

A General Review of the Captains Mountain Tennis Club from 3rd Oct., 1943 to Jan. 20, 1946

On Sunday 3rd Oct. 1943 Capt. Mt. played a Mullmuran team captained by Arthur Giesel. The Mountain team ably led by Mr. G. Flynn comfortably defeated Mullmuran by the not very small total of 34 games. Captains Mountain had played and won its first match since the 18th May 1941 when the Mountain were beaten by 8 games. This match marked the entrance into inter-club tennis matches of four fast improving players Miss V. Turner, K. Curtis, W. Lumley, J. Lumley. The honours of the day were claimed by K. Curtis and Miss M. Flynn (Later Miss J. McCallough) who won the only 6-0 set.

Later on in the year a team from Captains Mountain consisting of G. Flynn (captain), W. Lumley, S. Flynn, K. Curtis, J. Lumley, M. Flynn and V. Turner travelled to Mullmuran and returned victorious after defeating a strong combination led by H. Schultz.

A meeting of the Club was

held in Mr. Curtis's Barn on the 24th Oct 1943 when O. Barr and J. Lumby were elected to succeed Mr. G. Flynn and Mrs M. Flynn as captain and secretary immediately the latter pair left the district to reside in Toowoomba. Flynn's left the Captain's Mountain early next year. Their departure was a great loss to the Mountain tennis but the club carried on.

On the 28th May, 1944 a team consisting of C. Turner, K. Curtis, O. Barr (Captain), J. Lumby, S. Flynn, J. Lumby, Mrs. K. Barr and O. Turner visited Mullmeran and defeated strong ~~team~~ opposition, which included Mrs. Bennett, A. Blacklock, J. Schamberg and R. Morrison who were players with a big reputation in Mullmeran, by 26 games. The Mountain team began the match badly but a creditable win by O. Barr and Mrs. K. Barr brought confidence to the Mountain players who went on to win in grand style. O. Barr and C. Turner won the only 6-0 set of the day. However in my opinion the most spectacular set of the day occurred when K. Curtis and J. Lumby defeated

A. Blacklock and J. Schamberg 6-1 in real work man like fashion. K. Curtis and O. Barr showed during the whole of this match that in form they were capable of stylish tennis.

On the 2nd July 1944

Captain's Mountain played the Forestry team for the first time on the home court. The match was stopped when half completed. The Forestry were leading by 2 games. It is my firm opinion that the Mountain team would have won that day had it remained fine. The Mountain players were O. Barr (Captain), K. Curtis, J. Lumby, C. Turner, V. Turner, E. Turner. O. Barr played a thorough captain's game being right on his form and displayed dashing tennis.

A Mountain team {O. Barr (Capt.), J. Lynn, K. Curtis, C. Turner, J. Lumby and Mrs. K. Barr} played at the Forestry Court and were beaten by 8 games. At the beginning the Mountain team ^{was} ill at ease on the strange court losing the first three sets 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. However at the end of the day the Mountain was slowly gaining ground. J. Lumby gave a splendid exhibition almost immediately feeling at home on the court.

The Forestry again visited Captain's Mountain on the 20th Aug. 1944 defeating the home team { J. Lumley (acting Captain), K. Curtis, A. Gollan, S. Flynn, F. Richardson and V. Turner } in an interesting match by 11 games. A. Gollan made his debut into match tennis and showed that with practice he would become a reliable little player. K. Curtis was undoubtedly the outstanding player of the day.

At a meeting of the tennis club held on the 24th September 1944 Jack Lumley was re-elected secretary while K. Curtis was elected Captain.

Lavelle visited the Mountain on the 1st Oct. 1944 after an absence of three years. The Mountain team K. Curtis (captain), J. Lumley, A. Gollan, J. Lumley, V. Turner, Mrs. Maughan displayed brilliant form and won by 19 games. J. Lumley and V. Turner won the first set of the day 6-0. Both players during the day exhibited classic tennis. A. Gollan with intermittent bursts of excellent tennis showed that he was a fast improving player.

* match was returned

On the 15th Oct, 1944 Capt. Mt. travelled to Lavelle and comfortably defeated that team by 9 games. The Mountain team { K. Curtis (captain), J. Lumley, G. Rosenthal, A. Gollan, N. Mc Cormack and V. Turner. The surprise set of the day was a 6-0 win by Miss V. Turner who had been playing confidently all day and Miss N. Mc Cormack. J. K. Curtis and J. Lumley were in first class form.

