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Second Annual Midwinter Tennis Championship Takes Front Rank

Final Rounds Brilliant Climax t Full Week of Fine Play by America's Leading Amateurs



"IT IS NO exaggeration to say," writes S.W.Merrihew, editor of American Lawn Tennis and America's authority on the game, "that no winter tournament, outside

country to equal the second annual Mid- out of the fire. Mrs. McLean started winter in the class of its competitors. As a climax of a week of splendid play came the final matches with their brilliant features, all in all a record of which Pinehurst may well feel proud for such an accomplishment is by no means an easy task and is a significant prophesy for the future.

"Fine form prevailed throughout the has to his credit a long list of notable victories over the cracks of this country and Europe, was the most successful performer, winning every event in which he competed. In the men's singles he defeated Richard Bishop of Boston in a five set match that seemed hopelessly against him and was snatched from impending event with a considerable margin to spare; and with Bishop as his team mate, he won the men's doubles from the Caneven greater ease.

"The women's events attracted great have won from Miss Little and Miss Wil-

A TOURNAMENT OF CLASS attention and proved the most in- dey. The latter pair started well, howteresting, owing to the high rank of the players and their knowledge of each other's games. Mrs. Marshall McLean a former national champion, equalled expectations by winning the women's singles, but Miss Edna Wildey of Plainfield played her a surprisingly close match in the final, winning one set and making a splendid fight for the last. The big surprise came in the final of the women's doubles, when Miss Little and Miss Wildey defeated Mrs. McLean and Mrs. A. G. Miles in a 3 set match that was anyone's until the very end.

"The draw divided the favorites very well. In the women's singles the important match was between Mrs. George Chapman who had been given a bad scare by Miss Barnett, losing of California which has the first set and just escaping defeat in featured the sport for the second, after which her superior ex- Mrs. McLean by Mr. James and Mrs. many years, has ever been held in this perience enabled her to pull the match Tournament at Pinehurst badly, losing the first three games, but after that she was clearly the superior. In the lower half Miss Wildey and Mrs. Miles clashed and although the latter fought pluckily, she was no match for her agile Plainfield opponent. In the final, Miss Wildey jumped into the lead at once and won the first set with very little trouble. Mrs. McLean was erratic and lacked control. She rallied, howweek. Raymond D. Little, who has for ever, in the second set, and strokyears been in the very front rank, and ing beautifully and with vigor and certainty, quickly evened the score. Beginning the final set she advanced to 5-2 and the match seemed won, but Miss Wildey was only spurred on to greater effort. Hitting harder and covering court with remarkable quickness, she made 'gets' of seemingly impossible balls, while Mrs. McLean strove to place them defeat only by a recovery of the kind beyond her reach. With the score 5-4 that is a characteristic of the winner's it seemed as if it would go to deuce, with from the rear just in time and won a game. Partnered with his sister, Miss all the chances favoring Miss Wildey in Elsie R. Little, he won the mixed doubles | that event; but the latter was not quite equal to the task and Mrs. McLean finally won.

"The final round of the women's doubles adian team, Hall and Goldstein, with also furnished plenty of excitement. On met after the latter had been given a form Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Miles should good fight by James. Both men were er-

ever, and quickly took the first set, only to lose the second by a decided reversal. At 3-all in the third set the crisis came. The lion's share of the work was being done by Mrs. Miles and Miss Wildey, the latter being eager to take anything and the former being played persistently by her opponents. The strain told on her and she made error after error on well judged lobs that she could not handle properly. Mrs. McLean seldom had a chance to hit the ball and the game finally went to the younger players. The ultimate losers got one more game, but that was all, Miss Wildey and Miss Little winning a stubbornly contested match and one in which determination and dogged persistence triumphed over better team work and individual play.

"The feature of the mixed doubles event was the defeat of Mr. Durant and Chapman. Starting badly and losing the first set, the latter pair won the second and then went after the rubber. Mr. James used his chop stroke with marked success, following it up with hard drives and agressive net work. Mrs. Chapman was, as always, heady and resourceful, coming to the net with great persistence and success. Under their fierce attack Mr. Durant's game fell off slightly, and although Mrs. McLean strove pluckily she was unable to stem the tide of defeat, the set going to Mr. James and Mrs. Chapman, 8-6. In the final round the Littles won from Mr. Bishop and Miss Wildey; Mr. James' enforced departure rendering it necessary to register a default against Mr. James and Mrs. Chapman. The aggressive play of Mr. Little was well supported by his sister and they won the first and third sets easily. The second also seemed to be theirs, but Mr. Bishop and Miss Wildey came deuce set. The losing pair were steady and dependable, but they could not cope with the tremendous smashes and drives of Mr. Little.

"In the men's singles Little and Bishop

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ROUND ROBIN GOLF PLAY

Sixteen Prizes Awarded in Novel Tin Whistle Tournament

Qualifying in Seven Divisions of Four Each, Every Participant Played **Every Other Contestant**



ROUND ROBIN golf provided the most interesting of the season's tournaments for the Tin Whistles, the prizes gold medals for best net and gross scores and first and second prizes in seven divisions of four

each. The results are clearly shown in the following summary, showing qualification scores and match play results:

I. S. Robeson, Gold

medal, best gross 38 44 Geo. Robeson, Gold

medal, best net 45 44 89 11 78

FIRST GROSS FOUR

Robeson, I. S. 38 44 Dean 41 43 Hunter 41 45 86 Fownes 42 44 86

Fownes, first, won three matches. Dean, second, won two matches.

SECOND GROSS FOUR

Dutton 45 44 89 Robeson, G. 45 44 89 Collier 45 45 Becker 50 42 92

Dutton, first, won three matches. Becker, second, won two matches.

FIRST NET FOUR

Rathbone Truesdell 46 46 92 7 46 52 Hudson 98 13 85 Waters 46 52 98 13 85

Truesdell, first, won three matches. Hudson, second, won two matches.

SECOND FOUR

Towle 49 50 99 13 86 (Concluded on page three)

