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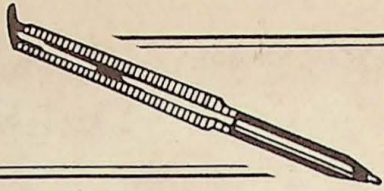
## Chielli, Fiorino Best of '82



Anthony Fiorino gives it all in making the impossible shot. Insert: Jim Cascio takes Kings Court Championship.

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### Letters to Editor



Dear Editor:  
Recently I played in a paddleball tournament called the El Barrio Mount Vernon Amateur Doubles.

At Bronx Indoor Paddle Ball Courts the Tournament Director was Mike Patnik after coming in 2nd place with my partner of which there were eight places. We were led to believe that we were to compete against 8 other "A" invitational teams for prize money. Suddenly Mike Patnik the so called director cancelled this thought, I entered this tournament and so did the others with the hope of playing for cash money. This is unfair and looks like a rip off.

Signed,  
Augie Garcia

Andy Krosnik is much too severe in his calling a game especially a championship game. He gives the impression of being too personal to the players.

Signed  
R. Noble  
Brooklyn

I hear Shorehaven Beach club will run a tournament for passes to its Beach Club. If the Tournament Director is Murray Kirschner of the B.P.A. you can count mine.

Signed  
Eric Toro  
Bronx, N.Y.

In my opinion A. Krosnik should not be a referee in the preliminary of a "Z" tournament.

Signed  
Mendy Korman

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### What Is A Tournament Director?

It has come to my loud attention about a tournament director who did not live up to his commitment. A paddleball tournament director has the responsibility to organize and stimulate an interest in his paddleball production.

He goes and take an ad out in a paper, distributes flyers, to the local paddleball clubs, talks up the event and then gets response. Players will enter generally because they love to compete, and win prizes that are stated in the flyer. But in this situation a credibility gap has been breached. This credibility, or lack of

credibility is **Bad!** It is **Bad** for paddleball, it is **bad** for the people who supplies their ball for this tournament it is bad all the way around. The function of a tournament director is to popularize the game of paddleball and to live up to his commitment all the way down the line. When the players see a lack of commitment, there will be a penalty, and that could be less participation in paddleball tournaments. As editor of the Wallbanger News, I don't like it, the player who entered this tournament don't like it. You know who you are, so for the sake of the game correct it .....

### REFLECTIONS

Sometimes I wonder what we're all about,  
And our great human nature I seriously doubt.

A world full of peace we call for and then,  
Off to a war we send our young men.

We kill a president and then kill his brother,  
We cry for awhile and then shoot another.

We slay the black preacher of non-violent hope,  
Then stoop even lower and shoot at a Pope.

We murder the singer who once took a stance,  
When all he was saying was, "Give peace a chance".

In Atlanta the children must fear where

they go,  
In New York a man killed cause **A dog told him so!**

The gifts our Creator was so kind to share .....

Our natural resources, our water, our air.

We give a strange thank you each single day,

By wrecklessly polluting and wasting them away.

We have the technology to fly to the stars,

We take rocks from the moon and pictures on Mars.

Intelligent life we're hoping to find .....

Maybe we should look among our own kind?

Louis Faiella

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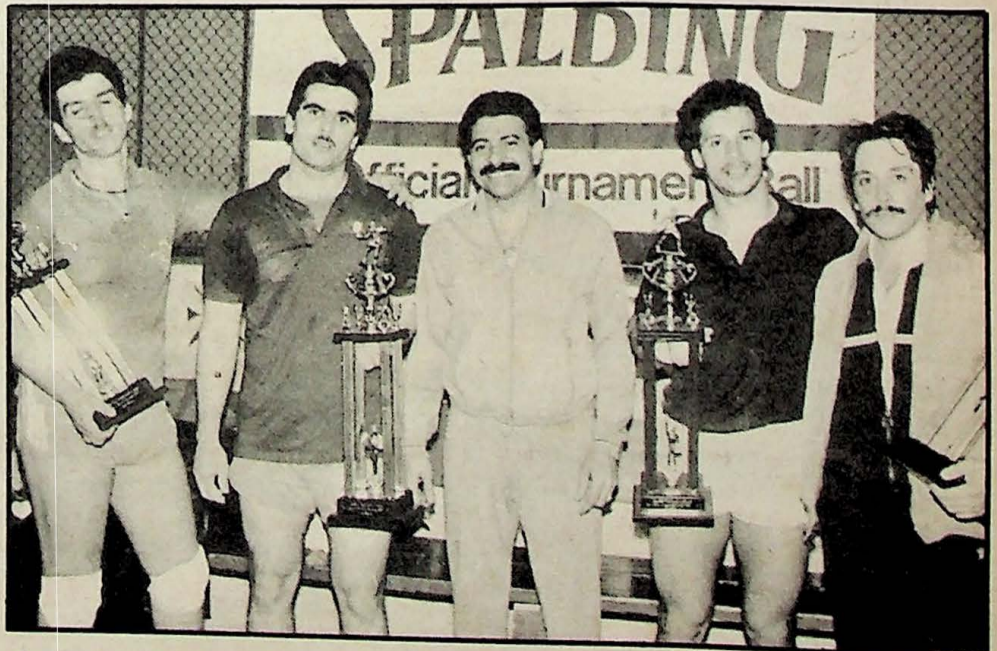
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At Bronx indoor paddleball Health Center. Mike Patnik congratulating 1st place. "B" Double CHamps Steve Smith and Kim Soohoo Carlos Gautier on Right.

Left to Right Top Row  
P. Lopez, A Garcia, A. Laracuente, S. Smith, K. Soohoo, R. Wade.



C. Ruiz- R. Chielli M. Mateos Tournament Director—A. Fiorno—R. Capogrosso A. Fiorino and R. Chielli won this championship sponsored by Spalding Co.

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A. Maldonado and B. Schwarz do it in winning mixed doubles championships. B. Poris Watches.  
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By Ray Gaston (PPPA)

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The underlying idea of this event is to give the "B" players the opportunity to play "competitively" against the more "proven" veteran paddleball "pros".

The tournament format will be as follows:

- (1) According to the PPPA's final 1982 "Individual Doubles" ratings, any players rated in the top "32" may **not** team up with another player also rated in the top "32".
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- (3) Any combination of 2 "B" players may play together.
- (4) Any "mixed-doubles" or "women's doubles" team may also enter (Note: Ladies pay **no** entry fee).
- (5) The top "8" rated "A" Pro's and their "B" partners will *not* play in the qualifying rounds but will act as referees in these rounds.
- (6) The final "8" surviving qualifying

teams will join the top "8" rated "pro-Am" teams on finals night.

The tournament site will be the co-sponsoring Paddle Sports Health Club, located at 80-50 Pitkin Avenue, Ozone Park, N.Y. 11417. (Call 212-738-3535 for entry forms and info).

Entering teams may choose to play on either of two qualifying dates: Sunday, April 24 at 1:00 PM or Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 PM. Finals night (championship rounds) one to be held on Friday evening May 6 at 7:30 PM.

Cash and Prizes to be as follows:

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- 1st place - \$500 plus trophies
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- 3rd place - \$250
- 4th place - \$150
- 5th thru 8th \$100
- 9th thru 16th \$25

**Deadline:** Entries must be received prior to the qualifying date chosen. There will be a \$5.00 late registration fee for "on site" registration on a qualifying - tournament date.

So send in your entry form as soon as possible. Remember, anybody can win, anybody can place!!!!!! Again, ladies entry is free!!!!

Additional contributing sponsors are the Castle Hill Beach Club, Popular Ford Sales, and the Electronic Transformer Corporation.



D. Schwager about to hit it or eat it M. Frankel avoids it.  
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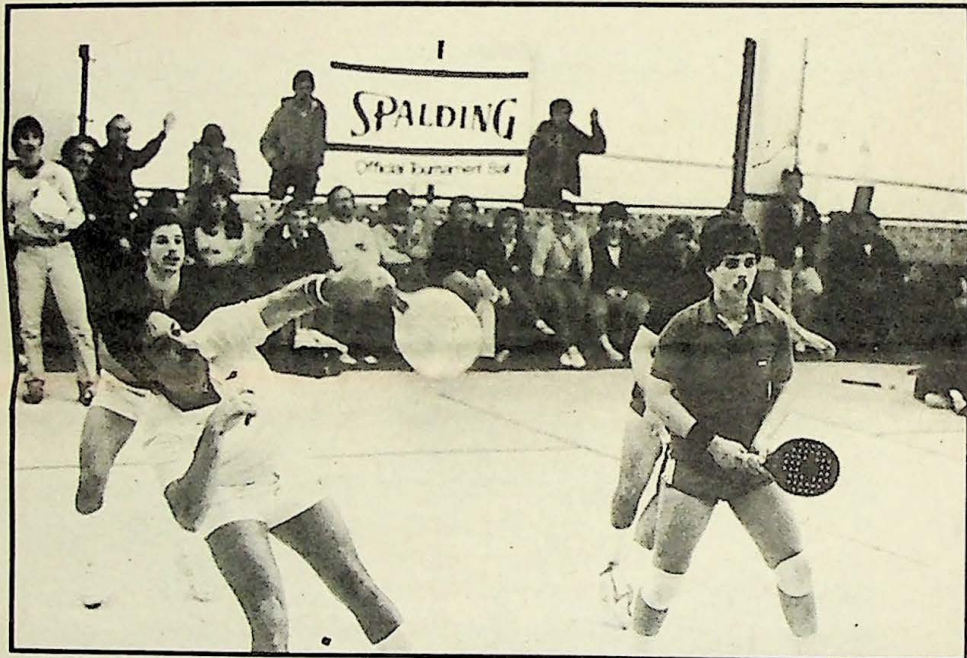
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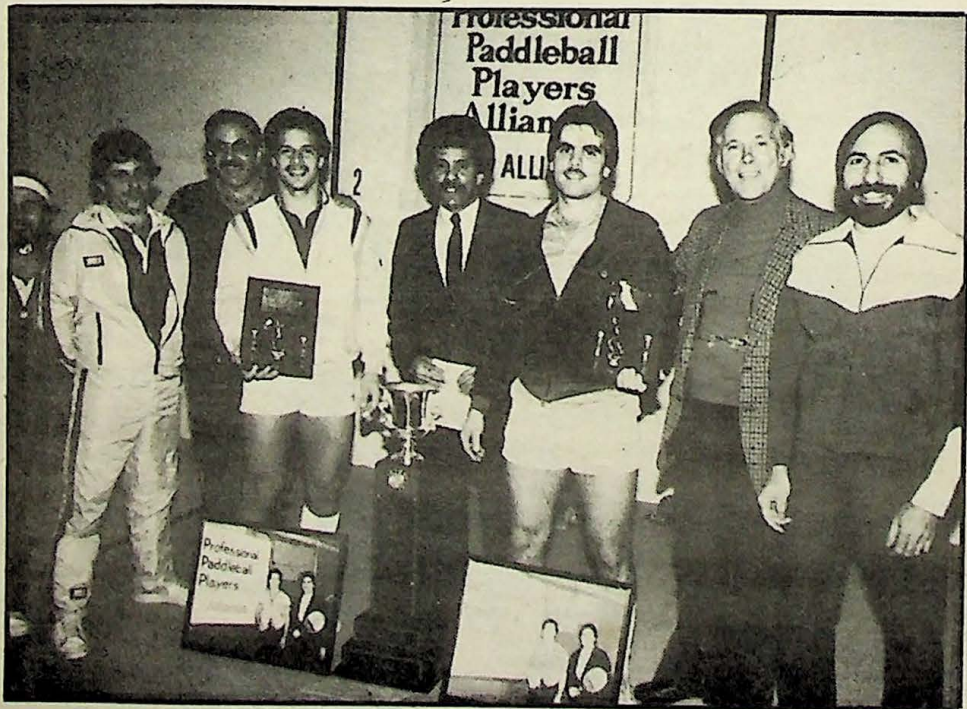
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B. Poris. B. Schwarz D. Diaffone  
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R. Capogrosso goes up for one in championship game. C. Ruiz in front  
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D. Perez, D. Fryd, J. Haber, A. Fiorino, R. Gaston President of P.P.P.A.—R. Chielli M. Kirschner Pub. "Wallbanger News" B. Schwarz presenting P.P.P.A. awards to a Fiorino—R. Chielli for best doubles team of 1982.  
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**Mr. Murray Krischner**  
President Bronx Paddleball Assc.  
**WALLBANGER NEWS**  
3875 Waldo Avenue  
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As per our phone conversation of March 4th, 1983. Brief description of the El Barrio Paddleball Players, and our goals.

