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Sports In Every Branch Served By Men Who Know How to Write Them

YANKEE SWIMMERS AND TENNIS STARS WIN

Helen Wills and Vincent Richards Reach Finals for America

OLYMPIC STADIUM, COLOMBES, July 18.
(By the Associated Press).

WITHOUT playing as good a game as she can play, Miss Helen Wills, the American woman champion tennis player, today reached the final round in both the singles and the doubles in the Olympic tennis championships.

On Sunday Miss Wills will meet Mlle. Simonne Vlasto, the Grecian maid of French nationality, for the singles title. Tomorrow, paired with Mrs. George Wightman, Miss Wills will oppose the two best woman player of Great Britain, Miss Kathleen McKane and Mrs. Covell, for the doubles championship.

The battle for the men's championship, like that of the women, will be a Franco-American affair, with Vincent Richards on one side of the net and Henri Cochet on the other.

While Miss Wills was winning her way into the final of the women's singles event this afternoon through an easy triumph over Mme. Golding, of France, Richards on an adjacent court disposed of his Italian adversary in the semi-final, Baron de Morpurgo, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Miss Wills achieved her victory in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Mme. Golding never once seriously challenged the dominance of the American champion.

Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman won their way into the final of the women's doubles by defeating Mrs. Sheppard-Barron and Miss Kitty Bakewell, of Great Britain, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

There is a possibility that the finals in the men's doubles also will be fought out between France and the United States, with Brugnon and Cochet representing the Frenchmen and Richards and Francis T. Hunter the Stars and Stripes.

Before such a match can take place, however, Richards and Hunter must defeat the Frenchmen, Borotra and Le Coste, the other semi-finalists in the men's doubles. Borotra and Brugnon and Cochet must win from Condon and Richardson, of South Africa.

Cochet, who meets Richards for the singles championship, got to his position as finalist by disposing of one of his compatriots, Borotra—the same brilliant, slim young Borotra who beat Richards at Wimbledon and later won the grass court title there.

Perhaps he was not quite the same Borotra today. To some of the expert observers it seemed that he had slumped a bit from the dazzling form he attained at Wimbledon; but to others the match between the two Frenchmen was evidence of Cochet's superiority ever any and all of his compatriots on the hard tennis courts. Cochet and Borotra have met more times before, and exceptional upset, Cochet always has won.

Neither Richards nor Miss Wills was called upon to play anything like their best tennis in order to beat their opponents in the singles today; but in the doubles Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman had a fight on their hands every minute to win from Mrs. Shepherd-Barron and Miss Colyer, who looked likely victors until the last few minutes of the third set.

In this short interval, Miss Wills serving, with six games to one in favor of the Americans, rose to the very peak of her game at the serving line. Where earlier she at times had been seemingly slow, listless and careless, she now served and followed up her service with a speed and a determination such as her every move of form and foot.

She served at a fast pace, each of her first serves whizzed over the net inside the confining lines, and she and Mrs. Wightman won the game at love and with it the match they had seemed very likely to lose.

In this last game one serve was an ace. Another was so fast that the return failed to rise above the ground. The return on the third serve was killed by Mrs. Wightman, while the fourth serve produced a short rally in which Miss Wills shot such a sizzling forehand at Miss Colyer that the young British woman popped the return out of bounds.

Although it was the best women's doubles match of the tournament, Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman controlled the court during most of the first set and won it, 6-3. In the second set Miss Colyer and Mrs. Shepherd-Barron took the net and forced the American to budge away from it.

They rallied everything, and veiled well, the two of them. Nothing but Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman did to drive them back, succeeded for long, and as both the Americans were unsteady at times, the set went to the Britons, 6-1.

The Englishwomen won the three first games of the third set, volleying at every opportunity. Then the turn came on Miss Wills' service, the Americans starting a comeback that won them four games in a row. Then the English women took two more games and went ahead, 5-4.

Bracing themselves and no longer permitting themselves to fall into errors, Miss Wills and Mrs. Wightman proceeded to set a pace that their opponents could not follow and snatched victory out of what had seemed sure defeat.

To a less extent Richards and Hunter had a fight on their hands in the men's doubles in which the Alsone brothers, of Spain, opposed them. But although the going was fast every minute, Richards making most of the points by winning at the net. The score in this match was 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Nevertheless, with the absence of her star, Suzanne Lenglen, France likely will win a greater number of points than any other nation entered in the Olympic tennis tournament.

Quaker City Mermaid Wins Diving Contests; Six Records Smashed

By GRANTLAND RICE

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PARIS, July 18.

JOHNNY WEISMULLER'S next swimming race will have to be against some fish at catch weights. Caesar may have found no further worlds to conquer, but Weismuller in the same way rules the waters.

Chicago's long, willowy torpedo came to the final test when he faced Arne Borg, Sweden's marvel and Andrew Charlton, youthful Australian star, over the Olympic course today. Weismuller finished to the front by a bare margin of five feet after one of the greatest battles of the entire Olympic carnival. This stirring feature was held in the finest swimming stadium ever built, and every seat was taken long before the opening gun sounded.

Weismuller, Borg and Charlton were off together after a manner of three giant fish with whirring fins. Back and forth they swept through the fifty meter tank with Weismuller and Borg on exactly even terms and Charlton only a few yards away.

