

Passing Shots

by Norm Blum
Publisher & Editor



BLACK AND BLUE — The wife of a racquetball player complained to us that she physically suffers when her husband's game is off. "My husband came home, grumbling how poorly he played. Sure enough, in the middle of the night, I felt a hand brush against my cheek. He was practicing his swing in his sleep. Fortunately, a couple of nights later he came home and said his backhand was 'on' again." If he hadn't stopped, it might have been the first case of racquetball abuse.

DIVERSIFICATION — The long-standing myth that if you play tennis it will have an adverse effect on your racquetball game, and vice-versa, has finally been disproven.

Roger Cox, a writer for *Sportswise* magazine in New York, has put the whole issue into perspective. "Loyalty aside, one thing keeping players of one racquet sport from participating in another is the myth of harmful strokes that it will forever corrupt their game. Yet most of us can learn to use chopsticks without losing the ability to manage a fork."

A WISE INVESTMENT — Bob Kelly is looking for an investor. Kelly, owner of Kelly's Racquet & Swim Club in Crystal River, inherited an awful situation when he resumed control of the club he originally owned. It seems that during his absence the manager began building a swimming pool and tennis courts. A fine and dandy idea, perhaps, but one necessary ingredient was missing — money. The fellow had no financial backing, yet managed to talk the pool construction company and others into beginning work. Today, Kelly has taken care of the creditors and needs a little help to push him over the hump in one of Florida's fastest growing cities. Interested parties should call Bob at (904) 795-3703.

FALSE ADVERTISING — Folks were screaming after attending a tournament in Central Florida. Juniors, who were promised a half-price rate on the tournament application, were forced to pay full fare and the delicatessen hospitality spread had no bread. "It was the worst tournament ever put on," several players told the *Journal*.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING — It's nearly impossible to tell how many racquetball players there are in the nation, but there has been a conclusive study on teenage racquetball.

About 18 percent of the teenagers surveyed have played racquetball and most seem to take quite a liking toward it. Five percent rated it among their top three activities. Twice as many Hispanics rated racquetball in their top three.

POTPOURRI — Only California has more AARA members than Florida. . . You can be sure your club will be crowded with all those who made a New Year's resolution to keep in shape. Give it three weeks and things will return to normal. . . Paying refs \$3 per match works fine during the day, but one has to double the offer at 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. . . The Place in Jacksonville and Miami Lakes Athletic Club have received the two highest grades on the AARA report card, as their tournaments ranked 4.6. . . Is the floor too hard on your feet? Try Softstride, a new cushion

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Filling courts a struggle during daytime hours

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The lockerroom is unusually quiet. The snack bar is empty. The sound of racquetballs ricocheting against the walls can barely be heard.

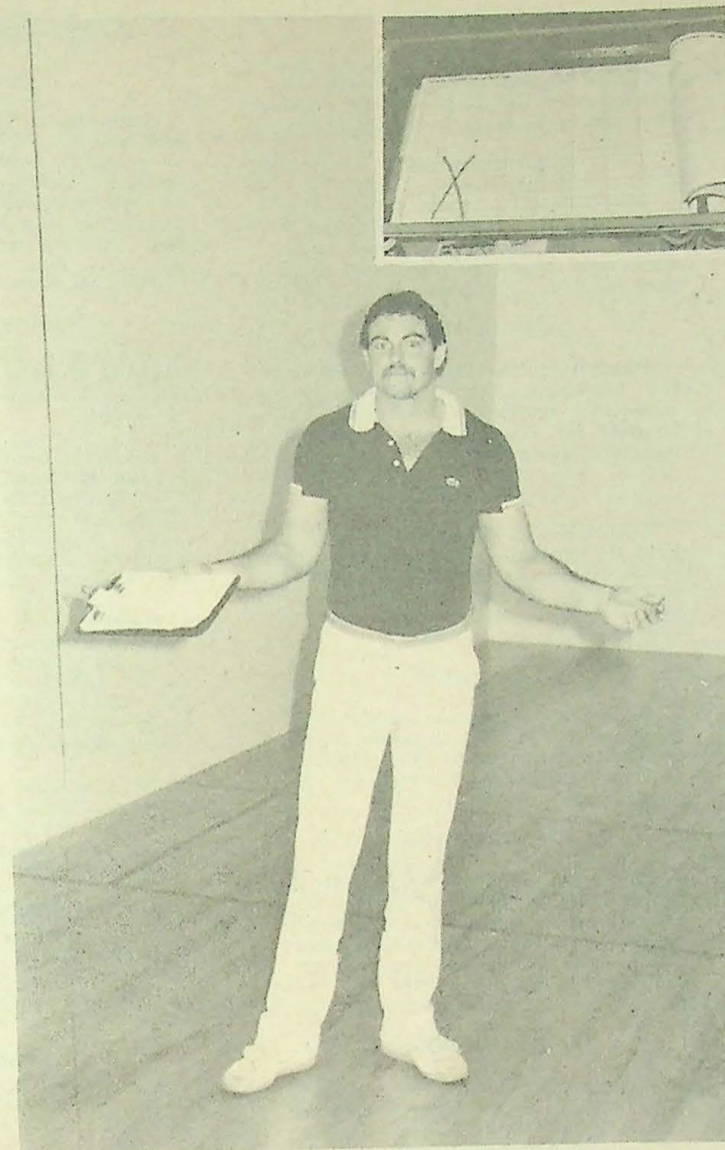
It's time to air out the musty lockerroom and vacuum the carpets.

It's time for the manager to meet with the salesmen, instead of talking with irate players complaining about the towel policy or the strength of the Gatorade.

Enter almost any racquetball facility in Florida in the morning and afternoon, and you'll have Carte Blanche use of the club. With few exceptions, racquetball activity during these time periods doesn't sound off alarms in club cash registers throughout the state.

Most managers have accepted the predicament of day-time racquetball, while others cling to the possibility of eventually making court usage an all-day affair.

With monthly rates implemented at most clubs, it isn't a financial disaster if the club goes unused, but it sure makes the sales pitch to prospective members a whole lot



Club manager Wylie Sachs wonders how he can fill up the courts during the morning hours. The appointment book (inset, upper right hand corner) is full after 5 p.m.

easier when the club is full and people are socializing and having a good time.

"If there's a solution, I'd like to know what it is," says Julie Pinnell, manager of The Club in Orlando. "We've tried to hit those who have shift-work type jobs. We've been wracking our brains. It isn't a financial problem. We'd just like to generate usage."

Morning hours are a boom for tennis, Pinnell admits, and she sees it every day because The Club has a tennis facility in addition to 10 racquetball courts.

"Hundreds of ladies play in leagues all over the city. Tennis has six levels of play and there are 14 to 23 ladies on each team. It's mainly because the USTA (United States Tennis Association) is more organized and racquetball has nothing like that," Pinnell surmised. "I don't know if it ever will."

Seymour Gladstone, manager of the South Florida Racquet Club in Fort Lauderdale, says empty courts during the day "is the nature of the beast."

"They say you should aim for filling up your courts at least 80 percent during prime time and 30 per-

cent during non-prime. I don't know anybody who does it."

The Sportrooms in Coral Gables has 23 courts and program director Mark Richt said 25 percent are used on good days. "The only way to fill it up is to open it up to the public and we won't do that. No one has been brainstorming the problem. The majority of members are working and the gold card members who have unlimited play don't use it because our society is nine to five oriented."

