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Dear Racquetball Friends:

It doesn't seem possible, but here we are again, putting out another magazine, and there has been a lot of action around the racquetball world.

I would like to report to you first on the survey on amateurism vs. professionalism. First of all, I would like to say thanks to all the members who filled out the survey and also the questionnaire. We had over a thousand replies out of 3,800 members and that percentage is amazing. It's also amazing that the poll was an even split, 520 for leaving IRA tournaments open to pros and 519 against.

I think what this is telling us—and a lot of you wrote such comments on the questionnaires—is that we should have some open tournaments and some closed, strictly for amateurs. I think it is important that each state gives an opportunity for all levels of competition, so everybody has a chance to play and also a chance to win.

As you know, we have a meeting of the Board of Directors the first part of December and I know they will weigh heavily the results of the poll and come up with ideas to back all types of activities that pertain to racquetball and are good for racquetball.

Another item which is causing a great deal of concern, of course, is the ball. We have many, many letters complaining about the ball and I want to assure you that the Board of Directors, our President and I are working every day trying to solve this problem.

We have been in touch with Don Strong at Seamco and they have quit making the ball until they can come up with the reason for the breakage. There is a report in this magazine from Mr. Strong about the ball and what they're trying to do to improve it. I want to assure you that we and Seamco appreciate your patience and we are going to solve this problem.

As you read this magazine, you will see that our state organizations are really starting to function and will make a great difference in our activity. I stress that everyone should get involved in your state association to help promote and develop racquetball.

As you know, we're trying this month to double our membership and if every one of you will take time out to sign up one new member for 1974, we can do it. If you need more applications or magazines to sign up more members, just let us know.

It has been an exciting six months since I became Executive Director. The future looks great for racquetball and as long as you members keep sending ideas and suggestions and help decide what is best for the IRA, we are going to have a great, great organization.

Sincerely,

Myron Roderick
Executive Director





Senior Singles champ Ken Porco rips into a kill shot.

The New Class Shows Lots Of Class

It was a typical October Sunday in San Diego. The temperature was 85 degrees, the Chargers were losing another football game and 10 of the best Senior (35-over) racquetball players in the U. S. and Canada were completing three days of play in the IRA National Invitation Senior Singles Championships at the San Diego Handball Racquet Club.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen was the host and International Masters champion. But someone forgot to tell Ken Porco of Louisville how to be properly considerate of your host.

Porco combined strength and superb physical conditioning to go undefeated in the three-day round robin, posting a perfect 9-0 record and 82.8 points.

Being a winner is nothing new to Ken. While at the University of Louisville, he won 12 letters in football, baseball and track. And in 1971 he teamed with Mike Zeitman of Louisville to win the IRA International Doubles championship.

The tournament format saw the players open with three matches on Friday, play four more on Saturday and two on Sunday. Each match was a 31-point game, with the players receiving .2 for every point scored and three bonus points for a win.

Myron Roderick of Stillwater, Okla., placed second with 77.8 points and the deciding match of the tournament was

Porco's 31-21 victory in their head-on meeting, Roderick's only loss.

Dr. Bud was third at 71.8, followed by: 4—Deryck Clay, Portola Valley, Calif., 69.2; 5—Bill King, Memphis, 67.9; 6—Bill Sellars, Dallas, 56.6; 7—John Halverson, San Diego, 50.2; 8—Peter James, Bellingham, Wash., 50.0; 9—Jim Trent, San Diego, 35.6; and 10—Don Wynn, Edmonton, Alberta, 27.6.

The Senior (35-44) Division is a new age

group in IRA play this year and will be a part of the 1974 Internationals. The Masters Division now is 45-54 and Golden Masters 55-over.

One of the outstanding matches of the tournament came in the first round when Roderick and King hooked up for an hour and a half before Roderick came out with a 31-26 decision.

In round three, Clay pulled the first

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Trophy winners at the Senior Singles, from left, front row—Myron Roderick, second; Ken Porco, champion; Bud Muehleisen, third; back row—Deryck Clay, Bill King, Jim Trent and Bill Sellars.





Myron Roderick

upset by edging Muehleisen, 31-28, in a great match. Other matches of note saw Roderick defeat Muehleisen, 31-28, and Clay, 31-29.

A steak-out was held at Dr. Bud's house Saturday night . . . Highlights of the party were Myron's joke telling, Peter James' expertise cooking the steaks, and Charlie Brumfield and D. C. Charlson helping to make Coors the No. 1 selling beer in the West . . . The popular spot at the party was the Jacuzzi . . . Special thanks to Cindy Sims, Sandy White and Paula Halverson for their work preparing the food . . . An excellent job of refereeing was turned in by Charlie Brumfield and Dave Charlson. Both called several "avoidable hinders" during the matches and the players accepted their calls very well . . . Special thanks to George Brown, Jr., owner of the San Diego Handball Racquet Club, who donated his courts, refreshments for players and his always pleasant personality.

Bob White

The Ref Just Can't Help Cheering

It was the third day of the National Senior Tournament in San Diego, when two of the best Racquetball players were ready to start their match. There was no referee present, so they picked one from the audience.

The performance of these two athletes included quick, cat-like retrieves, flat kill shots, slow lobs and powerful ceiling and passing shots. The cunning displayed in out-foxing one another included a slow kill shot from the rear, and variation in the serve. The referee kept score, called no hinders because of the good sportsmanship displayed by the players; they did not crowd one another.

Besides keeping score, the referee applauded one of the players a few times, and about half way through the game, jumped up and down in an exuberant manner; then suddenly realizing her outburst, she wanted to quit but was told to go on, and so Mrs. John Halverson did a very good job of refereeing the match between Dr. Muehleisen and his friend John.

Bill Schmeling

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The Champions Show 'em How

International IRA doubles champions Charlie Brumfield of San Diego and Steve Serot of St. Louis endorsed their top ranking by winning the Open Doubles Invitational tournament at Louisville.

They had to go three games in the finals to subdue Mike Zeitman of Louisville and Craig McCoy of Riverside, Calif., 21-13, 17-21, 21-8. Zeitman is a two-time IRA doubles champion.

The only snag the champs ran across in

their three matches came in the quarterfinals, when Mark Hiudt and Tom Kutas of Cincinnati squeezed out a 21-20 middle game. But Brumfield and Serot took the first and third by substantial 21-8, 21-9 margins.

Surprise of the tournament was the Dallas team of Luther Bernstein and Tom McKie, who dropped their opening match to Zeitman and McCoy, then battled back through the consolation

bracket to capture third place.

On their way to the consolation trophy, Bernstein and McKie—ousted in the round of 16 at the IRA in St. Louis—turned back the highly regarded teams of Bill Dunn and Bill Thurman, 21-19, 18-21, 21-18, and Len Stream and Mark Wayne, 21-14, 14-21, 21-5.

One of the strongest fields in Invitational Doubles history showed good balance throughout, with 11 of the 26 matches played going the three-game distance.

Brumfield and Serot stopped Stream and Wayne, 21-9, 21-1, in the semifinals while Zeitman and McCoy were slipping past Bud Muehleisen and Myron Roderick, 21-16, 16-21, 21-16.

The fifth annual tournament was played at the Louisville JCC with Andy Hyman serving as tournament director. Play was conducted Saturday night and all day Sunday after a Friday clinic for members of the Louisville Racquetball Association.



After bowling 'em over in the Open Doubles Invitational, the winners pick up their loot from tournament director Andy Hyman. From left, runners-up Craig McCoy and Mike Zeitman and champions Charlie Brumfield and Steve Serot.

Airline Pilot Bags an 'Ox'

By Kathy Rohrer

Gordon Kelly was flying high in more ways than one after the Oxford Athletic Club's Ox Open in Vancouver, Wash.

An airline pilot from Grand Rapids, Mich., Kelly was a late entry in the tournament, since his presence in the Northwest at tournament time was coincidental.

Kelly had just taken honors in a Midwest tournament and was at the top of his game for the Vancouver appearance. Still, the odds-on favorite in the championship match was Bill Fearing of Laguna Beach, Calif., a nationally ranked player and a consistent winner in west coast activities.

Fearing, top-seeded and owner of a prior victory over Kelly, lost only one early round game as he rolled into the finals. Kelly didn't lose any.

But Kelly's concentration and consistency proved the story of the finals.

Usually a late starter, Kelly came out shooting and took it to Fearing, 21-7, in the first game. Turn-around is fair play. With only two minutes to regroup, Fearing cleared the cobwebs, used much more finesse and varied his shots to win the second game by the same score.

The third game was all Kelly. He gained momentum early with unerring consistency in his passing shots and put it out of reach with a string of roll-outs off service returns, both backhand and forehand. The final score was 21-4.

In the open doubles, two relatively

Open Doubles Invitational Scoreboard

FIRST ROUND

Charlie Brumfield, San Diego—Steve Serot, St. Louis, bye; Mark Hiudt—Tom Kutas, Cincinnati, def. Davey Bledsoe—Randy Stafford, Knoxville, 21-18, 21-9; Len Stream—Mark Wayne, Hayward, Calif., def. Ken Porco—Don Rigazio, Louisville, 21-17, 18-21, 21-16; Dave Charlson—Ron Starkman, San Diego, def. Charlie Garfinkel—Chuck Wurzer, Buffalo, 21-18, 21-12; Mike Zeitman, Louisville—Craig McCoy, Riverside, Calif., def. Luther Bernstein—Tom McKie, Dallas, 21-15, 21-12; Don Wallace—Dave Yurgatis, New Britain, Conn., def. Alan Hyman—Fred Michels, Louisville, 21-18, 21-14; Bill Dunn, Hayward, Calif.—Bill Thurman, Redwood, Calif., def. Herman Abramovitz—Ike Gumer, Louisville, 21-15, 21-9; Bud Muehleisen, San Diego—Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Okla., def. Paul Ikier—Bill Schmidtke, Minneapolis, 21-15, 21-8.

QUARTERFINALS

Brumfield—Serot def. Hiudt—Kutas, 21-8, 20-21, 21-9; Stream—Wayne def. Charlson—Starkman, 21-17, 21-9; Zeitman—McCoy def. Wallace—Yurgatis, 21-11, 21-9; Muehleisen—Roderick def. Dunn—Thurman, 21-18, 21-18.

SEMIFINALS

Brumfield—Serot def. Stream—Wayne, 21-

9, 21-1; Zeitman—McCoy def. Muehleisen—Roderick, 21-16, 16-21, 21-16.

FINALS

Brumfield—Serot def. Zeitman—McCoy, 21-13, 17-21, 21-8.

