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TENNIS TAKES WITH CHINESE, PLAYERS SLOW

Orient Catching on to Game — Guy Cheng, China's best player in North America To Learn.

BOSTON, July 15—For a fellow who learned tennis from books six years ago and who only a year ago had come within an ace of hanging up his racket for keeps, Guy Cheng is doing right well for himself. Cheng, second ranking player in China and top-seeded in the Longwood bowl tournament, now in progress at the Brookline tennis site is touring the United States in the interests of the elevation of the court game in the empire.

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"This is the first time in seven years that China has elected to send tennis representatives to the United States," declared Cheng in surprisingly fluent English for a fellow who is mingling with English-speaking people for the first time in his life.

"The game in the Empire was pretty much in the doldrums until the last few years," declared Cheng, "but in the last two years there has been a decided increase in interest. Unfortunately we are unable to compete with other foreign players very successfully, but I firmly believe that such a condition will not exist for long."

"One of the principal reasons the Chinese tennis overlords sent me and my friend, Sin Kie Kho (top ranking player in China), to the states this year was that we might gain experience and to create a new interest in the game back home," Cheng explains. "Back in China it is almost impossible to go places in the tennis world, since the calibre of the competition is very poor. Most of our players are exceedingly slow. In fact you can win your matches walking about the court," asserts Cheng. "But over here a fellow has to be on the go all the time. I have lost more than 15 pounds since my arrival here."

Cheng who born and reared in Shanghai is one of a family of eleven children.

Primo Hasn't Yet Said "Goombye"

New Crk, July 13—The dynamite-laden fists with which dusky Joe Louis exploded Primo Canera all over the Yankee Stadium ding on June 25 were not the only painful incidents the giant Italian suffered last month, it was revealed here today.

Two days later on June 27, Primo's pocketbook took one below the belt in the form of a judgment tying up almost half of the proceed accruing to him from the Louis walloping.

The judgment was taken by Theodore Skrat, who has been assigned to collect a judgment of \$14,000 obtained by Emelia Tersini, Soho waitress, against Canera in London in 1933 for breach of promise.

JOE LOUIS-LEVINSKY BOUT IS ALL APPROVED

CHICAGO July 14—The date, site and ticket price scale for the heavyweight fight between King Levinsky and Joe Louis at Comiskey Park August 7, were approved Tuesday by the Illinois Boxing Commission.

Promoter Joe Foley posted a bond of \$20,000 binding the match. The Commission demands a bond of ten per cent of the estimated gate receipts.

Foley was granted an option on the August 8-9-10 dates in case of unfavorable weather.

While the Commission was in session Mike Jacobs, New York promoter, was protesting vigorously against a proposed four-round exhibition which Louis wants to put on in Toronto July 22. Jacobs has an option on the Negro's services for two fights this fall.

"I released Louis to Foley for the Levinsky fight and for no other purpose," he said, "I don't want to take a chance on his getting hurt."

European Zone Tennis Play On

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia July 13 —Finalists in European zone Davis Cup competition, Germany and Czechoslovakia opened their three-day tennis tournament for the right to play the United States in the interzone finals at Wimbledon starting July 20.

The Teutons led by their titled ace, Baron Gottfried Von Cramm, were rated slight favorites over the Czechs, whose main hopes rest on Roderich Menzel.

The opening singles matches pitted the giant Menzel against Heiner Henkel, young German Von Cramm, finalist in the recent Wimbledon championships, will meet Jon Caska.

dren. It was only six or seven years ago that he first played a game of tennis. He first became interested in the game through the newspapers and before he was buying every tennis book he could lay hands upon.

DON GEORGE WISHES TO BLOCK DAN'S CHANCES

Mot Adonis A Bit Jealous of Irish Rival For Title Claims.

BOSTON, July 15—Ed Don George, recognized as king of the wrestlers in this Commonwealth as well as Canada, seems to be doing his best to block the proposed clash with Danno O'Mahoney, the invincible 22-year-old Irishman, a bout which is expected to result in the crowning of the blue-eyed Celt as the first universally recognized king of the mat industry in many years.

The low-down on the entire matter is that George doesn't want any part of O'Mahoney, not exactly because he thinks the Irishman would beat him but more because he doesn't want to give Danno a shot at the valuable crown, a fact that often has been voiced by this corner. George has been almost entirely neglected since the arrival in this country of the Irishman and he doesn't mind giving his own ideas of the subject. George, so it seems, blames the wrestling moguls for shunting him into the background as they have cashed their coupons on the Irishman's popularity. George points out that he was entitled to a crack at the champion with his attractive gate drawing powers much earlier in his tour of this country. Now that the Irishman has mastered all the fancy tricks of the profession and has developed into one of the headliners, if not the headliner, George is asked to meet him. And without giving an opinion on the claims of the champion, Don, it would seem, has a squawk of some kind coming.

Col. Paul Bowser, who directs the wrestling traffic in this neck of the woods smiles down all of George's threats.

"He'll agree to the match and he won't get anything like the \$40,000 guarantee he is asking," says the squire of the grunt and groaners.

"There's one match they'll make over my dead body," says George. "Why should I give this Irishman a crack at my title now? I wasn't good enough for such a match when he first came here. For months and months, the rulers of wrestling empire have gone to extremes in a daring effort to strip me of my crown. Thus far I have blocked their every move. And they'll meet my terms before this Irishman gets a crack at the crown. And you can bet your money on it, too."

Now it is whispered that Bowser has issued an ultimatum to George to the effect that he must sign up for the O'Mahoney match or be ruled out.

