

Oatman

Yes, it is, and when I met him last year at Portland that was the realization of a life-long ambition. I had a talk with him one afternoon and I think he gave me a hint as to what really made him great--and that was his power of concentration. Grantland Rice said this of him: "after Bobby Jones had won the Grand Slam in 1930 which was winning the four major tournaments in the world in one year, that Jones had the most perfect power of concentration of any human he had known. When Jones came up to the last hole in the National Amateur in 1930 and was putting out in front of a gallery of ten thousand people, a train passed by about 50 yards from the green. A shrill blast of the engineer's whistle fairly shocked Jones' cohorts, thinking that the noise would unnerve him during his putting. But on the other hand, when Grantland Rice queried him about it later, Jones said, "I never even heard the train." I think that is certainly perfect concentration, don't you?

Allen

Marvelous! Only a fellow buried so deeply in his desire for achievement could inhibit such distractions as these. But it seems to me that I recall some incident similar to this, Glenn, when you were playing Ted Adams, the present Canadian golf champion, at St. Joseph. Everyone thought you were defeated at one point of your match.

Oatman

Well, perhaps the incident that you refer to was when I missed the put that everyone thought would upset me so severely that Adams would defeat me. But on the other hand, queer as it may seem, I came back and managed to shoot sub-par holes and win the title anyhow.

Allen

Well, that would have meant defeat for a great many fellows, but apparently you had your fighting heart keyed to the point where this old adage "A fellow who won't be beaten can't be beaten" rang true in your case. In other words, you just had to win that golf tournament, didn't you, fellow?

Oatman

Well, fortune smiled on me that day, Doc. I did seem to keep my faculty of concentration, and I guess Old Lady Luck was kind to me on that occasion because I really wanted that tournament.

Allen

Well, you certainly delighted your many friends and followers, and you had a lot of them, all of them pulling for you to win. Since we are speaking of golf, Glenn, I am, of course, interested in golf for the students here at the University of Kansas. We have a nice sporty six-hole golf course on the University campus, and you have been mighty fine in helping us lay out our course and in giving your advice on the upkeep of the fairways and greens. In addition, you have served as coach of the University of Kansas golf team. Considering golf as one of the features of the student athletic program, I would like you to point out the golf program you would like to see employed here at the University of Kansas.

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Well, of course your own Department of Physical Education recognizes golf and gives credit for elementary and ad-