

Sporting Personalities

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No. 6.—MRS. HERBERT MANDELBAUM

THERE are probably many sporting enthusiasts who will remember Mrs. Herbert Mandelbaum as Jennie Jacobson, the South African Hockey International player. But there are still more who know her under her married name, for she was the 1935 Maccabi Tennis Singles Champion, and although she gave up hockey after her marriage, she is still a strong supporter of the Maccabi Ladies' Hockey Team.

She is a South African girl, educated at Jeppe High School. While still a student, she took an active part in sport and played for the School Hockey and Tennis teams. At "Wits." she represented the University at hockey, and was capped, and played for Southern Transvaal in the first year, playing for her provincial side from 1925 to 1930.

In 1926 she was a member of the Springbok team to tour the British Isles and the Continent, and made a name for herself at forward. On leaving University she joined Wanderers, and played for South Africa in the 1930 Empire Hockey Tournament. In 1932 she again represented Southern Transvaal, and retired from the game the following year and took to coaching the Maccabi Team.



Her tennis career is also colourful, although she considers herself only a moderate player. In 1927, she was runner-up in the University Championships. The following year she took part in several tournaments with her husband, and was later nominated to the South African Championships.

She played first league tennis for Wanderers, and partnered by her husband, won the Worcester County Championship in 1933. She still takes an active part in tennis, and does a fair amount of umpiring in hockey matches. She is also a fine swimmer and passionately fond of music.

VAN DER WALT'S VICTORY

Mule kicks and "Boston Crabs" were the main features of last Saturday night's wrestling match when the "Terrible Turk," Ali Bey, met the South African heavy-weight champion, Van der Walt. It was as spectacular a fight as ever witnessed in Johannesburg, and although threatening skies caused the venue of the fight to be changed from the Wembley Stadium to the City Hall, the crowd was as large as ever.

The fight started at a breath-taking pace. Bey wriggled out of Van der Walt's jack-knife and took to bear-grugging. Van der Walt retaliated by almost pinning the Turk with a body press. Fisticuffs next brought the crowd to cheering, booing and bottle throwing. Half-nelsons, headlocks, lifts and jack-knives followed. Then Bey threw the South African to the divas. Van der Walt groaned, puffed and let off his mule-kicks. The next Bey got Van der Walt, he made free of sending him over the ropes. Van der Walt returned only to be caught in a "Boston Crab"; mercifully, the gong went.

Van der Walt got busy as the sixth round started. He mule-kicked the Turk on the chin, dived on him and pinned him for the winning fall. Another splendid contest staged by the Union Sporting Club.

J.M.B.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Johannesburg Maccabi will be held at the H.O.D. Hall, De Villiers Street, Johannesburg, on Tuesday, March 2, 8 p.m. All members and intending members are welcome.

DECISIVE WIN FOR MACCABI

Cloudy weather greeted play when Maccabi met Newville at Westdene last Sunday. Newville batted first, and were soon all at sea to the bowling of Kotzen and Osrin. They failed dismally and were all out for 46. Osrin took 6 wickets for 21, and Kotzen 3 for 22.

After a moderate start Maccabi lost three wickets in rapid succession. A rehabilitation by Kotzen (23) and Osrin (13) changed the complexion of the game. The needed runs were hit off and the game was won. A delightful innings of 42 by Apfel followed and Maccabi looked like running up a big score. Cohen with a graceful and polished 74 not out put his team in an unassailable position before a sharp downpour of rain put an end to the game. Maccabi scored 183 for 6 wickets.

With two matches on hand, Maccabi are top of their section, and, playing to form, they should win the competition.

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JOHANNESBURG MACCABI

A meeting to inaugurate the Men's hockey section will be held at the club headquarters, 6th Floor, Stability Buildings, cor. Fox and Rissik Sts., on Tuesday, 23rd February, at 8 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the women's hockey section will be held at the same time and place. All interested in hockey are urged to attend.

Union Cup Cricket

Maccabi by virtue of dogged batting staved off what seemed an imminent defeat at Zoo Lake last Saturday. After losing 4 wickets for 64 last week, disaster befell the team upon resumption. Wickets fell rapidly and only a steady knock by Elkin (26) and a fine 34 by Treisman saved the game. A useful 25 not out by Reichman put Maccabi out of danger. The first innings closed for 166, 56 runs behind.

In their second innings Mackays were tested by the powerful bowling of Maccabi, and some brilliant fielding by Janks saw them all out for 180.

Maccabi commenced their second innings faced with the impossible task of making 236 runs in 45 minutes to win. They indulged in sparkling batting and scored 93 runs for 6 wickets before stumps were drawn. Apfel (48), Joffe (14) and Starfield (20), played delightful cricket.

The match was drawn, Mackays winning on the first innings.

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HABONIM ACTIVITIES.

Now that Camp has come to an end and all the Gedudim have begun to function normally, there is a settled feeling about the movement.

The festival of Purim is being celebrated this year at the Berea Shul where it has been customary for Johannesburg Gedudim to meet in past years for the same purpose.

A guard of honour will be formed once again, and it is hoped that everybody will be in clean, neat uniform, and on their best behaviour, both inside and outside the Shul.

In the evening of the 6th March, Habonim in Johannesburg are holding for the first time a swimming gala at the Yeoville baths.

A large crowd is expected to witness the gala. The entry fee is nominal.

A GRAND CONCERT

A fine Jewish concert will be held on Sunday, 28th February, at the City Hall, Johannesburg. Chief Cantor Berele Chagy and Cantor Badash will sing Hebrew and Jewish songs and among the group of artists supporting them are such notable personalities as Mr. John Connell, the Melodians, Mrs. Olga Ryss, and others. The concert is being organised in aid of the Jeppe and Eastern Districts Hebrew School, and is under the patronage of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, the Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg and Chief Rabbi Dr. J. L. Landau.

RABBI M. P. SILECKI.

A prominent Polish Rabbi recently arrived in Johannesburg in the person of Rabbi M. P. Silecki. Rabbi Silecki is the vice-chairman of the famous Talmudical Academy of Mir.

"THE SACRED FLAME."

The Johannesburg Repertory Players are presenting Somerset Maugham's drama "The Sacred Flame" at the New Library Theatre, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th February. This drama is amongst Somerset Maugham's best works and the Repertory Players' presentation should make a wide appeal.

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