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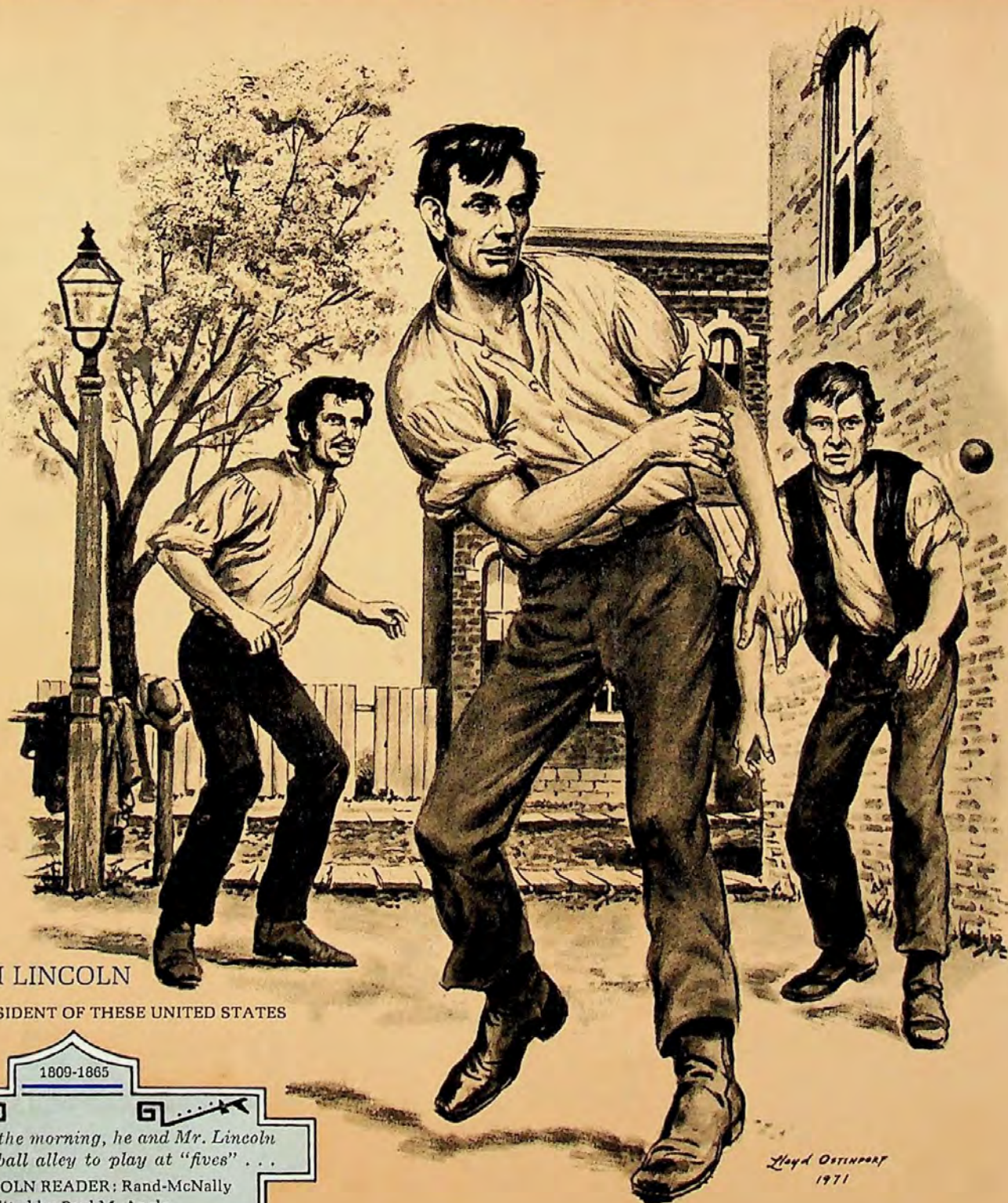
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ON THE COVER

What could be more natural than discovering the fact that the immortal Abraham Lincoln played our game. Illustrated on the cover, and verified by historians, Lincoln indulging in his favorite pastime when notified of his nomination to the Presidency of the Republican party in 1860. Lloyd Ostendorf, nationally-known Lincoln artist-historian, has done a masterful job in capturing the scene.

* * *

Ward Hill Lamon describes how Abraham Lincoln accepted the news of his presidential nomination in Springfield, Ill., May 17, 1860.

"Early in the morning Edward Baker and Mr. Lincoln went to the ball alley to play at 'fives'. C. C. Brown says that Lincoln played ball a great deal that day; and Mr. Zane informs us that he was engaged in the same way the greater part of the day previous. It is probable that he took this physical mode of working off or keeping down the unnatural excitement that threatened to possess him."

It may not be wise to tell our members that handball was the favorite sport of Abraham Lincoln. They certainly will be hard to live with and justly so. The nation's no. 1 sportsman makes handball the nation's no. 1 sport. Ironically, almost by accident, I discovered Mr. Lincoln's overwhelming enthusiasm for the game of "fives".

At my induction as Regent of the Lincoln Academy I visited with Ralph Newman, the owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop. Somewhere, someplace, I had heard that Mr. Lincoln played the early version of today's game. Ralph gave me the published references and recommended a famous Lincoln illustrator as well. So this edition we dedicate to Mr. Lincoln, our most illustrious predecessor and give you the quotations we discovered at the Chicago Historical Society. We think the quotes and the cover illustration are handball treasures and we are deeply indebted to Mr. Newman, the historian, and Mr. Ostendorf, the illustrator. I hope these will make you as proud as they made me.

But, I hope you will be even more proud that our game is great enough to attract men as revered as Mr. Lincoln. It's not hard to understand that he had so much affection for handball. His towering sense of equality could find better expression in no other sport. As he abolished slavery and injustice, the USHA has abolished all the practices that denied players absolute freedom.

Travel permits, sanctions, club memberships and other archaic rules were forever banned by our Players' Fraternity. An Association dedicated to the proposition that

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Lincoln's Game . . .

players and administrators are created equal, soon gave our sport perfect harmony and extraordinary success. More than all else, it gave the sport character and the players inspiration. Good sportsmanship and ecumenical understanding were the inevitable result.

I think Mr. Lincoln would be proud of our philosophy. It stands for everything he preached. There is something of him in everything we do. Now that we know how dear handball was to him, we have ever more reason to strive for more equality, more concern and more freedom. We should re-dedicate ourselves to an even higher sense of service to our fellow man, through handball.

One of the noblest men that ever lived, by his sportsmanship placed a halo over handball. It will be hard to find a man who isn't proud he plays the game Mr. Lincoln honored. It is fitting therefore that on each February 12, we turn our thoughts to the man whose love was greater than death.

Pray that our sport is worthy of his memory.

Handball . . . Mr. Lincoln's game.

—Bob Kendler

1971 Host . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

I received the copy of the new book, "Inside Handball", by Paul Haber. This is an outstanding production with excellent photography and very understandable commentary on the fine points of handball. I appreciate it very much and have read it with great interest. I am looking forward to having my son, who is a freshman in college and a beginning handball player, read it.

I am following construction every day on our new building where the National Tournament will be held. The contractors tell us that things will be in good shape, and we are looking forward to having this tremendous event in Memphis.

With kindest personal regards, I am

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Here is a city wrapped in colorful history, and which has broken through the wrappings to become one of America's fastest-growing and most progressive cities. But we are saving the ribbon.

It was near here that Hernando DeSoto first looked upon the Father of the Waters, in 1541. In 1819, the year after the United States purchased the area that is West Tennessee from the Chickasaw Indians, a village was laid out on the towering Chickasaw bluffs. Andrew Jackson, one of the founders and later the seventh President of the United States, is credited with naming the settlement after the Egyptian city of the same name.

When the village was incorporated in 1826, the population was 500. Today, our metropolitan population is more than 800,000. The population of Memphis and Shelby County and a 50-mile radius is about 1,200,000.

It was here that W. C. Hardy wrote the first blues. It was here that a young Memphian named Elvis Presley wandered into a studio in 1953 and paid \$4 to make a recording.

It is in Memphis that Danny Thomas built St. Jude Hospital.

Memphis serves a large and rich agricultural region that has now balanced its agriculture with industry . . . a modern city that is guarding its ties with the past while building new opportunities in a glamorous new age.

It's great to have you in Memphis!

—Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHANGE?

In a discussion with Bruce Hendin, athletic director of the St. Louis JCCA, the thought occurred to us, that in order to have a true national champion in handball and racquetball, there should be qualified personnel competing for this high honor. By qualified personnel or contenders, I mean those players who by virtue of their ability, have proven themselves worthy of the opportunity to partake in a national championship.

Whether it be the Super Bowl or other bowl games in football, the World Series in baseball, the NCAA basketball championship or other sports, the participants in those championship finals have reached that exalted status by playing their way there and thus earning the right to participate. You might feel that the aforementioned sports are more team efforts rather than individual but I could name many others such as the Open and PGA in golf, various auto races and even the Olympic among others where the participant earned his right to be in the championship.

I cannot help but feel that neither racquetball nor handball can get the recognition they deserve until a suitable

format for a true national champion is utilized. There are many ways in which this could be done.

For example: Divide the country into regions (as it is now) and have only the top finishers eligible to contend for the Nationals. (Among other benefits, it would certainly insure the participation of the top contenders in each district). You could take the top four finishers from eight regions and thus have a perfect draw for the final tournament.

Or: Take only the top finishers (1 & 2) and extend invitations to other contenders worthy who were not able to contend in their regions. Exemptions, such as the present champion or players who won other tournaments throughout the year, could be given. A board to determine who would be invited, manned by qualified personnel could be set-up. There are innumerable ways to approach this but whichever way it was done it would insure that the final contenders would come from those participants who were outstandingly qualified to contend.

Leonard B. Marks

Co-chairman racquetball
St. Louis JCCA

Kendler Regent of Illinois' Lincoln Academy

From: **IN THE WAKE OF THE NEWS**, by David Condon, *Chicago Tribune*, Dec. 27, 1970.

NOTE: David Condon is nationally-known for his feature columns on sports and is definitely the most crude reporter on the athletic scene in the Chicago area.

There were these Illinois folk in the long ago who sought to nominate Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency, you see, and they decided to let Abe share the secret. They set out to find their man, and where do you suppose he was?

Not splitting rails. Not wrestling. Not taking an overnight hike to return a borrowed Playboy magazine. Not staring down that rathole in his law office, and certainly not moonlighting as a bartender.

Old Honest Abe, the Paul Haber of his time, was on the handball court.

"I have been told this by a noted Lincoln historian," declares Robert (Bob) Kendler, the Chicagoan who is Great White Father for an estimated 5,000,000 American handball addicts. "Someday the history books will take note of Abraham Lincoln's contribution to the great sport of handball."

Well, I do not care if Lincoln was such a magnificent handball player that he could have whipped the late Joe Platek, 21-0, 21-0, 21-0. In handball history Abe never will be accorded the acclaim that belongs to Kendler, who has been spreading the gospel of the sport since he encountered it in the hayloft of an old firehouse in his native Milwaukee.

Lincoln freed the slaves. Robert Kendler, who is not adverse to being mentioned in the same paragraphs with Abe, freed the handball players from the yoke of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Moreover, Bob Kendler plans to lead the handball athletes into the Promised Land.

"My burning dream is to get handball incorporated into the regular Olympic program," said Kendler, over a lunch of kelp, yogurt, and apple cider vinegar in Tommie O'Leary's Key Club, which has no handball court.

"My friend, Avery Brundage, is making it possible for us to present a handball exhibition at the 1976 Winter Olympics, which are scheduled for the Denver area.

"It's my thought that handball might better fit into the winter Olympic program than into the crowded summer agenda. I have had some very gracious correspondence with Avery."

That is not surprising. Brundage and Kendler are fowl of a feather. Both are maniacal about amateur sport, and stand as sentinels for the amateur code. Brundage lives and dies the Olympics; Kendler lives and dies handball.

"To see handball is to want to play it," is Kendler's creed. Maybe so. Some of my best friends are handball players. This includes Mike Royko.

During the next few days there will be millions and millions of Americans watching telecasts of college and professional football spectacles. Perhaps some of your arm-chair athletes think I should be writing about the muscle mechanics who will participate in the gridiron shows. I mentioned this to Kendler.

"Look at it this way," said Bob. "Think of the participants, not the watchers. There'll be at most a few hundred persons PLAYING in those football contests.

"Two independent surveys indicate to us that more than 5,000,000 PLAY handball. We have to give a break to participant sports, too.

"And I envision the day when handball will not only be a



DAVID CONDON

great PARTICIPANT sport, but also will be a SPECTATOR sport watched on TV by millions.

"The Olympic exposure may be the vehicle we need to make the public hungry for handball. I'm all for this, and I'll tell you a few things. But in handball we'll never lose sight of the fact that PARTICIPATION is the name of the game.

"In a few years we'll have more public courts. The one-wall court is the incubator of handball players. We'll have thousands of 8 and 10-year-olds playing one-court handball in the parks. They'll be killing balls instead of killing people.

"Very soon, women will begin crowding the courts."

There has been a drive, stoked by nonconformist Haber, to organize handball professionals. Kendler fights this on the grounds that professionalism has no place in such a democratic sport.

"There isn't a prayer for making any money out of handball," he said. "I know. I've spent thousands in the game; fortunately, I had the money. In fact, I practically subsidized high caliber handball around here until the internal revenue forced me to make the sport self-sufficient.

"Some of the United States Handball Association funds come from royalties on a ball I developed. We sold more than 1,000,000 last year. The royalty money went into the pot. I pay my dues even as president of USHA, and I subscribe to the magazine."

Kendler revolutionized handball, to be sure. When the Amateur Athletic Union threatened to bar him, he founded the USHA and ran a national tournament on the same dates as the A. A. U. meet.

Another catalyst in the development of handball was the glass-enclosed court, a boon for spectators. "I invented that because I wanted my wife, Evie, to be able to watch a match in comfort," said Kendler.

"Now I have plans for a portable court and, best of all, an arena for all court sports. Handball, squash, etc. It will be equipped for television and will seat 5,000 in comfort. The day is coming."

Bob Kendler is Mr. Handball, and he dreams big. When he wonders if it all is worthwhile, Bob hastens to the court "where you forget the telephone and the office." Then Bob Kendler speeds home and looks fondly at a silver bowl trophy given him by his handball associates. On the bowl is a simple inscription: "GRATITUDE."

Record Field of 62 In
15th Annual USHA Jrs.
National Champions—
Ken Ginty— Under 19
Ted Yevelson— Under 17
SteveAdelman—Under15



KEN GINTY

Crown the new under-19 age USHA National Juniors champion — Ken Ginty, 17, representing the New York Athletic Club, and another fine product of the Bob Davidson youth system. Ginty, a third placer in the under-17 in 1969, showed improvement in tactics and staying power, in beating Rick Chrsitian of the Valley YMCA in Van Nuys, California, 21-5, 21-17. The record-breaking field of 35 used the fine outdoor four-wall facilities of Miami's YMHA and Flamingo Park in Miami Beach in the 3-day tourney with the finals at Flamingo, Dec. 30. This was a second straight runnerup spot for Rick, last time in the under-17.

There were repeat winners from the St. Louis JCCA in the under-15 and under-17 brackets. Steve Adelman, who won in this age group in 1969 as a 13-year-old in the initial play of only five players, had little trouble this time out, defeating teammate Steve Serot, 21-16, 21-10. And, Ted Yevelson, who shook up the seedings in his under-17 win in 1969, beating both the '70 under-19 finalists, Christian and Ginty, this time upheld the No. 1 seed and beat an improved Vern Roberts Jr., Cincinnati, in the finals, 16-21, 21-17, 21-0 (no typographical mistake!).

Third placers — under 15 — Gary Stedman, Encino, Calif., defeated John

Roberts, Cincinnati, 21-9, 21-20; under 17 — Barry Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Billy Goldstein, St. Louis, 21-15, 21-10; under 19 — Mitchell Straus, Flushing, NY, def. Gary Straus, Flushing, NY, 25-23 (agreed on 25-point playoff).

The under-19 throne was vacant as Jeff Barnes Birmingham, Ala., and University of Texas sophomore, is now 19. Steve Smith, St. Louis, who wound up third in 1969, was unable to participate because of infected tonsils. Steve had been playing strong ball, both at the JCCA last Summer and recently at the University of Michigan where he is a freshman.

It marked the end of five years participation for the Straus twins, Gary and Mitchell. They had each won an under-17 crown but seem to have lost the all-important desire the past two years. Ironically, after playing each other for championships in 1967 and 1968 this time they battled each other for third place. Their forte in the future would seem to be in doubles.

Both Bob Davidson and Fred Lewis, who did yeoman service as co-chairmen for the hosts, had predicted big things for Ken Ginty after a summer of careful prepping at Castle Hill Beach Club. Ken has grown physically and was able to maintain a fast tempo throughout the

tournament. His convincing 21-9, 21-9 win over No. 1 seeded Mitchell Straus indicated that he would be the one beat for the title. Against Christian, Ginty used a power reverse to the left a la Doc Benham, and this bothered Rick a lot and gained weak returns. Ken continually kept the offensive and did not allow his opponent to set himself. Rick had looked good in eliminating Gary Straus, 21-17, 21-17, in the semis, and should continue his steady progress in four-wall.

The finals of the under-15 was held at the YMHA courts in Miami. Adelman started slowly and the first game was a see-saw affair until the defending titlist bore down and ran out. The second game was easier. Adelman shows fine poise, the self-confidence of a winner, and amazing coolness under pressure for a youngster only 14. He will now move into the under-17 bracket and should carry on where Yevelson has left off.

Yevelson is quite a scrapper. He couldn't right himself in the first game against the husky Vern Roberts Jr., letting his Cincinnati foe overpower him. And, in the second game it looked like match curtains when Ted fell behind 11-16. But, to his credit he pulled it out on sheer hustle and a fine deep court series of kills to the right front wall.

Nobody expected the third game result. Yevelson was told to keep his "cool" by team advisor, Tom Dix . . . play his game and not get affected by any referee calls. Then, Ted went in and with a combination of outstanding play and an obviously-weary foe, applied the "doughnut" treatment — unprecedented in USHA national tournament finals.

Everything considered this was a highly successful Juniors — record number of entries in the 15-year history of the event — 62; housing and food set up through the University of Miami; a rented bus to take the players to and from the courts, and to the fine Friday night banquet hosted by Dr. Maury Fox at his Westchester Hospital.

Junior Notes

Credit Mrs. Joe Ardito — Inez, "the Golden Arm of Las Vegas," with doing

an outstanding job in feeding the youngsters lunch at the Miami YMHA . . . Inez set up 40 sandwiches, soft drinks the second day of play and had the kids will satisfied.

This wound up five years of Junior play for the Straus twins, and though they were disappointed in not getting to the under 19 finals they have a promising tourney career ahead, especially in doubles . . . Steve Smith was sorely disappointed in not being able to make this his fifth and final appearance. Son of Phil, St. Louis JCCA health club director, Steve was sidelined with tonsil difficulties.

Don't let anyone "knock" the Bob Davidson coaching tactics to new under 19 champ, Ken Ginty. Ken credits Bob with his continued improvement.

Shepherding the St. Louis gang was Tom Dix, former St. Louis University baseball standout and a Washington Sen-

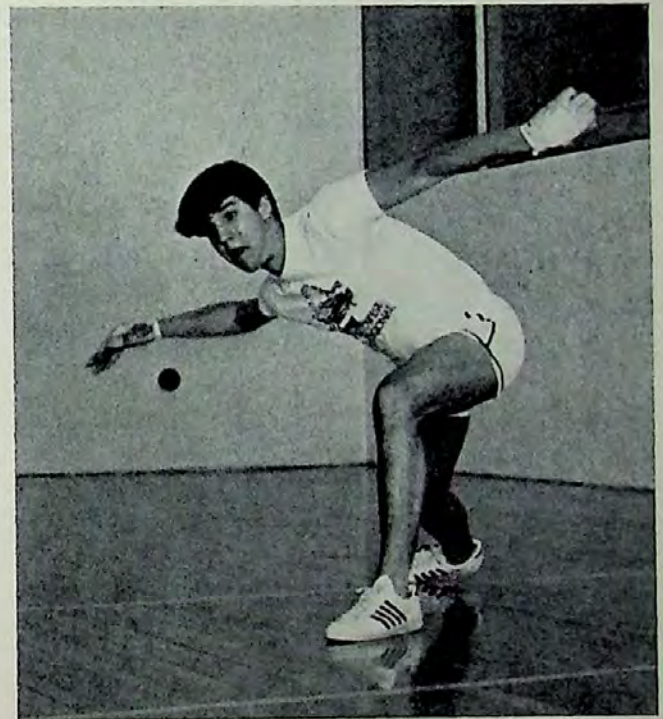
ator farm product for several years. Tom is now assistant physical director at the JCCA and has come fast with his own handb. ll development.

Vern Roberts, proud pop of his two juniors, John and Vern Jr., got in some action and plays a strong left side in doubles . . . "carried" your reporter to a win over Mike Dau and Wally Ris. Vern was a basket case as his son Vern Jr. lost to Yevelson in the under 17 finals . . . "wait until next December," is the warning cry now.

Met Jan Westdyke, New Jersey champ, who has moved to Pompano Beach. Jim likes the Flamingo Park action and has installed himself as one of the upper echelon. Rich Robitaille came down from Merrit Island to help with the refereeing chores. Danny Flowers manned the Flamingo Park noon-time "beanery" for the boys . . . was amazed at the intake (to page 20)



TED YEVELSON



STEVE ADELMAN



Juniors Take Bus to Courts

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Denver Hosts 1st 'True Doubles' Nationals

Denver does it again!

When our good friend and Rocky Mountain Area Commissioner Les Shumate goes to bat for USHA we are assured of successful hosting. In 1961 it was our Nationals, in 1967 the National Contenders . . . now, we hold our FIRST National Invitational doubles at this fine Downtown YMCA.

It always brings back fond memories of Chicago Town Club days when we see the Denver championship court as it is an exact replica of the famed Bob Kendler #1 court at the Town Club with its upper side walls of glass — where Bob introduced — for the first time, use of glass for more and better spectator viewing.

Long has it been reasoned that only through a national invitational doubles competition could we have a "true" test in this phase of handball. Whether we like

to admit it or not the doubles bracket in open national play is like a poor country cousin to the highlighted singles. And, there are no doubts that in this era of more top level players it is foolhardy for a player to go the singles and doubles route and expect to endure through the week-long grind. No longer do we have "just-going-through-the-paces" in the singles eliminations. To gain the championship round a player will have battled his way through at least five or six stiff matches.

Five men were given the task of sifting through the star-studded doubles en-

tries and rating the first eight. Those teams receiving the top five number of points based on 8 points for a No. 1 rating, scaled down to 1 point for No. 8 rating, receive round trip air coach transportation in addition to housing-food. From 6th to 16th place teams in the ranking will get housing-food.

At the time of the balloting we had a Don Ardito-Andy Upatnieks entry from Chicago. Unfortunately, Andy tore a bicep tendon in a finals Central USHA doubles tournament and is indefinitely sidelined. Don will now team with Paul Haber and this team will most likely get a high seed in the final draw which will take place in Denver several days before the opening round of play.

1970 USHA national doubles champs, Ruby and Carl Obert, will not participate. In word received from Lou Russo, our East Area four-wall commissioner, Ruby has had arm trouble and hasn't rounded into tournament form, and Carl is unable to get away from his executive position.

Thus, on the basis of teams we were sure of we had the following ratings: 1—Lou Russo-Marty Decatur, New York; 2—Stuffy Singer-Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles; 3—Fred Lewis, Miami-Steve Lott, New York; 4—Mel Sandland, Long Beach-Gordie Pfeifer, Seattle; 5—Pat Kirby-Lou Kramberg, New York. Closely bunched were: Buzz Shumate, Denver-Dave Graybill, Phoenix; Terry Muck-Billy Yambrick, St. Paul; Ray Neveau, Oshkosh-Simic Fein, Milwaukee; Pete

Tyson-Dick Roberson, Austin (or, Bob Lindsay, El Paso might play in place of Roberson); Gary Rohrer-Paul Schulz, St. Paul; Dennis Hofflander-Phil Elbert, Chicago. Now we have the possibility of Haber-Ardito. Filling out the 16 we also have entry requests from: Ernie Ortiz, Tampa-Paul Katz, Orlando; Terry Blankenship-Lile Lewter, Lubbock, Texas, and two teams from the Rocky Mountain area to include their veteran championship duo of Dan Barney and Larry Wood, Denver.

HOST COMMITTEE . . .

The first National Invitational Doubles assignments for the necessary functions for this tournament are:

Tourney Chairman — Les Shumate;
Co-Chairman — Lee Wretling.

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12. *Spectator Bleachers* — Lyle Blue.

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OREGON . . .

The 1971 Oregon State Doubles Handball Tournament was held at the Multnomah Athletic Club January 25-30. One of the greatest number of contestants entered.

Class A won by Tony Stramiello-Dennis Schal, followed by Ken McQueen-Bill Pinard, Les Pratt-Ben Sickinger. Consolation, Dick Brouwer-John Ritchie.

The Class B title went to Al Chaparro-Wiley. Then came Gib Gilmore-Jerry Bone, and Ken Fry-Bert Peterson. Consolation taken by Vic Desimini-Dan Eisenzimmer.

Master Douglas won by Wes Knapp-Howard Soumie. Lee Shinn-Mike Fajer took second, followed by Alan Lippman-Bill Ingelsby. Consolation winners . . . George McKay-Ralph Stoltz.

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It is a pleasure for me, as Mayor of the City and County of Denver, to extend greetings to all contestants, guests, officials and all others associated with the first United States Handball Association's National Invitational Doubles Tournament to be held in Denver February 19 through 21. It is a real honor for our city, and for the Denver Central YMCA, to act as your hosts while you are in our city. We hope your stay in Denver will be pleasant and that you will return again soon.

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21st Nationals Should Crown New Champs

Handball's No. 1 tournament — the USHA national four-wall championships — goes South for its 21st annual production, March 27-April 3 in the new 9-court facility of Memphis State University.

The Golden Masters for extended tournament "life" in the over-50 age classification will be added to the week-long program.

1970 Champions:

SINGLES — Paul Haber, Chicago.

DOUBLES — Carl Obert-Rudy Obert, New York.

MASTERS SINGLES — Tom Ciasulli, Scotch Plains, N.J.

MASTERS DOUBLES — Bob Brady-Bill Keays, San Francisco.

Haber has won the coveted singles four of the last five years, and despite a mediocre record in various invitationals and exhibitions the past year, he still must be given the role as "man to beat" at Memphis. There is a difference between the two or three-day condensed competition and the seven or eight-day big test of our nationals where staying power must be combined with playing ability.

Year for Kirby?

Pat Kirby, with an opportunity to participate in most of the weekend tournaments and recovered from foot surgery that seemingly hampered his play last year, looms as the main threat to the Haber supremacy. His individual scorecard against Paul is most impressive and during this season boasts more than a few victories, topped by a four-straight game stint in Boston on two day scheduling. Kirby's biggest disappointment came in a three-game loss to Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in the second USHA national invitational singles held at the St. Paul A.C. last November.

Dr. Steve August posted important credits during the late Summer and Fall of 1970 that places him high on the list of potential heirs to the throne. Steve won his first national three-wall singles at Detroit Labor Day, followed with the AAU national singles at South Bend, and the USHA national invitational singles over Stuffy Singer. He lost to Kirby in the semi finals of the recent Akron Open but is determined to be at his peak performance at Memphis.

Stuffy Singer, on the brink of the invitational singles victory over August with a 17-11 third game lead, may well have learned a lesson in that one and be better for it. He lost to Lou Russo in three at Los Angeles in the '70 edition, again dissipating a commanding lead. Stuffy, as oft has been mentioned, has the two-handed game, is in his peak career years.

Lou Russo also has the championship brand of game as has been witnessed on several occasions. However, his one drawback seems to be an inability to bounce back after scoring important quarter-final and semi-final wins. He had "nothing left" for Haber at Los Angeles after

eliminating Singer the day before; and at Akron in mid-January, had a full day of success in three wins — Randy Essel, Dr. Claude Benham, and Paul Haber — but the next day against Kirby couldn't move with needed quickness to cope with Pat's serve in the deciding third game.

Graybill Plans to Enter

We're looking forward to the return of Dave Graybill, Phoenix, to the national tournament picture. Dave created quite a sensation when he finished third in his first try at St. Louis in 1964. Then in 1965 Dave lost to Jim Jacobs in the finals played in Austin, Texas. At 35, Graybill still retains his aggressive, power court-covering game as displayed when he beat Haber in the semis at El Paso in December in the semis in convincing fashion.

Gordie Pfeifer, representing the Washington A.C. of Seattle, has accumulated much top tournament experience and has shown ability to battle the best of them. Recurrent leg miseries have hampered his chance to take a couple of important titles and he'll be no easy touch in this one.

Billy Yambrick, St. Paul A.C., knows what he has to do. He lost to Haber in three in the Julius Ross invite at Cleveland, following the same pattern as in the USHA national finals at Austin in 1969 . . . showing true title form in the second game, then slipping back to ultra conservatism in the finale. The magic number is 21 and it will take more shooting for Billy to get that elusive prize.

Terry Muck, another of the St. Paul A.C. stalwarts, has been very sporadic in his performances this season. He shows the champ potential at times then slips back into the "also ran" category against opponents who are clearly not in the same class. Terry finished third at Los Angeles, taking Haber to three games in the semis.

Benham in Slump

Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Virginia, has not enjoyed a good season thus far, and would have to do a complete about-turn to be a reckoning factor at Memphis. When Benham is shooting consistently from deep court he can raise hob

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WAITING IN THE WINGS? Fred Lewis, Miami Beach, shown shooting in winning national match last year in Los Angeles, with partner, Steve Lott (r) against (l to r) John Brinn and Lou Kramberg. Young blasters figure to be main threat to take over the open doubles title at Memphis.

St. Louis 'Seven' Junior Headliners

By BOBBI LINKEMER

Though St. Louis has firmly established its reputation as a city to be reckoned with in the sports world, seven young handball players from the JCCA recently set out to reaffirm that fact in Miami Beach. Competing in the USHA Junior National tournament Dec. 28-30 they made an impressive showing in a nationwide competition by winning five out of a possible eight top positions in two age categories.

In the under 17 class, which included 15 entries from Chicago, San Antonio, Kansas City, Cincinnati, South Bend and Miami, three of the JCCA's entries placed in the top four positions. Ted Yevelson, 16, won first place, retaining his 1969 title in a tournament held in St. Louis. Barry and Billy Goldstein, 15 and 16 year old brothers and sons of the well known handball champion, Al Goldstein, played off for the third and fourth slots.

In the under 15 class, Steve Adelman, who won as a 13-year-old in 1969, did not lose a single game in Miami. He defeated teammate Steve Serot in the finals. There was a field of 12 entries from Fort Lauderdale, Encino, Calif., Chicago, Tulsa, and Miami Beach.

The St. Louis team, which unanimously hailed Phil Smith as "coach of the year," expressed the opinion that the competition wasn't as tough as expected. Ted Yevelson, who defeated Vern Roberts Jr., the "Whiz Kid" from Cincinnati, in three games, commented that he considered his opponent "capable" but never doubted that he was better. "I felt as a team, we would dominate," said Yevelson, "and as an individual, I thought I could win. I always feel until the 21st point, I still have a chance to win."

Losing the first game 21-16, Teddy came from behind to win the second game 21-17. With the spectators rooting for Roberts, Tom Dix, who "chaperoned" the boys, describes the third game by saying, "Teddy asserted his dominance and preeminence and shocked the gallery by annihilating 'the Whiz Kid' by a score of 21 to 0!"

Steve Smith, who would have been the JCCA's entry in the under 19 class, was ill and unable to travel to Miami with the team. The first and second place winners in that bracket (Ken Ginty and Rick Christian) had both been defeated last year by Ted Yevelson, when they were still playing in the under 17 class.

The JCCA sent its first team to the Junior Nationals in 1965. That team,



ST. LOUIS JCCA JUNIOR TEAM . . . (l to r) — Jerry Hilecher, Ted Yevelson, repeat under-17 winner; Barry Goldstein, 3rd in under-17; brother Billy Goldstein, 4th in under-17; Steve Serot, runnerup in under-15; Steve Adelman, again under-15 champion. Jeff Srenco not pictured. J representatives boasted five places in the two brackets of National Juniors held last Dec. 28-30 in Miami.

which was composed of Danny Krueger, Dave Smith, and Kent Slough, did not place in any of the top positions. It was not until the third year of participation that the JCCA did produce a winner. Since that time, changes have gradually been made in the classification of players, so that there are now three basic classes — under 19, under 17, and under 15 — thus giving the boys the opportunity to compete on their own level.

The boys who played in the Juniors this year, competing with other boys in their age category, also compete frequently with adults in tournaments such as the January JCCA house tournament. Though in this type of tournament, the boys are competing with older, more experienced players, they hold their own and in many cases, show their superiority here, as they did in Miami.

In the recent B Singles competition, in the house tournament, Steve Adelman was defeated in the second round by Dick Staley; Billy Goldstein lost to Sandy Pomerantz in three games in the same round of play; and Barry Goldstein and Ted Yevelson played for the top position in the finals. Ted took another trophy as he defeated Barry and now moves out of the B category in a tournament that had open competition for players of all ages.

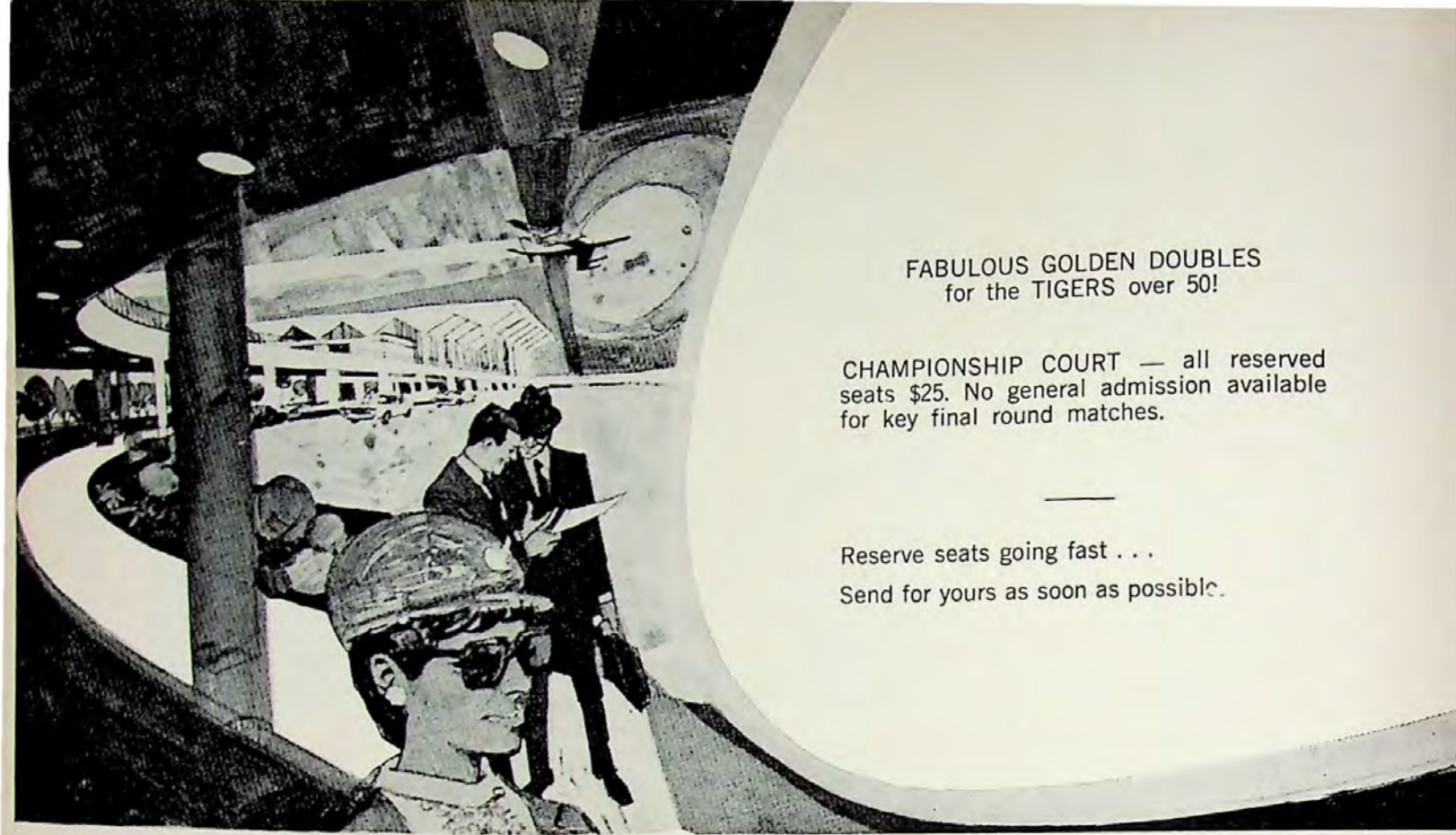
Discussing the differences in these two types of competition, Barry Goldstein observed that "the house tournament was tougher than the Juniors." Billy Goldstein

expressed the opinion that he would rather compete with other boys than with men, because the boys he plays now will be the men he will be up against in later competition on an adult level. Steve Adelman agreed. "Kids have more endurance and that makes the game more of a challenge," he said. Ted Yevelson, on the other hand, prefers to compete against adults because "There's more incentive to win."

Phil Smith, who coaches these boys and hundreds of other players of all ages, feels that "Kids should have an opportunity to compete at their own level for purposes of self evaluation and so that they may achieve some measure of success and confidence. Competing on an adult level," Smith continues, "has many positives. Hopefully, a boy will learn from a more experienced player, game skills as well as sportsmanship. Playing with adults provides them with an opportunity to practice and test their own skills and forces them to perform better in order to succeed."

Phil also admits that there are a few disadvantages, which could easily be eliminated if forthought is given to the situation. "The accent should always be on their learning, rather than winning or losing, but problems often do exist," he admits.

The advantages appear to outweigh the disadvantages, though. The boys who returned victorious from Miami expressed pride in their coach and in their training.



