

PORTLAND FIRST TO PLAY AT NIGHT

More Than 30 Years Ago City
Tennis Players Enjoyed
Games by Gaslight.

EARLY HISTORY INTERESTS

F. H. V. Andrews Writes Entertain-
ingly of Days of Yore When First
Lawn Tennis Court Was Laid
Out in Cedar Hill Addition.

BY F. H. V. ANDREWS.
Probably one of the most interesting
histories which ever will be written in
Portland is the growth of tennis,
which has grown to be one of the most
progressive, outside of the National
game of baseball.

In 1880, 33 years ago, the first lawn
tennis court in this city was laid out
at the home of H. D. Green, which is
now known as Cedar Hill addition. The
court was beautifully situated. It was
a turf court, and this spot, where ten-
nis was first played here, has never
been equaled in its beautiful surround-
ings.

The two Misses Green, now Mrs. C. J.
Reed and Mrs. Edward Burr, were good
players. Among others who played
were Miss Nellie Brooks, Mrs. George
Good, Mrs. Linticum, Miss Virginia
Wilson, Miss Louise Eaton, Mr. and
Mrs. Ernest Palmer, Mrs. C. B. Hurley,
Charles E. Ladd, Hamilton F. Corbett,
Alfred Holman, Dockery Davidson,
Fred M. Gilmore, Ray and Hal Green.
Mr. Green had this court illuminated
with gas, and it is pretty certain that
this was the first court in this coun-
try on which tennis was ever played
at night.

In 1882 J. L. Wickersham brought a
tennis set with him from the East, and
in the evening it was put up on the
front platform of the Southern Pacific
Company cars. This was where
Brandt Wickersham, then about 3
years old, learned the rudiments of the
game.

Flanders Court Constructed.
Captain George H. Flanders built the
beautiful home on the block bounded
by Nineteenth, Twentieth, Flanders and
Giles streets in 1883, and a tennis
court was put in at that time.

The first club was organized in 1886
and was known as the Multnomah Ten-
nis Club. Judge M. P. Deady owned the
100x200 feet situated on the south side
of Twentieth street, and gave the club
the use of this ground. There were three
double courts and one single, besides a
small dressing-room with shower. This
club was in existence until about 1892.
J. Couch Flanders, N. E. Ayer and E.
J. Adams were the moving spirits, and
the club consisted of a large member-
ship. Among those were Ernest Pal-
mer, Wilder Pease, George Flagg, Towny
Valentine, David C. Lewis, Will Ott,
Dr. Clarence Gilman, J. Edgar Smith,
Paul Deady, Dr. A. D. Bevan, Victor
Lewis, F. H. V. Andrews, Dr. Eaton,
Mrs. E. H. Adams, Mrs. E. F. Tucker,
Miss Sally Lewis, the Misses Adams,
Mrs. C. B. Hurley, Mrs. W. B. Ayer,
Mrs. William Washburne, Mrs. Robert
Washburn, Mrs. John Effinger, Mrs.
W. B. King, Mrs. L. Allen Lewis, Miss
Katherine Beck, Miss Louise Eaton,
Miss Daisy Eaton and many whose
names are forgotten.

Tournaments were held frequently,
and one summer team matches were
played with the officers of the Four-
teenth Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at
Vancouver, in which the Multnomah
Tennis Club won out.
Colonel J. H. Cabell, Colonel C. H.
Martin, Colonel Hasbrouck and E. R.
Reynolds were among those on the
team. On the day following one of
two matches was played, and a large
quantity of beer and ginger ale
had mysteriously disappeared. Couch
Flanders and F. H. V. Andrews made
inquiries and found that the young-
sters in the neighborhood—namely
Jordan Zan, Ben Litt and Brandt
Wickersham had been taken ill dur-
ing the night after a talk with the
culprits and their parents were re-
ported that afterwards they were in-
terviewed in their respective wood-
sheds.

"Jordy" Rival "Skeeticks."
The Zans lived next door to the
courts and any ball (and there were
absolutely lost to the owner, but he
bought again at a small price from
"Jordy").

In 1891 a tournament was held on
the Multnomah grounds to pick
some players to send over to the first
annual tournament held by the Tacoma
Lawn Tennis Club. Among those who
entered this tournament were J. H. Smith,
Hunt Lewis, D. B. Mackie, Marshall
Hodgman, J. E. Litter Small, Rittenhouse,
Townsend, Vic Lewis, Andrews, G.
Furter, Beck, Belding. The
committee in charge of this tourna-
ment was composed of: Andrews,
chairman; Marshall Hodgman, secre-
tary; John Barrett, H. P. Flint and
V. C. Lewis.

Hunt Lewis and J. H. Smith won the
doubles and Smith undoubtedly would
have won the singles, but they were
obliged to leave for Lawrenceville
School and the idea of being repre-
sented at Tacoma was abandoned for
that year.

