

## McNeill Wears Singles Crown After Riggs Fails to Show Necessary 'Killer Instinct'

Bobby Didn't Want to Embarrass the Opponent And His Kindness Cost Him the Title

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NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The one thing a real sports champion must have is the "killer instinct."

Somewhere in his make up he must have a virus that renders him incapable of mercy, makes him scornful of easing up in order to save his opponent from humiliation. He must be ready at all times to press his advantage to the hilt, to persecute with every ounce of his strength an opponent who blocks his path.

Bobby Riggs doesn't have this inborn urge to destroy, and that's the chief reason why he still isn't the national tennis singles champion today.

He had Don McNeill pinned down like a butterfly in the final round at Forest Hills yesterday. But, with the Oklahoma City boy at his mercy, Riggs softened.

In the same spot a Tilden never would have done the same. Neither would a Budde or a Perry or a Vines. Any of these champions would have leapt to the kill and rolled over a bewildered McNeill.

### Riggs Slacks

But Riggs didn't. With the first set in and with a lead of 5-1, 40-15 in the second, he slackened his pace. He thought he was in, and that a successful defense of his title was assured. But the butterfly, thankful for a reprieve, began to squirm. Given a chance to gather his shattered forces, McNeill moved to the attack and swept five straight games to lead 6-5. Riggs finally won the set at 8-6, but that marked the end of his mastery.

McNeill dug in and swept through the next three sets against a Riggs who, try as he might, simply could not regain the precise touch with which he had started the game.

There can be no criticism of how Riggs took his defeat, however. It was a tough blow, particularly in view of the fact that a victory was what he needed to launch his career in professional tennis. But he did not whimper.

### Bobby Isn't Worried

"Shucks," he said. "I've won a devil of a lot of close ones, so I guess it was my time to lose a tough one."

As for the new champion, McNeill, there is no higher type of boy in sports. Not since he first came out of the West has there ever been a criticism of his behavior on or off the court. His gesture of throwing the next point after a close decision in the 12th game was the gesture of a sportsman.

Moreover, he has the game that goes with the title of champion.

### Queen Alice Repeats With No Trouble

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While Bobby Riggs failed to defend his men's singles tennis title, Alice Marble of San Francisco won the women's crown for the third time without even calling on half her ability.

She whipped out a quick, 6-2, 6-3, triumph over the fading Helen Hull Jacobs of Berkeley, Cal., who won the same title four times herself in another era. The match at Forest Hills, N. Y., was as dull as the men's encounter was thrilling.

Miss Marble played under wraps throughout. Still, Miss Jacobs couldn't match her. It was the 28th consecutive victory for the blond California girl.

The new men's champion, Don McNeill, flew to Chicago early today for an exhibition and will continue on to Atlanta and the Pacific Southwest Championships in Los Angeles. Later, if the U. S. L. T. A. sanctions the plan, he may tour South America with Elwood Cooke and a few others. Riggs said he intended to play a few exhibitions, too, but he said nothing whatsoever of his chances of turning pro.

## Fight Murbarger As N. B. A. Chief

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 10 (U. P.)— Election of officers threatened today to stir a controversy among delegates to the National Boxing Association's annual convention.

Although Sam Murbarger, Indianapolis, veteran Indiana boxing commissioner, was in line for the presidency because he is first vice president and the N. B. A. has abided by the promotion system, there is strong support for Abe Greene, Jersey City, N. J., and Joe Triner, Chicago.

Supporters of Greene and Triner are convinced the N. B. A. is embarking on a "critical" period and young and vigorous leadership is necessary. Murbarger had indicated he will not step aside for the younger men.

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## A New King



## Goodman Cards 80, Appears Out of National Amateur

WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB, MAMARONECK, N. Y., Sept. 10 (U. P.)—Johnny Goodman of Omaha, former Amateur and Open champion, shot an 80 today and, unless the rest of the field blows up in the rain, he is out of the 44th annual Amateur golf tournament.

The 80 that he shot today, added to his 78 yesterday, gave Goodman a 36-hole qualifying total of 158. Indications are that 156 or better will be needed to move into the 64 who start match play tomorrow.

Goodman had a bad out nine of 45 over par.

Johnny, once one of the great names in international golf, started off the second nine by slicing his tee shot into a trap and taking a four on the par three 10th hole. He hauled his game together for the next six holes, and then virtually blew his chance to qualify on the 17th and 18th. He took five on those two par-four holes. On the 18th he missed a five-foot putt.

### THE INDIANA BOYS

Henry J. Kowal of Indianapolis turned in a 76 yesterday and Robert R. Walker of South Bend carded an 84.

Walker shot an 86 today for a 36-hole total of 170.

Rain fell intermittently in the morning and early afternoon and with few exceptions scores soared. One of the exceptions was Dick Chapman, playing on his own course, who shot a 69 today and seemed to be a good bet for medalist honors.

Added to his 71 of yesterday, that 69 gave Chapman a 36-hole total of 140, only one more than the all-time qualifying record.

On the 18th of the day the field seemed to have much of a chance to match Chapman's 140, but many of yesterday's low scores still were out on the course.

## Sarah Palfrey Says 'Yes' to Cooke

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 10 (U. P.)—A blushing covering her dimpled cheek, Sarah Palfrey of Brookline, Mass., America's third-ranking women's tennis player, admitted here last night that she had said "yes" to Elwood Cooke of Portland, Ore., and that they would be married within three weeks.

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