

TENNIS PLAYERS OF STATE RANKED

Racquet Names Ten Best Players of Last Season.

TIMELY HINTS FOR ALL

Friendly Criticism of Style of Leading Exponents of Game in Portland—Suggestions of Interest to Players.

BY RAQUET All through the land there has been nothing but condemnation for the ranking committee. No matter what the circumstances the committee had been general, and if the reports were but half true those who have consented to serve on a ranking committee have, in each case, been relegated to a position on a par with the yellow dog.

Under such circumstances Raquet once more takes up the task of ranking the Oregon players, and despite the awful risk the list is made public. For years past this same Raquet has taken the chastisement accompanying this odorous job, and all well-meaning men, but it seems now as if the time had come when a halt should be called and a cold-blooded statement made of just where we stand.

Our present tennis facility has been in control for ten years. Raquet has for years past tried in some small and ineffective way to make a few suggestions to the various players, all of which were made with the one idea of helping toward the improvement of the standard of play. Raquet isn't exactly a "yellow dog" but there seems to be almost no result.

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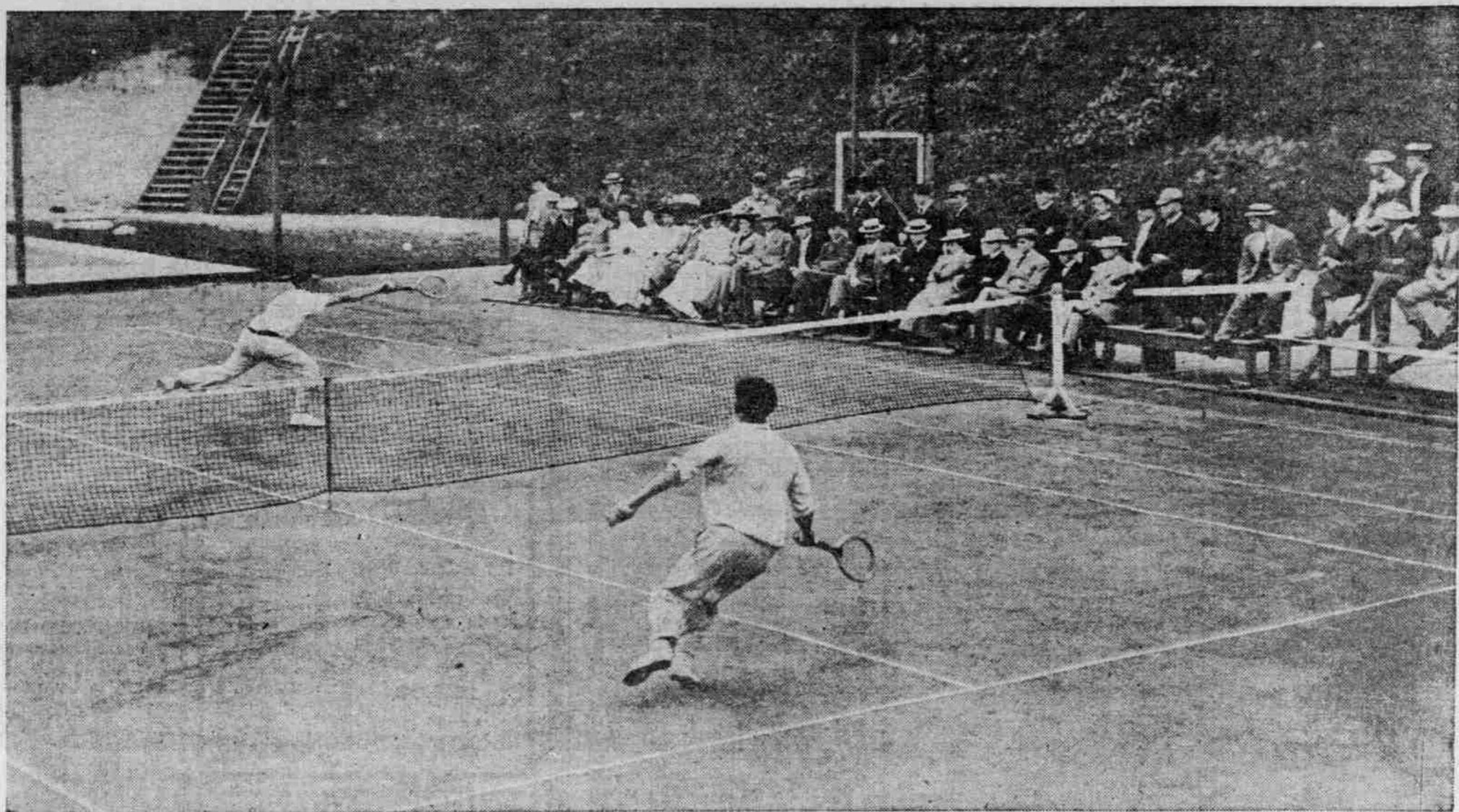
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strength of the game in these parts. The committee having the matter in hand is Arthur Remington, Harry Pooley and Walter A. Goss. The Guide contains nearly all the scores of all championship matches played for the last 20 years in the Pacific Northwest, as well as a list of all the champions, together with many pictures of prominent players and prominent club-houses.

