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Kindest regards,

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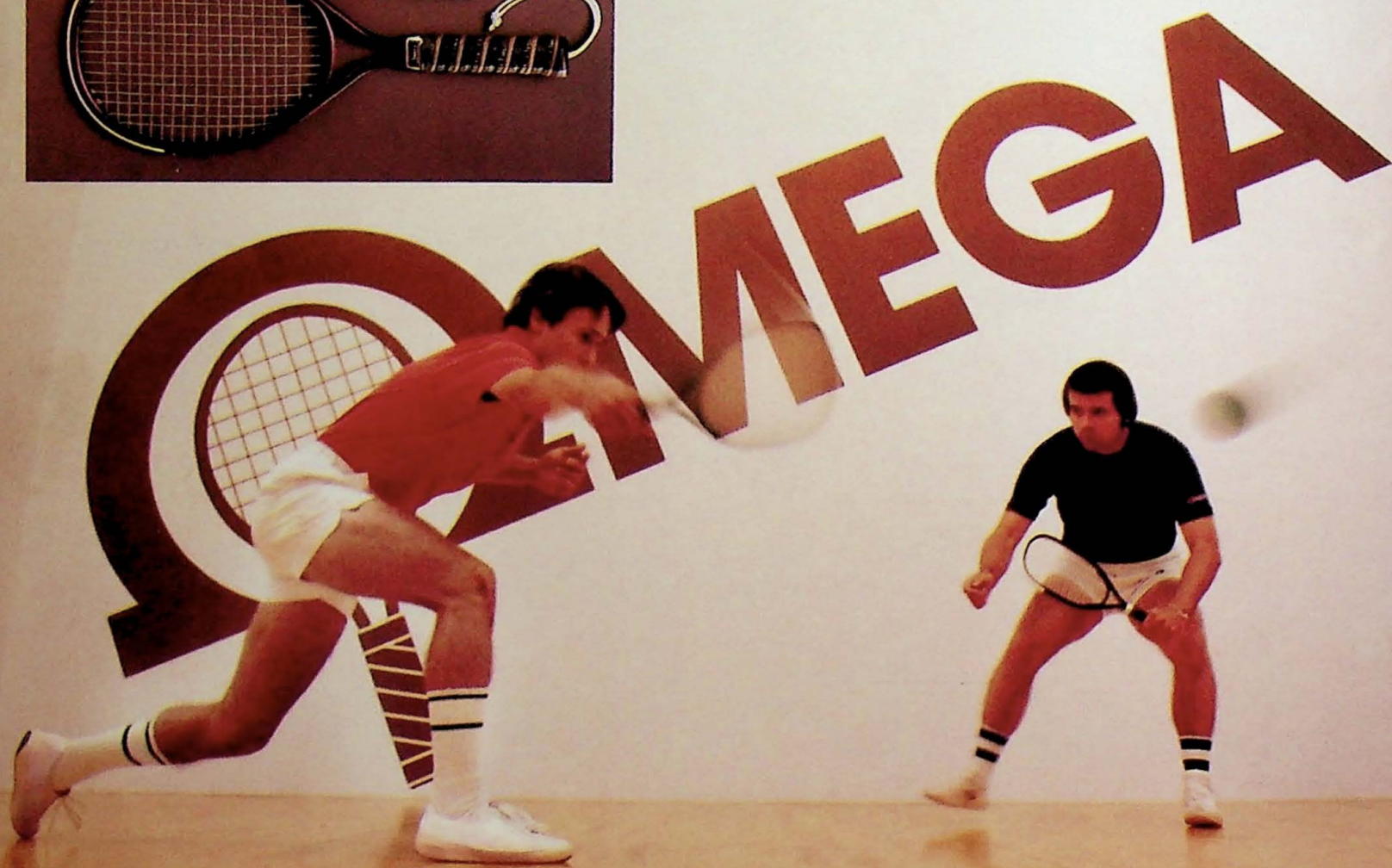
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This should truly be a great tournament and is due to efforts of a number of fine people and, of course, our great members of the Colorado I.R.A.

If there is any way that the Colorado I.R.A. or the D.S.H. can assist you, please don't hesitate to ask. We will be delighted to help.

