

Even Christmas Does Not Hide the Fact that Losers Still Have to Settle

M'LOUGHIN BEST OF 1912 TENNIS PLAYERS

ROURKE GETS NEW PLAYERS

Owner of the Omaha Base Ball Team Returns from Chicago.

SAYS O'NEILL WILL STAND PAT

Owners Who Were After O'Neill's Gout Lay Low—Names of New Players Will Be Announced Soon.

San Francisco Man Heads Year's Lists, Both in Doubles and Singles Classes.

RANKING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bundy is Coupled with Leader in Two-Man Championship.

DIVIDED IN GROUPS OF TEN

Participation in Three Tournaments Makes Player Eligible.

SOME FAIL TO FILE CARDS

Committee of United States Tennis Association Lists Thirty Men Only Kept from Honors by Oversight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Maurice E. McLoughlin of San Francisco heads the list of the first ten among the tennis players of the country, according to the report made public today by the ranking committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. With T. C. Cobb of Los Angeles, McLoughlin also heads the list in the doubles class.

The rankings are based on the standing of the players for the season of 1912 and on the judgment of the committee as to the relative merits of the individual men. For ranking in the singles class each player must have participated in at least three tournaments and in the doubles class each pair must have taken part in two tournaments. At the request of the Pacific Coast Tennis association none of the players of that division is ranked except those who played in eastern tournaments this year.

Others in the first ten, in numerical order, are: R. Norris Williams, Wallace F. Johnson, Cyndy, Pa.; William J. Clothier, Wynnewood, Pa.; Nathaniel W. Niles, Boston; Thomas C. Bundy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Karl H. Behr, New York; Raymond D. Little, New York; George P. Gardner, Cambridge, Mass., and Gustave F. Touchard, New York.

Ninety Grouped in Classes.

Ninety players in classes of ten each also were ranked by the committee according to their standing in tournaments this season. No numerical standing was awarded in these classes, as the players thus designated were found to have made about the same records. The committee also listed thirty players whose records probably entitled them to places in some one of the ten classes for singles, but who failed to file their season's cards with the association. The second and third groups of ten, designated as "Class 1" and "Class 2," respectively, are as follows:

Class 1—George M. Church, Alfred S. Deinley, W. Merrill Hall, F. H. Harris, W. Thayles, W. T. Mann, Jr.; Lyle E. Mahan, Dean Mathey, T. R. Pell, Frank F. Touchard, New York.

Class 2—J. Armstrong, Craig Biddle, C. B. Herd, Fred C. Inman, Edwin P. Larned, W. H. Mae, J. G. Nelson, P. D. Silvers, Watson M. Washburn.

The doubles ranking in numerical order is: M. E. McLoughlin and T. C. Bundy, H. U. Hackett and W. M. Hall, R. D. Little and G. F. Touchard, W. T. Hayes and J. H. Winston, W. J. Clother and G. P. Gardner, Jr.; N. W. Niles and A. S. Dabney, H. P. Hackett and R. D. Little, K. H. Behr and F. C. Inman, H. Hackett and L. E. Mahan, R. N. Williams and Craig Biddle.

Sutton Will Meet Ora Morningstar

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—The world's title for the championship of the 18.2 ball line in billiards will be played in this city on January 9, 10 and 11, George Sutton having challenged Ora Morningstar of this city, present holder. The winner is to receive the title, diamond trophy, all gate receipts and a purse of \$1,000 offered by Harry Davis of Pittsburgh. In addition, Sutton and Morningstar have agreed to post a side bet of \$500.

One of the interesting features, however, centers in the efforts to include Yamada, the Japanese expert, who recently competed in the 18.2 tournament in New York. Yamada has not yet consented to enter the contest, but negotiations are still under way. In any event, Sutton and Morningstar will battle for the 18.2 title.

YEAR HAS BEEN UNLUCKY FOR AMERICAN CHAMPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—This has surely been an unlucky year for champions so far, as many of them have had the misfortune to either lose their titles or have decisions rendered against them. Those who have lost their titles are: Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion of America; Abe Attell, the featherweight champion of America; George Carpenter, the French middleweight champion; Matt Wells, the English lightweight champion; Jim Sullivan, the English middleweight champion, and Johnny Evendon, the English welterweight champion. The champions who have been defeated, but still hold the title of their respective countries, are: Bombarier Wells, the English heavyweight champion; Jack Harrison, the English middleweight champion; Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight champion, and Digger Stanley, the English bantamweight champion. Carpenter has relinquished his claim to the title, as he cannot make the weight.

