

When the green betide the stubbles, And a linnit summer breeze Cools you off between the dingles While you rest a bit at ease

S. O. S. CAPTURES BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Oh, it's great to know they told you Of the freedom of the court, Where the tennis loving soldier Has a chance to go the sport.

ROWMEN PRIMED FOR BIG ROWING CLASSIC APRIL 27

Allied Crews Hold Stiff Workouts on Seine and Thames

AMERICANS ARE CONFIDENT

Believe They Have Good Chance to Win International Race in Paris April 27

On two historic rivers, the Seine and the Thames, sturdy crews are practicing daily to get the kinks out of their stroke for the great rowing classic to be held on the Seine in Paris, April 27, under the auspices of the Rowing Club of France.

Entusiasmo in this Inter-Allied water carnival is rising as prominent rowing clubs get into the spirit of the race which there is every indication that will be a distinguished social and sporting spectacle.

Crew From Alsace-Lorraine The seventh boat in the race will be manned by an Alsace-Lorraine crew. This is the dark horse, a mystery crew.

Personnel of American Crew At present the personnel of the American crew is as follows: Bow, Sgt. Collins J. Coe, 2nd Artillery, 20th Engineers (Cornell); No. 4, Sgt. J. Howard McHenry, Field Artillery, 6th Division (Yale); No. 5, Lt. Anny Jeffries, Infantry, 2nd Division (Harvard); No. 6, Capt. Royal Pullen, 28th Engineers (University of Michigan); No. 7, Capt. E. J. Galt, 16th Aero Squadron (Harvard); No. 8, Lt. H. S. Brooks, 56th Company, Signal Corps (Cornell); Coxswain, Lt. J. Galt, 16th Aero Squadron (Harvard); Stroke, Lt. H. S. Brooks, 56th Company, Signal Corps (Cornell);

Reports from England are to the effect that the Australian and New Zealand crews on the Thames are showing more favorably than the French crew. The French crew is showing a surprising amount of speed on the river. They use a sort of "hull" with the hull finish so common with fishermen in rough water. It is quick, but effective. The Americans say it is not unlike the Syracuse University stroke.

French Oarsmen Look Good The French crew is made up of a part of the last French Henley crew. All are old oars and they work together beautifully. They are the best crew in the world as long as their rivals, but already they are developing high speed. The crew rows in the late afternoon, because some of the members are in the hospital and cannot get away during the day.

Only one unpleasant feature has marred the series and that is the refusal of several professional fighters of more or less class to participate in the finals after they had entered the tournament. This refusal was reached in all cases at weighing-in time, and the excuses offered have been such as to cause a great deal of amusement to the amateur contestants who have been asked to get a crack at the so-called high-class fighters.

MEN WHO CAN PLAY WATER POLO SHOULD SEND THEIR NAMES The Army athletic officials have definitely decided that water polo will not be a feature of the A.E.F. swimming meet and finals, to be held May 14. It will, however, be a feature of the Inter-Allied games in Paris, beginning June 22.

A.E.F. SCRAPPERS BATTLE FURIOUSLY FOR RING HONORS

Extra Rounds Required for Many of the Bouts—Men Are Fit

ASHER ELIMINATES BUTCHIN

Detroit Man Gains Decision Over Paris Contender and Meets Schreiber in Finals

With the First and Second Armies battling hard for premier honors and the S.O.S. Intermediate team running a close third, the semi-finals in the A.E.F. boxing championship contest were started Monday evening before a packed house that yelled appreciation of the fantastic far-dished up for the delirium of the doughboys and their entourages.

It was left to little Johnnie Asher, the Detroit whirlwind, who gained a popular decision over Herman Butchin, the pride of Paris, to put the Second Army in the lead, and this Asher did after 11 rounds of cyclonic boxing. Butchin was heavier than Asher, but what the Second Army boy lacked in weight he made up in speed.

Kick Stops Druly In the welter-weight class, Billy Klock, of New Orleans, representing Le Mans, stopped Druly, while Johnny Summers, of Brooklyn, representing the S.O.S., made Miller, of Paris, quit after eight rounds of fighting. Miller was out of his mind and retreated gallantly after the fifth. His seconds threw in the sponge in the eighth after the crowd started booing.

