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Win City Net Titles



Singles Finalists

George Smillie (left), new men's singles champion of the 1966 City Adult Tennis Tournament, is congratulated by Rick Weir after Smillie beat him, 6-0, 6-0, for the title. Smillie succeeds Jon Erickson, former Michigan player, as Ann Arbor champ.



Collegiate Standout Is Sharp

By Steve Blatt

Six new city champions were crowned at the Burns Park courts yesterday after playing some of the best tennis Ann Arbor fans can remember.

The new titlists joined women's doubles winners Ada Herbert and Karen Knowles who won their final round on Friday.

Although only one contest was really close in terms of scores, each match provided the nearly 150 spectators with many occasions for "oohs," "aahs" and loud applause.

The most impressive victory in the final day of the City Tournament was scored in men's singles by George Smillie, the captain and first singles player for Kalamazoo College this past spring.

Smillie combined strength, accuracy and great court sense and overpowered Rick Weir, Ann Arbor High's state champion, 6-0, 6-0, in the finals.

Completely in charge throughout the 50-minute match, Smillie sent Weir from corner to corner with hard, deep drives. When he came to net, Smillie displayed remarkable reflexes and turned several would-be passing shots by Weir into winning volleys.

After the first set of the women's singles final, it appeared as if Susan Loeb was going to bring off a feminine version of Smillie's victory. She completely outplayed Carmen Brummet Lane, 6-0. But Mrs. Lane came back in the second set to take a 3-1 lead, hitting the ball with more authority while Mrs. Loeb began to make mistakes.

Mrs. Loeb apparently decided that three games were quite enough. She regained her first set form, hitting beautiful backhands down the lines and several tricky drop shots, and took the match and the championship, 6-0, 6-3.

The mixed doubles final between the teams of Emily Kennedy-Hasin Tek and Peggy Faulkner-Jim Weir proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the tournament, with the latter team winning in three sets.

Weir teamed with Mrs. Faulkner when his son, Rick, Mrs. Faulkner's would-be partner, had time conflicts because of another tournament. The father