

Lawn Tennis on the Pacific Coast, 1890.

The third annual tournament for the single championship of the Pacific Coast was held at the Hotel Rafael, San Rafael, on July 4 and 5, in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience. These courts are considered the most complete this side of Chicago, and are supplied with all the latest devices for the comfort of spectators and players. The courts are built of bituminous rock, rolled perfectly level. Ample space has been allowed, there being twenty feet between courts, twenty feet on the sides, and a runback of twenty-five feet. As an additional precaution, a six-foot walk runs clear around the courts, at an elevation of two feet, so that interference from spectators is impossible. Pavilions on either side of the courts, with raised seats, allow the spectators to witness every stroke in the set; and in order that the scores may be known at all times, each game is announced by a clever device of Mr. E. N. Bee, consisting of cards suspended upon each side of the scorer's stand, so that the numbers face the spectators. At the conclusion of each game a card is turned and the result can be seen all over the grounds.

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