On the 29th Oct. 1944 Captain's Mountain in a dashing display of tennis and team co-ordination were victorious over a Forestry team by 3 games. On paper the Forestry certainly appeared to more formidable team. The Mountain players to a K. Curtis (captain), W. Lumley, L. Flynn, J. Keyley, V. Turner and Mrs. Maughan. The Mountain returned the V. set of which there are no specific records. However that day J. Lumley displayed rather poor tennis.

A Forestry team ~~was~~ journeyed to the Mountain on the 8th Jan, 1945 and beat the home team by 14 games. This match saw the return of V. Barr to tennis.

badly in need of practice generally and only on rare occasions did we see ^{any} glimpse what so ever of his old form. ^{miss} F. Barr (later Mrs V. Barr) played her first game with the Mountain team. W. Lumley, V. Turner, and J. Lumley played excellent tennis. However the Mountain team seemed badly in need of practice.

The Match was returned but of it I have no record. On that day J. Lumley and V. Turner in unparalleled style won two 6-0 sets against strong opposition allowing the Mountain to win.

On the 2nd April, 1945 the Forestry defeated the Mountain by one game in a dramatic and tense match which for sheer tennis has ~~to~~ never ~~in~~, equalled on the Captains Mountain tennis court. K. Barr played excellent this being his first appearance of the new home court for some considerable time. K. Curtis was off his form and never at any time did anything convincing. J. Lumley and M. Barr played bright tennis. The Mountain had the ability to win that day.

A team from Summauille visited the Mountain on the 22nd April 1945 and were defeated quite convincingly by 27 games. K. Barr played excellent tennis on the Mountain court which was at its best. K. Barr ~~dash~~ in a dashing and versatile manner overcame all opposition with the style of champion and showed the Mountain what a really fine player he is.

The Mountain team were { J. Lumby (Acting Capt.), L. Flynn, K. Barr, E. Turner, Mrs. K. Barr and V. Turner }
L. Flynn and E. Turner won in a grand way the only 6-0 set.

Captain's Mountain travelled to Summauille on the 13th May 1945 where they were beaten by 13 games. The players were K. Curtis (captain), K. Barr, C. Moss, J. Lumby, V. Turner and Mrs. K. Barr. K. Barr was in poor form and showed rather weak tennis. V. Turner and J. Lumby easily adapted themselves to the court which was by no means good and played very creditable tennis. The Summauille court is perhaps the worst experienced by the team.

At this time an attempt was made to introduce fixture tennis. There were divided opinions as to whether the organisation would be successful. The teams entered were Mullmerran I, Mullmerran II, Summaulle, Forestry, The Oaks (Jack Curtis' team) and Captain's Mountain. After the first round which was called a preliminary round the two Mullmerran teams combined and the Forestry joined Captain's Mountain. Summaulle then withdrew from the fixtures but defeated the Captain's Mountain fixture team { H. Curtis (Captain), K. Barr, S. Kelly, J. Lumley, V. Turner and Mrs. Cox } by two games. S. Kelly did not reveal anything like his real form. The Captain's Mt. fixture team journeyed to Jack Curtis' and there on a very fine court defeated The Oaks by 11 games in rather a good match.

Mullmerran played the mountain team which lacked K. Barr one of its most experienced and best players and defeated it by 3 games in a very uninteresting match.

V. Turner who was perhaps the most dashing mountain player won the only 6-0 set.

On the 25th August 1945 *

Bringalilly played Captains Mountain. The Bringalilly team consisted of six men all recognised tennis players. The Mountain team { J. Lumley (Acting Captain), Mrs. K. Barr, K. Barr, V. Barr, C. Moss and L. Flynn } were beaten by 12 games. It is a credit to the Mountain team and particularly a credit to Mrs. K. Barr who played in fine fashion that it was only beaten by 12 games. J. Lumley exhibited fine form. K. Barr and V. Barr at times showed particularly good form.

The Captains Mountain team visited Bringalilly and returned victorious after defeating the opposition by 8 games in brilliant style. The Mountain reps. were K. Curtis (Captain), K. Barr, V. Barr, J. Lumley, Mrs. K. Barr and Mrs. F. Barr. Captains Mountain displayed excellent all round tennis. Mr. & Mrs. K. Barr won the only 6-0 set.

At a later date a team from Millmeran visited the Mountain.

