

EAST TENNIS MATCHES PLAYED BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN PLAYERS—OTHER SPORTS

STUFFY M'INNIS CONTINUES GAINING BY USE OF WILLOW; SPEAKER IS STILL IN FRONT

Thirty-four Point Gap Separates Tris From Ty Cobb, the Runner-up—Robertson, National League Leader, Increases Mark

SPEAKER and Cobb both lost ground in the race for the American League batting championship, while Jackson, the other member of the hitting triumvirate, went into an even pace. Tris fell from .397 to .393 and Ty dropped from .369 to .367. In each instance the leaders were forced to withdraw from a number of games on account of injuries. Cobb has just returned, having recovered from an injured thumb, while Speaker is still out of the game with an injured ankle. Jackson has been playing regularly and keeps well forward, with a .348, the same mark which he claimed a week ago. Stuffy McInnis continues on his upward climb, and a gain of nine points in seven days helped him to better his position by a few strokes. He increased his mark from .216 to .245. Strunk also picked up a few points. He increased his mark from .232 to .247. In the National League race, Robertson, the Giants' young outfielder, continues to have things all his own way, and by bettering his mark by two points now boasts of a .448. Daubert started another climb to the top and went from .319 to .331. Wagner picked up a couple of points and has a rating of .316. Alexander tops the pitchers, with 26 victories and 7 defeats. He has won more games than any pitcher in either league. Hornsby, the find of the Cardinals, is the select, just one point in the rear of Wagner. Whitted fell from the .300 section to a .298. Stock is the next Phil, with a .295, while Paskert has two points less.

American League Batting Averages

Table with columns: Player, G, AB, R, H, SH, TB, Ave. Lists players like Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, etc.

National League Batting Averages

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EASTERN TENNIS STARS TRIUMPH OVER THE WEST

Californians Beaten in the Opening Contests Staged at Forest Hills

WILLIAMS BEAT JOHNSTON

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—California's tennis prestige suffered a severe shock yesterday afternoon on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, when the lowly easterners rose in their might and swept through to victory in the final East vs. West match by taking every one of the four singles events which were played. As there are only seven matches in the series the honors rest with the men of the East, no matter what may be the outcome of the single matches and two doubles matches which are to be played tomorrow.

In winning their way to victory the easterners encompassed the downfall of one of the strongest teams that ever came out of the Golden Gate. The feature of the day's performance was the defeat of National Singles Champion William M. Johnston, who was prey to the better-sustained attack of a former national champion, R. Norris Williams, 2d, of Philadelphia. In a thrilling encounter, which was replete with the high lights of the tennis skill, Williams overhauled his Western opponent by a score of 3-6, 6-2, 8-6, 4-6, 9-7. It was a nip-and-tuck struggle, in which the decision was in doubt until the last point had been played. This was the last match of the afternoon and it almost preceded the precincts of darkness. It was a fitting climax for an afternoon which had provided exciting moments aplenty. Two doubles and a singles were all left for westerners to pick from tomorrow. The matches will have no bearing on the result of the tournament, as the easterners clinched their victory yesterday.

Speaker to Play Today. CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 5.—Tris Speaker, who it was thought would be out of the game for several weeks, will be in the lineup this afternoon against the Athletics. Tris got underway while watching his double injury yesterday and demanded today that he take his regular position in the center field. He injured an ankle, but is much trouble.

Schedule of Today's Minor League Games

Table listing various minor league games including Delaware County League, Blue Ridge League, F. R. R. Motive Power League, etc.

JUNIOR TENNIS STARS CLASH ON CYNWYD COURTS

State Tournament for Edward Bok Trophy Begins This Afternoon

The first annual tournament for the junior tennis championship of Pennsylvania, an outgrowth of the Philadelphia clay-court championship event inaugurated last year, will get under way this afternoon on the dirt courts at the Cynwyd Club, with an entry list of 50 aspiring and perspiring youths.

Today's program is preliminary and first round singles matches. The championship trophy was presented by Edward Bok, and at present it is held by Thomas Brown, of Yorkers. Brown was unable to enter because of the infantile paralysis quarantine which is keeping him in New York. Other youngsters who are bound to figure are Nelson Billington, Moorestown; H. P. Dornheim, Frankford High School; Samuel Behr and F. E. Alexander, and Murray and Davis meet Williams and Church.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table listing baseball games and results for various leagues like American League, National League, etc.

PUBLIC GOLFERS CAN CLAIM WORLD'S RECORD FOR SHOTS ALREADY PLAYED ON COURSE

Cobb's Creekers Take Million and Half Millions in Nine Weeks—This Schieffelin

By SANDY McNIBLICK. HORNBY H. L. DE VEAZY, poet, linguist and statistician, besides being fond of cutting holes in his straw hat and refusing to wear trousers in his shoes, also liked to remark that figures would prove anything. This is alibi for the statement that golfers at the municipal Cobb's Creek course have hung up a world's record for two months of play over a new course. As nearly as approximate figures can diagnose the situation, nearly one million and a half shots have been hurled at the flags so far. These stupendous figures have been reached after the following arithmetic: The average number of players at the Cobb's Creek course every day, according to figures given out recently, is 125. This is a low estimate. The weekly average would be 875. The number then, on paper, that have played the public links so far is 7875. Figuring the strokes per round, accurately, is almost impossible, but from admitted statements, destroyed golf cards found torn up on the links, and from observation, 137 strokes has been placed as the low average speed.

