

Winning of Open Golf Championship by an Amateur and Rise of New and Brilliant Star in Lawn Tennis Made Up in Part for the Lack of International Competitions

Champions of the Year on Links and Courts

Williams was not so protected and the title claim to the result. He has been champion of Wales for a year, and to his credit it must be said that he has won this title often more than any other player in the world. True, all his bouts have been ten to twelve round no-decision battles, but there was always the chance of a knockout in any one of them which would have meant the ending of his career.

Williams won his final bow, or so he says, at the end of the year. He will retire to Long Island, where he intends to conduct a health farm. He will spend nearly all of the holidays of the year as he has earned as champion in the past.

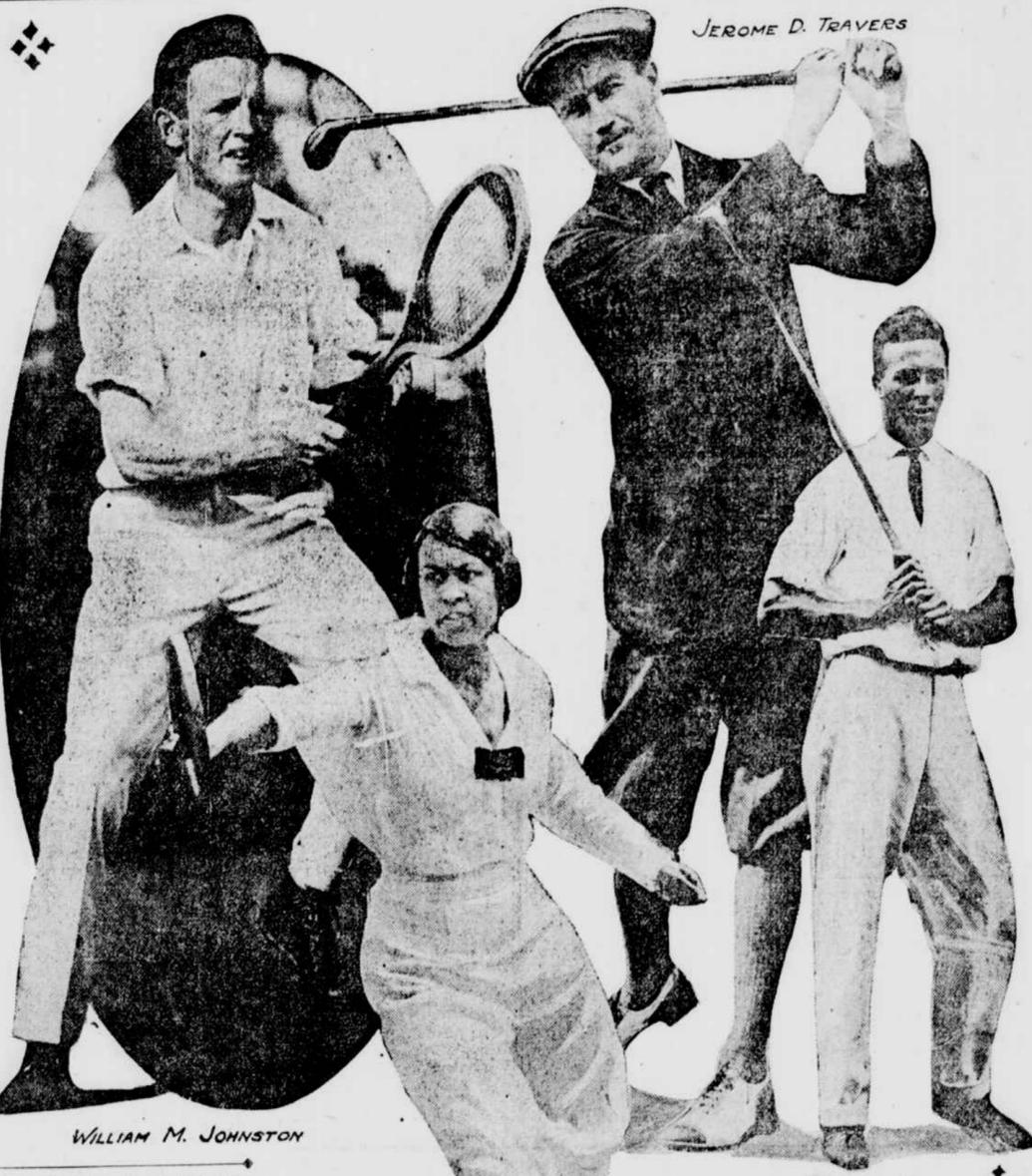
Les Darcy, the amazing Australian youth, looms up as a second Stanley. He has won the title of champion of the world in the year 1914, and he will find stern opposition in the hands of Mike Gibbons, Squire Bartfield, McRoy, Chip, Crouse and Jack Dillon, who, though posing as a giant killer, really can make the middleweight limit.