CONSOLATIONS

First Round: Bledsoe—Stafford, bye; Garfinkel—Wurzer def. Porco—Rigazio, 21-11, 21-14; Bernstein—McKie def. Hyman—Michels, 21-15, 15-21, 21-20; Ikier—Schmidtke def. Abramovitz—Gumer, 20-21, 21-19, 21-15.

Second Round: Garfinkel—Wurzer def. Bledsoe—Stafford, 21-15, 16-21, 21-15; Bernstein—McKie def. Ikier—Schmidtke, 21-0, 21-0.

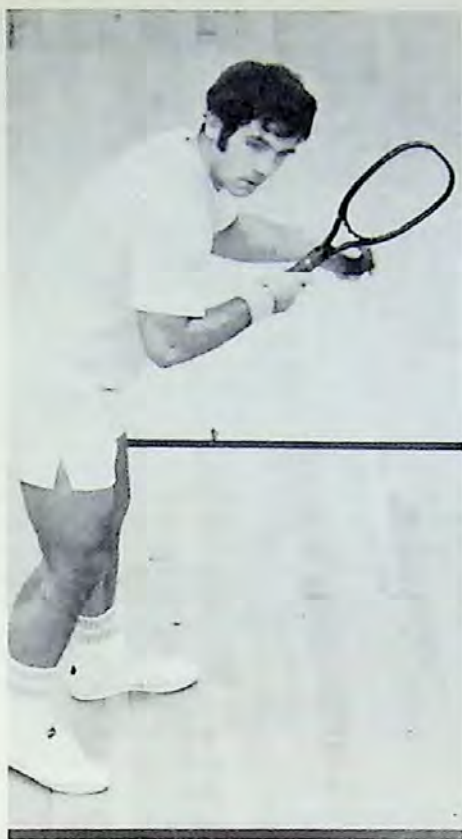
Third Round: Bernstein—McKie def. Garfinkel—Wurzer, 21-16, 21-12; Charlson—Starkman def. Hiudt—Kutas, 21-8, 21-15; Dunn—Thurman def. Wallace—Yurgatis, 15-21, 21-15, 21-7.

Fourth Round: Dunn—Thurman def. Charlson—Starkman, 21-18, 21-16.

Semifinals: Bernstein—McKie def. Dunn—Thurman, 21-19, 18-21, 21-18; Stream—Wayne def. Muehleisen—Roderick, 21-15, 3-21, 21-18.

Third Place: Bernstein—McKie def. Stream—Wayne, 21-14, 14-21, 21-5.

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Gordon Kelly

young teams battled for the championship with Bob Lund and Pete Lubisich of Portland, Ore., defeating Sid Williams and Al Metz of Tacoma, 21-19, 20-21, 21-20. And that's about as close as you can get.

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Bill Fearing def. Gene Altman, 21-18, 21-15; Bob Lund def. Steve Murata, 21-18, 21-11; Don Gessel def. Pete Lubisich, 21-18, 21-16; Gordon Kelly def. Charles McLarty, 21-12, 21-16.

Semifinals: Fearing def. Lund, 21-15, 21-19; Kelly def. Gessel, 21-14, 21-18.

Finals: Kelly def. Fearing, 21-7, 7-21, 21-4. Third: Lund default from Gessel. Consolation: Peter James def. Hank Marcus, 21-5, 21-11.

OPEN DOUBLES

Semifinals: Sid Williams-Al Metz def. Kelly-Dick Brouwer, 21-17, 21-7; Lund-Lubisich def. Altman-Doug Clark, 21-17, 21-18.

Finals: Lund-Lubisich def. Williams-Metz, 21-18, 20-21, 21-20. Third: Kelly-Brouwer def. Altman-Clark, 19-21, 21-16, 21-16. Consolation: Bill Condratow-Wayne Smyth def. Dave McCourt-Jeff Smith, 21-16, 9-21, 21-17.

OTHER EVENTS

Women's Singles: Reit Smith def. Bobbie Marsh, 21-12, 21-17. Third: Betty Vanderpool def. Shirley Hart, 21-16, 21-9. Consolation: Shirley Melton def. Dale Spencer, 21-9, 21-15.

B Singles: Kerry Gilbert def. Al Weinstein, 21-9, 21-13. Third: Ron Bennink def. Bob Lewis, 21-4, 21-20. Consolation: Bill Flowers def. Milt Sharp, 21-13, 21-13.

It's a Great Way To Spend Halloween!



By Judd Williford

It was Halloween Night when all the goblins descended on the Memphis State University athletic complex for the Memphis racquetball tournament. And there were lots and lots of tricks along the way before U. of Tennessee sophomore Randy Stafford and doubles partner Dr. Bill King sacked up the treats.

Randy who? (not even seeded) used beautiful backhand ceiling shots and deadly kills to handle Giles Coors, 21-11, 21-15, in the singles finals. Stafford and King won the doubles, 21-4, 16-21, 21-10, over Ronnie Leon and Smith Schippers.

Other little tricks included Geddes Self (not seeded) winning the Senior Singles and Lewie Webb (not seeded) beating Bob Williams (No. 1 seed) to win Golden Masters Singles.

But there were treats like the spectacular women's competition won by Sarah Green and the Junior Singles battle where Dean Nichopoulos defeated his buddy, Steve Smith, for the title. Fair warning to you folks in other parts of the country: Watch out for these young men!

More Tricks; Eddie Hill, No. 3 seed, eliminated in the second round by Jim Cullen, 21-19, 19-21, 21-19. Eddie taught him to play four months ago . . . Dr. Richard Batey losing to unranked Ed Mease, 21-18, 21-20 . . . Unheard-of David McCall reaching the quarters with three upsets over Ray Neal, Terry Varner and Dr. Richard Cheek.

But maybe the biggest trick of all was pulled by Giles Coors, the defending champion who was accused of being one of the goblins. Age 47 and without having played one single time since last year, Giles played himself into shape during the tournament.

In the quarterfinals, he was down to Jim Thoni, 16-21, 7-17, called time out and maybe made a deal with the wicked old witch. Anyway, he came back 21-19, 21-20, and then took young Steve Smith in the semifinals, 21-16, 21-10. But you'll hear more from Smith.

Stafford wasn't supposed to be able to handle King in the semifinals, particularly after dropping the first game, 15-21. But he rallied, 21-15, 21-11, to reach the finals.

The witch's spell continued in the doubles, where defending champions Phillip Baum and Sol Kirschner went down to Leon and Schippers (not seeded), 14-21, 21-10, 21-11. Second-ranked Don Pelts and Steve Dropkin lost to Jerry Fondren and Rick Stevens, 21-10, 21-13, before losing to Leon-Schippers.

More Treats: Maybe the first tournament anywhere to feature all events, from juniors through golden masters . . . Tremendous cooperation from Memphis State U, with a competition format of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday and Sunday afternoons . . . Huge crowds, around 500, every day and night . . . Unbelievable publicity in newspapers, radio and television, spearheaded by Joe Tagg III . . . 156 entries smoothly scheduled by floor manager Graham Fulton and his three assistants . . . high-class referees (38 of 'em), thanks to Ronnie Leon . . . Trophies presented at a members cookout.



Clearing for action in the Memphis tournament, referee chairman Ron Leon checks the court for tourney director Judd Williford (left) and floor manager Graham Fulton.

Brumfield Dominates Tough Chabot Open

By Bill Dunn

The always tough Chabot Open was even tougher than usual this year as 100 entrants, including 14 of the 32 finalists in the Internationals, battled it out on the six courts of Chabot College in Hayward, Calif.

Pre-tourney pick Charlie Brumfield won the singles, 21-9, 21-13, over Steve Serot, then teamed with Ron Starkman to capture doubles from Bill Dunn and Bill Thurman, 21-9, 21-12.

Two upsets marked first round singles action as Ken Creese downed Keith Calkins, 21-19, 5-21, 21-19, and Deryck Clay upended seventh-seeded Charles Drake, 21-6, 10-21, 21-14. The round of 16 produced no surprises, although Ken Wong was floored by a racquet blow to the head during his 21-16, 21-6 win over Creese.

Brumfield beat Randy Stafford, 21-7, 21-16, and stayed right on top of his game to outshoot Craig McCoy, 21-9, 21-7, in the quarterfinals.

Wong and Steve Strandemo had a three-game match as Ken recovered from a 12-5 deficit in the first game to win 21-19, only to run out of gas and lose the next two 21-3, 21-11. Thurman ousted Keeley, who just came off of a bout with mononucleosis, 21-18, 10-21, 21-4. And Serot left Dunn shaking his head in a fantastic display of shooting as he rolled out everything to win 21-12, 21-4.

The semifinals saw Strandemo give Brumfield a good run for his money but experience and control won again, 21-9, 21-18. Serot continued to shoot and roll everything out much to Thurman's

dismay, 21-5, 21-8.

Serot was shooting as well as anyone had seen him and the finals looked like a great matchup. Steve jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead, and everyone started to think "upset," but Charlie had other ideas as he rallied to tie it up. Brumfield got the serve back and ran seven straight points to take a commanding 14-7 lead and run it out, 21-9. The second game was much like the first with Steve getting the early lead only to see Charlie march by to win 21-13.

Charlie's game plan was superb as he kept Serot moving never allowing him to set up. Steve did not appear to be as sharp as he was the day before. His kills were up and many of his shots came off the back wall. To Brumfield's credit he took advantage of all Steve's errors. Many people felt that Charlie had out-psyched Steve, others felt that Steve's doubles match of that morning where he hurt his hand was the reason for his defeat.

First round doubles highlight was an exciting match which saw Creese and Pat Moran reach 20 first in all three games only to lose to Bob Martin and Mark Susson, 19-21, 21-20, 21-20.

McCoy and Keeley blew an 11-1 lead in the second game of the quarterfinals (18-21) before beating Mark Wayne and Len Stream.

The semifinal action was exciting. Brumfield and Starkman split the first two games with McCoy and Keeley. The third game was always in doubt as both teams reached 20. Each had several chances to win as the serve was exchanged three times. Finally with one hand down and serving, Keeley had a chance to rekill a Starkman kill attempt two feet from the front wall only to hit a splinter ball. Brumfield and Starkman won the match on the next point, 16-21, 21-12, 21-20.

In the other half, Dunn and Thurman shot well and capitalized on Drake-Serot errors to win the first game, 21-12. The second game produced the most exciting rally of the tourney. With Bill and Bill leading 9-6, Thurman served and the ensuing point saw Drake and Serot dive five times for saves with the rally ending on a hinder call as Serot dove into Thurman's legs, sending Bill into a full somersault onto the floor. At this point Serot needed an injury time out to take care of his bleeding hands. In spite of the delay, Dunn and Thurman never lost their momentum, going on to win 21-14.

