

JOHNSTON TOPS W. S. NET PLAYERS

Tennis Officials Place Bay City Boy Over Field.

YEAR'S PLAY HIGH-CLASS

Higher Standard of Contests Puts Good Ones Rung Lower—Women Display Improved Form.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—William M. Johnston of San Francisco heads the list of ranking players as determined by the ranking committee of the United States National Law Tennis association announced tonight.

In their order the other members of the "first 10" are William T. Tilden II, Philadelphia; Richard K. Kummage of New York, R. Lindley Murray of Niagara Falls, Wallace F. Johnson of Philadelphia, Richard N. Williams II, of Boston; Roland Roberts of San Francisco; Charles S. Garland of Pittsburgh; Walter T. Hayes of Chicago; Watson M. Washburn of New York.

To reach his decision this year, the ranking committee considered it had to consider the records of more than 5000 players, which indicates the remarkable revision of the tournament competition throughout the country.

Year's Play High Class. Furthermore, the class of play was so much higher than prevailed last year that players who actually had a better record in 1919 than a year ago, may be farther down the list.

This higher standard of play is due in part, according to the committee, to the return of men who were in the service and in part to the development of many promising youngsters in all parts of the country. It was announced that only the results of sanctioned tournaments are considered and the committee was instructed to rank solely on performance and not upon its opinion of players' ability.

With reference to the Australian players the committee found that the matches played by Gerald L. Patterson and Norman E. Brookes indicated a class of play which was not shown in the "first ten." Frederick B. Alexander of New York also stood well up, but in view of the short records they were not ranked. Similarly R. V. Thomas and Randolph Lycett would have found places farther down the list.

Annas Top Doubles. In doubles, however, their record was conclusive and therefore, Brookes and Patterson top the list of ranking teams. The margin between the next best team, Johnston and Griffin, was sufficient to leave no doubt in the committee's mind. Alessandro and Voshell occupy third place, the other teams in the "first 10" being: C. C. Bundy, McLaughlin, Los Angeles; Robert Kinsey-Howard Kinsey, San Francisco; R. N. Williams, W. M. Whitburn, New York; Vincent Richards, W. Gliden, Philadelphia; Alex Grayson-Robert Kinsey, San Francisco; I. Kummage-P. C. Wright, New York; and Beckman-W. M. Hall, New York.

Women's Game Improves. The general excellence of play in the men's events was paralleled in those for women and there was no hard to rank some individuals. The present champion, Mrs. George W. Wightman, defeated Mrs. George W. Wightman in the year having been partially retrieved later. The others who comprise the "first 10" are:

Miss Marion Zinderstein, Boston; Miss Helen Eber, San Francisco; Mrs. Edward Raymond, Hartford, Conn.; Miss Helen Gilleadeau, Mamaroneck; Miss Marie Wagner, New York; Miss Helen Gilleadeau, Mamaroneck; Miss Marie Wagner, New York; Miss Helen Gilleadeau, Mamaroneck; Miss Marie Wagner, New York.

The committee recommended that sanction for the next year be refused about 13 clubs, which failed to file reports of their scheduled events.

