

TENNIS TOPICS

by

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I have just received the report of the finals of The Veterans doubles championship, metropolitan district, N. Y., match held at Forest Hills last Saturday. It seems to me that some attention should be paid by all those who love Tennis, to this match, not only on account of the Veteran Aspect, but on account of the make up of the two teams. Perhaps it would be better for me to bracket the names, and give their standings.

The winners:
Sam. Hardy (Captain of Davis Cup Team 1921).

William A. Campbell (former Veterans Singles Champion).

The losers:
Wm. A. Larned (seven times champion of U. S.).

H. H. Hackett (former doubles Champion and Davis Cup player).

The score was 7-5, 6-2, 6-4, but this does not tell the story. To begin with it was supposed that Larned would be the outstanding star, by reason of his wonderful control. His partner Hackett was looked upon to be a stone wall on defenses, in fact this team was picked to win. Now, we find that Larned was made the centre of attack, and that Hackett had little to do, we begin to sit up and take notice, because even if Campbell did live up to his reputation, it was not supposed that Hardy would put on view the wonderful exhibition that he did. Yet it remains a fact that he was the only one that earned more points, when tallied against his errors.

I notice that in the second set game number 5, Eddie Conlin, the best umpire that ever was, called deuce 8 times, this shows what a battle the old war horses can put up.

The recapitulation.

	N.	O.	P.	I.	S.	A.	D.	F.	E.	P.	T.	S.	E.	R.	R.
Hardy	11	10	30	1	2	31	23								
Campbell	18	8	19	1	1	20	27								
Larned	23	17	22	1	3	23	43								
Hackett	9	6	11	0	0	11	15								

We are very glad to hear that Mlle. Lenglen's heart is all right, and that she will play in the woman's championships to be held at Wimbledon June 26. Now that Mrs. Mallory has landed in England, and is getting used to the air, etc., we expect that there will be some crowd if the two

stars come through the Tournament to the final round. To prove that over there they are preparing for big doings Wimbledon has a new home all ready for this tournament. The new plant excels any thing we have, so it is said. The stands are made of concrete, and completely surround the center court.

Seating accommodations for 14,000 have been provided. One good feature has been brought forward, the stands are covered, thus the sun, or the rain will not get in their good work, and at least every one will be able to see.

Upon very good authority I am going to wager that Suzanne never meets Molla in the Finals. Molla, will meet some one else.

Answer to last week's question for the kiddies.

Yes, the only conditions are that he shall not volley the ball until it has crossed the net, and that he does not touch the net, or any of its supports while the ball is in play.

This week's Question:
A player is struck by the ball served before it has touched the ground, he being outside of service court. How does it count?

The Chicago Daily News Tournament begins June 12, and entries close June 8. Sign now on the dotted line, boys, and girls, and juniors.

Have had the pleasure of watching Messrs. McConnell, Brown, Brunker, and Elting play up at Indian Hill, wonder if Mr. Miller at Skokie would like to trot out four against them, this is not a challenge, simply implies that we are going pretty strongly these days.

Tilden's Idea of a Perfect Day On The Courts

Philadelphia District Championship, won final match, 3 out of 5 sets; jumped across country to Philmont club and, playing with Sandy Wilner, the 14-year-old boy—who, as I stated last week, will be with Tilden at Skokie—won two doubles matches in Eastern Pennsylvania championship. Total number of sets played, 12.

Walter Hayes was beaten in the finals of the Men's singles at the Sherwood Tennis club by Walter Westbrook of Detroit. The scores were: 8-6, 8-6, 0-6, 1-6, 6-3.

The final matches of the Hamilton Park Tennis tournament will be held today. Looks as if Harry Holbrook would win the singles title.

P. A. Vaile, writing in the Herald under date of May 31, has decided to spank the Lawn Tennis association and the U. S. Lawn Tennis association for their failure to properly set forth a Foot Fault rule. Mr. Vaile states he drew up a rule for the Umpires association at their request and, much to his surprise, they did not adopt it, but did get up one themselves which is all wrong. To quote Mr. Vaile we find under Rule 6:

Rule 6. Before commencing to serve the server shall stand with both feet at rest behind (i. e., farther from the net than) the base line and within the limits of the center mark and sideline. From the time of taking such stand and until the racket strikes the ball, both feet shall remain behind the base line and at least one foot shall remain on the ground."

