

PHILS SHOULD GO AFTER PLAYERS LIKE THEY DO BALLS IN THE STANDS

FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY WORLD'S NET TITLE IS AT STAKE

Representative Gathering of Players Makes Tourney for American Tennis Crown All International

PATTERSON THE STAR

By SPICK HALL Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

THE crowd that began to trickle through the gates early today to see the most famous and skilled players on the globe begin their struggle on the turf courts were destined to behold the beginning of the battle for the world's lawn tennis championship.

In a strict manner of speaking there is and never has been a world's championship tournament, nevertheless the representative gathering of players for the annual meeting for the American title this year virtually converts the national tournament into an all-international one.

Winning L. Patterson, the Australian recently won the British crown by defeating his countryman, Norman A. Brookes, he won a title that carried with it the championship of Europe and Australia. The best continental players were entered at Wimbledon, hence in view of the fact that Brookes, Patterson, Lylett and Thomas are Australian's greatest quartet, Patterson is recognized throughout the world as the foremost player that is outside of America.

The World's Champion. It is just one more step in logical deduction to reach the conclusion that if the world's best outside of the United States is to meet America's best the winner must be considered the world's champion with the racket.

Judging by the sentiments expressed at the clubhouse yesterday after the matches were called off because of an early morning rain, our own players have the best chance of coming through. This opinion is not based on the fact that the Australians are underrated, but because of American talent predominant numerically.

There are so many players of the first magnitude that no one would wish to pick an ultimate victor, however. William M. Johnston, 1915 winner; R. Lindley Murray, last year's title-holder, and Bill Tilden are three who stand forth as what might be termed the leading favorites.

If Tilden could go the entire week as he did the day he defeated Johnson in the Newport invitation tournament, he would be a sure winner, but no man can keep up that pace for a week. Still Tilden may win, because it is not necessary for him to do so in the early rounds.

Permanent Trophy Besides playing for a world's title, there is something else at stake in this tournament. Should either Norris Williams, of Philadelphia, who is entered from the Longwood Cricket Club of Boston, or Maurice E. McLoughlin win the title, the victor would obtain permanent possession of the American championship bowl. Three championships, not necessarily in succession, give the trophy to the winner.

Both Williams and McLoughlin have two legs on the trophy, the former winning in 1914 and 1916 and the latter in 1912 and 1913. R. D. Sears won the trophy outright twice, as he held the championship from 1881 to 1887, inclusive. G. S. Cahoon won it once with victories in 1890-91-92; Robert D. Wrenn captured the bowl once by taking the title in 1893-94 and 1896-97; W. D. Whitman has a bowl, too, won in 1898, 1899, 1910, and 1911.

Bill Larned ties Sears for highest honors with seven, each having won two bowls and an "leg" on a third. Larned's victorious years were 1901, 1902, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911.

No matter from what viewpoint the contesting field of 128 players will be seen, it is certain that never before have so many tennis cracks been engaged in one tournament. While on this subject it is well not to forget Ichijima Kumagae, the Jap, who always has to be reckoned with in any tournament. Unless his opponent can consistently drive in his feet or low back hand Kumagae is sure to win any match.

When the little Jap is given the chance to use his favorite stroke, a swinging forehand, well-topped drive, the point may be counted his, for he not only has uncanny accuracy, but speed that virtually precludes the possibility of a return.

But it must be said of his weakness that if he is once forced away from his driving game, he has little chance, as his net play is still weak in spite of his efforts to improve it.

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Facts About Opening Day of Tennis Tourney

Opening round postponed yesterday on account of wet courts.

Play begins today at West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, at 1 p. m.

The championship tournament will be started by M. E. McLoughlin, San Francisco, and Arthur S. Cragin, New York, on court No. 3 at 1 o'clock.

The second big match of the day will be between S. Howard Voshell, Brooklyn, and Conrad B. Doyle, Washington, D. C., on court No. 3, at 3 o'clock. Frederick B. Alexander, New York, meets Gerald L. Patterson, Melbourne, on court No. 1, at 4:30 o'clock.

Special trains will be run from the Pennsylvania Station to Forest Hills all week to accommodate the crowd.

