



Evonne Builds Up Fine Tennis Record

Evonne, then 12, pictured after her first big win in Sydney last year

Evonne Goolagong, the 13 years old Barellan girl, who is described as one of the most exciting girl prospects in Australian tennis, has put more titles behind her in her flashing road to success.

During the holidays this month, she won the New South Wales country under 15 singles and doubles at White City, the principal courts in Sydney.

At Naremburn, a Sydney suburb, she won the Northern Suburbs under 15 singles and doubles and at Canterbury, she won the New South Wales hardcourt under 15 singles and doubles.

Now she has set her eyes on the New South Wales lawn under 15 singles and doubles titles in May.

Evonne has excited tennis commentators whenever she has played in the big tournaments.

Famous former American tennis star, Maureen Connolly, who had to leave the game after a bad road accident, said in Sydney this month that she was keen to help coach Evonne even only for a day or two.

Playing in Sydney this month, Evonne was partnered in all her doubles titles by Frances Luff, another promising country girl from Gundagai.

Last year when only 12 years of age, Evonne jumped into prominence by taking the N.S.W. country under 15 singles giving away up to three years to her opponents.

Evonne is coached in Sydney by Vic Edwards, who has handled many of Australia's great players.

While in Sydney she stays with the Edwards family at Roseville, and has partnered Mr. Edwards' daughter, Patricia, a number of times.

Vic Edwards' forecast about Evonne Goolagong is that she has all the ability to become as great a player as Margaret Smith, currently Australia's finest woman tennis player, and probably the best in the world at the moment.

After her succession of victories in Sydney this month, the Sporting commentator of the *Sydney Sun* wrote of her: "The improving, almost stroke-perfect Aboriginal girl has a court temperament which is an example to all."

The commentator added: "Evonne's next visit to Sydney will be in the May holidays when she is almost certain to take two great steps on the road to Wimbledon by adding the New South Wales lawn under 15 singles and doubles titles to her long list."