

CHANCES OF U. S. APPEAR REMOTE

Big Bill Tilden Does Not Believe Vines "Ripe" For Davis Cup Play

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—America's chances of lifting the Davis cup appear "extremely remote" to Big Bill Tilden, world professional tennis titleholder.

"If they were playing on this side I think we would have a chance," he said. "But I doubt very much we will reach the challenge round against France. I would not be surprised to see England win the cup."

"Understand," he continued, "I'm not attempting to take anything away from Ellsworth Vines. He's a most promising player, undoubtedly one of the best amateurs in the world. But I just can't believe he and the ones they select to play with him will be able to win the Davis cup under the conditions they must face."

Mentions Clay Courts "In the first place, Vines will be handicapped by the clay courts in France. Secondly, he cannot expect to be as effective with the soft ball they use over there. He's the type of player, like myself, who depends upon a powerful drive to pull him out of the tight places. When he lays on one with our ball it usually passes his opponent in a cloud of dust, but he'll find it coming right back at him over there."

Tilden pointed out that Vines still is very young for Davis cup competition. "He's only twenty. As I said, he possesses a great game but it still is a little crude. He has much to learn about court tactics. The tennis fans who expect him to win the Vines and Shields and Wood to go over and win the Davis cup forget something. They remember that Bill Johnston and I brought it back the first time we tried but they forget that Johnston at that time was 29 years old and I was 25. Another thing, we first went over right after the war when Europe's tennis was at a low ebb. Their best players either had been busy fighting or had had little practice. We had it easy. "But now it's different. England has Perry and Austin and France has Cochet and Borotra."

NEW YORK TO PLAY CHICAGO AT PING PONG

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Ping pong, that long derided dining table diversion of tennis, celebrates its comeback this month by going international.

Six man teams, selected only after protracted and painstaking trials, will represent New York and Chicago in a big ping pong powwow here January 10 and 11.

The dining table diversion seen in the meeting an epochal chance to make the general public ping pong conscious. But the sponsors of the match—end they are amateurs—are serious about it. A loving cup will go to the winning team, and lesser cups will be awarded individual winners in singles and doubles.

Going the "outdoor version" of the game one better, the teams will be uniformly attired. Each axet will wear blue trousers, the Chicagoans loppies and blue shirts with insignia of the interfraternity club and the New Yorkers wearing gray shirts with an "N. Y." monogram.

Athletics to Play 18 Training Games In Florida Cities

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Grapefruit league schedule makers are busy these days arranging games between major and minor league teams training in the southern states.

The Philadelphia Athletics, American league champions, have 18 contests to play between March 5 and March 30 at their Fort Myers training camp or in south Florida cities. The Indianapolis Indians of the American association have scheduled six contests from March 10 to 25. They will be here for a month.

Newark Bears of the International league will be at Tarpon Springs or Lakeland for the limbering up exercises. Several others of the big minor league clubs will be scattered over the state.

Other major league teams returning to their old Florida stamping grounds this spring include: St. Louis world's champion Cardinals at Bradenton; Philadelphia Nationals at Winter Haven; Brooklyn Nationals at Clearwater; New York Yankees and Boston Braves at St. Petersburg; Cincinnati Reds at Tampa. The Boston Red Sox will go to Savannah, Ga., instead of Pensacola, Fla.

SUBWAY WAR MEMORIAL

PARIS (AP)—Employees of the Paris subway lines who were killed in the war have just been honored by a monument erected in the huge underground Richelieu-Drouot station.

ONE GERMAN LINE BOOMS

BERLIN (AP)—The ill wind of insolvency has blown activity into auctioneering, and Pruseta has added 500 bidders to its usual staff of 1583. But cash is so scarce that sales bring little return and storage houses are bursting with pianos, cuckoo clocks and bedroom suites.

THIS HOUSE NO CASTLE

AVISAWALLA, Ceylon (AP)—In a court action here the plaintiff charged that the defendant not only had trespassed, accompanied by his elephant, but had used the beast to drag away the complainant's house.

The Marquette university hockey team for the second straight year finished fourth in the annual tournament Ontario for a series of games during the Christmas holidays.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS...



WITMAN COLLEGE WALLA WALLA, WASH., CAN PUT A FIVE SYLLABLE ALL-LETTERMAN BASKETBALL TEAM ON THE FLOOR: FIX AND JONES, FORWARDS; WEST OR MILLS, CENTER; HOVE AND ROBB, GUARDS.

George Von Elm And Turner Win At Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 5 (AP)—George (JIM) Von Elm, Los Angeles money-golfer, who enjoyed such a prosperous year in 1931, is one tournament up on the professional pack.

Teaming with Stanley Turner, an amateur from his home course, the Rancho Country club of Los Angeles, Von Elm yesterday won the second annual Santa Monica amateur tournament and its attendant \$300 first place money.

