

Why Not Open Tennis Former Star Queries

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New York — Why don't they have an open tennis tournament? One hears this question on all sides of the court from Forest Hills to Wimbledon.

I was thinking about this recently as I sat in a box at Forest Hills watching the Tournament of Champions, put on by Jack Kramer as a promoter.

We saw in this tournament such players as Pancho Gonzales, Poncho Segura, Ken Rosewall, Frank Sedgman, Danny Pails, Jack Kramer, and Lew Hoad—the new bonus baby of professional tennis.

We witnessed an astounding sight, Hoad, acknowledged the No. 1 amateur champion of the world, was able to win but two single matches against these professionals during the 10 days of the tournament.

Won Amateur Crown
This happened only six days after Lew won the so-called world's amateur championship

at Wimbledon, where he had beaten Ashley Cooper in the final round in straight sets.

Hoad's performance at Forest Hills, and subsequently in the professional tournament held last week at the Los Angeles Tennis Club, where he failed to win a singles match, indicates clearly how low the standard of play has become in amateur tennis around the world.

There is only one answer to the whole subject, in my opinion, and that is an open tennis tournament.

During the past 40 years, it has been my good fortune to be connected intimately with both golf and tennis in this country. There is no good reason in my mind why tennis could not be put on the same basis as golf in the United States.

Golf, I might add, is the best run sport in this country.

In the golf game, we have the amateur and the professional playing side by side the year 'round and doing it by their own choice. This in itself eliminates all sham amateurism now connected with the game of tennis.

Group Suspends Star
I read with amusement the other day a headline in the papers stating:

"The United States Lawn Tennis Association suspends Stewart indefinitely."

It seems Hugh Stewart, of Pasadena, Calif., the United States' 11th ranking player, has been over in Europe doing nothing but playing in tennis tournaments. This, of course, violates the rules of the tennis association so Harold LeBair, chairman of the international committee, suspends him. I quote Mr. LeBair.

"Stewart has been violating our policies for the past two years or so but most of the time he has made excuses so we let him off. This time he has gone too far in regard to our instructions."

What a farce and what a laugh this whole situation is to anyone connected with the game.

Seattle Takes Legion Tourney In Ellensburg

Ellensburg — Seattle's American Legion junior baseball team swept through the state tournament unbeaten here Monday by hanging up a second win over Aberdeen, 16-9.

Aberdeen entered the playoff after edging Selah-Naches, 8-7. The Seattle club will take its state title to the regional playoffs Aug. 21-25 in Portland for a shot at the nationals.

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Five Runner

In five campaigns in the National league, Hurry' Hugh has averaged 5.4 yards per carry. He has gained 2,945 yards. But those statistics aren't what made Mac the highest priced player in the game.

It is his ability to be so elusive in the open field that he can electrify a crowd of 60,000. Not since the days of Red Grange has there been such a swivel-hipped man in the open.

Coach Frankie Albert, in his second year at the helm of the Forty Niners, is banking heavily on McElhenney to make the San Francisco club a championship threat this year. Of course, Mac is going to need a few good blockers out in front to retain his will-o-the-wisp record. And Albert hopes he can furnish that.

An all-round athlete in high school and college, Mac can do everything. The year 16-year-old Bob Mathias won the Olympic Decathlon championship, 1948, McElhenney twice beat him in decathlons. But when the Olympic tryouts came along, Mac was in bed for a month with a complete physical breakdown. In 1954 he had a shoulder separation; in 1955 a foot injury.

"If I can stay all in one piece," he says, "this may be the year."

Leggett Slates PSC Grid Drill

Portland — Les Leggett, Portland State's new head football coach, will celebrate his 30th birthday on Sept. 3 by putting his Vikings through their paces in the first workout of the 1957 season.

The personable Viking mentor announced that football equipment will be issued that morning, with the initial drill slated for the afternoon. Leggett disclosed plans for two-a-day workouts for the first two weeks of practice with a tapering off to one-a-day drills the remaining two weeks.

Spots Wide Open
Aware that he is blessed with several outstanding players, Les nevertheless says he is starting from scratch and that "every position is wide open." Included in the list of returning lettermen are all-conference tackle Bob Wheeler; quarterback Harvey Neffendorf; hard-running fullback Chuck Withers; halfback Bill Turner, and guards Dick Wise and Bob Justice.

Leggett, a product of the University of Maine where he played four years of varsity ball, will install the T-formation in some form in his first season at Portland State and hopes to maintain good balance between the passing and running games.



WHO NEEDS THAT LAST GUY?—That's probably what Jon Arnett of USC is thinking about Ed Hughes (48) who is coming in from the right to "assist on this tackle" in the first quarter of the All-Stars-New York Giants meeting in Chicago. Jon, All-Stars halfback, isn't likely to be going anywhere at the moment with Sam Huff (70) and Bill Svoboda (30) crawling all over him. The pro champion Giants won, 22-12.

Homers Off In Majors This Year

New York — Major league home run production is off 6.18 per cent this year with only six of the 16 teams showing an increase over their totals at a corresponding point of the 1956 season.

A. United Press survey revealed today that the National League's sluggers have hit 4.4 per cent fewer homers this year and that American League home run output is off 8.2 per cent. The figures are based on 441 games played in the NL and 439 in the AL both this season and last.

The league-leading Milwaukee Braves, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Giants show increases in the National League but only the Kansas City Athletics and Boston Red Sox are hitting more homers than last year in the AL.

The Braves and Cincinnati Redlegs top the majors with 136 homers each. That figure represents an increase of eight homers for the Braves compared to their first 110 games in 1956 while it means a loss of 22 for the Redlegs, who hit 158 in their first 110 games last year.

