

# Top-Seeded Raynie Fox Leads Net Parade at FSU

Top billed Raynie Fox, her long single braid of brown hair becoming more at loose ends as a chilled Thursday morning warmed to a perfect opening day, headlined the advance of seeded players in the 11th Annual Florida State Women's Tennis Championships.

The Rollins freshman rolled over Florida Southern's Donna Cochran 6-1, 6-1 in a second round match yesterday and met Florida's Sue Eiges early this morning. Fox and her fifth seeded teammate, Nancy Yeargin, who did not yield a game in her singles win, romped through two doubles rounds.

Marymount's Carrie Meyers, ranked fourth nationally in Girls 18 and headed for a semi-final showdown with Ms. Fox (10th in U.S. 18s), drubbed Milo Zauboua of Mississippi State College for Women 6-1,

6-0. Third seeded in the Racquettes' competition, the lanky red-head is rated the lone serious threat to Fox and her ring of Rollins mates that make up seedings 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Last year's runner-up, Bev-

erly Buckley, bounced Alabama's Amy Brown 6-1, 6-2 and Miami Hurricanes Diane Armao and Helen Weiner, seeded six and seven, recorded two wins apiece to move into fourth round play.

## SINGLES

Second Round: (No. 1) Raynie Fox-Rollins d. Donna Cochran-Fla. Sou. 6-1, 6-1; (No. 2) Beverly Buckley-Rollins d. Amy Brown — Alabama 6-1, 6-2; (No. 3) Carrie Meyers-Marymount d. Milo Zauboua — MSCW 6-1, 6-0; (No. 4) Linda Wert-Rollins d. Cheryl Connelv — Fla. Sou. 6-0, 6-0; (No. 5) Nancy Yeargin-Rollins d. Leslev Lewis-Judson 6-0, 6-0; (No. 6) Diane Armao-Miami d. C. Boykin — Auburn 6-2, 6-1; (No. 7) Helen Weiner d. Maria Pitts — Judson 6-0, 6-0; (No. 8) Cindy Johnson-Duke d. Chris Ridley — Judson 6-1, 6-0. Third round: Diane Armao d. Beverly Cockman — Pensacola JC 6-0, 6-0.

FSU Racquettes — second round: Janet Haworth — FSU d. Terry Sherlock — USF 6-2, 6-2; Vicki Storelli — FSU d. Eliza Millets — So. Carolina 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; May Allen — Duke d. Leah Homeyer — FSU 6-4, 7-6; Rochelle Smith — FSU d. Kim Daughdrill — Pensacola JC 6-0, 6-0. Third round: Sue Fane — USF d. Vicki Storelli — FSU 6-1, 6-1.

## DOUBLES

First round: (No. 1) A. Flint-C. Collins (Rol) d. Nilla deRoss-Beth Bonner (Furman) 6-0, 6-0; (No. 2) Carrie Meyers - Y. Liarena (Mary) d. Gail O'Connor-Sue Fane (USF) 6-0, 6-2; (No. 3) Raynie Fox-Nancy Yeargin (Rol) d. Elizabeth Gillick-Frances Schesles (Florida) 6-0, 6-2; (No. 4) Linda Wert-Bev Buckley (Rol) d. Carolyn Di Cola-Debra Allen (Furman) 6-0, 6-1; (No. 6) Janet Haworth-Renee Gregorio (FSU) d. Ester Stoht-Nancy Rampett (Florida) 6-1, 6-1.

Second round: Haworth-Gregorio (FSU) d. Debbie Gay-Becky Reese (USF) 6-4, 6-4; Fox-Yeargin (Rol) d. Mary Nicholson-Marsha Creedle (Furman) 6-0, 6-2; L. Wert-Buckley d. Terry Sherlock-Rosa Poza (USF) 6-1, 5-1.

FSU Racquettes: Barbara Hawkins-on-Billie Bivins (FSU) d. Boykin-P. Johnson (Aub) 6-0, 6-0; Rochelle Smith-Leah Homeyer (FSU) d. Alabama's No. 1 team 6-0, 6-2; Vicki Storelli-Bobbie Brinegar (FSU) d. Gaylee Gilim-Edith Ropec (Duke) 6-4, 6-2.

