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COAST ROOKIES KNOCK AT DOOR OF BIG LEAGUES

Some Good Prospects On Coast For Big Leagues; Youthful Stars Playing Good Ball on Coast.

Ivory hunters will go out early this year to bring in talent to the major leagues. Some of the club owners are disappointed, while others are enthusiastic over the work of their rookies.

Out on the Pacific Coast, where the season starts earlier than in the East, some of the young players are beckoning to scouts of the majors. Two who may be seen on major league diamonds are Bobby Doerr and George Myatt of the Hollywood club.

They are the idols of the film colony: Doerr, 17 years old, plays shortstop. His matting mark is 373, while Myatt, at second base, is 19 and has been hitting .328.

There are other excellent prospects on the Coast, notably Gene Lillard, third sacker of the Los Angeles team. Lillard is setting the pace for home-run hitters with 15 to his credit, according to records from the Coast. This young player is headed for the Cubs.

Like Lary and Reese

Not since the days of Lyn Lary and Jimmy Reese has the Coast been more excited about a pair of infielders than it is about the youngsters playing for Hollywood. Their work will be of interest to the older generation of major league fans, because they are being trained by George Stovall, who played first base for Cleveland years ago.

Stovall picked up Doerr when the boy was 12 and playing for a kids' team in Los Angeles. Myatt, who is fast around the infield and has a powerful arm, is a resident of California, too. Doerr's brother, also a youngster, catches for Portland.

During the winter, when the younger lads received their first test of real baseball in southern California, Stovall had a group of four boys playing his infield. At first base was George McDonald, substitute first-sacker for the Hollywood team. At third was Don Johnson, son of Ernie Johnson, American League infielder of a few years ago. The catcher was Hal Spindle, who is being touted as a big league prospect by the owners of the Seattle team, for which he has been catching.

Di Maggio Lacks Fire

Joe Di Maggio, who will be delivered to the Yankees in the fall, if they care to take him, is continuing his dizzy baseball career in the West. He may oust some Yankee from the Garden at the Yankee Stadium, but Jack Lelivelt thinks Di Maggio will not go over big leaguer's make-up. Lelivelt says Di Maggio appears to be more of a factory ball player to whom the game is just a day's work and nothing to become excited about. Still Lelivelt believes Di Maggio needs no further seasoning in the minors.

Lillard, too, will go up this year. Lefty O'Doul, who knows a lot about hitting, says the Angel third-sacker is a natural batsman of the type that gets extra mileage when he connects.

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FRENCH NET MEET TO START AT PARIS SOON

Every Nation Except United States Enters Best Players for Test; Crawford Slumping.

PARIS, May 22—Although one round of the European zone Davis Cup competition has been contested and the British hard court championship have been played through to their conclusion, the European tennis season may be said to get under way with the French international championship now underway on the flower-bordered courts of the State Roland Garros in Auteuil, the most obviously pleasant setting for a tournament possessed by any nation.

These championships, threatened with relegation to a role of minor importance when France lost the Davis Cup two years ago, held their own last year and now once more take their place as a meeting of major importance second to Wimbledon, more cosmopolitan than Forest Hills.

The only major national championships played on hard courts, Auteuil has attracted this year an entry of unusual strength. Except for the U. S. the best players of every nation are here and America has sent her woman champion, Miss Helen Jacobs, to try once more for a title that has persistently eluded her.

The draw for the men's and women's singles carries a class that probably will be surpassed this year only by Wimbledon, and only a few of the world's finest players are missing. Before this meeting draws to its close two weeks from tomorrow much light should be thrown on those later meetings in which Americans are more vitally concerned—Wimbledon, the Davis Cup, the Wightman Cup and Forest Hills. For the straws of Auteuil have a way of showing the direction the Wimbledon wind will blow, and we count on Wimbledon to give us a line on the fate of the Davis Cup for 1935.

Collapse of Crawford Was Seen

During these two weeks last year we saw, for instance, that Jack Crawford had slipped from the form that carried him to the top of the tennis heap in 1933. That he was, in fact, not a well man, and therein was signalled the entry of the United States into the challenge round. We also saw the rise of another player of the first rank in Gottfried von Cramm, who won the title, and we saw once more that Austin, one of the most perfect technicians in the game, would yield to pressure persistently maintained.

The fight among Von Cramm, Crawford, the first player, other than a Frenchman to win the title; Perry and Austin for the young German baron's title during the next few days offers an excellent bit of fare for tennis fans.