Navy Wants to Trade.

President Naval of the Tigers is quoted as saying that anything left on the Detroit team except Cobb, Crawford, Dubuc and Strange, is for sale or trade. At the risk of sounding trite, it might be said there is mighty little left after the exceptions. Mr. Naval makes catcher Kocher and Onslow and first baseman Onslow have already been waived down to Providence.

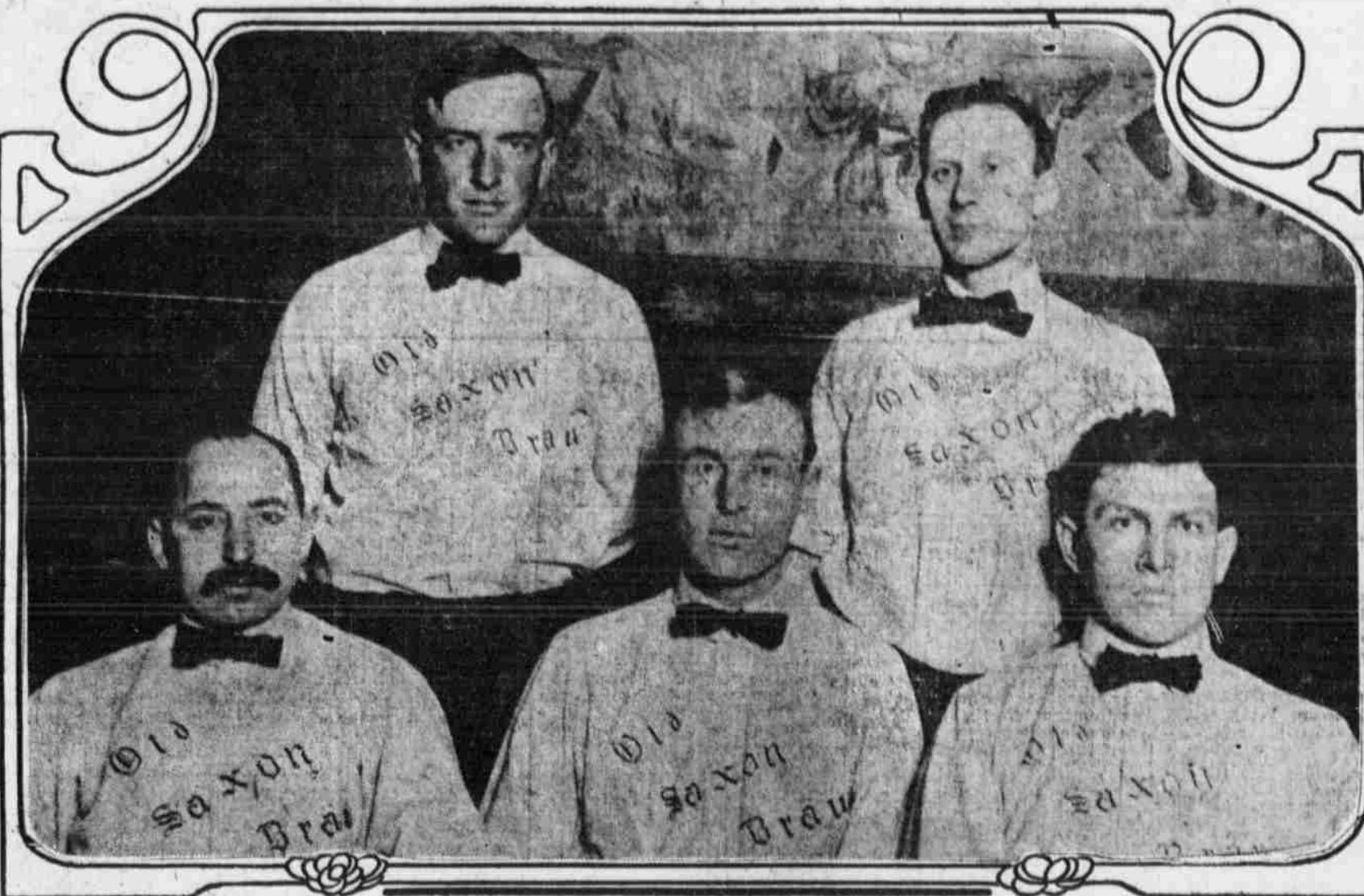
Brown Still a Miner.

