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LARGER TENNIS CLUB WITH TURF COURTS PLANNED

Need of Better Accommodations for the Racquet Men Is Urged by the Enthusiasts

The singles event of the annual Hawaiian lawn tennis championship decided last week, and the men's doubles, now almost completed, have brought to the front the question of an up to date tennis club for Honolulu. There is certainly a crying need for good courts, where light and surface conditions are first class, on which to hold the championships, and through which tennis might get a well-deserved boom, and the general class of play be improved.

At the present time there is not a club court in the city where conditions are right. Either the light is checkered by overhanging trees, or the footing is bad, or both conditions prevail. Beretania, Pacific, Manoa and Neighborhood clubs all have their drawbacks, and very serious ones they are when it comes to playing first-class tennis.

The suggestion has been made that the Beretania and Pacific clubs, being what might be termed the in-town organizations, consolidate, and secure a piece of land really suitable for tennis. Grass courts could then be laid out, and with proper care a fine playing surface should be developed by the time the next big tournament rolls around. Some of the players here believe that with a first-class place to play there would be a greatly increased interest in tennis, and that six courts could be kept going, and could be made to pay for themselves, by increasing the membership fees and dues, and making a real club out of the proposed organization, where people could drop in of an afternoon, and have refreshments after playing, or while watching others play.

Another check on tennis development is that at Beretania, the larger of the two town clubs, Sunday tennis is not permitted. There are a number of players who would put in the entire holiday on the courts, if a club was available where besides enjoying the game under good playing conditions, they could get a light lunch and pass the time of day with their friends. Such a club would in no way interfere with the Oahu Country Club, where, unfortunately, wind and rain prevent lawn tennis. It is also suggested that the proposed tennis club have a couple of squash courts as an adjunct. Squash is one of the best games played with a ball and racquet, and there are many here who have played it on the mainland, and who would welcome a chance to take it up again.

Altogether, the proposition of a real tennis club for Honolulu is a live one, and there are at present half a dozen men who are boosting for it. This may result in definite action before long.

TWO HILO PUGS HAVE A REAL PRIZE FIGHT

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILO, Sept. 5.—Two local pugs who have often appeared at boxing matches in Hilo got into an altercation on last Monday afternoon and in true prize fighter style, minus mitts, went to a nearby lumber yard to settle the difficulty. They originally intended to go to the sand beach, but got so anxious for a scrap that they stopped at the first place out of view of Front street. Reports of the fight state that the aggressor was knocked out in a two-minute mill and that he had his face badly mashed. Needless to say, every fight fan in town regrets missing the scrap, only about ten people being present when the knockout was delivered. The police arrived after the trouble was over and no arrests were made.

ENTIRE SEMI-FINAL MATCH PLAYED OVER

The Izard and Robertson vs. Hoogs and Hoogs match in the semi-finals of the men's doubles championship is still undecided, and it is not yet known which team will meet Roth and Cooke for the title. Yesterday afternoon at the Moana court, in what developed the most interesting tennis of the tournament to date, the navy-army team pulled out the fourth set of the unfinished match, 9-7. With the score two sets all, wet courts and soggy balls put an end to tennis for the afternoon. The players got together and decided that they would rather replay the entire match than start on the deciding set, and it was therefore agreed to play the match again Monday afternoon. This puts the finals ahead a day.

Yesterday's match was a good one to watch because so much depended on the first set that the players were keyed to a high tension from the start. Every point counted, and no warming-up wildness could be indulged in, after the play had started. If the Hoogs team took the set they won the right to play for the title, while if Izard and Robertson could manage to land the first set, they had an even break for the match, or, in fact, a slight moral advantage.

Hoogs Brothers Get Lead.

