club of Rochester, each making the thirty-six hole play in 159. Jack Gordon, of the Buffalo Golf Club, was fifth with a 162.

### Oak Hill Player Wins.

At the conclusion of the morning round Kenny led the field by a margin of two strokes, having a 76 while Charles and Walter Bemish, both professionals at the Oak Hill Country Club, of Rochester, were tied for second honors, each having a 78. Charles Bemish was off color in his play during the afternoon round, however, slicing his drives and missing several easy putts. He took a 93 for the afternoon round.

In the assistants' class, the play for the helpers of the pro class, Frank Leisten, of the Oak Hill Club, of Rochester, took first honors with a 186, while second honors fell to Will Loomis, of the Buffalo Golf Club, with a score of 189. George Collins, of the Country Club, of Rochester, placed third with a 192. The morning rounds of the assistants were fairly low, but several of the players struck obstacles in the afternoon play, one of them turning in a score of 104.

### Kenny Drives Well.

The driving of Kenny won him the admiration of a small crowd which followed what was known as the "Big Four" (Walter and Charles Bemish, Dan Kenney and Earl Rowley) around the course. Teeing off from the fourteenth hole Kenney hit the ball a terrific blow with his driver, sending it straight down the fairway until he was hole high. Time and again, Kenny made similar drives.

Walter Bemish, who finished second, had a fine chance of taking first place in the tournament, but a lost ball on the sixteenth hole of the morning round cost him two strokes, for he was forced to take a 7 for the hole which is an ordinary 5. These two strokes, had he not been penalized, would have given him a margin of one stroke over Kenny, a 156. Bemish appears to have no form whatsoever in his driving and putting, going about his work in an "unprofessional-like" manner, according to one of the bystanders, but he managed to bring in the low scores. It was a mighty triumph for Walter Bemish, yesterday, for he defeated his brother, Charles, who is first pro at the Oak Hill Country Club, of Rochester.

**Alf Campbell Here.**

Alf Campbell, former professional at the Oak Hill Club and now professional at the Lewiston Heights Golf Club at Niagara Falls, was among the contestants, making the eighteen holes in 165, which gave him a tie with several others for sixth place.

Buffalo is all agog over the advent of golf in the Windy City, the newspapers boosting the play with two and three columns daily. Yesterday five of the six Buffalo newspapers had correspondents in Rochester. A mishap occurred to one of the parties on the way. Just outside of Batavia their automobile, of the well-known flivver type, skidded on an oiled road, and the machine went into a ditch, injuring two of the newspaper men. One of them was forced to go to a Rochester chiropractor when he arrived here.

The professional golfers were the guests of the Country Club of Rochester at a dinner last evening, following which prizes were distributed to the winners. Either the Bemis Point Golf Club, of Olean, or the Lewiston Heights Country Club, of Niagara Falls, will be the host to the professional golfers in two weeks. Dan Kenny, the Olean pro, is getting together a purse for \$1,000 which will be presented to the winning golfers in the Olean play.

Kenny's card yesterday:

**MORNING ROUND**

Out ..... 4 4 5 4 6 2 3 5 3-38  
 In ..... 5 3 5 4 5 4 4 5 5-40-76

**AFTERNOON ROUND**

Out ..... 5 5 5 5 6 3 4 6 5-44  
 In ..... 3 5 6 4 4 3 4 4 4-37-81

The card of Walter Bemis, winner of second prize with a 158:

**MORNING ROUND**

Out ..... 4 5 5 4 4 4 3 4 4-37  
 In ..... 4 4 5 4 6 3 7 4 4-41-78

**AFTERNOON ROUND**

Out ..... 4 6 5 4 3 5 2 5 6-40  
 In ..... 5 4 7 4 5 4 4 4 3-40-80

The scores:

**PROFESSIONALS**

	Out	In	Out	In	To
Earl Bowler, Buff. G. C.	42	39	44	40	165
Chas. Bemish, Oak H.	41	37	45	48	171
Walt. Bemish, Oak H.	37	41	40	40	158
Lee Smith, Buff. G. C.	47	38	46		Scratch
Jack Walker, Owasco	47	46			Scratch
Dan Kenny, Olean	36	40	44	37	151
Cliff Drake, Lock	41	42	42	40	165
Alf. Campbell, N. F.	40	42	44	39	165
New McKenna, Iron	41	42	40	42	165
Hugh Gordon, Park	44	40	43	39	166
Jack Gordon, R. C. C.	42	39	43	38	165
W. Entwistle, Syra	44	40	39	36	159
Geo. Christ, R. C. C.	42	40	41	39	159
L. Calloway, Buff.	42	40	42	42	167
M. McIntosh, Dunkirk	43	47			Scratch
Wilbur Jack, Genun	47	48			Scratch

**ASSISTANTS**

	Out	In	Out	In	To
G. Nieman, Buff. G. C.	54	52	53	51	210
G. Collins, R. C. C.	50	44	51	47	192
F. Leisten, R. C. C.	45	47	48	46	186
Matt Hughes, Park	59	48	47	52	206
R. Shepherd, R. G. C.	50	48	52	43	193
Will Loomis, R. G. C.	48	48	48	47	189
T. Cheney, Buff.	52	50	50	44	196

Women's Match Off.

