OPPOSITION TO UNITED STATES IN SPORT WORLD

REVIEW OF VARIOUS ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS DURING 1926

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press).—In a year of sports competition plentifully splashed with the color of international competition, America's complete domination of the golf world, France's smashing individual triumphs in tennis and the return of Germany as an important contender for athletic honors have been outstanding.

Summing up the international campaign on various fronts of activity it is apparent that the United States, while maintaining its traditional all-around leadership, has come fact to face with a rapidly widening range of opposition.

Where Great Britain and Finland, in several branches of rivalry, have been among this country's keenest foes for some time, France and Germany have leapt forward to be in the thick of the fight. The log of 1926 competition shows America victorious in 29 international engagements, France next with 16 triumphs—all in tennis, Germany third with eight and Great Britain fourth with seven.

The noteworthy feature of this tabulation, however, is that both France and Germany, the new threats, won more contests from America than they lost. Except for the Davis Cup, France's young tennis stars swept nearly all before them on the courts here, while Germany registered victories in swimming, billiards and tennis over the United States to add to record-breaking triumphs at home by the newest star of the track firmament, Dr. Otto Peitzer.

Britain's royal and ancient golfing branches have been badly shaken for at least five years but 1926 capped the climax. Bobby Jones won the British open crown—thus giving it an ocean voyage for the fifth time in six years. The Atlanta wizard failed to lift the British amateur title, being eliminated after putting out the defending champion, Robert Harris, but this coveted prize also fell into American hands when Jess Sweetser of New York overcame physical handicaps to capture it.

ON FOREIGN LINKS

In another battle on foreign links, the American Walker Cup team, with Jones and Watts Gun in stellar roles, successfully defended the amateur team trophy. The British open was close to a rout for the native club swingers. Trailing Jones was Al Watrous, young American home-bred, in second place with Walter Hagen, twice former titleholder, and George Von Elm, American amateur, tied for third position.

Britain's only solace was the victory of her professionals in a team contest with a squad led by Walter Hagen, and resulting in the lop-sided tally of 13 1-2 to 1 1-2 points. Bill Mehlhorn was the only American to win his match. Hagen scored another bull's eye for Uncle Sam, however, when he staged a characteristic finish to beat Abe Mitchell, 2 and 1, in a hotly contested 72-hole match.

As a sensational tennis climax, America witnessed the bewildering spectacle of an All-French final in the national singles championship, with the solemn-visaged Rene Dacoste lifting the trophy from his team-mate, Jean Borotra, while the six-year former titleholder, William T. Tilden, sat on the side-lines.

In the Davis Cup team contest, "Big Bill" Tilden and "Little Bill" Johnston started off apparently as invincible as ever and, aided by Williams and Richards, quickly clinched the famous trophy for the seventh straight year. But Tilden twisted his knee, lost to Lacoste in the final match and then, in spite of a gallant stand, met his Waterloo a week later in the national singles tournament against Henri Cochet. Johnston, his strength unequal to the occasion, fell before Jean Borotra on the same day—an epochal overthrow of America's two super-stars, who had combined for seven previous years to repel all other rivals.

HEROIC WORK

Earlier in the year, Suzanne Lenglen defeated Helen Wills in a closely fought match on the French Riviera, 6-3, 8-6, while Lacoste had given a hint of what was to come outdoors by trimming Tilden as well as Vincent Richards indoors and taking home the American indoor singles championship. Only some heroic work by Tilden and the failure of Borotra to measure up to the brilliancy of his countryman enabled the United States to capture an indoor "Davis Cup" series.

France's conquests were equally as impressive at home and in England, where Borotra lifted the prized Wimbledon championship. Suzanne Lenglen, finding Helen Wills out of competition through an operation for appendicitis, found no trouble disposing of the remaining American woman threat, Mary K. Browne, in the Paris championship. The temperamental French star withdrew later from the Wimbledon tournament. Kitty McKane Godfree, the English star, triumphed in this event.

Germany furnished substantial evidence of all-around athletic revival but attracted particular attention in track and field sports. Here the Teutons furnished an international sensation in the person of Dr. Otto Peltzer. This blond young middle distance runner shattered Ted Meredith's world record for the half mile, in the British championships, and later conquered Paavo Nurmi and Edwin Wide, the Scandinavian stars, in a record-shattering 500-meter race at Berlin.

Peltzer's rise has been as phenomenal as that of Nurmi, although the Teuton star apparently does not possess the running range of the Phantom Finn. Nevertheless, with Germany's re-entry into the Olympic Games in 1928, Petlzer will be a formidable contender for middle distance honors now held by Lowe of England and Nurmi.

Erich Hagenlacher, the billiard star, added to Germany's prestige by unexpectedly dethroning the young American, Jake Schaefer, as world's 18.2 balkline title holder.

Norway sent over a super-star in the slim, wiry person of Charley Hoff, who smashed all American pole vaulting records indoors and lifted the scales of two of his country's most versatile performers, Harold Osborn and Emerson Norton, in an all-round test. But the Vaulting Viking, essaying a countrywide tour, encountered an ineligibility storm-cloud and withdrew from amateur ranks to accept professional engagements.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA

Rivalry between Great Britain and America spread to many branches of sport besides golf. In tennis, the American women's team regained the Wightman Cup in a close contest at Wimbledon, while Howard Kinsey and Vincent Richards teamed to defeat England's best in a special match abroad.