Brumfield and Starkman played

superbly in the finals. The match saw many long ceiling ball rallies to Starkman, which usually led to a kill attempt and a Brumfield rekill for the point. Dunn and Thurman were not as sharp as earlier while Charlie and Ron made few errors. Brumfield and Starkman easily won the first game 21-9, then overcame an early 8-0 deficit to win the second 21-12. The third place match was as good a spectators match as anyone would want to see with Drake and Serot outlasting McCoy and Keeley 21-20, 17-21, 21-19.

The "B" events were equally tough. Jay Jones reached the finals by defeating Bill Cormier, 21-3, 21-16. Steve Trent defeated Jeff Jensen, 21-4, 17-21, 21-8. Both Jones and Trent are shooters and the fans were not disappointed, but Trent's backhand was stronger and that proved to be the difference with Steve winning 19-21, 21-16, 21-16. Cormier defeated Jensen in three games for third place. "Three Game" Jensen earned his nickname by being involved in seven three-game matches in his nine singles and doubles tilts.

OPEN SINGLES

Round of 16: Charlie Brumfield def. Randy Stafford, 21-7, 21-16; Craig McCoy def. Mark Wayne, 21-17, 21-8; Ken Wong def. Ken Creese, 21-16, 21-6; Steve Strandemo def. Jim Trent, 21-0, 21-8; Bill Thurman def. Bob Martin, 21-7, 21-16; Bill Dunn def. Deryck Clay, 19-21, 21-9, forfeit; Steve Serot def. Bill Bearing, 21-8, 21-3; Steve Keeley def. Dave Charlson, 10-21, 21-11, 21-12.

Quarterfinals: Brumfield def. McCoy, 21-9, 21-7; Strandemo def. Wong, 19-21, 21-3, 21-11; Thurman def. Keeley, 21-18, 10-21, 21-4; Serot def. Dunn, 21-12, 21-4.

Semifinals: Brumfield def. Strandemo, 21-9, 21-18; Serot def. Thurman, 21-5, 21-8.

Finals: Brumfield def. Serot, 21-9, 21-13, third: Strandemo forfeit from Thurman.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Brumfield-Starkman def. Stafford-Bledsoe, 21-19, 21-3; McCoy-Keeley def. Stream-Wayne, 21-10, 18-21, 21-14; Serot-Drake def. Charlson-Messer, 21-9, 21-8; Dunn-Thurman def. Susson-Marton, 21-10, 21-15.

Semifinals: Brumfield-Starkman def. McCoy-Keeley, 16-21, 21-12, 21-20; Dunn-Thurman def. Serot-Drake, 21-12, 21-14.

Finals: Brumfield-Starkman def. Dunn-Thurman, 21-9, 21-12. Third: Serot-Drake def. McCoy-Keeley, 21-20, 17-21, 21-19.

OTHER FINALS

B Singles: Steve Trent def. Jay Jones, 19-21, 21-16, 21-16. Third: Bill Cormier def. Jeff Jensen, three games.

B Doubles: Jensen-Spencer Johnston def. Scottie Deeds-Cesar Garcia, 21-20, 19-21, 21-7. Third: Wagoner-Green forfeit from Ivaldi-Berman.

Senior Singles: Deryck Clay def. John Halverson, 17-21, 21-4, 21-18. Third: Jim Trent def. Al Rossi, 21-20, 21-11.

Senior Doubles: Halverson-Rossi def. Wagoner-Green, 21-18, 21-4.

Women's Singles: Mindy Childress def. Lottie O'Neill, 21-12, 14-21, 21-7. Third: Denise Bray def. Paula Halverson, 21-7, 21-8.

Attention, Players



The rules of racquetball, as published in the Handbook in September, will be strictly enforced at all IRA-sanctioned tournaments. The Board of Directors calls your attention to:

Rule 2.5—Uniform. All parts of the uniform shall be clean and light or bright in color. Warmup shirts and pants, if worn in actual match play, shall also be white, light or bright, but may be of any color if not used in actual match play. Only a club insignia, and/or name of a club or racquetball organization may be on the uniform. Players may not play without shirts in tournament competition.

Arizona

The Arizona State Racquetball Association was formed during an organizational meeting of interested parties held late in September at the Phoenix YMCA.

The meeting was initiated by Dr. Hal Price who has been active in racquetball locally and nationally for several years. Also in attendance were Ron Brejtfus, Don Griffin, John Nore, Keith Talley, Ron Stulik and Dr. Stan Weinstein. The following officers were elected for the coming term: State Chairman, Dr. Hal Price; Vice Chairman, Ron Brejtfus; Secretary-Treasurer, Ron Stulik.

The Arizona State Racquetball Association is now in the process of drafting a constitution and planning a schedule of events. A Class C tournament is planned for November with part of each entry fee going for an IRA membership for the entrant. Also in the formative process are plans for "A" and "B" tournaments and a state championship tournament during the early months of 1974.

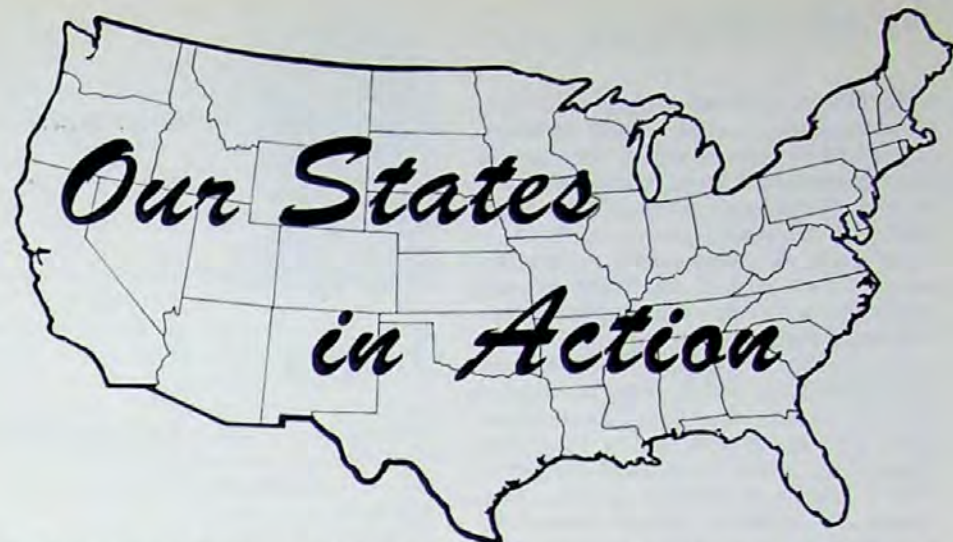
Tennessee

Tennessee state chairman Ray DePue has appointed Randy Stafford as vice chairman. Randy is young and very enthusiastic about the IRA. Dr. DePue and Stafford have met on several occasions and are trying to establish governing body representatives through the state.

The Kingsport and the Tri-Cities area are developing a tennis and racquetball club and they hope to have at least one member of their organization on the governing body.

Dr. DePue contacted a tennis pro at the Knoxville Racquet Club and they are forming a team there. Tennessee hopes to have teams in every major city in the state with some inter-city competition.

For two or three years, Dr. DePue has



tried to stimulate Racquetball at the Knoxville YMCA by holding clinics and tournaments on a volunteer basis. Two weeks ago a 10-player, 31-point game tournament game was started with no volunteers. Each player received a call and a letter telling him he had been selected to play. The response was so great that they now have enough players for three groups of ten, and the handball association has even considered having a similar tournament.

The entry fee is \$4, of which \$3 is for IRA membership, and the response with this was much greater than anything else they have done.

The Tennessee State Open tournament will be held in Chattanooga the first or second week in February. Definite dates will be printed in the January issue of Racquetball.

Iowa

The State of Iowa decided to adopt the California charter intact, simply changing the word California to Iowa.

It was decided to hold an election of officers after getting each candidate's permission. The candidates are State

Chairman, Floyd Gallogly and Burdette P. Hansen. Running for vice-chairman are Helmut Braun and Bernard Nielson. Secretary-treasurer candidates are Cesar Farrell and William J. Kelly.

Marshalltown is planning another tournament in January.

The question of finances was put off until the first tournament, at which more IRA members can be present. It was recommended that all tournaments should be IRA sanctioned and there should be a racquetball newsletter during the winter months to keep people up to date on Association happenings. This may make it necessary for some kind of dues.

Idaho

With only three members listed in the handbook as of September, Idaho is launching a campaign for 50 to 100 new members by next fall, according to state chairman Robert J. Petersen.

The Boise Racquetball Association will entertain the second annual Idaho State Championships April 25-27, 1974, and is urging out-of-state players to plan on attending. Additional information may be obtained from Petersen at 1475 West Hays, Boise, Idaho 83702.

North Dakota

Lee Rudrud of Fargo has been named state chairman in North Dakota. His address is 1802 Sixteenth Street South, Fargo, N.D. 58102.

Rudrud succeeds Gary Graham, who has been transferred by his firm to Kentucky. Graham, who was state runner-up and state doubles champion in North Dakota will be looking for matches with Kentucky players when he arrives in the South.

Four More States Get Moving

Four more states have joined the racquetball parade since publication of the Racquetball Handbook in September. State chairmen still are needed in Alaska, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and West Virginia. If you are interested, write to the IRA at PO Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074 and get the ball rolling.

New state chairmen are:

ARKANSAS

L. Dean O'Farrell
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RACQUETBALL



visory board made up of club representatives includes Lee Early, Phil Wortman, Dan Mattingly, Ron Shaeffer, Mike Williams, Ken Berke, Peter Minje, Steven Stevenson, Michael Kearney, Mal Miller, Mike Williams, Ed Lucotti, Mark Yellin and Walter Weil.

Upcoming agenda for the organization for the club will include discussion of LRA newsletter, directory for LRA members, promotion of Racquetball in general, and date proposed for annual meeting to elect new officers each year.

Wisconsin

Richard Wisniewski of Brookfield has been named state IRA chairman for Wisconsin, with Dan Trost of Milwaukee as vice chairman and Bob Keenan as secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the executive committee are Joe Wirkus, Hal Raether, Tom Guierenne, Jack Burrows and Dan Davis.



Paul Buckley
Massachusetts
State Chairman

Kentucky

The Kentucky Racquetball Association had 17 members present at its last meeting with most staying afterward to enjoy the new facilities of the Louisville Athletic Club.

Temporary officers were elected to serve on the Executive Committee until a formal election can be held in conjunction with the state tournament in February, 1974. These include Leigh Jones, Bob Bradley, Ike Gumer, Chuck Cooper, Jim Daopoulos, Jim Mattingly, Paul Rominger and Ken Porco. The executive committee then elected Leigh Jones to serve as State Chairman.

