Irvington's Best: Emery Neale Era

Backhand - Bill Rose

A flawless, devastatingly accurate shot members coveted.

Forehand - Emery Neale

Nobody ever hit a tennis ball like Emery Neal

Heavy topspin with an open stance that at a certain time was among the best in the land according to Bobby Riggs.

Volley - Sam Lee

A short sweet stroke that made him one of the best doubles players for over 30 years

First serve - Jack Neer

Flat and sudden. Think Noel Ryan

Second serve - Harry Doyle

A vicious left handed "canopener" that took you into the next court.

Movement - Bill Babson

A five foot four inch twohander with the lungs of a long distance runner.

Return of serve - Jimmy Jackson

Solid and as reliable as your phone bill.

Drop shot - Emery Neale

Out of the blue with the touch of a pool shark.

Overhead - Emery Neale

The sound of a cannon going off

Slices, chops and spins - Clyde Knox

Avoid on a windy day

Half Volley - Art Fish

Grace under pressure

Lob - Jack Neer

Undetectable. He could drop the ball on a dime

Arguments ?? Affirmations ??

Bob Dietsche