

CHELSEA ARTS BALL.

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Welcome to 1937 --- at the Albert Hall the Chelsea Arts Ball gave a roaring greeting to the New Year, with the season's most spectacular Fancy Dress Ball. This year's motif was the naked truth, ~~and some hundreds of merry-makers crammed in beneath the familiar dome all eager to find out the truth.~~ The floats this year were well up to standard --- a dignified procession among the carefree throng. ~~At midnight the revellers join hands with somebody they never saw before --- and they all sing Auld Lang Syne.~~ *at midnight the revellers join hands with somebody*

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BASKETBALL.

Basketball at its best and speediest at the Madison Square Garden New York --- Indiana Sharpshooters versus Manhattan College. These are the two crack teams of the United States and the fans at this increasingly popular game had a rare battle to watch. The accurate passing and straight shooting, is an object lesson to anybody who thinks <sup>that</sup> this game is just a pastime for girls schools. Indi won by 42 to 34.

Now in Australia --- one-time champion Mack Crawford faces an unknown youngster Bromige in the Sydney Final. . . . and Crawford only just got home. In some brilliant exchanges the eighteen-year-old challenger showed that in years to come he's going to develop into a <sup>real</sup> champion. In the doubles, Crawford and McGrath <sup>near</sup> ~~far~~ side --- faced former champions Quist and Hopman. Quist is one of the world's greatest doubles players, but to-day he doesn't strike his form. In superb style Crawford and McGrath took the match with three straight sets --- New South Wales champions for five years running.