



British Golfer Refuses To Admit U. S. Supremacy

Feels Sure If Half Dozen Leading British Pros Went After U. S. Open They Would Win

The United States supreme in golf? This country gained the edge that really went to Great Britain? Four of the last five British open championships have been won by representatives of the United States. True, of them were won by Jim Barnes, Jock Hutchison, adopted sons, Walter Hagen accounted for the other two titles that came to America in 1923 was only a single stroke away from the honor.

Great Britain hasn't won a United States open since 1920, when Edward finished in front, with his golfing partner, Harry Vardon, a close second. America each year, however, has a more determined stand, that it has sent over more representatives. Duncan and Mitchell have been only British golfers to compete in the last five years, each making

Last year James Ockenden, one of the best English golfers, toured this country. He had an excellent chance to size up our pro golfers and compare them with those of the old world. Here is how he explains it in London Golf.

"I do not think the British professional is a better golfer. The American professional, in visiting England in quest of the British title, has only one object, to concentrate on winning the title without clashing interests. The American is bound to admire the American's thoroughness, his patience in practicing and his infinite capacity for taking pains, but as I have said he has but a single aim, concentrating on winning the title. He left his domestic affairs at home."

"Now what is the position of the British professional? In the first place it is unfortunate that the championship comes at the end of the competitive season. He has to undergo the strain test at a time when he is about sick of it all."

"The British professional has a business which cannot prosper in his absence. We have been told that no nation should be given a championship, a prize which cannot be afforded such a sacrifice. In addition it would not be fair to the club members who were taking lessons."

"I feel that the British or more leading professionals made an organized effort to go after the American championship. We would have as much luck as the Americans have had in the British open."

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London Junior Sextet Drilling

Open Season At Windsor Next Monday Night After Much Practice

London juniors will open the Junior O. H. A. series at Windsor on Monday evening when they will oppose the Border Cities Junior sextet. The locals will work out this evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. Harry Porter, former Anna Lee player, is included on the London line-up, along with Tom Filmore, who was a member of the team last year. Sergeant, of Westview School Junior City Hockey Association team, is requested to turn out with the locals this evening.

The same at Niagara Falls on Monday night saw the Ravens outscored, but at that the London team had more of the play and more shots on goal than the winners. Goalie Mayo was invincible and after two goalless periods it was a case of which team would crack under the strain.

There are still 17 games to play, and for that reason the loss of the game should not be looked upon as a serious menace to London's hope of winning the group laurels.

Montreal Maroons and Ottawa Senators, still dead-locked for the leadership of the National Hockey League, are leading further convincing proof of a certain venerable axiom of sportsdom, to wit: The machine must always triumph over the individual.

Here are two great hockey machines, demonstrating that the age-old wise crack was right. Both, of course, contain some remarkable fine individual talent, but it reads a lesson to other clubs which too, are equipped with great players, that these two clubs, which have won the league championship, have subdued the individual and welded him into the machine.

Maroons, winning their third game on foreign ice, by blanking St. Patricks in Toronto, kept with Ottawa Senators, who also scored a shut-out victory in blanking their ancient rivals, the Canadians.

Sport crowds are, in the aggregate, hard-boiled and callous. That was again demonstrated in the Ottawa-Canadians game. The fans were willing, or possibly less capable of crediting the Senators with a game that was a bit of a classic, could not understand just what was happening to their favorites. They saw Maroons working like a Trojan for two periods, getting next to nowhere, and falling at the end as the individual always does who tries to buck the machine.

Some amazing dashes, and one run which swept him through the whole Ottawa team right into the goal-keeper, only to stumble there, go flat at the end of the game when so far as to open the raspberry chorus on this great, but temperamental star, which was understood, however, that Joliat played some glittering hockey in the early stages, but, like Maroons, he found that the machine was too strong for him.

It is not that it has been cracked up to be. The tank may crumble such opposition, but it has been given the same old story. When things might have been different had there been no passing of the puck by Canadians, and no coordination. The outcome is obviously apparent in the score: 3-0.

