

THE "TROUBLE SHOOTERS" OUGHT TO MAKE GOOD IN THE TELEPHONE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

JAY GOULD, COURT TENNIS STAR, ONE OF THE GREATEST CHAMPIONS EVER DEVELOPED IN ATHLETICS

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JUST to start an argument, we will state today that Bill Tilden is NOT the tennis champion of the world. He is NOT the tennis champion of the United States. This probably sounds strange and startling, but nevertheless it is true. We are not handing our Bill a back-handed wallop nor are we trying to swindle any of his hard-earned laurels. Bill is a wonderful athlete, but never has played tennis.

The real game of tennis is played indoors on a court especially constructed for that purpose. Jay Gould is the champion. Lawn tennis, which is an offshoot of court tennis, is almost forty years old and is governed by an entirely different set of rules. It is a more popular game because it is easier to play and less expensive. Just the same, the court tennis players get terribly puffed and exceedingly sore if the outdoor sport is referred to as "tennis." They insist that their game is the real, regular one.

A couple of days ago I saw Jay Gould and Joe Moss, the youngest professional, play court tennis at the Racquet Club. George H. Brooks, the old Penn football star and former national tennis champion, was the other half of the audience. Gould handed out some tips on the game and discussed the information of the game.

"This game is one of the oldest in the world," explained George. "It originated back in the thirteenth century in a French monastery. The monks, to get exercise, played in a courtyard which was no larger than a small square. The game is as popular and popular as the mobility of the ball. Special courts were built and everything in the original courtyard was copied. The penthouses, the gallery, the grille and six galleries were used. In fact, the court you are looking at now is an exact replica of the one used 700 years ago.

There was the answer to my mind, why the game is so little known in this country. Anybody can lay out a lawn tennis court, but a modern court tennis court costs a large amount of money to build. There are only two private courts in this country, owned by George Gould, Payne Whitney and Clarence Mackay. There are also courts in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Alton, Toledo and Newport. In England there are only fifty private courts in the various big country places. Perhaps there are not 100 courts in the world, while the lawn tennis courts number millions.

The floor space is 34 feet 4 inches long and 21 feet 4 inches wide. Around three sides of the court is a box about 7 feet high and is known as the penthouse. Along the wide end of the court and also at the service end between the penthouse roof and the wall are a number of openings, and at the end of the court a wide opening called the dedans.

In the corner of the end between wall on the hoisted side, there are two sides, the legend and services—a small opening called the grille. This is a modern grille, of the prohibition variety, because of alcohol.

Service starts on Penthouse

THE game itself, according to Frederick Tompkins, the club professional, is one of the most difficult to master. The object of the server is to give such a service that his opponent cannot return the ball over the net, which is the same as in lawn tennis. In the court game, however, the service starts on the penthouse roof, rolls to the end court, bounces against the wall and is returned after it bounces off the floor.

Points are made the same as in lawn tennis, with the exception of shots going into the dedans, grille and the first or winning gallery.

One of the unusual features of the game is that a player does not reach the height of his form until he is about thirty-five years of age. In baseball, boxing and other strenuous sports an athlete is on the down grade when he gets that old. However, according to Tompkins, the greatest players in the world have been at their best between the ages of thirty-five and forty-two. All of which means it takes time to master the intricate game. There is so much that can be done with the ball that the quality of judgment and quick thinking enters into it more than in any other sport.

Jay Gould is the champion and is in a class by himself so far as the technique of the game is concerned. He started the world when, at the age of seventeen, he took the American title from Joshua Crane, the former Harvard all round athlete. At first it was thought that Gould, because of his slight frame and youth, put over a lucky victory, but after defending his title a dozen times all fair-minded authorities credited him with being one of the great athletes in the world.

When one considers that Gould is master in every point of the game and a player without a weakness, one cannot be wrong in stating that he is one of the greatest and the development in any field of athletic activities. This is because he surpasses all his rivals to a far greater extent than do other champions in their specialties.

Gould's success is due to his hard work. When a month his father, George Gould, placed him in the hands of Frank Foster, a professional of unusual tennis ability, and he began mastering the game.

Play for Title at Racquet Club

JAY GOULD will defend his title against the best professional in the country at the Racquet Club next week. To decide who is the best, a tournament will be held, beginning on January 13. Joe Moss, of Philadelphia, and R. Dutton, of Boston, will play in the morning and Jack Souter, of Philadelphia, and Otto Glower, of Boston, in the afternoon in the "Punch" Fairs draw a lot. The finals will be played on January 17, and the winner meets Gould.

This promises to be one of the most interesting court tennis events ever staged in this country, and lovers of the game will be out in full force. Many will come from New York and Boston for the tournament.

