When the green betints the stubbles,
And a limpid summer breeze
Cools you off between the doubles
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.

OARSMEN 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. The Australian and New Zealand crews are dipping their blades in the water of the Thames, while the American, French, Newfoundland and Portuguese eights are practicing on the Seine.

Enthusiasm in this Inter-Allied water carnival is rising as prominent rowing clubs get into the spirit of the thing, and there is every indication that the race will be a distinguished social and sporting spectacle. High French officials, including Premier Clemenceau and military men of high rank, as well as the under personnel of the several Allied armies, will be on the quays or the bridges to watch their favorite crews glide down the course.

Some idea of the probable character of the race has been gained by rowing men who have watched the various crews working out, and the consensus of opinion is that it is certain to be fast, with some excellent oar work. Some of the best-known racing men of six countries will be sitting in the clinker-built, inrigged boats when the "Etes vous prets"—(Are you ready?)—is given on the gala day a week from Sunday. Since most of these crews have never pulled against each other, rowing men are speculating on how the various strokes will develop.

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. The men from the provinces have displayed great interest in the race, but they have been very secret about where they are training, and the personnel of this boat has not been announced.

The American boat, coached by Capt. C. D. Wiman, Yale, '15, is rapidly rounding into excellent shape. A combination Yale and Harvard stroke has been adopted and is working out admirably. There are many Yale and Harvard oarsmen in the Yankee squad and the Cornell men have been quick to recognize the advantages of this stroke. The morale in the American boat is high and the men are keen to win, but they recognize they have a tough race ahead against the high-class foreign oars. Few changes, if any, are anticipated in the personnel of the present American crew. A new boat was obtained this week, and the time made by the Americans in practice compares favorably with anything reported from enemy camps.

Lieut. Guy Gale, University of California coxswain, an aviation pilot, claims his crew is turning up a good fifteen hundred and hitting on all eight cylinders. He is certain he can develop "flying" speed.

Personnel of American Crew

At present the personnel of the American crew is as follows: Bow, Sgt. Collis J. Coe, Field Artillery, 77th Division (Yale); No. 2, Pvt. Royal Bird, 26th Engineers (Cornell). No. 3, Sgt. J. Howard McHenry, Field Artillery, 6th Division (Yale); No. 4, Capt. James Brinkerhoff, Field Artillery, 5th Division (Cornell); No. 5, Lieut. J. Amory Jefferies, Infantry, 2nd Division (Harvard); No. 6, Capt. Royal Pullen, 28th Engineers (University of Washington); No. 7, Capt. Harry Cabot, Field Artillery, 81st Division (Harvard); stroke, Lieut. H. S. Brooks, 55th Company, Signal Corps (Cornell); coxswain, Lieut. Guy Gale, 166th Aero Squadron (University of California).

The Newfoundland crew, under Capt. Thomas Nangle, Royal Newfoundland Regiment, is attracting the attention of rowing men. The men are not accustomed to the sliding seats, but, despite this handicap, they are showing a surprising amount of speed on the river. They use a sort of "fishing stroke" with the hard finish so common with fishermen in rough water. It is quick, but effective. The Americans say it is not unlike the Syracuse University stroke.

Reports from England are to the effect that the Australian and New Zealand crews on the Thames are showing rare form. The Australians have been rowing since early March with a boat that has four members of their last Henley crew. The New Zealand crew is practically the same as the one that rowed on the Thames in 1918. At that time the men took leaves from the front to participate and cleaned up everything on the river. This crew will probably come to the Seine this week. Both the Australian and New Zealand crews are now using shells which are lighter than the French type of boat to be used in the French race.

The Portuguese crew has been on the water since February. It is a light crew, but the men have worked together so long that their form is perfect.

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 have not been on the water as long as their rivals, but already they are developing high speed. The crew rows in the late afternoon, because some of the members have not been demobilized and cannot get away during the day.

No crew will be entered from England, their entry having been withdrawn. The Britishers practiced on the Thames for a while and then came to the Seine to try the French boats. They did not like them and figured that the new conditions would be too much to overcome in a short time. The British crew will compete, however, in the A.E.F. Inter-Allied race and in their own Henley.

In all probability the same crews that race on the 27th will be entered in the A.E.F. rowing classic some time in June, and also in the Henley, which probably will be rowed about July 1. These dates have not been definitely decided.

