

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

MISS WILLS PLAYS IMPROVED TENNIS

Young National Champion Loses Practise Set to Clever Opponent.

The reports of the improvement in the playing of Miss Helen Wills, the national women's lawn tennis champion, were not exaggerated, according to the New York Times. Monday, on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, L. I., the eighteen-year-old University of California girl demonstrated in half an hour's play with J. J. McCloy, a member of the club, that she has spent the nine months since she defeated Mrs. Molla Mallory for the title to good advantage. The test was far from an ideal one, for the conditions could not have been worse.

Playing on grass for the first time since last August, with the rain coming down hard, and using English balls which had little rise on the heavy turf, Miss Wills held McCloy on even terms for ten games, finally losing the set at 7-4. Both players were drenched by the end of the set and the match did not go any further.

McCloy is not a familiar figure to followers of tournament tennis, but in an indoor tournament held at the Heights Casino he defeated Harold Tuckermore, former national junior champion, and Harry Bruno, who is champion of the West Side Club.

McCloy tied Miss. Lenglen.

It was a happy selection for McCloy to have been chosen as Miss Wills' first opponent, as he has played with Miss. Lenglen. During the war, McCloy, as a member of the A. E. F., played the French star at the Racing Club in Paris. They did not play a full set, the exhibition ending with the score at 4-1.

McCloy went on the court with instructions to disregard the fact that his opponent was of the opposite sex and to give all he had. He obeyed instructions to the letter and stroked with every bit of his power.

Miss Wills, who has been practicing against the men players on the Coast, William Johnston among them, was thoroughly at home against the speed of her opponent. In fact, the more pace the ball had on it the better she thrived. McCloy's service was of the cannon ball variety, delivered with all the strength he could put behind it. Miss Wills returned his very first service with a placement diagonally across the court. The second one she sent streaking down the side line with a backhand smash that left her opponent standing in his tracks. Her backhand drive was the first of a continental series. McCloy's instructions evidently included the direction to play his opponent's back hand. The manner in which the California girl stood up under the pounding was impressive. It is not oversteating it to say that she is few topnotchers in the men's ranks who have a better attacking backhand shot. Once Miss Wills leaped into the air to make a backhand smash that would have been a credit to Richards.

Shows Improved Service.

The champion's forehead also attracted attention, though she did not have much chance to use it. She whipped McCloy's service and drives back across the net with as much speed as the ball had come over and her control and use of spin were good. Her service, which stood out last year as one of the best in the women's ranks, is slightly improved in her second year, on which she has almost as much pace as she has on the first. She throws both high in the air and brings her racket down upon the ball with a full swing that causes her little effort, sending the ball over fast.

What stood out most in Miss Wills' playing was her greater accuracy in the court, and her foot has been called slow. Monday her face was wreathed in smiles and her desire to win was obvious. She was quicker in getting about the court, and in making her strokes, and displayed complete co-ordination between mind and muscle. Her volleys were all made with the "punching" stroke characteristic of Johnston and she was out to win her points in the quick, uncompromising fashion of Miss. Lenglen.

McCloy, when asked to compare the play of Miss Wills with the French champion's, declined on the ground that the conditions of Monday's play were too adverse to make it a true test.

BODY FOUND IN ICE.