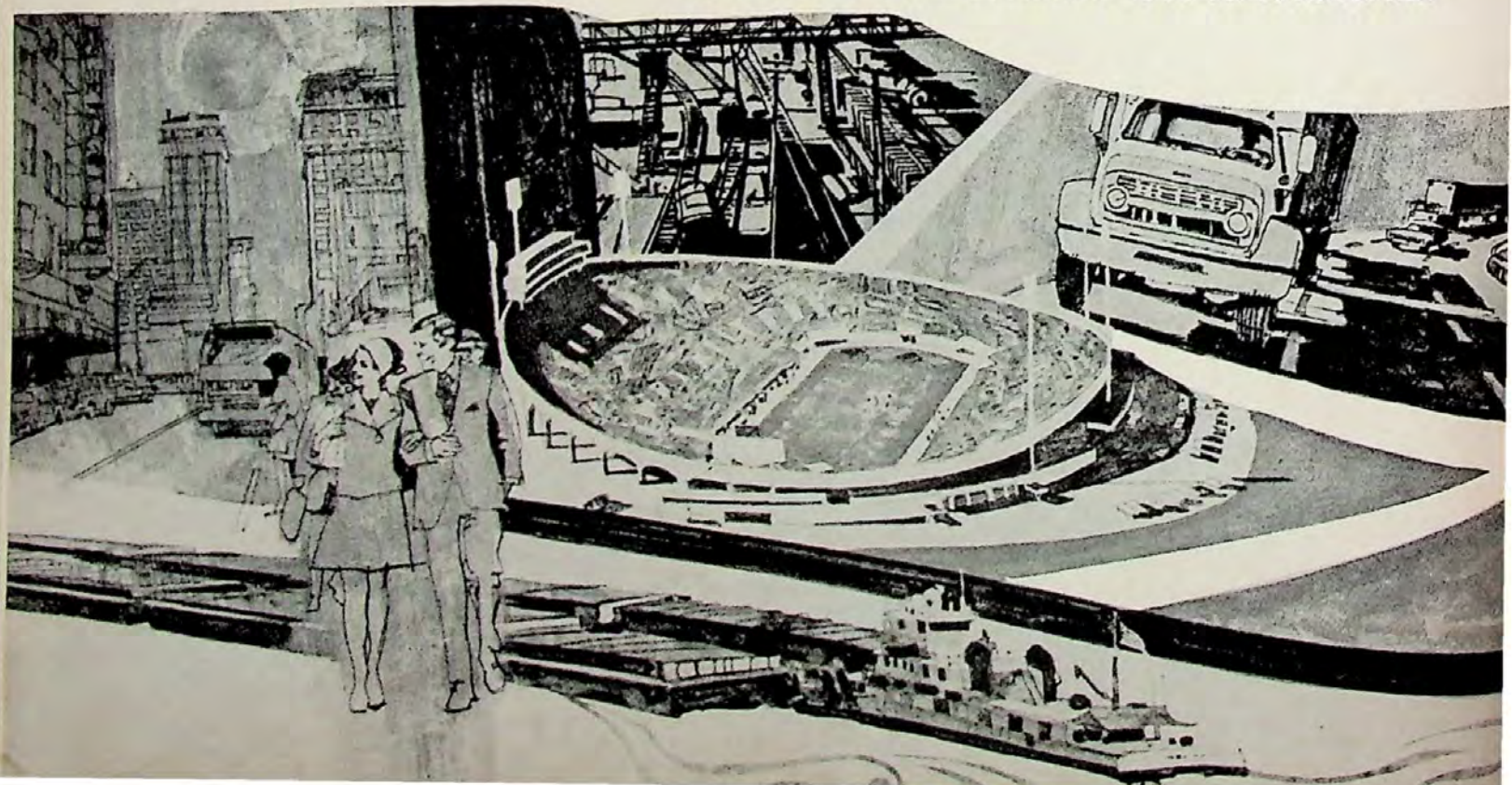
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Those of us who have been around the walls and balls for some years owe it to the youngsters being introduced to the game to set a prime example, one of sportsmanship and a term that we would use — "FUNSMANSHIP".

If we could paraphrase our late President John F. Kennedy; "It's not what handball can do for you, it's what you can do for handball."

Too many players today are carrying a chip on their shoulder when they go into tournament play. They look upon the referee as another opponent and feel that unless they sound off loud and clear they'll get the short end of the stick. It's probably the influence of other sports that are given over exposure on the "tube". They see the theatrics that accompany a baseball game, antics that were largely responsible for "killing vaudeville". In basketball they see ulcer-inflicted coaches jumping off the bench as if they had St. Vitus Dance. In football, it is just "mass murder" with the players invariably trying to get away with anything they can.

Hockey has the lure of the old Roman banal "tossing 'em to the Lions" story line. The fans go to see blood, and if there isn't a fight or two they go away disappointed. All this is shown week after week, and surely the younger element gets inflicted.

In handball we want to emphasize the never-ending challenge of achieving skills. True handball buffs can sit by the hour and enjoy the two-handed masters of the court, who combine both the physical know-how with head work. We have all seen the player, endowed with all the natural ability unable to win because the cranium is too thick to coordinate.

The "kids" should be taught how self-satisfying it is to become a true sportsman in the court . . . to win with ability and not employ any measures to gain an "edge".

We have a set of official rules that should be maintained. In the every day "Club play" the player should abide by these rules and not try to take advantage of his opponent.

We realize that our refereeing can be improved. The hinders must be recognized and if an avoidable hinder call is necessary we want referees with the courage to call them.

We don't say in the old Grantland Rice cliché that it's more important how you play the game over winning or losing, because handball is a highly competitive game and there's no substitute for 21 points. But, again, we say, get those 21 points honorably . . . handball is that kind of game!

Vignette . . .

I always enjoy seeing Barney Goldstein whenever I get to Flamingo Park in Miami Beach . . . Barney was the handball commissioner at the now defunct Brooklyn Central YMCA in the glory days of the late 40's and 50's, when Vic Hershkowitz reigned supreme, and has a wealth of colorful tales of yesteryear. On my most recent visit during the National Juniors I cornered the affable Barney and he spun a few tales about the legendary Solly Goldman, "King of the

Beaches" (New York), the great one-waller who nowadays can be found around the Miami Beach Bayshore golf course with some occasional tennis tossed in.

Solly was, and probably still is, one of the better sports hustlers of all time. During the depression years when a buck was hard to come by he manipulated his one-wall talents to pick up needed pocket change. Barney tells of the time when Solly found a weekly allowance "angel" in a young Greek chef who liked to wager a few "bobs." Solly would keep the scores interesting, 21-19, 21-20 et al, and his benefactor kept coming back for more. But, one day the culinary artist arrived on the scene early and found Solly engaged in a match against the State champs . . . here was his rival playing two men and even giving away a few points. Well, at this juncture Barney looked up to find his Athenian rival rapidly moving in on him, knife in hand . . . the chase covered most of Coney Island before Solly was able to elude him.

Another time, Barney relates, Solly gathered in a few wagers on his boast that he could "throw a golf ball" around the 18 hole course and break 110 . . . he calmly proceeded to do just that.

Bobby Riggs, internationally-known tennis figure, recently featured in Sports Illustrated in his renewed championship career as a winning Senior, was the subject of another Goldman saga. Bobby came to Solly one day and said a very promising youngster had told him that he thought he could beat Solly on a \$500 wager. Riggs agreed that he thought the lad would be "in". Riggs then asked Solly if he could take the kid . . . Solly said sure thing so Riggs lined up the match, and then told Goldman bluntly that he wanted half the winnings. Riggs, it seems, had the same gamemanship and hustling ability.

Solly Goldman, well past his better years, trekked to Detroit in the early 60's and just for the fun of it played right side for Hershkowitz as they posted four straight Masters doubles championships. Solly couldn't move very quickly but anything hit his way was returned and he was probably the original handball "Artful Dodger", an exclusive club which now includes such stalwarts as yours truly (with Jim Jacobs), Paul Morlos (with Paul Haber).

The "T" formation in handball doubles is a wily maneuver to practically hide one partner and the charter Artful Dodger must keep his eyes on the ball so that he can move in the opposite direction . . . but, too, he must keep his cool and be able to return the ball at any time his more illustrious partner is completely out of the play. Some attempts of willing prey to the T have been thwarted by the refusal of the "dummy" partner to stay out of the action.

Kirby's 'Indian Sign' Over Haber . . . Wins in Cleveland's Ross Meet; Host's Felice-Pecora Win Doubles Bracket



MORE LOOT FOR THE IRISHMAN . . . Al Drews (r) tournament player-chairman, presents Julius Ross Memorial tournament first place award to New York's Pat Kirby. Pat has been enjoying another big win season and points to that elusive national USHA singles prize.

This year's Julius Ross Tournament at the Cleveland Central YMCA Nov. 19-22, proved to be a great success with the addition of five nationally-ranked "shooters". The five who competed, to the delight of some 100 captivated spectators, were: Pat Kirby, Bill Yambrick, Doc Benham, Terry Muck, and Paul Haber. The "Irish Whip" prevailed above all, defeating Haber in the finals, 15-21, 21-18, and 21-14. After a cold first game, Kirby regained his shooting edge and put on a spectacular performance in the second and third games. Haber "ran out of gas" in the clincher, but still managed to stay alive for half the game. The rigors of Haber's extra-curricular activities took hold and Paul could not maintain the blistering pace set by the Irishman. Both participants were superb in their verbal exchanges at points throughout the match. Haber handled himself very well and improved his image considerably in the Cleveland area.

In the semis, Kirby and Muck went three games with Muck winning the second game, 21-17. Kirby won the first and third games, 21-15, 21-11. It appeared that Terry did not have his tournament edge this weekend. Haber and Yambrick put on one of their usual spectacular performances in the other semi-final match. Haber won the first game 21-14, and conceded the second game after Bill opened up a 10-5 lead. He allowed Yambrick to serve out and the score ended 21-5. Haber won the third game 21-14

with a super exhibition of killing from all over the court.

Local entries were disposed of in the quarterfinals. Randy Essel lost to Muck, 21-13 and 21-17. Al Drews went down to Yambrick, 21-19 and 21-14. Kent Fuseselman fell prey to Kirby 21-10 and 21-7. Doc Benham met his Waterloo also in the quarters, losing to Haber in three games, 21-4, 12-21 and 21-12.

In the doubles action, Tony Felice and Frank Pecora, Cleveland Central, retained their title by defeating Len Hershman and Jim Saunders, also Cleveland Central, 16-21, 21-8, and 21-14. Felice and Pecora knocked off Len Tomczak and Tom Zak, Erie, 21-10 and 21-14 in the semis. Hershman and Saunders reached the finals by eliminating Walt Yeager and Dick Stewart, Cleveland, 21-17 and 21-5.

The tournament committee did an outstanding job in playing host to 62 singles entries and 32 doubles entries. Players received shirts and shorts, enjoyed an

outstanding banquet at Cleveland's Keg and Quarter restaurant, and were treated to a hospitality room loaded with food. (Mostly of Italian origin) On Saturday evening, players stuffed themselves with pizza, only to find a load of fresh donuts waiting for them on Sunday morning. Losers of matches were awarded game balls and the winners of the tournament received General Electric wood grain radios. Runners-up were awarded cassette tape recorders.

The following committee members deserve a big thank you for their effort in making this year's tournament the biggest and best ever: Frank Pecora, Tony Felice, "Goose Panigutti", Randy Essel, John Ochocki, Gil Singerman, Jack Tunison, Jim Pelletier, Dan D'amore, and Physical Director Bob Van deVeer. Also appreciated for their officiating services were Sid Semel and Jack Weintraub.

AL DREWS
Tournament Chairman

Bakersfield 'Santa Claus' Tourney

Dr. Tom Zaferes, Bakersfield Elks Club, and Jay Bilyeau, Fresno, teamed up to win the First Annual Santa Claus Tournament sponsored by the Bakersfield Elks, Dec. 1-13.

The victorious duo defeated Roy Mastelotto-Bill Davis, Frank Vaiarello-Al Kirkland, and Bill Williams-Mike Smith to enter the finals against Buck Kandarian and Mitch Covington, both repre-

senting the Fresno YMCA.

In the finals the local handball buffs were treated to a fast, hard-driving game which saw Zaferes-Bilyeau overpower their opponents with a variety of shots. Covington, playing a superb front court game, and Kandarian, playing his usual steady game, were not enough to cope with the power and accuracy displayed by Zaferes and Bilyeau.



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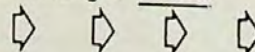
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McDowell Wins S. California Contenders

An outstanding field of 110 players entered the Southern California Handball Association's 1971 Contenders Tournament at the Hollywood YMCA. The number of entries was the largest single tournament ever conducted by the SCHA, according to Wally Ris, SCHA president. Play began Jan. 9 at the Y's six excellent courts and continued through Jan. 15.

Semi-finalists included Dick Chrisman, Los Angeles Fire Department; Jerry Conine and Steve Bell, San Bernardino YMCA; and Skip McDowell, Pacific Coast Club. Chrisman defeated top-seeded Don Anderson, Pacific Coast Club in the quarter finals, 21-9, 21-20. Skip McDowell, Pacific Coast Club ended up as the ultimate winner, defeating Dick Chrisman 4-21, 21-13, and 21-18, and Jerry Conine of San Bernardino Y finished third.

Despite the huge entry, the tournament was smoothly and efficiently run largely due to the efforts of Joe Orlando, Hollywood YMCA handball commissioner, his two assistants, Ed Malmuth and Al Brown and Jim Chapel, YMCA physical director. Chapel was especially helpful in opening the Y facilities on Sunday, thereby getting full use of the six available courts.

Al Gracio, USHA national and SCHA representative, did his usual capable job of floor managing.

Many upsets and some exciting matches were registered in the early rounds. These included Rick Christian over Matt Kelly, 17-21, 21-17, 21-12; Lew Selznick over Irv Simon, 12-21, 21-15, 21-16; Bob Swett over Jerry Feivou, 21-19, 17-21,



FINALISTS GET AWARDS . . . Southern California Handball Association's Contenders singles draws 110-player field at Hollywood YMCA. (l to r) — Skip McDowell, Pacific Coast Club, winner; Joe Orlando, handball commissioner of host Y; Dick Chrisman, Los Angeles Fire Department, runnerup; Wally Ris, president of the Southern California Handball Association.

21-18; Charley Johnson over Al Rottenberg, 7-21; 21-13, 21-12; Lou Marquez over Ron Cole, 18-21, 21-15, 21-15; Al Moore over Will Clever, 21-14, 21-19; and Keith Blackburn 21-11, 21-12, who had previously defeated Don Butler, 21-11, 21-12.

Christian, 17-year old Junior, made a strong showing against Chrisman before bowing 20-21, 21-15, 21-15. Joe Vasquez, pride and joy of Ghana and San Bernardino was another surprise performer with strong victories over George Lockwood, 21-6, 21-11; Brian McCluskey, 21-16, 21-14; and Keith Lent 21-18, 21-14 before finally succumbing to McDowell in three hard games, 21-14, 12-21, 21-14.

Ris said he was especially gratified because the Contenders Tournament kicks off a long SCHA campaign trail, and from all indication, it looks like handball is going to have a banner season in Southern California.

Upcoming SCHA tourneys are as follows:

Jan. 23-30: Contenders Doubles, Pasadena YMCA; Feb. 13-20: Masters Singles, Encino Health Club (Van Nuys); March 6-13: Masters Doubles, Los Angeles Athletic Club; April 17-24: Open Singles, Newport Beach A.C.; May 8-15: Open Doubles, Pacific Coast Club.

Awards Banquet at Biltmore Hotel, May 22.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

In the annual Christmas Turkey Tournament held at the St. Petersburg Family YMCA, experience won over youth.

In the finals Ed Callahan, 41-year-old veteran of the handball courts, outlasted 21-year-old Stetson Law School student, Ivan Willis, in the finals 21-19, 11-21, 21-18.

Paul Kurpe defeated Lou Ortiz for third place 21-19, 21-10.

Doug Freeman defeated Bob Shuck 21-15, 18-21, 21-19 in the consolation bracket finals.

Turkeys were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners and for the consolation winner.

KEN RICHMAN
Program Director

N. California

Watsonville, California, located in the northern part of the state, is "big league" handball for a maximum population of 18,000 during harvest time. Lou Brewer, who moved from there recently to Reno, is rightfully proud of the job accomplished there. "I'm very proud of my ex-YMCA and how they have progressed in the past several years. From a chicken wire outdoor court to two standard courts that are fast and well constructed . . . enthusiasm in handball has been fantastic for such a small town." Last October Watsonville hosted an outstanding "first open singles" and produced a fine program booklet.

San Diego

Class A results at the Rowing Club . . . singles — Bob Shumake upset Bob Moore in a come-from-behind exciting match, 20-21, 21-18, 21-19.

Doubles — John Wood and Ben Hamrick finally broke a 3-year jinx by thoroughly defeating Bob Shumake and Jack Saucier in the A finals, 19-21, 21-9, 21-7. Wood and Hamrick had been in the San Diego County and Rowing Club finals six consecutive times and finally won the crown again after last winning the County "Open" in 1967.

JACK SAUCIER

National Juniors

(from page 7)

ministration and refereeing . . . Bob Davidson was the fund raiser for the hosts, and arranged with Dr. Maury Fox to have the banquet at the good doctor's Westchester General Hospital in Miami . . . very well done and our thanks to Dr. Fox for his gracious contribution. Dr. Fox was presented with a suitable plaque by Bob in appreciation.

John "Apples" Walsh, the ex-Boston fireman, now in sedate retirement at 67 in Miami, was giving me the challenge but showed up too late for singles play. He wants to rebuff the L Street conquest by Haber with the "greatest" showing ever made by Vic Hershkowitz about a dozen years ago.

Janet Haas, 17 year old daughter of the late Bob Haas, is the outstanding gal tennis player in the area and wound up second in the national Junior competition held at Flamingo Park in connection with the Orange Bowl week festivities . . . Joe Brotman, still an active finance executive, getting in his doubles play with Billy Haas as his partner . . . met Sam Sevin, one morning at 8:30 and we played doubles together.

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Courageous award to determined Jim Benincasa Jr., Ft. Lauderdale. Jim was pointing for the under 19 title but broke his left arm several weeks before the tournament. He still played with a cast all the way to his upper arm and made a real fine showing despite this extreme handicap. His dad Jim Sr. is a former circus stunt man, specializing in one-hand (world record) chinups and parallel rope climbing.

UNDER 15—

Michael Tatsoglow, Miami Beach, def. Peter Cristando, Ft. Lauderdale, 11-21, 21-16, 21-3; Jeff Srenco, St. Louis, def. Albert Klaiman, Miami Beach, 21-0, 21-3; Gary Stedman, Encino, Calif., def. John Jonak, Chicago, 21-8, 19-21, 21-12; Jim Melles, Chicago, def. Louis Grilla, Miami Beach, 21-5, 21-0.

QUARTER-FINALS: Steve Adelman, St. Louis, def. Tatsoglow, 21-9, 21-11; Stedman def. Srenco, 21-16, 21-11; John Roberts, Cincinnati, def. Melles, 21-6, 21-15; Steve Serot, St. Louis, def. Pete Keys, Tulsa, 21-0, 21-2.

SEMI-FINALS: Adelman def. Stedman, 21-10, 21-8; Serot def. Roberts, 21-5, 21-5.

FINALS: Adelman def. Serot, 21-16, 21-10.

THIRD PLACE: Stedman def. Roberts, 21-9, 21-20.

UNDER 17—

Tom Lynch, Chicago, def. Tony Perez, San Antonio, 21-19, 21-12; Robbie Nolan,



NATIONAL JUNIOR UNDER-19 TOP FOUR . . . Bob Davidson (c), National Juniors chairman, flanked by (l to r) — Gary Straus, 4th place; Ken Ginty, new under-19 champion; Mitchell Straus, 3rd place; Rick Christian, runnerup. Semis and finals took place at Flamingo Park on Miami Beach.

Encino, Calif., def. Dorian Bezanus, Chicago, 21-1, 21-3; Billy Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Mike Haith, Kansas City, 21-12, 21-0; Vern Roberts Jr., Cincinnati, def. Tom Aronson, South Bend, Ind., 21-3, 21-9; Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis, def. Alex Rivera, San Antonio, 21-2, 21-6; Dan Poppelreiter, Chicago, def. Alan Marcus, Miami, 21-7, 21-0; Barry Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Jeff Richter, Waukegan, Ill., 21-1, 21-1.

QUARTER-FINALS: Ted Yvelson, St. Louis, def. Lynch, 21-4, 21-2; Billy Goldstein def. Nolan, 21-5, 21-1; Roberts def. Hilecher, 21-12, 21-8; Barry Goldstein def. Poppelreiter, 21-6, 21-4.

SEMI-FINALS: Yvelson def. Billy Goldstein, 21-4, 21-18; Roberts def. Barry Goldstein, 20-21, 21-13, 21-12.

FINALS: Yvelson def. Roberts, 16-21, 21-17, 21-0.

THIRD PLACE: Barry Goldstein def. Billy Goldstein, 21-15, 21-20.

PRELIMINARY ROUND — Paul Wiessner, St. Paul, def. Tom Petersen, Chicago, 21-19, 21-3; Tom Dalton, W. Palm Beach, def. Jeff Krallic, Chicago, 21-0, 21-0; Keith Erickson, St. Paul, def. Casimir Mokry, Chicago, 21-9, 21-19.

FIRST ROUND — Mitchell Straus, Flushing, NY, def. William Arseault, W. Palm Beach, 21-3, 21-4; Rick Henderson, Edina, Minn., (default); Rudy Jones, San Antonio, def. Jay Dorman, Indianapolis, 21-19, 15-21, 21-15; Scotty Johnson, Sharpsville, Pa., def. Jim Benincasa, Ft. Lauderdale, 21-17, 21-17; Bill Baraban, Kansas City, def. Wiessner, 18-21,

21-12, 21-2; Pete Colichidas, San Francisco, def. Lawrence Gee, Brooklyn (default); Alan Sitkoff, St. Paul, def. Mark Gaunt, Miami, 21-10, 12-21, 21-11; Ken Ginty, New York, (bye); Rick Christian, Van Nuys, Calif., def. Dalton, 21-1, 21-17; Gene Craft, W. Palm Beach, def. Jeff Palumbo, St. Paul, 21-6, 21-0; Marcel Goldfarb, Brooklyn, def. Chuck Dohman, Chicago, 21-14, 21-8; Bill Lanfri, Monte Sereno, Calif., def. Brad Newland, Decatur, Ill., 21-18, 21-20; Ken Mazon Kansas City, def. Erickson, 21-8, 21-10; Cody Pantages, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, def. Baird Smart, Winnetka, Ill., 21-4, 10-21, 21-9; Robert Clarke, Panorama, Calif., def. Brewer Kitchings Jr., Birmingham, 21-17, 21-17; Gary Straus, Flushing, NY, def. Chris Johnson, 21-7, 21-4.

SECOND ROUND — M. Straus def. Hendrickson, 21-0, 21-0; S. Johnson def. Jones, 17-21, 21-20, 21-6; Baraban def. Colichidas, 13-21, 21-11, 21-4; Ginty def. Sitkoff, 21-14, 21-9; Christian def. Craft, 21-8, 21-12; Goldfarb def. Lanfri, 21-14, 21-18; Pantages def. Mazon, 21-7, 21-11; G. Straus def. Clarke, 21-8, 21-2.

QUARTER-FINALS: M. Straus def. Johnson, 21-11, 21-4; Ginty def. Baraban, 21-12, 21-17; Christian def. Goldfarb, 21-14, 21-20; G. Straus def. Pantages, 21-11, 21-5.

SEMI-FINALS: Ginty def. M. Straus, 21-9, 21-9; Christian def. G. Straus, 21-17, 21-17.

FINALS: Ginty def. Christian, 21-5, 21-17.

THIRD PLACE: M. Straus def. G. Straus, 25-23.

NATIONAL COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

By JOE SHANE

Several years back I wrote of the "new kids" coming along in the national tournament picture. Today we are reaping the harvest of our National Junior program and our annual sponsorship of the National Intercollegiate. At Los Angeles in the open nationals Lou Russo wound up second, providing some real thrills with his come-from-behind win over Stuffy Singer in the semis. Lou was our Junior champ in 1960 and 1962.

Dr. Steve August is another National Junior champion, and also a National Intercollegiate titlist, and he reached a peak performance in winning the second National Invitational singles at the St. Paul Athletic Club last November.

In the elite Top Eight are other star products such as: Billy Yambrick and Terry Muck, St. Paul; Fred Lewis, Miami Beach, and Steve Lott, New York, runnersup in the national open doubles; Don Ardito and Andy Upatnieks, Chicago, who finished fourth in national open doubles.

I was delighted to learn of the record number of entries in the Juniors held in Miami, and am sure we will get some future greats from this crop. The St. Louis JCCA is to be congratulated for the development of its youth program and the success is demonstrated by championships won in the under 15 and under 17 age brackets. Steve Adelman and Ted Yevelson repeated their winning performances of 1969 and should go on to even bigger accomplishments in handball. And, I'm sure the former New York A.C. great, Tom Ginty, would have gloried in the victory of his son, Ken, in the under 19 bracket. Ken is another feather in the cap of "Coach of the Year" Bob Davidson.

This past year we have added the Masters Invitational doubles to our program, and it proved to be highly successful, hosted by our good friends in Birmingham, Alabama. The addition of the Golden Masters was especially welcomed, and I was particularly pleased with the win by my Los Angeles A.C. teammates, George Brotemarkle and Bill Feivou.

The Golden Masters now becomes an addition to the annual "Big Week" national championships and provides continued tournament "life" for our over-50 veterans.

Another step forward is the first National Invitational doubles, hosted by Les Shumate and his Rocky Mountain associates in Denver. This provides the real doubles test,

unincumbered by any singles action. Some might interesting doubles teams were formulated through our famed "Pick-A-Partner" system that is part and parcel of the Players' Fraternity.

We diligently probed the epidemic of ball breakage that came up during the year and got the full support of the Spalding plant in Chicopee, Mass., in remedying the situation through a change in formulae and thorough testings. We are now assured that the Spalding ACE is now once again the ideal ball we want. We must realize that the manufacture of a pressurized ball is a tricky proposition and the least little kink in the processing can cause headaches. Please continue to give us your faithful support as you know that royalties from sales goes right back into the game, for and by the players.

Saranac Glove Co. is moving ahead healthfully, and the addition of the S-98 "Hugger" model is another progressive move by the company to give the players just what they want. No other glove manufacturer offers so many styles or sizes as Saranac, and with our full guarantee of workmanship and performance, we feel there will be nothing but continuing progress.

Now, we introduce a real quality uniform line, styled and manufactured by the nationally-known Broderick Company. We have entered on a royalty agreement with the company and they will offer handball and racquetball players a custom-line. Wally Ris of the Los Angeles A.C., a former Olympic swim champion who found handball as an ideal lifetime outlet, is now associated with Broderick and was largely responsible for the court-styled apparel (see introductory ads on page 35-36).

Last year we went over the 10,000 membership total and now we have our sights set on the 15,000 mark. We're maintaining the same low \$2 a year membership-subscription fee, feeling that this will induce more and more players to join the Fraternity and thus we will be able to have an ever-widening scope of communication.

I always look forward to the biggest tournament in handball, our four-wall national championships. With an outstanding new facility opening its doors for us at Memphis State University this 21st classic promises to be a great one. See you in Memphis — March 27-April 3.

NATIONAL RULES CHAIRMAN...

By DAN CALLAHAN

During the past year I have endeavored to set up the ground work on which we can progressively do a capable job as USHA National Rules Chairman. When we speak of rules it automatically includes the all-important phase of refereeing.

By clarifying our rules and perhaps recommending some needed changes we can better enable our referees to do a better job. Most of the queries that come my way concern interpretations on hinders . . . what a player can and cannot do within the framework of our rules. As always the controversial avoidable hinder invariably comes into the discussion. As referees we have to control the game. There are players who will test the mettle of a referee with "shady" tactics and the opponent is unjustly penalized unless the situation is controlled.

As always, the majority of competition takes place in the everyday "Club" play without referees. Unless the participants understand the rules there is certain to be some friction over interpretation of what is and what is not a hinder. And, you can be sure the avoidable hinder is *never* enforced

in this type of action. The player who does commit avoidable hinders soon finds he isn't invited to play.

When we get to the national tournaments the major point of discussion seems to be the "shadow serve". We've talked to some of the leading referees and there doesn't seem to be one agreed upon interpretation. One national official stated to me, "I wait to see what the reaction of the receiver is. If I see he is bothered by such a serve then I declare the shadow serve". This, to me, borders on the "option call" and is one thing we want to avoid.

DON'T GIVE EITHER PLAYER AND/OR TEAM AN OPTION ON CALLS. Make the call quickly before there is any ensuing action and let the chips fall where they may.

This department is always open to our membership as a clearing house on rules and refereeing interpretations. Handball is a most difficult game to referee and we'll do whatever possible to improve conditions, educate referees, and gain a more knowledgeable man to control tournament matches wherever we go.

From: Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch—'Lumpkin's Credo: Firmness, Fairness' by Jim Mason.

Law and order, an emotion-charged slogan meaning different things to different people, figures in the thinking of a lawyer on his way to becoming a criminal court judge here.

But so does justice, which — as James M. Lumpkin sees it — is what the rule of law through the courts is all about.

Lumpkin has a rendezvous of sorts with history tomorrow. When he takes his oath as a judge of Richmond's Hustings Court, he will become the first known Republican to become a state judge in this century.

Involved in recent days with winding up his law practice, Lumpkin took time to talk about how he sees his new role on the bench.

"There are strong feelings about law and order these days," he said, his words reflecting a low-keyed style of expression.

"I think a judge has to weigh, on the one hand, strongly persuasive arguments pointing to society's need for law and order against, on the other hand, seeing that full justice is done."

Justice, in this sense, he continued, means "taking into account all circumstances that are properly part of the evidence." This may include "the background of the accused," for instance.

"I go along with the old saw about tempering justice with mercy," Lumpkin said. "But, the rule of law must prevail. The substitute would be anarchy."

In essence, he said, a judge has to balance "firmness with fairness" ruling on cases before him.

Lumpkin, interviewed in the 700 Building office he is leaving, said he had "mixed emotions" over his departure from the firm of Blanton, Lumpkin and Shaia.

"Charles (Blanton) and Harry (Shaia) and I have been together for about 10 years," Lumpkin said. "You don't leave that sort of thing without some regrets."

His transition from bar to bench reminds him in many ways, he said, of finishing school and starting to work.

In fact, Lumpkin recalled, he and Hustings Court Judge James B. Wilkinson finished law school at T. C. Williams at the same time and had talked about practicing law together.

Wilkinson became a judge of the court a year ago after having served as Richmond's commonwealth's attorney. Sen-

ior judge of the court is J. Randolph Tucker Jr.

Lumpkin, appointed to the bench by Republican Gov. Holton, was asked how he had happened to become a Republican in a state so long dominated by Byrd Democrats.

"The first time I voted in a national election was in 1952, and like the nation, I liked 'Ike,'" he said. He's been a Republican ever since.

During the state's 1969 campaign for governor, Lumpkin helped his law partner Blanton, who was a co-chairman of Virginia Lawyers for Holton.

Lumpkin likes to keep his reddish-brown hair closely trimmed (he says he gets a haircut about every two weeks) and also likes to keep in good physical shape — not an easy task for anyone with a white-collar job.

He likes to play HANDBALL at the Central YMCA two or three times a week and also enjoys slow pitch softball. "I try to jog some, but I'm not regular enough to call myself a jogger," he said.

At 42, Lumpkin weighs 180 pounds. He is 5 feet 10½.

In recent days, he said, he hadn't been able to get in much handball because he's been boning up on the law a judge must know.

Lumpkin says he hopes to live up to what he sees as a tradition of excellence on the part of Richmond's judges.

"I believe the judges (here) have tremendous integrity, ability and fairness and I would like to be able to carry on in that tradition," he said.

"I just want to do the very best job that I can."

Lumpkin, a Richmond native, is married to the former Jean Marie Foster of Richmond. They have an 11-month old son, Edward, and live at 5115 New Kent Road in the city's Westover Hills area.

He is to take his oath as a judge in ceremonies at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Hustings Court's second-floor courtroom at City Hall.

Does he think his job as a judge is going to be more demanding in time and toil than his job as a lawyer?

Veteran judges will have to answer that, said Lumpkin. But he added, "I hope I'll have some time to play some HANDBALL."

Salina, Kansas...

The Hinder Club of the Salina, Kansas YMCA would like to invite your participation in the 5th Annual Salina Midwestern Handball Tournament to be held at the Salina YMCA, Feb. 26-28.

The Salina YMCA has truly outstanding facilities with three regulation, fully air-conditioned courts.

It is our intent to bring in a nationally ranked doubles team. Our plans have not been finalized, however you may rest assured that the Salina Midwestern will again feature top-flight handball along with the conviviality that has made the tournament a favorite of Midwestern Handballers and their wives.

Entry forms will be mailed at a later date; however, if you desire additional information, please contact Gene Chapman, 701 W. Ash, Salina, Kansas 67401, A/C 913 827-5780.

ROGER WILBUR
President, Salina Hinder Club

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Real Handball Booster Chuck McClellan Heads World's Largest YMCA . . . Chicago Suburb Y Has 8 Courts, More Planned



Chuck McClellan is a firm believer in the values of handball, and as general secretary of the world's largest membership Northwest Suburban YMCA in Des Plaines, Illinois, he points to the major role his handballers have played in a progressive growth.

"Seven years as physical director of the Irving Park YMCA in Chicago proved to me the importance of handball in a YMCA program," Chuck related. *"Despite sub-standard court sizes we were able to stimulate a tremendous interest in the game."*

McClellan was initiated to handball while an undergraduate at the University of Illinois in the pre-World War II years. He roomed with Jack Smith, who had learned his handball at his father's (Gentleman Jack Smith) health club in downtown Chicago. Son Jack now manages the Riviera A.C. in Chicago. The Illini courts are also smaller than standard but Chuck got the "bug" and after Air Corps duty, a one year high school coaching stint and a short fling in the business world, he took the YMCA post in 1946.

At Irving Park Chuck was instrumental in getting Johnny Sloan and Phil Collins started on their national championship careers. *"Both these youngsters were fine high school athletes,"* Chuck recalls, *"and, it didn't take them long to master the needed fundamentals. Johnny was a city wrestling champ and at 16 he used to come around the Y, always eager to learn. I played regularly with him, Phil, and also Buddy Christiansen. For a year or so I could cope with them but they soon graduated into the tournament caliber."*

Joe Ardito started his handball play just a couple of years after Chuck came to Irving Park, and furthered the youth program in the late 50s and 60s. Joe would get the kids out in the Summer early in the mornings and during school time on Saturday mornings. Quite a group of junior players developed. Don Ardito, Andy Upatnieks, Bob Koenig, Floyd Olson, Jim Leahy, and Dick Giangreco.

Seven years at this Irving Park hotbed of handball instilled in Chuck the need for courts when he was given the opportunity to move up as general secretary of the planned family-type YMCA in the Chicago suburb of Des Plaines. It took almost eight years of fund raising and continuous revisions of blue print planning to get the Northwest Suburban Y built. *"I had some support from the board for courts but it was definitely a struggle to convince the trustees that we should include at least four courts in the building,"* Chuck told us. *"Howard Clement was one of the trustees that gave me vocal assistance. We planned the balcony openings from the hallway where the members would have to walk to get to the locker rooms. In this way we could showcase the game and gain the needed interest."*

It didn't take long for handball to prove itself at the Northwest Suburban Y. Although most of the first members were neophytes at the game the promotion and instructional classes set up by Chuck paved the way. *"If a beginner came to me and asked how he could get started in handball I would tell him to sign up for a court. Then, because there was such a demand for court time it would be easy to get a more experienced player to get in there and play with him. That, along with regularly scheduled classes did the trick. In the suburban Y the idea is to get Dad interested in coming regularly and then we'll get the entire family."*

Four courts were not enough as the membership zoomed. Two more were added on the first building addition, and then another two (one with glass to accommodate more spectators) in time for the most successful national Y tournament in history last April.

At present there are 22,000 members at Northwest. The future? *"We see a tapering off period,"* Chuck reasons. *"The new Y's — Park Ridge, North Suburban, Countryside 'Y' in Palatine — are bound to siphon off some of the members living*

CHUCK MC CLELLAN . . . General Secretary of Northwest Suburban YMCA in Des Plaines (suburb of Chicago). 22,000 membership largest in world and has led to two successive court additions, now totaling eight.

in those areas. But, in this growing suburbia new members will come in and we should maintain the high membership total."

In addition to handball's role in adding to the Y's physical fitness program it has been found that the players provide much of the impetus in gaining funds, both for proper maintenance and in additional building. Many of the players are happy to give of themselves toward the Y financial drives as a means of showing their appreciation for the happy hours of court activity.

A quarter of a century in service to the YMCAs has been more a labor of love for Chuck McClellan. He has never neglected his handball play, and today, a shade over 50, he still plays a strong game of either singles or doubles. Just recently in the annual Central USHA Masters doubles he paired with 42-year-old Lee Hoeft to wind up a strong third, posting an impressive victory over Gus Lewis and Joe Ardito en route.

Chuck has full respect for the aims of the United States Handball Association and has been 100% cooperative in providing facilities for many of our Central area tournaments.

While talking to Chuck we sort of put a little "bug" in his ear — the possibility of our 25th anniversary USHA nationals at Northwest Suburban Y in 1975! Another building addition would possibly be in the offing at that time, adding to the existing eight courts. What could be more appropriate for our 25th, staging the silver classic at the No. 1 YMCA — backbone of the Players' Fraternity?

Jacobs-Decatur Still 1.000; Beat Haber-Kirby in N.Y. Match

By BILL KENNEDY

Handball championships are in many ways like being the toughest kid on the block. When you win one, there is always another tournament to play in where top players are eager to dethrone the champion.

For this reason it seems logical that Jimmy Jacobs and Marty Decatur to lose a doubles match in either tournament or exhibition play. On Jan. 10 Paul Haber and Pat Kirby, two pretty tough "kids on their own block" decided it was time that the 10-year unbeaten streak of Jacobs and Decatur should end.

The meeting, which took place at the 92nd Street YMHA in New York, was exciting and close, but the results were that Jacobs and Decatur are still the undefeated kings of handball doubles. The five-time national doubles champs came from behind in both games to win 21-17, 21-19. Having disposed of Carl and Ruby Obert, reigning national doubles titlists, in the New York Athletic Club Invitational Tournament last spring, Jacobs and Decatur again can claim supremacy in handball doubles.

The strategy in the contest appeared to be to play Decatur, who had just returned from a Florida vacation. However, Haber and Kirby inevitably became involved in a "feather" duel with Jacobs, matching shot after shot to the ceiling, with a kill or passing shot ending the volley.

Jacobs and Decatur took turns serving from the left side to Haber, with Marty working on his famed "Lard" hook off the lower left wall, and Jimmy with the two-way hooks. Haber's serves were primarily to Jacobs and Kirby used a bullet slider down the right wall and a tough three-wall serve on Decatur. Numerous aces and setups were the results of the powerful serving by both sides.

Neither side flat-killed many balls because of the hard-hitting and excellent defense played by all four players. In both games it appeared as though Haber and Kirby were going to win, taking a 17-12 advantage in the opener and ahead 19-16 in the second game. However, Jacobs and Decatur rallied to pull both tilts out.

It was a bitter defeat for Haber, who hadn't played a match in New York since July 22-23, 1967, when he conquered Jacobs 21-6, 21-6, 21-7 in the opener of the famed Jacobs-Haber singles exhibitions. Haber then succumbed to Jacobs the following day 21-8, 21-2.

Haber said he was not affected by the 18½-foot ceiling at 92nd St., but Kirby indicated that his partner's ceiling game

may not have been quite as effective as it would have been on the regulation 20-foot courts.

One spectator remarked to Haber after the match that he had almost pulled off an upset when they moved to a 19-16 lead in the second game. "You ain't got nothing until you've got 21," he growled.

On the prospects of a return match, Paul replied, "I'll play again, anytime."

Haber was asked if he thought a different partner, one who had more experience on the right side, would have been the difference.

"Absolutely not. Where could I find a player with a better right than Pat?" he said. "I think if we had played together more than once prior to this match, we'd have taken them."

Both Haber and Kirby said they believe they could defeat Jacobs and Decatur if they were given an opportunity to play more doubles together. "We played together very well, considering that all we know about each other is what we see when we're opposing each other in singles," Kirby said. "I think we didn't make too many errors by taking shots that should have been left for the partner."

Jacobs, who said he and Decatur have not played much doubles together since they last won the nationals in 1967, reported he definitely will not compete in the USHA Nationals at Memphis next month.

"Anyone who says I'm going to compete in the nationals, singles or doubles, hasn't talked to me," Jacobs said scotching rumors that he and Marty would return to national doubles action. "My back just won't stand up in everyday tournament play."

"We wanted to win this one badly," Jacobs said. "We haven't lost since we began playing together 10 years ago, and that's incentive enough to desire victory."

Decatur, who pounded the ball mercilessly to Haber's left throughout the match, calmly said, "I was pleased to stay in there against a team like those two. I haven't been playing that much, so I felt I held up well."

"It's very hard to play catch up like we did against Paul, which makes the victory particularly gratifying," Jacobs echoed.

Lou Kramberg, assistant physical director and resident critic at 92nd St., didn't speak too favorably about the match. "Paul took Pat right out of the game and got Pat to the point where he didn't care anymore. Paul's shooting was off, and in general neither team played as well as it could."

Eliminate Handball's 'Foul Tip'...

Dear Mort:

How about starting a campaign to eliminate the "foul tip" in handball?

