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# CHARLES M'KENNA SETS NEW RECORD

Has Medal Score of 74 Over Genundawah Club's Links.

Charles McKenna, of the Oak Hill Country Club, set a new course record at the Genundawah Golf Club, East Rochester, yesterday afternoon, getting a medal score of 74, par being 72 for the course. The old record was made by Harold McDonald professional at the club, who had an 83. In making his record-breaking score, McKenna had two birdies and an eagle. On the par 4 seventh hole, 337 yards, McKenna drove passed the pin and then ran down a twenty-foot putt for an eagle two.

Will Nagle, of the Stratford Country Club, of Le Roy; Elwin Nagle and Jim Weldon, of the Oak Hill Country Club, played in the same foursome with McKenna and all turned in good scores. Weldon had an 81, Will Nagle 82 and Elwin Nagle 83.

George Christ, professional at the Country Club of Rochester; Ned McKenna, pro at the Irondequoit Country Club, and Jock Walker, of the Owasco Country Club, of Auburn, made up part of another foursome. Christ had an 81, McKenna 82 and Walker 81 in this foursome.

Harold MacDonald, the Genundawah pro, has made a number of improvements since taking charge of the course. "Suk" Callahan, chairman of the Tournament Committee, has planned a long list of events for the season and also is arranging team matches with the Oak Hill Country Club, Geneva Country Club and Brae Burn Country Club of Dansville.

McKenna's score:

Par—	
Out .....	4 3 4 4 4 4 4 5 4—36
McKenna—	
Out .....	4 2 4 4 5 4 4 6 5—38
Par—	
In .....	4 3 4 4 4 4 4 5 4—36
McKenna—	
In .....	4 3 3 4 5 5 2 6 4—36

## Land Offered to Oak Hill Viewed by Donald Ross

Donald Ross, of Boston and Newton Center, Mass., architect of golf courses, yesterday looked over various tracts of land that have been suggested as a site for the Oak Hill Country Club, which is to give up its property at Elmwood avenue to the University of Rochester. Mr. Ross arrived yesterday morning and registered at the Hotel Seneca. He will remain until to-night.

Mr. Ross was accompanied from one piece of property to another by Clarence Wheeler, Oak Hill president; Jeremiah G. Menihan and Gordon Kellogg. Clover Heights, off Clover road, is one of the tracts that were visited. It includes a hill, as do the present grounds of the club.

Another trip was to what is called the Harris property, which is not far from the Irondequoit Club and but a short distance from East avenue. East avenue property which lies between the Irondequoit Club and the Country Club of Rochester, also was inspected.

"I'm sorry, but I can't tell you my impressions of the different tracts, as that will come in my report," Mr. Ross said when interviewed last night after he returned late to the hotel. "I shall not write my report until I return home."

Mr. Ross was entertained at luncheon at the Oak Hill Club and in the evening was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Menihan at their home in East avenue.

Some three hundred golf courses have been laid out by Mr. Ross. When he leaves Rochester to-night he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to map out the course for a new club.

## Golfers Seeking Revival of City Championship Tourney

### Growing Sentiment for Title Play Likely to Result in Tournament This Year.

Rochester may have a long-standing sport void—a city championship golf tournament for players under a 14 handicap—filled this year. The matter has been talked over during the winter by a number of well-known Rochester golfers and efforts are being made now to line local clubs up for such a tournament. It has been several years since Rochester has had a golf tournament and the last was a poor effort.

Last year several efforts were being made to revive the city golf tournament, but nothing came of it because no one thought of such a tourney until late in the summer. This year, however, golfers are booming a tournament and it wouldn't be surprising if a real, honest-to-goodness competition were staged before next October.

The increased popularity of golf has been noticed in all the local clubs. The Oak Hill Country Club, the Country Club of Rochester, Genesee Golf Club, Irondequoit Country Club and Genundewah Golf Club report many converts to the game. And the public links at Genesee Valley Park have been swarmed with golfers on Saturdays and Sundays. City authorities are planning to put the course at Durand-Eastman Park in shape this summer, which will afford one of the sportiest courses in Western New York.

#### Golf Growing in Popularity.

Predictions have been made that golf will exceed baseball in popularity at the end of another decade, for everyone will be able to participate in the game instead of sitting in stands. Many physicians are recommending golf to their patients, all of which portends some eventful years for the Scottish pastime. In order to boost golf properly in Rochester, it would seem that a city tournament should be staged.

Rochester has some well-known golfers, men who won laurels not only on Rochester links but in other tournaments. This spring at Pinehurst several Rochesterians figured prominently in the tournaments, notably Arthur Yates, Fillmore K. Robeson and Irving S. Robeson. Last year Charles McKenna, one of the leading amateurs in this city, won the Utica open tournament and figured prominently in a number of other nearby competitions.

#### Pros Do Well in Tourneys.

Then there are Ned McKenna, professional at the Irondequoit Club; Charles Bemish, pro at the Oak Hill Country Club; Walter Bemish, assistant pro at Oak Hill, and George Christ,

pro at the Country Club of Rochester. In the Western New York professional tourneys, held in Buffalo, Rochester, Olean and Niagara Falls last year, Rochester golfers won several of the competitions and finished well up in others.

This year will see a revival of the Professional Golfers' Association by Buffalo golfers and plans already are under way for the promotion of several tourneys. Alf Campbell, former pro at the Oak Hill Country Club and now located at the Lewiston Heights Country Club, is one of the leading factors in the golf world in this section of the state and has announced the plans of the Western New York Golfers' Association for this season. These events will include an amateur tournament, a pro tournament, an open tournament and a women's tournament.

