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on the court was astounding. The players were a credit to the game and their countries.

Aside from Buddy Pontiac, Inc., the organizations contributing to the tournament were the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, the Greater Washington Tennis Association, the District of Columbia Department of Recreation, the National Capital Park Service, the District of Columbia Public Schools, and the District of Columbia Youth Opportunity Services. Assisting were the Courtesy Patrol, the Metropolitan Boys Club, and the Police Boys Club. The tournament received prominent coverage in the Washington newspapers, and Sunday's play was shown live on the Eastern Educational Television Network--WTTA, channel 26. Thus, the tournament had official and voluntary support from a variety of sources.

Mr. President, you and others in this chamber may be aware of my feelings with respect to football and baseball, especially if the competition involves a team from Minnesota. I am certainly not blind, however, to the civic consciousness revealed in the account which I have just given you of an attempt to engage the interest of inner city youth in a major sport which should be more and more accessible to people in our crowded cities. I hope that tournaments of this kind will stimulate demand for tennis courts and equipment throughout the cities of this land. We can only applaud the expressed wish of the tournament planners that out of such events will one day come "the Austin Carr of tennis" in Washington. For that matter, another Arthur Ashe would do just fine.

Mr. President, I request unanimous consent that certain items concerning the inner city tennis tournament be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Washington Post, Feb. 8, 1971]
TIEBREAKER RULE BRINGS CONFUSION: FILLOL TURNS ASIDE KOCH IN FIVE-SET TENNIS FINAL

(By Mark Asher)

Jaime Fillol of Chile continued his high level of tennis and defeated Thomaz Koch of Brazil, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, for the Buddy Pontiac International championship yesterday at McKinley High School.

The even match between two South Americans, who had split six previous encounters in the past two years, turned on Koch's confusion about the rule on who serves first following a best-of-nine-point tiebreaker game.

Koch served the final three points and staved off a quadruple match point to win the fourth-set tiebreaker, 5-4. The tiebreaker is counted as a single game and in this case was counted as Fillol's service game.

According to the rules Koch should serve the next game. But Fillol was given the balls and served the first point of the fifth set before Haig Tufenk, the umpire, rectified the situation. Koch had won the point, which did not count.

"I was confused," the long-haired Brazilian said. "When I served I really wasn't in it."

SERVICE PROBLEMS HURT

Koch lost his service and each player then proceeded to hold his serve for the remainder of the match. But Koch noted he never should have been in such a predicament because he lost a 4-2 advantage in the third set when he ran into service problems and

lost 16 of 18 points in dropping four straight games.

Tufenk explained the tiebreaker situation: "The problem is that neither the players nor the ballboys know the rules. It's the first time the tiebreaker has been used in Washington."

The tiebreaker is newly implemented on the indoor circuit this year as the game of tennis reaches streamlined proportions for television and attempts to lose its country club hue.

EVERYBODY CONFUSED

Coincidentally, this player confusion arose at the nation's first professional indoor tournament at an indoor city facility. If the players were confused, imagine the confusion of the inner-city youth to whom the tournament was directed as a pilot project to expose them to the sport.

Following the match, one youngster turned to a reporter and asked, "Hey, mister. Who beat?"

In an informal survey, the youngsters in the crowd of 1,200 were most confused by tennis' traditional scoring system, which scores four points as 15, 30, 40 and game. They also wanted to know most about how much money the players make.

The scoring system made about as much sense to most of the 400 youths as the scoring in a cricket match does to the average American.

Bill Gaskins, the tournament director, said he would favor experimenting with a simplified scoring system next year. In addition, both he and the players did not object to noise during the match.

Both Fillol and Koch stopped play frequently yesterday. But Koch noted this was not because of the noise, but because of the movement behind the court, making it difficult for the players to follow the flight of the ball.

As for money, Fillol won about \$20,000 last year. He is not considered among the world's 25 best players. The \$1,500 he pocketed yesterday was the biggest payday of his career. Koch won \$1,000. The match was the first loss in Washington by Koch, the winner of the 1959 Washington Star International.