The race April 27 will be rowed in heats, the first at 2:15 p.m. and the second at 2:45. The final is slated for 4:30 o'clock. The course will be from the Pont Royal to the Pont d l'Alma, a distance of about a mile and a half. In the first heat will be France, New Zealand, Newfoundland and Portugal. In the second, Alsace-Lorraine, Australia and America.

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. Capt. W. F. Redfield, who is in charge of this feature of A.E.F. athletics, desires to get in touch with all water polo players, and if they desire to play on the team to apply to him by letter or in person, 53 Avenue Montaigne, Paris. The place where the meet is to be held has not been definitely decided.

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 contests were started Monday evening before a packed house that yelled appreciation of the fistiaic fare dished up for the delectation of the doughboys and their entourage.

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. Asher fought a clever fight throughout, and the house thought he was entitled to the verdict in the tenth stanza, but the judges decreed otherwise. Asher clearly outboxed his man in the eleventh, and the referee decided in his favor.

By his victory Asher won his way to the finals and will meet George Schreiber, the Philadelphia crack, for the championship. Schreiber beat Young Ahearn, who worked his way into the semi-finals by drawing a bye and incidentally gave an exhibition of gameness that won all onlookers. Schreiber practically fought with his right hand useless, and only his grit and cleverness carried him through. Ahearn fought well and possessed a punch that boded danger at all times. An extra round was ordered in the Schreiber-Ahearn battle, and the Philadelphian cut his man to shreds ere the gong clanged. Both bantams evoked an ovation from the fight fans.

Kleck Stops Druley

In the welterweight class, Billy Kleck, of New Orleans, representing Le Mans, stopped Druley, of the Second Army, after ten fast rounds, while Johnny Summers, of Brooklyn, representing the S.O.S., made Miller, of Paris, quit after eight rounds of fighting. Miller was both bulky and balky and refrained from fighting after the fifth. His seconds threw in the sponge in the eighth after the crowd started booing.

The best fight in the welters was provided by Mickey Gallagher, of Philadelphia and the S.O.S., and Jimmy Cosmos, New Bedford, Mass., and the Third Army. The Whaling City fighter was in superb condition and outboxed Gallagher, but the Philadelphia boy had the punch, which won for him the verdict. Cosmos played the ropes cleverly, and with better handling could have won, as he had Gallagher worried in the seventh and eighth stanzas.

TOURNAMENT GOSSIP

Old followers of the fight game were reminded of Jim Corbett in his prime as they watched Tunney dance in and out, landing at will, and outguessing "K.O." Sullivan throughout their fast ten-round bout.

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Jamison, from the Third Army, light-heavyweight amateur champion of America, in his bout with the colored boxer, Turner, displayed ability and ring generalship beyond that generally displayed by an amateur boxer. He meets Tunney in the finals.

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The plan of giving half of the ringside seats to enlisted men has met with a lot of approval from the "bucks on leave." The semicircle of weather-beaten faces watching the bouts nightly from the choicest seats in the house are worth a study. The doughboys are for the most part keen students of the game who know and appreciate all of the fine points.

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Patterson is a great little natural fighter. Like all really great lightweights, he is big-boned 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 fighting poise. Leo is going to be a contender for a lot of honors in the better days to come for the boxing game.

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The present tournament is different in many ways from anything of the kind ever staged before. Never were so many boxers and wrestlers of real ability gathered together for a similar meeting. The free admission and the fact that all are working for nothing but glory makes it unique in the annals of sportdom.

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It would be too much to expect that each class would produce a man with the earmarks 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 before many summers are past will be adding to the laurels of his A.E.F. championship the crown of the Championship of the World.

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"Young" O'Toole, of the Second Army team, one of the most ambitious featherweights who ever wielded a mitt, is a very unlucky youngster. After training faithfully and getting into tip-top shape, well under the 125-pound limit, the Irishman had to withdraw at the last minute because of a virulent case of itch. He is nearly heartbroken over his inability to get into the tournament. Everybody knows an Irishman loves a scrap.

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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 decision 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 other contestants, who have been waiting to get a crack at the so-called high-class fighters.

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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 finals already is at a premium. The Cirque de Paris, which was leased by the Y.M.C.A. and tendered by the Army for the bouts, seats 6,000 people, and many more can obtain standing room. At least 15,000 spectators are expected to see the two final programs.

