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## HARD WORK HAS BEEN STARTED

### Tricolor Gladiators Had Their First Real Tackling Drill on Thursday.

Athletic Director Hughes has come to the point where hard work begins and yesterday afternoon he had nearly a full squad out to go through the drills and take a few flying leaps at the dummy. "Snag" Skelton was first given an outline on how a snap-back should perform and after a few bits of fatherly advice on the matter, he was able to control the ball well enough to suit the mentor and one or two of the more severe of the playing critics in close proximity to the rehearsal.

The real work of the afternoon was commenced without delay and the players were finding out more and more every minute that they were into the thick of the season's business. Regular formations, signals, tackling the dummy and a short run rounded out the programme for the players and when they returned to the training quarters, there was none who felt like doing a five-mile hike.

Athletic Director Hughes is getting the players away fast and every man out must show his stuff in his fashion. No delays are being tolerated and there is plenty of pep among the players in the workouts. Queen's has the weight on the line, the speed on the outside and the all-round ability on the backfield all set and they will doubtless accomplish as much in their work of this week and the first four days of next week, as many of the teams that have been practising for several weeks. They are getting two practices a day and a chalk talk every evening while other teams that have been practising have not had as much as the Tricolor by any means.

Harry Batstone will be an absentee from the practice on Saturday owing to the fact that he will be in Toronto to take part in the Kingston-Osler game but he will be ready for work again on Monday and will have "Pop" Leadley beside him. Leadley will don the uniform for the first time this season on Monday. He is coming from Hamilton on Sunday and will lose no time in getting down to business.

The players appear to be in first-class condition and are that much ahead. The majority of the boys have kept in A1 shape all summer, most of them working at jobs con-

ductive to good condition and this of course will tend to lessen the length of time required to bring the team up to mid-season form. "Red" McKelvey is showing more pep than ever while "Baldy" Baldwin has put on just enough weight to notice. "Bud" Thomas looks just like the same old hardy "Bud" and is no doubt in for a big season.

The squad is working together and are contented in every way and mighty anxious to make it four straight. Looking around the other teams, it looks as though their wishes will be realized but nobody knows more than they do that hard work will be required, no matter what the lack of strength of the opponent is. There is no boastfulness in the training camp but a quiet, almost reserved confidence that means much.

### HAMILTON TIGERS TO FIELD STRONG TEAM

#### Three Former Queen's Men, Veale, Quinn and Hannon, Will Be Playing.

Hamilton, Sept. 18.—"Gear" Elford, Tigers' husky centre wing player of last year, has weakened, for despite his threat of one week ago to remain out of football this season, he will play his old position again this season. The addition of Elford gives Coach Marriott a wing line to be feared, despite the fact that one or two are without senior experience. Baker and Shinbin, the latter an intermediate of last year, will hold down the inside wing positions, while Elford and Tilley will be the middle wings. Tilley was with Ridley last season, and is looked upon in Tiger circles as the find of the season.

The outside wing positions will be looked after by Fred Veale and Dr. Soanes, while Captain Brian Timmis will be the flying wing. Coach Marriott has many backfield men to pick from including Quinn, Crocker, Gibb and Walker of last year's squad, while "Bus" Hunter of Collegiate fame, Raynor of Galt, and several other promising youngsters are fighting it out with the more experienced rivals for steady berths. The position of snap, held by Egan Cox last season, will be looked after by Hannon, a former Queen's player.

### Ted Graham Will Play With Stratford Again

Stratford, Sept. 18.—When the hockey season rolls around again Teddy Graham will be found wearing a Stratford uniform. That was the information received from an official in close touch with the situation. On various occasions London sport writers have asserted that Graham would line-up with the Forest City sextette, but up to the present, Graham has not taken up his residence in London. Nor has he enrolled at the University of Western Ontario. Tuesday was the last day for the enrollment of students at the college and Graham's name was not among those listed. He is at present in his home at Owen Sound and unless something at present unforeseen occurs between now and the first snow flurry, Graham will once more don the Indians' spangles.

There's a lot of difference between the person who owes, but cannot pay, and the person who owes and could pay, but will not.

I sometimes think that the only time the pessimist thoroughly enjoys himself is when he tells other people how miserable he is.

## FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Some of these people up in Hamilton who send out fairy stories should label them as such. There are people who might take such stuff as gospel truth.

The announcement yesterday that it had been decided to play Saturday's Osiers-Kingston game at the Island was greeted with delight by the local players. They will, they feel, have a much fairer chance than on the smaller field in Toronto.

George Sullivan is looking after the arrangements for the playoff here on Saturday between the Peterboro and Ottawa Midgets. He has arranged to have the game played at the Cricket Field and will see that there are no grounds for protest as far as the playing field is concerned.

The R.C.A. and Kingston soccer teams will get under way in an exhibition affair on Saturday at the Cricket Field. Although the baseball playoff will be going on, it is hoped that the two will not clash.

A meeting of the Kingston and District Soccer League is being held Monday evening for the election of officers and other business. A great deal of interest is being shown in the game and it is thought that the league will enjoy a prosperous season.

