

Women Tennis Players Show Little Advance

Few Measure Up to Standard Set by Miss May Sutton

By FRED HAWTHORNE

What is the matter with America's women lawn tennis players? The men have been improving the quality of their play steadily, year by year, until today there is not much doubt that they are entitled to rank as the greatest exponents of the court game in the world.

Ever more important than this, however, is the fact that there is a constantly increasing army of schoolboy players, from the ranks of which many embryos, Williams, McLaughlin and Johnsons are undoubtedly in the making. This is one of the most encouraging signs of the times as regards the future of America's prestige on the courts when international contests are again featured between the masculine wielders of the racket.

The situation among the women players of the United States is in striking contrast. Since the famous May Sutton, who came to prominence in 1907 and 1908 and again in 1910, when she won the British championship in singles, our women have not measured up to international standards, except in the cases of those who held the national title in the interval since then.

Death of Material

Perhaps we should say that with the exception of one or two of America's greatest women players, lawn tennis suffered a severe lapse during the last ten years, as far as the women themselves are concerned. The death of material has been such that it has been exceedingly difficult to rank comprehensively more than the first ten each year since the feminine players have been ranked.

In other words, outside of the "first ten" women players of this country, the great majority have been far removed from championship quality. Only within the last two years have there been signs of a healthy revival of interest in the game by the younger players, the school girls, upon whom will fall the burden of upholding the prestige gained by their brothers of the courts.

In the summer of 1915 we first detected indications of the growing popularity of lawn tennis among the feminine players. A number of girls, still in their teens, appeared in competition in the smaller tournaments and their showing was most encouraging. But more than this, there were several others who were eliminated in the early rounds of every tournament in which they entered, yet refused to be discouraged by their failure to achieve success at once, taking their defeats with unobtrusively resignation and philosophical calm.

When the outdoor season began last spring these same girls again entered the various tournaments, and all the time gained in court generalship, experience and playing strength. In addition, their ranks were augmented by a score or more who had never been seen in tournament play before.

Content to Watch

They talked tennis, thought tennis and when not playing themselves, were content to sit beside the courts and watch the elder women play, a valuable education in itself. In fact, there seemed to be everywhere an eagerness for the game that had not been known in many years, and the entry lists in all the women's tournaments were correspondingly swollen.

Without the necessary data at hand it is difficult to recall more than half a dozen or so of the most promising candidates for future fame who played on local courts during the season of 1915. Among these are Miss Elsie Raper, Miss Eleanor Coward, Miss Helen Bernhard, Miss Hazel Sawyer, Miss Chapman, the Misses Katharine and Nathalie Browning, Miss Ethel Tyndale and Miss Helene Pollack.

Another who shone brilliantly in the summer of 1915, but who failed to enter tournament competition last season, was the former Miss Anne Shafte, daughter of the president of the Longwood Cricket Club, of Boston. This promising young player was married about a year ago, but it is more than likely she will return to the courts next year, in which case she must be

These Skaters Are the Sensation of the Ice Season in New York



Figure Skating in U. S. A. Is Becoming a Lost Art

European Expert Points Out Faults of Americans —Haines a Pioneer

European ice skaters, visiting this country for the first time, are generally amazed when they discover that the art of figure skating in the United States is almost extinct.

"Why, but it was your Mr. Jackson Haines who taught us how to skate, almost fifty years ago," they say, when told that Irving Brokaw, the former amateur champion, is about the only American figure skater worthy of being classed with the experts of Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and England.

It is a fact that Haines, a professional, created a sensation on the Continent nearly half a century ago by the startling things he did on the ice with a pair of queerly curved skates. He came unheralded, but within a few weeks he was the talk of Europe. Thousands of persons watched him while he executed the most intricate figures on the ice, and he was hailed as the greatest figure skater in the world, which he undoubtedly was.

Hundreds of Imitators

Haines soon had hundreds of imitators and was besieged on every hand by those who were desirous of becoming the American pupils. Europeans took the art up in a serious, painstaking way, and years after the visit of Haines had become only a memory which they studied and developed figure skating until to-day they are the acknowledged leaders of the world.