The Neighborhood Tennis Club was
organized in 1887 and George B. Mar-
kie was the president. They had the
use of two courts, one at the Burr
residence, located in Madison street,
between Tenth and Eleventh, and the
other on the W. S. Ladd grounds, lo-
cated on the southwest corner of Sixth
and Columbia streets.

Among the members were Mr. and
Mrs. J. Wesley Ladd, Mrs. James Ladd,
law, Mrs. I. W. Pratt, Mrs. Frizzell,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cheney, Misses
Tisdale, Miss Frank, Mrs. Talbot, Whit-
ney L. Bolse, George Stout, Phineas
Montgomery, Lansing Stout and R. S.
Howard.

As several lay claim to have been
the club champion, it is impossible to
decide, but old recollections seem to
point to Lansing Stout as one of the
best.

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic
Club had two courts on their present
grounds in 1888, and many of the pre-
sent players then were beginners. J. H.
Smith and F. H. V. Andrews having
beaten all the Portland cracks in that
year, the club decided to send them
over to the third annual tournament
of the Tacoma L. T. Club, and this was
the first tennis team to represent that
club in any out-of-town tournament.
Smith was beaten in the semi-finals by
J. C. Anderson, of Tacoma, who won
the tournament and also defeated
Captain Foulkes in the challenge
round. Smith and Andrews were de-
feated in the doubles by Anderson and
Bull, winners of the tournament, and
Andrews was beaten by Foulkes.

Near-Riot is Caused.
Thales Linticum and Hunt Lewis
went along as "Boosters" and nearly
caused a riot on the court by giving
the Multnomah yell after Smith had
defeated Hurd of Seattle. It it had
happened in the olden days it would

have resulted in a duel to the death
between Hurd and Lewis.

The first wood courts were built
about 1892 on the corner of Broadway
and Wheeler streets, under the super-
vision of W. K. Scott. He had a crew
from one of the merchant ships lying
in the harbor work on the courts and
they were laid like a ship's deck. The
two best players, Baker and Hodgson,
were beaten in 1893 in a match to de-
cide the city championships by Joseph
Smith and F. H. V. Andrews in both
singles and doubles.

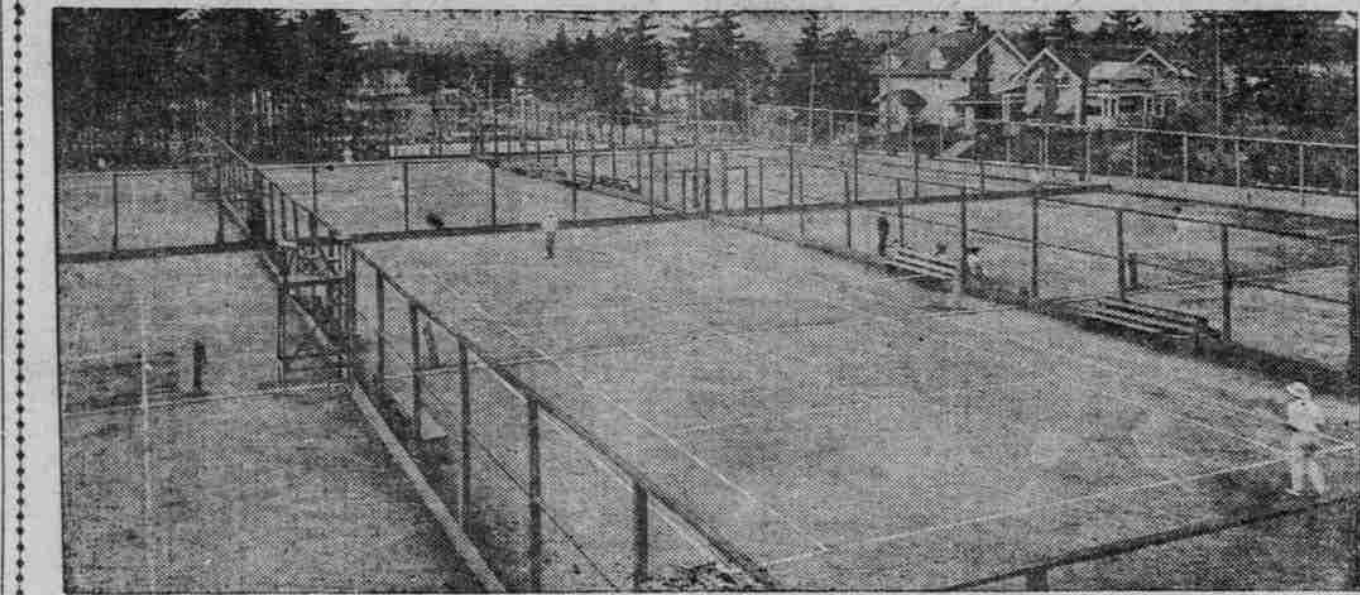
There were many private courts
scattered through the city. Dr. Gilman
had a court at his home on Nineteenth
and Twentieth, Irving and Johnson
streets. In the early 90s there were
several courts built at Fourth and Col-
lege streets and used by a club, "The
Hill" had two courts on Sixteenth
street near Jefferson street. Dr. Joseph
had a wooden court at East Thirteenth
and East Morrison streets. E. T. C.
Stevens had a beautiful court at Moun-
tain View in 1892, '93 and '94. An in-
vitation to pass the day there meant
all that English hospitality could give.
Dr. Nunn, Harry Nunn, Robeson,
Davidson, William Fenton, V. Andrews,
E. T. C. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens, Miss
Russell, the Misses Myrick, Miss Trav-
itt, Mrs. Nunn, Mrs. E. L. Holden and
the Misses Wilson were among those
who often enjoyed it.

