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ENGLISH TENNIS SKILL ALL LIES WITH WOMEN

Male Players Do Not Class With Others — Evelyn Colyer and Kitty McKane Stars.

Fred Hawthorne says in The New York Herald Tribune:

Our English cousins from the dim ages to this modern day, have ever been slow to adopt new ideas in anything, be it business or sports and it is because of this racial characteristic that England among all the nations of the world has made the least progress in lawn tennis during the last twenty years.

That statement, on second thought should be amended to specify men's lawn tennis for surprisingly, the English women have adopted the modern game in its entirety and to such effect that they are equal to the feminine players of any other nation as a class. There are a few exceptions such as Mlle. Lenglen of France who occupies a separate niche all by herself and possibly our own Miss Helen Wills who seems to have a slight advantage over the rest of the field.

Fallen Off Badly.

But the men of England have really ceased to figure as front rank players in international competition for more than a decade. Since the days of J. Cecil Parke (who was really Irish), C. P. Dixon and A. W. Gore, the last British team to win the Davis Cup, England has failed to figure as a menace to our retention of the famous cup. Australia, Japan and France have been the only formidable challengers in the last ten years.

And England's dropping from her once high estate in the world of lawn tennis may be put down to just one thing: her failure to maintain pace with the modern game, a combination of the powerful attack at the net and the severe defence which has made her a valuable attacking weapon.

There is not a man player in England today with the possible exception of Col. Algernon R. F. Kingscote a veteran internationalist, who measures up to Davis Cup standards. France is raising a group of splendid young players of whom Borotra, Lacoste and Brugnon are at present the most prominent. Australia has been represented in this country by such magnificent players as Norman Brookes, Wilding, O'Hara, Wood, John B. Hawkes and others and Japan has had her Kumagae, Shimizu and Harada to carry on with, but not so England.

New Crop.

It does not seem possible that the Mother Country of lawn tennis will continue to lag behind indefinitely in this respect, and sooner or later we may expect to hear from some of the newer crop of English players. Just at present, however, there does not appear any immediate prospect of such a thing.

It is beyond understanding why this attitude of indifference continues on the part of England's men players while her women are thoroughly up to date in every phase of the modern game, and as a result are able to hold their own against the rest of the world, as was proven last August when the team captained by Mrs. Lambert Chambers came to this country and won the Wightman International Cup from the strongest team we could put in the field against them.

Women Different.

Miss Kathleen McKane, England's greatest woman player, is one of the world's most brilliant and dar-

COMPLICATED SCORING SYSTEM IN THE STATES

Central Section U.S.H.A. Adopted Brand New Scheme for Deciding Winning Team of League.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18—The three leading teams at the end of the season will play off for the championship of the Central Group of the United States Hockey Association under rules announced today by A. W. Warren Jr., of St. Paul, President of the league. Teams finishing second and third in the race will play a four-game series, and the winner will meet the team placing first in a series of five games. The winner of this series will be crowned champion.

The association also adopted a complicated system of scoring points to decide the season's race. The system is:

St. Paul, Minneapolis, Eveleth and Winnipeg will play 38 games, and will receive two points for a victory everywhere, but at the Canadian Soo, where a victory will net four points.

Duluth will play forty games and will receive two points for a victory on the road and four points for a victory over St. Paul, Minneapolis, Eveleth or Winnipeg at the Soo.

Defeats will cost a team two points, except for the four series at the Soo, when they will cost four. The games in the four series at the Soo will give each team two points, and all other ties will count one point.

THE VENOS NOT PLAYING HOCKEY

From New York comes the story that Stanley and Wilfrid Veno will not be permitted to play in the Eastern Hockey Association, because so the officials of the league are claimed to have stated, the fans do not want them, although the league itself has no objections. Nothing could be more ridiculous, writes Bill Grimes in the Boston American. The article continues:

While playing with the Westminster and the Maples, the Venos had a great many friends among the fans. They were two of the hardest working players in the game. They were always out there giving everything they had to put over a win for their team.

