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# A Brief History of the Notts Open Tennis Tournament

## By Frank Eggins

In common with so many other 'annual' events, the Notts. Open Tennis Tournament was not held during the two World Wars. Apart from those sad times, however, the Tournament has been held every year since its inception in 1887, when each of the Singles events was appropriately won by a member of the redoubtable Snook family.

That first Tournament, and succeeding ones until 1899, were held at Trent Bridge or the neighbouring grounds of Notts. Castle C.C. In 1899 the Tournament moved to the Park and there it has remained to the present day, using not only the Association's own courts but those of the Park and Newcastle Tennis Clubs, probably the oldest clubs in Nottingham.

Connoisseurs of the game will be interested to compare the international flavour of the winners since 1946 with the famous names of pre-war years who achieved the Notts. Open title; the brothers F. W. and H. D. Snook; C. P. Dixon, considered by many to be the finest English Doubles player of all time, twice a Singles finalist at Wimbledon, twice Doubles winner there and a member of the team which beat Australia to regain the Davis Cup for Great Britain too many years ago – Notts. men all, these; E. R. Allen, 'half' of the famous Allen twins, a Singles winner here on five occasions; A. W. Gore, H. L. Doherty, L. A. Godfree – and, in 1932, the current President of Notts. L.T.A., Eric Attewell.

Among the ladies too, names from the past evoke recognition and memories – Mrs. Lambert Chambers, Miss F. E. M. Snook, who won the first Ladies' Singles in 1887 and was still in there winning a decade later, in 1895 and 1896; the ageless Miss Middleton, who won the last pre-war event in 1939 and followed this by winning the first post-war one in 1946. And of course Miss Freda James, later Mrs. Hammersley, surely the finest Notts. woman player ever, twice Wimbledon Doubles winner (with Kay

Stammers) and a regular member of the British Wightman Cup team of those days.

In 1964 The Lawn Tennis Association authorised the sponsoring of tennis tournaments. In that year, Notts. were fortunate to gain the support of the Mansfield Brewery Co., a support which has been steadily maintained every year since and which has earned the gratitude not only of the Association but of the public too, for thus they have been given the opportunity to see players of very high standard – in that first year, Miss Darlene Hard beat Miss Maria Bueno in the Ladies' Singles final.

Then in 1966 John Player and Sons added their support and they too have continued it annually since, not only financially but in other ways of first importance – such as the design and production of this programme. With 1968 and the advent in this Country of truly 'open' tennis, a reorganisation of the help given by Player's has resulted in a greater monetary content to enable this Tournament to maintain and indeed expand the standard of tennis and of competitors, standards which the growing number of spectators has come to expect.

There are many others to whom thanks are due – the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Nottingham and their Ladies, unfailing Patrons on Finals day; the willing voluntary helpers; the citizens of Nottingham who feed and accommodate the players in their homes; not least, of course, the competitors themselves, from many parts of the world, old friends and new, whom it is a pleasure to meet and watch for a brief week in each year.

It is the aim of the organisers to continue to provide entertainment and thrills of the kind which have brought you here today and will, it is hoped, bring you – and your friends – again and again.

(History based upon Notts. L.T.A. records and material compiled by late Messrs. F. T. Walker and H. A. Page).

## OPEN GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES

FIRST ROUND	Second Round	Third Round	Fourth Round	Semi-Finals	FINAL
1. L. Ayala (Chile)	Ayala 6-0 6-3	Ayala 6-1 6-2			
2. H. R. A. Stokes	McDonald 11-9 6-4				
3. S. Fitelson (U.S.A.)	Cantin W/O	Szakacs 5-7 6-3 8-6			
4. F. McDonald (S.A.)					
5. E. Cantin (U.S.A.)					
6.					
7. J. Ashman	Szakacs 4-6 6-2 6-2	Burrell 6-3 6-4			
8. G. Szakacs (Aus.)	Robinson 6-3 6-1				
9. W. Dennis (U.S.A.)	Burrell 12-10 6-2				
10. J. J. F. Robinson					
11. R. Power					
12. B. Burrell (Aus.)					
13. D. McKenzie (Rhodesia)	McKenzie W/O	Schroeder 6-2 6-2			
14.	Schroeder 6-0 6-0				
15. R. Marsden					
16. D. Schroeder (S.A.)					
17. S. Matthews (G.B.)	Matthews 6-1 6-1	Matthews 7-5 6-2			
18. S. Bocquet					
19.	Johanson W/O	Baleson 6-2 6-1			
20. R. F. Johanson (Aus.)	Bolton W/O				
21.					
22. B. Bolton (Canada)					
23. A. B. Oscroft	Baleson 6-0 6-2	Krog W/O			
24. M. Baleson (S.A.)					
25. R. Krog (S.A.)	Krog 6-3 6-2				
26. J. D. Logan					
27.					
28.					
29.					
30. B. Finger (U.S.A.)		Primrose W/O			
31. P. Burwash (Canada)	Primrose 6-0 6-4	Muench W/O			
32. G. Primrose (Aus.)					
33.					
34. T. Muench (U.S.A.)	Muench W/O				
35.					
36.					
37. D. Rick	Norgauer 6-1 6-3	Devenish W/O			
38. J. Norgauer (U.S.A.)					
39. S. Devenish					
40. D. Berns (U.S.A.)					
41. W. Brown	Brown 3-6 10-8 6-1	Kerr 6-4 6-4			
42. A. Fanowrios (Aus.)					
43.	Kerr W/O				
44. G. Kerr (Aus.)					
45. C. Saake (U.S.A.)	Irvine W/O	Hawkes 6-2 7-5			
46. H. Irvine (Rhodesia)					
47. R. Thompson	Hawkes 6-0 6-2				
48. R. Hawkes (N.Z.)					
49.	Mercer W/O	Mercer W/O			
50. T. J. Mercer	Dawson W/O				
51. E. R. Dawson					
52. T. Farquhar (U.S.A.)					
53. B. White (Aus.)	White W/O	White 6-4 6-3			
54.					
55. R. Tutt	Hiskins 6-3 6-2				
56. K. Hiskins (Aus.)					
57. E. Pinder	Pinder W/O	Pinder 6-4 6-1			
58.					
59. M. Thompson	Thompson W/O				
60.					
61. E. McCabe (Aus.)	McCabe W/O	Wooldridge 6-4 6-2			
62.					
63. C. Allatt	Wooldridge 6-0 6-0				
64. K. Wooldridge (G.B.)					