Mordecai Brown denies a report that he has dropped money in his gold mine in California, which he owns jointly with Orville Overahl. Brown says the mine is being developed and looks better every day.

Kinsella with Giants.

Richard F. Kinsella, who last year scouted for Roger Bresnahan and the St. Louis Cardinals and resigned when Mrs. Britton fired Bresnahan, has hooked up with McGraw again. Kinsella has turned up some of the Giants' best bats and McGraw was glad to get him back.

Omaha Bowlers Score High at Kansas City



OLD SAXON BRAU TEAM
Left to Right, Standing—K. G. Scipio, L. M. Gjerde. Seated—H. W. Fletcher, W. L. Schoeneman, M. Yousem.

DUCK HUNTERS GIVE UP HOPE OLYMPIC GAME BOOK IS OUT GOLFERS HARD TO COMPARE CHANCE GETS AN INVITATION

With Continued Warm and Clear Weather Nimrods Quit.

I DAY FOR A GOOD SNOWFALL

With the First Fall of the "Beautiful," Local Sportsmen Will Take Yellow Car and Rifle and Hunt Rabbits.

And still there has been no rough break in the beautiful weather of the last three months, and still the hunter is left without hope. True, the weather has been a trifle sharper at times throughout the last week, but the sun has shone so bright and the atmosphere has been so pure and healthful that nobody has had reason to complain. Early last Tuesday morning it tried to cloud over and there was a spot or two of snow, and the sportsman's heart took a leap accordingly. He felt that the few ducks still lingering in this section of the land would move and that at last he might get one farewell crack at the quackers.

And the rabbit hunter—he was in his element, for he imagined just what he had been waiting for was coming—a good track snow. But their hopes were all quickly banished, for long before noon the sun was again shining warm and balmy, every vestige of a cloud had disappeared and the weather man hung up the sign, "Fair and clear with rising tem-

perature."

Ducks Have Left.

So far as the ducks are concerned, the Nebraska hunter might as well give the thing up; it is now past the time when they should reasonably expect a single shot, as the birds have about all gone to the far south, that is, all but the few hardy, red-legged old mallards that never fail to put in the whole winter along Nebraska waters, where the wild parsnip, water cress and tender grasses are always green and keep them in food. As for the geese, Bill Falk, the old Cahoon hunter and trapper, says there never has been a fall season in Nebraska when the birds were so scarce. There has been little or no flight of Canadas along the Missouri river at any time this fall and fewer white geese than ever knew before. He says the weather has been too warm.

But what the northern hunters have been denied they have certainly enjoyed down in Texas and along the borders of the gulf. Neils Updike spent a couple of weeks with some New York friends in the Lone Star state recently, and the shooting stories he tells off are, to say the least, enthusiastic. He had the best Canada goose shooting he ever had in his life, and he has been shooting ever since he was 10 years old and shot on most of the good grounds of both seaboard, which certainly qualifies him to speak by the book. And redheads, he says they were there by the thousands, but they shot only what they could use and send to friends, and Neils says you can bet that he brought a fine lot of Canadas home with him.

Bill Schipke, hunter and trapper, writes from away down at Claryville, Perry county, Missouri, in the fabled Ozarks,

that he is having the time of his life at the hunting cabin of his old pal of the woods, George Lomire. Last Wednesday evening they were out along the "crick" and bagged two possums—one of which, a big fat fellow, he sent to "Pa" Edmundson of this city—one coon, two mallards and two skunks of the darker species, which "Skipper" says are rare in any country. He also said they were preparing for a grand turkey hunt in the wooded hills and are in camp there today.

Through the efforts of W. D. Townsend, the well known sporting goods man, who is chairman of the national handicaps committee, next year's Great Western handicap will again be held in Omaha.

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Performances of Every American Competitor Shown in Detail.

