RANKING THE TENNIS MEN

Larned the Leading Player of the Season.

NO DOUBT AS TO FIRST PLACE

Problems in Placing Other Prominent Racquet Men-Hobart Probably Second-Clothier Had a Poor Year.

NEW YORK Sept. 14-Any attempt a ranking the lawn tennis players of this country for the season must inevitably put William A. Larned, the national champion the top. That is an honor to which he is entitled by force of being the champion and in selecting him no regard is paid to the previous tournaments of the season. If it is true in the case of Larned that he should be ranked first on results of the Newport tournament, it follows presumably that all the other players of prominence who appeared there should be listed on the basis of that tournament alone.

However, that is not in general the idea of the ranking committee, composed this season of A. L. Hoskins, chairman; Edgar W. Leonard and Thomas C. Trask. They have been at work with the idea of keeping watch of the season's play of the various tennis men, and thus may be expected to count other tournaments than that at New-

However, this will apply more strictly to the players outside of the ranking ten. The minor players who do not venture to Newport have to be judged on the basis of their work in various state and open tournaments under the sanction of the United States National Lawn Tennis asso ciation. One thing that makes the whole task hard this year is the lack of continuous performance to judge by. Some players | Henry H. Moliculaucr, F. C. Colston, Edhave taken part in only a few tournaments, gar W. Leenard and the westerners, Nat and although of admitted ability, have Emerson, L. H. Waldner and others. The done hardly enough to justify ranking them | question as to what they have done is

Good Men Out of Matches. For instance, Beals C. Wright and Karl H. Behr, well known to be among the best challenge round there. Westfall beat American players, were not active competitors in many tournaments. Before the at Travers faland. Anderson is another cept to practice in invitation tournaments. After the return Wright played and won at the Meadow club, Southampton, but did not take part at Newport, and Behr, apparently off form after the trip abroad. was beaten successively at Southampton and Newport.

Raymond D. Little was another of the good men whose appearance in tournament play has not been so very frequent this year. He was a contender in the Middle States tournament, but was beaten in the element in placing him is lacking. How- good tennis this year, the best in three on the basis of his known and compared ever, receive a fair ranking. ability? That is the question that the ranking committee has to solve and does solve in making its announcements.

Clothier's Poor Year.

In rating players sometimes curious questions arise. For instance, those who know and follow tennis believe that William J. Clothier, the champion of 1906, will be put in second place by the committee, to indicate, There is no real reason why he should be panked second this year. Defeated at Orange by Little; beaten at Seabright by is another big question. He showed up pion by a great deal.

tournament forces a ranking below Little, man a letter to say that he was in his of fairness to rank Clothier on his season's not for his tennis playing. play below the champion of 1906, but again It seems, then, that on the basis of the there remains always the fact that Cloth- facts recited a ranking for the first ten ier was champion and the prestige of might well be something like the followhaving been title holder remains in his ing: Larned, Hobart, Wright, LeRoy, favor and doubtless will be remembered Little, Clothier, Emerson, Hackett, Mojby the ranking committee in placing the lenhauer, Palmer. There are players who tall Philadelphian.

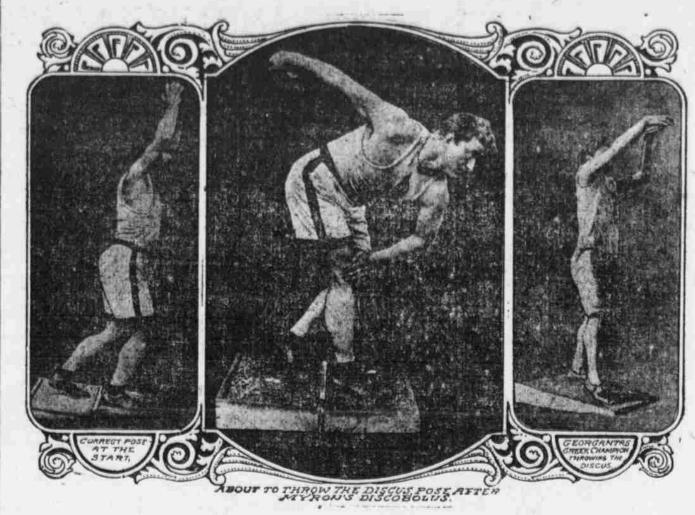
Hobart and LeRoy. enter they made a decided showing. The best work done by Le Roy was in the national championship, where he achieved the with Hobart. Still, in Justice to Le Roy, one would have to rank him below Hobart, players. remembering always that Hobart defeated again Le Roy was defeated. His best record, outside of the tri-state tournament,