I find that there is nothing more annoying in a game when my opponent tips the ball and hits me when standing along side or in back of him. I don't get the point or he gets to serve again and perhaps "ace" me. I really don't feel that he should be rewarded for making an error.

We could start with this modification: If a man mis-hits or tips the ball and strikes his opponent(s) standing alongside (laterally), or behind, he shall be called out. Eventually, of course, I would like it to cover the whole court. This would appear to put undue pressure on the referee, but when you think about it, has there ever been a time in your long association in handball when you didn't know if a mis-hit or tipped ball would reach the front wall? Besides, referees make much tougher calls in shorts, crotch kills, hinders, double bounces, etc. This call is "pie" compared to the others.

Perhaps my entire premise would be too radical for immediate change, but my modification shouldn't cause any problems. I am well aware that rule changing is a difficult thing at best, but I'd hate to see the arch-conservatives hinder needed changes in our game.

Mort, I showed this letter to Al Stein, who has been in handball for 40 years and is quite knowledgeable, and I was most surprised, but quite gratified, to find out that Al proposed a similar rule
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"You weren't in there trying to return those balls that were hit so hard," Jacobs replied. "We all were really pounding it."

The gallery, which vocally demonstrated its traditional dislike of Haber and its pleasure in seeing Jacobs, the local hero, defeat Paul.

One exuberant fan watched Kirby reach to the center of the court with his left and take a shot which Haber had lined up with his right hand, and said, "That's the first time anyone ever stole from you, Haber." The gallery of 90 immediately broke up.

A pretty young lady, who was one of many to adorn the gallery, said after Decatur flat-killed a shot. "Oh Marty, you're beautiful."

Phyllis Decatur, Marty's better half, quickly turned to her husband's admirer and said deadpan, "Who's he?"

Tom Bria of Brooklyn ably officiated the match, which was promoted under the direction of Al Stein, physical director at 92nd Street.

'FOUL TIP' . . .

(From previous page)

change 10 years ago.

Why don't we lay this open to our "fraternity" and get their reactions?

LOU KRAMBERG

NOTE: One of our more erudite USHA member-boosters is Lou Kramberg, chief aide to Al Stein at the YMHA in New York City. Lou is a former outstanding athlete in major team sports and is a fine "picture player" with high tournament credits. It was Lou who first recommended national invitational play in singles and doubles, and with the Feb. 19-21 doubles in Denver this has been achieved. And, it is apropos that Lou will be participating with Pat Kirby as one of the stronger teams. Just recently Lou wrote the following on a subject that has been "bandied about" for years. We firmly agree that some action should be taken on the "foul tip". Frank "Lefty" Coyle suggested the same a decade ago. We will ask Dan Callahan, our national referees chairman, to put it No. 1 on the agenda for appropriate attention at the national convention meeting in Memphis.



CENTRAL CONTENDERS SINGLES . . . World's largest YMCA — Northwest Suburban of Des Plaines, Ill., hosted plus-100 USHA Central Contenders singles. Pictured (kneeling — l to r) — Tony D'Andrea, Duncan YMCA, new champion; Rich Drabik, 111th St. YMCA, runnerup. Back row (l to r) — Ben Costello, Chuck McClellan, Northwest Suburban Y general secretary; Joe Ardito, Illinois Handball Association president; Don Judy.

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RARE VIEW of building looking down Market Street in 1865 . . . south side, between First and Second streets, opposite Montgomery and Sansome Streets. From photograph reproduced through courtesy of Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. The scene includes the front of THOMAS CULLEN'S SALOON AND SHAMROCK BALL AND RACKET COURT, listed in San Francisco Directories, from 1856 through 1869, at 543 Market Street; and further described as "south side (Ss); "between First and Second"; and opposite Sansome. Although the excellent photograph fails to pick up details to show any name on the front of Cullen's establishment it has been deduced that Cullen's Saloon, at 543 Market Street, is the fifth building

from the National Flouring Mills (561-563 Market Street per the 1865 Directory), on the same south side of the street going toward the Bay. By the use of a magnifying glass it appears that the fifth building includes all of the "earmarks" of being the front of Cullen's Saloon; that is you see the customary low, swinging double doors. Such low, swinging doors were traditional for saloons and may be seen frequently in western movie or TV stories of the Wild West. The easy swinging double doors undoubtedly simplified the problem of throwing unruly customers out without too much property damage. Currently, January 1971, the same area along Market Street is extremely valuable and the site of many high rise office and business buildings.

By MARTIN JUDNICH

"When and Where" was the first four-wall handball court built in the United States?

1—Frank G. Menke, whose authoritative Encyclopedia of Sports should be within reach of every knowledgeable sports writer, states that Phil Casey, an Irish handball champion, built America's first handball court in Brooklyn, New York, shortly after he arrived from Ireland, about 1882.

2—This documentary disputes the Casey-Brooklyn 1882 legend and presents an abundance of evidence to prove that Irish pioneers constructed and operated handball courts in San Francisco SHORTLY AFTER the start of Cali-

fornia's gold rush and BEFORE the Civil War.

Handball courts were operated much earlier than 1882, in San Francisco by Irishmen in conjunction with their saloons. Such establishments were indexed in the old San Francisco Directories as "Ball Courts and Alleys" or "Ball and Racket Courts", which classifications were commonly used to describe handball courts in Ireland and England. The Irish style of handball prevailed in San Francisco until shortly after the turn of the twentieth century. Gradually, the game was installed by the Olympic Club, Occidental Club, in YMCA's and by other athletic clubs on a more organized basis.

It is conceivable that some community other than San Francisco or Brooklyn

may produce evidence to show that it is the birthplace of the first four-wall handball court in the United States. It is respectfully suggested that other handball centers research their local archives and possibly produce the evidence which may rightfully dispute San Francisco's claim to fame. The most difficult part of my project was to generate the energy to get started in trying to find the clues in unexpected places. Perhaps, someone may be able to demonstrate what type of handball was played by Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois. Also, let us not overlook the Basque version of fourwall handball. I was always curious about the lack of details in United States handball history prior to 1919, the year the Amateur Athletic Union of the United

States started to conduct regular national championship tournaments. This narrative attempts to fill in some of the historical gaps before 1919, but there remains a need of additional documentation. It is logical to start this narrative with the birth of handball somewhere in Ireland, about 1,000 years ago, (or to delve into Basque history).

The Irish pioneers of the gold rush era brought their "old country" style of handball to San Francisco. The lure of gold was strong; but in the hearts of many two-fisted Irishmen the craving for handball was an obsession. It would be natural for an Irish athlete to quickly find the local handball action and challenge the best player in the house, or in the saloon which was usually in front of the court. If and when necessary the Irish in San Francisco would and did build handball courts, without loss of time. The influence of the Irish on handball in San Francisco may be indicated in the early history of the game in Ireland and England, told in Menke's Encyclopedia in interesting language, as follows:

"The Irish originated handball in the 10th Century, and this game undoubtedly was the parent of tennis, as is explained in the Tennis section of this book.

"The early name of the game in Ireland and England was "Fives" — five fingers to the hand.

"Handball was a favorite sport in Ireland for centuries, but it made little marked progress until about 100 years ago when one Meham Baggs, a Tipperary enthusiast, developed into a wizard by reason of the fact that he could control his shots in such a way as to make the ball spin, curve and do tricks on the rebound — to the utter bewilderment of his rivals, who quickly learned all about 'screw tosses' and the other tricks of the mighty Baggs, and then proceeded to give him real competition.

"English schools adopted handball many years ago. The game has enjoyed continued vogue, especially at Eton, where a fine player is a person of distinction.

"One of the famous players of the 18th and 19th Centuries was John Cavanagh of St. Giles. Upon his death in 1819, a great tribute was paid to him in the newspaper, Examiner, which included the following:

"Cavanagh is dead and has not left his peer behind him. When he touched the ball, there was end to the chase. His eye was certain, his hand fatal, his presence of mind complete. He could do what he pleased, and he always knew exactly what to do. There was not only nobody equal, but nobody second to him."

"Among the stars in Ireland in the 1870's was Phil Casey, who migrated to Brooklyn about 1882. Learning that there were no handball courts in the Eastern

part of the United States and no players, except the idle ones, who like himself, had come from British shores, he built a court believed for many years to be the first in this country.

The late John J. Condon of the South End Rowing Club, San Francisco, Calif. pointed out that handball courts were in existence on the Pacific Coast before Casey built his court. Mr. Condon wrote:

"My dad left Ireland and arrived in San Francisco in 1879. The following year he purchased a half interest with his cousin, Michael Butler, in a handball court located at 846 Howard Street. In 1880 he separated from Butler and purchased the Union Handball Court from Cashman and Doyle, located at 733 Howard Street. We lived above the court and I was born there in 1884. In later years my dad also had the Occidental Court, where our City Hall now stands.

The first mention Mr. Condon found of a handball court in the San Francisco Directories in the public library, McAllister Street and Van Ness Avenue, was the following: 1873—Sullivan Exchange, Handball Alley and Raquet Court, 733 Howard Street (page advertisement).

"Casey struck up a quick acquaintance with several of the players, produced some of the balls he had brought from Ireland, and they proceeded with their game, batting the ball against convenient brick walls. But this was not satisfactory because the rough surfaces of the walls made it impossible to get the required spin, and so the technique of the game suffered.

"By this time, people in the neighborhood, watching Casey and his companions, became interested and expressed a desire to play. Casey invited them and then sensed the opportunity to go commercial to his own financial advantage. Getting the required capital, Casey built his own handball court. It was 65 feet long, 25 feet wide, had a front wall 30 feet high and side walls of 25 feet. His place was well patronized and Casey used his profits to build other courts.

"The graduates of the Casey school spread the gospel of handball and soon the game was played in almost every important center in this country. In places where there was not enough population to support an official court, the game was played against walls of wood or brick, and there wasn't a fireman in the land who didn't devote some of his time playing handball against the sides of the firehouse.

"In 1887, or 1888, Bernard McQuade, a native of Ireland, then in New York, announced that he was a better man than Casey, and if Casey didn't think so he

would meet Casey to determine the American championship. Casey quickly answered by defeating McQuade, and then decided to become world champion by the simple process of playing and defeating John Lawlor, then champion of Ireland. The match was arranged for a \$1,000 side bet, the first 10 games to be played in Cork, Ireland, the next 11 in the United States; the man taking the first 11 games to be acknowledged as world champion. Lawlor won 6 and Casey 4 in Ireland. In the United States, Casey took 7 straight.

"Casey met all comers from then until 1900, when he ran out of opponents and announced his retirement. Soon afterward, the game, as a professional sport, withered and might have slipped into obscurity if it had not been for the Amateur Athletic Union. This organization saw the merits of handball, planned for its future, and, in 1897, conducted its first tournament, which returned Michael Eagan of Jersey City, by way of Galway, Ireland, as the first champion."

The foregoing "Casey" and "Condon" stories are reproduced from "The Encyclopedia of Sports," by Frank G. Menke, 1955 Edition, from the "A.S. Barnes and Company Booklet", made available by Peter Tamony, a fantastic San Francisco historian. Tamony also was kind enough to give me a copy of a publication showing the details of the A.A.U. handball tournament of 1897, and several other early handball historical events which occurred in various parts of the United States. I hope to assemble the assortment of old handball history and submit the material for future publication. I believe that many readers of ACE will be grateful to Peter Tamony as the stories are unfolded.

I never doubted the accuracy of John Condon's stories in ACE (about 1959) regarding the early history of his father's handball court. To my knowledge no one challenged my versions in the magazine. From time to time after 1959 I had strong inclinations that my job was not done, and that the least I should do was to make some reasonable effort to collect some indisputable evidence to back up Condon's reminiscences. But, there had been a fire and earthquake in 1906 that virtually destroyed San Francisco and the official records in the City Hall and other places. Furthermore, where would one possibly locate any living witnesses who might be able to supply useful information concerning handball prior to the twentieth century and before? Who enjoys the tackling of an impossible task? Perhaps, I would save the project for my retirement as an accountant at the City Hall. Maybe, some other handball nut in San Francisco might undertake and

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Omaha...

Lee Wretling, Denver, proved he is a national contender by soundly defeating Terry Muck 21-12, 21-8 in the finals of the Omaha Midwest tournament. A semi-finalist last year, Lee blasted his way through four easy matches in only eight total games.

In gaining the finals Wretling defeated Bill Bauerly, current Sioux City champ, in the first round 21-15, 21-4; Jim Gabrielson in the quarters 21-4, 21-18; and Jim Madden in the semis, 21-19, 21-5.

Terry Muck, St. Paul, gained the finals by beating Tom Kezlan of Kansas City 21-10, 21-11; Rick Hill, Omaha's assistant executive, by 21-17, 21-20; and Dick Fedro, Des Moines, 21-17, 21-14.

The Midwest Tournament, scheduled annually in November, consisted of both singles and doubles with first round singles losers able to enter doubles competition. In the doubles, Larry Wood and Dan Barney, Denver, had little trouble in going all the way by beating Mike Dugan and John Gregory, Omaha, in the finals, 21-6, 21-2. This was about the sixth straight year this twosome has won here in Omaha. However, it was the first "all Denver" victory in both singles and doubles.

On their way to the finals Wood and Barney also defeated the following teams: Galloway — Scott 21-6, 21-8; Ballemore — Kezlan 21-9, 21-3; and Goodwin — Keeler, 21-2, 21-2.

On Saturday evening Mr. Kelley's steakhouse was host for the traditional banquet complete with Omaha steaks, introductions handball talk and a few anecdotes.

Ft. Lauderdale

Lou Russo put on an exhibition and handball clinic for the faithful handballers at the Lauderdale Y Jan. 22.

"Booting Ben" Agajanian, formerly of the New York Giant football team has been using the fine facilities at the Lauderdale Y to maintain a fine physique and keep his handball form. At 54 years he is still keeping the young hustling and taking his share of the games.

Here is a first I believe: A University of North Carolina brochure dealing with their fine basketball team listed the most admired athletes used as idols by the members of the team. Along with all the big names: Uinitas, Starr, Seaver etc., Paul Haber was listed by player Craig Carson. Maybe a break through has been achieved at last.

At last we have something going for handball in the Lauderdale high schools. A program for inter school competition is being sponsored with the help of Coach Gilmartin a hot handball player of the old school. A group of 20 or more high school players are showing up regularly for instruction and play. Peter Christano is showing much progress. He will bear watching.

Don Milkie an ardent player and supporter of handball at the Charlotte Y has moved to Chattanooga and will be there to help out with the Southern Divisional. He is a fine person and Charlotte will miss him.

Jerry Perret another fine handballer and gentleman, has been transferred to New York by A.T. & T. We are losing some fine ones but these men will help handball wherever they go.

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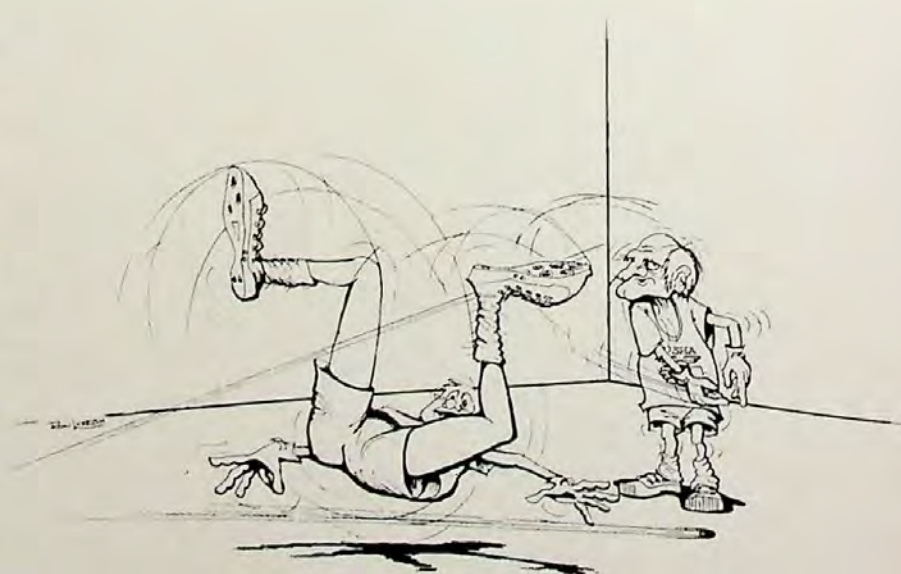
The Oregon State Singles Handball Tournament has just concluded. Approximately 125 contestants entered the tourney which was held Jan. 11-16 at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland.

Ken McQueen, Oregon A.C., placed first in the Open A, followed by Tony Stramiello and John Foster. Consolation A was won by Bill Pinard.

Gib Gilmore, University of Oregon Dental, took first in B's, followed by Ken Fry and Terry Ball, consolation won by Gary Van Galder.

Doug Willey, Oregon A.C., was first in the C's with Roland Haertl and Jerry Lyons placing. Consolation winner was Mike Sherman.

Bob Schoning, Multnomah (MAC) was an easy winner of the Masters singles. Others placing were George Balch and Stan Lovergrove. Consolation 1st went to Allard Conger.



AND I GAVE HIM A 10 POINT SPOT ...

Kirby Takes Four Straight Over Haber in Boston Showing

On Friday evening, Dec. 4, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6, the Boston YMCA handball group sponsored "The Match of the Year", consisting of best of seven games between Pat Kirby and Paul Haber. Pat won four straight — 21-20, 21-18, 21-12, and 21-18.

All games were outstanding with both players displaying amazingly deft performances — speed, knowledge, control, power and endurance. The victory by Kirby seemed to be decided by his power, great speed in covering the court and his fly shot ability from all areas of the court. This was a superb exhibition of handball with the games all closely contested. It is felt three of the games could have gone either way, but we cannot overlook Pat's feat of taking four straight.

In the first game Haber displayed uncanny ball control and jumped off to a 17-8 lead. Then Pat commenced to eke out a win with his Irish whip and speed. Haber came from behind 11-17 in the second game to knot it at 18-all. But once again Kirby "whipped" in three fly kills.

In the third game of the Friday ses-

sion Kirby sped to a 17-4 lead and it appeared Haber was at the wilting stage. After a good number of ins and outs Kirby ran off with this game 21-12. The three games took well over two hours.

The fourth and final game of singles was played Sunday. Haber's pride had been stung and he came out on the court breathing fire. He played hard, put on a superb exhibition as the two fought to another 18-18 tie. But the giant killer Kirby was not to be denied and he pounded in three decisive tallies.

It is felt that Pat Kirby is the man to be watched in the upcoming USHA championships in Memphis. The week-end event was terminated with the players teaming up with a Boston Y player and playing three doubles games.

The outstanding event was made possible through the untiring efforts of Joe St. Pierre (Boston YMCA staff physical director), Eli Schleifer (Boston YMCA handball committee chairman), George Heos (Boston YMCA staff special events and tournaments director), George Statshakes, and Jim Concannon.

GEORGE HEOS

4-Man Committee Heads USHA One-Wall

Executive Board of the Brownsville Handball Club in Brooklyn has been meeting regularly and has decided on the following solution for future continuation of USHA activity:

A committee of four men, all of whom are on the Executive Board, will be responsible for conducting USHA tournaments, each with a definite assignment. This was decided upon, rather than name one man to replace Irving Ehrlich who will reside permanently in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The committee: Kevin Kilgallen, 630 E. 19 St., Brooklyn, NY 11230; phone — GE 4-4433; Marvin Greenberg, 1535 8 St., Ft. Lee, NJ; Morris Levitsky, 28-21 W. 12 St., Brooklyn, NY 11224; Ugo Bontempo, 145 Sea Breeze Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11224.

One of the original charter members of the Club and a most active worker — Irving Forman — passed away, Jan. 5. Forman, besides being an integral part of the Brownsville Boys Club, was also very active in the Elks Club.

Schoendorf Wins Madison Title

The Fourth Annual Madison, Wisc. YMCA Capital City Handball Tourney attracted 32 top handball players from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Illinois.

The quality of play was exceptional with several matches being played brilliantly. Jim Kopatich, Milwaukee, upset Bill Nelson, Port Edwards, 21-8 and 21-20, and in probably the most exciting match of the tourney. Orley Brown, LaCrosse beat Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee, in three hard-fought games, 21-7, 18-21, and 21-18.

Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, played great, steady, strong handball and in the finals overpowered Brown 21-14 and 21-18 to win the title.

James Ward, Madison, defeated Dan Kieselhorst, St. Paul, 14-21, 21-8, and 21-18 to win the consolation award.

1ST ROUND — Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee, def. Don Robie, Marison, 21-2, 21-8; Larry Anderson, Winona, def. John Mohan, St. Paul, 21-18, 21-19; Don Pichotta, Milwaukee, def. John Valentine, Peoria 21-6, 21-8; Hiles Stout, Peoria, def. Don Walz, Winona, 21-14, 21-2; Hany Maly, Madison, def. Mark Simpson, Milwaukee, 21-9, 21-5; Roger Klos, LaCrosse, def. Howie Garber, Madison, 21-5, 21-19; Wilmer Anderson, Madison, def. Jay Warner, St. Paul, 21-19, 21-6; Orley Brown, LaCrosse, def. Jim Ward, Madison, 21-3, 16-21, 21-12; Tom Schoen-

dorf, Milwaukee, def. George Morano, Madison, 21-5, 21-7; Bob Hinds, Peoria, def. Steve Bittenson, Madison, 21-10, 21-8; Fred Zitner, Madison, def. John Maltotte, Pt. Edwards, 21-11, 21-11; Joe Bukant, Milwaukee, def. Mike Mannebach, Madison, 21-6, 21-10; Jim Kopatich, Milwaukee, def. Jerry Sandin, St. Paul, 21-4, 21-5; Chuck Howland, Madison, def. Paul Schilling, LaCrosse, 21-10, 21-3; Les Simon, Milwaukee, def. Dan Kieselhorst, St. Paul, 21-17, 14-21, 21-12; Bill Nelson, Pt. Edwards, def. Hugo Hendrich, St. Paul 21-4, 21-3.

2ND ROUND — T. Kopatich def. L. Anderson, 21-20, 21-15; Pichotta def. Stout, 21-10, 19-21, 21-18; Maly def. Kjos, 21-5, 21-6; Brown def. W. Anderson, 21-17, 20-21, 21-4; Schoendorf def. Hinds, 21-11, 21-7; Bukant def. Zitner 21-11, 21-14; J. Kopatich def. Howland 21-18, 21-12; Nelson def. Simon, 21-17, 14-21, 21-3.

QUARTER FINALS — T. Kopatich def. Pichotta, 21-3, 21-19; O. Brown def. Maly 21-8, 14-21, 21-11; Schoendorf def. Bukant, 21-18, 21-3; J. Kopatich def. Nelson, 21-8, 21-20.

SEMI-FINALS — Brown def. T. Kopatich, 21-17, 18-21, 21-18; Schoendorf def. J. Kopatich, 21-10, 21-5.

FINALS — Schoendorf def. Brown, 21-14, 21-18.

FRED ZITZER

Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Two teams of six players each participated in the Puget Sound Area Handball Tournament during November and December, both teams finishing second. Each of two playing divisions consisting of ten teams each competed one time with each entry. On the 16th of this month, a one day tournament will be held in classes A, B, and C, both singles and doubles at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. Following the tournament, an awards banquet will be held.

At present, Fort Lewis's four handball courts and two squash courts are being remodeled to official specifications and first class conditions. Completion is anticipated by February in preparation for the Washington State tournament and the annual post tournament. Handball participation here at Fort Lewis is excellent and increases daily. It is anticipated that our new courts will attract many new players and establish new tournaments both on a local and regional level.

Your outstanding organization continuously influences handball at Fort Lewis and we congratulate you for a job well done.

JOSLYN V. PORTMANN
Captain, Infantry

Sandler Gives Partner Due Credit

By STEVE SANDLER

"Tell it as it is" . . .

The above quote is one which most athletes of today are familiar. The purpose of my using this particular quote is to clarify why I am writing this.

Just as there is no relationship between being a good athlete and a good coach, there is no relationship between looking at a handball match and necessarily being able to accurately report what is really happening. This is the case in point. However, no one would question that the man who has proven his ability to win knows why he won.

Last November I received one of my greatest pleasures from handball, winning the National USHA one-wall doubles with my closest friend and partner, Donald Weber.

Much to my dismay, when I received my copy of the ACE magazine, the references to the doubles tournament were made to look as though I had won the tournament by myself. This is, in all honesty, not true. Don Weber has been playing handball for about ten years and during most of this time we would tab him a mediocre performer. However, in the past couple of years his ability has improved greatly. Along with his physical improvement it has become evident that he attained a great desire to win. This ingredient is extremely important because one-wall doubles matches are won many times by the team with the greater desire when the physical abilities of those involved are on the same level.

Don, while he has been a good all-around athlete, does not have what we would call good form. This would make people think he is not a good player. Fortunately they are very wrong. Though Don has very poor form in comparison with the very best players he has developed his physical ability to a point where he is very capable of playing doubles against the "cream" any day of the week.

On the night of the doubles I wanted to win the match very much for Don's sake. I had expected him to be very nervous as the pressure of being in the national finals for the first time can be tremendous. I surmised that if any games were close he would miss balls just as I have in the past when the confidence that only comes from winning is not yet attained. In the first game we jelled real well and won quite easily. However, in the second game the tables turned. I was

"Day of Stars" Great— For Handball and Charities

By UGO BONTEMPO

The Brownsville Handball Club annual Day of Stars Dec. 6 was another successful event for both one-wall and the all-important charities.

The generous tournament stars were greeted and cheered for their fine exhibitions by a record number of enthusiastic spectators at the Brownsville Boys Club in Brooklyn. The players shared with the hard-working committee in the contributions to the paraplegic "whirlaways", the Center karate and basketball groups, the Good Shepherd Mission, and others.

It is gratifying to note the helpful role played by this USHA local affiliate in development of community sports.

Results of the top-notch exhibition matches were as follows: In "pink ball" the team of Morris Franco and Steve Weissner (1970 runnersup) defeated a former champ, Dan DeLoach, and the injured but stout-hearted Tony Quintero. In an "Ave. P Special", the team of Irving "Bald Eagle" Beck and Louie "The Beauty" Eisenberg defeated Martin "Barrymore" Schwarz and Stanley "Bearded Prophet" Valenstein. In a Masters' match the 1970 USHA champions, Ray Gershen and Lenny Isaacson, defeated former champion Fred Geller and Marty "Farmer" Cushman.

In an exhibition of perennial championship contenders, Danny Flickstein and John Reicher defeated Ira Haspel and Jeff Seiden. And, in a match of champions, past and present, Artie Reyer and Charlie Danilczyk, defeated the 1970 USHA singles and doubles champion, Steve Sandler, and his partner, David Norvid. The team of Mike Dikman, 1970 runnerup, and Marty Katzen, contender, defeated Mark Levine, 1969 USHA Jr. winner, and Al Torres, 1970 pink ball winner. In the final match, the king of USHA one-wall, Sandler, playing again, this time with his doubles championship partner, Don Weber, defeated a former doubles titlist and 1970 runnerup with Lou Russo, Joel Wisotsky, and Howie Eisenberg, an ex-champ.

All of the stars received a statuette as a memento for their participation in the Day of Stars.

As usual, Bob Davidson, USHA national juniors chairman, was present, and received a welcome hand. The chairman of the Brownsville Handball Club and East Area USHA One-Wall Commissioner Irv Ehrlich, also received a memento and much applause. Jack Harris (the oldest living active player at 76) and still strong, received a special citation and award for his Day of Stars activities.

The busy and effective referees were: Murray Collins, Herbie Greenberg, coordinator Morris Levitsky and your reporter. The chairman and chief referee of the Day — Marvin Greenberg — had to forego this one because of an eye operation. He has done great work for this cause and was sorely missed, but he is now in fine condition once again. In his place, yours truly had the pleasure of acting as chairman and chief referee, besides the usual job as m.c. Along with Kevin Kilgallen, Carly Martin, Norman Butler, Oscar Relkin, George Rosenbloom, Steve Schnaps, William Kong, and the other committeemen, I must state that we all are proud of the results of this 1970 Day of Stars.

NOTES: (from Carl Arbor) — Jack Harris received a special award of a blue woolen lumberjack and a handball trophy. Mickey Blechman was also awarded a handball trophy for his organizing of the Day.

very tired from trying and playing too hard in the first game. Here I'd like to define the cliché — "trying too hard". It is when you want to win very much and get yourself into a state known as psychasthenia in which you do not or cannot allow your body to relax due to extreme anxieties. This condition will tend to tire you much faster than if you play in a relaxed state. I began to miss many shots, and our opponents, Lou Russo and Dr. Joel Wisotsky, began to function better as a team, sensing the edge. The game was getting out of hand as we were trailing 10-18. I took an injury time out because my leg hurt and I had sustained a hand bruise. Eventually, when we continued play, the game got very close and it became evident that the

team that was going to win was the one that was truly stronger. During all this time Don was playing what I, or any knowledgeable spectator, would classify great handball. He was retrieving every ball hit to him . . . he rarely hit a ball off the court and kept sending the ball deep to the long line so that we would get an easy service return, or in some cases aces. My partner managed all this under the pressure of his first finale, and we won as I truly expected we would. What did amaze me was how good Don proved to be.

Most onlookers considered it an upset win but I knew it would have been an upset had we lost. Ironically, hardly anyone would have really known!

Lindsay Wins Albuquerque 'Maloof'

Bob Lindsay, El Paso, swept A singles and open doubles in the annual Maloof tournament in Albuquerque.

Lindsay defeated Carroll Hungate, Albuquerque, 21-3 and 21-3 in the semi-finals and then defeated Albuquerque's Cordy Garcia 21-12, 21-6 in the finals. Garcia defeated John Hardy, Denver, by scores of 21-9 and 21-18 in the semi-finals. Hungate, a recent arrival in Albuquerque from Hawaii where he lost to Johnny Sloan in the state finals last year, defeated Hardy 21-13 and 21-11 for third place. Dr. Bob Sanchez defeated fellow Albuquerquean J. C. Armstrong 21-20 and 21-14 for consolation honors.

In doubles, Lindsay and his 15-year-old partner from Juarez, Mexico, Nati Alvarado, defeated John and Tim Hardy, Denver, 21-8 and 21-6 in the semi-finals and then Garcia and Hugh Hackett, Albuquerque, 21-16 and 21-10 for the championship. Garcia and Hackett defeated J. C. Armstrong and Bobby Ruiz, Albuquerque, in the semi-finals. The father-son Hardy team defeated Armstrong-Ruiz 21-6 and 21-19 for third place. Two Albuquerque teams met in doubles consolation with Paul Lattin-Joe Masarik defeating



THE MASTERS . . . John Hardy (l), Denver, competing in three events, gained a title in the Masters singles, beating former Chicagoan Nick Martinez in the finals.

Randy Jones-Dave Coulie by scores of 21-11 and 21-15.

In Masters singles, John Hardy, Denver, defeated Nick Martinez, Albuquerque, in the finals by scores of 21-18 and 21-18.

The class B singles featured some outstanding players. Dave Drum, Denver, defeated Terry Eytcheson, Albuquerque,

in the finals 21-15 and 21-15. Drum defeated Randy Jones, Albuquerque, 21-7 and 21-11, and Eytcheson defeated Jim Fleming, Albuquerque, 21-4 and 21-5 in the semi-finals. Jones defeated Fleming 21-14 and 21-14 for third place. In B consolation, Dave Coulie, Albuquerque, defeated Ross Aragon, Oklahoma City, 21-19 and 21-19.

Highlights of the tournament were the young and the old. Nati Alvarado at the age of 15 has two excellent hands, quickness and good anticipation. A couple of years experience playing with Lindsay and Nati will be a name player. Tim Hardy of Denver at age 16 also shows good promise.

Special plaudits must go to John Hardy, Denver, who entered and placed in three categories. On Sunday, John played three matches back to back winning a fourth in A singles, a third in doubles, and finally a first place in Masters.

The Maloof is an annual tournament held Thanksgiving weekend. Plans are underway for next year and everyone is invited to be there.

FIRST U.S. COURTS...

(from page 27)

finish something that I started in 1959?

My dormant interest was unexpectedly rekindled. Strangely, it started at the University of Texas, at Austin, during the week of March 16-22, 1969. I was spending a vacation watching the United States Handball Association's national championships. A tremendous number of exciting tournament matches were conducted in America's most fabulous battery of standard courts (13), including the ideal deluxe center glass side-walled court around which about 1,200 spectators were able to be comfortably seated and clearly view the thrilling actions. This was really living. One could enjoy the luxury of watching the game of his choice in the 13 courts where games were being played simultaneously. The routine for devotees of the sport was to spend about 10 hours each day watching the finest handballers in the United States in spirited competition.

It was inevitable for one to become acquainted with almost everyone at the tournament from all parts of America and Canada. During one of the matches, I became engaged in a discussion with Myron Cass, a Chicago patent attorney. Somehow or other the subject switched

around to the question as to the oldest handball court in the United States. He seemed somewhat surprised and very interested when I told him about the "Condon" court in early San Francisco days.

Soon, after my return to San Francisco, I received a letter from Cass asking for a copy of my ACE story. I sent him a copy of the issue. Next, I received another letter asking for a copy of an old picture on display at the South End Rowing Club, and other data I might have. The photograph is fantastic. It shows a scene inside of a handball court, labeled "1888, The San Francisco Handball and Raquet Club". There are over 100 spectators in the jammed gallery, mostly wearing derby hats and sporting mustaches or beards. Inside of the back wall of the court (about 8 feet high) is a lineup consisting of the four players evidently getting ready to start a crucial match, plus 11 spectators or possibly officials or an overflow from the gallery, and last but not least in the center, a striking, handsome, strapping man dressed as a bartender (probably the proprietor and house handball champion).

I happened to notice that the April, 1969 issue of ACE magazine contained an unusual story by Cass. He reported

that in his experiences as a patent attorney, he encountered Patent No. 1,299,092, dated April 1, 1919, to cover a new style of handball: "A THING — a handball of polyhedron configuration so that it would have either twelve (12) faces or fourteen (14) faces, depending on the model. It indicated that Mr. Cass was masterful in the field of research. He now loomed as a man of mystery. Perhaps, he might be in process of filing some claims or (patent) to cover some possible earlier handball court in Chicago, or to document the vague reports that Abraham Lincoln played handball in Springfield, Illinois, in 1860? or to dispute Brooklyn's or San Francisco's claim to fame. I felt that I was not qualified to argue with the patent attorney of Chicago. My best move would be to prove without a shadow of any doubt that the first handball court in the United States was built in the city of my birth, in good old San Francisco.

Note: Judnich's second installation, which will appear in the April ACE, summarizes pertinent historical events in San Francisco's history leading up to the 1906 earthquake, and then an energetic start on the project in 1968 by looking up old city directories in various libraries.

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Unroth-Garden

Win Toronto Doubles

A doubles — teamed with Stan Garden, Mickey Unroth won the double tournament for the umpteenth time . . . played at West End Y, Stan and Mickey defeated Barry Leech and Harold McClean in three exciting games. First game — down 19-13 Unroth and Garden rallied to win 21-19. McClean and Leech were in to serve at least three times but Stan and Mickey were not to be denied.

Second game — again coming from behind Garden and Unroth tied the score 20-20. Exchange of serves and Leech and McClean finally reached 21. Third game Harold and Barry jumped to an early lead of 11-3. Score was then tied at 14. It was nip and tuck until 17 all. Leech and McClean got two more to lead 19-17. Again exchange of serves at least twice — no damage. Finally Mickey and Stan got hot, a couple of fly kills, one pass down the right; final point was a beautiful ace down the right that completely fooled Harold. Believe me, I can't help seeing that last serve in my sleep. If anyone has ever had a large fish on the line and just got a peek at it, the line breaks and the fish slowly swims away — all you can do is look. THAT was the final serve. I know the spectators enjoyed the match, more than one remarked it was hard on the nerves. Steady Stan Garden on the right played a real cool game, nothing fancy, just kept the ball in play. What can I say about Mick, he has to be the best doubles partner Canada has ever produced. From anywhere on the court he rolls them out.

Congratulations fellows on an exciting win. Scoop Hayes did the refereeing.

HAROLD McCLEAN

Eastview Y in Toronto held their annual tournament with Bob Thoms and Ian Yeandle defeating Ian Hampton and Jack McFetchridge 31-14. In this tournament the seeded players play with B and C players and alternate serves are used. Beer steins were awarded the winners along with a turkey. A collection was taken for the hard-working City Chairman, Pete Gregerson which he donated to the Star Santa Claus Fund for needy children. Later that night a bash was held at Bob Thoms place.

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Toronto Hammy Tournament played at West End Y was won by C. Cooper and B. Stoddart over P. Bigelli and J. Cardarelli 31-11.

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Runtes-McClean Wins Again

By PAUL G. TRAVER
Physical Director

Harold McClean and Al Runtes, Hamilton, Ontario, teamed up for the second year in a row and won the Niagara Falls YMCA's 12th Annual Holiday Handball tournament doubles held the weekend of December 4-6. Experience showed the way as Harold and Al moved into the finals by downing a very tough team of Richie Greenwald and Bob Harbatkin, New York City, 21-17 and 21-8. This match, it was agreed after, was "The" match of the tourney.

In the lower bracket Ron Sibbald and Bill Allen, Toronto, Ontario, had their hands full in turning back the team of Bill Bobo and Ralph Anderson, Rochester, New York, 21-14, 8-21 and 21-10, to move into the finals against Runtes and McClean. Once there the two Ontario teams went at it with no love lost for their fellow countrymen as Harold and Al stopped them 21-10 and 21-14.

Western Canada

First tournament of the season in Calgary was the Singles Handicap with Chris Ripplinger defeating Alan Day 31-26.

Divisional Singles winners were: Novice, Al Harvey over Les Weinstein 31-25; C, Wayne Whitlock over Herb Martin 31-19; B, Roy Hamilton over Bob Matsune 31-9; A, Stan Fisher beat Jim Westman 31-19.

Divisional doubles winners were C Champs, D. Holder and H. Lindeburg. They were extended the distance by Herb Martin and Wayne Whitlock, 12-21, 21-13 and 21-20. B Champs were Roy Hamilton and Eric Dahlberg over Murray Luft and Terry Clark 21-8 and 21-10. A Champs were Alan Day and Stan Fisher over Mal Lyle and Jim Thomson 21-13 and 21-8.

Besides an active tournament schedule the committee has a youth program going. Nine to 12 year old members receive one-wall instruction, 13-15 year olds get 4-wall play and the 16-20 group are being tutored on a specific program by Bob Matsune. Bob has produced eight players of fine potential with another eight waiting in the wings.

Big dates to remember in Canada are: Alberta Open — February 18, 19 and 20 at Edmonton.

Canadian Open — March 11, 12 and 13 at Montreal.

Western Canadian Open — April 15, 16 and 17 at Calgary.

Bill Adams is the tournament chairman.

GORD MCKAY

In the singles competition there were a few surprises. Gerrie Mingolelli, Syracuse, New York, got the jump on John Filsinger, Buffalo, New York, in the first game and John had to come back strong to advance to the finals with scores of 10-21, 21-5 and 21-7. Jack Godfrey, last year's winner, downed Thomas Pritchard, Buffalo, 21-9 and 21-17 to move on into the finals. In the finals John caught Jack flat-footed and stopped him in two straight 21-18 and 21-13.

One of the funnier moments of the weekend occurred when McClean tried on his prize (a wrist watch) and could not get it off. It took about 15 minutes with various tools to disconnect him with his new prize (pencil finally did the trick).

There were a few mix-ups but things ran smoothly over the three days with a buffet dinner on Saturday evening for the players.

Paul G. Traver, physical director at the "Y" would like to extend his thanks to all who participated and helped in any way and he hopes to see everyone again next year for the 13th Annual Open Holiday Handball Tournament, Dec. 3-5, 1971.

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Montreal

In the Turkey B Tournament Bob Robitaille defeated Nick Rossenti in the two 21-20 and 21-14. Club Tournament held at Palestre — Gilles Lambin beat Jose Churio in three.

A clinic and TV interview were shown on Channel 10 (French speaking) Jan. 9. Players involved are G. Maione, A. Brindini, D. Sylvestre and Montreal Chairman Bob Robitaille.