The team posted a best-ball card of 80, five under par, to lead the final round of 18 holes with a 71 on Sunday. Trailing in second place where ten twosomes, with 67s—good cards in the face of the cross wind which swept the course until late in the afternoon.

Had George, runner up to the national open championship last summer, or his partner, been able to sink their putts consistently on the home stretch, however, their margin of victory would have been at least three strokes longer.

Ten teams tied for second place, which was worth \$75 each to the professionals.

The golf trail leads next to the qualifying round of the Los Angeles \$1500 open, to take place on six courses there Thursday. The open list stands at only 44 this year, leaving room for almost a hundred more. Among those who must qualify is Walter Hagen, veteran campaigner from Detroit.

BASKET DROPPER

BERNE (AP)—The Swiss state railroads, which except for the French lines were the only European roads to maintain wages, have decided to reduce all salaries by 10 per cent.

CHILD DIVORCES IN EGYPT

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's census shows 10 husbands and 37 wives under 10 years of age who have been divorced. The population includes 152 husbands and 687 wives under 10.

RELIGION WINS AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Clergymen of every denomination report that Australians, faced with increasing poverty, are turning back to the church and are finding there sources of spiritual strength with which to bear the slings and arrows of adversity.

NORWAY LABORITES LOSE

OSLO (AP)—The Norwegian labor party lost about 40 of its representatives in recent municipal elections, including control of the Oslo city council. Radicals benefited more than other parties by the losses of labor.

WHEN CALIFORNIA DOWNED GEORGIA TECH

California's Golden Bears snatched a hurting Yellow Jacket out of the air when this action picture was taken during the interseasonal game played with Georgia Tech, at Atlanta. Barron, Tech's right halfback, is shown being tackled after making a seven-yard g.Ua. California smashed the Yellow Jacket's offense and won, 19-6, before a crowd of 12,000.

By Laufer "Happiness Boys Of Baseball" To Be More Serious

(Note—This is another of a series on 1932 major league baseball prospects by Garle Yalbot (Associated Press Sports Writer) NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—You'll scarcely recognize the Brooklyn Dodgers, erstwhile "happiness boys of baseball," when the 1932 season rolls around.

Max Carey is authority for the statement it will be a different looking ball club.

Although the club owners have provided Carey with twelve "new" players, the inkeeper at Clearwater will require few introductions when the squad reaches training camp. Of the 11 men recalled from Hartford, Dodge farm, all but one were with the parent team at one time or another in 1931.

The outstanding prospects among the Hartford contingent are four young pitchers, Phil Gullivan, Van Mungo, John Rider and Earl Mattingly. They fairly burped down the Eastern league last season, between them winning 60 games and losing 18.

Frank O'Doul, Floyd (Babe) Herman and Johnny Frederick are to return to the outfield.

Blossonette Hank Del Blononette, who recently underwent a successful operation on his throwing arm, faces no real competition at first and Walter Gilbert will return to his post at third.

Captain Glenn Wright, whose ankles failed him last season, has announced he'll be in shape again and expects to reclaim his job at shortstop.

Freddie Thompson, ailing much of last season, may lose out to Young Mickey Finn at second.

Though his fast one isn't what it used to be, Dazzy Vance is expected to head the pitching staff.

Al Lopez and Ernest Lombardi will be back to divide the catching.

Lenz, Liggett Gain 3385; Bare Chance Remains

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—Ely Culbertson's side was 16,835 points ahead in the great contract bridge match today, with only 21 rubbers remaining of the 150-rubber series.

Sidney S. Lenz, Culbertson's chief opponent in a test of bidding systems which began Dec. 7, and which will end next Friday night, said he still had a bare chance to win. Neutral experts regarded it as virtually impossible.

Lenz and Commander Winfield Liggett Jr., gained 3385 points in the seventeenth session ending early today. They won six of nine rubbers, making the series stand 71 for Culbertson and 58 for Lenz. The points became 112,590 and 95,215.

Mrs. Culbertson completed her stipulated quota of the match—75 rubbers, Jan. 5 night, but intends to resume her place opposite her husband at the final session Friday night. Tonight Michael Gottlieb will be Culbertson's partner and Howard Schenck Thursday night. There will be no session tomorrow night.

Lenz and Liggett held the tickets at the seventeenth session and their gain was increased by Culbertson's declining. In one rubber there was a double on every one of the six hands. Lenz and Liggett each made one doubled contract and each was set one. Each of the Culbertsons was set when doubled.

In another rubber Lenz, when vulnerable, was doubled at five diamonds and fulfilled his contract. Mrs. Culbertson failed once at a little slam. Lenz once took all the tricks on his system's opening bid of five no trump, which was unopposed. A grand slam needed two fineses, but Culbertson said that under his system, bidding a suit first instead of no trump would have been contracted.