Hobart's career was brief but more or less triumphant. He played a little at the have claims to being ranked. Crescent Athletic club before the departure of the Davis cup players for the other side, with the object, according to report, of showing that he was not inferior to many of the younger and supposedly better players of the day. Hobart displayed at Bay ages, it is understood that Larned is about Ridge a persistent and hard to beat kind of game, but nothing remarkable. However, at Longwood and Newport he did very title holder three times, in 1991, 1892 and well indeed. After winning the Longwood 1907. Hobart won the all-comers' once tournament he defaulted to Larned, as a only, in 1891, and afterward was beaten holder stand out. Any question that there might have been as to which was the better was the runner-up in the all-comers' in player was partly settled when the two met 1905, when Beals Wright defeated blim. round. Larned, on his game, had no trouble with the older player.

trophies.

There are then these players, Larned Hobart, Le Roy, Little, Clothier, Wright, biggest performance after the Southampton from Alexander, was beaten by Le Roy him below Le Roy.

Not Easy to Place Them.



hard to answer.

Hackett is the New York state champion again, baving defeated Westfall in the Frederick G. Anderson in the final round Dayls cup matches neither did much ex- player worthy of favorable mention, although he has not played this year as well as In some other seasons. Westfall did fairly well in many of his tournaments, showing that his game has improved considerably. However, a player can hardly be ranked on what he is likely to do next season, so that Westfall will have to walt little for his greater honors. Irving Wright has come off well in some minor tournaments and is a fair player. His victory in the Long Island championship was his best performance.

He defeated Mollenhauer there after challenge round by William A. Larned, Mollephauer put out Hackett. The Kings Little did not appear at Newport, so that county man, Mollenhauer, has played very ever, Little on the occasions that he did seasons. He was in the final four at Newplay showed himself extremely capable, port and has been doing well in all his and he impressed many persons as play- tournaments, although not a winner, pering the best tennis that he has shown in haps by the chance of the draw in some some seasons. In fact that is just where cases. He deserves to be ranked well up. the difficulty of ranking comes in. Should Edwin P. Larned, brother of the champion, a man be rated for what he has done in has done nothing better than winning the a few tournaments or should he be ranked recent East Jersey cup. He may, how-

What the committee can do with the westerners is hard to say. Judging from the way that Alexander went through Waldner in his two sets in the semi-final at Chicago, Alexander might well have been the western champion. His default after winning two sets ended the matter. Apparently Alexander did not want to have to defend the title, as his subsequent ranked fairly high. In fact he may be announced withdrawal from tennis seems

When Will Behr Land?

Little again; outplayed at Longwood by poorly in his tournaments here after his Meadow club tournament and later was Samuel Beardsley at Southampton and forced to default his championship by an by Richard H. Palmer at Newport. injury to his leg. It has been set forth in Palmer, by the way, is likely to be rated Clothier's behalf that he is a very late be- well up on the basis of his play at Newginner in rounding to form. Even taking port, Ridgewood and Cincinnati. His dethat into consideration and marking his feat of Behr was classed by many as a play in the doubles at the Crescent A. C. fluke, but Behr is the last person in the directly before Newport, it must be re- world to take advantage of such a thing. marked that Clothier was not the cham- According to reliable report, after some persons had called the victory of Palmer His play up to the time of the Newport a fluky one, Behr wrote the Ridgewood who defeated him twice in undeniable best condition and that Palmer's victory form. Little beat Colston at Longwood was clean cut, regardless of what comdirectly after Colston had beaten Clothier, mentators might say. Whatever the fact so there is a triple link of inferiority to may be, it was an intensely sportsman-Little. It apparently would be the part like action. Behr ranks high for that, if

will be ranked close to these, such as Westfall, Anderson, E. P. Larned, W. B. Clarence Hobart and Robert Le Roy are Cragin, jr., Wallace F. Johnson, the intertwo of the best players of the year, on the scholastic champion who defeated Hackett season's showing. Neither man played in Chicago; N. W. Nilos, Semp Russ, G. many tournaments, but in what they did L. Wyeth and others stready mentioned is less difference in the total figures of a

