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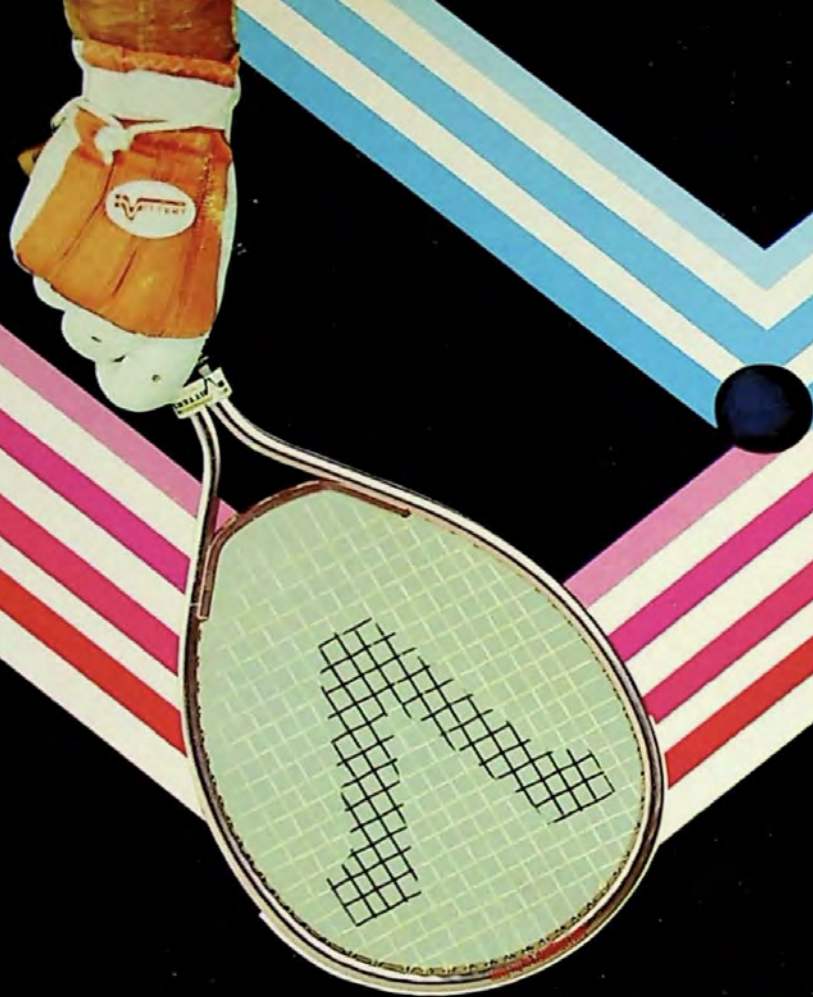


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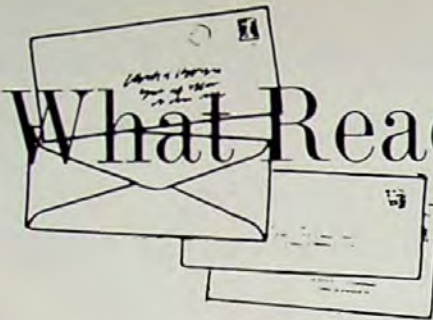
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• A special word of appreciation is deserved by those people who make possible a successful tournament. For their work at the Second Annual Missouri Open, the Missouri association wants to thank Len Marks for seeing that all matches got off on time. And for doing all the jobs that Len and I didn't care for, a special word to Alan and Linda Hilecher, Sara Marks, and Anne Hilecher.

The State of Missouri Racquetball Association (SOMRA) thanks Vittert for supplying the new Vittert Blue Ball, and all the pants that were given as tournament souvenirs.

SOMRA also recognizes the work of such individuals as Ward Leber—who kept wiping the floors during the championship matches. We are looking forward to next year's Third Annual Missouri Open. Any clubs wishing to hold the open, drop me a line. No site has yet been chosen.

Dan Hilecher
Missouri State Chairman

Time To Renew

Now is a good time to renew your membership in the International Racquetball Association.

• The son of Dr. Charles Schafer earned an "A" on the following composition, and we thought it worth passing along. Dr. Schafer attends the injuries in our area around Winona, Wisconsin.

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 My dad lost the game against that tough rival;
 When I said, "It's okay, pop" he told me to stifle.
 In his first round match of the consolation,
 A really tough match with much concentration,
 My dad hung in there like clothes on a line,
 And after the victory he felt so divine!
 After that first day I said, "Hey, let's eat,
 Yeah, at MacDonald's over on third street."
 "Hey, son, you ain't got no style, that's for beavers.
 Let's eat with some class, at the Cork and the Cleavers!"
 The next morning we left, and were on our way.
 The second round match he was starting to play.
 At the beginning he gave him a "Z" serve.
 If he couldn't kill that, another he deserved.
 My dad played that game like he was Serot.
 That weirdo beat my dad? He could not!
 My dad's opponent only got four or five.
 (After that defeat the guy was hardly alive.)

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My dad went on and won the next game.
 He wiped out that dude without any strain.
 He killed every shot from front and back court...
 Gee, ain't Racquetball a wonderful sport!
 That night we stayed at the Holiday Inn, and I dreamt that tomorrow my dad would win.
 The final match came, and surely enough,

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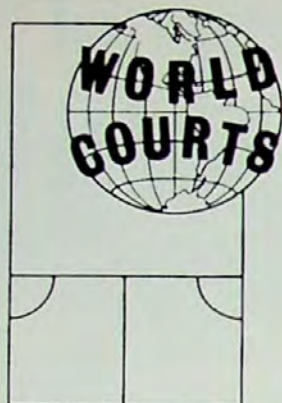
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Dear I.R.A. Member:

Being a little closer to the situation than most of you out there, I am extremely optimistic about the sport of racquetball at this particular time. Several things have happened to give me an almost unbearable feeling of confidence. First, the communication between the new Executive Director, Tom McKie, and the Executive Committee is facilitated by the I.R.A. Office being in Memphis. Obviously this situation cannot always exist because of our rotation of officers. . . but "it sho do help".

Second, the improvement made in our "official" Vittert blue V-77 ball amazed everyone at the International Doubles Championships in Hayward, California last month. Its feel and bounce have been greatly improved. Even Charlie Brumfield who swears he can see the ball flatten out on his racquet was impressed.

Third, the personal interest that Bill Tanner, your Association's Vice President, has taken in the formation and promotion of professional racquetball will do much to bring media exposure to racquetball.

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DEAR FELLOW RACQUETBALLERS:

I hope everything is going well for you as we approach the New Year. We have been busy at the IRA office and I'm sure you have been too.

We just completed our IRA Doubles Championships in Hayward, California, and the competition keeps getting stronger every year. One important development to all racquetball players that came out of Hayward was the emergence of the new Vittert V-77 ball. Used for the first time ever at the tournament, it showed much improved feel and bounce over the previous ball and with a high level of durability. I only saw one ball break during the entire tournament.

While I am talking about tournaments let me share a few suggestions with you. One major concern we all have is finding out about tournaments in our area. One method is through the magazine but many times this information doesn't reach us early enough to be printed in time. If all tournament directors would send a copy of their entry or notification to their State Chairman, Regional Commissioner and the Executive Director (IRA office), the individual player would then have three sources of information depending on how far he wants to travel. These representatives are listed in the 1975 Handbook which takes the place of the September-October magazine.

This would solve a second problem—it would provide a clearinghouse for arranging tournament dates. The tournament director can check with these people before setting the dates and we should have much less problem with having two tournaments near each other at the same time.

When going to a tournament please make sure you have your IRA card with you. It will save you time and problems at registration.

As you notice this magazine follows closely on the heels of our past issue (1975 Handbook). We have dedicated ourselves to a much stricter schedule of accepting information for publication. Everything must reach us by the 15th of the month prior to the month of the publication. If something does reach us late we will run the story in the next issue but the responsibility to get it in on time will be yours.

By the time you read this we will have already held our annual State Chairmen and Regional Commissioners Meeting—this one having been held in New Orleans, December 6 and 7. We feel strong leadership at those levels is a real key to having a strong association.

Many memberships expire at the end of this month. Please take the time to check your card and if yours is one of those, fill out the renewal form in the magazine so you won't miss any issues in 1976. Our 1st 1976 issue will feature racquetball facilities (YMCA's, JCC's, Colleges, Universities and Private Clubs) at which to play and a list of all our IRA members.

Have a Happy New Year.



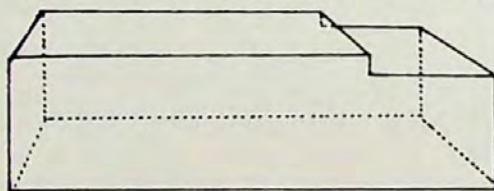
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5TH Annual Florida Championships



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The Clearwater YMCA hosted the Fifth Annual Florida State IRA Racquetball Championships September 26, 27, and 28, 1975. The tournament was marked by outstanding play from a field of 222 entries, and moved smoothly under the floor leadership of YMCA Physical Director, George House, and Joe Myers.

Mike Fatolitis was the winner of the Open Singles competition which drew 68 entries. Fatolitis defeated Frank Blackard of Orlando, 21-4 and 21-3, in the quarterfinals and took the measure of Ken Hendricks of Ft. Lauderdale, 21-12 and 21-14, in the finals. Young Fatolitis's power and diving recoveries were simply too much for a class field of such outstanding Florida players as Dr. Rick Stevens, Steve Terry, Hugh Durham, Dan Stark, and Frank Johnson.

Mike Fatolitis and Steve Terry, both of Clearwater, teamed up to win the open doubles competition defeating the team of Van Dubolsky and Gary Zetrouer of Gainesville in the quarterfinals, 21-20, 6-21, 21-6. Frank Johnson and Ken Hendricks defeated the Clearwater team of Dan Stark and Gerry Schantz, 21-13 and 21-6, to meet Fatolitis and Terry in the finals. The speed and stamina of the two young, Clearwater left-handers proved to be too much as the team of Fatolitis-Terry defeated Johnson-Hendricks, 21-8 and 21-15.

Florida State University head Basketball Coach, Hugh Durham, had little trouble in the senior singles competition. Durham was not forced to go beyond two games in any match on his way to the championship, defeating Mike Mojer from Jacksonville, 21-11 and 21-7, in the finals.

