

NEWS of SPORT

AMERICAN PRO TENNIS PLAYERS FOR EUROPE

Professional Title Events are to be Organized—Agutter and Heston Both Good Players.

New York, Oct. 29.—The first definite step to establish officially American lawn tennis professionals in the competitive field will take George Agutter, instructor of the West Side Club at Forest Hills, N. Y., on an invasion to Europe.

Agutter and his assistant, Paul L. Heston, will compete in the French professional championship next December on the Riviera. Their invasion, the first of its kind in tennis history, also has for its purpose the gathering of data with a view to organizing American instructors and the staging of this country's first professional title event upon his return.

Agutter's move gives another turn to the professional tennis wheel set in motion by Charles C. Pyle, who invaded the amateur ranks to sign Suzanne Lenglen, Mary K. Browne, Vincent Richards, Howard Kinsey and others for a tour of America and Canada.

U. S. L. T. A. Won't Object.

While Pyle's activities apparently opened a breach between the professional and amateur ranks, however Agutter has been given to understand that the United States Lawn Tennis Association would not look unfavorably upon his steps to launch a professional association.

Moreover, Agutter says that officials have informed him that provision could be made for a professional title competition in America next year.

While Pyle has announced tentative plans for an open championship tournament on the Pacific coast, Agutter expressed the opinion that only through an organization of American instructors, properly conducted, will the paid player ever be able permanently to establish himself on a sound footing in this country.

Open competition eventually would be an outgrowth of such an organization and the recognition its players would command he believes.

Heston Fine Player.

Agutter, who is recognized as one of the best players in the game, paid tribute to the skill of his young assistant, Heston. He said that Heston had beaten many of America's best amateurs and in a single day had taken the measure of Takeichi Harada and Jean Borotra in practice matches.

He expressed the opinion Heston would be a strong contender for the French championship, which was won last year by Albert Burke of England.

Between 20 and 30 professionals from France, England and Switzerland competed in the 1925 tournament and Agutter has hopes of bringing some of them to this country for the initial American event he proposes.

F. H. Stafford of Kitchener, Ont., is at the Queen.

University of N. B. Team Will be Worked Hard for Next Thursday's Game

Mount A. Fielded a Hard-playing Team—Fierce Game Expected Here—Halifax Opinion That Wanderers Can Beat Either College Team.

The University of New Brunswick rugby football squad returned home Friday evening from Sackville after defeating Mt. Allison 6 to 5 in the first game of the Western Section of the Maritime Intercollegiate Rugby League. The players will lie off until Monday afternoon on account of the rugged game through which they went on Thursday. Next week they will be driven hard in preparation for the second game with Mt. Allison here on Thursday, November 4th.

Found Hard-Playing Team.

U. N. B. in Mount A. found a team which played harder rugby than they had expected. In other words there was a considerable element of overconfidence in the manner in which U. N. B. entered the game. The Garnet and Gold let little stand in the way of stopping U. N. B. and the score indicates how nearly successful they were. A fierce struggle is anticipated here on Thursday.

Halifax Opinion.

D. L. Dolan sports editor of the Halifax Herald, a Fredericton man, saw the game at Sackville. He expressed the opinion in the hearing of U. N. B. supporters that the Halifax Wanderers would have no difficulty in defeating either Mount A. or U. N. B. on form shown. The comment is interesting as U. N. B. and Wanderers are slated to lock horns at Halifax on Thanksgiving Day and here on the Saturday following, November 13th. It should aid in removing any overconfidence which may remain in the college team.

Details of the Game.

Various details of the game are coming through now. After they had a six-point lead the Red and Black let Mount A. get away and have the rest of the territory. The first try gave an excellent chance for a convert as Steen after crossing the goal line trotted along it without molestation by Mt. Allison players and put the ball down under the goal. The kick failed. After that special attention was devoted to Steen, Fowler's try came after a good piece of forward dribbling. The big surprise Mount A. handed out was the way they finished the game. Their try was made after some good passing. Hickson played a great game at full-back. Three times he touched down on poor plays by Mount A. when within reach of the goal-line. Twice it was on dribbles and the other time on an attempt to drop a goal. Petrie of U. N. B. was kicked in the head as he tried to stop a dribble and was of little value in the scrums afterward.

Mt. Allison Team Heavy.

The Mt. Allison team is reported heavy particularly in the forward pack. The three new forwards who were not here last year are heavy men and fast. The back division has three men on it who were not playing here last season.