It is understood that the committee will final bracket. He was defeated by Larned attempt to rank the women's singles playin straight sets, as was not entirely unexpected. The easy victory was the more anticipated because Le Roy had to play the best American player, will have to foisilow Miss Sears, the winner in the Philadelphia tournament, if she is ranked at all. Miss Marie Wasner and Marie Was Larned was having a straight set tussle at all. Miss Marie Wagner and Mrs. W. H. Pouch also are very prominent women

In the men's doubles Hackett and Alex-Le Roy in that much discussed final at as champions. Clothier and Larned apander, of course, are the ranking players Longwood. Hobart was not a contender parently are next, and then it is a ques-C. Wright qualified for the final. Here runners-up at Longwood, are superior to tion whether Grant and Westfall, the Grant and Thornton, the southern champions. And then, again, Hackett and Litconsists, therefore, of three runners-up tie, who beat Grant and Westfail at Orange, and Colston and Torrence, who won from them at Southampton, also

Veterans of the Game. Curiously enough, Larned and Hobart the leading players, are two of the oldest at the game. As for the matter of 36 years old and Hobart in the close neighborhood of 40. Hobart never has protest against the system of having the by Ollie Campbell. Larned won the slicomers' twice, in 1900 and 1901. Höbart at Newport subsequently in the semi-final Larned has been often a runner-up, in 1892,

1894, 1895 and 1896. Hobart, with F. H. Hovey, won the nawho have been noticed thus far. Wright's year they were champions, meeting O. S. A most extraordinary fancy seized him Campbell and R. P. Huntington, jr., for tournament was in the tri-state. He ap- the title thereafter. It is almost twenty parently is entitled to a place ahead of years ago since Hobart's name first ap-Le Roy. Little, who in addition to his de- peared in any important tournament. In it would make a very fine putter for him feats of Clothier, won the Seabright cup 1888 he and E. P. MacMullen were runners. with which to play in the greatest and up in the all comers' doubles to the Coand Larned in various tournaments. He lumbia players and then intercollegiate did not appear in the Newport tournament. champions, C. S. Campbell and V. G. Hall, Apparently it would not be unfair to rank In 1896 Hobart and Hovey were runners-up to the Chicagoans, Carr B. Neel and S. B. Neel. Hall and Hobart won the eastern There are many other players whom it doubles in 1890; Hobart and Hovey in 1896. will not be easy to place. Taking only This year was the first that larged ever a few of them, they are Harold H. Hackett, has ahone in doubles, as he and Clothier Irving C. Wright, Herbert L. Westfall, won the Eastern at Longwood.

ACE AND YOUTH ON THE LINKS and he is constantly experimenting with new lengths, weights and shapes. Douglas,

Apawamis.

Nearly Three Thousand Names on Massachusetts Fall Handicap-Ratings on Scratch and Not Par.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 .- At the Apawamis erans of the game. The annual seniors' tourament has been arranged for Thurs-

out seventy or eighty strong, do not care took it over in the direction of the hole for the opposition.

Since the curtailment of the Metropolitan Golf association handicap list to those

the figures of the player's average best game and the scratch score figures of your

courses is of interest:	
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The scratch men are J. G. Anderson, A G. Lockwood and W. C. Chick

"By the par measurement of links there short links and the committee's idea of its scratch score than on the longer links, unless some special allowance is made," states Ralph Cracknell, secretary of the committee. "To get this allowance right is the aim of the committee. If the handicaps were based on the par scores by meascrements the man placed on scratch on a par basis would have less chance to make the figures on the short links than on those of a longer and more open test. So that the par system would not work.