The American temperament to-day is declared unsuited to the Continental school of figure skating. We are too fond of performing sensational "stunts" without regard to correct form and grace of motion. But it seems that America is about to undergo a change for the better, for this season there are more men and women trying to acquire the correct style in the ice sport than ever before.

Of the thousands using the rinks of this city daily, there will surely be a goodly number who will bring back to the United States the fame that was once Haines's.

The three greatest figure skaters in

BROWN EXPECTS TO HAVE STRONG BASEBALL TEAM

Coach Pattee Can Count on Seven Letter Men as Nucleus

Providence, Dec. 16.—With football out of the way, baseball now begins to come into prominence at Brown, and prospects are encouraging enough to give some hope that next year's nine will again place Brown in the championship class.

Of last year's team, which did not quite come up to expectations, Captain Johnston, shortstop; "Bud" Andrews, first baseman; Frank Healy, pitcher; and Jack Dunn, outfielder, were lost by graduation. Coach Harry Pattee, however, will have seven letter men to start with and should have little trouble in developing men for the vacancies.

Murray, second baseman, one of the best infielders in college circles, and Davidson, who proved a find on third, will again be available. Should Murray be shifted to second, which seems likely, as that is his natural position, there are several players eager to take his place at second.

Among these are Jimmy Murphy, who was on the varsity squad two years ago, but who was not eligible last year; Tracy and Porter, underclassmen last year, and Russell Murphy, a newcomer, who captured the strong Worcester Academy team last spring.

For the position at first there is Joe Johnston, substitute last year and the most logical candidate, although there are several others, but with prep school reputations.

Captain Ormsby, center fielder, and Robertson, left fielder, are practically sure of these positions, while for the vacant spot in right are any number of promising ball players out for the team.

Dunbar, the old Exeter captain and Donovan, varsity backstop two years ago, who did not return to college last year, came back this fall and will again go out for the team. With Fienberg, who did most of the catching last year, and Maguire and Erickson, capable substitutes of a year ago, there should be little difficulty selecting at least two first class catchers.

The loss of Frank Healy, the most effective of last season's pitchers, was thought to be a serious blow to this year's prospects, but there are many men who have expressed intention of going out for the position, and the outlook is decidedly encouraging. Ray Bagley, a pitcher with quite a reputation, who was not eligible last spring, is now in good standing at the university and should make a good man.

OREGON ELEVEN SURE TO MAKE PENN HUSTLE

Critics Consider It the Best Team Ever Turned Out in Far West

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 15.—Pacific Coast football enthusiasts are awaiting with interest the Oregon-Pennsylvania game on January 1 at Pasadena, and while it is generally recognized that the Quakers developed into an exceptionally strong team for their game with Cornell there is a feeling here that Oregon will face a more powerful football machine than the one from Ithaca when they line up against Oregon.

Critics who have watched the progress of the game on the coast are almost unanimous in their opinion that Oregon has the strongest eleven ever turned out in the Far West. The test of the season came on November 11 at Portland, when Oregon defeated Washington State by 12 to 6.

The lion's share of credit for Oregon's success this year must go to Coach Hugo Bezdek, who is serving his fifth year at Oregon. Bezdek was a pupil of Alonzo Stagg at Chicago and played on the famous team that defeated Michigan in 1905. He came to Oregon in 1906 and developed a championship team and after an absence of several years, during which he turned out winning eleven's at Arkansas, by Oregon. He has won practically every opponent but Washington during the last four seasons, and has now tied the great aggregation of Coach Dobie.

Native Son Captain

Johnnie Beckett, a stalwart youth from the golden wheat fields of Eastern Oregon, is captain of the eleven. Beckett played for three seasons on the Washington High School team at Portland before coming to college, and is now finishing his fourth and last year of varsity football. His regular position is left tackle, although he has been used in emergencies at both end and half during the last season. He also does the punting for the team.

Beckett is twenty-four years old, stands at 190 pounds, has plenty of speed and nerve. He has made places on All-Coast teams repeatedly, and many critics have bestowed him for All-America honors.

