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SCHOOLBOYS NEED TENNIS COACHING

The Junior Davis Cup system of training, adopted three years ago, has proved such a success in 28 large cities, that the U.S.L.T.A. is extending the benefits of this coaching in tennis essentials to larger groups of younger boys in smaller cities. By means of Tennis Clinics and Preparatory Squads, information, advice and instruction in strokes, tactics, court manners and sportsmanship will be provided for the schoolboy and his tennis coach in a limited number of cities where courts and officials are available and interest warrants. Several of these coaching programs are outlined in the following pages. All who are interested are invited to write the U.S.L.T.A.

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THE TENNIS CLINIC ON CLUB COURTS

The Tennis Clinic, as its name implies, provides free, expert instruction in tennis essentials for schoolboys and girls, diagnosing their faults and prescribing corrective treatment; offers also, information, advice and cooperation to their tennis coaches.

For the benefit of clubs, sectional and district associations wishing to hold Tennis Clinics on club, school or public park courts, one successful Clinic is described in some detail:

The Westchester Tennis Clinic, organized by the Eastern L. T. A., provided two days of group instruction for boys and girls within a radius of about 75 miles of the Quaker Ridge Golf Club, who generously gave the use of their 4 courts and club facilities. About 130 boys and girls attended the first day, and 150 the second day. The cost to the club was approximately \$50, most of which was due to the cost of the buffet luncheon on the two days, which was served outdoors for the children and their parents at a charge of 50¢ each. All of the officials, players and coaches gave their services.

Morning session, first day. In opening the Clinic, Mr. Richman Proskauer, Chairman of the Club's Tennis Committee, welcomed the visitors and introduced the Chairman of the Eastern L. T. A. Junior Development Committee, Mr. V. A. Ely, who briefly explained the purpose of the Clinic to the boys and girls who were seated on chairs placed in front of the first tennis court.

Mr. Alfred H. Chapin talked for about ten minutes on the different types of forehand drives and then asked four students to go out on the first court and rally with each other. While the other students were watching, he explained to the playing students what their faults were. Then twelve other students were placed on the other three courts with an instructor for each court. Each four students had approximately five minutes' instruction and were then replaced by four others. This continued until as many students as possible could be given lessons in the time allotted, which was one hour.

At 12:30 a simple buffet luncheon was served at a charge of 50c. Tables and chairs were arranged outdoors.

Afternoon session. After luncheon, the classes were resumed. Mr. Jess Baker, the Club Professional, described and demonstrated the backhand drive to the entire class. Mr. Francis X. Shields described and demonstrated various types of serve and Mr. Vincent Richards, the volley.

Mr. Robert C. Hynson conducted a general discussion of the day's work ("Information Please") and gave a prize of a year's subscription to "American Lawn Tennis" to the student who asked the best question.