Sport Notes

Atlanta is famed for golf, tennis, swimming—not to mention baseball.

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Portland, Ore., boasts a recreation building with two billiard tables and twenty-eight bowling alleys.

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Sale of Norman Plitt, Brooklyn pitcher, to the New York Giants over the waiver route, was announced.

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Then again, there are fights at which a ringside seat 205 rows from the ring really isn't far enough away.

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The Chicago Cubs have won 11 National league pennants and two world championships.

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The youngest pitcher in the American league is Daniel Mac Fayden, age twenty, of the Red Sox.

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Tulsa won the Western league pennant again this year for the third successive time.

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Fielding: (1) A famous British novelist. (2) A department of baseball: Also, a pitcher's alibi.

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A movement is gradually taking on momentum to have golf remain golf and to pick out some other name for whatever it is Mr. Jones is playing.

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An obscure town, we should say, is one that doesn't claim to have "the best golf course in this part of the state."

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Cowboys in Texas are reported to be going in for golf. Who knows, they may enrich even the vocabulary of golf, already rich.

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We imagine an umpire keeps in pretty good trim in the off season by pulling a whiskbroom out occasionally at dinner and dusting the plate.

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The skin of a hippopotamus, says a scientific writer, is two inches thick. Yet fate destined him to loaf in rivers instead of umpiring in St. Louis.

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Among baseball's many unsung heroes were the brave umpires 20 years back who had to decide whether Johnson's fast one was a ball or a strike.

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One of the pleasures of pugilism lies in the fact that nobody ever gets hurt sufficiently to prevent him from arriving on time and in pretty good form to collect his share of the gate money.

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Version 241: "Isn't your grammar improving?" asked the boss, by way of encouraging the office boy. "No," replied the office boy, who was also a baseball fanatic, "she died yesterday."

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The Red Sox management exercised its recall option on Pitcher Holling of the Mission club, Pacific Coast league. The purchase of Outfielders Taitt and Loepp, from the Nashville and Mobile clubs, respectively, also was announced.

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Bill Lucas, Triple Cities pitcher, hurled a no-hit, no-run game, shutting out Shamokin, 1 to 0, in a New York-Pennsylvania league game. Lucas was sent to Triple Cities on option about three months ago by Toronto club.

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A crowd of 80,000 recently attended the greyhound racing at one of the big tracks near London.

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The Philadelphia National league team will train next spring at Winter Haven, Fla., officials have announced.

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Al Shealy, young right-handed pitcher, has been sold by the St. Paul American association club to the New York Americans.

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Guy Aubrey, a pacer, recently broke the track record which had stood since 1900 at Franklin, Ind., by turning in the fast time of 2.09½.

Kea Bouman Is Unique Star

Kea Bouman of Holland really is a unique figure in the group of international feminine net stars who have invaded the States this season. Others may have a more unusual game—it is hard to judge of that, for Miss Bouman has not been seen at her best in America—but she is unique in that she is the first woman from the Netherlands to become an international tennis figure.

Kea Bouman.

The history of her career is extraordinary in many respects. Contrary to that of other international stars, there is no professional tutor in the background of her early tennis. In fact, she was champion of Holland for five years before she had her first lesson from a pro.

Her father, an ardent devotee of the game and one of Holland's veteran racketers, taught her the fundamentals of play when she was still a schoolgirl and her first national championship was won while she was in the junior ranks. But all of this time Miss Bouman did not take the game seriously as Suzanne Lenglen or Helen Wills would understand the term. She played never more than two or three months out of the year, and never on grass until three years ago, when she went to Wimbledon for the first time.

Even now, when she is putting more concentration into her effort, Miss Bouman does not expect to get more than six months play out of the year. "It is impossible in Holland," she said when asked about this point. "We have no covered courts in our country, although I am told there are to be two this next year. We lay away our rackets in the fall not to touch them again until March."

LINE CAPTAINS HAVE BIG EDGE

Predominate in Survey of 410 College Teams.

Not many years ago it was a common practice for football teams to select backfield men as captains. Recently, however, the custom has changed and the present football season finds that more linesmen have been favored with the captaincy than backs. A survey of 410 college elevens shows that 234 of the leaders are ends, tackles, guards or centers, while only 176 are quarterbacks, halfbacks or fullbacks.

The quarterback post, at one time the most popular position upon which to bestow the captaincy, has undergone a decided slump this season for only 57 quarters have been called upon to lead their teams into action. As a matter of fact quarterback is much less popular than two of the line berths, for the tackles have 66 captaincies to their credit and the guards are close behind with 64. Fullbacks have taken more of a slide than the quarters, for only 86 of them have been chosen as leaders for the 1927 season.