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The points scored up to and including Monday night by the boxing and wrestling teams from the various A.E.F. sections are as follows:

	Boxing	Wrestling
First Army	12	8
Second Army	13	11
Third Army	8	3
District of Paris	7	2
G.H.Q.	5	1
Le Mans	6	3
S.O.S. Base	6	4
S.O.S. Intermediate	11	6

A.E.F. COURT CHAMPIONS

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

Top Row: Left to Right—Sgt. Max Flint, Sgt. William Reich, J. B. Kelley, Captain Lyons, 11th Marines; J. Misbauch, George W. Zahn, Y.M.C.A. athletic director; Sgt. David Kerr and Sgt. John Pasquerillo. Bottom Row: Left to Right—Sgt. Louis Fischman, Sgt. Vernon Wolcott, Sgt. Stephen Costa, R. Skimp and Cpl. Michael Wilson.

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 two clubs had mowed down all opposition in the A.E.F. championship race, and when they took the floor last Friday night the hall was jammed with enthusiastic partisans of both teams.

In addition to its great work all through the Army title series, the Tours quintette has always been a consistent performer, touring the A.E.F. and never meeting defeat.

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. His home is in Philadelphia, and three of the regular players, as well as four of the subs, have played together many seasons in the basketball leagues around Philadelphia. Having a style of their own, they have outplayed and outguessed all their opponents over here.

Lieut. Max H. Friedman, right guard, has played on two world champion professional teams, the Utica, New York State League, team and the Jasper team, of Philadelphia, Eastern League. Experts declare he is the greatest all-round basketball player in the game today.

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.

Lieut. William Ehlers, Friedman's teammate at guard, is a member of the Graystock team, of the Eastern League, Philadelphia. Sgt. William Reid, who is among the high scores in the tourney, is a former Detroit high school star and a three-letter man from Colgate. Sgt. John "Toney" Pasquerillo is a product of Philadelphia high school teams and is an all-round athlete. He is one of the speediest forwards in the game. These five men have played together since athletics in the A.E.F. were adopted as part of the Army training. Secretary Zahn at Tours got the team together and they have defeated all comers.

Sgt. Otto Keissling, who has subbed in two games at forward, is a product of Wilsion Academy, which has the name of turning out some of the speediest basketball players in the country. Cpl. Michael Wilson, another substitute, comes from the Detroit Heralds.

In case they were needed, the team was equipped with substitutes who would be stars on any other team. The men carried on the extra list are: Sgt. Max Flint, University of Montana; Sgt. Vernon Wolcott, University of Oregon; Sgt. Louis Fischman, New York State League; Sgt. Stephen Costa, Madonna Catholic Club, Philadelphia.

The team is now in training and will represent the United States in the great Inter-Allied games to be held at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, in June.

WONDERFUL RECORD MADE BY CHAMPION TOURS QUINTETTE

Feb. 8	Tours... 76.	Bomo.....	7
Feb. 11	Tours... 23.	Gièvres.....	7
Feb. 13	Tours... 83.	St. Aignan...	15
Feb. 15	Tours... 22.	Romarantin..	11
Feb. 17	Tours... 41.	Issoudun....	7
Feb. 19	Tours... 65.	Nevers.....	15
Feb. 22	Tours... 90.	Le Havre....	11
Feb. 26	Tours... 50.	Brest.....	13
March 1	Tours... 61.	Marseille....	20
March 5	Tours... 39.	La Pallice...	18
March 8	Tours... 102.	Nice.....	23
†Mar. 12	Tours... 76.	Adv. Sect....	23
†Mar. 15	Tours... 44.	St. Nazaire..	16
†Mar. 19	Tours... 47.	Bordeaux....	19
†Mar. 22	Tours... 46.	London.....	23
‡April 7	Tours... 46.	78th Div.....	16
‡April 8	Tours... 15.	Le Mans.....	14
‡April 10	Tours... 22.	78th Div.....	21
‡April 11	Tours... 31.	St. Nazaire..	23

Totals, Tours...1,039, Opponents...302

†S.O.S. championship.

‡Paris, A.E.F. championship.

"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." Nines everywhere are battling for a chance to get into the finals that are scheduled for May 26 to June 2. It has been definitely decided to hold the games for the S.O.S. championship at Bordeaux, where five good diamonds are being prepared for the series.

The teams now in action have been grouped together in small leagues which are to play for a few weeks, during which, by a process of elimination, the best nines will be picked to play for the championship of the various sections. Each section will then hold a series to pick its best team. Following this series, the champion nine of the section will be trained and entered for the S.O.S. finals, in which four games will be played a day, and every club given an opportunity to meet every other contender.

Under this system, even the teams of the smallest units get a chance to enter the finals, for no one club now has a monopoly of good players, although some sections stand out above others. The teams winning championships must retain their original organization and cannot go outside of the outfit that they represent to secure additional players for the finals.

