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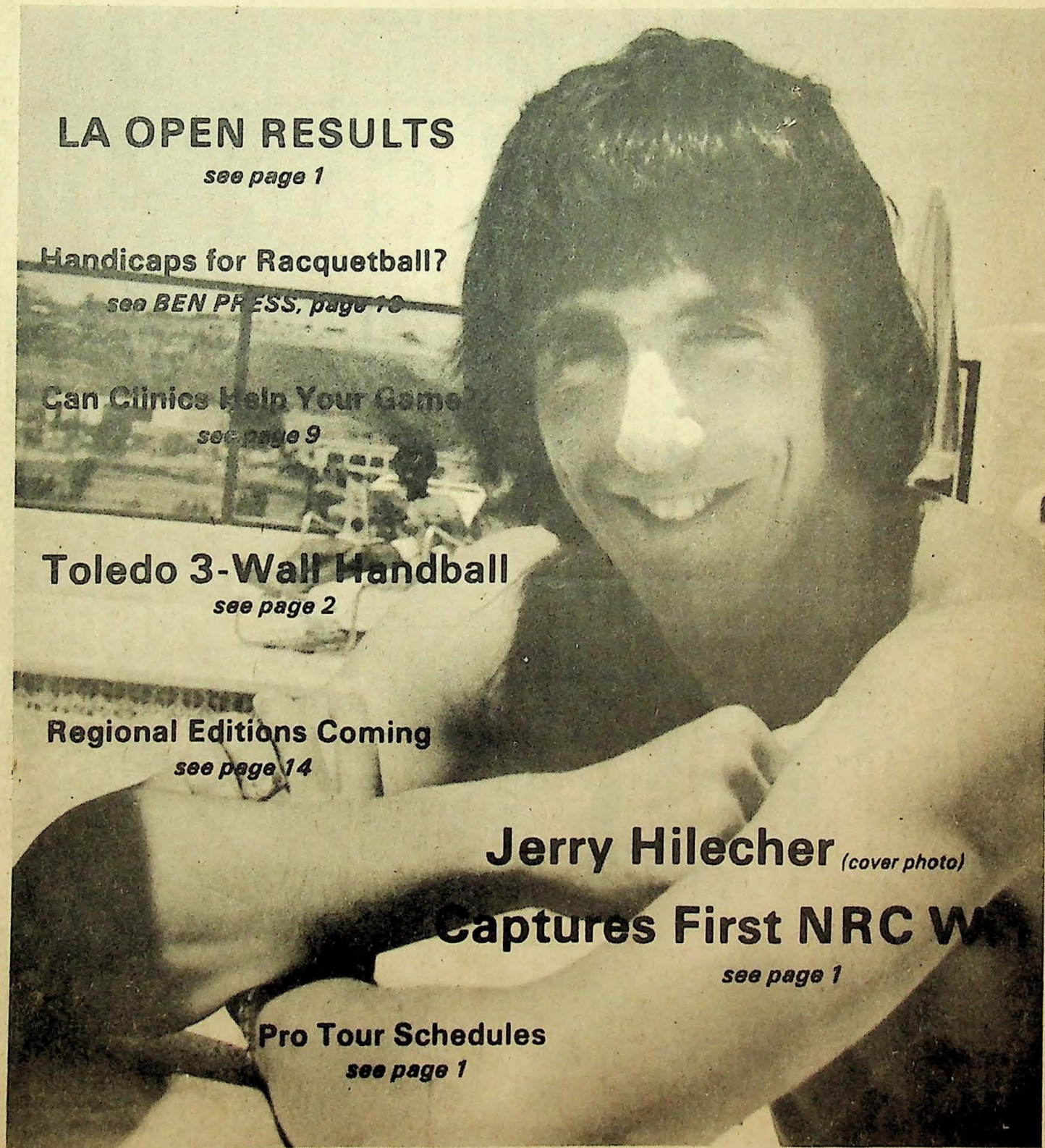
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3-Wall Handball Real Crowd-Pleaser

By MORT LEVE

TOLEDO, Ohio — There weren't a lot of big names present at the 27th Annual USHA National 3-Wall Tournament, but the competition was 100 per cent crowd-pleasing, the hospitality dealt a "royal flush" by the Toledo Fives Handball Club, chaired by George Miller, and the weather was consistently finest within memory of the veteran regulars.

Five days of 70 plus degree sunshine and the scheduling on the eight courts at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Maumee, suburb of Toledo, culminated a championship round play on Labor Day, September 6th.

Lou Russo, top-seeded after his win over Fred Lewis last year, went through five matches without losing a game. In the semi's, he went up against Chicago young hopeful Dave Dohman, Lake Forest College junior. Dohman had created a mild sensation earlier in the summer, beating Dennis Hofflander in the Rainbow Beach Tournament. But, against Russo, Dohman was unable to get volley-ending shots and was constantly forced to deep court

defense and hurt his own cause with some telling front-court errors.

Wes Yee, a young veteran from Chicago, bombarded Kent Gimty, New York, in the semi's with a patented serve and shoot game. Kent really couldn't get into the contest and became entirely frustrated with himself. The 21-2, 21-12 scores definitely tell the story.

Russo jumped to a big lead against Yee in the finals, but Wes came back, mainly on the strength of his strong serve. He got back into the game then couldn't sustain the momentum and lost 21-17. He apparently had given all he could muster because Lou simply dominated the second game, invariably controlling the high, bouncing shots down the side walls that kept Yee behind the long line.

Russo's fly-shot ability was a major factor in ending volleys both from short-court and three-quarters deep.

Dr. Joe Wisotsky, who will soon be deserting the bachelor ranks of New York, south-pawed his blasting bottom-boarders to win his fourth Open Doubles title.

George Miller and Bernie Samet, who wound up third,

were the only team to get as many as 13 points off the New York Athletic Club team in this tournament.

In the finals, Wisotsky and Wally Ulbrich literally routed the Roberts brothers, Bern Jr. and Jack, of Chicago, off the court, 21-1, 21-4. There were just too many court shots made available to the lethal left of Joe, and his right-side complement, Wally, deftly maneuvered the volleys around to get the openings.

Other results were: Ed Novak over Jack Walsh in Master's Singles and first Golden Masters Doubles title for Phil Haralam and Julie Rothman.

'PR Pete' Uses CB For RB

By AMOS ROSENBLUM

EDINA, Minn. — The Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament at Kings Court, July 16, 17 and 18, used the radio to keep racquetball buffs informed on the tournament.

Amos Rosenbloom and Bob McNamara phoned in 15 taped interviews on key matches to WWTC, a local news oriented radio station. WWTC became the voice of racquetball for the weekend and 1280 on the radio dial was posted at the court so interested players could be updated on matches. The interviews progressed from straight reporting of match scores to the color of one or two matches which were exciting at that point in the tournament.

Then, to keep the action moving, Kings Court owner Bob Adam used his car CB unit to keep the brothers informed. One report went like this: "This is 'PR Pete' in Edina town reporting from the Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament."

"'Barney Google' of Minneapolis was destroyed by 'The Blender' from Steamboat Springs, Colorado."

"'Little Dad' from Milwaukee upset 'Best Dressed' from Apple Valley."

"'Skinny' from St. Paul upset 'The Lover' from Rochester."

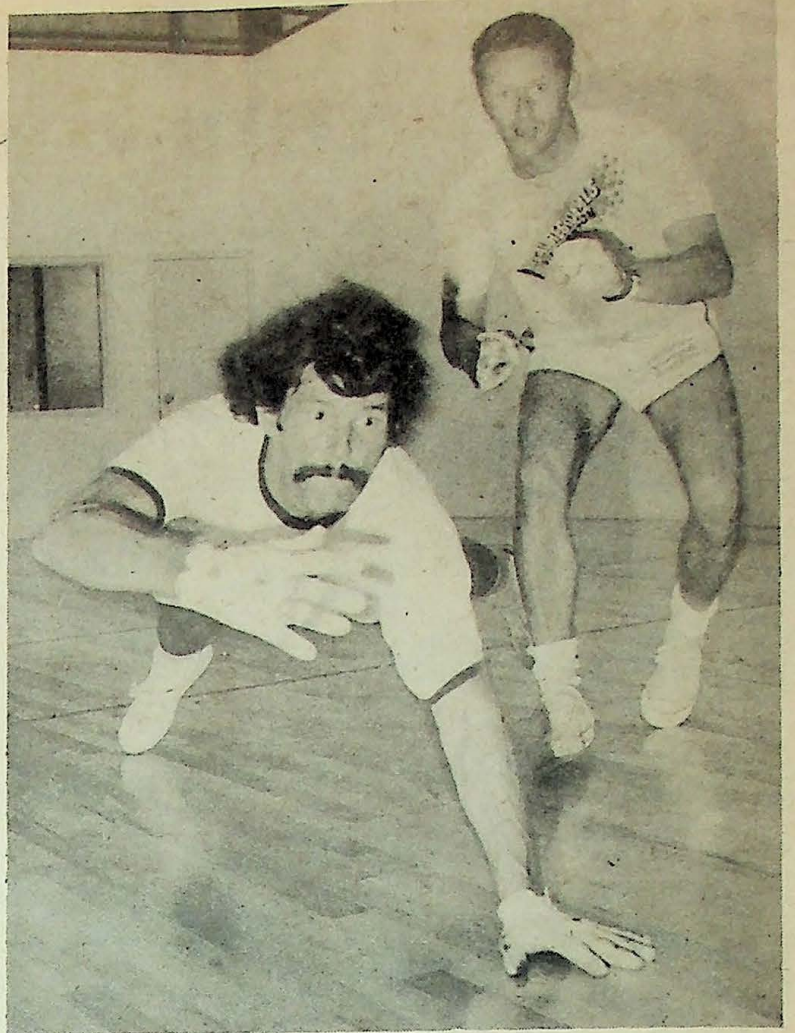
"'Moy Toy' eliminated 'Heaven Hill'."