Porco reported that the Association had a bank balance of \$225. This balance represents membership fees plus the

excess of entry fees over tournament expenses for the state tournament last year. He reported that the 1972 state tournament was a financial success as a result of a large number of entrants. It was decided that these funds might be used in part to make the 1974 state tournament bigger and better.

It was decided that the 1974 state tournament would be held at the Louisville Athletic Club during the early part of February. It was felt that the club's glass wall championship court would be an ideal place to attract attention and to get publicity for the state tournament. It was decided that an individual would be limited to entering only two events in the state tournament.

Some of the tournaments in the planning stages include an Eastern Kentucky tournament at Morehead, an intercollegiate tournament at Berea College, a Louisville Racquetball League and the state tournament.

It is hoped the Lexington area might hold a Central Kentucky tournament and perhaps Louisville or some other area might hold a masters or women's tournament.

Maryland

The Maryland Racquetball Association has 40 members and they are asking all 40 of these members to send in a list of 10 players in their area so they will have a mailing list of 400.

While in the process of getting the organization started they are also inquiring about the number of courts and the possibility of tournaments being held at these courts.

Once this information is put together it will be possible to know if there are enough interested people to elect officers, draft a charter and establish financial plans.

Andrew F. Jones is temporary chairman of the Association.

South Dakota

The South Dakota Racquetball Association is planning a "Get Acquainted" tournament for a Sunday afternoon (with a TV set near the court to watch pro football), with male and female participation. All levels will compete in doubles where an "A" player will be matched up with a "C" player, etc., to even up the play.

An open tournament is scheduled for November 30-December 2. First round singles will begin on Friday evening with all other events getting under way Saturday morning.

John Rude of Sioux Falls was elected state chairman, succeeding Vince Cutshall. John's address is 236 East 30th Street, Sioux Falls, S. D. 57105.

IRA Regions

By Tom Sweeney

East Regional Commissioner

The future of Racquetball in our area of the nation is up to us. Nine out of 13 states were represented in the 1973 IRA Regional, several with just a few players. No Canadian players entered. Sixty-two players competed.

The 1974 Regional will again be hosted by the Nittany Lion Racquetball Club at Penn State University's eight-court facility. Eastern players should "point" to this as THE tourney for the year. A consolation round for open singles plus the various age groups and doubles, will make the trip worthwhile.

But we need more tournaments. One idea is to have state challenges. We in Pennsylvania challenge any state in the East or surrounding area in a two-day, singles-doubles, team-scored match. Each man plays two singles and one doubles match per day, 31-point matches. Six to eight teams keep the costs down and host team puts up visitors. Any takers?

We need to invest time to bring along younger players. Penn State now has an undergraduate team training for the Intercollegiate. They'd love some inter-university, YMCA or JCC competition.

We need a center for communication. As the Regional Commissioner, I work for you. If you want help running a tourney or bringing over some fellas to play, ask and you will get help.



Wayne Player
West Region
Commissioner

By Wayne Player

West Regional Commissioner

In the state of Utah plans are under way for the West Regional Championships in March, 1974, at Salt Lake City.

The tournament will be conducted as a singles tournament with no doubles. The divisions are 18 years of age and under, men's open singles, seniors (35-44), masters (45-54), golden masters (55 and up) and women's open singles.

The Utah State Racquetball Association is very energetic about conducting an outstanding and effective tournament this year. A rather spirited meeting was held in September formulating committees needed and selecting a chairman for each.

How to Play the Back Wall



By Bud Muehleisen

In the four-wall game of racquetball, play from off the back wall is one of the more important fundamentals to fully understand and utilize.

Returns played from the back wall incorporate all of the basic shots. The back wall shot is a ball which comes straight off the back wall. The shot may be played either in the air or on a bounce, provided it has not bounced before hitting the back wall.

Back wall play requires considerable anticipation and the ability to quickly position yourself properly for the shot. You should not have to chase after the ball or reach backward to hit it. Back wall play is difficult for beginners, since they have not acquired the experience necessary to anticipate the bounce and flight of the ball. In most cases, they also are unable to move into position to play it properly.

The most common error associated with the shot comes with the anticipation of it. A player, awaiting the ball, may take a position either too close to the back wall, or too far from it. Only experience in learning the bounce of the ball will aid a player in learning to anticipate the bounce the ball will take.

A good rule is to make yourself play the ball in its flight, instead of taking a position on the court in hopes it will come right back at you. In the latter instance, the player invariably winds up reaching forward or backward for the ball. He may even be jammed by the ball as it approaches him and, as a consequence, the shot is ultimately struck in an improper body-to-ball relationship.

To correctly play the back wall shot, it is important that you continually watch the ball while it is in flight and that you turn and face the back wall as the ball goes by. As you turn and face the wall, you will note that your feet move closer together. From this position you will be able to move easily in any direction in order to make the return. As the ball begins its rebound from the back wall, you should begin your turn to face the ball.

The racquet should be at the top of the backswing with a full wrist cock. From this point, the feet should stay close together as you move sideways with a shuffle step while following the ball toward the front wall. Continue to move forward while remaining in this position, still with the racquet at the top of the

backswing, until you have finally determined to take your final, balanced stride with your front foot. This will enable you to properly shift your body weight as you begin the downswing. From that point you can select and execute any of the basic shots.

As the ball is rebounding from the back wall, you should try, through use of peripheral vision, to locate the relative positions of the players on the court.

When the ball comes straight off the back wall, a player is provided with one of the ideal set-ups in the four-wall game. The ball is already speeding toward the front wall and a player merely has to get into the proper position to execute his shot selection. As the player steps forward with the ball, and the racquet begins its downswing, a player has virtually every shot alternative at his fingertips.

At this point, it would be advisable to

review a few of the necessary fundamentals to properly execute this shot. (1) The lead foot should step forward with the ball to maintain proper balance as the body weight shifts during the downswing. (2) Continue to swing forward and through the hitting area to contact the ball in the proper body-to-ball relationship. (3) The proper height to contact the ball in relation to the floor will be determined by the shot the player has selected to execute. (4) It is recommended that either the 'kill' or passing shot be used most of the time for the ball that comes straight off the back wall. (5) Remember, that with the 'kill' shot you should follow the ball forward until it has reached a point which is just off the floor before striking it.

At times, you will be faced with a ball which is moving so fast off the back wall that you may not have sufficient time to

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Displaying good back-wall form, Jerry Hilecher concentrates on the ball, uses full body pivot and has the racquet poised as he waits for the ball to fly into hitting position.

NOVEMBER

30-Dec. 1: Downtown Dallas YMCA Open, Dallas, Texas. (OS, OD, BS, BD, 35-S, cons) Steve Montoya, PO Box 1676, Dallas, Texas 75221

DECEMBER

3-8: Aurora Central YMCA, Aurora, Colo. Richard J. Way, 1179 Norfolk Street, Aurora, Colo. 80011.

7-9: Illinois Open, IMPE Building, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. (S only, Open, 35-44, 45-over, women, cons) Don Webb, Natural History Survey, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. 61801.

JANUARY

6-9: Oregon Open, Portland, Ore. Bob Lund and Pete Lubisich, JCC, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, Ore. 97219.

11-13: Cowboy Invitational, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla. (OS, 35-over, BS, NovS, OD, 35-over D) Roland Treat, Stillwater News-Press, Stillwater, Okla. 74074.

12-13: Pennsylvania State Open, State College, Pa. (MS, WS, MD, WD, cons S) Tom Sweeney, 341 Toftrees Ave. No. 316, State College, Pa. 16801.

18-20: IRA National Invitation Senior (35-over) Doubles, Stillwater, Okla. (By invitation. Anyone interested in receiving an invitation should write to the IRA office, PO Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074, giving his age and qualifications for submission to selection committee) Myron Roderick, PO Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074.

18-20: Kentucky Intercollegiates, Berea, Ky. Leigh A. Jones, CPO Box 2346, Berea College, Berea, Ky. 40403.

18-20: Fourth annual Woodson YMCA, Wausau, Wis. (24 S, 16 D) Jerry Hoff, Woodson YMCA, 707 Third Street, Wausau, Wis. 54401.

25-27: Kansas State Open, Wichita, Kan. Kent Taylor, PO Box 2199, Wichita, Kan. 67201.

FEBRUARY

1-3: Kentucky State Championships, Louisville AC, Louisville, Ky. Ken Porco, 3924 Layside Drive, Louisville, Ky. 40220.

Tournament Calendar

8-10: IRA National Invitation Masters (45-over) Singles, St. Louis. (By invitation. Anyone interested in receiving an invitation should write to the IRA office, PO Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074, giving his age and qualifications for submission to selection committee) Joseph A. Zelson, 111 South Bemiston, Suite 512, Clayton, Mo. 63105.

MARCH

1-2: Iowa State Singles Championships, Marshalltown, Iowa. Bernard Nielsen, 1211 West Main, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.

1-3: IRA Regional Championships, five sites in U. S., two in Canada (required qualifying for International Championships).

East—Penn State University, Tom Sweeney, 341 Toftrees Ave. No. 316, State College, Pa. 16801.

South—Birmingham YMCA, Barry Cox, Alabama Metal Industries Corp., PO Box 3928, Birmingham, Ala. 35208.

Central—The Court House, Minneapolis, Minn. Greenberg, 2009 Westwood Hills Drive, Minneapolis, Minn. 55426.

Southwest—Texas Christian University, Pete Wright, Rickell Athletic Center Gym, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

West—Deseret Gym, Salt Lake City, Wayne Player, Deseret Gym, 161 North Main, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110.

Canada—East in Toronto or Montreal, West in Winnipeg or Calgary. For information write CRA, 10325—114 Street,

No. 22, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5K 1S2.

15-16: Iowa State Doubles Championships, Davenport, Iowa.

28-31: IRA National Intercollegiates, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. (Limited to matriculated students at an accredited university or college, A Singles, B Singles, Doubles) Dr. Ben Plotnicki, School of Health, PE and Recreation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. 37916.

APRIL

4-7: IRA International Singles Championships, San Diego. (Open, 18-under Junior, 35-44 Senior, 45-over Masters, Women's, also Women's Doubles. Singles qualifying for 64 bracket required through IRA Regionals) Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 7860 Mission Center Court, Suite 103, San Diego, Calif. 92110.

25-27: Second annual Idaho State Championships, Boise. Robert J. Petersen, 1475 West Hays Street, Boise, Idaho 83702.

JULY

17-20: Canadian National Klondike, Edmonton, Alberta. For full information write Canadian Racquetball Association, 10325—114 Street, No. 22, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5K 1S2.