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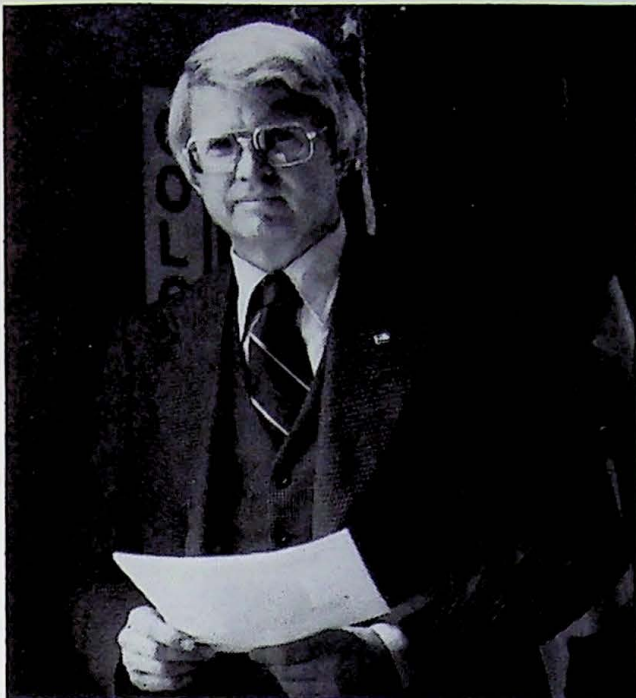
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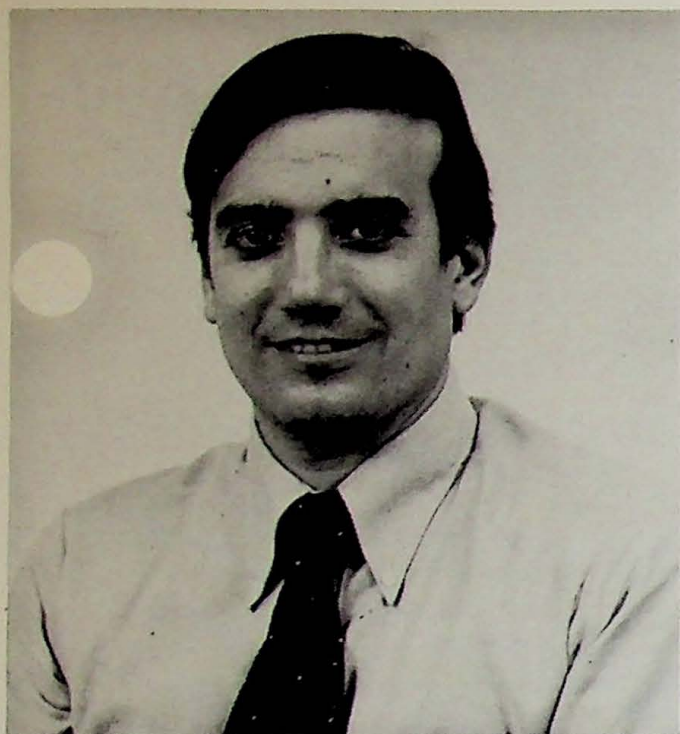
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The 10th Singles Championships are the highlight of this anniversary year and we are happy to have you with us to join in the celebration.

Our thanks go out to John Latimer (Denver Sporting House) and Bob Klass (Colorado State Chairman) and their entire tournament committee for a job well done. Their hospitality, friendliness, and dedication will long be remembered.

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(As of April 30, 1978)

Current Official Men's Rankings

1. Marty Hogan,
St. Louis
2. Charlie Brumfield,
San Diego
3. Steve Serot,
St. Louis
4. Davey Bledsoe,
Kingsport, Tenn.
5. Jerry Hilecher,
St. Louis
6. Craig McCoy,
Riverside, Cal.
7. Richard Wagner,
San Diego
8. Ben Koltun,
St. Louis
9. Steve Keeley,
Haslett, Mich.
10. Jay Jones,
Los Angeles
11. Steve Strandemo,
San Diego
12. Mark Morrow,
Los Angeles

Alternates

Mike Yellen,
Southfield, Mich.
David Fleetwood,
Memphis

All Time Career Earnings Men

1. Marty Hogan, St. Louis	\$58,190
2. Charlie Brumfield, San Diego	40,100
3. Steve Serot, St. Louis	22,350
4. Davey Bledsoe, Kingsport, Tenn.	20,750
5. Steve Keeley, Haslett, Mich.	18,700
6. Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis	16,720
7. Steve Strandemo, San Diego	15,610
8. Richard Wagner, San Diego	15,265
9. Craig McCoy, Riverside, Cal.	12,805
10. Ben Koltun, St. Louis	6,925
11. Bill Schmidtke, Minneapolis	6,506
12. Mike Zeitman, Memphis	5,625
13. Jay Jones, Los Angeles	5,275
14. Mark Morrow, Los Angeles	4,250
15. Ron Rubenstein, Chicago	2,885