Marseille and some of the southern leave areas are far ahead of the sections to the north in the development of their material. These latter sections realize, however, that they will have to battle all the harder for the championship. The advance section reports to the athletic bureau at headquarters that there are about 300 teams playing, while Base No. 2 at Bordeaux has more than 100.

SUNDAY BASEBALL

By a vote of 82 to 60, Sunday baseball was legalized at an all-night session of the New York Legislature last Tuesday, and the bill is now before the Governor, who has already expressed his intention of signing the measure. The bill gives cities in the State a local option in permitting professional games after 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Baseball men are jubilant over the outlook for Sabbath contests and believe other States will pass similar legislation.

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 28, inclusive, divisions and corps are busy picking their four stars for each event.

A new stadium on Insel Oberwert, an island in the Rhine, just above Coblenz, where the Olympic tryouts for the Rhenish provinces used to be held, has been completed. The circuit is a quarter-mile track, six meters wide, and cindered, like the famous college tracks in America. There is a wide, straight-away in addition.

The carnival will be the biggest athletic event ever held in American occupied territory, the program including a horse, motor and aviation show, horse racing and a full schedule of track and field events.

The program is as follows:

April 23—Motor and horse show.
April 24—Motor and horse show; preliminaries in track and field events.
April 25—Horse, motor and aviation show.
April 27—Horse races, motor reliability contest, and mimic aerial combat.
April 28—Award of prizes by Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, commander of the Third Army.

Only two men of each team of four will be permitted to start in each event.

The 89th Division will have 66 sprinters, distance runners, hurdlers, jumpers and weight men entered, comprising those who finished first, second, third and fourth in the runs and first and second in the field events at the division meet held in Trier recently. A training camp has been established at Malberg, and here the 89th men are working out daily.

Getting Ready for Road Race

Third Army marathoners are tuning up for the 52-kilometer road race to be held in connection with the meet. Teams will consist of 26 men, each man running two kilometers over a picturesque course extending from Cochem, Fourth Corps headquarters, on the Moselle, along that river to its junction with the Rhine, and up the Rhine to Insel Oberwert. The required uniform will be O.D. shirt, breeches, puttees, regulation shoes and cap. All teams entered in the Third Army meet will be eligible for the A.E.F. track and field meet at Paris.

Following the ancient Greek custom, the winning soldier will be crowned with a laurel wreath when he comes panting up in front of the grandstand at Insel Oberwert.

Cash prizes of 2,000 francs will be distributed among the members of the winning team and runner-up. In addition there will be gold medals for the members of the first team and silver medals for the men of the second team. The prizes have been donated by the Knights of Columbus.

And, while on the subject of shows, there's one coming off in the shadows of the snow-covered crests above Berncastel-Cues, headquarters of the 90th Division, which promises to be another thriller. It is to take place May 1 and 2, and will be the 90th's farewell to Germany.

American Indians are to take rather a prominent part in this soiree, especially in the riding and lariat-swinging contests. They are also to hold up a western stage coach in genuine plains style. And there will be the usual carnival features, with a parade of floats, and an exhibition of diving from an aeroplane via parachute to top off.

80TH DIVISION TO HAVE TRACK MEET AT LE MANS TOMORROW

The 80th Division track and field meet originally planned for March 22 will be held tomorrow at Le Mans. In addition to the field events there will be a grenade throwing competition, in which the entries will be unlimited. In this contest a target composed of three concentric circles of one, two and three meters diameter at ranges of 15, 25 and 50 yards will be the objective. Each man will have five throws at each range. Scores will count five points for the inner circle, three for the intermediate and one for the outer circle. The five men with the highest score will compete in the finals to determine their relative standing.

Field events will consist of: 100-yard dash, 220-yard run, 440-yard run, half-mile run, mile run, one-mile relay (four-man team), running high jump, standing broad jump, running broad jump and shot put. All events will be run in field shoes. Boxing bouts, soccer football and baseball games will also be on the program.

The arrival of the division in the Le Mans area, prior to embarkation for the United States, has given an unprecedented opportunity for the continuation of the division's athletic program on a more extensive scale. There are at present 14 organized baseball leagues, including 107 teams, operating in the division. There is a league from each regiment and separate unit, and in addition the special "Sunday League" for the benefit of those more or less confined at Division and Brigade Headquarters during the week. When each team has played every other team in its own circuit the League Championship will be determined on the usual percentage basis and a Division League, composed of all-star teams—one from each regiment or separate unit, will get under away.