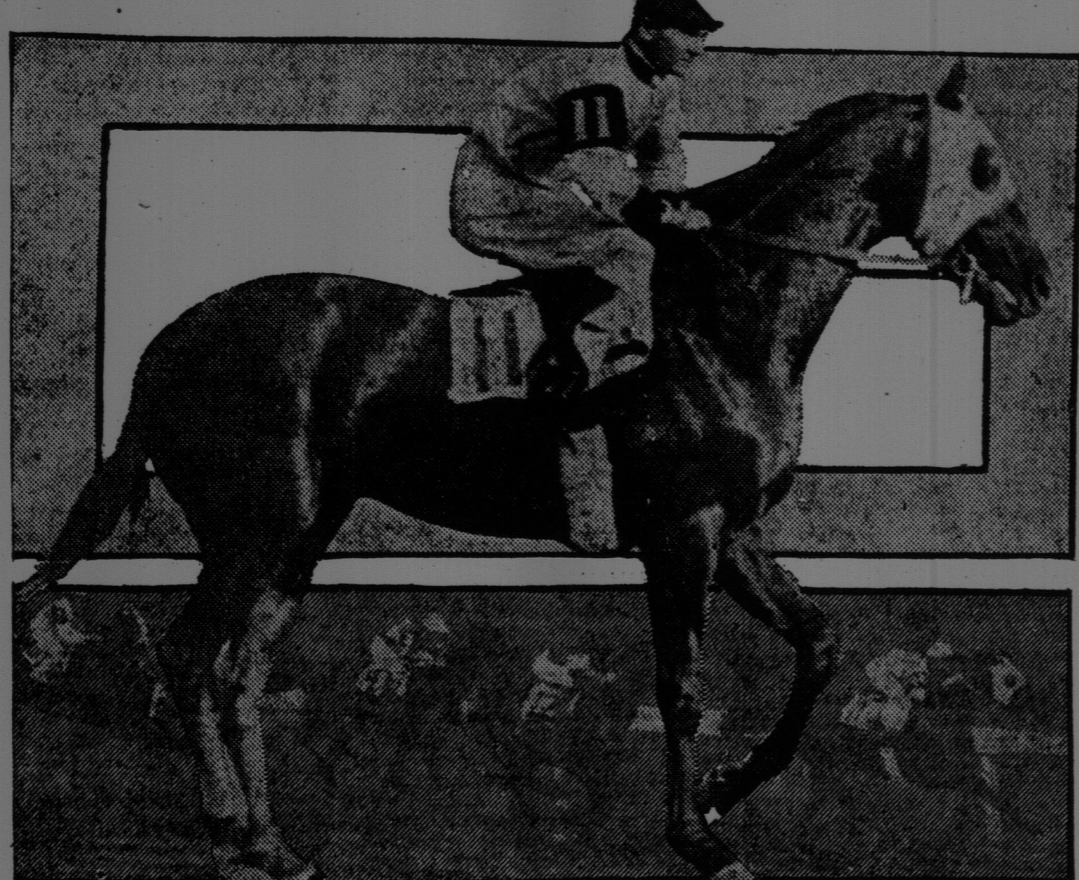
The body of an unknown man was found on Sunday in the ice near Point Laiton, Restigouche County, on Sunday last and by means of a baggage check in the pocket of the clothes was identified as that of George Perch of Campbellton, who disappeared late in November last. The body was buried at Dalhousie.

A Severe Attack Of Heart Trouble Was Relieved By MILBURN'S Heart and Nerve Pills

Mr. S. E. Barnes, Athens, Ont., writes: "Four years ago I had a very severe attack of heart trouble. I consulted my doctor; he treated me for some time, but I only seemed to be getting worse. I finally went to our drugist and purchased three boxes of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and desired immediate relief from their use, and I can truthfully say they are a wonderful medicine. I always keep a box on hand, and if I feel out of sorts I take a few pills and feel all right again."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c, a box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. J. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Will Sinclair Put This One Over, Too?



MAD PLAY, WITH ZEV SHOWN

Louisville, Ky.—Has Sam Hildreth, astute trainer of Harry F. Sinclair's Rancocas stable, another Zev up his sleeve?

Many smart horsemen profess to believe that Harry Sinclair—possibly he heard his name mentioned in connection with Teapot Dome—has a splendid chance of winning his second consecutive Kentucky Derby.

Mad Play is his 1924 hope, a chestnut colt by Fair Play out of Mad-cap.

WINNING THE 1923 DERBY IN BACKGROUND.

It will be remembered that in 1923 Sinclair's Zev was little thought of by the rank and file during the winter, but Sinclair bet quietly in the winter book and made a "killing."

Zev's chances were not shrouded from the horsepots, but in the Derby he shocked the turf world by taking to the front at the start of the historic race and winning with ease.

Later Zev became the idol of the American turf by defeating Papyrus, England's best three-year-old, in a match race at Belmont Park.

Is Mad Play another Zev? Although he showed fair form last year it was not until the running of the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes at Churchill Downs, Louisville, that he displayed Derby form.