"Say the par system advocates: 'Such things should be allowed for like any unusual conditions governing the plays of a

"With so many things to allow for It seems as well to make a scratch score for the links which it is known players of the scratch class can make."

Braid and His Clubs.

caps to a plus man, says he is not a slave o any particular club, though he has strong fancies in the matter of patterns. recommends young golfers to buy clubs. else he will never get the right ones, but he must not take it for granted that any nisses are the fault of the club and that the proper thing to do is to buy more. "Clubs that satisfy are often come by ecidentially," to quote from Braid. "Sometimes there seems to be an inspiration in the case. For instance, think of the curious way in which Harry Vardon came by the putter with which he won his first championship. He had tied with J. H. Taylor and had to play off two days later, the event being played at Mulrfield that year. On the day in between he was in the shop of Ben Sayers at North Berwick, and In tional doubles in 1896 and 1894. He and a corner he saw a little rusty cleik-not Hovey won the all comers' in 1833, the first | a putter at all but just and ordinary cleik

> most responsible game of his life the next day. So he hought the old club and had the new stick put into it. Not the least queer part of the story is that when he played off his tie he putted as well as any man has ever putted in a championship before or since, and he beat his opponent."

> > Travis Has No Prejudice.

on the other extreme, felt depressed at the burning of his clubs in the Apawamis Men of Fifty-Five or Over to Play at clubbouse fire, and only patterns imported Fenn was an amateur and winning one of "Boy," replied Fenn solemnly, "not for

over night."

-or rather a museum of past and present club there is always a welcome to vet- styles. Scots, on the contrary, often bequeath the play clubs to their son and heir, be credited for the queer shots that come day, September 26, and all golfers who are off in golf? Harry Vardon admits there are 55 years of age and over and who are not many queer shots that you can do rust-eaten disc for the occasion. embers of the United States Golf asso- when you try to. That cleik shot sliced lation or the Metropolitan Golf association around the tree at the New Haven Golf r any of the affiliated clubs are invited club was one of such shots to come off for take part. The competition will be a Vardon on his American trip. Vardon thinks sirty-six hole medal play hundicap over a shot he played at Northwood, England, the regular course of the Apawamis club. was one of his queerest. He had played the throw was foul. There is a plum tree of prizes-for the the ball right up against the corner of the best and second best gress scores, the clus house on the side furthest from the best and second best net scores and for green, so that Vardon had the building bethe best net scores morning and afternoon, tween him and the hole, which was just The tournament will conflict with the three- on the other side. He played the ball day competition of the Morris County Golf perpendicularly into the air with a niblick. club, but the "old boys," who always turn The ball then seemed to get a curl that and it flopped down right beside it.

In commenting on the hole made in one and very accurate ratings it contains. It don made these statements: "With all the muscles. is revised in the spring and early fall, the golf that I play-practically every day of As the athlete stands in the box he list just off the press containing over 2,406 the year-I myself have only done a hole should lean his body slightly forward. The system of handicapping in use is: won two or three championships before I when he is ready to make the effort the "Ascertain each player's best score aver- did that. On the other hand, L. Stuart body should be bent and turned slightly to age, not his average game but his average Anderson, the secretary of the Royal Port- the right and the hand holding the discus best game. If you cannot get-trustworthy rush club, has, I believe, done it seven should be extended backward to the full figures, ascertain what a player can do at times, which must be a record. Twice length of the arm and raised level with the his best. Abnormal performances should within a month it was done by women at head. not be considered. The difference between the twelfth hole at Walton Heath, to which very much like it, in order to enable him rules. to win, as he did."

WOMAN'S GOLF AT MIDLOTHIAN

Program for Week of Championship Play in October. CHICAGO, Sept. 14.-Program for the

ber 7 to 12, inclusive, at the Midlethian Country club. All medal match play will be at 18-hole rounds.

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Monday, October 7,—19 a. m.: Women's championship medal play round, 18 holes, best thirty-two scores to qualify. A prize is offered by the association for the lowest score in this competition.

