WILL DRAFT NEW LAWN TENNIS LAWS

The National Executive Committee Is to Meet Here This Week.

NEW AMATEUR RULE TO BE CONSIDERED

Report Will Also Be Made on Ranking of Men and Women Players.

Lawn tennis legislation will occupy the attention of members of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at a meeting which will be held in this city the latter part of the week.

The forerunners of the annual meeting of the association indicate that there is little likelihood of a repetition of the stormy session which waged about the proposal of a new amateur rule at the last annual conclave. A new amateur rule is to be offered, and it is the wording of this rule which will occupy much of the attention of Robert D. Wrenn, the president of the national association; Palmer E. Presbrey, Edwin F. Torrey, Frederick C. Colston, Ralph W. Holterhoff, L. D. Scott, Louis H. Waidner, Ward C. Burton, E. L. Scott, O. J. Salisbury and Dr. Sumner Hardy, the executive committee, when it meets this week.

In order that an adequate draft may be made, a committee composed of Palmer E. Presbrey, Dwight F. Davis, the donor of the international challenge cup; Howard W. Lewis, of Philadelphia; Robert Le Roy and George Peabody Gardner, jr., has been appointed by the president. There is little likelihood that whatever these men may offer will be of the drastic nature suggested last February. It was only too evident at that time that the clubs holding tournaments wish to exercise the liberty of paying the expenses of a star competitor, and anything that aims at this independence of action, according to those intimately acquainted with the trend of affairs in this country, is sure to meet with disaster. As one of the leading players recently put it: "So long as a player is not connected commercially with the game and does not play it for his pecuniary advantage that is all we care."

One of the things which will interest the lawn tennis followers is the fact that the report of the ranking committee, composed of Miles S. Charlock, of the Crescent Athletic Club, chairman; George T. Adee and Charles M. Bull, jr., will be presented to the executive committee this week. It is stated that the ratings of the best one hundred players in the country and the list of twenty-five women players may be made public in the newspapers of next Sunday.

The rating of the women is distinctly a new departure, and there is considerable divergence of opinion as to whether or not it can be successfully carried out. Mrs. Barger Wallach has acted as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy, formerly Miss May Sutton, and Miss Ellen F. Adee. The ranking committee have worked indefatigably and have endeavored to bring out the best list from the standpoint of scientific rating that has ever been produced in this country.

Those who have considered the top of the list again acknowledge that the preeminence of the California players is more secure than ever before. Maurice E. McLoughlin largely carried off the honors in the return of the Davis Cup to this country, and he made himself the hero and pet of historic Wimbledon. Fresh from his excellent performance in England, McLoughlin ran through the All-Comers at Newport to win the national singles title for the second time, defeating R. Norris Williams, 2d, also of the American cup team, by the score of 6—4, 5—7, 6—3, 6—1. Paired with Thomas C. Bundy, McLoughlin successfully defended the national doubles championship in the challenge match, defeating John S. Strachan and Clarence J. Griffin, the young California pair, 6—4, 7—5, 6—1. Strachan also fell heir to the national clay court championship, in the final of which at Omaha he defeated Walter Merrill Hall, 6—0, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4. Strachan and Griffin, as a doubles pair, also carried off the clay court honors.

The seventeen-year-old boy, William M. Johnston, another of the brilliant Californians, created a furor in the absence of McLoughlin in the East, winning at Longwood and the New York state championship. In accomplishing this remarkable task Johnston defeated all of the leading players of this section of the country, and so helped to keep up the record which players from the Pacific Coast had made.

Continuing the long list of California victories, Miss Mary Browne successfully defended her holding of the women's national title by defeating Miss Dorothy Green by the score of 6—2, 7—5, in the challenge match at Philadelphia. With such a record as this, Miss Browne also appearing a victor in the women's doubles, all of the leading places in the ranking must necessarily go to the Californians. The advisability of rating the women has been questioned in some quarters, and the list that is about to be issued for the fair wielders of the racquet is expected to meet with some adverse criticism. Miss Dorothy Green, Miss Clare Cassell, Miss Marie Wagner, Mrs. Marshall McLean and Miss Gwendolyn Rees are generally considered as finding places among the honored ten.

