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Duck Tracks

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The sport of tennis, played by many people and extremely popular throughout the United States, has for years been saddled with a confusing system of scoring. Not confusing to the veteran player, certainly, but still complicated enough possibly to discourage people from taking up the game.

Such terms as love, advantage, and deuce are found in no other sport. Instead of simply going up the line of points by 1, 2, 3 and 4, the tennis people use love, 15, 30, 40 and game. Not so with table tennis, which has always used the simpler, more direct method of points as they are won up to the game score of 21.

Now professional tennis players have consented to use the new rules proposed as similar to table tennis. In the World Professional Tennis tournament at Cleveland three weeks ago they were used and met with conflicting opinions. Reporting in Sports Illustrated, veteran tennis player and 1954 Davis Cup captain Billy Talbert outlined the new system, its advantages and its shortcomings.

Move Eliminates 'Big Game'

None of the normal "sets" were in evidence at the pro tourney, says Talbert, and the best three-of-five games won the match, as in regular "set" competition. And, like table tennis, a 20-30 tie took a two-point advantage to win.

All the rules resembled ping-pong, with the use of just one service, and the serving for five consecutive points. Let balls are played, unlike in "regular" tennis, and double faults or single faults are totally absent.

Talbert says, "This is my principal objection. The single service eliminates the 'big game' in tennis—the bold serve-volley attack—and reduces the match mainly to a battle of baseline strategy."

Service Ace Disappears

As a result of this world champion Pancho Gonzales was unable to use his "cannonball" serve and needed to rely on his spinning delivery to insure getting the ball in the court. And not one service ace, a common sight in amateur circles and in all games with "regular" rules, occurred in the course of the five games Gonzales played with Pancho Segura.

The pace of tennis is usually a relatively slow one when players are not actually serving. There is the usual exchange of courts, towelling off and the two serves, of course. But under the new system the rapid action is said to be terrific. The players do not change courts and stay in action until the end of the 21-point game.

Talbert timed the Gonzales-Segura match and caught the five games (equivalent to sets under regular rules) in 10, nine, seven, 10 and 11 minute periods. This totaled 47 minutes of play, whereas an average three-set match goes for an hour-and-a-half, and a five-set marathon requires three hours in some cases.

'Takes Attack Out of Tennis'

Calling the new system a "great equalizer," Talbert thought the strong back-court players with the good ground strokes would be benefited most by use of the newer rules. He saw disadvantages for the serve-volley type of net-rushing player, such as US singles champ Viv Seixas.

Talbert closed on a whimsical note. 'I am opposed to any new formula which takes the attack out of tennis, as this plan obviously does, but there's one thing I like about it: it gets the word "love" out of the game. With love lost, boys will no longer be ashamed to be caught carrying a racket down to the courts.'

This new system is not likely to gain instant acceptance, in all probability, if only for the reason that it is new. But the pros have tried it, and found that the better players still come out on top, regardless of the scoring rules. At least the game might be easier to understand with simplified rules.

Anglers Ready Trout Tackle For Saturday

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Over a quarter-million Oregon anglers will have the chance to take to the 15,000 miles of streams and hundreds of lakes Saturday as trout season gets under way an hour before sunrise April 30.

Opening day is traditionally windy, cold, and snowing or raining, and chances are that this year will be no exception.

Bait Best Bet

A last-minute frenzy of activity is expected Friday night, and sportsmen can pick up a fishing license for four dollars in any of Eugene's sporting goods stores. Better pick up some salmon eggs or other bait at the same time, for with the bad weather lately, bait looks like the best fish producer for Saturday.

Some spots near Eugene that are usually good during early season are Lookout Point reservoir on the Willamette, Fall creek, Lake creek, the Siuslaw river, and the Row river. Mountain streams, such as the McKenzie and Willamette, will not produce too well until the weather warms the water.

Can't Keep Big Ones

If you plan to fish the McKenzie, remember that fish over 14 inches must be returned to the river. Also remember that the lakes, reservoirs, and their tributaries in the Cascade mountains do not open until May 28.

Other general regulations include a ten-fish-per-day limit, with a minimum size length of six or eight inches, depending on the zone in which you are fishing. Of these ten, only five may be over 12 inches.

IM Schedule

Thursday

Softball

3:50 Cherney hall vs. Hunter hall, north field.
Sederstrom hall vs. Alpha hall, south field.
Legal Eagles vs. Philadelphia house, upper field.

Tennis

4:00 Barrister Inn vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, courts 4, 5, 6.

Golf

Campbell club vs. Chi Psi, Oakway.

Ducks, Huskies Tangle in Pair

Washington's highly rated baseball team invades the Willamette valley this weekend for games with Oregon Friday and Saturday. On Monday and Tuesday the Huskies will move over to Corvallis for a pair against Oregon State.

The Oregon games will be played at 3 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday. A Friday postponement would necessitate a twin bill on Saturday.

Washington has a veteran club with improved pitching. Coach Bill Marx' Huskies tied for second in the ND last year with OSC, posting a won-lost mark of 10-6, one game behind Oregon's 11-5.

This year the Seattle club got off to a fast start, copping four wins from Idaho while all other Northern Division clubs were rained out. But the Huskies ran into a roadblock in the form of Buck Bailey's Cougars and dropped a pair, 5-3 and 8-4, on Monday and Tuesday.

Oregon finally got into the pennant chase with a 2-0 vic-

tory over Idaho on Tuesday. Terry Maddox tamed the Vandals with four singles.

Against Oregon, Marx will throw his two top pitchers—Bill Reams and Monte Geiger. Behind them he can call on Don Hill, Ed Lajala, Bob Reimer and Don Peterson.

Oregon Coach Don Kirsch will probably throw Bill Blodgett and Bill Garner. Backing them up are John Lundell, Pete Williams and Maddox.

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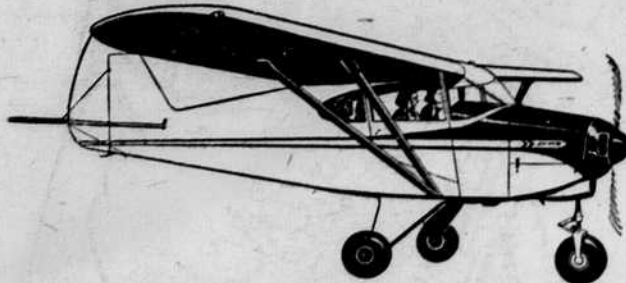
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