

SHIELDS SCORES WIN IN GOTHAM

French Tennis Team, However, Wins From Americans Three to Two

By Foster Hatley
NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—Francis X. Shields, a Big Bill Tilden in physique if not yet in stroke, stood today as an ominous shadow across France's Davis Cup hopes of a year or two hence.

The strapping New York City youngster, runner up to John Hope Dowd, of Newark, N. J., in the national tennis championships at Forest Hills last summer, won both of his singles matches in the international indoor team competition with France, which France won three matches to two, and won them in such decisive fashion as to send American hopes soaring.

His straight set defeat of Jean Borotra, Davis Cup veteran and leader of the French team, on Monday night was the most decisive of the Bounding Basque of Biarritz had ever sustained indoors at the hands of an American. Just to prove it was no flash in the pan, Shields came back last night to defeat Christian Boususs, France's main hope among the younger players, in an even more decisive fashion, giving the French man but seven points in three sets and five of those in the first.

Better at 31 than Tilden
Standing well over six feet tall, broad shouldered, long armed, the American youngster rifles a serve across the net in the manner of Big Bill and covers more court than the bounding Borotra. At 21 he is a better tennis player, experts say, than Tilden was at 24.

The international team match, modeled along Davis Cup lines, was won by France largely because Berkeley Bell was not quite up to the class of Boususs, Borotra and Shields. The fragile appearing French left hander but seven points in three sets and five of those in the first.

Did you know that—
The Chicago Post says high-powered publicity wins all-star awards for athletes. . . and it's a poor player who can't claim the distinction of having made somebody's all-America. . . therefore, no more all-star teams will be printed on the Post sports pages. . . Buzz Arlett, ancient Coast League graduate with the Phils, learned to catch a ball by catching Alameda carrots. . . and therein lies the story of Buzz's warped scholastic. . . while running to catch one of these carrots, he stumbled over a stake and fell against a post. . . "It took two men and a derrick to unwrap my nose from that post," says Buzz. . . Paul Wagner is Hornsby's selection. If he had his choice of the two brothers. . . "He drives in runs," says the Rajah. . . Hornsby admits, however, that Lloyd is the worst pest at the plate and in the outfield of any one person in the majors.

YANKEES TO FACE GIRL
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 26 (AP)—Jack Mitchell is 17 and a professional baseball pitcher. Not so much that? Jack is a girl! Moreover, she is assigned to pitch for the Chattanooga Lookouts in an exhibition game against the New York Yankees next week. Her ambition is to strike out Babe Ruth.

Coast Leaguers Score Victories In Exhibitions

By the Associated Press
The scalps of two National League baseball clubs hung from the beams of Pacific Coast league arenas as the result of exhibition games yesterday. The San Francisco Seals took the Chicago Cubs for a ride 8 to 6 in the opener of a three-game series in San Francisco. At Los Angeles the Los Angeles club downed Pittsburgh 9 to 8 in 12 innings. Detroit of the American league, however, defeated Hollywood of the Pacific Coast league 5 to 1 in a game at San Diego.

Elmer Jacobs, Seal pitcher, held the Cubs to three hits and one run during the five innings he played. His triple to center in the fourth scored two men to aid his own cause.

Batteries were Jacobs, Delaney and Baldwin for the Seals; Delaney and Baldwin, Fenebky for the Seals; Sweetland, Warnke, Herman and Z. Taylor, Hartnett for the Cubs. The series will continue today.

Angels Win in 12th
A twelve-inning tussle between Los Angeles and Pittsburgh was won by the former through two home runs in the final stanza. Harper, first man up, clouted one, and Jacobs, next up, did likewise. The Pirates tied the count 7 all in the ninth and scored once in the twelfth to take a short-lived lead.

Batteries were Moss, Ballou and Hannah for Los Angeles; Branne, Wood, Kennedy and Phillips, Menley, Finney for Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh and Detroit of the American league play at Los Angeles today.

Its second straight victory over Hollywood at San Diego, Charlie Gehring contributed a homer, to which Gerald Walker added two runs in the ninth and scored three-baggers. Batteries were Sorrell, Cantrell and Hayward, Seharg for Detroit; Hollerson, Yde and Evert for Hollywood.