Marty Hogan, St. Louis

Date of Birth: 1-22-58

Home Town:

St. Louis, Missouri

Year on Tour: Third

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: 1973-78 (20)

1975-76 (2):

Vermont-October;

Milwaukee-February

1976-77 (10) Edmonton,

Vermont, Ft. Lauderdale,

Rochester, Las Vegas, Houston,

Denver, Chattanooga, Southfield,

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1977-78 (8) Milwaukee, New

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Prize Money 1976-1977

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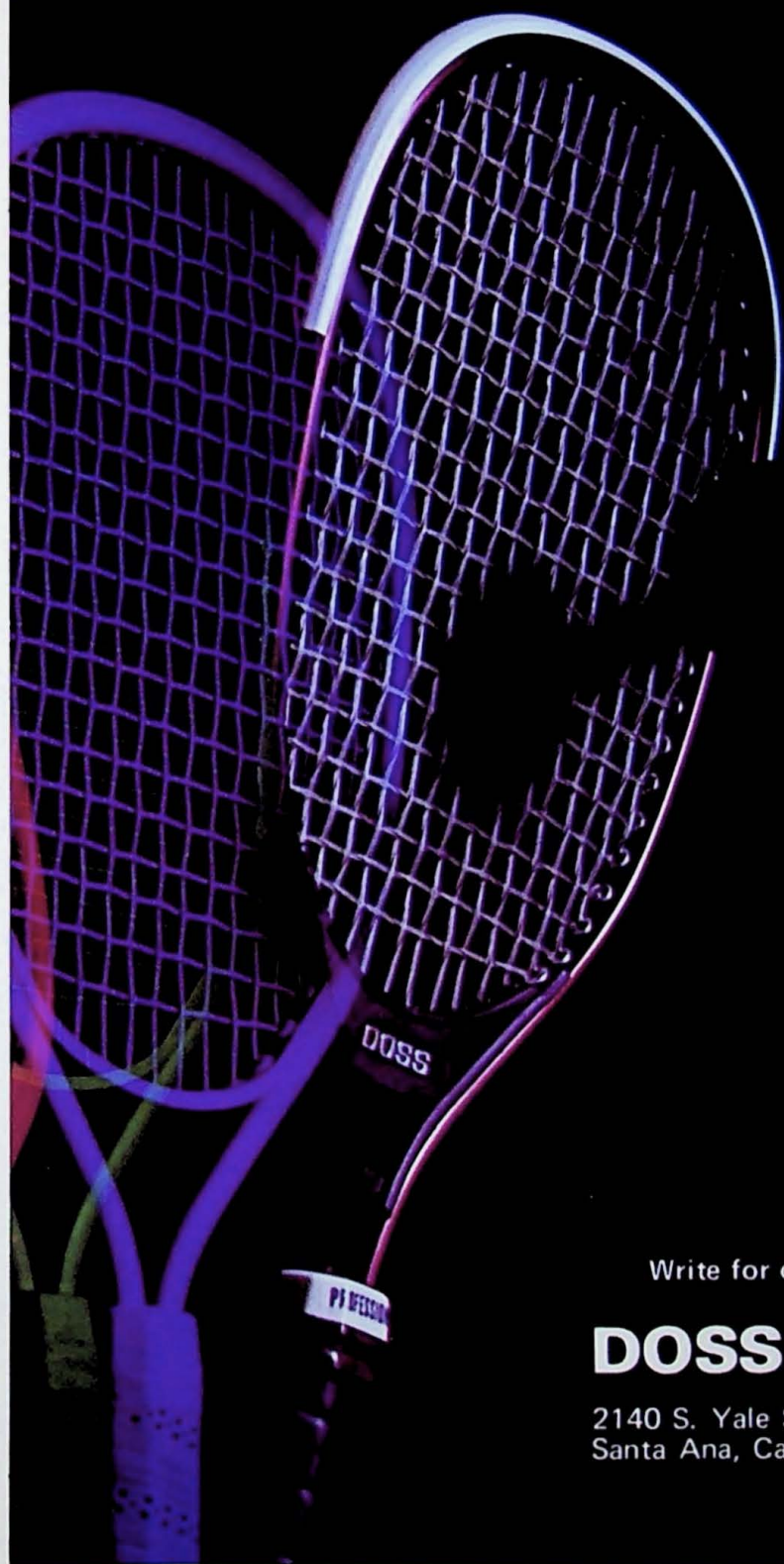
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Charlie Brumfield San Diego

Date of Birth: 6-9-48

Home Town:

San Diego, California

Year on Tour: Fifth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: 1973-78 (14)

1973-74 (1)

Milwaukee-March

1974-75 (4):

Lansing-February;

Milwaukee-March;

Las Vegas-April

Memphis.