Mike Phillips, general manager of Omega 40 in Ormond Beach, echoed Richt's sentiments.

"It's not just racquetball. In the restaurant business, people don't eat from 1:30 to 3:30 and they reduce the staff. There's no answer except to tap the sources. It's nice to be near a hospital which has lots of shift workers. With the monthly set-up, you don't have to worry about hustling all the time. When a club is in a court-time situation, every hour that goes by you lose money. Investors think people play racquetball all the time and they envision the club being filled 24 hours a day. That's just not the

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Where To Play

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CLEARWATER

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Sertoma Challenge Suncoast Courthouse Clearwater

Open — Steve Rose def. John Scargle 3rd — Mark Kluz def. Randy Godwin. B — Rick Lardizabal def. Jim Dundee. 3rd — Bob Ely. C — (Please turn to page 15)



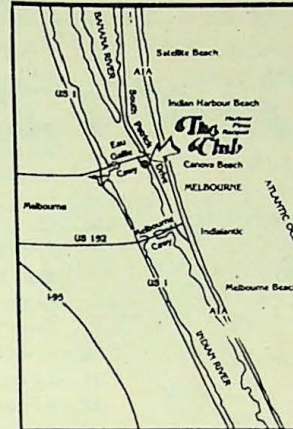
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___ Men's 19+
___ Men's 27+
___ Men's 35+
___ Men's 45+

___ Women's Open
___ Women's B
___ Women's C
___ Women's D
___ Women's Novice

___ Women's 19+
___ Women's 25+
___ Women's 30+

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___ Boys 13 & under
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___ Girls 13 & under
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___ Men's Open
___ Men's B
___ Men's C
___ Mixed Open
___ Mixed B

Partner: _____
Partner: _____
Partner: _____
Partner: _____
Partner: _____

___ Women's Open
___ Women's B
___ Women's C

Partner: _____
Partner: _____
Partner: _____

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Hansen, Gautier No. 1 in doubles rankings

In last month's edition of the *Florida Racquet Journal* we printed the 1983 AARA state rankings in singles competition. In order to earn points a player must enter an AARA sanctioned tournament.

This month we have compiled a doubles ranking system. Doubles is ranked on the basis of the fact that players often change partners. Each player receives the same number of points and the ranking is by individuals rather than teams. To rank a doubles' team (for seeding purposes) just add the two players points together.

The ranking system will be published in the *Florida Racquet Journal*. Any tournament director who sanctions his event will receive an up-to-date copy if they wish to use it for the seeding.

Level 1
Club (in-house) Tournament

1st	10
2nd	5
3rd	3
4th	2
5-8	1

Level 2
Closed State Tournament

1st	20
2nd	10
3rd	8
4th	5
5-8	3

Level 3
Open Tournament

1st	50
2nd	30
3rd	20
4th	15
5-8	10

Level 4
State Championships

1st	75
2nd	40
3rd	25
4th	20
5-8	15

Level 5
Regionals

1st	100
2nd	60
3rd	30
4th	25
5-8	20

Men's Open Doubles

1.	Bubba Gautier	410	5, 4, 2
2.	Tim Hansen	410	5, 4, 2
3.	Sergio Gonzalez	250	3, 4, 3
4.	Joe Icaza	250	3, 4, 3
5.	Van Dubolsky	245	2, 4
6.	Joe Porta	175	3, 3
7.	Vinnie Ganley	170	4
8.	Dan O'Brien	165	3, 3
9.	Randy Pfahler	160	3
10.	Curtis Winter	150	
11.	Charlie Nichols	150	

12.	Jeff Bales	145	3, 2, 3
13.	Mark Morrison	115	
14.	Dan Lefor	100	3
15.	John Schneider	95	3
16.	Bruce Davis	90	

Men's 19+ Doubles

1.	Tim Hansen	75	4
2.	Bubba Gautier	75	4
3.	Vinnie Ganley	40	
4.	Dave Reep	40	
5.	Curtis Winter	25	
6.	Chris Buckner	25	
7.	Mark Morrison	20	
8.	Brian Kimbal	20	
9.	Larry Cashion	15	
10.	Brent Huber	15	
11.	Dave Peterson	15	
12.	Jeff Johnson	15	
13.	Al Caballero	15	
14.	Chris Smith	15	
15.	Mark Kluza	15	
16.	John Scargle	15	

Men's 25+ Doubles

1.	Randy Pfahler	140	
2.	Van Dubolsky	100	
3.	Steve Jones	90	
4.	Bob Owens	75	
5.	Tom Ruffing	75	4
6.	Dan O'Brien	65	
7.	Gordy Kirkland	65	
8.	Mark Morrison	50	
9.	Gary Zetrouer	50	
10.	Danny Chandler	50	
11.	Steve Chapman	50	
12.	Bill Cottril	25	
13.	Todd Taylor	25	
14.	Jim Spratt	20	
15.	Marvin	20	
16.	6 tied with 15		

Men's 30+ Doubles

1.	Van Dubolsky	245	4, 3
2.	Gary Zetrouer	150	3
3.	Frank Johnson	95	4
4.	Bob Owens	75	4
5.	Leo Marsoci	75	4
6.	Sid Lauteria	55	
7.	Lee Handley	55	
8.	Charles Doggett	40	2
9.	Gary Humphrey	40	2
10.	Willie Beard	35	
11.	Lloyd Dreggors	35	
12.	Greg Duval	30	
13.	Mike Desormey	30	
14.	Greg McDonald	25	
15.	Tom Dunn	25	
16.	Gary Rabin	25	
17.	Pete Montano	25	

Men's 35+ Doubles

1.	Joe Icaza	275	4
2.	Graig Shaak	190	5, 3
3.	Mario Ariet	190	5, 3
4.	Jeff Leon	145	4, 3
5.	Mike Desormey	50	3
6.	Lee Handley	30	
7.	Mike Mojer	30	
8.	Jack Sussman	30	
9.	John Green	25	
10.	Jack Grimes	25	
11.	Jack Ross	20	
12.	Bill Afford	20	
13.	Willie Beard	20	
14.	Lloyd Dreggers	20	
15.	4 tied with 15		

Men's 40+ Doubles

1.	Graig Shaak	170	4, 4
2.	Mario Ariet	170	4, 4
3.	Terry Thomas	140	
4.	Jeff Leon	125	
5.	Jack Ross	100	
6.	Steve Xynidis	75	
7.	Bill Afford	63	
8.	Joe Ramos	60	
9.	Gowing	60	
10.	Fred White	45	
11.	Fred Blaess	45	
12.	Don Fox	43	
13.	Al Sobel	40	
14.	Ron Boss	30	
15.	Aimis	30	
16.	Mike Mojer	28	

Men's 45+ Doubles

1.	Al Winter	335	4
2.	Frank Shumer	335	4
3.	Ed Vlock	190	5
4.	John Hatcher	150	5
5.	Mike Mojer	55	
6.	Don Fox	55	
7.	Don Woodington	45	
8.	Ken Nuznoff	40	
9.	Thomas Rumsey	25	
10.	Wes Burquest	20	