The year saw the passing of Willie Ritchie as a lightweight. His next bout will be against Ted Lewis for the "welterweight" championship. Ritchie naturally reverts to Ad Wolgast, the man who lost to Ritchie on a foul. Wolgast still has some chance to uphold the title. He can still fight courageously and, most important of all, he can make the weight.

Al McCoy still claims the middleweight crown because of his sudden knockout of George Chip. McCoy has fought indifferently, but it is a safe guess to say that he will retain his title as long as no-decision bouts are in vogue. He has a knack of avoiding knockout punches that aggravates even his most ardent rooters.

Johnny Kilbane will retire with his featherweight title unless he essays to fight until his whiskers trip him up. There is no one in his class able to take Johnny into camp. He has had little work to do during the last year, but he is still a contender for the forthcoming. His best performance was a six-round bout over Kid Williams at Philadelphia. He completely outclassed the Baltimore lad.

The greatest gate of the year, so far as home shows were concerned, was drawn by Mike Gibbons and Packey McFarland at Brighton Beach. Over \$58,000 was gleaned from the boxing fans.



WILLIAM M. JOHNSTON, Miss Molla Bjurstedt, and other champions of the year on links and courts.

One Surprise Follows Another in Lawn Tennis

mate winner of the title for 1915 usually narrowed down to mention of these two names.

Karl Behr, who had defeated McLoughlin at Seabright in August, was figured as another possibility, and one or two others were regarded as having outside chances, Johnston being included among the latter.

The tournament went along without any notable upsets until the fourth round, when Johnston flashed to the fore by vanquishing the fiery Behr in a hard, four-set match with tremendous volleys and volleys from midcourt, not being opposed by anybody capable of extending them. The next day Johnston had more or less difficulty in putting Griffin out of his path, the match going the full five sets. Williams put out William Rand, Sid, and McLoughlin defeated F. T. Hunter.

It was Williams, the champion, fresh from victories over Behr and McLoughlin in previous tournaments, who faced Johnston in the next round. The little Californian started off with great speed, leading the champion at five games to one. He was hitting the ball harder than Williams and was nicking the lines, whereas the Philadelphian, in trying to cut the chalk marks, erred many times. The gallery was stunned as it saw the champion dropping game after game, but then a change came. It was Williams at the net, and he won the points by marvellous placement shots.

Taking six games in a row, Williams won the first set at 7-5, and when the men changed courts there were few in the stands who expected Johnston to win.

But the man from the Coast never faltered, and the driving duels between the pair were terrific, with Johnston having the advantage. He won the second set at 6-4 and dropped the third at 5-7. After the rest period Johnston went into the rallies with vicious speed and swept Williams before him, driving the ball with tremendous force and volleys from midcourt, rarely succeeded in getting far from his base line. Johnston won the last two sets at 6-2, 2-6, and the match, and Williams had lost his championship.

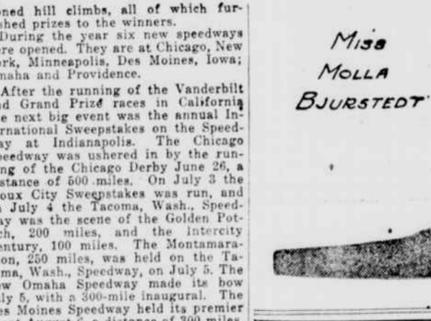
In the final round McLoughlin took the first set easily at 6-1. Johnston seeming unable to get started. But the complexion of the match changed remarkably in the second set, and Johnston, playing with the same savage determination that he had shown against Williams the day before, stormed his way through without giving McLoughlin a single game.

In both the last two sets McLoughlin gained an overwhelming lead, but each time Johnston steadied wonderfully and kept adding to the pace. He put into his court with such swiftness and speed that his opponent weakened toward the last and was unable to withstand Johnston's rush. Fighting courageously, McLoughlin was borne down by Johnston winning the last two sets at 7-5, 10-8 and taking the championship.

The new singles champion and Clarence Griffin easily proved their right to the doubles title on the following Monday by defeating McLoughlin and Bundy in a stirring match. Their team work was superlative and their superior speed and harder hitting were factors against which the old champions could not prevail.