#### Rochester Golfers Backward.

Last year, when this Western New York body was organized, Rochester had a chance to stage a tournament, but no one from Rochester wanted to sponsor the affair, so the Buffalo and other nearby clubs were given the tournaments. This year, when the Western New York golfers' body saw that Rochester apparently was not interested, the tournaments were again given to the clubs surrounding Buffalo.

In addition to these tournaments, Buffalo has its own city tournament every year, while a Syracuse club promotes a similar event. In golf competition, Syracuse is more advanced than Rochester, even though that city does not rank with Rochester in size.

#### May Form New Club.

Talk has been heard concerning the organization of a new golf club, for the present clubs have practically reached their membership limit. Nothing definite has been done in this matter as yet, but it would not be surprising if a new club should be formed before next spring.

The revival of a city tournament would place Rochester on the golf map. It is the intention of the Western New York's Golf Association to extend its activities throughout the Great Lakes region and in time stage a Great Lakes tourney. Nothing on so large a scale has been attempted as yet, for the association has lacked the necessary link—Rochester. With Rochester in the fold, however, the officers of the association feel that such a tournament could be made a success. Duluth, Superior, Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Windsor, Hamilton, Toronto, Milwaukee, Chicago, Kingston and Rochester would be included in this tourney.

# GOLF TOURNEYS IN ROCHESTER HAVE BEEN FAILURES IN LAST FEW YEARS, STATISTICS SHOW

Popularity of Game Increasing, but City Is  
Still Lacking in Tournaments.

Golfers are becoming more numerous in Rochester each year, but for some reason, despite the growing popularity of the ancient Scotch game, there has been a decrease of interest in tournament play in this city. Walter Hagen, undoubtedly the greatest of all home-breds, brought considerable golfing renown to his native Rochester a few years ago, but little has happened here in the last five years to bring this city to the attention of the golf world.

The game has developed widely in a few years and there are hundreds of players to-day who have no idea as to how golf was introduced in Rochester. Some interesting golf history is to be found in a booklet that was published in 1910 by the Genesee Golf Club. The history was written by William R. Lansing, that time one of the active members of the club.

#### **Club Is Organized.**

The links at Genesee Valley Park were laid out in 1899 under the supervision of John Henry Stedman, a member of the Country Club of Rochester, and Superintendent of Parks Calvin C. Laney, the history tells. Quite a few of the present members of the club participated in the ancient and honorable game, but it was not until three years after the establishment of the links at Genesee Valley Park that the Genesee Golf Club was formed.

"On a pleasant Saturday afternoon in June, 1902, a small party of golfers assembled at the rustic bridge to enter a chip-in-a-quarter match," the history says. "There were about a dozen. After waiting for a time, and Mr. Geddes (who was to conduct the play) not appearing, someone among the number—a report has it, it was Jim Shanly—made the remark: 'What's the use of waiting for Geddes every time? Why not form a golf club and run our own tournaments?' This remark may have been put in a little stronger language, but that was the idea conveyed.

"The suggestion took at once and the question came up concerning a meeting place. Clarence W. Lansing said: 'Father plays golf, you can meet at his office, he'll join the club, too.' An informal meeting was held, the matter discussed and the result was a meeting in the rooms of the Republican General Committee, some twenty golfers being present, and the South Park Golf Club was organized."

**Alec Ross Rere.**

On July 26, 1905, the history tells, Mr. Engel arranged for the first professional golf match ever played on the park links. On that day Willie Anderson and Bernard Nichols played some of the strongest players the Genesee Golf Club was able to produce. In the morning each of the professionals took on three of the Genesee's best players, playing against the best ball. The pros won, but in the afternoon the pros played against each other. Nichols won, 73 to 75.

"In 1906," the history says, "Alfred Ricketts was chosen club professional. During this summer Wil Smith and Bernard Nichols came to Rochester and gave us another fine exhibition of professional golf. Many tournaments and matches were played. Nineteen hundred and seven was not a particularly eventful year, the main event being a match during the latter part of the season between Alex Ross and Gil Nichols.

"In 1908 the subject of an interclub city championship" was broached and through the efforts of H. G. Strong, of the Rochester Country Club; C. E. Bostwick, of the Oak Hill Country Club, and our secretary, E. L. Engel, such a match was arranged.

**F. K. Robeson's Debut.**

The first tournament which was conducted in Rochester was won by Guernsey T. Curtis, who defeated W. W. Dake, also of the Country Club of Rochester, in the final round. In 1909, Mr. Curtis again won the city championship, defeating J. M. Rhett, of the Country Club of Rochester. Percy R. McPhail won the city title in 1910, defeating Fred Will, Jr., while William M. Reekie, present New Jersey state champion, took the honors in 1911, defeating Curtis. This was the first championship that an Oak Hill golfer was able to win, all the previous ones having gone to the players from the Country Club of Rochester.

On September 14, 1912, Reekie won the city championship from Fillmore K. Robeson, who was just coming into prominence as a golfer. Reekie won the match by 3 and 2, but only after the hardest kind of a fight with young Robeson. Robeson proved his mettle the next year, 1913, when he defeated Gurney T. Curtis for the city championship by a one-sided score, 7 and 5. Since then Robeson has figured prominently in a number of other tournaments, especially at Pinehurst, where he won the North and South amateur title several years ago.