Another subject which the executive committee will be called upon to whip into shape will be the report of the trio composed of Harold H. Hackett, Karl H. Behr and William J. Clothier, appointed as a committee to devise new rules governing the service and let balls. This question was brought before the last annual meeting by Dr. Philip B. Hawk, who proposed abolishing the net cord stroke, or technical let, and who suggested the radical departure of permitting only one service ball, instead of two as at present. There were many supporters of the theory as expounded by Dr. Hawk. It is not believed, however, that such an unusual departure as the hazarding of everything upon one perfect service stroke will be incorporated in the rules. The matter of service, delivery of service, is likely to be gone into thoroughly, and this will include the much debated subject of foot faults, that is occupying so much the attention of all the lawn tennis playing nations.

Tobin State College Captain.

State College, Penn., Dec. 6.—W. C. Tobin, halfback of the Pennsylvania State College football team during the season just closed, was elected to-night captain of the 1914 team. He lives at California, Penn.

GOLF ON PINEHURST LINKS

H. V. Seggerman, of Englewood, Carries Off Chief Trophy.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 6.—Henry V. Seggerman, of Englewood, N. J., won the president's trophy in the annual fall golf tournament here to-day by defeating C. L. Becker, of Woodland, Mass., in a brilliantly played match.

They finished the eighteen holes all even, but Seggerman won the nineteenth when Becker's second shot found a sand trap to the left of the green.

A. A. Stagg, of Chicago, was an easy winner over F. D. Wilkerson, of Youngstown, in the consolation flight, finishing 4 up and 3 to play.

Samuel Beekman, of Metcaomet, won the second flight cup, and H. I. Brown, of the Huntington Valley Country Club, Philadelphia, took the third flight trophy.

A high class field is assured for the annual holiday week tournament which starts on December 27.

GERSHEL LAUGHS AT RIVALS

Speedy Boy Skater Wins from Scratch with Great Sprint.

Gershel, the 75-pound speed marvel, showed his heels to the other schoolboys yesterday at the St. Nicholas Rink in the quarter-mile handicap skating race.

There were a dozen starters, the majority of them winners on previous occasions, and to these little Gershel allowed various handicaps up to 90 yards.

When Mosher got them off to an even start Gershel, in his regulation black racing tights, began to pick up his rivals, and had them all beaten except Herbert Healey, the limit boy, who was half a lap ahead at the beginning of the last circuit of the track.

Gershal, undeterred by this disadvantage, went after the leader, and in a great burst of speed caught him on the stretch turn, which he circled like a professional, and came down to the finish two yards in front.

After the race was over Arthur Healey, of Loyola School, lodged a protest against Gershel being allowed to compete on the ground that he is older than the age limit of fourteen years.

BIG MONEY IN FOOTBALL

Lehigh and Lafayette Divide Bigger Sum than Ever Before.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

South Bethlehem, Penn., Dec. 6.—It was stated at a meeting of the athletic committee of Lehigh University yesterday that the net receipts of the Lafayette-Lehigh football game were $10,183, the largest sum that has been made in the history of sport between these two institutions.

Exhibition Golf Urged by Charles Evans, Jr.

Contests Among Professionals Would Greatly Improve Game, He Thinks.

CITES RESULTS IN ENGLAND

Former Western Title Holder Suggests Season on Coast May Be Too Short.

Charles Evans, jr., former holder of the Western amateur and open championships, ranked by Harry Vardon as being the best American golfer, and placed third on this year's list of the sixteen best players in the United States, has gone on record as being in favor of exhibitions. It will be recalled that some question was raised last year about good taste when Evans headed a team of amateur golfers on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Evans does not touch on exhibitions involving amateur players, but urges that more contests be arranged among the professionals. He points to the many exhibition matches in Great Britain, and calls attention to the strong rivalry existing among the British "pros" in the open championship, and declares it is based upon the fact that the open champion is always in great demand for matches; consequently it is far more lucrative than the prize list would indicate.

While there is no exhibition golf in America worth mentioning and only a small income could be derived from such a source, the rewards for American professionals are practically in the prize list, with the exception of opening a large field of employment among the best clubs and in getting higher prices for lessons.