In this race Mad Play was defeated by an eynish by Wise Counselor in 1:27.2-5, the fastest mile race ever run by a two-year-old in Kentucky.

Hildreth is pointing Mad Play for the Derby here on May 17 and the colt again will meet Wise Counselor in this race.

Batteries—Stoner, Holloway, Clarke and Bessler, Woodall, Naylor, Baumgartner and Perkins.

International League.

Reading, 4; Toronto, 3.

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Batteries—Judd and Lynn; Reynolds, Thomas and Stange.

Reading at Toronto—Second game postponed after first inning, rain.

Jersey city at Syracuse (two games), postponed, rain.

Newark at Buffalo (two games), postponed, rain.

Baltimore at Rochester, rain.

MAKE COURT ON DECK

FOR MISS HELEN WILLS

The Cunard liner, Berengaria, which sailed from New York early yesterday morning had among her passengers Miss Helen Wills, 18 year old national women tennis champion, in order that she might have an opportunity for practice a backstop was constructed on the sun deck.

The backstop is ten feet high, twelve feet wide, and the Miss Wills, who is accompanied by her husband, is a student of California University. She wrestled the American championship from Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory last summer and hopes to take the world's championship from Suzanne Lenglen.

PROVINCIAL ROADS

OPEN FOR TRAFFIC

Moncton, May 14.—As previously announced the trunk roads were opened today. These include the road from Moncton to the boundary of Nova Scotia; the road from Aulac to Cape Tormentine; from Port Elgin to Shediac, via Cape Bauld; Moncton to Chatham, via Gilberts Corner, Bicton and Richibucto; from Moncton to St. John, via Boudry Creek, and from Moncton to Alma, via Hillsboro. The secondary and branch roads will be opened tomorrow.

CAN. CHAMPION

SCORES KNOCKOUT

Providence, R. I., May 14.—Jack Reault, Canadian heavyweight champion, scored a technical knockout victory over Joe White, of New York, in the seventh round of a scheduled 12-round bout at the National Athletic Club here tonight. Reault tallied knockdowns in the second and third rounds and had White on the verge of a knockout when the referee stopped the fight.

WILL DECIDE TITLE

The long drawn out dispute over this year's provincial intermediate basketball championship appears as if it will be finally settled in the near future. At the executive committee meeting of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C. held in this city last Friday evening it was decided that the Moncton boys would have to come to St. John and play another game with the Trojans, the winners being declared provincial intermediate champions.

The Moncton boys were communicated with last night and were asked to choose any date suitable to them for their trip to the city. Word from them is now being awaited by the locals.

HAUGHTON DISAPPOINTED.

Percy Haughton didn't get a big kick out of the way Columbia football aspirants turned out for spring practice, or rather failed to turn out. Sixty-eight names appeared on the roster, but the daily attendance was always under forty.

FEARS TRICK PITCHING.

Manager Miller Huggins of the New York Yankees says he fears the use of too many old balls will cause a revival of trick pitching. Connie Mack says he hopes some of his twirlers make the most of the possibilities.

Ball Problems By Billy Evans

QUESTIONS.

1. Can the pitcher get on the rubber without having the ball in his possession?

2. When a balk is called, what are the rights of a base runner? Can a runner score from third?

3. When a fielder is making a play on a batted ball, who has the right of way, fielder or base runner?

ANSWERS.

1. The pitcher commits a balk when he gets on the rubber without having the ball in his possession.

2. All base runners have the right to advance one base when a balk is called. A runner on third most certainly has the right to score.

3. The fielder always has the right of way when making a play on a batted ball. The base runner must avoid a collision or be called out for so doing.

WILLIAM HOWARD WINS RECOGNITION

May Officiate in Boston Twilight League—Dick Casey's Plans.

That Dick Casey will not play in the New Brunswick professional league but proposes visiting the province some time during the summer on a barnstorming trip, was news contained in a letter received yesterday by Arthur Howard, from his brother William, who is now employed in Boston. Bill told of attending the opening fixture of the Boston Twilight League and meeting a number of players who came to St. John with different teams. He told of a long chat with Casey in which the latter said he would select a strong lineup and spend a couple of weeks playing in these parts.