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Canadians Playing Great Golf

Seven Doughty Shot-makers from Dominion Still in British Amateur Golf Tourney.

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA, Eng., May 21—Seven doughty Canadian shot-makers left in the British amateur golf title quest out of an original entry of ten all pulled victories out of their bags in today's rounds. Tomorrow their troubles threaten to start in earnest.

Such stout lads as Cyril Tolley and Dr. William Tweddell, former champions, Tony Torrance and H. L. Holden are among the home brigade that the Canadians collide with in tomorrow's fray, when the second round is completed and the third one run off. By tomorrow night the weeding process will be complete and the field reduced to 32.

So far the Canadians, with only three casualties, have fared somewhat better than the invaders from the United States, who have seven left out of 11. Two of those get directly into the third round without firing a shot, thanks to byes and defaults.

Lawson Little, Jr., of San Francisco, the defending title-holder, showed a complete reversal of form in the day's feature match, routing Eric Martin Smith, former champion, by 4 and 3. The four United States contenders eliminated all met their Waterloo today.

The five Canadians who won their way into the third round had comfortable margins for the most part, while two others were getting past the first round in belated matches.

SCOTTISH SOCCER CLUB STARTS INTL. SCHEDULE

Big Crowds To Witness Games Between Star Booters and U. S. and Canadian Teams.

NEW YORK, May 22—The Scottish Football Association's soccer team, which arrived here last Tuesday to play five games in this country and seven in Canada, will make its New York bow at the Polo Grounds today against a United States eleven, picked from all the strong clubs in the East and chosen by the United States Football Association.

The game is expected to attract a crowd of 30,000 to see the most powerful team which has ever played here. Fans from New England, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania will swell the large local following.

Of the seventeen Scottish players eleven are internationals and five played for Scotland April 6 when England was defeated, 2 to 0, at Hampden Park before 130,000 persons. They are Andy Anderson, George Cummings, Tommy Walker, Hugh Gallacher and Douglas Duncan.

Walker, inside right of the Hearts Club, is looked upon as one of the cleverest players developed on the other side. He took rank as the highest priced player in the world after the Arsenal's offer of \$60,000 for his services was refused by his club.

When Bernice Claire sails for England on June 1, she will not be forsaking the air for long. The beautiful soprano star of "Lavender and Old Lace" and "Waltz Time" has been granted a leave of absence to make a picture for British Lion Film Corporation, but she will return to radio as soon as she gets back.

The Daily Mail Advertisements Bring Results.

Gene Tunney Now Prospector

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 22—Clerks at the United States land office here said an application, filed in behalf of Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion, was received today for a permit to prospect for oil near Shirley, Wyo.

Shirley is about thirty miles north of the Medicine Bow field, where a 4,000-barrel well was brought in recently.

ENGLISH BOXERS TO GET CHANCE N. Y. TOURNEY

Britain's Mitt Stars To Show Stuff Against Cream of U.S. Amateur Leatherpushers.

BOSTON, May 22—Preparations are now underway in New York for the greatest international boxing tournament that has ever been staged in the United States. The New York Golden Gloves winners have been chosen to meet a group of British stars.

Five champions and four ex-champions will be among the group of 14 that will come from Great Britain shortly after the date of the tournament is set.

Great care has been taken in the selection of the boxers, and the English amateur association is confident that its representatives will have the better of the eight debates.

Little Joey Bowker, one of the best bantamweights of all time, who engaged in a 12-round battle with Al Delmont in this city several years ago, will come with the team. He will handle the boxers, while W. J. Dees and H. W. Fowler, outstanding British A. A. U. men, will assist him.

Magill in Tourney

One of the first chosen for the trip was Jim Magill of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Magill, who is a British champion, will represent the middleweight division. And the reserve man of the class is J. W. Jackson, whom your correspondent had occasion to refer to prior to Magill's appearance in this city as a rival of Magill.

The heavyweights are H. P. Floyd and V. A. Stuart; lightweightweights, A. S. Shawyer; welterweights, D. Lynch and W. S. Pack; lightweights, F. Frost and F. J. Simpson; featherweights, E. T. Ryan, and J. W. Treadway; bantamweights, L. Case and A. Barnes; flyweight, J. M. Jottinger.

Want Jockey Ruled Out of Game for Life

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22—Reports are rife that Presiding Steward Geo. W. Schilling of the Tanforan race track will make every effort possible to have Pete Groos set down for life. In a recent race it is alleged that Groos almost choked the Barnsley, a two-year-old.