The most amazing increase in the majors has been accomplished by the Athletics, who have increased their home run production by 55 per cent. In 108 games last season the Athletics hit only 79 homers—45 fewer than they hit in their first 108 games this year!

The world champion New York Yankee—long synonymous with the home run—have dropped off a surprising 24.2 per cent in homer production. They had hit 149 in 110 games last year but show only 113 this year for the same number of games. At that, the Athletics are the only team which has hit more.

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Arcaro Idle After Ride

Atlantic City, N.J.—Jockey Eddie Arcaro today started a 10-day suspension as a result of "careless riding" in Saturday's \$100,000 Atlantic City Handicap.

Arcaro, riding Mrs. Jan Burke's Dedicate, was banned for the suspension period by the track stewards, who said they detected interference by the jockey at the far turn of the 1 3/16 mile race.

Dedicate's track record of 1:54 for the race also was disqualified. The old record of 1:57.6 was set in 1946 by Turbine.

As a result of the disqualification, Royal Beacon, who finished three lengths behind Dedicate, was awarded first, Helfast second and Third Brother third.



PONDERING how she lost check for \$72,000 from TV show is Mrs. Terry Curtis, New York. She got another check.

MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

Williams Duel Featured As Major League Resumes

By FRED DOWN
United Press Sports Writer

Ted Williams' personal duel with Mickey Mantle and a five-man battle for the National League batting championship take over the spotlight today when the major league pennant races resume.

The races themselves were shoved somewhat into the background with both the New York Yankees and Milwaukee Braves riding the crest of 5 1/2-game leads over their closest pursuers. Both have reached a point where the team they have most to fear is themselves.

The various contenders for the batting titles, however, seem to have just begun to fight.

Lon Skinner Places Second In Ski Meet

Lon Skinner, Medford water ski ace, placed second overall in the Western Regional water ski championships in Long Beach, Calif., Aug. 9 to 11.

Skiers competed from the 11 western states, with winners of first five places qualifying for entry in the National championships Aug. 23 to 25 in San Diego.

Skinner thus qualifies for the national, but is not sure at this time whether he can go.

The local man placed third in slalom, fourth in tricks, and seventh in jump events. He finished behind Chuck Stearns, who was top skier for the second straight year.

Skinner nosed out Red Sampson, Seattle, 707 points to 701. Last month, in the Oregon State water ski meet held at Gardner lake near Medford, Sampson won first overall a few points ahead of Skinner.

Only top skiers, ranked experts by the National Water Ski association, are allowed to compete in the regional championships.

FLOYD BEGINS GRIND

Seattle — Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson is expected to start workouts today for his Aug. 22 title defense against amateur Pete Rademacher. The champion arrived by train Monday and said he has been training as hard for this fight as for any other in his career.

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Medford Gridders Report For Shrine All-Star Game

A delegation of six will represent Medford High school at the Oregon Shrine All-Star football game on Saturday night, Aug. 24, at Portland.

They are Dick Copple, end Dick McLaughlin, back, Niel Plumley, tackle, state team players, Fred Spiegelberg, state head coach, and Tony Brauner and Bobby Gee, who will be state squad manager.

The five young men went to Portland last Sunday in car driven by Plumley. Spiegelberg arrived in the Oregon metropolis from Prescott, Wash., where he has spent much of the summer.

Workouts for the 27-man State and Metro squads began yesterday.

Getting In Shape
Copple, McLaughlin and Plumley, 1957 grads of Medford high were members of the 1956 Black Tornado team which was runner-up for the state Class A championship under the head coaching helm of Spiegelberg. Brauner and Gee were Tornado squad members last fall and are leading candidate for backfield berths for Medford this season.

Each of the three Shrine players from the Pear city has been working out in recent weeks in response to Spiegelberg's request that State players arrive in Portland in top shape. Copple, who plans to enroll at Washington State college, has been working for the Pepsi Cola Bottling plant this summer. He reported to Portland weighing about 205 pounds.

Plumley, a 225-pounder, has been working for Hawkinson

Tire-Tread company and McLaughlin, about 195, as an apprentice plumber for his father, L. C. McLaughlin. Both Plumley and McLaughlin intend to attend Oregon State college.

TICKETS SOLD HERE
Shrine game tickets are on sale here at Barker's Men's store and Browns cafe. They also may be purchased from L. C. Taylor, who says the tickets brought to Medford are for choice seats between the 40 and 50 yard lines. He said that the ducks are selling fast and advised persons planning to attend the game to hurry and purchase them.

Mail orders for the tickets can be sent to the game headquarters, 1119 Southwest Park ave. Downtown sales in Portland have opened at J. K. Gill's.

As the rival squads representing the cream of Oregon's 1956 high school seniors, opened intensive practice, State's line averaged 194 1/2 pounds to the Metros' 190 1/2. In the backfield it was 178 1/2 to 176 in favor of State.

Hottest performer on either squad is Walter Sparks Jr., a tackle from Sweet Home, who will toss his 255 pounds around on behalf of State. Sparks stands 6 feet, 2 inches.

Stenslund 220
Biggest man for the Metros is Garry Stenslund, a 220-pound tackle from Gresham, who also stands 6 feet 2 inches.

Earl Schult of Redmond, State fullback will be the biggest back on the field, standing 6 feet, 2 inches and weighing 210 pounds. The Metros heaviest back is James Yelton, a 6 foot,

200 pounder, from Milwaukee. Eugene W. Ferguson, the game's managing director, pointed out that the squads have been increased to 27 men each this year and that as a result no replacements for injuries or reasons will be allowed once practice has opened. There were only 24 men to each squad last year.

He also reported that Keith Jellum, a 185-pound center from Pendleton, has been named to the State squad, replacing Don Barnes, a fullback from Pendleton, who reportedly entered military service.

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