FUTURE EVENTS: A league to be started between six sport centres in Montreal. This will involve teams of two doubles and three singles to compete in a Round Robin.

Sportsman Show at Maurice Richard Arena for amateur sports will have a booth for handball.

The Gold Medal Award Club chooses an "athlete of the month" (French speaking) and treats them to a lunch with the press. We hope a handball player will be chosen one month.

And of course the Canadian Nationals March 11-13.

BOB ROBITAILLE

Toronto

This year we had 17 entries in the YMHA C singles from the club trying their skill against each other. There were some good matches and the finals looked great for Steven Perry who was trying for the third year to overcome his semi-final habit. Well, this year he did it, meeting a strong contender in 21-year-old Stan Fromstein in the finals. The first game was anybody's but Steven coming on fast took him 21-17 and looking better in the next game took home the club trophy with a 21-6 win.

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The B doubles tournament had some great doubles going for it with the first round up-set as the #1 seed went down to defeat. Seymour Weinstein and Jack Kwinter lost to the Frosberys, a strong brother combination, with a score of 21-11 and 21-6.

Coming from behind Joe Cardarelli and Ed Mazur met Bill Allen and Johnny Sibbald in the finals. Both teams started slow with a lot of round the wall play, neither trying for the kill. First game went to Cardarelli and Mazur 21-17. Second game saw a change of pace with Allen and Sibbald after a long lead, take this one 21-17.

It now remained to be seen who could outlast who. Cardarelli and Mazur started strong putting this final game well out of reach of their opponents. Final scores were 21-17, 17-21 and 21-5. I had the job of referee in this one.

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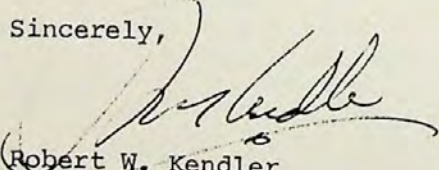
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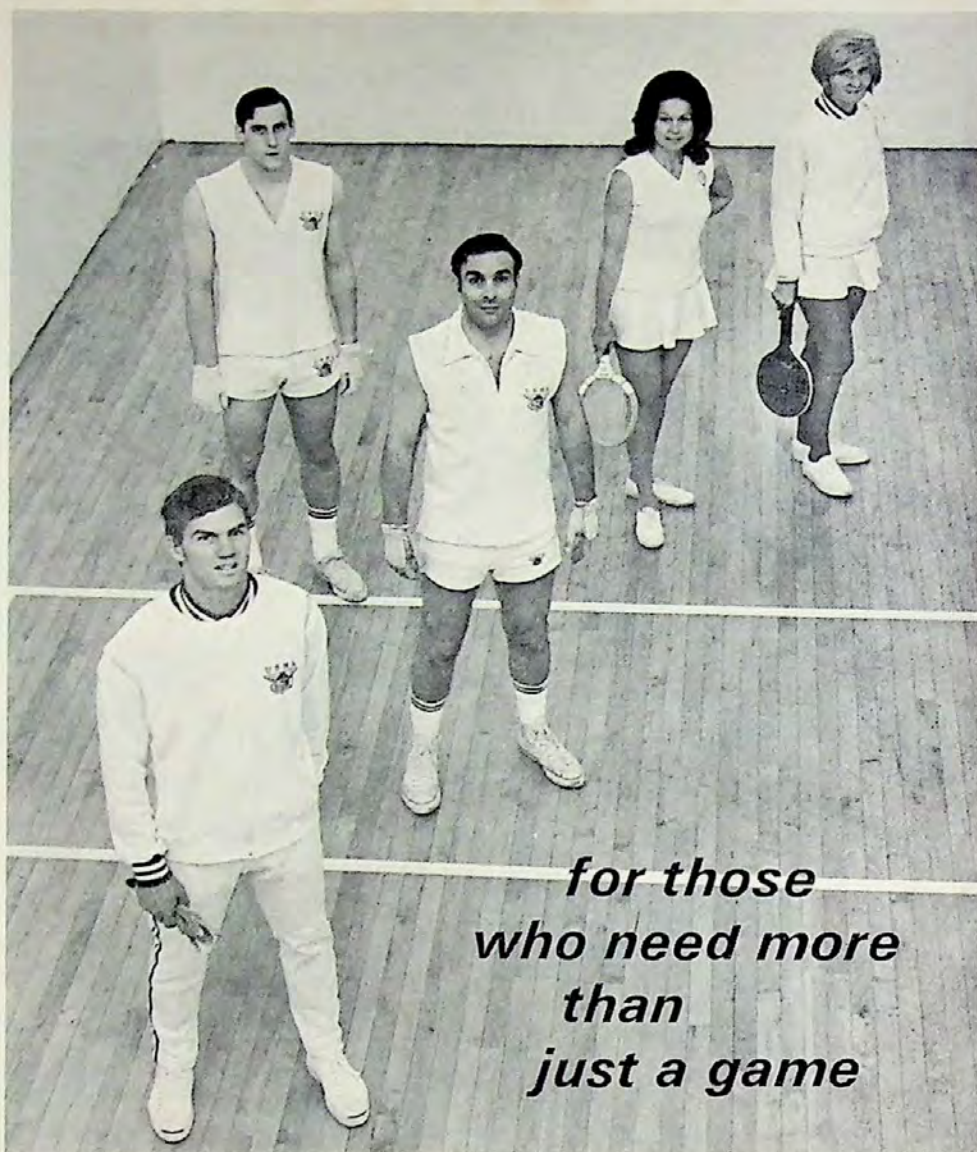
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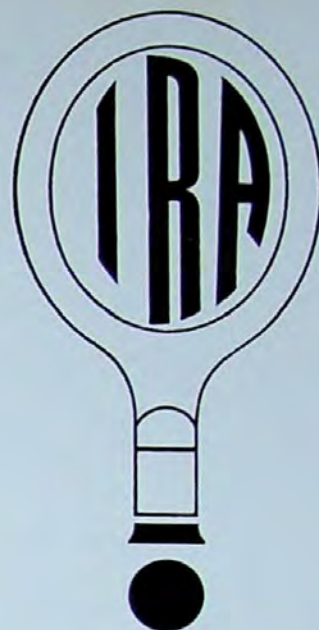
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INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's that time again! You'll find your entry blank for the 3rd International Racquetball Association International championships on page IRA-9. Wayne Player and his hard-working group in Salt Lake City are ready to roll out the red carpet for the tournament. It will be a great one, and you won't want to miss it.

TWO INSTRUCTIONALS

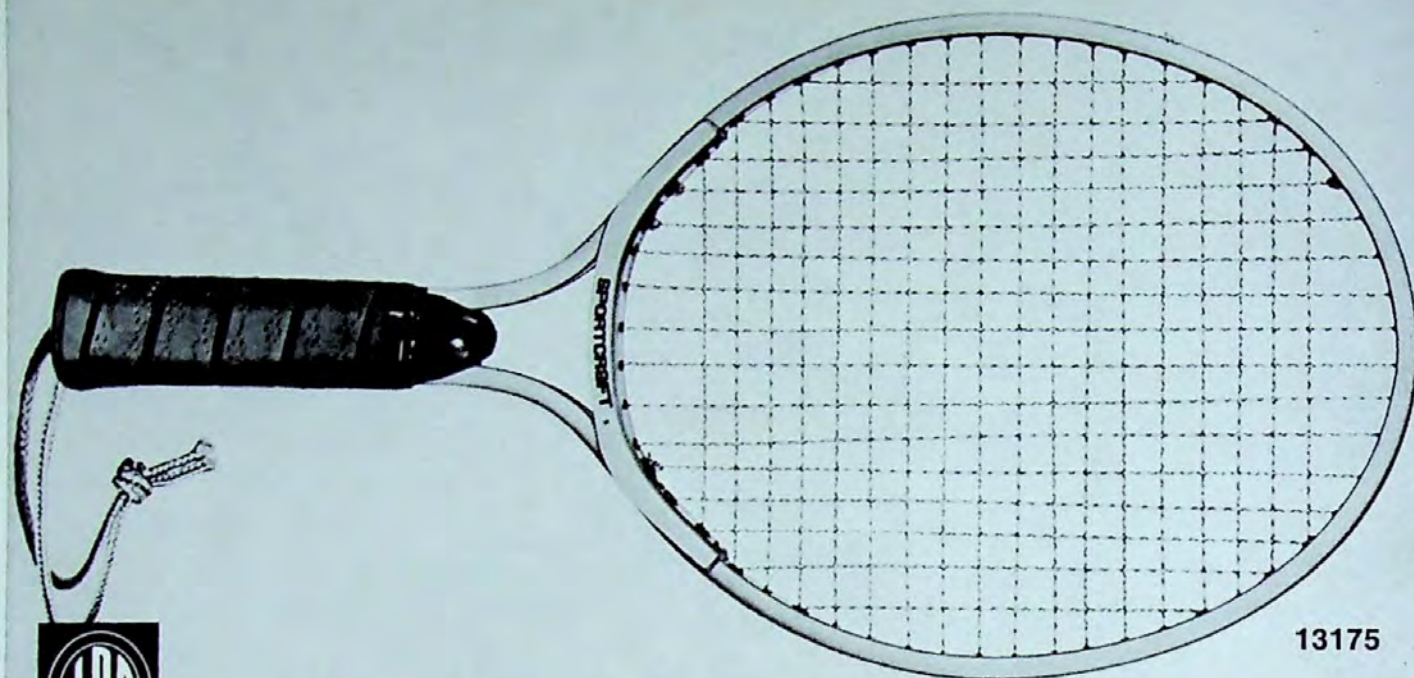
ACE publishes two racquetball instructional articles this month. One, on page IRA-13 is by Saul Ross, Assistant professor of physical education at the University of Ottawa. Ross' comments are aimed at all you weak-wristed racquetballers who would climb the walls before backhanding a ball.

On page IRA-7 you will find an article by Dr. Bud Meuhleisen, who just added the Cowboy Open title to his list of racquetball laurels. 'Meuhlie' discusses the use of the Soft Lob and how it can be used as an effective weapon.

HOME MADE RACQUETBALL

A glance to page IRA-4 will enlighten our readers to the plight of building a handball-racquetball court in your back yard. Tom Gallen of Bradenton, Florida did just that. The problems that were faced and finally conquered are highlighted in the story, from his wife Linda's point of view.

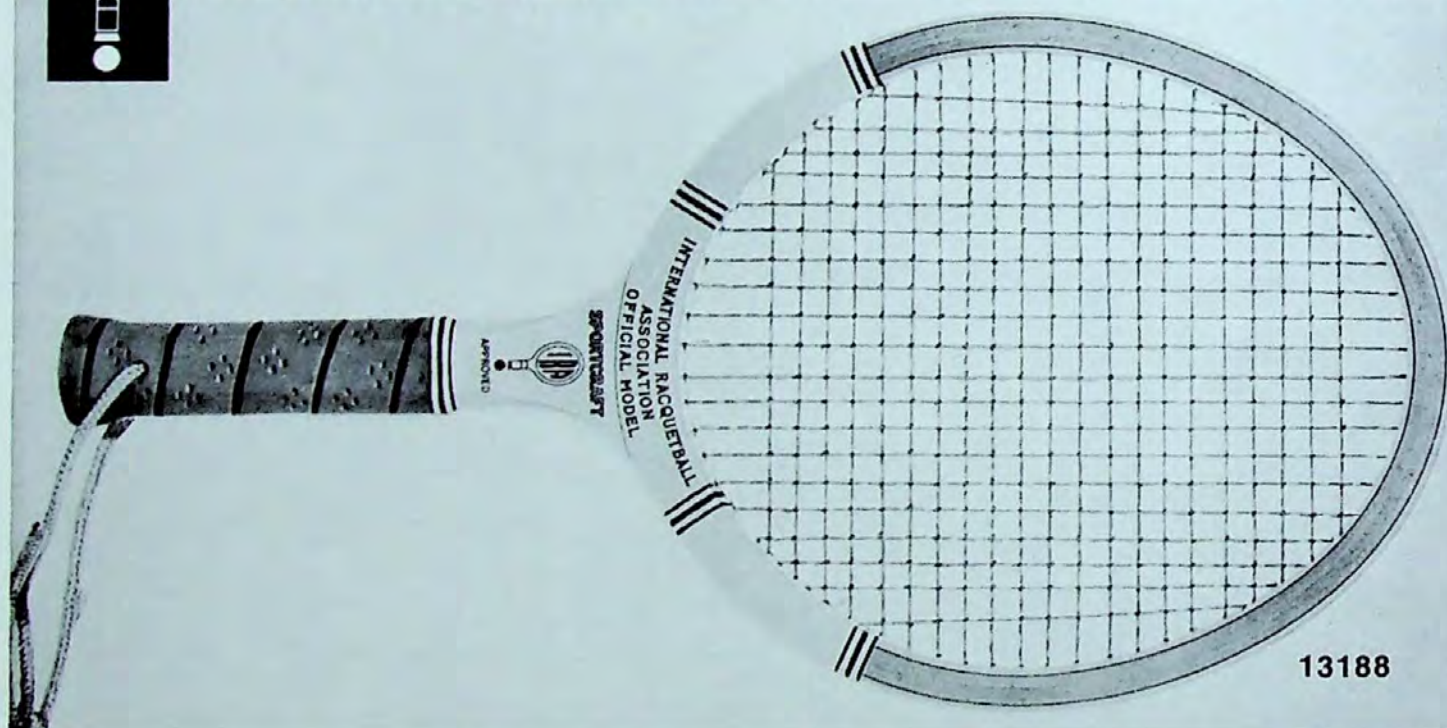
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RACQUETBALL ROOM BY *Chuck Leve*

Well, it's that time of year again. Tournament time. And soon to follow the already in progress divisionals — our 3rd International Championships at the plush Deseret Gymnasium in Salt Lake City.

You can get a rundown on all the divisionals on page 10 of this section. We expect over 350 entries in the six divisionals, setting all-time records. Racquetball is growing so rapidly that we can hardly keep pace with the increase.

Membership rose another 25.6 per cent in January and our ball and racquet royalties also increased. Now with new agreements in gloves (see page IRA-20) and gym suits (page 36) the future looks bright indeed.

One of the "heroes" in promoting racquetball and IRA is Gerry Lapierre, whose column you readers struggle through in every issue of ACE. Gerry has taken the time and money to help promote the game in every sector of the nation and his duties are fully appreciated by the Association.

The other beautiful people are you, our members. Through your support we can hold these tournaments, we can send divisional winners to the Internationals and we can promote the game. But we are looking ahead.

We want an intercollegiate division in IRA. We want to go to the colleges and universities and promote the game where it should be promoted, among the young people of today. We want a junior program, similar to handball's but it should be bigger and greater because of the ease in which youngsters can learn our game.

But you and I know that we're not ready yet. We've got barely 1,000 members in the association. And three-fourths of those in the past year. We are like an iceberg, where you can see only a fraction of the whole, as the rest has yet to surface. So it is with IRA. Look around you when you play. How many of those you compete against or that you see playing are members of IRA? Few, far to few.

There are many areas in the country that still do not know of our existence. We receive letters addressed, "United States Paddle Rackets, Chicago, Illinois." And people write us for rules saying "Are there any rules covering the game played with a racquet in a handball court?" So you see our work is just beginning.

Tournaments are an answer. Invitational tournaments promote the game by stimulating interest through competition and by having the local players, the heart of our association, see top-level racquetball. Sneaky Pete, Peter H. Cornell, Stillwater, Louisville. All were successful invitationals and all have spurred the game in their area.

Local tournaments, house tournaments and state tournaments all help to spread the

gospel of racquetball. Their importance should not be overlooked, yet usually it is, and by those connected with the smaller tournaments themselves.

We want the news of your upcoming tournament. We want to publicize it. We want pictures and a rundown of the matches. ACE Magazine is not only for the elite of the racquetball world but for the individuals who couldn't get even a handful of points off of those elite. And there are many more players in the latter than the former. It is our aim to communicate with the "non-stars" of the sport and add to their enjoyment of the game.

OFF THE BACKWALL — Official IRA representatives will be at all the divisional tournaments. Gerry Lapierre will be in Akron, Ohio for the Mid-East tourney and he may find time to travel to Burlington, Vermont for the New England divisional.

Chuck Leve will be in Omaha for the Central divisional and Flint, Michigan for the National Paddleball Association Championships. Other IRA representatives like Ken Porco, Marlowe Phillips, Ernie LaCoste, Chuck Wurzer, Smitty Schippers and others will be at various divisionals. Seek these men out, make your feelings known, whether complimentary or not. We want to hear what our members have to say.

The word from Wayne Player and his group in Salt Lake City is great. Wayne has seen to it that everything is going smoothly as countdown begins for the third big one.

The Salt Lake City committee has put out an impressive advance brochure on the international tournament, April 21-24. Everything and anything you will want to know about the tourney is contained in this neat booklet. Write the International Racquetball Tournament Committee, Deseret Gymnasium, 161 North Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 for extra copies.

Rude Wins Again

John Rude has added another reward to his already cluttered trophy case. This time it was the 2nd Annual Dakota Open Racquetball Tournament and the site was the Aberdeen, South Dakota YMCA.

Rude, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, proved the best of the 19 singles entries, and then teamed with Dr. Russ Orr, also of Sioux Falls to take doubles honors.

In the singles semi-finals, Rude defeated Paul Ikier of Mankato, Minnesota, 21-5, 21-3. In the opposite bracket, Mark Hegg of Sioux Falls bested Murray Ogborn of Aberdeen, South Dakota, 21-10, 21-17.

The finals in singles went three games, Rude winning 15-21, 21-10, 21-9.

In the doubles semi-finals Rude and Orr defeated Ikier and Doug Zrust of Mankato, 21-13, 21-5 while Hegg and Lowell Hansen of Sioux Falls beat Ogborn and John Forseth of Aberdeen, 21-15, 21-11.

Rude and Orr then took the finals 21-17, 21-9.

Murray Ogborn was chairman of the tourney. Awards were given to first, second and consolation winners. And if you look ahead, the third annual Dakota Open Racquetball Tournament will be in December, 1971.

Northbrook, Illinois

The North Suburban YMCA, Northbrook, Illinois recently held its first racquetball tournament. Divisions included class A, B and women. All play was in singles.

The men's class A tournament was highlighted by outstanding play of two high school boys playing against opponents much older and experienced than themselves. Allan Goodman of Skokie, Illinois defeated four opponents to reach the finals, where he lost to Sonny Marcus of Northbrook. Marcus, a veteran racquetballer ranks fifth in the state. A 15-year old high school student, John Treichler, Northbrook, took third place.

In the men's B division, Jay Sherer, Glenview, Illinois was first and Irvin Alper, Deerfield, second.

The women's racquetball tournament was a first-time event and was so successful that according to Physical Director Faulds Orchard, others will be scheduled. Mrs. Shirley Lind, Northbrook, won a close victory over Mrs. Barbara Lannon, Northbrook, to become the first women's racquetball champion of the North Suburban YMCA. Mrs. Carol Geier, Skokie, placed third.

Backyard Racquetball Great For Gals

Your husband, after ten years of trying, finally gives up the battle of having a handball facility built by the city. Instead, he builds one himself, in the back yard. And the wife ends up another handball widow, twiddling away the hours that Breadwinner spends on the court. Right? WRONG!!

At least in the case of Thomas and Linda Gallen of Bradenton, Florida. Mrs. Gallen refused to ignore the huge structure mere steps from her living room and instead became one of those "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" people. She took up racquetball.

"I started playing racquetball in April, 1969," said Linda, "when the court was completed, primarily because of the availability of a court, but also because I found it very enjoyable, a good conditioning game, and very competitive."

Tom Gallen spent ten years unsuccessfully trying to interest the City of Bradenton or Manatee County into building handball facilities. Feeling the need for regular exercise, and reading about the high aerobic ratings given handball, Tom went to work and built his own.

With the incentive there, the project went forward for Gallen, a member, not surprisingly, of USHA. He had been a handballer in high school and college but suffered from a 15 year absence from any court activity. And when the court was completed in April, 1969, it became a meeting ground for handballers and racquetballers, men and women alike.

"We have a group of about six women who began playing about the same time I did," said Mrs. Gallen. "All of the members of our racquetball group were social friends prior to beginning, and we have made no real effort to recruit. Tom encouraged my efforts, and has asked other women to join my group."

Mrs. Gallen and her partners play racquetball three or four times a week, usually during the week in the daytime.

"We don't play as much on the weekends," said Mrs. Gallen, "because the men play handball then. When it's between us and them, we usually let them play."

The court construction was the combined efforts of the Gallens, neighbors and a construction company. It is made of concrete blocks that are steel enforced.

The outside of the court, which appears smooth in photographs, is actually a Spraycrete mixture that includes a texture of crushed stone. For readers not familiar with South Florida and other warm weather area construction, Spraycrete is a common finish, helpful in sealing in moisture.

"Our home is Spraycreted," said Mrs. Gallen. "And we

did it to the outside of the court mainly to improve its appearance. I think we'll paint the inside of the court soon, maybe light green."

The Gallen court took on an added dimension in late December when lights were added, making for around the clock play. The lighting system was put up by one of Tom Gallen's handball buddies who moonlights as an electrician.

"We can play all the time now," said Mrs. Gallen. "The lights are very good and really make the court seem like daytime. But if we knock a ball out of the court, it's really gone."

Actual construction time was a surprisingly short one week. The original court was three-wall but Tom added the back wall after a year mainly as a safety precaution. Players were racing after balls attempting long retrieves and twisting their ankles on the ledge where the concrete slab floor ended and met the grass of the yard. After a few injuries, Tom decided to enclose the whole thing.

"The block-by-block building was done by a construction company," said Mrs. Gallen. "They sent out two masons to do the job."

"The construction cost about \$1,200, not including the lights and steps, which were done by neighbors and friends. The price was about double what we expected it to be, but we both feel so much better physically, that it was certainly worth it."

The Gallen structure is the only court in Manatee County. The closest facility around is one YMCA court in Sarasota, Florida, 15 miles away. And that is also an outdoor court.

Tom and Linda have two children, Tommy, age six, and two-year-old Mary. Tommy Jr. has already had his court baptism in racquetball with a sawed off tennis racquet that is light and manageable for the youngster. Although little Tommy Gallen hasn't really played the game, other neighborhood youngsters find their way to the court to compete.

And what does husband Tom think of all the racquetball being played on his handball court?

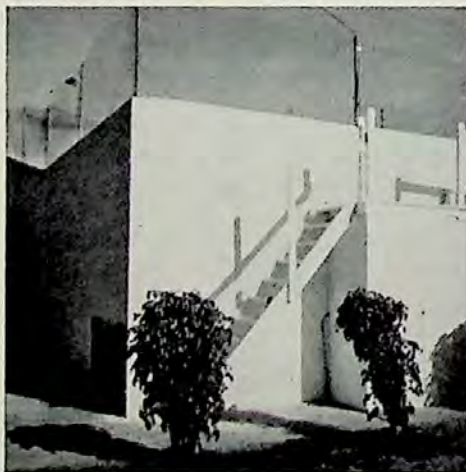
"Well, he would never play racquetball," said Mrs. Gallen. "But recently he developed a bone bruise on one of his hands and couldn't play handball so he picked up a racquet just to keep playing. We've played together and although he won't admit it, I think he really enjoys racquetball."

Mrs. Gallen hasn't really thought much of entering tournament play but she began wondering when mention was made of the women singles bracket at the IRA Southern Divisional tournament in Chattanooga, February 26-28.

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Linda Gallen (r) discusses the intricacies of her court with Jean Robinson (l) and Marriane Blue.



Outside view of the Gallen court shows viewing stand, tool shed, half-door and mesh screen around top of court.



Tom Gallen displays the handball form that drove him to build his own court. Note the concrete block construction.

Chambers, Schultz Wow 'Em In Richmond

The first annual Peter H. Cornell Memorial Open was a rousing success January 22-24 at the Richmond, Virginia Central YMCA. The IRA-sanctioned tournament drew 23 singles entries and 16 doubles teams in the first racquetball tournament in the area.

Norman Chambers, Raleigh, North Carolina took the singles title in a grueling match with top-seeded Bill Schultz, Madison, Wisconsin, 11-21, 21-11, 21-15. Schultz, showing a tenacious backhand, just seemed to run out of gas while playing on a bad leg.

"Schultz taught many of us out here how to use the backhand," said tournament co-ordinator and Y physical director Bill Bolton Jr. "We've got a bunch of eager but inexperienced players and they saw a lot of good racquetball at this tournament."

Chambers showed beautiful drop shots and kills in the championship match, while outlasting Schultz who seemed to be slowed down slightly in the last two games with a heavily taped left knee.

On the way to the championship match, Schultz defeated Edward Whitehurst, Raleigh, 21-9, 21-2, while Chambers knocked off Richard B. Talbot, Jr., Ft. Eustis, Virginia, 21-17, 21-11. The Schultz-Whitehurst match ended in forfeit when Whitehurst suffered a painful back injury. After an injury time-out he could not continue. Steady play by Chambers with few mistakes led him to victory over a tired Talbot.

Talbot and Whitehurst had eliminated the last two remaining Richmond players in the quarter-finals. Talbot beat Bill Buckman 21-16, 21-11 and Whitehurst scored a 21-10, 21-19 victory over Tim Miller.

In doubles action the New Britain, Connecticut team of George Rudysz-Michael Luciw tuned up for the New England Divisional by taking the title over Chambers and Doye Sherrill, Raleigh, 21-13, 21-5. Rudysz-Luciw were in control the entire way.

In the doubles semi-finals, the Rudysz-Luciw team defeated



BILL SCHULTZ (left), RUNNER-UP, congratulates **Norman Chambers** on his victory in the Peter H. Cornell Memorial Racquetball Tournament. Chambers topped Schultz in a tough, three game match.



NORM CHAMBERS BENDS LOW attempting to return shot by **Bill Schultz** in finals of Cornell Memorial Tourney. Note how Schultz is moving into center court position.

Whitehurst-L.P. Wadsworth, Raleigh, 21-11, 21-9 with devastating kills and ceiling shots. Chambers-Sherrill beat the Army team from Ft. Eustis, Virginia, of Talbot and C. H. Keville, 21-16, 21-9.

"The Ft. Eustis courts are not regulation," said Bolton, "and the Army team did have some trouble with it. Their court is only 16 feet wide."

Rudysz, who many people feel will make a real run at the open singles title at the Internationals later this year, took time to work with several of the local players, demonstrating the proper fundamentals.

"George is a real fine player," said Bolton. "One of the best we've ever seen. He took several of the players aside and helped them out."

Bolton plans for the Cornell Open to be an annual event and he and his group have learned much in the process.

"The tournament actually came off rather well," he said. "We were delighted at all the favorable comments. There was no friction between anybody and we feel that it was a good tournament."

"But that isn't to say that we're satisfied. We learned that by having it better organized the tournament can be better in the future. And it will be."

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Tournament results: (Singles) **SECOND ROUND** — Schultz def. Tim Hunter, Richmond 21-0, 21-3; Sherrill def. Robert Schattner, Baltimore 21-7, 21-11; Whitehurst def. Stan Simon, Raleigh 21-9, 21-8; Miller def. George Jackson, Ft. Eustis, 21-10, 21-9; Dr. Allen Schattner, Pittsburgh def. Lewis Martin, Poquoson, VA 21-12, 15-21, 21-6; Chambers def. Harvey Goldstock, Petersburg, VA 21-4, 21-8; Talbot def. Henry Salsbury, Richmond 21-3, 21-8; Buckman def. Jack Lyles, Hickory, NC 21-5, 21-5.

QUARTER-FINALS — Schultz def. Sherrill 21-10, 21-4; Whitehurst def. Miller 21-11, 21-16; Chambers def. A. Schattner 21-16, 21-11; Talbot def. Buckman 21-17, 21-7.

SEMI-FINALS — Schultz def. Whitehurst 21-11, 21-2; Chambers def. Talbot 21-12, 21-15.

FINALS — Chambers def. Schultz 11-21, 21-9, 21-15.

THIRD PLACE — Talbot.

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On The Racquetball Road With Gerry Lapierre



PITTSBURGH: The previous weekend tourney at the Golden Triangle YMCA had taken its toll in injuries with the most serious being a bruised foot to Bill Fullerton. The others escaped with cramps and bruises. Managed to play singles with Joe O'Malley and then, teamed up with John Gardene against Joe Bishop and Gene Grapes. And for the followers of racquetball in the area, you might have guessed it — Gene Grapes was the winner of the tourney.

NORFOLK, Va.: The YMCA is in the midst of an expansion program. Bill Feber, physical director, stated that the facility will add two standard courts making a total of four. Racquetball is steadily increasing, and the addition of the two courts will help.

The Jewish Community Center is a new ultra modern facility with three standard size courts. A unique feature of this structure is an all glass circular Natatorium. Robert Mason, director of physical health and education, is no novice to racquetball and is always promoting the game to the membership — with great success I might add.

FORT EUSTIS, Va.: Stopped in at the gymnasium and managed to contact Major George Jackson, who is an avid racquetballer. The Major was on duty — something about a visit from a General — and suggested that I meet him over at the Officers Club. We finally got together, and after a few rounds of refreshments, we proceeded to the gym to engage in friendly combat. The two courts are oversized (approx. 46' x 26') with all wooden walls. We continued to play until the man on duty requested we evacuate the area: Which was a polite way of telling us to train in and secure for the evening. The only thing left for us to do was to go back to the club for some food and refreshments. My thanks to George for his hospitality and hope to see him at the International.

RICHMOND, Va.: Our visit at the YMCA was saddened by the news of the sudden death of Pete Cornell. I had the pleasure of playing with Pete during my previous visits to Richmond. The racquetballers in the area are holding a tourney in honor of Pete — he was a true

gentleman; on and off the courts.

ROCKVILLE, Md.: The Jewish Community Center has taken a complete reversal since my last visit. Herb Resnick, director of physical education, stated that the handballers have completely dominated the scheduling of the courts. Sid Wolfe, an avid enthusiast of our game, indicated that they have become a poor cousin to the handballers. In order to assure control of the courts, the prime time (4:30-7:00 p.m.) has been given preference to the handballers. My sympathies to Sid Wolfe and the stalwart few.

BALTIMORE: Good news from the Maryland Handball and Racquetball Association. Jim Watt, secretary of the group, stated that plans are in the mill to bring the D.C. and Delaware players into an interstate league. The handballers have their teams organized already and the racquetballers have sent invitations to interested groups. Jack Chelucci, representing the Wilmington Y, gathered a group which included brother John, Mark Jacoby, John Kellener, Orest Ginsiorsky and Chip Davis for team play against the Towson Y contingent of Jim Watt, Gil South, Sandy Smith, Russ Miller, Don Potter and Bill Powell. Singles matches consisted of 2 games and doubles, a single game of 31. A total of 6 singles matches and 3 doubles are played with one point awarded to the winner of each game. The result of the meet was 8-7 in favor of Wilmington. Jim hopes to field four teams; other than the two aforementioned, the Baltimore JCC and the DC YMCA will complete the league. Our heartiest congratulations to the Maryland Association and continued success in their endeavors. The rest of the handballers and racquetballers should take note of what the group in Maryland has accomplished.

Jim Watt had also arranged an informal clinic at the Towson Y Friday night and at the Jewish Community Center in Baltimore on Sunday. Jerry Lushek, Director of Physical Education, assisted in the clinic at the JCC. The front walls of the three courts have been completely rebuilt with wood. Jerry explained that the cost of continually repairing the

front wall was becoming too expensive and therefore, went to wood. My thanks to Jerry and the membership.

NEWARK, Del.: The University of Delaware's 10 courts are kept very active and there are 15 more in the planning stage. Had the opportunity to play Dave Nelson, athletic director and Jim Flynn, assistant football coach. Both seemed to have recovered from injuries which had limited their playing in the past.

WILMINGTON, Del.: The YMCA has three handball courts where racquetball and handball are played. Dave Cathcart, assistant physical director, gave us a cook's tour of the facility and we also had the opportunity to converse with Paul Tedford, physical director. The Chelucci brothers migrated from the Univ. of Delaware and Jack has become the organizer of the racquetballers at the Y.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.: The downtown Y is in the process of completing their new courts. To make way for the new ones, the only standard court they had was demolished and at present, only one small court and the large (converted gym) are available — makes scheduling hectic. George Burger, physical director, stated that when completed, they will have two standard handball courts, two squash and one large (converted gym) court for racquetball. Renewed acquaintance and played with Chuck Dougherty, George Klewer and Ralph Miller. Ralph played handball for 40 years before converting to the gut game. He and George have an old handball shot which they use effectively — the over the shoulder soft kill shot. Ralph is also the champion of the billiard table in the health club. Where's the red ball Ralph?

TRENTON, N.J.: The YMCA has two new squash size courts; one doubles squash and one single wall court. Both handball and racquetball are played on all courts. Jack Scarbrough, physical director, was not available — seems he was home expecting a new arrival.

YORK, Pa.: Jim Trautman, associate physical director of the YMCA, gave us a full tour of the facility which includes two courts. Jim stated that racquetball is steadily arousing the interest of the membership.

HARRISBURG, Pa.: The central YMCA has three standard courts with a strong contingent of racquetballers. Kenneth Ettline, physical director, gave us a tour of the facility and stated that the enthusiasm for the gut game is steadily increasing. The Jewish Community Center has two standard courts and there is a fairly good group active in the gut game. Unfortunately, my arrival was ill-timed and I did not have the opportunity to visit before closing time.

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Meuhleisen Grabs Cowboy Open Title

Dr. Bud Meuhleisen of San Diego, California has won another racquetball tournament. This time Meuhleisen captured first place honors in the open singles bracket of the Cowboy Open Racquetball Tournament, held in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the 12 court facility on the Oklahoma State University campus.

Dr. Meuhleisen defeated Myron Roderick of Stillwater, 21-19, 21-20 in a fast-paced and exciting final series. Bob McInerney, San Diego, took third place by defeating Tom McKie, Stillwater, 21-8, 21-8. Mike Bartlett of Tulsa, Oklahoma won the consolation bracket with a 21-8, 21-15 victory over Luther Bernstein of Dallas.

The tournament, the first of its kind in Stillwater, saw 110 entries in Class A singles and doubles, Class B singles and doubles, and novice singles. It was held January 15-17 and plans are now set to hold the Cowboy Open the same weekend next year.

"We are very pleased with the enthusiasm that has been generated here," said tournament co-chairman Roderick. "We plan to make this an annual event."

It took a dramatic comeback in the second game by Meuhleisen to salvage the victory without going to a third game against Roderick. Roderick led 18-10

at one point, but Meuhleisen caught him at 19 and went out. The first game was a see-saw affair, with Meuhleisen finally coming out on top.

In the semi-final round Roderick defeated San Diegan McInerney 21-12, 21-8, while Meuhleisen put away tourney co-chairman Tom McKie, 21-6, 21-8.

The Class A doubles title went to the team of Roderick-McInerney who defeated Meuhleisen-Mel Wright, (Stillwater), 21-13, 21-10.

In Class B singles, Dennis Schoolfield,



DR. BUD MEUHLEISEN

Stillwater, bested Roland Treat, Stillwater, 12-21, 21-20, 21-20. Third place went to Curtis Park, Tulsa, over Ralph Buckingham, Dallas, 21-20, 21-3. Mel Wright took consolation honors with a 21-15, 21-12 victory over Walter King of Dallas.

The Class B doubles championship was won by Fred Hightower-Jerry Burnsewitz, both of Stillwater, 21-20, 21-14, over Schoolfield-Bob Griffin, Stillwater.

The novice division included 46 entries, a tremendous turnout. Warren Edmonson, Stillwater won the title with a 21-11, 21-5 victory over Tom Hamby. Everett Thomas defeated James Provence for third place, 21-20, 21-7. John Collins took consolation novice honors in a grueling match with Dave Hessel, 21-18, 20-21, 21-17.

"We are quite proud of the novice division," said Roderick. "There are so many novice players, not only here but all around the country. And we feel that it is good to get these players into tournaments. The tourneys give them a chance for needed experience. And the interest stimulated in Stillwater was fantastic."

Roderick is already making big plans for next season's Cowboy Open, and that includes expansion.

"We've got 12 new courts here at Oklahoma State," he said, "and we only used eight of them for this tournament. That, along with the high interest generated means we'll add masters singles, masters doubles, women's singles and mixed doubles to the tournament schedule for 1972."

Roderick said that a new Stillwater racquetball club is now forming and members of the club will become members of IRA. The existing racquetball club hosted all tournament entries and their wives for a big tourney supper, and all players listed above received trophies.

Madison, Wisc.

The Capital City Racquetball Tournament will be held at the Central Branch YMCA, Madison, Wisconsin February 19-21. Chairman Bill Yanakos stated that the tournament entry fee is \$5.00 and entry deadline is February 16.

Yanakos also announced the upcoming Capital City High School Racquetball tournament February 26-28, at the Madison West YMCA. Entry fee is \$2.50 and high schoolers from anywhere in the country are eligible for this tourney. Entry deadline is February 23.

Instructional:

'Meuhlie' Advises Soft Lob

By DR. BUD MEUHLEISEN

The soft lob is very seldom utilized to its fullest among racquetball players of all calibers. First of all, very few players have truly evaluated the soft lob, nor have they honestly afforded much practice time to this shot.

In referring to the SOFT LOB, we are speaking of that shot which carries over the opponent's head, and after one bounce will die as much as possible at the back wall. The intent of the soft lob is to cause the opponent to dig out the ball at the back wall which often sets up the next kill. This shot will also accomplish repositioning of center court position by putting your opponent behind you, as well as causing your opponent to run backwards which is much more tiring than moving forward.

The soft lob is best controlled by meeting the ball at the height of its bounce. A smooth even stroke with a follow through directed right at the spot on the

front wall you wish to hit, will best accomplish your objective.

The soft lob can be practiced quite effectively while alone in the court. Practice hitting the lob from the center of the court to obtain the touch and feel necessary for control. Then move to each side wall and practice hitting the same shot up and down the line. This type of practice will immediately allow you to analyze what you are doing right and wrong. Also try playing a game once in awhile in which you attempt no kill shots. Use just the soft lob and possibly drop shots.

Remember the one important thing to avoid with the soft lob is bouncing it too hard off the back wall, which would then allow an opponent a setup.

The soft lob must incorporate a real sense of touch, and this comes only through diligent practice and patience.

Give it a try!

Salt Lake City Readies For Internationals

After two highly successful International Championship tournaments at the JCCA in St. Louis, the International Racquetball Association moves its tourney westward, to the beautiful Deseret Gymnasium of Salt Lake City.

The luxurious athletic facilities of the Deseret Gym cannot be overstated. The entire structure is air conditioned and billed as "recreation at its best." And judging from the raves of handballers who witnessed the 1966 national handball championships at the Deseret we will soon be getting the red carpet treatment.

Wayne Player, IRA's Western Area Commissioner and manager of the Deseret Gymnasium, has had his committees working full force to bring you the best International tournament ever.

There are nine courts at the gym, each with an observation gallery. One of the courts is glass side-walled set between two other courts, making for excellent galleries.

