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Tennis Stars On the Courts

PINEHURST visitors were treated to some rare exhibitions of tennis during the week past when the annual North and South tennis tournament was held. The tournament extended over the full week and in addition to the men's and women's singles titles it included men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles championships. A large number of the most prominent players in the country took part in the week's event.

Vincent Richards, national indoor champion, added the North and South singles and doubles titles to his brilliant string, and Miss Helen Gilleaudeau won the women's singles championship. Richards defeated S. Howard Voshell, of New York by a score of 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, in the final round of the men's singles, and, paired with Voshell took the men's doubles honors by defeating Raymond D. Bidwell and Josiah H. Wheelwright at 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Miss Gilleaudeau won the women's singles title by conquering Mrs. Edward Raymond, of New York, at 6-2, 2-6, 7-5, in the final match of that event, but only after Mrs. Raymond, staging a thrilling rally against great odds when she trailed at 1-4 in the last set, actually went into the lead at 5-4. By calling upon her last ounce of reserve strength, Miss Gilleaudeau then took the last three games, the last two only after the points had reached "deuce" several times.

The women's doubles title was won by Miss Gilleaudeau and Miss Marion Chapman who defeated Mrs. T. H. Sohst and Miss Ceres Baker in the final by a score of 8-6, 6-2, 6-3 after a two-hour struggle, and Miss Gilleaudeau and R. B. Bidwell defeated Miss Baker and Richards in the mixed doubles championship.

Richards and Voshell mutually agreed to limit the singles match to the best two out of three sets, instead of the usual three out of five struggle. Voshell began the service, with "Bill" Crocker in the umpire's chair, and won the opening game at "love," mostly on Voshell's errors. Richards was under a severe handicap in the match, his weak left ankle that he injured on the Coast last year, having gone back on him today. As a result, the indoor champion was never able to get about the court with his customary speed, particularly for his famous half-volley shots when Voshell dropped soft returns just over the net.

But Richards exercised such remarkable control over the ball on his ground strokes, using a soft sliced drive down the side lines and at sharp angles across fore-court, that he ran through the next four games for a lead of 4-1. Leading at 40-15 in the next game, it seemed as though the New York boy was going to finish matters

THE PIONEER

By Edgar A. Guest

Let the world think what it may, I've seen
a light,
I have been shown the way to what is right,
This is my duty, though I stand alone.
To dare for truth, until the truth be known,
I shall press on, in spite of jibe or sneer,
It is my lot to play the pioneer.
The many cannot know and do not see
What I have found and is so clear to me,
Yet to the light I have I must be true
Although the world may mock at all I do,
One must go first to make the pathway
clear,
God keep me strong to play the pioneer.
The world has laughed and sneered at men
before
Whom now it kneels to honor and adore,
Who breaks with custom shall by men be
cursed.
Rough is the road for him who travels first,
Yet one must brave the death the many fear,
God help me now to play the pioneer.

quickly. Voshell, however, was not yet beaten. He raised the calibre of his game beautifully at this stage, crowding the net in the face of Richards' best shots and smothering returns by superb volleying and great severity overhead.

The left-hander broke through Richards' service in the sixth game and then took the seventh, making the score 4-3 against him. Richards then speed up and ran out the next two games, for the set at 6-3. Voshell was attacking his opponent's backhand consistently, but Richards withstood the hammering well and his beautiful control enabled him to keep the ball within court and close to the lines, so that Voshell had to keep constantly on the jump.

Richards started service in the second, but after winning the first game, dropped three in a row. Voshell was playing magnificent tennis at this stage, mixing up the length of his returns cleverly and always following in to the net position for the finishing shot, once he had forced his openings. The left-hander appeared to realize that his only chance of victory lay in the assault at the net, and play the net he did, holding to this line of attack even when passed occasionally on drives down the side lines. Richards took the fifth and the seventh games, but then Voshell crowded on steam and won the last two, for the set at 6-3, and a squaring of the match.

Voshell held the service at the start of the last set, but after winning the opener, saw Richards sail serenely ahead to a lead of 4-1. The indoor champion was up on his toes at this stage, apparently determined to finish matters. Every time Voshell made the mistake of lobbing short, Richards smashed with deadly accuracy and astounding pace and his ground strokes were uncannily accurate.

But Voshell was not done yet, for in the next three games he rose to great heights, outmatching his rival in the volleying exchanges and even having the better of the deep court rallies. But having brought the match level again at 4-all, Voshell saw his hopes of a championship go a-glimmering when Richards, once more speeding up, took the last two games, for the set, match and championship.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

The women's singles match developed into one of the steadiest deep court driving duels ever seen on the Pinehurst courts, with both players maintaining almost uniformly good control over their strokes. Mrs. Raymond was the better court tactician of the two, yet Miss Gilleaudeau more than counter-balanced this by her superb

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