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 that the 2,000,000 American soldiers in Europe have to offer, will fight it out in the finals for the championship of the A.E.F.

PASSING THE BUCK

by Franc Terror.

The professional boxer is the first man to howl when state legislatures pass laws forbidding prize fights. Talk to one of them and your ears will tingle to their growls and grunts about the way they are legislated against in the various States. Yet the professional boxer, taken as a class, has proven such a poor sport in recent years, he has no claim for consideration. Fighting solely for the money he can pick up in the game and generally taking it anyway he can get it, his long suit is to "buffalo" the public and prove that Barnum was right when he said a sucker was born every day.

Without going very far back we have the case of a colored heavyweight champion who, although endowed with great physical powers and a clever fighter, went down for the count by the surest route, after once having tasted the sweet of the calcium.

Next we have the present heavyweight champion, a white man, who since he won his title has found his business interests, including the ownership and management of a circus and the ownership and operation of oil wells—so engrossing 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 just cause in a strange land against a powerful military autocracy.

The A.E.F. boxing championships now being conducted in Paris afford us another striking instance of the professional pugilist's lack of true sportsmanship and stamina. It also demonstrates very clearly how little the average professional cares for the fight fans who make his living possible.

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, to use the old Army slang, developed a bad case of "cold feet." Army officials have very properly barred them from participation in boxing contests in the A.E.F. forever. The A.E.F. is better off without them. They are worse than the well known professionals who ducked the tournament entirely. Peace to their ashes—they are dead ones as far as lovers of real sport in the A.E.F. are concerned.

Boxing men who saw Cpl. Leo Patterson, the colored lightweight from Joplin, Mo., fight Jackson at the Cirque de Paris Friday night, recalled the days when that peerless colored scrapper and sportsman of Baltimore—Joe Gans—was in his prime. Truly, Patterson, battling his way against all comers and downing race-prejudice where it existed by clean, clever fighting, represents the old spirit of Joe Gans. Many believe the colored boy should have been awarded the decision in his fight with Graham at Tours in the S.O.S. finals, but in a fight so close it is natural for opinions to differ. If Patterson wins the lightweight title of the A.E.F. there will be no doubt about his superiority. The colored man, winning or losing, is a credit to his race.

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To the non-commissioned officers and men who are battling for A.E.F. ring honors we doff our hats. They are fighting cleanly and affording good sport for thousands of their fellows. Many of them take their boxing reputations just as seriously as the men who ducked the tournament. Some will be beaten and others will win, but all should be remembered by fight fans. In participating in the tournament they are upholding the honor of their respective units, the sections they represent, and the Army itself. They are taking a prominent part in the greatest sport program ever attempted by any organization anywhere. Some will emerge with new lustre but none will suffer for having done his best. It's harder to be a good loser than it is to be a winner and true manhood does not come without its defeats.

To the men who never entered a ring until they donned the honored khaki and who, despite this obvious handicap, have had enough red blood to stick it out and scare the timid hearted professionals into backing water, we offer our congratulations. It all goes to prove a man never knows how good he is at any game until he tries it. One thing is certain, a new order of Knights of the Ring is being developed in the A.E.F. tournament, men who put sport where it deserves to be—ahead of money—men who do not betray the confidence imposed upon them by their followers.

PRIVATES 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. teams 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 Advance 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.

Members of the Biarritz Country Club and of the Nivelle Country Club at St. Jean de Luz, 15 kilometers from Biarritz, have shown much interest in the tournament, but the former's courts have been selected because they are more centrally located. The Biarritz silver cup has been offered to the winning section through Secretary Cory of the club.

The games will be played on six courts, which are placed side by side, with a run-back of ten yards. There are wire barriers between each pair of courts, which are of ordinary hard gravel. The Nivelle club has five courts, which will be open to the players, and the entrants may train there. The Biarritz courts are among the most famous in Europe, practically all of the crack tennis stars having played there, with the exception of Wilding, and two international tennis tournaments having been run off there. A large number of Americans are members of the club.

The teams arrived in Biarritz today, the players being on a duty status. All of the enlisted men will be quartered and rationed under the direction of the leave bureau, which is co-operating with the Athletic Bureau in making the tournament a success. The winners of the S.O.S. championships will be entered in the A.E.F. tournament.

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 the recent A.E.F. finals in 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 drawing card, meeting all comers on the road. At the present time the A.E.F. basketball officials are in conference with English Army officials regarding sending the winning teams of the series to the British Isles and the British occupation areas. The 78th Division has permission to make the trip, providing expenses are paid.