On the other side of the Atlantic competitions between professionals are going on constantly, and exhibitions always take place when a new club is opened. So numerous are they that the general public receives constant object lessons.

"These matches," says Evans, "keep the big fellows on edge all the time. They are constantly in training. We rarely hear of their going stale, and they can hardly pick up a club without admiring glances of from 1,000 to 5,000 persons being fixed upon them. If one could play constantly before a gallery he could greatly improve his game, for at such a time a player is always striving to do his best. The golfing season in Britain is a long one, a fact that partly explains British skill."

Apropos of the length of seasons, Evans makes an interesting comparison between the East and the West. He says:

"They are still playing occasional tournaments in the East. Their season not only begins much earlier than ours, but it lasts much later. What is the explanation of this? Have they a longer stretch of pleasant weather? Do their courses get into shape sooner in the spring, or are the Eastern golfers more enthusiastic about tournament play?

"The metropolitan championship, the biggest local honor in the East, is decided in May, while our corresponding Western championship is played the last week in July. Indeed, the whole Western tournament season is very short as compared with the one in the East, for ours is practically limited to July and August. Of course, we really do play much golf earlier and later than these months, but we do not consider our courses or our weather in tournament condition before July or much later than August. I wonder if by chance we are mistaken about these things."

In view of the fact that there will probably be a good sized representation of Americans in both the British amateur and open championships next spring, peculiar interest is attached to any happenings at Sandwich or Prestwick, the respective courses for the two meetings.

Sandwich is unique in its situation, as on either side of the clubhouse there is to be found first class links, so that a man who does not care to compete in the championship can find good golf a few steps away. Coincident with this tournament is the time honored contest for the St. George's Vase.

The open championship at Prestwick will probably begin June 18, which represents a date similar to that on which the event was decided this year as Hoylake. A new green is being built at the sixth hole, which will make it considerably longer in its new position and will also make room for considerable distance to be added to the seventh. Harold H. Hilton, the present British amateur champion, declares Prestwick a charming course, and adds:

"There is such an infinite variety in Sandwich. There are no two holes which can in any way be said to be similar in character and design. But one cannot get away from the fact that it was infinitely a finer and more interesting test in the days of the gutty ball than it ever has been, or probably ever will be, with the rubber core. Prestwick suffered more than any course I can think of by the introduction of the last named, though it never has lost its attraction."

Harmony Desired Above All by American Soccer Bodies

So Declares Dr. Manning at Dinner to Visiting Quaker City Players.

Dr. G. R. Manning, president of the United States of America Football Association, was the chief speaker at the dinner in honor of the visiting Philadelphia soccer team at the Staten Island Cricket and Tennis Club last night. In his address he dwelt upon the desirability of all football organizations working in harmony for the purpose of creating one strong national body.

He emphasized the fact that to comply with the rules of the International Federation all leagues and minor associations should be more or less closely affiliated with the controlling body in this country for the purpose of enforcing uniform laws of the game, strict control over professionalism and proper selection of players in representative national and international games. Dr. Manning particularly stated that the United States of America Football Association did not wish to interfere with the working and organization of the various leagues, nor in any way try to usurp their powers or put any restrictions upon their independence.

H. Manley, chairman of the Staten Island and Cricket and Tennis Club's soccer committee, presided as toastmaster at the dinner.

"BIG NINE" IN THE WEST HOLDS TIGHT

Declines to Admit Nebraska and Notre Dame as Members of the Conference.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Delegates to the Western intercollegiate conference decided today it would not be expedient to enlarge the conference, thus disposing of the applications of Nebraska and Notre Dame for membership.

The delegates also declared against postseason intersectional basketball games and referred to the faculties of the "big nine" schools a resolution proposing to abolish professional coaches unless they are alumni of the institutions at which they work.

Fear that once the bars were let down the "big nine" would become possibly a "big two dozen" was the basis for declining to admit Nebraska and Notre Dame.

Opposition appeared as soon as the proposal came up, but no attempt was made to prohibit conference teams from playing non-conference teams.

