



Florida State's Janet Haworth in Action

Rain moves Malta inside

The weather was damp and rainy Wednesday to hamper the Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Women's Championships but hosting Mary Baldwin didn't let this stop the action. It merely postponed play until last night when tourney director and MBC coach, Mrs. Lois Blackburn moved the singles to the Blue Ridge School at Dyke and the doubles to the Boar's Head Inn indoor complex near Charlottesville.

Action went into the wee hours of the morning but the move kept the tourney rolling pretty well on schedule, and with the sun popping out this morning, the odds looked good that a number of matches would be on tap at Mary Baldwin College's Skyline courts and other courts in Staunton.

"Despite the move indoors later than we had anticipated getting started, there was really good tennis played Wednesday. There were some long matches with several split sets which carried us into the night," Mrs. Blackburn reports.

There weren't any big upsets with all seeded players in action Wednesday winning.

Cathy Reynolds of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, the singles No. 1 seed, had a bye Wednesday but swung into action Wednesday night with her doubles partner Billie Abney to down Naomi Dinkin and Elyse Hintzen of Herbert H. Lehman College in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. The winners are seeded No. 2 in doubles play.

The doubles No. 1 team, Janet Haworth and Sally Schweppe of Florida State, won

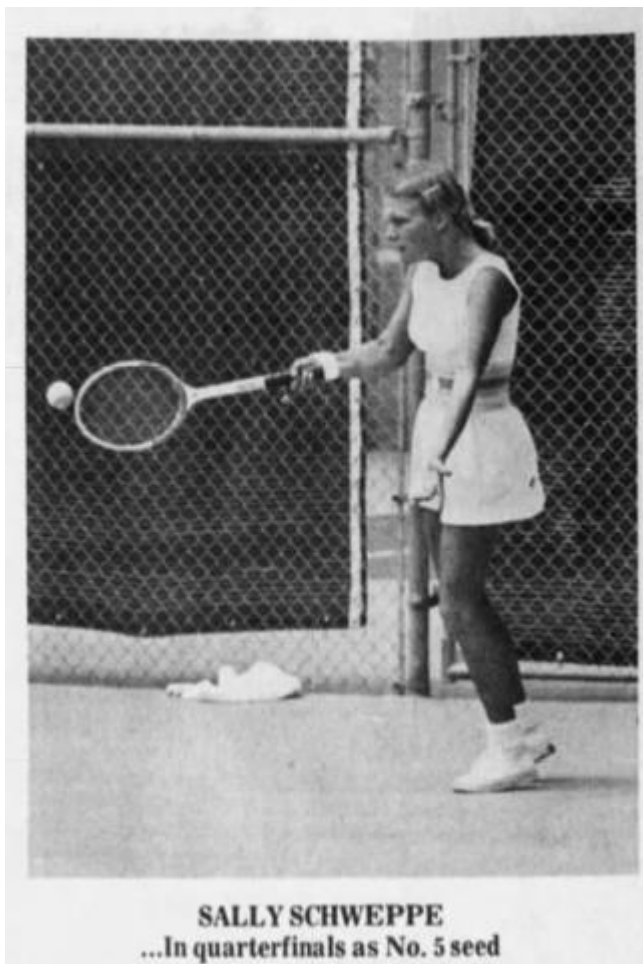
also but not as easily in topping Cynthia Averette and Cathrine Portwood of East Carolina, 6-2, 6-4.

Carol Backenstose of Penn State and the No. 2 seeded singles player, easily passed her first test in downing Pat Keegan of Brooklyn College, 6-0, 6-0. The No. 3 seed, Mary Ellis Nicholson of Furman, was also an easy winner with a 6-0, 6-0 romp over Adrienne Wax of Herbert Lehman.

Miss Haworth moved to the second round by default.

Action continues today, Friday, and Saturday with championship matches on tap the last day.

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SALLY SCHWEPPE
...In quarterfinals as No. 5 seed

Seeded players advance in MALTA

Singles

Carol Backenstose (PS) d. Pat Keegan (B) 6-0, 6-0; B. J. Sklar (T) d. Rebecca Piner (ECU) 7-6, 6-4; Cathie Nolan (M) d. Pat Beyes (WP) default; Carol Wilson (A) d. Tricia Johns (UM) 6-3, 6-0; Sally Schweppe (FSU) d. Marsha Creedle (F) 6-0, 6-0; Peggy McElroy (HL) d. Jane Amacher (WC) 6-2, 6-4; Robin Kraut (G) d. Eloise Clyde (MBC) 6-1, 6-3; Billie Abney (UT) d. Keri O'Donnell (UVa) 3-6, 6-1; Mary Ellis Nicholson (F) d. Adrienne Wax (HL) 6-0, 6-0; Jody Tansy (M) d. Kathy Mayberry (A) 7-6, 6-2; Monica Androsko (PS) d. Cynthia Averette (ECU) 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; Renee Menuet (UVa) d. Kris Sandbo (WP) default; Heidi Goeltz (MBC) d. Lisa Lichtenstein (UM) 6-0, 6-3; Chris Spear (B) d. Cissy Hunter (H) 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