# EVENT 1

## OPEN LADIES' SINGLES

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
1. Miss J. Tegart (Aus.)	}	}	}
2. Miss A. Sinclair			
3. Mrs. L. Ayala (Chile)			
4. Miss S. Tutt			
5. Miss L. Kable (S.A.)			
6. Miss Gitafrì (Arg.)			
7. Mrs. H. Price			
8. Miss M. Aschner (U.S.A.)			
9. Miss E. Emmanuel (S.A.)			
10. Miss H. Chellingworth			
11. Mrs. C. Loomes			
12. Mrs. M. Muench (U.S.A.)			
13. Miss M. Katz (S.A.)			
14. Miss A. Rigby			
15. Mrs. R. Keast			
16. Miss V. Rogers (U.S.A.)			

# EVENT 2

## OPEN GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	THIRD ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
1. K. Wooldridge and S. Matthews	}	}	}	}
2. R. Thompson and J. S. Fletcher				
3. J. E. Smith and S. B. Hoare				
4. J. Norgaver and P. Burwash				
5. E. Pinder and H. R. A. Stokes				
6. F. McDonald and B. Bolton				
7.				
8.				
9. R. Krog and M. Baleson				
10. D. Mercer and S. Bocquet				
11. B. White and G. Kerr				
12. J. J. F. Robinson and R. J. Brooks				
13. D. Rick and M. Thompson				
14. J. D. Logan and J. W. Bee				
15.				
16. W. Dennis and T. Muench				
17.				
18.				
19. K. Hiskins and R. Johansson				
20. P. Hoffman and M. Elvin				
21. R. Tutt and J. Saunders				
22. E. Cantin and A. Fanowrios				
23. W. Brown and E. McCabe				
24. G. Primrose and D. Schroeder				
25. D. McKenzie and H. Irvine				
26. C. Allatt and R. Marsden				
27.				
28.				
29.				
30.				
31. B. Burrell and G. Szakacs				
32. L. Ayala and R. Hawkes				

# EVENT 3

## OPEN LADIES' DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
1. Miss J. Tegart and Miss E. Emmanuel	}	}	}
2. Mrs. C. Loomes and Miss C. Neilson			
3. Miss Gitafrì and Mrs. H. Price			
4. Miss L. Kable and Miss M. Katz			
5. Miss A. Rigby and Miss S. Tutt			
6. Miss G. Holliwell and Mrs. E. Francis			
7. Mrs. L. Ayala and Mrs. T. Muench			
8. Miss V. Rogers and Miss M. Aschner			

# EVENT 4

## OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND	SECOND ROUND	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
1. G. Primrose and Miss J. Tegart	}	}	}
2. R. Tutt and Miss S. Tutt			
3. R. Krog and Miss L. Kable			
4. G. Kerr and Miss H. Chellingworth			
5. S. Matthews and Miss M. Aschner			
6. F. McDonald and Miss C. Neilson			
7. B. Bolton and Miss Gitafrì			
8. R. Hawkes and Miss V. Rogers			
9. K. Wooldridge and Miss E. Emmanuel			
10. J. J. F. Robinson and Miss A. Sinclair			
11. B. Burrell and Miss A. Rigby			
12. T. Muench and Mrs. M. Muench			
13. D. Schroeder and Mrs. H. Price			
14. K. Hiskins and Miss M. Katz			
15. J. Ashman and Mrs. C. Loomes			
16. L. Ayala and Mrs. L. Ayala			