BERLIN MEET WILL EXCEL

With Patronage of Emperor William No Effort Will Be Spared to Show Worth of German Athletes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Olympic games of 1912 as seen by the American commission, James E. Sullivan, is the subject of a book just published which covers this international meet from a new and official angle. The games are reviewed and classified in various ways and much data printed which has heretofore been uncovered.

The performances of every American competitor, whether he won a place or not, is shown and the details of all the minor Olympic contests given in full.

Scenes of the world-wide contests in such events as the pentathlon and decathlon, both won by James Thorpe, are shown complete, together with tables of record for all contests of every kind since 1896.

For completeness and detail it surpasses any series of articles written on the Olympic games to date, and will prove an invaluable source of information on the Olympic games.

Special chapters are devoted to the trip to Finland, the stadium, the personnel of the American team, shooting, tennis, foot ball, swimming and many other subjects. According to the author, there were 4,172 entries for the meet. Of this number 830 were in the track and field events, 1,361 in the gymnastics, 234 in rowing, 179 in wrestling and 269 in foot ball and fencing each. The official point scores for the athletic contests were: United States, eighty-five points; Finland, twenty-nine points; Sweden, twenty-seven points; Great Britain, fifteen points; Canada, seven points; South Africa, five points; Germany, France and Greece, each four points; Norway, two points; Italy and Hungary, each one point.

The scores of all events were as follows: Sweden, 123 points; America, 129 points; Great Britain, seventy-six points; Finland, fifty-two points; Germany, forty-seven points; France, thirty-two points; Denmark, nineteen points; Hungary, Norway and South Africa, each sixteen points; Italy, Australia and Canada, each thirteen points; Belgium, eleven points; Russia and Austria, each six points; Greece, four points, and Holland, three points.

In considering the Olympic meet to be held at Berlin during the summer of 1916, the author writes: "That the Olympic games at Berlin will surpass all previous events of the kind goes without saying.

With the patronage of Emperor William, whose enthusiasm for everything that tends to the betterment of the German race is well known, no effort will be spared to show the world the superiority of the German athletes, and, judging from the remarkable performances of the comparatively few athletes, who have represented Germany at previous Olympic games, there must be untold wealth of athletic material in the German empire, which with characteristic German thoroughness of preparation, will be in evidence at Berlin in 1916.

It has been suggested that after the various events that go to make up the Olympic program have been promulgated by the German Olympic committee, all promoters of athletic meets include in their programs similar events, so that the American athletes will have plenty of practice. It is to be hoped that the German Olympic committee will ask for and give consideration to the suggestions of other nations before deciding upon the program that sufficient time for preparation may be had. All in the Olympic games of 1916 will be a world event in the true sense of the word, and may we all be there to again cheer when "Old Glory" is hoisted to denote an American victory.

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It is Hard to Compare Experts of Today with Other Generations.

VARDON HAS A GREAT RECORD

FARRELL WILLING TO SIGN HIM

Sunningdale Tournaments Won by the Aid of Fine Work of the Iron and Mashie and Consistent Driving.

This recent golf victory of Harry Vardon over Edward Ray in the final round of the 1900 tournament at Sunningdale only served as a further reminder of the class of this product of the island of Jersey. It is, of course, hard to compare with any degree of accuracy golfers of one generation with another, because of the change in implements, balls and the reconstruction of courses, to say nothing of the difference in the upkeep of links. Unquestionably, the players of long ago were great, and the game owes much to the stirring times associated with Alan Robertson, Young Tom and Old Tom Morris, the Dunns, the Goughays and old Willie Park, yet one of these great golfers, nor one of those of the present day, has a record which can bear comparison with that of Harry Vardon.

Before this opinion could be passed, it was not necessary to wait until Vardon had won the big prize at Sunningdale, and incidentally defeated the open champion of Great Britain in the final, but what happened there came as a fitting climax to Vardon's many triumphs. Without further reference for the present to that memorable match, it may be well to call attention to the fact that Ray is a fellow townsmen, both being born at Grouville, in Jersey, where Ray began his workaday life as a fisherman and Vardon as a gardener. With a difference of eight years in their ages—Ray being thirty-four, and Vardon forty-two—they saw comparatively little of each other at home, for Vardon was on the point of becoming a professional golfer when Ray was a youth of twelve. For many years, however, they had been firm friends, though their companionship had not lessened in the slightest degree the keenness of their rivalry on the links.

