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United North and South Tennis Tournament

IN THE course of the annual United North and South tennis tournament, played on the clay courts of the Pinehurst Country Club last week, Takeichi Harada, of Japan, was crowned the new united North and South singles lawn tennis champion when he defeated S. Howard Voshell, of New York, the playing-through title holder, by a score of 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, in the final round match, and Miss Martha Bayard, of Short Hills, N. J., successfully defended her title as women's singles champion by defeating Mrs. Benjamin E. Cole 2d, of Boston, at 6-3, 6-3.

Harada's machine-like accuracy from deep court and his passing shots, generally off his backhand, proved Voshell's undoing. The old champion realized that his only chance of victory lay in charging for the net and there daring all on the power of his volleying and overhead play. For a period in each set he was successful in his forcing campaign, but once Harada had settled into his best stride and had begun to bring off his stinging forehand and backhand drives, it became evident that the veteran Voshell was headed for defeat. His rushes for the net became less speedy and his volleying lost its crispness, and Harada gave him few opportunities to smash for he kept the ball uniformly low. In the last set Voshell was well fagged out from his earlier efforts and Harada rushed through with the loss of only one game. Takeichi Harada had proved himself a worthy successor to the title.

In her match with Miss Bayard Mrs. Cole was badly off stroke and was missing on the easiest kinds of shots. This tendency to make errors caused the Boston player to soften her strokes in an effort to gain control, but she could not settle down into anything like her real form. Ordinarily, she is hard hitting, accurate and confident but in this contest she was soft, erratic and hesitant and the inevitable result followed. She could not withstand Miss Bayard's deadly precision, and the champion was putting such acute angles on her shots that Mrs. Cole was often caught far short of position for the return.

In the second set Mrs. Cole finally began to "stroke" the ball, and for a time she threatened to take the set and square the match. Miss Bayard was alive to the danger, however, and fought back tenaciously to win the set at 6-3, the match and her second winning of the North and South championship.

MANY SURPRISES DURING WEEK

There were a series of surprises during the week in the tournament play, and there was every promise of another one in the final round of the women's doubles. Miss Anne B. Townsend and Miss Molly Thayer, of Philadelphia, finally won the championship after an exhausting three-set struggle with Miss Bronson Batchelor, of New York, and Mrs. M. Brooke, of Philadelphia. The sets went at 3-6, 6-4, 9-7.

In the final set of this match Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Huff led at 5-2 games and were within two points of the championship honors, yet they could not quite gain their goal. The Philadelphia pair finished strongly, holding the advantage of youth, and were hitting with more power and accuracy at the end than in the early starts. Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Huff, on the contrary, tired perceptibly in the last few games and this caused them to fall down on what would ordinarily have been easy shots for them. The two teams were so evenly matched, however, that there was little to choose between them.

Miss Townsend and Miss Thayer, although both made numerous errors in the three sets, also came through with many earning shots, and they were always the harder hitting team, with Miss Townsend possessing the best forehand drive of the four. Miss Thayer played her best tennis in the crucial third set. Mrs. Batchelor's deep lobs were admirable and played a large part in forcing the match to three sets, and her volleying and overhead play were also good. Mrs. Cole worked tremendously hard all through the match, covering back-court splendidly, going out after everything and making fewer errors than any of the others.

