

World's Best Tennis Players Are in the United States Tourney Which Starts Today at Manheim

YEARS OF HARD WORK PLACED BILL TILDEN ON TENNIS PINNACLE

Champion Defending His National Title on Same Courts Where His Debut Was Made at the Age of Six. Perseverance Brought Success

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. TWENTY-ONE years ago a young, skinny kid, built along the symmetrical lines of a string bean, picked up a tennis racket some place and went out to the Germantown Cricket Club, Manheim, to play what he thought was a new game.

That was the debut of "Junior" Tilden, as he then was known, to the game of lawn tennis. He was the ripe old age of six and very ambitious. He thought tennis was a great game and wanted to learn it.

Strange how things change as time rolls on. Today William T. Tilden, champion of the world, appeared on the same courts, the most welcome and popular player that ever sunk his spiked shoes in the turf.

Tilden started to play in 1900, and Fred Alexander was mainly responsible for his early success. Bill says he noted player for the first time and tried to imitate his every move.

In 1911, when the Davis Cup doubles were played at Manheim, Tilden was ball boy for Parke and Larned. Nobody paid any attention to him then. He was only a part of the scenery.

In 1912, when he was eighteen years old, Bill revised his entire game. He based it on scientific principles and started out to learn every shot in tennis. He was told he was foolish and never would accomplish anything, but he stuck to it, and the results of the last two years prove he was right.

TILDEN says he based his game on two things—geometry and physics. The first principle was that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, and the other that weight and balance will get best results.

When I revised my game in 1912 it took me six long, hard years to accomplish anything. I worked and worked to get control, and when I did it was much easier.

I have been asked many times how I happened to arrive at the top of my game, and I can say now that I attribute what little success I have had to coaching junior players.

THE tournament promises to be one of the greatest ever held in history. Not only are the best American athletes here, but also the pick of the entire world.

Yanks Look Like Pennant Winners. LOOKS as if the Yanks were riding pretty in the race for the American League pennant and would cop the bunting hands down, or words to that effect.

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BIG POLO SERIES STARTS TOMORROW

Army and Meadow Brook Fox-hunters to Clash in First of Junior Matches

ALL-AMERICANS TO PLAY

The greatest polo event in the history of Philadelphia polo will open tomorrow at the Philadelphia Country Club, at Bala, where preparations have been made to give big crowds of spectators a series of matches exciting anything ever arranged heretofore on a local oval.

The matches are to be the incidents of the national championships—junior, senior and open—and the teams entered have been selected to bring together the very best men in the sport in this country.

The central feature, of course, will be the senior championship event, between the All-American team, winners of the international matches this year at Hurlingham, and another team of high hand-dropped picked men.

The match will be the first occasion since their remarkable showing in England for the All-American team to play together, with the same mounts and under conditions that may be as gruelling as the international games.

EDMISTON IN CANADA. Former W. Phila. High School Track Star in International 1000-Yd. Race. Rod W. Edmiston, veteran of scores of track meets in this city and one of the best middle-distance runners in the Quaker City, will represent the Meadowbrook Club tomorrow afternoon in the 1000 yards international sprint at Toronto.

McQUILLAN SUSPENDED. Fred Mitchell, Boston Braves' Manager, Bars Pitcher. Boston, Sept. 9.—Pitcher Hugh McQuillan, of the Boston Nationals, has been indefinitely suspended by Manager Fred Mitchell, it was announced today.

Bill Martin Back at State. State College, Pa., Sept. 9.—Trainer Bill Martin, of Penn State, who has been laid up for some time, is expected to return to his duties today.

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THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



UPTOWN TEAMS LOSE BY SHUTOUT ROUTE

Bridestburg Humbled by American Chain, 4 to 0, and Cuban Stars Down North Phils by Same Score. BOTH PLAY TONIGHT. TWO uptown teams were blanked last evening by the score of 4 to 0.

Today's Local Ball Games. Bridestburg Professionals at Media A. A., 8:30 p.m. American Chain at Harborside, Pa., 8:30 p.m. Cuban Stars at North Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES. P. R. T. All-Stars, 9; Fox Motor, 3. Bridestburg Professionals, 4; American Chain, 0. Cuban Stars, 4; North Philadelphia, 0.

PITCHER SETS RECORD. Claude Noel Hurls Two No-Hit Games in Four Days. Marsfield, Wis., Sept. 9.—What appears to be a record was established by Pitcher Claude Noel, of the Marsfield team, when he pitched two no-hit, no-run games within four days.

Huster Team Asks for Games. The Huster baseball team, with a record of 23 wins, 10 losses and 2 tied games, has a few open dates on Saturday.

Charlie White to Meet Hanlon. Chicago, Sept. 9.—Charlie White, Chicago pitcher, is expected to meet Jimmie Hanlon, in Desaver, September 10.

Doylestown and Lansdale Meet in First Game of Series on Latter's Field Tomorrow. LONGACRE IN FINE SHAPE. The first game of the series of three to decide the pennant winner in the Montgomery County Baseball League will be played tomorrow at Lansdale.

Another Race Won By Fulton Short, of Lighthouse Boys' Club, Riding the Indian Bicycle. RIDE A WINNER! The Indian Bicycle! Sold Here on Easy Terms. COLORED CATALOG—FREE. Broadway Cycle Co., Inc. Largest Cycle House in the East. 527 Market St., Phila. Branch 1203 Broadway, Camden, N. J. OPEN EVENINGS.

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BIG OR LITTLE BILL? THAT'S THE QUESTION

Maybe It Will Be Some Other Star Who Will Wear the Tennis Diadem—Tilden Has No Easy Tasks. Johnston Dangerous

BY GRANTLAND RICE

Harking Back. "McLoughlin the Comet never had at his best either a style or form,"—Tennis critic. "Ah yes, indeed, 'twas quite a shame, the weakness of Mac, he hadn't any form at all—his style was badly tested."

It took an expert eye to see his stuff was worse than raw. That Style, Variety and Form had always failed to meet him, his college seat on the snuff—his service was a flaw, BUT It used to take an Awful Lot to beat him.

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