FINE CHANCE FOR WANDERERS IS THE OPINION

The anti-climax of the close score at Sackville after all rumpus about Wanderers-U. N. B. series has produced comment such as the following from the Halifax Chronicle:

"U. N. B. had a close call in their game with Mt. Allison at Sackville yesterday. The Nova Scotia Technical College team recently licked the Mounties at Sackville, all of which implies that the Wanderers have a fine chance of licking the cocky Fredericton boys when they clash shortly."

N. H. L. SCHEDULE ISSUED, TEN CLUBS IN IT

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Each of the ten clubs in the National Hockey League will have 22 home games in the 1926-'27 season, which opens on November 16, according to the schedule released by President Frank Calder of the major pro. hockey circuit.

The league this season is divided into two sections, New York Americans and the four Canadian teams—Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto St. Pats and the Montreal Canadiens—forming one section and five United States clubs—Boston, Pittsburgh, New York Rangers, Chicago and Detroit—comprising the other.

Each club will play three games at home and away with the four other teams in its section and will play two home and away games with the five teams in the other section. The standing will be recorded separately for the two sections. The first three teams in each section will play off for the sectional honors at the end of the season, and then the two sectional champions will meet for the league title.

ALLAN CUP TEAM PREPARE FOR SEASON

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 29.—Bill Devins, Wes Kirkpatrick and Phil Greer are the only players left of former senior hockey teams of the University of Toronto; but nevertheless the hockey officials are counting on having good teams in the senior, intermediate and junior series this winter. The university's Allan Cup finalists of last year have practically all graduated and will form the nucleus for the Grads' team which will compete in the O. H. A. senior series. Don Carrick, Jess Carrick, Bill Hargraft, Bill Stollery and Charlie Delahey of last year's intermediates are strong candidates for the senior squad. Lorne McIntyre, a former junior star, and several others are expected to try out with the seniors when they get down to work in a few days at the University of Toronto's new artificial ice arena.

APPETITE FOR COOKIES

Washington, Oct. 29.—Prohibition has converted many liquor drinkers into cookie eaters, according to Dr. Nolan R. Best, secretary of the Baltimore Federation of Churches.

Since the advent of the dry law, Best said, many liquor consumers have acquired an appetite for cookies—"the old-time cookies that mother kept locked in the cupboard."

On Motor Trip.

Telegraph-Journal: Miss Betty Hawkins, Miss Dorothy Cox, Miss Katherine Cox and Miss Margaret Fowler all attending the U. N. B. at Fredericton and Miss Margaret Estabrooks of this city who has been spending the last few months at Lincoln, N. B., motored to the city on Wednesday and spent the evening at the home of Miss Estabrooks' parents in Mt. Pleasant avenue. On Thursday morning the party motored to Sackville to attend the U. N. B. Mt. Allison game.

"Henry how can you sit and read that book all evening?"
"Why what did you want dear?"
"The book, of course."

He—And will you always be my little dumpling?
She—Yes, as long as you make the dough.

BARBECUE TO DO HONOR TO ALEXANDER

Big St. Louis Pitcher is Admired in His Home Town of St. Paul, Nebraska—Masonic Charm.

St. Paul, Nebraska, Oct. 29.—About 15,000 persons, many of whom confess they do not know or care what the difference is between a football and a baseball game, crammed the streets of this little town to celebrate the home coming of St. Paul's illustrious son—Grover Cleveland Alexander.

It was a great day for St. Paul fans, who have rooted for "Alex" from the day he left to try his luck in big time baseball to the crucial minutes of the recent World Series baseball game when he repulsed the New York Americans and gave St. Louis its first world's baseball championship.

It was a great day for St. Paul and to show his appreciation for a Masonic watch charm presented him by St. Paul admirers he pitched three innings of baseball. He allowed one run, but struck out three batters. After the ball game the thousands feasted on seven heaves in a great barbecue and tonight attended a pavement dance.

"It's great to be home and it's great to be from a small town where they have real celebrations", "Alex" told the throng.

Alexander's wife and 76-year-old mother also had their day receiving congratulations.

(The story that Alexander was hunting moose in Nova Scotia was a fake).

COLOR LINE DRAWN IN U. S. COLLEGE GAME

New York, Oct. 28.—An alleged refusal by the United States Naval Academy football team to play Colgate University unless Ray Vaughn, a colored player was kept on the bench is condemned in a protest forwarded to Secretary Wilbur of the Navy by the National Association of Colored People.

An investigation is demanded. In announcing the protest here, it was admitted that no direct information that the Midshipman had objected to Vaughn's playing was in the hands of the Association.

BOBBY JONES NOT TO CROSS SEA

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 29.—Bobby Jones United States and British open golf champion, will not return to Great Britain next summer to defend the title he won last June.

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