

Australasia and Spain Divide Honors in Singles Matches of Davis Cup Tennis Tournament



Gerald Patterson



Manuel Alonso

Australian and Spaniard who opened Davis Cup matches at Philadelphia yesterday. Patterson won from Count de Gomar, while Manuel Alonso defeated Pat O'Hara Wood.

O'Hara Wood's Fatal Footfault Helps Manuel Alonso to Win

Spaniard Throws Gallery Into Wild Excitement When He Defeats Opponent in 5-Set Match; Patterson Conquers Count de Gomar, 6-3, 8-6, 6-4

By Fred Hawthorne PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—Before a crowd that was stirred at times into wild cheering and again into tense, gripping, silence, Manuel Alonso, "ace" of the Spanish Davis Cup team, won a spectacular victory from Patrick O'Hara Wood, of Australasia, this afternoon in the final round international matches on the turf courts of the Germantown Cricket Club. Alonso won by a score of 2-6, 3-6, 6-2, 8-6, 6-1, making a wonderful fight after all seemed lost, and after the veteran Wood had been within a single point of winning the match.

Earlier in the afternoon Gerald Patterson, leader of the Australians, had conquered Count de Gomar, the second string man of the Spanish team, by a score of 6-3, 8-6, 6-4, and thus, when the sun went down this evening, the two challenging nations had broken out on the first day of battle.

Davis Cup Scores

Table with columns for player names, sets, and scores. Includes Alonso vs Wood and Patterson vs Gomar.

Spaniard's Desperate Rally

The brilliant Spaniard had started a desperate rally a few minutes before, when he pulled up to 5-1, and then, in a wonderfully daring volleying shot from close to the net, but it was when he saw that Wood had the situation in his hands that he was intent upon making his own service in the eighth set for the set and match. He was not worried in the least by Alonso's service. His flash of brilliance.

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Alonso, between points, was pacing himself down his base line nervously. He appeared to sense the faltering in Wood's attack and he showed symptoms of tremendous speed and marvellous volleying. He won the tenth game, when he dropped the eleventh on the next three for the set at 8-6, securing the match.

Alonso's Desperate Rally

Alonso was catching Wood short of foot with deadly passage shots down the side lines as the Australian attempted to get the net position. The gallery, which had shown sympathy for the great Spanish player all through the early stages, was cheering in his own service and was cheering in his own service and was cheering in his own service.

Kelleher Meets Johnston Today in Tennis Final

Seattle Player Springs Surprise of Tourney by Eliminating Niles, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—The climax of a week of surprises on the Casino tennis court came today when Hugh G. Kelleher, of Seattle and New York, defeated Nathaniel W. Niles, Newport, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, thus earning the right to meet William H. Johnston in the final round to-morrow morning. The former champion came through the other half in decisive style by defeating Howard Kinsey, 6-3, 6-2.

His Strongest Asset

His strongest asset is the ability to do the best when the going is the hardest, and it was this that pulled him through triumphantly today. Niles seemed to take the match for granted in the opener and failed to produce the necessary extra punch when he led at 5-3 on his own service. Kelleher brought the match to a close by winning the next set at 6-3, leading all the way, and he seemed safe enough when he broke through Kelleher's service for the first game of the rubber. Here, however, the Bostonian ran into a weird streak of wildness, and lost three straight love games before he could recover control.

Was Not Hard Pressed

Johnston was not hard pressed by Howard Kinsey, finding the slow chops and heavily topped drives of the latter exactly to his liking. He hit hard and accurately, and his forcing tactics seemed to bring down the steadiness of his opponent.

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National Doubles May Have Small Field

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Only twenty teams had entered the national doubles tennis tournament, which starts next Monday on the Chestnut Hill courts of the Longwood Cricket Club, up to noon to-day.

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Murphy Scores in Two Grand Circuit Races

Drives Margaret Dillon Home in Pacing Race and Bill Sharen in 2:13 Trot

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