Al Winter and Stan Kantor of Jacksonville had little trouble in the senior doubles competition defeating Luis



Nancy Hamrick and Nancy Hornack



Mike Fatolitis and Steve Terry

Juncas and Mario Ariat of Gainesville, 21-10 and 21-18.

Region Six, masters singles champion, Tom Stidham of Clearwater, had no trouble winning the masters singles division from William Caldwell, also of Clearwater. Like Durham, Stidham was not forced beyond two games in any match.

Dr. Gordon Ira and Bennie Margol of Jacksonville were the class of the masters doubles competition defeating the Melbourne team of Herbert Nathan and Bob Rathbun, 21-16 and 21-8.

Martha Byrd of Gainesville had little trouble in the women's singles division, moving easily through a large field of female competitors to a final meeting with Nancy Hamrick from Clearwater. Byrd defeated Hamrick in two games, 21-11 and 21-9.

Nancy Hamrick and Nancy Hornack teamed up to be the class of the Women's Doubles competition, defeat-

30 entries in 1971
222 entries in 1975

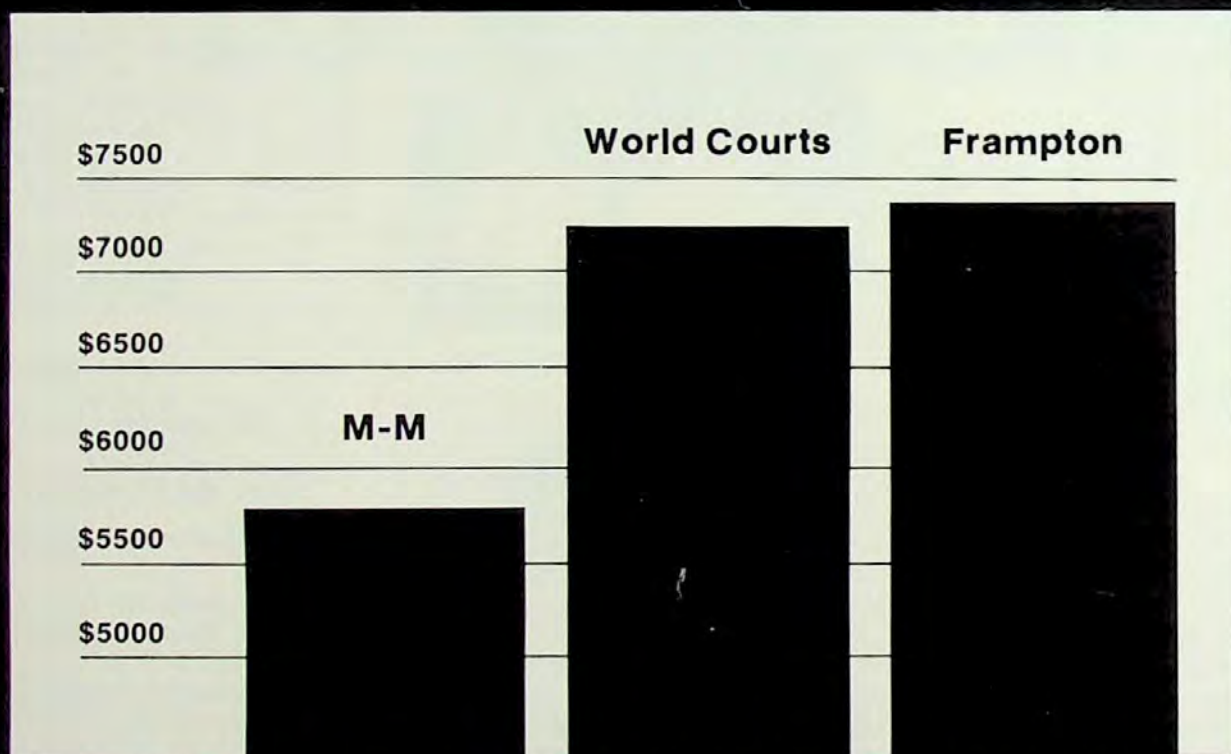
ing the Clearwater team of Pam Harrison and Renee Fish, 21-5, 12-21, and 21-8.

Clearwater's Bob Phillippy, displaying deadly kill-shots with lots of stamina, was to go the measure of the junior singles division defeating Kevin Spence in the finals, 21-19, 20-21, and 21-17.

Phillippy then teamed up with Brian Kimball of Clearwater in the junior doubles and defeated the team of Jorge Adam and Jose Rios of Miami, 21-6 and 21-5.

The Clearwater YMCA originated the Florida State Championships five years ago and drew some 30 entries the first year of the tournament. In just five years those entries have grown to 222 which clearly indicates that increase in Florida racquetball has been phenomenal.

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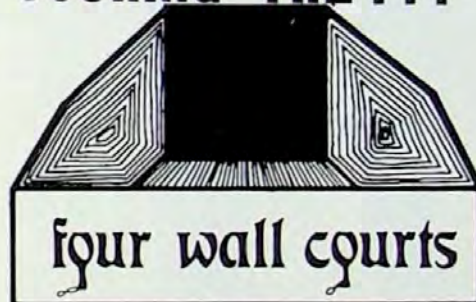


One of the nation's newest facilities, and New York's newest, the Buffalo "Four Wall Courts, Inc.," opened its doors in April 1975 and four months later had 500 members. Chuck Wurzer, manager and resident pro, was enthusiastic in his descriptions of the club, and its growth.

With the newness hardly broken in, Wurzer wanted to know, "What do we have to do to have Buffalo a stop on the pro-tour? We have beautiful courts, are across the street from the airport, are surrounded with hotel lodging, dining and entertainment facilities, and players and fans alike would enjoy playing here."

The only thing Wurzer didn't claim was that bringing in a pro-tour would help get New York City out of hock. Maybe the thought was too close and too painful.

TOURING THE . . .



The Four Wall Courts offer member and non-member rates and special privileges. Members pay a lower hourly rate, have their own individual lock-

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Reserved times are subject to cancellation for such major events as a scheduled tournament, and adjustments are made with the individual members affected, Wurzer pointed out.

The club offers three membership plans: type one, \$60 annually, is for individuals; type two, \$75, is for a married couple and one child under 21; and type three is for a family, \$85, which includes the parents and all children under 21.

Wurzer said they began selling memberships before the club was completed by accepting a \$10 non-refundable deposit, which established priority for selections of block time. The balance was due on the opening day of the season.

The Four Wall club opened with six courts, Wurzer reported, but has room and plans for expansion as membership requirements demand. "We have two spacious, carpeted locker rooms for men and women, saunas, two viewing galleries, a fully equipped pro-shop, exercise area, good parking space, a comfortable lounge area, canteen, and babysitting area designed by childhood education specialists."



Danny Giordano is number one in East Coast inter-service military championship

Military secret weapon: Bob Spooners now famous over-hand kill shot.



Danny Giordano

The 1975 East Coast Military Racquetball Championships were successfully completed October 5 at the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia, after three days of rigorous competition.

This first interservice racquetball tournament attracted the largest number of participants to ever play in a military tournament, with over 110 entries from military bases on the East Coast from Florida to Maine.

During the course of the weekend, over 220 matches were played, with champions and runners up decided in open singles, open doubles, B singles and consolation singles to represent the East Coast in regional and national military, International Racquetball and National Racquetball association competition.

In the prestigious open singles division finals, SSGT Daniel Giordano, USAF, from Hanscomb, AFB, Mass., defeated LCDR Glenn R. Allen, USN, from Norfolk, Va., in two straight games, 21-8, 21-7, to become the first East Coast open singles champion. SSGT Giordano lost only one game enroute to the open singles title, and was unbeatable because of his fantastic 95% back and side wall, roll out kills shots.

He easily won his quarterfinal match against Capt. Kevin Dorr, USA, Ft. Belvoir, Va., 21-17, 21-12, and his semifinal match against Capt. Steve Melgard, USMC, Cherry Point, N.C., 21-1, 21-3.

LCDR Allen never lost a game until the final match, with straight game victories over Major Pete Crummey,



RACQUETBALL



1975 MILITARY FINALISTS: Left to right—Terry Wong, Richard Morrow, Lt. Wrightmeyer, Bob Spooner, Richard Brown, Larry Grandy, Danny Giordano, Glenn Allen, Roger Lowe, Tom Madison and Peter Crummey.

Helen F. Rios, USMC, right.



USA, Ft. Devon, Mass., 21-8, 21-15, in the semifinals and Fred Mehne, USA, Ft. Bragg, N.C., 21-7, 21-20, in the quarterfinals.

See Scoreboard for additional results.

In the open doubles competition, SSGT Giordano teamed with Major Crummey to defeat LCDR Glenn Allen and ABCS Tom Madison, USN, Norfolk, Va., 21-12, 21-15, and thus became the East Coast doubles championship team. In the doubles semifinals, Crummey-Giordano defeated Captains Melgard-Grandy, USMC, 21-10, 21-10, while Allen-Madison defeated Capt. Lytle-Lt. Spooner, USMC, 21-20, 21-17, to qualify for the doubles finals. A total of 36 doubles teams participated in the open doubles competition and third place was won by Spooner-Lytle over Melgard-Grandy by default.

To insure all participants of playing at least two matches, a consolation singles tournament was held for all first round open and B division losers. The consolation singles tournament was won by LCDR Richard Brown, USN, Norfolk, Va., who defeated Capt. Bob Spooner, USMC, Quantico, Va., in a tough three game match.

In women's competition, Helen F. Rios, USMC, Parris Island, S.C., was declared the 1975 East Coast woman's racquetball champion and awarded a VOIT Roll Out aluminum racket. Ms. Rios also played in the B division and upset a couple of male players in the early rounds of the B tournament. Great success is expected from her in future tournaments after she gains more experience and confidence.

Captain Terry Wong, USA, from Ft. Monroe, Va., captured the B single title with a close win over LTJG Richard Morrow, USN, from Oceana Naval Air Station, Va. Roger Lowe, USN, from Norfolk, Va., defeated LT Rightmeyer, USN, also from Norfolk, for third place honors. A total of 50 intermediate players participated in the B singles competition.

Trophies, VOIT Rollout racquets and equipment bags were awarded to the top four finishers in open, B and consolation singles divisions, and to the top four doubles teams in open doubles.

The 1975 East Coast Military Racquetball Championships were sponsored jointly by the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va., Special Services and AMF VOIT Co. Special Services donated trophies and refreshments while AMF VOIT Co., provided free racquetballs, towels and racquets which were awarded as prizes. The VOIT Rollout ball was used exclusively throughout the tournament and proved to be exceptionally durable and lively.