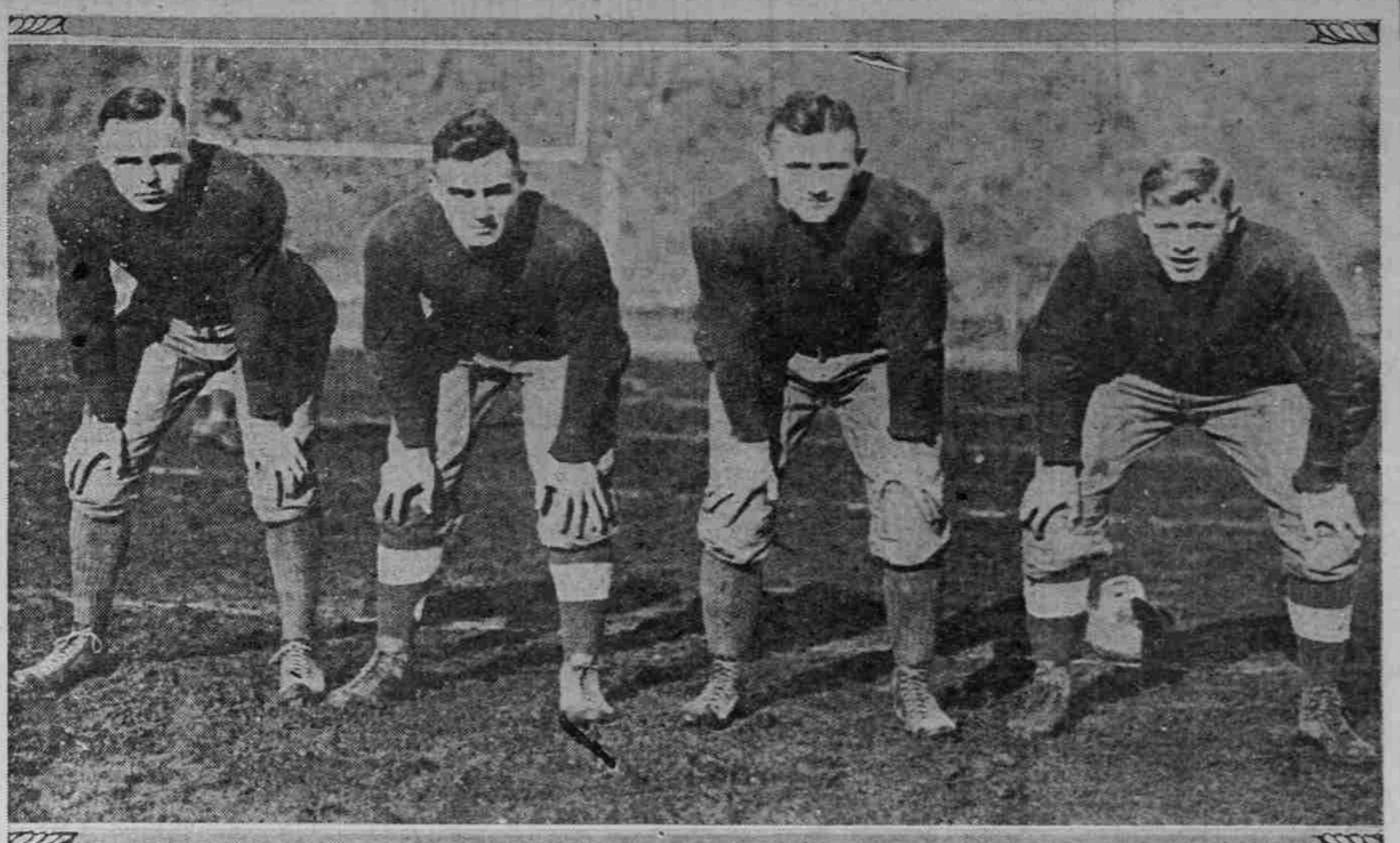
In omitting a division into classes the committee was moved by the closeness of competition this year to declare such division is more or less arbitrary.

WANTED, RACING COMMISSION Track Owners in Maryland Plan to Make Fight in Legislature.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20.—The race track owners in Maryland have planned to make a fight in the legislature for a law creating a state racing commission with the appointment of a daily racing board to operate for the benefit of the state treasury.

What the foes of the track want is the repeal of the various special acts of the legislature, under which the four one-mile tracks in Maryland operate. This would put them all on a level of business—that is, the elimination of the open betting would cut off the big profits.

THE WEST IS DEPENDING UPON THESE HUSKY OREGON BACKS TO TRIUMPH OVER HARVARD JANUARY 1 AT PASADENA.



LEFT TO RIGHT—CAPTAIN EVERETT BRANDENBURG, RIGHT HALF; HOLLIS HUNTINGTON, FULLBACK; VINCENT JACOBBERGER, LEFT HALF; BILL STEERS, QUARTERBACK.

