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Duck Tracks

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The lure of quick cash has apparently succeeded in pulling U. S. tennis singles champion Tony Trabert off the fence he had been straddling for the past few weeks, and the professional net troupe of promoter Jack Kramer has a fresh gate attraction.

Currently the hottest property in the serve-and-volley circuit, Trabert was the key man for the rejuvenation of the play-for-pay game. Now Kramer is trying his best to convince Australian standouts Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall to come along on the gravy train. This would complete a power-packed tennis lineup which would undoubtedly fill arenas from Wimbledon to Melbourne.

Unfortunately for the players, pro tennis tours usually die a slow death in a short time. Kramer has not had a circuit underway for several years, and many of the world's very best performers, such as Pancho Gonzales and Frank Sedgman, have no place to play, with the exception of the one or two little-publicized pro tourneys.

Amateurs Take Spotlight

For undoubtedly the hotshot attraction in the tennis world is the amateur game, with the Davis Cup matched as the peak of interest. The Davis Cup hopes of the U.S., already at low ebb, now have received a further jolt with Trabert's announcement. Rated as the world's best amateur in 1954-55, Trabert was counted on by the Americans for the challenge round in Australia, December, 1956.

Trabert made a shambles of the international play this summer by capturing the French and Wimbledon titles without losing a set. Despite his loss to Hoad in the Davis Cup match (in less than perfect physical condition), Trabert stormed back to scorch the courts at Forest Hills and wind up as national champion with a straight-set win over the pesky Rosewall.

Vic Seixas, the only other American netman with much Davis Cup experience, will probably not be on the active list by 1956, so the burden will fall on the young, young players, such as Rhodes scholar Ham Richardson, Gil Shea and Bob Perry. On the other hand, the Australian junior tennis program has managed to produce top young stars each season. Roy Emerson, Ashley Cooper and Neale Fraser are all rated as ready to move in if Rosewall and Hoad step into pro ranks.

Tennis Future Black

Kramer attempted a year ago to organize a junior Davis Cup squad, but the try failed to attract enough interest. Of course, Kramer himself fell far out of U.S. Lawn Tennis association when he sounded off about the "amateur" aspects of the game. Tennis among the juniors has become something less than universal.

So now the cash guarantee accepted by Trabert seems to spell a further drought of American Davis Cup victories. This might have favorable results at that, though. Countries long out of major tennis contention (such as England, Mexico, Canada, Argentine, Japan) might have a chance again, particularly if the Australian team is somewhat weakened, too.

Although they will probably accept Kramer's offers, Hoad and Rosewall might do well to continue in amateur circles. They have yet to capture any of the world's major singles titles, as has Trabert, and should have enough incentive to keep after him. With Trabert and Seixas both out of the picture, they should have the field all to themselves.

Tony's Brother Advises

Trabert apparently assumed that the quick financial security involved with joining Kramer would be equal to remaining an amateur and building up good will and future contacts for a business career. Young Tony did have competent legal advice, though, from his brother Mark, a Cincinnati lawyer.

So the curtain has come down on another American tennis amateur. The pro circuit should boom for awhile, but not for long. The recent big names of several years back such as Gonzales, Sedgman, McGregor, Pails, Segura, etc., are out of the limelight. Perhaps an open brand of tennis similar to golf should be inaugurated.

Sooner Center AP Line Pick; Bisceglia Close

• By the Associated Press

Jerry Tubbs, center on Oklahoma's unbeaten football team, was selected Wednesday as The Associated Press Lineman of the Week by a narrow margin over Pat Bisceglia, Notre Dame guard.

Tubbs used his 205 pounds to good advantage in helping the Sooners extend their winning streak to 22 games by whipping Texas 20-0. He almost singlehandedly broke up Texas' aerial game by intercepting three passes. One set up a Sooner score, the others cut short Texas threats.