Oakland Downs Ducks
At Fresno Oakland defeated its Pacific Coast league rival, Portland, 19 to 13 in a slugfest. The Oaks pounded out 29 hits. Batteries were Daglio, Crokel and Ricci. Pool for Oakland; Orwall, Bonnelly, Keating and Woodall for Portland. The Mission Reds of the Pacific Coast league and Portland will play at San Jose today. The Reds broke their five weeks' training camp at Stockton yesterday.

EIGHT-CLUB LEAGUE FORMED
PORTLAND, March 26 (AP)—With spring in the air, the sound of balls smacking into padded mitts, and rocketing off big bats, comes the announcement that the Portland-Valley Baseball league has reached full strength, and this year will carry eight clubs.

Genaro, Ferrand Battle To Draw

BARCELONA, Spain, Mar. 26 (AP)—Frankie Genaro, American claimant of the world's flyweight title, boxed a fast fifteen round draw with the Catalonian champion, Victor Ferrand, in the big bull ring last night. Both scaled under the flyweight limit of 112 pounds. Genaro at 109½, Ferrand 110½.

The crowd booed the referee's decision, believing Ferrand had the better of the match because of his consistent attack. Genaro was the aggressor in the early rounds, Ferrand piling up points later. Ferrand centered his attack on Genaro's body. There were no knockdowns.

Grand National To Be Run Over Aintree Course

AINTREE, Eng., March 26 (AP)—Started 92 years ago by a saloon keeper who sought to draw more trade to his territory, the grand national, the classic of all steeplechase races, will be renewed over the grueling four and one-half mile Aintree course tomorrow.

It has been nearly a century since Captain Becher parted company from his horse and swallowed the water of the brook, which has borne his name from that day, but since then, the grand national has grown from an obscure local event to a contest which 300,000 race fans from every stratum of British, American and continental European life will witness tomorrow.

With 44 horses, among them seven highly regarded American-owned thoroughbreds, ready to face the barrier, every race follower in town today has a favorite, although the bookies restricted their choices to a more select field.

The starting field will be below the record of 66, due to the new rule made to cut down the unwieldy field of previous years. Originally 84 were nominated.

Many a "nag" has led the more highly regarded jumpers home, but those who claim to know say this is the favorite's year. But that is what they have been saying for 92 years. An American-bred horse has never won the race and only twice has an American owner been successful. In 1923 Sergeant Murphy scored with Stephen (Laddie) Sanford's silks while A. C. Schwartz's Jack Horner won in 1926.

Few Tracts In Lostine On Tax Sale Listings

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)
LOSTINE (Special)—There are many pieces of land up for sale for delinquent taxes in Wallowa county, but in looking over the list only a very small tract of land is advertised for taxes in or near Lostine.

Mrs. Clara Wilson went to Enterprise last week to spend several days with her friend, Mrs. Charles Boswell. She expects to leave about April 6 for her home in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Childers and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Childers were called to The Dalles last week on account of the death of their brother-in-law, Edwin Miller.

Mrs. Myrtle Reppinger of Enterprise spent Tuesday at the Earl Allen home. She came to make the acquaintance of her new granddaughter, Marion Jean Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leonard, assisted by Mrs. Loren Powers of Wallowa, entertained the Wallowa grange members Friday evening. There were over 30 members present.

A surprise birthday dinner was given Dee McGee at his home in honor of his 26th birthday anniversary. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. William McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Singletary and baby, Mrs. Elizabeth McGee and Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

The Odd Fellows entertained the Rebekahs at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening following the regular lodge meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Magill were business visitors to La Grande last week. Mr. Magill is having the Lostine residence remodelled. Oliver Woods is doing the work.

BITTER RACE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Five Clubs Definitely Figured to Have Chance For 1931 Pennant.
(Note: This is the second of two Associated Press stories reviewing major league baseball prospects, based on training camp observations.)

By Alan Gould
NEW YORK, March 26 (AP)—That dull, booming sound heard this spring all the way from Clearwater, Florida to Catalina Island, California, may have sounded like the coast artillery at practice but it merely is the blasting operations of baseball's heavy duty boys, tuning up for one of the champions difficult to dislodge. They have been practicing for the National league ever has had in prospect.

The task of selecting a probable winner in the forthcoming battle is just as much guesswork as it was in trying to detect the eventual winner last August, before the St. Louis Cardinals braced and rushed to the front.

