

CYNWYD SQUASH RACQUETS TEAM PUTTING ON STEAM

Wallace Johnson's Hustlers May Oust Racquet Club From Top of Heap

GERMANTOWN FAST

It begins to look as though the Racquet Club would not enjoy its usual elixir in the Interclub Squash Racquets League this year. It looks as though Cynwyd, which decided to enter only one team for the 1922-23 campaign would be the dark horse, with Germantown, as always, the most serious contender for the Racquet Club's post at the top of the heap.

The season has only been under way a couple of weeks or so, but already the Racquet Club has been bumped a couple of times, while Cynwyd, led by Wallace F. Johnson, has been setting the league on fire. Johnson scored a notable victory over William F. Hurrity, the Overbrook star, this week, and having a collapse, which seems unlikely, the Cynwyd crowd should be there or thereabouts at the finish.

The Racquet Club's A team, headed by Stanley Pearson, the national champion, is, of course, always dangerous, but the B combination, until this week, was rather a hit-or-miss outfit. However, C. J. (Doc) Dexter, of the hockey fame, has now been appointed captain and has managed to interest several good men who could never be persuaded to take squash seriously before.

Notable among these is Alex Thayer, tennis star of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, where, by the way, squash is not even a minor sport for the simple reason there are no courts. Thayer is a natural athlete, especially in any game where a bat and a ball are concerned, and though no expert yet, will improve with every match, and by the time the new year rolls in should be capable of giving even the recognized stars a merry tussle.

Paul Rebmann, G. R. Rebmann, Jr., and H. M. Donovan are among the new additions to the B squad, and they will, at least, give all their opponents a strenuous battle before going down to defeat.

Wallace Johnson has in his Cynwyd crew a bunch of ambitious hustlers, who are trying all the time, who mix up their shots well and use their heads as well as their arms. Cynwyd has tasted deep of victory and it will be interesting to see what they will do against such teams as the Racquet Club and Germantown "A" combinations.

Merton Uncertain

Merton, as usual, is an uncertain quantity. Ruckman Lee, if he ever succeeds in getting over his native modesty sufficiently to admit it to himself, is one of the best squash players in the country, both from the technical and mechanical viewpoints. He heads the Haverford Club's "A" team, and has scored some impressive victories already, not the least being a win over S. P. Clark, of Germantown, this week.

Then there is W. R. K. (Bill) Mitchell, who is likely to beat any man he faces one day and be trimmed by a two to the next. Mitchell bowed to Hurrity, of Overbrook, this week, but would not absolutely around those who know his capabilities by turning around and trimming Wallace Johnson when they meet.

On paper it looks now as though Germantown and Cynwyd should fight

Mrs. Mallory May Meet French Girl

That Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, American women's tennis champion, is going abroad this winter and that a renewal of her famous rivalry with Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen is a possibility of the Riviera tennis season became definitely known here yesterday. Mrs. Mallory plans to sail late in February. She will be accompanied by her husband, Franklin I. Mallory, who will remain with her through the Riviera season.

It is out for the title, with the Racquet Club ever a dangerous contender and Merton figuring as the club most likely to upset the date. The Princeton Club and Huntingdon Valley do not seem strong enough to give the local contenders more than a good stiff argument.

They are all worked up at the Racquet Club over the final half of Jock Soutar's match with Charley Williams for the racquets championship of the world, which is scheduled for the New York Racquets and Tennis Club tomorrow afternoon. Everybody who can get away and was able to obtain a seat, is going over and all are rooting for Jock to stage one of his famous comebacks and successfully defend the crown he won during the 1913-14 season.

Jock Must Win Five Out of Seven

Williams, it will be recalled, beat Soutar four games out of seven in the initial half of the match, fought out at the local Racquet Club last Saturday. But if Jock can manage to take five out of seven tomorrow he will hang onto his hard won laurels.

This is by no means beyond the bounds of possibility as the margin of difference between them last Saturday can be measured by the snapping strings of the racquets used by Soutar. His "bats" went back on him many times, and at moments that were most critical to boot.

WATSON CAPTURES JUNIOR SQUASH RACQUETS HONORS

Wins All Eight Matches in Round-Robin Event

The first junior squash racquets tournament ever held in this country has been concluded at the Overbrook Golf Club with W. C. (Doc) Watson the winner, he having annexed all eight of the matches he played in this round-robin event.

Sam Allen was second with seven victories and only one defeat, dropping that single match to Watson. Ted Campbell was third with five triumphs and three trimmings, while J. N. Blain broke even with four wins and as many lost.

The tournament, staged by the progressive committee of the Lancaster avenue club, of which W. F. Newberry is chairman, and Bill Hurrity, a member, in an effort to develop latent talent among the younger members, was a great success. John Friel, a member of the coaching staff at the Philadelphia Racquet Club, gave the juniors a few pointers on the game and then turned them loose.

Watson, Allen and Campbell showed great natural aptitude for this speedy pastime, and as a reward for their fine showing in the tourney will be given further expert coaching by Friel.

The Philadelphia Racquet Club is the only other organization in the city or vicinity which has made any systematic effort to encourage the younger junior players, and it seems about time the other clubs woke up and began to plan for the future a bit instead of depending

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