Tuesday, October 8.—19 a. m.: Women's championship, first match play round, 1:39 p. m.: Consolation event for the non-qualifiers; 18 holes medal play handicap. Prize presented by Midlothian Country club. Entries close for this event Monday, October 7, at 6 p. m. October 7, at 6 p. m. Wednesday, October 2.—10 a. m.: Women's championship, second match play round. 1:30 p. m.: Women's handleap against bogie; 18 holes. Prize presented by Midlothian Country club. Entries close for this event, by event at 1 p. m.

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Thursday, October 10.—10 a. m.; Women's hampionship, third round. 1:30 p. m.; briving, approaching and putting contests.
Prises presented by Midlothian Country lub. Entries can be made at the time of the country.

Friday, October 11 .- 10 a. m.: Women's

hampionship, semi-final match play round.
39 p. m.: Hest ball foursome, scratch; 18 oles. Prizes presented by Midlothian ountry club. Entries can be made at the me of the event.
Saturday, October 12—10 p. m. Wannelle time of the event.

Saturday, October 12.—10 a.m.; Women's championship, final match play round, 1:30 p.m.; Mixed foursome medal play handicap: 18 holes. Prizes presented by Midlothian Country club. Entries close for this event Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m. The competition is open for foreigners laiting this country, who may be invited

James Braid, to change from the handiy the executive committees of the associwinner shall have entered, the winner

NEW TRACK FOR LOS ANGELES Graders Are at Work at the Baldwin Banch.

the fact that the graders are at work at of condition for several days. Arcadia, on Buldwin's ranch, clearing the ground for a new race track, there are STANFORD'S COACH IS ON STRIKE many who still believe that the running horses will be seen in action again this winter at Ascot Park. While those who are on the inside will not tell what they many people world have said that it was know about the matter, they do not seem a very mad fancy. He thought that if to be very sad over the prospects. The that clefk had a new shaft put into it greatest evidence at hand that Ascot will be opened is in the preparations that are going on at that track. The track superintendent and his crew are at work cleaning things up, and, while the gentleman will admit nothing, the manner in which allowed on the track no one knows, but, as admit to ever having had an ideal club, | meeting.

FEW CHANGES MADE IN THE GAME

By Modern Rules Disc Must Be Cast Pretty Much After Manner Shown in the Statute of the Discobolus.

Throwing the discus in the Greek style has received official recognition as a standard event on the American athletic cham ploughts program, and as it is modeled after Myron's classic statue of the Discobolus henceforth polse will have to be studied by athletes. For some years a sort of go-as-vou-please rule governed the contest, and even the Greeks themselves were a trifle at sea as to the conditions of ancient limes, but a little while before the Olympic games of last year the old rules were dug up and they prevailed in the Stadium. In part the same rules will be enforced

here, but with a little improvement. That is, in front of the throwing box there will be a parallelogram 13) feet long and 3) feet broad and a fair throw must fall inside of this space, a restriction which will insure the disc's being thrown straight.

The invention of disk throwing has been assigned to Persous, son of Jupiter and Danne, and it ranked third in the pentathlon or all around program. As to the exact weight of the discus in ancient times there is very little authentic information.

According to Damons, Milo of Croton threw a disc weighing eleven pounds a distance of ninety feet, and about the same distance was credited to Ulysses and others. The discus used at the last Olympiad weighed a shade over four pounds and the record achieved was 115 feet 4 inches by Jaervenin of Finland, so that had Milo beer present he would easily have held his own with the modern champion.

Then as to the shape, size and material of the discus itself at different periods from Scotland could replace them. When there is a lot of contradictory literature. As well as can be ascertained the missile the Knollwood tournaments with ease his in the days of Homer was a mass of rough SOME CHAT FOR GOLF PLAYERS admiring caddle boy asked leave to take Iron called a solos and was used as it came the clubs home with him to show to his from the foundry without being shaped by the hammer.