OCTOBER

10-13: IRA International Doubles Championships, site to be determined. No qualifying required. (Open, 18-under Junior, 35-44 Senior, 45-54 Masters, 55-over Golden Masters).

Back Wall . . .

position yourself facing the side wall. In such instances, you must rely upon your body pivot to carry you around sufficiently to hit the ball. As you finish your swing, you should complete your body pivot so that you finish in a position where you are facing the front wall.

There are times in back wall play where the ball will rebound off the side wall and travel around the corner, where it will begin to die at the back wall. In this situation, you should face the ball and closely follow its path around the corner. At the same time, you should assume a full wrist cock and use whatever backswing the area will allow. As you begin to hit the ball, you should try a full body pivot to assist you in executing the basic stroking fundamentals. If the ball is up tight to the back wall, or in the corner so as not to allow a swing or body pivot, your only alternative is to attempt a "wrist flick" return.

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A Sport Everybody Enjoys

EDITOR'S NOTE: Even the general news media are discovering that racquetball is a sport for everyone—men, women and children. This feature story appeared in the Florence, S. C., Morning News during a recent tournament at the Florence YMCA.

By Frances Ellis
Women's News Editor

A double elimination racquetball tournament is under way at the YMCA with 24 players, one of whom is a young mother of three children.

"I feel somewhat embarrassed at being the only female player," Mrs. Gerry (Sandra) Griffin said. "I'm rather ill at ease at playing a bunch of men. But I'm looking forward to the challenge, for I haven't really had any for over a year."

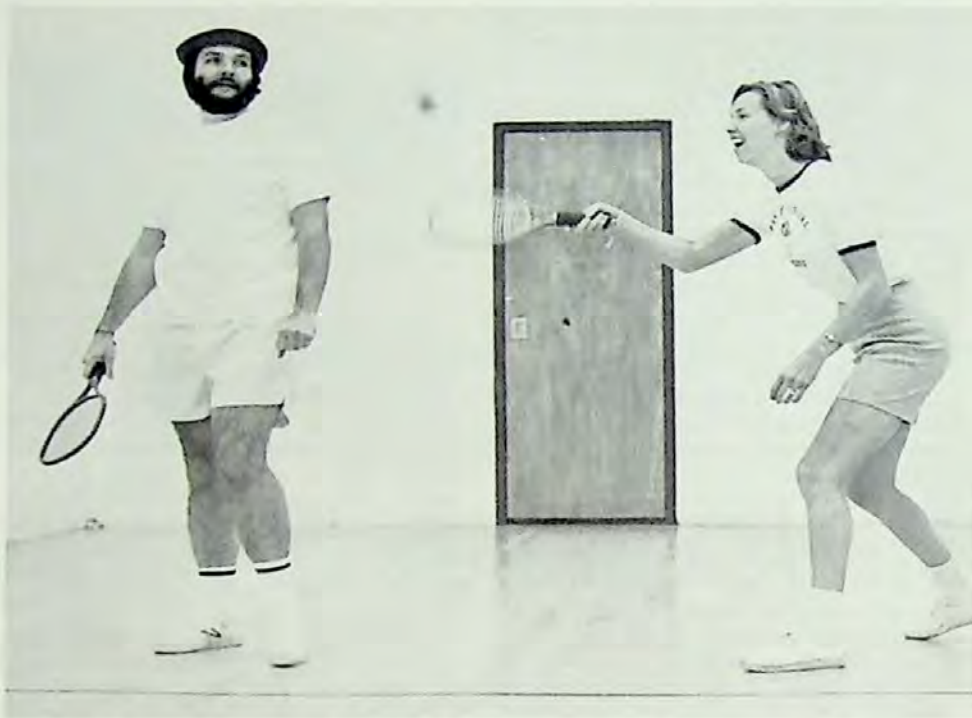
"I know that I play the game well enough to give them a good game but this male-female business might affect them, as well as me," Mrs. Griffin continued. "I'm not a 'Woman's Libber' and not trying to display any of that, and that's what I'm afraid they might think."

Racquetball is an indoor game played in a handball court with four walls. It's played with a racquet similar to a tennis one, but it has a short handle. The play is with a soft rubber ball.

The game is relatively new in the United States, and like any sport, originated with men. But it has a lot of women in the U. S. actively participating now. In fact, Mrs. Griffin read the other day that the new U. S. champion is a 37-year-old woman from Texas.

While she's never played in a national tournament, Mrs. Griffin has played another woman who did play in St. Louis last year.

Her husband is Athletic Director of Francis Marion College, and is quite a sports enthusiast. The way the two met



Sandra Griffin (the one without the beard) plays Dr. Hunter Stokes in a tournament at Florence, S.C. He won, but he had to work for it, 21-20, 21-19.

each other can be traced back to the sports field, too.

"Gerry played with the Phillies baseball organization professionally, and they were in my home town — Pierre, S. D. I was a spectator and we met quite by accident," Mrs. Griffin said. "Baseball players are forward, you know, and in a small town of 10,000 people, he just introduced himself to me."

She had just finished her freshman year at the University of Oklahoma, and was not too actively interested in sports.

"So, I did not begin actively until I married Gerry," Mrs. Griffin said, "and

he taught me everything — golf, basketball, tennis, volleyball and now racquetball. I just took hold of it, for I like the speed. It's the only game I know that you walk away completely exhausted, but feeling great. It's a demanding game, really good exercise."

The game fitted into her schedule, too, for she was teaching and the mother of three children — both demanding activities in themselves. That's another reason she liked racquetball—"it's a fantastic workout in only 45 minutes," she explained. She considers herself "hooked" on the game.

The only problem she's found in Florence (they moved here from Laurinburg N.C., last year), is that there are not enough women in the area who do play. In Laurinburg there was a woman physical educationist who enjoyed racquetball as much as Mrs. Griffin does; also young college girls there played.

Since she's been in Florence, she finds herself playing racquetball almost exclusively with her husband. "He's such a superior player, though, that I never win," Mrs. Griffin said, "and it gets rather discouraging for me. I guess I have a competitive spirit, because I do like to win, too."

GOLDEN MASTERS DOUBLES INVITATIONAL

Vancouver, B.C., will play host to the 1974 IRA Golden Masters Doubles Invitational January 25-26-27. Eight teams will be invited to join the West Canada representative for round-robin play, 31-point games. There will be two rounds Friday, three Saturday and three Sunday.

John M. Chambers, 409 Granville Street, Suite 505, Vancouver, B.C., and Jack Duncan will serve as tournament directors. Any team in the 55-and-over group interested in an invitation should write to the IRA, P. O. Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074 by January 1, giving ages and qualifications.

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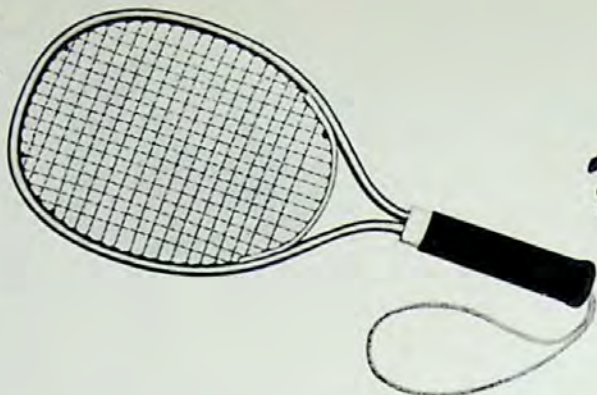
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By Sid Williams

The name of this game is "racquetball," not paddleracquets or paddleball. Sanctioned racquetball may be played by two or four players. When played by two persons it is called "Singles;" and when played by four persons, "Doubles." Another game which may be played by three persons is called "Cutthroat."

Racquetball, as the name implies, is a competitive game in which a racquet is used to serve and return the ball.

The objective is to win each rally by serving or returning the ball so your opponent is unable to keep the ball in play. A serve or rally is won when an opponent is unable to return the ball before it touches the floor twice.

Points are scored only by the serving side when it serves an ace or wins a rally. When the serving side loses a rally, it loses the serve. A game is won by the side first scoring 21 points. A match is won by the side first winning two games.

Court dimensions are 20 feet wide, 20 feet high and 40 feet long, with the back wall at least 12 feet high.

When playing in a tournament, a player may wear any light colored clothing he desires as long as it does not obstruct the view of the ball passing between his person and his opponent, players may never play without a shirt.

Total length and width of the racquet may not exceed a total of 27 inches.

To get a proper grip on your racquet, shake hands with it. There is a thong on every racquet, the purpose of which is to help prevent injury from occurring to your opponent or yourself. Anytime you are actively engaged in play, this thong must be wrapped around the wrist. You may never change the racquet from one hand to the other until after the point or rally has been completed.

Your serve is one of the most important weapons in any player's game. The serve is the only time during play when you will have complete control of the ball. Concentrate on every serve, take your time, make the ball go where you want it to. Keep the ball as close to the wall as possible. Never serve a ball down the middle of the court. Vary your serves, vary the service speeds and keep your opponent off balance and guessing as to what you will do next.

The racquet is also a weapon and should always be used to attack. A strictly defensive player will almost never win a point or a match, unless extremely lucky. As your abilities increase, you will learn how to use this weapon to make your opponent play your game and thus defeat him.

Court strategy: Center court position is as important as the serve. Center court position is the only time you can reach any part of the court by using the same amount of physical effort. The player who retains center court position will

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In the past three years that I have been in the IRA, a lot of the emphasis has been on the men. Even though there are women in the IRA who are very good players and should have an equal opportunity in the sport, they do not come close to getting a fair shake, I think. What I'm saying is as follows:

Let's say a girl is interested in the game of racquetball. So she hears of a state tournament. Maybe the competition is good or maybe it's bad. Anyway, she wins.

Now, the next step is the regionals. But suppose she doesn't know of the regionals, or that they even exist. Here's where the IRA state chairman comes in. He should send her a letter informing her when and where the regionals will be held.

This letter should be sent to all the winners of the state tournament.

This brings up another point that has been floating around for quite a while and it is about time the IRA brings it into existence. The point is sending the

A Woman's Viewpoint



Evie Morguelan
1973 Women's
South Region
Champion

winner of the women's open singles in the regional tournaments to the Internationals.

Now you men stop and think for a few seconds. When you enter the regionals, sure you want to win and that's what you came for. But doesn't the fact of a free ticket to the Internationals if you win give you a little more enthusiasm about winning and the game itself. If it doesn't, I'm sure the women would appreciate it and become more interested in racquetball.

I myself am looking forward to the Internationals this year. But not the expensive trip it will cost me to fly from Kentucky to California, plus room and board. If the IRA, I hope, should decide to pick up the tab for the regional women's singles, I will try my hardest and with a lot more enthusiasm to win that tournament in '74.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Evie Morguelan

almost never lose, because the advantage is always his.

