

Seixas Takes Singles, Doubles As 2,000 See Net Exhibition

by Vardy Buckalew

Memories were carried back to the "Golden Era" of Carolina sports yesterday afternoon as one of the brightest stars of that era, Vic Seixas, currently the number one amateur tennis player in the nation, returned to the Carolina courts for an exhibition. He defeated Del Sylvia, newly crowned Southern Conference singles champion in a singles match, and teamed up with Herb Browne in the doubles to defeat Bob Payne and Clark Taylor, Carolina tennis captain in 1950. Payne and Browne are the new doubles champions of the Southern Conference.



VIC SEIXAS

Playing for Carolina

Seixas, who was a star tennis player here in 1948 and '49, was not pushed to take victories in both of the matches. However, at times he displayed flashes of the game which got him the number one ranking among amateur tennis players in the nation this year.

A crowd of approximately 2000 was on hand for the match as threatening weather held the expected number down. Morning rains almost caused cancelling of the exhibition but the weather cleared up in time to get the courts in shape for the match. However, the courts were very slow and hampered the play to some extent.

At one time during the doubles match, the rain started to fall and sent some of the spectators running for cover. But it didn't last long and it was not necessary to halt play.

Seixas' net game was by far

engaged in volleys at the net which were so fast they were hard to watch. On several occasions Seixas took hard returns from Sylvia and sent them back, going across court and parallel to the net, a shot which is almost impossible to return.

Seixas did not rely on his "Sunday" serve yesterday to any extent. However, when he did use it, it was hard to see and almost impossible to return. He scored one ace on Sylvia in their match.

The sides in the doubles match to be a little more even and the boys put on a good show. Clark Taylor a very steady performer, and Bob Payne made a very good combination and gave Seixas and Browne a good match. At one time they were ahead by two games in the second set but the tide was turned when Seixas took his turn at the service line and won the game single-handedly. From then on it was just a matter of time. The scores were 8-6, 6-4.

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Chal Port is Selected On SC All-Star Team

Chalmers Port, a repeater from the 1951 squad, was the only Carolina player chosen to this year's Southern Conference All-Star baseball squad.

Duke led the balloting of the Southern Conference Sportswriters Association by placing five men on the Southern division team.

The Blue Devils were represented by Dick Groat, Bill Werber, also repeaters from last year's team, Joe Lewis, Dick Johnson, and Red Smith.

Outside of the Blue Devils, who won the SC championship by taking three games within 12 hours last Saturday, no other team placed more than two on the team.

Port was chosen, although his record didn't quite measure up to that of last year. He pitched some good games this spring but couldn't get any support from his mates in any of them.

The players were not chosen according to position. Consequently there are two shortstops on the Southern team, Groat and Johnny Yvars of State, and no third basemen on either team.

Port, Joe Lewis, and State's Lunsford Lewis made up the pitching staff for the Southern division team.

One freshman, catcher Emmet Dietz, the lone non-member of the Big Four to break into the Southern division lineup.

The team:

Emmett Dietz, catcher, South Carolina; Dick Groat, shortstop, Duke; Lunsford Lewis, pitcher, N. C. State; Joe Lewis, pitcher, Duke; Chalmers Port, pitcher, North Carolina; Red Smith, outfielder, Duke; Bill Werber, first baseman, Duke; John Yvars, shortstop, N. C. State.

Mel Arnold, catcher, Washington and Lee; Bino Barriera, outfielder, George Washington; Tom Bryant, outfielder, Virginia Tech; Bob Cilento, shortstop, George Washington; Warren Long, second baseman, Richmond; Ed Mioduszewski, shortstop, William and Mary; Simon Moughamian, first baseman, Richmond; John Strycula, first baseman, West Virginia; Duke Wellington, catcher, West Virginia.

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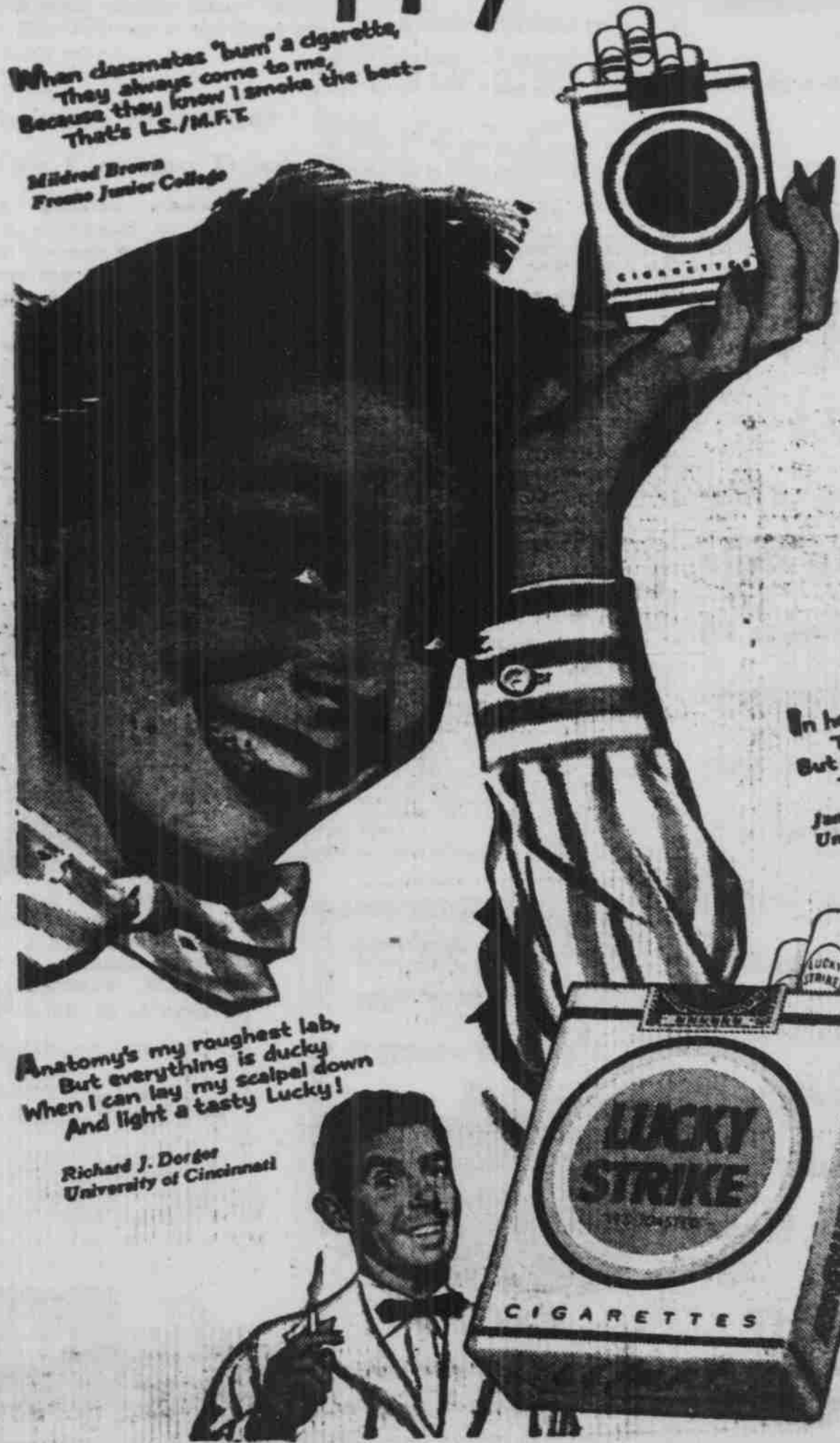
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