Jim Osborne and Jim McManus of the United States defeated Juan Gisbert and Manuel Orantes of Spain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, for the doubles title.

BUDDY PONTIAC INC. WELCOMES AMERICA'S FIRST INNER-CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

It is seldom that an individual or an institution is presented the opportunity to make a major contribution to an important cause. With this thought in mind, I should like to assure our honorary chairman, Mayor Walter Washington, our distinguished guests and all of the students attending the matches, that it is our sincere pleasure and our privilege to be associated with this event.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. William Riordan, player chairman for the U.S.L.T.A. for bringing to us an outstanding field of players; to the Greater Washington Tennis Association for their fund raising support; to Henry Kennedy our chairman for his expertise and general assistance; and certainly to Dr. James Jones, Director of Youth Opportunity Services, and his competent staff, who did so much to make ours a "first class" tournament in every respect.

As one who was born, schooled and has worked in the "inner city" during his entire lifetime, I can speak from experience regarding our progress to date and what still lies ahead in order to make our city into a model for the entire nation.

In recent years we have accomplished much, primarily through the utilization of government funding. In the future we may accomplish much more through the involvement of private industry in neighborhood and youth projects throughout our city.

Our secret hope is that somewhere in the

grandstand sits tomorrow's Arthur Ashe, a boy who can go to the top of professional tennis, but be that as it may, we are certain that our matches and our high school tennis clinics will provide entertainment, challenge and personal fulfillment to the youth of our Nation's Capital . . . none deserve more.

Sincerely,

MORTON W. COHEN,
President, Buddy Pontiac, Inc.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I am happy to serve as honorary chairman of this Inner City Tennis Tournament that will stimulate interest in tennis among inner-city residents.

We welcome to our city these international tennis stars—representing seven countries—who will participate. Their wide-range representation and outstanding skills will provide an arena in which young minds can be challenged, international goodwill fostered and tennis promoted.

We are extremely gratified that our Nation's Capital has been selected as the inaugural city for this event. Hopefully, as a result of our efforts in this first "Inner-City" Tennis Tournament, next year we will see similar programs instituted in other major metropolitan areas through the nation.

Proceeds from this tournament will go to the Washington Interscholastic Tennis Association to aid our on-going inner-city tennis programs.

This tournament is made possible through the concerted efforts of Buddy Pontiac, Inc., the United States Lawn Tennis Association, the Greater Washington Tennis Association, the D. C. Department of Recreation, National Capital Park Service, D. C. Public Schools and the D. C. Youth Opportunity Services, with the assistance of the Courtesy Patrol, the Metropolitan Boys Club and the Police Boys Club.

This is another fine example of business, government, community organizations and individual citizens working together to better our community.

Mayor WALTER E. WASHINGTON.

One of the more gratifying aspects of being a professional tennis player is watching interested youths developing their athletic talents in pursuit of becoming top-notch competitors. I am confident that seeing many of the world's top tennis players in action during this tournament will not only provide exciting sports entertainment for all but will inspire many potentially great athletes living in the inner-city to become seriously interested in the game of tennis as well.

Professional tennis, like football, basketball and baseball, now provides an excellent living for any underprivileged youth who works hard and makes it to the top. But more than that, the physical demands of tennis help develop a healthy mind and body for every boy or girl who plays the game.

I am very happy to welcome the many Washington area public school students to this great new tournament. You will be seeing outstanding champions competing for the title and prize money. I hope to compete here next year and challenge this year's winner. All of us owe a debt of thanks to Buddy Pontiac, Inc., for their successful effort to bring big-time tennis to the Washington inner-city.

Everyone cannot become a championship tennis player, but each of us can be a championship person—and that's what it's all about!

Sincerely,

ARTHUR ASHE.

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Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. President, Mr. Stuart H. Loory, one of the most percep-