Hartlett, another stalwart son of Oregon, fills the other end of the positions while Snyder and Spellman are the regular guards. Although not a showy player, Risley, at center, is rated as the surest passer in the Pacific Coast conference. Oregon is captain of the regular veterans, and will be in their regular positions on New Year's Day and will give a good account of themselves.

Record of Oregon Eleven for 1916

Oregon	97	Willamette	0
"	28	Multnomah	70
"	27	"	10
"	0	Washington	0
"	39	California	14
"	12	Wash. State	3
"	27	Oregon Aggies	0
230		17	

*First game. †Second game.

ILLINOIS PLANS GREAT CARNIVAL OF RELAY RACES

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 15.—An impetus to relay races in Western track affairs will be given by the University of Illinois indoor relay carnival planned by the Illinois, to be held next February. Following the decoration last week to hold the big meet, elaborate preparations were begun at once, and it is hoped to make the event an annual Western classic.

Ever since the construction of the huge armory at the state university Coach Harry Gill has been anxious to inaugurate a relay carnival. The building houses a cinder track six laps to the mile, and races can be run under almost as excellent conditions as are afforded outdoors.

It is planned to hold one, two and four-mile relay races for universities and also similar events for colleges. Following the example of Penn relay races, a number of special athletic events for individual entrants will also be held—dash, hurdles, shot put, broad jump and pole vault.

Coach Gill also plans a unique event—an all-around conference championship. Every institution will select its best all-around men, who will compete in a series of events, and the championship will go to the man who wins the most points. This is expected to be a popular event, as nothing like it has ever been held in the conference.

The Illinois believes the establishment of the indoor relay carnival will be a big boost for relay races in the conference. The meet, however, will not be limited to the big nine institutions, but will be open to all. An elaborate list of prizes will be awarded by the Illinois hosts.

SEVEN THOUSAND CHEER BIKE MEN AS THEY RACE

The prelude to the annual agony, the six-day bicycle race, was played last night at Madison Square Garden, with a series of sprint and motor-paced races around a track that has exceeded and faster than any that have preceded it. That New York City still has a hankering after this form of sport was attested by the fact that some 7,000 spectators crowded their appreciation of every sprint.

One of the features of the programme was the Alternance race, at one mile, between professionals, run in four heats, with Alf Goulet, of Australia; Eddie Madden, Newark; Marcel Dupuy, France, and Bob Spears, Australia, finishing in that order by a point system of scoring.

At the end of the fourth heat Goulet and Madden were tied for first place with 20 points each, while Dupuy and Spears were tied for third and fourth at 16 points. Goulet defeated Madden by a wheel's length and Dupuy won from Spears by 10 yards.

From France, Carmel won the five-mile motor-paced race, with Victor Linart, second, George Wiley third and Bobby Walthour, fourth. This event was run in heats. In the race-off for first place between Linart and Wiley, the latter blew a tire at the end of two miles and was catapulted over his wheel, being painfully injured. The fastest heat was won by Wiley, in 8:28-3.5, against Walthour.

The summaries follow:

Half-mile race (sprint, professional).—Won by Harry Moran, Bay View (Wisconsin) 2:40.1. Five-mile motor-paced race.—Professional. Won by Carmel, 19:10.1. Amateur. Won by Victor Linart, 19:10.1. Ten-mile motor-paced race.—Professional. Won by Carmel, 38:20.1. Amateur. Won by Victor Linart, 38:20.1. Twenty-mile motor-paced race.—Professional. Won by Carmel, 77:40.1. Amateur. Won by Victor Linart, 77:40.1. Fifty-mile motor-paced race.—Professional. Won by Carmel, 194:40.1. Amateur. Won by Victor Linart, 194:40.1. One hundred-mile motor-paced race.—Professional. Won by Carmel, 388:40.1. Amateur. Won by Victor Linart, 388:40.1.

LEAD SOCCER LEAGUE

The Scottish-Americans lead in the championship competition of the National Football League, followed by the New York F. C. and the Jersey A. C. and the Brooklyn A. C. A new rule has been adopted that, during December and January, all games must be started by 2:30 p. m.