The E.B.P.P., are a group of residents organized by Carlos Gautier, and Joe Lopez in response to the growing need to have organized recreation in our community. We are dedicated paddleball players that service this, "American Sport". We promoted, organize coordinate, and conduct Paddleball Tournaments, and wish to grow with this sport.

We are the newest among the established organizations that service this growing sport. We hope that with the cooperation of these established organizations we can reach our goals. The E.B.P.P., goals are to make this sport highly visible, thus attracting the much needed sponsorship for paddleball growth!

The energizing force of the E.B.P.P., is Carlos Gautier. He has been doing his thing, conducting and managing tournaments demonstrating his commitment to paddleball. He is a dynamite good humored man, with a rare virtue of being a grassroot person. He has an uncomplicated personality that appeals to everyone and is a man of honor in all aspects of life. A person to be among those responsible for the overall success of paddleball's growth.

The E.B.P.P., plans to conduct Youth Tournaments this Summer. We believe

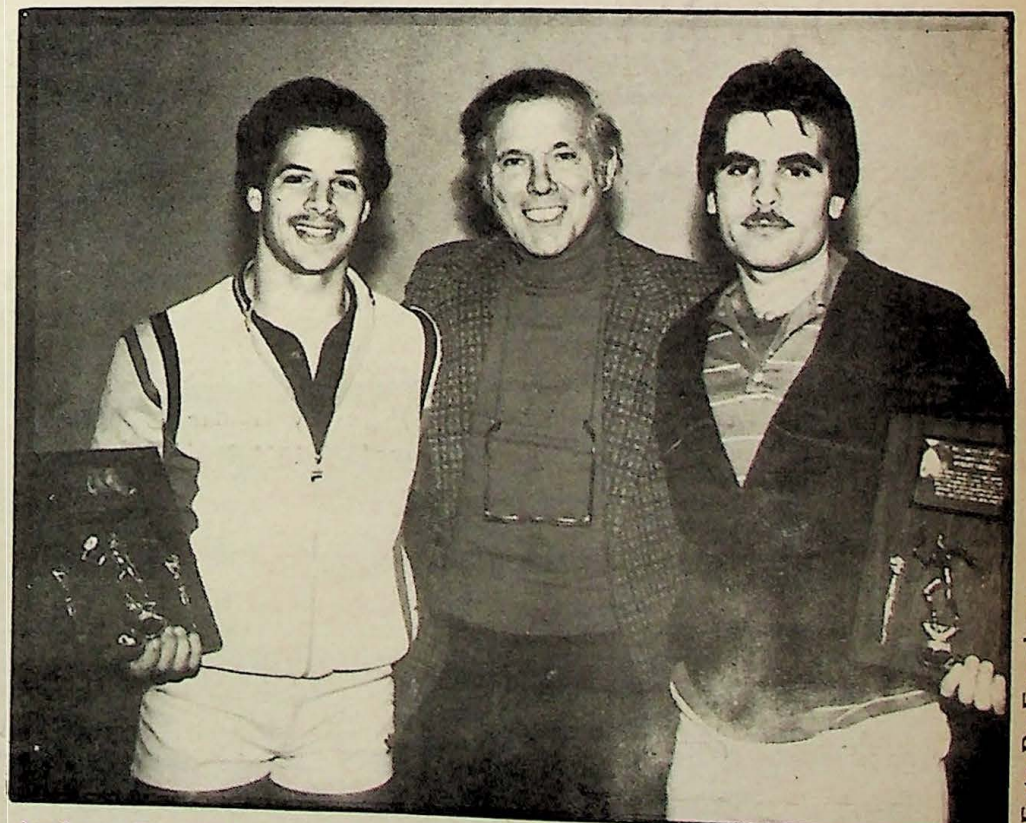
its' ripe time the youths get the chance and training to compete in this sport. We are working closely with community agencies towards this goal. We are seeking sponsorship to provide a series of paddleball tournaments in El Barrio. Please bear in mind that if we do get sponsored, we will still need volunteers to make this endeavor a success. These are our tentative plans; Boy's Doubles (14 yrs. and under) July 9th or 10th Girls' Doubles (14 and under) July 23, 24. A Young Men's Doubles August 6th, 7th for the ages of 15-18 years A fifth tournament on August 28th, will be composed of 1st - 8th place winning teams of each tournament. They will compete in the El Barrio's Day-of-Champions-out-of-the-hat-MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT. There will be no charge to the participating youths. So get your kids ready for a paddleball summer.

We know the proposed series of tournaments will provide a visible and significant summer activity for our young people. We hope to develop the start of many future Wallbanging stars. We believe that by applying our program, we are truly doing our share for the growth of paddleball and making the sport much more visible to future sponsors.

Our present schedule is 'B Mixed Doubles, on Sunday (be there) April 17th, at 6 p.m. in Bronx Indoor, please see ad.

For more information on our youth tournaments, get the next issue of the WALLBANGER!

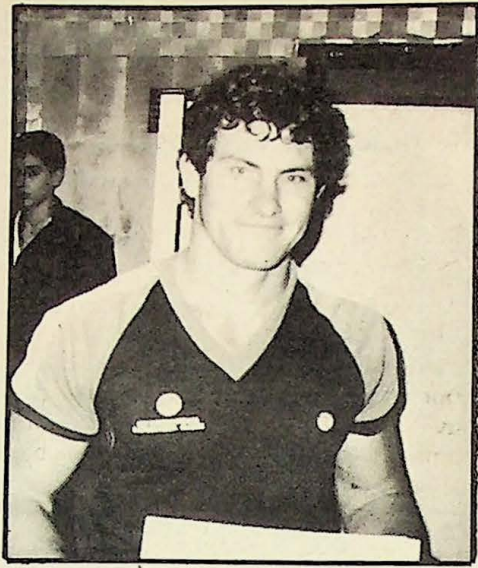
E.B.P.P.  
Director  
Joe Lopez



Anthony Fiorni Murray Kirschner Robert Chielli Murray Kirschner Publisher of the "Wallbanger News" presenting the best doubles team award for 1982. These two Wallbangers have increased the popularity of Paddleball due to their spectacular play throughout the year .... Congratulations!

**Racquetball Pros**

20 Points Standings To Dat. 1. Marty Hogan, San Diego, 370 points. 2. Mike Yellen, Southfield Mich., 310 points. 3. Dave Peck, El Paso, Texas, 300 points. 4. Bret Harnett, Las Vegas, Nevada, 270 points. 5. Don Thomas, Mesa, Arizona, 180 points. 6. Gregg Peck, El Paso, 180 points. 7. Ed Andrews, San Diego, 180 points. 8. Jerry Hilecher, Encinitas, Ca, 170 points. 9. Steve Strandemo, San Diego, 150 points. 10. Craig McCoy, Riverside, Ca, 140 points. 11. Doug Cohen, St. Louis, 140 points. 12. John Egerman, Boise, Idaho, 110 points. 13. Rich Wagner, San Diego, 80 points. 14. Reuben Gonzales, Staten Island, NY, 70 points. 15. Scott Hawkins, Santa Clara, Ca, 60 points.



Mike Hogan victor over Ruben Gonzales at Narrow's Racquetball Club in Brooklyn

**Top Paddleball Players Banned From Wendy's And AMF Voit Tournament**

A major sponsor has entered the Wallbangers world of Paddleball. Wendy's Hamburger Restaurants of Brooklyn will be running a tournament event sometimes in May. But it seems a couple of top championship names are excluded from getting a chance to win cash, upwards of \$2,000 for 1st place and \$800 for 2nd place. Not saying these teams would win it, but they won't be getting a chance as long as Howie Hammer is holding the hammer. It seems in an A.P.A. Tournament held in Bronx Indoor courts these 2 teams were about to play for the Semi Finals at a Queens Indoor court on a given date. The 2 teams in question had to forfeit. This irritated the Hammer and the players were banned from A.P.A. Tournament play for 1 yr.

up the money and T-shirts?? Or is this is an A.P.A. tournament who put up their money and supply T shirts? Whatever it is it does not make for a good tournament and favorable publicity for "Wendy's". A lot of players simply will not run to the Queens Court's on possibly fearing they may irk George and Howie in some way. After all it is supposed to be an "open" tournament any one can enter. And if the local papers are going to cover this open tournament they would like to see the best players in it. By the way, the players names who were "Banned" by Howie are Anthony Fiorino Robert Chielli, No 1 team in paddleball of 1982 and Craig Ruiz and Ralph Capogrosso another championship team. Forfeiting is one penalty banning is going a bit too far.