Radical differences were found to exist on the resolution proposing the abolitian of professional coaches. Some of the more prominent coaches, such as Stagg, of Chicago, and Williams, of Minnesota, would be debarred if the rule went into effect.

STUYVESANT ELEVEN WINS

Defeat Townsend Harris Hall at Van Cortlandt Park.

Stuyvesant High School defeated Townsend Harris Hall in the final P. S. A. L. championship soccer game at Van Cortlandt Park by the score of 2 goals to 0 yesterday afternoon. Both goals were shot in the second half. The first was credited to Frank, at inside left, from a pass by Houston, on the opposite wing.

Clever individual play by Rannow yielded Stuyvesant's second tally. Haidler, Silberberg, Rannow and Houston were the stars in the winning team. Rudinsky and Garfier took the honors on the losing side.

The line-up follows:

Stuyvesant (2).	Position.	Townsend (0).
Wibone	G.	Curran
Maidler	R. B.	Cantrell
Merocioni	L. B.	Samming
Caffrinnor	R. H.	Adler
Cestar	C. H.	Derx
Markowitz	L. H.	Rudinsky
Houston	O. R.	Zimmermann
Gilcher	I. R.	Garfier
Rannow	C.	Baumfelsky
Franck	I. L.	Tucker
Silverberg	O. L.	Achalsky

Goals—Franck, Rannow. Referee—A. Nadel, N. F. R. A. Linesmen—Dr. Whitehall and Murphy. Time—Halves of thirty minutes.

Golf on Pinehurst Links.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 5.—Two rounds were played here to-day in the Country Club's annual autumnal golf tournament. The survivors were C. L. Becker, Woodland, and H. V. Seggerman, Englewood, in the first division, and A. A. Stagg, Chicago, and F. D. Wilkerson, Youngstown, in the consolation flight.

COLLEGE FIVES IN LINE FOR SEASON

Columbia Opens Championship Schedule with Cornell.

The opening gun in the battle for the intercollegiate basketball championship will be fired on January 9, when Cornell and Columbia meet at Columbia's court and Dartmouth faces Yale at New Haven. Yale, after an absence of several seasons, has re-entered the league, and bids fair to be represented by a powerful team. Heretofore, the basketball season opened early in December, but so many of the players also represented their colleges on the gridiron that it was decided to postpone the opening until after the Christmas holidays.

Ralph Morgan, secretary of the Intercollegiate Basketball League, has been in communication with Dr. L. J. Cooke, secretary of the Western Conference, and there is some possibility of the champions of the East and West meeting in a post-season series to settle the championship of the country.

The schedule follows:

January 9, Cornell at Columbia; 9, Dartmouth at Yale; 10, Dartmouth at Princeton; 14, Columbia at Princeton; 17, Cornell at Princeton; 17, Columbia at Dartmouth; 17, Yale at Pennsylvania; 20, Princeton at Yale; 24, Princeton at Pennsylvania; 31, Pennsylvania at Dartmouth; February 6, Dartmouth at Columbia; 7, Dartmouth at Pennsylvania; 7, Yale at Cornell; 12, Pennsylvania at Columbia; 13, Princeton at Cornell; 14, Yale at Dartmuoth; 18, Columbia at Cornell; 18, Pennsylvania, at Princeton; 21, Cornell at Pennsylvania; 21, Yale at Princeton; 23, Cornell at Dartmouth; 23, Princeton at Columbia; 24, Pennsylvania at Yale; 27, Cornell at Yale; 28, Princeton at Dartmouth; 28, Columbia at Pennsylvania; March 3, Columbia at Yale; 5, Pennsylvania at Cornell; 6, Yale at Columbia; 10, Dartmouth at Cornell.

GOOD CHASE TO HOUNDS

Big Field Turns Out for Meadowbrook Hunt.

Westbury, Long Island, Dec. 6.—Sixty-five riders were in the saddle to-day and followed the Meadow Brook foxhounds over one of the longest runs so far this season.

The trailing was not as good in the morning as later in the day, but a fox was jumped near Brookville in the early morning and led the hounds for an hour over the north country.

