

TENNIS PLAYERS ARE GIVEN RANK

"Valley" Places Brandt H. Wickersham in First Place.

OTHER PLAYERS VIEWED

Season Is Glanced at in Retrospect and Strong and Weak Points of Gorrell, Wakeman, Andrews and Others Pointed Out.

BY VALLEY.

Another month and we'll pack up our tennis bags and give what remaining balls we have left to the neighbor's small boy. The season is over with, and all has been said and done except to appoint a ranking committee, and in proper time and in proper manner make the usual proper kick and proper condemnation of a proper ranking.

By all means, let's avoid last year's difficulty, and place men on this committee who can duly qualify.

First—They should not be ranking players themselves.

Second—They should have a knowledge of the game and the principles of ranking.

Third—They should be appointed jointly by President W. A. Hoyt and President William F. Woodward.

Fourth—A committee of three is enough—five would be better.

There can be no possibility of dispute over the ranking of the first four men, but the last six present a problem indeed.

Let me therefore tell you how it looks to one who has decorated your gallery for many years past, and possibly the scores of the last season will bear out my placing of the players.

Brandt H. Wickersham has undoubted title to first place. It is hard to tell how much he has improved during the last year. In one match only he has showed real championship material. This was his defeat of Joe Tyler in the International in Spokane. Joe was going badly. He made double faults by the bushel, and allowed his first serve line constantly, and was forever making the fancy half volleys which bear his own private brand and which spell defeat in a hard match.

There was a great deal of speed or sting in the game. He could have been beaten by a dozen men in the Northwest. On the other hand Wickersham was right on the job. He had and off his back played a safe, sure, winning game, and never has been shown better tennis.

In the same tournament for the Eastern Washington championship, Wickersham gained even a more decisive victory later in the week and clearly demonstrated that he was a better man. On two occasions we have had shown that he will always prevent him from being a real champion. When he met Bernie Schwengers he was lost. In each case Wickersham was pitted against a general. In the case of Schwengers he was matched against a powerful athlete having all the cunning of a true champion and the skill of a great shot with absolute precision and steadiness. Schwengers is indeed a champion, and not only acts the general but possesses the skill of a great shot with absolute precision and steadiness. Schwengers is indeed a champion, and not only acts the general but possesses the skill of a great shot with absolute precision and steadiness.

When Wickersham played Emerson it was clearly a case of head work. In many departments of the game Wickersham outranks Emerson but the match clearly showed Wickersham's superiority.

Emerson is not in any sense a brilliant player. His service is not good, his overhead work is exceedingly poor and his speed is not what it should be. With several other Northwest players, his generalship, however, was superior. Wickersham ran about the court at a second clip, and it is very good idea of how he was or what he was trying to do. Emerson could tell you almost a game ahead what he was going to do with the ball and where he was going to send it. The way the ball went over the course was one of the prettiest exhibitions of generalship ever seen on a tennis court.

As a hard hitter, Wickersham is par-excellence; but as a general he is lost. On his volleys he would do well to keep the head of his racket higher than many men who are giving him a chance to impart a slight cut to the ball. A cut ball is much easier controlled and its point of direction can be executed with much greater accuracy.

Wickersham would also do well to try and conceal his game since his shots and his general maneuvering are an open book to a crafty opponent.

Far be it that I should detract Wickersham's good game, for he has brought it up tremendously and it is very good to see him do it. It is very good to see him do it. It is very good to see him do it.

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the reach he possesses at the net and his form is good. He is careless on the courts and frequently toots and puts up a game far below what is possible for him to play. He needs continual practice and lots of good, hard tennis. His game is up and down, and he possesses sufficient skill and tennis knowledge to play in the first class.

Physically he has not proven himself strong player, and he is to compete with our best men he will need to conserve his strength and be able to take more punishment.

Black—In Black we find room for much speculation. He is a tremendous worker and has bulldog fight of the first order. His ability to hit hard, cover court, fight like a tiger and then keep on playing over again, is admirable. Such players are more often too erratic and lack the consistency found in a champion. Whether this is due to his date and he possesses judgment is excellent and he will very shortly add the stealth and cunning to his maneuvers which a champion must have.

Two years of hard play will smooth out the rough spots and direct this most excellent championship prospect in the right direction.

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MEN WHO FOUGHT FIFTEEN ROUNDS TO A DRAW MONDAY NIGHT.



NELSON IS SHOWN TO LEFT AND BEHIND HIM IS ANNOUNCER JORDAN. ANTONIO LA GRAVE IS AT THE RIGHT.

WHY NOT WANTED

Oregon Believes Corvallis Athlete Ineligible.

FOUR-YEAR RULE GOVERNS

Eugene Athletic Authorities Would Know if ex-Willamette Player Will Be Allowed to Be in Coming Football Game.

Washington Wins at Soccer.

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Meier & Frank Sell Tickets.

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BY W. J. PETRAIN.

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