"This is 'PR Pete' coming back at 2 p.m. tomorrow. Keep your channel open."

The cast:

PR Pete: Amos Rosenbloom; Barney Google: Barry Gerr; The Blender: Dave Glander; Little Dad: Joe Wirkus; Best Dressed: Bill Schmidtke; Skinny: Gary Rivet; The Lover: Mike Gorman; Super Bod: Jan Schuldt; Tall and Tender: Koni Porter; Moy Toy: Tonya Mouw; Heaven Hill: Marlene Hill.

The Public Relations blitz coordinated by Bob Adam and Amos Rosenbloom also included three stories and a picture in the local newspaper, Associated Press Releases, a tournament book for all players and individual first match pictures of each player in action. It is hoped that next year's publicity can include individual releases to player's home towns.



Scott Beebe dives to the floor to return the ball to Jim Oliver, who won the match, in the A Division of Men's Handball at Quail Lakes Athletic Club in Stockton, Calif. The August tournament also included men's and women's racquetball.

B Division handball was taken by Amerigo Giovannoni. Men's racquetball divisions were won by Bill Russell (A), John Haas (B), and Jerry Johnson (C). In Women's racquetball, Nancy Sonnenburg took the A Division, Jill Prior took B Division and C Division was won by Darlene Farley.

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Racquetball

NRC CONFIRMED TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Below are the sites and dates of the 1976-77 Seamco-Leach Pro Racquetball tour, sanctioned by the NRC. All men's events will have at least \$6,000 prize money; all women's events will have at least \$2,000 prize money.

Sept. 3-6: Wall Street, Sacramento, Ca.
September 23-26: The Court Club, Edmonton, Canada
October 14-17: The Court Club, S. Burlington, Vt.
November 6-9: The Glass Court, Lombard, Ill.
December 4-7: The Courtrooms, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
January 8-11: Downtown YMCA, Houston, Tex.
February 5-8: Denver Sporting House, Denver, Colo.
March 5-8: Newport Beach Sporting House, Newport Beach, Ca.
March 26-29: Univ. of Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn.
April 16-19: Southfield, Mich., Southfield Racquetime Ctr.
May 14-17: Little Silver, N.J., The Racquet Club
June 4-11: Atlas Health Club, San Diego, Nationals

The USRA tournament schedule is not available at this time.

The USRA is in the process of picking up hosts for the Amateur Regionals, one each in the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, Midwest and Mideast, and one Nationals Juniors. Look in future issues for publication of the USRA schedule and also the USRA State Tournaments schedule.

IRA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The IRA has only two stops of their pro tour set at this writing. The first tournament was held at the Town and Country Racquet Club in St. Louis on August 19-22. Charlie Brumfield, current NRC Champ, won that one, beating Marty Hogan in the finals. The second confirmed stop will be the International Doubles Championship to be held October 29-31st in Houston, Texas in the Downtown YMCA. This will be a men's event only, as the Women's Doubles have already been held.

Handball

NHC CONFIRMED PRO TOUR SCHEDULE

Nov. 18-24: St. Paul Athletic Club (\$7,500 prize money, open to 16 players)
Dec. 2-5: Atlas Health Club, San Diego
Jan. 21-23: Washington Athletic Club, Seattle
Feb. 4-6: Wilmington YMCA, North Carolina
Feb. 18-20: Denver Athletic Club
March 3-6: University of Texas at Austin
March 20-22: Northwest Suburban YMCA, Des Plaines, Ill.
April 14-17: Tucson Athletic Club, Arizona
May 8-15: Town and Country Racquet Club, St. Louis for the 27th USHA Nationals

The USHA amateur divisional tournament schedule has not been confirmed as yet.

The National Invitational Masters Singles will be held at the Norfolk YMCA, on February 6-7.

The National Juniors (15 and under, 17 and under, and 19 and under) will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee on December 28-30.

The National Intercollegiate will be held March 3-6 at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Ikier 'Faultless' At King's Court

By AMOS ROSENBLUM
Special Contributor

EDINA, Minn. — The Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament at King's Court, July 16, 17 and 18 included 183 players from a seven state area playing in 12 divisions. The split Junior Division — 14 years and under, and 15-18 years; the class Pro Division and the round robin were good additions to the tournament.

The family atmosphere of the tournament included father and son entries: Scott Schaffer (Junior) and Charlie Schaffer from Winona, Minn.; Damian Carpenter (Junior Under 14) and Dick Carpenter (Senior from Rochester, Minn.); Fritz Banfield (Junior Under 14) and Fred Banfield (Senior from Rochester, Minn.); Phil Rosenbloom (Juniors 15-18) and Amos Rosenbloom (Masters from Minneapolis, Minn.).

The most exciting Doubles team at the tournament was Brian Heeb and Pat Page from Minneapolis, who upset highly regarded Mike Wiem of Minneapolis and Mike Gorman of Rochester. Then with an excited, cheering, crowded gallery behind them, they went against 1st seed Steve Singer and Ron Haskavitz of Minneapolis. Heeb, 23, and Page, 25, were diving and shooting their way to victory until Singer and Haskavitz broke their concentration with a series of verbal confrontations. Heeb and Page, in their first major tournament, did not recognize the tactic, and the "darlings" of the tournament lost in a tie breaker.

Paul Ikier, Minneapolis, won the round robin Pro-Am event by defeating Bob McNamara, Don Brechtold, Mark Hegg and Bill Schmidtke, two-time National Champion. This was Ikier's tournament, as his control was

faultless, his aim on target and his concentration unbroken. Paul was into every game probing the weaknesses of his opponents and playing every point as if it were match point. Paul teamed with Barry Gerr to win the Open Doubles Championship. Barry, better known as "Barney Google," admitted, "my skill was choosing a partner. My best moves on the court were keeping out of Paul's way — he was rolling them out."

In the Masters Division, George Sladky telephoned the tournament director that he could not move and wanted to forfeit the Championship match to Ralph Stillman. Stillman and Sladky had split in two previous meetings and Ralph refused to accept the easy 1st place trophy. George then pulled himself out of bed, hobbled over to the Court House, had two people help him dress, stumbled into the court and whipped Ralph, 21-3, 21-11. Ralph is still mumbling about the match. "I would rather play George when he is healthy."

Damien Carpenter, age 12, refereed 10 games during the tournament — there were no complaints, only compliments for this young caller of "kills" and "shorts." There were many thank you's — from tournament director, Tuck Peterson, and the players.

IRA Has New Address In Texas

The new address of the International Racquetball Association (IRA) is: P.O. Box 31481, Suite 1012, Dallas, TX 75231.

The telephone number is (214) 690-0244. The Executive Director is Tom McKie. The editor of the IRA's official publication, *Racquetball*, is Max Rodgers.

479 Players

QM Sets Record

By ROBERT E. HOPPER
Special Contributor

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Calling it "one of the best managed (tournaments) I have seen," William Strom may have been speaking for the record 479 participants who turned out for the third annual Queen Mary extravaganza at Long Beach Athletic Club, held August 5-8th and 12-15th.

Strom knows a little something or the other about such productions. As the executive director of Los Angeles' MacArthur Park YMCA, he has conducted a few.

Indeed, it was highly successful. Despite time problems created by an abnormal 105 three-game matches, Al Gracie's floor expertise kept everything moving at rapid pace, and the tournament breezed along almost flawlessly. Gracie, one of the nation's most sought officials, has watched the sport progress from infancy. As he surveyed the bustling, stuffed facility, he uttered to no one in particular: "This is what racquetball is all about," and so it was.

The 14 divisions of competition were designed to cast the spotlight on Novice, Junior and women players as well as those who toil in the more traditional categories. Twenty-four ladies vied in Novice activity, and 12 more bid in Open contests. In the latter, Patti Berneathy hummed to the title, humbling Ruth Knudson, 21-20, 21-13. Berneathy, the No. 2 seed, figured to tangle with the talented Bette Weed, who carried the number one banner, but it didn't work out that way. Knudson sneaked up on Weed in the semi-finals, scoring a 21-10, 21-16 upset.

Men's Open Singles produced shockwaves when top rated Al Portune was edged 21-20, 21-20 by Tony Marti in a match that was punctuated by some of the most exciting play seen anywhere. An exhausted Marti then went against Joel Scheinbaum, the eventual champion, and extended him three sets before being eliminated, 21-18, 11-21, 21-17.

Scheinbaum entered the fray tabbed number four. He quickly knocked off Ken Fleming, 21-12, 21-10, then outlasted Steve Mondry, 21-14, 11-21, 21-6 before squaring off with Marti. He took home the trophy following another three-game marathon, this one with Ian Fleishman, 21-6, 20-21, 11-5.

Unheralded Don Berberet won B Singles the hard way, extending himself through tri-sets in three of his five appearances en route to the crown. A unique

twist developed at this level when the four leading seeds were sidelined simultaneously in the second round.