Buffalo, June 17.—A scheduled golf match between the women of the Country Club of Rochester and the Buffalo Golf Club was postponed here to-day because of rain. The teams will meet on June 24th.



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# GOLF MATCH ENDS IN TIE---TRIBE DEFEATS BISONS AGAIN

# HAGEN AND HUTCHISON EVEN WITH FAMOUS BRITISH PAIR IN MATCH; PLAY STRONG GOLF IN AFTERNOON

## Woman's Heel Gives Duncan and Mitchell Tie over Links of Country Club of Rochester; Large Gallery Watches Exhibition.

Golf matches sometimes are won or lost in most unexpected ways. A few years ago Francis Ouimet was shocked out of the amateur title when an officious announcer bellowed his megaphone as Ouimet was making a shot. Yesterday it was such a little thing as a woman's heel that caused the Hagen-Hutchison and Duncan-Mitchell match at the County Club of Rochester to end all even. Jock Hutchison, whose well-played approach on the thirty-fifth hole had been responsible for putting the Americans 1 up, with one to play, lost a chance to halve the final hole and save the match when his second shot struck the heel of of a woman's shoe on the edge of the thirty-sixth green and the ball sliced off in a trap. As both Britons were on the green in two, while Hagen's second was trapped, the foreign pros won with 4's, halving the match.

Walter Hagen a'nd Jock Hutchison, probably the strongest pro team in this country, were as evenly matched with Abe Mitchell and George Duncan, their famous British opponents, as the score indicates. These four players furnished the best golf exhibition that has been seen in Rochester. While the Britishers have not quite the same picturesque place in the world of golf that Vardon and Ray hold, their game is as sound as that of their well-known countrymen.

#### Weather Conditions Poor.

Weather conditions were unfavorable at the start of the morning round and the first few holes were played in a drizzle. The weather soon cleared, however, and the only handicap the players encountered for the remainder of the match was a stiff wind which swept the course and raised havoc with long shots. There was a fair-sized gallery for the morning round, despite the rain, while the final eighteen holes attracted the largest gallery that has watched a match at the Country Club. Rain slowed the greens a trifle in the morning, but the putting surfaces were almost ideal for the final round.

Analysis of the scores shows that Hutchison and Mitchell, neither of whom finished with a medal score low enough to qualify for any of the special prizes, were the best match players of the contenders. Hutchison single handed won five holes for the Americans, besides sharing with Hagen in the winning of two others. Mitchell's faculty of getting on the greens a bit easier than the rest of the field helped him take four holes for his side, while he and Duncan had fewer strokes than their opponents on three other holes. Hagen and Duncan each won two holes during the match. Hagen averted disaster several times for himself and Hutchison by sinking long putts to halve holes when Jock was out of the running.

#### Hagen Wins Special Prize.

Hagen won a special prize for the best eighteen holes, with 71 for the afternoon round. He was out in 33 for this round, two strokes under par, and had an excellent chance to crack the course record, 33, but faltered on the final nine holes when his short game lacked the crispness and steadiness which marked his playing earlier in the afternoon. Duncan took the prize for the low thirty-six, making the double round in 146, with 73 for each eighteen. Duncan seldom was in trouble. He played steadily and turned in his share of birdies.

Better conditions made for better golf in the second round. Then, too, Hutchison and the Britons profited by their lessons of the morning eighteen and used their newly gained knowledge of the course. A peculiar feature of the match was the fact that Hagen alone was able to break par figures for the first nine holes, while all of the pros either bettered or equalled par for the second nine.

The early morning rain, while it revived the course, also eliminated the roll which most golfers covet. The pros, however, did not depend on a roll to lengthen their tee shots, seemingly putting on a spin that held the balls almost where they fell. Most of the persons in the gallery had heard tales about Mitchell's remarkable wood shots and his strokes off the tee were closely watched. The British "Siege Gun" now and then attained unusual distance, but on the whole there was little to choose between the drives of the quartette, Mitchell and Hagen outdriving Duncan and Hutchison a trifle on the average.