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, but the basketball players have expressed willingness to remain long enough to tour the country.

They have played 23 games this season, and lost only two, both of them to the Tours team, champions of the A.E.F., and one of those games was lost by a single point. The team was organized upon one day's notice, for competition in the First Army championship series. The first game they played was won by one point, against the Corps Troops of the First Army, who had been playing together several weeks before the Army finals were held. This encouraged the men, and imbued with the "do or die" spirit, they went out and trimmed all comers, and landed the prize trip to Paris.

The team is captained by "Jakie" Furtsman, better known in the basketball world as "Jakie" Fuller, an alias under which he played the game in the Eastern, Hudson Valley and New York State Leagues. Those who saw "Jakie" perform in the Paris series believe few, if any, guards in the game are better men.

Under the name of Fuller, he played with the Hudson, N.Y., team and captained the world's champion Newburg five. He also played with Kingston, N.Y., and on the Jasper quintette, where he was a team mate of Lieutenant Friedman, of the Tours champions.

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. This club is devoted exclusively to tennis, and its club appointments are second to no tennis club in the world. On the finest of clay courts which have been famous for 30 or more years and which were highly praised by both Brooks and Wilding when they played there, 42 entrants fought for the privilege of representing Base Section No. 2 in the coming S.O.S. championships, which will be played at Biarritz, beginning Monday.

As this is written, only four men are left in the semi-finals, all privates, and they will play in the order named: Private Jones, Private Maxon, Private Joy and Private Lane.

Maj. Elias Field, 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 steady and often caused his opponent to miss by making seemingly impossible gets and at other times cleverly tricked his opponent out of position. Howard had great speed and a rattling service, but it was of no avail 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 bright 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 volleying sharply to the side. He showed a deadly overhead and smashed everything for aces that dropped within six feet of the base line. Try as the major would, he could not make much headway against the youngster, and went down to defeat by a score of 6—1 and 6—2.

Maxon next worked his way into the semi-finals by an easy victory over Private Battle by a score of 6—3 and 6—1. Private Lane worked his way into the semi-finals, having two easy matches against Sergeant Ritner and Corporal Heasty, which did not show his real ability. Against Private Lewis in the third round he was forced to display all his steadiness and ability to make fast shots down the side lines as Lewis would come to the net. In this match many clever exchanges took place, which were usually ended in Lane's favor by a clean pass or by his well-finished shots from the net.

Finals Should Be Interesting

The match between Privates Lane and Maxon in the finals should produce some 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 signified their willingness to witness this match.

The following is the summary of the tournament up to Tuesday morning:

Major Field defeated Lieutenant Howard, 6—3 and 8—6; Private Battle defeated Sergeant Peterson, 6—3 and 6—1; Sergeant Crowell defeated Captain Carrigan by default; Colonel Fuger defeated Corporal Johnson 6—1 and 6—0; Sergeant Sutherland defeated Private Dathal by default; Private Joy defeated Lieutenant Heappy, 6—3 and 7—5; Lieutenant Perragaux defeated Sergeant Brickson by default; Lieutenant Williams defeated Sergeant Olesen, 6—0 and 6—0; Corporal Shaw defeated Private Lall by default.

First Round—Private Jones defeated Lieutenant Grasss, 6—1 and 6—3; Colonel Fuger defeated Sergeant Sutherland, 6—1 and 6—0; Private Joy defeated Lieutenant Perragaux, 6—1 and 6—0; Lieutenant Williams defeated Corporal Shaw, 6—1 and 6—1; Private Lane defeated Sergeant Ritner, 6—2 and 6—0; Private Lewis defeated Private Walton, 6—0 and 6—1; Sergeant Morgan defeated Lieutenant McQuillan, 6—3 and 6—3.

Second Round—Sergeant Lyons defeated Sergeant Robertson by default; Private Jones advanced by default; Private Maxon defeated Major Field, 6—1 and 6—2; Private Battle defeated Colonel Fuger, 6—4 and 7—5; Private Joy defeated Lieutenant Williams, 6—4 and 6—4; Private Lane defeated Corporal Heasty, 6—2 and 6—4; Private Lewis defeated Sergeant Morgan, 6—2 and 6—2.

Third Round—Private Jones defeated Private Lyons, 6—4 and 6—2; Private Maxon defeated Private Battle, 6—3 and 6—1; Private Joy defeated Donaldson by default; Private Lane defeated Private Lewis, 6—1 and 6—4.

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