

Tennis Growing In Popularity

NEW YORK, Feb. 9, (U.N.)—Along the trail that Suzanne Lenglen and her troupe blazed across the country, professional tennis with American stars replacing the volatile French girl will have become a permanent feature of national sport before the end of the year.

Vincent Richards, male star of C. C. Pyle's traveling circus, which now is completing its tour with closing engagements at Hartford, New York, Brooklyn and Providence, makes the above prediction unreservedly.

Bill Pickens, sports impresario, who has been feeling the public pulse and handling barnstorming trips for a quarter of a century, and who helped coddle Suzanne during the recent tennis tour of Pyle's troupe, backs up Richards' assertion unqualifiedly.

And Mary K. Browne, one of the greatest sportswomen in the United States and who has a tender feeling for an amateur standing in golf, even though she has turned pro in tennis, agrees with the others that professional tennis has proved a practical paying proposition in this country.

Suzanne, who recovered sufficiently from her attack of tonsillitis to play in Hartford Wednesday night, is leaving the United States a week from Saturday. Then, for the time being, her connection with American professional tennis comes to an end.

There is every likelihood that "Big Bill" Tilden, seven times ranking player in the United States, will replace Mille Lenglen as the star this year.

Tilden already has signed contracts with the Metro-Goldwyn film corporation which make his amateur standing dubious. But the elongated Philadelphia is expected to come right out with a professional tennis program of his own next fall.

"Big Bill" probably won't play under the Pyle banner. As an opposition attraction, his matches against Richards, would draw tremendous crowds. If Tilden were a member of the Pyle brigade his matches with "Vinnie" would be under suspicion.

Mary K. Browne and Richards may shortly be seen together in vaudeville until the time is ripe for more pro tennis.

"Vinnie" has a pleasing stage manner and could handle the three a day alone, or would be a great partner for the little California girl, whose personality assures her of a stage success.

There will be an effort to enlist Anderson, the great Australian player, in next season's professional matches, and a contest between him and Richards would be a real drawing card in the Antipodes as well as on the Pacific coast.

Rosenberg-Graham Ordered Suspended

NEW YORK, Feb. 9, (U.N.)—Indicating that there were other things wrong with the recent Rosenberg-Graham fight besides the champion's failure to try to make the bantamweight limit for the bout, the New York state athletic commission has suspended indefinitely the principals and their managers.

This action in the case of Rosenberg and Harry Siegel was not unexpected, for Chairman Farley of the boxing board had forecast it immediately after the bout last Friday night.

When Bushy Graham, the defeated challenger, showed up for his end of the purse, however, he was informed he, too, was to be set down indefinitely.

While the boxing commission was secretive, it was understood that the Ufaa Italian had been making deals with more than one manager. His titular manager, Billy Parr, was suspended with him.

Pelican Hoopsters Seek More Honors

The crack Pelican Bay basketball quintet will next week reach out and take on a little valley talent when they go to Ashland for a tilt with the Battery B team of that city Tuesday night, February 15.

A return game with the Battery B outfit is expected to be staged at Pelican City about February 25, although this date, according to Manager Brooke, is tentative.

Friday night of this week the Pelicans will play Henley at Pelican City. A game between the Pelican Grays will be played tonight at Modoc Point with the Modoc Point grades school.

PORTLAND MAN TAKES FOURTH SHOOTING PRIZE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 9, (U.N.)—The Elliott interstate amateur team cup was wrested from the Illinois trap shooting team by the Missouri trap team in the midwinter shoot here.

In the 200 target event W. G. Warren, Chicago, was high with 192 while G. M. Powers, Decatur, Ill., and A. E. Woodward, Houston, tied for second place with 187. F. M. Troch, Portland, took third money with 186.

A cold wind handicapped the shooters.

Cowboys Drop Lariat for Mallet: Win Polo Title



The five Texas cowboys above had been "dabbling" in polo in impromptu games on the cattle ranges around Brownsville, Texas, but had never worn polo regalia or appeared in a regular tourney when the mid-winter tourney began there recently. Called in to substitute for an army team the riders purchased suits and mallets en route to Brownsville and proceeded to win the tournament. Left to right the men are R. D. Morris, J. E. Robbins, J. E. Paett, E. G. Pope and S. S. Shanklin.

Ruth May Retire From Playing Ball

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 9, (U.N.)—Babe Ruth, "Sultan of Swat," will return unsigned the contract he has received from the New York Yankees and he may "quit baseball altogether," if the club fails to meet his terms, he said here tonight.

Ruth, here working on the production of a motion picture, said that the contract mailed him for the coming season called for \$52,000, the same figure he was paid last season.

"I think that the New York club used exceedingly poor judgment in offering me the identical sum that I received for last season," Ruth said, "and I have no intention of signing on such a basis."

"I don't care to mention how much I expect to get for my services, but if the Yankee management refuses to meet my terms I may get out of baseball altogether."

Ruth said he would mail the contract back to New York immediately and at the same time express his disapproval of the offered terms.

Swimming Contest Planned on Coast

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 9, (U.N.)—The marathon swim idea is gaining great headway on the Pacific coast, the latest contest of this sort to be proposed being a race around Alameda Island in San Francisco bay.

The contest will be held in June, it was announced today by R. C. Strehlow, president of the Neptune Beach company, an amusement enterprise. A prize of \$1,000 will go to the winner with an additional \$500 being put up for the first woman to finish.

Although the distance around the island is only 12 miles, the swim will be a difficult one because of adverse tides in that section of the bay.

ST. LOUIS GETS JONES

NEW YORK, Feb. 9, (U.N.)—While magnates of the majors fussed over the 1927 baseball schedules in two meetings Tuesday, Miller Huggins of the Yankees and Daniel Howley of the Browns met and completed a deal which sends "Sad Sam" Jones, star right hander of the American league champions to St. Louis in exchange for Joe "Lefty" Giard, southpaw twirler, and Cedric Durst, an outfielder.

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Walsh and Burke Sign for Match

Articles of agreement for a wrestling bout to be staged at Memorial hall on Thursday night, February 17, were signed yesterday by Harry Walsh and Henry Burke, the latter the Pacific coast champion of the middleweight class.

Under the terms of the contest the men will wrestle to a finish with the victor being declared who takes the first two bouts.

Walsh and Burke each deposited \$50 to insure good faith and to guarantee that their weight would not exceed the middleweight division.

Brady Montgomery will promote the match, and the contestants expect to be advised of workout quarters some time today.

Wrestling was formerly a popular pastime in Klamath Falls, and in view of there being several thousand fans who are always willing to be present at a good program, it is expected that Memorial hall will be jammed on the night in question.

Burke holds the belt and under the terms of the fight he will forfeit it in the event that he loses to Walsh.

Harold Christy, local wrestler will challenge the winner.

PINE TREE OFFERS BIG ATTRACTION

He was the best spitter in Tennessee and he took that reputation to Texas with him when he journeyed there with Davy Crockett in "With Davy Crockett at the Fall of the Alamo."

This great picture, which will be seen tonight at the Liberty theatre, starting a two day run, is replete with smiles and tears. It is the laugh on life with the tear behind it; the courageous story of men who died with death and smiled their way through. Who placed love of liberty beyond the mere possession of life itself. Such a character is portrayed by Frank Rich as the spitter who never missed the crack at which he spat.

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