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Annual North and South Tennis Tournament

INEHURST visitors were treated to some rare exhibitions of tennis during the past week when the annual North and South 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. Some of the most prominent players in the country took part in the events.

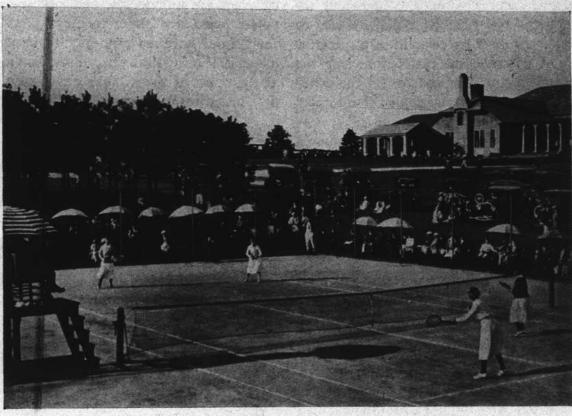
S. Howard Voshell, former national indoors champion and runnerup to Vincent Richards in the North and South

last year, gained the men's singles and doubles titles, while Miss Martha Bayard, of Short Hills, N. J., scored a sterling victory over Miss Leslie Bancroft, of the Longwood Cricket Club, in the final of the women's singles and annexed that title. Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Benjamin F. Briggs, of New York, won the women's doubles championship by defeating Miss Bayard and Mrs. Theodora Sohst in the final round.

In the men's singles Voshell defeated G. Carlton Shafer, of Philadelphia, a former holder of the title, by a score of 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, and later in the day, paired with Fred C. Baggs, of New York, defeated Raymond D. Bidwell and Josiah H. Wheelwright, of Boston, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, 7-5. The losing pair were former holders of the doubles title.

Voshell and Shafer started the final matches where play left off the afternoon before when the game had to be called on account of darkness with the score standing at 6-3, 6-3, 5-2, and "deuce" in Voshell's favor and with Shafer holding service. On the first point Voshell won by acing his opponent with a dazzling volley across fore-court that Shafer could not get up to. The Philadelphian then ran out the next four points in a row, for the game, scoring three times on placement shots, once with a pass down the side lines, once with a tricky lob as Voshell came in to the net and the third time on a block volley. On the last point Voshell netted a backhand volley.

Armed with the service in the next game, Voshell took the bit in his teeth, and after dropping the first point on an error, battered his way through to victory in impressive manner. A sharp crossing volley, a terrific smash of a short lob and two errors by Shafer off a particularly severe service marked the final steps in Voshell's triumphal march.



A scene on the Tennis Courts during the Mixed Doubles of the North and South Championship.

The women's singles match improved in the quality of tennis played with each succeeding set, until, in the final session, both girls were bringing off shots that continually drew applause from the big gallery. Miss Bancroft's shots always carried more speed and pace than Miss Bayard's, but the new champion was distinctly superior in her placing, was keener in picking and forcing her openings and was getting better angles on her shots.

After each had won a set, the struggle for the deciding session became more determined,

both players being keyed up sufficiently to produce some really brilliant tennis. The games alternated on service up to 3-all, and then Miss Bayard broke through, aided by a costly double-fault by the Longwood girl.

Miss Bancroft squared matters again by breaking through her opponent's service in the eighth game, for 4-all, her greater pace forcing Miss Bayard into hurrying her returns and consequently committing errors. At this point it looked like anybody's match. Miss Bancroft, however, could not maintain consistent control. the more so as Miss Bayard's deadly accuracy of placement had the Longwood star continually reaching wide for her shots. After taking Miss Bancroft's service, Miss Bayard made good her own by a series of brilliant shots during spirited rallies, and came through to stand as the new United North and South champion.

Viewing this match as a whole, Miss Bayard always obtained better length on her ground strokes, even though she lacked the pace of her rival, and thus prevented Miss Bancroft from closing in at the net position consistently. What volleying there was during the three sets generally saw Miss Bayard the more effective.

SUNDAY EVENING CONCERT

The following delightful program was rendered by the Carolina orchestra at the concert at the Carolina last Sunday evening: "Prelude," "Borghild's Dream," "Triumphal March."