Is this a Wendy tournament who put

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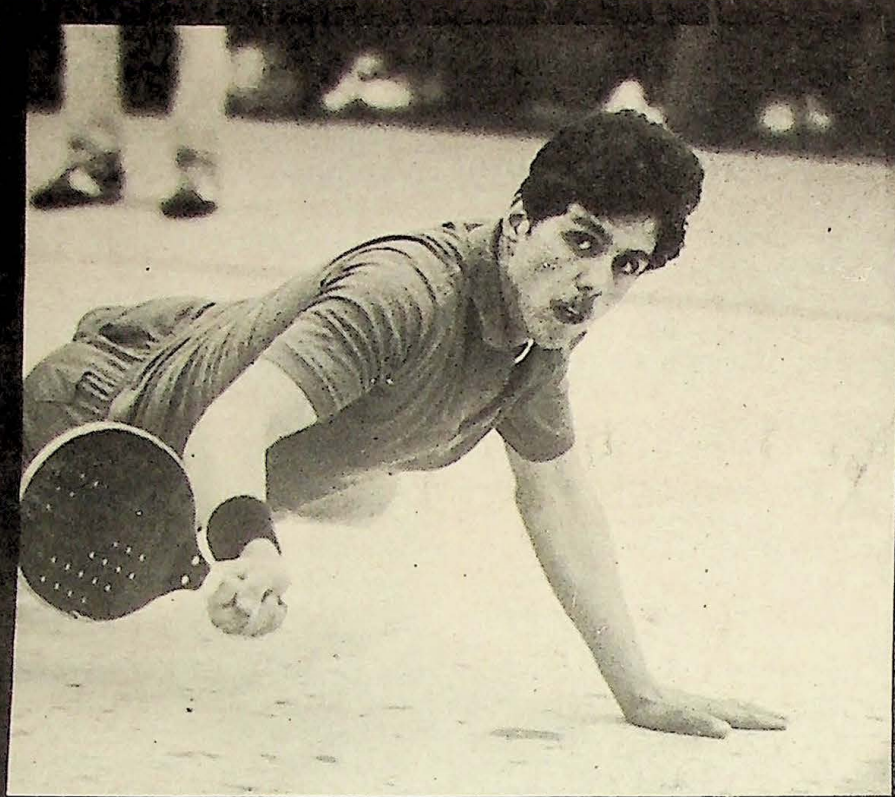
Paddle Ball Results: 1st place - Gary Evans. 2nd place, Wellington, 3rd place - D.J. Moore, 4th place Fernando Frias. This held at Bronx Indoor Paddleball Health Club.

Open Men Doubles, 1st place: Robert Chielli, Anthony Fiorino, 2nd place: Ralph Capogrosso - Craig Ruiz. Held at Bronx Indoor Paddleball Health Club.

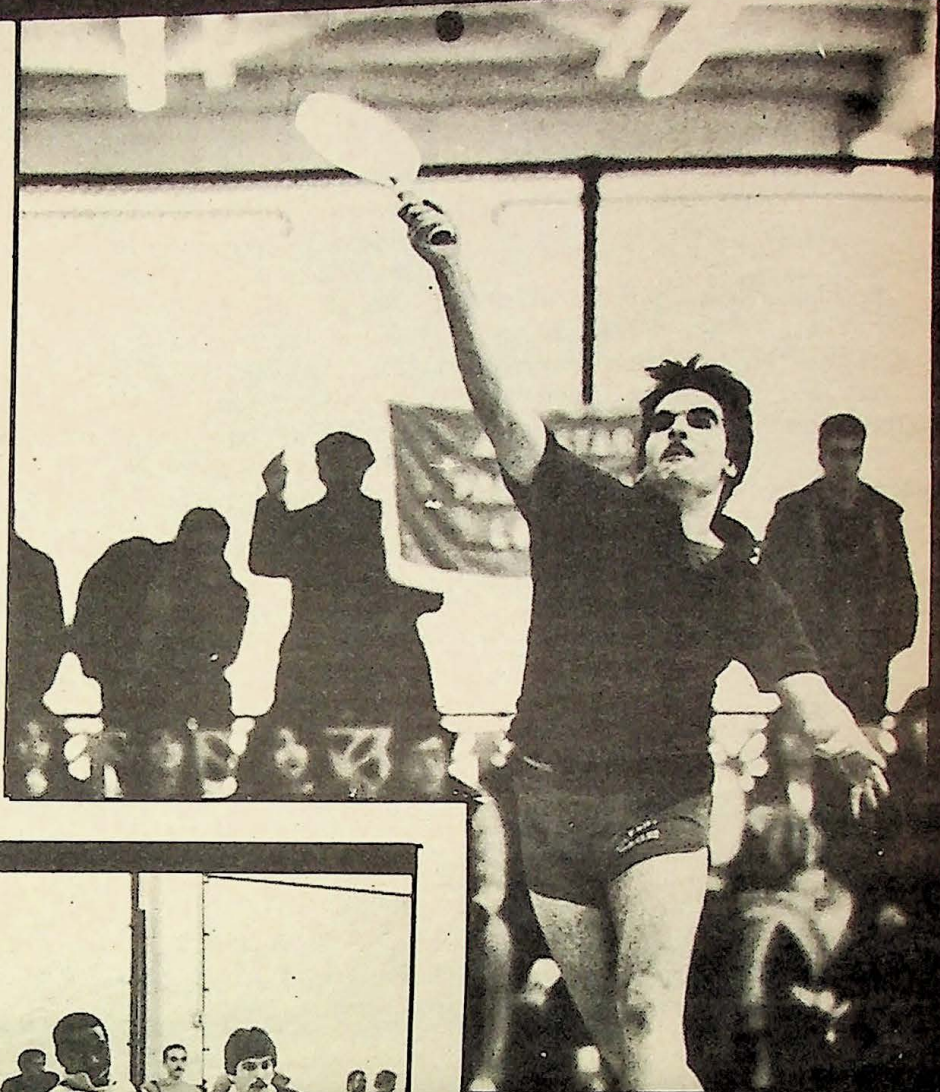
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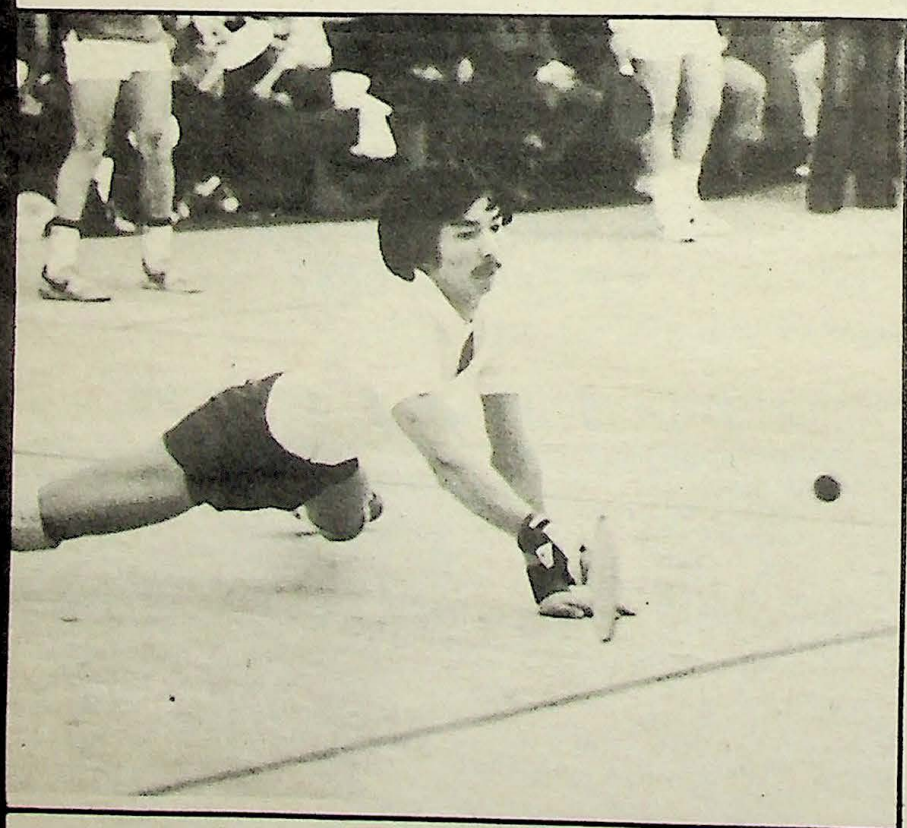
C. Ruiz going for the low one  
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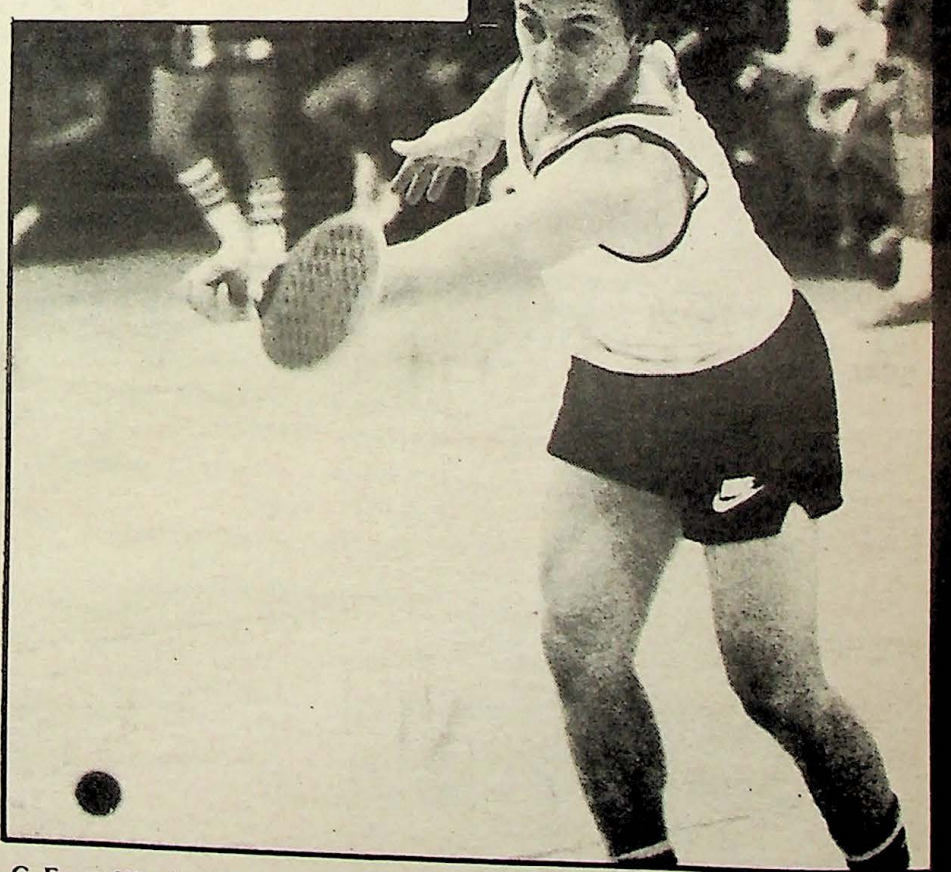
Robert Chielli goes after a spike and  
brings it to the wall.  
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Grundel—W. Faber and D. Fryd watch. R. David bang  
one in  
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Kim Soohoo going for it, and making it at Bronx Indoor Paddleball Courts  
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G. Evans Winning "B" Singles Championship.  
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## Official PPPA Men's Double Computer Ratings (as of April 1, 1983)

(As of April 1, 1982, Ideal Score - 50 pts.)