The support of these two sponsors contributed significantly to reducing entry fees to \$3.00 per person, per event. Tournament director Glenn R. Allen and assistant director Tom Madison organized and ran the tournament that remained on schedule despite the fact that over 220 matches were played on courts at three Norfolk area military bases and the Norfolk Jewish Community Center.

A more ambitious East Coast military racquetball championship is planned for 1976, with the addition of

a senior division and a three day weekend selected to provide more time between matches. Additionally, an all military racquetball playoff is tentatively planned to allow the top West Coast players the opportunity to play East Coast champions and runners up.

As a result of this tournament, 1975 All Military East Coast racquetball rankings have been established as follows:

OPEN SINGLES

1. SSGT Daniel Giordano, USAF, Hanscomb AFB, Mass.
2. LCDR Glenn R. Allen, USN, COMNAV-SURFLANT, Norfolk, Va.
3. Maj. Pete Crummey, USA, Ft. Devon, Mass.
4. Capt. Steve Melgard, USMC, Cherry Point MCAS, N.C.
5. Capt. Larry Grandy, USMC, New River MCAS, N.C.
6. Lennis Lich, USA, Fort Bragg, N.C.
7. Fred Mehne, USA, Fort Bragg, N.C.
8. Capt. Kevin Dorr, USA, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

OPEN DOUBLES

1. SSGT Daniel Giordano, USAF, Hanscomb AFB, Mass.
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3. Capt. Bob Spooner, USMC, Quantico, Va.
4. Lt. Tom Lytle, USMC, Quantico, Va.
4. Capt. Steve Melgard, USMC, Cherry Point, N.C.
6. Capt. Larry Grandy, USMC, New River, N.C.

B SINGLES

1. Capt. Terry Wong, USA, Ft. Monroe, Va.
2. LTJG Richard Morrow, USN, NAS Oceana, Va.
3. Roger Lowe, USN, NAS Oceana, Va.
4. Lt. Rightmeyer, USN Naval Base, Norfolk, Va.

By Jack Handey
Of the News Staff

Okay, so you're not the greatest golfer in the world.

And you've read everything about Zen tennis, and you still hit the ball with the handle.

Sandlot baseball? Forget it. You feel good if you can ground out.

What you need is a sport that makes you FEEL like a jock without having to really BE one. You know—something without the embarrassment of teeing off with a 100-foot dribbler down the fairway.

That sport, claims Bruce Hendin, is racquetball.

"Racquetball is the easiest sport to play," he insists. "There is no other sport with a ball that is easier to play."

VIEWPOINT

Granted, Hendin may be somewhat biased in his viewpoint. He is president of the recently-opened Racquetball & Handball Club of San Antonio.

But he argues—quite logically—that such sports as golf, tennis and baseball require a hand-eye coordination that is simply too much for many people.

In its poorest light, racquetball is a sissy version of handball, played with a stubby 18-inch "racquet" (Middle French spelling retained for continuity).

MACHO FACTOR

The macho factor is low, considering girls and kids can swat with the best of them. The aesthetics call for shag

"Handball is a tough, tough game to play . . .

carpeting and potted plants instead of good ol' iceberg concrete.

In a more favorable light, the game requires stamina, agility, strength and the geometric intuition of a Willie Mosconi.

The ball is softer and slightly larger than a handball. The man neglects to mention that the seemingly harmless little orb can pop a healthy welt on your body.

And it's only an accident, Hendin points out, when another player "waffle-faces" you with a misguided backswing of cat gut.

Despite the inherent "accidents," racquetball is a sport growing by leaps and bounds (couldn't resist). Since its invention by a man in Connecticut in the early 1950s, the flock has grown to half a million nationwide.

Hendin teaches San Antonio how to play



(Reprinted from the San Antonio News, Page 3-D, Monday, February 24, 1975)

The Racquetball & Handball Club of San Antonio now boasts close to 300 members, according to Hendin, one-half of whom never played the sport before. Other courts around town, like those at Turtle Creek and Trinity University, also report a booming popularity.

Racquetballs used to be scarce commodities. The International Racquet-

but . . ."

ball Association now says sales of balls have increased 15-fold in the last five years.

BOUNDS

Seven years ago, only one company even made "racquets." Now, says Hendin, there are about 50. Most sporting goods outlets stock them.

But why play with a racquet anyway? What was wrong with handball?

Nothing, really. Despite a reputed range war between the racquetball and handball factions, some people play both.

But as Hendin, who does play both, asserts: "Handball is a tough, tough game to play." So tough, he adds, that it hasn't spawned the popular nationwide following of other sports.

Nevertheless, handball is still looked on by some as a holy thing. Racquetball is an upstart newcomer.

The president of the U.S. Handball Association, Bob Kendler, once termed handball as "a crusade to make America fit to fight and stand off those bearded baboons who have created so much turmoil in our good land."

But according to Tom Sattler, a physical education prof at the University of Illinois who has made a study of the popularity of racquetball and handball in different parts of the country, "racquetball is drowning handball" in most places.

One reason, said Hendin, is that handball is difficult to play and requires good conditioning—racquetball is easy to play but a good conditioner.

Racquetball even has an advantage over tennis, a sport which has hardly lost ground in the last few years. "In tennis, you have to keep in between two border lines. In racquetball, a wild shot can score," said Hendin.

In addition, he said, racquetball equipment is generally cheaper than tennis gear.

MALE GAME

Racquetball is still mainly a man's game. However, in 1967, women started to play and "courts started coming out of the stuffy gyms."

The Court House Club in Chicago has about 600 women among its 1,800 members—and officials there set up a nursery school on the premises.

Hendin said women, in particular, are among those who are adept at racquetball while being inept at other sports.

At a bar-restaurant not far from

"Handball is a warm-up game for racquetball."

Hendin's place, a burly 23-ish man was gushing enthusiastically to his silent friend about the joys of racquetball.

"Racquetball is easy to learn but hard to play," he told this intruder on the one-sided conversation. "The thing about racquetball," he waxed, "is that it's FUN."

He too used to play handball. But now, he said, handball is more of a warmup game for racquetball. More accuracy, more spin, more speed in racquetball, he said.

GAMES

The bartender, a friend of the racquetball freak, strolled over. "I'm playing golf tomorrow at 2," he said, not sounding all that happy about it.

"I'm playing racquetball," came the exuberant response.

The best Racquetball Teams In The World

Reported by Tom McKie

Supreme Court IV, Hayward, Calif., was the scene of the Seventh IRA Doubles Championships, November 14-16, 1975. Play was conducted in five divisions (the women's division was played at St. Louis last spring, with two teams repeating as champions and three new championship teams emerging.

Second seeded Craig McCoy, Riverside, California, and Charlie Brumfield, San Diego, swept through all comers with only one tough game, to capture their first IRA doubles championship.

In the process, they not only dethroned last year's champions—Dave Charlson—Steve Strandemo, San Diego, but they also avenged their loss to the '74 victors with a reversal of last year's finals. Throughout the tourney the Brumfield-McCoy team employed the opposite of their 1974 strategy in that "Brum" chose to allow McCoy to cover a wide

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*IRA's 1975
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CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM*

portion of the middle of the court, and the smooth stroking southpaw didn't let him down.

For McCoy, this was his first doubles co-championship. For Brumfield it was a return. In 1973 Brumfield had teamed with Steve Serot for the internationals doubles title.

The finals started out looking like it was indeed going to be a barnburner. Charlson and Strandemo jumped to a three point lead and the game wound toward 21 with that relative margin remaining. Both teams played to the left side man with Charlson shooting well up front and serving a tough Z-serve that kept hanging on the back wall. McCoy, on the other hand, was shooting his smooth side-wall front-wall pinch and was tough from deep court. On the right side both players followed each other around like shadows and most of the action was so fast and tight it was more a matter of keeping the ball in play until a left side player ended it. After holding fast for two consecutive innings, during which their opponents served at 20, McCoy and Brumfield forced a weak return on a drive up the middle and won, 21-20.

The second game was never in doubt. Brumfield and McCoy kept up their barrage of shots to the left side and with Charlson, appearing to tire they just kept pulling away to a 21-11 victory.

The battle for third place pitted two teams from California. Bill Thurman and Len Stream defeated Bill and Steve Dunn, 21-15, 21-18.

The semifinals were not much of a contest except for one game. In the top half, Charlson-Strandemo were opposed by the Dunn brothers. Bill and Steve Dunn got hot the first game and rode their shooting to a 21-14 victory. However, Charlson and Strandemo got down to business the remainder of the match to roll by, 21-6, 21-2. Charlson's hard drive serve to the right gave the Duns a lot of trouble and Strandemo dug everything out up front.

In the bottom half McCoy and Brumfield routinely handled Thurman and Stream, 21-4, 21-7. Again it was McCoy's hot shooting hand which carried the team. What he didn't put away "Brown" drove at Stream, forcing errors.

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They don't come any better. From the left, Craig McCoy, Charlie Brumfield, Bill Dunn, Steve Strandemo and Dave Charlson.

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Two three-gamers highlighted the quarterfinals. In the top bracket Tom McKie, Memphis, and Eric Campbell, Dallas, spurred to win game number one from the Dunns, 21-17. However, moving more toward an I formation to cover the front court pinches, Bill and Steve Dunn came back to triumph, 21-13, 21-10. Stream and Thurman went three tough games with Bill Hildebrand and Mike Aubrey of Phoenix. After an easy 21-12 first game, Thurman and Stream tried to coast and lost the middle game, 21-19. However, they came back to win a tight third game: 21-18.

Brumfield and McCoy easily downed the Bay Area team of Bob Kraut and Gene Gibbs, 21-7, 21-9, in the third quarterfinal. In the fourth, Charlson and Strandemo swept by Al Portune and Scott Gaynor, 21-2, and after building a big lead slipped by, 21-18, in the second.

See Scoreboard - page 37 - for Open consolation and all other doubles brackets

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Picking the senior doubles winners the last two years has been one of the easier tasks around. As usual Dr. Bud Muehleisen, San Diego, and Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Oklahoma, reinforced their

Two in a row . . .

Also repeating as champions were the talented masters team of Jim White and John Fazio, Milwaukee. This year they found the competition more ready for them and it was only after struggles in both the semis and finals that they prevailed. Again their pattern of play was to let the smooth swinging White do the shooting from the back court with his steady left hand and let Fazio out-horse the right sided player and scramble in the front.

