

# Women in Sports

By MARIBEL Y. VINSON.

Edward D. Cunningham, veteran coach of rowing in Worcester, Mass., announces that the first national women's rowing regatta will be held on Lake Quinsigamond Aug. 24. This is an event of more than passing interest, for there has been much agitation for women's races to be held in conjunction with the men's national regatta, notably in 1933, when they were held in California. But somehow the necessary support was lacking at the crucial moment and the plans fell through.

Now, since the women are to have a regatta all their own, with a full program of races, surely this is significant of the progress that has been made in the last few years. It is appropriate, too, that the inaugural national regatta should be held in Worcester, a busy centre of women's sculling for many seasons.

Cunningham was among the first of the well-known coaches to sponsor girls' races, and under his teaching Miss Glenda Buffington and several other oarswomen developed to a high degree of proficiency in the days when sculling was an unknown sport to most women.

## Active at Harvard.

More recently Blake Dennison of the Weld Boat House, Harvard College, has become interested in women rowers at the Summer School and arranges instruction and races for them, while most recent of all is the sponsoring of the University of Pennsylvania co-ed crews by Coach Rusty Callow. Smith, Wellesley and other colleges have had crew rowing as a popular sports activity for some time, but single-sculling ability is not stressed, and a fine point of watermanship in the open-deck collegiate quads has not yet been reached.

Full scope is given in this first national regatta, for single scull, double scull and mixed double races are on the program. Fours and eights also will be furnished for any crews that desire to compete. All boats will be supplied by the Worcester Association, and entries, which will close Aug. 23, should be sent to Miss Louise Donohue, 127 Lake Avenue, Worcester. The races will be a quarter-mile dash, half-mile and 1,000 meters, all national championships.

## Miss Wethered's Achievement.

It is to be hoped that all girls who are proficient in sculls will turn out for the regatta, for the success of the first national will depend not so much on the ability of the winner but on the number of persons who show that they are interested in a sport for women which, when not overdone, is healthy and exhilarating.

Miss Joyce Wethered, who is

nearing the end of her strenuous American tour, will have the satisfaction of knowing when she goes back to England that she has done probably more than any other golfer to stimulate interest in the women's game. The reports that here was a woman who could really compete on an even plane with excellent men players has brought out crowds wherever she has been scheduled to compete.

## Faces Mrs. Vare Again.

Today she plays Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare again. Paired with T. Suffern Tailer, former metropolitan champion, she will face Mrs. Vare and Max Marston over the Shenecossett links at Eastern Point, Conn., where Mrs. Vare recently won her seventh Griswold Cup and knows the course like a book. Last Tuesday Miss Wethered was in Manchester, Vt., playing against Edmond H. Driggs Jr. in an exhibition which was preliminary to the annual invitation tournament of the Green Mountain Girls' Golf Association at the Ekwanok Country Club.

Even though Miss Wethered lost, 4 down, to Driggs and finished above her average with an 82, the association feels that her match did much to increase the interest that has been gaining steadily among the Summer residents.

It was noted with satisfaction that the majority of the gallery that followed Miss Wethered were women, and the famous golfer rewarded them with a great shot. After bunkering her drive on the eighth hole, she took a wood, blasted out a tremendous recovery and put the ball within four feet of the cup on the well-trapped green. At almost every appearance Miss Wethered has made at least one remarkable shot to create locker-room comment and give women emulators something to shoot at.

## Miss Walsh to Compete.

Women's track and field news from Europe is scant. The season started slowly. Poland has Miss Stella Walsh's agreement to defend her Olympic sprint title for her native land in Berlin. She will stay all Summer in Europe, and her appearance in the Poland-Germany meet on Aug. 25 at Dresden will be one of the highlights of the season.

Poland should not fare badly, for, besides Miss Walsh, it has Miss Hedwiga Walsowna, who was awarded the Great Plaque for last year's best sport performance on the strength of a world record in the discus throw. As her record has since been eclipsed by Miss Giesela Mauermayer, Germany's all-round athlete, the Dresden meeting between these athletes will be interesting.