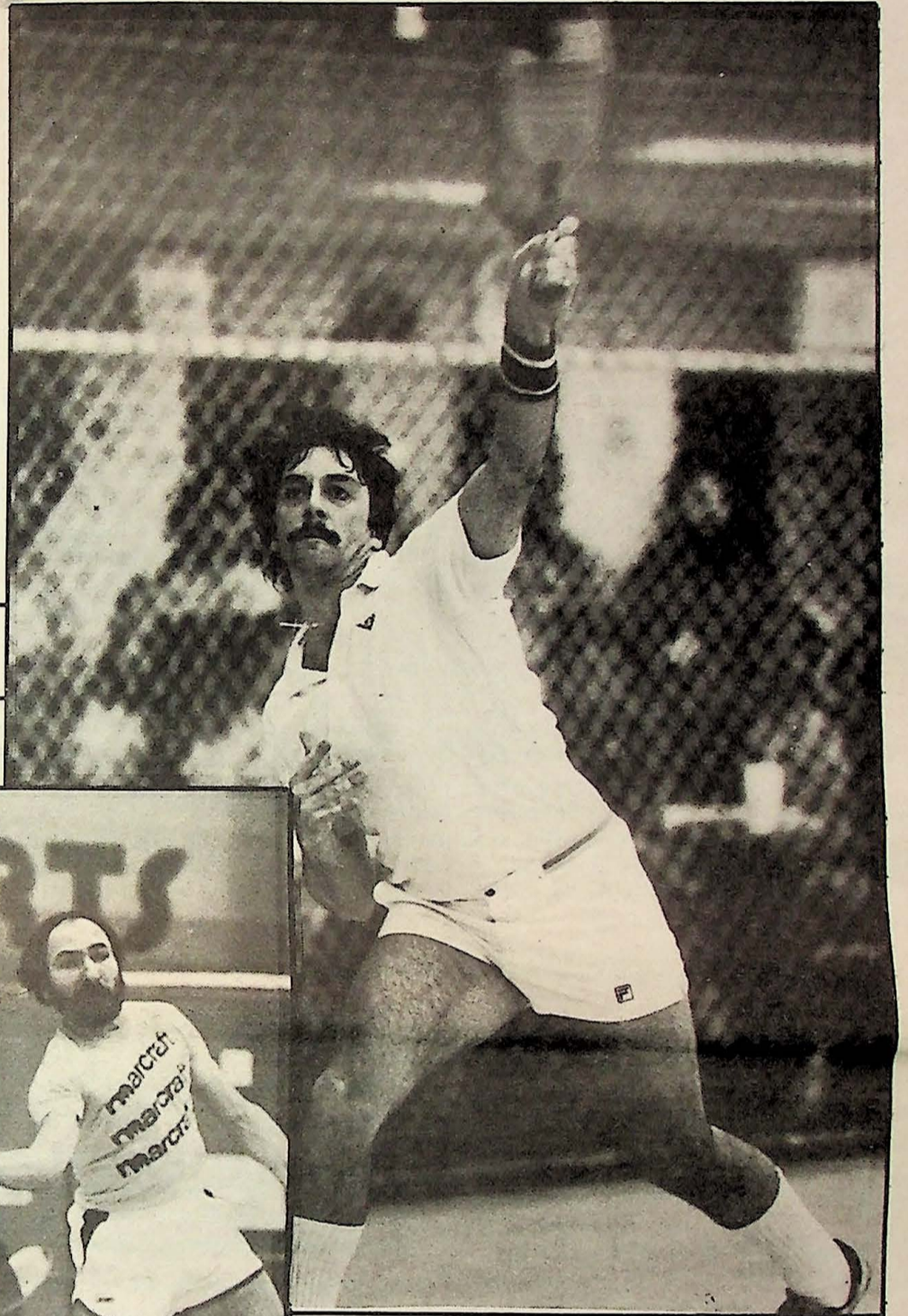
Ranking, No 1. Team Name, Bobby Schwarz - Barry Paris, 38 points. Ranking, No. 2, Ralph Capogrosso - Graig Ruiz, 28 points. Ranking No. 3, Tony Fiorino - Bobby Chielli, 20 points.

Ranking, No. 4, Rene Naddeo - Dave Schwager, 17 points. Ranking No. 5. David Fryd - Whitey Faber, 16 points.

Ranking No. 6, Donni Ciaffone - Ray Gaston, 8 points. Ranking No. 7, Mike Melendez - Carmelo, 4 points. Ranking No. 8, Steve Smith - David Perez, 3 points. Ranking No. 9, Ray David - F. Gruendl, 3 points. Tie, Gene Evans - Gonzalez, 2 points. Tie M. Eaton - Ramel Sheimar, 2 points. Tie, Mike Melendez - H. Franquis, 2 points. No. 13 David Fryd - Crag Ruiz, 1 point. Tie, Cliff Lang - Serge Ivanov, 1 point. Tie, Steve Rothfeld - Mel Frenkel, 1 point.

Ralph Capogrosso slamming it to the wall.  
Foto By Funches

B. Schwarz does it in mixed  
doubles championship.  
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Bronx Paddleball Association has started an outdoor Paddleball league to begin in early June. This will be the first time for a paddleball league to be held outdoors. There will be a mens doubles and womens doubles and then a mixed doubles. It will be played at Van Courtlandt Park Stadium. Prizes to winners and member T-Shirts to all who join and special awards at end of season

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To get your application and information call 212-543-5122. Ask for Murray or Bebe Cortez 562-5836.

Padelball's great champions continue to suffer deep personal losses.

Our deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences go out to No. 1 rated mens' singles "King" Mike Melendez, and his family, for loss of his beloved father, Mr. Porfirlo Melendez.

Mr. Melendez passed away on Saturday, April 9. The family flew with the deceased back "home" to Santo Domingo where the burial was to take place.

The Paddleball World wishes the "Melendez" peace and consolation in their tragic hour.

—Ray Gaston

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H. Franqui delivering a key shot.

## Shorehaven - EAB Paddleball Invitational Doubles

Shorehaven, the city's number one family resort, and European American Bank will co-sponsor a two-night Paddleball Doubles Tournament on May 7th and May 21st with \$4,000 in prizes and trophies.

The tournaments - for "B" players on May 7th and an "Open" on May 21st - are expected to attract some of the best paddleball pairs in the country. In all, approximately two-hundred players are expected.

The tournament will be held in the Bronx Indoor Paddleball Health Center, 1261 Zarega Avenue, and will be conducted under the auspices of the Bronx Paddleball Association.

This early season indoor event will mark an expansion of Shorehaven's already extensive sports schedule, which includes more than 1000 tournaments and competitions during July and August. With its 48 outdoor courts as well as its four-wall and indoor facilities, Shorehaven is fast becoming New York's summer sports capital.

The Shorehaven - EAB Tournaments will bring to four the number of paddleball tournaments which Shorehaven will take a part in sponsoring; during July and August the Annual Shorehaven Invitational Paddleball Tournaments in singles and doubles with cash prizes for the winners will be held. In addition, Shorehaven will host summer tournaments in handball and racquetball.

European American Bank has become increasingly active in promoting and sponsoring sporting events in the city and in recent years has participated in the sponsorship of paddleball tournaments. In 1982 European American Bank was a co-sponsor with Shorehaven of the Shorehaven Invitational.

The prizes for the two tournaments are: for first place teams, two season admissions to each player for Shorehaven, with a total value of \$2,400; second place winners, one season admission each to Shorehaven, with a total value of \$1,200; third and fourth place winners, weekend passes to Shorehaven with a total value of \$160. In addition, all winners will receive handsome trophies and every player who participates in the tournament will be given a free tournament T-shirt.

## An Outstanding Paddleball Referee

That tournament was bad, remarked one of the players as he was packing his gear. How come? said his partner. Again the player said their was no control over the players. Well Wallbangers, how many times have you heard that remark? I as a tournament director of Paddleball tournaments know this problem well. Yet it is a problem, but it can be solved. In order to do this, let us start with a very competent referee who is an outstanding paddleball player. His name is David Fryd. He is a versatile player who can play the right or left side with great skill. He usually plays with another top player Whitey Faber. David when referring, is a take control official. He knows the game outside and in when he makes a call its is

done professionally, his interpretation of a call is short and true. That is what players can relate to, a person who **knows** the game. David Fryd is that **person**. Plans are now in the making to have a paddleball referee organization which will teach how to officiate Paddleball. This Paddleball Referee Organization can only become a reality if there are people like David Fryd in it.

Editor's Note: There are other notable referees, Aubrey Nelson, Anthony Fiorino, Dr. Robert Chielli, Mike Eaton, Andrew Marcel Hopkins, Tommy Martinez, Anita Maldonado - Debra Armstrong - Bobby Schwarz - Tony Deleno.

## Official PPPA Ideal Score - 100 Men's Singles Ratings for 1982

No. 1 - Mike Melendez, 86 points, Relative Average .860. No. 2. Bobby Schwarz, 48 Points, Relative Average .480. No. 3 Silo Vasquez - 38 points, Relative Average .380. No. 4. Ray David, 20 points, Relative Average .200. (Tie)

Lorenzo Hernandez, 20 points, Relative Average .200. No. 6. Craig Ruiz, 14 points, Relative Average .140. No. 7 Donnie Ciaffone - 12 points Relative Average .120. (Tie) Frank Jerrel 12 points; Relative Average. 120.