Terry Brennan, Notre Dame coach, did not hesitate to praise his 190-pound senior Bisceglia, runnerup in the votes cast by sports writers and broadcasters.

"Bisceglia deserves being Lineman of the Week," said Brennan after the Irish had beaten Miami 14-0 Friday night.

Two more linebackers, centers Don Karnoscak of Colorado and Bob Pellegrini of Maryland, were highly praised.

Against Oregon, Karnoscak, a 202-pound senior, recovered four Oregon fumbles and on offense constantly led the interference. Pellegrini broke through repeatedly to spoil the aim of Nick Consoles, Wake Forest's star passer.

Robbie Was Out, Dodger Reveals

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Jackie Robinson really didn't score for the Brooklyn Dodgers when he stole home in the first game of the World Series, Frank Kellert said Wednesday.

Kellert, part time Brooklyn Dodger first baseman who was at bat when Robinson stole home on the disputed play, told sports editor John Cronley of The Daily Oklahoman that Yogi Berra really tagged Robinson before his slide reached the plate.

Umpire Bill Summers called Robinson safe. Kellert said he thought that was an error, but he didn't say anything at the time. Kellert, who was sold to the Chicago Cubs Monday, and who lives here, said he had a close-up view of the play.

Sig's, McClure Amble for Wins

Two runaway upsets and four tight contests highlighted Wednesday's intramural play, with the first fair-weather day of the week being marred by two forfeits. Sigma Chi walloped Delta Upsilon 27-0, McClure hall pasted Young 26-0, Sigma Alpha Mu tripped Lambda Chi Alpha 13-0, Morton topped Sheldon 13-6, Hale Kane bumped Legal Eagles 7-0, and Alpha hall's Alphaholics edged by Philadelphia House 13-17.

Sederstrom took a forfeit victory from French hall, and Chereny provided a free win for Hunter.

Walberg Leads Sig's

Bob Walberg's passing arm led the Sig's to their fourth victory of the season and their second straight double figure shutout. Walberg hit Keith Barker and Bud Hinkson with TD tosses and flipped three extra points as well. Barker and Kent Dorwin each tallied on interceptions of DU passes.

McClure's win was engineered by passer Keith Blue, who threw to Chuck Cota and to Bob Youeland on a sleeper for touchdowns. Denny Timmerman scored the third TD on a 30-yard end run, and Blue packed the ball for 15 and the final score around right end. Line play for McClure was outstanding.

Again sparked by 295-pound

Hal (Tiny) Schneiderman at quarterback, the Sammies ambled with ease over the Lambda Chi squad. Schneiderman tossed to Norm Seidenverg in a play which covered 40 yards for the first SAM TD, then hit Norm Ross, all alone in the end zone, for the final six.

Morton Scores First

Morton tallied early, then clung to a one-point lead until the fourth quarter, when they added a six point clincher as they squeaked past the Sheldon seven. Morton's Steve Anderson passed to Greg McArdy for the first TD, and the extra point was good on another pass. Mel Campf's toss to Bob McKenna was Sheldon's only score, and it stayed 7-6 for two full quarters. Then Morton struck with a 50-yard pass-run play, Anderson to Tom Cudd.

Hale Kane's potent passing attack, usually clicking for plenty of points, was held to one slim TD by fine Legal Eagle defensive work. Bob Nunokawa intercepted an Eagle pass to set up the touchdown. Art Fugeta flipped to Bob Takano for the tally, and Charlie Kusomato snared another Fugeta aerial for the PAT.

Norio Takoyama passed for both TD's as the Alphaholics bounced Philadelphia House. The Phillies were out-first downed by Alpha, 4-1.

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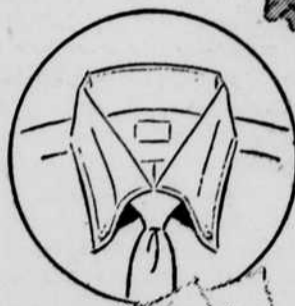
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