Izard served the first game, which went on the other side of the net. The second game also went to the Hoogs combination, and it looked as though they had things running their own way. The third game, Robertson serving, was one of the most stubbornly contested of the set, the score going to deuce seven times. It was a crucial point in the play, for the loss of the first three games straight would probably have demoralized the opposition. Finally, however, Izard and Robertson took the deciding point and the players changed courts. The fourth and fifth went to the Hoogs, and with the score 4-1, 30-15, it looked like a sure thing for the brothers. Izard and Robertson took a grand brace, and by careful play and well placed cross court smashes, ran the score up to 4-3. The next game went to the Hoogs combination, and with Izard serving, the score was 15-30, Hoogs and Hoogs needing only two points for game, set and match. Izard and Robertson were fighting desperately, and they finally pulled out that game, and the two following. Rain commenced to fall, and when the Hoogs brothers won the twelfth game, making it 6 all, it was more than moist, and everyone made a break for the club house.

Rain Slows Game.

After a few minutes intermission the game was resumed, but the balls were soggy, and there being no new ones available, the game slowed up considerably. The thirteenth game went to Izard and Robertson, but their opponents pulled out the fourteenth, and the set was no nearer settlement than before. At this point Umpire Castle again called a halt, and when the players took the courts again five minutes later, there were pools of water on the asphalt, and the balls had no more life than sponges. Two games in a row and the set went to Izard and Robertson, who played with great care and steadiness, and Castle then called the match.

There was some fast tennis, and Hoogs Brothers proved themselves a mighty good defensive combination, getting back hard smashes from the back court time and again. They seemed to cover court better than their opponents, who several times narrowly avoided collisions, and once or twice let a ball go clean through them without an effort to take it. On the other hand, Izard and Robertson won the net more often, and had they been able to place their smashes better, would have won out easily, as they had the commanding position more often.

Whichever team comes through on the play-off, the finals are sure to bring out some interesting tennis, with the winner in doubt all the way.

The mixed doubles championship event will be started Monday.

HE MAY COME HERE WITH THE FISHER-BARNES TEAM

When John H. Barnes came here some weeks ago to arrange for the appearance of an all-star team in Honolulu next November, to be composed of the National and American League players, he stated that Walter Johnson was a prospect, and that the Washington pitcher was in communication with Mike Fisher in regard to the trip. A few days ago, in a letter to A. Q. Marcallino, Fisher said that Johnson was still on the string, and that there was a good chance of his joining the party to Hawaii and Australia. Johnson's terrific speed has even increased this year, and many consider him the best hurler in either league. He is in top form this season.

WALKER DRIVES THE FIRST BALL

The opening of the new 18-hole course of the Oahu Country Club today will be accomplished with due sporting ceremony. H. H. Walker, president of the club and himself a keen golfer, will drive the first ball of the tournament. When he hits 'em they go a mile, and a "screamer" will be taken as a good omen for the success of the course, while a "foozle" will plunge the crowd of expectant golfers in deep gloom. Truly a trying moment and a great responsibility for the head of the organization.

There will be no drawings for this afternoon's tournament, which is one round of the new course, medal play. Members will be allowed to choose their own partners, and, as usual, the players will keep each other's cards.

After the tournament the opening of the course will be celebrated by a stag dinner and smoker. A big turnout is expected for this battle at the 19th hole.

"Here's a good definition of a sentimentalist." "Let's hear it." "A sentimentalist is a person who weeps over a fallen column, but is too lazy to help set it up again."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

JOHNSON MAKES NEW BALL RULE

CHICAGO—President Johnson of the American league has notified all his umpires that no balk shall be charged to a pitcher when he, while in the act of pitching, accidently drops the ball. Mr. Johnson's latest ruling keeps the ball in play, the pitcher escaping the penalty of a balk and giving him the right to recover the ball and play on a base runner. In a recent ruling by President Lynch of the National league the pitcher is charged with a balk if he drops the ball while in the act of pitching.

LONG DISTANCE GOLF IS FAD IN ENGLAND.

