

Sports-Go-Round



Net Device Really Nifty

By Dick Connor

University of Denver Tennis Coach **Bob Richards** introduced "The Monster" to about 50 coaches and high school players at the Phipps Tennis House last Saturday afternoon.

Most went away hoping to adopt it.



BOB RICHARDS

"The Monster" is a home made contraption Richards has borrowed from **Chet Murphy**, tennis coach at the University of California and summer pro at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. One part consists of five tennis balls attached to the top of a frame that can be adjusted for varying angles.

The second part of "The Monster" is an old tennis racket, most of the strings removed and part of the frame cut away.

Richards and Murphy use this little gadget to teach timing, the proper swing and weight shift for both forehand and backhand strokes, and from the reception it received Satur-

day, it will be a familiar sight to area prep players before long.

The annual clinic, chased inside by Saturday's weather, concentrated on fundamentals, with Richards, Youth Tennis Foundation president **Jack Phelps** and **Irwin Hoffman**, Green Gables pro and tennis coach at George Washington High School, taking turns as instructors.

Hoffman, whose Green Gables youngsters have harvested some 225 trophies in area meets, used some un-tennis-like descriptions as he explained his coaching techniques.

'Put Sword in a Scabbard'

Hoffman pupils don't toss the ball up to serve—they "supplicate." They don't get the racket back and ready to hit a backhand—they "put a sword in a scabbard, then whip it into the opponent's guts."