

NATURAL QUALIFICATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR VICTORIES OF MOLLA BJURSTEDT IN TENNIS

"TENNIS TEMPERAMENT" AND WONDERFUL PHYSIQUE WON TITLES FOR MISS BJURSTEDT

Norwegian Phenom Possesses the "Two" Principal Essentials to a Remarkable Degree, Which Virtually Accounts for Her Victories

THE two principal elements which raise Miss Molla Bjurstedt head and shoulders above even the best of our own women lawn tennis players are a wonderful physique and a "tennis temperament." Every one expected that the Norwegian girl would defeat Mrs. Raymond yesterday in the challenge round for the singles championship of the United States, but no one predicted that the match would be so quickly completed nor so decisively won by the speedy little champion.

Naturally success in tennis cannot be won without constant practice, but there are hundreds of women who play the game continuously, but who never reach any degree of proficiency for the simple reason that they either are not physically equipped or they do not possess that phlegmatic character which has been an attribute to the world's greatest players.

One of the surprising features about the play of Miss Bjurstedt is that she apparently does not ever get "stale," although she plays on out-door courts from April until November and indoors from November to April. It has been said that she was not in the best condition when she met Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy last winter in California, nevertheless many experts declared that the faster asphalt courts were the cause of her two defeats and not "physical staleness."

Has Powerful Drive and Great Amount of Nerve

SPEAKING of "physique" and "tennis temperament" in a purely abstract way does not mean much, hence let us bring it down to cases. Miss Bjurstedt's fine physique has enabled her to develop splendid footwork on the court, a great eye for the ball and a powerful drive from either her forehand or backhand side. Combine these qualities with a natural desire to become proficient, plus the "tennis temperament," which includes ability to divine an opponent's intention and also to be always sufficiently optimistic to play her strokes correctly regardless of the score, and we have an unbeatable combination. It is not a long step to go, therefore, to conclude that Miss Bjurstedt virtually is unbeatable by a woman when she has all the assets to make her so.

In the challenge round yesterday at the Philadelphia Cricket Club it was evident from the beginning that Mrs. Raymond was playing under the handicap of stage fright. She was not able to put up the best game that her mechanical qualifications called for. Although she took a brace at the beginning of the second set after losing the first to love, Mrs. Raymond realized, unfortunately, that she was beaten and played on that theory throughout the remainder of the set.

Loser Did Not Attempt to Change Tactics

ANOTHER sure sign of Mrs. Raymond's lack of foresight on the courts was her failure to change her game. On the few occasions she went to the net Mrs. Raymond did well, much better, in fact, than she did playing a baseline game. After she was so hopelessly outclassed at deep-driving play by Miss Bjurstedt, many of the onlookers believed that she would attempt to take the net as often as possible and try to block the Norse girl's clean, accurately placed drives. But she did not do so and thereby lost the chance to make even a creditable showing against her opponent.

It is extremely doubtful whether Mrs. Raymond could have won many games had she tried to alter her tactics, but she could not have done worse; consequently, she should have made the attempt.

On the other hand, whenever Miss Bjurstedt saw that Mrs. Raymond was gaining confidence in her driving she either would put more speed behind her drives or go to the net, or do both. It was not necessary that she do this often, as her drives were so severe and accurately placed that Mrs. Raymond constantly was on the defense. Miss Bjurstedt actually went to the net only seven times in the two sets. On four of those occasions she scored, twice she netted, apparently getting careless, and once she was passed down her backhand line by a fine drive.

Winner Displayed a "Pluperfect" Back-hand

IN BOTH the singles and doubles (winning in the latter with Miss Eleanor Sears) Miss Bjurstedt displayed a back-hand stroke which would make even the best men players envious. On numerous occasions in her match with Mrs. Raymond she would drive from her back-hand when she had plenty of time to get around and drive from fore-hand.