Due to the astronomical number of entrants in C Singles, many "play-ins" were necessary to pare the official field to 64. Though it was a long time coming, the championship finally went to determined Pete Cook, who downed Dale McCarthy, 21-18, 21-8. Cook put himself in the driver's seat during the third round when he found himself facing Gonzale Duran, a hard-hitting, determined athlete whose past accomplishments earned him the top seed. As might be expected, the action was fast paced, but when it was over, Duran was on the short end of a 21-17, 21-19 verdict.

Seeds 1 and 2, Earle Castle and Bill Armstrong, respectively, advanced into the finals of Master's Singles after each was extended three sets in semi-finals action. Castle picked off Kal Gladstone, 15-21, 21-20, 21-17, then rebounded from a 12-21 defeat to overtake Armstrong, 21-7, 21-18. Castle then joined forces with Gladstone to claim another trophy, this time Master's Doubles. The combination won with a 21-16, 21-3 waltz over the team of Sherwood-Suttle.

Of eight scheduled first-round Junior Singles outings, four were determined by forfeits. Jay DuBose, whose 21-20, 21-14 sweep over Scott Holtz provided him the title, smashed Rich Harris, 21-10, 21-11 in the initial test, then he moved into the semis with a 21-10, 21-13 rout of Tim Johnson. His next opponent, Carrie Martin, offered only slight resistance before yielding, 21-10, 21-16.

Mande Yepes came out on top of the 64-bracket Men's Novice Singles, easily pelting Bill Hund for honors. Michael Keller gave Yepes a mild scare in semi-finals when he jumped to a swift 21-12 advantage, but Yepes came back strong to salt him away, 21-6, 21-11. Hund smacked Tommy Hom in the next-to-last round, 21-17, 21-7.

In a nice gesture, Home directed a post-tournament letter to LBAC, pointing out that he was pleasantly surprised at how well his family was treated as well as himself.

Three of the country's premier players made an appearance for a special exhibition. With National Doubles Champ Davy Bledsoe serving as referee, Charlie Brumfield and Rich Wagner collided on the glass court before a standing room-only turnout. Brumfield, five times — and current — National Singles titlist, did little more than he had to, to win the first game, 21-17. Seemingly annoyed at himself for not working any harder, The Brum concentrated on playing rather than playing around, and quickly polished off his younger, spirited challenger, 21-7.

OPEN SINGLES: Semifinals-Scheinbaum def. Marti, 21-18, 11-21, 21-17; Fleishman def. Williams, 21-7, 21-8. Championship-Scheinbaum def. Fleishman, 21-5, 20-21, 11-5. OPEN DOUBLES: Semifinals-Williams-Radford def. Brubaker-Kamm, 21-19, 21-17; Pool-Lusk def. Fleishman-Scheinbaum, 12-21, 21-7, 21-11. Championship-Pool-Lusk def. Williams-Radford, 21-10, 21-12. WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES: Semifinals-Knudson def. Weed, 21-10, 21-16; Berneathy def. Clemen, 21-16, 21-4. Third Place-Clemon def.

Weed, 16-21, 21-8, 21-5. Championship-Berneathy def. Knudson, 21-20, 21-13. B SINGLES: Semifinals-Berberet def. Radford,

21-14, 21-16; Williams def. Bush, 21-8, 21-20. Championship-Berberet def. Williams, 17-21, 21-16, 21-9. B DOUBLES: Semifinals-Radford-Radford def. Allen-Fleming, injury-retired; Rubin-Cubitt def. Ivaldy-Naylor, 21-14, 21-11. Championship-Rubin-Cubitt def. Radford-Radford, 21-19, 18-21, 21-14. C SINGLES: Semifinals-Cook def. Hofman, 21-11, 21-9; McCarthy def. Brand, 21-16, 21-18. Championship-Cook def. McCarthy, 21-18, 21-8. C DOUBLES: Semifinals-Sword-Monroe def. Lagerberg-Brand, 21-20, 21-12; Alamazon-Malone def. Godwin-Monell, 21-15, 15-21, 21-10. Championship-Sword-Monroe def. Alamazon-Malone, 21-7, 21-6. MASTERS SINGLES: Semifinals-Castle def. Gladstone, 19-21, 21-20, 21-10; Armstrong def. Morrow, 14-21, 21-8, 21-16. Championship-Castle def. Armstrong, 12-21, 21-7, 21-18. MASTERS DOUBLES: Semifinals-Sherwood-Suttle def. Armstrong-Morrow, 21-19, 13-21, 21-14; Castle-Gladstone def. Hughes-Deeds, 21-17, 17-21, 21-16. Championship-Castle-Gladstone def. Sherwood-Suttle, 21-16, 21-3. JUNIOR SINGLES: Semifinals-Holtz def. Dunbar, 21-6, 21-20; Dubose def. Martin, 21-10, 21-16. Championship-Dubose def. Holtz, 21-20, 21-14. JUNIOR DOUBLES: Semifinals-Harris-Moore def. Barlow-Hohnson, 14-21, 21-17, 21-14; Lopez-Rendon def. Hausauer-Hunsaker, 21-9, 21-8. Third Place-Barlow-Hohnson def. Hausauer-Hunsaker, forfeit. Championship-Lopez-Rendon def. Harris-Moore, 21-11, 1-21, 21-11. MIXED DOUBLES: Semifinals-Martino-Almazan def. Eyman-Eyman, 21-9, 21-12; Pool-Gardner def. Bible-Davidson, 18-21, 21-15, 21-8. Third Place-Bible-Davidson def. Eyman-Eyman, 21-15, 21-14. Championship-Pool-Gardner def. Martino-Almazan, 21-12, 21-6.

QLAC HB Team Fights To Win

STOCKTON, Calif. — The Quail Lakes Athletic Club Handball teams put up a good fight in Sacramento against the Sacramento Handball and Racquetball Club. The "A" team dropped a narrow 34-31 decision while the "B" team showed need for more depth. In the near future, QLAC will be hosting S.O.S. of Modesto and Wall Street of Sacramento.

In racquetball, the QLAC team won 6-3 in an informal contest with the Sacramento Racquetball Club. The Quails were led by Duane Isetti and Willie Luntao, each posting a Singles and Doubles win. Others participating were Jerry Croskrey, Stan Vincent, Gerry Johnson and Nancy Sonnenburg.

Pasternak Tops St. Louis Women

1. Jan Pasternak	JCCA
2. Nancy Zelson	JCCA
3. Barb Halpen	Court House
4. Chris Ackerman	JCCA
5. Judy Cozad	Spaulding
6. Goldie Hogan	JCCA
7. Iona Long	Spaulding
8. Karen Shippy	Town & Country
9. Mary Herling	Spaulding
10. Alice Becker	West James
11. Kathy Symons	Town & Country
12. Marilyn Sylvia	Coryell's
13. Diana Pitliangas	Spaulding
14. Georgia Potter	West James
15. Gina Dodson	West Port
16. Suzie Busch	Town & Country
17. Carol McAlister	Court House
18. Linda Milke	Spaulding
19. Maggie Zesch	Spaulding
20. Diana DeRoze	West Port

CHALLENGES

8-21-76 Shippy over Herling 21-9, 21-11
8-22-76 Shippy over Becker 9-21, 21-17, 15-12
8-22-76 Cozad over Hogan 8-21, 15-21

To participate, call Alice Becker at 925-1190 or call one of the participating clubs: West James Courts, Spaulding, Town & Country, West Port or Donnett Racquet Club.

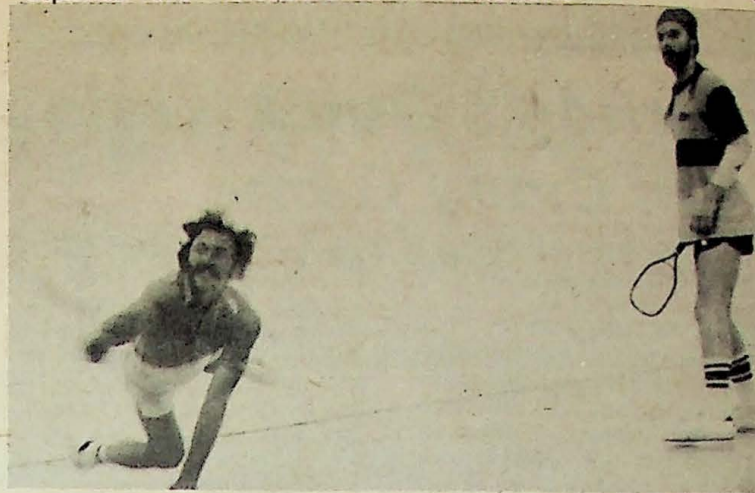


Photo by David Hudson.
Jim Rossman dove for this shot, but all his flying was not enough to defeat Kurt Williams in the B Singles of the LA Open. See story on page 1

1,000 Members Goal For LBAC

By ROBERT E. HOPPER

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Long Beach Athletic Club has taken on a new look. A six-person-combine assumed ownership of the plush facility August 5 after purchasing it from Ben Agajanian, its founder and executive director until its sale. Russ Welsh, one of the new proprietors, has been installed as general manager of the complex. He is ably assisted by working partners Ed Kelly and Homer Messer. Kelly is well known on the West Coast where he serves as area handball commissioner, and Messer served as pro shop operator until a few months prior to the transfer of title.