KAPLAN HOLDS WELTER TITLE

New York, Dec. 18—Louis (Kid) Kaplan, the Meriden, Conn., "buzzsaw" successfully defended his world's featherweight title in a 15-round clash with Babe Herman, of California, in the new Madison Square Garden tonight. The champion was given the unanimous judges' verdict.

The fight was Kaplan's right from the start his aggressiveness actually making the fight. Herman boxed, clinched, wrestled and tugged to keep the champion from overpowering him much to the disgust of the 14,000 spectators in the arden. Ringside critics gave the champion eleven rounds, Herman two and called two even.

ing women volleyers while her command of the drive, fore and backhand is magnificent. Miss Evelyn Colyer a young doubles player is among the greatest volleyers and overhead players among the women of all nations and there are several other still younger players among England's newer generation who will soon make their mark in international competition.

FIRST TURNOUT OF PLAYERS OF HOCKEY CLUB

Good Turnout on Soft Ice — Preparing for Exhibition Game on Tuesday Night — The Players.

The first workout of the Fredericton Hockey Club was held Friday night at the Arctic Rink. The ice was soft but good for the time of year. Some cold weather is needed. About twenty players were out on the blades and the workout was very encouraging. There are some players who are depended upon, who have still to get into the game. When they come along the practices will be all the better.

Those Who Were Out.

Among those out were "Tart" Titus in one net and Hickson in the other. Both were in great form. Tracey Carten of U. N. B. is expected to be out later and the same is true of Leger a forward. The practices now are in preparation for the exhibition game against Moncton here next Tuesday and for the league opener at Chatham on the 29th. Keenan, Jim Sterling and Keene who were the very effective U. N. B. forward line last winter were together again. Alan Sterling also was out and Lynch both of whom played with Fredericton last year. Thompson, Rutter and Miles of Fredericton High School also were in the workout. Clark and Steen the 1925 Fredericton defence was there also. There were enough other players to give all the substitution necessary and if the material shapes up as it promises the Green and White will not be so badly off.

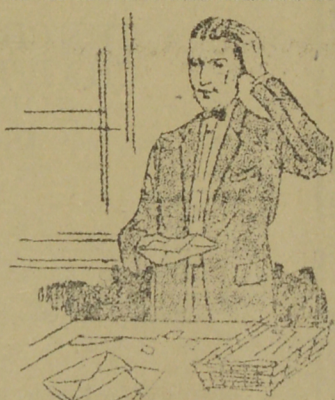
RED SOX MAY GIVE COLLEGE PLAYER TRYOUT

Providence, Dec. 18—Jackson M. Keefer, Brown University's backfield ace in football has been offered a tryout with the Boston Red Sox when the club goes South in the Spring.

He has not yet definitely decided to accept the offer but is considering it seriously. Keefer will finish his course at Brown at the end of the mid-Winter semester. Keefer attracted the attention of the Red Sox scouts last Summer while he was playing the outfield for the Dilboy Post team of the Boston Twilight League for which club he batted above .430.

Head football coach E. N. Robinson also boosted Keefer to the Red Sox management with the result that the offer has been made. Keefer was known as a "money" player in the Boston league.

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PRO SOCCER ON INTERNATIONAL BASIS NOW

Frank L. Calder of National Hockey League to be Head of Organization the Report.

New York, Dec. 18—The formation of an international soccer league embracing teams from Canada and the United States, and to be headed by one of the Dominion's leading executive officials, Frank L. Calder of National Hockey League fame is heralded by The New York Evening Post. According to the paper two teams playing out of Montreal and United States teams would comprise the new league.

The Post says that besides the Montreal Carsteel team, Quebec Provincial champions, the Brooklyn Wanderers and a club from Boston have announced their intention of taking out membership in the new league. Another club from Montreal of which Leo Dandurand, owner of the Canadian hockey team, is said to be the backer, is said to be seeking membership.

Mr. Calder admitted that he had been approached by officials of the Brooklyn Soccer Club in regard to the organization of an international league, but said that so far as he knew the plan was only in the initial stages, and detailed arrangements had not been made for launching the projected league. He was unable to make any statement as to the possibility of his charge of the organization, saying he had made no decision regarding the proposal that had been presented to him.