DISTRESS HITS AUROCHS: ZOO SENDS RELIEF FUND FRANKFORT - AM - MAIN (AP)—Relief for the European bison, or auroch, threatened by extinction, has come in a contribution by the New York Zoological society to the International Association for the Preservation of Aurochs. The association embraces 23 countries.

Only Germany, England, Holland and Poland have a few scattered specimens of the animals.

This Game of Golf

By O. B. Keeler Do you remember reading in this column a couple of years ago a story about Arthur Cusaden, celebrated trapshooter, and quite a fair golfer, drawing an interesting analogy between the two games?

Cusaden told of an extraordinarily long run, of something like 200 targets without a miss, which went haywire because he overheard the gallery talking about it, when he himself had forgot how he stood, and was just out there breaking clay targets.

It was a pretty fair analogy. I've seen many a crack golfer explode near the completion of a record, just because he got to thinking about the next shot instead of the one he was playing.

These lines are written just after my return from Signor Arturo's duck camp on the Florida west coast, where I saw him make the most spectacular shot I have ever observed, with any kind of gun, on any kind of game, or target.

Follow Through This was not a golf shot, but the superior—or rather supreme—importance of that fundamental of golf, the follow-through, never was demonstrated more conclusively in that game than in this shot with a trap-gun. So there is a direct connection, with this game of golf.

Mr. Cusaden was installed on a camp stool in a natural blind on a tiny promontory about seven inches above the low water of the vast marsh about him. I was installed similarly at the left. The decoys, wooden and live, had been put out, and we were waiting for the ducks to come in and be shot up.

I suspect we were doing. It was very warm, the last day of the duck season in Florida.

A sudden outcry of treacherous greeting from our decoys aroused us; they say, or apprehended, the visiting duck first. And here he came, a pitiful drake, two yards above the water, straight as a bullet at Arthur, who was rising from his camp stool and swinging up the gun—perhaps two-fifths of a second in getting started.

As Arthur got to his feet the incoming duck swerved to the shooter's right, like a fast-breaking curve, and he passed the stand at 70 miles an hour—more than a hundred feet a second.

What followed was at such a pace that my mental record insists somebody was speeding the film. I saw Arthur swing the gun to his right, like Babe Ruth taking a full cut at a fast one. . . . I said that duck

Award Contracts On Jan. 21 For State Road Work

SALEM, Jan. 5 (AP)—Two grading and surfacing contracts in Lincoln and Malheur counties, and bridge construction in Douglas, Malheur and Multnomah counties will be awarded by the state highway commission at its meeting Jan. 21, in Portland, it was announced by the highway department last night. These are the first contracts to be let in 1932, and the first ones to be advertised since last summer.

The contracts include: Lincoln county—Otis-Siletz River section of the Oregon Coast highway, 11.5 miles of broken stone and gravel surfacing.

Malheur county—Juntura-Peach section of the Central Oregon highway, 6.3 miles of grading.

Douglas county—Reconstruction of the south approach to the overhead crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad on the Pacific highway at Gagestock nine miles south of Cottage Grove.

Malheur county—Bridge over the north fork of the Malheur river on the Central Oregon highway about one mile east of Juntura. Two bridges over the Malheur river on the Central Oregon highway about 2 1/2 miles and 6 1/2 miles respectively east of Juntura.

Multnomah county—Construction of a walkway on the lift span, stairways on the towers and painting the covers of the interlocking bridge over the Columbia river at Vancouver.

OUT OF DEBT, CASH BANKED, ARKANSAS CITY ALL SMILES MENA, Ark. (AP)—The wolf does not linger at the door of Mena, Ark. For the county seat of Polk county is on a cash basis. The treasurer's report shows that all city employees will be paid in full at the end of the year, all outstanding warrants paid and a balance in the bank.

During the past year, without cutting salaries, Mena has purchased needed road equipment, fire hose and other necessities. A \$50,000 street paving program has just been completed and plans are under way for paving another street.

PORTLAND BANKS REPORT PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—The sum of \$140,420.157 was on deposit in the 18 Portland banks on Dec. 31, it was revealed Monday by the joint call of the comptroller of currency at Washington, D. C., and the state banking department. The call figures showed a total of \$46,978,802 in loans and discounts, representing money at work for local development.

The call of Dec. 31, 1930, showed deposits of \$158,311,219, and loans and discounts of \$62,805,896.

Pirates' 16-Year-Old Rookie Frames Loss of Job for Start on Diamond

From a messenger boy's job to a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates within a year is the jump made by Kirby Higbe, 16-year-old hurler of the Columbia, S. C., American Legion junior team.