The aquatic sports are being held on Saturday afternoon over at the Royal Military College and those who are going over to see the boys in action should see plenty to thrill them. The cadets give splendid aquatic exhibitions, which should prove very interesting to the onlookers.

Coaches, trainers, etc., may be busy men up around Queen's, but they have nothing on the hustling manager of the first team, Jim Campbell. He is kept on the go all the time and has his new job down pat. Jim can stand the hard work, though.

Harmony is the premier word in the Queen's training camp in more ways than one. The players get along beautifully together and are like a big family until "Baldy" Baldwin, "Fee-wee" Chantler and one or two others start out with "Sweet Adeline." The alleged singing seems to get on "Red" McKelvey's nerves.

The dummy came in for some rough usage yesterday afternoon. "Bud" Thomas, Jimmy Wright and some of the more deadly tacklers drew the silent target with them in pretty neat fashion, while some of the boys who are not quite so experienced at the art, picked up the knack of it quite quickly.

Athletic Director Hughes of Queen's will try to make arrangements for an exhibition game with R.M.C. on October 3rd at the Richardson Stadium. Should a game be arranged, it would be a big attraction for a pre-season event. R.M.C. have always put up good football and they are much stronger this year than they have been for some time.

"Dollar" Bill still retains his popularity up around the training quarters and keeps the players in good humor. "Dollar" Bill's narrations of his experiences, incidentally demonstrating the capacity of his vocabulary, have drawn more than one smile before now.

## BASEBALL SCORES

**National League.**  
Boston 2, Pittsburgh 11.  
Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 5.  
Other clubs not scheduled.

**American League.**  
Detroit 12, Washington 9.  
Detroit 0, Washington 1.  
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 6.  
Cleveland 0, New York 5.  
St. Louis 0, Boston 2.  
St. Louis 0, Boston 4.

**International League.**  
Toronto 1, Rochester 3.  
Toronto 2, Rochester 7.  
Buffalo 3, Syracuse 7.  
Buffalo 2, Syracuse 1.  
Baltimore-Providence, rain.  
Jersey City-Reading, not scheduled.

### STANDING OF CLUBS.

National League.		
	Won.	Lost.
Pittsburgh	58	54
New York	50	60
Cincinnati	46	65
St. Louis	38	74
Brooklyn	36	72
Boston	25	85
Chicago	21	83
Philadelphia	20	82

American League.		
	Won.	Lost.
Washington	59	49
Philadelphia	52	57
St. Louis	44	65
Detroit	36	73
Chicago	22	89

Cleveland	65	77	458
New York	62	78	443
Boston	42	97	309

International League.		
	Won.	Lost.
Baltimore	104	57
Toronto	98	61
Rochester	83	74
Buffalo	75	82
Reading	76	87
Syracuse	71	87
Jersey City	70	91
Providence	60	98

### BABE RUTH NO LONGER IS FEARED BY THE PITCHERS.

New York, Sept. 18.—Has the great Babe Ruth passed the peak of his game as the super-slugger of all time?

American League pitchers and catchers are almost a unit in the belief that such is the case.

No longer is Ruth considered the most dangerous threat in the game when he steps into the batter's box. He is now regarded as just the average batter.

During the recent home stay of the New York Yankees a dozen opposing pitchers, most of them veteran American League stars, were interviewed on the status of Ruth as a batsman.

All of them frankly admitted that Ruth was no longer of any great concern to them. All said they regarded Bob Meusel as twice as dangerous as Ruth.

There is no longer that perfect co-ordination that featured Ruth's batting when he was breaking all "swat records," said one star twirler.

"Ruth has been badly off in his timing of the ball all season. He is missing fast balls through the heart

of the plate by six inches this year that once would have been suicide to throw him.

"It is possible he is having some serious trouble with his eyes. I have heard that rumor. Anyway, there is something wrong with his swing at the plate. It may be due to his early season illness and the major operation that was performed."

"In the old days when Ruth was setting home run records, he was invariably out in front of the ball," was the comment of another prominent pitching star.

"This season he is either hitting the ball late or not at all. He lacks the perfect contact with the ball that distinguished his batting when he was the talk of the game."

Not only do American League pitchers feel that Ruth has passed the peak of his game, but they also believe three years will about end his meteoric career as a star unless there is a phenomenal change in his general physical condition.

### Billy Evans Says

In Select Circle.  
Last year there were but eight major league hurlers who reached the 20-game class in victories. Each circuit supplied four.

In the American Walter Johnson, Herb Pennock, Hollis Thurston and Joe Shaute made the grade. "Dazzy" Vance, Burleigh Grimes, Carl Mays and Wilbur Cooper turned the trick in the National. Brooklyn was the only club to place more than one in the circle, getting a pair.

Johnson topped the junior organization in triumphs with 22. Vance led the Nationals with 28, one of the best achievements in recent seasons. Grimes had 22, Pennock 21 and the rest just got by with 20 wins. The performances of Thurston and Shaute were especially noteworthy in that they mounted the heights while hurling for second division outfits.