(National Championships)

1975-76 (5):

Denver-September;

Tucson-December;

Aurora/January;

Peoria-May;

San Diego-June

(National Championships)

1976-77 (2) Houston, Tucson

1977-78 (2) Los Alamitos,

Gresham

Prize Money 1976-77 \$9,725

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Date of Birth: 2-13-56

Home Town:

St. Louis, Missouri

Year on Tour: Fifth

Handedness: Left

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (4)

1973-74 (2):

Houston-September;

Chicago-April

1974-75 (2):

Vancouver-November;

Aurora-January

Prize Money 1976-77: \$2,300

Game Style: Graduated Summa

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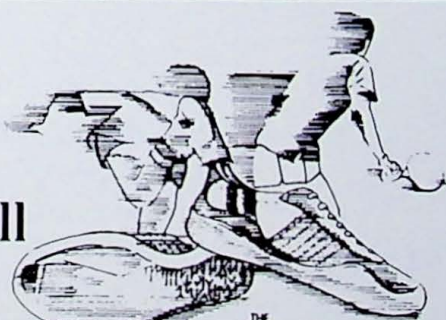
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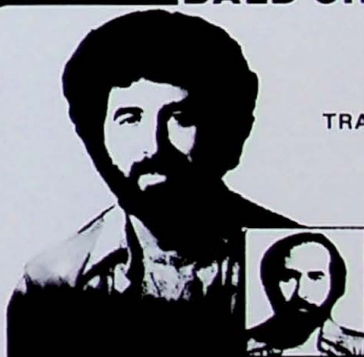
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Davey Bledsoe, Kingsport, Tenn.

Date of Birth: 3-7-51

Home Town:
Kingsport, Tennessee

Year on Tour: Fourth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Wilson

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (2)
1976-77 (2):

Newport Beach-May;
San Diego-June
(National Championships)

Prize Money 1976-77: \$10,175

Game Style:

Last year in May Davey won the last pro stop and rushed into the Nationals where he upset favorite, Marty Hogan, in two straight games. Great speed and power make Davey a threat to blow anybody off anytime. Plays power all the time. He has a patent pending on the front right corner pinch and uses the Z serve to set himself into rhythm.

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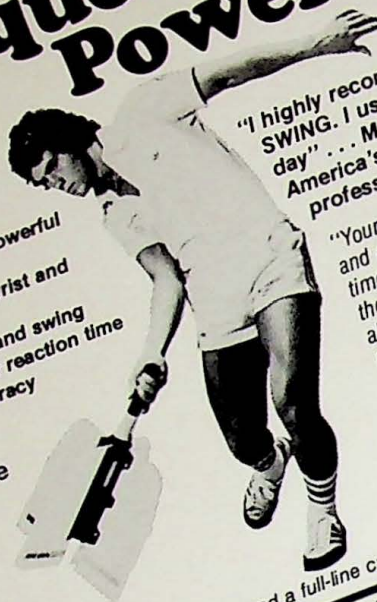
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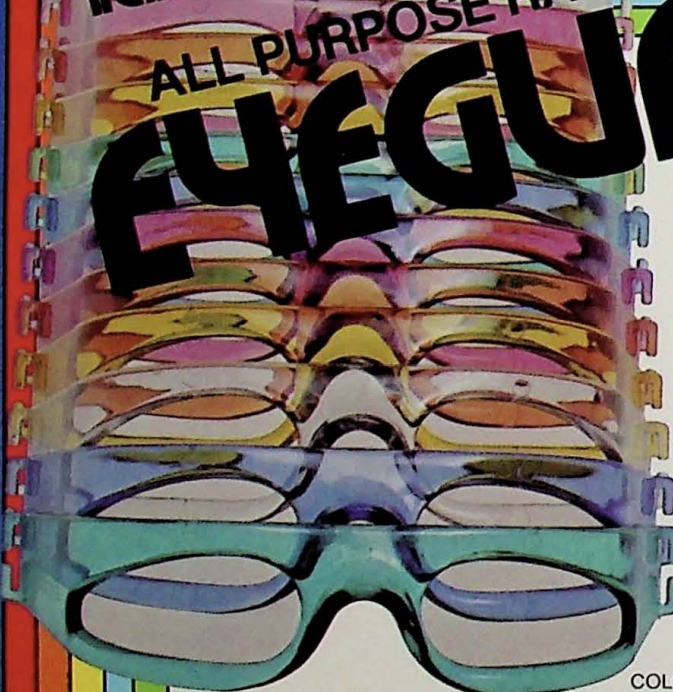
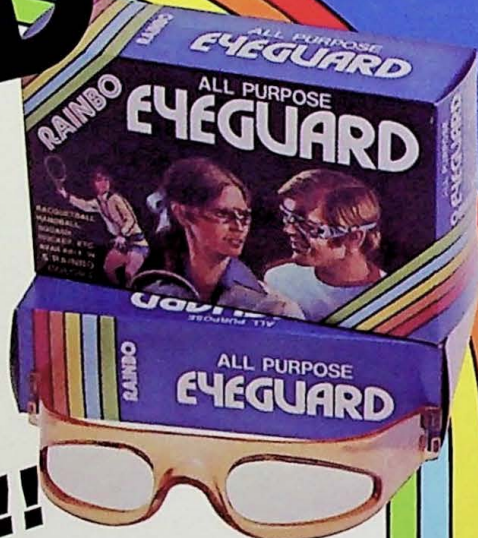
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Date of Birth: 7-20-54

