

Different Nations Show 100 Per Cent Sportsmanship by Rallying for Davis Cup Tournament

REAL SPORTSMANSHIP IN WORLD OF TENNIS

Despite Supreme Ability of Tilden and Johnston, More Than Dozen Nations Bid for Davis Cup Tourney—Entirely for the Game Itself

By GRANTLAND RICE
The Empire's "Psalm of Strife" tells us not in mournful numbers that an imp's life is a dream. For the imp is dead who slumbers while an Evers guards his team. Strife is real, strife is earnest, and the grave is soon our goal; Cashed thou art out of casual retreat, stands the token of our role. In the game's rare field of battle, through the browser and the strife, what are we but driven cattle? Branding with the seal of fate, lives of empires oft remind us, departing, leave behind us a pool of gore along the sand. Let us then be up and doing, and in spite of all the boing, learn to call 'em at the plate.

"Why," asks a certain big league pitcher, "shouldn't we slip Ruth intentional passes? Is there anything unintentional about his home runs?" Sport and the World at Large
THERE is a strong inclination upon the part of a good many citizens of each nation to imagine that that particular nation is most highly surcharged with sportsmanship. But in this respect we'd like to offer a polite brief for the world at large. Consider the facts of the Davis Cup. We have Johnston stand supreme. This fact is established as clearly as anything can be established in sport. Under such conditions the attempt to win the Davis Cup would look to be such a foregone chance that few would care to risk the time, money and effort in the assault. Yet, in the face of this barrier, with the odds all against them, we have more than a dozen nations exceedingly keen to enter the contest just for the sport itself. They would like to win, of course, but they can't very well expect to win. Yet they have all rallied to the occasion in a way that only 100 per cent sportsmanship could rally. They have in this case certainly put the playing of the game above victory alone, for most of them know they haven't even the remotest chance to beat two such tennis stars as Tilden and Johnston, even if they worked their way into the challenge round.

So, in the act of panning the universe at large, with the accent on all foreign nations, one might stop for a moment and consider the ease of the Davis Cup.
The Last of the Old Guard
GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER stepped into major league play just ten years ago this spring. He was a star from his first appearance, and today he is the last of the Old Guard pitching stars in the National League, that once numbered Christy Mathewson and Three-Fingered Brown. We recall back in 1910 where two expert scouts turned him down on account of his side-arm motion, but that side-arm motion has won many a ball game since.

In the American League, Walter Johnson remains to carry on where Walsh, Bender and others have passed out. Johnson and Alexander now carry more pitching glory than any other men. For they are certainly two of the five greatest pitchers that baseball has ever known.
Limerick of the Links
A Duffer whose short putt went shy
Emitted a heart-rending cry
When on looking around
He afterward found
'Twas his caddie had batted an eye.
Dying II Out
DEAR SIR—Put me down with those who believe Carpenter is going to whip Dempsey when they meet. Why? Because he is a trifle faster, a trifle better boxer and he can hit just as hard. That shade in speed and skill will turn the trick. If Bill Brennan could hit Dempsey as often as he liked, Carpenter will hit him oftener and with