Bill has been recommended for a berth as umpire with the Twilight League and it is understood that he will accept the position if he can arrange to do so without interfering with his work. There is little doubt that he will make good. He has an exceptionally good knowledge of the game and when not overworked is a competent official either behind the bat or on the bases. While officiating here he was frequently forced to remain as umpire-in-chief for long periods, umpiring many double-headers. As a result the strain began to tell on him and many a fan would start an avowed chorus against one or another decision. Those who appreciated the strain he was under marveled at his efficiency.

Get a few ounces of Disburated Magnesia from any reliable druggist. Ask for either powder or tablets. It never comes as a liquid, milk or citrate and in the bursated form is not a laxative. Try this plan and eat what you want at your next meal and see if this isn't the best advice you ever had on "what to eat."

WILLS-MADDEN

BOUT MAY 26

Outdoor Stadium Declared

Hazardous So Alterations

Must Be Made.

New York, May 15.—The heavy-weight match between Bartley Madden and Harry Wills arranged for Friday night at the Queensboro A. C. but postponed when the outdoor stadium was declared hazardous by fire officials, will be held there on Monday, May 26, if Fire Chief Kenon approves alterations now being made.

WAGES AGREED TO BY LONGSHOREMEN

Montreal, May 14.—More than 2,000 longshoremen met here tonight and unanimously accepted the award of the arbitration board in the dispute between them and the Shipping Federation, according to C. E. Bujold, secretary of the Longshoremen's Association. This means they will accept hourly pay of 62 cents for day and 72 cents for night work on general cargo. On grain cargo they will receive 77 cents for day and 87 cents for night work. About 4,000 men are affected.

Almost 15,000,000 water fowls, mostly wild ducks, are killed for game in a year in the U. S.

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FANS DEERED ZEV WHEN HE LOST

Once King of the Turf was Humiliated in Recent Handicap.

(By Henry L. Farrell.)

New York, May 15.—(United Press)—When the great fall, they usually make a great fall out of it. That venerable and ancient wheeze that the bigger they are the harder they fall goes along picking up examples as convincing as they were when it was first observed that no matter how good you are, you'll fall if you stick at it long enough.

The greats of sports fall with such reverberating thuds because there are so many waiting to see the crash and there are so many voices ready to shout in glee: "There he goes! He always was a bum!"

Pete Wholis, an obscure rookie, can strike out with the winning run on third base without having it bulletined to the corners, but let Babe Ruth fail to deliver in a pinch and it is preserved for the next generation.

The same spirit that prompted the baseball fan to shout: "Yuh big bum!" when the Babe fanned with the bases filled in the ninth inning of the last world's series game and the same fickleness that inspired the Dempsey rooters to roar: "Look at 'im going!" when big Firpo had him almost out last summer, exists around the big tracks where equine kings are treated to the same rasberries.

Zev, Harry Sinclair's champion money-winner, was the hero of the track last year. He carried the flag in the international race against the British champion, Papyrus, and when he won he was acclaimed a national hero.

He was still a hero and the toast and boast of the track when he paraded down the Jamaica track for the Pomonok Handicap, the first important race of the metropolitan season. His backers couldn't get a bet down on him, because he was such a tremendous favorite. It was the boast of the Zev fans that the animal didn't walk on hoofs that could beat him in a sprint.

It was but a matter of a few seconds after the tape had sprung that it was shown that the animal did live that could beat him in a sprint. Seventy yards from the start Zev found a three-year-old, St. James, at his shoulder and the three-year-old kept going. Zev was only beaten but he was humiliated. His kingdom crashed at his feet and he heard the ovation given to a new king. He had been dethroned and another was in his place.

"That Zev," they said, "was always a four-fur!" He got one licking last summer and he won another phony decision! He wouldn't race My Own with the breaks all even and he only went when the spots were picked for him!"

Some critics thought that Zev's defeat by St. James in his first start of the season would mean that Zev was removed as a possibility for the flag-bearer in the three big international races scheduled for the summer against Epinaud, the champion of Europe. My Own or in Memoriam, they pointed out, had more in the favor for consideration and the chorus came in with a motion seconding: "They always were better than Zev."