Home Town:

St. Louis, Missouri

Year on Tour: Fifth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Ektelon

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (1)
1976-77 (1):

Sacramento-September

Prize Money 1976-77: \$6,800

Game Style: Serve and shoot.

A big serve is Jerry's most dangerous weapon. Likes to shoot the forehand from everywhere. Relatively weak backhand used for defense. Executes serve so well that he rarely runs, but dives with the best. Intense and gutsy, Jerry fights for everything. Always a tough round.



Craig McCoy, Riverside, Cal.

Date of Birth: 2-20-57

Home Town:

Riverside, California

Year on Tour: Fourth

Handedness: Left

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: None

Prize Money 1976-77: \$5,125

Game Style: Big serve, powerful strokes, smooth swing, quick feet. Mixes serves to both sides, hits equally well with backhand and forehand. Concentration and determination are key factors here, Craig turns them off and on. Outstanding forehand left corner kills can play power or control, but has tendency to over relax.



Richard Wagner, San Diego

Date of Birth: 2-11-56

Home Town:

San Diego, California

Year on Tour: Fourth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (1)
1975-76 (1):
Buffalo-March

Prize Money 1976-77: \$4,975

Game Style: A mixture of serve and shoot with a dab of the control game thrown in for balance. Concentrates on running everything down, has great patience and shoots well from everywhere. His quickness is second only to Bledsoe's. Plays power and control players well, but has trouble sometimes with power hitters. Excellent backhand particularly straight and is not afraid to shoot it.



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Ben Koltun, St. Louis

Date of Birth: 2-3-58

Home Town:

St. Louis, Missouri

Year on Tour: Second

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: None
(1975 National Juniors
Champion)

Prize Money 1976-77: \$2,175

Game Style: Serve and shoot, has the big drive serve and likes to go for the ace. Smooth player, quick and goes well to the back wall. Lack of concentration on the court hurts overall offense. Plays power players well and he is improving constantly.



Steve Keeley, Haslett, Mich.

Date of Birth: 2-8-49

Home Town:

Lansing, Michigan

Year on Tour: Fifth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (3)

1973-74 (1):

Long Beach-October

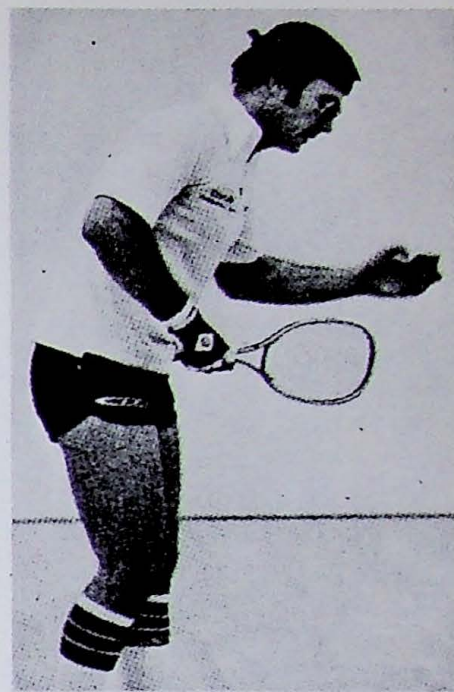
1974-75 (2):

Oceanside-September;

Livonia-December

Prize Money 1976-77: \$2,875

Game Style: Control. Plays percentage, conservative racquetball. His game has evolved out of paddleball and he still maintains a number of shots other players never developed. Soft text book strokes and super concentration. Shoots extremely well and retrieves with great anticipation. Uses garbage and Z serves. Likes to throw in around-the-wall balls as a change of pace. Best shot is down the wall back hand kill.



