

LAWN TENNIS AT SANTA MONICA.

The Beginning of the Annual Tournament.

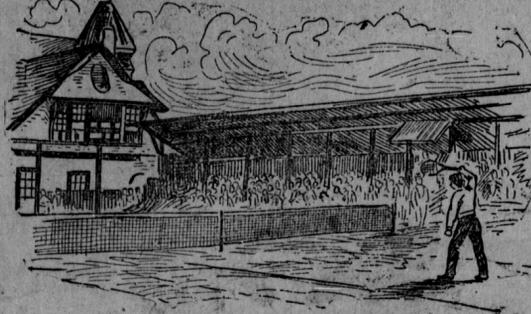
An Auspicious Commencement of the Players' Contest.

Some of the People Who Are in Attendance—The Scores Made at Yesterday's Playing—Tennis Notes.

Tennis is reigning supreme at Santa Monica, and the courts at the Casino present a pleasing picture.

Yesterday's HERALD tennis article was freely complimented by all, and the bit of history of the game and the championship records of previous tournaments was preserved by many for scrap-book purposes.

The courts have been renovated and greatly improved since the last tournament.



The Santa Monica Courts.

ment, and was appreciated by all the players. There are two essentials, some one has said, to make a tournament a success, and they are good players on the courts and charming ladies on the grand stand. We had them both yesterday, and consequently the tournament opened auspiciously.

Among those who applauded the good players were: Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Severance, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bettner, Juan Bandini, Mrs. James Bettner, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ryan, Jack Lyvaz, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Preus, R. P. Carter, Miss May Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John Machel, Mrs. Seymour Locke and son, Miss Greenleaf of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Jones, Miss Jones, the Misses Bradbury, Misses Carrie and Julia Winston, Mrs. F. A. Teala, Miss Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Commercial of Cincinnati, Mrs. O. W. Stewart, Miss Grace Whitehouse, University.



Miss Grace Gililand of Riverside. (Holder of Ladies' Singles Championship.)

In all common singles, the entries of which closed yesterday at 9 a. m., there were 23 entries, the absence of Bamiller, Germain, Coulter and Barry being noticeable, while a goodly appearance of new blood presented itself, thus compensating for the absence of a few of the old-time favorites. L. N. Chase, Cosby, Bettner, Routh, Fidler, Young, K. Carter, Rowan and Lester drew byes. M. A. Chase vs. Maud; Warring vs. White; Roche vs. Frich; Stetson vs. Hoy; Lillingston vs. Acker; McGillivray vs. Alexander, and Freeman vs. F. Carter were the competitors for the preliminary rounds.

In the preliminary round M. A. Chase beat Maud, 6-0, 6-1; Warring beat White, 6-2, 6-2; Roche beat Frich, 6-3, 6-3; Stetson won from Hoy by default; Acker in a like manner from Lillingston;



A View of Mrs. J. P. Jones' Court.

Alexander beat McGillivray, 6-3, 6-2, and F. Carter defeated Freeman, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

In this round Freeman's play was the first surprise of the tournament, the young man showing up remarkably strong for his first tournament appearance, he playing a careful, good game, and being exceedingly quick and good at volleying.

F. Carter showed up in good form, and will be close to the top when the finals are played.

In the first round Routh beat Bellan by default; L. N. Chase defeated Cosby, 6-2, 6-4; Stetson, who showed up remarkably strong, defeated Roche, 6-0, 7-5; Alexander beat Acker, 6-3, 6-1.

In the first round of the all-comers' singles, M. A. Chase beat Warring, 6-1, 6-4. Warring played a strong game, but Chase, who is in excellent form, was too much for him.

F. Carter beat Fisher, 5-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Young beat K. Carter, 5-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Lester, who is playing the game of his life, beat Rowan, 6-1, 6-4.

In the second round Lester beat Young, 6-2, 6-3.

This morning the game of the tournament will be played at 10:30 between M. A. Chase and Stetson, the San Francisco

crack player, and the finals will be played at 2:30 p. m.

The all-comers' doubles commence this morning at 9:30, entries closing at 8.

TENNIS SQUADS.

Robert Bettner makes the ideal secretary and is throwing his heart and soul into making the tournament a success. He is the right man in the right place. The talent claims that M. A. Chase, Stetson, Alexander Lester and F. Carter, all of whom are playing a strong game, will be close to the top if not in the finals, which will be played this afternoon.

Joe Daily of San Francisco is expected to arrive tomorrow. Mr. Daily, who is the finest tennis player in the state, will give an exhibition game during the tournament.

Stetson plays an all round strong game, and is the worthy antagonist of any player. The N. C. B. have sent the only a good one in him, and he has made a host of friends already here. The Arcadia has caught the tennis fever, and the guests are all talking tennis.

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