Now Mr. McAlpin, we are sorry to leave you out of the ranking, for you deserve the best that we can give. Our

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Boats engaged in mackerel fishing off Milford, England, have landed as many as 30,000 fish, and 100 fish have been sold for 25 cents.



RICHARD WILDER ON TENNIS COURT.

TWO RING BATTLES

McFarland and Welsh to Meet on Fourth.

ALSO GANS AND NELSON

Fans Ready to Give Long Odds on Negro Against Dane, but Winner in Other Bout Not So Easily Picked.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Next Saturday is the "Glorious Fourth." While up here in the Oregon metropolis there will be little in the way of athletic contests outside of a Tri-City League baseball game, our neighbors of California have arranged two world championship fistic encounters, numerous professional baseball games, horse races and other forms of amateur and professional sports.

San Francisco and Los Angeles are rivaling each other in the matter of presenting fistic encounters for the benefit of those who enjoy contests of this kind. And, by the way, there is no small army of admirers of this sport in California.

Let us not become jealous of San Francisco in her present opportunity, however, for the fight fans of the Bay City are likely to become the recipients of another lemon presentation. However, it does not matter what kind of a scrap, fake or otherwise, Joe Gans and Battling Nelson shall engage in before a California or Nevada crowd, the result remains the same, for thousands of people will advance the required price and flock to the arena to witness the black and the white gladiators engage in the task of mauling each other's features.

Joe Gans is unquestionably the most wonderful fighter of the age. He has been before the public a longer time than any of the first-raters of today and everyone acknowledges his supremacy in his division. Owing to his failure to put Nelson out in 42 rounds at Goldfield about two years ago, a few admirers of the Hoop which had revived sufficient confidence in him to believe that he can actually defeat the negro. Perhaps he can, but the Missouri spirit will so much predominate that the Baltimore black is likely to be the result.

Vancouver. Position. St. John. King. O'Brien. Ruppel. Hill. Oliver. Smith. Fleming. Park. Brown. McConnell. Moore. Charis. Brigs. Clay. Hatch. Parker.

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ly to step in the ring a ten-to-three or four favorite in the betting. Ten-to-four is a long price quotation against the scrappier of the fighter's caliber, but even at that there are likely to be few takers. Nelson has become disliked because of his association with unpopular managers and fistic promoters, and while he may not be wholly to blame himself, his associates have succeeded in having him discredited to a marked degree.

Down Los Angeles way there is a big burly, good-natured chap, the idol of istiana today, who has arranged the best of the two Fourth of July attractions scheduled for the roped arena. This big fellow is none other than James J. Jeffries, the only acknowledged champion of the world of the present day. He has arranged to present Paeky McFarland, the champion of the world in light-weight championship, and Freddie Welsh, premier among the little scrappers of England. Welsh's prowess is not very well known in America, but he is believed to be a highly capable boxer, and one who is expected to make a lively battle with the fifty Chicago lad.

McFarland has demonstrated his ability in no small manner and the fight fans of the United States are quite ready to take him seriously at all times. Some even figure him as a match for Gans, and it may be that he possesses such caliber. As he is but a youngster, it would be far wiser to permit him to clean up some of the secondary lights before matching him against the past master of the art in his division.

PIONEERS MEET APOSTLES. Game Scheduled for St. John With Winning Pitcher in Box.

The Vancouver "Pioneers" are scheduled to meet the St. John "Apostles" at St. John this afternoon, and one of the best games of the Tri-City League season should be in order. The St. John club is playing splendid ball, and the "Pioneers" are also noted for their fine work of late, which would indicate that a close and exciting contest is likely to be the result.

Among the "Apostles" who have shown up in good form lately are "Big Leaguer" Oliver, Parker, Keeler, Ruple and Hoover, while the Vancouver contingent comprises its regular speedy line-up, Arthur Pender, the Vancouver outpunch, will be back in the game today, and he has the habit of usually winning whenever he mounts the slab. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Tri-City League clubs because St. John does not support its club like the other towns in circuit, and it is possible that some of the games scheduled there will be pulled off elsewhere later in the season. The line-up this afternoon will be as follows:

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Bowen, Woodburn's crack "scout" pitcher, who has made such a wonderful showing, will do the twirling. This is Bowen's first year in company with the Woodburn team, and he has a most remarkable record, having pitched seven games since the season began, and only in one instance has any team secured more than five hits off him, and he has won every one of his games. His team mates have confidence in him and are playing good fielding games behind him.