This habit of taking everything on the back-hand side when it comes there, regardless of speed or slowness, is one of the reasons for her great success. Although her back is not as strong as her fore-hand, she is able to hold her position in the court to better advantage by playing the ball from the left side, even though she might be able to score a clean point on one of her famous "wallops" if she went around the return.

The driving of the tournament winner, Mrs. Edward Raymond, was a big surprise. In spite of her shortcomings she did drive well when she had the opportunity. She drove with great speed and was fairly accurate when she took the ball from a standing position. But Miss Bjurstedt constantly forced her out of position with her deep drives to the corner and gave her little chance to get set for her fore-hand.

Miss Bjurstedt's driving constantly brought forth applause from the gallery. Her critical admirers realized just now well she was playing her strokes, which she made with so much apparent ease. Her cross-court drives from well into the court on either side were fast and short and invariably caught Mrs. Raymond so far out of position that she did not even make any attempt to reach the ball.

Only Weakness Lies in Service

AS FAR as the critical eye can reach, Miss Bjurstedt's only weakness as a lawn tennis player is her service. At times she sends the ball over on her first attempt with fair speed, but it never has "anything on it." That is, she does not cut the ball to give it either an out or an in curve.

Of course, women players do not need the severe service that is essential to men's play; nevertheless, Miss Bjurstedt would have a much easier time if her service, but particularly her second, were strengthened. Mrs. Raymond would have made more than a dozen points instead of 24, had Miss Bjurstedt's service been nearly equal to her other play. Time and time again Miss Bjurstedt's second service was lamentably weak, giving her opponent the opportunity to drive with abandon to any part of the court.

Mrs. Raymond's service was fully as good, if not better, than Miss Bjurstedt's, although her nervousness caused her to double-fault more than her opponent.

Critics Wage Campaign Against Invitation Tennis Tournaments

COMPETENT tennis critics are waging a crusade against the growing evil of "invitation" tournaments. They rightfully claim that it places social desirability above, or on a par with, playing calibre. "Daniel," of the New York Press, says on this subject:

"The tennis season has thus far proved about as successful as had been expected, but there is plenty of room for improvement. That the situation is not what it should be the National Association has only itself to blame. The invitation tournament is the cause of it all.

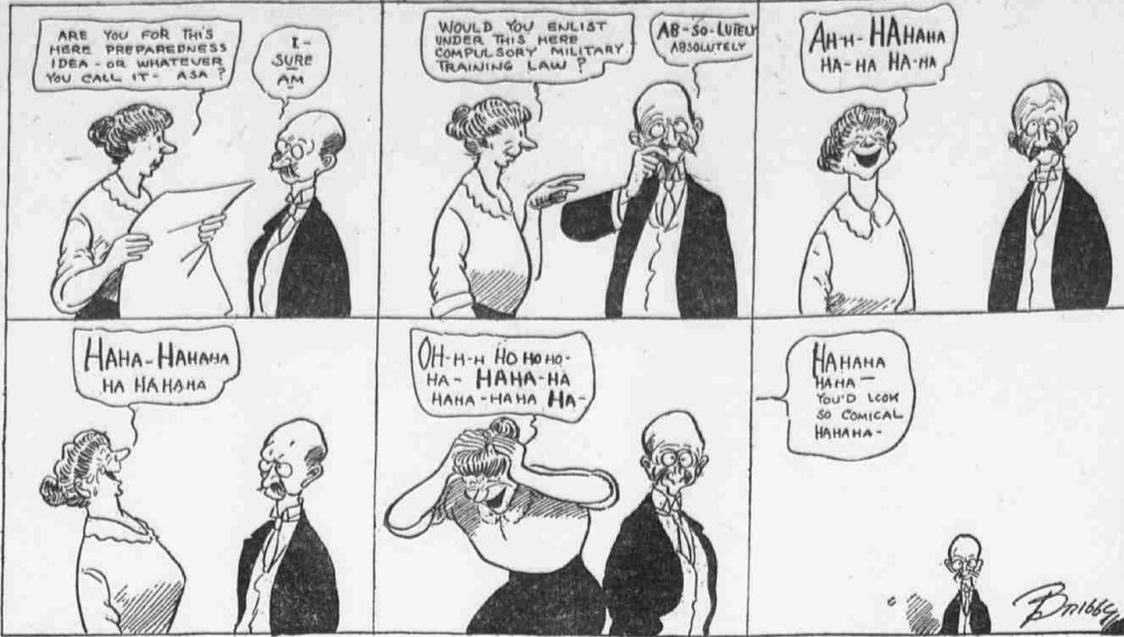
"Tennis did not attain its great growth and popularity through invitation tournaments. When every competition was open to all comers we had some mighty fine tournaments in these parts. Stars like Edwin Fisher, Harold H. Hackett and Fred Alexander designed to play even on the public courts in Central Park. Now the top notchers will not compete in the open tournaments. They hearken only to the call of the invitation events, with superior accommodations, superior surroundings and superior company.

