

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 configuration, 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.

"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.

"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.

"The Hamilton Grange courts are certainly wreckers of rackets for the player who attempts to make overhead shots from back of the base lines. It is almost as bad when striking to play drives off the ground, when the ball has forced one back.

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"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 change of light at once betrays the most experienced of the players. Before commenting upon the lay of these courts, it will be as well to mention that the famous centre court at Wimbledon, England, the scene of the great international cup matches and of the Olympics of this year, which was won by Major J. G. Ritchie, who leads the English team now at Longwood, is also a north-and-south court.

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 background 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 to throw many of the best men off as to length, especially when in the morning matches lobs 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 finals.

"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 finals, Miss Edna Wilder beat Miss Colton, 6-3, 8-6, 8-4, 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 Whitney and C. M. Payerweather beat Miss Marion Swords and J. H. Glassbrook, 6-4, 5-7, 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 Paré 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. That was a matter, as Mr. Sullivan knew very well, with which the British A. A. had no concern, but which pertained to the body governing amateur athletics in Italy. When Mr. Sullivan said that, if such a thing happened in America, the athlete concerned would forfeit his amateur status, he merely stated a fact of which every one is aware. Where he erred was in (apparently) blaming the managers of the Olympic Games for matters quite beyond their control, such as the great ovation given to Dorando by the public at the presentation of the Queen's cup, and the subsequent appearance of the hero and his trophy at a music hall. Had Mr. Halawelle or any other British competitor appeared at a music hall, Mr. Sullivan's complaint would have been justified. Therefore, in view of his reported remarks about Dorando, I again ask him what he thinks of the action of Hayes. I hope this time he will answer in propria persona.

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Miscellaneous Sporting News.

Winners of the national junior athletic championships yesterday at Travers Island were as follows: R. Cloughen, 100 yards; J. M. Rosenberger, 220 yds.; Charles Cassara, 440 yards; H. Glising, 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. Grunnett, 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. Potatoes-Irish-American Athletic Club, 35; New York Athletic Club, 31. The senior championships take place to-day.

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 golfers generally know, the Lesley trophy of late years has been played for annually between teams representing the Philadelphia, Boston, and Metropolitan Golf Associations, while originally only the Quaker City and New York forces were arrayed against each other.

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. Alexander Britton of the Chevy Chase Club, who is also a member of the United States Golf Association executive committee, has started to work the project up in the interest of the Middle Atlantic Association, and while nothing can be done to change present conditions for this year's inter-city contest, it seems highly probable that a new arrangement will be brought about for 1909.

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 feature could be made even more interesting. It would then give three of the four teams a chance for two full days of play. As it is now, the champion team—that is, the holder of the trophy—stands out on the first day while the other two struggle for the right to challenge the holder. With four teams competing a semi-final round could be run off on the first day with the winners, of course, meeting in the final on the next.

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, provided the latter so desired. It has been suggested that the best way to bring about such a combination would be to form a Pennsylvania State golf association.

In two weeks' time the next Lesley cup competition will be in progress at Garden City, the exact dates being October 2 and 3. 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. When it was all over, not a few members of the Metropolitan team gave it as their opinion that there was more fun in the four-ball style. But for all that, the two-ball foursome is to remain, as it is believed to be a better means of promoting sociability.

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PLANS.

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. Fellowes Morgan, president of the association; Leighton Calkins, the secretary, and Findlay Douglas. This trio has been endeavoring to pick out the best combination for the last few days, and while the final selection has been pretty well decided upon, the official choice will not be given out until next week.

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, J. Behr, John M. Ward, Dwight Partridge, and George Brokaw. Other possibilities are Archie Reid, Robert Abbott, C. A. Dunning, and Marshall Whitlatch. The latter, as well as Reid, figured in the inter-city competition at Brookline last fall.

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. As the matter now stands, the likely players, as given out by one of the Massachusetts Golf Association committeemen, consist of the following:

H. H. Wilder, captain; J. G. Anderson, T. R. Fuller, J. W. Whittemore, W. C. Chick, Hugo M. Johnstone, J. D. Thorpe, Andrew Carnegie 2d, T. M. Clafin, A. L.

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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. Lockwood does not belong to any club in this locality.

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. Tillinghast, 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 Philadelphia. With each succeeding year this inter-city fixture has grown and grown in importance, until now it attracts widespread attention. At the last annual meeting of the United States Golf Association the Englewood Golf Club expressed a desire to have this attraction held there, but the committee having the selection in charge again picked Garden City.

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 dates named cause a partial conflict with the Morris County Invitation tournament.

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. The tournament committee of the club will leave no stone unturned in its efforts to make the tournament one of the most successful ever held in this section of the country. Six prizes will be given, and should the number of entries warrant it, others will be added. Miss Julia R. Mix of Englewood holds the women's record for the links, having gone the course in ninety-four strokes.