Men's 50+ Doubles

1.	Chub Bonfleur	200	
2.	Mike Mojer	200	
3.	Herb Nathan	125	
4.	Bill Hurst	125	
5.	Don Woodington	70	
6.	John Hatcher	50	
7.	John Hinkamp	40	
8.	Roberts	40	
9.	Carlos Sena	25	
10.	Al Sarmiento	25	
11.	Carl Schultz	15	
12.	Norman Creamer	15	

Men's 55+ Doubles

1.	Al Sarmiento	125	
2.	Carlos Sena	75	4
3.	Yale Berman	50	
4.	Cedrick Dennett	50	
5.	Ron Robison	50	
6.	John Hinkamp	40	
7.	Roberts	40	

Men's 60+ Doubles

1.	E.R. Martinez	200	
2.	Carlos Sena	200	
3.	Carl Schultz	100	
4.	Norman Creamer	100	

Men's 65+ Doubles

1.	Carl Schultz	200	
2.	Norman Creamer	200	

Mixed Doubles

1.	Judy Schmidt	160	3
2.	Charlie Nichols	160	3
3.	Mary Holroyd	130	
4.	Tim Hansen	120	
5.	Julie Pinnell	105	4
6.	James Lorello	100	3, 3
7.	L. Kuchnreuther	100	3, 3

8.	Gail Lauteria	100	5
9.	Mark Morrison	100	5
10.	Chris Collins	95	3
11.	Van Dubolsky	90	4
12.	Dallas Clemente	85	3
13.	Julie Ginsburg	85	3
14.	Kurt Nystrom	80	3
15.	Gene Owen	80	3
16.	Candy Winter	75	

Women's Open Doubles

1.	Gail Lauteria	335	4
2.	Mary Holroyd	220	
3.	Susan Morgan	200	5
4.	Mary Lyons	200	5
5.	Julie Pinnell	135	4
6.	Marilyn Miller	115	
7.	Janet Watts	115	
8.	Chris Collins	75	3
9.	M. Lewis	75	4
10.	Broughler	75	4
11.	L. Kuchenreuther	70	3
12.	Sharn Davis	50	3
13.	Nancy Hornack	50	3
14.	Julie Ginsburg	45	
15.	Anderson	40	
16.	Cheney	40	

Women's 19+ Doubles

1.	Losand	75	4
2.	Eggleston	75	4
3.	Aloi	40	
4.	Delgado	40	
5.	Basch	25	
6.	Vaughn	25	

Women's 25+ Doubles

1.	Marilyn Miller	240	
2.	Janet Watts	240	
3.	Judi Schmidt	75	
4.	Gail Lauteria	75	
5.	Agatha Falso	75	
6.	Audrey Foist	65	3
7.	Lilly McIntyre	50	3
8.	Val Bazarte	25	
9.	Carter	25	
10.	Linda Derrick	20	
11.	Barb Simmons	20	
12.	7 tied with 15		

Women's 30+ Doubles

1.	Judi Schmidt	275	4
2.	Gail Lauteria	200	
3.	Agatha Falso	125	4
4.	Susan Miller	90	4
5.	Jackie Mitchell	90	4
6.	Renee Fish	90	
7.	Pam Atkinson	50	
8.	Sue Howarth	40	
9.	Suzanne McDowell	40	
10.	Linda Derrick	40	
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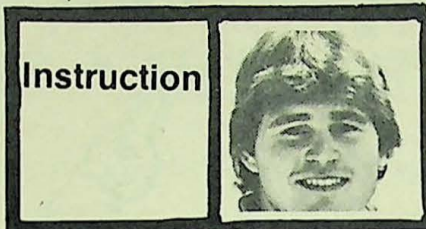
Women's 35+ Doubles

1.	Susan Miller	150	4
2.	Jackie Mitchell	150	4
3.	Libby Laney	140	
4.	Judi Schmidt	100	
5.	Joyce Buckner	40	

Peck offers useful tips

By Dave Peck

Editor's note: Dave Peck is currently ranked No. 2 on the pro tour. He is a valued member of the Ektelon Pro Advisory staff and a frequent contributor to the Florida Racquet Journal.



Every player who picks up a racquetball racquet has his favorite shot. For some it's the simple forehand or backhand stroke; for others a drive or z-serve.

Those who know me, or have seen my play, would probably wait at least two seconds before saying my favorite shot is the left-side-wall, front-wall pinch volley.

For me, the reasons relate in part to the overall idea behind the volley: to change the tempo of the game, to keep your opponent from sagging to the back of the court and to retain center-court position.

But after long hours of practice, I feel I've perfected the shot enough to not only spice up the rallies, but end them as well.

The main adjustment to hitting the pinch volley is time — you don't have much. If you're in the front court and a ball is whizzing by from knee to chest high at 100 miles per hour, your first inclination is to let it hit the back wall and play the plum.

Consider my first inclination. The pinch-volley. You gain the element of surprise and you capitalize on your opponent's position behind you or in deep court.

But you have to be quick and precise with the pinch volley. Taking the ball out of air near the front court, around the service area is tough; you have to have a feel for what you want to do and know where the ball is supposed to go.

Let's start with how to hit a pinch-volley first. Your swing should be compact. Volleying requires a punch stroke, not a full swing. You don't have time for a full backswing and a complete hip and shoulder rotation.

Use an open stance and punch at the ball, instead of taking a big stride. Staying

solid is the important factor in control, as is keeping those baby blues glued to the point of impact.

Your grip should be firm. Remember, the speed and spin of the ball will be extreme. If you're not ready, your racquet could twist in your hand.

The next step is where to hit the shot. Mike Yellen, my Ektelon teammate, gets kind of mad at me sometimes because I've perfected the pinch enough to angle shots from just about anywhere along the service line.

For you, though, the best tip to know is, how low you hit the ball isn't important. The key is spotting the shot. Hit the left-side wall within a foot of the front. It will come off real close to the front wall. Then you've got yourself a winner.

As I mentioned, a good time for this shot is when your opponent is hugging the back wall, or you've just hit a good pass and all he or she could do was flick it back off the back wall.

Volleying with the pinch cuts down the opponent's recovery time. He's out of position to start with. With the pinch, you make him quickly pay for it.

I've perfected the pinch enough to angle shots from just about anywhere along the service line.

The other time to pinch-volley is when you and your opponent are side by side. Volleying into the other side of the court (his side wall to front wall) capitalizes on your body position.

Hitting this shot is not easy. If it was, more pro players would be using it. It requires some foresight and a deft touch.

The secret isn't one: Hours of practice. A favorite shot only become a favorite because you can perform it skillfully and with confidence. The pinch-volley will work for you. All you have to do it work with it.

