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NEW YORK, Jan. 7. -P.)-Advancement of France to the position of the second ranking teanis nation was the bright tennis association would not feature of the 1925 season. The continued domination of the United States in individual play Austrialia. and team competition was not a feature because it has become a custom.

the challenge round for the



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Davis Cup against spirited con etition from the two young French stars, Rene Lacoste and Jean Borotra, and the Americans probably will continue to win as long as Bill Tilden and Bill Johnston are on their game and willing to play, The French team got into the

challenge round by defeating the strong Australian team, for several years the second ranking Davis Cup team. The Australians were so disappointed that they announced they might not be

back for several years. They were also peeved because the accept an invitation to send a team of American players to Big Bill Tilden lived up to h reputation as the world's greatest player by winning the na-The United States again won tional championship again. The

tournament could have been recognized as being for the world's championship as practically every ranking player in the 1926 University of Arkansas the world was entered.

The tennis association, however, had consistently refused to consider any tournament as being for the world's cham-

In the men's class, the comeback of Billy Johnston, the popular little' Californian, was one of the most pleasing features of the year.

Johnston had a bad season in

single player on the Davis Cup team to young Vinnie Richards and his friends grieved to think that he was through.

team and he did. He said he pionship.

He played himself out in his teammate as the champion. the cup matches and was not Borotra, one of the few rankin condition for the week of ing tennis stars, who seems to hard tennis in the nationals, be forced to hard work outside

place back on the Davis Cup very good showing.

considered the honor of a place bledon was pronounced as the on the defending team as being two finalists again were the greater than a national cham- French youngsters, Lacoste and

> indoor championship and several times during the Wimbledon tournament he had to make a



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eleven, is not superstitious of the number "13." Fact is, he calls it his lucky number, for he's played foot-ball all his school life and has never pionship, but Tilden is univer- throughout his varsity career, too, sally accepted as the world's he says. Boozman's a junior, did the unique in grid circles last fall hampion. by playing every line position from center to end, and is president of

been forced out of the game through injuries. He's going to cling to it.

his class. of the greatest tennis of his career during the tournament

and it was only the wizard ten-1924. He lost his place as a nis of Tilden that beat him. . Preparing for the future when Tilden and Johnston will have to be replaced, the tennis association sent John Hennessy The little Californian set out and Ray Casey, two youngsters, early in the season with the an- to the British championships at nounced purpose of getting his Wimbledon, and they made a

The French influence at Wim-Borotra and Lacoste displayed

captain-elect of

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but, at that, he played some the court, was not in the best form as he had had very little

time to train or practice. He Reserve Dist. No. 12 dashed over to this country during the winter and won the