#### Match Is Close One.

It wasn't a tee shot, but a brassie second on the long twelfth in the afternoon round where Mitchell showed his real capabilities with a wooden club. This hole, 495 yards, is par 5. The green, situated on one of the highest points of the course, is hidden from the player until he reaches a point within fifty yards of the pin. All four drives were well placed a little above the base of the hill approaching the green, with Mitchell having the longest ball. He laid into his second shot with everything he had and put the ball on the green about ten feet from the cup. This is the first time on record that this green has been reached in 2. Mitchell missed his putt for an eagle 3, but sank the next to better par by one stroke.

The match was close from start to finish, with most of the thrills reserved for the final eighteen holes. The score was even at the close of the morning round, during which the Americans at one time had their opponents 2 down. There was considerable seesawing in the afternoon and the result was not settled until the final hole.

Hagen and Hutchison jumped to the front on the first hole of the morning round, when both Americans holed out in 4's as against 5's for their opponents. Mitchell had a fine second shot on this hole, being the only player to reach the green in 2. He lost a chance for a birdie 3 when his long downhill putt rimmed the cup and rolled past.

## Long Distance Powers.

The first intimation of the driving power of the pros was given on the second, when, playing with the wind, all four players made 300 yards or better off the tee, Mitchell's ball landing about 270 yards from its starting point. All

the match were on the green in two and Hutchison barely missed holing out in 3. The hole was halved when Hutchison and Mitchell each made 4.

Hutchison was in trouble on the 550-yard third, the longest hole on the course. He hooked his drive, the ball lodging in front of a fence post and in such a position that Jock was unable to play for the hole. Taking a mashie, Hutchison played the ball off the face of the post and the gutta percha pill bounded back on the fairway. This mishap put Hutchison out of the running for the hole, which Hagen halved with the Britons, the three getting 5 a.

Good judgment of distance enabled Hutchison to reach the fourth green in 1. Hagen was over, while the foreign pros were a trifle short with their drives. Jock took two putts and won the hole in 3, making the Americans two up.

#### Forced to Play Through Trees.

The fifth and sixth were halved with fives and threes, respectively, but both Duncan and Mitchell outplayed their opponents on the short seventh, which Duran won with a fine 2. Duncan's drive stopped four feet from the pin and this player, who consumes less time in making shots than any pro who has played here, holed out for a birdie. Mitchell's 3 for this hole outdid the efforts of the Americans, who had 4 apiece.

Even golf was in evidence for the following eight holes, all of which were halved. Hutchison ran into more trouble when he pulled his drive on the ninth and was compelled to play out of a deep wagon track. "Oh, well," said the philosophical Scot when he came up to his ball. "I shouldn't be here, I suppose, if I had played it right." Jock flubbed his first attempt to get out of the rut and then was compelled to play through a large tree to get back on the course, winding up with 7 for the hole.

It was Mitchell who evened the match with a 3 on the sixteenth. His drive carried to the edge of the green and he was down in two putts for a birdie.

The afternoon round started with a typical Hagen recovery on the first hole. Walter topped his drive, but put his brassie second shot on the green, hitting against the wind. None of the others was able to reach the green in 2. This did not trouble Mitchell, who holed his approach from two feet off the green, winning the hole with a birdie 3.

#### Duncan Regains Lead.

Hagen came back with 3 on the second when he dropped a long putt for a birdie and a win, again making the match even. Mitchell's chance of finishing with a low medal vanished on the third hole of this round, when he drove two balls out of bounds and picked up. An approximation of 8 for this hole is generous, as many figured that he would require at least nine strokes to hole out.

Duncan regained the lead for the Britons by winning the fourth with 2. His fine approach turned the trick on this hole, as his drive was a trifle short. Both Englishmen were on the sixth green, a 215-yard carry, in 1. Mitchell made the hole in 3, which was tied by Hagen, who made a splendid recovery after slicing his drive to the rough. The Americans made it an even match when both played the 150-yard seventh in 2's. Duncan required three and Mitchell four strokes for this hole.

Hagen continued the brilliant golf he showed from the start of this round by playing the eighth in 3, which brought the lead back to the home side. Hutchison narrowly missed placing his drive in the same wagon track that upset him on the ninth hole in the morning round and expressed his relief by playing the hole in 4, a performance that left the Americans 2 up at the end of the twenty-seventh hole.

#### Excitement at Close.

Mitchell cut the lead of the Hagen-Hutchison combination to one by dropping a ten-footer on the tenth hole. Hutchison quickly reclaimed the advantage with a birdie 3 on the 300-yard dog-leg eleventh. All four pros "cheated" on this hole in the morning, when they played the hole on an airline. Duncan cut across in the afternoon, but the others played the hole according to Hoyle.

Two holes were won by Mitchell in quick succession and the match was again all even at the thirteenth. Abe's remarkable second helped him to a winning 4 on the twelfth and he took one putt for a 2 on the short thirteenth. Both Englishmen played the fourteenth in 4's, while Hagen and Hutchison each had 5. Hutchison's 3 on the fifteenth brought the play back to evens and Hagen's well-played 3 on the sixteenth earned a half with Duncan, who drove this green. Mitchell's drive was hooked and he picked up from the road at the left of the green.