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Yale Ball Nine Off To Orient

New Haven Conn., July 13—Yale's baseball nine was in New York today, en route to Japan, where Coach Joe Wood's campaigners will meet teams of leading Japanese colleges during the summer months. The tour, the first ever made by a Yale baseball team, will take ten weeks. Coach Wood's pitching staff include Ted Horton, Louis Walker, Bernie Rankin, Charlie Dillingham. In all 15 players will make the trip.

DENY BABE WILL PURCHASE THE INDIANS

CLEVELAND, Ohio July 15—Alva Bradley, president of Cleveland's American League Indians, spiked rumors circulated in New York to the effect that a syndicate including Babe Ruth, wanted to buy the club. Bradley said he hasn't been approached.

Another report, published in Pittsburgh that Rogers Hornaby, manager of the St. Louis Browns was being thought of as a replacement for Walter Johnson, leader of the Indians, nearly floored Bradley.

"That's the silliest thing I ever heard of," he snorted.

MISS BAULD TITLE WINNER

DIGBY, N. S., July 14—Miss Edith Bauld, of Halifax is again Nova Scotia women's golf champion, regaining her title in a decisive victory over Miss Katherine Ladd of Yarmouth, titleholder for 1934. As the result of last week's 36-hole medal play tournament over the hazardous Pines course, Miss Bauld turned in a 88 playing 44 out and 44 in. Miss Ladd carded 47 and 52 in, a total of 99.

And it would seem that the wrestling barons can run a champion out of the game almost as quickly as an also ran, yet exactly what might happen to the title in case such a thing happened might provide a knotty problem.

As long as George rules the roost, it would seem that he is a most important factor in the game, yet exorbitant demands of champions more than any other factor helped to harpoon the fight game, if you recall. George and Bowser no doubt will settle their differences but if the champion stands his ground, he'll have them bowing to him yet.

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SO FAR 1935 HAS PRODUCED MORE UPSETS IN SPORT WORLD

It Has Got So Its An Upset If There Is no Upset—Braddocks Victory Biggest Surprise—Baseball Has Its Quirks.

NEW YORK, July 13—The first half of 1935 has produced more upsets in sport than any other six months period that comes to mind. No major sport has been free from spectacular surprises.

Probably the most amazing upset was James J. Braddock's victory over Max Baer. A parlay on Braddock for four fights, starting with his victory over Corn Griffin a year ago, figures 1.620 to 1, at the prevailing odds against him Griffin, 5 to 1; John Henry Louis, 5 to 1; Art Lasky, 4 to 1; and Baer, 8 to 1.

Another tremendous surprise in the sock market was Tony Canzoneri's triumph over Lou Ambers in their tilt for the lightweight title.

Danno O'Mahoney of County Cork astonished followers of the mat game Thursday night by taking the title from Jim London.

Sam Parks Jr. gave the golf experts a headache by capturing the national open tournament at Oakmont, and Alfred Perry, thirty year old British golfer, pulled another surprise yesterday by annexing the British open crown.

Racing followers received a major

shock when Discovery after five disappointing races, set a new world record for the mile and an eighth distance, defeating King Saxon and Omaha in the Brooklyn Handicap.

Baseball has had a number of surprises. The Chicago White Sox were expected to be firmly anchored in last place by this time, but are fourth after leading the American League in the early part of the season.

Lefty Gomez, leading American League pitcher in 1934, has been able to win only six games, while losing eight. Lou Gehrig and Al Simmons have slumped unaccountably in batting. Paul Dean, a sensation on the hill for the Cardinals last year, has been able to capture only half his fourteen games in 1935.

Clyde Castelman, of the Giants, a rookie, has won seven and lost two, and Vito Tamulis, a Yankee recruit, has scored seven victories, as against one defeat.

The Cornell crew came within a few feet of scoring another tremendous upset at the expense of California in the varsity race at Poughkeepsie. What next?

GIANTS ARE PREPARED FOR CLOSE BATTLE

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 15—Obviously, the best stunt of the Giants is setting the pace. Keeping in front of the field looks easy, the way the Giants do it. But it is a strain over a long stretch. Being on top of the League is like walking a tight rope with everyone trying to shake you off. The hardest work is still ahead of the Giants as they near the halfway mark of the race, with two more western trips. They are in the third month holding the lead, with two more months to go and seven clubs sniping at them from the rear.

The last three years have seen the Giants featured as front runners and front runners with courage and class most of the time to fight off contenders. But it is always a precarious business, being out in front and everyone's target.

In a foot race a good runner can lay back off the pace and bide his time counting on his final sprint to carry him ahead down the home stretch. A baseball race is not so simple a proposition. It is complicated by a thousand variable factors and it has come to be accepted as the best baseball tactics to win as many games as quickly as possible and pile up a lead and hold on.

It is holding on that is hard. That

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was proved to the Giants last September. The strain told, the strain of being in front so long not only that season, but the season before as well. The Giants' grip relaxed over the period of the last few weeks and they failed to repeat.

But they are up to their old stunts and their old tactics this season. Again they are pioneers—early settlers in the lead. As early settlers of long standing now they are rightly looked upon as the aristocrats and first family of the league. Which is at once a distinction and a danger.

Long In The Lead

It is really remarkable how the Giants have taken it upon themselves to exert property rights over first place since Terry started his first full season as manager in 1933. That year they were steadily in front from June 10 to the finish, a matter of sixteen weeks. Last year they led from June 6 until September 29, before they were shaken loose, another sixteen week period. The season they have been showing the way since April 27, nearly nine weeks. Altogether that makes forty-one weeks they have been in front in the last two and a half seasons.

A major league season is about twenty four weeks long. Eleven weeks of the current season have been played. That means that since Terry inaugurated his 1933 season his team has had a total of fifty-nine weeks league competition and in that time his Giants have been doing the pace setting in forty-one weeks. In other words they have been out in front in the spotlight seventy per cent of the time which constitutes a mighty good business monopoly any way you figure it.

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