# Fox, Meyer Reach Key Match Today

By JIM DURHAM  
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The Raynie Fox versus Carrie Meyer semifinal at 9 a.m. this morning on the Montgomery courts will have all the appearances of a title match — the psyched up play, the hustle and the crowd interest.

Few people involved with the 11th Annual Florida State Women's Tennis Championships would disagree that the pair of nationally ranked (Girls 18) juniors should have battled it out under the final spotlight. Miami's Diane Armao, who was dissected by the Rollins Fox's precision racquet 6-1, 6-3 in the quarters, least of all would cast a dissenting vote. "I wouldn't bet against either one," she exclaimed — and she has lost to both.

The misfortune of the draw, however, has the confident, calculating Ms. Fox playing the rangy aggressive Meyer prematurely. The final is anticlimax now as second-seeded Beverly Buckley went under in the day's only upset to Vanderbilt's Jane Hirsch, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Fifth-seeded Nancy Yeargin avenged her Rollins teammate's loss by clubbing Ms. Hirsch 6-2, 6-0 to move into the final four. The slender, Rick Barry - smooth stroker will meet another Rollins mate, heavy hitting Linda Wert also at 9 a.m.

By virtue of three semifinalists in singles and three doubles teams still alive in the round of eight, Rollins holds an almost unstoppable lead going into the last day.

FSU Racquettes' last representatives are Rochelle Smith and Leah Homeyer, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 conquerors of the Gators' eighth seeds, Una Keyes and Sue Eiges. The host school's top hopes, sixth-seeded Janet Haworth and Renee Gregorio, fell in the third round to an unseeded Miami pair.

Rochelle Smith, currently the number three Racquette, was the last of her team to bow out as she saw some of Raynie Fox's mastery 6-2, 6-0. Haworth gave smoke signals of an upset until Duke's Cindy Johnson, No. 8, snuffed her out 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

All quarterfinal matches were routs in the scoring column although Armao worked and grunted top-seeded Fox into some anxious spots. Car-

rie Meyer, her flaming red hair hidden by a white cap, ran her far slower South African foe, Helen Weiner, to an early exit.

### SINGLES

Third round: (No. 2) Beverly Buckley-Rollins d. Yvonne Larena-Marymont 6-3, 6-3; Jane Hirsch-Vandy d. Rebecca Garcia-UNC 7-6, 6-1; (No. 5) Nancy Yeargin-Rollins d. Susan Stoll-Sou. Carolina 6-1, 6-0; Connie Pierce-Vandy d. Vivian Lockey-Alabama 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; (No. 4) Linda Wert-Rollins d. Debbie Brooks-Duke 6-1, 6-0; Carol Gfroerer-MSCW d. Jean Scott-UNC 6-0, 6-3; (No. 8) Cindy Johnson d. Janey Haworth-FSU 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Bunny Miller d. Beth Hamilton-UNC 6-2, 6-2; Sue Fane-USF d. Debra Allen-Furman 6-2, 6-1; (No. 7) Helen Weiner-Miami d. Gene Shapiro-Florida 6-0, 6-0; Una Keyes-Florida d. Marv S. Allen-Duke 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; (No. 3) Carrie Meyer-Marymont d. Gail O'Connor-USF 6-3, 6-1; Debbie Dunkin-Florida d. Patty Mays-Duke 6-1, 6-0; (No. 6) Diane Armao-Miami d. Beverly Cockman-Pensacola JC; Rochelle Smith-FSU d. Robin Edenbaum-USF 6-2, 6-4; (No. 1) Raynie Fox-Rollins d. Sue Elges-Florida 6-0, 6-0.