The Mountain returned the match. The Mountain won both matches, winning the last match in Millmerran particularly well.

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K. Curtis (captain),

K. Barr, C. Moss and J. Lumby travelled to the Forestry where they obtained two women players. The Mountain team won the ~~day~~ ^{match} which ^{was} played amid terrific heat by three games. The match was one series of excellent tennis. All the Mountain men played excellent tennis displaying their best form in dashing style. This match saw a return to really good form of K. Curtis.

Near Christmas the Mountain played a series of three matches against teams consisting mainly of Mossatts. These teams were defeated by 62, 28, 54 ^{games} respectively by the Mountain in a free and easy manner although many of the Mountain members were out of practice. The matches compared to the Mountain - Forestry clashes were of a low standard.

The Tree Mountain teams were in order.

- (i) K. Curtis (Captain), K. Barr, J. Lumley, Mrs K. Barr, O. Turner and Mrs J. Barr
- (ii) J. Lumley (Acting Captain), K. Barr, W. Lumley, Mrs K. Barr, O. Turner and Mrs N. M^{rs} Cormack
- (iii) J. Lumley (Act. Captain), K. Barr, O. Barr, W. Lumley, Mrs. K. Barr and Mrs. O. Barr.

Captain's Mountain has played 26 inter-club matches and 4 fixture matches. Of the 26 matches the Mountain has won 17 and lost 9. The Mountain has played against seven different localities.

Finance has been perhaps the greatest difficulty as the club at no time had more than ten members. However two dances held late in 1944 and in June 1945 helped to alleviate the fast declining financial situation.

At the end of 1944 the club bought a new net costing £4/8/9. On the occasion of his welcome home Mrs O. Barr

was presented with a torch, a wallet and a "Hell's own" racquet by the Captain K. Curtis on behalf of the members of the Captain's Mountain Tennis Club.

The success of the Captain's Mountain Tennis Club is owed in no small way to ^{the} women (some of them players themselves) who have catered for the visitors. The Mountain Bd. Ladies have arranged very attractive dinners on all occasions although three essential commodities sugar, tea and butter have been heavily rationed. I think the Mountain Tennis Club ought to pay tribute to these ladies in recognition of their splendid work.

Mr. Vance R. Barr Captain of Club 24th Oct 1943 - 24th Sept 1944. Vice-captain 11th Feb., 1945 - 13 Jan. 1946. Elected chairman 24th Oct., 1943 and 13th Jan., 1946. Has played in 11 inter-club matches. When on form a very forceful and entertaining doubles player who can win in grand style although pitted against strong opposition. Of late is approaching his best form after a spell during which he played intermittent tennis which was definitely below his standard.



Bill R. Lumley, vice-captain 24th Sept. 1944 to 11 Feb. 1945. Has played in 11 inter-club matches. He is a very reliable doubles player of average ability. Is capable of producing in spasmodic bursts excellent tennis.



Miss Val C. Turner has been a tower of strength for the Capt. Mt. Tennis Club. Has played in 22 inter-club matches and 4 feature matches. Is perhaps the finest lady player the Mountain has produced. Is capable of executing some very delightful fore-hand shots. Has a confident back-hand. She is a very stylish lady player but ~~in~~^{on} some occasions lacks elasticity of movement.

Mrs. K. Barr an excellent lady doubles player who plays fast confident tennis. Has a tendency to favour her back-hand which is quite reliable. One of the finest partners I have ever had the honour of playing with.



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has the finest
the court.

Kevin J. Barr, elected
chairman of the club May 6,
1945. Has played in 12
inter-club matches and 3
fixture matches. One of the
strongest doubles and singles
player to appear on the
mountain court. Has an
excellent service. However is
capable of playing spells
poor tennis. In my opinion
style of any player on
the court.



Jack J. Lumby, secretary of the
Club 24th Oct, 1943 until 13 Jan,
1946. Has played in 26 inter-club
matches and 4 fixture matches. A
very fine doubles player.
One of the most consistent
players to appear on the
Capt. mt. tennis court. Has on
several occasions been acting-
captain of the team.

1944 - 1945.

Members of the Capt. Mt. Tennis Club.



Some of the members of
the Captain's Mountain
Tennis Club.