"WOMAN" PREFERABLE HERE

London Prefers "Lady," but United
States Says Differently.

A problem in nomenclature is pre-
sented whenever one is compelled to

IRVINGTON TENNIS COURTS, SCENE OF THE OREGON STATE TOURNAMENT OF 1913.



LATEST VIEW TAKEN FROM TOP OF CLUBHOUSE.

decide between "woman" and "lady" in
writing or speaking of the fair sex in
connection with lawn tennis. Tourna-
ment announcements, schedules, etc.,
employ sometimes one term, sometimes
the other, and it is probable that the
division is about even in this country.
Abroad, however, "lady" has a decided
preference.

There are excellent precedents for the
use of "woman" as far as the United
States is concerned. In the Laws of
Lawn Tennis, published annually by
the U. S. N. L. T. A., "women" is used,
and the Philadelphia Cricket Club,
which always holds the women's cham-
pionships, so terms them; and surely if
there was anything inviolable about the
term it would not be employed by either
of these organizations.

PROFESSIONALS MAY ORGANIZE

Association Similar to Body in Eu-
rope Is Proposed.

Plans are being laid to form an as-
sociation of professionals of tennis in
this country, somewhat similar to the
one which exists in Europe. W. A.
Lamprecht, who was president of the
European organization, is the prime
mover in the present undertaking, and
his knowledge of the benefits to be ob-
tained by membership in such an as-
sociation is to be of inestimable benefit.
The main purpose of the new orga-
nization is to join in one body all the
professionals of standing and ability,
and thus be in a position to recommend
capable men to clubs desiring to en-
gage professionals. It is also planned
to arrange to hold tournaments among
the professionals, in order to provide
an opportunity to demonstrate their
ability as players and the soundness
and excellence of their strokes; just
as the golf professionals do with their
association.

Gardner Popular on Islands.

Down in Manila they still talk of the
triumphant invasion of Carlton R.
Gardner, who won the championship of
the Orient in February of last year. It
is said that his visit did more to pro-
mote good tennis in the Philippines
than any other happening in the history
of the islands.

VETERAN TENNIS EXPERT AND FORMER DOUBLES CHAMPION WHO ARE OUT FOR HONORS AGAIN THIS YEAR.



B. H. Wickersham

F. H. V. Andrews

being followed by Tacoma, Seattle, Ev-
erett and then the Canadian events.
Reciprocity Act Welcomed.
The reciprocity act shown by the
Northern city players in coming to the
Oregon play this year should be en-

STATE TOURNAMENT PROMISES SUCCESS

Out-of-Town Entries Will En-
liven Interest in Play
at Irvington.

MANY WOMEN ARE ENTERED

Seattle, Tacoma, Hood River and
Eugene Among Cities to Send
Representatives to Clay Court
Tennis Event This Week.

BY RALPH H. MITCHELL.

With the closing of entries last night
the Oregon state tennis tournament
management predicted one of the best
tournaments in the history of the sport

couraged by the tournament manage-
ment and every courtesy possible shown
them, for in that way only will the
Oregon state tournament be able to
bring out a harmonious feeling among
competitors, which, it is always hoped,
Washington and Idaho will send.

As this is the first time the Irvington
Club has been able to act as host to the
Oregon state, that is in its own
right, it behooves all the members to
rally to the support of the chairman
and his committee, that all may labor
together to make the event one of the
most deservedly successful of state
tournaments.

DOUBT SHOWS DISAPPROVAL

Australian Tennis Player Has Ser-
ious Time With Subways.

Stanley N. Doubt, the Australian
"skipper," does not view the New York
subway system with entire approba-
tion. Not that the system itself is to
blame, but there are times when one
does not split hairs in appraising
the blame for an annoying situation,
says American Lawn Tennis.

The first day Doubt was in New
York he wanted to go to the West Side
Tennis Club. Now, the "Upper
Grounds," as they are termed, are pre-
tently far uptown—pretty close to 15 miles
from Wall street—and the best part of
an hour is required to make the trip.
Doubt was conveyed to the subway
with instructions to take an express
train and sit tight until Two Hundred
and Thirty-Eighth street (the last sta-
tion but one) was reached. Unfortu-
nately the fact that the underground

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