CURLEY ANGRERS MAT FANS

CADDOCK'S FRIENDS HOOT AT STECHER-POLE MATCH.

Sergeant Still World Champion, Contentment of Nebraska Men Who Back ex-Soldier.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Nebraska followers of wrestling are up in arms over the announcement of Jack Curley in New York that the Stecher-Zawacko match was for the world's championship and that Stecher is entitled to the heavyweight wrestling title.

There can be but one champion, Earl Caddock won that honor when he defeated Joe Stecher in Omaha and no man has even come close to taking the title from him. He is champion now and will be for several years unless more formidable men enter the ring than the present contenders.

The statement that Earl retired is absolutely false. It is true that he has not entered the ring for two years, but that was in no sense a retirement. He simply took a vacation from the ring.

Caddock has recently returned from a several months' rest trip on his ranch in Wyoming, where he built up his condition, which was run down during his illness in France. He returned in the best of condition and is now busy training on his farm near Anita, Iowa.

New Pirate Manager in Canada. Here is a line of what George (Mooney) Gibson does in the winter in Canada: He has been elected president of the London Thistle Curling club. The organization dates back to 1867 and is one of the most prominent curling clubs in Canada.

DOUBLES SHOOTING PROVES HIT WITH SHOTGUN ARTISTS

Breaking of Pairs Offers Great Sport for Trap Enthusiasts—Clubs Are Urged to Stage More of Such Exciting Contests.

BY PETER P. CARNEY. THE shooting that pleased the audience most on the recent tour through nine eastern and southern states, was that at double targets.

By "doubles targets" we mean two targets thrown from the trap simultaneously, one to the right and the other to the left of the trapper. This would greatly interest the shooters and make the national doubles championship a much bigger and better event than it is now.

Here is the way the members of the Winchester team shot at the 10 pairs in various cities:

Table with 5 columns: City, Topper, Spew, Hav, Bill, Ber. Rows include Harrisburg, Cleveland, etc.

Wilson Would Be Umpire. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Wilson, who was an umpire in the international league last season, wants to be an umpire in the National League and a petition signed by players and others of the international circuit has been presented in his behalf to President John Heydler.

Detroit to Train at Macon. The statement comes out of Detroit that the "Tigers" will do their training at Macon, Ga., again next spring and again play a series of spring exhibition games with the Boston Braves.

GUN CLUB HOLDS MEETING

DIRECTORS WANT STATE EVENT SET DOWN IN MAY.

Portland Organization Plans Expansion to Obtain Recognition in Averages of National Body.

At the annual meeting of the Portland Gun club last week it was voted to apply to the American Trapping association for the dates of May 22, 23 and 24, for the 1920 Oregon state championship blue rock tournament.

The annual meeting of the Portland Gun club was one of the most enthusiastic ever held and resulted in the election of Herbert B. Newland, president; Arthur C. Downs, vice-president; James C. Morris and Frank Templeton, directors, and E. H. Keller, secretary. A more popular selection of officers for the coming year could not have been made and from now on the club pigeons devote to the parent body, the American Trapping association, whose headquarters are in New York.

1920 Target Year Wanted. The directors figure that if possible they would like to arrange for at least 1300 registered targets to be thrown, at the Everding park traps in 1920. This will give the local traps a chance to shatter other targets along with what they might have in the way of registered targets.

Trophy Rules Announced. The directors' cup will be shot for in a series of ten merchandise shoots, which will be held at frequent intervals during the year. All except the final shoot will be regular 50 target events.

Curve Ball Expert Dies. Another "originator of the curve ball" has just died. He was Joseph McElroy Mann, who is alleged to have developed a curve while pitching for Princeton university 55 years ago. His home was in Bloomfield, N. J., and he was connected with the publishing concern of Scribner & Sons in New York city.

HIGH BASKET FIVES START JANUARY 12

Tentative Schedule Calls for Season of 36 Games.

TRAINING TIME IS SHORT

Play in Scholastic League Promises to Be High-Class With Many Veterans Holding Over.

BY GEORGE W. COWNE.