LONDON.—Long distance golfing has become something of a fad in England. Two golfers recently undertook to play from Maidstone to Little-Stone-on-Sea, a distance of about 35 miles, in 2000 strokes. They succeeded in doing it in 1087 strokes. In a similar contest with a bet as an incentive, Melville Foster and W. Harmon undertook to cover the eight miles of woodland heather and several steep hills from Forest road to Crowborough in 350 strokes. They succeeded in 184 strokes, without losing a single ball.

HILO FANS LIKE DE MELLO-HOAO FIGHT CARD

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILO, Sept. 5.—Ben de Mello is slated to box Jim Hoao of Honolulu in the Armory on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., and an excellent card has been arranged. It may be mentioned that Hoao is some 15 to 20 pounds heavier than the local man and has fought some good fights in Honolulu. He and de Mello met some time back, fighting a 12-round draw. The coming match should be a good one, for since the time of meeting Hoao, there is no question but that de Mello has improved, while Hoao has not been doing a great deal of ring work of late.

As preliminaries, Paglinawan, the Filipino humorist, who sparred with de Mello a week or so ago, is matched with Klemme, and it is possible that he will enter the ring with considerably more confidence than he evinced against de Mello. Klemme is a boxer of some skill, and will probably outpoint the Filipino, but it is questionable if he can last out a hard-fought battle.

Ah Fook is spoken of as entering the ring against his old time opponent, Sylvester. It is unfortunate that Ah Fook has been out of the game so long, for at one time he was a favorite with the ringsiders. It is hardly likely that he can get into anything like condition, but he will meet a welcome in the ring if only on account of his proven gameness. Sylvester has made many appearances and can fight if he likes. The meeting between this pair should be productive of entertainment.

FRENCH ATHLETES PREPARING FOR OLYMPICS

[By Latest Mail]

PARIS.—Le Comite National des Sports, is making active preparations for the selection of a team to represent France in the Olympic games to be held at Berlin in 1916. This step is due largely to the great interest evinc- in the games by President Poincare and the French government.

A sum of 20,000 pounds sterling will be requisite for the training of the team and other expenses in connection with the games. For this purpose the government will be asked to open an Olympic credit. The larger French sporting associations have voted a sum of 4000 pounds sterling a year to be spent annually for three years in discovering and training men for the games. The French team to be despatched to Berlin in 1916 will be twice as large as that which represented France in Stockholm in 1912. It is estimated that over 3000 pounds sterling will be spent on traveling and hotel expenses alone.

BERLIN.—James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, recently obtained the promise that a team of German athletes would be sent to San Francisco to compete at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

In return for this courtesy, it is considered likely that the American team which is to compete in the Greek Olympic games, known as the "Local Cycle," in the spring of 1914, will, on leaving Athens, make a trip to Berlin and participate in an athletic meet there.

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FANS LAUGH AT BALL-PLAYERS WHO BUTT INTO 'LITRACHOORE'

John McGraw himself has come to realize that baseball requires all the time and all the talent of the men who get paid for playing the game. He learned several years ago that a man could not give himself a square deal on the diamond if his thoughts were mixed with anxiety connected with the result of a horse race. The Giants no longer have with them "Broadway Alex" Smith or "Danny" Shea. The "ponies" are not bothering the New York team now, but other side lines are. The side lines are "literature," automobiles and the links.

The shrewd manager of the club that is going to win another National League flag and fight the Athletes for the world pennant is partly responsible for this business of players failing to give undivided attention to baseball. He allows his name to be used in connection with articles that are supplied to newspapers as coming from his pen. A recent statement printed as having come from McGraw was that "Christy" Mathewson could "make a monkey" out of John Henry Wagner simply by noticing how "Honus" placed his feet when at the plate to bat.

When "Big Six" was beaten to an omelet at Pittsburg last week more than one spectator yelled to the pitcher:

"Say, 'Matty,' why didn't you watch their feet?"