"The sooner the National Association throttles this 'invitation' Frankenstein monster the better will it be for the game. It cannot develop a healthy state founded on distinction that often puts social desirability on a par with playing calibre as a requisite for entry. The 'dubs' become stars only by playing against the stars and beating them."

It is rather odd that every member of the famous \$100,000 infield, which was looked upon as the greatest slugging infield in the history of the game, should be in a tattering slump. "Stuffy" McInnis is down to 188, Jack Barry is having a hard time staying above 200, Collins is just below 250, while Baker cannot climb above the 370 mark. It also is said that Baker, Collins and Barry would be glad to come back to the Mackmen tomorrow at the terms of their old contracts.

The Intercollegiate varsity eight-oared shell race will not start until 6 o'clock and if there is the usual delay in starting the event, the judges may need a searchlight to determine the winner. In 1912, the race was so late starting and the day so cloudy that it would have been impossible for the judges to tell the crews apart at the finish if it had not been for a big searchlight from a United States monitor, which accompanied the Navy crew. Conditions would be equal for all if the race was started earlier and it is time that the colleges have some consideration for the spectators.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED OF FAMILIES



LEONARD-DUNDEE MIX FAVORED BY A DRAW DECISION

Three New York Experts Give Even Break Opinions—Much Action

BOUT WAS SCIENTIFIC

NEW YORK, June 13.—Many fight fans today held that Benny Leonard shaded Johnny Dundee in their 16-round encounter here last night, while an equal number were positive that Dundee earned the honors. The neutral of the fight bugs declared the contest a draw.

The bout turned with action. Leonard was the aggressor in the early rounds, but toward the finish Dundee assumed the offensive and appeared the stronger of the two when the final gong clanged.

According to consensus opinion of the New York morning papers the Leonard-Dundee match in New York resulted in an even break. Here are decisions of five morning papers who were represented at the ringside:

The Tribune (By W. O. McGowan)—Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee fought a fast and spectacular ten-round draw at Madison Square Garden last night before a crowd nearly the size of the gathering for the Willard-Moran fight.

Leonard's showing was disappointing to his admirers, who backed him at 2 to 1. In the fifth round he looked as though the Scotch Wop would spill the price of his ring. He lashed him viciously about the body and reached his jaw with long left hooks. It seemed impossible for Leonard to stand up under the bombardment, but Leonard's steady courage and his unruffled coolness saved him.

Dundee always was an eccentric fighter, but last night he outdid himself. He stepped about the ring like a little red fury.

The Telegraph (By W. H. "Bat" Masterson)—In my opinion, Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee fought a draw last night at Madison Square Garden.

The American (By W. S. Farnsworth)—Johnny Dundee, weighing 127 pounds, held Benny Leonard, who tipped the beam at 126 pounds, even in a furious ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

First one boy was in front and a minute later he found himself on the receiving end of a well-aimed fire. There never was a slow second in the entire 20 minutes of milling.