So much for the manner of the 1915 champion's march to the title. To make his position as lawn tennis world champion, the ranking committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. placed Johnston at No. 1 in the official ranking list early this month, with Williams at No. 2, and McLoughlin at No. 3. Behr, Pell, and George M. Griffin, W. M. Washburn, George M. Church and Walter Merrill Hall came next in order among the first ten.

The remarkable growth of lawn tennis skill among the schoolboy players of the East during 1915 was largely due to the work of Frederick B. Alexander, the old Davis Cup star, who was instrumental in promoting numerous tournaments for the juniors, and next year the schoolboys will receive even more consideration at the hands of the national body, so that it seems probable that the way of the players from California will be broken and the East resume the place it formerly occupied on the courts.



Miss Molla Bjurstedt



Robert A. Gardner

Golfers Who Carried Off Titles on the Links in 1915

- | NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. | |
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| United States amateur..... | Robert A. Gardner |
| United States open..... | Jerome D. Travers |
| United States women..... | Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck |
| SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS. | |
| Metropolitan amateur..... | Walter J. Travis |
| Metropolitan open..... | Gilbert Nichols |
| Metropolitan women..... | Miss Lillian B. Hyde |
| Metropolitan junior..... | Philip V. G. Carter |
| Western amateur..... | Charles E. Evans, Jr. |
| Western open..... | Thomas L. McNamara |
| Western women..... | Miss Elaine Revault |
| Western junior..... | Miss Lillian B. Hyde |
| Western intercollegiate..... | John Simpson |
| Western intercollegiate women..... | Robert Shepley |
| Trans-Mississippi..... | Alben B. Swift |
| North and South amateur..... | Filmer K. Robson |
| North and South women..... | Mrs. E. H. Gardner |
| Pacific Northwest amateur..... | Alexander Ross |
| Middle Atlantic..... | J. C. Davidson |
| Southern amateur..... | Charles L. Dexter, Jr. |
| Southern women..... | Miss Aloia Sterling |
| Southwest..... | Robert Prestley |
| Pacific Northwest women..... | H. Chandler Egan |
| Panama-Pacific amateur..... | Mrs. T. B. Curran |
| Panama-Pacific women..... | Walter C. Davis |
| Central..... | William H. Dwyer |
| Northern California..... | Rein V. Hays |
| Southern California amateur..... | Erin S. Armstrong |
| Southern California women..... | Mrs. Henry Van Dyke |
| Metropolitan junior..... | Hulton Martin |
| Chicago open..... | Hugh L. Willoughby |
| Philadelphia open..... | Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow |
| Philadelphia junior..... | Thomas L. McNamara |
| Chicago amateur..... | Martimer M. Jack |
| Chicago women..... | Daniel Edwards |
| Chicago open..... | Miss Laura M. Kater |
| Chicago junior..... | James Denison |
| Boston women..... | A. M. Leeb |
| District of Columbia..... | Miss Vera Ramsey |
| Hudson River..... | W. S. Roehrer |
| Central Illinois..... | Bruce D. Censeth |
| Western Pennsylvania amateur..... | John Simpson |
| Western Pennsylvania women..... | Ehro M. Byers |
| Eastern intercollegiate..... | Jack Hutchinson |
| Eastern intercollegiate women..... | Mrs. Clarence H. Vandoren |
| Western intercollegiate..... | Filmer K. Robson |
| Western intercollegiate women..... | Walter J. Travis |
| TEAM CHAMPIONS. | |
| Robert W. Linsky Cup (intercity)..... | Metropolitan G. A. Clement A. Grinnam Cup (intercity)..... |
| Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia..... | Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia..... |
| Intercollegiate..... | University of Illinois |
| Western intercollegiate..... | Huntington Valley, C. |
| Philadelphia team..... | Los Angeles C. C. |
| Ten Meritt Memorial..... | Los Angeles C. C. |
| Gratts W. Higgins Cup..... | Los Angeles C. C. |

Great Heights Reached in College Athletics

By MALCOLM M. ROY.

Greater heights than ever before attained were reached in college athletics during the twelvemonth spanning the gap between 1914 and 1915. There were few features in this year of general all-around excellence comparable to the notable victory of the Harvard junior varsity eight in the Grand Challenge Cup race at Henley-on-Thames, in July, 1914, but if 1915 did not give the college men of the country an opportunity to show that the Grand Challenge Cup could be defended as successfully as it was won, it did let them see college sports in the highest form of development which they have yet achieved.