Ann Anderson (MBC) d. Honi Wartman (B) 6-2, 6-3; Karen Bachtell (M) d. Elyse Hintzen (HL) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Shirlee Hurst (WC) d. Janet Gordon (A) 6-4, 6-1; Kathy Mueller (T) d. Anne Morton (PS) 6-1, 7-6; Julia Park (UVa) d. Georgetta Lordi (G) default; Beth Ennis (UM) d. Cathrine Portwood (ECU) 6-3, 6-4; Lisa Kaesthafer (SS) d. Jan Kochanek (WP) default; Janet Haworth (FSU) d. Merrie Koester (F) default; Sandy Geyer (M) d. Gloria Allen (ECU) 6-3, 6-1; Lynn Joyce (A) d. Pat Tromba (B) 7-5, 6-3; Cheri O'Donnell (UVa) d. Leah Homeyer (FSU) 6-1, 6-2; Betsy Mikell (MBC) d. Nancy Baureis (T) 6-0, 6-2; Wendy Gavett (PS) d. Micki Larkin (H) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0; Linda McClosky (UM) d. Naomi Dinkin (HL) 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Haworth-Schweppe (FSU) d. Averette-Portwood (ECU) 6-2, 6-4; Mueller-Sklar (T) d. Park-Kjellstrom (UVa) 6-1, 6-2; Geyer-Tansy (M) d. McCafferty-Piner (WC) 6-2, 6-4; McElroy-Waax (HL) d. Hunter-Larkin (H) 6-2, 6-3; Anderson-Goeltz (MBC) d. Tromba-Wertman (B) 6-0, 6-3; Androsko-Gavett (PS) d. Johns-Lichtenstein (UM) 7-5, 6-1; O'Donnell-O'Donnell (UVa) d. Heiss-Rick (WC) 6-1, 6-1; Ennis-McCloskey (UM) d. Allen-Piner (ECU) 6-0, 6-1; Backenstose-Morton (PS) d. Bachtell-Nolan (M) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; Abney-Reynolds (UT) d. Dinkin-Hintzen (HL) 6-0, 6-0.

The Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Women's Collegiate Championships are still on schedule at Mary Baldwin but only with the help from indoor action for a second straight day.

Wednesday, all the action was inside at Dyke and Charlottesville but Thursday morning the skies were clear and the action returned to Staunton and outdoor courts until late in the afternoon when a heavy shower hit the area. Thus it was back across the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Boar's Head Inn courts to complete the day's rounds.

After Thursday's matches were completed, all seeded singles and doubles teams had moved to quarterfinal action, somewhat of a twist of the unusual in MALTA play over the last few years when several darkhorses always have seem to come to the front.

Today's quarterfinals of the singles matched the tourney's top seeded eight players.

Top-seeded Candy Reynolds of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga matched her hard service, agility and height against No. 8 seed, Cheri O'Donnell of the University of Virginia and winner of the Virginia singles title this year.

Miss O'Donnell is basically a baseline player and is an extremely steady player.

Also paired are No. 4 seed Janet Haworth of Florida State and No. 6 Kathy Mueller of Trenton State. Miss Haworth

was seeded No. 1 last year and is hard hitting and aggressive while Miss Mueller is realitve new, having taken up tennis in the last two years but demonstrates good control.

Mary Baldwin College will be represented by No. 7 seed, Heidi Goeltz, who will meet No. 3 Mary Ellis Nicholson of Furman. Miss Goeltz is noted for her good placements and variety of shots as well as change of pace. Miss Nicholson is an extremely steady player on the courts.

Penn State's Carol Backenstose, the No. 2 seeded player, is back for a fourth year and meets No. 5 Sally Schweppe of Florida State.

Miss Backenstose had a hard serve and is aggressive at the net and she will be meeting a player who counts on steady play and good strokes to win.

Miss Reynolds posted two easy wins Thursday in downing Linda McClorsky of Maryland 6-0, 6-1 and Wendy Gavett of Penn State 6-0, 6-2 while Miss O'Donnell easily beat Leah Horneyer of Florida State 6-1, 6-2 but had to come from behind to whip Sandy Geyer of Madison 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Both Miss Haworth and Miss Mueller tuned up with easy wins in straight sets for their quarterfinal match as Miss Haworth won over Lisa Kaesshaefer of Southern Seminary 6-0, 6-3 and then downed Julia Park of UVa 6-2, 6-2. Miss Mueller won over Shirlee Hurst of West Chester 6-2 and 6-2 and then turned back MBC's Ann

Anderson 6-1, 6-3.

Miss Goeltz had an easy match against Alexis Ziobro of West Chester (6-1, 6-0) but then had to fight back in the third set against Rochelle Smith of Florida State before winning 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 against a player who had been ranked in other MALTA tourneys.