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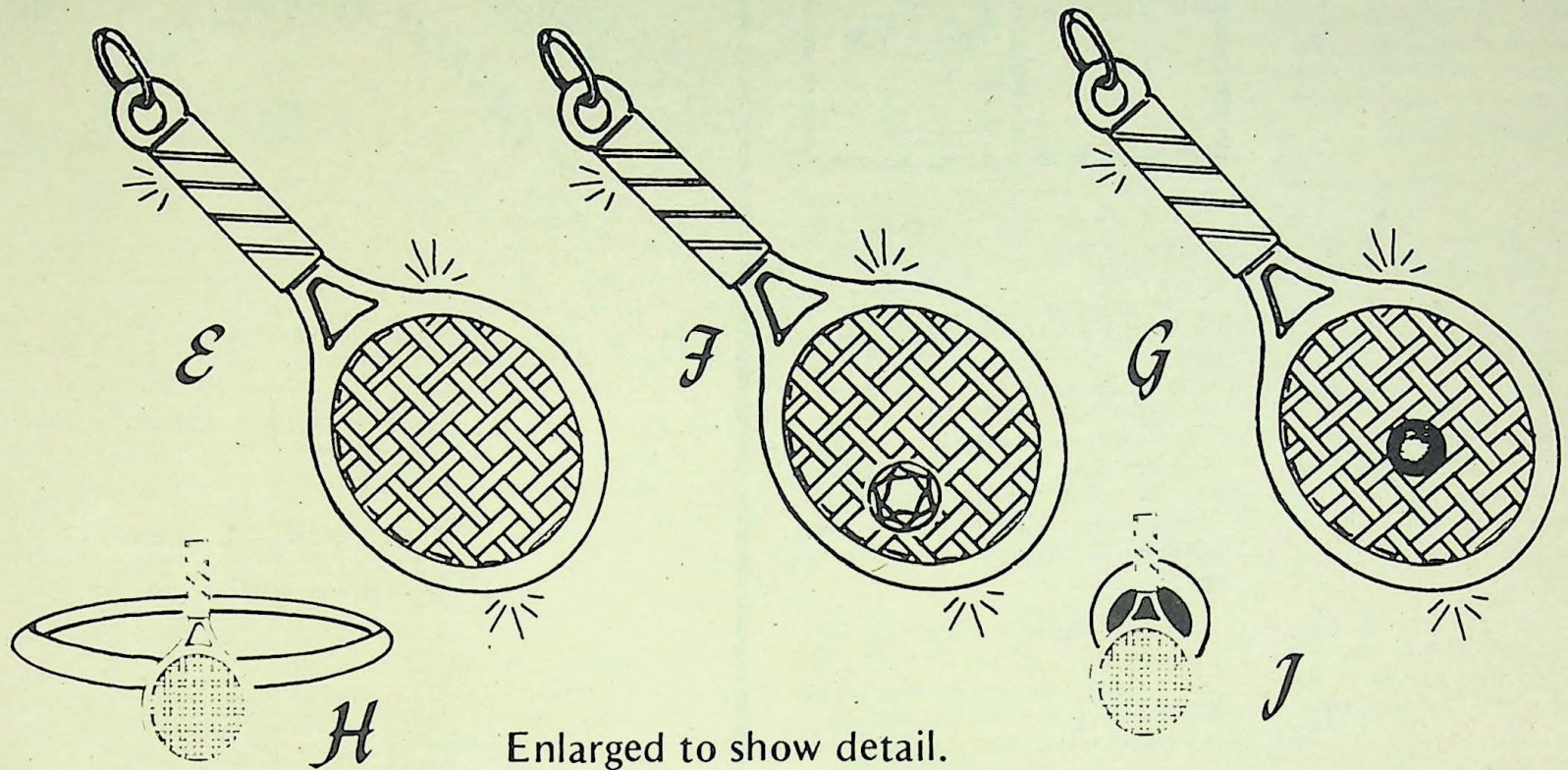
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On The Pro Tour

By Brenda Poe-Barrett
(as told to Norm Blum)

Editor's Note: Miami's Brenda Poe-Barrett is in her third year on the women's professional racquetball tour. Her column, "On the Pro Tour," provides insight into what is going on in women's professional racquetball. Two other Floridians, Diane Bullard of Miami and Martha McDonald of Gainesville, are also on the pro tour.

Quite frankly, I'm tired of being ranked fourteenth to sixteenth on the women's pro tour, which is where I've ended up the last two seasons.

This year I hope to get in the top six and really think it's a good possibility. Unlike last year, I am able to practice more this season and I feel sharper when it comes to tournament play. My daughter, Michelle, is 13 months old and I can leave her at the club nursery and play while I wasn't in that position when she was younger.

Looking back, the tough part of having a child and continuing my career was more mental than physical, and I've decided I want to resume playing. I had planned to play in the Grand Prix Series instead of on the women's pro tour, but unfortunately the idea collapsed.

I played well in the Boston tournament last month. I won my two opening matches against Marci Greer and Peggy Gardner. You won't find two back-to-back matches tougher than that.

In the semifinals, No. 1 ranked Lynn

Adams defeated me rather easily. I had defeated Lynn in the Ektelon Championships in California and I was hoping she'd put pressure on herself and miss a few shots. But that wasn't the case. She was really up for it. The biggest difference between the way she played this time and out in California was her consistency. In Boston, she hardly missed while I didn't play as well.

Lynn and Heather (McKay) are still dominating women's racquetball, but everyone is gaining ground on them.

I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season. In essence, the fall season was a warmup. We mainly had \$6,000 events during the fall. So far all the tournaments for 1984 are \$10,000 to \$20,000. Now is the time to make a move. With that much money there is a lot more incentive and I feel I have a good chance.

The seedings in a tournament really don't make much difference. Everyone ranked five to 13 is pretty even and capable of defeating one another.

WPRA Notes - The Miami Lakes Athletic Club is hoping to play host to a WPRA stop in early March. Details are not yet available. . . Lynn Adams defeated Caryn McKinney 16-21, 21-13, 21-6, 21-8 to win the final. Heather McKay was playing squash and didn't make the Boston tournament. . . Diane Bullard defeated Diana Hardek 16-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-12 in the qualifier and then lost to No. 2 seed Laura Martino 21-18, 21-18, 21-18.



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	30+	30+	16 and under
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Letters

Sir:

I just finished reading a letter that was sent to the *Florida Racquet Journal* in the December, 1983 issue.

I don't usually involve myself in such idle issues. I let my partner, Joe, do the talking.

But after reading what Tim Hansen said about us, I was totally astonished and disturbed.

I don't believe Tim Hansen has the gall to write such garbage. I thought he had more class.

He was quoted as saying "we were waiting until the nationals to totally humiliate and destroy them." I don't know about you, but I don't consider a score 11-9, in the tiebreaker, a humiliation.

We had beat them six times in a row in a course of the year. The previous time we played them at the Grand Prix in Orlando, we beat them pretty decisively, 15-8, 15-3. We had beat them so many times it was getting boring.

At the nationals, we lost to the eventual winners in the semis, Wright & Trent from California, in a very hard fought emotional match.

I myself wasn't playing at my best during the course of the tournament. I was not even thinking of a third place match after the loss to Wright & Trent. I suffered a letdown after this match and could not get up for what we pictured to be a very easy match for us against

Hansen and Gautier. I had forgotten Hansen and Gautier were out for blood because we had beaten them so many times. My heart was just not in that match.

The weekend of the nationals was very depressing for me. However, I don't feel something like this will ever happen again due to our past tournament history. Why dwell on the past when the future has so much promise for Joe and I?

I'm so confident of our abilities, that I hereby challenge Mr. Hansen and Mr. Gautier to a winner-take-all-match where both teams would have to put up a considerable amount of money.

If Mr. Hansen is so confident that he can beat us, then he should not be afraid to put up his own money. Why don't you let your pocketbook do your talking, Mr. Hansen?