a much harder blow. That sounds reasonable, doesn't it? H. L. F.
TURIS SPEAKER may be a trifle bald and a trifle gray, but there is nothing very aged about his batting eye or his outfielding legs. The ton of the head appears to be a minor matter, if conditions are properly adjusted about two inches lower down.
WE SOMETIMES wonder what ball-players who are turning down \$10,000 offers are going to do to earn \$10,000 in other ways?
THE noted scientist who discovered Helicobacter has yet been unable to discover why English fight fans insist upon paying out money to see "Bombardier" Wells and Joe Beckett exchange blows. This planet has its mysteries to compare favorably with anything space has to offer.
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Scraps About Scrappers
Danny Kramer's match with Jack (Kid) Wolf in Cleveland, after being called off entirely, has been rescheduled and they will clash as originally scheduled on the night of April 21. Kramer will again face Cleveland tomorrow, so that he will be on the scene of the battle a day ahead of time.
Herman Hildin has matched Bobby McLean to meet Bobby McLeod at the Cambria Club next Friday night. This will be McLean's first start under Hildin's colors. McLean also is anxious for a tilt with Honey Hutchinson.
Two eights and four six-rounders are arranged for the Auditorium tomorrow night. Diner Kelly, Jack McCarthy's welterweight, will meet Freddy Trotter and Reddy Jackson vs. Artie McCann will be the other eight-round bouts. The six are Mokey Wolcott vs. Jackie Hildin, Jack Lester vs. Jimmy Summers, Teddy Heath vs. George Lavigne and Al Gordon vs. Kid Herman.
Society note—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Corvino entertained at their home in Haddon Heights, N. J., on Sunday. Among the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lew Tondler and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Glasman.
In acknowledging receipts of four pairs of boxing gloves donated to the Jewish Foster Home by Phil Glasman and Lew Tondler, Superintendent Aaron D. Fisher writes: "Hope that in the continued practice with them none of the boys will become as proficient as to take the title away from our friend Lew."
Joy Egan, West Philadelphia welterweight, who whipped Vic Warner last week in a training daily and he leaves challenges to Pat Ross, Artie Mace and Young Tom Sharkey.
There are letters in the Sports Department of the Evening Public Ledger for Joe Kennedy, Harry Gordon, Willis Britt, Bobby Dunas and Herman Hildin.

Aim Blow at Baseball "Holdouts"
Chicago, April 18.—A blow at baseball "holdouts" was delivered by the major and minor league's advisory council here today when a rule was adopted providing that players under reserve who fail to report to their clubs within ten days after the opening of the championship season, would be placed on the ineligible list and that the salaries of such players for reinstatement must go to the commissioner, Judge K. M. Landis.

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HILLDALE STARTS DRILL

A new baseball league, the Junior Catholic League of West Philadelphia, was launched at a meeting held in the clubrooms of St. Francis De Sales Battalion, Forty-seventh street and Springfield avenue. Plans were completed for the formation of a four-team league. Representatives from St. Francis, Moorlyn C. C. and Victrix C. C. were in attendance and the following officers elected: James Byrnes, secretary, and James McGill, treasurer. Frank E. Loughran acted as chairman. All games will be played at Forty-seventh and Spruce streets on Saturday afternoons, the first to start at 2 p. m. and the second at 4 p. m.
A silver loving cup will be presented the winning team and numerous other awards will be provided for individual players. The next meeting will decide upon the fourth member of the organization. For information write Frank E. Loughran, 1203 South Forty-sixth street.

Hilldale Starts Work

Manager Ed Holden, of Hilldale, will have eighteen players at Hilldale Park this afternoon to start the first workout on the home grounds. The Darbyites open the season next Saturday, when they travel to Twenty-sixth and Reed streets and Camden. Saturday, April 29, Fleisher plays at Hilldale; Sunday, May 1, Hilldale, at Newark, doubleheader; Saturday, May 7, Lit Bros., at Hilldale; Sunday, May 8, Hilldale at Newark, morning and afternoon, and Thursday, May 12, Hilldale at Pencoed. Bob Bailey, an infielder, and Fred Daniels, a pitcher, from Texas, are expected to strengthen the regulars. Brown, Dobbins and Stevens are promising youngsters, who will fight it out for a regular berth. Standup and York, catchers; Whitwork, Cockrell, Rector and Flournoy, pitchers; Allen Cummings, Downs and Francis, infielders; White, Belegs and Johnson, outfielders, all look good as most of them have been wintering in Cuba, Palm Beach and Los Angeles and playing there.
South Philadelphia Recreation has a fast traveling team. Manager Musi has signed Markley, right field; Williams, catcher; Lanzillo, center field; Grosso, first base; Orest, third base; Oliver, shortstop; Perry, second base, and Schilling, left field.
Musi will take care of the hurling. He would like to hear from Nativity, Stetson, Marshall E. Smith, Hilldale, Camden City and teams of this caliber. Address Anthony Musi, 2314 South Hutchinson street.