Among those to follow were Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas, Mrs. James A. Burden, Mrs. Arthur Scott Burden, Mrs. Joseph Stevens, Henry Payne Whitney, Miss Wybold, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Davis, Mrs. A. F. Alexander, Miss Marion Hollins, Miss Flora Whitney, Harvey Ladew, Miss Elise Ladew, Mrs. Thomas Hastings, H. F. Godfrey, Samuel Willets, Charles C. Rumsey, Ralph Kirlin, Miss Kirlin, J. Benson Rose, Edgerton Winthrop, Mr. Leaventritt and C. P. Snow.

SQUASH STARS ARE HUMBLED

J. O. Low Falls a Victim Before M. L. Cornell in National Handicap Tourney.

Reversals furnished the enlivening element with Josiah O. Low and Louis du Pont Irving going by the board at the beginning of the third national squash tennis handicap tournament yesterday on the courts of the Harvard Club, at No. 27 West 44th street. Low, of the Heights Casino and the winner of the great meeting last year, fell before the rapid fire shooting of M. L. Cornell, of the Columbia University Club forces, at 15—8, 15—5. Low was on the minus 5-aces mark and Cornell at plus 5 aces and half a hand.

Irving, because of his splendid victory over Dr. Alfred Stillman, 2d, in the Harvard championship, was placed among the honored few who received the mark of minus 8 aces, 2 or no count. George Whitney, the holder of the national championship, and Dr. Stillman were the only others having this awe inspiring handicap. It proved more than Irving, despite his wonderfully swift shots to the front wall and deceptive dleaways to the rear corners, could stagger along with. He made a brave fight against William H. Y. Hackett, who was at minus 5 aces, to be beaten at 15—5, 15—9. In the last game Irving lost the tally eleven times, as he failed to get the second ace.

George Whitney, the national title holder, experienced a narrow escape from furnishing another victim for the reversal list. He met F. H. Davis on the minus 5-aces mark, and the two fought it out to 15—6, 12—15, 15—5, with the ball sizzling around the walls in some of the best rallies of the day.

National squash tennis handicap (first round)—A. Cammack, Harvard, scratch, defeated W. P. Sanger, Harvard, scratch, 15—13, 15—8; J. W. Apple, jr., Harvard, plus 5 aces and 1 hand, defeated J. Victor Onativia, jr., Baltusrol, plus 5 aces, 8—15, 18—17, 15—12; G. L. Catlin, Bridgeport, plus 5 aces, defeated G. E. Parks, Squash Club, plus 5 aces, 15—2, 15—11; Evelyn du Pont Irving, Harvard, plus 5 aces, defeated Frederick S. Keeler, Columbia, scratch, 15—6, 17—14; M. L. Cornell, Columbia, plus 5 aces and half a hand, defeated Josiah O. Low, Heights Casino, minus 5 aces, 15—8, 15—5; William H. Y. Hackett, Harvard, minus 5 aces, defeated Louis du Pont, Irving, minus 8 aces, 2 or no count, 15—5, 15—9; F. A. Seller, Montclair, Athletic Club, plus 5 aces and half a hand, defeated Sandford Stoddard, Bridgeport, minus 5 aces, 15—4, 15—3; S. Hinman Bird, Princeton, minus 5 aces, defeated F. M. Blagden, Harvard, scratch, 15—11, 17—14; George Whitney, Harvard, minus 8 aces, 2 or no count, defeated F. H. Davis, Harvard, minus 5 aces, 15—6, 12—15, 15—5; Dr. Ewing Taylor, Harvard, plus 5 aces, defeated L. Platt, Heights Casino, plus 5 aces and half a hand, 15—0, 15—9; G. Graham, Montclair Athletic Club, plus 5 aces and 1 hand, defeated G. Jenkins, Montclair Athletic Club, plus 5 aces and 2 hands, by default; Royal E. T. Riggs, Heights Casino, plus 5 aces, defeated J. W. Burden, Harvard, scratch, 15—6, 15—2; R. G. Coburn, Tuxedo, plus 5 aces and 1 hand, defeated R. E. Wigham, Columbia, plus 5 aces, 15—6, 15—6.

