

### JAP TENNIS TEAM IS TO PLAY IN U. S.

Cracks of Well Known Repute to Try Conclusions on This Side.

#### TO PLAY ACROSS COUNTRY

For the first time in the history of international lawn tennis, the far east will make a bid for premier honors this autumn when the Japanese racquet stars, K. Kumagai and H. Mikami, appear in the American championship tournament at Forrest Hills, L. I., late in August. These two leading tennis players of the Orient are already on their way to this country for a three months' campaign on the United States courts and their invasion will be awaited with great interest by all followers of tennis, since their records indicate that both play a game which ranks them with the leading tennis experts of this country.

While the complete itinerary of the Japanese players will not be known until they reach the Pacific coast, it is certain that they will proceed eastward by easy stages, playing at the leading clubs in exhibition and tournament matches as the occasion offers. San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Pittsburgh and New York will be given an opportunity to see the Japanese in action on the courts before the national championships and after the titular tournament, Kumagai and Mikami return to the Pacific coast by another route, playing occasional matches prior to embarking for Japan.

#### Loses Tough Match.

Apparently this will be the only invasion of foreign athletes during the coming season and because of the prominence and ability of the Japanese, should attract far more than usual attention to the leading court tournaments of the summer since both Kumagai and Mikami have several times demonstrated their ability to hold their own across the net with the ranking players of the United States. As far back as 1913 Kumagai, then a student at Keio university, appeared at the far eastern championships and fought his way to the semi-finals where he was defeated by Elia Fottrell, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, in a match which was carried over into the second day. Later with a partner he lost to Fottrell and William Johnston, present American champion, in a double match by scores of 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Two years before Kumagai had never seen a tennis racquet or ball and his first game was played with a discarded racquet of an English resident of Japan and a red rubber ball such as small children amuse themselves with by bouncing on the sidewalks. Some idea of his progress within the last three years can be gained from the fact that last January he returned to Manila and won the championship of the Orient from a field which included Clarence Griffin, number seven in the United States, ranking for last season, and Ward Dawson, who is ranked in the third ten for the same period.

When the semi-final round was reached there remained Kumagai and Mikami, representing Japan and Griffin and Dawson from the United States. Griffin defeated Mikami, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, while Kumagai won from Dawson at 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. When Griffin met Kumagai in the final round the pair proved very evenly matched and while the Japanese expert won in straight sets it was only after a terrific court battle with two sets out of three going to deuce, score being 10-8, 6-3, 10-8. During the American season Griffin had won matches from R. Norris Williams, Irving Wright, George M. Church, Ward and Fottrell and worked his way into the fifth round of the National Championship tourney, where he was put out by Johnston, the ultimate winner, in a hard four-set match.

Kumagai and Mikami will play in both the doubles and singles at the Forest Hills National Championships. Dawson and Griffin defeated them in the final round of the Orient doubles by scores of 6-4, 6-4, 10-8, the Japanese being rather weak in the team work so necessary to win in doubles play. Of the two Kumagai is the better player having a puzzling left hand service and a terrific fore and backhand drive, coupled with an uncanny ability to make returns from almost any angle and portion of court. He does not conserve his energy in play, but is apparently tireless upon the court and a master of tennis tactics. Experts are already predicting that one or both of the Japanese players will prove a sensation at the titular tournament and upset many of the American racquet stars before the finals are reached.

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The Danes won the championship of Omaha in the tournament last January. They not only lost their title last night, but dropped a side bet of \$500. Considerable additional money changed hands on the outcome, it being estimated several thousand dollars had been placed on the teams by their followers.

The members of the competing teams are:

**SWEDISH.**  
Al Samuelson, captain.  
Anton Elving, anchor.  
Albin Carlsson, knot.  
Ed. Carlsson, first to knot.  
Gus Carlsson, second to knot.  
Charley Jensen, third to knot.  
Andrew Anderson, fourth to knot.  
Wetson T. Thorson, manager.

**DANES.**  
Emil Toldbod, captain.  
Hans Metz, anchor.  
Nels Sorenson, knot.  
Sam Metz, first to knot.  
Caris Christensen, second to knot.  
Morris Christensen, third to knot.  
Rasmus Rasmussen, fourth to knot.  
N. K. Nelson, manager.

#### Winners Challenged.

Just before the pull the Nonpareil Athletic club challenged the winner. Two preliminaries were held. The Spaulding club, Captain Hoffer, was pulled by the American club, Captain J. Donahue, in three minutes and thirteen seconds. The Florence Fraternity club, Captain W. R. Wall, pulled the German Turner club, Captain Henry Stahmer, ten inches in twenty minutes.

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### Commissioners Wrestle With a Legal Obstacle

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Mr. Rine stated that the city needs legislation which will enable the council to create a street opening district and assess special taxes beyond the present maximum of \$50,000.

Under existing laws the proposition must be submitted to a vote if the assessment exceeds \$50,000.

### SWEDISH GLEE SINGERS CARRY AMERICAN FLAGS

The Swedish Glee club of Chicago, which arrived in Omaha for the Swedish concert here Monday, made quite an impression upon Omahans by their uniforms. The glee club, twenty-five strong, arrived in natty uniforms of blue coats, white trousers and caps and carried American flags.

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### LAD ON BIKE COLLIDES WITH AUTO AND IS HURT

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