In the finals White and Fazio were confronted by their long-time adversaries, the power packed Texas team of Bill Sellars and Richard Walker of Dallas. For the third year in a row these two teams knocked heads in the draw. Twice before White and Fazio had earned hard fought three-game victories. However, Walker and Sellars were determined to reverse the trend. Shooting and playing aggressively they roared to a seemingly safe 19-9 lead only to see the momentum swing as they started playing conservatively and White and Fazio grabbed the initiative. Rattling off 12 unanswered points the defending champions took game one, 21-19.



Tom McKie, IRA Executive director, presents awards to Dr. Muehleisen, left, and Myron Roderick, right.

The finals came down to two teams with similar styles. Mark Wayne and Al Rossi of the Bay Area fought valiantly before losing, 21-12, 21-16. The teamwork and doubles savvy of Muehleisen and Roderick proved to be the difference.

Third place was garnered by Mike Mullins, Bay Area, and Bob Peterson, Boise, Idaho, over Ron Starkman and Jim Trent of San Diego, 21-2, 21-19. Mullins and Peterson made good use of their greater speed and quickness.

All the quarterfinals were rather routine two game matches.



Second place in senior doubles: Mark Wayne, left, and Al Rossi, right, receive plaques from McKie.

pair . . .

supremacy. With Roderick digging on the right and Dr. "Bud" directing traffice with his wide arsenal of shots on the left, they kept on rolling through without losing a game.



Top photo: from the left are Bill Sellars, Richard Walker, John Fazio and Jim White. In the lower photo are, from the left, Gene Grapes, Al Shattner, John Halverson and Joe Zelson.



for White & Fazio

Games two and three began the same way. Walker and Sellars jumped to a substantial lead in game two and held on to win, 21-13. They again held a good lead in game three at 16-10 before the champs dug down for that little extra. As the game wound down to 21, Jim White found the range more often than the other three and it was championship number two for White and Fazio with a 21-18 win.

Both masters semifinals were tight two game matches. White-Fazio nosed out the Pittsburgh team of Gene Grapes and Al Schattner, 21-14, 21-17. Walker and Sellars blew by John Halverson, San Diego, and Joe Zelson, St. Louis, in the first game, 21-9, but had to come from a 19-10 deficit to win game two, 21-20.

Zelson and Halverson showed a steady, consistent, game in defeating Schattner-Grapes, 21-14, 21-14, for third place.

Top to bottom the masters draw showed the strongest field of the tournament.

Dizzy Golden . . .

Round and round and round and round and round . . .



GOLDEN MASTERS, from the left: Cal Murphy, Don Green, Art Payne and Brud Turner.

Please excuse the new Golden Masters champions, Don Green, Bay Area, and Cal Murphy, San Diego, if they feel a little dizzy. With a small draw the tournament committee decided to run a double round robin tournament among the golden masters teams. From the opening three game match between Fred Vetter-Des Smith of Milwaukee; and Brud Turner, Cleveland, and Art Payne, Columbus, Ohio, to the last action was fast and furious. When all the dust had settled Green-Murphy had defeated both the other teams twice to win the championship. Vetter-Smith were awarded second on the basis of winning more games in their head to head matches with Turner-Payne—matches in which each team won once.

OPEN

Charlson-Strandemo			
Bye	Charlson-Strandemo		
Ritner-Chalifoux		Charlson-Strandemo	
Savoy-Milios	Savoy-Milios		
Pool-Cook		Charlson-Strendemo	
Hansen-Metz	Pool-Cook		
Getlum-Chase		Portune-Gaynor	
Portune-Gaynor	Portune-Gaynor		
Dunn-Dunn		Charlson-Strandemo	
Bye	Dunn-Dunn	14-21, 21-6, 21-4	
Matolf-Heway			
Hicks-Thomas	Hick-Thomas	Dunn-Dunn	
McKie-Campbell		Dunn-Dunn	
Juarez-Maxson	McKie-Campbell		
Dimmer-Lewis		McKie-Campbell	
Jensen-Mehjovich	Jensen-Mehjovich		
McCoy-Brumfield			
Bye	McCoy-Brumfield		
Bright-Labadie		McCoy-Brumfield	
Henderson-Sulprizio	Henderson-Sulprizio		
Krout-Gibbs		McCoy-Brumfield	
Crummey-Giordano	Krout-Gibbs		
Jankowski-Trubey		Krout-Gibbs	
Wallace-Wetzel	Wallace-Wetzel		
Stream-Thurman		McCoy-Brumfield	
Bye	Stream-Thurman	21-4, 21-7	
Karnik-Sills			
Johnson-Cervellin	Kornik-Sills	Stream-Thurman	
Hildebrand-Aubrey		Stream-Thurman	
Gurnoe-Baron	Hildebrand-Aubrey		
Veillette-Keenan		Hildebrand-Aubrey	
Hetherington-Johnson	Hetherington-Johnson		

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Erupting
New
Talent . . .
Disrupting
Old
Standings*

The junior division also found a smaller draw than hoped for and the tournament was played on a round robin basis with the top two finishing teams squaring off for first in an additional match and the next two doing likewise for third.

Dressing in John Newcombe's color, bright cranberry shirts, the Portland Oregon duo of Hank Marcus and Jeff Larson swept through the round robin undefeated. In the finals they again triumphed over Carl Loveday, Jr.-Darryl Weed of San Diego, 21-10, 21-20. Weed and Loveday held the lead near the end of the second game but couldn't get that elusive 21st point. Look out open players as these guys are tough!

Third place went to the team of Mike Grisz and Don Thomas over Corey Rose-Scott Hawkins, 21-9, 21-13.

Consolation Champions

Consolations were held in all divisions except the golden masters. Triumphant in the juniors was the team of Bruce Hand-Chris Chalifoux, Bay Area. Bringing home the masters consolation title were Ivan Bruner, Madison, and Bob Troyer, Chicago. Taking the honors in the seniors consolations were Dr. Hal Price and Phil Grace of Phoenix. Another Arizona team, Duane Gettman and Steve Chase, Phoenix, brought back the open consolation awards.



Jeff Larson, left, portrays literally, one-half of the junior's doubles team. At the right is Hank Marcus.

A special note of appreciation from the IRA must go to Bill Dunn and his crew. They had done their homework, and the 7th Annual IRA International Doubles competition ran smoothly and efficiently.



Mark Wayne at the left and Steve Dunn, manager of Supreme Court IV, introduce Hayward Mayor Weinreb to some of the finer points of courtsmanship (courtspersonship?).

The beautiful Supreme Court IV's 12 courts, jacuzzi, and other player's and fan's amenities coupled with the hospitality of the owners and employees made the tournament an enjoyment for everyone who attended. The champagne-for-all on Sunday topped off their expressions of welcome.

While the tournament began Friday, many of the players made the most of being in San Francisco a day or two early in order to become acclimatized, oriented,

and to take in some sightseeing and shopping.

Once the tournament began, the play was as competitive as one could ask for—during the day. The evening sojourns, however, saw many of the daytime combatants joining forces to savor the flavorful sights and sounds of the fabulous bay city.

All in all, it was a great tournament, held in a beautiful city, conducted by some wonderful people. It will be hard to top in '76.

HOGAN P E N

By Don Hilecher

Labor Day Weekend brought out some of the top racquetball players in the mid-west area. All gathered at the beautiful, new Castle Oak Country Club. As they did for the International tournament on Memorial Day Weekend, Castle Oak donated the use of their courts. In addition they supplied all the hospitality—use of swimming pool for a beer and hot dog party plus the use of a full-size ice skating rink for a Saturday night skating party. Our thanks to the owner of the club plus all his staff who helped make this tournament such a success.

We had 117 entries from Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri. The men's open included five of the top players in the country: Jerry Hilecher, Marty Hogan, Dave Bledsoe (who had to withdraw at the last minute due to a dislocated shoulder), Mike Zeitman and Ken Wong. With Bledsoe dropping out, the semifinal match came down to Hilecher playing Wong and Hogan playing Zeitman.

In the first semifinal match, Jerry could do no wrong against Wong. Jerry played very well keeping Wong moving and not giving him a chance to shoot the ball. The game was over in two, 21-9 and 21-11. After the match, Kenny said he wasn't mentally ready for the match. We had to keep changing the times of the match due to lack of available courts and this was upsetting.

In the second semifinal match, it was a contest of two fired-up players—Mike Zeitman against Marty Hogan. Mike, coming into town from a second place finish to Dave Bledsoe in Michigan, wanted to meet and beat Marty in the worst way. Marty, on the other hand, just came in from San Diego where he has been playing and winning matches in the past four weeks. He beat Keeley and went three games with Brumfield in the World Tournament in Washington.

Their games went: Hogan, 21-13; Zeitman, 21-15; and in the third game, Zeitman took the lead but Hogan came back at 18-15 to win in an exciting 21-18 match. This set the stage for number one and two seed finals. In the



Jerry Hilecher, left, congratulates Marty Hogan.

In 2nd Annual Missouri Labor Day open, it is:

1. Marty Hogan
2. Jerry Hilecher
3. Mike Zeitman
4. Ken Wong

first game, Hilecher shot every ball from every end of the court and won, 21-10. The second game was different as Hogan gained confidence and started shooting right from the beginning.

He took an early lead and before he knew what was happening, Jerry was down, 12-4. At this point, Jerry started putting on the pressure and tied up the score at 13 all. After that, it was downhill again and Marty came up with what he needed and the final score was 21-14.

The third game started with both players shooting backhand and forehand shots off the other's serves. After the first 12 innings of play, the score was only four-three. Hogan then built a lead to 19-9. Jerry did not give up and he played his usual game of gambling and it took Marty 12 serves to make his 21st point, nine of them he served at 20-13. The final score was 21-13.

Third place trophy went to Mike Zeitman over Ken Wong in another hard fought three games, 21-15, 15-21 and 21-19. Consolation round was won by Fred Michaels of Louisville, Kentucky over Don Webb of Champaign, Illinois. Men's B Division had a 32 draw with a lot of people playing the night before the tournament in order to play their way in.

A newcomer in racquetball, unseeded Wayne Campbell from Wichita, Kansas, beat number one seed Denny Kottkamp to reach the semifinals. He met another unseeded player, Dennis McDowell of Bloomington, Illinois, who beat the number four seed, Jeff Gitt. In the bottom bracket, the number two seed, David Kinberg and number three seed, Alan Hilecher both won their matches to play in the semifinals.