### No Tourney Since 1920.

In 1916 a new crop of golfers came to the fore and in that year Charles McKenna, one of the leading amateurs in the city, made his debut as a champion. In the final round he defeated George Christ, now professional at the Country Club of Rochester, 4 and 3. It was the first time that Christ came into the public eye and since that time he has steadily come to the fore, now being known as one of the leading professionals in Western New York.

Christ won the city title in 1917, defeating Wilbur Nagle in the final round and setting a new record for the Genesee Valley Park course 70. The war interfered with the tournaments in 1918 and 1919 and in 1920 an attempt was made to revive the championship play. No effort to stage a city golf tournament was made in 1921 and no plans have been made as yet this year, but golfers are hoping that members of the various clubs will attempt to stage a competition which is almost vital to golfing in Rochester.

### Played in League.

From 1899 to 1908 the Country Club of Rochester was a member of the League of the Lower Lakes, which has since passed out of existence. This organization included the Country Club of Detroit, the Toronto Golf Club, the Buffalo Country Club and the Country Club of Rochester. Two Rochester golfers have





**GEORGE CHRIST,**  
Former Rochester Golf Champion,  
Now Pro at Country Club.

**Golfers Who Have Won  
City Golf Tournaments**

Golfers who have won city championship tournaments are as follows:

1908	Gurney T. Curtis
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1910	Percy R. McPhail
1911	William M. Reekie
1912	William M. Reekie
1913	Fillmore K. Robeson
1914	Charles McKenna
1915	George Christ
1918-19	No tournaments
1920	M. E. Nagell, Jr.

had the distinction of winning the tournament, W. W. Powers, in 1901, and Gurney T. Curtis, in 1906. Curtis also won the championship of Western New York in 1910 in a tournament conducted by the Buffalo Country Club.

Alf Campbell, former professional at the Oak Hill Country and now pro at the Lewiston Heights Country Club at Niagara Falls, set a record for the Oak Hill course on August 25, 1915, which stood until July 5, 1921, when Charles McKenna, who has gained much fame upstate through his golfing exploits, beat Campbell's effort by two strokes. A comparison of their scores is as follows:

Out—	
Par	4 5 5 2 3 5 4 5 3 = 37
Campbell	5 4 4 2 5 3 4 5 = 36
McKenna	4 5 5 2 3 5 4 5 3 = 35
In	
Par	3 4 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 = 38-73
Campbell	3 4 3 4 4 4 4 4 = 34-69
McKenna	3 4 3 4 4 5 4 4 4 = 33-67

**Yates Holds Records.**

Strange to say, it is not Walter Hagen who holds the course record at the Country Club of Rochester, but Arthur Yates, former Yale football star, who has done most of his golfing in the South. Yates' record for the course at the Country Club of Rochester is as follows:

Out—	
Par	4 5 5 2 3 5 4 5 3 = 37
Yates	4 5 5 2 3 4 4 5 3 = 35
In	
Par	3 4 3 4 5 5 4 4 4 = 38-73
Yates	3 4 3 4 4 5 3 4 = 33-64

During the last five years several new courses have sprung up in and around Rochester, notably the Irondequoit Country Club, of which Ned McKenna, brother of Charles McKenna, is professional, and the Genesee Country Club, managed by Harold MacDonald, a well-known Rochester golfer.

## **KIRKWOOD AND HAGEN WILL MEET ON ROCHESTER LINKS**

Joe Kirkwood and Walter Hagen will play an exhibition match at the Country Club of Rochester sometime later in the summer, according to an announcement made last evening by Buell P. Mills, chairman of a committee which is arranging several tournaments for the Country Club links. The date of their appearance has not been determined as yet, Mr. Mills said last evening.

The coming of Hagen here also means that a reception will be tendered to the winner of the 1922 British open tournament. More definite arrangements will be completed within the next few days, Mr. Mills added.

The Country Club of Rochester will hold an invitation tournament for amateurs on August 24-25-26 to which most of the better class of amateur golfers in the state will be invited. It is also probable that several nationally known amateurs will compete in this tournament, although plans have only been started, Mr. Mills said.

direct the business of the club, it was said.



Rochester will be well represented in the United States open golf championship next week at the Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, Ill. Walter Hagen, America's greatest home-bred and the first native of the United States to win the British open title, undoubtedly will be the center of attraction at Skokie. Hagen, unknown and unsung, went out of this city eight years ago on his first quest for the American open title. The tournament that year, 1914, was held at Chicago and young Hagen finished a stroke ahead of "Chick" Evans, who made a whirlwind finish in the final thirty-six holes.

Hagen has harvested every honor in sight in the golf world and on form looks capable of holding his share of titles for a few more years, anyhow.

One amateur, Charles McKenna, of Oak Hill, and three pros, George Christ, Country Club of Rochester; Ned McKenna, Irondequoit Country Club, and Walter Bemish, Oak Hill, will leave Rochester within a day or two for Chicago. Christ and the McKennas have tackled the big event before, but this will be Walter Bemish's first experience in the open. Competition with the flower of the golfing fraternity should help the youngster from Oak Hill and if Bemish shoots the same brand of golf he displayed recently at Buffalo he will cause some of the veterans to worry.

There is scarcely a thin veil of concealment over the major league propaganda appearing in various metropolitan newspapers anent the restoration of the draft by the double A triumvirate. If one is to believe all that is printed, the International League club owners are ready to choke Jack Dunn into selling a raft of his stars in order to equalize the quality of the league. It is difficult to imagine Dunn taking such a course, and still more difficult to believe that members of the league are capable of entertaining such an idea.

Major leaguers are anxious to have the draft accepted by the big minors, but the latter, having found that they can stagger along comfortably without becoming a party to the plan of player selection, are unlikely to flop, certainly not before the majors offer an equitable draft.