Left to right. S. J. Lynn,
K. Curtis (captain), Mrs
C. Lumley, C. Ezzy,
Mrs. K. Barr, Jack Lumley

C. Moss and K. Barr. This photo was
taken on the mountain tennis court, the
members are facing the new tennis net.



Keith W. M. Curtis
captain of the Capt. Mt
Tennis Club 24 Sept. 1944
until 13 Jan., 1946. He has
played in 22 inter-
club matches and 4

fixtures matches with the Mountain Club.

K. Curtis was the captain of the Captain's
mountain fixture team. Perhaps one of the
most reputable singles players to play on the court.
Has one of the strongest forehand drives I have seen

L. F. Lynn has played in 9 inter-club matches. He is perhaps the least spectacular of the Mountain ^{players}. However is a very dependable player and an excellent sport.

Mrs. V. Barr ~~an~~ has played in 7 inter-club matches. She is a lady player of average ability and is very active of a tennis court. She is a fast improving player.

C. Moss has played in 5 inter-club matches and 1 fixture match. He is a player of just under average ability. However with practice he will improve considerably and will perhaps become a very reliable doubles player.

A. J. Gollan has played in 5 matches. He is only a youngster who has time to improve and will definitely improve with practice with the right company. However his size may hinder him but he is an asset to any club.

Miss. N. L. Mc Cormack has played in 4 matches. She is a learner and to improve she will have to practice conscientiously.

C. Turner has played played in 3 matches. He is above the average gent player and has performed quite creditably for the mountain in the three matches.

C. Turner has played in 3 matches. She is perhaps one of the finest lady players to play tennis on the mountain court. would like to have seen more of her.

Miss M. Flynn (now Mrs. J. McCoubough) played 2 matches with the mountain. Is a player of average ability.

Mrs. M. Maughan has played in 2 matches. Is a player of average ability who is very active.

F. G. Richardson a young player that appeared to have no inclination what so ever for tennis. Has played in two matches.

S. J. Lynn has played in 1 match. Possessed little ability.

G. Rosenthal has played in one match. A very weak player.

G. Crofden has played in one match. Very awkward on a court; a weak player.

Mr. G. J. Lynn and Mr. W. A. Curtis have each played in one match with the Mountain team.

On the opposite page is a table of the matches played by the Captains Mountain Tennis Club. Fixture matches have been purposely omitted as the fixtures generally were an absolute failure. A match with the Forestry is not shown but I think the Forestry won the match.

The Captains Mountain ^{Club} has generally an excellent record. The Mountain has never been defeated by more than 14 games. The greatest winning margin achieved by the Club is 62 games.

The following table is self-explanatory:-

Opposing Team	No. of matches played	No. won	No. lost	Remarks
Forestry	10	3	56	One match stopped by rain
Mellmaran	5	5	-	
Lavelle	4	4	-	
Moffatt	3	3	-	
Summerville	2	1	1	
Bungallilly	2	1	1	
Total	26	17	8	

Date	Opposing team	Locality of match	winning team	games	Remarks
3 rd Oct 1943	Mullmerran	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	34	
	Mullmerran	Mullmerran	Capt. mt.		
28 th May 1944	Mullmerran	Mullmerran	Capt. mt.	26	
2 nd July 1944	Forestry	Capt. mt.			Stopped by rain
	Forestry	Forestry	Forestry	8	
20 Aug 1944	Forestry	Capt. mt.	Forestry	11	
1 st Oct 1944	Lauelle	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	19	
15 th Oct 1944	Lauelle	Lauelle	Capt. mt.	9	
29 Oct 1944	Forestry	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	3	
	Forestry	Forestry	Forestry		no record
8 th Jan 1945	Forestry	Capt. mt.	Forestry	14	
	Forestry	Forestry	Capt. mt.		
2 April 1945	Forestry	Capt. mt.	Forestry	1	
22 April 45	Summaville	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	27	
13 th May 45	Summaville	Summaville	Summaville	13	
29 th July 1945	Lauelle	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	21	
	Lauelle	Lauelle	Capt. mt.	18	
25 th Aug.	Bungalilly	Capt. mt.	Bungalilly	12	
8 th Sept.	Bungalilly	Bungalilly	Capt. mt.	8	
	Mullmerran	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.		
	Mullmerran	Mullmerran	Capt. mt.		
	Forestry	Forestry	Capt. mt.	3	
	Moffatts	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	62	Greatest winning margin
	Moffatts	Moffatts	Capt. mt.	28	
26 th Dec.	Moffatts	Capt. mt.	Capt. mt.	54.	