More than 3000 tickets will be on sale at the gates each day.

On account of yesterday's postponement, the finals will be deferred until next Monday.

Seven feet or more is certain to go back into the opponent's court with the speed of a rocket.

The Winning Drive It was Patterson's ability to smash out winning points on more or less return that enabled him and Brookes to defeat Tilden and Richards for the American doubles title. As for Patterson's court-covering ability and generalship in singles, little is known. In this country he has not shown a great deal.

On the other hand, it has been apparent that he was holding himself in reserve. He doubtless did this for two reasons. First, to be at his best as a doubles partner for Brookes, and, secondly, to keep from going stale for the tournament that starts today.

Brookes is a hard man to dope out in this tournament. Every one knows that as a skilled player and tactician he has no superior, and probably not an equal. But Brookes's age is likely to tell against him when he meets the dashing young Americans, to whom five sets means very little in the matter of physical wear.

Davis's Conquest Willie E. Davis, who formerly played on the University of Pennsylvania tennis team, defeated Brookes the other day at Southampton, but that does not mean the famous left-hander will not come back with a rush. He has done this too often to take it for granted that he is through because he met defeat once.

In some circles R. V. Thomas is considered more dangerous than either Brookes or Patterson in the present tournament. Thomas and Patrick O'Hara Wood swamped Brookes and Patterson in the doubles at Wimbledon. Thomas, like Patterson, has a fore and back-hand drive that is typically British in strength and direction. He is also a fine volleyer, and as a half-volleyer has no equal in the meeting here unless Alexander and Tilden can be classed with him.

These three players have the pick-up down to a wonderful science, and score many points by it through the short-courting method. Thomas is also very fast. He anticipates his opponent's shots with the same uncanny accuracy that characterized the play of Bill Larned. No only that, but after making any kind of a stroke, Thomas is back in position again like a flash, ready to make a kill if his previous shot was unsuccessfull.

On the whole, the Australians have a very fine line-up in the field to compete against the best from the Orient and from all sections of America.

Tonight a dinner will be given the Lawn Tennis Empire Association members who are here.

The U. S. N. L. T. A. will give its annual dinner in honor of the thirty-eighth tournament tomorrow evening in the Dollar Robin room of the Vanderbilt Hotel.

The press stand has been moved from the top of the north grandstand to a more advantageous position over the veranda of the clubhouse.

A big crowd went out to see the matches yesterday. They did not hear of the postponement until they got to Forest Hills.

Our Will Tilden was very much peeved when the matches were called off. He stamped his foot threateningly.

Philadelphia's four leading players battle as follows today: Tilden vs. Nehring, Wallace Johnson vs. Benedict, R. Williams, 2d vs. Hoque, Crute Biddle vs. Falls.

Although Dick Williams is and always has been a Philadelphian, he is playing this year from the Longwood Cricket Club, Boston.

All of the details of the tournament have fallen on the shoulders of Paul H. Williams, field secretary of the U. S. N. L. T. A. He has handled everything perfectly.

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The Australian girls are recognized the world over as two of the best exponents of swimming. They are touring this country, competing in the large cities. Last week they exhibited in New York.

Harold Krueger, of the Oakland A. C., and Charles Heatley, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania will give exhibitions of the back stroke.

The events and the entries follow:

100-yard invitation—Miss Wylie, of Australia; Miss Charlotte Bogle, New York; Miss Gertrude Arlett, Philadelphia; Miss Elizabeth Becker, Philadelphia.

300-yard invitation—Miss Fannie Durack, Australia; Miss Ethel H. Heston, New York; Miss Charlotte Bogle, New York; Miss Eleanor C. Phillips, Philadelphia.

100-yard breast stroke, invitation—Miss Wylie, Australia; Miss Arlett, Philadelphia; Miss Becker, Philadelphia.

100-yard back stroke, invitation—Harold Krueger, Oakland, Calif.; Charles Heatley, Philadelphia.

100-yard handicap for men and 100-yard handicap for women.

In the handicap events representatives from Philadelphia, Turnersville, Philadelphia, Swimming Club, Germantown, Boys Club and Meadowbrook will compete.

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