## Country Club of Rochester Loses to Oak Hill Team

Charlie McKenna, Rochester's premier amateur golfer, met some stiff opposition on his new home course—the Oak Hill Country Club—yesterday afternoon at the hands of Fillmore K. Robeson, of the Country Club of Rochester in a team match which the Oak Hill Club won, 76 1-2 to 70 1-2.

Both golfers turned in cards of 76, but Robeson won the last nine by 1 up, giving him the match, for the players were tied at the end of the first nine. As a result Robeson won 2 1-2 points to McKenna's 1-2 under the Nassau system of scoring. Scores:

COUNTRY CLUB		OAK HILLS	
F. Robeson . . . . .	21½	C. McKenna . . . . .	14
M. B. Macomber 1½		Ed. Coughlin . . . . .	1½
Brewster Lee . . . . .	3	J. Weldon . . . . .	0
G. Moore . . . . .	1½	J. Dalley, Jr. . . . .	2½
W. Adams . . . . .	0	M. M. Bonney . . . . .	3
M. H. Anderson . . . . .	1½	J. Murphy . . . . .	1½
Mort Miller, Jr. . . . .	0	Otis Barber . . . . .	3
Whiting Morse . . . . .	1	W. Addison . . . . .	2
A. Motley . . . . .	3	A. Cobb . . . . .	2
B. Reilly . . . . .	1½	L. W. Chapin . . . . .	2½
F. Robeson . . . . .	2	J. Hogan . . . . .	1
L. E. Scranton . . . . .	2	E. Sager . . . . .	1
W. S. Morse . . . . .	1	C. Wheeler . . . . .	2
J. Bowman . . . . .	2½	E. Patrichild . . . . .	1½
F. Durand . . . . .	0	E. Warden . . . . .	3
R. G. White . . . . .	0	L. Dunn . . . . .	3
Fred Goodwin . . . . .	3	R. C. Marlow . . . . .	0
R. R. Fitch . . . . .	2	J. C. Cavanaugh . . . . .	1
H. Converse . . . . .	0	F. O'Connor . . . . .	3
A. Dupuy . . . . .	0	R. DeMalle . . . . .	3
E. Ingersoll . . . . .	1½	J. Bradford . . . . .	1½
P. F. McPhail . . . . .	3	A. Brown . . . . .	0
B. Little . . . . .	2½	J. Dalley, Sr. . . . .	1½
W. J. Curtis . . . . .	2½	A. J. Munnihan . . . . .	½
T. Parsons, Jr. . . . .	3	J. O. Dalley . . . . .	0
W. W. Felton . . . . .	3	J. F. Braam . . . . .	0
Charles Morse . . . . .	0	C. L. Cadle . . . . .	3
F. C. Morse . . . . .	3	Joe Goddard . . . . .	0
Dewey Richards . . . . .	0	E. A. Brady . . . . .	3
Frank Sage . . . . .	0	Emil Brocker . . . . .	3
F. E. Brewster . . . . .	0	Dr. J. M. M'Cauley . . . . .	3
Fred Swan . . . . .	3	E. S. Brodt . . . . .	0
F. C. Morse . . . . .	1	H. Russell . . . . .	2
Nelson Sage . . . . .	0	L. F. Hallett . . . . .	3
D. M. Beach . . . . .	1	Harry Wray . . . . .	2
B. P. Mills . . . . .	1	F. C. Trotter . . . . .	2
H. Prince . . . . .	2½	A. J. Swezy . . . . .	1½
C. Enos . . . . .	3	Harry McKay . . . . .	0
R. B. Converse . . . . .	0	Ben Hughes . . . . .	3
A. S. Newell . . . . .	1	W. Perrin . . . . .	2
W. O. Beaswell . . . . .	3	W. F. Martin . . . . .	0
T. Newell . . . . .	3	W. Patterson . . . . .	0
L. B. Fitch . . . . .	1	G. H. Kellogg . . . . .	2
A. M. Mossrop . . . . .	1½	H. R. Gullford . . . . .	2½
Dr. T. Parsons . . . . .	0	C. C. Culver . . . . .	3
F. Harrin . . . . .	2½	A. B. Headley . . . . .	½
K. Likly . . . . .	0	Murray Dalley . . . . .	3
E. P. Curtis . . . . .	3	Ray Hickok . . . . .	0
Elliott Fitch . . . . .	3½	James S. Moore . . . . .	2½
	70½		76½

**Kirkwood's Trick Shots Reveal  
Unusual Control of Golf Ball;  
Hagen to Play with Australian**



**JOE KIRKWOOD ABOUT TO DRIVE SWINGING BALL.**

Straightaway and fancy golf will make up the program that is to be presented at the Country Club of Rochester on Saturday afternoon, when Walter Hagen, British open champion, and Joe Kirkwood, the Australian star, will play an eighteen-hole match with Fillmore K. Robinson, of the Country Club, and Charles McKenna, of Oak Hill. This round will furnish the straightaway golf, while Kirkwood will provide the fancy stuff with an exhibition of trick shots. The Australian is a wizard in this line and he is able to make golf balls perform some remarkable stunts.

This will be Hagen's first appearance in his home town since he won the British open at Sandwich and Walter will be given a great reception. In Duluth the other day, his fellow townsmen presented Walter Hoover with a furisode house in recognition of the famous seaman's victory at Henley. Hagen will not receive a house, but he is to have the total receipts of the day as a token of the esteem in which he is held by members of the club where he learned to play golf.