Old followers of the fight game were reminded of Jim Corbett in his prime as they watched Tommy dance in and out, landing at will, with the best of his skill through their first ten-round bout.

Patterson is a great little natural fighter, like all really great lightweights, he is big-hearted for a little fellow and very strong. He carries a "kick" in either of his fists combined with flashes of dazzling speed, shifty foot work and a natural lightning pace. Let us going to be a contender for a lot of honors in the better days to come for the boxing game.

It would be too much to expect that each class would produce a man with the marks of a future World's Champion, but without question on the night of the finals the audience will see in action at least one man who has the makings of a champion. This will be adding to the honors of his A.E.F. championship of the World.

Approximately 25,000 people witnessed the bouts last week, and it is expected that this figure will be greatly augmented this week. Admission for the two nights of boxing at the Y.M.C.A. in Paris, which was leased by the Y.M.C.A. and tendered by the Army for the benefit of the troops, is 50 cents. The Y.M.C.A. and tendered by the Army for the benefit of the troops, is 50 cents. The Y.M.C.A. and tendered by the Army for the benefit of the troops, is 50 cents.

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A.E.F. COURT CHAMPIONS

TOURS, INTERMEDIATE SECTION, S.O.S., TEAM

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TOURS TEAM IS WINNER IN A.E.F. BASKETBALL RACE

Trims St. Nazaire Five in Final Contest for Army Honors

The Tours Intermediate Section, S.O.S., basketball team won the court championship of the A.E.F. last week by defeating the St. Nazaire five, 31 to 23, in a well-played and bitterly contested game at the Palais de Glace in Paris.

The team was coached by George W. Zahn, of the Y.M.C.A., for fifteen years a follower and promoter of the indoor sport, both professional and amateur.

Kerr Saves Day for Team Sgt. David Kerr, whose work in the game against the 78th Division saved the day for the "champs," is also a member of the Jasper team, of Philadelphia.

Three men who call themselves fighters, after entering the A.E.F. tournament, have refused to stick it out and meet men their equals, if not their masters in fighting ability. They have, in use the old Army slang, developed a bad case of "cold feet."

WONDERFUL RECORD MADE BY CHAMPION TOURS QUINTETTE

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"PLAY BALL" IS THE ORDER FROM S.O.S. ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

More than a thousand baseball teams went into action in the nine sections of the S.O.S. this week, when word was sent out from athletic headquarters to "play ball."

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Boxing men who saw Cpl. Leo Patterson, the colored lightweight from Joplin, Mo., fight Jackson at the Cirque de Paris Friday, recalled the days when that peerless colored scrapper and sportsman of Exhibition Court battled in his prime.

To the non-commissioned officers and men who are battling for A.E.F. ring honors, a white man, who since he won the title has found his business interests, including the ownership and management of a circus and the ownership and operation of oil wells—so expressing he could not spare a week of his valuable time to box a few rounds for the Red Cross to raise a little fund to be expended for the care and comfort of his own countrymen fighting in a violent zone of war.

April 21 and 22 will be red letter days in the history of boxing and wrestling, for on these nights the two men in each of the seven classes who have fought their way through dozens of elimination bouts and representing the best of the 2,000-600 American soldiers in Europe have to offer, will fight it out in the finals for the championship of the A.E.F.

ENTRIES FOR 3RD ARMY CARNIVAL CLOSE TOMORROW

Five Day Sport Meet to Be Greatest Ever Held on Occupied Territory

With entries closing tomorrow for the big carnival of sports to be held by the Army of Occupation at Coblenz, April 23 to 25, inclusive, divisions and corps are busy picking their four stars for each event.

April 23—Motor and horse show. April 24—Motor and horse show; preliminaries in track and field events. April 25—Motor and horse show; preliminaries in track and field events.