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Publisher of Wallbanger News Murray Kirschner welcomes Jeff Haber back from California. Jeff is responsible for the new California Paddleball Association which he organized. (Notice Hall of Fame Paddle)



B. Poris powerful Southpaw drives one to the wall. B. Schwarz looks on.

Foto By Funches

## Schwarz, Poris Win B.P.A. Open Doubles

Bobby Schwarz and Barry Poris steamrolled their way to the championship at Bronx Indoor Paddleball Courts March 26 - Bobby's

new partner Barry Poris just took command of every game with his low deep serve. On the other side of the court it was Craig Ruiz and Ralph Capogrosso who mowed through their opposition. Showdown time came when these two teams faced each other, one game 25 points.

Bobby and Barry went out for an early lead and never once were they to be in any trouble. Poris took position in the middle of the court and never gave ground. Schwarz and Poris were awesome in winning 25-17.

Whitey Faver and David Fryd had to come from behind to beat Fink and Zeller in a very exciting game 22-20. A big upset took place when the underdog team of David Perez and Steve Smith faced Cliff Lang and Mel Frankle and won 21-15. David Perez and Steve Smith did it again when they beat Jerry Valencia, and Miguel Mateo in a thriller. 22-20.

Another Cliffhanger game when Funches and Silcott battled G. Evans and Gonzales to an exciting contest, Evans and Gonzalez pulled it out to win 23-21.

An interesting match pairing Rex Haddeo, and Dave Schwager against Mike Melendez and Anthony Fiorino, Rex and Dave went on to win 22-20. Tournament director was Murray Kirschner of the Bronx Paddleball Association Co Sponsor was Spalding Co. The Spalding Paddleball was used.

B.P.A. gives thanks to the officials Tony Delano, M. Melendez, David Belitz, Ray Daid, David Perez, George McIntire, Luis Torres, R. Fink, Anthony Fiorino, David Fryd, and Funches.

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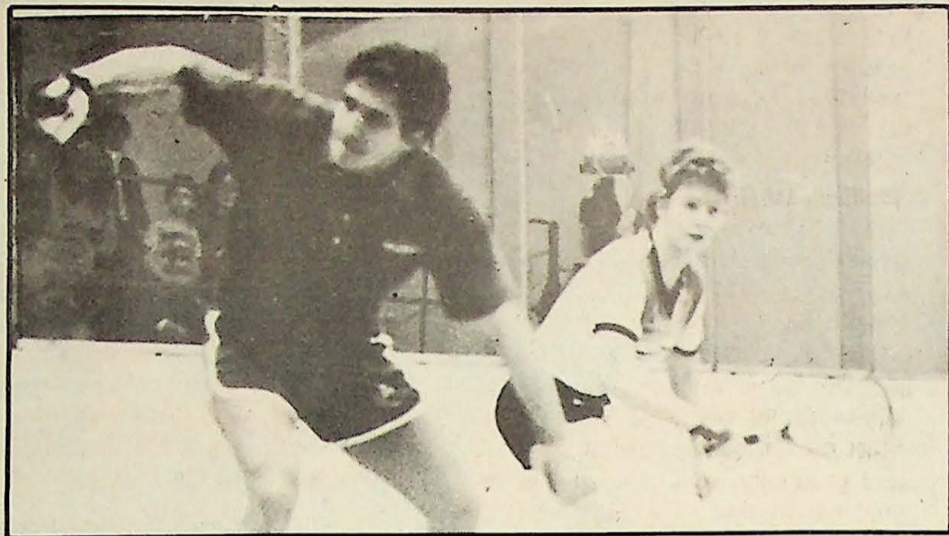
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Dennis Hofflander (l.) and Shannon Wright in the Michelob Hands vs. Racquet Battle of the Sexes— Super Bowl IV.

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On the competitive side, fourth-ranked USHA touring pro Dennis Hofflander, of Chicago, took control of the \$500 winner-takes-all exhibition match early and defeated five-times former women's pro racquetball national champion Shannon Wright, of Las Vegas, 11-8, 8-11, 11-7 and 11-9.

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## Westchester Court Clubs Championships

Men's Open Singles—M. Clifford, R. Devito, S. Rogers, S. Borraro. B-C. Drimmel, R. Applebaum, G. Suchy, J. Abio. C-R. Schmulewitz, G. Casanova, E. Massina, S. Coughlan. NOVICE—S. Sklar, M. Castellano, M. Poulton, N. Gleisher. SENIORS—J. Devito, J. Torres, L. Ruffolo, S. Schulman. MASTERS—P. Columbo, R. Meneses, C. Horton Sr., Doc. Messina. B/C Doubles Abio/Nieves, Drimmel/Shapiro, Wongsing/King,

Rosenberg/Moran.

OPEN DOUBLES—Borarro/Chadovayne, Diemar/Farber, Alberti/Parise, Devito/Bernardi. BOYS 17 & UNDER—N. Glantz, E. Seybold, A. Riffkin, M. Casaro. 15 & UNDER—A. Vogel, S. Cowels, P. Luciano, E. Massina. WOMAN'S SINGLES—J. Weiss, R. Croford, R. Moran, L. Burke. NOVICE—Palatera/Schifini, Watson/Moran, Bonefort/Pacifico Logan/Kaplen

## "Spalding Cup" Donated to Professional Paddleball to Commemorate No. 1 Rated Team

By RAY GASTON (PPPA)

April 11, 1983 (Bronx, N.Y.) In baseball it's the World Series "Ring". In hockey there's the "Stanley Cup". College football has its "Heisman Trophy". Now professional paddleball's top rated No. 1 Mens' doubles team (for a given year) will be honored with the newly donated, three foot tall, multi-leveled, priceless, perpetual "Spalding Cup".

According to the "Professional Paddleball Players" Alliance (PPPA) Computerized Player Ratings, the top rated men's team will be presented with the "Spalding Cup" at the start of the first men's "Open" tournament in the following year. The names of the two players and the year of their "championship" will be engraved onto this "silver beauty" and it (the Spalding Cup) and will be put on display for that current year at the site or sites "selected" by the winning championship team.

Recently, just before Miguel Mateo's All-Star Men's Open Doubles, on March 12, 1983 at Bronx Indoor Paddleball in New York, Antony Fiorino and Robert Chielli, the first "computer rated" champions (1982) were presented with the "Spalding Cup" by PPPA "pro's" David Fryd and Jeff Haber. (Fryd and Haber were, of course, primarily responsible for the successful "talks" with Mr. Ben Russel of Spalding (Questor) which led to "reality" of this paddleball "honor".

Chielli and Fiorino were also presented with beautiful walnut plaques and handsome royal blue "pro" warm up suits by Mr. Murray Kirschner of the BPA and the Wallbanger News. And, on behalf of the PPPA membership, Mr. Paddleball, Bobby Schwarz, also presented "the Castle Hill Kids" with classic 20" x 24" blow-ups of themselves taken before the now familiar PPPA banner.

The PPPA, which bases its computer ratings on all "Organized tournaments, will call upon these "Organizations" to help honor the "winners" in next years presentation.

The "Alliance" knows it speaks for all of the paddleball world in expressing its gratitude to Mr. Russell and Spalding for the (1) contribution of the soon destined to be "Priceless Spalding Cup" and (2) for Spalding's recent involvement and support of paddleball tournament activity (i.e. 1982 PPPA/Spalding A/B Challenge Classic, 1982 APA/Spalding National Championships, 1983 All-Star/Spalding Men's Doubles, 1983 BPA/Spalding Men's Doubles, the 1983 Paddle Sports! Spalding "B" Series, and the current PPPA/Spalding Pro-Am).

Note: The "Spalding Cup" is presently on display at Paddle Sports Health Club in Queens (212-738-3535) and will be on display at the Castle Hill Beach Club (212-224-4078) at the start of the summer season.

## New Organization Formed As United States Paddle Tennis Ass'n

To the absolute delight of all concerned, a merger of the American Paddle Tennis League and the United States Paddle Tennis Association was at long last completed in February.

Efforts of the Merger Committee chaired by Peter Bowman came to fruition after nearly a year of hard work. This committee's work had been preceded by many years of discussions.

The world of Paddle Tennis expressed deep gratitude to Peter who is a member of the South Bay Paddle Tennis Association in Palos Verdes, California. Members of this Committee included Bill Brothers, Larry Engel, John Reynolds and Norman Sanoff. All of us are indebted to these five volunteers for accomplishing an extremely difficult task.

# DRILLING FOR IMPROVEMENT

(Editor's Note: Mike Yellen, 23, is currently ranked number two on the men's pro tour and he is a valued member of the Ektelon Professional Advisory Staff.)

Perhaps the most fun aspect of racquetball is that nearly anyone can walk onto the court completely inexperienced with the sport and have a good time. I doesn't take much talent to become marginally competitive on the court.

The transition from inexperienced player to not-so-bad player is often accomplished within one or two sessions on the court. However, what makes racquetball so easy to learn has, in many cases, caused the undoing of many a promising player. Once they have learned to hit and move, they believe they have become adequate players and their games never improves.

There is only one way to improve in racquetball. Practice. I have said it many times over. Practice your serve. Practice your blocking. Practice your accuracy. And the biggest part of practice is drilling. It is the only way. You must spend time

alone on the court and work on certain drills. That is the way to improve. It's obvious.

I have assembled some tips on drilling and forehand improvement to give you some specific activities the next time you're alone on the court. I hope they will begin to pay off in points the next time you compete.

### Drilling Without the Ball

You need some masking tape and, if available, a partner to help. First, take a piece of tape and put it on the court floor, far enough back so you can eventually hit the ball. This first piece of tape is where you place the toe of your back foot. Don't move your foot from the tape. Now take some good healthy swings. Notice where your front foot lands each time. Freeze after each stroke to look and adjust anything that's not right. (This is where a partner helps.) When your front foot consistently hits an area which allows

you to bend properly, mark it with a second piece of tape. Now you have something constant to look at and step on. Use the tape until your stroke feels natural.

### Drilling With the Ball

Now all you do is add the ball to the previous drill. Don't change your tape or your swing just because you add the ball. People tend to change all of a sudden when the ball is added. Drop the ball out in front so when you take your step, you're hitting the ball off your front foot. Start out hitting the ball at knee height and gradually work down lower. Your goal is to hit the ball parallel. It should go straight in and straight back to you.

### Movement Drills

There are three basic ways the ball can approach you: toward you from the frontwall, coming out off the backwall, or into your body from the sidewall.