Second round—Frank Kidde, Montclair Athletic Club (minus 5 aces) defeated R. A. Gibney, Bridgeport (plus 5 aces and 1 hand), 17—14, 15—11; William H. Y. Hackett, Harvard (minus 5 aces) defeated F. A. Seller, Montclair Athletic Club (plus 5 aces and 1 hand), 15—9, 17—14; Royal E. T. Riggs, Heights Casino (plus 5 aces) defeated G. Graham, Montclair Athletic Club (plus 5 aces and 1 hand), 15—10, 15—7; Charles M. Bull, jr., Crescent Athletic Club (minues 5 aces) defeated G. Waterbury, Harvard (plus 5 aces), 15—8, 15—9; A. Jenkins, Montclair Athletic Club (plus 5 aces and 2 hands) defeated W. B. Spencer, Montclair Athletic Club (plus 5 aces and 1 hand), by default.

ACCEPT CHESS INVITATION

Foreign Masters Tell Capablanca They Will Go to Havana.

José R. Capablanca, the Cuban chess champion, who has arrived in St. Petersburg and taken up his duties at the Cuban consulate there, cabled yesterday to the "The American Press Bulletin," of this city, that he had received the acceptances of all the foreign masters, including the representatives of England, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia, who were invited to take part in the international chess congress in Havana on February 1.

Interest in Field Trials.

The grouse dog trials in Western Pennsylvania have been declared a decided success.

All of those who were fortunate enough to be able to attend are still chanting the praises of the sport and of their host, Ralph C. English. Mr. English judged field dogs at the Westminster show last year.

APPLEBY BOYS SHOW RARE SKILL WITH THE CUE

Two Young Sons of a Skilful Player Set New Records in Class C Balkline.

MAURICE DALY LECTURES

Dr. L. L. Mial and J. E. Cope Morton Matched for Arion Club Interstate Cup.

Beautiful cue work made the Appleby family conspicuous in the Class C amateur balkline tournament of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players at the Morningside rooms. E. T. Appleby, aged nineteen, and his brother Francis, a year younger, marked the games with runs and averages which established new records for the class. Francis made a high run of 61 and an average of 8.33, while E. T. scored a run of 65 and an average of 8. The two boys, sons of E. S. Appleby, are students at Columbia College. Mr. Appleby, who is a skilful amateur, has been coaching the younger boy, while Maurice Daly and Tom Gallagher have instructed the elder, and, inasmuch as Francis stands better than E. T. in the tournament, Mr. Appleby points with pride to "my pupil" and laughs at the professional tutors.

E. T. came out of the tournament in a peculiar position. His performances were not good enough to win, but they disqualified him from Class C and advanced him into Class B. He made a grand average of more than 5, which, under the rules of the national association, makes him eligible to Class B, and excludes him from other classes. Both of the boys are members of the Columbia track team which "Bernie" Wefers is training. Twenty-five years ago their father was prominent among amateur performers on local cinder paths.

During the last week Maurice Daly renewed his lectures on billiards. He gets along very well until some of his auditors ask questions. Then he encounters some propositions that are not easily dismissed. One of the hobbies of nearly every amateur billiard player is "stroke," and since Daly believes every man must deliver a stroke in the most natural way, he does not satisfy the yearnings of those who seek a correct stroke. Wednesday he used George H. Sutton, the handless expert, as an object lesson, which Sutton consented to be.

"Here, gentlemen, is a man without hands," said Daly. "He is a good player, the equal of any excepting first class artists." Sutton executed many difficult shots, including some remarkable massé strokes, enthused spectators and impressed upon them that any prescribed method of handling a cue was a fallacy.

Dr. L. L. Mial, of Morristown, N. J., and J. E. Cope Morton, champion of the Union League, of Philadelphia, will on Thursday night, at the home of the Arion Society, compete for the Arion Billiard Club's interstate challenge cup. Two exponents of billiards, whose methods are radically different, they should provide an entertaining if not an exciting contest. Dr. Mial affects correct billiards. When in good stroke and favored with a satisfactory equipment he is as artistic and effective as any professional. Morton is a left-hander, who possesses a wealth of execution and does not rely upon close manipulation. One of the most popular members of the Union League, he is also a golf enthusiast. It was he who first said, "Golf is outdoor billiards."