Kirkwood's trick shots have created a sensation wherever the Australian has appeared on American links. A recent exhibition at Louisville, Ky., is described as follows by the Courier-Journal:

**Kirkwood Shows Many Shots.**

Kirkwood gave a remarkable entertainment of golf wizardry. The proverbial "dog full of fleas" is not a circumstance to this Anzac, with his volume of trick shots. He has so many apparent, yet his control that they are often played from the lie of the ball rather than following a set program.

His first was that of taking two balls several feet from the cup about ten inches apart in stymie. Jumping the forward ball with the one back holding it out, then placing it a few inches from the untouched ball, repeating until the dis-

tance is entirely recovered. He then placed six balls, stymie fashion, three inches apart and jumped the entire number, rolling into the cup. Then placing the six balls nearer the cup, he began with the back one, shooting each one from the rear into the cup on the fly. He then put a ball on the lip of the cup, placed another one eight inches behind it and Englished the cue-ball, so to speak, around the other one, both to the right and the left. Another one of his cup shots is that of making a half-hollow billiard shot, showing the opponent's ball being rolled past the cup and his ball sinking.

**Drives Ball From Watch.**

Following the "green" work came his distance shots, which contained a lot of surprises, and a lot of fun. Classed in the latter group was the "Sunday morning shot," recognized by the fans from their applause and his "look-up" shot, where the swing went in with all force and the ball, which had been nicely teed, was just ticked enough to roll about two feet.

The watch trick was made interesting to the owner of the watch when Kirkwood made his practice swing and took a divot about two inches deep, but from the face of the watch he made a 200 yard drive and the watch was returned intact.

Part of his exhibition calls for taking a full swing at a ball with a niblick and then catching the ball as it comes down less than a step away. This stroke is played without teeing and shows the perfect control in this and other strokes, as the crowd is only a few yards away.

One of the spectators suggested that he drive a ball over the water tank. He stepped out to within twenty-five yards of the tank, which is 125 feet high, teed his ball and shot it straight upward. The first one missed, but the second cleared by yards.

## HAGEN-KIRKWOOD MATCH EXPECTED TO DRAW GOLFERS

If preparation has any bearing on the best-ball, four-ball match Saturday at the Country Club of Rochester between Walter Hagen, British open champion, and Joe Kirkwood, Australian champion, on one side, and Filmore K. Robeson, former North and South champion, and Charley McKenna on the other, all four should play golf not far from par.

Hagen and Kirkwood have been touring through Eastern cities playing many matches and are reported by Dick Harlow, their business manager, to be in excellent condition to give Rochesterians a splendid exhibition.

Since the match was made, Messrs. Robeson and McKenna have been practicing over the Country Club course. On Monday, Mr. Robeson made the eighteen holes in 71, which is the best mark Hagen has had on the course. On the same afternoon, Charley McKenna went over the eighteen holes in 72.

The match will begin at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. After the match play, Kirkwood will give an hour's exhibition of his trick shots.

It is expected that 2,500 persons will comprise the gallery that will follow the players. All of the funds obtained will be given to Walter Hagen as a present from his home city. Tickets are on sale at Scrantom's, Spalding's, Chapin-Owen's, the office of Buell P. Mills, 236 Granite building, and at the clubhouse.

## HAGEN AND JOE KIRKWOOD TO HAVE REAL OPPOSITION IN EXHIBITION MATCH HERE

Playing conditions which promise brilliant golf are indicated for to-morrow afternoon, when Walter Hagen, British open champion, and Joe Kirkwood, of Australia, will engage Filmore K. Robeson and Charles McKenna in an eighteen-hole match at the Country Club of Rochester. The East avenue course is in fine shape and it is not unlikely that one or more of the four contenders in this best-ball match will crack 70.

The Country Club links afford a real test without imposing unfair penalties on long, straight balls from the tee. It has long been Hagen's ambition to play his home course in par and perhaps this will be the time for realization. The aggregate distance for the eighteen holes is 6,155 yards, with a generally accepted par

of 68—figures which have yet to be made in competition.

Messrs. McKenna and Robeson went around yesterday with George Christ, the Country Club pro, and each of the amateurs finished in the low 70's. The touring pros will not be able to let up in Saturday's match, as their opponents are going well enough to drift through in front if the invaders falter.

The match will be started at 1:30 P. M. and Kirkwood will give his exhibition of trick shots at the conclusion of the eighteen-hole round. Tickets will be on sale until noon to-morrow at Scrantom's, Spalding's, Chapin-Owen, and No. 234 Granite building. Persons unable to obtain tickets downtown may purchase them at the clubhouse before the match. Parking space will be provided for automobiles.

## HAGEN AND JOE KIRKWOOD TO APPEAR IN EXHIBITION AT COUNTRY CLUB TO-DAY

Golfers who reckon a day as ruined when they finish in the low 80's and those who have not given up hope of breaking a hundred will foregather this afternoon at the Country Club of Rochester for the exhibition match in which Walter Hagen, British open champion, and Joe Kirkwood, the Australian wizard, are to play Fillmore K. Robeson and Charles McKenna. This will be Hagen's first appearance in his native city since he won the British open and it is expected that a gallery of several thousand persons will turn out for the match.

Hagen's success in capturing the open championship at Sandwich, where this sturdy homebred outplayed a remarkable field, marked the crowning achievement of a golfing career generously embellished with championships. It is said that all the world loves a modest champion, and Walter's success in his profession has not wrought any change in the manner of this likeable young man. Hagen is at the top of his game and his shooting this afternoon ought to be worth watching.

