

Denver U. Netters Nab Skyline Title

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Amassing a total of ten points to runner-up Wyoming's eight, Denver University's tennis team won the Skyline conference net championship last Friday and Saturday to climax an unbeaten season under Coach Francis Garth. Finals in the two-day championships were held Saturday evening in the DU Arena under lights

Francis Garth, mathematics professor and coach of DU's championship tennis team will leave the University next fall to study for his PhD at M.I.T.

According to Athletic Director E. E. Weiman, no successor to the tennis post has been named.

Rumors are that Clayton Benham, number one man on the DU team for the past two years will take over the coaching duties next Spring.

Benham, who has one more year of eligibility left, was elected captain of the 1952 team Sunday night.

Benham. Utah was finalist in singles and doubles with Denver in '51 but did not get past the semi-finals this year.

Jim Herd of Wyoming once again portrayed the role of 'giant killer' as he lifted the crown from Benham's head by scores of 6-1, 13-15, 13-11. The Herd-Benham battle running two hours and twenty minutes, was the longest in Skyline history. Herd displayed his blazing serve to best advantage. Benham seemed unable to solve the Wyoming ace's serve. The match was close all the way as game after game went to deuce score.

Following the singles encounter, Herd and Dick Dohan went down before the racquet mastery of Jack TerBorg and Benham in a fast match, on counts of 6-3, 6-3.

TerBorg whipped last year's finalist, Jerry Glade, of Utah, in the quarterfinals on scores of 6-3, 6-3. Advancing to the semi-final round he met up with Herd who had difficulty in winning on margins of 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

The DU second doubles entry or Erwin Hoffman and Al Willis swept their first match by 6-2, 6-3. In the second round they were bracketed against Herd and Dohan and were defeated 6-3, 6-1.

Benham defeated Dick Moody of BYU, singles champion for the 1949 and 1950 seasons, on counts of 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in the other semi-finals match.

with a crowd of over 500 spectators on hand to witness the meet.

Behind Denver and Wyoming were BYU with six points, Utah three, New Mexico two, Montana one and Colorado A&M.

The Pioneers were titlists last year due to the combined exploits of Jack TerBorg and Clayton

One of the greatest collegiate tennis teams in the nation, wearing the Crimson and Gold of Denver University, will take to the tennis court to defend its title against all opposition. And if past records mean anything the Pioneers should succeed in their effort. For in Clayton Benham, Jack TerBorg, Irwin Hoffman and Alvie Willis (plus all the other Pioneer netters) Coach Francis Garth has worked together a winning combination that has strung up a record of 31 consecutive victories over the past two years.