McDowell and Kinberg won their matches, 21-13, 8-21 and 21-4. The first two games of the finals were both exciting with McDowell winning the first, 21-15, and Kinberg the second, 21-19. The third game was all McDowell, 21-5.

Wayne Campbell defeated Alan Hilecher in another three game match to win third place. Marshall Peterson, another Bloomington player, beat Bo Champagne of Kansas City, Missouri, 21-14, 21-11, for the Consolation trophy.

SENIORS

All seeds finished the way they were placed in the draw. Number one, Don Webb, Champaign, Illinois, beat number two seed, H. F. Williamson also from Champaign. Third place went to V. Z. Lawton, Norman, Oklahoma, over Max Scharf, St. Louis, 21-12, 18-21 and 21-20. John Lehey, Paxton, Illinois, won the consolation round over Thad Strobach, St. Louis.

MASTERS

Ike Gumer, Louisville, Kentucky, upset number one seed, Joe Zelson, St. Louis, in the semifinals only to lose to Irv Rozelman, St. Louis, 21-9 and 21-19 in the finals. For third place, Joe Zelson played Dan Hilecher, St. Louis, one of the best blockers in the business (being that I am writing this, I could not remember the first game score—only the second). In a hard fought second game, Zelson came from behind at the last minute to ease out a victory at 21-19. Charles Sarne, St. Louis, defeated Larry Carlisle, St. Louis, for the consolation round.

GOLDEN MASTERS

Golden Masters were played to 31 points. Len Marks who made up the

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Gary Lusk outlasts 'em all

Tri-state marathon event
packs 11,368 points into
94 hours, 49 minutes

By Muehleisen and McCabe

Gary Lusk, of Chula Vista, California, has the distinction of entering his name into the record books as the World Marathon Record Holder for continual play in Racquetball. Lusk earned this honor June 7, 8, 9 by playing continuously against different opponents for 38½ hours. He was participating in a contest which was held simultaneously at three Muehleisen Racquetball facilities in Oklahoma, Arizona, and California.

As an incentive to the participants, prize money was awarded on the basis of the most time played, and the most points played. Each facility produced one participant to represent its facility in establishing the Marathon record. The rules were quite simple in that each participant was required to remain on the court with continual play of the ball. Opponents were signed up ahead of time on an around the clock schedule in order to provide competition at all times for the main contestant.

Each participant was allowed a total of five minutes time out per hour to ingest nutrition, toilet privileges, and for a change of clothes and opponents. The only other time outs permitted during play were those allowed under official time outs as listed in the rules of the International Racquetball Association. No participant took advantage of an injury time out. Therefore, the only time outs that could possibly have been utilized were the 30 second time outs of which there are three permitted for each game under the rules.

Had there been an absence of an opponent for the main participant (which there was not), the main participant would have been required to rally with himself keeping the ball in play at all times until another opponent had been found.

A telephone conference call hook-up was established among the facilities to clarify the marathon format and to initiate the simultaneous start at each facility. Complete records were kept at the individual clubs of the recorded time of play, name of participants and opponents, and total points scored by all players. Strict adherence to the rules and records were maintained at all times with the telephone providing continual "progress reports."

The participants were not allowed any ingestion of a known stimulant or medication which did not occur normally in a given food substance or drink.

Marathon rules provided that a player could continue accepting challengers until he broke the rules, gave up or—at the discretion of the attending physician or club management—was deemed inadvisable to continue.

At that time the facility terminating its part of the marathon phoned the other two giving notice and reason for stopping. The other two continued until only one participant remained.

First to go was Jim Ditsworth, age 20, representing Mesa, Arizona. Ditsworth lasted 20 hours and 20 minutes and played a total of 2,230 points. He retired due to an upset stomach which he attributed to the lesson of learning the hard way that candy bars just do not get the job done in sustaining one's self over a long period of time.

Oklahoma City was represented by 43-year-old V. Z. Lawton. Lawton is a qualified tournament veteran and is recognized by his peers as being one of the toughest competitors in Racquetball. At the outset he was the real longshot in the contest due to his age. However, the people in Oklahoma knew what they were doing when they selected Lawton to represent them in



Who's
next?

Gary Lusk, left, and Dr. Bud Muehleisen . . . ready for another 38 hours.

the marathon. He lasted a total of 36 hours before calling it quits having played a total of 4,407 points. This was by no means a small feat. Also, word has it he may go into training again in an attempt to break the now existing record.

When the word reached Gary Lusk at the facility in El Cajon, California, where he was playing, that he was the only remaining participant left in the contest, he was asked if he wished to continue further at that time to establish the now existing record. At that time it was 4 a.m. California time and

due to his background of weightlifting and wrestling he does not carry an ounce of fat on his body. In fact, he reminds you more, at first glance, of a Sherman Tank. Gary has only been playing Racquetball for one year now, but already has gained the ranking status of an "A" player in San Diego County.

The majority of the spectators who watched Lusk in action, believed he could have lasted much longer had he been required to do so. In retrospect, he felt one of his chief opponents during the marathon was sheer boredom.

1. Gary Lusk38 hours, 30 minutes
4,731 points played
2. V. Z. Lawton36 hours
4,407 points played
3. Jim Ditsworth20 hours, 20 minutes
2,230 points played

Lusk merely replied, "Why not? If I went home now I wouldn't have anything to do except go to bed." Lusk continued to play for 2½ hours more for a total of 38½ hours of continual play of Racquetball. He also established the record of 4,731 points played, including 3,714 points scored by himself as opposed to 1,017 scored by his 50 opponents.

Gary Lusk is a young man of 25 years of age who stands 5'9" in height and weighed in at 204 pounds for the contest. During the contest he lost ten pounds in spite of what most observers thought was the ingestion of an unusually large amount of calories. At first glance, Lusk's vital statistics makes one get the idea Lusk is overweight for his size. But those who know him, will attest to the fact that

For a while his fans picked up the slack by continually rooting him on. Finally, during the wee hours even his fans began to fade. Lusk's other "ace in the hole" was the continual piped in "rock" music which kept him awake and "swinging".

When Lusk finally called it quits at 6:30 a.m., he proceeded to drive himself home and went to bed where he slept for seven hours, only to get up in time to play a scheduled 3 p.m. Racquetball match with a friend.

So someday, when you haven't got anything better to do and you think that you are really in shape, why don't you give Gary Lusk's 38½ hour marathon Racquetball record a try. Who knows, you might even break it! After all, isn't that what records are for?

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Brum had them climbing the wall of the . . .



By Michael D. McClelland

Nearly 150 members packed into the Center Courts, West Los Angeles, Calif., August 10 to watch Charlie Brumfield take on National Amateur Champion Jay Jones in an exhibition match in the Center's glass walled court.

Concentrating too much on showing the audience the use of a number of different shots, Brumfield—the IRA international professional's champion—permitted Jones to build up a substantial lead, and was unable to overtake him.

Jones downed the nation's top pro in the 31-point exhibition, 31-30.

The exhibition was a part of the opening promotion for the relatively new court club facility. Along with the demonstration match, Brumfield accepted challenge matches from 13 players at the center who paid \$5 apiece for the privilege of playing for five minutes.

To encourage participants they were offered \$2 for every point they could score on the champion. Total points for the series amounted to 204 for Brumfield; nine for the challengers.

Roger Dahl was the top scoring challenger with three points (he earned back his entry fee plus a dollar;). In addition to his \$6, Dahl was presented a BrumStar Carbon Star racquet for his achievement.

The recently opened Center Courts are located at 11866 LaGrange Ave., West Los Angeles. The club has eight courts. In addition to the exhibition and challenge matches, Brumfield conducted an off court question and answer session in which he discussed winning techniques, strategies and equipment.

Seven states and Canada compete in Minnesota open

Open Singles — Bill Schmidtke
Women's Singles — Koni Porter

Senior Singles — Bernie Nielson
B Singles — Arch Allison

By Jim Carlson

After the grunts, groans, hinders, bruises and cheers subsided, Bill Schmidtke, playing out of the Polish Hall of Fame, walked off with the open singles championship with a 16-21, 21-8, 21-17 win over Ron Strom, Northwest Tennis of Minneapolis. He came from behind, 16-12, to win the third game.

One hundred thirty-nine players from seven upper midwest states and Canada entered seven divisions of play. Hospitality was furnished all weekend and tournament T-shirts were given to the players. The winners received wall plaques which replaced the traditional trophies.

Open singles third went to Paul Ikier, Minneapolis, Barry (Barney Google) Gerr, Minneapolis. Court House, showed magnificent racquet control in taking the open consolation.

Open doubles was won by Ron Strom-Bob Adam Jr., Edina Kings Court, over Steve Singer-Ron Haskvitz, both Minneapolis Court House, 21-5, 21-13. Singer-Haskvitz had a good doubles tourney with wins over

Open Doubles
Ron Strom-Bob Adam Jr.

Senior Doubles
Bob Tonkin-Monti McCunniff

B Doubles
Pat Page-Brian Heeb

Ikier-Gerr and Schmidtke-Mike Weumen route to the finals. Ikier-Gerr won the consolation. It was said that Barry (Barney Google) Gerr had the touch of a surgeon, a tree surgeon!

Senior singles winner was Bernie Nielson, Marshalltown, Iowa, over Bernie McNamara, Minneapolis Court House in two games. McNamara got to the finals with tough three game wins over Don Webb, Urbana, Illinois, and Charlie Schafer, Winona, Minnesota.

Senior doubles went to Bob Tonkin-Monti McCunniff, both of Waterloo, Iowa, over Webb-Harold Williamson, Urbana, 21-12, 21-15. The connie was

won by Tom Keyes-Dave Hersted, both from the Edina Kings Court.

The Women's division was delightful and showed great sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to see an on the court smile. Koni Porter, Edina Kings Court, won the final, besting Sue Dostal, Marshalltown, Iowa, 19-21, 21-2, 21-6. Kay McDonald, Fargo, N.D., won third place and Alice Skultety, Omaha, Nebraska, won the consolation.

The B singles winner was Arch Allison, Marshalltown, Iowa, over Gerry Cadman, Winnipeg, 21-16, 15-21, 21-16. Allison had to recover from a Friday night bout of the 4 a.m. flu to reach the finals. Third went to Bob Gloden, Rockford, Illinois. Consolation was won by Pat Page, Edina Kings Court, who was the iron man of the tourney with eleven matches in B singles and doubles.