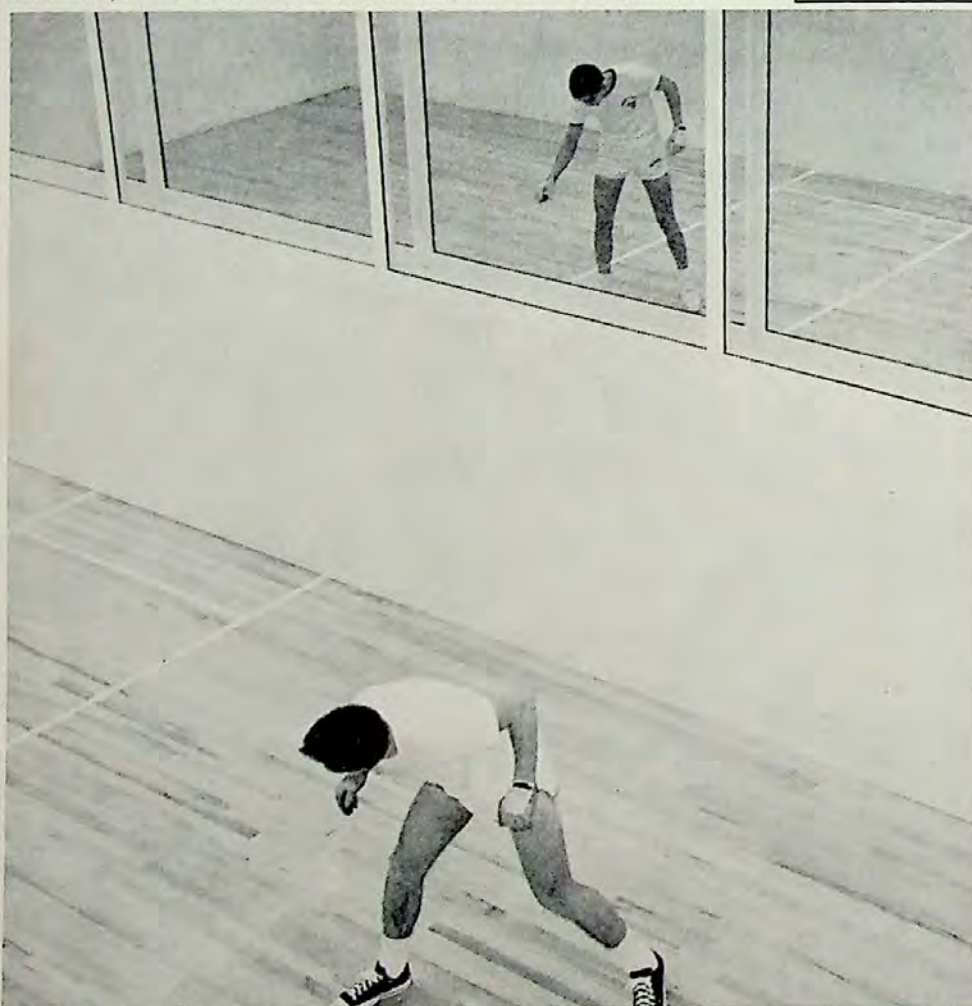
Among the other facilities at the Deseret Gym are swimming pools, steam and sauna rooms, badminton and squash courts, basketball, complete exercise rooms, sunlamps, heat rays, whirlpools and massage. Plus a barber shop, beauty shop for your better half and a snack bar. And much, much more.

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Racquetball Tournament Committee, Deseret Gymnasium, 161 North Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84103.

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THE GLASS SIDE-WALLED CHAMPIONSHIP COURT at the Deseret Gymnasium in Salt Lake City will no doubt field top-flight racquetball action. Here, in posed shots by two handball players (sorry about that) the window-like effect can be seen. Portable bleachers will be set up in both adjacent courts for maximum seating capacity. Tickets are on sale now, so for your reserved seats be sure to contact the tournament committee at the Deseret Gym.

IRA Calendar For 1970-71

February 12-14, IRA New England Divisional, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Jeff Willis, Chairman.

February 13-14, National Invitational Doubles Tournament, Louisville, KY JCC, Ken Porco, Associate Director.

February 18-21, National Paddleball Association Championships, Flint, MI YMCA, Henry deWyk, Physical Director.

February 26-28, IRA South Divisional, Chattanooga, TN YMCA, George W. Jones Jr.

February 26-28, IRA Mid-East Divisional, Akron, OH YMCA, Don Nelson, Martin L. Stein, Co-Chairmen.

March 12-14, IRA Central Divisional, Omaha, NE Central YMCA, Ken Hamlin, Physical Director.

March 14-15, Mid-West Jewish Welfare Board Tournament, Louisville, KY JCC, Ken Porco, Associate Director.

March 19-21, IRA Southwest Divisional, Tulsa, OK Southeast YMCA, Jim Gilbert, Physical Director.

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HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Divisional Tournaments Get Green Light

New England

The University of Vermont is host for the first 1971 IRA Divisional tournament, February 12-14. The eight court facility in Burlington, is being primed for top notch competition. Tournament co-chairmen Jeff Willis and Tom Crane are bracing themselves for 50 entries and possibly more.

Large turnouts are expected from a number of New England racquetball hotbeds including New Britain, Connecticut, Paterson, New Jersey, Wilmington, Delaware, Fitchburg, Massachusetts and others.

"We are getting full cooperation from the University's athletic department," said Willis, who finished third in the 1970 Eastern divisional. "Mr. Charles Christiansen, UV's athletic director, has been very helpful."

The athletic department besides supplying the courts are also lending a hand with the refereeing and hospitality.

Play is scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning the 12th with the finals either Saturday afternoon or Sunday, depending on the number of entries.

Conspicuous by their absence will be Bob Yellin and Don Wallace the defending IRA Doubles championship team. They have decided to participate in the National Invitational Doubles tourney in Louisville, Kentucky the same weekend. But that hasn't slowed down tournament enthusiasm and makes for an even more open field.

The tournament banquet will be Friday night at the Waterman Building on the University campus. The actual supper will be in the President's dining room. A hospitality room near the courts will feature soft drinks, cold cuts, donuts and coffee.

Crane, who is a member of the University's top-ranked hockey team has alerted the local press to the tournament with announcements and stories expected to be carried in the Burlington Free Press, the University of Vermont Cynic, WJOY and WDOT, both Burlington radio stations.

"We're hoping that this will be a fine tournament, with a relaxed atmosphere," said Willis.

Mid-East

Tournament chairman Don Nelson, physical director of the Akron, Ohio, YMCA has been hard at work preparing for his Mid-East Divisional. Nelson has mailed flyers to all JCC's and YMCA's in his division, and has also promoted the tourney locally.

The first round will be Friday afternoon or evening, February 26 at the six court Y, with locals possibly beginning play on Thursday. The semi-finals will be Saturday night and the championships Sunday. Play will be conducted in open singles, open doubles, masters singles and masters doubles.

"We're expecting about 70 entries," said Nelson, "and it should be a real fine tournament."

Housing is available at the Y which is serving as tournament headquarters. There are over 400 rooms in the facility. For those seeking more luxury there are hotels and motels within a block of the Y.

Nelson has set up a hospitality room near the courts (two of which are glass back-walled). Hot dogs, chips, soda pop, coffee, donuts and many other goodies are expected to be devoured by the hungry racquetballers.

All seating to the tournament will be

sold general admission, first come, first served and at a nominal price. Participants will have full use of the locker room and athletic club facilities.

"We'll have the tournament banquet Saturday afternoon," said Nelson, "after the quarter finals. It will be a luncheon, buffet style. I don't think that the players want any big, elaborate dinner and in the past these relaxed buffets have been well-received."

Souvenir t-shirts have been ordered and a souvenir program is in the making. The only problem so far has been qualified refereeing.

"Raquetball is a relatively new game here in Akron," said Nelson, "and we don't really have more than one or two qualified people for refereeing. I think that the players will have to do their share of the reffing."

February 26-28, Akron, Ohio. See you there.

South

"The t-shirts are here, the trophies are here and the balls are on their way," said tournament chairman George W. Jones, Jr. "We're ready to go."

Thus the enthusiastic group in Chattanooga, Tennessee is preparing for the Southern IRA divisional, leaving no stone unturned.

"We're anticipating around 50 entries," said Jones. With about 15 or 20 of them being from the local area."

Jones has received entries from as far away as Hollywood, Florida and expects large contingents from Louisville, Memphis, and the Carolinas. The tourney will be February 26-28, at the Chattanooga Central YMCA.

Housing can be handled by the Downtown Holiday Inn, 401 W. 9th St., across the street from the Y. Rooms there go for \$12.50 per day and up. Four blocks away is a Read House with motel, 9th & Broad Sts. Rooms there start at \$9.50 per day.

There will be a tournament banquet Saturday night at the YMCA. Plans are for it to be a casual buffet style dinner.

"We want the banquet to be one where the players can move around and get to know each other," said Jones.

The hospitality room at the five-court facility (one with glass side wall) will be in the Y. Promises are that it will be beautiful.

One of the most interesting innovations of the Southern divisional is the official program. Each program will (to page IRA-16)

Wilmington Team Continues Undfeated In Maryland-D. C.-Delaware League

The Wilmington, Delaware Y.M.C.A. Racquetball Team opened its '71 season with a decisive win over host Towson, Maryland Y.M.C.A. in the first league match of the Maryland-D.C.-Delaware Racquetball League by posting a 12-3 victory.

The win increases the team streak to five victories without a defeat; with previous wins over Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre, Patterson, and Towson.

Play-by-play action of match: Jack Chelucci (Wilm.) def. Cutko (Towson) 21-16, 21-6; John Chelucci (Wilm.) drew South (Towson) 4-21, 21-15; John Kel-

leher (Wilm.) def. Keller (Towson) 21-18, 21-12; Russ Montague (Wilm.) def. Smith (Towson) 21-17, 21-7; Stan Newborn (Wilm.) drew Potter (Towson) 21-13, 14-21; Orest Ginsiorsky (Wilm.) drew LiPira (Towson) 16-21, 21-9; John Chelucci & John Kelleher def. Powell & South 31-17; Stan Newborn & Orest Ginsiorsky def. Keller & Smith 31-29; and George Jannuzzio & Jack Chelucci def. Potter & Schewholy 31-22.

Wilmington's next league match was with host Washington, D.C. Y.M.C.A. on January 31.

—JACK CHELUCCI

Louisville Hosts National Doubles Tourney

Top ranked racquetball players from coast to coast will converge on the "Bluegrass State" on Saturday, and Sunday, February 13th & 14th, to take part in the 2nd Annual Louisville National Doubles Racquetball Tournament.

The "Louisville Invite" is one of the first major tournaments of the new year and will bring together many of the teams who have not played against each other since last year's International Championships at St. Louis. JCC Racquetball Committee Chairman, Andy Hyman, reports that his Committee has been working diligently to bring about another successful tournament. Every effort has been made to get the most viewing space possible including closed circuit television for the semi-final and final matches.

The purpose of the "Invite" is to try to bring together the sixteen best doubles teams available and the response from the players has been fantastic to say the least.

Heading the list and top seeded as they were last year are Dr. 'Bud' Muchleisen and Charlie Brumfield from San Diego. 'Bud' and Charlie never lost a game in last year's initial "Invite" and are back to defend their title.

The second seed was given to Bob "Bul" Yellin and Don Wallace, the IRA's current champions. Bob and Don will travel to Louisville from New Britain, Connecticut, and in the process, pass up the New England Divisionals at the University of Vermont. Thanks fellows.

Last year's second place finishers, Mike Anzalone and Angelo Vicchio of Cleveland who always must be considered a threat to win any tournament will pass up this year's "Invite" because of Mike's current illness. We know that Mike will bounce back and be ready for the "big

ones" that are left this year.

Teaming up this year for the first time, and seeded third will be Mike Zeitman, a member of the 1969 IRA doubles champions, and Ken Porco who together with Dr. Dick Ribisl finished second in



KEN PORCO

the IRA International Tournament last year. Mike and Ken will be playing on their home courts.

Alan Hyman, the other half of the Zeitman-Hyman championship team of 1969 will have as his partner, Don Rigazio, a Louisville player who is fast becoming a top-flight performer.

Getting the fifth seed are Craig Finger and Paul Lawrence of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Craig and Paul finished first and third respectively in the 1970 IRA singles championships in St. Louis and if they get their game together — watch out everybody. Heading a contingent of three teams from St. Louis will be the father-son team of Marlow and Jay Phillips both of whom are excellent players and certainly must be considered contenders

for the championship.

The youngest team in the tournament will be Ted Yvelson and Jerry Hilecher who showed great promise on their home courts in St. Louis last year. Bill Schmidtke, always a top contender, has teamed up with Paul Nelson, an excellent player from the Madison, Wisconsin, area. Bill now makes his home in Wisconsin Rapids. Bob McInerney (San Diego) and Myron Roderick (Stillwater, Oklahoma) a team that made it to the quarter finals of the IRA tournament last year promise strong competition for any team.

Rounding out the draw are such familiar names as "Bubba" Levy, Bob Hill (Houston, Texas), Earl Dixon, Jim Knauer (Indianapolis), Ike Gumer, Herman Abramovitz (Louisville), Jim DeVito, Wally Rivera (Chicago), Irv Zeitman, Bill Evans (Louisville) and a newcomer to the IRA scene, Paul Rubin of Cincinnati. Just watching Paul move around the court will tell you that he will be around for a long time.

As is becoming the custom of many recent tournaments, a clinic and series of exhibition matches will be held on Sunday night following the final matches and as is also becoming a custom, Dr. 'Bud' Muchleisen will conduct the clinic giving beginners and experienced players alike the benefit of his many skills on the court.

The Louisville National Invitational Doubles Racquetball Tournament is fast becoming a tradition across the country and many now consider winning it as the first step toward a national championship. A much deserved "well done" is given all the committees, hostesses and staff of the JCC who worked many hours to insure a "first class" tournament.

—KEN PORCO

Home Court

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"You know," she said. "I really have no way of telling how good we are. I mean, we can play three or four times a week, but we have nothing to judge our skill by. I wonder how we would do in competition?"

The problems encountered by having a court in your back yard have been minimal in the Gallen case. Our course if it rains outside it also rains inside the court. But the human conflicts are just about solved.

"Most of the neighbors either support the court or have been very tolerant since they realize the amount of enjoyment it provides," said Mrs. Gallen. "There has been only one vociferous complainer, but he bought his house after the court was constructed. Anyhow, he's reputed to be a professional cynic, so we pay little attention to his complaints."

Bravo!



Louisville Jewish Community Center Racquetball Committee is hard at work preparing for upcoming National Doubles Invitational. Pictured left to right (seated): Bruce Kranz, Andy Hyman (Chairman), Philip Yoffe, and Don Rigazio. Standing, L to R: Irv Zeitman, Steve Zeitman, Alan Stoler, Alan Hyman, Jim Townsend, Albert Spivak and Jerry Gilbert. Missing from picture: Lee Goren, Ike Gumer, Bill Simon and Herman Abramovitz.

Lapierre

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WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.: The group for court play was somewhat thinned this weekend. Two reasons were attributed for the lack of players: The Penn. State-Pitt. football game and the hunting season. Bob Lenhart and son Jim arrived a little after noon for several games of doubles. They had been hunting all morning with one bird to show for it. By the way, son Jim changed colors since our last report from green to blue — including the shoe laces.

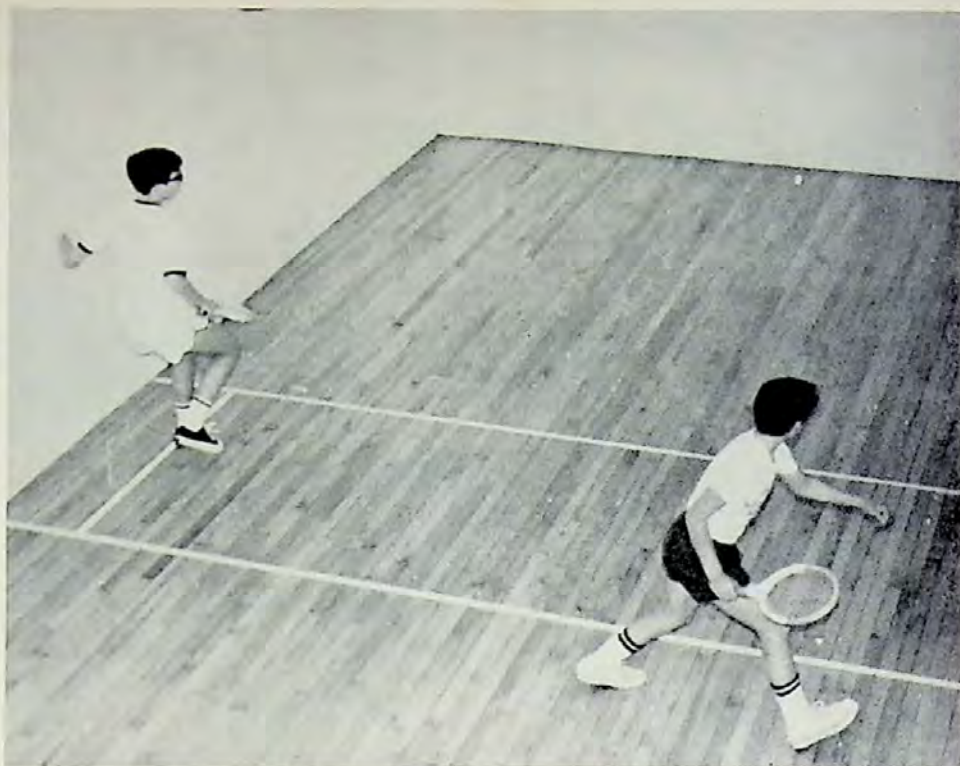
LOUISVILLE, Ky.: Ken Porco, South Area Commissioner and physical director of the Jewish Community Center, stated that the center will make their invitational doubles tourney an annual one. Meetings have been conducted on a weekly basis to assure the combatants, of a well organized meet. The tourney will be drawing the top doubles team in the country.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.: The central YMCA refurbished the front walls of their courts in time for the Old Hickory Handball tourney. Played with Frank Burkholder and Murray Seaverance. Frank and Nelson Andrews will be pairing up in the doubles match at the divisional tourney.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.: Met with Andy Kozar, who is now well established in the new facility at the University of Tennessee. The courts were receiving the final coat of paint so we were not able to play. After comparing notes with Andy, who came up with some worthwhile ideas, we went over to the Y and played with Ray DePue who flew in from Nassau to play a few games with yours truly. Well, that's not the whole story; seems Ray developed engine trouble or he would have been back yesterday — have to keep my story straight.

HICKORY, N.C.: The oversized court at the Lake Hickory Country Club has been refurbished which included the installation of a glass back in the spectators area. Health director Jack Lyles, in order to increase the interest, started a doubles tourney with a member and guest as partners. The guest was invited 4 weeks ahead of the tourney so that he would give a creditable showing. The team of Jim Patrick and Gene Sigmon won the tourney — Gene was a former captain of the North Carolina football team. The idea of the tourney according to Jack, was to promote the interest of racquetball and not so much to build the membership of the club.

When I visited six months ago, there was approximately 15 players. This time, our clinic drew 63. Included were representatives from the city recreation department, Danny Thompson and Bob Carrier. The local Y was represented since



Ed McHugh (1) one of the up and coming racquetballers in the Pittsburgh area is shown retrieving in match against Tom Schmidt in the "Youth Racquetball Tournament" at the Golden Triangle YMCA. This tourney and others like it are rapidly becoming the incentive needed to help promote the game among youngsters.

Youth Tourney Successful

On December 30, 1970, 20 spectators watched as 16 youths participated in the Golden Triangle's first annual "Youth Racquetball Tournament." To the extent of Golden Triangle's knowledge, this was an all-time first for such a youth tourney and it was a fine success.

The competition was broken down into two groups of eight competitors each (12 to 14; 15 to 18). The play was hot and heavy, and each age group had three fine first place winners. Ed McHugh, Tom Means and Dale Gurgiolio in the 12 to 14 group and Finas Williams, a fine player at 18, Chuck Means and Don

Klousnitzer in the 15 to 18 age group. Watch out for those McHugh boys next year!

It's just possible that the fine playing in the tourney was, in part, due to the first Racquetball Clinic ever held in the city of Pittsburgh. Two of those fellows who finished in top spots in the tournament did take advantage of Eugene Grapes' instruction, (1970 Pennsylvania Racquetball Champion). The Clinic was held on the 19th of December and according to the director in charge, Lonny Tosi, it will also be an annual event.

they will be building a new million dollar facility, which will include two standard courts. The exhibition consisted of singles with Jack Lyles and Frank Shuford; doubles with Jack as my partner against Buddy Johnson and Jim Patrick — Jack and I lost the second game. I am breaking my own rule in giving the results, but I will do anything to get new members.

HIGH POINT, N.C.: Dave Snyder, physical director of the Y, gave us a tour of the facility which consists of two standard courts. Racquetball is very strong and while visiting at the lunch hour, we were witness to both courts being used by proponents of the gut game.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.: Bill Hutchins, physical director of the Y, stated that his membership is prodding him to line up a few tourneys for the gut followers. Even though the courts here are much smaller than standard size, it does not lessen the enthusiasm.

GREENSBORO, N.C.: Van Gunther, the Y's physical director, did an outstanding job in getting the membership together for a clinic. Dick Hammer and Don Prago challenged us in singles and then paired off to challenge myself and Bob Watkins in doubles. Thanks to Van and his membership for a fine evening. After the clinic Van volunteered to drive
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Backhand Is Key To Improving Your Game

By SAUL ROSS

During the pre-season planning of strategy many players decide to exploit a common weakness found among racquetballers by determining to concentrate on their opponents backhand. A player who has a strong backhand, to go along with the usually strong forehand strokes, has a balanced game. The strong backhand serves to upset his opponents basic strategy and may even serve to create confusion and consternation before the match. This factor alone can affect the outcome of the game.

A poor backhand has the obvious effect of providing a glaring weakness for your opponent as well as limiting your effectiveness to only one side of the court. In an attempt to overcome this fault many players tend to overcompensate by moving over too much to use a forehand stroke, thereby putting themselves out of position for the next shot. An improved backhand will improve your court position.

Due to the nature of the musculature of the arm, shoulder girdle and upper body, with proper technique, execution and practice it is possible to develop a backhand stroke that is stronger and better than the forehand.

While practice does not really make perfect, obviously practice will improve your backhand and thus strengthen your over-all game. The range and speed of the swing, the arc, the movement of the arm and wrist and the rotation of the upper body will all contribute to the effectiveness of your backhand.

Strange as it may seem the most important factor in improving the backhand may be none of the points just mentioned; improvement starts with the footwork. For a right-handed player this means a short jab, cross-over step so that the right foot is closest to the front wall, the right shoulder is pointing to the front wall; the left foot is slightly behind the right foot when measured from the left wall.

Once in this position the racquet can be moved a long way back on the backswing providing much more force for the stroke. The speed of the ball coming off the front wall will determine the length of the backswing. Ideally you should begin to "open up" as soon as the ball comes off the front wall.

From the end of the backswing the path of the actual

stroke should be parallel to the floor. The face of racquet is important: it should be perpendicular to the floor, unless you are attempting to cut the ball.

Contact with the ball can be made in three basic positions: parallel to the front wall which would cause the ball to come straight back, to your opponents backhand, slightly behind, which would cause the ball to hit the left side wall first; slightly in front which would cause the ball to go to the other side of the court.

When hitting slightly in front aim for the middle of the front wall for a passing shot on the right. Attempting a side-wall, front-wall kill from this stroke requires contact further in front than contact for a passing shot.

In all these strokes the follow-through should lead you back into a ready position in the middle of the court.

For backhand kill shots you need to follow the same advice as for forehand kill shots — wait until the ball drops and then hit it low. The same advice holds true for a backhand kill from the back wall but this shot demands great whip action from the wrist. To prepare for this shot the wrist should be flexed during the backswing in preparation and great concentration is required to provide maximum whip action at the point of contact with the ball (similar to Hank Aaron in baseball).

Due to the speed of some of the shots it may be impossible to use the cross-over step to get ready for the backhand shot. When hitting a backhand with both feet facing the front wall the rotation of the upper body becomes vital, for it allows you to increase the range of your backswing which is one determining factor in the force of your shot.

Racquetball is played for enjoyment — many players don't want to practice because they would rather play to enjoy the game. Experience has shown that the level of enjoyment increases with the level of skill. Time invested in practice will pay huge dividends in increased enjoyment during games. The look of amazement and chagrin on your opponents face, coupled with the feeling of accomplishment when you consistently make point with your backhand will more than compensate for the time invested in practice.

To improve your game, improve your backhand.

Shuford-Johnston Win Hickory Country Club Doubles Tourney

Frank Shuford and Don Johnston teamed up in mid-December to win the second annual Member-Member Doubles Racquetball Tournament at the Lake Hickory, N.C. Country Club-Athletic Club.

Twenty-eight players entered the tournament, forming 14 teams, in the club's second year of racquetball. In the first tournament only 15 players entered, and more of the 63 club players were expected to participate this year but a warm spell brought too much golfing into the air.

Shuford and Johnston defeated the Robert Stark-Jim Fisher team 21-10, 21-17, 17-21, and 21-15 in the best three-of-five games in the finals, to retain the title they captured in the initial tourney.

In the semi-finals, Stark-Fisher, the darkhorse team of the tournament, fought off the tough team of Joe Shook-Marvin Cohen in three games, 16-21, 21-12, 21-13.

Tired and weary from playing all day, the two "old men" defeated the "rookies" in a grueling match.

In the other bracket, Shuford-Johnston were having little trouble with the Jim Houston-Ralph Snell combo. Shuford-Johnston dominated play and coasted to

21-11, 21-11 victories.

Trophies were given to first and second place finishers. Free refreshments and rib-eye steaks were given to all tournament players and officials. The tourney was co-chairmanned by Joe Shook and Jack Lyles.

The International Racquetball Association has announced that there will be no intercollegiate racquetball tournament this year. The tourney, which had been tentatively scheduled for early April, has been put off a year.

"We're just not ready for it," said IRA executive secretary Chuck Leve. "We are just now hitting the colleges and universities. I think next year is the right time for us to begin with intercollegiate play as an annual event."

Chabot College, in Hayward, California, IRA's would be host for the Western divisionals on the intercollegiate level has been notified that their tourney will have no place to send the winners.

"There is no doubt that both racquetball and paddleball are being played on the college campuses," said Leve. "But as a relatively new organization, we are going to have to go in and introduce ourselves to the intercollegiate world."

Paddleball Championships Ready To Roll

Everything is set for the National Paddleball Association National Championships in Flint, Michigan, February 18-21.

Henry deWyk, Physical Director of the host Flint YMCA and tournament co-chairman, is expecting a record entry and he has made tourney preparations with that in mind.

Matches will begin Thursday morning, February 18, probably at 9:00 a.m. All participants in the tournament must be ready to play by that time.

"In the past we were able to send out flyers alerting each player as to his actual first round starting time," said deWyk. "And some of the players didn't have to show up until Friday. But we just can't do that this year because of the high number of entries. We just can't tell who will play when until right before the tournament."

Play in the NPA Championships will be in open singles, open doubles and Master's doubles. The finals are scheduled

for Sunday afternoon, with semi-finals either Sunday morning or late Saturday afternoon, depending on the number of entries.

Each participant will be given a nylon knit warm-up jacket with the National Paddleball Association insignia on it, compliments of the tournament directors.

"That's right," said deWyk. "The jackets are in, and they are free to everyone entering the tourney. We felt that they would be nicer and more useful than the usual t-shirts and shorts."

Official ball for the tournament will be the Pennsylvania 100. Tournament coordinators and many entrants expressed concern that some players had been using the wrong ball. The Pennsy 100 has a pin hole in its and is greyish-blue in color. DeWyk expressed optimism that a prior breakage problem with the ball has been alleviated, after a discussion with the Pennsylvania Company.

Headquarters for the tournament is the Imperial 400 Motel, 902 Stevens, in Flint. The Autorama Motel, about a half mile away will serve any overflow that the Imperial 400 cannot handle.

"We'll be happy to make housing arrangements for any entrant," added deWyk, "but the participant must request it on his entry blank."

Additional rooms are available at the YMCA, where the actual play will be conducted. The tourney hospitality room will be at the Imperial.

The official rules will be those of the NPA, which are similar but not identical to those used by the International Racquetball Association. Copies will be available at the Y.

Local coverage of the tournament will include both television and press publicity. The tournament banquet will be held at the YMCA, buffet style.

"We don't want the banquet to be any big thing," said deWyk. "We've had big elaborate banquets in the past and they've been a bust. This will be a business meeting and buffet, with the emphasis on the meeting."

Refereeing, which has caused some problems in past NPA tourneys, will probably be handled by Flint, YMCA volunteers and players. Every effort is being made to have a well-officiated tournament.

Those participants needing transportation from Flint airport into town, should designate such on their entry blanks along with their flight number and arrival time. An NPA official will be there to meet you, but if complications arise call Henry deWyk, Flint, 313-239-9481.

See you there!

On The Racquetball Road With Lapierre

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the group to a well known eatery and I must report to the membership that his sense of direction has improved immeasurably. Have I got you off the hook now Van?

RALEIGH, N.C.: Had a long conversation with Jack Thomas, physical director of the Y, regarding the differences in rules and the acceptance of the membership. Also played with Ed Whitehurst, L. T. Wadsworth, Norman Chambers and Wild Bill Wilson, our southeast commissioner. Bill stated that he went down to Wilmington, N.C. and played a few games with the local racquetballers at the Y. Norm Chambers is setting his sites on the divisional tourney.

LAURINBURGH, N.C.: Had received an invite from Gerald Griffin to visit the facility at St. Andrews Presbyterian College and, since I was on my way to Charleston, I decided to stop by. The modern facility has three 46'x23' courts and it takes a little while to get used to them. Because of prior commitments we could only play one game with Gerald, but we are anticipating a much longer session on our next visit.

CHARLESTON, N.C.: Talked to Bill Hendley, physical director of the Y, and he stated that the two standard courts are used by the handballers and the smaller size court by the racquetballers. The followers of the gut game have shown great enthusiasm and are not discouraged with the small court.

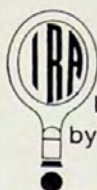
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.: Walked into the YMCA and standing on the balcony area supervising the play of a couple of lovely femmes, was Myron (The Cat) Roderick. His wrestling team was here to challenge the Univ. of Chattanooga. George Jones has all the stops out for the divisional tourney in February. In an effort to keep the interest up we held a clinic that evening and played a few singles and doubles matches. In-

cluded in the matches were Tom Cannon, Dave Epstein, Charlie Pruett, Ed Ellett and George Jones. They have an avid group of gals playing the game and George enlisted the help of Louise Guerry as the hostess for the tourney with the assistance of Millie Kemp (who is a Southern ranked player in the Lawn Tennis Assoc.). According to George, the top gal player is Alice Boone, who confided to me that she is definitely going to go to the International this year. My thanks to George and his group for a fine evening.

OBSERVATION. In many of the facilities we visit, the players have been playing under various rules and there is a hesitancy to change. The main rule in question is the method of scoring: "If we score on the serve only, the games last too long and if we score on in and out of serve, we are able to play at least three games," is the argument given. In the first place, it is not the intention of our Association to force ourselves on anyone. One of the objectives in standardization is, that when a player travels to a tournament he knows what ball he will be using and under what rules he will be playing, which heretofore was lacking. When the rules committee was formed, the players selected were from various parts of the country playing under different rules, so that end results would be a set of rules approved by the majority. My personal feeling is that I don't care if I only play one game in my allotted time or that I only win or lose one game; lose or tie or win two games. My intentions on the court are to increase my degree of skill and endurance. In some facilities today, the tournament players are playing under the IRA rules and the rest is a toss up. We as an association, in attempting to promote the game properly, are encouraging all racquetballers to accept these rules and thereby making it a unified sport. Therein lies our strength.

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Divisional Tourneys Get Green Light

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have an official IRA rules booklet inside of it along with the familiar list of sponsors, supporters and draw sheets. Publicity for the tournament should also be first rate.

"Jim Reilly, our chairman for publicity is working on this," said Jones, "and we anticipate television coverage as well as press publicity. We've had great co-operation from the local television stations on some of our local tournaments and we assume that their coverage of a divisional tournament will be that much better."

Players should be ready to play by 4 p.m. Friday, February 26 for the start of the first round. The finals are scheduled for Sunday the 28th.

Also planned is a womens singles bracket and Jones and his committee are hoping that the ladies will not be too bashful to participate in the tourney.

Central

The Central Divisional tourney will be hosted by the Omaha, Nebraska Central YMCA, March 12-14. The Y has four courts, spectator space, two large locker rooms and housing.

Dick Hamlin, the man in charge of the tournament, tells us that the response has been good, especially in the Masters doubles bracket. Dick expects his strongest groups of players to come from the South Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin area.

"The Kings Court facility in Minnesota is holding a house tournament," said Hamlin, "with the winner having his transportation round trip to the divisional paid for by the club. We expect a few more from that area along with the winner."

Tournament headquarters are at the Y, with the hospitality center being set up in a luncheon room. Featured will be cold cuts, beverages, etc.

"We'll have the banquet Saturday night," said Hamlin, "around 6:00. The exact site hasn't been set yet, but I expect we'll have it at one of the local steak houses."

Play will start Friday the 12th and the championships are scheduled for Sunday afternoon. Semi-finals will be either Saturday or Sunday morning depending on the number of entries.

Housing information will be mailed to each participant and all players will be notified of their starting times before the tournament.

Refereeing will be done by one of the tournament committees in the first round, and players will make up the majority of the refs in the later rounds.

"I think that the players like to have other players call their games," said Hamlin. "And the better players generally make the better referees."

Souvenir t-shirts will be given each participant and publicity will be given a big push toward the local press and media.

"We're looking forward to a fine tournament," said Hamlin, "and I think it will be. We might not have the depth of top players that other areas of the country have, but we've got our share of good ones."

Southwest

Possibly the largest divisional tournament, entry wise will be the Southwest tourney in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 19-21. With four glass back walled courts the Southeast YMCA will be a busy place during that weekend.

One hundred* entries are anticipated by Physical Director Jim Gilbert and tournament co-chairmen Drs. John Rutherford and Bill Sturdevant.

"We'll probably get anywhere from 30 to 45 local entries," said Gilbert and we expect large contingents from St. Louis, Houston, Dallas-Ft. Worth and Stillwater, Oklahoma."

The Cowboy Invitational, held last month in Stillwater drew over 100 entries and Gilbert is figuring his divisional to do at least that well.

"There is actually more racquetball being played here than there is handball," said Gilbert, himself primarily a handballer. "Court time is awfully hard to get now. We've really got a lot of people playing the game."

Tournament headquarters will be the Quality Court Motel about four blocks from the Southeast Y, which has no housing. The Quality can handle the large number of participants as it has in past handball tourneys there.

Gilbert and his group will also extend their hospitality by picking up all participants at the Tulsa airport and bringing them to their motel.

Finals of the tournament will be on Sunday in all brackets of play. The semi-finals are tentatively scheduled for Saturday night. The four courts seat about 80 spectators each so the viewing should be good, too.

Tournament publicity is shaping up. "We are going to meet with the press," said Gilbert, "and a couple of the local television announcers are members of the Y, and have promised us TV time. We have had great co-operation from them in the past with our handball tournaments and we expect the same for racquetball."

Other highlights of the Southwest divisional will be souvenir t-shirts, souvenir program, and a banquet Saturday evening. The banquet will be at the Y and will be catered.

There will also be a women singles bracket of play along with the open singles, open doubles, master's singles and master's doubles. The bulk of the women entries are expected to come from the Tulsa and St. Louis areas.

West

"The very first entry we received," said IRA Western Area Commissioner Ernie LaCoste, "was from Dr. Bud Meuhleisen. So we know that our tournament will have some excellent racquetball."

Meuhleisen and his San Diego contingent will converge on Modesto, California for the Western Divisional March 19-21, at the Sportsmen of Stanislaus four-court facility.

The Western tournament is an experimental tourney in one manner, regarding possible damage to the walls of the courts. A protective device will be worn on all racquets not already equipped with one.

"Bob Gallo, tournament co-chairman recommended that a leather boot lace be wrapped around the front portion of the racquet," said LaCoste. "The laces are available at the tournament at no cost."

Along with Gallo and LaCoste, another group of Modesto men are working hard to make the tournament an overwhelming success. Frank Dickinson, Robert Shastid and Kenneth Sachnitz are among the committeemen aiding the effort.

Modesto has excellent hotel and motel accommodations. Plans are being made for a Saturday night banquet.

"We've got a real strong group out here," said LaCoste. "They have been working hard, and this tournament will show it. We've only been playing the game in this area for about three years, so we're anxious to find out how good or lousy we are."

Publicity for the tournament will be well handled. Special stories are being prepared by the local media in conjunction with the tournament.

"I'm really not sure how many entries we'll have," said LaCoste, "but I do know that the local interest is high, and that it will be a fine tournament."

IRA LETTERS . . .

Vietnam Racquetball . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler,

While stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, I became acquainted with the game of racquetball and became a charter member of IRA. I was able to attend the 1969 national tournament as a spectator, and in 1970 as a participant, only to lose to Dick Hamlin, the mid-America Champ.

A few months ago I was reassigned to Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam for a one year stint with the Air Force Advisory Group. Upon arrival I found to my surprise two reasonably good, regulation-size courts, a dozen or so dedicated players and several others who were mildly interested in the game.

With the sanction of IRA, I would like to organize a local tournament and receive coverage of the tournament play in ACE magazine. I plan to charge each entrant \$2.00 to cover IRA membership plus a modest amount for trophies and equipment (the official ball has not yet found its way to Vietnam). I would also like to rush order a dozen of the official balls and a copy of the official rules.

FRANK I. LUDDINGTON
Major, USAF

Wurzer Reports . . .

Dear Gerry (Lapierre):

I would like to report to you our latest happenings in this area.

1. Charlie Garfinkle and myself held a clinic at the Expressway Branch YMCA and as a result the game has really grown at that branch. After talking to the physical director he informed me that every court is packed each day of the week. Charlie and I plan to put on a demonstration in the near future.

2. Recently formed was the Buffalo Racquetball League. I have been appointed president of the League. There are six clubs in the league, adding up to a total of ten teams. I informed the various clubs that I would report to you about the league which is started in January and at this point will involve 125 racquetball players. The league will conform to the National rules and I will inform the clubs that they should use the black ball.

3. The Downtown YMCA will host the City A Doubles & Singles, and also the New York State Doubles Championships.

CHUCK WURZER
IRA District Commissioner
Buffalo, N.Y.

Sneaky Pete Booster . . .

Dear Chuck:

Just a short note to alert all racquetballers to give next year's Sneaky Pete tournament in Vancouver, B.C., high priority as an event to attend.

Having just returned from that tournament, I can vouch for the fact that Gary Hanko and his committee hosted one of the finest tournaments I've ever attended. Beautiful city, Warm hospitality, First class tournament.

Next year, be there!

DR. "BUD" MUEHLEISEN
San Diego, Calif.

Cornell Memorial Results . . .

(From page IRA-5)

(Doubles) FIRST ROUND — Whitehurst-Wadsworth def. George Jackson, Ft. Eustis-Edward Jones, Williamsburg, VA 21-10, 21-8; Don Kocher, Newport News-Pete Everitt, Newport News def. Bill Bolton III, Richmond-Buford LaTouche, Sandston, VA 15-21, 21-9, 21-20; Rudysz-Luciw def. Edward Nierstedt, Hampton, VA-Lewis Martin, Poquoson 21-7, 21-5; Stan Simon, Raleigh-William Wilson, Cary, NC def. Jake Brown-Ray Gordon, Richmond 21-19, 19-21, Forfeit (injury).

Keville-Talbot def. Richard Schwarzschild-Andrew Roupas, Richmond 22-14, 21-14; William Ferrell-Tim Miller, Richmond def. Henry Salisbury-Alex McMurtrie, Richmond 21-10, 21-1; Robert Schattner, Baltimore-Allen Schattner, Pittsburg def. Jack McSweeney-Tim Hunter, Richmond 21-6, 21-11.

QUARTER-FINALS — Whitehurst-Wadsworth def. Kocher-Everitt 21-10, 21-8; Rudysz-Luciw def. Simon-Wilson 21-11, 21-9; Keville-Talbot def. Ferrell-Miller 16-21, 21-17, 21-13; Sherrill-Chambers def. R. Schattner-A. Schattner 21-16, 19-21, 21-6.

SEMI-FINALS — Rudysz-Luciw def. Whitehurst-Wadsworth 21-5, 21-5; Sherrill-Chamber def. Keville-Talbot 21-10, 21-8.

FINALS — Rudysz-Luciw def. Sherrill-Chambers 21-13, 21-5.

THIRD PLACE — Keville-Talbot.



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DATES: March 19-21, 1971. Entry Deadline: March 15, 1971.

SITE: Southeast YMCA, Tulsa, OK.