The winner of the tournament to be played next week at the Racquet Club, said Mr. Gould, "should be given the title of 'professional champion of America.'" Every professional has been given an opportunity to enter and it is this tournament of this kind which will give a clear title. Kinnick claims the title at present, and because of his claims on his victories over Jack White and Punch Fairs. As these were only exhibition matches, no title could be properly claimed on this basis.

Jack Souter and Punch Fairs should give a splendid exhibition. I consider Souter one of the hardest men to beat that I ever have played.

The professional who plays Gould has a great chance to win prize and glory. If he wins, he will receive a prize of \$1000.

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OH, MAN!



REFUSE \$300,000 BID FOR HORNSBY

Another New Record Set in Baseball Finance by Offer for Cardinal Infielder

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Another new record has been created in the history of baseball finances by the report from Houston, Tex., quoting Branch Rickey, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, as stating the club had received a bona fide offer of \$300,000 and four players for Rogers Hornsby, Cardinal second baseman and championship hitter of the National League.

This figure more than doubles the reported purchase price given by the New York Yankees for "Duke" Ruth in a deal which was considered to put a record valuation on a player's services, and is just twice the size of the offer made by the New York Nationals for Hornsby early last season.

By continuing in a formal statement issued by President Samuel Bronson, of the Cardinals, the Giants offered \$150,000 and two players in exchange for Hornsby. When that was turned down the offer was raised to \$200,000, according to Bronson's statement, which, it was explained, was based on the fact that Hornsby was expected to be a million-dollar player.

Later, it was said, the Giant management raised the bid another \$50,000.

MUCH PRACTICE NEEDED TO EXCEL AT BILLIARDS

Miss Frances Anderson, Woman's Champion of World in Pocket Billiards, Tells Why Men Are Better

Practise is essential to success in every line of sports endeavor. This probably is more true in billiards and pocket billiards than any other game and that is the view taken by Miss Frances Anderson, world's woman champion pocket billiards player, who is playing a series of matches with some of the best male players in Philadelphia and giving fancy shooting exhibitions at the Regent Billiard Parlors, 1209 Market street.

"Yes, the great trouble with women players is that they do not have the opportunity to practise," said Miss Anderson. "You see that when men play morning, noon and night they have a chance to develop to a far greater extent than women. When I am on a tour as I am now, the only practice I get is in the afternoon and that is not good practice. A woman is under a great strain while giving exhibitions because she is self-conscious, where a man is not. A woman imagines that every one who says a word in the room is talking about her, that throws her off, she makes a bad shot and the bad shots get her off her game entirely.

Men Are Better

"Women cannot compare with men as billiard players. I know that, I know that while I am making it interesting for the average amateur male player I am not in the class with such players as Ralph Greenleaf and I don't pretend to be. I am sure, however, that I can beat any woman in the world and I think that I should be considered the champion.

As far as I know there has only been one real world's championship match played. That was about ten years ago. A good player from France was ever here, called M. and B. E. Keith arranged a big tournament in Boston. Every body was invited to participate. I know that I haven't seen any woman that I think could beat me.

I have played 152 matches since I have been on this tour, which included games throughout New England, New York state and Pennsylvania. I lost nineteen of those matches. Every one I played against was a man except one. My opponent recently I played a woman, but she really wasn't good at all. There was no competition in that match, but in some of the other places I met good players. In the majority of the towns I met the best they had there."

make for a good exhibition. I always play an open game, just as open as Greenleaf. I will say for the average man that he does play an open game and is always a good sport whether winning or losing.

Miss Anderson excels at fancy shooting. Her play last night was highly appreciated and often applauded. She will play again this afternoon and tonight before leaving for Chester. After a few more stops Miss Anderson will return to her home in Richmond, Va.

HARRIERS TO RACE

Victrix C. C. Will Stage Cross-Country Run Tomorrow

The annual handicap run of the Catholic Young Men's Archdiocesan Union will be held tomorrow afternoon under the direction of the Victrix C. C. Club.

The harriers will start at 8 o'clock from the Victrix clubhouse, 315 E. Vine street, and proceed to Fifty-second street, to Market, to Sixty-third, to Cobles Creek Parkway, to Baltimore avenue, to Fifty-second, to Vine and Bush at the clubhouse.

There will be gold medals for the winner and the runners making the best time, silver and bronze medals for those finishing up to ninth place and a silver cup for the team winner.

Victor Athletes Select Boston

The Victor Athletes, a Boston organization of sports champions of more than twenty years ago, has had a meeting in Philadelphia to select Boston College as the site for the annual Victor Athletic meet.

The information was contained in a letter to the Rev. William Dowd, S. J., president of Boston College, inviting him to accept the honor of hosting the annual meet of the Victor Athletes, to be held here in the near future.

MRS. BARLOW WILL GOLF IN ENGLAND

To Play for British Title With Mrs. Gavin and Miss Hollins

By SANDY McNBILICK

Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, women's eastern golf champion, will go abroad this spring and, incidental to the trip, will play in the women's golf championship of Great Britain.

