

CATHOLIC TENNIS MEN FOR BRISBANE TOURNEY

By "Rally"

TASMANIA will send a men's team to the annual Australian Catholic tennis carnival to be held this year in Brisbane.

BECAUSE players who have represented the State at similar tournaments in previous years will not be available, the team probably will consist of Southern players only. No Northern men are available so far.

A women's team will not be sent to Brisbane.

The newly-appointed secretary of the Northern Tennis Association has been offered the post of manager of the Tasmanian team to compete in the Australasian championships, and Wilson and Linton Cups in Victoria next month.

Mr. E. C. Stewart, who was playing captain-manager, advised the association he wished to relinquish the position.

It is proposed to send the team to the Mainland earlier than usual, so players may acquaint themselves with grass courts.

Numerous Hobart and Launceston

players have nominated for the North-West Coast Christmas championships, but many of them have been unable to procure accommodation.

An hotel licensee has offered to provide meals, and players without accommodation may use tents for sleeping purposes.

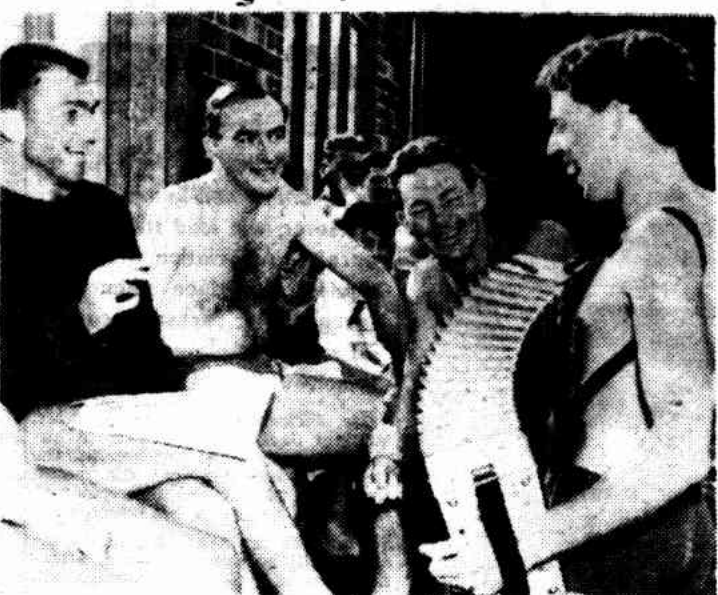
Players who have nominated include: Launceston, D. Lovett-W. Crow; E. C. Stewart-E. Targett; R. Baker-I. Reeman; A. Neville-P. Dean; E. Schwartz-A. J. Green; D. Penman-R. M. Hudson; Hobart: T. Alexander-D. Begg; J. Barnett-C. Mason.

Misses M. Thyne, H. McDonald, J. Lade, and M. Callahan, of Launceston, have entered also.

Mr. H. Panitzki has resigned as delegate from the Association Club to the Northern Association.

Mr. P. Murray has been elected to the vacancy.

Swim Stars Get "Tuned Up"



A break in training at North Sydney Olympic Pool for coaches Forbes Carlie (left) and Don Gravenall (W.A.) and Olympic swimmer Garfield Agnew as Western Australian backstroke champion Rolf Harris grinds out a tune on his "squeezebox." Agnew is favourite for the 440 and 880 yds. Australian championships which commence in Sydney tomorrow.

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GOLFING YEAR ONE OF BEST IN HISTORY

By "Driver"

ONE of the most successful years of competitive golf in the long history of the royal and ancient game in Tasmania will end with the Christmas tournament week at Kingston Beach.

FROM every angle the game has made substantial strides. Competitive golf has been packed with incidents which have helped to direct more and more attention to the sport.

More important still, the year has passed without one upsetting incident, and this is a tribute to the administrators of the game in Tasmania, as well as to the splendid spirit of competitive rivalry that has existed among players themselves.

Looking back over the competitive golf of the year the name of Toogood stands out. This talented golfing family has done much for the advancement of postwar golf in the State.

Undoubtedly Peter Toogood has been the outstanding golfer of the year. He has made a splendid all-

round impression, and his modest, youthful course demeanour has been in keeping with his golf.

For sustained brilliance it is extremely doubtful whether any golfer in Australia could have improved upon young Toogood's competitive effort in the recent Tasmanian championships in Launceston.

His record 69 in the open championship and devastating all-round consistency in the amateur final against Len Nettieford were without doubt the performance of a champion, and he fully deserved both titles.

The championship meeting at Launceston also clearly demonstrated an improvement in the standard of play in Tasmania. Scores generally were the best for some years, both among professionals and amateurs.

New Standard Set For Women

ANOTHER interesting feature was that the Northern teams, which defeated South in both men's and women's matches, were made up of younger players.

The Launceston record of 77 by Mrs. K. Conroy, of Wynyard, set a new standard for women's golf, and the keen competition generally throughout the year augurs well for the future improvement of associates' play.