Thank you for your attention.

Sergio Gonzalez
Miami

Sir:

Racquetball continues to attract new enthusiasts on a regular basis. The numbers of Novice and C-level players is sizable in most tournaments (especially those that offer cash in those divisions). Competitors in the B-level have a full draw to struggle through, with

an abundance of players of equal skill level at virtually every tournament, while the open players trade off among themselves for the number one spot in the state, with few newcomers to their ranks. This bottleneck in the B-division is a major factor in the slower growth of a more diversified, near-professional calibre of open player. The opportunity to advance while improving is crucial to the next generation of open players, and promises to challenge the established leaders with highly skilled 'new blood.'

One way to encourage the improvement of the stalled B-player is to re-establish on a statewide basis, the AARA approved A division. With stricter regulation of sand-bagging by tournament directors, B-players who would like to participate in two events have no choice but to throw their cash to the wind and enter the open division draw for singles. Recently a player did just that, and predictably earned single digit scores in the open match of two games, but went on to win the B-division first place title. According to the rules of fair play (to which we all ascribe) this individual

is now expected to move up a division — permanently. Without an A-division to compete in, this person is limited to a discouraging period of low-scoring matches in the open division, drastically improving present racquetball skills, or giving up tournament play altogether. While improvement is the most desirable choice, it is always much more enjoyable to **actively** participate in the game while new skills are honed.

Re-instituting the A-division would be a simple, effective way to provide additional challenge for the B-player, forcing an improvement of his or her game. It would also serve as a second division option for the open competitor who has sustained an injury, or just laid off for awhile and is just starting to play again. It might also mean some additional revenue for clubs that sponsor tournaments, with a full complement of 'second-event' fees. With the drawbacks few, and the advantages many, consistently initiating AARA A-divisions statewide would be relatively easy, and enjoyed by a good number of racquetball addicts

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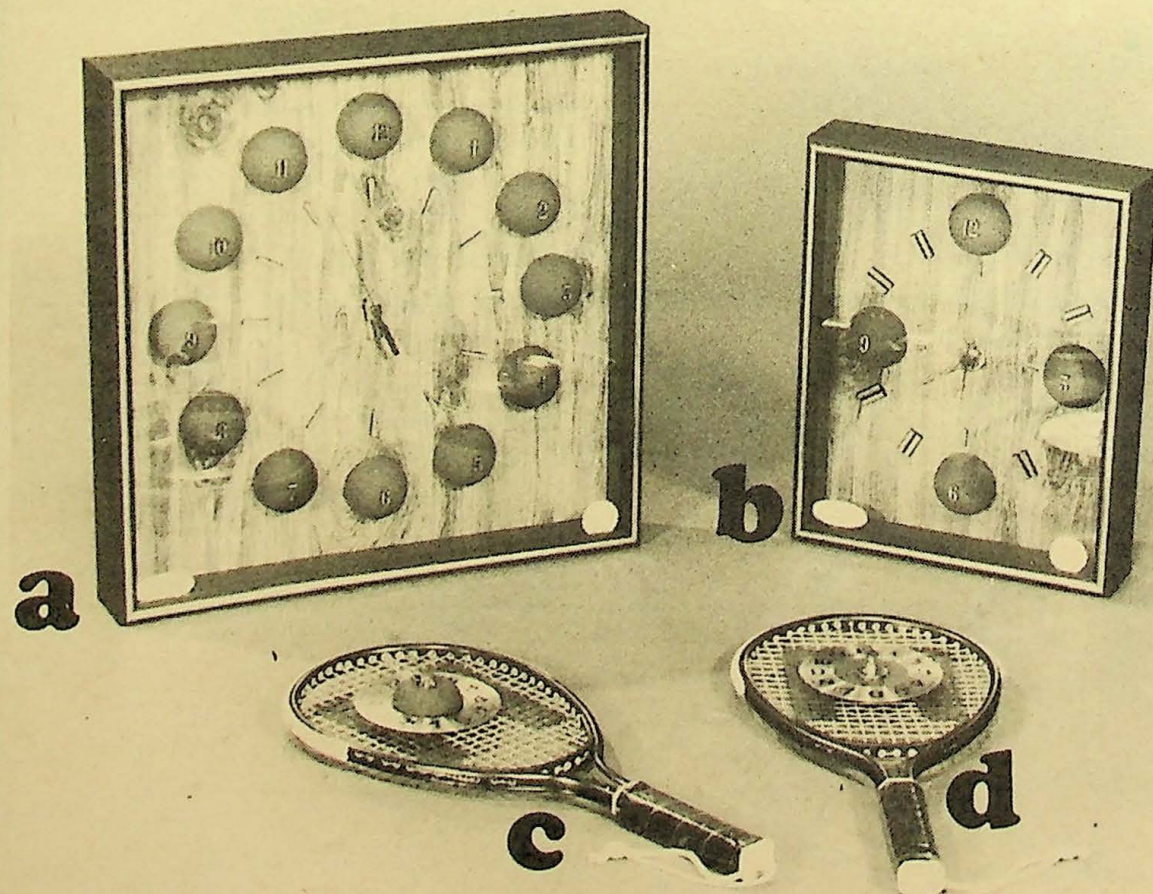
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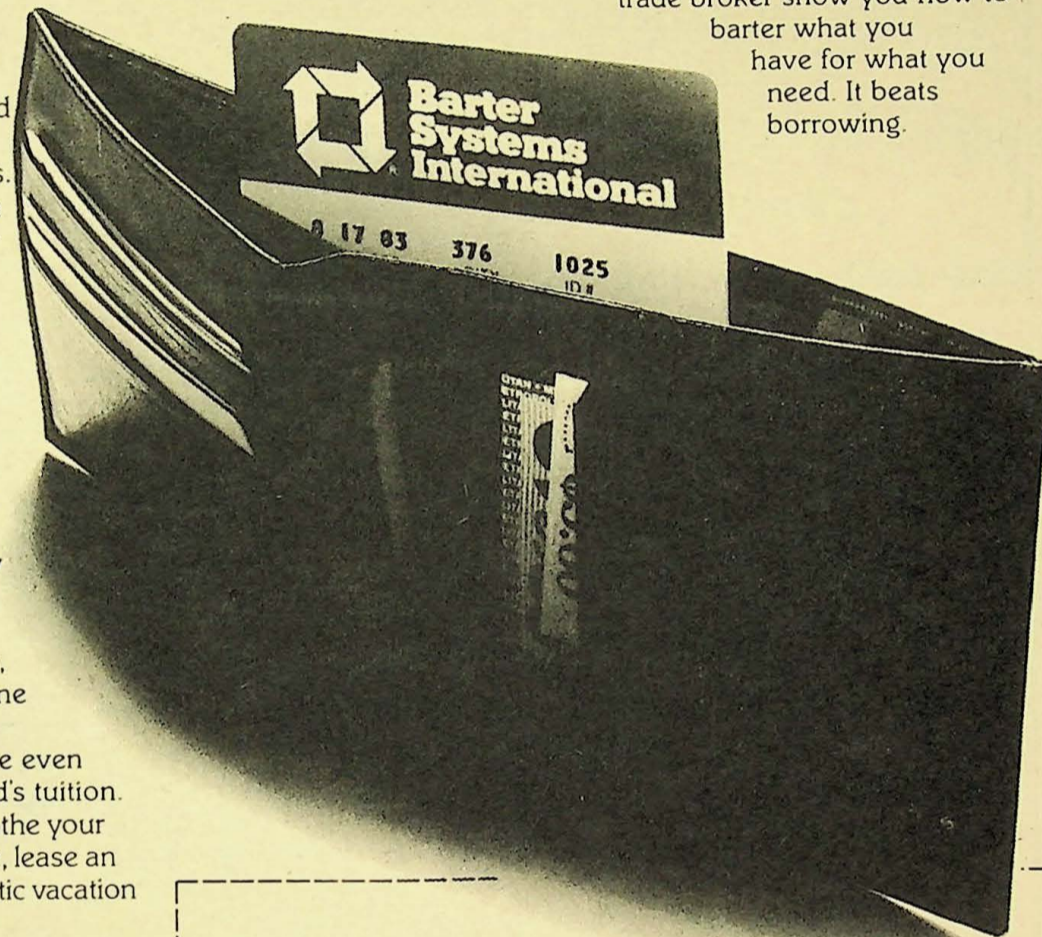
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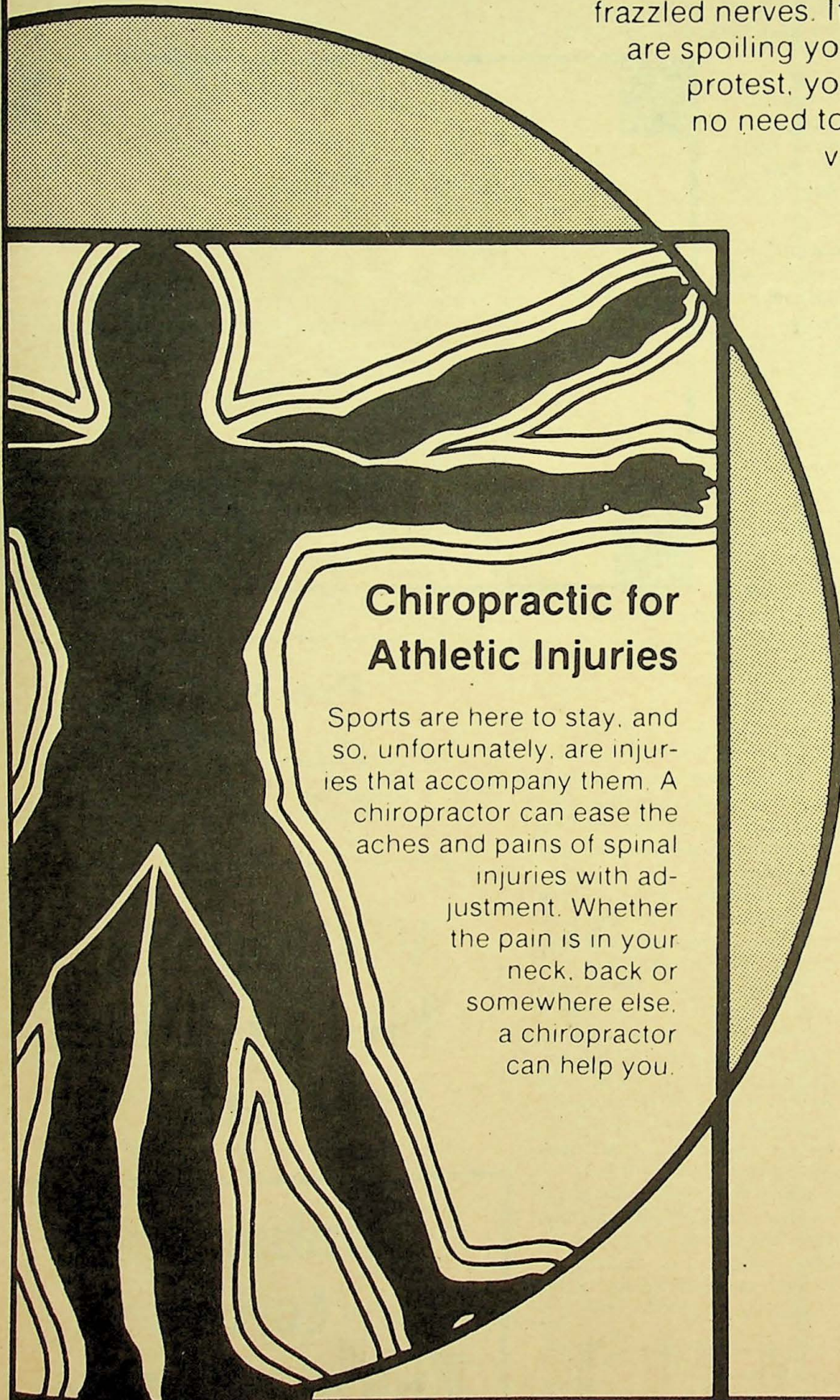
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Passing Shots