Miss Nicholson whipped Jody Tarnsey of Madison and Renee Menuet of UVa without losing a point.

Miss Backenstose moved to the quarters by whipping B. J. Sklar of Trenton 6-3, 6-0 and Carol Wilson oon of Appalachian State 6-0, 6-1 while Miss Schwape got by Peggy McElroy of Herbert Lehman 6-0, 6-3, she encountered trouble with Billie Abney of Tennessee before winning 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

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Reynolds leaves impression on MALTA field

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If there is a dominate force looming on the horizon for the next couple of years in the MALTA tennis tourney at Mary Baldwin College, it has to be University of Tennessee at Chattanooga sophomore sensation, Candy Reynolds.

Seeded No. 1 in the Southern Section in women's ratings and seeded No. 1 in singles play in the MALTA, Miss Reynolds swept through the field to the singles finals Saturday morning against

Furman's Mary Ellis Nicholson, a player she had beaten on three other occasions this summer.

Miss Reynolds, who has a powerful serve and return, took some of the speed of her ball and took the percentage shots to beat Miss Nicholson in straight sets 6-1, 6-1.

"Mary is always hustling and I just wanted to play the percentage shots today because you just can't let up against her," Miss Reynolds stated.

According to Miss Nicholson, a player has to play letter-perfect to beat Miss Reynolds. "That is where I lost in trying to make every shot perfect," she noted after the match.

Miss Reynolds is a super trained athlete. "I have trained a lot because you have to be physically ready but you have to have the right mental attitude or you will get tired."

She credits a lot of her tennis success to her teaching pro, Bill Tym, back in Tennessee. She hails from Knoxville, Tenn. She started college at Southern Methodist. She then transferred to Tennessee at Chattanooga because of its strong building program. "I wanted to play against the men and the school was just starting a women's team. I just wanted to be a part of it all."

Only two players came to MALTA from Tennessee but that was all it took to take both the singles and doubles crowns as Miss Reynolds teamed with Billie Abney to turn back the No. 1 seeded team of Janet Haworth and Sally Schweppe of Florida State 6-2, 6-3.

The match was a superbly played one with both teams engaged in a number of long volleys until the winners could take command about midway of both the doubles sets.

Florida State Rochelle Smith was named winner of the annual Mary Jane Donnalley Award while Madison won the sportsmanship award.

Florida State won the team title with Penn State finishing in second place.

The singles championship match started on an upset-minded note as Miss Nicholson broke Miss Reynolds' serve to take a 1-0

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FSU netters still leading

Special to the Democrat

STAUNTON, Va. — Florida State's women's tennis team lost its three remaining singles entries but continues to lead Penn State in team standings of the MALTA tournament here.

Penn State's Carol Backenstose defeated FSU's Sally Schweppe 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 and Trenton's Kathy Mueller downed Janet Haworth 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 in semifinal play.

In doubles, the team of Haworth and Schweppe topped two teams Friday to advance to today's final. The Seminoles lead the Nittany Lions 15 points to 12.

lead but the winner came back to take the next six games. In the set, Miss Reynolds broke Miss Nicholson's serve three straight times.

Miss Reynolds tied the first set at 1-1 when she in return broke Miss Nicholson's serve, and with some beautiful placements and off speed shots, forced her opponent to hit the ball into the net or out of bounds.

Miss Nicholson made one last bid when, down 3-0, she broke Miss Reynolds' serve to make it 3-1, and then went to 40-30 in the next game before losing.

Her last hope faded in the sixth game of the second set as she took a 0-30 lead on Miss Reynolds' serves but couldn't hold off the Tennessee champion who fought back to win with a shot down the right side line after the match had gone to the advantage point in favor of the winner.

The last game was a breeze for the new champion as she broke Miss Nicholson's serve with four straight points.

Kathy Mueller of Trenton took third place in the singles with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 win over Carol Backenstose of Penn State.

Miss Reynolds sweep to the title included a 6-0, 6-1 win over Linda McClosky of Maryland in the second round, a 6-0, 6-2, win

over Wendy Gavett of Penn State in the third round, and a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Cheri O'Donnell of UVa in the quarterfinals, and Kathy Mueller of Trenton 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals.

Miss Nicholson polished off Adriene Wax of Hebert Lehman 6-0, 6-0 in the opening round. Then she beat Jody Tansey of Madison College 6-0, 6-0 in the second round. She disposed of Renee Menuet of UVa in straight sets before meeting one of the big tests of the tourney in No. 2 seed Miss Backenstose, but she won in three sets after dropping the first one by a 3-6 margin.

Singles

Semifinals

Nicholson d. Backenstose 3-6, 6-4, 6-1

Reynolds d. Mueller 6-2, 6-1

Finals

Reynolds d. Nicholson 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

Semifinals

Haworth-Schweppe d. Creedle-Nicholson 6-4, 6-4

Reynolds-Abney d. Backenstose-Morton 6-0, 6-0

Finals

Reynolds-Abney d. Haworth-Schweppe 6-2, 6-3