

Was it heat or exhaustion?

By ERIC HANDBURY

The weather took heed of our complaints concerning the rain of two weeks ago and with baleful humor taught us a lesson in good manners. The weather for the handicap singles was insufferably hot and humid so that for many people complete exhaustion proved to be their most threatening opponent.

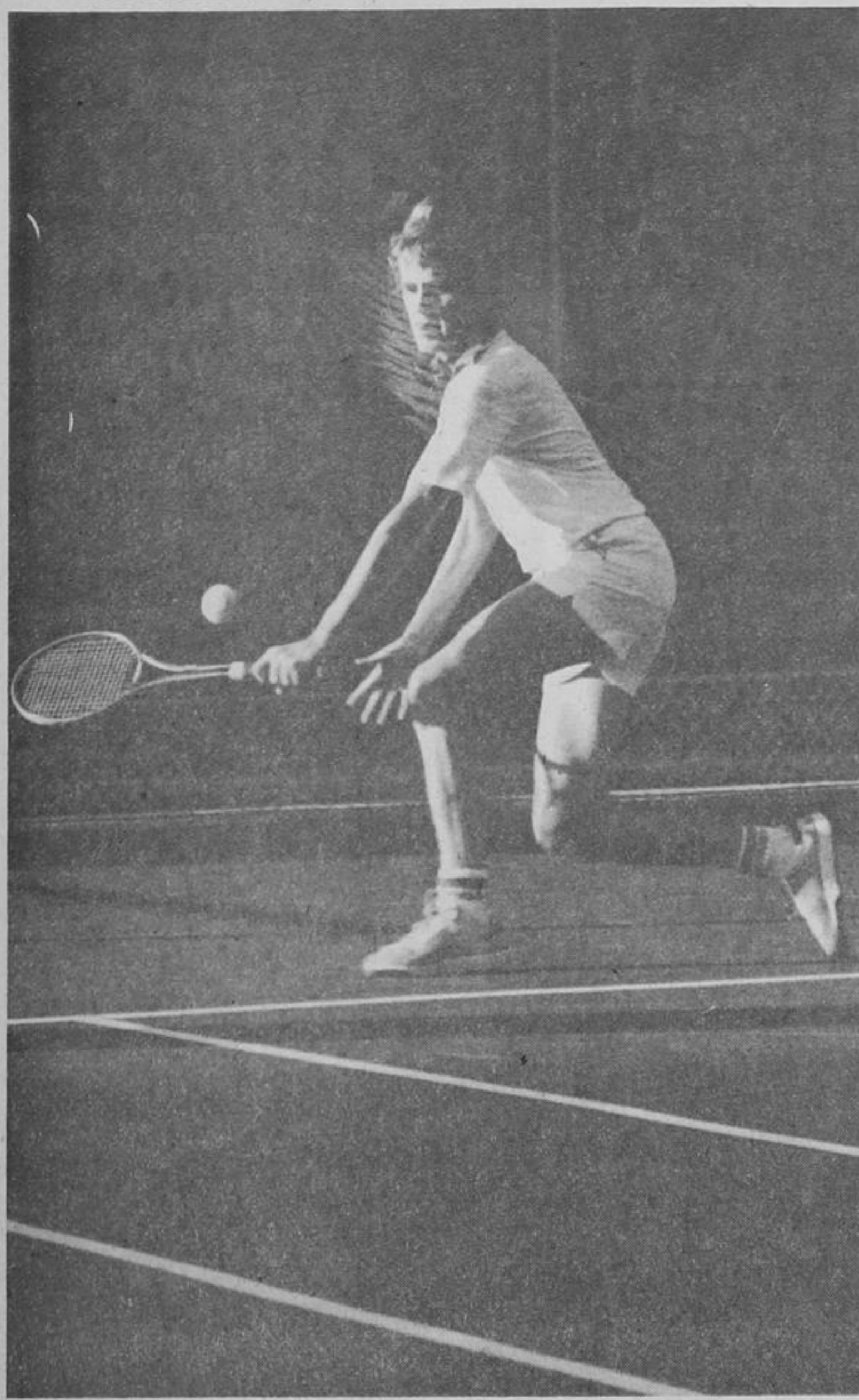
No one succumbed however and the day, helped along with iced lemonade and cold water packs, was a tremendous success.

Two matches are worthy of special mention: first, the semi-final between Firoz Gafour and Sam Malcolmson and the finals between Sam and Chico Oulette. Both matches were hard-fought and developed a great deal of good will among the audience for Sam Malcolmson, who at his age should have had more sense than trying to win. Personally, in deference to the old times, I would have liked to have seen Sam win but, like everyone else, I suppose, my feelings were divided by virtue of Chico Oulette's tenacity.

Chico won in the end, but it was one of those matches where trophies played second place to admiration for the players. A great day and a fine ending to it. Richmond Hill is making a greater mark in the inter-county majors tournaments than ever. We occupy first place at the time of writing and with the strength that we have available this year it appears likely that we shall maintain that position. The Richmond Hill club has always had a reputation for innovation

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Precise backhand

Julian Handbury of Richmond Hill displays some excellent form en route to winning his first-round match 6-0, 6-3 against Harold Niman of Thornhill. The event is the Mr. Transmission Mayfair Valley Class A Championship, drawing as many as 200 unranked players from Ontario. Notice Handbury's style — knees bent, ball at wrist level, wrist stiff and eyes on the ball. (photo by Alec Bruyns.)

IN THE 7TH

Best Way explodes, cracks ceramics

The Best Way vs. Twin Hills Ceramics game proved to be a real thriller. It didn't end until the home half of the seventh inning, with two outs. Best Way's Kayt Barclay slammed a homer with two on, giving her team a 21-19 win.

Despite Best Way taking the two first innings by counting five runs for each of them, Twin Hills kept working away and in the third, put six runners across the plate to make the score 10-8.

In the Best Way home half of the third, the batters went down in order.

At the end of the sixth inning, Best Way was ahead 17-5. In the top of the seventh, Twin Hills managed another four

runs. Then in the home half for Best Way, the first two batters got on base. The next two were put out. The fifth smacked a hit, scoring one of the runners.

Batter Kayt Barclay who had been hitless to that point, came to the plate and blasted the ball almost to the next field. That did it for Twin Hills.

Twin Hills had 19 runs on 27 hits, six walks and 50 batters coming to the plate. Best Way's 22 runs came from 22 hits, six walks and 48 batters swinging away. Both teams played errorless ball.

In the losing cause, Cheryl Bailie, who is getting back into shape again after her 18-month trip 'round the world, came up with a perfect game. She went to the

plate four times and had three hits and a walk and scored three runs.

Linda McRory was three for three, scoring twice. Debbie Cappy led off the seventh inning with a home run and Pat Tucker scored twice on three hits and four trips to the plate.

Best Way's top of the batting order Vicky Hill got up five times and made it home four times on four hits. Terri Kivell scored three runs on three hits. Vicky Berseth had a perfect night with three runs from one hit, two walks — three times up.

Mutual ladies win sixth, dump Richvale

The Richmond Hill Mutual Life Ladies out-thumped Richvale 19-17 Tuesday night of last week to chalk up their sixth win this season against only one defeat.

Dougall and Mary Lou Davies each hammered out triples and knocked in two runs each.

Every player on the team crossed the plate at least once.

The Richmond Hill team also welcomed the arrival of new coach Bob Davies.

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