It was a year in which honors, if such a term is the proper nomenclature for supremacy in a particular branch of athletics, were well divided, although in the major sports Cornell carried off the lion's share of the glory by topping a championship in track athletics with a victory in rowing at Poughkeepsie and an unbeaten football team. It remained for the Cornell eleven of 1915 to make the dreams of two decades or more a striking actuality.

Not only the only college team which earned more than the general average of honors, as Harvard, with four minor sports championships and a claim shared with Brown, M.I.T. and the Army to the title in baseball, completed a year that was not unkind to the wearers of the Crimson, despite the fact that its football eleven lost one beaten for the second year in succession by Yale, which captured the premier rowing honors for the first time in many years.

Most surprising of the year's happenings was the sweep of Cornell through the football season. It is still so soon after the close of the last game that the facts, perhaps, need not be repeated without making mention that Cornell was undefeated and had to its credit a victory by the score of 10 to 0 over Harvard's supposedly invincible eleven.

As to the ranking of the eleven, the task is by no means an easy one after Cornell has been placed at the top of the list. Harvard has been named as

Metropolitan Golf Club Champions

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| Apawank Club..... | Gain G. O'Connell |
| Arden Club..... | Robert F. Massey |
| Arden Country Club..... | Arnold Graham |
| Baltimore Golf Club..... | Maxwell E. Martin |
| Bullport Golf Club..... | Austin P. Palmer |
| Brooklyn-Forest Park Golf Club..... | Deverox Lord |
| Canoe Brook Country Club..... | F. A. Brown |
| Cranford Golf Club..... | Edwin M. Wild |
| Deal Golf and Country Club..... | John T. Gillespie |
| Dunwoode Country Club..... | M. C. McDonald |
| Empire Country Club..... | Walter R. White |
| Flushing Country Club..... | E. W. O'Connor |
| Forest Hill Field Club..... | Gardiner W. Rye |
| Forest Hills Golf Club..... | Burtan Gordon |
| Greenwich City Golf Club..... | August F. Kramer |
| Greenwich Golf and Country Club..... | John M. Ward |
| Greenwich Golf and Country Club..... | C. C. Pratt |
| Greenwich Golf and Country Club..... | Henry J. Topping |
| Greenwich Golf Club..... | James A. Hall |
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the tournament, and the issue was beclouded to that extent, because in the years when the West Point trio was in the competition it was generally assumed that they would complete the title going to the Army footmen.

Haverford won the intercollegiate soccer championship after a spirited race, in which Pennsylvania pushed Haverford first, won the amateur title, and the hands of Columbia in the early days of the tournament blighted Pennsylvania's chance of winning the title for two successive years.

Veterans Show Way in Year Full of Golfing

By D. C. PULVER.

Looking backward through the year now closing, it only takes a glance to show that in a golf year, at least, 1915 accomplished little worth noting. This more particularly applies to the three national tournaments—the amateur, open and women's. All these were won by seasoned exponents of the game.

Robert A. Gardner, the Upper Montclair player, won the open title at Baltusrol, and if his success came as a surprise it was only because of his being an amateur. The amateur and women's titles were conceded before the start of the season, and the only other instance of an amateur gaining the coveted honor being in 1913, when Francis Ouimet defeated Aaron and Ray in that famous play-off at Brookline.

Before Travers teed up for the open he had won the amateur title on four different occasions. In the opinion of many golfers, he has been the greatest player in the world since he was named fourth, with Syracuse, Dartmouth, Colgate, Penn State, Washington and Jefferson, Rutgers, Brown, Pennsylvania and Yale making up the rest of the class. Then, in the second class, came Columbia, which welcomed football back after a lapse of ten years; and Trinity, leading, with Wesleyan, Tufts, West Point, Springfield, Y. M. C. A., Georgetown and Amherst all well up.

As to the individual stars of the year Eddie Mahan, the Harvard captain, and Charlie Barrett, leader of the Cornell team, were the greatest. Then there were Oliphant, of the Army; Captain Glick, of Princeton; Shiverick, of Cornell; Talman, of Rutgers; King, of Harvard; Miller, of Columbia; Cahill, of Lehigh; Peck, of Pittsburgh; and Charles W. Evans, Jr., of Pennsylvania, Cornell and Princeton in two-mile races.

Then, inasmuch as Cornell beat Lehigh, Stanford, champions of the Pacific Coast, Syracuse, Columbia and Pennsylvania, in that order, it was the four-mile struggle at Poughkeepsie, the seal of Yale's greatness was set, because the Blue either itself defeated or one of the crews it had beaten defeated every other college eight.