A Punching Pair



IN SAME STABLE
George Chaney (top) and Danny Frush each possesses a knockout wallop

CHAMP NOT STRONG FOR FRUSH BATTLE

Kilbane Turns Deaf Ear to Baltimore Offers—Danny Boxes in Camden Tonight

CHANEY MEETS BENJAMIN

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
Sammy Harris, of Baltimore, is in Philadelphia today. Sam is the klug-pup manager of boxers in the Oriole City, and he is anxious to be at the helm of another world's champion. Harris, as you know, used to guide Kid Williams when that little chunk of mauling material was boss of the banana division.
Said Sam today: "Baltimore is ready to stage a featherweight championship contest at the drop of the hat, with Danny Frush as the person of the second part. But, for some reason or other, the promoters in Baltimore cannot get a rise out of Johnny Kilbane."
"I know of an offer of \$10,000 that has been made Kilbane for a 15-round contest to a referee's decision against Frush, and another one of \$15,000, but Kilbane apparently is suffering from writer's cramp. He hasn't even acknowledged receipt of these offers."
Boxes in Camden
Frush is here with Harris and so is Knockout George Chaney. Both Frush and Chaney are in the vicinity for punching purposes. They are scheduled to appear in respective bouts at the Camden Sportsman's Club tonight, on the first program of a series to be held by Herman Taylor before he starts putting on open air shows at one of the ball parks here.
Chaney is to answer the tingle of the