OFFICIAL BALL: Seamless 558.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all current IRA members (1971). \$2 a year covers membership and subscription to ACE Magazine. Entrants can send in fee with entry or cover upon arrival.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per player. Players can enter one event only.

TROPHIES: To first three place in each area of play.

SPECIAL AWARD: Winners of open singles and open doubles (not Masters) receive from IRA round trip air coach transportation to IRA international championships in Salt Lake City, April 21-24, 1971. Doubles winners must remain as team to qualify for this award.

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Cleveland Tournament Should Be Good One

Tournament time is coming up starting in mid-January at the Cleveland Executive Club East. We are going to have a class A, B, C and novice racquetball tournament. Interest here is very high with a large number of players signed up for each group.

The class A tournament shapes up as a real battle for top honors. Marshall Mallie will probably be the man to beat, as he finished second last year to Chuck White. White will not be able to defend his title due to his accepting an assistant professorship at Clemson University in South Carolina.

In 1969-70 Chuck won the Cleveland City Championship Open, the Executive Club class A, and came in second in the Northeast Y Open. If there are any racquetballers in the Clemson area, look up Chuck White if you want to play against a real gentleman and a tremendous competitor.

Another top class A player is Jerry Davis who played three close games before losing to Mallie a year ago. Two good lefties to consider are Herb Magden and Dick Eston. Dick lost out in 1970

to White. A newcomer to class A this year is Maury Kastner, the first seeded play in class B last year. This is Maury's fourth year of playing the gut game and he has shown steady progress. He is over his unfortunate attack of bronchitis that slowed him down in 1970 tourneys. Two other players who will make the tournament interesting are Rich Stotter, a former Houston Oiler, and Jack Levin, a former JCC champion.

Class B is up for grabs this year. Dr. Ed Friedman, winner of last year's C title, should be a top contender as will Ron Clark, the runner-up (to Joe Meals) last year.

The executive Club management did a lot to stimulate interest when they recently added Jonas Klein to their staff. Jonas is a former Olympic weight lift champion.

—MAURY KASTNER

Louisville To Host JWB

The Louisville, Kentucky Jewish Community Center, host facility for the 1971 Invitational doubles tournament, will also host the first annual Jewish Welfare Board Mid-west Regional Open Singles Racquetball Tournament, March 13-14. The tournament is open only to bonified members of JCC's or YMHA's.

Entries for the tourney close Sunday, February 28th. A \$7.50 entry fee per man will be charged. Checks should be payable to the JCC, 3600 Dutchmans Ln., Louisville, KY 40205.

IRA rules will govern play and IRA-

approved equipment, including the Seamless 558, will be used. Trophies will be given to the first three places and there will be a consolation round if time permits.

Registration is scheduled for 6 p.m., Saturday the 13th, with first round play to follow immediately. Semi-final matches are tentatively scheduled for Sunday morning at 10 with the finals at 1 p.m.

Interested players having further questions can contact Ken Porco, Associate Director, Health & Physical Education, JCC. Call 502-458-3281.

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SINGLES — DOUBLES — MASTERS DOUBLES — WOMEN SINGLES

DATE: March 19-21, 1971. Entry Deadline: March 15, 1971.

SITE: Sportsmen of Stanislaus Athletic Club, Modesto, CA.

OFFICIAL BALL: Seamless 558.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all current IRA members (1971). \$2 a year covers membership and subscription to ACE Magazine. Entrants can send in fee with entry or cover upon arrival.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per player. Player can enter one event only.

TROPHIES: The first three places in each area of play.

SPECIAL AWARD: Winner of open singles and open doubles (not Masters) receive from IRA round trip air coach transportation to IRA international championships in Salt Lake City, April 21-24, 1971. Doubles winners must remain as team to qualify for this award.

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Lapierre...

(from page IRA-14)

SPARTANBURG, N.C.: Tom Pearson, physical director of the Y, gave us a tour of the facility which has two standard courts and are being used by handballers and squash players.

GREENVILLE, S.C.: Bob Mullings, physical director of the Y, rounded up his players and we conducted an informal clinic for the group. Included were a few handballers who were interested enough to participate in the exhibition matches.

ATLANTA, Ga.: The Tower Health Club director, George Shisler, had made arrangements for yours truly to play several of the members in singles and doubles. Needless to say we always enjoy our visits here and this one was no exception. My thanks to George and the members.

The Jewish Community Center is in the midst of a building program. Ken Klein, director of physical education, stated that they expect to finish next May and it will include four standard size courts. He is interested in both hand-

ball and racquetball and we feel that this will be a great opportunity for both.

The downtown YMCA has a group of staunch supporters of the gut game. About a year ago Ray Diemer moved to Atlanta and immediately started to recruit players. Needless to say he is a fanatic of the game and whenever he is traveling, you are sure to find him at the local Y's or JCC's challenging the best of them. While at the Y, managed to chat with Ferris Robertson, physical director who indi-

cated that their court situation is not likely to change for some time to come. I also renewed acquaintances with the ex-governor of Georgia, Carl Sanders, who I had the pleasure to meet and play racquetball with six years ago.

A few of the faces looked familiar and we were introduced to new ones: Sid Cronin who I remember when he was playing with the Detroit (my team) Lions. Ray had assembled his group for an informal clinic and included were: Fr. Jerry Noonan, Gregory Tatum, Don Jasieniecki, Marty Martinez and Sid Stein. After which, we were invited to a steak dinner, with the trimmings, at the Diemer residence. My thanks to Ray and the group and in particular to Ray's lovely wife Joan. I had only one foot inside the house when she challenged me regarding the separatist movement in Quebec — that's all right Joany sweetheart, I'll stand by you — no matter what.

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Women Hold Tournament In San Diego Area

Here are the results of a very fine tournament just completed here in San Diego. The beautiful Mission Valley Tennis Club hosted the San Diego County Women's Racquetball Doubles Championships. A total of 26 entries were on hand and the caliber of play was truly outstanding.

Many of the girls have been playing regularly now for about a year. Pictured here are the winners and finalists in both the championships and consolation divisions. They also boast 20 children among them.

The tournament was a great success and the credit goes to the participants who by their neat appearance, fine sportsmanship, and quality of play stimulated a lot of interest in racquetball for the feminine gender.

In the finals of the championship flight: Bette Weed & Jane Rau def. Nancy Harris & Mary Ann Johnson 21-13, 21-12. In the consolation final Paula Halverson & Lynn Zigenfus def. Toni Judson & Gail Solomon 21-12, 21-12.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

BUD MUEHLEISEN



SAN DIEGO COUNTY'S WOMEN RACQUETBALL Doubles champions are led by winners Bette Weed and Jane Rau (front). The gals bested 24 other entries to gain first place honors. The tourney and others like it are stimulating racquetball growth among the ladies throughout the nation.

New Saranac S-2 Fastbac Is Latest In Racquetball Gloves

What's the latest in racquetball sportswear? Besides our latest line of IRA official shorts, shirts, jocks and warm-ups (page 36) we now have a new model racquetball glove — the S-2 fastbac.

Are you among the many racquetballers who experience sweaty hands during play? Or are you bothered by that painful blister on your racquet hand? Or perhaps you just want to look stylish on the court. Whatever the reason, we're sure you will enjoy the new racquetball gloves by Saranac, the company that specializes in hanball and racquetball gloves.

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This Lady Cooks For Sportsmen, From Newark (NJ)

Sunday News, Jan. 3, 1971, by Joan Babbage, Food Editor

MOUNTAIN LAKES — Possibly the only woman in New Jersey who owns her own Men's Club is Mrs. Vera Leckie of Morris Avenue. Eight months ago, both she and her husband, Bob, organized the Sportsmen's club a man's recreation center in Jefferson Township. And Mrs. Leckie, who is a fine home cook, prepares dinner parties for the group at least once a month.

"I do all of the cooking in my home kitchen," she told us. "There is no stove at the club. This past fall, we had a dinner party, and I decided to make lasagna for the group. We had 100 reservations (our limit). I made up 120 pounds of lasagna in advance and put it in the freezer. Then I had to take a trip to Florida for a few days. When I returned it was just in time for the dinner. I reheated all the food in my oven, then I dashed over to the club (10 miles away). I kept the lasagna hot by wrapping it in foil and putting it in the club's Sauna room, which I heated up to 200 degrees.

"The first party we had last Spring was a cold buffet, and that was the most work of all. I made a lot of different kinds of salads, plus cold cuts. Fortunately, my 16-year-old daughter, Joan, is a great help to me. She loves to cook and helps me prepare special club dinners.

"Actually I don't mind preparing food for large groups," she admitted, "especially since I can cook most of it in advance and store it in the freezer. Would you believe that I couldn't boil water when I first married Bob?" she queried. "Both my grandmother and mother were fine cooks so there was no reason for me to learn. They dominated the kitchen. Besides I went to business every day."

Mrs. Leckie worked as a secretary for the advertising manager of Allied Chemical Corp. before her marriage.

"After I married Bob, we lived in Buffalo and I had a secretarial job with Coach Red Dawson of the Buffalo Bills. "While we were living in Buffalo, I invited a friend of Bob's for dinner. He was of Italian heritage so I decided to make an Italian meal. I bought some Chef Boy-ar-Dee ravioli and sprinkled bread crumbs on top. The friend told us it was the best ravioli he had ever tasted. He raved so much to his mother, who made her own ravioli, by the way, that we invited her over to dinner and I served the same thing. When she wanted to know how I made my pasta, I told her it was the canned variety. She was absolutely furious, needless to say.

"That was 23 years ago, and since that time I've learned a lot about Italian cooking from a friend of mine, Maria Taglicento, who wrote, *The Italian Cookbook*. She taught me many of her culinary secrets and I've read a great deal about cooking. I collect cookbooks and articles by the dozens," she acknowledged. "From a virtual non-cook, I became very much interested in the culinary arts. My favorite cuisine now is French," she noted.

Mr. Leckie told us that he could cook, too, "I seldom have the time," he stated. "Bob does make marvelous sandwiches for himself and for members of the Sportsmen's Club," said Mrs. Leckie.

Her husband is a former newspaperman. He has worked with the Associated Press, the New York Journal-American, the New York Daily News and the Newark Star Ledger. He was also editor of the MGM theater newsreel, "News of the Day" and editor of Telenews Weekly. For the past fourteen years he has written freelance articles for magazines and other publications.

Leckie's first book was "Helmet for My Pillow," a personal narrative of his World War II experiences. (He was a machine-gunner and scout in the Marines and earned five

battle stars, Naval Commendation Ribbon and the Purple Heart.) He has written 23 other books. His three latest, are "Ordained," a novel about a priest; "Warfare," a study of war itself, and "American and Catholic," a history of the Catholic Church in America, published last month by Doubleday.

The Leckies established their club because they felt there was a need for it. "There are so few places where a man can play handball or squash," stated Mrs. Leckie. "The local YMCAs are invariably very crowded. We have a workout room, a sun room and a snooze room, plus the sauna. And of course, lots of locker space. It is strictly a membership club. Of course, members can bring guests." (We have about 183 members and 30 special college memberships.)

The day we visited with the couple, Mrs. Leckie had prepared one of her favorite dishes Quiche Lorraine. "This is something anyone can make," she said, "and it's great almost anytime of day. My Swiss grandmother used to make it for breakfast and she called it Cheese and Onion Pie." The pie

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Two Favorites

CHICKEN CACCIATORE

- 4 or 5 lbs. of chicken (legs and breasts)
- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1/2 tablespoon rosemary
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 anchovies filets, chopped
- 1/2 cup wine vinegar
- 1 cup red wine

Chicken parts should be placed in bag containing flour; shake them. In a Dutch oven, brown chicken parts in 1/2 cup oil and add one clove of minced garlic. Keep turning the chicken until it is brown. Continue to brown for about five minutes. Meanwhile in a large bowl, mix together rosemary, salt, pepper, anchovies, wine vinegar and red wine. Add this mixture to the chicken and turn up the heat for 10 minutes. Mix together one small can of tomato paste with 3/4 cup of chicken bouillon. Add this mixture to the Dutch oven and cook all ingredients for 20 minutes.

QUICHE LORRAINE

- Pie shell (chilled)
- 6 strips of bacon, crumbled
- 4 small onions, sliced
- 2 cups Swiss cheese, grated
- 3 or 4 slices of boiled ham, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups light cream
- 4 eggs lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped chives

Chill the pie shell first. Broil six strips of bacon and drain them. Then crumble the slices. Saute 4 small sliced onions; then drain thoroughly. Sprinkle onions on top of crumbled bacon on bottom of the pie shell. Combine eggs, cream, ham, cheese, salt, basil, and chives and pour over bacon on top. Cook pie at 425 for 15 minutes, and then at 375 for 25 minutes.

Bay Area Plans to Send Large Contingent to Nationals at Memphis

By MARTIN JUDNICH

It is a long and expensive trip from San Francisco to Memphis State University, scene of USHA's 1971 National championships. Many avid Nor-Cal handballers read ACE and are eager to say "I was there" when discussing important handball events. They wish to add to their handball education and are looking forward to playing in one or more of the nine new air-conditioned courts in Memphis and aim to gain the honor of playing a crucial match in the glass gallery job where 400 spectators will be thrilled during the week. A preliminary survey indicates that a large group of excellent handball players from Nor-Cal will be on hand for the classic.

Al Schroth, handball commissioner of San Francisco's famed Olympic Club, advised that the club has generously budgeted funds to permit him to escort at least six top flight handballers to Memphis. Al is hopeful that Bob Brady and Bill Keays will be available to defend their 1970 Masters title won at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Other talented Olympians who have registered many victories in prior nationals and who may be in Memphis include: Tom Fleming, Mike Kelly, Jim O'Brien, Spencer Johnston, Bob Little, Bob McGuire and Coach Mike de la Pena.

Rudy Stadlberger, president of the South End Rowing Club, Northern California's hotbed for furious handball action, reported that the club is tired of playing second fiddle in San Francisco to The Olympic Club with reference to representation in USHA national and divisional tournaments. The SERC has a relatively small but vigorous membership of about 325 Southenders, including a substantial number of highly respected old-timers in the Social Security or "geritol" set who continue to take a dip into the cold waters of the bay or play handball in their own leagues. They are ever ready to authoritatively give advice or preach to the eager younger members about their fabulous exploits in rowing, swimming, or handball in the good old days when men were really men.

The Southenders are proud of and anxious to demonstrate that they deserve the generous publicity received by the club in several articles of ACE magazine. The SERC is most anxious and plans to invade Memphis in force with an impressive contingent. In Masters singles, the SERC expects to make a strong bid for their first national title with representation by two extremely skillful play-

ers: Howard Wyrsh and Rudy Stadlberger. Wyrsh lost in the 1970 finals to Tom Ciasulli in three games and believes it was a "mistake." Rudy, a deadly two-handed kill shot artist, always in superb condition, usually beats Wyrsh, and is capable of winning the national Masters singles title.

Gary Ryan recently switched to the SERC from the SF Central YMCA. Ryan shocked Ray Neveau at the nationals in LA in a tough three-game match, and came within a point of defeating Paul Haber in a sensational match last May at a special invitational tournament at the SERC. Gary is now mixing up his deadly kill and hop shot game with devastating passes down the sides, and seems to be substantially improved to the point where he may prove troublesome to any of the favorites in the open singles. Four other Southenders who are planning to appear in Memphis are: Jay Kent, Mark Haskell, Mitch Covington (also of Fresno YMCA) and John Parent. These are excellent players, very durable and probably will crave action in open singles and open doubles.

The SERC is scraping the bottom of its relatively small treasury to finance the cost of sending representatives to Memphis. For example, the Club recently raised a substantial portion of the necessary funds by conducting a one-day handball and banquet fiesta consisting of:

1—A one-day, singles handicap invitational singles handball tournament.

2—The finals of the SERC's Annual Clubs Doubles, in Three Classes; and

3—A cocktail party and banquet to celebrate the retirements of Southenders, Joseph Solin, former handball commissioner of the S.F. Fire Department and SERC; and Martin Judnich, USHA's Nor-Cal handball commissioner.

The one-day singles drew 42 players from many Nor-Cal clubs, including Fresno, Stockton, YMCA and Castle Air Force Base. The entrants were carefully handicapped by Al Masyk, SERC's handball commissioner, with the better players required to give a generous spot of points (or handicap) to players of alleged inferior techniques. The furious action started at 9 a.m. and finished about 6 p.m., just in time for more cocktails and the banquet festivities. Gary Ryan, spotting John Parent 8 points, won in the finals after a hard-fought contest. The actual score was lost somewhere between the gallery and the cocktail bar? However, the one-day handicap was a tre-

mendous success. Many late entries had to be rejected due to limited courts, but the SERC will try it again to raise a few more bucks for the safari to Memphis.

The three finals of the SERC's house doubles resulted as follows.

AA CLASS: Rudy Stadlberger-Jim O'Brien defeated favored Mike Kelly-Spencer Johnston: 21-5 and 21-18. This result was a shocker because Kelly-Johnston recently won the California title at the San Jose YMCA Labor Day invitational.

JR. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS: Jerry Arnsbarger-Ray Crosat defeated Sal Rizzo-Tony Gibson in three games.

B CLASS: Jerry Fagundas-Lonnie Tiner defeated John Duffy-Norm Peterson, 21-15, 21-14.

The fiesta was appropriately climaxed by a banquet conducted in the SERC's boathouse, jammed to capacity for the gala event. Trophies were presented to the winners of the two tournaments by Club President Rudy Stadlberger and Al Masyk, handball commissioner. William Murray, veteran chief of the S.F. Fire Department was on hand to pay high honors to Joseph Solin. Popular Jim Leary, a former Broadway vaudeville star where he played musical selections on empty wine bottles; famed as an M.C. in San Francisco's banquet circuit; and an honorary member of the SERC was the headliner at the banquet table. In his capacity as the M.C. (about two gallons), Leary first extolled the so-called virtues of Martin Judnich and then insulted him in his lovable and inimitable style. Jim's act is almost impossible to follow. Several years ago, Leary stopped Groucho Marx on his TV show. Groucho asked: "How many people work under you at the City Hall, Jim?" Jim replied: "only about one-half", and Groucho was at a loss for words. Phil Hunter, chairman for the SERC, deserves credit for an outstanding event.

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Handball Tournament Calendar

DATES	EVENT & SITE
March 5-7	Pittsburgh Open, Pittsburgh YMCA
March 5-7	Memorial, Denver YMCA
March 6-13	SCHA Masters doubles, Los Angeles A.C.
March 7-13	USHA Central singles, Oak Park, Ill. YMCA
March 11-13	Canadian Nationals, Montreal, Que., Canada
April 16-18	N. Dakota Open Singles
April 17-24	SCHA Open singles, Newport Beach A.C.
April 23-24	Great Laker, Erie, Pa. YMCA
May 7-9	Tall Corn, Des Moines YMCA
May 7-9	3rd Annual, Montgomery, Ala., Open
May 8-15	SCHA Open doubles, Pacific Coast Club
May 13-16	2nd New York A.C. Invitational
May 14-16	N. Dakota Open Doubles
May 27-29	W. Canadian, Vancouver, B.C. SCHA — Southern California Handball Assn.

USHA DIVISIONALS AND NATIONALS

Feb. 5-7	EAST — West Side YMCA, New York CENTRAL — St. Louis JCCA SOUTH — Chattanooga YMCA WEST — Fresno YMCA
Feb. 18-21	FIRST USHA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DOUBLES Denver Central YMCA
Feb. 19-21	SOUTH DIVISION — Intercollegiate U. of Tennessee, Knoxville CENTRAL DIVISION — Intercollegiate Lake Forest College, Ill. WEST DIVISION — Intercollegiate Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.
March 4-6	NORTHWEST DIVISION Multnomah A.C., Portland, Ore.
March 4-7	National Intercollegiates U. of Tennessee, Knoxville
March 27-April 3	21st National Championships Memphis State University

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Results of YMCA singles and doubles tournaments held in November:

CLASS C singles — First Round: — Dick Gilbert def. Paul Yeoman 21-10, 21-17; Gene Schnabel def. Richard Hall 21-18, 21-17; Jim Selkin def. George Bishop 21-7, 21-11; Frank Sugar def. Roger Gerard 12-2, 2-2, 2-9; Tim Hardy def. L. Lueck 21-15, 21-17; John Vasquez def. John Wren 21-10, 21-8; Gordon Medill def. Fred Davis 21-12, 21-12; Alan Brown def. Dick Mentzer 21-20, 2-12; Don Gallegos def. Warwick Dowling 9-21, 21-13, 21-19; Vince Shryack def. James Kosmiski 21-10, 21-16.

Second Round: — Duane Ingram def. Dick Gilbert 21-7, 21-12; Gene Schnabel def. Bill Boggess 21-11, 21-7; Frank Sugar def. Jim Selkin 21-14, 17-21, 21-18; Bob Qualls def. Tim Hardy 21-6, 21-9; Tom Hendricks def. Vasques 21-7, 21-6; Jack Gray def. Gordon Medill 21-13, 20-21, 21-13; Alan Brown def. Gallegos 21-7, 21-13; Bob Turner def. V. Shryack 21-11, 4-21, 21-18.

Quarter-finals: — Duane Ingram def. Gene Schnabel 21-19, 5-21, 21-18; Bob Qualls def. Frank Sugar 21-13, 21-12; Tom Hendricks def. Jack Gray 21-17, 21-14; Bob Turner def. Alan Brown, 21-12, 21-5.

Semi-finals: — Duane Ingram def. Bob Qualls 15-21, 21-7, 21-7; Bob Turner def. Tom Hendricks 21-16, 20-21, 21-14.

Finals: — Duane Ingram def. Bob Turner 21-20, 14-21, 21-17.

CLASS B singles: (preliminary) — Hank Grady def. Chuck Bult 21-18, 7-21, 21-14; John Gillingham def. Melnick Forfeit; Mel Straus def. Don Orange 21-15, 21-15.

First Round: — Dick Busse def. Bob Austin 21-3, 21-4; Chuck Hetherington def. Bill Pulford 21-2, 21-12; Jerry Donahue def. Hank Grady 21-14, 21-13; Tom Rand def. Jules Amer 21-8, 14-21, 21-15; Pete Barrett def. John Gillingham 21-15, 21-6; Ckip Harrison def. Malcolm Messman 21-11, 21-9; Mel Straus def. Terry Norbury 21-0, 21-6; Dave Drum def. Ken Ibsen 19-21, 21-8, 21-17.

Second round: — Dick Busse def. Chuck Hetherington 21-20, 21-2; Terry Rand def. Jerry Donahue 21-15, 8-21, 21-14; Pete Barrett def. Skip Harrison 12-21, 21-1, 21-18; Dave Drum def. Mel Straus 19-21, 21-2, 21-15.

Quarter-finals: — Dick Busse def. Terry Rand 21-16, 21-14; Dave Drum def. Pete Barrett 21-14, 10-21, 21-19.

Finals — Dick Busse def. Dave Drum 14-21, 21-20, 21-13.

CLASS A singles: — **First Round:** — Stan Salz def. Hank Zoller, forfeit. Lyle Blue def. Chuck Wafer 12-21, 21-14, 21-14; Lee Wretlind



BEST IN BOULDER, COLORADO . . . (l to r) — Herb Plews, formerly of Helena, Montana, and ex-big league baseball player, winner of Class A; Willie Cross, physical activities director; Herb Schampp, Class B champ; Steve Miller, Class C winner; not pictured, Dave Carter, Class D champion. There's only one court at the Boulder Y but it doesn't hinder the interest. Cross says, "We have taught 35 business men this sport and have increased our family membership to 3500. There were 38 members participating in this double elimination play. With this upsurge in interest the next singles tournament, chairmanned by Bob Potter, may include two new courts".

Boulder is site of new University of Colorado courts, now underway. USHA will coordinate with 1976 Winter Olympic committee in putting on handball exhibition on the championship gallery court at this college; thus, for the first time will our game be showcased for all the foreign nation representatives who will be in attendance.

def. John Hardy 21-17, 21-8; Bob Brown def. Mike Marrese 21-4, 21-13; John Falk def. Mike Martin 21-20, 7-21, 21-16; Harvey Salz def. Steve Spangler, forfeit.

Quarter-finals: — Buzz Shumate def. Stan Salz 21-6, 21-9; Lee Wretlind def. Lyle Blue 21-20, 21-12; Bob Brown def. John Falk 16-21, 21-3, 21-8; Larry Wood def. Harvey Salz 21-17, 21-10.

Semi-finals: — Buzz Shumate def. Lee Wretlind 21-11, 21-16; Bob Brown def. Larry Wood 15-21, 21-10, 21-10.

Finals: — Buzz Shumate was playing in USHA Invitational Singles at St. Paul, and therefore was unable to play on Saturday. The committee awarded the championship to Bob Brown on a forfeit.

YMCA AND USHA DOUBLES TOURNAMENT — CLASS C — **Semi-finals:** — Selkin and Ingram def. Schnabel and Spencer 21-12, 11-21, 21-19; Boggess and Gallegos def. Shryack and Schramm 21-12, 21-13.

Finals: — Selkin and Ingram def. Bog-

gess and Gallegos 21-12, 21-16.

CLASS B — Semi-finals: — Terry Rand and Jerry Donahue def. Bill Pulford and Bob Turner 16-21, 21-11, 21-13. Hetherington and Kaplan def. Heston and Ornstein 21-2, 13-21, 21-10.

Finals: — Hetherington and Kaplan def. Herry Rand and Jerry Donahue 21-16, 21-18.

CLASS A doubles — Semi-finals: — Larry Wood and Dan Barney def. Buzz Shumate and Les Shumate 11-21, 21-14, 21-6; Bob Price and John Roth def. Chuck Wafer and Steve Spangler 21-12, 19-21, 21-18.

MASTERS DOUBLES tournament — Semi-finals: — John Davison and John Hardy def. Herb Plews and Les Shumate 21-8, 21-9; Dick Lesko and Hank Grady def. Mike Sotack and Bob Price 21-11, 21-15.

Finals: — Davidson and Hardy def. Lesko and Grady 21-11, 20-21, 21-9.

LES SHUMATE

Handball's 'One Liners'—Quickie Comments

You couldn't make it; you missed it. You, as members of the USHA know, play, and understand this indoor game of friendship and fitness now run down the numbers. This Tournament can tell you everything! Need I continue, fellows? The 44th National YMCA Handball tournament held at the Des Plaines, Ill., Northwest Suburban YMCA was by every last handball player — thoroughly and properly organized and administered, from Chairman Bob Koenig to the ladies for their time and effort spent in the hospitality room. Handball at Northwest Suburban is played by the number of participants starting from No. 31. All these men displayed their agility and stamina in competition; afterwards very religiously assisted in every possible manner conceivable.

A Saturday night Pool Party was the reward for everyone. Husbands and wives joined in a successful social gathering and enjoyed some down-to-earth everyday chit-chat.

1. Bob (Leader) Kendler; "God" of Handball for all who play.
2. Mort (No Bend) Leve; Never bends his back in play, but bends for USHA.
3. Joe (Flag Pole) Ardito; Thin and tall, stands out in play much larger in fellow inspiration.
4. Ben (Beauty) Costello; Beautiful for handball; always there when in need.
5. Paul (Himself) Haber; Himself he is — for or with all attributes for opponents.

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6. Pat (Irish Whip) Kirby; Whips his shots like a whiplash.

7. Terry (Spring Board) Muck; Bounces all over the floor to stay all the way.

8. Bill (Rubber Band) Yadrick; Adds extra length in aims for every shot.

9. Stuffy (Goldilocks) Singer; Handball style is sharper, more electrifying than his wavy locks.

10. Steve (Boomerang) August; His booming service with his quick moves is all Steve.

11. Bob (Hard Nose) Brady; When down, his nose digs deeper in corners with driving shots.

12. Bill (Rock) Keays; Stays to the right side, like a rock; spreads for the big important ones.

13. Ken (Shotsie) Schneider; What he preaches, he displays in court; truly a champ!

14. Dennis (The Menace) Hofflander; A menace with both hands, he spells trouble for all.

15. Jack (Muscle Man) McDonald; He serves and hits handily — as his physique displays.

16. Gordie (No Peak) Pfeifer; His glasses show nothing; corner kills and drives tell all.

17. Red (Ground Hog) Mugavero; Digger he is, what is dug is where ball goes; follow no chance to retrieve.

18. Tony (No Boy) Tennerelli; Nobody knows where ball is, with his left, right, low fist corner shots.

19. Doc (Gunner) Benham; His strong right hand guns ball all over court; never says die.

20. Cy (Smoothy) Abata; Smooth movements, smooth shots; is super smooth for opponents.

21. Jack (Glancing) Gordon; He glances sideways for a kill; another oldie from school of perfection.

22. Tom (Pretty Boy) Brownfield; Tough he is with pretty shots; with pretty strong drives.

23. Phil (The Cat) Elbert; Has shots, but his cat-like defense makes him a fighter always.

24. Zeke (The Beard) Zalatel; Looks deceiving, his moves and hands can stay all the way.

25. Tony (Soft Shoes) D'Andrea; Quiet moves, quiet shots, but heavenly flying balls is what he produces.

26. Jim (Punchy) DiCiccio; Big punch which drives kill shots; passing by all players.

27. Don (Zoomer) Ardito; Zoom it goes into left corner; a kill — a toughy no one retrieves; makes you play for 21.

28. Andy (Animal) Upatnieks; Has animal instinct in court with two hands that powerize with depth.

29. Tony (Pounder) Klimek; Pounds ball all over court, keeping you on your toes.

30. Mike (Crafty) Lalaeff; So cunningly plays defensively, that you're on edge, while he maintains kill shots.

31. Chuck (Charlie McCarthy) McClellen; His body stays glued, head spins around with ball; must see to believe.

32. Bud (Dead Pan) Christiansen; He drives, passes, kills, without words; looks up at gallery as if saying, "what did I do wrong?"

33. Brian (Wonder Boy) Falknor; Excellent service, two good hands, quick moves; you wonder if he will make 21.

34. Bob (Quiver Lip) Koenig; Heart and soul in game always; miscue either way, observe lip quiver.

35. Marvin (Butterfly) Heifner; Both arms waving like wings, with hard shots, he does drive til end.

36. Roy (No-No) De Meyer; Runs, drives, hits, forever an error ahead; says no-no, why, why.

37. Dick (Shakey) Cashmore; Always in game all the way, easy miss, bad hit, shakes upper body — how come me.

38. Don (Stretch) Magnason; A ceiling, a drive, a pass, a kill; either way — long arms, long legs; is tough, win or lose.

39. Chuck (Road Runner) Merriman; You hit, he runs, runs; beat him you need 21 kill shots; Try him a match.

40. Stan (Control) Sitarz; Left hand or right, watch his shots go; where, you never know.

41. Jim (Socko) Newman; You got him? Never; Socko, socks that ball with gusto.

42. Frank (Roly Poly) Epstein; Heavy he is; watch him move his shots — you never see.

43. Jim (Stroker) Cashmore; Young, strong, good hands; his strokes can be deadly.

44. Marvin (The Bear) Sveinson; Brown, barely, with speed; he will play his shots with classy accuracy.

45. Art (Jumping Jack) Michady; He jumps from side to side, hits as hard, and runs faster than he jumps.

46. Jim (Flipper) Brosnan; Two long arms and long legs — with large hands, flies ball in corners with ease.

47. Bob (Yo-Yo) Baker; His arms roll out like a yo-yo on a string; wham, a kill

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Cooks For Sportsmen . . .

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that our hostess served was the fluffiest we've ever seen, and the best we've tasted. "You better get a picture of it fast before it falls," she warned. But it stayed high, wide and handsome throughout the meal. "First time that's ever happened," she said in amazement.

"I really enjoy cooking," she continued, "and I think how a meal is served is most important. I can't stand to see food thrown on a table. I believe it should be properly garnished," she added. "I take the time to make rose petal radishes and olive daisies — anything to add to the eye appeal of a dish."

The Leckies are wine buffs. Mr. Leckie buys it by the case. I like the burgundies and Bordeaux wines. Mrs. Leckie likes to cook with either beer or wine. "One of my favorites is a French Pot Roast," she stated. "I marinate it for three days in cognac and wine ($\frac{1}{3}$ cup of Cognac to one cup of wine); this plus spices, makes for a tasty roast. And I usually marinate chicken for an hour in honey, soy sauce and lemon juice.

"People don't take the time to cook the way they used to," she added wistfully. "I can still recall my grandmother and mother baking special pastries. It would take them all day to prepare the dough. For me, cooking is a form of relaxation. Before we opened the club I did a lot of entertaining. I had a dinner party every Saturday night. I enjoyed it because I could prepare the party fare that my family refuses to eat." The Leckies have three children, Geoffrey, 21, Joan, 16, and David, 13.

"Now I'm so busy helping Bob with the Sportsman's Club that I don't have time for much else," she acknowledged. "We have a Ladies Day for the wives on Monday and Thursday mornings. The girls like to play racketball which is similar to handball, except that one uses a strung racquet and a tennis ball. I'm on hand for instruction and I help Bob man the office and do his typing. After dinner, I go back with him in the evening and greet the guests. We don't close until midnight each day.

"Many of our members are doctors, lawyers, pilots, dentists, and other professional men who have a need for exercise. Bob took up handball five years ago and got tired of trying to find an uncrowded court. That's when he realized the need for a club like this. Although we've only been open for several months we've had inquiries from about half the states in the country.

"I don't consider it a chore to do quantity cooking for our club parties," she acknowledged, "I can prepare hundreds of sandwiches in a matter of an hour. But I think for our next dinner I'm going to serve my favorite dish, Chicken Cacciatore. Everyone seemed to like it best of all and it's fast and easy to make. And I think I'll try Quiche Lorraine sometimes as an appetizer."

Suggested Rule . . .

Dear Mort:

I have a suggestion for the rules committee which I think will make the work of the referee easier and will not make any difference to the doubles players. In the opening serve of the game either player may serve first, there being only one service. After that, the first service shall be the right court man. The serving team will not therefore have any advantage or disadvantages and will eliminate any confusion for the official or a question of serving turn.

LARRY M. DIKE
Tucson, Arizona

Note: This has been brought to Dan Callahan's attention for further action.



ATLANTA 'FIRST SHOWING' . . . Jimmy Jacobs (r) greets Cassius Clay prior to the world premier of the Jacobs-produced film, "a.k.a. Cassius Clay", shown in Downtown Atlanta the night before the Clay-Quarry fight. Picture includes boxing manager Cus D'Amato.



DURING THE NATIONAL JUNIORS . . . Marty Decatur (r) vacationed in Miami Beach during the Christmas holidays and was a regular visitor to the Flamingo Park courts. A special exhibition was arranged with Fred Lewis (l), with Impressario Bob Davidson (c) promoter and neutral observer because both players are products of his New York school of winning strategy.

First Spokane City Tourney Runs Smoothly

The First Annual Spokane City Handball Tournament was marked with aggressive play and enthusiasm. Handball may have had its beginning in the East, but it has truly moved West.

There were 87 singles and 44 doubles teams entered in the first Spokane city-wide tournament. The two-week tournament was co-hosted by the Spokane Club and Elks 228. Fairchild A.F.B., Spokane Club, YMCA and the Elks all had entries.

Jerry Skogstad won the A singles title, but not without some difficulty. In the semi-finals, ageless Jud Heathcote, assistant basketball coach of the Washington State University Cougars, extended Skogstad to a 21-20 third game. Skogstad, down 18-20, made serve after serve until he finally made three driving pass shots to Heathcote's weak side. Heathcote had the service three times at 20.

In the A doubles, Ron Akerhielm got out of his hospital bed to team up with Fred Farrell and win the doubles championship. In the finals, Jim O'Rourke and Ron Hull started slow, losing the first game 21-10; however, O'Rourke started killing the ball with ease and accuracy and O'Rourke and Hull won the second game 13-21. The third game saw Akerhielm regain his composure, while his partner Farrell simply powered the ball past everyone. His power "Z" serve from the right side was unreturnable. Final game, 21-14—Akerhielm and Farrell.

Bernie Goble has been playing Jim Slavin for more years than either will admit, and Bernie finally beat Jim for the Master Singles crown. However, Slavin joined "Lefty" Gil Dorin to defeat Cliff Johnson and Vince Slatt for the Master Doubles title.

In the classes, Rocky Daly soundly defeated Walt Wolf for the B crown. Denny Boni and Dom Curralli won the B doubles by outlasting Mark Anderson and Doug Womack in an hour-and-forty-five-minute marathon. They won the third game 21-20 after being down 17-20. Bill Redfield won the C singles and teamed with Cris Olson for the C doubles win. Jay Healy did the same in the D division by winning the singles, and with Ken McLuen, the doubles.

Bob Herro, Elk's athletic director, and Bob Kasey, the pro at the Spokane Club, capped off a superbly-run tournament with an awards banquet after which all



"I cannot tell a lie Abe, . . . you hindered the hell out of me!"

the games were replayed, shot by shot. All the losers vowed never again to give their opponents all those back wall set ups, and all the winners were busy telling their wives, "See, this trophy shows that I really do spend all that time at the club playing handball." Was there ever any doubt?

Spokane is a handball town. Any visiting handballer need only call the Elks 228 or the Spokane Club. There are any of some 300 handballers that will accept a challenge.

Our Lilac City handball tourney will be held this May. Do come and enjoy our handball hospitality.

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Elks Handball Chairman

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Predict New National Champs

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with any of 'em, but in the mid-30s he might be losing that all-important step that makes him vulnerable.

Fred Lewis, Miami Beach, appears more concerned with doubles concentration in the nationals, and he certainly hasn't the stamina to make an important thrust in both categories. Fred finished second in doubles with Steve Lott and they are intent on improving that finish.

Bob Bourbeau, Reno, is another of the better singles players who cannot be expected to move progressively at the mid-30 age bracket. Bob gave Stuffy Singer a tussle in the quarter-finals last year, losing 21-18, 21-19. This season a leg injury kept him from gaining tournament exposure.

Jim Jacobs, who now insists his tournament appearances are over, was a top eight finisher last year, and thus leaves an opening. Jacobs gave Pfeifer an object lesson but then was far from his playing capabilities in losing to Muck. It's that back weakness that hits Jim after successive matches. Even at 40 he is brilliant to watch on a "one shot" basis.

Of the other 16 finalists last year: Andy Upatnieks, Chicago, who seemingly has changed his training routine and only needs consistent performance to post wins; Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio, with the game and experience; Buzz Shumate, now back in Denver, also on the other side of the prime open singles years; Paul Schulz, St. Paul, most capable if he can avoid injuries; Marty Decatur, now convinced he should indulge in doubles only.

Besides Graybill, we might have another former national tournament strongboy in Bob Lindsay, El Paso. Bob has melted off some avordupois and is playing better than ever. But the question is always whether he will show or not.

San Francisco's best singles bet is Gary Ryan. Ryan took Neveau in three last year before losing to Schulz and came within a "whisper" of beating Haber in the South End Rowing Club invite last Summer.

Neveau Possibility

Ray Neveau had a fine "comeback" at St. Paul in the invitational, with wins over Yambrick and Kirby. We can all remember his runnerup spot in 1968 at the nationals in St. Louis to Singer, and he has the big game to move along during the type of schedule that is to his liking.

As always, doubles often is a variable subject to deal with because of the "Pick-A-Partner" theme and the fact we don't

often know who will enter. Decatur, concentrating on doubles, and playing with Russo, would demand at least a co-favorite role. The "kids", Lewis and Lott, beat Ray Neveau and Simie Fein at Akron for that title, and contingent on their showing in the first USHA national invitational at Denver (Feb. 19-21) will be strongly backed. Don Ardito will need a new partner with Andy Upatnieks sidelined. Dennis Hofflander will probably play with Phil Elbert.

The defending champs, Carl and Ruby Obert, are a doubtful quantity. Ruby had shoulder trouble and they just haven't tuned themselves in tournament play since their win to stay sharp. They would have a big job to retain the crown.

There may be some new teams set up as a result of the Denver invitational doubles, so again we say, it is just watch and wait.