The standing of the teams follows:

Club	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
New York F. C.	4	1	1	9
Brooklyn A. C.	3	1	2	7
Jersey A. C.	3	1	2	7
Brooklyn A. C.	2	1	3	5
New York F. C.	2	1	3	5
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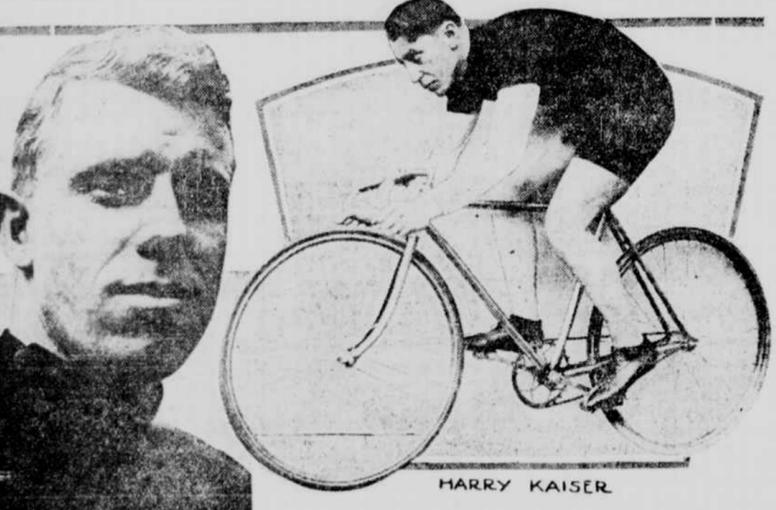
The Brooklyn Celtics (champions) and the Ulan MacDonalds are tied for the lead in the New York State Football League, each team having won four games and drawn one, with a total of 9 points. Neither club has so far suffered a defeat.

AMHERST WILL SEND STRONG FIVE ON TRIP

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 16.—That the prospect for a successful basketball season are the brightest since the resumption of the game in Amherst is the statement made by Coach Mann. The practice so far has proved that all of last year's men are in improved form, and a wealth of material in the freshman class has been uncovered.

A tentative selection of the varsity five, with Widmayer and Maynard, forwards; Knauth and Ivimey, guards, and Partschmer, centre, has been made. Leng drills will be in order before the holidays in order to whip a team into shape for the vacation trip, on which teams in the vicinity of New York will be met.

Two Stars in Big Bike Race Which Starts Tonight



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spills and accidents marring the race, only the entries of the experience, and high-class riders were accepted. Every team in the race will have a chance to take down the first prize, \$5,000.

The spectators will doubtless see some desperate sprinting every night, instead of only on the last night, as in former years. Under the Berlin system the men will race for points every night, starting at 8:30 and ending at 10 o'clock. There will be ten sprints in all at five miles each every night, the points scored to be added on the final night's total, when the riders will sprint for points every

for the last hour of the race, beginning at 10 o'clock.

On account of the many sprints scheduled during the race the pick-up rule will be strictly enforced, every rider being compelled to come to a full stop alongside the track before re-entering the race.

Any team gaining a lap on the field will be declared winner of the race, provided it stays with the field right up to the final sprint.

The favorite teams are Grenda and Goulet, McNamara and Spears, Hill and Drobach, Egg and Dupuy, Root and Madden and Kaiser and Cameron. Grenda and Hill won the race last year, after Spears and McNamara were disqualified for fouling. Grenda and Goulet finished first in this year's Boston race.

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HANS WAGNER REAL MARVEL OF BASEBALL

Has Hit for Average of 330 Through a Span of Twenty Seasons

Pittsburgh, Dec. 9.—John (Hans) Wagner, having completed twenty seasons in the big show as a shortstop, barring a year or so in the outfield, will next year start his career as a "tryout" on first base with the Pirates. The fact that he is about to do this stunt, and also that he is the sole remaining member of the pennant-winning Pirates, makes seem a ripe time for a review of his work in the past. The review of his career as to indicate that the forty-year-old recruit first baseman about to make good.

Wagner participated in 123 games last season, making 124 hits and 41 runs. The Flying Dutchman has an average of .337, which is precisely 10 points better than his batting mark of 1915. His safe walkoffs for 1916 netted him 35 extra bases, for he was credited with one home run, nine triples and fifteen doubles.