Visits by Norman von Nida and young Peter Thomson created unusual interest among golfers, particularly in the North and on the North-West Coast, where the game is developing rapidly.

Another indication of the improved standard of play in the State was given by the performance of the Tasmanian team in the Australasian championships in Sydney this year.

Tasmanian players, particularly E. J. Willing and Peter Brown, were

a little unlucky not to have reached the finals. The fact that many of the recognised players indicates that Tasmanian golf is little below the best amateur standard in other States.

The general progress of the game has not been confined to the larger centres. Country clubs everywhere have improved their courses, and next year new layouts will be ready for play at New Norfolk and Huonville.

Ouse, Bothwell, Tea Tree, and Cygnet are among Southern country clubs which have made substantial progress. Ouse is steadily being built back into its own, and there is likely to be some keen players among the soldier settlers whose properties adjoin the course.

Country men and women found places in Southern teams in the Tasmanian championships, and the annual country week competition on a metropolitan course attracted more players than for years.

All this increased activity is in keeping with the great interest the game is making in every part of the world.

Golf administrators must be prepared to cater for changing conditions, but in doing so they must be careful that nothing is allowed to happen that will upset the traditional foundations on which the game has been built.

FALLS "CAUSED BY LACK OF UMPIRES"

Delegates to the League of Tasmanian Wheelmen consider that many cycling race falls are due to lack of umpires on tracks, thus allowing rough riding.

At a meeting of the League in Launceston last night several delegates criticised rough riding in races and the laxity of referees in inquiring into falls.

Mr. G. Eade said half the serious falls were caused by lack of umpires. Mr. G. E. Edwards said if action was not taken there would be serious falls during the Christmas racing.

Mr. Eade said he considered the cause of six or seven riders falling in a field of 14 at the Devonport Athletic Club's night carnival on Saturday was a tyre coming off a cycle. The tyre was not found or cemented to the wheel.

This was not found by the referee until pointed out to him, Mr. Eade added.

Mr. E. Ion, who was one of the riders who fell, said he would like to see riding straightened up. He had not been interviewed by the referee following his fall.

The chairman (Mr. B. C. Gaster) said referees appeared to have fallen down on their jobs.

It was decided to write to the referee of the Devonport Club (Mr. G. Langmaid) stating that the league took a serious view of falls and directing him to take a strict view of rough riding.

Mr. Eade also criticised the club for allowing two late entries for the meeting to start. They were A. Tapp and B. N. Appony. Tapp fell in one race.

The club will be asked for an explanation.



Mrs. Theima Long watching the ball on to her racket as she volleyed a shot at the net during her match with Miss J. Fitch in the semi-finals of the women's singles in the Victorian Tennis Championships at Kooyong, Melbourne. Mrs. Long won 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Mrs. Long, with Mrs. Bolton, will contest the final of the women's doubles.

Clarendon Cricket Games Tomorrow

Matches and umpires for tomorrow in the Clarendon Cricket Association competition are: Heathorn's v. North-East at No. 1 Risdon (umpires, Messrs Gorman, Lawler); South Hobart v. Adult Deaf at Cross Roads (A. Smith, S. Anderson); Waterside Workers v. Central at No. 2 Risdon (A. Lavelle, J. Turner); Premiership points: South Hobart, 16; Waterside Workers 11, North-East and Central 8; Heathorn's 9; Adult Deaf 0.

GOOD LAWN CONDITIONS FOR HUON TOURNEY

GOOD lawn tennis conditions are expected to favour players in the Huon Tennis Association's tournament, which will be played this season on grass courts on the Franklin oval.

FIVE courts will be marked out on the Sheffield track laid down three years ago.

Preparation of the turf has been proceeding satisfactorily for three weeks. The track has been cut several times, rolled, top-dressed with rich loam, and watered.

The secretary of the Franklin Athletic Club (Mr. D. M. Yeates), who is a prominent tennis player, said yesterday that the grass surface had improved considerably over the past week, and he was confident that, with continued watering, cutting and rolling, it would provide a good playing surface.

The president of the tennis association (Mr. N. E. Heckscher) said that the courts would not be marked and lined and the nets erected until a day or two before the tournament.

This ambitious Huon scheme is the biggest of its kind ever attempted in Tasmania, and should attract many prominent players.

An additional event this year will be a consolation handicap for players eliminated in the early handicap matches.

Entries close with the secretary (Mr. R. L. Preece, of Huonville) on December 16. Play will begin on December 24.

Drobny Easily Ousts John Bromwich From Singles

MELBOURNE, Thurs. — Jaro Drobny, Czech tennis champion, will meet W. Sidwell, of N.S.W., in the final of the Victorian singles championship on Saturday. Today Drobny easily beat the former champion, John Bromwich, while Sidwell defeated Sedgman in a five-set match which lasted almost three hours.

THE Sidwell-Sedgman match was one of brilliant passages, interspersed with drab sessions filled with mistakes and faults.

Sedgman opened in splendid style and ran away with the first set. He led 4-1 in the second and seemed set for an easy win. However, Sidwell, who had experienced difficulty in holding his feet on the slippery grass, struck form and, with splendid service and volleys, coupled with an erratic spell from Sedgman, soon drew level.