A tentative basketball schedule calling for 36 games has been drawn up by the coaches of the high school quintets and will be submitted to the directors of the interscholastic league for their approval when they meet the first week in January. According to the tentative schedule Hill and James John will open the season January 12, while Benson and Columbia will ring down the curtain on basketball activities March 2.

Only two days remain before the Christmas holidays on Tuesday. They will open again January 5, and if the tentative schedule of one coaches is based upon favorably by the board of directors it will leave only one week of practice for the hoopers before the season commences.

Close Play Promised. Basketball fills in on the interscholastic calendars during the winter months that intervene between the football season and those of the spring sports of track and baseball. But basketball is no longer considered merely as "filling in." For several years now the court game has taken its place alongside of the other scholastic sports as a major branch of high school athletics. Keener interest is being taken in basketball this year than ever before.

Franklin will feel the loss of Harry Thomas star guard of last year, who has decided not to play this season, but his place will be well filled. Halter and Jones, both last-year hoopers, will have to step lively if they place on the team for Kelly and Watkins are both good men and promise to furnish a few surprises. There are no experienced centers available from last year's team, but a strong competition is being fought between the hoopers who have ever performed in interscholastic circles.

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Schedule Is Drawn. The tentative schedule as drawn up by the coaches for the approval of the board of directors follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, Game. Rows include January 12—Hill versus James John, January 13—Benson versus Franklin, etc.



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GOLFERS, LISTEN TO THIS

CANADIAN OFFICIALS HAVE DOUBTS ON BAG CONTENTS.

Smugglers, It Seems, Cast Suspicion on Exemplary Linksmen Who Never Touch a Drop.

Golfers returning to this country from Canada are objects of great suspicion these days to the United States customs officers. A trio of links enthusiasts, with their bags of clubs on their arms, arrived the other day, and were stopped by an official who said he was obliged to tilt all golf bags.

Orders are orders," replied one of the men, good-naturedly, after his club shaft ends were like so many clubs had been dumped out and left for him to replace, "but why, might I ask?"

The inspector then informed them that an order from headquarters was to the effect that a careful search of all bags must be made for contraband liquor. It was a sweeping order, which left him nothing to do but make a complete search. It appeared from the explanation that the customs office got onto the fact that whisky was being smuggled in from Canada—where it cost a matter of \$4 to \$5—to be sold on this side for from \$15 to \$20 a quart, at the rate of a half-dozen imperial quarts to the gallon, before the customs men caught on to the scheme.

Advertisement for 2 complimentary dances at New Broadway Hall, Broadway and Main, Dec 22d and 23d.