The famous shortstop's consistent performance for the entire twenty years is brought out by a glance at his grand totals for this length of career. He has been at bat 10,198 times, and his safe walks foot up to 3,369. That he can boast of a grand average of .330 in spite of the fact that his last three campaigns have found him below the coveted .300 mark.

Another interesting fact is disclosed by the records. Hans still has the distinction of having registered a fraction more than one hit per game for his score of years in the National League. He has played in 2,722 games. This means that he has played almost five times in safe territory, each of his four games, on an average.

Thus it is seen that baseball's grand old patriarch continues to uphold his unique record for reliability. While he is naturally proud of his long list of accomplishments, Wagner plays for results and not for glory. He is clouted in the .300 class the larger part of the past season, but late in the race a series of injuries got the better of him and he fell into a slump which took him down just sixteen points below the triple century mark at which every batsman aims.

By Cobb May Rival Him

By Cobb comes nearer to Wagner's record in this line than any other hitter now in baseball. The famous slugger of the Detroit Americans has rounded out his eleventh consecutive campaign as a .300 batsman, but he must travel six more seasons at this clip before he can equal the Pittsburgher's wonderful mark of seventeen straight years. Dan Brouthers, the oldtimer, therefore remains second to Wagner. Dan smote 200 for fourteen seasons.

Wagner played in sixty-one games during 1897, which was his first season as a major leaguer. He made 83 hits and 38 runs out of 241 times at bat, giving him a batting average of .345. He fell back to .305 in his second year, getting 180 hits and 80 runs out of 591 times up and participating in 148 games. In 1899, which was his third year, he worked with the stick, flouting the ball at .308. His figures in the following thirteen seasons were .352, .329, .355, .349, .353, .350, .354, .339, .320, .354, .324, and .306. By this time he had rounded out his career with a batting average of .330, which is equalled in the annals of modern baseball.

Hans Wagner's first year outside the cherished .300 circle was in 1914, when his figures dropped to .255. However, he made 139 safeties out of 532 times at bat. In 1915 his showing was a trifle better, for his 155 hits out of 569 times up gave him a percentage of .272. His batting average for 1916 is 124 hits out of 432 times at bat, his average being .287.

Scoreless Tie at Soccer

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Harvard and Haverford played a scoreless tie at soccer to-day on a field covered with several inches of snow. Two extra five-minute periods were played besides the two regulation periods of thirty-five minutes each.

Michigan-Cornell Games

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 15.—It was officially announced here tonight that the University of Michigan had signed contracts with Cornell University for football games in 1917 and 1918. The next contest will be played here, and the 1918 game will be at Ithaca.

Tigers Defeat Cornell

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Cornell defeated Cornell in an intercollegiate basketball game here to-night by a score of 22 to 19.

Moran in Trim for Bout

Frank Moran and Gunboat Smith, who meet in a bout at the Clearview Sporting Club, of Brooklyn, to-morrow night, will complete their training at their respective camps this afternoon. Moran has been working diligently for three weeks at Dal Hawkins' training quarters in Westchester. Smith has been rounding himself into shape at Sheephead Bay.

Dartmouth Five Wins

Hanover, N. H., Dec. 16.—Dartmouth opened its basketball season here to-night by defeating Springfield, 33 to 21. C. A. Colgate. The scores were 22-13 to the Green and Bigler for Springfield.

EVERYTHING FOR Billiards Bowling

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CHANCE WILL MANAGE LOS ANGELES ANGELS

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Recent reports that Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago National League club, would quit baseball unless offered that position again were belied to-day, when Chance announced he would manage the local team of the Pacific Coast League again next season.

AUTOMOBILES

PHILIP ARROW at H. F. LEMMONS in first class motor, comfortable run and starting. Second class motor, comfortable run and starting. Third class motor, comfortable run and starting. Fourth class motor, comfortable run and starting. Fifth class motor, comfortable run and starting. Sixth class motor, comfortable run and starting. Seventh class motor, comfortable run and starting. Eighth class motor, comfortable run and starting. Ninth class motor, comfortable run and starting. Tenth class motor, comfortable run and starting.