Hagen and Kirkwood will arrive this morning. They will be entertained at lunch at the Country Club. The match between the touring pros and Messrs. Robeson and McKenna will be started at 1:30 o'clock. At the conclusion of this event Kirkwood will give an exhibition of trick shots, an angle of the game in which the Australian has no equal.

Tickets will be available at downtown agencies until noon. Persons unable to obtain tickets in advance can get them at the Country Club before the match.



JOE KIRKWOOD.



# HAGEN DELIGHTED AT HIS RECEPTION, SAYS COUNTRY CLUB COURSE IS REAL TEST

BY WALTER HAGEN.

I wish to thank the golfers of Rochester for turning out in such large numbers for the exhibition yesterday at the Country Club of Rochester. It gave me a real thrill to be able to come back to the course over which I learned my game and be welcomed by such a fine crowd.

The Country Club of Rochester was most generous. Whereas Kirkwood and myself usually receive a straight guarantee for our exhibition matches, those in charge of the Country Club gave us all of the receipts, less the actual expenses, such as war tax and printing and we

therefore received nearly twice as much as the usual guarantee.

Rochester is my home city and the golfers here have always been very good to me, and the match yesterday was only another indication of their fine spirit. I had been looking forward to the match here ever since our tour started and I am sorry it is over and hope to play many more times in Rochester. The Country Club course is a real test of golf, and I enjoy playing for the members, just as I used to enjoy caddying for them and acting as their professional.

# HAGEN LEADS FIELD IN PLAY FOR WESTERN NEW YORK OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP WITH 138

## Turns in Two Cards of 69 Each, Topping George Duncan by Two-Stroke Margin.

Buffalo, Aug. 17.—Walter Hagen, of Rochester, led in the first day's play of the open golf championship meet of Western New York at Orchard Park. He made the morning round with a 69 and duplicated the stunt in the afternoon. Hagen, who is the British open champion, leads George Duncan, British open champion for 1920, by two strokes. Abe Mitchell is four strokes behind Duncan.

Ned McKenna, professional at the Irondequoit Country Club, placed in a tie for fifth place with Willie Ogg and Wilfred Reid, each having a 147 total. McKenna started out strong during the morning round, having a 71 and placing in a tie for second with Duncan, but took 76 in the afternoon. Ogg had rounds of 74-73 and Reid 76-71.

George Christ, professional at the Country Club of Rochester, was tied for sixth with George Howard, of Fresno, Cal., with 149. Christ started out poorly in the morning with a 76 but came back strong in the afternoon with 73.

Walter Bemish and Charles McKenna, both from the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester had 150, Bemish having a score of 74-76 and McKenna 75-75. Ray Feller, assistant pro at the Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, took 78-86—164 while John F. Dailey, Jr., and Charles Bemish, both from the Oak Hill club, had 78-92 and 85-85 respectively.

## SARAZEN AND M'KENNA TO PLAY NOTED BRITISH PROS

Four fine golfers, three of them top-notchers in the professional side of the game and the fourth an amateur who knows every blade of grass on the Oak Hill course, will play a thirty-six hole exhibition match to-morrow at the Oak Hill Country Club. Gene Sarazen, national open champion and also holder of the P. G. A. title, will be paired with Charlie McKenna, of Oak Hill, in competition with George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, of Hanger Hill and North Foreland, respectively. The morning round will be started at 9 o'clock and the start of the second eighteen is scheduled for 1:30 P. M.

This match will afford Rochester golfers their first opportunity to watch Gene Sarazen, the sensational youngster who swept a remarkable field in the open at Skokie and who later proved his mettle by capturing the professional

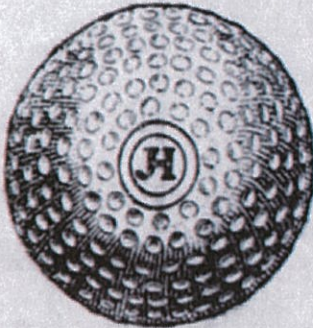
crown at Oakmont. Paired with McKenna, whose knowledge of the Oak Hill course should help the Rochester amateur hold up his end, the Americans should give the famous Britons a pretty fight.

Mitchell is a wizard at match play and his long drives are the wonder and despair of opponents. The North Foreland man appeared here last fall, when he and Duncan played Walter Hagen and Jock Hutchison at the Country Club of Rochester in a thirty-six hole match that ended all even.

A record gallery is expected for tomorrow's play and arrangements have been made to rope off all greens and tees. Tickets may be obtained at Chapin-Owen Company, A. G. Spalding and Brothers, Serantom's, Rochester Country Club, Irondequoit Country Club, Rochester Club, Oak Hill Country Club, Wheeler-Green Electric Company.

# Watch the "JH" Ball in the Taylor-Herd Exhibition

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J. H. Taylor and Alex (Sandy) Herd—two of the world's greatest golfers—are giving an exhibition to-day at Genundawah Country Club, East Rochester, which will be well worth witnessing. Taylor has been British "Open" Champion five times and second, third and fourth no less than ten times. Herd also has been British "Open" Champion and is one of Scotland's greatest golfers.

These wonderful golfers will play the imported "JH"—the ball that won the brilliant Metropolitan Amateur Championship this year—the ball with which Gene Sarazen won the *National "Open" Championship*—and the ball with which George Kerrigan won the Massachusetts "Open."

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## C. C. OF R. TEAM DEFEATS OAK HILL

Charlie McKenna Leads Field in  
Golf Match Between Clubs.