First, toss the ball off the sidewall. This will make you move back and away from the ball. You need to be behind the ball so you have enough room to step into the ball. Your motion should be the same as

if you were to drop and hit.

Your next drill is to hit the ball off the frontwall. As the ball is coming towards you, take several steps backward so you can slide into the ball. Don't let the ball get in too close to your body. Keep your swing out and free.

### Creative Drilling

Drills can be extra fun and competitive if you choose to make them so.

You can put anything (a can or bag, for instance) at the frontwall and try to hit it. You can have contests to see who can hit it best out of 10.

You can make squares on the wall with tape and try to keep your balls inside the squares. Try calling your shots to see how much control you have. For instance, as the ball is coming off the frontwall, say kill or pass and try to hit what you called. The list can go on and on. These drills are extremely helpful as long as you keep your form correct.

Drilling can be fun and creative and the improvements are exciting. Hang in there and you'll be rewarded.



Lasale-Laser Duo.



Champion Mike Hogan giving out advice on the making of Racquetball champ at Narrows Racquetball Club.



Professional Referee Organization is now in the planning stage. (Left to Right Top Row) J. Lopez - R. Gaston M. Patnik - M Kirschner J. Ionotti B. Schwartz. (Bottom Row) J. Mazza.

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## Carr's Corner

The Blizzard of '83 caused havoc with everyone including the Westchester Inter Club contest at Racquet Plaza. The postponement was worth waiting for because the action was great. All those who were supposed to win, won. But let me tell you about some of the runner ups. Dave Catena and Lovie (Habitat) Faiella played like demons. They seemed possessed. They also went to the semi finals. Don Parisi and his side kick Gene Alberti looked terrific until they came acropper with Pete Charavoye & Sam Berrero. Sam and Pete took all the marbles.

Gary Schwartz looked great even in defeat. He gave his best but it wasn't good enough to conquer "Mr. Back hand Mike Clifford". The most power packed back hand is owned by Mike Clifford. Any arguments? Craig Driml, conqueror of Mr. Applebaum in the "B" contest was something to behold. Craig, down in the tie breaker point to 4, came back and won in a grueling match that went back and forth until Craig prevailed.

"Winnie" Winston didn't win anything but showed us a lot of heart in losing.

Keep plugging, Winnie. You will prevail and soon!! Luis Fuentes won his consolation master tournament handiyy. Mr. Fuentes is a converted Paddle Ball Player and has made the change over very well. You can see Luis at Pelham Practicing to improve his game most nights.

Our own Joe Mazzilli of Pelham Beat Matt Graber in the novice consolation Joe's game has been improving lately and I'm sure you will be seeing Mr. Mazzilli in quite a few contests. Matt Graber is also a converted Paddleball player. He is determined to master Racquetball Ball.

Guy Suchy, a very talented player, got as far as the semi finals, and I know he will do much better in his next contest. Guy is from Court Sports II where he runs a tight ship. Much Luck Guy in your next contest. The third leg of the Westchester Court Club Championships was the finest coordinated contest that I witnessed. So far everyone I talked to felt the same way. Fred Kay deserves all the credit for this wonderful contest. I'm sure Gary Schwartz & Diane Lin helped too. Congratulations, A Job Well Done!!

The next inter club contest will be held at Winning Walls in Port Chester, N.Y. Incidentally the Wallbanger Trophy is at Winning Walls, it's been there for 2 years. Who will win the trophy this year?? Murray Kirschner, editor of the Wallbanger News, will be making the presentation. Till next time may all your kill shots be rollouts!!

To readers of the Wallbanger News..... We thank you for your concern over the whereabouts of our Racquetball columnist Tony Carr, the many phone calls of his location were greatly appreciated. He has been found.

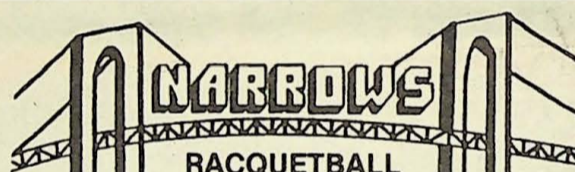
The Wallbanger News wishes to express its deepest sympathies to Ralph Capogrosso for the loss of his father, Mr. Joseph Capogrosso.



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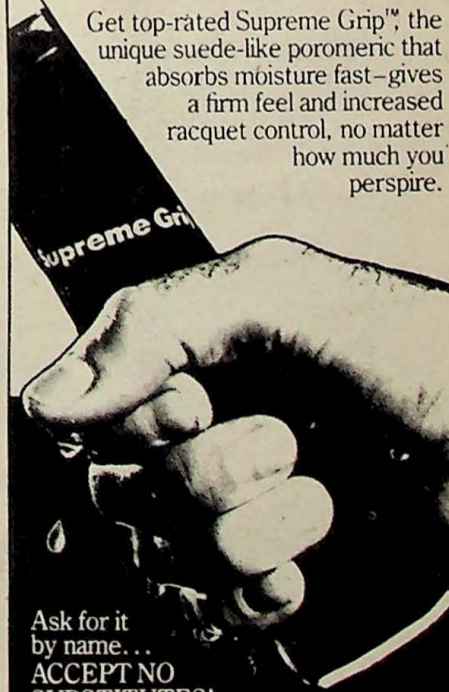
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# Cascio, Baxter, Gonzales Win Ektelon Championship

The occasion was the Mid Atlantic Regional Ektelon National Championship held at Kings Court in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The weekend of March 25-27, featured tournament play by a grand total of 487 entrants making it one of the largest amateur tournaments in the country. Players from all over the northeast converged on Kings Court to vie for prizes in 22 divisions, where winners of the Men's and Women's Open and Men's Veteran division will compete against seven other regional winners in Anaheim, California this May 12-15.

Jim Cascio, in control the entire match, defeated Dan Obremski in the Men's Open, 15-8, 15-5. Obremski, who had shown considerable finesse in the previous rounds, put Jim to work in taking the win for the second consecutive year.

The Woman's Open paired two of Pennsylvania's best. Cindy Baxter, last year's Philadelphia Regional winner, topped Dot Fishl 15-8, 15-5, in a match where the emotional tension seemed to run high.

Considerable controversy was caused

by the decision to allow Rubin Gonzales to play in the Men's Veteran division, having already won the Men's Open in Boston. Rubin beat Craig Guinter in the finals by playing his usual quality game with emphasis on a steady defense that is hard to beat.

The Men's Open Doubles witnessed an upset between established players Loni Allgood and Warren Searles and the young team of Rubin and Diamond. Rubin and Diamond, playing together for only the second time, won the match 15-13, 12-15, 11-10.

In addition to the tournament winners, two Panasonic 19 inch televisions were given away in a random drawing from among the racquetball players. Winners of the give-away were Kathy Wisniewski and Corrado Iliuna, both of Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

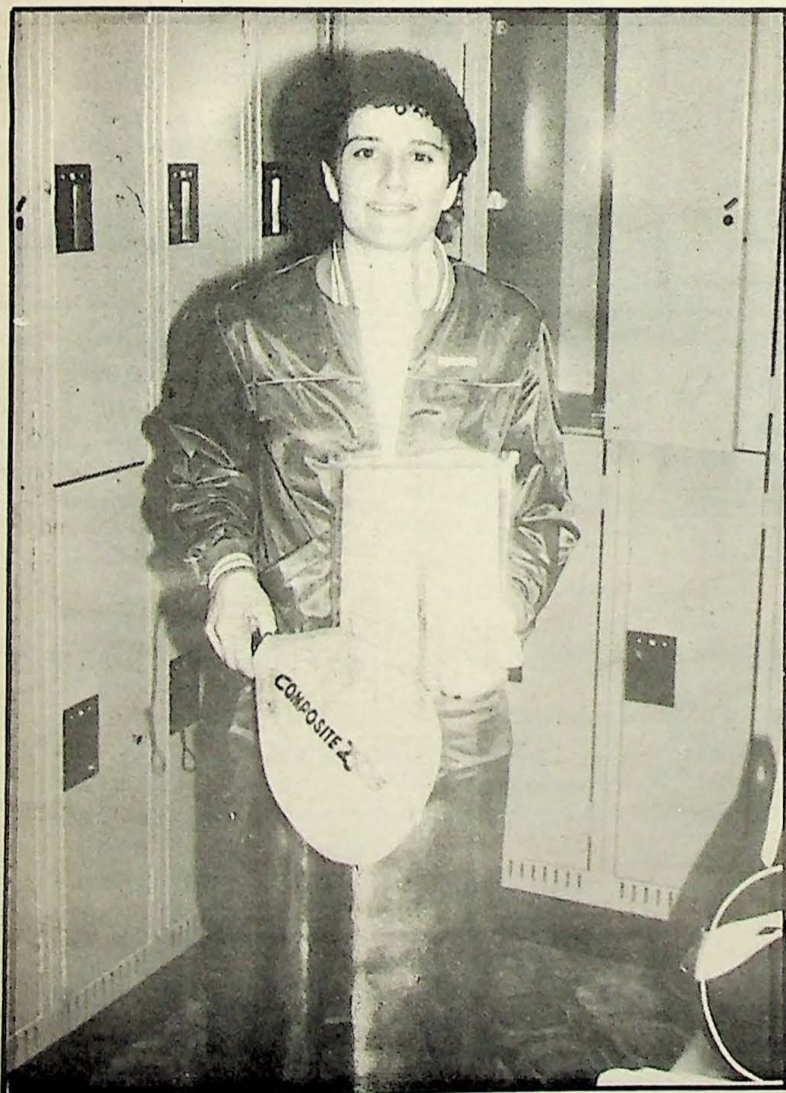
Special thanks is given to tournament supervisor Barry Shain, tournament directors Loni Allgood and Dave Iversen and Jon Denly and Mike Frankel from the New Jersey chapter of the AARA for all their assistance in the running of the tournament.



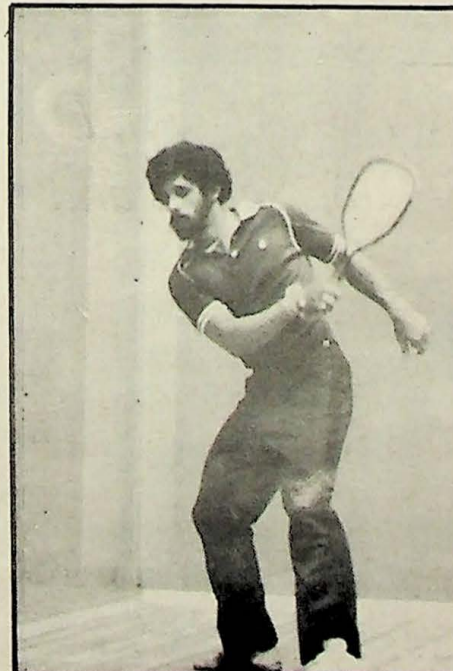
Debbie Weber, winner, Women's A.