B doubles victors were Pat Page-Brian Heeb, Edina Kings Court, over Gloden-Scott Berry, Rockford, Illinois, 21-7, 21-12. Consolation victors were Howard Spizman-Stewart Segal of the St. Paul Court House.

"Minneapolis Court House Invitational Singles Six Man...Frolic"

"The Minneapolis Court House Invitational Singles Six-Man Handi-Capper Round Robin Quickie Frolic" was over in two and a half hours—almost quicker than one can pronounce the name of the event.

The August 1 tournament offered five features—1, limited playing time of two and a half hours; 2, completed tournament in the same length of time; 3, families invited; 4, each player brought a prize for another player (the prize was given for showing up); 5, players of unequal ranking were equalized by handicapping.

Malin ("I know, I know") Greenburg and Paul "Pro" Ikier set the points for the handicapping and were surprisingly accurate. Fifty-percent of the matches went to 21-18 or closer.

Stated purposes of the tournament were to involve racquetball players in an easy-to-put-on tournament, to allow for a variety of competition, to improve each player's physical condition,



to meet other players, and to enjoy the game.

Taking part in the "... six-man invitational ..." were left to right, standing, Dean "The Dream" Con-

stantine, Ted "Roll Out" Lockett, Ralph "Consolation" Stillman, Ben "Big Swing" Brewster; kneeling are Richard "Las Vegas" Lurie, and Amos "Whirlpool" Rosenbloom.

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It is now official— Burdette Hansen is a hundred and one

By Burdette Hansen

With the October Cedar Rapids tournament chairmanship of the Iowa racquetball association passed to Bernie Nielsen. In the following report, Nielsen has ranked Iowa racquetballers who have been playing in tournaments. This ranking will be used to seed players beginning with the first scheduled tournaments, and will be updated primarily on the basis of major tournaments.

The Iowa schedule includes the following tournaments. Some have been played; some will be added. These were on tap as of October 1. Cedar Rapids, Iowa State, Ames, November; Winona, December 6-7; Marshalltown, January; State singles and doubles, Marshalltown, February; State seniors and doubles, Keokuk and/or Waterloo,

March; and Women's singles, Marshalltown, April.

Recent membership figures show 146 people on the Iowa Racquetball Association mailing list. This represents a solid growth, and provides a great base for a real membership take-off.

RANKINGS AS OF OCTOBER

1, Dick Bishop, Keokuk; 2, Bernie Nielsen, Marshalltown; 3, Charles Drewes, Ames; 4, Helmut Braun, Waterloo; 5, Bob Sheldon, Waterloo; 6, Tom Sweeney, Cedar Rapids; 7, John Dietrich, Marshalltown; 8, Dean Bradfield, Waterloo; 9, Monte McUnniff, Waterloo; 10, Clyde Senter, Dundee; also:

11, Arch Allison, Marshalltown; 12, Bob Tonkin, Waterloo; 13, Scott Nau, Iowa City; 14, Jerry Lucas, Keokuk; 15, Virgil Williams, Waterloo; 16, Mac McCulley, Iowa City; 17, Gary Ice-nogle, Marshalltown; 18, Jim Holthus, Charles City; 19, Floyd Gallogoly, Waterloo; 20, Mike Hunter, Burlington; also:

21, Charles Morse, Des Moines; 22, Bill Kelley, Burlington; 23, Wayne Nelson, Keokuk; 24, Ed Schultz, Marshalltown; 25, Lyle Roberts, Burlington; 26, Jim Barclift, Keokuk; 27, Don Hayes, Dubuque; 28, Jerry Coughlin, Marshalltown; 29, Larry Fleetwood, Marshalltown; 30, Alan Kleinmendurst, Waterloo; 31, Don Glanzer, Iowa City; 32, John Brand, Iowa City; and:

101, "Old Man" Hansen, Iowa City.

Ten year old Amy Childs is Maryland's answer to Texas' Peggy Steding

Amy and Robert Childs breezed through the elementary school racquetball tournament held as an intramural activity at Linthicum Elementary School. This may be unique at some schools but their physical education teacher, Art St. Martin (1974 Maryland Champion), starts racquetball fundamentals in regular classes. At Linthicum racquetball is played by one wall rules with students travelling to neighboring YMCA's to develop their four wall skills with St. Martin.

Amy Childs is a ten year old fifth grader who possesses a deadly two-hand backhand. According to her teacher, she is the best all around athlete he has ever seen (boys included). Among her many accomplishments thus far are: She holds school records in 50 yard dash—6.6; 600 yard run—1



Amy and her brother, Robert, standing, with runners-up Chrissy Moore and Bruce McIninch.

minute, 48 seconds; most valuable player in girl's basketball league; received President's Fitness Award (92% average); runs the mile in 6 minutes—and is a member of the National Champion Postal Mile Race.

Brother Robert, 12-year-old sixth grader, does not take second seat. He was a member of basketball and wrestling team; holds the school record for the mile—5:50 and is a member of the third place nationwide mile team.

Amy and Robert have a great future in racquetball and sports. They are encouraged by their parents, Robert and Joan Childs.

Racquetball in the East is growing and with youngsters like these—coached by men like St. Martin—the pace is going to increase.

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, bids for IRA '76 nationals

The Tennessee building commission in July of this year endorsed expenditure of \$660,000 for the construction of an indoor racquetball facility at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Funding for the 25,000 square foot building program came from the state of Tennessee, the Benwood Foundation and Chattem Drug Company.

At the rained-out groundbreaking ceremonies, University of Tennessee chancellor James Drinnon, Jr., said that without Scott Probasco, of the Benwood Foundation (and American National Bank), and Alex Guerry, "We could not have done it. It's as simple as that."

Guerry is president of the Chattem Drug Company and an avid racquetball player and fan. He is considered as "the man with the plans," behind this phase of the UTC sports building program. Myron Roderick, formerly Executive Director of the International Racquetball Association, and now president of a racquetball-panel company, was quoted by Guerry as stating the Chattanooga playing facilities will be as fine as, or the finest in the United States.

The seven courts are scheduled for completion in February, 1976, and Guerry and other UTC spokesmen are making a strong bid for the IRA international championships, which were held in St. Louis in May, 1975.

What makes the UTC racquetball center so unusual in the racquetball world is its added dimension—the sport suddenly becomes for spectators as well as participants.

"In traveling around the country to various racquetball centers, the thing that struck me was that most of them had very poor facilities for the spectators," said Guerry. "Naturally, I began wondering how to improve the situation."

"The new racquetball center will incorporate the newest concepts in the United States in spectator viewing."

UTC's racquetball center will have seven courts, including one exhibition court.

All backwalls will be made out of glass. Spectators will be able to sit behind the backwalls and look down on the action. The exhibition backwall will be made entirely of glass, thus enabling it to seat some 400 spectators.

"Our biggest problem in racquetball has been exposure. Although it mainly is a participant sport, we hope someday to make it a spectator sport. All of the new facilities being built across the country are taking into consideration the spectator aspect," said Roderick.

Steve Strandemo of San Diego, who finished second in this year's international tourney, has discussed the spectator aspect with Guerry at various tournaments.

"I think it's a fantastic idea," said Strandemo. "With these kinds of innovative courts, the sport can quickly become a spectator sport instead of just a participant sport."

Strandemo thinks the only improvement in Guerry's idea will someday be a backwall of one-way glass. In other words the spectators will be able to watch the action, but the players will only see the white wall.

"At most places I've been you have to hank over a wall in order to watch a match, and that's not the ideal spot," said Guerry. "Here, we'll have bleachers behind every court, and the fans will be looking down . . . like they would be when they're watching other sports."

Thirty racquetballers attend Storm Meadows training camp at Steamboat Springs, Colorado



By Larry French

The Birmingham Racquetball Association's Autumn "B" singles tournament was won by Roy Gelber, a former southeast region handball champion turned "racqueteer" in recent weeks. Gelber used his court sense, finesse, and quickness to storm through the tournament without losing a game. George Orear proved a staunch opponent in the final match but finally succumbed, 21-6, 21-12, after one and one-half hours of hard play.

Tournament director Harry French, using a format which guaranteed all entrants participation in a minimum

Ex-handballer Gelber takes Birmingham Autumn "B" tournament

of three matches, saw some of the best games in the "clemency" and "last chance" flights. The "clemency" flight players, having lost one match each,

battled through several tough games before champion Bill Clements defeated Clarke Stallworth, 21-8, 21-14.

Several spectators filled the seats of Birmingham's downtown branch of the YMCA. As the tournament wound to a close with the finals of the "last chance" flight. Losers of two previous matches, but winners in the end, Tuscaloosa's Tom Cost defeated Ralph Summerfield in the final match of the meet, 21-12, 21-9.

See Scoreboard for additional results.

Glendale P&R department hosts 3-wall tourney

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Department recently completed its first three-wall racquetball singles competition. Ron Mytko emerged as the city champion without losing a game.

Mytko used pin point accuracy and a variety of finesse shots to overcome Mike Severin in the finals, 21-19, 21-9. Mytko plays a great deal of tennis and says it helps his racquetball play for ball control.

In the consolation bracket, Mike Haws was the winner after losing his first round match with Mytko. The City of Glendale is supporting more outdoor courts to be open for play next month. Looks like outdoor racquetball is on the rise in Arizona (*Keith Talley, Sports Specialist, City of Glendale, Arizona, Parks & Recreation Department*).



Glendale three-wall champions.

Steve Dunn gave notice to the racquetball world that he is here to play as he swept through the Northern California Invitational at San Jose with relative ease. He defeated brother Bill, 15-4, 15-19, in the semifinals and Bill Thurman, 15-11, 15-6, in the finals. He played almost errorless racquetball as his consistency was the big difference.

Thurman and Len Stream won the doubles when they outshot Dunn and Dunn, 31-17.

B singles action was hot and heavy as Berkeley's Jerry Gitt outlasted San

N. Cal. invitations accepted by 250 at Supreme Court III

Jose's Mike Mjehovich, 15-11, 11-15, 15-8, to capture the title. Stockton's

Gordy Drysdale and Duane Isetti took B doubles over Alameda's Pete Sills and Steve Kornick, 16-14, 15-13. Vic Kimura from Santa Cruz took C singles by defeating San Francisco's Stacy Knox in two tight games, while Carol Grosz captured the Women's C singles by defeating San Carlos' Kathy Chestnut, 15-9, 15-0.