Other investors are: Vice Presidents Sam Breuklander, Mike Donnelly and Danny Fromdahl.

Welsh, native of Long Beach, a Utah State University graduate and holder of a master's degree in physical education, outlined some of the short-and long-range goals of LBAC.

"Our immediate desire is to strengthen morale of present members, and to assure them that we are vitally concerned with dispensing goodwill. We will actively seek more women members, and establish youth programs. It is our hope, also, to

implement a day-care center."

Over an extended period, Welsh expressed optimism over greater emphasis on social aspects, and expanding facilities to include a swimming pool on the premises.

"We would like to increase membership to 1,000, and we believe this is a realistic figure if we provide those services that appeal to individuals now affiliated with the club or who may be members in the future," Welsh concluded.

Haber-Duarte, Doubles Win

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Paul Haber and Don Duarte, handball pros, entered the foreign territory of the Santa Ana Athletic Club on the weekend of August 14 and 15 and came out the tournament's top doubles team.

Haber and Duarte defeated Ramirez and Cleland, 21-4, 21-1; Coffey and Morones, 21-6, 19-21, 21-13; and in the finals, Moormeister and Reinhardt, 21-13, 21-6.

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Gurnoe's Quick 'Gets' Win Every Game

By JOSEPH BOGEAJIS
Special Contributor

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Rose Canyon Racquet Club held its first annual racquetball tournament, Labor Day weekend. The Rose Canyon Classic attracted over 125 entrants contesting eight men's divisions and two women's classifications. More than 200 hours of court time were required to match top

amateurs from Southern California. Players from San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Mexico shot it out for trophies presented by the club. Local entries included members of the San Diego police olympics team, members of other San Diego racquet clubs and a swarm of racquetball instructors.

Tournament director, John Mullin, stated that he felt the tourney was very good for the new club. When asked what his biggest problems were in his first experience with his own tournament, Mullin replied with a yawn, "Setting the draw till one in the morning and trying to find referees for eight o'clock matches."

Along with the proficiency of the director and his crew, the club offered a beautiful facility, freshly painted walls and a friendly atmosphere.

Leo Gurnoe, from San Diego,

out quicked and outpointed the Men's Open Singles Division to win the round robin event without losing a game. Gurnoe's ability to go to the floor for incredible "gets," make the shot, and then bounce up ready, was what won it for him.

Ken Creese, also from San Diego, only lost to Gurnoe and took a very strong second in the Men's B Singles final, a single elimination event. Rich Thornton, (S.D.) used a very effective garbage serve to beat Steve Neptune, (S.D.) in a match that went three games.

Martin Padilla, from Tijuana, Mexico, was declared "Sleeper of the Tournament" after destroying the Men's C Singles event. Dave Dorosh, (S.D.), played well in the finals for second, but Padilla's conservative ceiling game, backed up by shooting when necessary, won it in two straight games.

The Men's C Doubles was the hottest match of the finals. Bryan R. Conn teamed with Bob Perlman beat Bob Lee and Dave Dorosh.

Left-handed Lon Brassey showed the Men's Advanced Novice Singles Division a very complete game that included a Z-Ball which couldn't be returned. Brassey's well-balanced attack completely overwhelmed Rocky Frost at first. 21-3 was the most lopsided score of the finals. In the second game, Brassey seemed to let up

and had trouble with Frost's lob serve, but won 21-17 anyway.

A strong performance and the largest cheering section won Ben Sanchez, from Chula Vista, Calif., first place in the first Novice event. Showing tremendous endurance, Sanchez tore up the division including Scott Rhodes, who finished second.

In the Men's Novice Doubles, Dave Sabbas and Manuel Caballero rode Caballero's overhead kill shots to come from behind and beat the team favored to win, Keith Mullin and Warren Jones.

Rich Thornton played a good smart match to beat Tom Carlyon out of the Senior Men's title. Carlyon seemed to be the better player but was trying too many touch shots and choking. Thornton wasn't hesitating to take advantage.

The Women's C Singles event was the most closely contested division of the tournament. Seven women competed in a round robin format for points. Two points were awarded per point scored plus 3 points for each victory, and each game was played to 31. After the last game was played, only .6 of a point separated third from first and only .2 of a point was the difference between second and first. The winner was beaten by the second place finisher who was beaten in turn by the third place woman.

If this all sounds too complicated just remember that Terry Weaver won, Eileen Thornton took the second place trophy and Ann Montalbano, who finished third, didn't get a trophy but deserves a round of applause.

The Women's Novice Singles was much easier to call as Carol Charfauros simply over-powered Debbie Syverson, who looked very strong in her bracket. Charfauros used an accurate ceiling game, good court sense and lots of power throughout the tourney and seemed to gather momentum as each match went by, to win going away.

The tournament was played single elimination, three games per match (first two games to 21 and rubber to 11), except for Men's Open Singles and Women's C Singles, which were round robin. A Consolation bracket was scheduled for the first match losers of largest divisions.

The Men's C Consolation bracket winner was Dave Flynn who played his first C tournament.

Manuel Caballero was back on form in the Men's Advanced Novice Singles Consolation finals. Seemingly held together only with steel nerves, Caballero beat an equally tired Bud Hamilton in three games for first place.

The Consolation trophy for 1st Tournament Novice Player was won easily by Al Uher as he defeated Albert Anderson, 21-9, 21-7.

The game of the tournament was played between Ken Creese and Darryl Weed in the Men's Open round robin. It wasn't fancy, just a power shoot-out with diving passing shots, bodies falling and both players going for it — it being the second place trophy. Creese took an early lead and held on for over an hour to win at 31 by two.

The get of the tournament was dug out backhand in the left-hand corner of the service box by a diving Steve Plummer. The maneuver was begun in the back right-hand corner of the court and Plummer was airborne after three strides, making a lob return on what seemed to be a good passing shot by Jim Pierce. This reporter witnessed the take-off and landing, as referee of the match and believes that the get broke the spirit of Pierce because he failed to score again after having been tied at 8-all in the third game.



San Diego's Leo Gurnoe won the Men's Open Singles round robin event without losing a game.

At left, Gurnoe hits a forehand kill against Pat Moran.

Above, Leo accepts trophy from tournament director and club manager John Mullins.

Metal Racquetball Racquets



1 Aztec Z-100

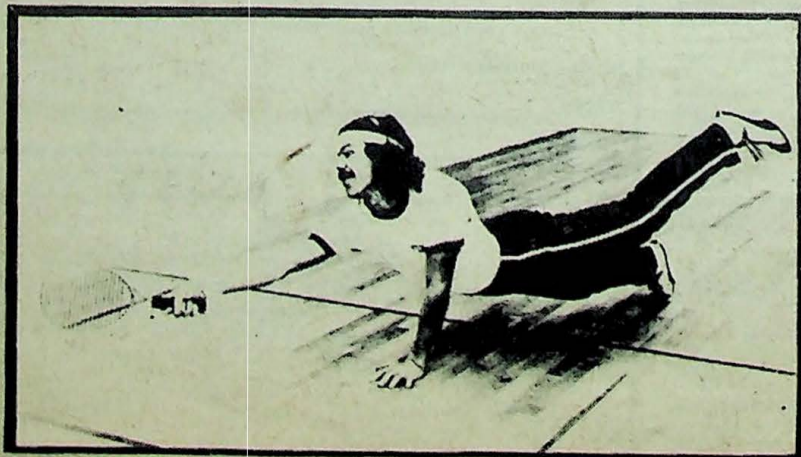
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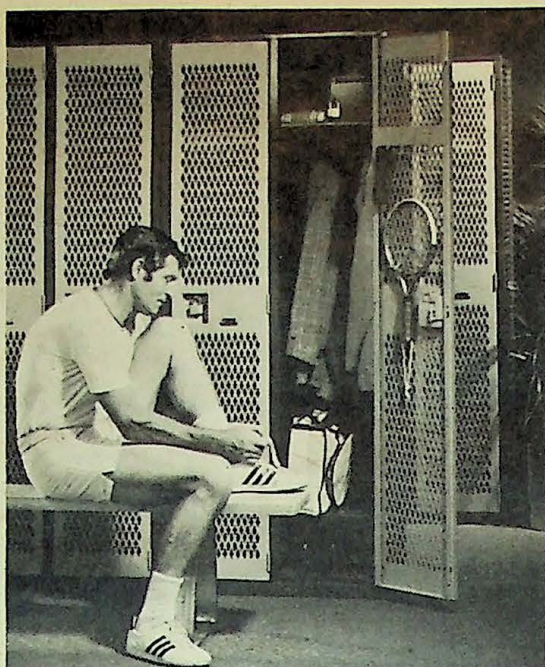
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The Ref's Call

by

Bill Stevens



Which Ball To Use?

How many times have you read about which racquet is better? It's often one person's opinion why one material is better than another. Usually some representative from a racquet company is saying why theirs is best.

Well, I wanted to know which ball the players think is best. So, I asked 37 racquetball players from the Southern California area which ball they liked best and why.

The questions were simple and to the point. I asked, "Which ball do you play with? Is that your favorite ball, or is it just what's available? If that is your favorite, what is your second, third and fourth choice?"

I also asked, "Which characteristics of each ball do you like or dislike? roundness, texture, bounce, speed, predictability, life, weight and consistency from one ball to next of the same kind.

