

COAST IS AFTER TENNIS THRONE

California Turning Out Majority of Cracks.

WANT THE NEXT ALL COMERS

Grass Courts Being Grown Near Frisco to Stage Great Newport Classic. Doubtful if Any Change Will Be Made For Several Years, However, Has Done Much For Tennis.

To say that a tennis player is from California is in these days regarded as equivalent to stating that he is a world beater. It's a regular thing for the "kids" to come off the park courts on the Pacific coast, visit the east and trim up several of the title winning veterans.

Maurice E. McLoughlin and Thomas C. Bundy accomplished that memorable feat on their first visit. That was in 1909, when the famous "Mac" was only nineteen years old. William M. Johnston accomplished the trick last year, and he was only seventeen. Now the eastern courts are all excited over R. Lindley Murray, another of the McLoughlin type.

Of course mentioning these names is only hitting some of the highest spots and even at that overlooking one



Photo by American Press Association. MAURICE McLOUGHLIN.

of the topmost peaks, for no thought of California tennis would be complete without Miss May Sutton, who is now Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy. The redoubtable May not only cleaned up on all of the American championships worth thinking about, but she accomplished what no other American has ever been successful in doing, and that was to cause the Britons bitter anguish by winning one of their pet titles.

Having picked off nearly all of the plums, the ambitious men from California are looking around for more important fields to conquer. They appear to have found something to their liking in the thought of a great national championship tournament. This idea has been slowly smoldering for some time in the brains of those who direct the destinies of tennis on the Pacific coast.

It looks as if it was to be another case of Mohammed going to the mountain. In this instance the immovable will be the Californians, who for several years have put all the sparkle and snap into the tournaments in the east. It was the fiery Californians who saved the national tournament at Newport from becoming a dreary affair. It was also the all powerful McLoughlin who stemmed the tide of defeat and won the Davis cup for this country at the time when the Britons were within a stroke of victory.

What the Californians are after is the "national all comers" if they can get it. They are cultivating grass courts right now near San Francisco with that hope in mind.

NO KICK ON UMPIRES.

Players and Managers' Stand Seems to Be Unjustified.

The players and managers are complaining that the umpires are worse than usual this year, but it appears the players are making extra efforts to show up the arbiters.

Charley Doolin's Phillies have a lately and cleverly developed trick by which they kept umpires in hot water with opposing pitchers. When they realize that a third strike is getting by they make a half swipe at it, suddenly drawing back the bat and thus giving the umpire the impression that it must have been a wide ball or the wallup would have been completed. Time and again after being fairly struck out they got away with this trick, thus starting wild howling by the pitchers and the populace. A good thing, however, can be overdone. After several of these tricks Mr. Byron, who umpired behind the plate in the Philly series in Cincinnati, grew savagely sore at the foxes and proceeded to call a strike on the next pitch if he could find the slightest pretext to do so.

WHEN BOB UNGLAUB PULLED "INSIDE BALL"

Unexpected Happened All Right, but He Was the Surprised Party.

"Doing the unexpected is what wins ball games," say the champions of inside baseball, and immediately they set about to prove that the big teams in the history of the game have been those organizations that knew the value of dazzling the other fellows, throwing them into consternation by doing what was least expected of them.

There have been some loyal exponents of the unexpected. One of them was Bob Unglaub. Bob read somewhere that the Tigers were constantly doing the unexpected things and getting away with them because their opponents played in certain grooves.

"Now the way to beat Detroit is to do the unexpected against them, because they think no one but themselves has got nerve enough to pull it off," said Bob.

Washington was playing in Detroit, and that very afternoon Unglaub set about to show how Detroit could be beaten. Along came the ninth inning, Detroit leading by a single run and Washington at bat. The Nationals had two men retired and bases packed when Unglaub came to bat. Killian was pitching. It was a close situation, and Unglaub smiled as he faced "Stoneyard Ed."

Killian shot the ball toward the plate. Unglaub did the unexpected. Did he hit it out? Not much. He bunted, not toward first or third, but exactly toward the box. Killian stepped forward, picked up the ball and tossed it to the catcher for the third out.

WHY STEVE SWITCHED.

The Sight of Tenney's Workout Made Evans an Outfielder.

The success of Dave Robertson, who reported to McGraw as a pitcher and was turned into an outfielder, recalls the experience of Steve Evans, as told by himself.

"New York bought me as a first baseman," says Steve. "I reported to the team and was coming up the field carrying my big mitt when I saw a fellow practicing at first. It was Fred Tenney. He was scooping them out of the dirt back handed, upside down and backward and working so rapidly it made me dizzy to watch him. I sneaked across the field, threw my mitt under the grand stand and swiped a fielder's glove off the bench. Pretty soon McGraw said, 'Here, you first baseman, get out there and show me something.' 'Who-me?' I said. 'I'm an outfielder.'"

CREE GIVES YANKS A BOOST.

Midget Outfielder's Big Bat Starts Chancemen on Upward Climb.