The 250 entrants did battle at the new Supreme Court III which features ten courts, a lunch bar, and an executive locker room.

Bill and Steve Dunn initiate doubles action at Supreme Court IV

Charlie Brumfield continued his string of consecutive victories by capturing the singles title at the 4th Annual Chabot Open held during the grand opening of Supreme Court IV in Hayward, California, on September 12, 13, and 14.

"The Brum" defeated Bill Dunn in the finals in two closely contested games, 15-11, 15-13. Dunn was able to resist Brumfield's "tour" game plan by forcing Charlie to run. Down 10-3 in the first game, Dunn was able to come back to 11-12 but missed a couple of shots when the pressure game was back and forth until 13-13. At this point all the running Dunn had done caught up with him and Charlie mercifully rolled out the last two shots to win.

Brumfield gained the finals by crushing Lou Concha, 15-7, 15-4, after Concha had upset Len Stream to reach that position. Dunn had a much tougher time of it as he had to come from behind in the third game to defeat his younger brother, Steve, 15-6, 11-15, 16-14. Trailing 12-14, Bill hit

four consecutive backhand kills to pull it out.

The doubles action was exciting with the Dunn brothers out-shooting Brumfield and Stream to win first place, 11-15, 15-11, 15-9. Finding themselves down 3-8 in the third game, Bill and Steve Dunn suddenly got hot as they began rolling the ball out from everywhere, outscoring Stream and Brumfield, 12-1, to pull out the victory.

Top seeded Ruth Knudsen traveled

Chabot Open

from Salt Lake City, Utah, to defeat Lottie Bain, 15-11, 15-4. Second seeded Sylvia Hooks was upset in the opening round by Alicia Moore, 15-8, 15-6. Moore in turn lost to Bain, 15-12, 17-15, in the semifinals. Alicia went on to win third over Mary Ludwig, 15-6, 16-14.

In other action, Mark Wayne won senior singles by defeating Bob Peterson, 15-4, 15-13. Lou Concha took

third over Al Rossi, 15-5, 15-11. Upstart Harvey Clar swept through the master's field defeating top seeded Earle Castle in the finals, 15-11, 15-12. Bill Dabney took third over Dave Lucy. Jim Pool traveled from Los Angeles to win the B singles over local favorite Leo Gurnoe, 15-13, 15-9. Joel Scheinbaum, also from Los Angeles, defeated Mike Mjehovich for third, 17-15, 6-15, 15-7. Dave Cubitt won the C singles over John Kane while John Frame won third over W. Jordan. Kathy Chestnut won her third women's novice crown in a row defeating Patty Graves, 10-15, 15-4, 15-6. Davidson and Ivaldi won B doubles while Ritner and Chalifous took the C doubles crown.

The Supreme Court IV is the latest in a series of Supreme Courts to be established in the San Francisco Bay area. IV features 12 courts, a complete pro shop, beer and sandwich bar, whirlpool, sauna, steam, and weights. This beautiful Hayward facility hosted the National Doubles November 14, 15, and 16.

Racquetball buffs to try harder

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, held its first racquetball tournament October 3, 4, 5, in the Aerobics physical fitness building. Five courts were available for the all-university competition, open to faculty, students and staff.

Two divisions were offered—open singles and open doubles. ORU reports that future tournaments will provide additional divisions.

Glenn Smith, ORU athletic trainer, took the top trophy in the singles competition defeating Gary Lee in the finals, 21-15, 21-20. Smith had been seeded number one; Lee, number three. Third place went to ORU baseball coach Rick Calmus who defeated Al Bush for that honor, 21-15, 21-10.

The premier event drew 26 singles entries and eight doubles teams. In the singles consolation Tracy McDonald defeated Don Gallier, 21-15, 21-18.

In the doubles, Glen Smith teamed with Al Bush to defeat Gary Lee and Rick Brown, 21-14, 11-21, 21-13, for first place. Third went to Rick Calmus and Herb Dallis over Rich Ficken



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Left to right, Rich Calmus, Glenn Smith and Gary Lee.

and Lee Phillips, 21-20, 20-21, 21-15—in about as close a three game match as one could call for.

Another tournament is being scheduled for this winter. Racquetball at ORU is popular. Those who are familiar with the ORU basketball

teams and school support of basketball, will know how popular racquetball has become when ORU trainer claims that "Racquetball is our number two sport!"

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Creve Coeur Court House-Vittert Fall Classic

In the Creve Coeur Court House-Vittert Fall Racquetball Classic Ken Wong displayed his usual classic prowess by turning back Benny Koltun in three games with the first two hotly contested: 21-19, 20-21, 21-9.

The September 12-14 event covered five events: men's open, B and C, and women's open and class C.

In the semifinals of the men's open, Wong downed Trent, 21-10, 21-18, and Koltun defeated Blaess in three: 12-21, 21-15, 21-9. Third place went to Roland Treat who defeated Fred Blaess in two: 21-17, 21-10.

In the men's B division, Dennis McDowell outpointed Jeff Gitt in two solid displays of racquetball shooting, 21-14, 21-14. Consistency! Taking third place was Tom Street over Dave

Joyce. In the semifinals McDowell defeated Joyce, 20-21, 21-6, 21-7; and Gitt had defeated Street, 21-17, 11-21, 21-15.

Ken Becker won the men's C classic with scores of 12-21, 21-11 and 21-12, over Mark Pitliangers, and Allen Am-

It is Ken Wong over Trent
in men's singles, and
Nancie Messerschmidt over
Iona Long in women's

brose took third in two games over Arnold Goodman, 21-11, 21-15.

Nancie Messerschmidt continued her tournament play, and steady improvement, downing Iona Long in two,

21-9, 21-10. Third place went to Alice Becker over Linda Schulte, 21-10, 15-21, 21-19. Earlier Messerschmidt had defeated Schulte in the semifinals, 21-6 and 21-15, while Long was turning back Becker, 21-6, 21-13.

In the women's class C competition, Georgia Potter and Julia Marshal put on a tight exhibition in their first game which went to Potter, 21-19. The second game was more decisive: 21-5, for Potter.

In the semifinals Potter defeated Pitliangers, 21-15, 21-10; and Marshal defeated Huff, 19-21, 21-19, 21-19, in the three tightest matches of the Fall classic.

Third place in the C division went to Brigitte Huff over Diane Pitliangers, 10-21, 21-19, 21-12.

Eight cities enter Mitchell Piping Tri-County event

Ron Akins won the Second Annual Mitchell Piping Tri-County tournament held at the North Canton, Ohio, YMCA.

Akins, also the tournament director of this three day event, defeated Don Nelson in the finals, 21-11 and 21-18. The four seeded-players all made it to the semifinals. Terry Taylor, the top seed and defending champ, was defeated by Nelson. Their grueling match went three games and over two hours with Nelson on top of game one, 21-17, Taylor won the second game, 21-18, and both men served three times at match point before Nelson won the third game, 21-20.

The other semifinal match saw

Akins win over Ed Witham by scores of 21-7 and 21-13.

Harry Mitchell, President of Mitchell Piping, awarded trophies and merchandise prizes to the four finishers.

MITCHELL PIPING
FINALISTS: from left to
right—Ron Akins, Don
Nelson, Harry Mitchell
(tournament sponsor),
Ed Witham and Terry
Taylor.

Over 30 entries came from eight different cities within the three county area surrounding Canton, Ohio.

See Scoreboard for additional results.



Pete Wright—high scorer in Big Eight (courts, not conference)

The Racquetball & Handball Club of San Antonio hosted the first Racquetball Tournament in the Southwest of the season. 330 entries from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas participated at its club's eight courts.

Pete Wright of Dallas defeated Jim Austin of Houston in the men's open with scores of 18-21, 21-9, 21-8. Tom McKie handled Eric Campbell, Dallas, for third place and Gary Hinkle won the consolation.

In the men's seniors, Robert Hill of Houston defeated John Watson also of Houston, 21-14 and 21-6. Steve Biespiel beat Ed Burford of Dallas for third place and Dave Todd won the consolation bracket.

In class "B" Dino Solomon, Houston, downed Ron Meek, Austin, 21-20, 21-13. Dwayne Cooper, Dallas,

beat Brad Walker also of "Big D" for third place and Bob Ellis, San Antonio, won consolation.

Tom Easterling of Denton led a field of seventy-two entries and defeated Jim Peterson also of Denton with scores of 21-6, 21-12. Mark Dickman finished third and Eddie Fink, Austin, won the consolation.

In the women's open, Jan Segall of Austin beat Libby Bernhard, 21-9, 21-14, also of Austin. Connie Gamboa of Waco beat Suzanne Storey of Friendswood for third place and Pam Spann won the consolation.

In women's novice, Liz Huff of San Antonio defeated Linda Guerrero, 12-21, 21-16, 21-17, for first place. Mary Oechsleger of Denton beat Jan Zamzon for third and Julie Dossett of Houston won the consolation.

In junior singles, state champion Mark Malowitz defeated Larry Niti-shin (both of Houston), 21-10, 21-15. Up and coming Ken Kaihlanen of San Antonio beat Blake Walker for third. Bobby Stone of San Antonio won the consolation.

In the Doubles Open Tom McKie and Eric Campbell of Dallas defeated Kevin Meyer and Jeff Kwartler of Houston in two close games, 21-18, 21-17. Father and son Mark Malowitz and Milt Karp of Houston defeated Carlos Nieves and Lorre Ferre of Dallas, 21-20, 21-13, for the "B" Doubles.

Virginia Davis and Blake Walker of Dallas defeated Liz Huff and Jackie Black of San Antonio, 21-13, 11-21, 21-6 for the Women's Doubles Championship.



East Coast Military

OCTOBER 5, 1975

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Allen def. Mehne, 21-7, 21-20; Crummey def. Grandy, 15-21, 21-20, 21-13; Giordano def. Dorr, 21-17, 21-12.

Semifinals: Allen def. Crummey, 21-8, 21-15; Giordano def. Melgard, 21-1, 21-3.

Finals: Giordano def. Allen, 21-8, 21-7. Third place: Crummey def. Melgard (f.t.).

OPEN DOUBLES

Finals: Giordano-Crummey def. Allen-Madison, 21-12, 21-15.

Consolation Singles: Richard Brown def. Bob Spooner (3 games).

Women's Division: Helen F. Rios.

B Singles: Terry Wong def. Richard Morrow.