The answers the players gave were very clear. There's not much confusion when it comes to stating what is liked and disliked.

By an overwhelming margin, the Voit *Roll-out* is considered the best playing ball. The way it comes off the racquet and walls makes it the easiest to anticipate and control of all the balls. Its speed, when new, is just short of being fast. However, the consistency from one ball to the next is a problem more than half the players commented on.

The Voit *Roll-out* is a compression ball, which means that the two halves are cemented together, trapping air inside. Because Voits are packaged in a box, the shelf-life is shortened considerably. The speed and bounce of the Voit ball is determined by how much air is still trapped inside it. Avid racquetballers will usually buy a new ball when it becomes the least bit dead in the bounce. Most Voits will not break until the lable has worn off, negating any guaranteed replacement.

The next most popular ball was a toss-up between the Trenway *Z-Ball* and the Seamco 558 (black ball). This fact is very interesting because the two balls are almost exact opposites, all the way down the line.

The *Z-Ball* is unique in its construction. It has a hole in each half. The *Z-Ball* gets its bounce from the extra resilient rubber from which it is made.

The Seamco, conversely, is a pressurized ball, packaged in a pressurized can. It gets its bounce from the air pressure inside the ball itself.

The 558 ball is made of a soft mushy rubber, that, when pressurized, plays fast off the racquet, but slow off the walls. The *Z-Ball* plays fast off the racquet and fast off the walls. It is the fastest ball by a unanimous choice.

Both Seamco balls, the 558 and 559, are the heaviest balls on the market. A mere 11 per cent of the players liked the weight in those two balls.

The *Z-Ball*, on the other hand, is the lightest ball on the market.

Both balls (558 and *Z-Ball*) were considered to be consistent from one ball to the next. The 558's come in a can of two balls, causing one to lose air while the other is being used. That was considered to be either dumb, or a rip-off, or both. It was also the major complaint about the 558 and 559. When fresh out of the can, the Seamco's are playable, but only for a short while. They will lose air rapidly and be unplayable, like the Voit, after three to seven games.

The *Z-Ball* has a very long life and will bounce the same as when new, until it breaks. Most *Z-Balls* will last 15 to 20 games or more. A more resilient rubber gives the *Z-Ball* its longer life and its higher, faster bounce. Players liked the speed and feel of the *Z-Ball* by 2 to 1. Only 12 players thought the ball was too fast. 35 players out of 37 said the ball was fun and easy to play with.

The green Seamco 559 is the most disliked of all the balls being used in this area. Only two people said they buy and play with a 559. Some of the complaints were that the ball is heavy and mushy. Players said it's hard to anticipate correctly, it's not easy to see, and it does not leave the strings in a true flight if hit at all off center.

The 559 is pressurized and comes in a pressurized can of two balls. One ball will begin to lose air while the other is being used. There have been at least ten different Seamco racquetballs in the last three years, including the 558 *Seamless* the 558, 559, and 558-0, in a box; the 558 and 559 in cans, and several models of each number. Seamco is trying very hard to put out a superior ball. Someday, we all hope that they will.

EDITOR'S NOTE: At this writing, it known that there are at least three major rubber companies striving to produce a good playing ball. Also, foreign import balls are beginning to dot the scene.

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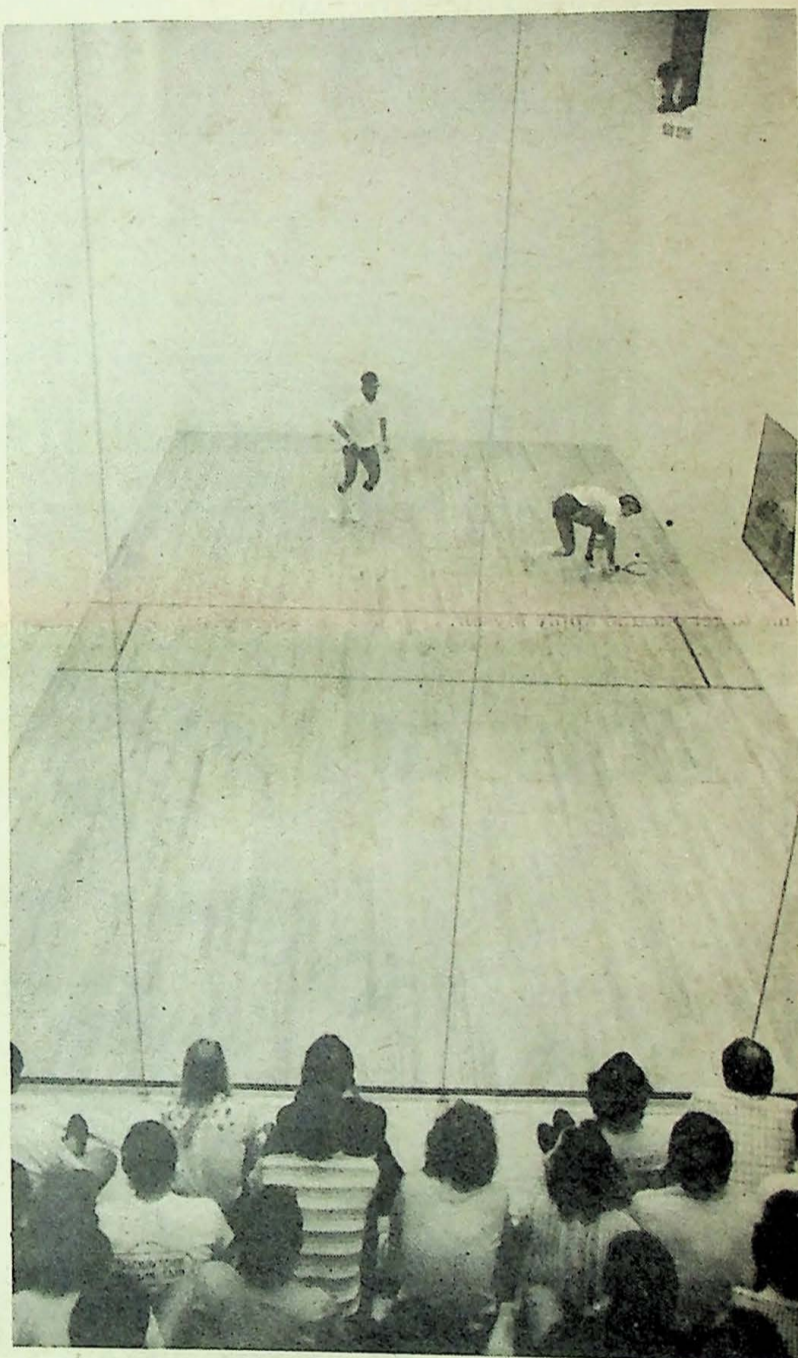
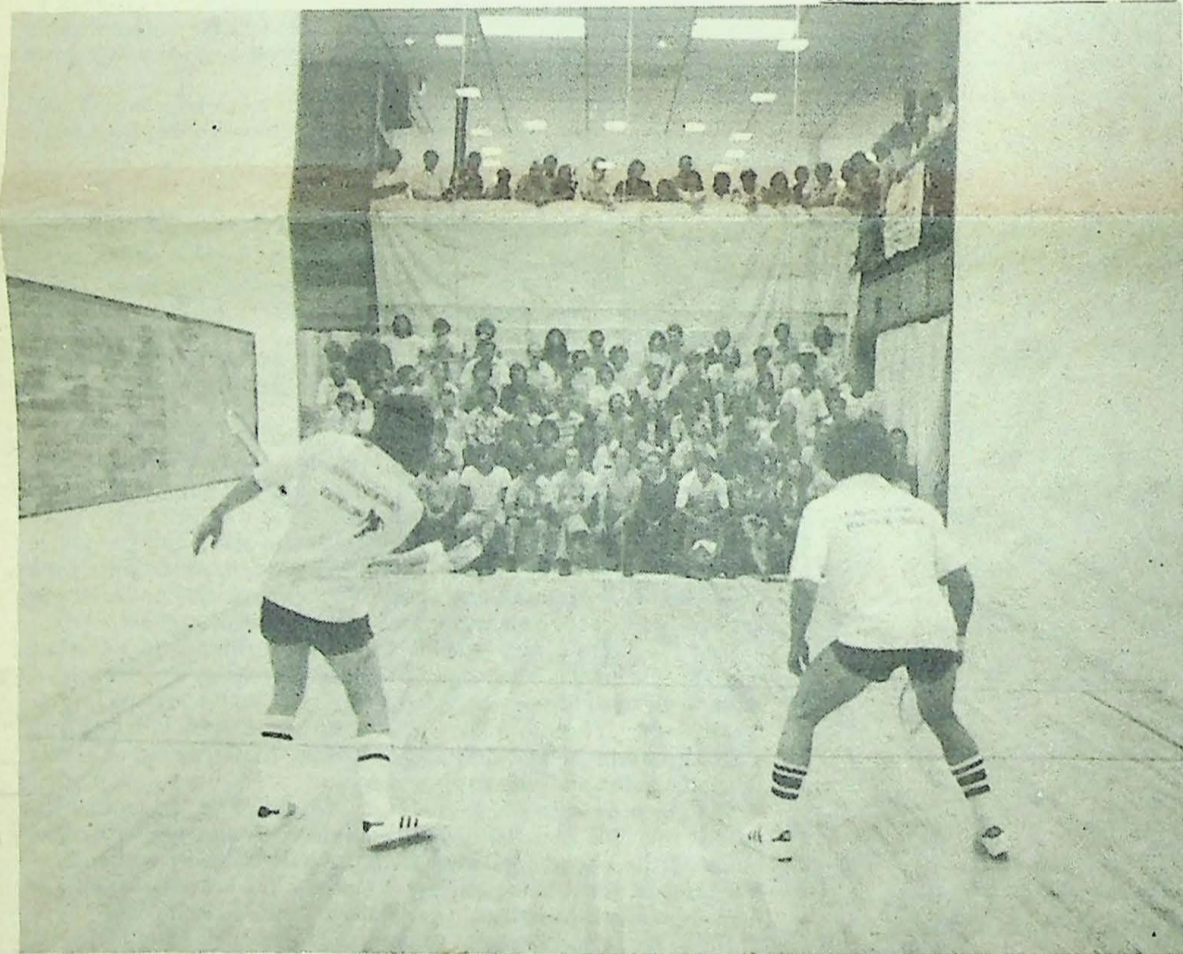
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NRC PRO-AM
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(left) Waiting in backcourt, Jay Jones (I) and Rich Wagner battle in Doubles exhibition game against Mike Zeitman (diving) and Davey Bledsoe (in white) (above) Jerry Hilecher hits the floor in game with Steve Strandemo. (right) Hilecher stretches for a shot against Mike Zeitman in the quarter-finals. (right corner below) Marty Hogan (I) smiles on his backhand follow-through as Steve Strandemo prepares to receive a fast-moving ball. (below) The controversial all-glass front wall shows engrossed viewers as Strandemo (I) and Hogan volley in the semi-finals.