Masters Singles Tough

The popular Masters singles will have durable Tom Ciasulli, pride of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, defending. Dr. John Scopis, Detroit, didn't defend his '69 title last year, and he may return. Howie Wyrsh and Rudy Stadlberger, San Francisco, are potentials, as is Dick Weisman, Los Angeles. Dick beat Ciasulli, 21-5, in their first game of the quarters but then Dick had to default because of knee trouble. Other strong Masters: Fred DeNuccio, Chesapeake, Va.; Bob Little, San Francisco; Ted Yeamans, Portland; Vito Maggipinto, the Los Angeles fireman. Lou Kramberg, New York, could definitely be a man to threaten the supremacy should he choose to play in this bracket, rather than in open doubles. Oscar Obert and Phil Elbert are just a month or two away from the Masters play and would add much to the strength of the tournament.

In the Masters doubles we have seen domination by "older" duos in recent years — first Ken Schneider and Gus Lewis, Chicago, and last year by Bob Brady and Bill Keays, pride of the San Francisco Olympic Club. It would appear that some of the "young" blood will begin to assert themselves. This is always contingent on who will prefer the Masters singles as we have argued logically that the singles will invariably "water down" the doubles, just as is prevalent in the open brackets. Chicagoan Phil Collins, a former open doubles champion with Johnny Sloan, could be real tough with a worthy partner. Central winners Nunzio Mugavero and Tony Tennerelli, Chicago, would be tough

UPTANIEKS OUT???

GRAYBILL, LINDSAY IN???

Andy Upatnieks, playing doubles with Don Ardito, for the Central USHA championship at the Evanston (Ill.) YMCA against Denny Hofflander and Jack McDonald, suffered a torn bicep ligament in the first game and is expected to be sidelined for at least eight weeks. His appearance in the nationals is very problematical at this time.

Dave Graybill, the pride of Phoenix, is definitely expected to participate in his first nationals in several years, and should be a strong contender for top honors. Another probable entrant is Bob Lindsay, now of El Paso, who has shed 20 pounds and is playing the best ball of his career. Lindsay won the national doubles with Pete Tyson in 1966 at Salt Lake City, and has been a top eighter nationally in singles.

should they play in Memphis. The first Invitational Masters doubles winners, Murray Marcus and Billy Haas, Miami, could also go a long way.

Now eligible is an outstanding experienced team from St. Louis. Dr. Stan London and Al Goldstein. They have many tournament wins including the most recent USHA Central Division open doubles.

The first Golden Masters will have the invite winners, George Brotemarkle and Bill Feivou, Los Angeles A.C., as favorites. There should be a number of grand ol' veterans competing to make it a most important and worthwhile addition to the program.

There should be some real exciting action throughout the Big Week and when the firing ceases April 3 your reporter predicts NEW CHAMPIONS in open singles, open doubles, Masters singles, and Masters doubles!!!

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CAROM SHOTS...

From Memphis: Marge Gillespie, wife of our upcoming national tournament chairman, Jack, answered the phone recently, and the caller asking for Jack, said, "I'm a ham radio operator and this may sound like a foolish question, but is your husband the handball player?" The caller continued, "I'm in touch with a fella who wants the dates of the nationals and where in Memphis they are being held. His parents want to come from California to watch him play." Marge figured this player must be someone special so asked for the name. "Well," the ham operator added, "I don't know but he's not in California, he's in Florida and I'm meeting him tonight via the air waves." At this point his story become more and more involved, about how he used to play the game . . . could he come and watch . . . and he goes on and on. Finally, Marge was able to say a few words, gave him the info. he wanted, hoping it would get to California or Florida and invited him to call again, anytime but dinnertime. Marge summed it up, "We'll probably never know who it was."

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James T. Murray of Sandusky, Ohio, writes: "In March of this year my two brothers and I will be opening a racquet club in this city. The club will contain two handball courts; one of official dimensions and one smaller. The club will also contain such things as a steam bath, sauna, whirlpool bath, exercise room . . ."

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Dear Jack: (Gillespie)

Your advance man, the great lover of the National Bank of Commerce, Dudley Jefferson, was over and has already put the date in the book.

I'm looking forward to being with you, and I'm delighted that the U. S. Handball Association tournament is being held in Memphis at M.S.U.

I don't know whether you know it or not, Jack, but my father was a good handball player years ago, alongside Sam Atcheson.

Officially, and personally, let me know if I can be of service to you, with regard to the coming tournament. If a proclamation would be of assistance to you, please draw one up, or send me the details, and I'll have it drawn.

If a "Key" or "Keys to the City" would be helpful, please let me know. In other words, this is good news, and I would like to be of service to you if the occasion arises.

HENRY LOEB
Mayor
City of Memphis

Add more courts in the offing . . . In International Village, Minneapolis . . . two courts with a rambling apartment complex . . . Malibu East, 5920 N. Sheridan rd., Chicago . . . " . . . does the thought of having a deluxe handball court in your own home turn you on?" included with saunas, swimming pools, tennis court, putting green . . . court with viewer's gallery and separate sauna and showers.

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New handball club formed . . . Castle Hill Handball Club . . . in word from Ken Smolack — membership is open to any present member or former member (between 1965-70) of the Castle Hill Beach Club . . . being formed to promote fellowship among the handball enthusiasts of the Beach Club and to sponsor players to national three-wall championships. Dues will be \$5 a year — send to one of following: Michael Meltzer, 1356 Hicks st., Bronx, NY 10469; Ken Smolack, 4156 Baychester ave., Bronx, NY 10466; Robert Harbatkin, 3361 Corsa ave., Bronx, NY 10469. The Club will also have function: raffle to raise needed funds, and end of season barbeque.

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Norm Schade of Zephyr Cove, Nevada (near Reno) knows how to guard against rising costs . . . he sent in his USHA renewal for SIX years, \$10.

Dave Meggysey, the former pro lie-

FT. KNOX...

Handballers at Fort Knox, N.Y., were treated to a highly-informative clinic on four-wall play on Jan. 9 by Joel Galpern, one of the top young players in the South.

During the clinic Galpern discussed and demonstrated the fundamentals of serving, shotmaking, positioning and game planning. His presentation was excellent and was of great value to the many new players who attended. As a finale, Joel demonstrated his own skills as a player in an exhibition match against three local players. His performance was a real eye-opener to the crowd on how the game should be played.

Galpern, stationed here as an Army reservist, also managed to take time from his training to compete in the Louisville Class A Championship held at the Downtown Branch, Louisville YMCA. Joel added this title to his collection, defeating perennial champion Frank Long in a tough three-game final match.

backer with the St. Louis Cardinals, debunks sports these days and states in his book: "The only sport that doesn't sell contact is baseball and it's hurting." Some day, some place, these pseudo-intellects will learn something about the real world of sports . . . not those who rely strictly on spectators for their existence.

Financing the National Juniors...

The 15th National Juniors, held Dec. 28-30, had a record entry of 62. All out-of-staters received \$50 each toward their travel costs and were given housing and food through arrangements made at the University of Miami in Coral Gables.

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—Souvenir t-shirts	100.00
—USHA officials — transportation, per diem Mort Leve; Joe Ardito	600.00
—Housing at \$3 each for three nights in two fraternity houses	302.00
—Rental sheets, blankets, towels from University	150.00
—Breakage deposits in two fraternity houses	250.00
—Food—Four breakfasts and one dinner at U. of Miami	
Student Union cafeteria	270.00
(Friday night banquet hosted by Dr. Maury Fox at his Westchester General Hospital) lunches provided by Miami Beach Handball Association and USHA at YHMA, Miami, and Flamingo Park	75.00
—Bus rental to take players to and from courts, back to airport	255.00
Balls	75.00
—Miscellaneous—rental car, round trip air coach Mike Dau,	
Lake Forest College handball coach	300.00
Total expense—	\$5062.00

INCOME FROM TOURNAMENT:

Entry fees at \$10 each	\$ 640.00
Donations through Bob Davidson's fund raising campaign	1200.00
Total income	\$1840.00
Total USHA expense of 1970 National Juniors	\$3222.00

Lake Forest College Team Annual Trip

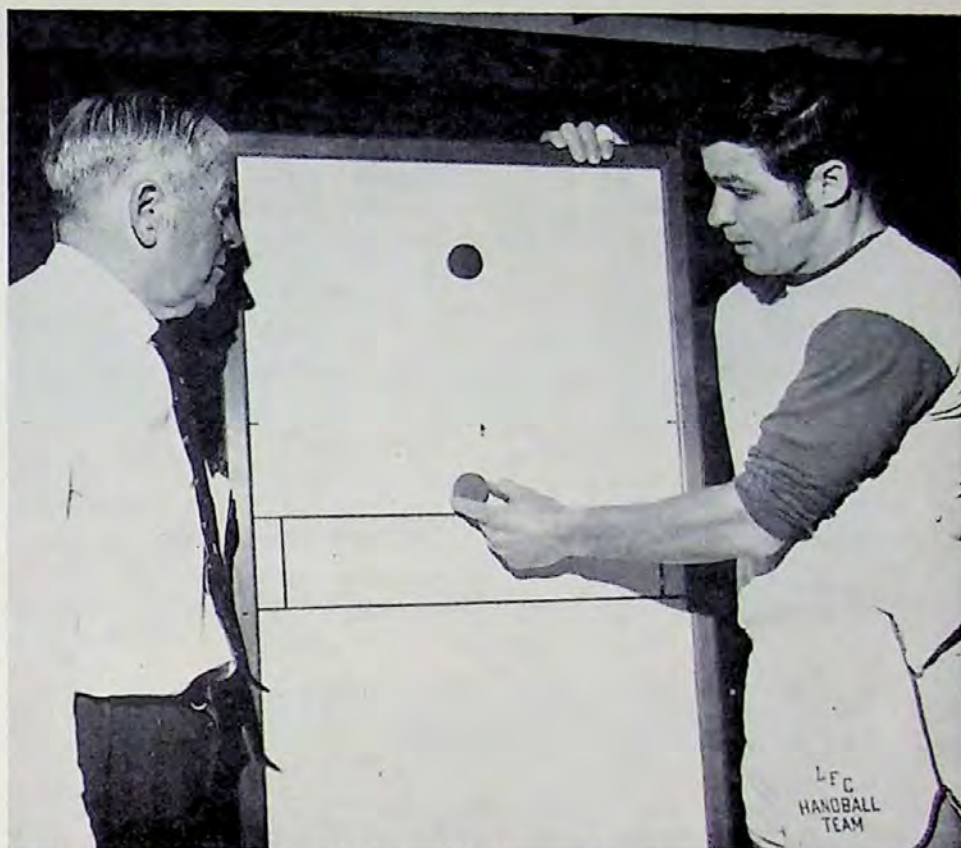
Friday, Dec. 4 — Arrived at Purdue University at the exact minute the clinic was scheduled. We forgot to consider the hour difference in time. Mike Darnell, 1970 USHA Intercollegiate B champ, was our cordial host. The clinic was well received by a group of 35 handball enthusiasts. After the clinic we adjourned to the handball courts for three exhibition matches. The courts are constructed of wood, not standard size, and there are only five, too few for a student body of 25,000. Purdue will be represented at both the Midwest division and the National Intercollegiate.

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Welcomed at Indiana University by YMCA Executive Director, Harold Rudolph. Indiana does not have an organized handball club but on the basis of our clinic audience and an even larger crowd at the exhibition matches it appears the interest is more than sufficient to warrant such an organization. Two very promising players who should help get the program off the ground are Terry Fischer, a sophomore, and freshman Jay Dorman who later in the month participated in the USHA National Juniors in Miami.

Sunday, Dec. 6 — Arrival at the University of Tennessee, site of the 1971 USHA National Intercollegiate Tournament. Their new facilities are fantastic. Ten standard size courts, the lighting is exceptional and the walls extremely fast. The exhibition court, which was not completed, has glass side walls and back wall (from floor to ceiling). There is no doubt this will cause visual problems for the players but is certainly a great court for the spectators. Dr. Ben Plotnicki hosted us in regal fashion at his beautiful country home. The Tennessee team of Ed Lowrance, John Plotnicki, Steve Morris, and Frank Rosato will have to be reckoned with at this year's nationals. About 100 in attendance at the clinic and exhibition. Handball is definitely on the move at Tennessee.

Monday, Dec. 7 — Davidson University in North Carolina was our stop. Had an excellent turnout for the clinic; unfortunately there is limited gallery space so very few could watch the exhibition matches. Sterling Martin, intramural director, was most enthusiastic over our presentation. Davidson entered a team in the 1970 USHA Intercollegiate (at Lake Forest) and plans to enter again this year. Most promising players are Jim Brice, Buzz Taber, and Walt Sprunt.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 — After a day off sight seeing in Washington, D.C., we traveled up to the U.S. Naval Academy



EXHIBITION-CLINIC COLLEGE TOUR . . . Mike Dau (r), handball coach of the Lake Forest College team, points out court strategy to Nelson Nitchman, intramural director of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on recent visit there. Lake Forest College trips have stimulated play at many colleges, and have pointed out the importance of adequate court instruction to the undergraduates.

in Annapolis. The handball courts are squash dimensions with an extremely low ceiling. It's a shooters paradise. As a result of our previous visits the Midshipmen have an officially recognized handball club and will definitely participate in the USHA Division and Nationals. Their top players are Dick Massa, and Ron Spratt.

Thursday, Dec. 10 — The Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. was our next stop. Attending our clinic was school superintendent, Rear Admiral J. F. Thompson, an avid handball enthusiast. The Coast Guard has five new courts. The only problem with the courts are the wire mesh screens in the gallery which obstruct the spectator's view (or an official's). Hoping to persuade Nelson Nitchman, intramural director, to host the Eastern USHA Division.

Friday, Dec. 11 — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point was next on the agenda. The courts are immense, 46' x 24'. Needless to say they develop some strong-armed players. The Cadets have the best organized club of any school we

visit. They have a 12-game schedule and participated in the USHA Division and National Intercollegiate tournaments. Mike Roark, club president, is an alumnus of the USHA Junior tournament.

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Our final stop, after driving 150 miles in a sleet storm, was Rensselaer Poly Tech, Troy, N.Y. The clinic was poorly attended but the exhibition matches were relatively good. Their courts are basic squash dimensions.

EPILOGUE — Five of the eight schools we visited have well organized clubs: West Point, Annapolis, Purdue, Tennessee, and R.P.I. With the continued growth of handball interest and a little push from within, Indiana, Coast Guard and Davidson are more than capable of supporting handball clubs.

Our goal continues to be variety status for handball with ultimate recognition by the NCAA. We realize this is still off in the distant future but each day brings us that much closer and we know our efforts will not have been in vain.

MIKE DAU



NEW YORK DOWNTOWN A.C. special presentation to Pat Kirby, assistant athletic director. Portrait is given Pat by legendary Vic Hershkowitz on behalf of the Club. Vic played exhibition with Bill Basorf against West Point's Major B. Roper and B. Oliver.

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New Orleans...

1970 YMCA Handball Championships have ended and results are as follows:

Class A — Champion — Ralph Villars;
Runner-up — George Frentzos.

Class B — Champion — Brooks Emory;
Runner-up — Howard Hampton.

Masters — Champion — Robert Shaw;
Runner-up — Mike Pfister.

Doubles — Champions — Ralph Villars and Burt Lattimore;
runner-up — George Frentzos and Frank Cicatiello.

The longest match was a two-hour marathon between Howard Hampton and Henry McGrew, with Hampton edging McGrew 21-19 in the third game. A week later in a Masters match, McGrew was defeated by Malcolm Peters after some 95 minutes.

Ralph Villars was over-powering as he won both the singles and doubles.

The rest of our players will have to do much improving next year if they expect to defeat him.

By far, the most interesting matches were in the Masters (over 40 years old) tournament. These able veterans used every psychological trick in the book. Bob Shaw would walk slowly with great pain while picking up the ball between serves, his chest shaking as he inhaled what seemed to be his last gasp for breath. Phil Begue would stalk around the court using a towel to cover his hacking cough muttering something about an 11 point game. Time outs were used as judiciously as a wino would consume his last half pint. If an elder statesman made a kill shot, it had to be lucky because ever since he hurt his back before his operation before he injured his knees, he hasn't been able to swing properly with his bruised hand.

Those who watched Bob Shaw play were treated to a fine display as he repeatedly killed front and back wall shots with his patented corner shot. Work has started on converting the weightlifting room into a third handball court. It will not be regulation size, but can be so converted if enough people petition for this. Ralph Villars has challenged the top four players from the New Orleans A.C. to play our top four — date to be posted. Many thanks to Frank Cicatiello for putting on our banquet this coming Friday night.

Election results from our last meeting were: President, Dimitry Morvant, Jr.; Secretary, Burt Lattimore; Treasurer, Frank Williams. We will be installing our Ladder in the next week or so. Players will be ranked according to their finish in the last tournament. To belong one must be a member of the Hinder Club. Dues have been set at \$5.00 a year. Laminated pictures with name and phone numbers of each player will be used.

Bud Miller Wins Singles; Pfeifer-Farquhar Doubles

By NICK ROCCO
Tournament Chairman

Bud Miller, Bellingham, used a combination of kill shots, passes and old-fashioned hustle to knock off always-tough Bob Wilson, Vancouver, B.C., 21-11, 21-19) in capturing the open singles crown in the 2nd Annual Shakey's Handball tournament at the Bellingham (Wash.) YMCA. In an all-Tacoma doubles final, Gordy Pfeifer and Bob Farquhar defeated the energetic team of Lea McMillian-Bill Ide (21-13, 21-14). This year's field of 82 entrants included Rod Pantages and Jack Alton of Vancouver, B.C., winners over Don Lintott and Bill Faraone (21-14, 21-9) in the Master's doubles competition. Consolation singles easily went to Dave Kerrone, Seattle, never losing a game.

The Pacific Northwest, gaining strength as a contender for the 1972 nationals, showed it can draw good talent, as every Pacific Northwest Coast state was represented. Third-seeded hook specialist Ron Moormeister, Glendale, Calif., was beaten early by the determined and opportunistic play of Harv Gorsuch, Belling-

ham YMCA physical director, (9-21, 21-17, 21-11), eventual 3rd place winner. Vic Kristopatis, last year's winner couldn't put it together, losing in the semis to Wilson (21-15, 21-13). Third place doubles went to Jim Miller and Ed Altman, both of Seattle. Tournament Chairman Nick Rocco expressed strong optimism at the enthusiasm of all entrants. This type of enthusiasm marks the Pacific Northwest as a definite stronghold for competitive handball. Dan Callahan, National Referees chairman, did not make his usual showing due to a lingering virus infection. Dan, however, refereed until his voice gave out.

Other players making a strong showing included Severo Sanchez, Seattle, and Gary Hamel, Burnaby, B.C. In doubles, George Cobean and Tony Milan, Tacoma, were real contenders until the end. Norm Olsen and Bob Stevens took third place in the Masters doubles. The next major competition in Bellingham is the Blossom Time tournament in May. The "Red Carpet City" welcomes all interested players to contact the Bellingham YMCA, c/o Harv Gorsuch, for further information.

2nd D. C. Area Cherry Blossom April 16-18

Ed Meadows announces the second annual Cherry Blossom Festival tournament April 16-19. Plans may be finalized for doubles only this time. If the entry is large both the Arlington, Va. YMCA courts (in Greater Washington D.C. area) and the Pentagon Athletic Club courts will be utilized.

Ed also relays the information that the University of Maryland has plans for eight courts, and a private club in Rockville, Md. will have a combined tennis-handball court operation and is slated for opening late this year.

Fairfax County in Virginia is building a new high school which will include six handball courts to be operated by the county's recreation department evenings and weekends.

Entry fee to the Cherry Blossom doubles — \$5 per man. Checks should be made out to: Cherry Blossom Handball Tournament, and mailed to: Ed Meadows, c/o YMCA, Kirkwood Road and N. 13th St., Arlington, Va. Tel. No. # 703-525-5482.

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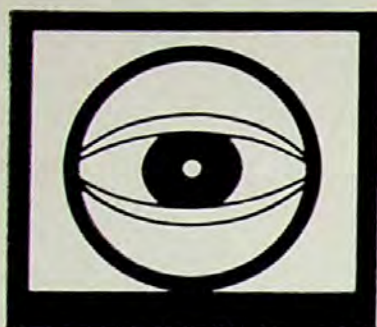
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OBSERVATION TOWER

by BOB DAVIDSON, *National Juniors Chairman*

Ken Ginty, 17-year-old son of the late Tom Ginty, former great of the New York A.C., became the under-19 national titleholder by defeating a good opponent, Rick Christian of Los Angeles. Ken won decisively in the first game, 21-5 by hard low serves along with good kills and passes. In the second game Ginty got to 17 points and stayed there as he appeared tired and began to take desperate shots from a standup position. Rick kept hitting a lot of walls, hoping Ginty would wear out. After a couple of time outs and the score 17-17, Ken began to serve low and hard, made a couple of easy points to go 19-17. Then he made a remarkable get in the right corner and returned just reached the left side, front wall for a dribble in kill for the 20th point. With that kind of luck going for him, Ken ran out for his match point and his first national junior championship.

Ginty was delighted about this win as he remembered his loss of two years ago to Christian in the finals of the under 16 when he had a 20-16 lead and decided to shoot for No. 21 but never made it.

Ken had recently lost in the finals of the national one-wall to Marcel Goldfarb in three and must have wondered if he was always to be a "bridesmaid" but this win should supply the needed confidence. Ken has just turned 17 and has another year of Junior competition. I definitely feel there is no youngster on the scene today who is going to beat his type of game. He has one of the best defensive opposite hands that I have ever seen for a boy his age. With his power drives and serves and capable low shooting he should repeat next December.

In the semis Ginty played Mitchell Straus and won quite handily; in the quarters Bill Baraban of Kansas City looked improved and got 12 and 17 against Ken. Baraban gave quite a performance in beating San Francisco's Pete Colichidas. After losing the first game, 21-13, Bill came back strong.

Jim Benincasa Jr., Ft. Lauderdale, playing with his left arm in a heavy cast, gave a courageous performance in losing to Scotty Johnson of Sharpsville, Pa., 17 and 17.

Rick Christian had a tough match with the one-wall champ, Goldfarb, winning 21-14, 21-20. If Rick was forced to a third game he would have been in deep trouble as Marcel is a well-conditioned athlete who has taken up the four-wall game only recently. He has the will, strength and mind to be one of the top players in one, three or four-wall if he continues to devote the time to the game.

In the semis Gary Straus, southpaw of the twins, lost to Rick Christian, 17 and 17. Gary seemed slow because of his extra weight and has forgotten the basics he's been taught. He and his brother

can still become a strong doubles team if they put their minds to it.

Brewer Kitchings Jr., Birmingham, has the classic swings but doesn't put the muscle to it.

In retrospect, Ken Ginty, after four years of listening to all types of methods on how to play handball, at last admitted to himself there is no secret to good handball but hard work and basic knowledge of what to do and how to do it. We had him hitting the ball hard, no fancy tricks with his hands, no faking with his body . . . leveling off as close to the floor as possible, finding his true point of contact . . . practicing his back wall kills and thinking about good choice of shots. Before the Summer was over at Castle Hill Beach Club Ken had mastered these essentials, and I was fairly sure he would take it all.

The under-17 was a repeat win for St. Louis' Ted Yevelson, over Vern Roberts Jr., in a 3-game match that saw Ted wear Vern down to the ground, ending the third game 21-zip. When Ted won the match he turned to the crowd and with his fist waving in the air, yelled, "St. Louis is No. 1". He controlled himself real well and proved he can win without psyching his opponents with chatter after every play.

Barry and Billy Goldstein, sons of Al Goldstein, and grand-nephews of his former national commissioner, Hymie Goldstein, had a bang-up match for



STILL STURDY . . . Bob Davidson gets the boss man's care at Dr. Maury Fox's Westchester General Hospital in Miami. Bob had slight setback after National Juniors but is on the mend and promises to be with us in Memphis for the big one.

third place, with Barry, 16, the winner over Billy, 15.

Alan Marcus, son of Murray Marcus, one-time king of the Flamingo Park courts prior to the Bob Haas era, has been playing a short time and it was a thrill for him to be in a national tournament.

Here are just a few observations on the weaknesses of certain players:

Cody Pantages, Vancouver, Canada, has a six-foot frame . . . shoots at all times, keeps the ball up front, daring his opponent to shoot . . . too many setups so first good shooter he faced "creamed him" . . . will have to get his opponent off the short line in order to be effective with his angle shooting.

Ken Mazon, Kansas City, is never up front when his opponent is obviously going to shoot . . . horrible choice of shots with his opposite left hand.

Alan Sitkoff, St. Paul . . . solid strong game but he carries the ball off the back wall instead of stroking it. This means he's not sure of where his point of contact should be.

Bill Lanfri made the mistake of keeping the ball low and inside the short line in his losing match against Goldfarb. The obvious thing to do was to keep the ball on the ceiling so that Marcel would be away from the front court.

These youngsters don't remember, or concentrate enough on what they read or are told.

1. Get your opponent off the short line unless you have a setup.

2. Use the ceiling . . . it's a great defensive and offensive weapon . . . don't hit the side wall on a ceiling shot, you're a loser if you do. Just make your opponent hit the ball with his weak hand. After a few years of practice you

will be able to keep it fairly close to the wall.

3. Have your favorite serves, but after your first short learn the variety of three-wall serves.

4. You don't have to kill with your left hand to be a winner. Learn to use it as a defensive weapon, so that your opponent doesn't get a setup and you'll be doing well.

We were fortunate in having a good batch of referees at Flamingo Park. Two of our refs, Rich Robataille and Marty Cohen, did game after game . . . real work horses. George Simpson, the ex-Chicagoan and runnerup in the Golden Masters with Harry Hanft, was down early to do a couple of matches. Jerry Uritsky, formerly of the Bronx and now of Atlanta, did a match . . . Joel Galpern, our number two player at Flamingo, on leave from the Army, also pitched in. Fred Lewis, besides keeping the players ready, had time for a couple of crucial games. Bob Lewis did the finals between Yevelson and Vern Roberts Jr. Al Levine followed with the Ginty-Christian match. Bob also kept the refreshments for the players every day . . . food and drinks were supplied by the Miami Beach Handball Club . . . fine oranges (California?) and bananas were given gratis to the boys by Danny Flowers, formerly of Boston.

Dick Brouwer of Portland was in Miami with a girl's swim team . . . Bob Lewis was also publicity man, got a few writeups and a TV spot of the action . . . Joe Lenhardt was in from San Jose and accumulated quite a few handball notes . . . we have to thank the Castle Hill Old Timers and the management of Castle Hill Beach Club for their help in sending Gary and Mitchell Straus and Ken Ginty.

It wasn't easy to get this Juniors in Miami but with the help of these fine gentlemen we made it. We started with Nat Miller of Detroit-Miami . . . then we contacted Lou Schapiro, who never says no to me in my efforts for youth handball. Lou commutes from N.Y. to Miami. Our Castle Hill buddy, Sam Stern, was next . . . then the ex-Cincinnati boys, Hy Kirsner and Al Levine . . . Irwin Christy, Miami councilman sent in his check . . . Murray Marcus, USHA Nat'l Invite, Masters doubles champ . . . Bill Segal came across as usual and said if I needed more he would be there.

Before leaving New York our doctor playing friend, Lenny Heimoff, said he would like to help by giving me a check . . . Dr. Heimoff is also a resident of N. Miami. Ted Foster also donated toward this great tourney.

We now come to the man who made this all possible — Dr. Maury Fox, our handsome handball playing doctor. We had our banquet at his Westchester General Hospital cafeteria with a buffet sup-

Just Under the Wire . . .

Results of the Feb. 4-7 weekend division tournaments . . .

FRESNO — *West Division*. Open singles — Stuffy Singer, Los Angeles, def. Gary Ryan, San Francisco, 21-8, 21-11. Third place — Harry Packer, Los Angeles, def. Jim O'Brien, San Francisco, 21-14, 21-20. Open doubles — Mike Kelly-Mike Dunn, San Francisco, def. John Bart-Mel Sandland, Long Beach, 21-14, 21-9. Third place — Jerry Conine-Steve Bell, San Bernardino, def. Lou Morales-Joe Vasquez San Bernardino, 21-13, 21-12. Masters doubles — Joe Lenhardt-Sol Aber, San Jose, def. Stan Clawson-Frank Elias, San Francisco, 21-19, 21-18. Third place — George Takoaka-Frank Zuniga, Fresno, def. Rod Rodriguez-George Brotemarkle, Los Angeles, 21-9, 21-10. Masters singles — Arnold Aguilar, Los Angeles, def. Marv Gurian, Pasadena, 21-13, 21-14.

CHATTANOOGA — *South Division*. Open singles — Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, def. Randy Essel, Cleveland, 21-2, 21-4. Third place — Tom Kelly, Jacksonville, over Joel Galpern, Miami. Open doubles — Kent Fusselman, Warren Ohio-Al Drews Cleveland, def. Ernie Ortiz, Tampa-Paul Katz, Orlando, 21-4, 16-21, 21-17. Masters doubles — Joe Pratt-Frank Jernigan, Atlanta, def. Jesse Hader-Stan Flamm, Atlanta, 21-10, 21-17; Masters singles — Fred DeNuccio, Norfolk, def. Alan Clark, Birmingham, 19-21, 21-10, 21-17.

ST. LOUIS — *Central Division*. Open singles — Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, def. Aaron Fenster, St. Louis, 21-9, 21-11; Third place — Fred Calcaterra, St. Louis, def. Steve Schneider, St. Louis, 21-17, 21-6. Open doubles — Dr. Stan London-Al Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Bill McGreevy Jr.-Dick Standfield, St. Louis, 21-5, 21-13. Third place — Bob Koenig-Brian Falknor, Chicago, over Frank Larkin-Jim Annoreno, Chicago. Masters doubles — Jack Briscoe, St. Louis-Lou DeLuna, Kansas City, def. Bill McGreevy Sr.-Mike Carnaghi, St. Louis, 21-3, 21-4; Third place — Don Kienlen, Joliet-Chuck Emmert, Elgin, def. Bob Kohring-Earl Carrol. Masters singles — Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, def. Gene Kuehner, St. Louis, 20-21, 21-7, 21-1. Third place — Val Vogel def. Nate Dubman.

NEW YORK — *East Division*. Open singles — John Brinn, New York, def. George Maier, New York, 21-17, 21-13. Open doubles — Lou Kramberg — Pat Kirby, New York, def. Rich Greenwald-Joe Danilczyk, New York. Masters singles — Jamie Fitzpatrick, New York, def. Tom Ciasulli, Scotch Plains, N.J.

NOTES: Glowing words from George Takoaka of Fresno for the West division, and from Dr. Jim Tanner of Birmingham about the Chattanooga Y hosts . . . and, the floor managing job done by our Southeast commissioner, Sid Semel of Norfolk, and his son. The St. Louis JCCA did everything possible to make it an outstanding tournament . . . fine facilities, hospitality, banquet . . . but the key players were missing? USHA officials will sit down in Memphis and go over the entire division tournament format and if changes are needed they will be made. The idea behind the divisionals was to give top players the opportunity to compete against each other in their own areas and as a special award the winners of open singles and doubles would get a trip to the nationals.

per for 75. Doc had everyone working. His wife, Sylvia, was there, her brother, her mother, and some of the hospital help. Pictures were taken of the festivities by Mrs. Fox's secretary, Isabel.

I'd like to point out that Doc Fox's wife, Sylvia, is a fabulous woman, mother of 7 children and runs a 50-bed hospital, employing about 225 people. Between Dr. Fox and Sylvia, they spend practically every day at the hospital. Doc puts in at least 12 hours a day between his clinic and the hospital . . . a truly great couple, with a mission in life of helping people . . . they set up a special cake reading: "Best Wishes to National Junior Handball Champs."

I had the pleasure of presenting a plaque to Dr. Fox for his cooperation and hospitality.

Mort Leve and Joe Ardito took care of the play at the YMHA in Miami with finals of the under-15 held there. We're grateful to Dr. Al Tudor for allowing us to use his courts. Elaine Leve and her

charming daughter, Marsha, sat with Inez Ardito, "The Golden Arm of Las Vegas" at the banquet. Also at our table was Lou Soodak, our M.B.H.A. treasurer, with his wife, Birdie.

Fred Lewis, as my assistant host chairman, did a bang-up job in getting two fraternities set up for sleeping quarters, plus the University of Miami cafeteria . . . arranged for bus transportation . . . rental of sheets, towels and blankets . . . sat in on the draw . . . and served as floor manager at Flamingo. Fred, now 24, graduates this month, and hopes to combine Masters studies with handball coaching. He is one of the top players in the nation and has the complete knowledge of this game in all phases, one, three and four-wall. Any college interested in making four-wall handball a strong activity couldn't make a better choice than Lewis. We have two knowledgeable college coaches in Pete Tyson, Texas, and Mike Dau, Lake Forest. Handball can be a big thing (to page 56)

**From: The Tampa Times, Nov. 10, 1970.
"Big Brother Showed the Way . . . "Bend
in the Road for Better" . . . by Pam Pulley,
Times Staff Writer.**

Note: Ernie Ortiz is definitely one of the top drawer handball players in the nation, and has been one of our stalwart USHA assets wherever he has resided — New York City, Milwaukee, Memphis, and now in Tampa. He is one who has given back to the game.

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Augustine Ortiz Jr. calls himself Ernie, a name swiped from no one by an 11-year-old who had become a fatherless son.

That was 27 years ago and Ortiz felt his logic was justified.

He was an infant when his parents permanently separated and the younger Ortiz was forced to face a hostile future in the Harlem ghetto of New York City without the guidance and attention of a father.

ORTIZ SAYS he then developed into a problem child but way always "lucky."

Lucky then, lucky later and lucky today. Then because he used natural athletic speed and deft, quick hands to steal whatever he could without one apprehension by the law.

Lucky later, that his mother became alarmed by his actions and contacted the Big Brothers organization to find a male figure who could re-rail her son's misdirected life route.

Lucky, too, that his big brother channeled his speed and grace onto the basketball court where he earned statewide acclaim and a college athletic scholarship.

AND LUCKY now. "I am the luckiest man alive," Ortiz says as the current executive director of Big Brothers of Tampa, Inc., himself a big brother, a husband and the father of six children under 10 years of age.

He can review his past without hesitation, discipline his present and plan his future, but shudder at what he might have become or what might never have been.

There are friends who remained in the gutters of Harlem, those with equal skills but who trade their dexterity for drug addiction, robbery and imprisonment.

ORTIZ CAN'T locate these cohorts, but through the years has become aware of their fate and gives thanks to Big Brothers for his escape.

"My mother realized there was a need for someone in my life," he says, referring to misspent years when he used his fleetness to jump on trucks and for sheer excitement throw gallon jars of milk into the Harlem pavements. "I was kind of using my talents in a negative way. If you're not exposed to things, not properly developed, you become a victim of the environment."

His idol at the time was an escape artist who repeatedly maneuvered his way out of jail but his big brother soon erased this questionable sort of hero worship.

"THIS MAN was of a different faith, but was genuinely interested in helping someone in need of help." "This man" realized that Ortiz talents were being wasted and told him to pick a sport, any sport, and "he'd take over from there."

The 11-year-old tapped basketball and went on as a five-foot nine inch teen-age guard to win honors as the city's most valuable high school basketball player.

Ortiz was able to attend George Washington University on an athletic scholarship and graduated with a degree in business administration and accounting. To this day he credits his big brother for his athletic success and ability to escape the street wars of his birthplace.

"YOU WANT to do something and please someone and you'll do it. I got scarred knees all the time," the director says. "The ball would bounce once and it would be mine. I

wanted so much to please him."

Ortiz never received the All-American recognition as a basketball player that he once sought, but was a member of the George Washington team in the early 1950s that was nationally ranked by the major wire services.

With degree in hand, he joined Uncle Sam for a couple of years, was assigned to special services basketball and helped organize dependent children of servicemen into a Little League baseball team.

"I HAD time in the service to think of my future and there was no question in my mind that I would dedicate my life to youth work," he says.

Ortiz' affiliation with Big Brothers was not his immediate objective following his two-year stint with the Army and he found himself trying several social service jobs.

First, he was with the New York City Youth Board, working with street gangs in Harlem, then the Bronx Union YMCA and the Milwaukee, Wisc., Christian Center.

LATER HE directed the Peace Corps in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Juvenile Prevention Bureau in Memphis, Tenn., before becoming director of Tampa Big Brothers three years ago.

Ortiz seems to feel this work is his calling because, as he likes to say, "Who would know better what it's like not to have a father?"

There were 23 volunteer big brothers who were doing the job according to national standard — that is, seeing the boys on a continual basis — when he took over in 1967, he says.

THERE ARE now 113 men who find time in their busy careers to spend with young boys in need of help, and more than 180 youths are currently on the waiting list.

Most are referred to Big Brothers by widowed or divorced mothers who realize their shortcomings in trying to fill the roles of two parents, Ortiz says. "They are put on earth to be a mother, not a father," he adds.

Others are referred by schools, courts, social agencies and clergymen, but these cases are in the minority because the goal of Big Brothers is to reach the boys before any emotional mal-adjustment arises.

"WE DO NOT want to wait until the boy is involved in problems . . . he qualifies for the services because he doesn't have a wholesome male image in the home," Ortiz says.

The 38-year-old director is on call 24 hours daily when mothers become concerned over child discipline problems, but he does manage to find time for his own little brother, his wife and six children.

For himself, Ortiz likes to play handball at least once a day and he currently holds the tri-city handball championship.

The Dallas Athletic Club Recently Celebrated Its
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Handballer Named University President

Tom Clifford, 49, active handballer, has been named president of North Dakota University effective July 1.

Clifford, a barrel-chested ex-Marine officer, has been a formidable handball opponent in the Grand Forks area for years. He is a charter member of USHA, he plays almost every day, and he has won many local tournaments. Last Spring he teamed with Dave Rubin to take the North Dakota doubles championship.

Tom is also a highly respected educator at the University of North Dakota. He is Vice-President for Finance, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, Professor of Accounting, holder of degrees in business administration and law (including the prestigious JD), a Certified Public Accountant, member of innumerable civic and university committees, and good friend of thousands of students, faculty, and alumni.

North Dakota is honored to have Clifford selected as chief executive officer at its largest and most important institution of higher education. And North Dakota handball players are cheering the selection of a handball champion for that high honor. Viva Tom Clifford!

How many other college presidents are state handball champions, for instance?

Clifford teamed with Dave Rubin of Grand Forks to win the doubles title last May in the first state tournament ever. He won the crown on the same day he became a grandfather for the second time.

"It was the first time they had a true state tournament and here I am 49 years old," Clifford winced. "I don't think I'd be alive if it weren't for that game. It's great for taking out frustrations." It's also great for staying in condition, according to Clifford who estimates he has played over 20,000 games.

At six foot and 202 pounds, his 32-inch waistline still gives him the build of the fullback he was while in high school at Langdon. He continued to play football as a freshman at UND in 1938 before knee injury sent him to the sidelines. Eight years later, as a faculty member, he timed his first basketball game for the Sioux. In those days UND was playing its home games in the armory building which presently houses the ROTC and women's physical education headquarters. Needless to say the gym was no extravagant layout.

"We never used to lose at home," Clifford recalled. "We had such a home court advantage. That floor made South Dakota State's barn look like the Met Arena."

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Court Info . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

In your Oct. 1970, issue of ACE, Mort Leve discussed some of the various aspects of creating handball clubs. I found the article informative and interesting.

Because of this article, I am finally inspired to ask you and the USHA for help in forming a local handball club and inquire specifically as to the construction of a regulation four-wall court.

Two years ago we local enthusiasts commandeered an abandoned naval base and have attempted to restore and utilize a three-wall court. The courts are in poor condition, as you can see in the attached photograph, and we hesitate to finance any more repairs as the ownership is questionable.

Your experience in forming the USHA, and association with private handball clubs throughout the United States would be most valuable in helping us step off on the right foot in Santa Rosa, California. I would appreciate any information and advice you may have.

GENE ARGO
1536 Shepard Court
Santa Rosa, CA, 95405

'Diamond Masters' . . .