It was right in front of the pagoda, according to Schilling, and the horse was in a bad way.

Schilling has asked the California Horse racing Board to act and act quickly for the protection of the sport.

There have been many complaints about "shoo-ins." One stable in particular is under surveillance for it has pulled many a "coup" in recent weeks.

WARSAW, May 21.—The Polish Cabinet formally resigned yesterday and was immediately reinstated by President Ignace Moscicki.

GRAND CIRCUIT TROTTERS READY FOR BIG EVENT

Bill Strang, Rosalind and Brookfield on List; Futurity Eligibles--Goshen Meet in August.

NEW YORK, May 22—It is indeed an ill wind that blows nobody good. Because of a break in the succession of Eastern mile-track trotting meetings, following the one at Goshen (August 12-16) and the next at Syracuse (August 26-30), Middletown's weeks of harness racing in connection with the century old Orange County Fair probably will be the most important and interesting of the year on any half-mile course in the country. Entry lists just made public for early closing races show that many of the Grand Circuit campaigners are going to spend the week at the nearby Harry Clay track instead of making the long trip from Goshen to Springfield, Ill., and then back to Syracuse.

Of the forty two-year-old trotters nominated in the \$800 Times-Herald Stake at Middletown no less than twenty-seven are also entered in the \$2,500 Good Time Stake at Goshen, which has come to be regarded as the junior Hambletonian Stake, so many of the contending three-year-olds in the latter having been winners or runners-up in the former. W. N. Reynolds' colt, Bill Strang, that worked in 2:11 1/4 early in March, is among those booked for the double event. Others include Gibson White's Rosalind, R. J. Reynolds' Brookfield, and Lyle Brothers' Recovery, all of the first flight of juvenile trotters from the winter training camps in Florida.

Ten prospective starters in this year's Hambletonian Stake have been entered in the race for three-year-olds at Middletown and these include Thos. Ashworth's Prince John, 2:07, the full brother to Princess Peg, 2:00 1/4, winner of the last Kentucky Futurity and heat-winner in the Hambletonian; E. Roland Harriman's Lucre, 2:08 1/4; William Stubble's Volo Arion, 2:12; W. N. Reynolds' Miss Kate B., 2:12; R. J. Reynolds' Gayleta, 2:13; J. C. Thompson's Guardsman, 2:15, and I. O. Blake's The Ritz, 2:21 1/4.

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LEFTY GROVE'S ARM HAS GONE THE WAY OF ALL FLESH

Batters Step Up Now and Swing at Fireball They Once Feared—Lefty on Way Down.

The saddest of all phrases in the lexicon of sports is the unfinished one. "He was good when he had it, but—" It applies today to one of the greatest pitchers of all time, the greatest Philadelphia ever watched work for a home club.

He is Lefty Grove. The engineer of the famed Lonaconing Flyer hasn't got it any more. The fire is low in the boiler pit and there'll never again be a full head of steam on the fast one that only a short time ago was making the huskiest of the hitters throw their bats away.

In short, Lefty is well on his way down the hill, passing kids like Bill Dietrich and others who are on the way up, to paraphrase the late William Mizner, who are throwing them now the way he used to do when he yanked the customers out of their seats. Of course hope is sanguine in the Red Sox breast, for they are rooting for Lefty to come back, and pitch them up to where the air is rare and the bunting flies. But if it is up to Lefty they'll never make it.

His day of winning 30 games, 28 or even 20 are finished with the previous chapters and he is reaching the part of the story where there is nothing to do about it but add a period and scrawl below the line the culminating word—"Finis."

Time was when Lefty lashed the ozone with the greatest fast ball the modern game has seen, zoomers that made those of Charley Root, Lefty Gomez, Pat Malone, Dizzy Dean and, going back further, Matty, Joe Wood, Bullet Joe Bush and others look as if they were suspended in air. Were, in fact, slow balls.

But Lefty's arm has gone the way of all flesh. Hitters who once were chary of their safety when facing him now are digging their toes in the dirt and planting themselves for round-house swings. They never did that before. Always they were reaching gingerly.

There'll be occasional days, when the sun is burning and the breeze is warm and soft, that Lefty will have something resembling his old fast one. On those days he again will be the Grove we used to know—the winning pitcher.

Even so, they'll be few this year and by next they'll be fewer, if he's still around. The great Grove is through.

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