

The Man Who Hesitates Is Not Necessarily Lost; He May Be a Sprinter

LITTLE DOUBT AS TO NEW LADY TENNIS RANKING

Record of Johnston in the All Comers' Tourney Puts Him First.

WILLIAMS LOGICAL CHOICE FOR NO. 2

McLaughlin to Step Down This Year, While Bill Is Likely to Head Others in First Ten.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

The last big sign of the lawn tennis season was the ranking of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, which will not make its report for several months yet.

In 1914 there was much discussion as to who was the best player, and as to who should be ranked as No. 1. Some persons believed that R. Norris Williams, 2d, then national champion, should have been ranked as No. 1, because of the fact that he was the victor in the All Comers' tourney at Newport, he had been defeated by both Brooks and Watson in the Davis Cup matches at Forest Hills.

When the place finally was given to Maurice McLaughlin, based on his record in the international matches, the choice was a different condition from the one which was made in 1914.

The committee this year, and a new name must be reckoned with in assigning the No. 1 position in the lawn tennis world. After the defeat of Johnston, San Francisco, had defeated McLaughlin in a desperate four-set match in the final round of the All-Comers' tournament on the turf court of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, and had gained the national championship by his victory.

It is a fact that Johnston's victory seemed to be the almost universal opinion of those qualified to judge that Johnston had earned the right to be regarded as the first player of the year.

The little Californian's claim does not rest on the mere fact that he won the national title, but on a field of opponents the strength of which has probably never been equalled in a tournament.

Starting off with Harold H.ackett, an old international player, Johnston won the national title with Clarence Wadell, national champion; Clarence J. S. Waters, of Louisiana; Karl H. Behr, No. 3 in last year's ranking; Clarence J. Griffin, of California; and W. G. B. Williams, 2d, national champion, and finally, Maurice Evans McLaughlin, "the world's greatest player."

Griffin and Williams, the new champions, were defeated before the new title holder of 1914, Johnston, went on the court against the mighty McLaughlin and crushed him in a five-set match, 6-8, 6-9, 6-8, 6-10, 6-8.

The use of the word "crushed" is justified in this case, for McLaughlin was worn down by the tremendous onslaught of his younger, harder hitting opponent.

Johnston's record for the season, both before and after that memorable match, is a record of which he can be justly proud. He has been disgraced when it comes to the final analysis. Of all the eight men whom he defeated in coming through to the championship, there was not one who could be regarded as a weak opponent.

It is true that the youth from the Coast was defeated by McLaughlin in the season on the asphalt courts of San Francisco, and that when he had been defeated by Johnston on turf, and that he was also defeated at Longwood and at Southampton by Theodore Roosevelt Pell. Added to this, Johnston vanquished the champion of the East, versus West matches at Forest Hills by three sets to one.

To all these results tallied together, he has a record which is a record that will stand in the All Comers' tourney, after all, the players of the country face their greatest test of the year. Johnston showed that he had the courage to stand alone, and that he was not a quitter, and that he was a fighter, and that he was a winner, and that he was a champion.

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Showers of Bottles Fall on Umpires.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—Showers of pop bottles from the grandstand greeted unpopular decisions by Pennington and Breitenstein, the umpires, during the second game of a Southern League double-header between Chattanooga and Nashville here to-day.

The game was forfeited to the visitors, Kid Elberfeld, manager of the Chattanooga team, at the finish climbed into the grandstand, took a bottle away from a spectator who had hit him on the head and was beginning an offensive campaign of his own when players interfered and escorted him from the field.

Boxing Word in a Quandary Over Big Bout

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Junior Lawn Tennis Title Now at Stake

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Now that the All Comers' national tournament is a matter of history, the schoolboys will have their innings, and this morning play will begin in the second annual metropolitan junior lawn tennis championship tournament on the clay courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, L. I.

The entry list for this year finds 107 schoolboys competing for the title won last year by Harold A. Throckmorton, national interscholastic champion, and Frederick B. Alexander, the official referee, will keep things moving both morning and afternoon for the first two or three days of the tourney, so as to narrow the big field down.

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THIRDS GALRE AT VELODROME

Cavanagh Beats Goulet by Inches in Match Before Big Crowd.

Frank Cavanagh nosed out Alfred Goulet in two heats of a match cycle race at two-thirds of a mile at the Newark Velodrome yesterday. Twelve thousand persons watched the sport.

A ten-mile tandem match race was won by Frank Kramer, of East Orange, and Iver Lawson, of Salt Lake City. Their opponents were Alfred Grenda, of Australia, and Fred Hill, of Boston. Kramer and Lawson came in first in the three heats, but were disqualified for fouling in the second heat.

Rooney Rows to an Easy Victory

Wins Senior Single Sculls at Fall Regatta of N. Y. Rowing Association.

T. J. Rooney, of the Ravenwood Boat Club, a veteran oarsman, who has won many titles in the last decade, proved convincingly that he is just as clever with the sculls as he ever was by winning the senior single quarter-mile dash by two lengths, which was the principal event of the initial fall regatta of the New York Rowing Association held on the Harlem River yesterday. H. Pearce, of the Nonpariel Boat Club, and S. G. Bennett, of the Sheephead Bay Rowing Club, who followed the winner over the line in the order named, were the only other starters.

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