Free Hitters Present. There is an enormous number of free hitters now sporting in the Cobb's Creek pastures, who care nought for the number of strokes, the main idea being to wallop the pill. The majority of golfers there admit that they have a hard time doing better than 150 strokes. Many of the feminine beginners go around in about twice that number of strokes. Scarcely a handful of the best players there can reach 90 and only two have broken 80. These scores wouldn't drag down the average much and 137 seems reasonable. The overwhelming shot-total now reaches the staggering sum of 1,078,375 strokes. This is picked as a world's mark for three reasons. To wit, as the saying goes, first the public course is one of the hardest public courses in the country; second, averages at other courses are universally lower than this, and third, the attendance is nearly as strong as that of the average public course.

The 1,078,375 strokes is a fair estimate of the recorded strokes. Then there are drives "taken over and not counted." There are great hordes of penalty strokes lost in the waters of the creek and in situations of which the beginner oftentimes does not even know. There are many shots forgotten at other times. Beginners are alike in this respect the world over. A fair estimate of "unrecorded shots" would be 421,124. This would make the grand total of shots at Cobb's Creek for nine weeks 1,500,001, something of a record, what?

Word comes down from Schieffelin that the present Mohawk tourney there is the first tournament that George Schieffelin, of the Mohawk Club, ever has participated in. All he did was trim Max Marston, 5 and 3, who was a semifinalist in the national last year, and is one of the big four thought to have the best chance this year. If Schieffelin can do a feat like that in his first tourney, we await with interest to hear of his accomplishments in his second tourney. C. H. Williams, Aronink, lived up to his former records in the tourney despite the increased speed of the field this year. He always seems to show his greatest speed at Schenectady, and gave Sherrill Sherman, national semifinalist, a fine bout yesterday. Requests and Retorts. Sandy McNiblick—Will you please tell whether queries on matters of golf will be answered in this column. Address all communications on this care and state the name, full name, address, and telephone number. If you wish to be printed in this column, the name of the sender will not be printed without permission.

Today's Tee Talk

Golf is approaching the possibilities for exhibition at so much per head under the water that it is almost unprofitable to suggest matches since the play is concentrated, but to change exhibition to toll courses in order to witness the play, is another matter. In England considerable sums are being raised for the various war funds through the medium of exhibition matches. Harry Vardon, J. F. Taylor and James H. Blair, who called the greatest golf triumvirate in the world, are all too good for military service. Golf matches between the stars are frequent these days and great throngs crowd over the links to witness them. More than four thousand people turned out to witness the match between Vardon and Taylor on the 15th of last week. The match was played on the 15th of last week and nearly every one who saw it was a "bob" or two.

Philadelphia, Pa. We have unearthed no titleholders who wear gloves. The common practice is to wind adhesive tape around tender spots on the fingers. A golf glove is intended solely to protect the hand and generally is made as loose and free of fit as possible. Sandy McNiblick—Kindly tell me where James Barnes and Charles Hoffman finished in the Philadelphia open championship last year and where it was held. ENTHUSIASTIC READER. Overbrook, Pa. They were tied for second place. Sandy McNiblick—I read your golf stories every night and get the greatest pleasure out of them. I have been waiting for a chance to tell you a good golf story. The nearest I came to having one for you was the other day, when I started off at Huntingdon Valley with a 3-2-4. At this rate, I should have had a record-making 62. But I blew up on the last 15 holes and a 90. Cordially, J. M. P. Abington, Pa.

Bingles and Bungles. Epps Rixey proved himself a real Strongheart in yesterday's battle with the Cardinals. When Epps pitched around tender spots on the field and put loose all he had. That is the style of pitching that will always win and Epps seems to have acquired it. On Thursday all the first division clubs of the National League won their games. Yesterday all of them but New York repeated. Hence there was little change in the relative standing of the clubs. In the National League Brooklyn is first and the Phils second. There is a difference of 54 between them. Only 65 points separate the St. Louis Browns from the White Sox, the latter being tied for seventh place, while the former is first.

Lee Meadows made a rank walk yesterday when he was pitching to Bill Killefer, but the Phils played him around tender spots on the field and he got away with it. He was two feet off the rubber when he pitched the third ball. As Rixey followed with a single, it made no difference. Realizing that there are many fans in Philadelphia who wish to leave for the east and other places on Saturday afternoon, the Philadelphia management has decided to have all Saturday games, beginning today, begin at 2:30 o'clock. The Dodgers have now won seven in a row. The Browns have won 14 straight and are now tied for sixth place in the league. Rice, Senator pitcher, playing in the outfield, made five hits in eight times up in a doubleheader. The White Sox used six pitchers in the second game. Ed Plank held the Red Sox to two hits. Artie Hofman, playing his first game for the Yanks, made two hits and stole a base. Two Miles in 1:30 Flat. INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 5.—An American-made car now holds the track record on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which was formerly held by a French car driven by a Frenchman. In test made by J. G. Vincent, chief engineer of the Packard Company, the test racing car, equipped with the light 12-cylinder aviation motor, circled the big brick speedway in 1:30 flat, a record of 100 miles an hour.

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