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that absorbs shock. For info call 1-800-624-1005. . . Stupid question of the year: A reporter asked Marty Hogan after losing a tiebreaker: "Marty you have to be disappointed." No, he was overjoyed.

THUMBS UP — Laurels to Orlando's Linda Mojer for providing some constructive letters and making tournament directors realize money should be divided evenly when there's a similar turnout in the men's and women's open division. . . Laurels to Luke St. Onge who is making a big push and succeeding in forming a United States Racquetball Team. Laurels to Penn Athletics for its continued support of racquetball. Sometimes players don't realize Penn's immense contribution.

THUMBS DOWN — Darts to players who wear shoes that scuff up the floors. . . Do you believe a whole year went by without any club in Florida trying to play host to a women's or men's professional

stop? Surely there are plenty of resources in this state.

SOUND ADVICE — Racquetball owners would be wise to pay attention to Spa Lady's philosophy, which has made the firm one of the most successful in the nation. Instead of signing up members

and hoping they use the facility for a short time and drop out, management at Spa Lady takes a different approach. If a woman stops attending sessions, she receives a phone call and is asked to continue. Such personal attention not only keeps the person in better health, but also makes her a happy member who spreads the gospel of Spa Lady.

MISCELLANEOUS — In case you wondered department: Nike means victory in Greek. . . For those planning to attend the Steve Strandemo Camp in Fort Lauderdale, here's some advice: Play a moderate amount of racquetball prior to the camp.

There are now some cruise ships with racquetball — and with all the food they serve you on those luxury liners, that's one exercise routine that shouldn't be missed. . . I'm proud to report my wife, Kathy, a former racquetball widow, placed in her first major tournament.

Next, she'll be requesting a trophy room.

WAR OF WORD — Hope you've noticed our letters to the editor section is turning into a mini-war. First Jim Carson and Lynn Adams, the No. 1 ranked female in the world, issued a \$1,000 winner-take-all challenge to Joe Icaza and

Sergio Gonzalez after Icaza wondered in print if there was a doubles team that could give them a game. Then Tim Hansen wrote a letter last month mocking Icaza and Gonzalez after defeating them

in the nationals. And in this issue, Gonzalez attacks Hansen's letter. Meanwhile, back in California, Jim Carson says there are five teams in Costa Mesa at his home club that can beat either team. Hmmm.