American fencers also won back the Robert M. Thompson Trophy from British swordsmen while Yankee riflemen were victorious in an international shoot at Bisley, England, in June. The Oxford-Cambridge lacrosse team, touring this country, lost 12 out of 13 matches to American teams but some amends for this disaster were made when the English universities combined to beat Princeton and Cornell at track.

International boxing interest picked up toward the end of the year with the addition of Harry Persson, the tatooed Swede, Franz Diener of Germany, and Paolino, the Basque Woodchopper, to the list of heavyweight contenders for Gene Tunney's title. In the amateur boxing field, South American countries scored the year's outstanding triumph by defeating a picked team of Americans in five out of eight classes at Buenos Aires in May.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

SPORT CHAT

While at the present time there is no use made of the sports ground on Acropolis hill yet, in a few more weeks, there will be the usual rush to have the grounds placed in good shape for the summer's athletic contests. The grounds were only partly finished last year and were left in an unsatisfactory state so that at the present time they are not inviting for any class of sport. To put them in proper condition as a good athletic field will cost considerable money and yet, in their present condition, are really a menace to the various players who are obliged to use them. After each winter the rocks begin to appear through the surface and in addition to being very uneven the grounds are not level. Just what will remedy the situation is of some concern to all followers of sport.

Duke Keats, former Edmonton hockey star, but now with Boston in the National Hockey League, is all "het" up over the ignorance of the fans who attend the games in the United States. According to Keats there isn't the "bite" in ye olde hockey game in the N.H.L.—at least not in the western section of the loop—that was evidenced in the old Western Canada circuit. In a letter sent to a friend in Edmonton, Keats says that the fans there have but a hazy idea of what it's all about, and 99 per cent of them don't know a good play when one is worked. "The hockey business is just somewhat of a spectacle for the Yanks and the game lacks the driving urge that surcharges the air during the heat of a game in Canada," Keats writes. The Duke thinks that most of the real hockey in the N.H.L. will be played in the rinks on the Canadian side, where the fans know all the wrinkles and pull hard for their home teams. First of all its a novelty for the Yankee spectators, he says and furthermore the rinks are too warm to give the players the right kind of conditions.

According to J. McGovern, writing in the Minneapolis Journal, ice hockey was first played in the United States in 1896, when the Canadian residents of Pittsburg played their first regulation game. The success of the game was slow, due principally to public apathy toward ice events. "There is no doubt of its permanency and its favor with the United States sport fans," Mr. McGovern asserts. He grants that there is little danger of Canada losing her supremacy in the domain of hockey for at least a number of years to come. In the dominion, he points out, there is the tradition, the climate and other factors to insure the Canadians their long-established supremancy in Canada's favorite winter sport.

National League records for 1926, which were recently compiled by the Associated Press in New York, show that Eugene Bressler, Cincinnati, was the leading batsman who played in a majority of the season's games, his average having been .357. Lewis Wilson, Chicago, made the most home runs in the league—twenty-one. In fielding, the leaders were: first base, George Kelly, New York, .9929; second base, Hugh Critz, Cincinnati, .981; third base, Howard Frigeau, Chicago, .9663; short stop, James Cooney, Chicago, .972; outfielders, Clifton Heathcote, Chicago, 985; catchers, Miguel Gonzales, Chicago, .989; pitchers, Fred Fritzsimmons, New York, 1000. Remy Kremer, Pittsburg, was the leading pitcher of the league with the lowest average of 2.61 runs earned per game and twenty victories and six defeats.

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MID-VICTORIAN DRESS RETURNS

PROMINENT PUBLIC MEN SEEM TO BE GOING BACK TO NINETEENTH CENTURY IN FASHIONS OF COSTUME

LONDON, Jan. 6.—British men seem to be going back to the mid-Victorian fashions in their dress.

J. C. Squire, editor of the London Mercury, is appearing these days in a dark gray jacket cut away over his waistcoat and buttoning closely up under a large wing collar.

Thomas Hardy sometimes wears coats like those of Squire. So does Clough William Ellis, the architect.

WEARS JACKETS OF 60'S

Probably the most sartorially daring man in London is Stephen Gaselee, the librarian of the Foreign Office, who wears leather waistcoats topped by jackets cut after the fashions of the 'sixties.

Gaselee has always been noted for being extraordinary. He had kangaroo steaks served at his twenty-first birthday dinner at Cambridge and the clothes he was seen wearing at the university were even more surprising than those in which he appears at Whitehall.

He is a believer in ancient rites and ceremonies and is credited with reviving the custom at Cambridge of drinking from loving cups filled with "copas." Copas is an extraordinarily unpalatable brew made of spices, old ale and sherry, all mulled together and served with pieces of burned toast floating on the top.

WALES' YELLOW SHIRT

Members of the House of Commons who have adopted the style of appearing with orchids in buttonholes are increasing. Sir Harry Brittain has been indulging himself in pink orchids of late but the most regular wearer is Sir Vansittart Bowater. He probably wears a greater variety of flowers during the year than any other member.

The Prince of Wales has revived the yellow hunting shirts worn by his ancestors in the sixteenth century. The yellow shirt ranks among the skin fitting garments and those who follow the fashions set by His Royal Highness accompany it with a yellow chamois waistcoat.

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A. J. Walton, whose beet acreage for 1926 covered an area of 25 1-2 acres, from which he produced an average of 12 1-2 tons. Fifteen acres of this plot yielded an average of more than 15 tons. The most interesting feature in connection with this crop, was the startling statement made by the grower that wild oats were the cause for the excellent yield.

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