Captain Bill Coutt, of the Canadians, sitting on the penalty bench, delivered himself of an epic which summarized Canadian weakness. "Curse the man who first thought of publishing a list of scores. Every player is there, trying to get a goal for himself, to get to the top in that list. That is what is the matter with the team. I wish there wasn't a player on the club who could."

Everett Wins Two Straight ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 30.—Everett Hebling made it two straight over St. Pauls here last night by winning 2 to 0. The visitors won on Monday night by 5 to 2.

British Football

ENGLISH LEAGUE, First Division.

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Huddersfield 23 12 8 5 54 40 29

Tottenham 23 11 8 4 45 47 28

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Henning Fights Pook To-Night

Smiling Gardner Meets Windsor Boy On St. Thomas Card

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 29.—Cy Pook and "Smiling" Gardner are all primed for the big fight in the armories here on Wednesday night. Pook fights Harry Henning, of Toronto, while a Windsor boy has been matched with Gardner.

Charlie Bear, of London, Ont., has been matched to fight Jack Haller, of Windsor. The advance sale of tickets is reported to be exceptionally heavy and the card promises to be one of the biggest pugilistic attractions here in a long time.

Henning is picked to beat Pook. The general feeling is that the local boy has hit off more than he can chew. Both boys have eyes on the middle-weight championship of Canada and a fight from the opening goes to assured.

Pook says he never felt better and hopes to pull off a decisive victory. It is believed that being among friends will help him some. In amateur bouts Henning and Pook usually fought to a draw, but of late Henning has been cleaning things up around Toronto.

Year In Tennis

BY HENRY L. FARRELL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Advancement of France to the position of the second ranking tennis nation was the bright feature of the 1925 season. The continued domination of the United States in individual play and team competition was not a feature because it has become a custom.

The United States again won the challenge round for the Davis cup against spirited competition 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 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 accused because the Tennis Association would not accept an invitation to send a team of American players to Australia.

Big Bill Tilden lived up to his reputation as the world's greatest player by winning the national championship again. The tournament could have been recognized as being for the world's championship, as practically every ranking player in the world was entered.

The Tennis Association is universally accepted as the world's champion. In the men's class, the comeback of Billy Johnston, the French little Californian, was one of the most pleasing features of the year.

Johnston had a bad season in 1924. He lost his place as singles player on the Davis cup team to Paul W. Richards, and his friends grieved to think that he was through.

The Californian, however, did not early in the season with the announced purpose of getting his place back on the Davis cup team. He did it by winning the national championship.

He had played himself out in the cup matches and was not in condition for the week of hard tennis in the nationals. But, at that, he played some of the greatest tennis of his career in the tournament and it was only the wizard tennis of Tilden that beat him.

Preparing for the future, Tilden and Johnston will have to be replaced, the Tennis Association sent John Hennessy and Ray Casey, two youngsters, to the British championships at Wimbledon, and they made a very good showing.

The French influence at Wimbledon was pronounced, as the two finalists again were the French youngsters, Lacoste and Borotra, and Lacoste displaced his team mate as the champion.

Borotra, one of the few ranking tennis stars, who seems to be forced to hard tennis, the Californian is not in the best form, as he had had very little time to train or practice. He dashed over to his country home in winter and won the indoor championship, and several times during the Wimbledon tournament he had a trip up to Paris.

In the women's class, the big surprise of the season came from the Wills, the national champion, was defeated in an early tournament by Elizabeth Ryan, the former California girl, who returned to this country after having spent 10 years in England.

The match was played on a court so sloppy that Miss Ryan took off her shoes and the crowd was not able to handle the soft, cork strokes of her opponent.

Miss Wills swept through the national championship in impressive style and had very little trouble retaining her title. Mrs. Molla Mallory, the former champion, made a valiant attempt at a comeback, but her best tennis days seem to have passed.

The British women's team successfully defended their title by winning the Forest Hills by winning the third match of the series from the American team. The tennis association is now planning a December meeting of the executive committee to send a team to Wimbledon for the year, and to select two ranking men players to represent this country in the British championships.

The return to form of Miss Suzanne Lenglen was also one of the features of the season.

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SEES HARD RACE IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

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