Jay Jones, Los Angeles

Date of Birth: 1-31-43

Home Town:

Los Angeles, California

Year on Tour: Second

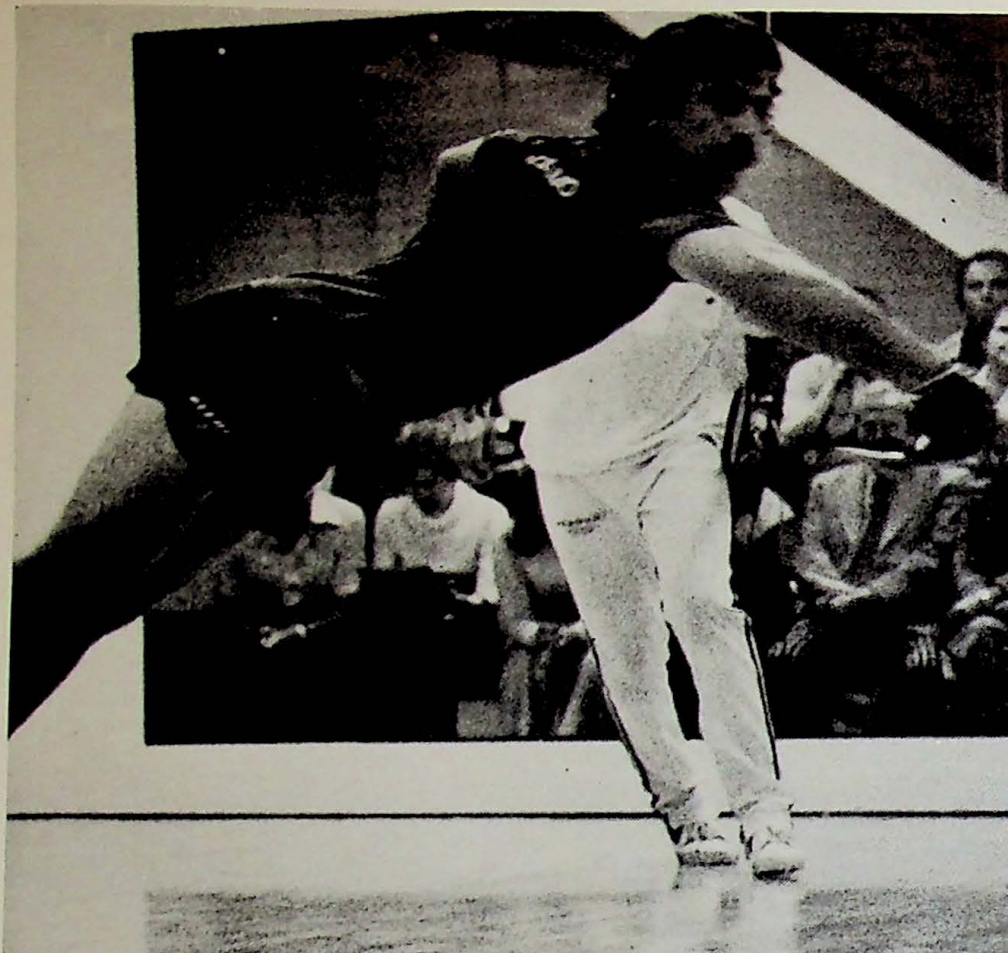
Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: None:

Prize Money 1976-77: \$2,275

Game Style: Combines control with big serve. Likes to mix serves up and keep his opponent in backcourt. Plays calculating conservative racquetball except he shoots his forehand from deep court. Stays away from his backhand as much as possible by controlling up front center court. Likes to run; he is in great condition (off tour he is a professional stuntman).



Mark Morrow, Los Angeles

Date of Birth: 6-21-52

Home Town:

Los Angeles, California

Year on Tour: Second

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Leach

Pro Victories: None

Prize Money 1976-77: \$1,500

Game Style: Serve and shoot, power. Very strong. Likes to drive the serve to both sides occasionally uses Z's. Very strong with his forehand. Acts surprised with backhand kills but don't be mislead. Has tremendous concentration and determination. Experience is teaching him consistency.