Calendar

December 9-11 — Holiday Courtrooms — Fort Lauderdale
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 January 6-8 — Quadrangle — Coral Springs
 January 6-8 — Tyrone RB — St. Petersburg
 January 13-15 — Racquet Power — Jacksonville
 January 20-22 — Harbour Pines — Melbourne
 January 27-29 — Olympiad — Boca Raton
 February 10-12 — AARA State Singles — The Club — Orlando
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Filling the courts

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case. People play when it is convenient. Look at your bowling alleys during the day. They're empty. Some give you free bowling if you buy lunch there," Phillips said.

Most clubs have morning programs to fill the 10-12 slot, but hit a low time during mid-day

Being innovative fills the club during the morning hours, but without a competent program director the club will be vacant almost the entire day, which adversely affect snack bar sales.

Several clubs in Florida have been imaginative in their attempt to fill the slow hours and have gone beyond holding women's leagues to accomplish this.

At the Rafters Club in Miami, general manager Terry Dezutti has implemented a Shuffle League. "It consists of 10-minute matches. The first court is where the King of The Hill resides. After 10 minutes, the winner stays on court one, the loser goes to the left and the winner moves to the right. Eventually you get people to play one another who are on the same level.

"We also give free racquetball clinics, have pre-natal exercise classes, which a registered nurse runs, have facials with Mary Kay Cosmetics or a travel consultant to talk to the ladies. It seems to work out real well," Dezutti said.

Sarasota's Judi Schmidt is real aggressive in pushing the morning activities and often it's difficult to get a court at the Bath & Racquet Club. "Of course a club has to be willing to give. You aren't going to get full rates at that hour. We have leagues four days a week, a Ladies Challenge on Friday, where we have a handicap system, and other events to sustain the interest. One Saturday, which is usually our slowest time, we ran a Mixed Doubles Round Robin from 3 to 7:30. We had 25 couples and had drinks and dinner afterward. Most people are leery of playing doubles so we gave a clinic and everyone had a great time. Next time we'll have a waiting list!

"The key to filling the courts is to listen to your membership and find out what type of activities they want," Schmidt added.

At the Olympiad in Boca Raton, coffee and donuts are the morning fare, followed by round robin between 10 and noon, reports activities director Diane Greenawalt.

Some clubs are trying to tie in with local high schools and universities to generate interest.

"We're trying to set up an intramural program in the afternoon with the schools," says Pat Powers of Power Plus Racquetball in Brad-

The situation already exists at the Kangaroo Courts in Clearwater. The junior colleges allow students to take introduction to racquetball at the club.

The Quadrangle in Coral Springs also does well in the morning hours, but like most facilities, finds trouble filling the noon to 4 slot.

"We've offered the club to large corporations for a three month period during the hours of 1-4, offered special rates to teenagers and \$4 per court to non-members. We do have a group of retired gentlemen who play three days a week for two hours, smoke their cigars and then have a couple of beers. It's a shame there aren't more people like that. We advertised in the local paper and sent flyers to the retirement villages, but couldn't get where," says Barb Conroy of the Quadrangle.

What can be done to fill the slack time?

Here are some suggestions the *Journal* received:

- Activity directors should meet personally with civic organizations.
- Copy the approach of successful bowling alleys and tennis facilities.

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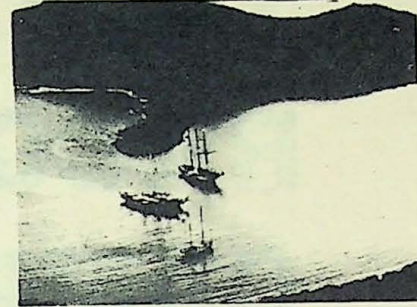
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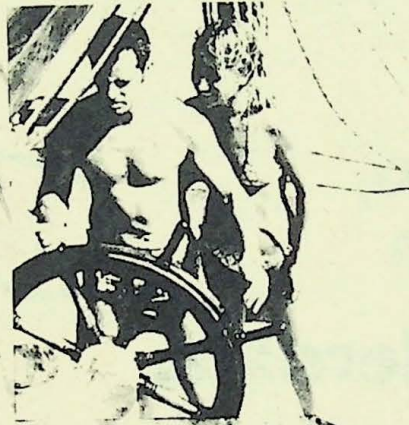
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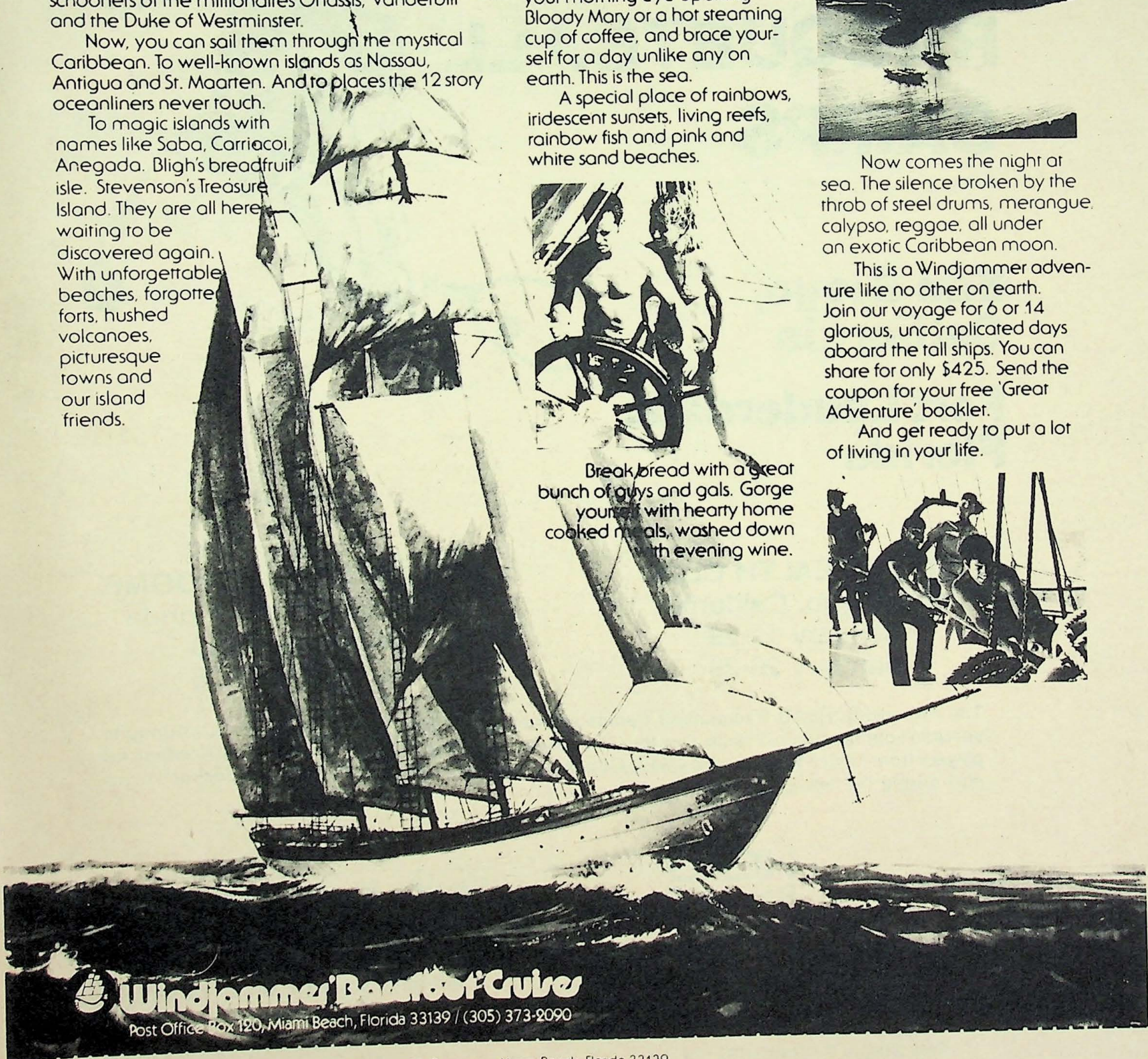
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AARA Notes