One of the most effective ways to remove a player from center court position is with a high lob shot that does not come off the back wall. This shot is hard to master and takes practice, but once mastered you will always be able to move into center court position as your opponent goes back to return your lob shot.

No matter what sport you pursue, baseball, basketball, tennis, or racquetball you will always have to know where the ball is. I have seen too many players hit the ball and then watch the front wall for it to be returned. This is wrong! Watch the ball from the time you pick it up to serve it until just before your opponent hits it.

Do not, and I repeat, do not turn your body around or face your opponent after having served or returned the ball in order to see his return, but watch the ball out of the corner of your eye while your body is facing the front wall. By following this simple rule you will be able to anticipate where and even how your opponent is going to play the ball, and you won't be hit too often.

Hinders: Players may only call a hinder on the backswing; all other hinders will be called by the referee, whose decisions will be final. Anytime you feel another player is hindering your shot, view or progress to the ball, and the referee neglects to call a hinder, wait until after the point or rally is over, then turn to the referee, raise your hand and tell him what you feel is being done. By doing this you have made the referee and your opponent both conscious of what you feel.

Anytime you strike a player with the ball or your racquet, do not hesitate to apologize for having hit him. It is only a sign of good sportsmanship. Besides, I cannot think of a more dangerous situation than two persons, with racquets, who dislike one another locked in a room together.

Practice with a purpose. Every player has his weak points and I am sure most of us know what they are. If a court is unoccupied, go in and practice your backhand or forehand shots. Start off by hitting the ball to the front wall with your worst shot, do this to a count of between 50 to a hundred times. Don't try to kill it. Then concentrate your efforts on placing the ball where you want it to go, again 50 to 100 times.

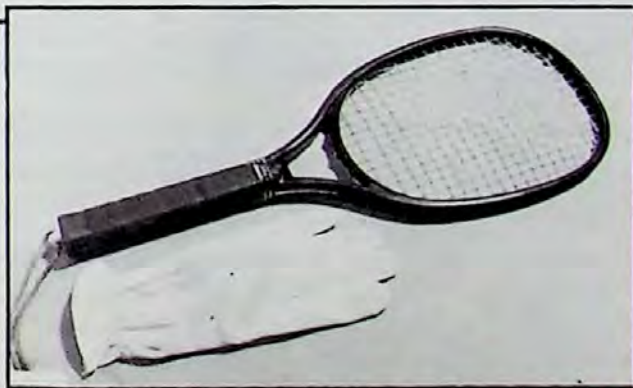
If you are playing with an opponent and it is not during a tournament, practice your weak shots against him when the opportunity presents itself. You may lose, but so what? Too many of us rely on our best shots too much to win a game. When practicing with an opponent you consider to be much better than yourself, serve to his power more than you serve to his weakness. Why? Having served to his power you should know where he is going to go with the ball, anticipate his shot and move to return it. How can you ever hope to improve or beat this person if you cannot handle his best shots? Winning a game is not always that important if you have learned something.

It is the serving side's responsibility to make sure your opponent is ready to receive the serve. Look back, see that he is ready, and then serve. You have 10 seconds to make each serve. You may not bounce the ball more than three times while in the service box. The ball must be served on the third bounce; a dropped ball while in the service box counts as one bounce; bouncing the ball more than three times will result in a side out.

When receiving the serve, assume a ready stance; up on the balls of your feet with the racquet up in front of you. Keep your racquet up during play, this will help you be ready to return the ball. Too many of us carry our racquets around our knees during play and cannot react fast enough to make a return.

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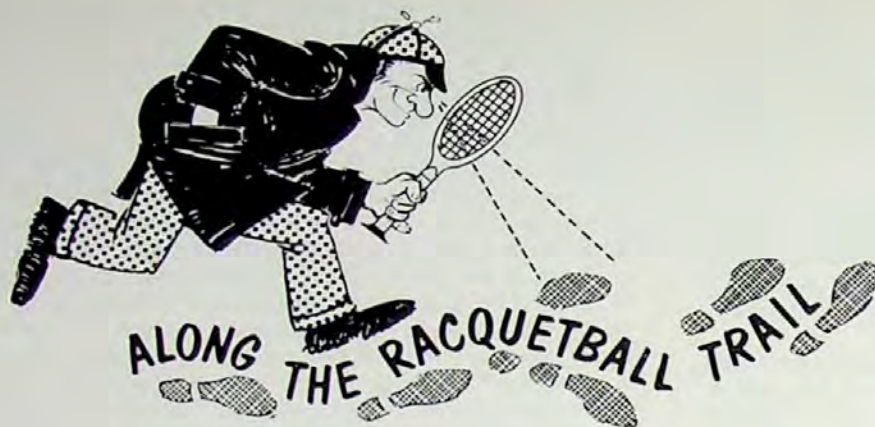
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Hart Surprises

The Illinois Invitational Top 16 tournament, played at the Glen Ellyn YMCA, resulted in many surprises.

A relatively unknown tournament player, John Hart, won the event rather easily, defeating Tim Plum 31-11, Paul Nigro 31-19, Don Webb 31-14, Sam Carl 31-17 and Sam again in the finals, 31-17.

The format was double elimination with 31-point games, to give the participants an opportunity to play more matches and meet more players than normally. The tournament was such a success that a doubles tournament was scheduled on the spot so the players could get together again for more competition and good fun.

Many well-known players suffered early upsets in the singles, probably due to the lack of summer play and conditioning.

Sam Carl placed second by defeating Frank Hinds 31-7, Dan Little 31-24, Bob Troyer 31-4, Bill Barnes 31-28 and Fred Blaess 31-26. After losing his first match to Barnes 17-31, Blaess took the long comeback road to third place by beating Ron Rashkow 31-12, Graham Moore 31-30, Ron Johnson 31-21, Barnes 31-17 and Little 31-22.

FRED BLAESS

Hilecher Wins

For the first time since both signed professional contracts, Steve Serot and Jerry Hilecher met in the finals of the St. Louis tournament, with Hilecher upholding his No. 1 seed on an 11-21, 21-20, 21-20 victory.

The first game started with Serot jumping to a big lead and running it out. Jerry built up a big lead in the second game, but served at least 10 times for the 21st point before getting it on a roll-out.

The third game was as close as it sounds, with both diving and retrieving

"impossible" shots before Jerry's kills worked out a 21-20 victory.

Jim Dix downed Scot Berman, 21-20, 18-21, 21-18, in A Singles and Art Albert stopped Jordan Yavitz, 21-10, 21-6, in Masters. Other winners were Marty Hogan in B, Larry Fairchild in B-1, Ben Koltman in novice and Bill Armstrong in Masters-2.

DAN HILECHER

Pete's Wright

Pete Wright of Fort Worth defeated Tom McKie of Dallas in three games to win the open singles championship of the second annual Houston JCC tournament. Richard Spear downed Dino Solomon for third place and Jerry Winsberg of New Orleans won consolations.

Spear and Bob Hill of Houston took open doubles over McKie and Luther Bernstein of Dallas. Wright and Jerry Kalmins of Houston were third.

Masters singles went to Milt Karp of Houston over V. Z. Lawton of Norman, Okla., with Steve Bierpiel the consolation winner. Special thanks go to tourney helpers Aaron Pasternak, Henry Lesky and Sam Cohen.

BOB HILL

German Festival

This year, as in the past eight years, Ramstein Air Base in Germany conducted the annual Sports Festival during the Labor Day weekend.

For the past two years, participation in the racquetball event has more than doubled. We had 24 entries and although most of the players had limited experience, we had an outstanding tournament.

Pat Elbert defeated Mike Mojer, 19-21, 21-7, 21-13, in the singles finals. Elbert and Mojer then teamed up to win doubles, 21-10, 21-12, over Buford Parnell and Kenneth Renfrow.

Neil Spaulding of Munich won the consolation singles by defeating Joe Lager, 21-20, 20-21, 21-20. This match took 2½ hours.

MIKE MOJER

Welter Champ

Mike Welter continued to dominate area play as he swept to victory in both open singles and open doubles in a tournament hosted by Fort Rucker, Ala.

Competition was held in open singles and doubles and novice singles, with a novice player defined as one playing less than one year and not having reached the semifinals of any tournament. Jim Herring did an outstanding job as tournament coordinator.

Competition was keen in all three classes with many interesting matches resulting. Participation was so good that Fort Rucker plans to hold a "small games" tournament during the Christmas holidays, with events including racquetball, handball, squash, badminton, table tennis and horseshoes.

Welter defeated Billy Johnson in the finals, dispatching his much faster opponent, 21-18, 21-10, with powerful kills and well placed ceiling shots and Z-balls.

In the quarterfinals, Welter defeated



BIG WINNERS ON OKINAWA in the Naha AFB tournament were, from left—Bennie Luck, doubles champion; Craig Jester, doubles runner-up with J. M. Davis; Terrence K. H. Wong, singles champion; and C. T. Forrester Jr., doubles champion. Wong also won squash singles and was third in handball



Fort Rucker trophy winners were, from left—Larry Larkin, novice singles champ and open doubles runner-up; Billy Johnson, open singles runner-up; Dick Meaney, novice runner-up; Tom Barvinchak, fourth in novice; John Sparks, open doubles champ; Larry Janis, third in novice; and Mike Welter, open singles and doubles champion.

Bob Link, 21-7, 21-20, coming from behind 2-19 in the second game. He met his toughest test in the semis in Butch Truesdale, losing a 21-19 cliffhanger in the first game but coming back 21-0, 21-15.

Johnson reached the finals by beating his doubles partner and former U. S. Pentathlon athlete Baisal Smith in a gruelling two-hour match, 21-19, 14-21, 21-13, and then taking John Sparks, 21-20, 21-5.

Welter and Sparks didn't lose a game in doubles, blitzing their semifinal opponents, 21-0, 21-2 and then trimming Truesdale-Larkin, 21-16, 21-11, in the finals.

Larry Larkin dominated the novice class, showing poise and skill in sweeping through the field. Dick Meaney placed second, Larry Janis third and John Barvinchak fourth.

ROBERT WELTER

Hiudt in Canada

Mark Hiudt and Tom Kutas came up from the Cincinnati JCC to meet in the finals of the first Toronto YMCA Invitational racquetball tournament at the West End YMCA and Hiudt won the championship, 5-21, 21-18, 21-8.

The 42 participants represented 12 clubs from different cities across Canada and the U.S. The largest out-of-town group came from Cincinnati, but the furthest entry was Bob Pickell of Vancouver, with Jack Ditcher of Calgary a close second.