In their methods they have little in common, for Ray's drive is essentially a lunge at the ball, while Vardon's is a well-nigh perfect swing, invested with plenty of power. The latter has a fondness for a brassie when he wants to play a wooden club shot through the green; Ray does not even carry a brassie.

He uses either a driver or a cleek. The champion also prefers a mashie niblick for approaching; Vardon uses an ordinary mashie, with which club he is a master of the art of applying cut to the ball.

But, to return more particularly to Vardon, he was at Prestwick, some twenty years ago, that he proved himself quite good enough to extend the Scottish professionals, who were at Sandwich next year to lose their supreme hold upon the game. It was also Vardon and Taylor who led the English professional attack, which scored its first triumph in 1894. This was also at Sandwich. Shortly after that, Vardon was the outstanding figure in golf. He ruled supreme everywhere, and held the British and American titles in successive years. It was in 1899 that Vardon came here and won the open

Hard Record to Beat.

It is almost safe in saying that Vardon has a record which no other man can scarcely ever hold.

Alan Robertson was generally acknowledged to be the greatest golfer who ever hit a feather ball, but Vardon is probably the greatest golfer who has ever hit a gutty ball, besides being supreme with the present-day rubber-core creation. Another instance of Vardon's brilliance may be cited, when in 1898—that was before the advent of the lively ball—he tackled Willie Park, the greatest survivor of the old school. They met in a two-green match over an in-

Asked to Come to New York by President of Highlanders.

Former Leader of Chicago Nationals, in Reply, Demands More Details and Assets Wants Good-Sized Salary.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 14.—Frank Chance received a telegram today from President Frank P. Farrell of the New York Americans, asking him to come to New York at once to take over the management of the Highlanders. Chance said he could not leave his orange ranch at Glendale for a time and wired to Farrell that more details be sent regarding his proposition and more time before starting east.

Chance said there was no mention of a \$30,000 salary in Farrell's message, and added that he would not go to New York unless a worthwhile wage were given him. Farrell's telegram today was the first official notice Chance had of the proposal to make him manager of the New York American league team.

NEGOTIATIONS AFTER HOLIDAYS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—President Farrell of the New York American league intends to open negotiations with Frank Chance shortly after the holidays.

In a statement made tonight following his return from Chicago, Mr. Farrell indicated that he hoped to sign Chance and expressed gratification that the way seemed open for the former leader of the Chicago Nationals to take up the managerial reins here.

"While, of course, it is taken for granted that Chance's release will be turned over to the New York club," said Mr. Farrell in his statement, "it is true that I have received no official notice of his release by President Herrmann of the Cincinnati club. Until I have been notified that Chance is eligible to consider an offer from me I shall be compelled to remain inactive. Nothing will suit me better than to have him manage our team.

"I intend to open negotiations with Chance by inviting him to visit me here after the holidays. Then I will be ready to sign him to a contract. It is my desire to give the New York base ball public a championship American league team, if possible, and if there is one man in the world capable of achieving this task, that man is Frank Chance.

"I was surprised to see statements attributed to me in today's dispatches from Chicago to the effect that I ready to pay a fabulous sum for Chance's services, for as a matter of fact I gave no statement to any newspaper man regarding this matter in Chicago on Friday. There is plenty of time to fix it up with Chance and nobody will be more relieved than myself when that has been accomplished.

Personally, I never believed that this deal could be put through successfully. It seemed to be too great an undertaking.

"It is a waste of time for me to praise Chance, for every base ball fan knows his worth as a manager, but I will say that the entire American league is well satisfied with the new order of things that will prevail here."

DEAREST RUNS HIGH IN EXHIBITION PLAYING

Calvin Demarest, the billiardist, and Harry Symes, proprietor of the billiard hall at 33 South Sixteenth street, staged an exhibition 18.2 balk line game before nearly 200 spectators in Symes' hall last night. Demarest ran 360 in the hour and a half of playing while Symes scored fifty-five. The match was given as an introduction of the hall in which the state championship tournament will begin on Monday night.

Demarest will give an exhibition match with Albert Kahn at the Commercial club at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

BILLIARD TOURNEY STARTS TOMORROW

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