Yale made a clean sweep in the dual regatta with Harvard at New London, winning in addition to the varsity race the two-mile contest for freshman eights and the two-mile race for junior varsities. At Poughkeepsie Cornell won the junior varsity race handsly, with Pennsylvania second and Columbia third. Syracuse captured the race for freshman eights on the Hudson, and Cornell was second, Columbia third and Pennsylvania fourth. As an anti-climax to the victorious career of the Yale varsity eight, Columbia sent a bond of varsity armmen to New Haven on November 12 and defeated the Blue in a two-mile race on the harbor.

Cornell had one of the finest balanced track teams that Jack Mosley has ever brought forth in the intercollegiate championships at Philadelphia in May, and captured the title with a score of 45 1/2 points, figuring in eleven of the thirteen events. The only contests in which they did not make a point or more being the 220-yard and 440-yard dashes. Cornell won only one first place, that being in the 100-yard run, which was captured by Potter.

Harvard was second in the team standings, with 26 points, and the other teams to score were as follows: Yale, 25; Pennsylvania, 21; Princeton, 21; Michigan, 14; Dartmouth, 14; Columbia, 10; Maine, 9; Penn State, 8; Hopkins, 10; Bowdoin, 1 and M. I. T., 1.

Ted Meredith was the chief individual star of the meet. The Quaker fier equaled the record in winning the quarter mile run in 48 seconds flat, and he was within a second of the record in winning the half mile run in 1 minute 54 1/2 seconds. Smith, of Michigan, won both sprints, the 100-yard and 200-yard, with a throw of 165 feet 4 of an inch, which erased from the books the long standing mark of John De Witt, the great Princeton football hero of a decade ago. Wesley Oler, of Yale, tumbled Tommy Moffett's high jump record into the discard by clearing the bar at 6 feet 4 1/2 inches.

In baseball, Harvard, West Point,

PELL NEWEST STAR IN RACQUET WORLD

A new star appeared in the racquet world during the last year in Clarence C. Pell, who captured the national singles amateur championship; was one of the team that won the national doubles title and defeated many opponents in the history of the country's open tournament. Being the youngest player in this sport, a brilliant career is predicted for Pell.

In the final of the championship singles tournament, Pell opposed Lawrence Waterbury, of the New York Racquet Club, who had captured the honors in the two previous years. Waterbury succeeded in winning only one of the three games played.

Pell added to his fame when, paired with Stanley G. Mortimer, a clubmate, they proceeded to defeat Dwight F. Davis, donor to the lawn tennis world of the silver cup that bears his name, and J. W. Wear, of the St. Louis Racquet Club, in the national doubles tournament played in Philadelphia. On this occasion, representatives from many racquet clubs throughout the country were on hand to compete for the title, but the Tuxedo pair came through with flying colors, winning handsly.

Pell survived for the first round in the play for the famous Tuxedo Golf Racquet, with the first named conquishing Mortimer by 3 games to 1. It was the second leg won by Pell, and he needs only one more to gain permanent possession of the trophy.

In the professional division, Jack Soutar, of this city, successfully defended his title as world's champion.

KRAMER CHAMPION AMONG CYCLISTS

Frank L. Kramer, of East Orange, N. J., the "perpetual champion," won the American cycling championship for the fifteenth year in succession in October, riding on the board track at Newark, N. J. Kramer, conqueror of Australia, tied with Kramer in the season's point total, was defeated in two heats of a series of three match races at five miles.

Besides retaining the title that he has so long successfully defended

Speedways Are Now in Motor Racing Spotlight

By HANK CALDWELL.

During the last year the Motor Speedway did a great deal to bring the racing automobile back into the spotlight. The car itself did little or nothing. That is to say, it was literally pushed up to a speed of more than 100 miles per hour by virtue of the modern racer.

None can say whether the safe and steady speedway has restored automobile racing or killed it. The situation reminds us of a good old family hen sitting on a collection of duck eggs. She incubates, but the chances are they will develop into a squadron of long distance swimmers.

We will hardly know before next July 4 whether the even score of speedway races that were started between June and September of the last year mean an eye opener or a black eye to motor racing. Practically every city of any size has a speedway in course of construction. As the year closes we can see about two speedways in 1916 for every available racing car.

During 1915 there were twenty-two events on roads and speedways and fifty-nine on dirt tracks in the United States. It is estimated that the sum of \$282,000 was divided in prizes. About three hundred drivers started in these events and ten of them gathered in nearly \$220,000. Twenty-five others divided up something more than \$50,000. Even the tail-enders are said to have taken in more than \$11,000 in consolation prizes. There were also four sanc-