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MIDWINTER TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Interest of Week's Play Culminates in Keen Final of Men's Singles

Lawrence Cowing of Cincinnati Divides Chief Honors with R. A. Balfe of Brooklyn



INTEREST in the third annual Midwinter Tennis Tournament culminated in a keen four set final in men's singles which Lawrence Cowing of Cincinnati won from R. A. Balfe of Brooklyn, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

¶ The battle was not only very fast, but one in which endurance figured largely, with a struggle to gain the net, which brought forth frequent applause; Balfe's passing strokes and Cowing's deadly killing of lobs the features. Balfe's win of the second set urged him on to keen effort in the third which he lost by a narrow margin, only to go out on a love set in the fourth, through evident fatigue as a result of his hard morning win. ¶ In the semi-final, Cowing won from Norman Johnson of New York by 5-7, 7-5, 7-5, and Mr. Balfe advanced on a 6-4, 6-1 win from A. H. Grier of Montreal. ¶ In the first round Cowing won from Henry C. Bridgers of Tarboro, N. C., by 6-3, 7-5, Mr. Johnson defeated Howard J. Barnett of Boston, 6-0, 6-2, Mr. Balfe beat Isaac Adler of Genessee, 6-2, 6-2, and Mr. Grier advanced on the default of J. C. Watson of Fairmont, W. Va.

In the men's doubles final Cowing partnered with Bridgers, defeated Messrs. Balfe and Grier, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. ¶ Messrs. Balfe and Grier made a brilliant start in the opening match, outdriving and outplaying their opponents, but the winners rallied in the second and rapid play at the net advanced the score to four all. Cowing and Bridgers then broke through Grier's service for a win.

In mixed doubles, Mr. Cowing and Miss Agnes Blancke of Essex Fells defeated Mr. Balfe and Miss Helen Barnett of New Haven, 6-1, 6-3. ¶ In the semi-final, Mr. Cowing and Miss Blancke won from Mr. Grier and Miss Jeanne Pushee of West Newton, by 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, and Mr. Balfe and Miss Barnett from Mr. and Mrs. John N. Huyck of Albany by 6-4, 6-3 in the final.

Miss Barnett was the winner of women's singles, defeating Miss Blancke 6-2, 6-3. ¶ In the semi-final, Miss Barnett defeated Miss Pushee by 6-1, 6-3 and

Miss Blancke won from Miss Louise Patterson of Plainfield by 6-3, 6-1.

In women's doubles Mrs. Huyck and Miss Pushee were victorious over the Misses Barnett in the final, 7-5, 6-1. ¶ In the semi-final Mrs. Huyck and Miss Pushee won from Miss Blancke and Miss Hazel Shannon of Buffalo, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, and the Misses Barnett advanced on the default of Mrs. A. H. Grier of Montreal and Mrs. A. S. Newcomb of Biddeford Pool, Maine.

N. C., chairman of the tournament committee, is enthusiastic about possibilities for 1914. Mr. Bridgers believes the Southern entry for the event will be large, and he anticipates that in future the tournament will draw very important representation from Norfolk, Richmond, Wilmington and other Southern points, gradually increasing its scope until it includes a national area.

"Winter tennis is coming on," says Mr. Bridgers, "and Pinehurst is bound



TIN WHISTLES AND TRUE BLUE:
Club Captain, J. G. Nicholson—Ex-President, C. B. Hudson

Other events on the program include women's singles for the Washington birthday sterling cups, February 19, 20, 21; men's singles for the February cup, February 26, 27, 28; and the annual Club championship, March 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, not to mention several special and invitation events of the coming month. ¶ Henry Clark Bridgers of Tarboro,

to be a leader in making it popular. Your three years' start has given you a national reputation which is important capital in working for the future. ¶ One of the most conspicuous features in connection with this event is the beauty of the trophies offered, and I can assure you that the reputation building value of these prizes is inestimable.

REYNARD PLAYS NEW TRUMP

Finds Woven Wire Fence Useful in Hide and Seek with Hounds

Pack Finally Says Peek-a-Boo, However, and Chase Ends in Slight Race to Death



SOME NEW trump card sly Reynard is continually playing to entertain the fox-hunters, and "tricks" are by no means as easy as might be imagined. ¶ For the week's best hunt fully a score of riders turned

out, and the trail was found close at hand and near the Allen place. Quickly warming, the pack was in full cry over as pretty a country as riders and horses could wish. ¶ Cleverly laid the maze, however. Here and there through cover it lead as he pursued bunny rabbit; then round about the open where the moles and field-mice burrow, and on through ravine and gully seeking out quail, and thence by twist and turn and double to snug retreat.

Doubtless Reynard rested content, listening grimly to the music for a time, but ere long the confident note of relentless pursuers must have caused uneasiness which soon grew into realization of imminent discovery. ¶ Swinging free, the fox turned back for a tangle of doubles which were of little avail, and with the pack close up on one side, and the hunt cutting in from the other, the fox found no opening left but the open hillside and the scant cover of its sedge-grass and scrub oak.

Discarding strategy and resorting as a final resort to speed, Reynard made a wild dash for liberty, but Master's sight cry brought the pack snug up and a race to the death it was, over hillside, down a country road, in and out through a meshed wire fence, which gave a few minutes leeway until the pack comprehended and dividing, took both sides, then on to nearby peach orchard where the race ended in victory for the hounds with the hunt close upon them.

LIST OF BRUSH WINNERS GROWING

The list of brush winners is growing weekly, at present including Messrs. Dayton, Roberts, McCadden, Lattimer, Copperthwaite, Burnham and Master James Mundy and the Misses Elizabeth Reed, Eleanor Reed, Browning and Mundy and Mesdames Stark and Spencer.