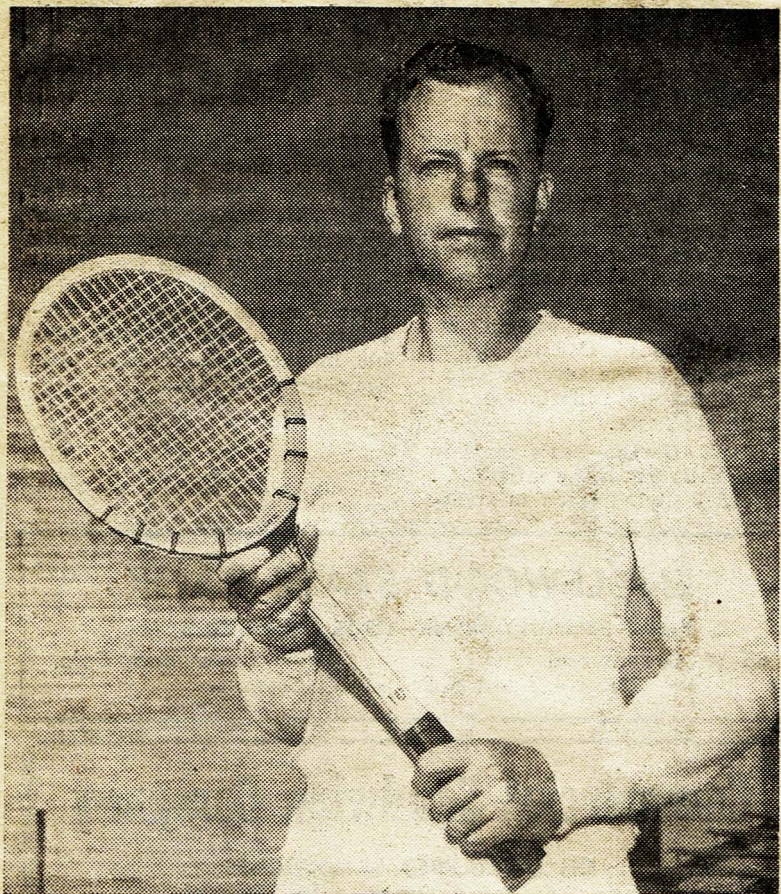


Directs Pioneer Tennis Squad



Coach Francis Garth is in his sixth season at the helm of the Crimson and Gold tennis forces. Under his guidance the Pioneers have become one of the best net aggregations in the Rocky Mountain region. An ex-DU star, Garth is a modest, friendly and helpful type of person, and really knows mathematics as well as tennis.

Tennis Mentor Hopes DU Gains Points in Big Event

By GENE SALMON

Hoping he won't jinx the team, Coach Francis Garth has a desire to climax his six years as DU tennis coach by taking at least one point in the National Intercollegiate championships at Evanston, Ill. this spring. To accomplish this, DU must get a man or doubles team into the semifinals. One can readily see what the coach expects of this year's team when no club in the Skyline loop or region has ever scored a point in the National event.

Garth hopes to get a seeded status for singles or doubles by the eastern tour, especially against Northwestern's Wildcats. However, Garth realizes such talk is putting a lot of pressure on his team's two stars, Clayton Benham and Jack TerBorg. But is confident that they are modest enough and in good shape to shrug off all this praise and to go out and lambast the ball with the best in the country.

Garth Praises Netters

With a note of pride in his voice, the mentor pointed to the Benham-TerBorg team taking last year's state closed doubles title and being narrowly nosed out by two former intercollegiate champions in three tough sets in the Colorado open doubles championship. For that reason, he pointed

out, we should have the strongest doubles team of any college in the country. It's rare, he said, to have concurrently two men on a college team the caliber of our two stars.

In addition, he added, we have depth in "Jake" Jacobs and Irwin Hoffman. Jacobs, our number three man, started at DU when Garth began coaching the Pioneer netters.

Ex-DU Tennis Star

Coach Garth played four years of tennis at DU, winning his share of matches both in the conference and in the intercollegiates. Probably his greatest thrill came in a contest against Greeley State, when an opponent had him down one set and was about to apply match point in the second set. Our hero pulled a Frank Merrill, fighting his way to a three-set victory over the dastardly stater.

A personable, modest man, friendly and helpful, Garth is the kind of man who would inspire a team. Up to now, his best team was the conference champs of 1947 with Jack Ormsbee and Glen Hines. He doubles in math, having received his master's in education at the University of California and his master's in mathematics at DU. This summer he hopes to work on his doctorate at UCLA and maybe get in a little tennis, a sorta busman's holiday.