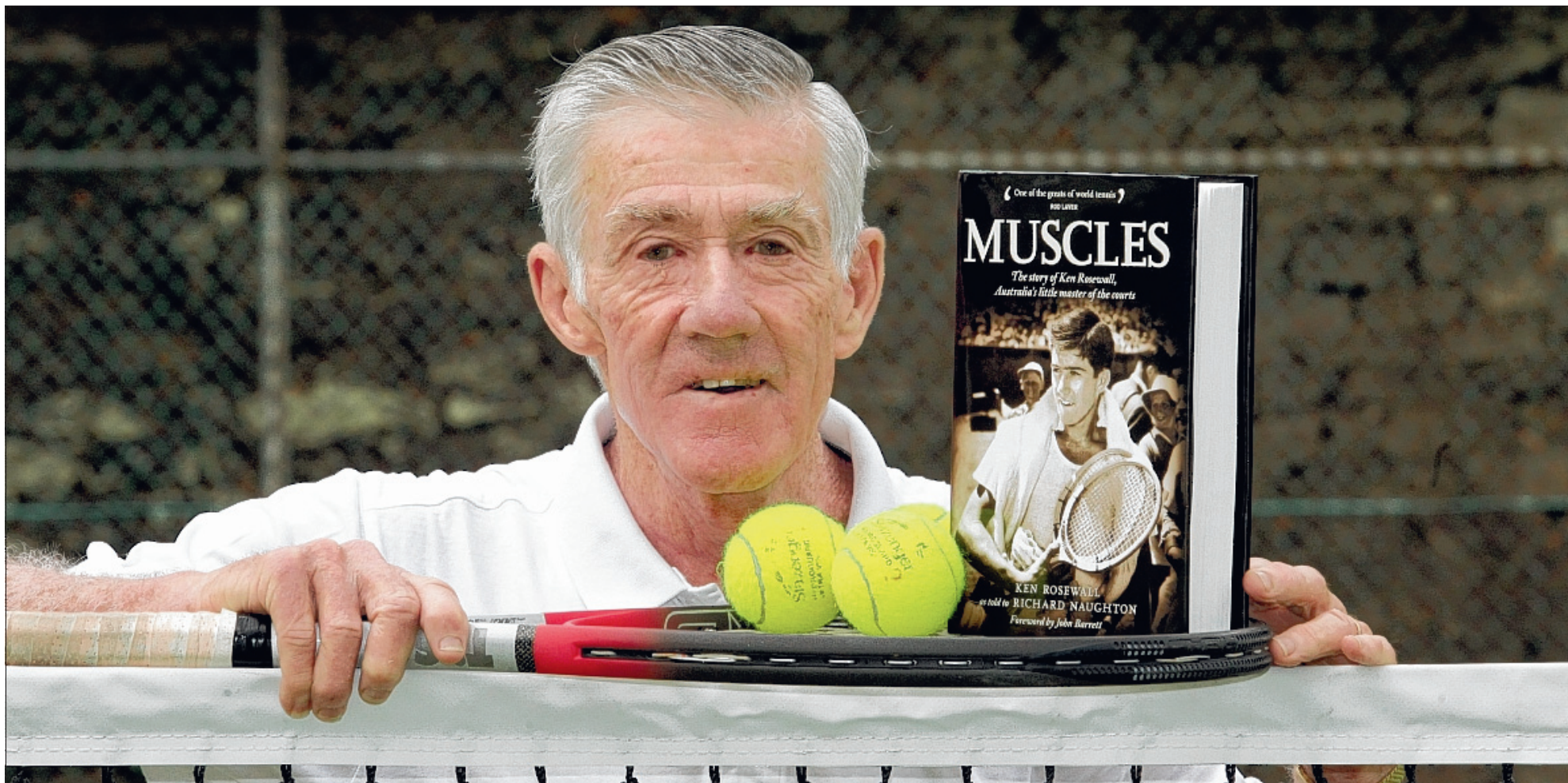


TENNIS



Turrumurra tennis legend Ken Rosewall has released his biography *Muscles: The story of Ken Rosewall, Australia's little master of the courts* written by Richard Naughton.

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Muscles was all flair and style on the tennis court

Torin Chen

HE was nicknamed “muscles” but tennis legend Ken Rosewall used his speed, agility and flair to out-muscle his opponents.

The Turrumurra resident tells his extraordinary journey from the amateur to professional ranks in his first authorised biography, *Muscles: The story of Ken Rosewall, Australia's little master of the courts*.

At just 170cm, Rosewall was small in stature and affectionately known as “muscles” by his opponents, who joked that he didn’t have any.

Rosewall, who won an astonishing 18 grand slam titles including eight singles, nine doubles and one mixed doubles, was given the nickname by fellow Australian player Lew Hoad.

“Lew had a strong body

and a lot of muscles....but I have never been a muscly type of person,” he said.

“But somehow with the way the game was played, I stayed consistent and fit enough with no injuries which kept me as a top player for many more years.

“All my tennis friends called me muscles.”

Muscles tells the story of a talented young boy who grew up to become one of

the game’s most dominant players from the 1950s through to the introduction of open tennis in 1968 and into the 1970s.

Throughout the narrative, as told to Melbourne-based writer Richard Naughton, Rosewall reflects on the greatest moments of his career and gives his thoughts about the enormous changes in the game which he experienced.

The book took eight months to write but Rosewall could easily have spent more time talking about his career and sharing more anecdotal stories.

“There’s other things I have probably forgotten about,” he said.

“There were a lot of things which happened in the professional days.”

Muscles, with a foreword written by John Barrett, is available for \$39.95.

CAREER BEST

■ **DAVIS CUP:** Championship-winning team member 1953, 1955, 1956, 1973

■ **DEBUT:** 1953

■ **HIGHLIGHT:** Won deciding singles rubber against the US in 1955 final

■ **AWARDS:** International Tennis Hall of Fame (1990) and Australian Tennis Hall of Fame (1995)

HOCKEY

Waltzing Mathilda aims for junior world cup spot

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“It would be beautiful to make the team, really exciting and a great opportunity to play international hockey and get some experience, even if it’s at the junior level.”

The Macquarie University medical science student clinched her place in the Australian under-21s squad after starring in NSW’s win at the national under-21s championships.

The team won all but one

of their round-robin games before beating South Australia in the final 3-1.

While hockey is her focus with next year’s junior world cup on the horizon, the Gordon first-grade cricketer said she had not

ruled out pursuing cricket. “I’m still keeping my options open,” she said.

“You never know what is around the corner.”

Carmichael was a *North Shore Times* Junior Sports Star Award finalist in 2010.

THE FACTS

■ **Name:** Mathilda Carmichael

■ **Age:** 18

■ **Club:** Sydney University

■ **Rep honours:** NSW women’s Opens, Australian under-21s

■ **Position:** Centre half-forward