Plenty of excitement was crowded into the closing moments of the match. Hagen's slips on the preceding holes had about ruined his chance of breaking the course record and interest was centered on the efforts of the contenders to snatch an advantage on the two remaining holes. Hutchison won the seventeenth with a birdie 3 and it looked like certain victory for the Americans, as it was figured that they could halve the home hole. Jock's victory of the seventeenth was largely due to the powerful backspin which held

his well-played second shot close to the pin. The ball came to the green with so much spin that it threw a small divot where it first struck the green.

**Cards of Players.**

The eighteenth green was surrounded by the largest gallery that watched the play during the match and the crowd was one of the reasons for a halved match. Duncan and Mitchell made the green with their second shots and Hutchison probably would have been equally well off save for the fact that he had the misfortune to have his ball hit the foot of a woman spectator. Hagen and Hutch both had fine outs from the pit at the right of the eighteenth green, but their 5's were one more than the 4's made by the Britons, giving the latter an even break on the day.

**MORNING ROUND**

Par, out	4 4 5 4 4 3 3 4 4—35
Duncan, out	5 5 5 4 5 3 2 4 5—38
Mitchell, out	5 4 5 4 5 4 3 4 5—39
Hagen, out	4 5 5 4 5 3 4 6 5—41
Hutchison, out	4 4 6 3 5 4 4 4 7—41
Par, in	4 4 5 3 5 3 4 4 4—36 35—71
Duncan, in	4 4 5 3 4 3 4 4 4—35 38—73
Mitchell, in	4 4 5 3 5 3 3 3 4—34 39—73
Hagen, in	4 4 5 3 4 3 4 4 4—35 41—76
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**AFTERNOON ROUND.**

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Duncan, in	4 4 5 3 4 4 3 5 4—36 37—73 73—146
Mitchell, in	3 4 4 2 4 4*5 4 4—34 41—75 73—148
Hagen, in	4 5 5 3 5 4 3 4 5—38 33—71 76—147
Hutchison, in	4 3 5 4 5 3 4 3 5—36 39—75 79—154

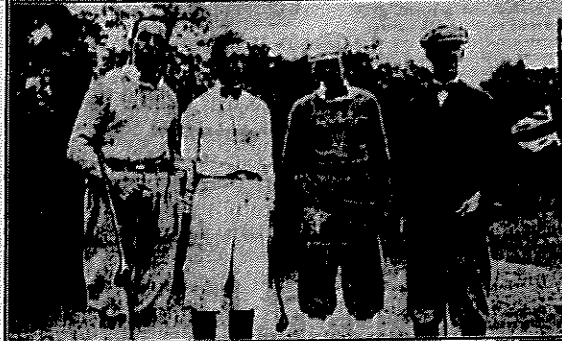
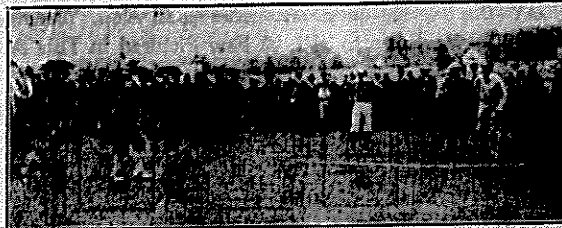
\*Approximations, picked up.

One of the features of the match was the fact that the best ball for the afternoon round totaled 50, ten strokes under the course record and twelve under par. The best ball follows:

Out	3 3 5 3 4 3 2 3 4—30
In	3 3 4 2 4 3 3 3 4—29 29—30



**The Hagen-Hutchison and Mitchell-Duncan Match**



Many green moments were exhibited in the Hagen-Hutchison and Mitchell-Duncan golf match over the links of the Country Club at Rochester, yesterday. The upper picture shows George Duncan getting on the first green in the morning round. Notice the gallery that followed the golfer.

The center picture shows the four golfers who played here yesterday. On the left is Walter Hagen, sometime captain and president of the Country Club of Rochester; Jack Hutchison, of the Kingston Club, Chicago, is next, and then comes the British pair, George Duncan and the Mitchell.

The lower picture shows Jack Hutchison ready to drive.

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**MORNING ROUND**

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Duncan, Scot	3	3	3	3	3	15-12
Mitchell, Scot	4	3	4	3	4	18-14
Hutchison, Scot	4	3	4	3	4	18-14
Hagen, Scot	4	3	4	3	4	18-14
Duncan, Scot	3	3	3	3	3	15-12
Mitchell, Scot	4	3	4	3	4	18-14
Hutchison, Scot	4	3	4	3	4	18-14