143- POUND STROKE LEADS PENN TO WIN

Eddie Mitchell's Stout Heart Carries Red and Blue to Victory Over Yale

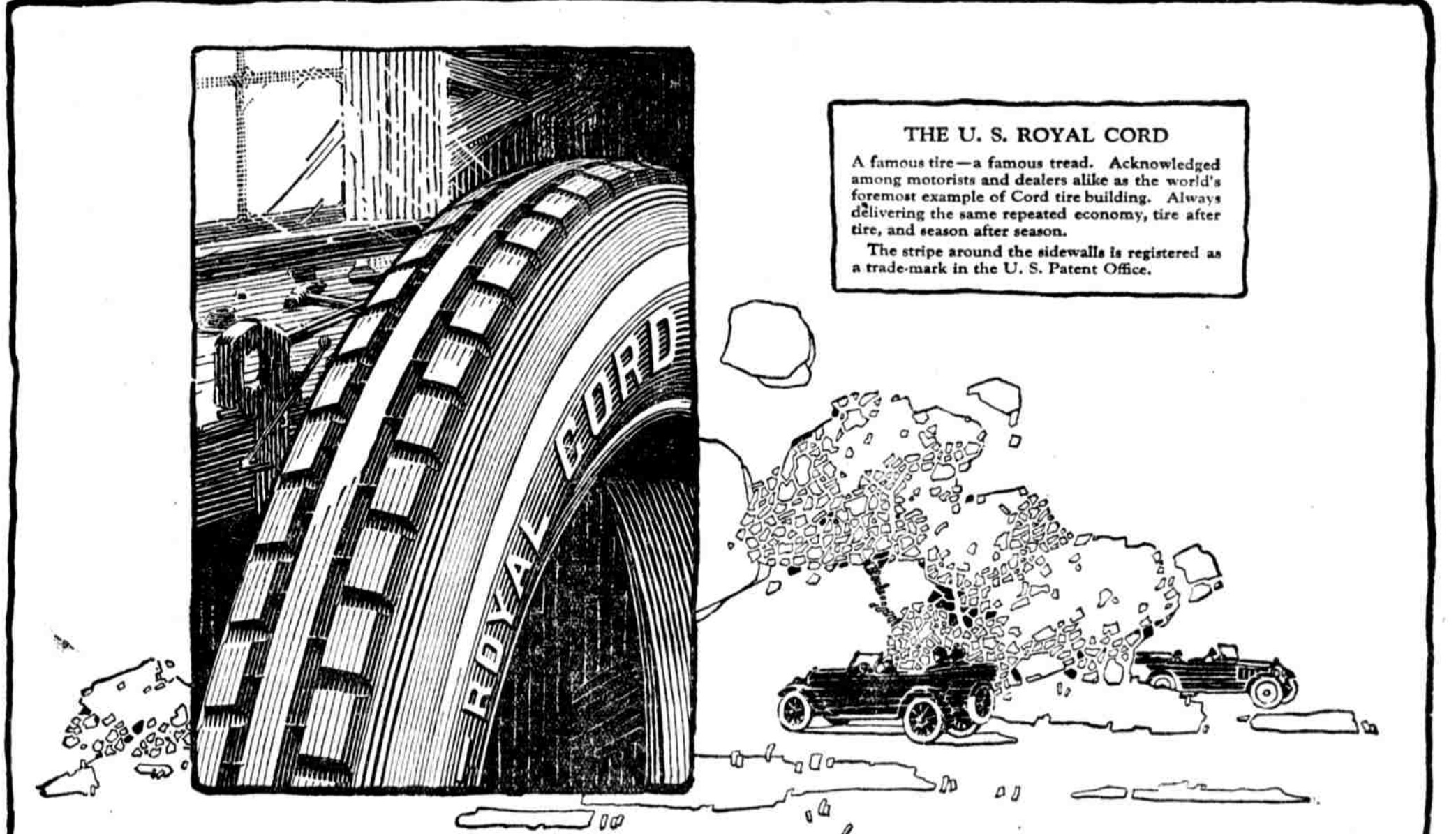
COACH WRIGHT IS HAPPY

Coach Joseph Wright, the Canadian tutor of the University of Pennsylvania, is vindicated. When Sir Joseph decided some weeks ago that Eddie Mitchell, weighing 143 pounds, was to be the stroke of the Red and Blue varsity, there was considerable doubt expressed by those well versed in rowing knowledge that the move was a wise one. How much the better was the wisdom of Wright to that of his critics was exhibited in the dusk of Saturday night on the Housatonic River up in Derby, Conn., when the lightweight Mitchell stroked his varsity boat across the final line a full length ahead of the widely heralded Yale eight.
It was the wonderful stroking of Mitchell and the superwork of his seven pals that earned Penn one of her biggest victories of the year. Mitchell brought his strength from somewhere among his 143 pounds of bone and flesh and stroked his eight to victory. And the best part of the victory and the surprising part as well was the freshness of the Red and Blue bladesmen at the conclusion of the race. This can be attributed to the early start the candidates had in the outdoor work and the fact that Wright brought them along slowly.
The intercollegiate world is agog over the wonderful performance of the Penn eight, and Mitchell in particular. Old-timers are talking of the prowess of the Ardmore lad and are checking up their

Heavy Snowfall Halts Cleveland-Detroit Series

Detroit, April 18.—Navin field is blanketed with snow several inches deep and indications are that none of the games of the opening series between Detroit and Cleveland will be played this week. The snowfall began late Saturday night and continued Sunday afternoon, postponement of the opening game with Cleveland being announced early in the afternoon. The Tigers have played but two games, one of them in a steady drizzle of rain, since the season opened.

memories to see if there has been a stroke on as light as Mitchell in so important a race in the past. Many say there has never been; others are inclined to wait and look up the records. At present, however, it seems that Mitchell is at least one of the lightest men ever to stroke a varsity eight in such a race.
Pennsylvania covered the distance in 7 minutes and 9 seconds, just 4 seconds better than Yale was clocked in. The time is not considered fast in view of the record that is some 35 seconds better, but all things considered, the fog condition of the river, and other reasons, the time was excellent and augurs well for the future success of Mitchell and his pals.
"Of course I am happy," said Coach Joe Wright this morning. "The varsity eight rowed a beautiful race and Mitchell stroked them like a veteran. Last year he did the same kind of work in the 150-pound eight, which won the championship. We will start work this afternoon in preparation for the Childs Cup race on the Harlem River on May 14."
The Junior eight stroked by Bill Copeland, lost the race to Yale by little more than half a length after making a valiant fight to win. Had it not been for the fact that Hugh in the middle of the boat took sick after the first half mile the Red and Blue might have won the race.



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Carl W. Ackerman, chief of the Foreign News Service of the PUBLIC LEDGER

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They couldn't get him. But Ackerman found him and got a two-hour interview for the Public Ledger.

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