Notice, that although the rule says within what limits one shall start the service, it imposes no restriction on one's moving beyond such limits during the service, provided one remains behind the base line.

The consequence is that one may legally step across the center mark, in the act of serving, and deliver the ball straight down the court, which, of course, is not tennis and was never intended by the solons who meddled with the laws.

This must and will be altered. Now here is the greatest joke of the whole "manual."

Rule 7. says: "This service shall be delivered from the right and left courts alternately. . . ."

A player cannot deliver his service from a court without entering it. To enter it he must commit a foot-fault, so, if my lynch has disagreed with me, I can insist on a player serving from

the right or left court, and directly he does so legally protest his service as a foot-fault, or vice versa!

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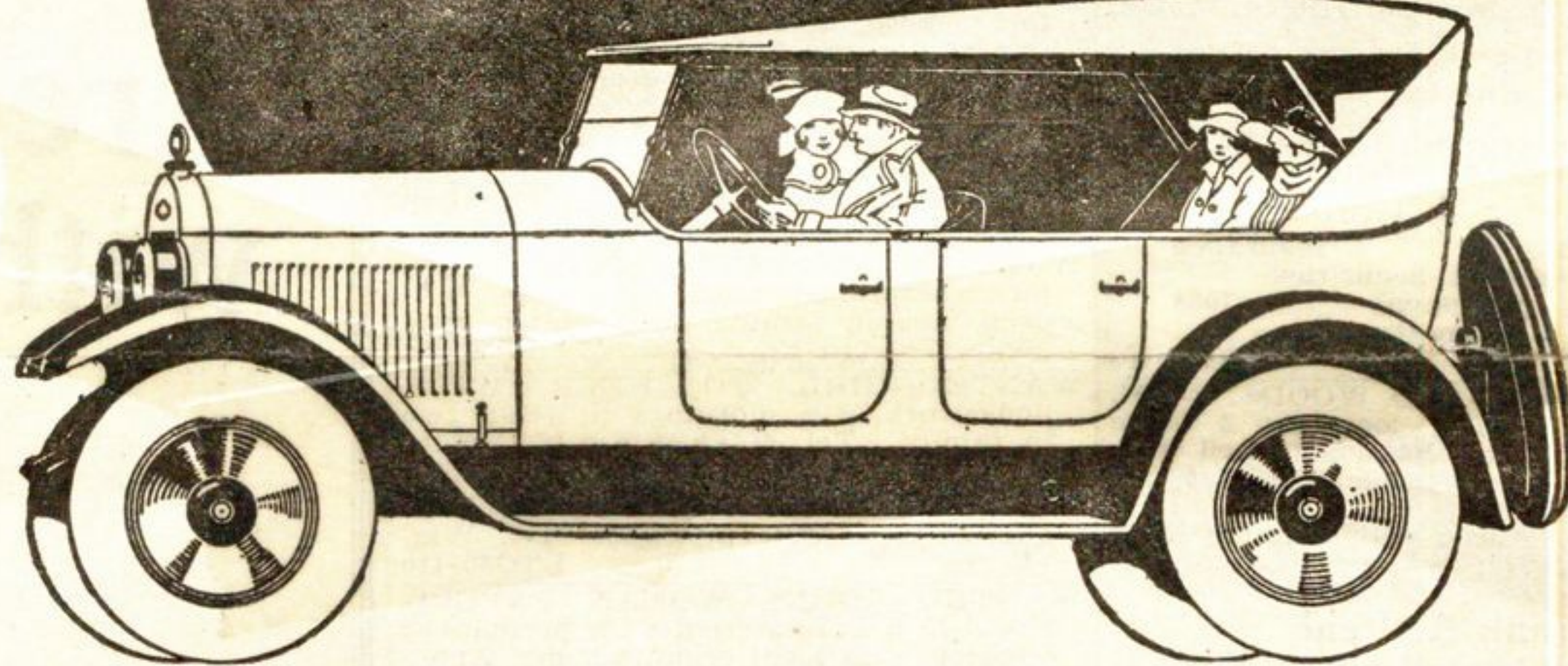
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