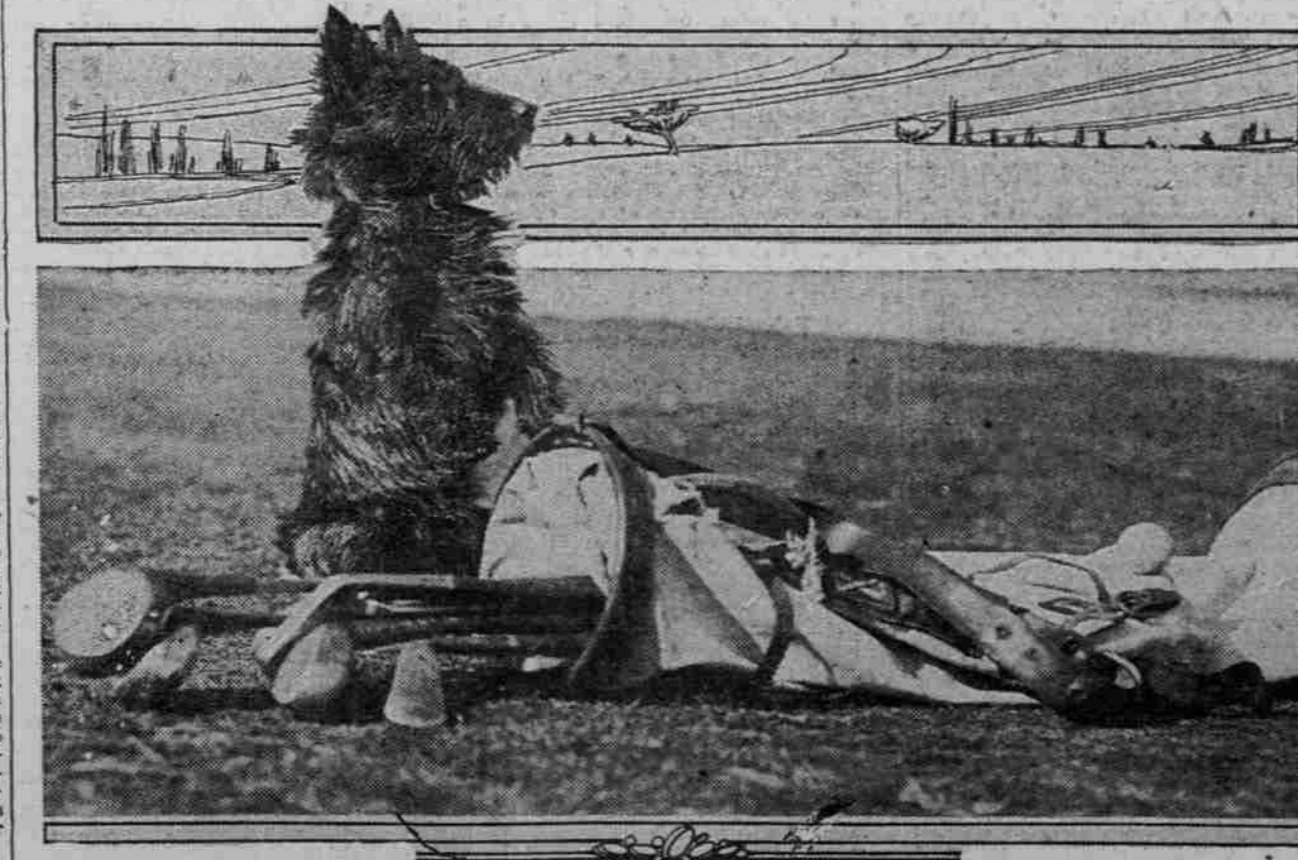
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"TAMMIE," SCOTCH TERRIER, IS PRIZE BALL FINDER ON GOLF COURSE AT DEL MONTE

George B. Carpenter of Medford, Oregon, is Envy of All Who Frequent Links, Because His Faithful Caddy Never Loses Sight of Pellet.



DEL MONTE, Cal., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—George B. Carpenter of Medford, Or., is the most envied of the golfers who play over the Del Monte links. It is not so much that Carpenter hits a fairly good ball from the tee, uses his approaching irons with precision and has a delicate touch with the putter, as it is that he seldom if ever loses a golf ball.

real hound. He's a little black Scotch terrier, and those who have seen him in action declare him to be a wonder. When Carpenter grabs a "pinch" of food and goes on the tee, this little terrier, that answers to the name of "Tammie," rears up on his hind legs and takes notice. No matter if the title pill is poked out 100 yards or 250 yards, "Tammie" has his eye on the ball.

There was a time when all those who shot at double targets used a double barrel gun, but that time has passed. Nowadays practically all those who shoot at doubles use the pump gun and quite a number of the experts can pump a gun faster than the old timers could pull the trigger of the double-barrel gun.

The best thing the American Trapping shooting association could do would be to put a doubles event of at least 10 pairs on at each state championship. This would greatly interest the shooters and make the national doubles championship a much bigger and better event than it is now.

ahead of his master and stand by the ball. Carpenter and "Tammie" have been at Del Monte for a year now and visitors have marvelled at the little black pet. He is a smart, well-trained dog, who does not bark or violate any of the time-honored rules of the royal and ancient pastime. Douglas Grant, former California champion, was always a staunch admirer of "Tammie." The dog has the keenest vision of anything I have ever seen," he used to say. "Tammie" takes rank as the master caddy for he is always on the job, with his eye on the ball.