Jibes Are Annoying

The silliness of the assertion that Mathewson could read a batsman's mind by watching his feet started laughter behind the scenes, as well as in the stands and bleachers. The jibes probably got under the skin of manager and pitcher. First thing you know McGraw will be demanding a chance to glance over what he writes before it gets into type.

"Eddie" Collins is another player who has been annoyed by statements in writing bearing his name. Collins could do his own writing if he had the time. He is as bright off the field as he is in his uniform, but his business is baseball. Every time he comes to town he has an interesting talk with the workmen in the factory that turns out baseball small talk by the yard. Explanations are made and Collins has balm put upon his sore spots. The clever second baseman is a proud mortal, and justly so, and it hurts him to have the "fans" refer unkindly to his authorship. Spectators everywhere seem to delight in each fumble or miss Collins makes. It seems to give them a lot of satisfaction to yell at him:

"Write something about that."

Some do not wait for a fielding slip, for slips are rare with Collings. They get after him when he strikes out or sends up a pop fly. The "write-something-about-that" cry surely does not improve the young man's baseball temperament.

Recently in Chicago a paper printed articles under the name of Henry Zimmerman, the Cubs' slugger. Another paper parodied the articles, showing just how newspaper matter would appear if printed as it came from men not trained to prepare material for the press.

Anti-Golf Order.

It is said that McGraw's anti-golf order was not well received. Players have a way of keeping to themselves little things that happen "within the family circle." The men deny that the "keep off the links" ukase was resented.

Although "Rube" Benton was not the victim of an automobile accident, he was injured in a motorcycle mishap. Benton is the Cincinnati pitcher who was in collision with a street car and who now is in a hospital. Surgeons declare he will not be able to report to his team again this year. The club has decided that he will not be kept on the payroll and that he will have to pay his medical bills because he was warned to put aside the motorcycle until through with baseball for the season.

Edward Konetchy, the St. Louis first baseman, voluntarily locked up his automobile last week following whisperings that he was not hitting because he was giving his evenings to ride into the country surrounding the Missouri metropolis. "Josh" Devore was an "autophiend" when he was with the Giants and some said it was "motoritis" rather than the Polo Ground sun field that deadened the Devore batting eye.

So, summing up, it has become an unwritten law of baseball that three things which do players much harm but no good are "pieces for the papers," night riding in motor cars and waste of energy with the driver, the mashie and the other clubs employed in the game of Col. Bogey.

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See the individual, following a night of bad dreams usually the result of great mental excitement and exhausted nerve forces!

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PITCHING RECORDS OF TWIRLERS WITH ALL-CHINESE TEAM

Pitching records of the All-Chinese for games from March 28 to Aug. 17, 1913:

P.	W.	L.	Pct.
116*	86	29	.748

* One drawn game.

Games finished by one pitcher:

	W.	L.	Pct.
L. Akana	6	1	.856
Apau Kau	26	5	.831
(Pitched 6 no run games)			
F. Luck Yee	16	6	.726
(Pitched 4 no run games)			
Foster Robinson	20	8	.714
(Pitched 5 no run games)			

Games Finished by two pitchers:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Foster & Akana	2	0	1.000
Apau & Akana	1	0	1.000
Luck & Akana	1	0	1.000
Foster & Kan Yin	2	0	1.000
Foster & Apau	3	2	.600
Luck and Apau	3	2	.600
Luck & Foster	4	3	.571

Games finished by three pitchers:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Foster, Luck & Apau	1	0	1.000
Foster, Kan Yin & Akana	1	0	1.000

BALL TEAM OF HILO RAILROAD WINNING

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILO, Sept. 5.—Two more straight victories were added to the record of the Hilo Railroad baseball team on Saturday and Sunday last, when the Hilo Iron Works and the Olaa teams were beaten, the former by 10 to 3 and the latter by 19 to 3.