The 1924 campaign, indeed, was one of the leanest in some time when it came to producing 20-game winners.

### More This Season.

This year things are somewhat different. For from present indications about an even dozen are apt to break into the select class.

Included in the group are six from each circuit, namely, Johnson, Coveleskie, Lyons, Rommel, Reuther and Harris as American League representatives. And Vance, Yde, Meadows, Morrison, Rixey and Donohue of the National wheel.

Some of them have already reached the double decade department with the others just a few triumphs away.

But of the 1924 bunch only two, Johnson and Vance, stack up as repeaters. Each has followed one good year with another, though Vance got away to a rather bad start.

The other six are far in arrears of their splendid records of a year ago, however.

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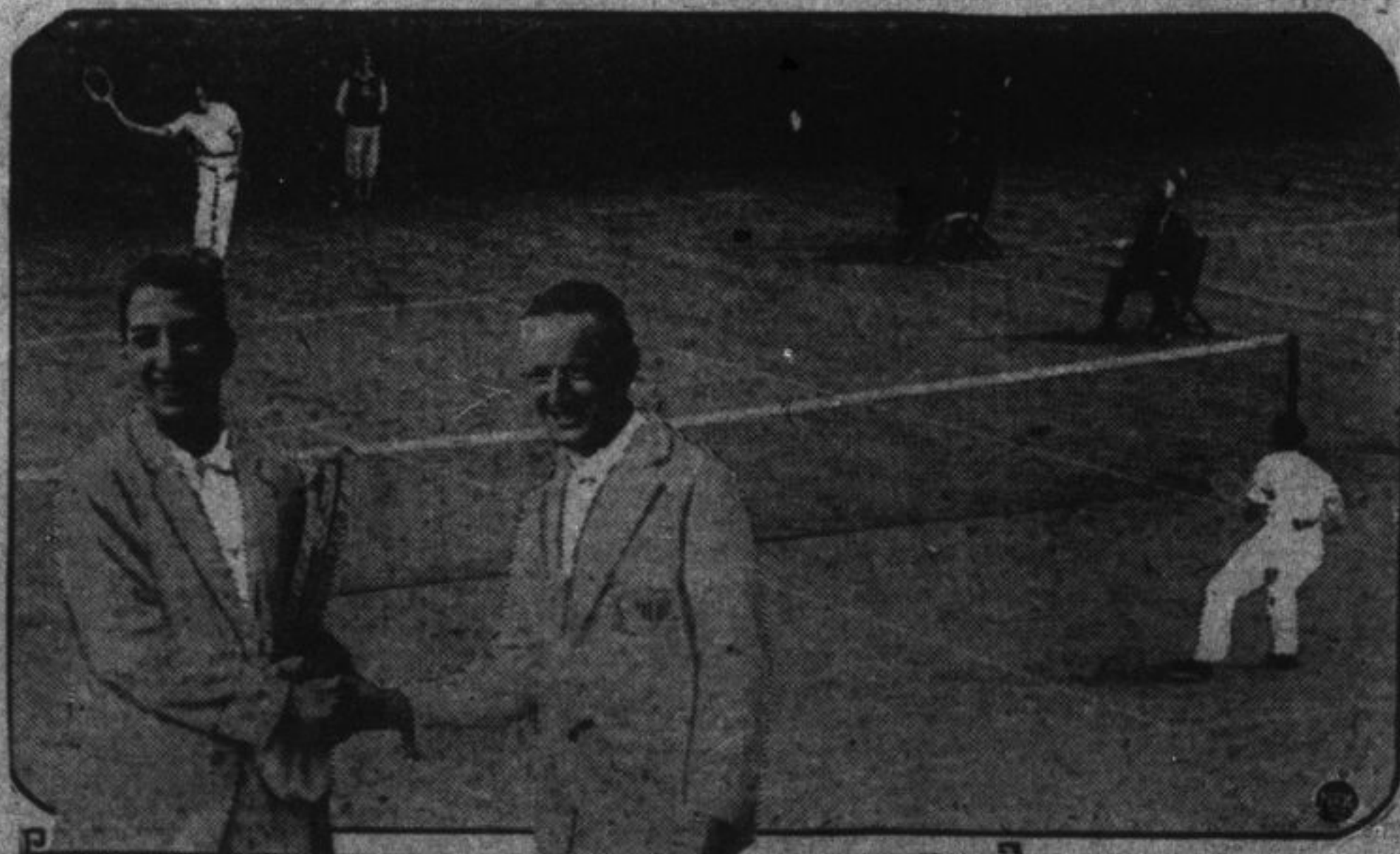
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### FRANCE LOSES THE DAVIS CUP SINGLES

The United States won the singles round of the Davis Cup matches when William Tilden beat Jean Borotra and William E. Johnston defeated Rene LaCoste. In the foreground LaCoste (left) is shaking hands with Johnston before their match, while behind Tilden is shown launching one of his terrific drives at Borotra.

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