

Etiquette is important for enjoyment of tennis

How many times have you gone on the court to play a nice, friendly game of women's, men's or mixed doubles, only to have your game made uncomfortable by your partner, your opponents, by people on the next court, or by players walking on or off the courts?

Unfortunately, it happens all the time. Many players have never been taught court etiquette and, therefore, do not know what disturbs other players.

RECENTLY I HAD an experience which ruined my game. My friend and I were involved in a close match, and

there were a couple of beginners on the next court. Everytime one of their balls would come rolling onto our court, one of them would run to get it.

Now here was a problem where the beginners were feeling self-conscious about hitting balls onto our court and, in attempting to not bother us and be helpful, were actually creating a problem of bad court etiquette.

It would have been far better to have let us return the balls. Or if a ball was in our back court and we didn't see it, to have asked for it after our point was completed.

How many players walk behind courts when a point is being played? All they are thinking about is getting to

From Courtside

By David Stewart



their courts. It is their hour to play and no one else makes any difference. And when they are walking behind your court, they don't hurry, they walk.

ONCE WHEN I was watching the

finals of a state championship, I saw a spectator walk behind a court during a crucial point. The person who lost the point subsequently lost the match.

Now you know that one point never wins or loses a match, but when some-

one does something to distract a player, the player's concentration can be broken and that can cost him or her the match.

"Etiquette" is a stuffy-sounding word. All it really means is having consideration for other people. At any social gathering, there are certain unwritten rules of polite behavior.

Tennis is no exception.

A PLAYER WHO breaks any of the unwritten tennis rules automatically loses a little prestige in the eyes of those who see him or her do it. There

are those who say they don't care what others think, all they want to do is play tennis. But although I've heard of these people, I've never met anyone who doesn't care what others think.

Players too easily forget they were once beginners and had a difficult time finding someone to hit balls with. Is it really too much effort for an accomplished player to take a few minutes and hit with someone not as good? For most players it seems so.

Too many players become snobs when they become average in ability.

Catholic Central to play Escanaba in state Class A football playoffs

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Cvengros after the Stevenson game. "But I don't think that we've ever had a team that's had the character to come back like this team."

"We haven't had to come back too often. But this is the most impressive team I've ever had. These last couple of weeks I've had a doctor sitting on the bench," he added, pointing to his heart.

What about the finals, coach?

"It's very exciting, but very time

consuming," said Cvengros. I'd like to get back to just coaching football. The whole town is really behind us. The whole U.P. must have called to wish us well. I've never seen anything like it.

"We don't think we'll be able to run on Catholic Central with as much success as we have against other teams. So we'll throw at least as much as we did against Stevenson." And that was for 335 yards, folks.

It was easy for Cvengros to sum up his feelings about the finals. "We've

had a lot more coverage lately than we've ever had. I just hope that it doesn't turn our heads."

MEANWHILE, DOWN south, Catholic Central faces its unpleasant, and final challenge to its undefeated record.

The Shamrocks have been pointing toward the dome all year. First for the Catholic League title, now for the state championship.

It was a confident group of CC gridders at the start of the year under coach

Tom Mach. With an experienced team ready and willing, they've thought success the whole way.

At times, it seemed as if they were the only ones who believed that they could do it. Football experts haughtily predicted a Shamrock fold-up. If it wasn't against Brother Rice, than Notre Dame would beat them. If not them, then DeLaSalle, or Dearborn Fordson, or . . .

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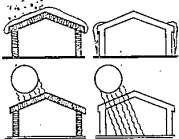
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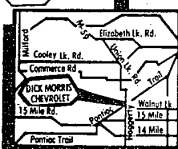


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