EXTRA TRAIN SERVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For the accommodation of people along the lines of the Canadian National Railways these extra train services are announced in connection with the Christmas Holidays.

On the Hampton-St. Martins Branch regular service will be operated on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, same as on other week days; also on the branch line between Havelock and Elgin.

On the Valley Railway, Train No. 241 will leave for Fredericton on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, and Thursday, Dec. 24th, at 7.30 A. M., arriving in Fredericton at 1.20 P. M. An extra train will leave Fredericton on these days for Saint John at 8.00 P. M., arriving in Saint John at 11.50 P. M.

Train No. 242, will leave Fredericton for Saint John on Dec. 21st and 23rd at 6.45 A. M., arriving in Saint John at 11.45 A. M. An extra train on the same days will leave Saint John at 6.30 P. M. for Fredericton, arriving at 10.20 P. M.

An extra passenger train will be for Fredericton at 8.00 A. M. on Dec. 16th, 18th, 21st and 23rd, arriving in Fredericton at 11.15 A. M., and an extra will leave Fredericton on these days for Centreville at 5.30 P. M., arriving in Centreville at 9.25 P. M. This is in addition to regular service shown in current time tables.

An extra passenger train will be operated on Thursday Dec. 24th, between Fredericton and Newcastle, leaving Fredericton at 6.00 A. M., arriving in Newcastle at 11.15 A. M., leaving Newcastle at 5.30 P. M., and arriving in Fredericton at 10.30 P. M.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 18—The Pittsburgh Pirates through the work of Milks who scored two goals defeated New York 3 to 2 in a National professional hockey league game here tonight. The winner's margin of victory was earned in the second period when two scores were made, breaking a 1-1 tie. Burch starred for the Metropolitan aggregation.

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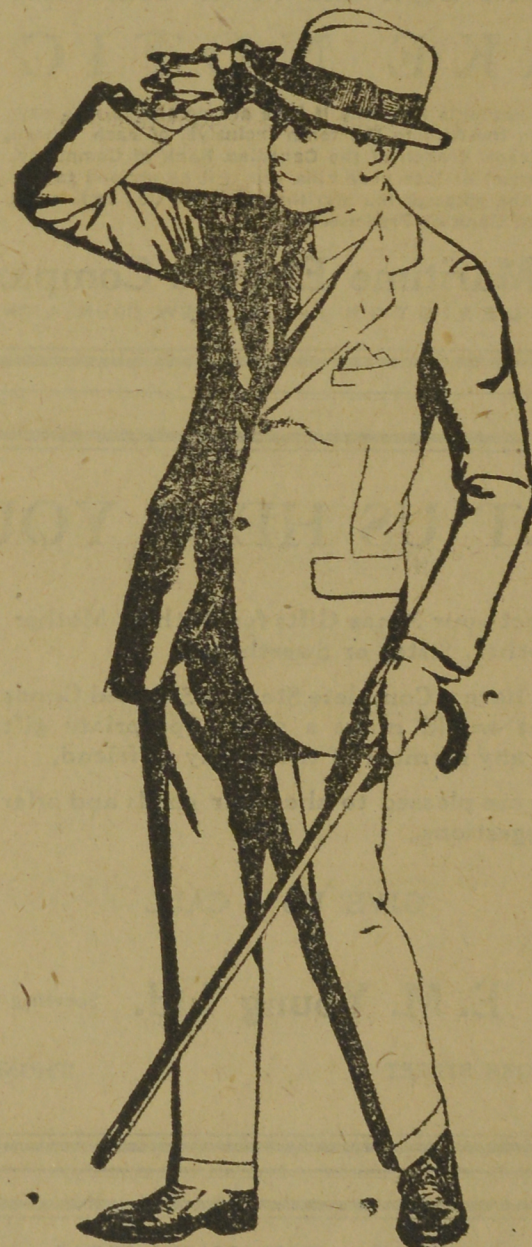
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