From left to right: Mimi Turco, owner/manager of King's Court; Dan Obremski, 2nd place Men's Open; Jimmy Cascio, winner; and Jerry Turco, owner/manager.



Cindy Baxter, winner, Women's Open.



Rubin Gonzales warming up.



Nolan Glantz - A Racquetball Winner.

# Tournament Results

**Men's Open: Quarter Finals:** Jim Casico d. Kenneth Teape; Don Defilippi d. Todd Kohout; Dan Obremski d. Dave Simonette; Peter Chardayone d. Tom Travers. **Semi Finals:** Cascio d. Defilippi; Obremski d. Chardayone. **Finals:** Casico d. Obremski 15-8, 15-5.

**Men's A:** Sal Teodoro d. Bob Oliver; Paul Delnear d. Neil Duggan; Brian McDermott d. Warren Searles; Rob Gawley d. Rich Vazzano. **Semi Finals:** McDermott d. Gawley; Teodor d. Delnear. **Finals:** McDermott d. Teodoro.

**Men's B: Quarter Finals:** Charles Evans d. Jay Ryan; Guy Morin d. Jim Thalheimer; Mike Pancerev d. Kevin Crosen; Matthew Licht d. Rich Applebaum. **Semi Finals:** Morin d. Evans; Licht d. Pancerev. **Finals:** Morin d. Licht 15-3, 15-13.

**Men's C Quarter Finals:** Dave Berson d. Papo Rodriguez; Kevin Crosen d. Joe Annichiarico Steve Polansky d. John Denley; Mike Clavin d. James Bullock. **Semi Finals:** Kevin Crosen d. Dave Berson; Mike Clavin d. Steve Polansky. **Finals:** Kevin Crosen d. Mike Clavin 15-1, 15-2.

**Men's Novice: Quarter Finals:** Steve Schweighardt d. Julius Colter; Brain Morris d. Ed Sierawski; Dennis Torregrosa d. Michael Marcus; Ken Duke d. Tom Leonard. **Semi Finals:** Schweighardt d. Morris; Torregrosa d. Duke. **Finals:** Torregrosa d. Schweighardt 15-11, 15-4.

**Men's Veteran: Quarter Finals:** Rubin Gonzales d. Nick Alvaez; Russ Montigne d. Mike Clifford; Craig Guinter d. Brian McDermott; Tom Jaklitsch d. Ed Remen. **Semi Finals:** Gonzales d. Montigne; Guinter d. Jaklitsch. **Finals:** Gonzales d. Guinter 15-10, 15-8.

**Men Senior:** Ed Remen d. John Cosmi; Peter Prucha d. Sam Munson; Jim Winterton d. Art Klein; Mike Clifford d. Mark Berwick. **Semi Finals:** Remen d. Winterton 14-15, 15-6, 11-5.

**Men's Masters: Quarter Finals:** Dario Mas d. Harold Pudding; Jerome Albert d. David Pooley; Alex Shapiro d. Jim Griffin; Mike Frankel d. John Wheeler. **Semi Finals:** Mas d. Albert; Shapiro d. Frankel. **Finals:** Mas d. Shapiro 15-8, 15-10.

**Men's Golden Masters: Quarter Finals:** Francis Anderson d. Berie Pruzansky; Sol Gleit d. Irv Cowle; Dick Grofseck d. Dave Souza; Tom Stidham d. Warren Tavers. **Semi Finals:** Gleit d. Anderson; Stidham d. Grofseck. **Finals:** Stidham d. Gleit 15-12, 15-1.

**Boys 17 and Under Quarter Finals:** Skip Forte d. Ricky Talbot; Rob McKinney d. Aaron Vogel; Danny Curlin d. Fred Rodriguez; Benjamin Hollingsworth d. Cliff Spielman. **Semi Finals:** McKinney d. Forte; Hollingsworth d. Curlin. **Finals:** McKinney d. Hollingsworth.

**Men Open Doubles: Quarter Finals:** Berwick/Clive d. Teape Castleigh; Rubin/Diamond d. Gamportone/Valinoti Alveraz/

Goodman d. Rooney/Teodor; Allgood/Searles d. Jewell/Denning. **Semi Finals:** Rubin/Diamond d. Barwick/Clive; Allgood/Searles d. Alveraz/Goodman. **Finals:** Rubin/Diamond d. Allgood/Searles 15-14, 15-12.

**Men C Doubles: Quarter Finals:** Mack/Bullock d. Marcus/Cappa; Silitsky/Barbenell d. Jasiak/Frisco; Tomaselli/Nastasi d. Armanda/Dranz; Miller/Neitieng d. Howard/Papin. **Semi Finals:** Dack/Bullock d. Silitsky/Barbenell; Tomaselli/Nastasi d. Miller/Neiting. **Finals:** Tomaselli/Nastasi d. Mack/Bullock 15-13, 12-15, 11-10.

**Women's Open: Quarter Finals:** Cindy Baxter d. Connie Naminsky; Teri Gartaz d. Pam Perrotty; Val Paese d. Debbie Weber; Dot Fischl d. Anna Calderon. **Semi Finals:** Baxter d. Gartaz; Fischl d. Paese. **Finals:** Baxter d. Fischl - 15-8, 15-5.

**Women's A, Quarter Finals:** Shelly Lee d. Mandie Sudol; Stephanie Pinola d. Linda Nastasi; Robin Levin d. Madeline Moore; Debbie Weber d. Pat Lukowski. **Semi Finals:** Pinola d. Lee; Weber d. Levine. **Finals:** Weber d. Pinola 11-15, 15-13, 11-9.

**Woman's B: Quarter Finals:** Lucy Irizarry d. Winnie Forte; Evelyn Thomas d. Ellen Costanzo; Sue Russo d. Lydia Hammock; Pat Lukowski d. Evelyn Donofrio. **Semi Finals:** Thomas d. Irizarry; Lukowski d. Hammock. **Finals:** Lukowski d. Thomas 11-15, 15-13, 11-9.

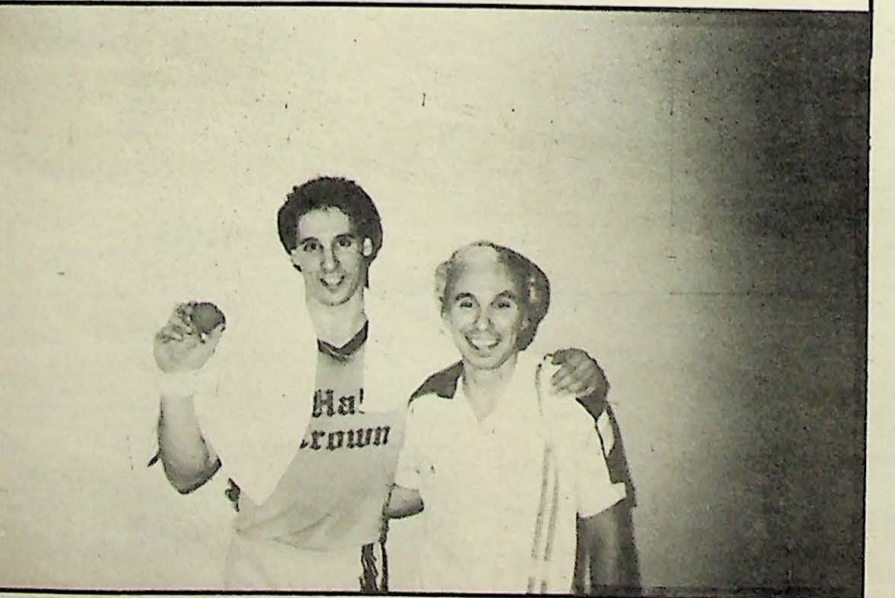
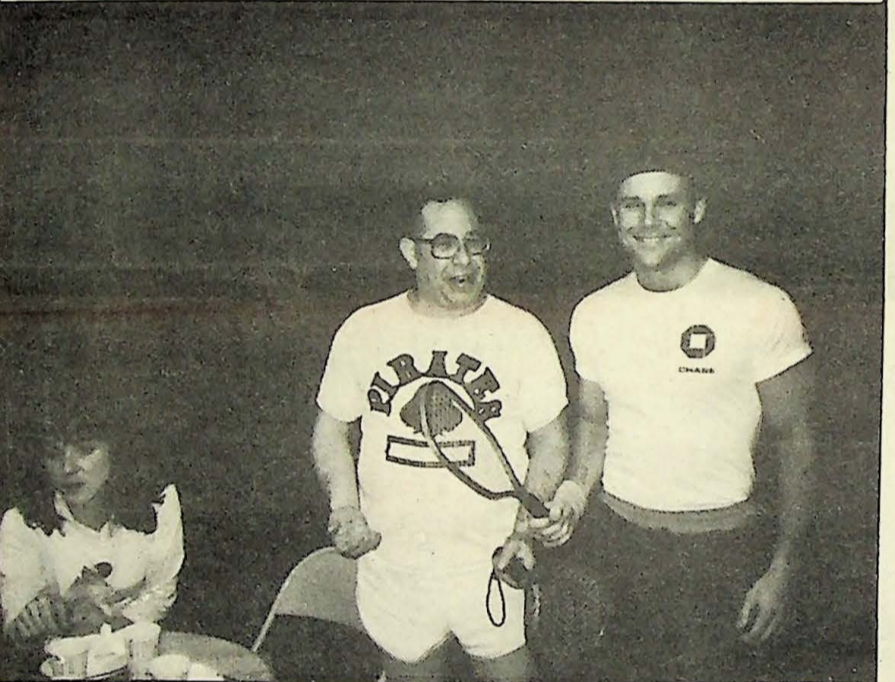
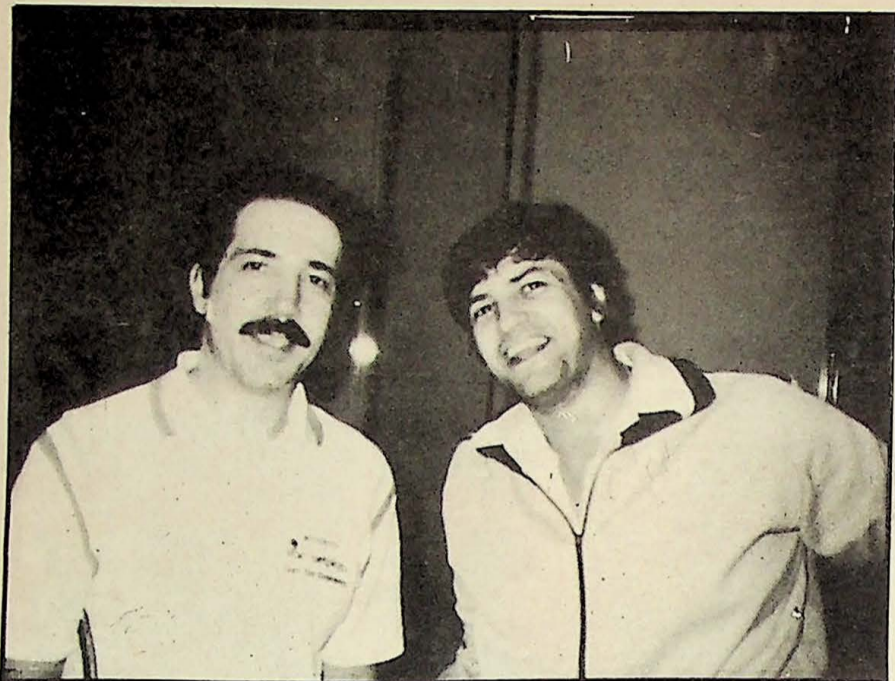
**Woman's C: Quarter Finals:** Denise Finkleman d. Gabrielle Magyer; Lisa Correia d. Judy Eisen; Pat Reese d. Chernus; Sandy Eberwein d. Pat Reese. **Finals:** Correia d. Eberwein 15-14, 9-15, 11-9.