The game between the Railroad and the Iron Works was played on Moohenu park on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a number of fans, mainly employes of the two firms.

The game played on Sunday forenoon against Olaa was a one-sided match, in which the railroad team had all the better of matters. However, with the additional games which are being arranged, it is expected that Olaa will give a much better account of herself and that closer games will result.

Saturday next the Railroad will play the Iron Works on the Mooheau park, and on the following day will meet Jules de Mello's aggregation of stars in the forenoon.

The Iron Works and Olaa will meet at Olaa on Sunday afternoon.

OAHU LEAGUE GAMES.

Hawaiis vs. Coast Defense, in the opener, and Asahis against Portuguese in the second game, is the program for tomorrow's doubleheader of the Oahu League, at Athletic Park. First game called at 1:30.

PROGRAM

of the

SEVENTEENTH CELEBRATION

of

Regatta Day

to be held

Saturday Sept. 20th, 1913

IN HONOLULU HARBOR

Commencing at 9 a. m.

1.—Motor Boat. Prize $20; second $10.
2.—Senior Six-oared Sliding-seat Barge. Prize $25 trophy.
3.—Six-paddle Canoe. Prize $20; second $15.
4.—Freshman Six-oared Sliding-seat Barge. Prize $25 Trophy.
5.—Twelve-oared Cutter or Six-oared Steamer Boat. Prize $20; second $15.
6.—Sailing Race for Pearls. Prize $12; second $8.
7.—Junior Six-oared Sliding-seat Barge. Prize $25 Trophy.
8.—Senior Pair-oared Boat (sliding seats). Prize $15 Trophy.
9.—Four-paddle Canoe Race. Prize $15; second $10.
10.—Sailing Canoe Race. Prize $12; second $8.
11.—Four-paddle Canoe (for women). Prize $15; second $10.
12.—Junior Pair-oared Boat (sliding seat). Prize $15 Trophy.

Races open to all. No entry fees. All rowing races to be governed by the racing rules of the Hawaiian Rowing Association.

Each entry shall include the name of the boat, or, if it has none, the name of the person who enters it.

There must be at least three boats started before a second prize will be awarded.

Entries will open at 9 a. m. Tuesday, September 16th, with Irwin Spalding at the Bank of Honolulu, Ltd., Fort street, and will close Thursday, September 18th, at 12 noon.

For further particulars apply to the Regatta committee—J. N. PHILLIPS and IRWIN SPALDING.

HAWAIIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 1913---MEN'S DOUBLES

S. Kennedy and S. Lowrey, bye / C. G. Bockus and E. Horner, bye	Bockus & Horner, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1	Roth & Cooke, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3	Roth & Cooke, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3	Champions 1913.
C. Henoch and E. Henoch, bye / W. P. Roth and R. A. Cooke, bye	Roth & Cooke, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4			
E. Gibb and A. Nicholson, bye / A. M. Nowell and D. W. Anderson, bye	Nowell & Anderson, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3	Nowell & Anderson, 6-2, 7-5, 8-6		
W. Graham and E. Lane, bye / Waterhouse & Steere, W. & S. 4-6, 3-6, Marshall & Baldwin, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1	Waterhouse & Steere, 6-2, 6-2, 8-6			
W. Hoogs and C. Hoogs, bye / A. Marshall and H. Dowsett, bye	Hoogs & Hoogs, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0	Hoogs & Hoogs, 4-6, 1-6, 6-3, 8-6, 6-3	Unfinished, 2 sets all	
A. L. Castle and F. E. Greenfield, bye / J. Guard and C. Littlejohn, bye	Castle & Greenfield, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3			
L. M. Judd and L. King, bye / A. R. Cunha and W. L. Warren, bye	Cunha & Warren, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2	Rob'ts'n & Izard, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3		
Lt. Robertson and W. B. Izard, bye / W. N. Eklund and J. O'Dowda, bye	Robertson & Iz., 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4			

All matches three out of five.