# EVENT 5

# Record of Winners Nottingham Lawn Tennis Tournament Open Men's Singles

1887	F. W. Snook	1935	D. Prenn
1888	J. R. Deykin	1936	G. Lum
1889	W. D. Hamilton	1937	N. Taylor
1890	D. G. Chaytor	1938	A. Procopio
1891	T. Chaytor	1939	A. D. Brown
1892	F. O. Stoker	1946	G. R. B. Meredith
1893	H. L. Fleming	1947	R. McKenzie (New Zealand)
1894	H. S. Mahony	1948	S. Kukuljevic (India)
1895	W. R. Martin	1949	C. Spsychala (Portugal)
1896	E. R. Allen	1950	G. E. Brown (Australia)
1897	H. D. Snook	1951	R. T. Connor (South Africa)
1898	F. Payn	1952	N. M. Cockburn (South Africa)
1899	E. R. Allen	1953	W. A. Knight
1900	E. R. Allen	1954	J. A. Barry (New Zealand)
1901	C. P. Dixon	1955	M. J. Anderson (Australia)
1902	H. D. Snook	1956	J. A. Pickard
1903	E. R. Allen	1957	G. Koenig (South Africa)
1904	E. R. Allen	1958	P. Darmon (France)
1905	A. W. Gore	1959	L. A. Gerrard (New Zealand)
1906	A. W. Gore	1960	A. E. G. Bailey (Australia)
1907	C. P. Dixon	1961	I. S. Crookenden (New Zealand)
1908	W. V. Eaves	1962	A. Arilla (Spain)
1909	H. L. Doherty	1963	R. Howe (Australia)
1910	A. W. Gore	1964	L. A. Gerrard (New Zealand)
1911	R. W. Heath	1965	J. Saul (South Africa)
1912	A. W. Gore	1966	I. Tiriatic (Rumania)
1913	S. N. Doust	1967	B. Fairlie (New Zealand)
1914	A. W. Gore		
1919	P. O'Hara Wood		
1920	C. L. Winslow		
1921	W. L. Clements		
1922	L. A. Godfree		
1923	L. A. Godfree		
1924	J. M. Hillyard		
1925	G. S. Fletcher		
1926	G. S. Fletcher		
1927	F. H. Jarvis		
1928	C. H. Kingsley		
1929	W. E. Lingelbach		
1930	J. H. Frowen		
1931	G. O. Jameson		
1932	W. E. Attewell		
1933	G. Jason		
1934	L. A. Cater		



# Record of Winners Nottingham Lawn Tennis Tournament Open Ladies' Singles

1887	Miss F. E. M. Snook	1936	Miss Ford
1888	Miss F. Noon	1937	Miss Ford
1889	Miss Wood	1938	Miss Ford
1890	Miss Rowe	1939	Miss Middleton
1891	Miss Evans	1946	Miss Middleton
1892	Miss Goodman	1947	Mrs. N. Blair
1893	Miss Nunneley	1948	Miss G. Hoaching
1894	Miss Graham	1949	Mrs. P. Todd (U.S.A.)
1895	Miss F. E. M. Snook	1950	Miss E. A. Middleton
1896	Miss F. E. M. Snook	1951	Mrs. F. Bartlett (South Africa)
1897	Miss Bourne	1952	Miss B. Penrose (Australia)
1907	Miss Boucher and Miss Garfitt divided	1953	Miss J. M. Scott (South Africa)
1908	Mrs. Winch	1954	Miss J. F. Burke (New Zealand)
1909	Mrs. Winch	1955	Miss S. Bloomer
1910	Mrs. Lambert Chambers	1956	Miss S. Reynolds (South Africa)
1911	Mrs. Lambert Chambers	1957	Miss M. Hellyer (Australia)
1912	Mrs. Hannam	1958	Miss R. Morrison (New Zealand)
1913	Mrs. Hannam	1959	Miss M. Hellyer (Australia)
1914	Mrs. Hannam	1960	Miss L. Hutchings (South Africa)
1919	Mrs. Larcombe	1961	Miss M. E. O'Donnell
1920	Mrs. Edington	1962	Miss A. Smith (New Zealand)
1921	Mrs. Beamish	1963	Miss D. Hard (U.S.A.)
1922	Mrs. Beamish	1964	Miss J. Lehane (Australia)
1923	Mrs. Shepherd Barron	1965	Miss J. Venneboer (Netherlands)
1924	Miss Ryan	1966	Miss J. Venneboer (Netherlands)
1925	Mrs. Beamish	1967	Miss M. Harris (Australia)
1926	Mrs. Beamish		
1927	Mrs. Beamish		
1928	Mrs. Beamish		
1929	Miss Ryan		
1930	Miss F. James		
1931	Miss F. James		
1932	Miss Ford		
1933	Miss Ford		
1934	Miss F. James		
1935	Miss R. J. Smith		