Photos by William Beichley



Front Glass Gives Power-Servers Edge

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Memphis by the scores of 21-10, 21-19. Again it was Hilecher's drive serves which ousted Zeitman who is showing more and more consistency.

The hardest fought quarter-finals match was between Steve Strandemo, San Diego, and Jay Jones, Los Angeles. Jones utilized a miniature CB unit which attached to his waist on which he commented, "The static helps me concentrate and experience a self-hypnosis. It helps me think about my serve and serve return." Jones edged out Strandemo in the first game.

However, Strandemo "put the hammer down" in the second game and tie-breaker to win the match, 19-21, 21-6 and 11-6.

In the other quarter-finals contest, Marty Hogan defeated Rich Wagner in two games, 21-10, 21-13. After being behind 18-20, in the first game, Hogan managed to salvage the game with a couple of good serves and a Wagner error.

Wagner stated earlier, "The glass front-wall gives an advantage to the faster players such as myself and Bledsoe due to the fact that reaction time to the ball is slower off the glass. I don't

know if I will be able to see the ball well enough though."

In the Women's Professional Singles it was Peggy Steding, Odessa, Texas, easing through the bracket to meet Shannon Wright, Dallas, Texas, in the finals. Steding won by the scores of 21-9, 21-9.

In the semi-finals, Steding played a challenging Kathy Williams and beat her 21-8 and 21-15. Wright advanced when she overcame Janell Marriott, 21-15, 17-21 and 11-0. Wright's serve was unbeatable in the tie-breaker and consequently Marriott was unable to score.



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"to help develop standards and ethics as we increase the nation's knowledge of racquetball."

So far, the response to the NR Clinic has been good. Al Sack of Los Angeles says, "I was a handball player until I strained my shoulder and picked up the racquet. The Clinic helped me most by pointing out bad habits I have developed and motivating me to get out and apply myself. I wish the clinic would have been around when I started."

Bob Beal, Atlas Health Club, San Diego, says, "I had become at least an A player in Tucson, however, there was no means by which to learn the fundamentals. During the clinic I realized I didn't have the right grip or forehand stroke, and I wasn't executing the proper shots. But now I know what I must do to get better and I have already seen improvements in my game. I really enjoyed the Clinic and highly recommend it."

And Steve Pulliam says, "I am a racquetball instructor at the University of Washington. The Clinic helped me improve my all-around play and develop better teaching methods and tools. The most interesting session was the video-tape/review lesson. Seeing yourself in action while the instructor comments on your performance — what a valuable experience and teaching aid."

The National Racquetball Clinic, Inc. was formed to help meet the increasing demand for more educational material and instructional methods in this rapidly growing sport. Their long-range goals are "to help develop standards and ethics as we increase the nation's knowledge of racquetball."

The Clinic offers a variety of programs, including exhibitions and/or camps, depending on the needs of the particular club and its members. They offer various basic programs of which the "two-man exhibitional clinic" is probably the most popular, however, the flexibility of the Clinic's activities allows for a number of other ways any club can take advantage of getting first-hand instruction from the pros. Interested clubs can write to National Racquetball Clinic, Inc., 5567 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123, or call (714) 279-1004.

Up-Coming Clinics

Coming up on the NR Clinic's schedule are:
October 18: Omni 41 Health Club, Shreveville, Ind., for a clinic/exhibition.

November 12-15: The Clinic will conduct the second Atlas Health Club Racquetball Camp in San Diego. The instructors will be Steve Keeley, Steve Serot and Marty Hogan.

November 26-28: The Clinic will conduct a Pro-Am tournament at the Evergreen Park Bath and Tennis Club in Evergreen Park, Ill. The top eight amateurs in the tournament will be combined with eight of the nation's top pros: Charlie Brumfield, Steve Keeley, Steve Serot, Rich Wagner, Davey Bledsoe, Ben Kolton, Mike Zeitman, John Lynch and Ron Strom.



(above) Steve Keeley instructs on the backhand, while student is video-taped. (right) Charlie Brumfield, current NRC National Champ, lectures on shot selection and court strategy. (below right) Individual attention is given by Steve Serot on fundamental grips. (below) Steve Keeley displays his "Complete Book of Racquetball" and the Keeley Cassette Course, as students prepare to review video-tapes of themselves in action.

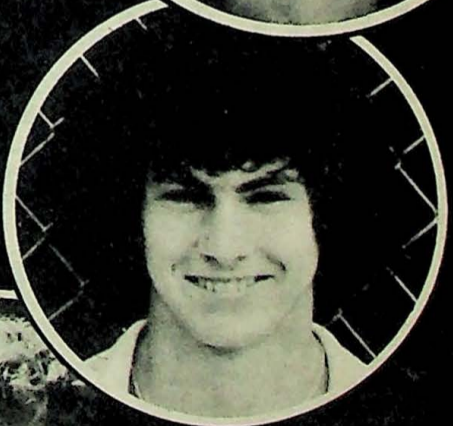


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MD DRIVES HIM CRAZY

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game with hard serves down the left side, kills everywhere, and passing shots. In just seven minutes, Scheinbaum had scored an easy, but impressive, 15-2 victory.

Game two lasted twice as long, 14 minutes, and Wayne made a better showing against Scheinbaum than any other player in the tournament; he scored eight points before settling for second place.

Scheinbaum, or the West L.A. guru, as his disciples at West Los Angeles' Center Courts call him, teamed up with Ron Starkman to capture the Senior Open Doubles, 15-11, 11-15, 16-14, over the team of Ivaldy/Berman.

Other winners were: Kurt Williams, 15-11, 15-9 (B Singles) Weightman/Schmidke, 15-11, 15-8 (B Doubles); S. Wood, 15-10, 9-15, 15-0 (Senior B); Ken Dionne, 12-15, 15-4, 15-6 (C Singles); Monell/McGovern, 15-5, 15-11 (C Doubles); McDonald, 15-12, 15-7 (Super Masters Singles); Gladstone/McDonald, roundrobin play (Super Masters Doubles); R. Knudsen, roundrobin play (Womens Open); and N. Stewart 16-14, 15-13 (Womens Novice).

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Hear The Whoosh...

A Review:

Racquetball Lessons Made Easy
By Steve Keeley

—an audio-cassette/booklet course
—36 pages, 2 cassettes (one hour each), \$19.99

By DAN BIALK

A new approach to racquetball lessons is on the market in the way of an audio cassette/booklet course written and narrated by Steve Keeley, one of the top ten racquetball professionals on the circuit. Keeley and producer, Gene MacDonald & Associates, attempt to cover, usually what other professionals treat in terms of days and weeks in clinics and private lessons, similar material in a two-hour cassette course and accompanying manual. The attempt is encouraging and the method offers the student player an opportunity to refresh and review at his leisure. Diagrams and sequence photographs can be followed rather easily.

Keeley spends the greater percentage (15 per cent) of his instruction on strokes, taking time to develop the forehand and backhand grips, then the actual strokes and appropriate exercises. His next most important topics, in terms of time spent in instruction on the cassettes, are the serve and the ceiling ball, both with about 10 per cent each. His emphasis on these facets of the game should give you a clue what to practice most.

I'm partial to professionals doing what happens to be their profession. I feel Keeley should remain playing professional racquetball, offering personal instructions and clinics in his spare time and practicing veterinary medicine, another area where he has professed superior aptitude by earning a degree from Michigan State University. But, I don't think he should try his hand at broadcaster and writer, too.

Keeley's voice is monotone, without enthusiasm, and tends to put one asleep. I listened to the course continuously on three separate occasions and followed the photo booklet each time, and I fell asleep each time, too! As a result, I have not tried listening to the tapes in my automobile. I confess, the content is good. I'm a better player as a result, but the tapes are better received when listened to in short segments, a lesson or less at a time.

