

Racquetees Sweep South In Brilliant Display of Tennis

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Roaring in like the fabled March Lion, the Pioneer tennis team added six consecutive victories without a defeat to their 12-1 record of last year during a tour through the Southwest over Spring vacation.

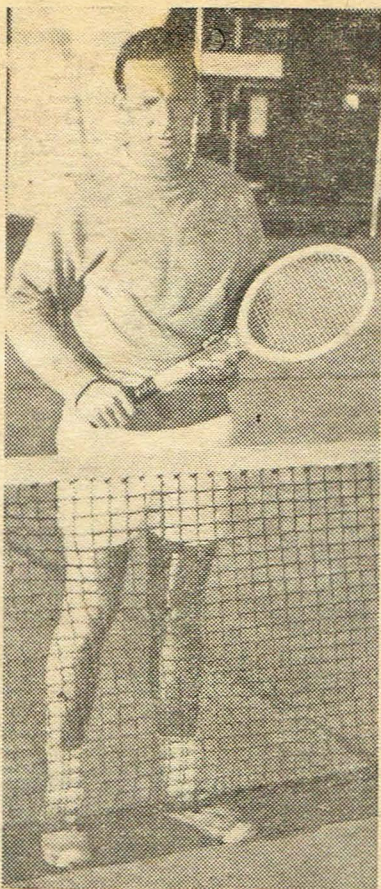
This afternoon the unbeaten Pioneers travel to Golden to play Colorado Mines, and Saturday afternoon the racketees will open their home season when they play hosts to the Miners on the DU courts.

The Lobos of New Mexico were the first to fall to the rackets of the Pioneers. They toppled by scores of 6-3 and 5-4 in matches held in Albuquerque on March 21 and 22 for the season opener.

Moving on to a non-conference opponent, the Pioneers next administered their 'Pioneer Punch' to the Texas Tech Raiders by a tally of 5-1 at Lubbock, Texas.

Texas Christian and Southern Methodist followed the example of Texas Tech as both Longhorn schools were driven into the nets by identical scores of 5-1 and 5-1.

The Sooners of Oklahoma would sooner have scheduled another team instead of Denver for the encounter of March 28 as the DU netsters knocked the victory ladder out from under the Oklahomans that they had been building for the past two years. The Norman Netsters



Clayton Benham

were overthrown by a 4-2 margin.

In the final contest of the tour, the Pioneers, under the direction of Coach Francis Garth, showed no signs of following through on the March jingle by bowing out like a lamb, but relentlessly shocked the Wichita 'Wheatshockers' of the Missouri Valley Conference by a shut out of 9-0.

The outstanding caliber of play displayed throughout the trip is credited to a sextet consisting of Clayton Benham, Jack TerBorg, Irwin Hoffman, Alvie Willis, Jim Smith and Jimmy Noonan.

Clayton Benham, with the exception of a match in the NCAA championships last year, has been unbeaten since he entered varsity competition at DU. Coupled with TerBorg, he forms a doubles duo that lost only one match last year.

Jack TerBorg is the second netter in the terrific one-two punch. TerBorg is a transfer student from Southern California and is playing his second year of tennis for DU.

Irwin Hoffman is number three man and is a dependable veteran returning from last year.

Freshmen Alvie Willis from East High and Jimmy Noonan of South High, along with sophomore Jim Smith, also of South High, complete the sextet.

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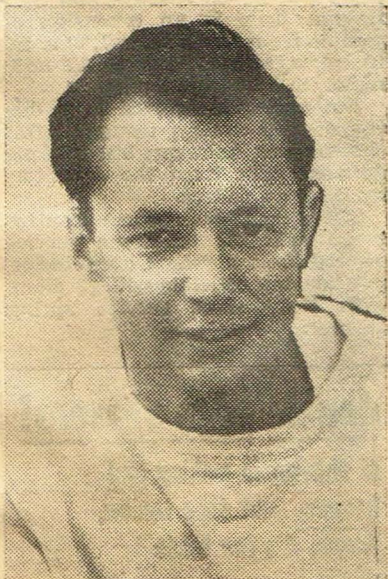
Netters Wallop Mines Twice Last Weekend

Denver University's tennis whizzes, coached by Francis Garth, soundly trounced Colorado Mines twice over the weekend, 10-0 and 9-1, to extend their victory streak to eight straight without a loss in competition this year.

At Mines on Friday, the blazing Pioneers shut-out the host school as Clayton Benham and Jack TerBorg won their seventh straight singles matches and then combined to win their seventh straight doubles match.

The Pioneer's only loss on Saturday, while entertaining the Miners, was on default, Benham having been called out of town. But Irwin Hoffman, combining with TerBorg in the doubles, was impressive as the duo won 6-0 and 6-2.

TerBorg defeated Gardner 6-2, 6-0; Hoffman defeated Lange 6-1, 6-0; Willis defeated Owings 6-1, 6-1; Noonan defeated Dimmit 6-1, 6-0; Schissler defeated Dorr 6-4, 6-2; Smith defeated Newell 6-1, 6-1. Doubles: Schissler-Willis defeated Newell-Owings 6-1, 6-1; Smith-Noonan defeated Dimmit-Labriola 6-0, 6-0; TerBorg-Benham defeated Gardner-Lange 6-0,



Jack Ter Borg

Pioneer Netters Face 'Pokes This Weekend

Gunning for its ninth and tenth consecutive wins, Denver University's undefeated tennis teams will play host to Wyoming U. in a conference twin bill this afternoon and tomorrow on the City Park courts. Old man weather permitting, that is.

The potent Pioneers, who breezed through a spring vacation tour through the southwest and added up six wins without a defeat, opened competition this quarter by soundly whipping Colorado Mines in a twin engagement last week to the tune of 10-0 and 9-1.

This week's festivities against the Cowpokes is the second conference contest for the DU netters. Over the holidays they beat New Mexico. In quest for the eastern divisional title, the Pioneers will meet Colorado A&M, New Mexico and the 'Pokes. Finals for the Skyline, for both eastern and western divisions, will be held May 23 and 24 here at Denver.

Making possible the unblemished record for the Pioneers has been the outstanding play of Clayton Benham, Jack TerBorg, Irwin Hoffman, Jim Noonan, Chuck Schissler, Jim Smith and Al Willis.

Benham and TerBorg, both in singles competition and when they have combined in doubles play, are undefeated this year. Last year the combo dropped only one decision.

Last week Hoffman combined with TerBorg in doubles play when Benham was called out of town suddenly, and the two looked impressive in soundly whipping the Miners.