This became known today through a news dispatch which asserted that a "tentative team" had been selected from the fair golf stars of the land to represent this country in the British championship this spring.

That a team had been selected was characterized as nonsense by Mrs. Barlow this morning, who said that she had heard nothing of such a team, and she herself was going over "for fun" with Mrs. W. A. Gavin, twice runner-up in the American championship. Mrs. Gavin, who plays from the Belleaire, L. I., Country Club, was No. 1 player for New York's team in the Gleason Cup matches at the Philadelphia Cricket Club last season.

The news dispatch named Miss Alex Stirling, American champion since 1919, Miss Marion Hollins, who won first prize of the Americans in the British play last year, Mrs. F. C. Betts, western champion; Miss Edith Cummings, Chicago, and Mrs. Barlow, Morion, as the "team."

Mrs. Barlow said that Miss Hollins, Mrs. Gavin and herself were the only ones she knew of who would compete in the British title play this season for America.

"But golf will only be an incident to our trip," stated Mrs. Barlow today. "Miss Hollins, who is, as you know, a horsewoman, will go over chiefly for fox hunting. She will play very little golf, though I suppose she will play in the championships."

To date Miss Stirling has neither confirmed nor denied the rumor that she will play abroad this year.

"I fully intend to make the trip in 1922," said the champion, who has just last fall, "but my trip fell through last year, so I hesitate to say definitely that I will go in the season to come."

Fans on both sides of the water are anxious to settle the question of supremacy between Miss Cecil Leitch, British champion extraordinary, and Miss Stirling. It is likely that great pressure will be brought to bear on the American champion to go this season.

Nothing is known here of the plans of Mrs. Betts and Miss Cummings. They are two of the leading players of the country and would be welcome additions to the American representation.

Mrs. Clarence H. Vanderbark, a Pennsylvania champion in 1915, and Miss Mildred Caverly, runner-up the following year, will not make the trip this year, though they went last year and did very well.

"Once is enough," laughed Miss Caverly today. "I prefer not to miss the golf here at home in the spring this year as I missed nearly everything last year by going abroad."

"I have heard nothing of any women's team being picked to play this year and do not believe the rumor to that effect is true. I know that Mrs. Vanderbark is not going abroad, but I suppose Mrs. Barlow will go, as she ought to have a fine chance."

JERSEY FIVES CLASH FOR LEAGUE HONORS

Camden and Trenton Meet in Deciding Basketball Battle; Dobson and Baldwin to Play Off Tie

THESE new league basketball games will be played on Friday, January 7, with the Trenton team where Camden and Trenton will stage another clash in the deciding battle of the first half title, but in a fair city the Trenton players, Ed Dobson and Baldwin, will play off the tie.

Off from the Trenton team, the Manufacturers' League basketball followers are excited on Trenton where Camden and Trenton will stage another clash in the deciding battle of the first half title, but in a fair city the Trenton players, Ed Dobson and Baldwin, will play off the tie.

Camden has not lost a single game for over two months and has been making an achievement as a team. The game administered to it was a very close one, evening and what was the result was a play-off.

Robert Callahan of Philadelphia, who expects his club to be the best of the winners. He led Trenton in scoring and was the center. The second Trenton player to score was a player named Tom. The players will get into a play-off on Wednesday night. The game started at 8:30 sharp.

Camden is confident

The Camden team is confident of final game in their first half title, but Trenton is confident. The Trenton champions to play off the tie.

Arrangements have been made for the Pennsylvania Railroad to transport the Trenton team to Camden.

Dave Kerr, who was injured on Wednesday's game with Trenton, recovered and will resume his regular position at guard.

War in Northeast

There is a war on in the northeast between two rival basketball teams. Holy Name wants to meet Trenton, but to date the Trenton players have been unable to agree on terms.

So far Holy Name has succeeded in making quite a reputation in the area. In the last two weeks the team has stopped the winning streaks of St. Henry's, Enterprise and Cape May, and was only beaten by Aquinas on Tuesday night.

Basketball Statistics table with columns for team, W, L, Pct.

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SENATORS SEEK BAKER

Clark Griffith Has High Hopes of Landing Trappe Sluggers

Washington, Jan. 7. Clark Griffith, manager of the Senators, today expressed his hope that he would be able to acquire Trappe Sluggers, the New York Yankees, to play third base.

Griffith said he had offered \$50,000 for the players, but they had been turned down.

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Francie Clark vs. Al Thompson

Burman vs. O'Donnell

BIG CROWD GREET NEW PHIL BOSS

Bill Donovan Tells Fans That He Wants Young Blood in Team

Bill Donovan, new boss of the Philadelphia Phillies, today told a big crowd of fans at Lansdowne that he wanted young blood in his team.

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