Hiudt advanced to the championship round by beating Tom Nicholson, Leo Marssocci, Tom Polanic and Bob Abrams, each in two games. Kutas appeared to tire in the 95-degree heat in the finals, after beating Ivan Velan, Joe Cardarelli, Joe Tyree and Ron St. Louis.

Velan took third place over Abrams,

17-21, 21-15, 21-10. Earl Linzon was consolation champion.

The Sportsmanship Award, combining ability, character, fairness, self-control and skill, was awarded to Leo Marssocci of the Rochester YMCA.

Donations and prizes were received from Bob Story and Ken Halsall of J. E. Seagram's, Ektelon Racquets, Bill Williams of Caravan Trailer Rentals,

Wally Ondrey of Lido Plastics, and John Armstrong, Ed Wiseman and Bruno Bertolin of West End YMCA.

During the three-day tournament, played in 85-degree weather (and up), the 42 players consumed two boxes of oranges, used over 350 towels, demolished 72 racquetballs, drank over 6,000 ounces of soft drinks and polished off enough food and drink for 70 at the banquet.

Wrong Sport?

Hugh Durham, head coach of Florida State University's fine basketball team, made his mark in racquetball by winning the IRA Florida State Championships at the Clearwater YMCA.

Durham defeated FSU student Chris Morris, 21-19, 21-3, in the finals. Morris had downed Tom Stidham, winner two years ago, in the semifinals, 21-18, 21-10, while Durham was stopping Robert Rathbun, 21-4, 21-0.

Defending champion Steve Walker did not participate in singles but teamed in doubles with Steve Flowers. They were unable to repeat as champions, however,

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There's Some Bounce Left

Seamco is working overtime at its Connecticut plant to solve the racquetball breakage problem and hopes to have a satisfactory answer by the first of December.

Don Strong of Seamco, in a telephone conversation November 13 with Myron Roderick, IRA Executive Director, apologized to the membership and said he and the company feel terrible about the problem of breakage.

Strong explained that the supply of basic rubber used in manufacture of the Seamco 558 ball, official for all IRA tournaments, had been cut off and that the rubber obtained from a new supplier produced a different chemical reaction.

After unsuccessful attempts to solve the chemical problem, Seamco has stopped production of the ball and will not make any more until the problem of breakage is solved. Additional chemists have been hired and outside agencies are being used to test the ball to assure a satisfactory solution, Strong said.

Seamco is working all day and part of the night on the problem and hopes to be back in full production within two or three weeks, he added.

Strong emphasized that the company apologizes to the IRA membership and assures that Seamco is doing everything in their power to solve the problem quickly.

Roderick advises IRA members that he will keep them informed of developments, either through Racquetball Magazine or through a news letter from the national office.



bowing in the finals to Durham and Morris, 21-17, 21-15.

Barbara Reed upset defending champion Judi Cyril, 21-16, 21-0, to win women's singles. Pam Walker and 15-year-old Nancy Hamrick made it to the semifinals.

Dan Stark, an 18-year-old newcomer from Port Huron, Mich., won the junior title over John Milano, 21-10, 17-21, 21-8. Milano is Florida's state USHA junior handball champion.

Senior singles was a battle of IRA officials, with state chairman Herb Frank winning over regional commissioner Tom Stidham, 21-15, 21-16.

A Class B tournament also was held, with titles going to Charles Behar of Tampa in singles and Ron Featherstone and Phil Hitchcock in doubles.

This was the first time the Clearwater Y's annual tournament has been held as an official IRA meet.



Gary Graham and Dennis Hanson

A Fargo Frolic

Dennis Hanson defeated Gary Graham in the all-Fargo finals to win the open singles title in the North Dakota state racquetball tournament at the Fargo-Moorhead Y. Hanson is a youngster with strong potential.

Hanson and Graham then teamed to win doubles over Alex Cooley and Felix David of Grand Forks, 12-21, 21-20, 21-14. Dorwin Marquardt of Fargo won singles consolation and Lee Stewart and Dick Sisler won doubles consolations.

Obed Oas of Fargo defeated Felix David in senior singles and Kay McDonald of Fargo downed Karen Olson of Fargo in women's singles.



THERE'S LOTS OF SPACE for spectators around the glass-wall court at the Aurora, Ill., YMCA. Bleachers can be installed behind the sidewall.

SOS Challenges

The SOS Racquetball Club of Modesto, Calif., was officially organized in September with 83 members, 56 of them belonging to the IRA. We are shooting for 200 members within two years.

The club has three very active ladders. On top of the heap is Dave Lucy in the "A" division, followed very closely and challenged by Frank Dickason, Gordy Drysdale and "old man" Guy Dunscomb.

Ron Dale moved up to "A" after winning the club's "B" championship, but the young guys are coming on strong with Jim Harrity, Doug Niebauer and a host of other young fellas taking over.

SOS hosted the Castle AFB team of Merced for a racquetball fun day in October. Great fun and beer was had by all. Any others interested in contesting SOS, call Jerry Hook or Dan Garcia.

Helping to further the racquetball cause was the recent challenge by the SOS tennis professional. Word got around and it was standing room only. The first game was tennis pro, hands down. The next two it was all racquetball as Lynn Jamison, our valiant champion, made a good fight.

DAN GARCIA

Kelly's a Lion

Gordon Kelly and Ken Pechumer traveled from Grand Rapids, Mich., to the Nittany Lion Invitational Singles tournament at Penn State University and wound up in the finals, with Kelly posting a 21-15, 16-21, 21-14 victory.

Kelly reached the finals by defeating Gene Grapes of Pittsburgh, 21-3, 21-15, while Pechumer downed Charlie Shapiro of Butler, Pa., 21-18, 21-11.

Luke St. Onge of State College, Pa., won consolation and John Corkhill defeated Vic Ciraldi, 21-19, 21-13, in the B finals.

There were 12 entries each in A and B, playing round-robin Friday and Saturday with a single elimination tournament starting Saturday night. The players took a Saturday afternoon break to watch Penn State's powerful football team roll over West Virginia.

Hosts Luke and Ev St. Onge and Ed and Tina Owen opened their homes and provided lots of good food and hospitality.

This was only Pechumer's second tournament and he is a cold assassin on the court who will do well in the future.

TOM SWEENEY

Supreme Court

A new, 14,000-square-foot racquetball arena known as The Supreme Court has opened in Sunnyvale, Calif., north of San Jose.

A joint venture among Deryck Clay, Bud Muehleisen and Len Stream, it houses nine courts initially with room for expansion. The two-story facility incorporates a private club upstairs and caters to the general public with a downstairs locker room.



Gordon Kelly (right) receives his Nittany Lion trophy from tournament director Tom Sweeney.

Indiana State

The Indiana State "Y" Open racquetball tournament took place at the Jordan YMCA in Indianapolis, which provided excellent facilities for both the players and spectators.

Ten different cities were represented with a total of 36 players. Trophies were awarded for first, second and third places, plus Ektelon warmup jackets to the champions.

In the Class A finals, both Earl Dixon and Jim Knauer played excellently, with Earl coming out the winner before a large turnout of enthusiastic spectators.

The Masters was won by Jon Ohleiser of Anderson, over Bill Lowe from Indianapolis in a hard-fought, three-game battle. Lester Brown defeated Lloyd Delman in two games in Class B.

Five of the six finalists in the three classes were from Indianapolis, which at present appears to be the strong racquetball area for the state. Plans are already under way to make next year's tournament better, with an even greater representation throughout the state of Indiana.



Indiana State champions were Earl Dixon (left) in Class A and Lester Brown in Class B.

Clinic Impressive

Racquetball clinics and exhibitions in West Virginia are making their mark. Lester Jarboe reports on one at the Wheeling YMCA:

"Those who watched the exhibition were amazed at the power and consequent pace at which the game can be played. The clinic served one major purpose—to help draw attention and give significance to racquetball. This fact is very important as we try to set up a program of diversified physical activity."

Get the message?



TOP SPOTS on the Memphis Navy racquetball ladder are held by Dick Olsonski (left) and Dave Thomson.

A Long Day

The second annual Hoosier Racquetball Tournament was held at Indiana University's 12-court facility in Bloomington. It was planned and coordinated through the efforts of Arlen Brown, professor of mathematics and also an enthusiastic player in the Masters class.

The men's open was won by John Travaglio of Illinois, overcoming Earl Dixon with a third-game default after two exhausting 21-20 struggles. A newcomer with a familiar name, Larry Zeitman of Louisville, won the men's consolation.

Sandy Martin took the women's title in
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three hard-fought games over C. Richardson. Both are from Indiana U.

The tournament featured players from the neighboring states of Kentucky and Illinois, as well as Indiana hosts, and it proved an exciting tournament despite 90-degree summer temperatures.

After the Saturday round, a house party was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Joyner for socializing, relaxation and refreshments.

EARL DIXON

Zeitman Is King

Many of the top racquetball players in the South converged on the Atlanta JCC on short notice for the Atlanta Open.

This was the first time any racquetball tournament was played in Atlanta and the gallery was impressed. It is hoped it will become an annual event.

Mike Zeitman of Louisville had little trouble winning open singles, defeating Dr. Bill King of Memphis, 21-15, 21-16, in the finals. Randy Stafford defeated Marc Auerbach for third place as the top four seeds held up all the way.

Impressive showings were turned in by tournament newcomers Joe Ycaza and Frank Johnson, both of Atlanta. Ycaza had Zeitman 20-16 in game one, but couldn't hold him and lost 21-20, 21-12.

Zeitman and longtime friend Bruce Kranz defeated Stafford and Davey Bledsoe in the doubles finals with Bob Siegel and Auerbach third.



Mike Zeitman



BIRMINGHAM CITY-WIDE trophies went to, from left—Andy Smith, singles and doubles champion; Jim Jordan, singles runner-up and doubles champ; Jerry O'Neal, consolation winner; and Richard O'Neal, third in singles. The O'Neals were runners-up in doubles.

McComas Wins

James McComas of Raleigh YMCA won the Carolinas YMCA racquetball tournament in Sumter, S. C., as Dr. J. J. Britton of Sumter was runner-up for the second straight tournament. Scores were 21-10, 21-18.

McComas made the finals with an hour and a half victory over the outstanding

young player from Florence, Gerald Griffin, 21-13, 18-21, 21-14. Dr. Britton defeated Terry White of Kannapolis, 21-3, 15-21, 21-15.

McComas played the role of iron man by competing in doubles, too, but he and L. T. Wadsworth lost to Bill Wilson and Walt Olman, 21-12, 12-21, 21-5.

Raleigh YMCA won the team title with Sumter second. The second Sumter tournament will be held next August.