Melbourne Inman, champion of English billiards, and H. W. Stevenson have been matched to play 17,000 points for £100 a side. They will play at Holborn Hall, London, beginning March 30. The articles of agreement stipulate that the stakes may be increased. The championship title will not be at issue. Nevertheless, "London Field" says the contest will be a championship one in everything but name. At the same hall, from April 20 to May 2, Stevenson and George Gray, the Australian phenomenon, will play 18,000 points with ivory balls for £250 a side.

Only the necessary formalities will delay the complete fusion of the two billiard federations which for the last ten years have existed in France. As a result of conferences held by the delegates of the two federations, they have agreed on all questions. It was the sincere desire of all to make whatever sacrifices necessary for the good of the sport. The new organization will be called the French Federation of the Amateurs of Billiards.

Amateurs will perform in Maurice Daly's fall handicap cushion carrom tournament this week. There are nine entrants, four of whom will play 60 points, while the other five score 48. The "scratch" men are William Gershel, G. Clark, I. Peiser and Ledyard Blake. Those who will receive odds are Charles Davis, F. Mitchell, George Spears, E. T. Appleby and W. Harris. Through this tournament Daly hopes to revive interest in cushion carroms, which he and that other veteran, George F. Slosson, assert is valuable practice for both amateurs and professionals. Slosson maintains that exercise at cushion play is what Koji Yamada needs to strengthen his game.

ACTIVE SEASON AHEAD OF NEW CHESS LEAGUE

All the Strongest Clubs of the Metropolitan District Are Represented.

MORE RECRUITS ARE SOUGHT

Regular Reports of Match Play for Title and Trophy Will Be Novelty.

The chess players in the metropolis and surrounding district ought to be very grateful to President William T. Ryan of the Staten Island Chess Club for having called a meeting of delegates of clubs of this city and vicinity. As the readers were duly informed on Wednesday, a new league was formed, or, rather, a resurrection of the old Metropolitan Chess League was accomplished, at the Manhattan Chess Club on Monday evening. The fact that there is again an organization established which will make it its business to enliven the season in the realm of chess is important enough by itself and augurs well for the future welfare of the game in this city. Still more importance, however, must be attached to the way the new league was organized.

To begin with, all the strongest clubs of the metropolis were represented, and in addition to those many minor clubs had sent their delegates. When it came to a discussion whether the clubs forming the league should be divided into two classes—one set of clubs to play for the championship and the other for a minor trophy—it was at the special request of the delegates from the minor clubs that a resolution was finally passed that there should be only one tournament, and that every club belonging to the new league should play a match on eight boards against every other club in the organization, and that the club winning the greatest number of matches should receive the championship title and a trophy, the money for which prize should be collected in equal shares from all the clubs of the league.

It was really a pleasure to listen to the speeches made by the delegates from the minor clubs. They all agreed upon one point, namely, that they could only improve their play by getting a chance of meeting in actual combat the strongest clubs in the metropolis, although the result would be a foregone conclusion.

It will now become the business of the newly elected secretary to induce additional clubs to affiliate with the new organization. Special efforts will also be made to induce the student body to form a sort of club in order to be enabled to furnish a team of eight players with the object of taking part in the league tournament. It is thought that the students of Columbia, New York University, the City College of New York and Stevens Institute should form that club, enter the league and select their best eight players from the combined college forces to compete in the coming contests. Should the secretary succeed in bringing about that interesting arrangement, the league will be much the gainer.

It will be somewhat surprising for the chess players in this city to see a regular schedule of team matches published in the papers, a thing to which Londoners have been accustomed these last thirty years. Supposing there were ten clubs competing for the championship, a schedule for a round might look like this:

Manhattan C. C. vs. Rice C. C.; Brooklyn C. C. vs. Progressive C. C.; Newark C. C. vs. Staten Island C. C.; Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. C. C. vs. Eastern District Club; Queen's Gambit Association vs. Intercollegiate Association.

Still more interesting would be the schedule of games, exhibited on the blackboard of all the clubs, which in the case of the Manhattan Chess Club might read as follows:

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Rice C. C. at home.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Newark C. C. away.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Staten Island C. C. at home.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Queen's Gambit Association away.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Brooklyn C. C. at home.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Progressive C. C. away.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. C. C. at home.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Eastern District C. C. away.