To size the affair up by rounds, I gave Leonard the first, seventh and eighth. The second, third and sixth belonged to Dundee. The others were even. With an even division of rounds, Dundee deserved a lot of credit for forcing the battle. But Leonard's heavier hitting discounted this advantage.

The Herald—Benny Leonard outgeneraled and shaded Johnny Dundee in 10 highly interesting but unsatisfactory rounds of fighting at Madison Square Garden last night. Being probably the two foremost lightweight boxers in the country today, neither acted as if he cared to risk any too-much on a no-decision contest, and, therefore, the first seven rounds of the bout were sluggish and filled with little more than light tapping, feinting and wrestling.

The Times—A crowd of 6000 persons at Madison Square Garden last night saw Johnny Dundee, the Italian lightweight, win a close decision over Benny Leonard, the popular Harlem boxer. The clever Leonard, with a more complete knowledge of the finer points of the game, at times made Dundee miss and flounder when the latter would lunge at him.

Dundee, on the other hand, although frequently met with a left-hand jab, alternated occasionally with a right-hand uppercut, was constantly coming at his opponent, and several times during the ten rounds forced Benny to retreat under fire.

RIGHT-HANDED HITTER NOT EXTINCT, BUT APPARENTLY HIS DAYS OF LEADERSHIP ARE OVER

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE right-handed hitter in baseball yet hasn't become extinct, but apparently his days of leadership are over.

There was a time when the right-hander had all the best of it—when Lajoie, Wagner and Delehanty were in their best—all league leaders. But of late this condition has changed.

The New Turn Hans Wagner, a right-hander, led the National League at bat in 1911. Helme Zimmerman, another right-hander, followed him in 1912. But no right-hander has reached the top of the National League list since.

In 1913 and 1914 Jake Daubert, swinging from the off-side, led his circuit, and when Jacob slipped last year Larry Doyle and Fred Luthren, both left-handers, fought the fight out to a finish, with Doyle on top.

And for 1916 Daubert and Doyle have been leading most of the season, showing no change in the style that set in four years ago.

Even Thicker Margin In the American League the prevalence of left-hand hitters has been even more pronounced.

The last right-hander to lead that circuit was Nap Lajoie back in 1905. In 1906 George Stone, a left-hander, ruled the roost, and ever since T. R. Cobb has maintained the leading crest.

It might be argued that, as Cobb is a super-sweatman, this evidence is not conclusive. But the facts are, not only Cobb, but virtually all the leading A. L. batsmen have been left-handed operators of the big mace.

Cobb's leading rivals for the last several years have been Joe Jackson, Tris Speaker, Eddie Collins and Frank Baker. All four are left-handers. In fact, Cobb, Jackson, Baker and Collins are all right-handers in every other way. Speaker the only natural left-hander in the lot.

The oldest shift of the bunch comes to Hal Chase, left-handed in the field, but a right-hander with the walloping cane.

Left-handed Batteries It was to meet this fancy crop of left-handed hitters that so many southpaws were rounded up.

A few years ago a ball club that had one good left-hander totting from the mound was pretty well fixed. Today the Yanks have three in Cullop, Morrige and Love. The Red Sox have Leonard, Greg and Ruth; all through both leagues you will find left-handers as thick as daisies in the fields of June. Six or seven years ago there were possibly 20 or 21 left-handers in both divisions. Today there are at least 40 southpaws in active service.

A Fan Mystery One query that you hear popping out about every 17 minutes is this: Why is it that left-hand hitters can't hit left-hand pitchers effectively? The best left-hand hitters can. You can't see many southpaws battering Cobb, Collins, Baker, Speaker, Daubert, Crawford and Doyle a lot. But the average left-hander at bat undoubtedly is weaker against southpaw pitching, and largely for this reason—the southpaw's best curve breaks away from a left-handed batsman, whereas a right-hander's best curves break in toward him—and it is considerably easier to maul a curve ball coming in toward you than it is to hit one breaking away.