By Paul Simmons He "framed up" with his "boss" to fire him from his messenger job. Then he organized his own team in a local national guard loop.

In one game he fanned 19 big, strong men who had looked upon him as "just an ambitious kid." In other matches he whiffed out a dozen or so batters.

Then the Legion team manager sent for the sensational "kid" who was "burning 'em up" in the sandlot circuit.

The Columbia team, Kirby doing a large share of the pitching, went to the Legion junior eastern finals at Manchester, N. H. With Higbe on the mound, it turned back Bridgeport, Conn., 5 to 2, to win the eastern title.

In the national finals at Houston, Tex., Columbia met South Chicago in the championship battle. Higbe pitched a brilliant game, but his team was noed out, 1 to 6, in 14 grueling innings.

Gets Nine Contract The youth, whose pitching on the junior team earned him the Pirate contract, was asked what he was going to do in the big leagues. His answer was brief:

"I am going up there and do just like I did down here. I am going to make good."

He will receive \$500 when he reports to the Pirates on Feb. 15 and \$300 a month and expenses the first season. After working out with Pittsburgh, he will be farmed to Wichita, Kan., of the Western Association for seasoning until the Pirates recall him.

RAILROAD SHOPS DAMAGED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—Fire early Sunday all but destroyed the Oregon Electric railroad shops here. Railroad officials said they anticipated the loss will be at least \$100,000.

Fire Investigator Hoover expressed belief that some defect in the wiring of a transformer caused the blaze. Alfred J. Davidson, general manager of the railroad, said the shop was the only one available for repairs to electric train equipment, and that it is possible repairs for a time will be made in the Seattle, Portland & Spokane railroad shops in Vancouver, Wash.

WOMAN BECOMES SHERIFF

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Jan. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Beulah Underwood, widow of W. A. Underwood, who died recently, has been appointed sheriff of Custer county to succeed her husband.

GRAIN DESTROYED

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5 (AP)—Approximately 400,000 bushels of Argentine grain, held for export in the elevators of the Louis Dreyfus company, were destroyed by fire early Monday.

Greater Savings THAN ANY JANUARY SALE! Two Fine Stores on the Bargain Block FOR FINAL CLOSE-OUT CONNER'S Department Store PUTMAN'S Ready-to-Wear Store

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) Before he departed for a well-earned vacation, far from the reverberations of the Hot Stove league in the Bahamas, Sam Breadon talked at some length about the famous "chain-store" system of the St. Louis Cardinals; a system linking major and minor league ownership that has revolutionized many features of the baseball business.

It is, Mr. Breadon avers, to be a bigger and better system in 1932, whether the rest of the magnates like it or not.

Under the direction of General Manager Branch Rickey, the headquarters has been moved from Danville, Ill., to Springfield, Mo. The new location, farther south, will increase the chances of better weather for the spring assembly of talent.

It will also be closer to the system's big minor league, rally in St. Louis, Houston, where the Columbia, Rochester and Houston clubs will train for 1932.

The Cardinals are building a \$10,000 clubhouse at Springfield. It will be equipped to take care of nearly 300 young and ambitious ball players, picked up from the schools, the sandlots and semi-pro ranks all over the country.

So popular and well known has become the Cardinal chain-store establishment that Breadon's office had a grand total of 1500 applications this year from boys anxious to get a trial. The lucky 300 pay their own expenses to camp, where they are equipped and boarded by the Cardinals so long as they are on trial.

Los Angeles, Breadon's chief scout, Charles Barrett, told him, is the happy hunting ground for aspiring ball players. Barrett, spreading the gospel, talked to a group meeting attended by the district's best players in the Los Angeles district. The youngsters get a real chance to develop in Southern California, where baseball can be played the year around.

"We believe the Associated Press has the best method of picking its All-American and that this association's choice is as near official as any can hope to be," writes Clarence Stewart in the Colorado Springs Gazette.

"Its board of judges . . . sees every player in action at least once and in most cases oftener. The first team is picked on the basis of the vote cast. . . ."

"Fans chide the All-American, differ with them, pick teams of their own—and they'll do it again next year. It's one of the joys of football for the sideline experts."

Clark Shows 'Em "Dutch" Clark, All-American quarterback at Colorado college three years ago, finally has convinced skeptical easterners of his all-around ability by the way he performed with the Portsmouth Spartans of the National Professional Football league this winter.

Clark is one of the few All-Americans to live up to his reputation in the very, very rugged company of the professionals. Reputations do not crack the pro lines.

Look over the list of college stars who have kept in the lineup or the headlines of the professional game. Outside of players like Friedman, Nevers, Nagurski, Strong, Thorpe and Grange, they have been few and far between.

It was at least two years before the great Grange was able to hold his own among the pros. There was no "softening up" in order to let the redhead steal the show. The pro game is too tough.

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