Sedgman made the mistake of playing almost all his returns to Sidwell's backhand, which he gradually worked into form, and Sidwell took the lead at 6-5.

Sedgman forced the pace, but Sidwell's backhand continued to function perfectly. He won the second set and the third with brilliant cross-court and down-the-line strokes, all from short returns by Sedgman.

After the break Sedgman again took command. He won the fourth set well, and led in the fifth, but Sidwell, calling on an unsuspected reserve, drove and volleyed powerfully to take the match.

Tactical First Set

Bromwich and Drobny fought a tactical first set, with the visitor showing a greater command of his service and volley and a delicate touch in drop shots. He was able to exploit this shot against the slower Bromwich, but will find a faster opponent in Sidwell.

Bromwich's service appeared to be slower than usual, and allowed Drobny ample time to run round and take all shots on his forehand. On the other hand, Drobny mixed his deliveries, but favoured a heavily sliced shot to the outside edges of the court.

In the first set rallies were well sustained, each trying out the strength of the other with cross-court forehand and backhand rallies. Attacks at the net were rare, although Drobny is reputed to favour this method of breaking through.

Kept With Drobny

As Bromwich kept with Drobny, interest grew and wishful thinking saw a possible Bromwich victory. Bromwich drew Drobny to the net with short volleys and dropped a lob over his head for a winning opening. This was successful until Drobny was fully warmed up, when he retrieved seemingly impossible balls, and passed Bromwich with strokes wide to the forehand.

Drobny was footfaulted twice, a situation he did not like. He glared at the line umpire, and later glared at another linesman who did not give the call Drobny expected.

The first footfault came on the second service of the match, and acted as an object lesson to Drobny, who was more careful later in the match.

Excellent Strokes

The Australian made many excellent strokes, but they were too far apart for a scoring sequence and the winning of games.

The gallery, which was the best of the tournament, was all Bromwich. Faint applause greeted the best strokes of Drobny, and the final game ended on a quiet note.

Scores. Singles Championship, semi-finals: W. Sidwell (N.S.W.), d. F. Sedgman (V.), 1-6, 8-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J. Drobny (Czech), d. J. Bromwich (N.S.W.), 8-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Women's Doubles Championship, Semi-finals.—Mrs. Bolton (V.)-Mrs. Long (N.S.W.) d. Mrs. Fogarty-Miss Penrose (S.A.), 6-1, 6-2; Mrs. Hopman (V.)-Miss Ashford (N.S.W.) d. Miss Fitch (N.S.W.)-Miss Egar (N.S.W.), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles, Semi-final.—C. Long-Mrs. Bolton (V.), d. P. Candy (S.A.)-Miss Fitch (N.S.W.), 6-2, 6-4.

Under 19, Doubles, Semi-finals.—Hoad-Rosewall (N.S.W.) d. R. Cawthorpe-T. Simpson (V.), 6-1, 10-8; P. Cawthorpe-J. Blacklock (W.A.) d. M. McClean-R. Pratt (V.), 6-1, 8-6.

Bookmakers Defeat Zinc Works

In the Southern Midweek Cricket Association's match yesterday at New Town Bookmakers, 9/149 (Coleman 46, Lyden 44, Newitt 18, Perkins 16, Batchelor 11; Hall 3/44, House 3/44, Rhodes 1/6), d. Zinc Works, 9/102 (M. Knox 48 n.o., Cracknell 13, Hall 12, House 12, Lowe 11; Bourke 3/23, Coleman 1/27, Perkins 3/7, Hayes 1/4, Sedgman 1/27).

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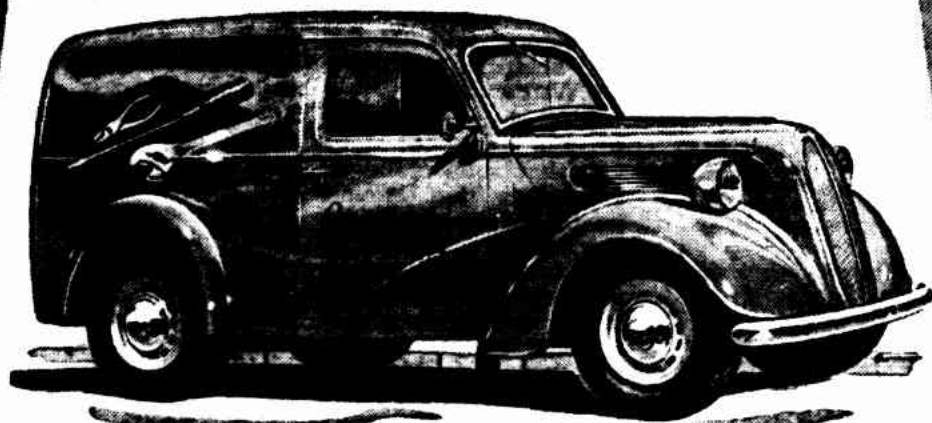
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