

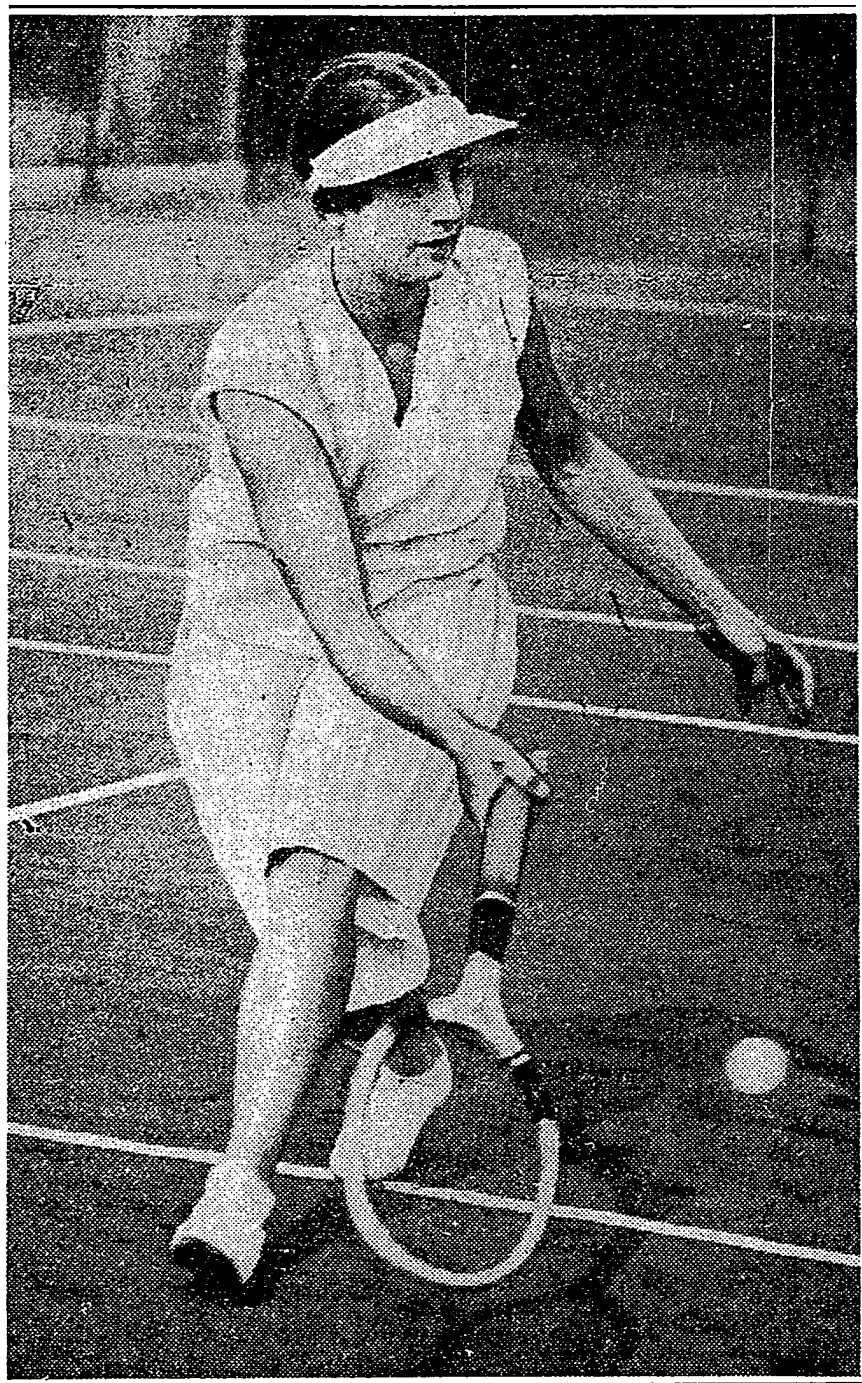
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**MRS. HELEN WILLS MOODY IN ACTION YESTERDAY.**  
The National Champion, Making First Appearance Here Since Marriage,  
During Informal Match With Elmer Griffin at Forest Hills.

## MRS. MOODY SHINES IN PRACTICE MATCH

**Tennis Champion, in First Appearance Here Since Marriage, Shows Added Skill.**

### WINS FROM ELMER GRIFFIN

**Triumphs by 7-5, 3-3, at Forest Hills, Employing Clever Change of Pace in Play.**

Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, who has held complete sway over the American, English and French women's singles championships for the last two years, returned to New York City courts yesterday for the first time since her marriage last Fall to Frederick S. Moody of San Francisco and engaged in an impressive practice match at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills.

On the opposite side of the net was the veteran Elmer Griffin, himself a former resident of San Francisco, who now lives in New York. Griffin, a brother of the noted Clarence J. (Peck) Griffin, former co-holder of the men's national doubles championship, first played against Mrs. Moody back in 1917, and since coming to New York four years ago has been the first every year to oppose her in exhibitions here.

Mrs. Moody, six-times winner of the women's national singles crown during the last seven years, is in New York on her way to Europe and also in the interest of her sketches which are now on display at the Grand Central Art Galleries. Between now and April 22, the date on which she will sail for Europe on the Bereñgaria to defend her titles in England and France, Mrs. Moody plans to divide her time between exhibiting her drawings and playing practice matches.

#### Stroke Assortment Improved.

Although her practice program was interrupted for several days during her trip by train from San Francisco, Mrs. Moody showed all of her last season's brilliance and an improved assortment of strokes in taking the two sets played with Griffin yesterday by scores of 7-5, 6-3.

Mrs. Moody's mixture of chop strokes into her repertoire was particularly noted by Griffin, who said after the match that Mrs. Moody is less mechanical in her strokes this year and is now employing a clever change of pace. In Griffin's opinion, Mrs. Moody is more and more patterning her style of play after that of a man's game. Griffin also was enthusiastic about the use of a side spin in her service which affords her a chance to get to the net quicker than before.

Each broke through the other's service in the first two games of the initial set. In the fifth game, with Griffin serving, Mrs. Moody made a sensational return to take the advantage, after the score had been

at deuce twice, and won the next point when Griffin sent the ball outside on a return to take the lead in games, 3 to 2. Griffin captured Mrs. Moody's service to even matters and in the ninth game won his service to lead 5 to 4.

#### Mrs. Moody Squares Match.

Mrs. Moody sent one past him on the right to win the final point of the tenth game, squaring the match at 5—all. Mrs. Moody broke through her rival's service in the eleventh and won the set by taking two straight points after the score had been at deuce once in the twelfth game.

Griffin continued to play in the back court mostly throughout the second set, just as in the opening set, coming to the net only rarely. Mrs. Moody was off to a 2-to-0 lead in short order and then Griffin won his own service. Mrs. Moody captured the next two games, making it 4-1,

taking the fifth after the score had been at deuce five times. Griffin rallied to annex the next two, bringing the count up to 4-3. Only a pair of double faults which she served on the second point marred Mrs. Moody's play in the eighth game, and in the ninth, leading at 40 to 30, she sent the ball down the right side of the court to win the final point and the set.

Mrs. Moody and Griffin will engage in another exhibition on the West Side Tennis Club courts tomorrow, weather permitting.