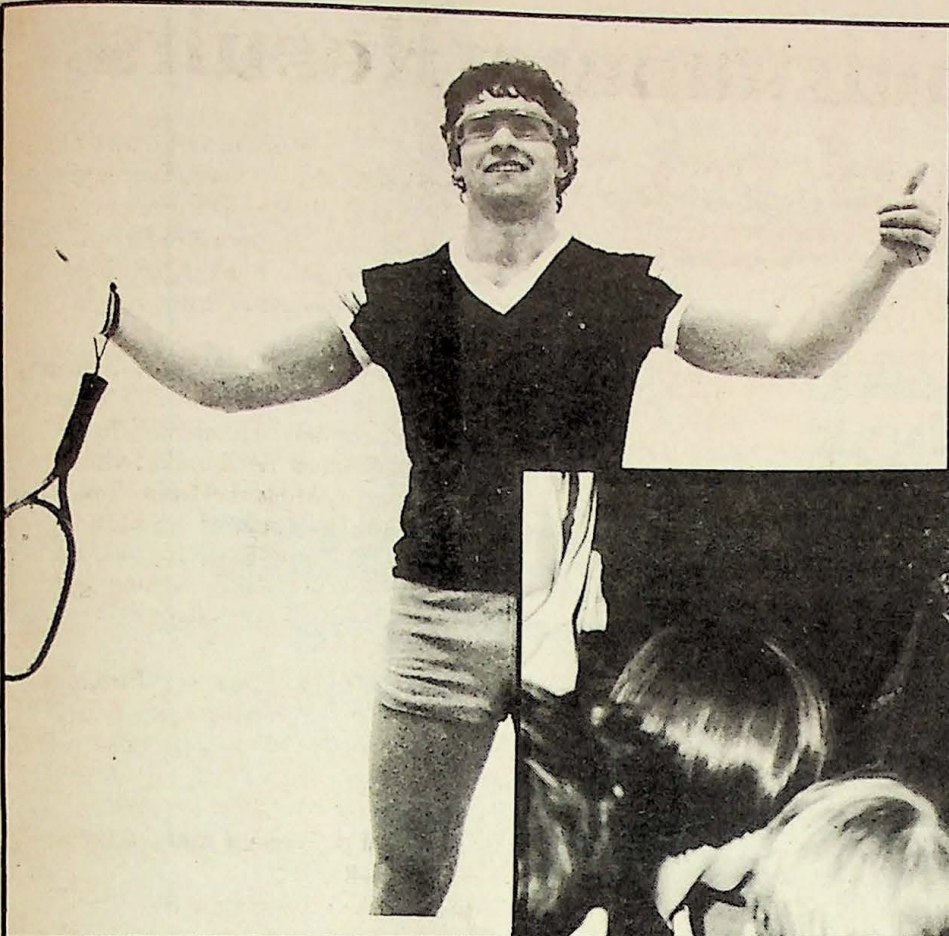
**Women's Novice Quarter Finals:** Bobbie Covert d. Bonnie Shain; Shelly Aldridge d. Marian Greenfield; Gloria Reeves d. Paula Wright; Andrea Chernus d. Wendy Reiman. **Semi Finals:** Aldridge d. Covert; Chernus d. Reeves. **Finals:** Aldridge d. Chernus 15-2, 15-8.

**Woman Veteran, Quarter Finals:** Winnie Forte d. Maureen Bike; Pam Tidswell d. Dee Koch; Anglea Chang d. Lynne Withers; Jace Conley d. Holiday. **Semi Finals:** Forte d. Tidswell; Chang d. Conley. **Finals:** Chang d. Forte 5-15, 15-4, 11-6.

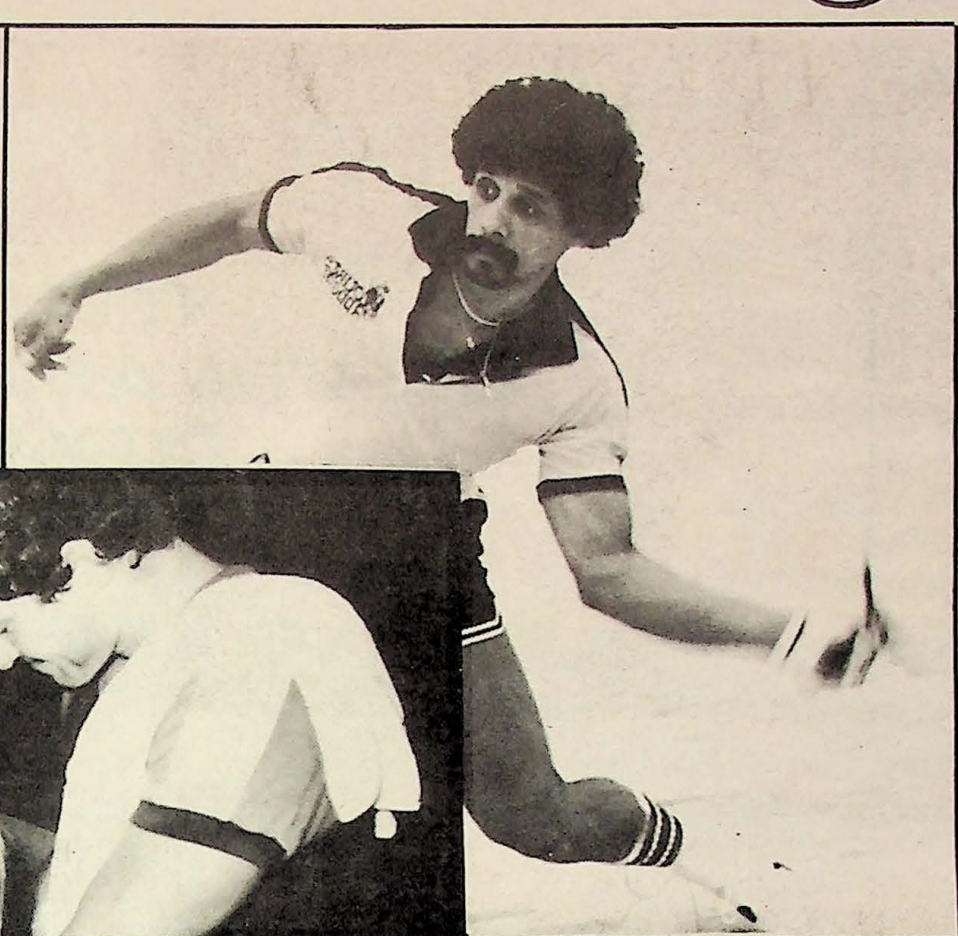
**Girls 17 and Under. Quarter Finals:** Chris Pfau - BYE; Alysa Rose d. Susan Maholic; Misty Shaw - BYE; Shelly Lee - BYE. **Semi Finals:** Pfau d. Rose; Lee d. Shaw. **Finals:** Lee d. Shaw 15-6, 15-10.

**Women A/B Doubles: Quarter Finals:** Moore/Sudol d. Correia/Flower; Bercaw/Englander - BYE Donofrio/Stou d. Perotty/Nastasi; Calderon/Monchik d. Eisen Aldridge. **Semi Finals:** Moore/Sudol d. Bercaw/Englander; Calderon/Monchik d. Donofrio/Stou. **Finals:** Calderon/Monchi d. Moore/Sudol 15-5, 15-10.





Marty Hogan Gives the Victory Sign As He Wins Showdown Contest



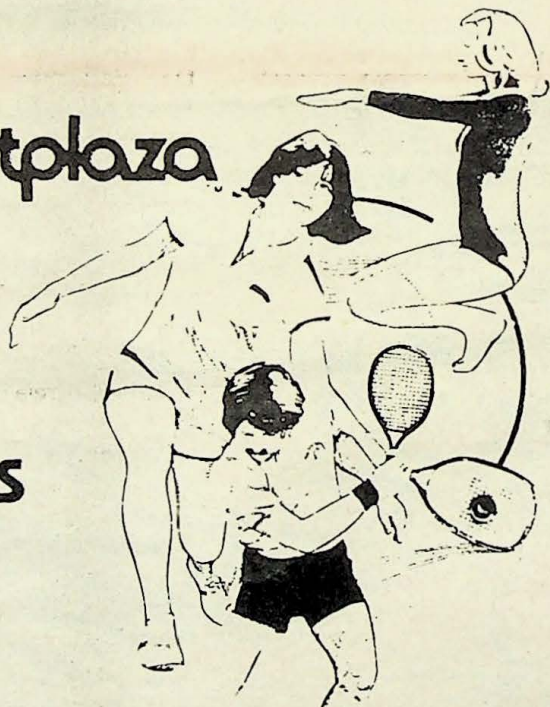
Mike Hogan Racquetball Champion Signing autographs for future stars at Harrows Racquetball Club.



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