It is quite possible and probable that Zev's exile from post-race favor is only temporary and that his defeat by St. James will be glossed over in the manner of the boxing manager who says: "Yes, my boy did lose that one, but he was off. You know how it is!"

Perhaps Zev will run himself back into a position where he will be the outstanding favorite in the international races this summer. On the other hand, the American money may go down on My Own, in Memoriam or on one of the promising three-year-olds that are being trained.

Some time ago it was suggested that the class of the American eligibles was nothing to boast about and that Man o' War, the king of them all, should be brought out of retirement to save the country.

Wise horsemen laughed off this suggestion as being impossible, and Sam Riddle, his owner, could not see the

RED GRANGE AS A HURLER

HAROLD "RED" GRANGE

Introducing a young athlete who is already nationally known. You knew Red Grange of Illinois was a great football player, an All-American back fielder, in fact. You didn't know he was a baseball star. He is. You see him here as he looks pitching for dear old Illinois.

existence of any national emergency that would force the king to submit to the risk of having his royal name kicked all over the track.

Man o' War has the name of being the greatest of all American horses and his owner certainly will see that he is not led into a Jim Jeffries trap and deluded into the idea that a great champion should try to do a comeback to save the illustrious name of his race.

Epinaud may come over to the United States and run the tonoue out of every champion of the track, but it can always be said that Man o' War could have come out with a milk wagon tied onto him and stop to let the French horse catch up to him at the finish.

Another St. John boy, Harry Boyaner, is winning fame in the west and has made quite a reputation for himself as a result of achievements in marathons, which started in a Van couer hotel as to whether an average man could negotiate the distance in two hours. He did his first mile in 10 minutes and 20 seconds, his second in 11 m. 20 sec. and his third in 11 m. 40 sec. The performance was watched with interest by a large number of friends and it is said that side bets as to the outcome were in excess of \$1,000. He appeared on the track clad in a gym shirt, blue trunks and a pair of ordinary street shoes. He was paced the entire distance and his time for every mile was announced as he passed the judges' stand.

Details of the race were received by his brother Eli Boyaner of this city.

THREE FAVORITES.

Right now Bob Jones, Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen are the three early favorites to set the pace in the national open golf championship at Detroit this summer.

COMMERCIAL TOURNAMENT.

In the Commercial tournament on the Imperial allee last evening the M. R. A. quintette defeated the Railway Masters 1923-1924 and the representatives from G. S. Harbour, Ltd., defeated the Postal Clerks 1923-1924.

BRITAIN WINS FIRST DAVIS CUP SERIES

Torquay, Eng., May 14.—Great Britain today eliminated Belgium from the 1924 Davis Cup competition, winning three out of the five matches which made up the first round contest between these countries. The British will play Spain in the second round.

MODEL YACHT CLUB PLANS FOR SEASON

Will Open the Racing Season May 28—Trophies Donated.

A meeting of the St. John Model Yacht Club was held in the office of H. S. Gregory & Sons, Prince William street, last evening and was largely attended.

It was decided to open the racing season on Wednesday evening, May 28, on Lily Lake, at 7 o'clock daylight time. The heats to be raced will be for the 30-inch class yachts. The rules and regulations of the club, as drawn up by a committee, was received and adopted. J. C. Cheley, honorary president, donated a cup to be raced for during the season, and it was decided that this trophy should be known as the "Cheley Cup" and would be awarded to the model yacht owner winning the most points for the 1924 season. It was announced that others had signified their willingness to donate cups for the races to be held during the summer and a committee was appointed to wait on these donors and accept their kind offers. As there are six classes of yachts a cup will be awarded to the winner of each class at the close of the season.

A. G. Gregory and Joseph Tebo were unanimously elected honorary members of the club for the interest shown in the model yacht sport. Two seniors and three juniors were elected to membership. In reference to admitting of juniors, it was pointed out that boys under the age of 18 were taking an interest, were owners of yachts or intended building them, and accepting them as members under certain regulations, would be an encouragement to the youngster to design and build.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a class race to be sailed near the R. K. Y. C. club house on some evening when the Millidgeville Summer Club assemble.

ST. JOHN BOY

IS SOME WALKER

Harry Boyaner Covers Ten Miles Under Two Hours—Wins Wager.

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