

FAULTS IN TENNIS COURTS

HAZARDS FOUND BY PLAYERS ON CLUB GROUNDS.

How Experts Take Advantage of Unusual Situations—Peculiarities of West Side Courts—Wrong Light at Travers Island—North and South Faced Instead of East and West.

There is one feature of the lawn tennis courts which, from the discussion among several of the players assembled at a tournament during the past week, appears to have been overlooked by many of the campaigners who make the round in this section of the country.

"There is not a field in this country, certainly not around this city," remarked the racket expert who had used his eyes, "that does not exhibit marked differences from the others, and by which it is possible in many games to take a fair advantage of your opponent.

NATURAL HAZARDS ON COURTS.

"Now, it is perfectly legitimate to make use of such natural hazards, if that term may be applied to the lay of the court's construction, in any match. In the first place, your opponent has the same opportunities as you have, and there is nothing to prevent his placing to that corner when it is your side of the net. I have seen Theodore Roosevelt Pell, Harold H. Hackett, Wylie C. Grant, and even Malcolm D. Whitman, who was keen for any bit of advantage, make shots to that corner when pressed for points.

In all other respects the court is perfection, but the feature which I have mentioned makes it differ from others which possess their individual peculiarities just as potent for usefulness in their way.

"The courts which the West Side Lawn Tennis Club is soon to abandon on the top of the Morningside Heights hill at One Hundred and Seventeenth Street and Amsterdam Avenue, likewise reveal an opportunity overlooked by those who are drawn to play upon the championship court at the western end of the field in either the Metropolitan tournament or the league series of championships. It, in this case, may be termed an optical illusion, for actually there is no real difficulty. But the player in action imagines he sees one, and nine times out of ten he will make a mistake, if the shots are played right.

WEST SIDE'S COURTS' FAULT.

"The courts are level on the West Side field, but a lawn of turf fringes the west side of the main court, although there is a good margin of earth between it and the chalked lines. The edge of the turf is much more evident to the player's eyes, however, than the court line on that side.

TRAVERS ISLAND COURTS FACE WRONG.

"Take a trip up to Travers Island to play on the courts of the New York Athletic Club, and you will wonder, as have so many others, why such an influential organization ever laid out its courts from north to south, instead of from east to west, which is known to be the most scientific manner.

"The reason for the apparent mistake is that when these courts were surveyed and marked the science of the light was not so well understood as it is by lawn tennis players to-day. The New York Athletic Club has considered the change of its courts; it would require ten thousand dollars to make the improvement, but it is among the list of improvements which the club plans for Travers Island.

of the net it will be found effective to lobb often enough to get your opponent to look up so that he sees the ball with the backing of swaying branches. In so doing he loses length or the certainty of it, and so makes it possible for you to take points.

THREE OVER NEWPORT COURTS.

"Those who have been performing at Newport for several years will remember that at the Eastern end of the grand stand court there was formerly a row of stately trees. These have now all been cut down to mere lanky stumps, and the reason was that the dense mass of foliage served to throw many of the best men off as to length, especially when in the morning matches lobbs were sent high from the opposite side of the court.

"There is constant movement there as the gallery walks back and forth, and even with the stand filled there is always motion in evidence as those on the front rows shift their feet and move about. Why it remains open can only be explained by the fact that to enclose it would make it impossible for the gallery there to see the footwork of the men on the court, although it is continually working a hardship for them.

That changes from earth to grass courts also appear to handicap so many of the younger aspirants was also brought out during the discussion. It is certain, however, that in this country, now that the game is becoming better and more permanently established, there is a general turning toward turf, and that some of the most influential clubs are already planning for such playing surfaces.

Hackett and Alexander beat Ritchie and Parke by 6-3, 2-4, 7-5, 6-1 yesterday at Longwood, Mass., in the doubles round of the preliminary tie in the Davis cup match, making the score as follows: America 2, England 1. Larned will meet Ritchie and Wright will play against Parke to-day in the singles, which will conclude the meeting, and the winning country will send its team to Australia for the cup final.

R. H. Palmer and H. C. Martin won the New Jersey State doubles championship yesterday at Morrisown, beating Neal Stevens and Frederick Watrous, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

In the women's singles final, Miss Edna Wilder beat Miss Colton, 6-3, 8-6, 6-4, and in the mixed doubles semi-finals, Miss Marie Wagner and W. H. Wadsworth beat Miss Edna Wilder and E. S. H. Pendergast, 6-1, 6-4, and Miss Whalley and C. M. Payerweather beat Miss Marion Swords and J. H. Glazebrook, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

Miss Emily W. Scott of New York won the final round of the women's intercity tournament yesterday at the Richmond County Country Club, beating Miss Margaret Johnson of New York by 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

In the semi-final round of the Bronxville Athletic Club tournament yesterday, G. F. Touchard beat Calhoun Cragin, 6-4, 8-6, and T. R. Pell beat Dr. William Rosenbaum, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. In the men's doubles, Pell and Parke beat Grant and Connell, 6-2, 6-2, and Ehrlich and Dreyfuss and Boetwick and Cragin are to play.