They held these relative positions until the final 50-meter sprint. Here Weismuller and Borg were as even as Siamese twins, with Charlton still trailing, but coming on for the final outburst that strived the crowd to typical Olympic frenzy.

With less than thirty meters left, Weismuller's long form began to forge ahead, but only in savage determination and the steady Charlton was still closing in on Borg. Weismuller's winning time was 5 minutes 5 1-5 seconds, but all three broke the Olympic record for the event, and the winning time compares favorably with Weismuller's record of 5 minutes 4 2-5 made in a 20-yard pool, however.

Ake Borg, of Sweden, a brother of Arne Borg, who was fourth behind Great Britain, was fifth. Charlton had a few inches on Borg in the final finish for second place. Charlton and Borg were conceded to be Weismuller's greatest rivals, and while both made an exceptional showing, they lacked the final driving power of the Chicago star, who put everything he had into that last sprint.

The Stars and Stripes spent most of the afternoon above the pool. As a starter Gertrude Ederle, N. S. A., New York; Euphrasie Donnelly, Indianapolis A. C.; Ethel Lackie, Illinois A. C., and Marieclen Wehselau, Honolulu, of the U. S. women's 400-meter relay team broke the world's relay record for women by thirteen seconds, winning by over half the length of the pool.

After this in the women's diving contest, Elizabeth Becker, Atlantic City, N. J., triumphed over Aileen Riggin, of New York, and Carol Fletcher, of Pasadena, and then America finished one, two, three in the event, which pushed the Stars and Stripes well out into the lead.

A further victory for the American swimmers tomorrow was made possible when Ralph Breckenridge, Illinois A. C., won qualifiers for the final. The team made up of Wallace O'Connor, Yale University; R. Richard Howell, Northwestern University; Ralph Breyer, Northwestern University, and Harry Kaufman, Pittsburgh, set up a new world's record for the distance, with a time of 20 2-5 seconds.

Miss Ederle, daughter of Great Britain, proved too fast for Agnes Geraghty in the 200-meter breast stroke, the American girl swam magnificently, however, the powerful swimmer giving her to the spectators, and she received more applause for finishing second than American winners in other events.

In line with further water triumphs, it might well be mentioned that the victorious Yale crew was busy all day receiving the congratulations from Americans now swarming in from all parts of Europe.

All the believed that Yale would win, but it looked for awhile such brilliant race against the strong wind and rough river with five lengths to spare against the surviving crews from competing nations. Five lengths in such a short race is a terrific margin, but the blue oarsmen are ready again today for another unmistakable win.

Through the victories in rowing, swimming and diving, Americans athletes have done as brilliantly on water as upon land, thus proving the all-around strength of the greatest Olympic team ever gathered.

MEN
400-METRE SWIM, FREE STYLE
Final—Johnny Weissmuller, Illinois A. C., first; Andrew Charlton, Australia, second; Charlton, Australia, third; Arne Borg, Sweden, fourth; Hatfield, Great Britain, fifth; Timm, United States, 6 1-5 seconds, breaking the Olympic record.

WOMEN
400-METRE RELAY
Final—United States, first; Great Britain, second; Denmark, third; Holland, fourth. Time, 4 minutes, 39 4-5 seconds.

100-METRE BACKSTROKE
Warren Kealoha, Hawaii, first; Paul Wendt, Germany, second; Kitt, United States, third; Bitz, Belgium, fourth; Hawkins, Great Britain, fifth. Time, 1 minute, 12 1-5 seconds, breaking the record.

200-METRE BREAST STROKE, WOMEN
Final—Miss Morton, Great Britain, first; Miss Agnes Geraghty, W. S. A., New York, second; Garaud, Great Britain, third; Petersen, Denmark, fourth; Miss Ederle, N. S. A., New York, second with 12 points, opposed them. But Miss Ederle, Pasadena, Calif., third, with 10 points, and Miss Euphrasie Donnelly, Indianapolis, Sweden, fifth, with 12 points, Miss Garaud, Great Britain, sixth, with 20 points.

Patterson Beaten by Brian Norton

SPOKIE COUNTY CLUB, GLENCOE, Ill., July 18.—Play in men's singles and doubles advanced to the semi-final rounds in the Illinois State championships today. There was but one surprise of moment, the slaughter of Frank Patterson, former Illinois State champion, who was seized by Brian L. C. Norton, South African, who now resides in Chicago, St. Louis.

Experts who have watched Patterson through the years and other tournaments this season, and the big fellow did not let himself out, that he did not wish to play tennis, but he wanted to T. Tilden on clay courts, and that he was saving himself for the Davis Cup matches.

Tilden, however, is not in the tournament, but will meet to semi-final winner Howard Kinney, of San Francisco, who won from Jack Lowenson, C. J. Griffin, 6-7, 6-1, in a night match.

In the upper bracket Alfonso Reyes, the Mexican, who was beaten by M. Chapin, semi-final, in the Illinois State championship, Reyes, Tilden, Chicago, New York, first from Johnny Hanson, Brooklyn, and Jack Lowenson, Chicago, captain, defeated Jack Vaskovic.

American Gymnasts Fail to Get Points

OLYMPIC STADIUM, COLOMBES, July 18.—The American Olympic gymnasts failed to score either in the team or individual parallel bar competition, or in the individual parallel bar competition, or in the individual parallel bar competition, or in the