September has by no means brought an end to golfing in the White Mountains. Yesterday, from one point, forty-two players and caddies were counted on the Bretton Woods golf course. No such September season has ever been seen in the White Mountains. One Mt. Pleasant House player declared that he had been there four weeks, had played thirty-six holes of golf every day, and that there had been rain only one day, and that late in the afternoon.

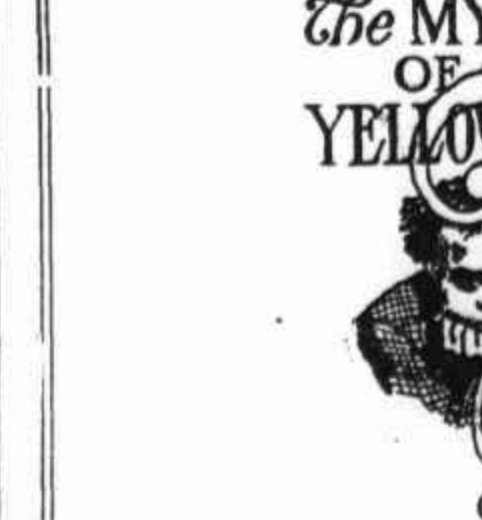
Jerome D. Travers overcame the lead of one hole held by Walter J. Travis in the championship semi-finals at Garden City yesterday when the Evening Post went to press, and by winning the thirty-six hole in three to six, won his way to the final round to-day. The other finalist is Max Behr, who beat Frederick Herreshoff 1 up in thirty-seven holes.

Racing at Gravesend.

A fine card has been provided for to-day's racing at Gravesend, three fixtures being on the card. The Hitchcock Steeplechase has half a dozen good timber-toppers in the Junior Champion class and nine good youngsters engaged, and in the First Special there are five likely starters. The Squires won the Sea Breeze stakes yesterday, and the other winners were as follows: First race, Lawton Wiggin; second, Stamina; fourth, Fort Johnson; fifth, Jungler; sixth, Duke of Roanoke.

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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. To-day the Pittsburghs will be at the Polo Grounds, and the last game of the series will be played on Monday, after which Chicago will be here for four games.

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. Twelve of these runs were to the credit of the New York team, and seven went to Pittsburgh. Both sides seemed to have let up in their playing, the standard being not nearly as high as in the first game. Bases on balls were frequent and wild pitches and men hit by the pitcher served to add interest. One home run and no less than eleven two-baggers testified to the ability of both teams with the stick—or else to the slackness of the pitching. Wiltsie, who pitched most of the game for the Giants, gave eleven hits, and Leever, the Pittsburgh's boxman, was hit fifteen times in six innings.

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:

Table with columns for NATIONAL LEAGUE and AMERICAN LEAGUE, listing teams and their records.

Calendar of Sports.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. Racing at Gravesend, 2:30 P. M. Cricket: Montreal at Staten Island. Worcester County Horse Show at Travers Island. Football: Lebanon at Dickinson—Allbright at Carlisle. Tennis: Gravesend Bay championships at Atlantic Yacht Club—Larchmont Yacht Club races at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club—Fifteen-footer races at Sea View Yacht Club—Club championships at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club—Women's championships at Plainfield—Philadelphia championships at Belmont Cricket Club—New Jersey State championships at Morrisown. Golf: Amateur championship at Garden City—Club championship at Morristown—September cup at Marine and Field Club—Club championship at Forest Hill—President's cup at Englewood—Armstrong medal at Fox Hills—President's cup at Sea View Yacht Club—Club championship at Midland—President's cup at Englewood—Tod cup at Sound Beach—Club championship at Dyker Meadow—Club cups at Dunwoodie—Club cups at Canoe Brook—Club cups at Montclair—Club championship at East Amherst. Swimming races at New York Athletic Club, Travers Island. Baseball: National League, Pittsburgh at New York, 5:30 P. M.; St. Louis at Brooklyn 2 and 4 P. M.; Cincinnati at Boston, Chicago at Philadelphia; American League, New York at Detroit, Boston at Cleveland, Washington at Brooklyn, Philadelphia at St. Louis.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Racing at Gravesend, 2:30 P. M. Trotting: Grand Circuit meet at Columbus, O. Motor boat carnival on the Hudson River. Lawn tennis: District of Columbia championships at Washington. Football: Homer at Syracuse—Lebanon Valley at Carlisle. Baseball: National League, Chicago at New York, 3 P. M.; Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, 3:45 P. M.; St. Louis at Boston, Cincinnati at Philadelphia—American League, New York at Cleveland, Boston at Detroit.

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