Fourth round: J. Hirsch d. B. Buckley 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; N. Yeargin d. C. Pierce 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; L. Wert d. C. Gfroerer 7-6, 6-3; C. Johnson d. B. Miller 6-2, 6-3; H. Weiner d. S. Fane 6-1, 6-2; C. Meyer d. U. Keyes 6-2, 6-1; D. Armao d. D. Dunkin 6-2, 6-4; R. Fox d. R. Smith 6-2, 6-0.

Quarterfinals: N. Yeargin d. J. Hirsch 6-2, 6-0; L. Wert d. C. Johnson 6-1, 6-2; R. Fox d. D. Armao 6-1, 6-3; C. Meyer d. H. Weiner 6-1, 6-1.

### DOUBLES

Third round: A. Flint-C. Collins (Rol) d. Debbie Brooks-Mary Allen (Duke) 6-3, 7-6; Van Allen-Salganik (Miami) d. J. Haworth-R. Gregorio (FSU) 6-1, 6-2; Gene Shapiro-Debbie Dunkin (UF) d. Meredith Wheeler-Isabel Ragland (Fla. Sou.); C. Meyer-Y. Larena d. Stewart Smith-Lillian Murray (UNC).

## **Fox, Yeagrin help Rollins take finals back home**

**BY BRUCE RABEN**

After setting up an all-Rollins singles and doubles final in Tallahassee, Saturday the Tars packed their bags and plan to settle the family feud at home in Winter Park.

The 11th Annual Florida State Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Championship came to an abrupt halt after only the semifinal matches had been completed here Saturday.

The surprise move came after Rollins' Rayni Fox defeated Marymount's Carrie Meyer and became double jeopardy when both of the Tars' doubles teams reached the finals.

But with an energy crisis, Rollins took off and will conclude the "Tallahassee" tournament on the Tars' campus around mid-week.

Ms. Fox's opponent for the delayed final will be teammate Nancy Yeagrin, upset winner over fourth seeded teammate Linda Wert. Yeagrin outstroked Wert 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in a booming, groundstroking, baseline struggle.

Yeagrin later came back with Fox to win their doubles semifinal and joined teammates Bev Buckley and Linda Wert in the all-Rollins final.

The two semifinal points plus three Saturday doubles points gave the Tars a runaway total of 32. The two assured points for the finals gives Rollins 34, more than twice second place Miami's total of 16.

The University of Florida finished a surprising third with 15, followed by the Racquettes of Florida State with 13.

While Tallahasseans will miss what would have been a somewhat anti-climactic singles final, those 200 or so in attendance witnessed one of the classiest tennis matches ever to be played in this area.

Fox, the tourney's top seed and tenth ranked in the nation for girls 18 and under, pulled out a 2-6, 7-6, 7-6 heartstopper after being down four points to one in the second tie breaker.

The match couldn't have been better if it had been written by a Hollywood script writer. It was a story of comeback, service break and finally concluded with Ms. Fox's shrilling victorious yell of "yes."

Concentrating more on the game being played on the next court, Fox was cumbersome in the match's opening set, falling rather easily to Meyer.

The pert Rollins freshman and the more physical Meyer staged a series of service breaks and were knotted 6-6 when the first tie breaker came into play.

Fox jumped out ahead 2-0, but Meyer tied in at four and a point for the native Indianapolis girl would have given her the set and match. But Fox's smashing overhead slam to Meyer's backhand tied the match at one apiece and set the stage for the classic finish.

The third set saw Fox break Meyer immediately, but then drop the following two games. The Miamian then took games three, four and five and led 4-2 in the final set.

Winning the next three games, Meyer went ahead once again 5-4, but Fox tied it immediately. After trading games, the score was six games apiece and the second Van Allen tie breaker would determine the winner.

Ms. Meyer took four of the first five points and things looked rather bleak for Ms. Fox.

However, the tournament-tested Fox wasn't to be had just yet. By taking the concluding action to the net, Fox took the next three points and the tie breaker was tied at four.

With both players needing the point for the victory, their charges to the net were surprising. After six exchanges of nose to nose volleys, Fox smacked a shot just out of the reach of Meyer's forehand and above the crowd's ovation came the whopping "yes" of victory.