The Country Club of Rochester golfers were victorious yesterday afternoon in a match with Oak Hill Country Club. The Oak Hill aggregation was defeated by twenty-five points of scoring. The match, in which forty-nine pairs participated, was played over the course of the Country Club of Rochester.

The big attraction of the meet was a foursome consisting of Charles McKenna, Filmore K. Robeson, Irving S. Robeson and Arthur Yates. McKenna was matched against Filmore Robeson and won out with a low score for the match, 73 against 78's by the other members of the foursome, the three being tied.

A large galery watched the play. The victory for the Country Club of Rochester makes up for the loss of a match last July to the Oak Hill golfers, who won by six and one-half points. Summary:

COUNTRY CLUB	OAK HILL
A. P. Bowman..	2½ Elmer Fairchild ½
F. B. Goodwin..	0 O. A. Barber .. 3
A. S. Newell....	¼ E. Darris .. 2½
L. B. Fitch ....	¼ R. O. DeMalle.. ½
James Palmer..	1½ W. F. Apperson.. 1½
E. P. Moore....	2 E. H. Kellogg.. 1
T. C. Parson....	0 B. A. Hughes ... 3
F. K. Robeson..	0 C. F. McKenna.. 3
W. J. Curtice..	1 E. G. Menihan.. 2
W. O. Boswell..	1½ J. F. Dailey... 1½
W. S. Morse....	2½ Inrence Wheeler ½
S. Wile .....	3 E. S. Bradt .....
M. Miller .....	1 J. Swezy .....
W. A. Adams ...	3 J. S. Brann.....
J. C. Powers ...	½ J. P. Hogan .. 2½
F. E. Brewster..	3 K. W. McCall .. 0
S. T. Moore....	3 Herman Russell 0
R. G. Wise ....	3 J. T. Hallauer.. 0
I. E. Robeson..	1½ Arthur Yates .. 1½
George Motley..	2 A. H. Cobb..... 1
E. J. Wolcott..	½ R. C. Miller ... 2½
W. V. Lee, Jr..	0 Jim Weldon ... 3
J. E. Grantham.	1 A. Sager .....
E. W. Smith....	2 W. J. Ocata.... 1
R. Riley .....	½ Lambert Dunn.. 2½
F. T. Sage ...	2½ E. Pritchard.. ½
G. T. Curtice ...	0 L. W. Chapin... 3
Nelson Sage ...	3 H. A. May .....
Harper Sibley ..	2½ M. M. Bonney... ½
H. G. Morse ...	3 J. Goddard .... 0
B. P. Mills ....	2½ F. C. Trotter ... ½
P. R. McPhall ..	½ F. Bowen .....
J. E. Dryer ...	3 H. J. McKay... 0
E. C. Morse ...	3 C. J. Cadle .....
Geo. Bonbright.	2½ A. E. Crockett... 1
J. M. Ward .....	0 C. C. Coughlin.. 3
F. B. Robeson..	0 Jack Lane .....
J. A. Depuy ...	2½ W. L. Patterson ½
Dr. Ingersoll..	0 J. H. Bradford.. 3
Dr. G. Parsons..	0 H. O. Alderman.. 3
E. B. Enos ....	3 J. Robertson... 0
E. M. Mescrop..	2½ H. B. Gullford.. ½
K. Likly .....	2½ C. C. Culver ... ½
T. C. Bridge ...	2½ A. B. Headley... ½
E. M. Richards .	2 Ray Hickok ... 1
E. D. Curtis ...	3 S. Denny .....
A. Wills .....	2½ C. McKay .....
J. P. Day .....	3 John Wright ... 0
E. L. Williams..	2½ J. E. Booth .... ½
Totals .....	86 Totals .....
	61



Golf accommodations in Rochester were taxed to the limit last summer and the same condition probably will prevail during 1923, but relief is in sight two years hence. Within two years it is likely that a new golf course will be ready for use. A group of business and professional men is practically ready to incorporate a new golf club and the proposed course, which will be located near Pittsford, will be completed in 1924, if present plans are carried out. The tentative organization of the proposed club has advanced to a point where property suitable for a golf links is now held under option and the organizers are awaiting a report from Donald Ross, the noted golf architect, who recently inspected the Pittsford site.

Membership lists at the Country Club of Rochester and at Oak Hill are filled, and congestion on the municipal links at Genesee Valley Park has been such as to keep many players away from the park course. During the summer the public links were crowded every day, while on Saturdays and Sundays there were enough players to fill two courses. If the park authorities carry out the announced plan of adding nine holes to the course at Durand-Eastman Park, this will be a real boon for players who get their golf on public courses.

If boys in the Rochester high schools do not become hysterical in their campaign for the restoration of football, they seem to have an excellent chance to achieve the end they are seeking. Hysteria which developed in connection with the gridiron game was one of the reasons for the ban on football in local schools. Football, properly regulated and controlled, has its place in the athletic program of high schools and it looks like a confession of weakness on the part of the authorities if those in charge forbid the game because they cannot control its administration. Long trips are not necessary and physical directors ought to be equipped to coach their school teams.

Hugo Bezdek's Penn State team has not been defeated since Dartmouth clawed the Nittany Lions, 19 to 13, on October 18, 1919. This is quite a feat in these days of football upsets and "Chick" Meehan's in-and-out Syracuse team will go down to the Polo Grounds next Saturday intent on smearing State's hardened record. If the Orange has profited by the Brown and Pitt games, the boys from the Salt City may turn the trick, something that has been beyond the ability of Cornell, Harvard, Navy and Nebraska.