Manhattan Chess Club vs. Intercollegiate C. C. at home.

Inasmuch as the first meeting was so harmonious it is thought that other points will easily be settled, especially the question how players who are members of more than one club will be equably assigned to places on the various teams. All these details, the schedule of games and so forth are to be settled at the next meeting, to be held in the library of the Manhattan Chess Club next Thursday evening.

The youthful Russian master, A. Alechin, recently visited London, and when there engaged in a game with Edward Lasker, which had a very interesting run, as will be seen from the score of the game, which is herewith appended:

WHITE. Ed. Lasker.	BLACK. A. Alechin.	WHITE. Ed. Lasker.	BLACK. A. Alechin.
1 P—Q 4	P—K B 4	24 Q—Q 2	R x B ch(j)
2 P—K 4	P x P	25 B P x R	Q—K B 4
3 Kt—QB3(a)	Kt—KB3	26 K—Kt 2	Q—B 8
4 P—B 3(b)	P—Q 4	27 R—K 3(k)	R x R
5 P x P	P x P	28 Q x R	Q x P ch
6 B—K Kt 5	B—B 4	29 K—R 3	P—K R 3
7 Q—K 2(c)	Kt—B 3	30 Q—K 6	Q—B 3(l)
8 B x Kt	K P x B	31 P—R 4	P—K R 4
9 Castles	B—Q 3	32 Q—B 7	Q—K 5(m)
10 Kt x P	Castles	33 Q—B 8 ch(n)	K—R 2
11 Kt x B(d)	P x Kt(e)	34 Q x Q P	Q x R P
12 Q—B 2	Q—R 4	35 P—Q 5	Q—K 5
13 B—B 4 ch	K—R	36 Q—B 5	Q—K 4
14 Kt—K 2	Kt—Kt 5	37 P—Kt 4	P—R 5
15 B—Kt 3	Q R—B	38 P—Q 6	P—R 6
16 Kt—B 3	B—Kt 3(f)	39 Q—B 2 ch(o)	P—B 4
17 K R—B	P—Kt 4	40 P—Q 7	P—R 7
18 R—Q 2(g)	Kt—Q 6 ch	41 P—Q 8=Q	P—R 8=Q
19 R x Kt(h)	B x R	42 Q—B 4	Q(R8)—K 5
20 R—Q	P—Kt 5	43 Q(Q5)—Kt8 ch	K—R 3
21 R x B	P x Kt	44 Q—R 6 ch	K—Kt 4
22 K—Kt(i)	K R—K	45 Q x P(p)	Q—Q B 6 ch
23 P x P	R x P	Resigns.	

(a) P—K B 3 offers Blackmar's second gambit, and, in certain contingencies, opportunities for brilliancies; it is doubtful, however, whether P—K 4 is good enough for white, as, in addition to the pawn, black obtains a rapid development.

(b) The usual move here is B—K Kt 5.

(c) This seems to be the best line. If 7 B—Q B 4, P—K 3; 8 K Kt—K 2, B—Q 3, etc.

(d) A bad move which loses the game. He ought to have played 11 Q—B 3 instead.

(e) Alechin plays with excellent judgment. The open file wins.

(f) As black intended to play P Q Kt 4 he had to protect the bishop first.

(g) K—Kt was the proper move here.

(h) P x Kt would have also lost, as P—Kt 5 and P x Kt would have opened the file for black's pieces.

(i) A trap with the object of winning the B P. If 22 P x P, R x P; 23 Q—Q 2 Black would reply with Q—K Kt 4.

(j) Forced. If 24 R—K 8 ch; 25 K—Kt 2, R x B ch; 26 R x R and wins.

(k) Stronger than R—Q B 3.

(l) 30 Q—K R P and white draws by perpetual check.

(m) The object of the last two moves is to provide an escape for the king.

(n) 33 Q x R P was simpler.

(o) The losing move, as it helps Black to bring his king into safety.

(p) White overlooked the mate in two, but the game was lost, anyhow.

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