

Pour le Sport

THE naming of Walter Emery, junior Oklahoma law student, to the United States Walker Cup golf squad, and the election of Paul V. Keen, wrestling coach, to the presidency of the National Collegiate Wrestling association were important Sooner sporting events of the last month.

The flop of the Sooner wrestling team was a less melodious note along the sport front, but its victory at the national collegiate wrestling tournament the previous month proved to be some solace. The Sooners failed to place a single man on the United States Olympic wrestling squad, while Oklahoma had eight of the fourteen.

Emery's selection to the Walker Cup team gave sports writers of the country a chance to size up the list of amateurs in this country. Grantland Rice, dean of sports commentators, declared that Emery loomed as a possible successor to Lawson Little as the No. 1 amateur since the Californian turned professional.

Emery, who has been dividing his time between Oklahoma law school classrooms and his study den on South University Boulevard, has neglected his golf during the late winter and early spring.

The Walker cup selection, however, revived his interest in tee blasts. To those who know of Emery's terrific mental struggle with the art of putting, it was more than passingly odd to read that his selectors to the Walker Cup squad considered him a master with the putter.

At least, Emery has worked harder on that department of golfing than any other and it was excellent news to him that someone considered him a master with the putter. Two-putting has cost him heavily in match play, but his short strokes are improving.

Emery and his golfing buddy, Maurice Hankinson, both junior law students, will not be eligible for the Sooner team this year since they have had three years of collegiate competition. Harry Gandy, a third ace of last year's four-some, is not carrying enough hours to make him eligible. Only Art St. John, state college title holder, carries over from the great 1935 team. But younger golfers are coming up to fill the positions on Coach Bruce Drake's squad. Among them are a pair of promising youngsters, Billy Briggs and Billy Simpson.

The election of Paul Keen to the coaches association presidency followed naturally upon his increasingly important role in national college wrestling circles. The Sooners won the Big Six title, taking all

but one weight and getting a draw in that one. The Sooners went on to win the national championship. Coach Keen has been responsible for a tremendous boom in the sport at the University.

Wayne Martin, sure favorite for a 134-pound position on the Olympic team, was injured in a fourth round match and had to default his next battle to Fred Parkey, Oklahoma A. and M. college.

Vernon Sisney, Sooner ex-team member, already had tied Mr. Parkey in knots in an earlier bout in the 134. Sisney lost the title to Francis Millard, North Adams, Massachusetts. When it came to picking an alternate for Millard, Sisney was the logical man, but the committee went back and selected Parkey, whom Sisney had beaten. Parkey's default decision over Martin proved to be a boon to him in being named over the man who had beaten him. The Olympic system of scoring deals with black marks, but the blackest mark on the

entire tournament was the selection of Parkey over Sisney. If a wrestler wins by a fall, he gets no black marks. If he wins by decision, he gets one black mark. If he loses by decision, he gets two black marks. If he loses by fall, he gets three black marks. This is the scoring system roughly, although variations are allowed on unanimous and split-vote decisions.

Parkey was given no black marks for beating Martin by forfeit. Sisney earned a black mark at the same time by winning a decision. In other words, Sisney lost ground for the alternate's position by winning a tough match.

At the same time, the Sooner baseball, tennis, track and polo teams carried on with spotted records. The baseball team won its five Big Six games without a setback in six afternoons of baseball, turning back Kansas State twice and Nebraska thrice. The string of victories was extended to fifteen in a row by other victories.

The polo team, minus ineligible Tom Walsh, split a series with Missouri at Columbia. The tennis team won six matches in a row before dropping a 4 to 2 decision to the Central State Teachers netmen. Minus injured Floyd Lochner, the Sooner track team lost relay strength. Herman "Red" Nelson's Drake relay victory in the 440-yard hurdles was a bright spot.

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