Syracuse is bound to keep its franchise in the International League and the owners of the Stars have already sold the first season ticket for 1923. If Messrs. Bartelme and Rickey present a few double A ball players next season, Syracuse fans will not have to be teased to buy tickets.

## J. H. STEDMAN DIES; WHOLE CITY GRIEVES

Widely Known as Sponsor  
for Revival of Christmas  
Eve Candle Idea.

### A BUSINESS LEADER

Invented Transfer System  
and Was Officer in Well  
Known Corporations.

John Harry Stedman, one of Rochester's best known and most honored citizens, died at his home, No. 24 Portsmouth terrace last night, aged 78 years.

John Harry Stedman was born in Newport, R. I., on November 15, 1843. The influence of his business ability and his hearty kindness made themselves felt keenly in Rochester, and he won a host of friends. His faculty of disseminating cheer and good will made him in demand at gatherings of every sort.

#### Writer of Verses.

His was a nature of unusual depth. He read widely and himself was a verse writer of no mean ability. Christmas lore and the Christmas season interested him greatly. In 1913 Mr. Stedman revived in Rochester the old-time custom of placing a lighted candle in a window of every dwelling, to send some of the Christmas cheer to the man in the street who might have no holiday celebration of his own. He led the community singing at the first municipal Christmas tree celebration which he promoted in Washington Park in the same year.

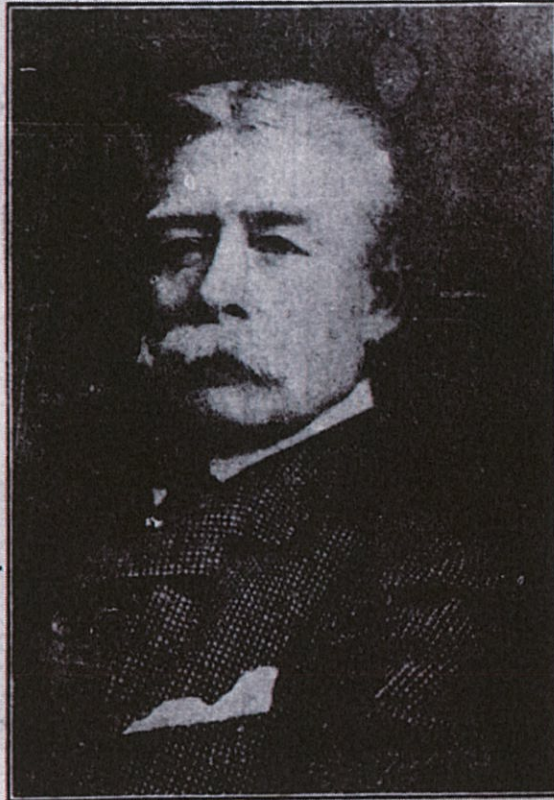
Mr. Stedman invented the transfer system now in use by the New York State Railways, Rochester Lines, and in many other cities. In his active days he had numerous business interests. He was president of the Forty-mile Power and Dredging Company, vice-president of the Great Northern Mines Syndicate, secretary and director of the Olmer Fare Register Company, vice-president of the Pacific Mines Corporation, director of the Chute Creek Consolidated Copper Company, and vice-president of the Contact Bay Mines, Ltd.

#### Had Positions of Trust.

Mr. Stedman was president of the Board of Trustees of the Church Home of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Rochester, and was a member of the Rochester Country Club, the Rochester Historical Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Men's Club of St. Paul's Church, St. Andrew's Brotherhood and the Delta Psi fraternity. He received the degree of master of arts from the University of Rochester.

Arrangements for Mr. Stedman's funeral had not been thought of last night but will be announced to-day, it is expected.

## REVIVED CHRIST-CANDLE CUSTOM



JOHN HARRY STEDMAN.

***F. Hopkinson Smith, Famous Writer and Artist, and  
Friend of Mr. Stedman, Once Paid Him Great Tribute***

John Harry Stedman, who died last night, was prominent not only in Rochester, but was widely known as an after-dinner speaker. He had countless friends among noted men, among them F. Hopkinson Smith, the writer and painter. Smith often visited Mr. Stedman and friends of both men say in many respects they resembled each other. Readers of Mr. Smith's novels will recall the character of Peter in the novel by the same name. This character, believed by many to personify Mr. Smith's ideals of life also, friends of Mr. Stedman say, embodied his.

Mr. Smith once paid the following tribute to Mr. Stedman at a luncheon which Mr. Stedman gave in his honor at the Genesee Valley Club:

"There are many kinds of men in the world who contribute to the honor and greatness of the republic—statesmen, patriots, poets, painters, distinguished scientists and distinguished writers; each has his place and each his influence, and each and all are beloved by their fellow men according to their virtues and accomplishments.

"But now and then, at long intervals—one in a community, perhaps one in a dozen communities—there is found a man who has none of these talents, or if he has, never shows them. He has something infinitely sweeter, infinitely more lovable—a something that ties the hearts of his fellows to him with ribbons of love; a graciousness, a kindness; a laugh for the merry, a tear for the sad; a brightness that makes up for his fellows the dullness in their own lives, and all this, too, out of so good and noble a nature that to look into his face is to love him and to shake his hand is to be kindled with the warmth of his heart.

"Without such men the world would be a wilderness, and with them the flowers bloom all the year round. Fill your glasses, friends—his and mine. Such a man is your host, dear Harry Stedman!"

And later Mr. Smith took his friend aside and said:

"Every word true, dear Harry!"

Such was the sort of friendship he made, and his loss is irreparable to those who knew John Harry Stedman in that way.