Steve Strandemo San Diego

Date of Birth: 3-4-48

Home Town:

San Diego, California

Year on Tour: Fifth

Handedness: Right

Racquet: Ektelon

Pro Victories: 1973-77 (1)

1974-75 (1):

Sunnyvale-January

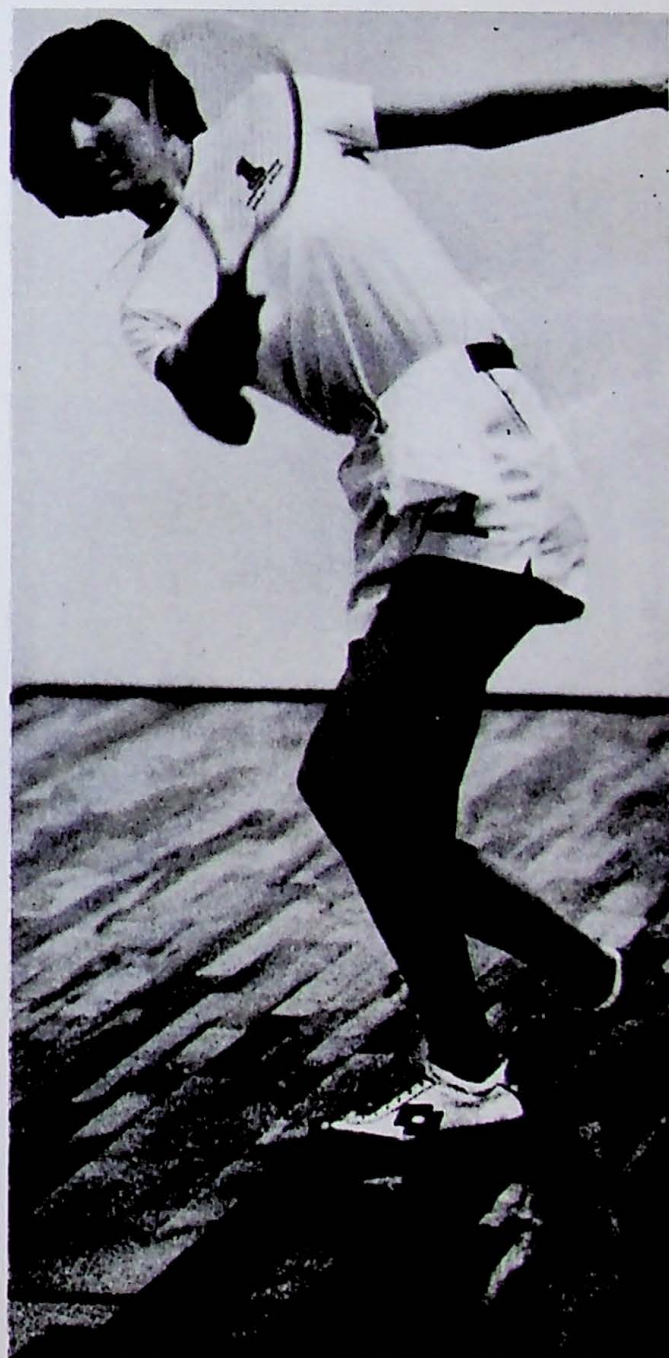
Prize Money 1976-77: \$4,625

Game Style: Control: Plays percentage racquetball with fantastic concentration steady player, never rattles. Constant ceiling balls and passes. Shoots forehand and backhand especially from deep left court. Good retriever. Outstanding competitor. Calculating and intelligent.

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Karin Walton

Karin with an "i" from San Clemente, California, burst into national prominence last year when she won both the I.R.A. and N.R.C. National women's titles for 1977. Currently ranked #7 on the Colgate/Leach tour, Karin has had an up and down year. A strong backhand, but inconsistency has spelled victory and defeat. With added seasoning gained through her first full year on the tour, Karin has played with increasing confidence and toughness. Look for this young lady to have a long and successful year making her opponents lives miserable.



Sarah Green

Currently ranked 4th on the Colgate/Leach Pro tour, Sarah won both the I.R.A. and N.R.C. National Amateur Championships in 1976. Her backhand and serve dominated her opponents as she has managed the semis in all but two of the last 11 tournaments. Just 21 years old and a junior marketing student at Memphis State University with a 3.5 average, Sarah's future looks very bright.