Dear Bob and Mort:

I have just read the report in ACE of the Golden Masters at Birmingham won by my friendly enemies Feivou and Brotemarkle and note that it will be included in the Nationals at Memphis.

Since the Golden Masters was so successful, how about including a "Diamond Masters" classification in which each player is at least 75 years old? This will give some of us oldsters a "THIRD tournament life".

I have a personal interest in such a category because I want to add to my National tournament laurels. For the record: — (1) In 1947 at St. Louis for the only time in National Tournaments I was one of two fathers competing with their sons in the open double. Bill Badham, Jr. and I beat Larry Rothenberg and revered handball enthusiast Al Schaufelberger in the second round. Bill Badham, III and my son, Dick lost to Sam Haber and Joe Samson in the quarter-finals. (2) In 1967 at San Francisco, Dick and I composed the first father-and-son team to compete in the "Masters". We lost in the second round to Feivou and Brotemarkle. (3) In

1969 at Los Angeles, Harry Le Goube, 62 and I, 72, composed the oldest team, 134, to compete in the Masters.

On May 6 I will be 75 years old. That makes me eligible for the "Diamond Masters" in the Spring of 1972. At this time, I announce my entry and will play wherever the tournament is held. I promise to dig up (perhaps literally) a partner for the event. Please don't disappoint me!

Best wishes for the New Year to all my handball friends, — especially to Gus Lewis, Ken Schneider and both of you.

SID WEISMAN

Los Angeles, Calif.

NOTE: In 1972 we promise a 'Diamond Masters' with a minimum of two teams.

'Mr. Handball' of Rockies . . .

Dear Les: (Shumate)

I would like to express my personal appreciation as a member of the Cheyenne Athletic Club for the clinic which you conducted Jan. 6 here. I especially appreciate the object lesson (I was the person whom you played in the second game of singles) which you gave met in the finer points of handball.

I believe the U.S. Handball Association and the sport of handball in general is very fortunate to have an individual such as you who will travel some distance, apparently without the benefit of an honorarium, to help those just getting started in the game. Personally, I have played handball for only three years, and, although I have received random tips from individuals with whom I have played, I have never received any instruction concerning the basic strategy of the game, such as you so adeptly supplied. Again, thank you so much for the interest which you have taken in our Club, and for allowing me to get a few points in our game.

R. MICHAEL MULLIKIN
Cheyenne, Wyoming

No Virginia Open . . .

Dear Handball Friend:

We are right "smack dab" in the middle of our long-awaited \$1.5 million renovation/expansion building program. In some ways our place really looks "a mess".

Rather than put you through a tremendous inconvenience with "make-shift" facilities, we regretfully decided NOT to hold our 18th Virginia State Open this year. However, 1972 will see us right back on the beam, with bigger and better facilities, e. g. FOUR Handball courts, one of them with a glass back-wall. Hope to see you then; GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SHOOTING.

ROBERT WOODHOUSE
Norfolk Handball Club

In the Far East . . .

Sirs:

Greetings to ACE handball magazine from here at the Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan. Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoy ACE with all the fine comments about the game and the players. Don Wells, my shipmate and playing partner, first introduced me to the magazine and after that I was hooked. Your December issue was introduced to some of the players here at Atsugi and you can see the result; hope to contact more of the players at a later date and hook them.

Most of the handball here in the Far East is played at military installations. The only exception is the Tokyo YMCA where they have one regulation court, concrete walls, wood overhead, and wood floor. They have grouped their players into three classes and the day we played there managed to get a game with their Nos. one and two men. One is a civilian American and the other an employee of the YMCA,

he is Japanese. The game went to point point and we lucked out. They play challenge all day long on Saturday. If any players are in the area they can always get a game there. A USHA handball clinic there would do much to foster the game locally. With a little coverage through the Stars and Stripes I am sure the house would be packed.

Keep up the good work on the instruction column; us B and C players may make A yet.

F. M. BURKE

Courts in Thailand

Sirs:

Please find enclosed \$2 for which to send me a year's subscription-membership. I started at the Elgin (Ill.) YMCA at the tender age of 14 and love the game now more than ever. I'm stationed in Thailand, flying as a pilot forward air controller on a C-123 aircraft. They just opened two new courts on our base so hope to spend many hours playnig the game.

While home on leave over Thanksgiving I was delighted to find out that my alma mater, Colorado State University, has included 12 courts in its athletic plant . . . and the place was swarming with young undergrads who show real enthusiasm for the game.

I am also an old friend of Major Bruce Mosley, whom I visited with at Clark Air Base in the Phillipines on the way "in country". I can attest to his really great skill on the court. We had many happy hours playing the game while stationed together at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland in the early 60's.

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Spokane Play...

Sirs:

Attached is an article we hope you can use in one of your forthcoming editions of ACE Magazine.

In addition to our City Tournament, we are presently engaging in our club championship, and the Lilac City Tournament is scheduled for the latter part of May. We will send you news of these tourneys when they are completed.

Your magazine has been improving with each issue, and we hope we can contribute to it.

DENNY BONI
Elks Handball Chairman
Spokane, Wash.

Way of Life...

Dear Mort:

I have played handball since 1920; native of San Francisco . . . 66 years young, still active at Pacheco Club in Monterey and San Francisco YMCA. I play three times a week and it's a way of life with me and some of my fellow players. My brother, Harry, is active too, formerly with New York Giants' baseball club . . . 15 years pro baseball, average .315. If you are out this way be my guest. Proud to be a member of the U.S. Handball Association. Keep up the good work.

LOUIS ROSENBERG
San Francisco, CA.

Note: And, Lou, many more years of happy handballing.



AUSTRALIAN 3-WALL COURT

Australia-Style...

Sirs:

Firstly I would like to thank you for your very interesting magazine ACE. It has aroused considerable interest amongst our players. No one here had any idea handball was played on such a large scale in America. Not so here in Australia. Handball courts are very remote in New South Wales and the only states that play the game are N.S.W., Victoria and South Australia. The Orange court is 150 miles due west of Sydney. We have one court only, which was built about 30 years ago. The nearest courts and players to us is Sydney who have about five courts of various sizes and shapes — three walls and four walls.

We have participated in the N.S.W. Titles, which is always played in Sydney, and we have over a period of years had representatives on the N.S.W. team go to the Australian Handball Carnival. We have had from our De La Salle school here in Orange players on the N.S.W. teams and have also won an Australian singles title. But our better players drift to the bigger cities for better work, etc. Competition play is what we lack here in Orange. Bathurst, 35 miles away, has one court, built at the Leagues club, which is a football organization, but no handballers. We tried to promote the game at the club, time and time again, but to no avail. Handball is a very "unfinancial" sport in N.S.W. and any finances must be contributed by the members themselves. We have 25 members and start our season in October, finishing in March. The rest of the year is very cold with snow and frosts. We have a problem with handballs. The balls we get are soft, no rebound and we have to "doctor" them by injecting air into them with a 20 mil. syringe and needles and then seal the hole with bostik. What are handballs like in America? We pay 80¢ a ball. At our recent annual meeting I was elected secretary for the 19th term. The president is Bill Carroll and our club is known as the C.Y.M.S. Handball Club. (Catholic Young Men's Society). The current singles champion is 25-year-old Joe Wilkins, who took the title from Carl Fahy in 1969. Fahy held the title for 11 years. Wilkins also plays doubles with Peter Kelly, and they defeated Max Fahy and Carl Fahy in 1969, a title they had held for nine years. I am enclosing an early photograph of our court and a programme of the 25th anniversary of handball on our court.

Wishing you and your organization every success and if by chance any member of your association is in Australia they will be most welcome in Orange by our club members.

NOEL YOUNG

1 Hamer St.

Orange, 2800, N.S.W., Australia

Note: Letter and programme were mailed Nov. 20 and arrived at our office Jan. 26. We are sending Noel one of our Spalding ACE balls.



CHOW TIME FOR JUNIORS . . . Flamingo Park on Miami Beach site of National Junior action, along with YMHA of Miami, serves players refreshments by the hour in the shade of the park trees. That's Danny Flowers as maitre d'. That's John Jonak of Chicago at left of Danny . . . other boy with dark glasses is incognito.



UNDER-15 TROPHY WINNERS . . . pictured at YMHA in Miami — (l to r) — John Roberts, Cincinnati, fourth place; Gary Stedman, Encino, Calif., third place; Steve Serot, St. Louis, second place; Steve Adelman, second successive victory in this class and now graduates to the under-19 bracket.

OBSERVATION TOWER

(from page 51)

in the colleges for the non-varsity undergraduates. This is the game that is a carryover after the school years and the more one learns about the game the more enjoyable it becomes. Anyone interested can write: USHA, 4101 Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076.

* * *

West Side YMCA in New York has a new and youthful sports fitness director in Rod Brown, who transferred from Cleveland. Things are picking up there. Loren Mitchell, director of operations and maintenance . . . Dave Wetcher, an ardent handballer, formerly served with Syracuse and Cleveland Ys . . . Dave keeps the action going on the handball courts. Charlie Correll, former Junior National champ and well-known to all New Yorkers, is the new BMC director . . . he's a good friend of handball. Logan Mundt has retired as Fitness Director and moved to Florida.

At the 40th Annual Recognition dinner the Honor Award was granted to Livingston Baker, one of the Y's best players . . . an outstanding award to an outstanding worker for the Y. Baker was the main cog in taking the East Division.

John Van Essen, who for years ran the handball programs, has moved to New Mexico and a new trio has taken over . . . Liv Baker, Frank Cataldo, and Dr. Ken Freiberg.

Good win for my youngsters, Lewis and Steve Lott in the Akron Open doubles, and Lou Russo did real well before cramping up in the 3rd game of the finals against Kirby.

As luck would have it I took sick right after the Juniors. I should be out of the hospital by the end of January and am under Dr. Fox's special care . . . getting calls from Lou Russo from N.Y. practically every day . . . a surprisingly welcome call from Marty Decatur and Phyllis . . . a real thrill to hear from Marty . . . also from Mort Leve, Mike Dau, and the man who makes handball go, our president, Bob Kendler, wished me well and his nice way asked if I needed anything . . . I appreciate all this concern . . . lots of calls, lots of cards, it makes me think, maybe you guys really want me.

There was a handball party at Flamingo Park to celebrate three 72-year-old handballers — Lou Miller, Abe Finkelstein, and Eddie "Pix" Hirsch. Eddie received a nice letter and key to the city from Mayor Jay Dermer.

Dr. Fox's associate, Dr. Minkus, is supervising my recovery . . . all the help here at the hospital are extremely nice, but Nancy Palmer and Juanita are the gals who take special care of me.

Looks like we are getting action down here for two new four-wall courts and four new one-wall courts at Flamingo Park. Stu Rubin, Bill Segal and Bob Lewis have been instrumental in getting action now.

Hope to make the Invitational National Doubles in Denver. Should be interesting with all these great players concentrating on doubles only.

One Liners . . .

(from page 42)

48. Billy (Smasher) Norberg; Smash. His shots are from every angle — and no ball to be seen.

49. Bob (Gutsy) Peters; His play is hard, fast; never gives up. Truly very competitive.

50. Harry (Steady) Keith; Cool, steady, with driving pass shots and kills; a count man always.

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Mugavero-Tennerelli Central Masters Champs

Duncan YMCA's Nunzio "Red" Mugavero and Tony "No Boy" Tennerelli repeated as Central USHA Master doubles champions in the early December annual competition held at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook, Ill. The experienced and team-wise Mugavero-Tennerelli defeated Tony Klimek and Mike Lalaeff, 111th St. YMCA, who had won a tournament at the South Bend YMCA earlier in the season, 21-13, 21-17.

Much interest was focused on the initial Masters appearance of the former national doubles champ Phil Collins, who teamed up with Ben Costello. Collins still displays the power, big hop serve and has worked hard to condition himself after several years of non-tournament activity. This team smoothly moved to the semi final round and battled Mugavero and Tennerelli on even terms up to a 17-17 first game score but Costello suffered a re-injury to his natural left arm and the eventual winners ran out to 21 and then the match was forfeit.

Klimek and Lalaeff stopped the "pick-up" team of Chuck McClellan, general secretary of the "world's largest" Northwest Suburban YMCA, and Lee Hoeft, 21-17, 21-11. McClellan and Hoeft had scored a big win over 3rd seeded Joe Ardito and Gus Lewis in the quarter-finals, 21-12, 21-8.

There was an increase of five teams (25) over last year.

Results from the quarter-finals: Nunzio Mugavero-Tony Tennerelli, Duncan YMCA, def. Elliot Ets Hokin-Ralph De-Laurentis, West Suburban YMCA, 21-14, 21-5; Ben Costello-Phil Collins, Oak Park YMCA, def. Roy DeMeyer-Dick Cashmore, Northwest Suburban YMCA, 21-9, 21-11; Chuck McClellan-Lee Hoeft, Northwest Suburban YMCA, def. Joe Ardito-Gus Lewis, Evanston YMCA, 21-12, 21-8; Tony Klimek-Mike Lalaeff, 111th YMCA, def. No. 2 seeded Fred Ballatine-Joe McFadden, West Suburban YMCA, 21-12, 21-9.

Semi-finals: Mugavero-Tennerelli def. Costello-Collins, 21-17, injury forfeit;

Klimek-Lalaeff def. McClellan-Hoeft, 21-17, 21-11.

Finals: Mugavero-Tennerelli def. Klimek-Lalaeff, 21-13, 21-17.

Third place: McClellan-Hoeft by forfeit.

NOTES: Once again our appreciation to Faulds Orchard, physical director of the N. Suburban Y for his cooperation . . . Chuck Emmert and Don Kienlen of Elgin and Joliet respectively, were unceremoniously "dumped" in the first round by Bob Peters and Don Magnuson of the Northwest Suburban YMCA, 21-3, 21-14 . . . literally getting blasted off the court . . . Elliot Ets Hokin (Hyde Park Chevrolet and formerly of Tucson-Phoenix) gave it the big effort against Mugavero-Tennerelli . . . Northwest Suburban led with a six-team entry. Oddly enough there were only three three-game matches in the entire tournament out of 24 total matches played. Again, credit Joe Ardito and his Illinois Handball Association committee for another job well done.

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BY FRED LEWIS

The 1970 USHA National Junior Four Wall championships were without a doubt the most thrilling and successful tournament ever held. With a record number of entries including 37 in the under 19 bracket, the matches had to be held at two separate locations. Bob Davidson and I ran a very smooth operation at Flamingo Park on Miami Beach, while Mort Leve and Joe Ardito were doing a yeoman job at the YMHA of Greater Miami.

At the start of the tournament I told my Miami Beach cronies that Kenny Ginty was the boy to watch in the under-19 bracket. He eliminated Alan Sitkoff, St. Paul, and then ran into Bill Baraban, Kansas City. Bill played very well and threw a scare into Ginty. Kenny had to call on his big serve to pull this exciting match out of the fire.

In the semis Kenny faced Mitchell Straus, a fellow New Yorker and former under-17 champ. Mitchell predicted that he would meet his brother Gary in the finals and would, therefore, win the tournament. It looked as if his prediction would come true as he had swept past Bill Arensault, West Palm Beach, and Rick Henderson, Edina, Minnesota. He disposed of Scotty Johnson, Sharpsville, Pa. All three of these boys had trouble coping with Mitchells' serve and big bombs. In the semis it was a completely different story. Ginty played his best ball of the tournament in eliminating Straus. His big serve would either get him an ace or a set-up. Ginty would proceed to flatten the set-ups. He consistently was able to chase Mitchell off the shortline and keep him off balance. Mitchell was unable to get his big serve in the groove and therefore was forced to play defensive handball.

On the bottom portion of the draw Mitchells' twin brother, Gary, was rolling past Chris Johnson, Sharpsville, Pa.; Robert Clarke, Panorama, Calif., and Cody Pantages, Vancouver, Canada. Once again it was the big serve and bomb that won it for Gary. However, he now faced a formidable foe in Rick Christian, Van Nuys, Calif. Rick eliminated the Palm Beach contingent of Tom Dalton and Gene Craft. Both of these boys showed great promise. Gene has a wicked left handed whip and good right. His choice of shots are poor and therein lies the reason for his defeat. He has to learn to get his opponent off the shortline. This

would enable him to shoot when he had the setup.

In the quarter finals Rick met Marcel Goldfarb, the Junior National one-wall champ from Brooklyn. Unlike most one-wall players, Marcel has adapted to four-wall and did well for his first tournament. He lost to Christian 21-15, 21-20, in one of the most thrilling matches of the tournament. Rick made the mistake of shooting with Marcel inside the shortline and you can't do that with a good one wall player. Marcel consistently shot on top of him and almost won the second game. However, Rick kept his cool and finally pulled out the match. His three-wall serve to the left handers' right hand was the deciding strategy.

So now it was Ricky and Gary in the semis, the winner to meet Ginty in the finals. My good friend and ex-partner, Freddy Koran, at this point was predicting that Christian would go all the way. He played the best ball of the tournament in eliminating Straus. He was able to do what none of the other boys had been able to do and that was to return Garys' serve and get him off the shortline. He was also able to set up weak returns from Garys' right hand and convert them into crisp killers. He also was able to pass Gary with power shots.

Now the stage was set for the finals which on paper looked like a natural. Two boys from opposite sides of the country with two different styles; Ginty with his fly shots and great left hand against Christians' patient volley game and great back wall. The first game was all Ginty as he won easily 21-5. His low hard serves down either wall were just too much for Rick to handle. Ginty shot out to a quick lead and never let up as he has a habit of doing. He just kept pounding the ball low and hard whenever he got his set-up. Rick was mad at himself for not playing better and had to change tactics in the second game. He slowed down the tempo and ran Ginty a little more. The match was nip and tuck as Ginty showed signs of tiring. However, with the help of a little Irish luck and that beautiful serve Ginty pulled out the game and match 21-17.

Nobody asked me but in my opinion



NON-UNION HELP . . . First time we've seen Bob Davidson using a bit of elbow grease as he cleans off Flamingo Park court floor with supervisor-aide Bob Lewis (r). Does Bob have the correct point of contact?

this was the greatest contingent of Junior players ever assembled. All the referees; Rich Robitaille, Marty Cohen, Joel Galpern, George Simpson, Bob Lewis, and Al Levine did a first class job . . . It was an unhappy ending for the Straus twins after 5 years of Junior Singles. Best of luck in the open doubles fellows. Next year's tournament should top this one. Ginty and Christian will be back. Ginty had better stay at the top of his game because Christian has probably gone into training for the next one already. Also waiting in the wings to move up are Teddy Yevelson and Vern Roberts Jr., whose under 17 match stirred more excitement than Mary Forte when she shows up at the courts.

PARTING NOTE: There is not enough that I can say about my friends Dr. Maury Fox, Bill Segal, Hy Kirsner, Murray Marcus, Al Levine, Irwin Christy, Nat Miller and Lou Shapiro for helping to bring the Junior National Four-Wall tournament to Miami. The weather was ideal and next year we hope to have the new facilities available with two new courts and improved spectator viewing. Thanks to the Miami Handball Association, Joe Brotman, president; Bob Lewis, vice president; Lou Soodak, treasurer, and Dan Flowers for the great hospitality arrangement at Flamingo Park for the three days the tournament was run there. If any of the boys were slowed it might have been from the abundance of goodies that were available to them. See Y'all next year at the Juniors.

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Favorites August, Haber Lose in Semis; Kirby Beats Russo for Akron Open Title

Pat Kirby upped his national tournament potential stock with a third straight Akron Open invitational win. Pat, after eliminating USHA national invitational singles champ, Dr. Steve August, in the semis, beat 1970 USHA national open runnerup, Lou Russo, 21-20, 18-21, 21-3.

There was a 64-player field, making it necessary for the semi-finalists to go the "triple header match" route the second day. Kirby started off his busy schedule by beating Len Tomczak, Erie, 21-16, 21-10; then he stopped a former top-eight, Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio, 21-9, 21-16; and clamaxed the winning day by eliminating August, 21-16, 21-14.

Russo had even a rougher pace. He led off with a 21-11, 21-18 win over the improving ex-Junior Randy Essel, Cleveland; then poured in an array of fly kills to beat Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, 21-11, 21-14. Lou then took on USHA Titlist Paul Haber, and after trailing 9-17 in the first game, came up with the winning five and then seven points, and breezed to a second game match win, 21-5.

In the open doubles USHA national runnersup, Steve Lott and Fred Lewis, beat the Wisconsin team of Simie Fein and Ray Neveau, 21-12, 20-21, 21-10. There were 22 teams entered in this event. The seedings ran true to form. Third-seeded Vince Flowers and Ron Zack, Erie, lost to No. 2 Neveau and Fein, 21-6, 21-10, and fourth-seeded Burt Dinkin and Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee, lost to No. 1 Lott and Lewis, 21-7, 21-13.

Harry Wilt and Curt Nagel, Canton, Ohio, won the 16-team Masters doubles bracket, beating Paul Trujillo and Dave Watkins, Cleveland, 21-8, 21-9.

Scores from the quarter-finals: OPEN SINGLES — Pat Kirby, New York, def. Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio, 21-9, 21-16; Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles, def. Jack Godfrey, Sharon, Pa., 21-10, 6-21, 21-4; Paul Haber, Chicago, def. John Kresse, Cleveland, 21-8, 21-15; Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, def. David Pasternak, New York, 21-1, 21-5; Lou Russo, New York, def. Randy Essel, Cleveland, 21-11, 21-18.

Semi-finals: Kirby def. August, 21-6, 21-14; Russo def. Haber, 21-17, 21-5.

Finals: Kirby def. Russo, 21-20, 18-21, 21-3.

OPEN DOUBLES: Fred Lewis, Miami Beach-Steve Lott, New York, def. Russ Harris-Bill Willing, Canton, Ohio, 21-9, 20-21, 21-1; Burt Dinkin-Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee, def. Goose Panigutti-Dick Argen, Cleveland, 21-2, 21-11; Vince Flowers-Ron Zack, Erie, def. Ron An-

notico-Dick Stewart, Cleveland, 21-15, 21-12; Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wisc.-Simie Fein, Milwaukee, def. Tony Felice-Frank Pecora, Cleveland, 21-11, 21-15.

Semi-finals: Lewis-Lott def. Dinkin-Kopatich, 21-12, 20-21, 21-10; Neveau-Fein def. Flowers-Zack, 21-6, 21-10.

Finals: Lewis-Lott def. Neveau-Fein, 21-12, 20-21, 21-10.

MASTERS DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: Paul Trujillo-Dave Watkins, Cleveland, def. Bill Collins-Bill Halls, Youngstown, 21-14, 21-15; Al Monzo-Dick Dente, Akron, def. Jim Hutter-Jim Malie, Youngstown, 21-4, 21-12; Dr. Al August-Hy Freeman, Detroit, def. John McHugh-Ernie Novelli, Akron, 17-21, 21-11, 21-13; Harry Wilt-Curt Nagel, Canton, Ohio, def. Jack Sammon-George Kostelac, Cleveland, 21-13, 21-17.

Semi-finals: Trujillo-Watkins def. Monzo-Dente, 21-15, 21-9; Wilt-Nagel def. August-Freeman, 21-10, 21-8.

Finals: Wilt-Nagel def. Trujillo-Watkins, 21-8, 21-9.

This year's "Open" was the largest and best quality in the seven years of the tournament's history. There were 64 single entries; 22 Open doubles teams; and 16 teams in Masters doubles, which required almost around-the-clock matches beginning on Thursday evening, Jan. 14, and extending through Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17.

Congratulations must go to Frank Martter, this year's chairman, and the rest of his committee for the excellent job they did. By all measures this was the best "Open" yet.

—DON NELSON
JOHN FERRELL

NOTES: the Seventh Annual Akron Open Handball tournament attracted a record number of players and spectators as well as some real surprises at the Central YMCA.

A field of 140 players produced an exciting tournament that saw the defeat of Paul Haber (Chicago) and Dr. Steve August (Van Nuys, Calif.) in the semi-finals, both of whom were co-favorites to win the tournament.

Pat Kirby, New York City, emerged the winner of the singles division, successfully defending his title by defeating Lou Russo, also New York City. Kirby became the first three-time singles champion of the Akron Open.

Kirby defeated six opponents in his climb to the top. In the quarter-finals he won over Kent Fusselman (Warren, Ohio) and in the semi-finals he defeated August.

In all matches Kirby was in complete

command and displayed total confidence and colorful showmanship. In his brilliant third-game against Russo he scored seven straight aces at the start, completely demoralizing his opponent. Russo, who had three hard matches the day before, lacked the conditioning and drive necessary to overcome Kirby's attack. Kirby and Russo received much less attention from the local news media than Haber and August, but both played consistently better handball.

Haber, four-time USHA singles champion, lost in the semi-finals to Russo. Haber led throughout the first game, up to 17 points. Then Russo, with some great shots and tremendous serves, rallied to catch Haber and pull the game out. The second game was all Russo from the start to the finish. Haber seemed to lose his desire to win after Russo jumped to an early lead.

In the Open Doubles division, the young team of Steve Lott (New York City) and Fred Lewis (Miami, Florida) won three hard games against Ray Neveau (Oshkosh, Wisconsin) and Simie Fein (Milwaukee). This was by far the most exciting doubles match ever witnessed by "Open" spectators involving two top quality teams. The fans were highly impressed by the outstanding play of these young players.

In Masters doubles the team of Zack Wilt and Curt Nagel (Canton, Ohio) completely dominated play and went on to defeat Paul Trujillo and Dave Watkins (Cleveland).

New Orleans A. C.

Third-seeded Joe Hero and Lou Bravo came through a field of eight teams to be crowned the 1970 Class A New Orleans A.C. doubles champions.

They downed first-seeded Ralph Villars and J. B. Blanchard 21-13 and 21-12 for the title.

Other seeded teams were Manuel Sala and Val Vogel and Wayne Campbell and Mike Calamari.

In the first round Villars and Blanchard defeated Richard Deck and Kent Ross, 21-6, 21-10; Pat Ford and Vito Longo defeated Campbell and Calamari, 13-21, 21-14, 21-16; Hero and Bravo defeated Jim McPherson and Walter Menet, 21-15, 21-2, and Sala and Vogel defeated Jerry Schmitt and Jerry Radosti, 21-6, 21-18.

In the semi finals, Villars and Blanchard defeated Ford and Longo, 21-11, 21-10, and Hero and Bravo defeated Sala and Vogel, 21-17, 21-19.

Sala and Vogel defeated Ford and Longo 21-17, 21-19 for third place.

Injury Mars Doubles Finals...

Hofflander-McDonald Take Central Open Doubles

Dennis Hofflander and Jack McDonald, two well-known names in handball circles, came up winners in the annual Central USHA doubles tournament, held Jan. 17-24 at the Evanston (Ill.) YMCA. What was anticipated as an ideal final against Don Ardito and Andy Upatnieks, turned out to be a disappointment when Upatnieks tore his right bicep muscle midway in the first game. He gamely tried to continue, backhanding balls but his efforts were futile and the match ended with the 21-5 Hofflander-McDonald win.

Ardito and Upatnieks had roared through to the final round in impressive fashion, without losing a game. They beat the Masters team of Mike Lalaeff and Tony Klimek in the quarters, then stopped Bob Koenig and Brian Falknor in the semis. Hofflander and McDonald had a tough first game with John Cosentino and Ken Eby in the quarters and then breezed to the match win in the

second; were forced to three games in the semis by Tony D'Andrea and the veteran Phil Elbert, 21-10, 5-21, 21-11.

One of the most exciting matches of the week was the quarter-final match between Phil Collins and his young partner, Rich Drabik, against D'Andrea and Elbert. After splitting the first two games D'Andrea and Elbert rushed to a big 16-5 lead in the decisive third game. At this juncture Collins started to get weak returns with a power serve coming off the left side wall deep to D'Andrea and his team crept up to 18-18. Tony and Phil got to 20 then lost the serve, and Collins and Drabik got 19 . . . the serve changed hands twice on some brilliant gets and volleys before the winning point for the match was counted by D'Andrea and Elbert.

There were 42 teams entered with two days allotted for the first round. Joe Ardito and his Illinois Handball Association committee worked hard and long

hours to run off the matches.

Results from the QUARTER-FINAL round: Don Ardito-Andy Upatnieks, Irving Park YMCA, def. Mike Lalaeff-Tony Klimek, 21-10, 21-16; Bob Koenig-Brian Falknor, Northwest Suburban YMCA, def. Gus Lewis, Evanston YMCA-Bud Christiansen, Northwest Suburban YMCA, 21-11, 21-15; Tony D'Andrea, Duncan YMCA-Phil Elbert, Oak Park YMCA, def. Phil Collins, Irving Park YMCA-Rich Drabik, 111th St. YMCA, 21-13, 7-21, 21-19; Dennis Hofflander, 111th St. YMCA-Jack McDonald, Lake Shore Club, def. John Cosentino-Ken Eby, Lake Shore Club, 21-15, 21-6.

SEMI-FINALS: Ardito-Upatnieks def. Koenig-Falknor, 21-15, 21-13; Hofflander-McDonald def. D'Andrea-Elbert, 21-10, 5-21, 21-11.

FINALS: Hofflander-McDonald def. Ardito-Upatnieks, 21-18, 21-5.

Third place: D'Andrea-Elbert (default).

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FOUR-WALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—1919-1950

Year	Held In	Single Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1919	Los Angeles	Bill Ranft	Los Angeles	Ranft-Lacey	Los Angeles
1920	Los Angeles	Max Gold	Los Angeles	Klawiter-Retzer	Los Angeles
1921	Detroit	Carl Haedge	St. Paul	Spiegel-Asselin	Detroit
1922	Milwaukee	Art Shinner	Milwaukee	Laswell-Gold	Los Angeles
1923	St. Paul	Joe Murray	San Francisco	Bathie-Serrenberg	Detroit
1924	Los Angeles	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillin-Donovan	San Francisco
1925	Cleveland	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1926	St. Paul	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillan-Donovan	San Francisco
1927	Detroit	George Nelson	Baltimore	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1928	Cleveland	Joe Griffin	Detroit	Kamman-Schuffelberger	Detroit
1929	New York	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-McMillan	San Francisco
1930	St. Louis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-Paynter	San Francisco
1931	Minneapolis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Bathie-Dworman	Detroit
1932	New York	Angelo Trullio	New York	Trullio-Laswell	New York
1933	Chicago	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Goudreau-Eidswick	Cleveland
1934	New York	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Herz-Manaka	New York
1935	Washington	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1936	Los Angeles	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1937	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Platak-Weiller	Chicago
1938	Memphis	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1939	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1940	Detroit	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1941	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1942	San Francisco	Jack Clements	San Francisco	Gordon-Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1943	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Smith	Los Angeles
1944	Chicago	Frank Coyle	New York	Platak-Quinn	Chicago
1945	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Atcheson-Detwiller	Memphis
1946	San Francisco	Angelo Trullio	New York	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1947	St. Louis	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Haber-Samson	New York
1948	Chicago	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Glucker-Pahl	New York
1949	New York	Vic Hershkowitz	New York	Lewis-Haber	Chicago
1950	Chicago	Ken Schneider	Chicago	Coyle-Baier	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1951	Chicago	Walter Plekan	Buffalo	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1953	Houston	Bob Brady	San Francisco	Haber-Dreyfus	Chicago-St. Louis
1954	Chicago	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1955	Los Angeles	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1956	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1957	Dallas	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1958	Chicago	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1959	Los Angeles	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1960	San Francisco	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Weisman	Los Angeles
1961	Denver	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Hershowitz	Chicago-Brooklyn
1962	Houston	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1963	Seattle	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	Chicago
1964	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Sloan-Elbert	New York
1965	Austin	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1966	Salt Lake City	Paul Haber	San Jose	Tyson-Lindsay	Austin
1967	San Francisco	Paul Haber	San Francisco	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1968	St. Louis	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1969	Austin	Paul Haber	Chicago	Russo-Kramberg	New York
1970	Los Angeles	Paul Haber	Chicago	R. Obert- C. Obert	New York

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Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City	Singles	City
1952	Detroit	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1953	Houston	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1954	Chicago	Brotmarkle-Hackney	Los Angeles		
1955	Los Angeles	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1956	St. Louis	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1957	Dallas	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1958	Chicago	Lubin-Haber	Miami-San Jose		
1959	Los Angeles	Brotmarkle-Fievou	Los Angeles		
1960	San Francisco	Brotmarkle-Fievou	Los Angeles		
1961	Denver	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1962	Houston	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1963	Seattle	Brady-Keays	San Francisco		
1964	St. Louis	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1965	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1966	Salt Lake City	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1967	San Francisco	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1968	St. Louis	Brady-McGuire	San Francisco		
1969	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1970	Los Angeles	Brady-Keays	San Francisco		

WINNERS OF NATIONAL THREE-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1950	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Gluckler-Lehrer	New York
1951	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Dressler-Collins	Chicago
1953	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Baier	Chicago
1954	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Lewis-Collins	Brooklyn-St. Louis
1955	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Los Angeles	Lewis-Collins	New York
1956	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Hershkowitz-Dreyfus	Chicago-San Francisco
1957	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1958	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Sloan-Brady	New York
1959	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1960	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York-Chicago
1961	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	C. Danilczyk-J. Danilczyk	New York
1962	Detroit	Oscar Obert	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York
1963	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York
1964	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1965	Detroit	Carl Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1966	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York
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1968	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York
1969	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York
1970	Detroit	Dr. Steve August	Los Angeles	Haber- Upatnieks	Chicago

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Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City
1959	Detroit	Coyle-Lewis	Chicago
1960	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
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1963	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1964	Detroit	Dreyfus-McGreevy	St. Louis
1965	Detroit	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago
1966	Detroit	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago
1967	Detroit	Scopis-August	Detroit
1968	Detroit	Gluck-Maier	New York
1969	Detroit	Scopis-Golden	Detroit
1970	Detroit	Scopis-Golden	Detroit

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1959	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1960	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1961	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Ken Davidoff	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	Norvid-J. Danilczyk	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	Ulrich-Holmes	Brooklyn
1966	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	C. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Russo-Wisotsky	New York
1970	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Sandler-Weber	New York

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Year	Held In	Winners	City
1960	Brooklyn	Rosenblat-Valenstein	Brooklyn
1961	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Valenstein-Selbst	Brooklyn
1963	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Goldstein-Dayboch	New York
1966	Brooklyn	Potofsky-Selbst	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Russell-Selbst	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-G. Danilczyk	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Schifter-Goldstein	New York
1970	Brooklyn		New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SINGLES TOP SIXTEEN

Year	Held In	Winners
1969	Birmingham	Paul Haber
1970	St. Paul	Dr. Steve August

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1961	Brooklyn	Winfield Ballance	Brooklyn
1962	Brooklyn	Louis Russo	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Harry Spurdis	Brooklyn
1964	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1965	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1966	Brooklyn	Luis Rodriguez	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Wes Yee	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Mark Levine	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Mark Levine	New York
1970	Brooklyn	Marcel Goldfarb	Brooklyn

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1956	Chicago	(Under 19)	Buffalo
1957	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1958	Aurora	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1959	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1960	Aurora	Louis Russo	New York
1961	Aurora	Steve August	Detroit
1962	New York	Lou Russo	New York
1963	Austin, Texas	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1964	San Diego	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1965	Miami	Joel Galpern	Miami Beach
1966	Salt Lake City	Larry August	Detroit
1967	Tulsa	Tom Kopaytic	Milwaukee
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Steve Lott	New York
1969	St. Louis	Jeff Barnes	Birmingham
1970	Miami	Ken Ginty	
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	(under 16)	Van Nuys, Calif.
		Rick Christian	
		(under 17)	
1966	Salt Lake City	Wes Yee	New York
1967	Tulsa	Mitchell Straus	New York
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Gary Straus	New York
1969	St. Louis	Ted Yevelson	St. Louis
1970	Miami	Ted Yevelson	St. Louis
		(under 15)	
1969	St. Louis	Steve Adelman	St. Louis
1970	Miami	Steve Adelman	St. Louis

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENTERS

Year	Held in	Single Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1964	Milwaukee	Dave Graybill	Phoenix	Fein-White	Milwaukee
1965	Benton Harbor	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Gordon-McDonald	Chicago
1966	St. Louis	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago	Brownfield-Perez	Chicago
1967	Denver	Bill Yambrick	St. Paul	Carlsen-Barney	Denver
1968	Seattle	Dr. Claude Benham	Norfolk, Va.	Haber-Morlos	Milwaukee-L.A.

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENTERS MASTERS

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City
1967	Denver	Weisman-Torgove	Los Angeles- Denver
1968	Seattle	Schoning-Inglesby	Portland

WINNERS OF NATIONAL INVITATIONAL MASTERS DOUBLES

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: March 2, 1971

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all full-time undergraduate students. Participants must be members of USHA. \$2 for 1971; \$5 for 1971-73 (includes subscription to ACE magazine). If not current member player may sign up at tournament site. Players may enter one event only.

ENTRY FEE: None.

TROPHIES: First four places in each event.

EXPENSES: All participants are responsible for their own expenses. Winners of division college tournaments get partial travel allowances from USHA.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

All participants will be guaranteed two matches.

A school may enter one or more players.

Individual players can enter, and vie for the individual awards.

Team consists of an A singles; a B singles, and doubles.

There will be a meeting of all participants on Thursday, March 4, 5 p.m., at the New Physical Education Bldg., 1914 Holt ave. Tournament play will begin at 7p.m., March 4.

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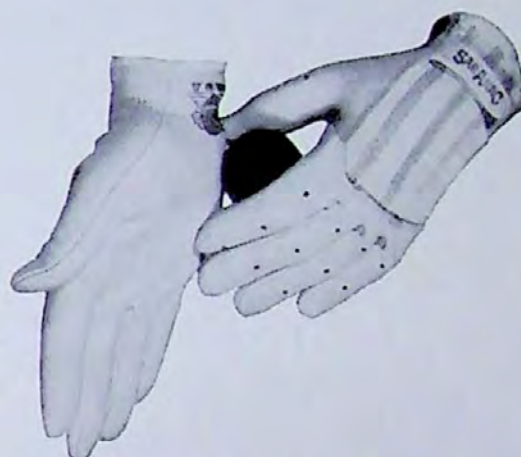
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Running a big Association is both time and money consuming. It makes enormous demands on fellows who care, who voluntarily shoulder the task of giving you the finest, largest and most exciting tournaments of all. We need more fellows who care.

You may think you have nothing to offer, but you have. It is neither time nor money — it is something much more valuable. We need your support. I have said over and over again, the USHA is supported by your purchase of ACE products. Wherever you buy, *insist* on our products . . . YOUR PRODUCTS. I am sure you realize that the royalties we get pay many players expenses and most of ours.

If you are happy with our progress it's because several manufacturers give part of their profit to us to promote handball. Their products cost no more and are far superior to our competition. They are OFFICIAL for our tournaments and you should never use any other. You made them OFFICIAL because you told us what you wanted and we gave it to you.

My complaint is that a few seeded players don't care. They are wine, dine and outfitted by our competitors. These manufacturers prefer to buy endorsements rather than to pay royalties to help build this great sport. We don't like it because it gives the new players the idea that some less desirable products are better. Well, they aren't. We have already taken over the bulk of the market for two reasons. First, — most of our members are loyal and care. Second, — they want the best balls, gloves, and uniforms made today. And, they realize how foolish it is to practice with equipment that is *not* official and *not* used in the championships.

We have seeded players who get favors from our competitors and are beholden to them. Some of them are using com-

petitor's products even though they get per diem and travel from the royalties of our manufacturers. Shame on them. They just don't care and they are not going to be happy with me for saying so. They all give shallow excuses for not supporting the Association that supported them as youngsters, — that paid their way to many tournaments they couldn't afford. They are takers, not givers. They don't care about the thousands of new youngsters we help and for whom we need all the royalty income we can get, — just like we needed it for them.

They love all the amenities of our tournaments, — they wallow in the hospitality and glory in the publicity. Some of them have given absolutely NOTHING in return. They just don't care. Thank goodness 99 per cent do support us and dedicate themselves to the Association in all its aspects. They play only with our balls, — use only our gloves, — wear only our uniforms.

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—Bob Kendler

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