SU IVAN, DORANDO, AND HAYES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST: Sir: I expected my glove to be taken up by Mr. Sullivan, not by any one else; but, as Mr. Crandall has entered the lists as his champion, perhaps you will give me space to break a lance with him. He both mistakes my point and misquotes my letter. Mr. Sullivan, in the interview referred to, said nothing about the amateur status of Hayes, and I never said he did. My point was that he was hard put to it in his complaints against the officials of the games and the British public when he sought to make capital out of Dorando's appearance at a music hall.

A. WATSON BAIN, New York, September 17.

Winners of the national junior athletic championships yesterday at Travers Island were as follows: R. Cloughlin, 100 yards; J. M. Rosenberger, 220 yds.; Charles Cassara, 440 yards; H. Glasing, half mile; M. T. Morris, one mile; M. J. Driscoll, five miles runs; G. W. Waller, 120 yards hurdles; J. Donohue, 220 yards hurdles; H. J. Gruppert, running high jump; D. J. Aboarn, running broad jump; J. L. B. R., pole vault; H. B. Hill, putting the sixteen-pound shot; H. E. Kirsberg, throwing the sixteen-pound hammer; D. Cable, throwing the discus; C. Stilson, throwing the fifty-six-pound weight.

GOLF FOR THE LESLEY CUP

INTERCITY TEAM CONTEST TO BE INCREASED IN SCOPE.

Middle Atlantic Association Desirous of Playing in the Tournament—Committee Appointed to Select the Teams of the Three Organizations to Meet at Garden City.

There is a movement on foot to increase the scope of the inter-city golf competition for the Robert Lesley cup, and unless present plans go astray the conditions governing this affair will be changed after this year.

As the matter now stands, the Middle Atlantic Golf Association has become ambitious to get in the game. This organization embraces Washington, Baltimore, and Wilmington, localities where the royal sport has taken a strong hold of late.

Four teams for the trophy. In discussing the proposed plan yesterday, Mr. Britton gave it as his opinion that with four teams competing, the annual fixture would be made even more interesting.

Another angle to the inter-city affair is the revival of the old suggestion, made several years ago, to have all-Pennsylvania included in the Philadelphia territory. A prominent Pittsburgh player, in discussing this project at Garden City yesterday, said that he had never heard of the Pittsburgh section being approached on the subject, but he did not hesitate to say that in his opinion the Pittsburgh golfers would be glad to cooperate with the Philadelphians.

In two weeks' time the next Lesley cup competition will be in progress at Garden City, the exact dates being October 2 and 5. It may also be stated without fear of contradiction that the conditions in the coming struggle will be identically the same as last year at Brookline. It will be remembered that on that occasion the old-fashioned two-ball foursomes were substituted for the four-ball matches, which created quite a lively discussion.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PLAN.

Committees having the picking of the rival teams this year are now working on the problem. Walter J. Travis is the Metropolitan captain, but as he did not care to shoulder the responsibility of making the selection this year, the matter was placed in the hands of a committee, consisting of W. F. Llewellyn Morgan, president of the association; Leighton Calkins, the secretary, and Findlay Douglas.

These tri-city teams consist of ten players, and the most fancied to represent the Metropolitan Golf Association are Walter J. Travis, captain; Jerome D. Travers, Fred Herreshoff, Findlay S. Douglas, Charles H. Seely, Archibald Graham, T. C. Behr, John M. Ward, Dwight Partridge, and George Brokaw. Other possibilities are Archie Reid, Robert Abbott, C. A. Dunning, and Marshall Whitlatch.

At all events, from the list named it is easy to see that the metropolitan district will be represented by one of the most formidable teams ever gathered together in this country, which makes it certain that Philadelphia and Boston will have to show vast improvement in order to have even a look-in.

It came as a keen disappointment for the Bay State representatives when the latter lost in the preliminary match with the Philadelphians a year ago. Since then the Massachusetts players have been devoting more attention to team contests and match play.