Outside of the photos and diagrams being helpful, the manual is done rather poorly. Pages are not numbered, photo-motion sequences are out of order occasionally, and the outline, which is detailed and done rather well, unfortunately is placed at the rear of the booklet. Sometimes Keeley refers to a photo, and the subjects do not match. Another time he refers to a diagram, and the reader is instructed in the manual to backstep ten pages. Exercise photos also are placed randomly in the book.

Early in the manual, Keeley demonstrates the pendulum swing in an empty court. It took me several times of review before I realized he hadn't missed the ball. The angle of the photograph is such that the doorknob on the rear door gives the reader the appearance that the doorknob is the ball. Until I realized, I kept sympathizing with him saying, "Poor fellow, we all miss one now and then, don't we?"

In summary, if you can get past the colloquialisms of Keeley and his monotone voice plus the inadequacies of what could have been a much better manual, the course is worth it. To borrow a few of Keeley's choice expressions, "The gun hand should smite the sphere as a 30-06, not as a B-B gun, for a bottom-boarder death shot. Follow with a defensive arsenal of a CB or AW. Verbose? Not so; ruminate! Improper kinesiology will screw-up the caroom. Ain't that verbose?"

Dan Bialk



Insights From The Pros

Sometimes you can add a new dimension to your game by virtue of what someone says to you or what you hear someone say to another person. Other learning tools like playing, practicing, taking lessons and reading or listening to instructional material are important, but firsthand information often offers a new insight. One of the following quotes just might be able to do this for you.

Marty Hogan on defeating Charlie Brumfield: "I started getting my serves in, and there wasn't anything he could do."

Richard Wagner on losing to Brumfield: "The pressure in the tie-breaker was incredible. Every point is like going for the 21st."

Brumfield on winning an 11-9 tie-breaker: "I just went back to basics. When you're down 8-3 in a tie-breaker, you can't afford mistakes."

Davey Bledsoe on Marty Hogan: "Fifty per cent of his points were directly the result of his serves. I've never seen anything like it. I just couldn't do anything."

Jean Sauser on finishing second to Peggy Steding: "I don't know what happened to me. I know that by playing more...the competition will continue to help my game. But I didn't think the improvement would come this fast."

Steve Strandemo on losing to Hogan: "I just couldn't control the play enough to set the rhythm."

Kathy Williams on the correct frame of mind: "...it's the ability to just blank out everything else in your mind. My opponents just seemed like somebody out there. It didn't matter who it was; I was in control."

Jerry Hilecher on a top control player: "...the control player has the edge. And, if Brumfield is playing an average game, and I'm only playing an average game, I'd say he — or another similarly top control-player — would probably beat me."

Steve Keeley on personal progress: "The path is practice, the guide is patience, and the attitude is one of positive thinking."

Shannon Wright on women in racquetball: "This is a game they can learn quickly — almost immediately. They can go out with other women, or their husbands, and have a real good time, get a lot of good exercise, and they don't embarrass themselves at the beginning as with many sports."

Randy Stafford on strategy: "When a player begins to tire, he stops attacking the ball and allows it to come to him...I stop shooting altogether and prolong my efforts to tire my opponent... pass shots... additional ceiling balls... and an occasional Z-ball if he comes to front court."

Bud Muehleisen on winning racquetball: "Control of the ball is paramount, and probably the best tip in maintaining control of the ball is to remember that whenever you begin to lost control of the ball, back off on the power."

Peggy Steding on deciding to take up the sport: "Start playing racquetball if you have never tried it. You don't know how much fun and great exercise you are missing. You are never too old to start. I didn't take up the game until I was 35... almost six years ago."

CORRECTION

In last month's ad for Warner Center Racquetball Club, 6336 Canoga Avenue, Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364, the number of courts should have been 6. (See *new courts* for additional information.)

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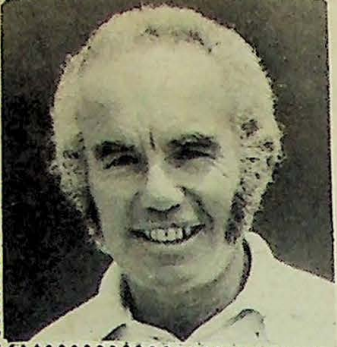
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Racquet Noise

by
Ben Press

Handicapping Racquetball

I think it is safe to say that racquetball is well on its way to becoming a positive factor in the sports world. The sport is growing at an incredible rate with a prognosis of becoming even bigger and better. But if the factions running racquetball currently could get together on their ideas, I feel racquetball could make even bigger strides.

Tennis and golf remain the country's leading participation sports. Tennis is experiencing an unparalleled boom, but golf owes much of its success to one factor. Its handicapping system. When players of different abilities can play against each other competitively, its a whole different ball game. Equally important is when a golfer can visit another club or play in a given tournament and immediately find a compatible foursome or correct flight.

Tennis players too have recognized this problem and have attempted several handicapping systems of their own. Theirs has not been nearly as successful, but because of the need I'm certain they too will find an equitable solution.

Racquetball is still relatively in an embryonic state. It can learn well from the older and more established sports. And I feel that to establish a workable handicap system for racquetball now would only speed the growth pattern. Certainly a "B" and "C" category helps, but it isn't the same.

When I got to be a fair tennis player and began to tour, I always hoped I would meet the superstars of my era — Don Budge, Pancho Gonzales or Jack Kramer. I have always kidded Kramer that he never considered me as one of his good wins, but I always considered him as one of my better losses.

Racquetball players I'm certain would feel the same. They would be much more prone to enter a tournament if they had the opportunity of playing a Muehleisen, Strandemo or Brumfield with even some remote chance of winning.

Handicapping has done wonders for most sports. Almost every competitor likes to wager a bob or two on the outcome. Bowlers, golfers and tennis players of vastly different degrees of talent can play against each other and bet the drinks and still find it fun for everyone. I sincerely believe a workable handicap-system would be great for racquetball.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A national tournament with handicaps is being planned. See next month's issue for details.

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Gentlemen:

I just finished reading the August, 1976 (Vol.1 No.7) issue of Racquetball/Handball News.

I fail to understand why your name implies that the publication includes news about handball. I could not find one — not a single article relating to handball.

Not too appreciatively,
 J.E. Ringer
 Oakland, CA

EDITOR'S NOTE: The people in racquetball seem to be more promotionally minded than those in handball and we receive very few stories about handball. What we do get, we print and you could not have been looking very hard in the August issue because at the top of page two, on the right, is a 6 1/2 inch story from Reno about the July Black-Jack Handball Tournament, and on the left on page two is the National Handball Club's Pro Tour schedule.

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Each region will have four pages set aside for local coverage. Advertisers that want to reach the local racquetball market should contact their area representative for rates and other information. Anyone wishing to become an area representative should get in touch with me right away. I would be very much interested in hearing from the Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis areas.

If there is any subject that you would like to have printed in *Racquetball/Handball News*, just drop us a letter. I would like to hear from each one of you.

We have had great response to our free Rules book, so we have another free booklet available. A racquetball clinic brochure is available free of charge by writing *Racquetball News*, Dept. C-1. Don't forget to send a No. 10 size (long) envelope, self-addressed, with a 13c stamp. Clay Scott

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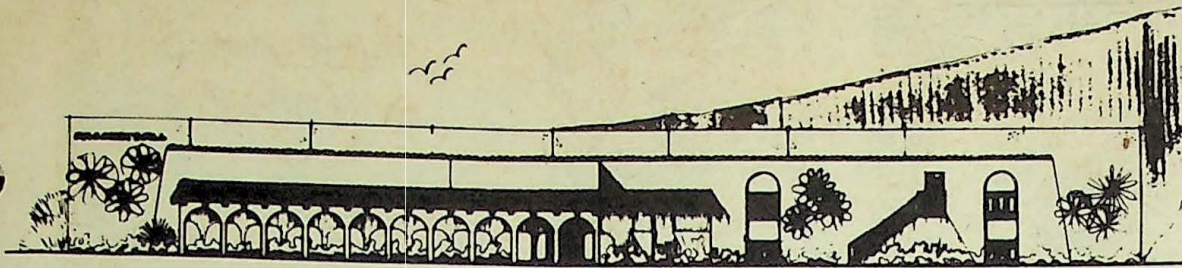
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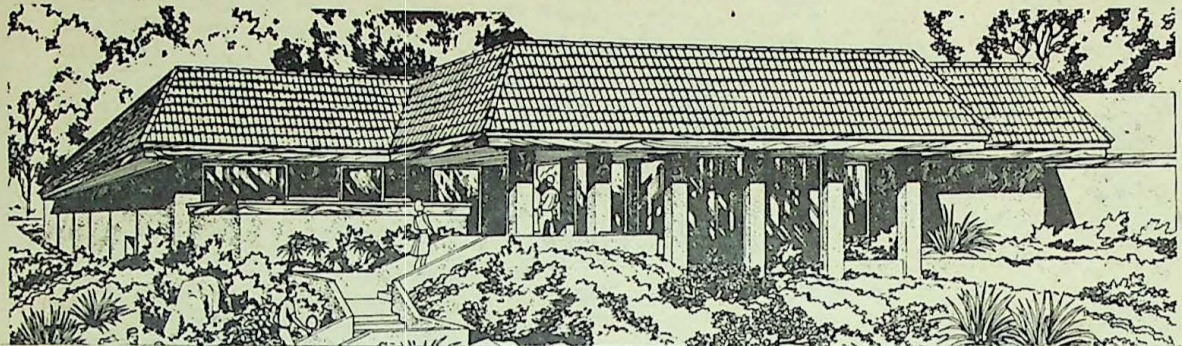
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new court clubs



The latest concept in racquetball courts featuring top facilities with Spanish-style beauty and design is the La Mesa Racquetball club, open September 22 at 4330 Palm Avenue in La Mesa, Calif.