Getting Ready for Road Race Third Army marathons are tuning up a 20-kilometer road race to be held in conjunction with the meet. Teams will consist of 26 men, each man running two kilometers over a picturesque course extending from Coblenz, Fourth division headquarters, on the Moselle, along that river to its junction with the Rhine, and up the Rhine to Insel Oberwert.

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GOOD YEAR AKRON

PRIVATE BEAT FIELD IN BORDEAUX TENNIS MATCHES

WINNING SECTION IN S.O.S. TENNIS MEET TO GET CUP

Biarritz Club Donates Trophy for Tourney There Next Week

MORE THAN 100 COMPETING

Six Courts Will Be Used and Play Will Include Singles and Doubles

A large silver cup has been offered by the Biarritz Country Club for the section winning the S.O.S. tennis tournament, which opens on the courts of that organization Monday. More than 100 entries have already been received at the office of the Athletic Bureau at Tours, and the affair promises to be a big success.

There are 11 teams entered, as the Intermediate and advanced sections are allowed two teams each because of the larger troop population. Each team consists of nine men, five to play in the singles and the other four in the doubles. This is a change from the original plan, which provided for six men on a team. In view of the increased interest in tennis and the many courts that have been opened up for the use of Americans, it was decided to increase the size of the teams.

BASKETBALL TEAM OF 78TH DIVISION WILL GO ON TOUR

Backed by the Knights of Columbus, the 78th Division basketball team, which made such a good showing in tournaments at E. E. Paris is to tour France, the occupied area of Germany and, perhaps, England. Secretary Walsh has assured the men that the K. of C. will use them as a touring team in the series of S.O.S. basketball officials are in conference with British Army officials regarding sending the team to the continent.

The team left Monday for Semur, the division headquarters, and upon arriving will play an exhibition game with a picked team. The division expects to leave soon for an embarkation camp out on the basket ball players have expressed willingness to remain long enough to tour the country.

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Four "Bucks" Fight Way to Finals in Wine City Championships

PRIVATE MAXON IS STAR

Youngster Develops Deadly Overhead and Defeats Major Field in Exciting Match

Amid surroundings second only to those at Cannes, the tennis tournament of Base Section No. 2 was got under way last week on the ten courts of the famous Primrose Athletic Club in Bordeaux.

Private Maxon, who represented Base Section No. 2 at the recent officers' tournament at Nice, had a very good match against Lieutenant Howard in the first round. The major is unusually ready and clear caused his opponent to miss by making seemingly impossible shots and at other times cleverly tricked his opponent out of position. Howard had great speed and a powerful backhand, but Maxon's play was against the major's cunning, and when he plunged for the net he was frequently passed. The major received a well-deserved triumph by a score of 6-3 and 8-6.

Private Maxon Beats Major Field In the next round the major met a tartar in the person of Private Maxon, who so far, is the brightest particular subject of the tournament. Young Maxon's play reminds one somewhat of George Meyers Church, as he has a similar service and follows it into the net, playing the net position very close and relying sharply to the side. He showed a deadly overhead and smashed everything for aces that dropped within six feet of the base line. As the major would not play could not make much headway against the youngster, and went down to defeat by a score of 6-1 and 6-2.

Finals Should Be Interesting The match between Privates Lane and Maxon is the most exciting tennis match of the best tennis ever seen in Bordeaux, and Maxon will be pushed to his best game if he is to win over Lane. The general commanding Base Section No. 2 and staff have signaled their willingness to witness this match.

The following is the summary of the tournament up to Tuesday morning: Major Field defeated Sergeant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Private Crowl defeated Captain Curran by default; Colonel Fuser defeated Corporal Johnson, 6-3 and 6-2; Sergeant Sutherland defeated Private Lewis by default; Lieutenant Morgan defeated Lieutenant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Lieutenant Peterson defeated Lieutenant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Corporal Smith defeated Private Ladd by default; Lieutenant Morgan defeated Lieutenant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Colonel Fuser defeated Sergeant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Lieutenant Peterson defeated Lieutenant Peterson, 6-3 and 6-2; Private Lane defeated Private Lane, 6-3 and 6-2; Private Maxon defeated Private Lane, 6-3 and 6-2.

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