Five Teams Strong
The first four clubs were separated by only six games at the finish of the 1930 pennant race. These four—St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Brooklyn—all will toss re-inforced lineups into the thick of this year's action. All rank distinctly as potential winners.

The total list of contenders includes at least five teams, with the Pittsburgh Pirates having in good health again, and possibly embraces six, if the much-strengthened Boston Braves are taken into consideration, as they insist they must be.

The Braves, even if they have only an outside prospect of bettering their sixth place finish of 1930, at least plan to harass the opposition mightily. Cincinnati and Philadelphia, un-

less the beneficiaries of a miracle or two, seem destined to wage a private fight to keep out of last place.

The renewal of this family quarrel will keep the chief participants pretty well occupied all season but there isn't a National leaguer anywhere who isn't longing for a chance to see the American league's entry thrown for a loss in the world's series climax.

For four straight years, the National league has waged the bitterest sort of pennant scraps, only to see its flag-bearer take the ring chin, twice from the Yankees and twice from the Athletics.

American League Ahead
All told the American leaguers have won 16 out of the last 19 series engagements. Consequently, the National league partisans do not seem to care who wins the pennant so long as the winner can do something to restore the prestige of the older circuit.

The St. Louis Cardinals, to a man, yearn for another opportunity. They put up a great fight before yielding to the A's last fall. The Cardinals walloped the Mackmen in three out of four exhibition engagements. There is no payoff of this but the Red Birds regard it as a sample of what they can do when fully aroused.

The fighting spirit and the fine organization of the Cardinals under Gabby Street, plus the addition of two sensational young pitchers in Dean and Derringer to an already capable twirling troupe, will make the champions difficult to dislodge. They have speed, punch and brains.

Strong Opposition
No one appreciates better than Street, however, that he faces the strongest kind of opposition. Gabby's belief that the Chicago Cubs will be his keenest rival is shared by a number of close observers. The Cubs, too, have strengthened their pitching staff, already powerful with veterans like Malone, Root and Bush. Their big "if" centers around Manager Rogers Hornsby and his ability to make a come-back that would find his big bat as potent as his aggressive leadership.

Brooklyn, with an array of bludgeoners re-inforced by Lefty O'Doul in the outfield and Fresno Thompson at second base, is formidable in every respect, capable of battering its way to the top by the sheer application of brute force.

John McGraw, shuffling his forces for several years in quest of another winner, may have found the right combination with an impressive newcomer, Johnny Vergee, on third base and Freddy Lindstrom moved to the outfield. The Giants, however, do not seem as well fortified in the box as their three principal rivals.

Pittsburgh, providing it can shake the injury flux this year, has a sensational outfield and sufficient all-around strength to slash its way through to the front.

Boston has added three terrific hitters in Worthington, Schluimerich and Sheely, but like the Philadelphia Reds, must get improved pitching to represent more than a stumbling block to the favorites.

For those who have to dress for the occasion, attending King George's court is indeed a trial.

When you were talking about great shortstops, why not just mention the name of Glenn Wright? Comes the sarcastic query of a Brooklyn observer.

Wright, due to his great comeback last season after a bad arm had put him on the skids, unquestionably belongs with Gelbert of the Cardinals and English of the Cubs in all around ability, not to overlook Travis Jackson of the Giants.

In experience and ability as a field leader, Wright stands around the top He hit for 321 last year and was perhaps the biggest single factor in the great drive of the Robins.

Gelbert and English, however, have come along at a more spectacular clip. They are younger. They cover acres of ground and they are both likely to surpass Wright as a batsman this year.

Quite Foxy
They tell this story about Herb Pennock, the fox breeder of Kennett Square, Pa., who can still hold his own in major league southpaw company.

Behind the visiting bench at the Yankee stadium, it seems a fan overheard the remark: "This Pennock doesn't appear to have a thing but we're not hitting him."
Answered the fan: "What else could you expect? That fellow sends his writers teaching foxes how to be smart."

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Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould
Willie MacFarlane, the tall, frail-looking Scotch professional, hasn't been so much in the golfing spotlight in recent years, since he took the measure of Bobby Jones in a blistering playoff for the U. S. open championship at Worcester in the summer of 1925.

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