FIGHT DAYS AT END

Seattle Makes Futile Attempt to Resurrect Sport.

JOHNNY REID KILLS GAME

Cullen-Scaler Flasco Puts Finishing Touch to Effort to Revive Fistic Contests—Fans Disgusted at Treatment Accorded Them.

SEATTLE, June 27.—(Special.)—The Cullen-Scaler flasco on Monday night probably marks the end of attempts to resurrect the fight game in Seattle or its vicinity. The unfortunate Gans-Holly affair of two years ago and more killed the game until Johnny Reid pulled off the bout between Abe Attell and Eddie Kelly at Sound Beach, just across the Snohomish County line, a few weeks ago. That battle was far from being an overwhelming success. The boys fought, all right, and the fight was worth seeing, although the result, of course, was a foregone conclusion. But the crowd, a big crowd, too, was compelled to ride 15 miles in a stuffy train, scramble for a quarter of a mile over a badly-planked road, and after a fight to get through the improvised gate that reminded one of nothing so much as the traditional bargain-counter rush, had to double up on rough plank benches, which were built within a foot of the ground, so that one's legs were cramped till they had knots in them. To add to the discomfort, fully one-third of the spectators saw little of the fight by reason of the fact that the ring was directly between them and the sun. But there were plenty of fight fans in Seattle and not less than 500 attended.

Reid had apparently caught the ministers and the law and order forces napping the first night, but when the Cullen-Scaler affair was scheduled they were up and doing. The consequence was that the fighters and the small crowd were driven away from Sound Beach. The boat which carried the crowd scoured the shore for possible fight fans and then stood out into the stream and the fight took place on a barge, but when the Cullen-Scaler affair was scheduled they were up and doing. The consequence was that the fighters and the small crowd were driven away from Sound Beach.

The result was indecisive and the inevitable result of a crowd's population. There is all kinds of suspicion of Reid and Sammy McClinton, his friend, who was also the ex-manager of Cullen. It is reported that Reid was being out of Scaler and some of the fight fans think that the whole affair was jobbed. At any rate, it was miserably managed. The best Reid might have done, it is argued, was to have ascertained Cullen's determination not to fight before the boat had made the trip to Langley and allowed the boat to return early in the evening, instead of keeping half a hundred men up the entire night. The enthusiasts who paid \$5 each for tickets and returned at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning with heavy eyes and a pardonable wonder whether or not they would ever get their money back were sore, and had Reid, instead of being away, returned to Seattle with the crowd there might have been some trouble.

There is no question that there is a large percentage of Seattle's population that would like to see the fight game revived. But the possibility of anything of this kind is extremely remote. There was a time when Seattle was free and easy and the city and county officials attended pugilistic encounters en masse. But the wide open days are past and even if the officials were willing, it is a long time before the city and county officials would attend pugilistic encounters en masse.

Forbes will reach Eugene about September 20, when he and Assistant Coach Crumpler will begin active work with the gridiron candidates.

BEAN TRACK TEAM MANAGER Oregon Athletic Council Is Pleased With This Year's Success.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., June 27.—(Special.)—Ormond E. Bean, '08, has been re-elected as track manager for the season of 1909 and Morgan Watson '09, has been selected as baseball manager. Fred Whiteley, '10, has been chosen as assistant football manager by the athletic council. Bean managed this year's championship track team and Watson served during the season as assistant baseball manager. Whiteley is a Portland boy and a graduate of the Portland Academy.

Want Games for July 4. The crack Wabash independent team of Portland is desirous of arranging games for our city on July 4 and 5. This clever team is capable of putting up a splendid article of ball and has demonstrated its ability on numerous occasions this season. C. Pembroke, of 216 Fremont street, is the manager of the team, and all communications sent to him will receive prompt attention.

Ball Team May Visit Japan. SPOKANE, Wash., June 27.—"Shorty" Hammon, member of the baseball team of the University of Washington, states that it is practically assured that the university team will go to Japan in August on invitation of Waseda University of Tokio to play about ten games with the college teams of that country.

SEQUOIA FOREST STUDY Will Sparks is the artist whose study of a Sequoia forest appears as the frontpiece in the July Sunset. Aside from its merit as a painting, its reproduction in royal colors is a triumph of the printers' art.

Eye glasses \$1.00, at Metzger's.

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