By Van Dubolsky
AARA Editor

One of the single most important projects of the AARA is the financing of the U.S. Team. The U.S. National Team, more than any other single project, will be the vehicle to bring the sport of racquetball into the Pan Am Games and the Olympics. To have this become a reality will take a tremendous effort on the part of all of us.

We have been trying to get sponsorship of our team from major industry leaders, but with the exception of the contributions from DP Leach, Miller Lite and Penn, we have received no support. The budget to send the Team to Costa Rica exceeded \$13,000, with the Team itself picking up expenses within the United States to the places of disembarkment.

Only part of the \$13,000 is covered by sponsorship. In order to eliminate this ongoing problem, we are asking each state to have a major tournament as a raiser for the U.S. team.

The above letter was from AARA Executive Director Luke St. Onge. The AARA chapter in Florida plans to follow through on this idea and will be making an announcement in next month's edition of the *Florida Racquet Journal*.

I need a state representative for the National Wheelchair Racquetball Association. For information on this organiza-

tion, call James Leatherman at (303) 635-5396.

One event was rated this month.
November 18-20, The Club-Orlando
THE RATINGS

Tournament Report Cards

Balls	
Facility	4.4
Towels & Locks	4.4
Hospitality	4.6
Tourn. Shirts	4.6
Trophies	3.6
Promises on	4.1
Entry Blanks	4.5
Tourn. Directors	4.5
Scheduling	3.3
Sandbagging	3.5
Overall Rating	4.0

Winners

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Scott Rickard def. Chuck Westrip 3rd - John Holum. Novice - Jim Williams def. Russ Lashley. 3rd - Mike Martino. 25+ - Jim Spratt def. Randy Godwin. 3rd - Frank Katz def. Scott Smith. 30+ - Mark Stauderman def. Gene Owen. 3rd - Jim Abbitt. 40+ - Ed Vlock def. Bill Koenig. 3rd - Mike Londrigan. 45+ - Ed Vlock def. Al Sarmiento 3rd - Murry Atkinson. Open - Marea Armandtrout def. Jan Curtis. 3rd - Pam Atkinson. B - Lillian Cottrill def. Rebecca Holder. 3rd - Donna McCarthy. C - Lisa Massarelli def. Rebecca Holder. 3rd - Cindi Nadelman. Novice - Patti Youhn def. Carol Katz. 3rd - Sharon Smith. Juniors - Eric Cramer def. Mike Martino. 3rd - Jimmy Scott

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Devote yourself to your racquetball game. It might cost you financially, but it will be well worth it.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): It is difficult to get over a sluggish mood. A tough workout will do wonders.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are a happy person naturally and it gives you pleasure to give happiness to others. Treat your spouse or friend to a racquetball lesson.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can be too grim and determined about career matters. After a game, talk to your friends for guidance.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Be careful not to injure feelings with irresponsible talk. Just because you thrashed your opponent doesn't mean you have to brag to the entire racquetball community.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): It can seem as though fortune turns over a new leaf for you this month. You are playing way over your head.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A hope you cherish has come through. You finally are able to get a game off the guy who beats you on a regular basis.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 22): Try to keep away from stiff competition. Take this cycle with a pleasant,

leisurely attitude. Stay relaxed for the sake of nerves and health.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21): Too much may be expected of you now. Sure, you have a new racquet and a new outfit from the holidays, but that doesn't result in perfect play. Be patient and you'll reach your goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have a desire to travel. Be sure to bring your equipment with you on your vacation. If you don't squeeze in a game, you'll feel guilty for not getting any exercise.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) Your special talents are at a high level again and you will inspire those around you. Your play has improved and will raise a few eyebrows. You'll be the talk of the club.

PISCES (February 19-March 20): Excellent conditions exist for one of your better months on the court. You feel great and are in terrific shape. You certainly won't lose because you weren't in shape.

(Information for the racquetball horoscope is provided by an expert in the field of astrology.)

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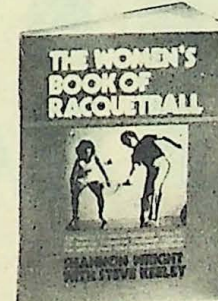
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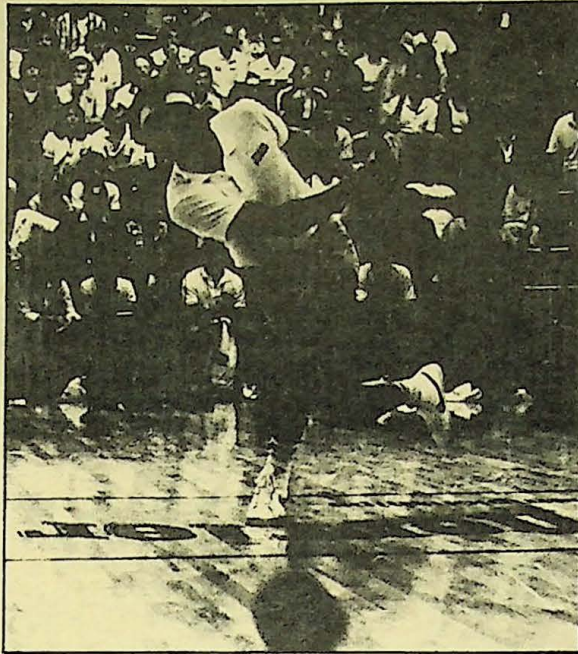
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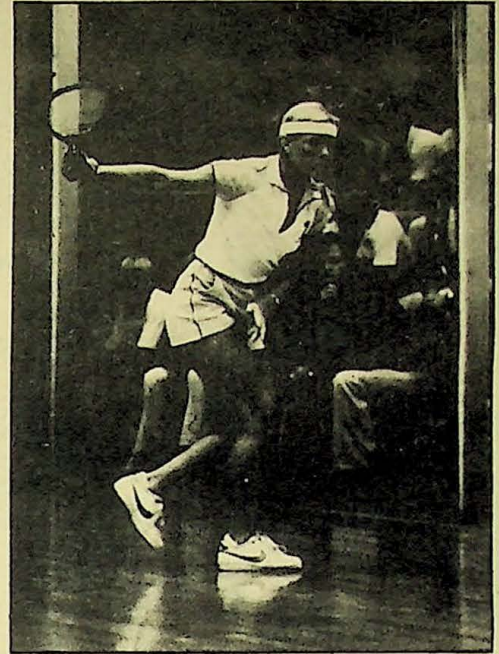
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