Mitchell Piping

SINGLES

First Round: Ron Akins def. Em Ferrara; Don Dorkoff def. Yale Berman; Bo Perkowski def. Jack Lecerf; Ed Whitham def. Jeff Grelson; Don Nelson def. Dan Ahearn; Mike Hershberger def. Merv Nugent; Harry Mitchell def. Wally Gumm; Terry Taylor def. Jack Stones.

Quarterfinals: Akins def. Dorkoff, 21-12, 21-13; Whitham def. Perkowski, 21-6, 21-9; Nelson def. Hershberger, 21-7, 21-3; Taylor def. Mitchell, 21-11, 21-17.

Semifinals: O. Akins def. D. Whitham, 21-7, 21-13; Nelson def. Taylor, 21-17, 18-21, 21-20.

Finals: Akins def. Nelson, 21-11, 21-18.

Oral Roberts Univ.

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Frank Johnson def. Bill Thompson; Hamish McLeod def. Steve Lamb; Tom Wells def. Don Gallier; Scott Rogers def. Lee Phillips; Herb Dallis def. Johan Reuss; Vic Bramsletter def. Al Goodwin; Steve Brandt def. Myron Peace; Tom McIntyre def. Ralph Fagin; Rich Ficken def. Mark Jumper; and Tracy McDonald def. Chris Miller, Smith, Brown, Bush, Calmus, Lee and Winters advanced on byes.

Second Round: Glenn Smith def. Johnson; McLeod def. Wells; Brown def. Rogers; Bush def. Dallis; Calmus def. Bramsletter; McIntyre def. Brandt; Lee def. Ficken; McDonald def. Winters.

Quarterfinals: Smith def. McLeod; Bush def. Brown; Calmus def. McIntyre; Lee def. McDonald.

Semifinals: Smith def. Bush, 21-18, 21-18; and Lee def. Calmus, 21-12, 21-11.

Finals: Glenn def. Lee, 21-15, 21-10. Third place: Calmus def. Bush, 21-15, 21-10.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Bush-Smith def. McLeod-Rogers; Ficken-Phillips def. Fagin-Peace; Calmus-Dallis def. McDonald-McIntyre; Lee-Brown def. Irvine-Gallier.

Semifinals: Smith-Bush def. Ficken-Phillips; Lee-Brown def. Calmus-Dallis.

Finals: Glenn Smith-Al Bush def. Gary Lee-Rich Brown, 21-14, 11-21, 21-13. Third place: Calmus-Dallis def. Ficken-Phillips, 21-20, 20-21, 21-15.

CONSOLATION

Singles: Tracy McDonald def. Don Gallier, 21-15, 21-18.

Birmingham

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

First Round: Manning def. Tenbrink; Cost def. D. Wright; Gelber def. Davenport; Clements def. Stoddard; O'Rear def. Stallworth; Schreiner def. P. Wright; Colvin def. Summerford; Sligh def. Harville.

Quarterfinals: Manning def. Cost; Gelber def. Clements; O'Rear def. Schreiner; Colvin def. Sligh.

Semifinals: Gelber def. Manning; O'Rear def. Colvin.

Championship: Gelber def. O'Rear, 21-6, 21-12.

CLEMENCY FLIGHT

Semifinals: Clements def. Cost; Stallworth def. Harville.

Finals: Clements def. Stallworth, 21-8, 21-14.

LAST CHANCE FLIGHT

Stoddard def. Tenbrink; Summerford def. P. Wright; Cost def. Stoddard; Summerford def. Harville.

Championship: Cost def. Summerford, 21-2, 21-9.

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Concha-Poppino Mullins-Peterson 12,18

Wayne-Rossi Roderick-Muehleisen

Edwards-Frame Wayne-Rossi Wayne-Rossie 12,16

Starkman-Trent 11,16

Price-Grace Starkman-Trent

Mullins-Peterson Mullins-Peterson
Starkman-Trent 2,19 Third place

MASTERS

White-Fazio White-Fazio

Bugel-Dabney White-Fazio

Schattner-Grapes White-Fazio 14,17

Bruner-Troyer White-Fazio

Sellars-Walker 21-19,13-21,21-18

Brown-Loveday Sellars-Walker

Zelson-Halverson Sellars-Walker 9,20

Pearl-Schinagel Zelson-Halverson Schattner-Grapes Zelson-Halverson 14,14
Third place

GOLDEN MASTERS

Green-Murphy 4-0

Vetter-Smith 1-3

Turner-Payne 1-3

Vetter-Smith awarded 2nd place on basis of winning three games to two in head to head meeting with Turner-Payne

JUNIORS

Marcus-Larsen 4-0

Weed-Loveday 3-1

Grisz-Thomas 2-2

Rose-Hawkins 1-3

Hand-Chalifoux 0-4

1st-- Marcus-Larsen over Weed-Loveday 21-10,21-20

3rd-- Grisz-Thomas over Rose-Hawkins 21-9, 21-13

OPEN CONSOLATION

Rittner-Chalifoux Gettman-Chase

Gettman-Chase Gettman-Chase

Matalf-Heway Matalf-Heway 3,3

Juarez-Maxson Gettman-Chase 15,12

Bright-Labadie Crummey-Giordano

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MASTERS CONSOLATION

Bugel-Dabney Bruner-Troyer

Bruner-Troyer Bruner-Troyer

Brown-Loveday Brown-Loveday 11,9

Pearl-Schinagel

Missouri Open

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draw received two byes and a forfeit to meet Ike Gumer, who had to play five rounds before meeting Lenny. Ike Gumer won a tough match, 31-19. Third place went to Herman Beitch, St. Louis, over Walter Cadwallader.

NOVICE MEN

This was a fun group with a round of 16 players who just started playing the game. First place was won by Mike Bodker, St. Louis, over Carl Hudson, Paxton, Illinois. Third place went to Bill Donnelly, St. Louis, over Patrick Barrow, Harlboro, Missouri. Steve Weinstock, St. Louis, beat Fred Shapiro, Chicago, for the consolation round. Shapiro had an excuse for losing. He had a grueling two match game with Gene Ferman of St. Louis and had no strength left to play Barrow. We will be hearing a lot from some of these novice players in the future.

WOMEN'S OPEN

We only had a draw of eight but a lot of exciting matches with new, good woman players on the scene. Upsets were many. Number one seed, Chris Ackerman, St. Louis, lost to unseeded, Judy Thompson, Davenport, Iowa, in the round of four. Judy beat number four seed, Barbara Halpern in the first round to play Chris. In the bottom bracket, number two seed, Nancy Zelson, St. Louis, lost to Goldie Hogan, St. Louis. The finals were won by Judy Thompson, 13-21, 21-14 and 21-17. Third place went to Chris Ackerman over Nancy Zelson. Consolation round went to Nancy Greer, Emporia, Kansas, over Iona Long, St. Louis.

WOMEN'S

Another new racquetball player, Frances Maxon, Independence, Missouri, beat Iona Long, St. Louis, 21-16 and 21-18 for the championship. Karen Shippy, St. Louis, beat Iona Long for third place. Alice Becker won the consolation round over Linda Hogan.



CALENDAR for ... Upcoming

DECEMBER

3-6: Milwaukee, Wisc. Class B doubles. South Shore YMVA.

5-7: Urbana, Ill. 4th Illini open. Don Webb, ch., 295 Natural Resources Bldg., Univ. of Ill., Urbana 61801.

5-6-7: Missoula, Montana. Big Sky tournament. Write Dr. Gary Nygaard, FH 206, University of Montana, Missoula, Mont. 59801.

5-6-7: Ft. Devens, Mass. Second annual New England closed military singles championships. Riggs gym, Ft. Devens. Call Pete Crummey, 617-772-4354 or write 84-C Walnut St., Ft. Devens, Mass.

6-7: Winona, Iowa, tournament.

12-13: Milwaukee, Wisc. Open women's singles and B women's singles, 124th Street YMCA, Milwaukee. Richard Wisniewski, 758 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisc., 414-273-5080.

JANUARY 1976

9-11: Fifth Annual Cowboy open. 119 Colvin Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074. Tournament director, Sid Gonsoulin (AC 405 372-6211 ext. 6364). Singles: open, masters, Sr., women, "B", intercollegiate, novice; doubles: open, masters, "B", women.

16-17-18: Wausau, Wisconsin. Sixth annual Woodson YMCA open singles and doubles tournament. Write Jerry Hoff, 3001 Rib Mountain Dr., Wausau, Wisc. 54401.

16-17-18: Springfield, Mass.: Second annual state singles championships. YMCA courts. Director Don Houghton, 1341 Main St., Springfield, Mass., or call 413-566-3540. Open to all Massachusetts residents.

Date?: B Singles in Marshalltown, Iowa.

FEBRUARY

6-8: Second Annual North Carolina Racquetball Open, YMCA, 1346 South Main St., Burlington, N.C. 27215. Contact Harry Haynes. Brackets: open, Sr., master, and consolation in each. (Phone 227-2061.)

27-29: Shrewsbury, Mass. Second annual state doubles championships. Shrewsbury Squash and Tennis club courts. Director Howard Coleman, 63 Delwanda, Worcester, Mass. or call 617-754-7888.

Dates to be announced: Iowa State singles and doubles. Probably at Marshalltown or YMCA.

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January 8-11:	St. Louis, Missouri, Pro-Am (Site tba).
February 12-15:	San Antonio Pro-Am. San Antonio racquetball club.
March 11-14:	San Francisco Pro-Am. Supreme Courts.
April 8-11:	Cleveland, Ohio Pro-Am. The Back Wall.
May 27-30:	IRA Pro singles at the University of Tennessee courts, Chattanooga.

Tentative Schedule



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For some events

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MARCH

12-13-14: Hansom AFB, Bedford, Mass. First annual Mass., Military closed singles and doubles championships. Director Danny Giordano.

Dates to be announced: Iowa Seniors and Doubles.

APRIL

2-4: Boston, Mass. Second Annual New England Vittert open singles championships. Huntington Ave. YMCA courts, and Northeastern Univ. Director Pete Crummey. 1-617-772-4354.

(NOTE: This is a revised date. Earlier announced dates of 16-17-18 have been changed as shown.)

Dates to be announced: Iowa women's singles, probably at Marshalltown.

MAY

19-23: IRA INTERNATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT. Site to be announced.

JUNE

18-20: Costa Mesa, California. Annual Three Wall Nationals, Orange Coast College courts. Write Berry Wallace for information. 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626.

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