

Net Ranks Creak with Ancients

By WILL GRIMSLEY

New York, Aug. 11 (AP)—From the looks of things you'd expect Uncle Sam to be worried about his tennis-playing nephews. Our international white pants brigade is beginning to show frays around the edges.

The country's best amateur, Ted Schroeder, indicates he'll quit chasing the pellet after this year to tend his west coast refrigeration business.

Gardnar Mulloy is 34. Frank Parker is 33. Billy Talbert is 30. These principal defenders of the Davis cup are "old men" as lob and drop-shots specialists go.

The national champion, 21-year-old Richard (Pancho) Gonzalez, has been something short of a ball-of-fire since he surprised by wading through the field a year ago at Forest Hills.

But don't worry about the Davis cup getting away anytime soon, comforts Alrich Man, non-playing captain of the U. S. team.

"We would miss Schroeder, naturally, or any of the other old reliables," Man said, "but our tennis future is far from bleak.

"Gonzales has everything but temperament. He is inclined to relax at the wrong moments. When he outgrows this he should be one of the greatest players this country has ever had.

"We have a lot of other fine looking youngsters. There's Art Larsen of San Francisco. He's put up strong fights recently against Gonzales and Mulloy, looks like a real comer.

We're also counting heavily on Vic Seixas and Herb Flam, who are in our first ten, to come through. In the still younger crop we have Gil Bogley, the junior champion from Chevy Chase, Md., and Tony Trabert of Cincinnati.

"These are future cup material, so you see our assembly line hasn't been idle."

While reporting the U. S. won't lack for talent, Man did not underestimate the opposition. "Australia and South

Africa are going to be particularly tough the next few years," he predicted.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Ed Danforth, Atlanta Journal: "Clark Griffith, 79-year-old owner of the Washington Senators, says his farm system will have the Senators in the pennant race by 1951. Sounds like these recurring threats from the republicans to turn the rascals out."

LAST GASP

Cleveland pilot Lou Boudreau is booming Casey Stengel of the Yankees for "manager of the year". . . Jaroslav Drobny, the Czech without a country, has written tennis friends he will arrive here Aug. 20. . . Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International league, explains the success of Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby and other Negro stars in baseball this way: They recognize the challenge and are trying a bit harder than the rest.

. . . Gambling on baseball has reached such proportions that now the diamond addict demands more than the names and numbers of his players. He wants past performances, probable odds, selections, etc., just like the follower of the horses. . . There have even been stars at daily baseball dope sheets in Metropolitan areas.

Bean Pickers Needed
Unionvale—More than 1000 bean pickers are employed at the U. S. Alderman farm in the Unionvale district where 220 acres of pole beans are at peak of harvest and more pickers are urgently requested.

Grand Coulee Canyon is 52 miles long, 600 feet deep and from two to six miles wide.

Child Tells Mommie Not to Speak German

Portland, Aug. 11 (AP)—An eight-year-old met her German born mother here yesterday after two years separation with "Mommie, don't speak German!"

Mrs. Russel Sturgis, married to an Oregon serviceman while he was stationed in Germany, came to the U. S. hurriedly when the army had a plane seat for her—before she could get her daughter out of the Russian zone.

The youngster has been learning to speak English in a New York school the past winter and then flew here to be reunited

with the mother and step-father.

Point Hope Light, the farthest north lighthouse in Alaska, is maintained for ships during summer months and for sled travelers in the winter.



That Girl Again Shirley May France, 16-year-old Somerset, Mass., girl whose father obligingly took a press agent along to help her train for a crack at swimming the English channel, is shown here checking the weather from a hotel window. After the photo, she went for a dip. Shown with her is her trainer, Harry Bouakian. (Acme Telephoto)

Ball Billed for Top Armory Show Set for Aug. 24

Davey Ball, a battling middleweight who fights out of the Portland stables, has been signed for the top bout of an August fight card scheduled for Salem on Aug. 24.

In his last battle in the local armory, Ball kayoed Dean Abney in seven rounds.

In making the announcement listing Ball for the card, Tex Salkeld, Portland promoter, said that Ball would meet "the best opponent that can be secured." The remainder of the fight card is also expected to be announced at a future date.

Semi-Pro Tourney Forced to Extra Game by Reliance

Portland, Aug. 11 (AP)—Reliance System of Portland snuffed out a ninth-inning rally last night to edge Banks, 6 to 4, and force the Oregon semi-pro baseball title series into an extra game.

The two teams will meet tonight to determine the champion and the berth in the regional tournament in Bremerton, Wash., this week-end.

Although the U. S. Amateur golf championship was begun in 1895, the first American-born winner came in 1899 when Herbert M. Harriman won.

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