At other times the disc was made of \$1.000 could that set be taken from me stone and also of hard heavy wood. Most commonly it was made of copper or iron, Americans are usually not so constant and even to the present day specimens of to their clubs, and there are players who these iron disci are to be met with in parts have so many that they could start a shop of Greece. When on their way to the last Olympic games the members of the American team saw one of the old fron implements. It was at Patras, on the mainland Is it the club or the player that should of Greece, where the boys practiced after landing from the steamer Montenegro and a resident of the town lent the old

> In ancient times the athlete threw from a space called the balbis, which today has been replaced by a box of dirt graded toward to front. Then as now the thrower had to assume a certain attitude or else

The right leg must be in front and slightly bent, with the weight of the body mostly on the right foot, which must rest flat on the dirt. About eighteen inches behind should be the left foot resting on

This position of the legs places the body in a cromped attitude so that it is partly powerless to impart any great momentum to the disc as it flies away. Were the legs reversed, that is, with the left foot in front, then the swing of the body would rating at nine strokes or under the Massa- by Jack Hobens of England in the last add to the force of the arm and the rehusetts list is monumental for the many American open championship, Harry Var- sult would be a natural action of the

in one stroke once in my life, and I had with the discus held shove his head. Then

At this point comes the most delicate club my friend James Braid is attached. part of the throw, for the hand holding Two of the best holing in one feats that the discus should describe a downward links will give the handicap required. The I have ever heard of were the doing of the half circle in the air, while at the same table of scratch scores of the Massachusetts | ninth hole at St. Andrews (277 yards) in | time the athlete should jump forward one stroke this spring by a local amateur, out of the box as if to increase the force and the late Jamie Anderson's feat in of the projection. Any other movement holing in one in a championship at Prest- but a downward swoop of the arm in the wick, when he had to do that, or something act of throwing is contrary to the correct

So popular did the sport become among the Greeks that the distance to which a strong hand could cast the missile became a measure of length acknowledged and ratified by usage. "A cast of the disc" was an expression as well understood in ancient times as the range of a gun became later. The same disc was used by women's national golf championshp. Octo- all the competitors and each throw was marked by a stake or arrow.

DANIELS MADE A GREAT SWIM

Young American Loses World's Race by a Technicality.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.-The particulars of the 220-yard swimming race for the championship of the world have just come by mail from England, and it will be gratifying to all good American followers of aquatic sports to hear that C. M. Daniels of the New York Athletic club really won this event, but lost the decision on a mere

According to an eye witness of the con test. Daniels swam a great race for the first hundred yards of the course, and at the century mark led his nearest competitor by fully eight feet. After this he was splashing badly towards the end. In the last ten yards De Halmay and Radmilovic closed rapidly on him, but did not beat him to the line, as the cable from abroad led us to believe.

The pool at Weston-super-mer is 100 fee long, so that for the furlong the contes tants swam it six times and then had sixty more feet to go. This finish line was marked by a horizontal pole which the men had to touch to be counted out. Un ation. The Robert Cox cup shall be held | luckily for Daniels, the pole was some disfor that year by the club from which the tance above the surface, and, as he came up to it ahead of the field his hand missed receive a gold medal, the runner up a it, and it was not until his shoulder went silver medal and the other semi-finalists over the line that he could touch it. Of course the judges could not count him fin ished until some part of his body had come in contact with the pole, and before this occurred both Halmay and Radmilovic though behind Daniels, were able to touch out and were awarded first and second. The young champion was played out at the LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 14.—Despite finish and said he had not felt in the best

Tutor of the California Carsmen Demands a Contract.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.-Rowing affairs at Stanford university face a crisis unless that institution accedes to the demands of Dan Murphy, the rowing coach of the Cardinal school crews Murphy declares that he will not return to Stanford and act as head rowing adviser unless he is given a year's contract he is going about his work would seem to at \$1,260. The loss of Zimmerman, the indicate that it is not being carried on for captain of last year's crew, has been nothing. Whether or not betting will be greatly felt and should Murphy fall in his demands rowing affairs will be thrown the county line is but a few hundred feet into confusion. As Murphy is conceded to from Ascot, no trouble is looked for from be the best rowing authority along the Travis of American smateurs will not this source in the event of another winter western coast, it is thought Stanford will give in to his demands

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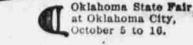
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