Birdie Cree's great homecoming seems to have inspired the whole Yankee team, and they have been playing the best ball of the year. It was thought that Cree's batting and fielding streak was just a flash in the pan and would soon peter out, but, contrary to expectations, the diminutive outfielder is



Photo by American Press Association. BIRDIE CREE.

still "whacking 'em to where they ain't," and his teammates seem to have caught the idea from him.

Another Oriole who is going well in the comeback role is Bert Daniels, who was a Yankee with Cree. He was purchased by the Reds and has added a great deal of strength to their outfield.

COLLEGE CRICKETERS ABROAD

Thirteen Members of Team to Invade English Soil.

Haverford college will make an American invasion of English sports in cricket. Haverford is famous for its cricket teams and has sent playing combinations to the home of cricket four times in the last eighteen years and has made a fair showing against English school and club players, despite the fact that the American collegian is far more at home on the baseball diamond than the cricket crease. The initial invasion was made in 1896 and was repeated in 1900, 1904 and 1910. As in past years the squad will consist of thirteen members, and seventeen games will be played.

RECORD OF ASSISTS FROM THE OUTFIELD.

One Rasty Wright of Cincinnati Set the Mark Years Ago.

Fred Clarke's record of four assists from the outfield—two at the plate—made in the game with the Phillies several years ago, is unquestionably an unusual performance, but it is not a record. Nearly twenty years ago a right fielder on the Cincinnati team, "Rasty" Wright by name, beat that by at least two, if not three, and the beauty of it was that every assist he made cut off a base hit. The Reds were playing the Phillies at Broad and Huntington streets, and there was a tremendous crowd in attendance, necessitating the stretching of the ropes to accommodate the overflow in the outfield. They did not carry the ropes so near the right field wall in those days, the crowd as a rule surging away in front of the old bicycle track.

This Wright seemed to be a pretty wise gazabo and had a rattling good whip. Instead of playing in the turf, where the right fielder usually played, he measured his distance so that he could back and get any ball that did not actually go into the crowd. This brought him practically equidistant between the ropes and the base lines. As a result all flies that went to his territory were either outs or two base hits, but whenever a grounder went out his way there was nothing to it. He was really playing right field—short-stop, and he pulled either six or seven men at first on what would have been base hits under normal conditions.

NO FLUKE HERE.

Ed Walsh Made an Honest to Goodness Comeback.

Ed Walsh had numerous things to rejoice about when he beat the Yankees recently and showed that he really had come back. In addition to winning his first full game of the year he held a batter hitless that he has always feared above all others.

When Walsh was at the height of his pitching fame a baseball writer in Chicago went to him and inquired how he pitched to various batters. Big Ed had at the tip of his tongue methods to circumvent Spenser, Cobb and Crawford, but when the reporter mentioned Birdie Cree Walsh had nothing to say.

"I don't know what to give that fellow," Walsh confessed. "He hits most everything I've got."

Cree came up in the eighth inning in Walsh's comeback game with a chance to drive home a run, but Walsh fanned him. And now the pitcher will have to look for another hoodoo batsman.

NEW SWIMMING CHAMP.

Meehan Distances Richards and Durborrow in Marathon Race.

A new long distance swimming star was uncovered recently in the Marathon race held in New York harbor. He is George R. Meehan of Boston, who covered the twenty-two miles in seven hours and eighteen minutes.

Three other men finished, but were outclassed by Meehan. They were Sam Richards and Walter Dunn of Boston and Charles Durborrow of Philadelphia. They finished in the order named.

Meehan took the lead about ten miles out, and from that place onward main-



Photo by American Press Association. GEORGE R. MEEHAN.

tained the lead and gradually widened the distance between himself and the others until he was practically by himself. He used an overhand stroke.

Meehan is twenty-three years old and weighs 195 pounds stripped. He has been considered one of the best swimmers about Boston for several years. In 1912 he started in the swim to the Boston light, but was forced to retire while in the lead because of trouble with his eyes.

Return Ritchie-Welsh Fight.

While Ritchie, the lightweight champion of the world, and Fred Welsh, the British lightweight title holder, have signed articles for another twenty-round contest, to be fought in London between Nov. 1 and Nov. 11 this year.



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"AMERICAN PIONEER," A FRONTIER EQUESTRIAN STATUE AT THE EXPOSITION.

THE "American Pioneer" is an equestrian statue which is to stand at the entrance to the Court of Palms at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. The sculptor is Solon H. Borglum, whose studies of western figures and wild animals of the Rockies have attracted attention throughout the world.



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SUPERB STATUARY FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

THE illustration above shows some of the colossal works of sculpture to be set in the vast courts of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. At the left are figures of a Tibetan Lama and an Arab Sheikh which will be in the group "Nations of the East," over the Arch of the Rising Sun in the Court of the Sun and Stars; next is "Sunshine," and at the right is "Rain." A. Jaegers, Furio Piccirilli and A. Stirling Calder are the sculptors.



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COLOSSAL STATUARY FOR PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

INTERIOR of one of three studios at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to open in San Francisco next year, showing the partially completed figures, some of them thirty feet in height, which will adorn the vast courts.

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