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Welcome, Rookie

By Pete Wright

The Rickell Athletic Center on the Texas Christian University campus served as the focal point for the First annual Fort Worth Racquetball Open, with 68 eager entrants from several states.

The open doubles bracket was dominated by the outstanding team of Tom McKie, and Luther Bernstein, Dallas. Riding McKie's potent left side kills and Bernstein's phenomenal digs, the two disposed of Jim Austin and Walter King in the finals, 21-20, 21-6. A "B" doubles event was introduced with Harold Cooper and Bruce Alger of Dallas taking top honors over Robert Holiday and Armando Cortez of Houston, 21-12, 8-21, 21-11.

The fireworks in singles centered on the sizzling backhand of Houston's Jim Austin who in a battle of Texas' No. 1 and 2 players outmaneuvered Fort Worth's Pete Wright in the finals, 21-14, 21-16. Gordon Kelly of Grand Rapids, Michigan subdued McKie for 3rd, 21-8, 21-14.

In the "B" bracket, IRA women's champion Peggy Steding displayed once again her ability to handle "most" of the men, although losing to Virgil Thurmond of Dallas in a marathon semifinal, 21-20, 20-21, 21-12. In the finals, Houston's Holiday used finesse and speed to outplay Thurmond 21-12, 21-16.

A "Welcome to Racquetball" award was provided for newcomer Jay Schiller of Fort Worth. An accomplished performer in several sports (not including racquetball) Schiller was allowed to play both A and B singles, but was somewhat disappointed when he discovered his first opponents were a "large, older gentleman" and a "little lady". Well the little lady was Steding and the older gentleman was Dallas' Bill Sellars. "Super Tex" and "Dr. Bill" quickly illustrated that age and size do not always constitute performance in this activity. Jay proved a good sport and we hope he will play in our next tournament.



BLAST-OFF champions at Topeka, Kan., were Larry Barnes (left) in Class B and John Casson in Class A.



CHAMPION of Class B in the Tournament of Eights at St. Louis was 15-year-old Marty Hogan, who didn't lose a single game.

North Chicago

Scheduled to open in mid-December is The Court House, a brand new 10,000-square foot facility in Northbrook, Ill., the first of its kind in the northern Chicago area.

At present, the only racquetball areas in the vicinity are a YMCA, a downtown sports club and a local college, although some tennis clubs are adding a few courts because of the demand.

Verne Reich is manager of the new layout, which will have eight regulation courts, carpeted locker rooms, saunas, exercise and sun rooms and a pro shop.

Milwaukee

Jerome Pershing beat Al Tetzlaff, 21-12, 21-7, in the singles finals of Milwaukee's Class B tournament at the Central YMCA. Jim Rech won consolations over Tony Snarks, 31-8.

Claude Manning and Wally Plazak captured doubles, defeating Rech and Bob Keenan, 21-19, 21-10.

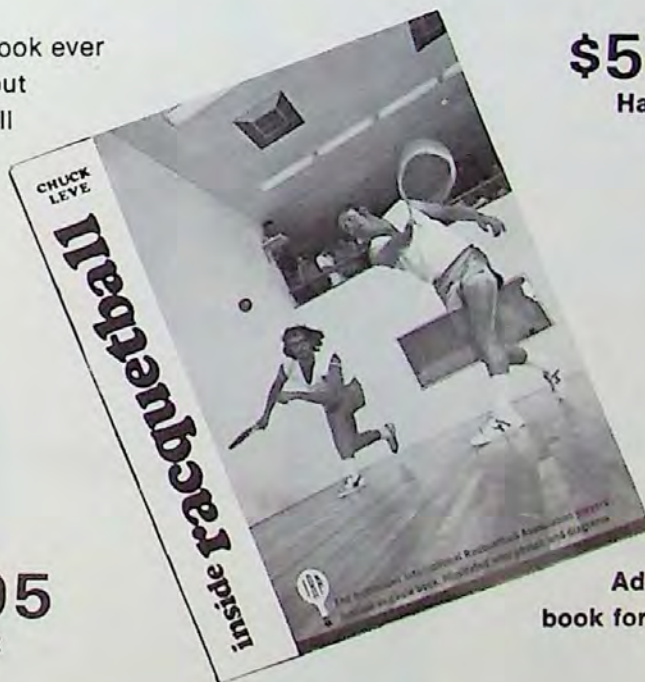
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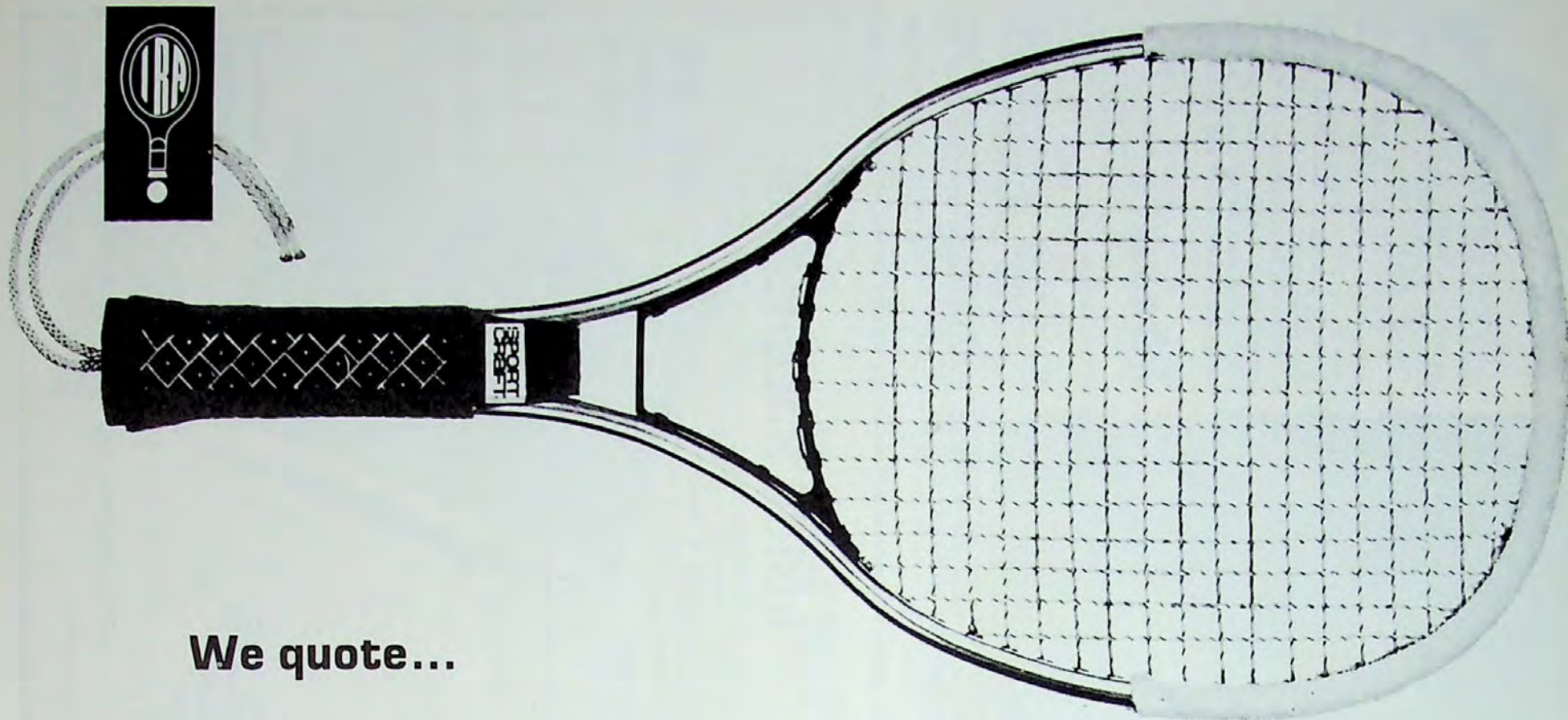
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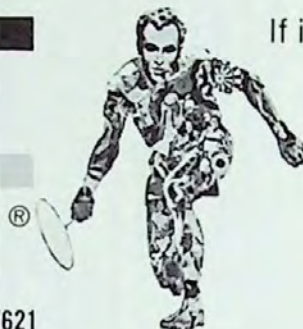
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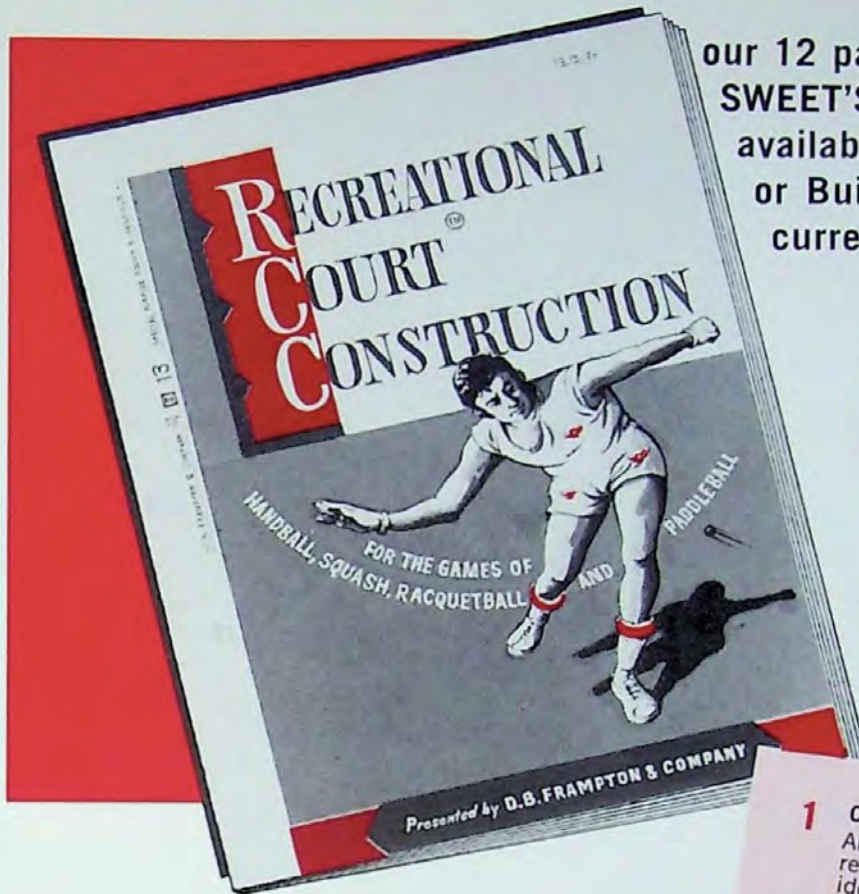
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