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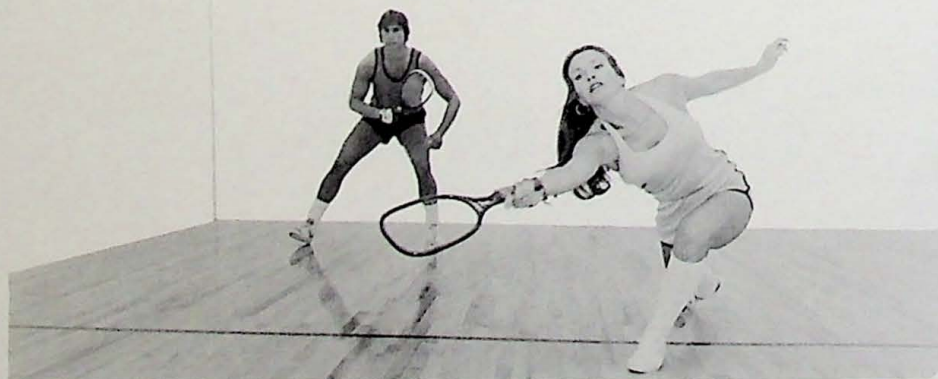
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MEN'S OPEN

1977	Jerry Zukerman St. Louis	Eric Campbell Dallas
1976	Joe Wirkus Milwaukee	Mike Luciw New Britain
1975	Wayne Bowes Calgary	Troy Sayes Salt Lake City
1974	Bill Schmidtke Minneapolis	Steve Serot St. Louis
1973	Charlie Brumfield San Diego	Steve Keeley San Diego
1972	Charlie Brumfield San Diego	Ron Rubenstein Chicago
1971	Bill Schmidtke Port Edwards	Craig Finger Ann Arbor
1970	Craig Finger Ann Arbor	Charlie Brumfield San Diego
1969	Bud Muehleisen San Diego	Charlie Brumfield San Diego

WOMEN'S OPEN

1977	Karin Walton San Clemente	Jan Campbell San Diego
1976	Sarah Green Memphis	Carol Frenck Newport News
1975	Peggy Steding Odessa	Shannon Wright Dallas
1974	Peggy Steding Odessa	Jan Pasternak Houston
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1972	Jan Pasternak Houston	Kim Hill (Miller) San Diego
1971	Jan Pasternak Houston	Bette Weed San Diego
1970	Fran Cohen St. Louis	Kim Hill (Miller) San Diego

SENIORS

1977	Jim Austin Houston	Joe Gibbs Sunnyvale
1976	Bud Muehleisen San Diego	Myron Roderick Stillwater
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WOMEN'S PRO DIVISION

1976	Shannon Wright Dallas	Peggy Steding Odessa
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WOMEN'S SENIORS

1977	Sandy McPherson	Carol Greenburg Lancaster, TX
1976	Carmeriza Pond Riverside	Mary Ann Bayless Hopkins

MASTERS (45 and above)

1977	Bud Muehleisen San Diego	Sam Polletta New York
1976	Bob McNamara Minneapolis	Joe Bechard Milwaukee
1975	John Halverson San Diego	Bob Troyer Lake Forest
1974	Bill Sellars Dallas	Richard Walker Dallas
1973	Bud Muehleisen San Diego	Bill Sellars Dallas
1972	Bud Muehleisen San Diego	Chet Howard Madison
1971	Giles Coors Memphis	Earl Dixon Indianapolis
1970	Glenn Turpin Memphis	Marlowe Phillips St. Louis
1969	Marlowe Phillips St. Louis	

GOLDEN MASTERS

1977	Bud Swensen Orinda, CA	David Mathews Champaign, IL
1976	Ike Gumer Louisville	Fred Vetter Milwaukee
1975	Fred Vetter Milwaukee	Cal Murphy San Diego
1974	Ike Gumer Louisville	Alex Guerry Chattanooga

JUNIORS

1977	Jeff Carson Washington	Lindsey Myers Vancouver
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Friday - 6:00 p.m.	In the Restaurant, Dinner and Show	Benihana of Tokyo
Friday - 7:30 p.m.	Exhibition on the Glass Court	"Skip It"
Saturday - 7:30 p.m.	Dinner at the Roadway Inn	Manufacturers Banquet
Saturday - 9:00 p.m.	Disco Band at the Rodeway Inn	"Kaluha"
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.	Brunch at the Rodeway Inn	IRA Membership Breakfast and Election of IRA Directors
Sunday - 3:00 p.m.	Exhibition on the Glass Court	"Skip It"
Sunday - 6:00 p.m.	Dinner and Show in the Restaurant	Gasho's of Japan



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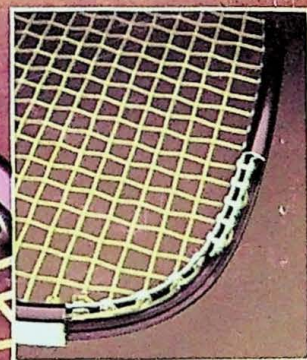
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