The Double Monopoly The American League pennant race for a good many years has read quite a trifle like "The Tale of Two Cities." Since Detroit landed the emblem of glory back in 1909 only two cities have figured in the flag-flopping jubilee, the two being Philadelphia and Boston. Between them they have collected six pennants in a row, and while one of them, Philadelphia, practically is hors du golfon, as you might say, the other still is rated with a first-class chance to land in front.

The Vardon Grip The Vardon grip is supposed to be the last word or the ultimate phrase in golf grips. Yet it is a peculiar fact that only a very few of the leading American amateurs employ it. Jerry Travers and Oswald Kirkby both employ the old-fashioned V'grip. So does Bob Gardner. Chick Evans uses a modification of the Vardon grip, but doesn't go in for the full affair. Max Marston only lately has adopted the overlapping method, while Francis Outmit uses an interlocking affair. The grips used by Travers and Kirkby almost are identical, while those employed by Outmit, Evans and Gardner all vary—showing that, after all, the way one holds a golf club isn't quite as important as the way one swings.

The White Sox have this in their favor—

BEDOUIN FINISHED FIRST IN OVERFALLS LIGHTSHIP RACE

Bettered Time of Naomi by 45 Minutes and 5 Seconds

Jules Levy, owner of the Bedouin, got first place in the 124-nautical-mile race from Eslington to Overfalls Lightship and return last Saturday, instead of William J. McNamee, of the Naomi, as originally reported.

The race was over a course of 124 nautical miles from Eslington to Ship John and return. The Naomi was the fourth boat to finish out of a class of nine, crossing the line at 7:35:30 p. m. Assuming that it had met all conditions, this would give it first place on corrected time, since it had an allowance of 5 hours 22 minutes and 55 seconds. The corrected time was figured at 16:12:15.

Bedouin, which finished at 5:54:25 p. m. had an allowance of only 2 hours 31 minutes and 15 seconds. Its corrected time was figured at 13:53:20, being 41 minutes and 5 seconds greater than that of Naomi.

CHICKERING AND FOSTER DECLINE VARSITY SEATS

Penn Captain and Coxswain Desire to Remain in Junior Boat

BOTH GOOD SPORTSMEN

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 13.—Real sportsmanship stood the test in the Pennsylvania camp here when Captain Chickering and Coxswain Foster, both members of the last two Quaker varsities, refused seats in the new varsity when they were offered to them by Coach Wright. Both men are members of the crew which came up here as the first crew, but which lost its job in the competition which Wright began last week and finished on Friday morning.

Chickering and Foster both stated that it was for the best interest of the two crews that they remain in the junior boat, as it was a question in their minds whether they could aid the first boat so late in the season, and the loss of Chickering, especially, would hurt the juniors beyond repair.

Wright gave his three crews two one-mile races yesterday, the varsity winning each of them. In the morning rowing with the tide, and in the old English boat, it beat the juniors a length and a half and the freshmen two and a quarter lengths in the fast time of 4:40.

In the afternoon, after the varsity was given the new Ward shell, which was purchased for this crew, it rowed a better mile, for it finished three lengths ahead of the freshmen and five in front of the junior crew, which led the freshmen by half a length at the half mile mark. This race was rowed in choppy water and against a strong tide, so Wright did not take the time, but Jimmy Rice caught it at his boathouse as 5:35.

Syracuse did a three-mile row yesterday, the varsity winning it easily, though it gave the freshmen three lengths' start. The time was caught unofficially at 16:24.

Columbia practiced starts in the afternoon on its varsity, showing up well. Cornell did light work in the morning, and took a long row this afternoon. Pennsylvania will have but one row today, its varsity going over the four miles at 2:30 against time, and with the freshmen as pace-makers for the first half and the freshmen for the last.

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