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## Big Tennis Starts This Afternoon

This afternoon on the Beretania courts the big tennis tournament will be started, and in it Long and McLoughlin, the two young experts, will show what they can do at the racket game.

At half-past three this afternoon, McLoughlin will play R. A. Cooke, and although the latter can hardly hope to win, a fine exhibition of tennis should result. The match will be for the best two out of three sets, and it goes without saying that a big crowd will attend at the courts to watch the play.

Then Will Roth will have a go at A. L. Castle, and the match should closely approach championship form. Roth is a hard man to beat, and if he gets into the finals, or semi-finals, and meets one of the Californian players, a magnificent struggle should ensue.

Castle is playing in fine form and, although defeated by Gee a few weeks ago in the Wall Cup tournament, is capable of putting up a much better game than he did on that occasion.

In the second round, Long will meet Captain Low, and there is one thing sure, and that is that the young Californian will have to earn every point he makes. Low is always on the job and never knows when he is beaten. Long, of course, will win, unless something very unforeseen happens, but still there will be some fine rallies before the match is finished.

Gee, who holds the championship of the islands, will next tackle W. F. Dillingham, and the latter, who at one time held the championship, will, if in form, put up a great fight against the present champion.

Just to hazard an opinion, it would appear that McLoughlin, Roth, Long and Gee will win out in the preliminary rounds, and then there will be four giants at the game left to fight it out to the finish. Roth and Gee will probably put up the game of their lives against their respective opponents in the semi-finals, and if they are defeated, Long and McLoughlin will meet in the final. Three sets out of five will be played, and there is not much doubt that the best exhibition of tennis ever given in this city will be given by the Davis Cup men.

The doubles should provide fine sport, too, and although the Californians would appear to hold all the rest safe, some good matches will be seen before the end of the tournament.

On Sunday, Roth and Gee will play a return challenge match with Long and McLoughlin, and the Country Club courts will be the scene of action. It will be remembered that the young Californians played and defeated our champions some months ago. The Country Club courts are in good condition, and the tennis that will be played there on Sunday afternoon next will be spoken of in Honolulu for a long time to come.

## Football Games Promise Well

Tomorrow afternoon there will be something doing in the way of sports, and it will be quite a change from the dull days of late. There will be tennis at the Beretania courts and soccer football at the league grounds.

Outside of that there is nothing doing, and for Sunday there is only the tennis match at the Country Club scheduled. Golf, of course, is always being played, and the members of the different clubs have a good time every Sunday.

Tomorrow the soccer games should attract a good crowd, and the struggle between the Iron Works team and the Punahou is going to be a thing of joy while it lasts. The other game, between the Mailes and High School, will also be a good one, and it will cause much excitement while it is on.

The league grounds are in good shape now that the rain has held off for a while, and diving suits will not be required from the look of things at present. The soccer men deserve a helping hand, for they have had awful luck as regards attendance at the games. The wretched weather has kept people away, and although some brilliant games have been played, the crowd on the sidelines has never been very large.

A substantial endowment having been secured for it, the world's first radium institute will be opened at Heidelberg, Germany, before the end of the year.

## Some Notes On Lady Champion

Now that the Hawaiian Tennis Association has decided to send Mrs. Coulter to the mainland to compete against the best lady players there, much talk is going on about the champion of Hawaii's chances against the top-notchers.

Miss Miriam Hall is considered to be in the first flight of lady players in America, yet Mrs. Coulter had not much trouble in defeating her easily. In Miss Hotchkiss, Mrs. Coulter could not run up against a very much better player than Miss Hall, and the Honolulu player would seem to have a good chance of defeating the American champion.

Miss May Sutton did not play for the championship last season, and although she is doubtless the best player in the United States, she at present does not hold the championship.

Mrs. Coulter will reach the mainland about May or June next, and President Bockus of the Hawaiian Tennis Association will have arranged matches with both Miss Sutton and Miss Hotchkiss if possible. If there are no symptoms of stage fright, the Honolulu player should make the best tennis experts do their best to win from her.

Miss Payten, who for the past ten years has held the championship of Australia, is retiring from the game. She took the championship when fifteen years of age, and certainly was a phenomenal player. She could defeat most of the men players she met, and had a serve that was the terror of her opponents.

Many players who competed in England and America considered that Miss Payten would have given Miss Sutton a tight go for the world's championship had they ever met. The ease with which the lady champion of Australia defeated all comers year after year was marvelous, and there was no one who could come close to beating her.

Her first appearance in the annual championship tournament caused a sensation. She was only a youngster and wore her hair in a "pig-tail"; the first opponent she played had been champion once, but Miss Payten quickly defeated her. She went right through to the final and then played the holder of the title.

The match is not forgotten, even after the lapse of ten years, and the way "the kid"—as she was alluded to—defeated the champion was a treat to watch. From that time on there was no woman player who could approach her, and she continued the undefeated champion up till last month, when she retired on her laurels.

## Inter-League Ball Games Abandoned

It has been decided that the inter-league baseball series is to be abandoned for the time being. This is a wise move to make, as so many postponements have been made that the public has lost all interest in the idea of seeing the Diamond Heads up against the Japanese Athletics.

Manager Marcellino went around and sounded the different men who have a say in the matter, and found that the general impression was that the games should not be played. Townsend thought the same way, and Sam Chillingworth of the Diamond Heads concurred with the others.

First of all, the illness of a couple of players prevented the games being started, and then the rainy weather set in, and week after week the series was delayed. Taking everything into consideration, it is better to put off the inter-league series until next season, when a proper start can be made if both teams are still anxious to see which is the stronger nine.

Baseball is pau now for the time being, and when the next season starts up there should be a vim and go about the game that will be good to see.

Jack Scully may take a hand in the Haleiwa Marathon race if everybody gets together and start boosting the affair. Monte Montgomery, who is now with the Two Jacks, is also interested in the long-distance run, and may donate a suitable prize for the event.

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