PUBLICATIONS

The New Live-Wire Story BY LAW OF MIGHT BY NEWTON RIDGELY It abounds in dramatic situations, and has the gripping style of Gutzberg, coupled with the profound thought of Bernard Shaw—dash of Dumas with a distinctly Balzacian flavor—and from comments which we are receiving from some of those who have bought and read the book we are led to believe that it is a novel which will endure.

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White, J. B. Hylan, G. H. Crocker, and T. G. Stevenson. A. G. Lockwood, at present in business in this city, is also a possibility, as it is said that he has only left Boston temporarily.

So far as the Philadelphia team is concerned, it is an open secret that the one of 1907, W. P. Smith is captain, and included among the players he is most likely to call on are Dr. Simon Carr, A. W. Tilghman, H. B. M. Parland, Howard W. Perrin, W. T. West, Richard Hanson, W. L. Thompson, R. A. Griscom, James Alcorn, Walter Pfeil, and A. F. Smith.

In 1905, at Garden City, the metropolitan team won the day, and a year later at Merion downed the Massachusetts combination, after the latter had disposed of the Philadelphians. With such succeeding year this intercity fixture has grown and grown in importance, until now it attracts widespread attention.

At the same meeting the suggestion to have the tri-city contest held a little earlier was acted on favorably. In other years the latter part of October was usually selected, but as the weather is frequently disagreeable at that time, every one was glad to see a change in the date.

LOCAL AND OTHER TOURNAMENTS.

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Professional Golfers' Association held in this city it was officially decided to hold the open championship of that organization on Wednesday and Thursday, October 14 and 15. The selection of a course was not definitely determined upon, but the impression is that Fox Hills will be the choice.

The board of governors of the Fox Hills Golf Club has decided to give a one-day open women golf tournament on Thursday, October 29. The women golfers of the metropolitan district have been looking for an opportunity to play over this popular course and their wishes have at last been granted.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W. L. P. C., Boston, Philadelphia. Includes scores for New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W. L. P. C., Boston, Philadelphia. Includes scores for Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, New York.

Calendar of Sports.

Racing at Gravesend, 2:30 P. M. Crickets: Montreal at Staten Island. Worcester County Horse Show at Travers Island. Football: Lebanon at Dickinson—Allbright at Carlisle.

Racing at Gravesend.

A fine card has been provided for today's racing at Gravesend, three fixtures being on the card. The Hitchcock Steeplechase has half a dozen good timber-toppers in the Junior Champion and nine good youngsters engaged, and in the First Special there are five likely starters.

PUBLICATIONS

The MYSTERY OF THE YELLOW ROOM The Remarkable French Detective Story N. Y. Evening Post Says: "For sheer originality and ingenuity we reckon this the best detective story published for some time as original as it is fascinating."

GIANTS FAR IN THE LEAD

PITTSBURGH DROPS TO THIRD PLACE IN PENNANT RACE.

Wagner's Team's Double Defeat at the Polo Grounds—Chicago Beaten Also, but Moves to Second Position—Close Race in the American League.

By defeating Pittsburgh in both games of the double-header yesterday at the Polo Grounds, the Giants took a practically safe lead for the pennant, as Chicago was beaten by Philadelphia. The Giants now are thirty-eight points ahead of Chicago and forty-two ahead of Pittsburgh.

In the first game yesterday, as was printed in the Evening Post, Mathewson held the Pittsburgh hitters down, and the Giants batted Maddox out of the box, and the visitors were blanked. The second game was a free-for-all batting match, in which five pitchers figured on both sides, and a total of nineteen runs was scored.

Over in Philadelphia both pitchers were effective, but the Chicago fielders were not as accurate as those of the home team, so they were beaten. In Brooklyn, the tall-enders had it out in a double-header, and each won a game. St. Louis took the first, because Lush outpitched Rucker, and Brooklyn got the second, because Bell outpitched Salter, and the visitors made a couple of errors.

While the race in the National League is between three clubs, four have a chance in the American League. Detroit is only six points ahead of Cleveland, twenty points ahead of Chicago, and twenty-seven ahead of St. Louis. Yesterday the Detroiters went down before the Highlanders because they could not hit Chesbro, while New York batted out four runs in the fourth inning of Winter.

Games played yesterday resulted thus: National League—New York 7, Pittsburgh 9; New York 12, Pittsburgh 7; St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 2; Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 0; Cincinnati 18, Boston 6; Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1. American League—New York 5, Detroit 1; Cleveland 2, Boston 1; Chicago 1, Washington 0; St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 1; St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4. The standing of the clubs to date is as follows:

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AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W. L. P. C., Boston, Philadelphia. Includes scores for Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, New York.

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