The shoes of captains will be filled by more fullbacks than any other players, 83 of them being called up to direct gridiron machines. The ends and centers are at the rear of the list, but, even so, plenty of direction will be given from those places, for 54 terminal men and 50 pivots will serve as captains.

Charles Pyle Is One of Big Dreamers of Sport

Charles C. Pyle is one of the dreamers of sport. Some of his dreams have come true; others will never be realized.

One of his dreams concerns itself with vast sports theaters. These coliseums will be so large that it will be possible to play football, soccer or baseball under roof.

He visions from eight to one dozen of these coliseums scattered over the country and professional football leagues, playing football from October 1 until April 1, a six-months' season.

He believes that the present drawback to professional football is the weather, but if the game were played under roof and spectators were sure of seeing the games in comfort, and being assured of no postponements, it would pay.

This dream will probably never come true.

Jack Sharkey's Triumph Ruined Buckley's Alibi

Now that it is all over, the story has leaked out that John Buckley, manager of Jack Sharkey, wanted to ask for a postponement of the Jimmy Maloney bout.

Two days before the bout Sharkey was suffering from what Dr. W. G. Frahlich diagnosed as neuritis of the spine. He could not lift himself out of bed that morning. Alarmed, Buckley insisted that he would demand a postponment. Sharkey vehemently protested.

On Friday morning, a few hours before he weighed in, Sharkey was in Doctor Frahlich's office for an hour. He was treated with heat rays. When he entered the ring he wore a bandage over the affected region.

Sharkey's triumph ruined a swell alibi. "Spinal neuritis" would have been brand new.

Bill Tilden Would Play for Americans in 1928

If the United States sends a team abroad next year in an attempt to regain the Davis cup from the French, "Big Bill" Tilden will be very glad to be a member.

Instead of turning professional, as he had contemplated if defense of the Davis cup had been successful, Tilden declared he would be entirely at the service of the United States Lawn Tennis association in 1928.

With such younger stars as George Lott and John Doeg, Tilden will be ready for the long trail of qualifying play which must be traversed next year before the United States can challenge the reigning Frenchmen for the cup.

Lost 42 Games

Jack Coleman still holds the record for the number of defeats sustained by a pitcher in a single season. When Coleman pitched for Philadelphia in 1883, the first season that city was in the National league, he lost 42 ball games. It was not altogether the fault of Coleman's pitching because his support was far from the best. The Philadelphia club finished the season with a percentage of .174.

COAST GRIDDERS ARE VERSATILE

Football Squad Recruited From Many Sports.

Athletes at the University of California generally are proficient in more than one sport, leading one to surmise that athletes are born and not developed, although there are instances too numerous to mention at Berkeley where men starred in only one sport and were unable to make the squads in another activity.

Basket ball players at California show an aptitude for football, especially in the wing and back field positions where one of the main requirements is an ability to handle the football, both receiving and passing. This factor is one of basket ball's essential requirements and the combination finds five of the Pacific coast champion quintet on the football squad.

Track has contributed six men to the football squad, while Capt. Frank Ribbel of the boxing team is a formidable representative of the leather pushers. The track men playing football include Russell Ewing, sprinter; Frank Fitz, high jumper; John Kabelitz and Irving Marcus, broad jumpers; Irvine Phillips and Elmer Gerken, weight men.

Basket ball has donated Paul (Dutch) Clymer, quarterback; Jim Dougery, end; and Elsan, another quarter. Thornton and Werdell, two likely sophomores, starred for the freshmen in the hurdles last spring.

Baseball players, as a rule, especially if they are good, appear to pass up football, but are found in other nonconflicting sports. Risk of slight limb hurts which might end their careers on the diamond are against baseball men in football.

Difficult Task to Name the Greatest Backfield

"It is next to impossible to name the greatest backfield of all time," says Dr. Clarence Spears, of Minnesota. "Personally I would not care to undertake the job.

"I think a better way would be to name the shiftiest backfield, the most versatile, the most powerful, the fastest, and so on.

"If you want a backfield for speed, agility and quickness, I don't think you can pick a better all-time combination than 'Gus' Dorais of Notre Dame at quarter, Conn of California and Pollard of Brown at the halves, and McLaren of Pittsburgh, at fullback. The game never saw four backs who combined speed, agility and quickness to a finer degree than these four, at least they never had four equals in my opinion.

"Should you care to select a backfield that combines speed, power and drive, what better combination can you get than Eddie Mahan of Harvard, Willie Heston of Michigan, George Gipp of Notre Dame, and Jim Thorpe of Carlisle? Here is a backfield that many will consider the best set of backs of all time."

Wilcox Is Star

Chester "Cotton" Wilcox, captain, all-American halfback, is doing some work for the Purdue team this fall.

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