The 16,000 sq. ft. building for Racquetfun, Inc., being constructed at the corner of Hamilton Street and Brookhurst Avenue, Huntington Beach, Calif., will house ten racquetball/handball courts and various private club facilities.

LA MESA, Calif.

The La Mesa Racquetball club, 4330 Palm Avenue, opened September 22 featuring nine courts, exercise room, jet jacuzzies for both men's and women's locker rooms, carpeted locker/dressing rooms and rental towels, lounge with color T.V. and refreshments, lessons on all levels, pro shop and child care (by appointment). A pre-paid economy discount program is available, as well as special rates and times for family play, group rates, and permanent reserved time. The club is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Telephone 460-3500.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif.

The first racquetball club in this suburb of Los Angeles is scheduled to open in January 1977 as *Racquetfun, Inc.* at Brookhurst Avenue and Hamilton Street.

The private club, with "nominal" membership fees, will have 10 air-conditioned racquetball courts, a lounge and a fully-staffed child care center with indoor and outdoor play facilities for youngsters through seven years old.

The club will offer clean, carpeted locker rooms with whirlpool baths and saunas, overnight laundry service at nominal fees, and low-cost rental lockers. The entire facility will be air-conditioned and there will be a light refreshment area adjoining the spectator lounge. Courts will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

One of the 10 courts will be glass-walled for viewing exhibition games. For information on memberships, call Mel Amerman at (714) 963-0864.

EL CENTRO, Calif.

Building is scheduled to start on November 1 in the Valley Plaza Shopping Center on Imperial Avenue. The Valley Plaza Racquetball Center will take about four months to complete. It will feature 10 courts, two with glass viewing windows, hot and cold therapy pools for both men and women, a weight room and a child-care room. The new panel system will be used for the court walls. Racquetball lessons will be available.

ST. CHARLES, Mo.

West James Courts second facility opened Labor Day weekend near Lilac and I-270 in Bellefontaine Neighbors. Over 3,000 people turned out during Open House Saturday and Sunday.

It offers six indoor tennis courts and six handball/racquetball courts; each area temperature controlled for year-around comfort.

Leagues for Tennis and Racquetball are currently being formed. Ladies prefer leagues during the day. The housewife can burn up 1000 calories, have her children supervised in the nursery and have a lot of fun for as little as \$1.50 per week.

Players are encouraged to call for reservations or reserve time on a weekly basis to avoid disappointment. Call 869-0700.

SPRING VALLEY, Calif.

The Spring Valley Racquet Club, 589 Sweetwater Road, opened August 15 featuring eight courts, pro shop, therapy pools, men's and women's saunas, group rates, lounge, child care and lessons. The club is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Telephone 462-4260.

COLTON, Calif.

The Canyon Bluffs Racquet Club, 23055 Washington Street, opened August 29 featuring nine courts, including one glass viewing court, weight room with the new Nautilus weight machines, pro shop, therapy pool, men's and women's separate saunas, viewing lounge and lessons. The club is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Telephone 824-3940.

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.

With equipment and programs designed for both men and women, 15 racquetball courts, 25-meter olympic pool, sand volleyball courts, outdoor jogging track, fully equipped weight rooms and a free day-care center, a new Sporting House is scheduled to open this Fall.

Pre-opening memberships for use of all facilities is \$200 single, \$300 family. Monthly dues are also available. Write to Newport Beach Sporting House, 3931 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 106, Newport Beach, CA 92660 or call (714) 752-0565 for further information.

SAN DIEGO

The Rose Canyon Racquet Club, 4411 Morena Blvd., opened featuring eight courts, pro shop, jacuzzi, sauna for both men and women, glass court with viewing lounge, lessons and child care room with supervision available. The club is open from 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Telephone 272-3111.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, Calif.

The Warner Center Racquet Club in Woodland Hills is scheduled to open six racquetball/handball courts and health spa on October 2, 1976.

The Club has plans to add 12 more racquetball/handball courts sometime in the future.

Other features of the club include 26 outdoor tennis courts, two heated swimming pools, private lockers, saunas and jacuzzis for men and women, a massage facility, a fully equipped exercise room, a child care center and teen patio and a cocktail lounge and mini-restaurant.

LOS ANGELES

For many years the residents of Beverly Hills, Bel Air and other exclusive areas of West Los Angeles have been waiting for a unique, very private, recreational facility to open in an ideal location.

It's here. The Century Racquet Club is located at 9911 West Pico Blvd., opposite the prestigious Hillcrest Country Club.

The new club has 10 courts which can be viewed by spectators. Members will enjoy a wide variety of tournaments, club championships, ladder tournaments and many other social events and parties.

In addition to racquetball and handball programs, the club has health club facilities for both men and women.

HOMEWOOD, Ill.

The Homewood-Flossmoor Tennis Club, 2920 W. 183rd Street, is adding racquetball/handball courts. An elevated viewing gallery for spectators will be located in the hallway, just outside the courts. This is the first time that racquetball and handball has been offered at the tennis club. The courts will have hardwood floors, concrete walls, air-conditioning and indirect lighting.

up-coming tournaments

TACOMA, Wash.
October 15-17

Racquetball

EL CAJON, Calif.
September 24, 25, 26

The El Cajon Valley Hospital Benefit Racquetball Tournament will be held at George Brown's Racquetball Spa, 1663 Greenfield Drive, El Cajon. Play will be single elimination with two 21-point games and one 11-point tie-breaker. Entry deadline is September 21. Call 440-2772.

VANCOUVER, Canada
Sept. 30- Oct. 3

The "Labatts" B.C. Totem Open Racquetball Championships will feature nine classes of play: Open Singles, B Singles, C Singles, Novice Singles, Open Doubles, Senior Singles, Master Singles, Open Doubles, Senior Doubles, Ladies Open, and Ladies Intermediates. Entry fees are \$18, first event; \$10, second event. Entries and checks should be sent to Bill Condratow, 667 Camsell Crescent, Richmond, B.C., Canada V7C 2M9. Make checks payable to B.C. Racquetball Association.

CHULA VISTA, Calif.
October 8,9,10

Cash money will be offered as the prizes in this all-doubles tournament, to be held at the Chula Vista Handball & Racquetball Club, 1550 Broadway. The entry deadline is noon October 6. Voit Roll-out is the official ball to be used.

Each match will play the first two games to 21 and the third game will begin at 6 and end at 21 (15 point game).

The divisions of play are: A Doubles, B Doubles, C Doubles, Masters Doubles (40 & over) and Novice Doubles. The A's will pay \$30 per team entry fee. B's, C's, Masters and Novice pay a \$25 per team entry fee.

The cash awards, per team, will be: A's, first place will take home \$150; B's, C's, Master's and Novice first place will take \$125 per team. Second place winners will receive a trophy. Call (714) 426-2590.

The Town and Country Tennis and Health Club at 2002 - 36th, N.W. Gig Harbor, just across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, will host its Fall Open featuring eight classes of play: Open Singles, B Singles, C Singles, Novice Singles, Open Doubles, Women's Open, C Doubles and Women's Intermediate. Entry fees are \$9 for the 1st event and \$7 for the 2nd event. Make checks payable to Fall Open and mail to co Sid Williams, P.O. Box 5014, Tacoma, WA 98405.

CHULA VISTA, Calif.
October 22, 23, 24

The First Annual Fall Racquetball Classic will be held at the Siner Racquetball Center, 15 Fourth Avenue. This event is being presented by the South Bay Family YMCA. A portion of the \$17.50 entry fee will go to the YMCA programs. Contestants will receive souvenir t-shirt, food and soft drinks. Voit Roll-out is the ball. Preliminary games will be to 15 points and semi-finals and finals games will be to 21 points. Deadline is October 19. Call 425-0140.

SAN DIEGO
October 22-26

The Fall Racquetball Festival will be presented by the Atlas Health Club, 901 Hotel Circle (behind the Mission Valley Inn). Entry fee is \$15, Singles, and \$20, Doubles. The 11-point tie-breaker will be used. Seamco 558 ball will be furnished for all matches. The winner of each match will be responsible for refereeing the next match on that court. Free food and drink will be available each day and a buffet will be served on Sunday the 24th. Deadline is October 13. Call 298-9321.

Handball


B.C., CANADA

September 23-26

The 1976 Royal City Open Four-Wall Handball Tournament will be held in New Westminster, British Columbia, 12 miles from downtown Vancouver. Spalding Ace is the official ball to be used. Entry deadline is September 10th. Call 526-2485. The entry fee is \$12.50 per player and accommodations are \$7 per person per night at the YM-YWCA.

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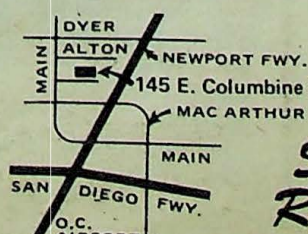
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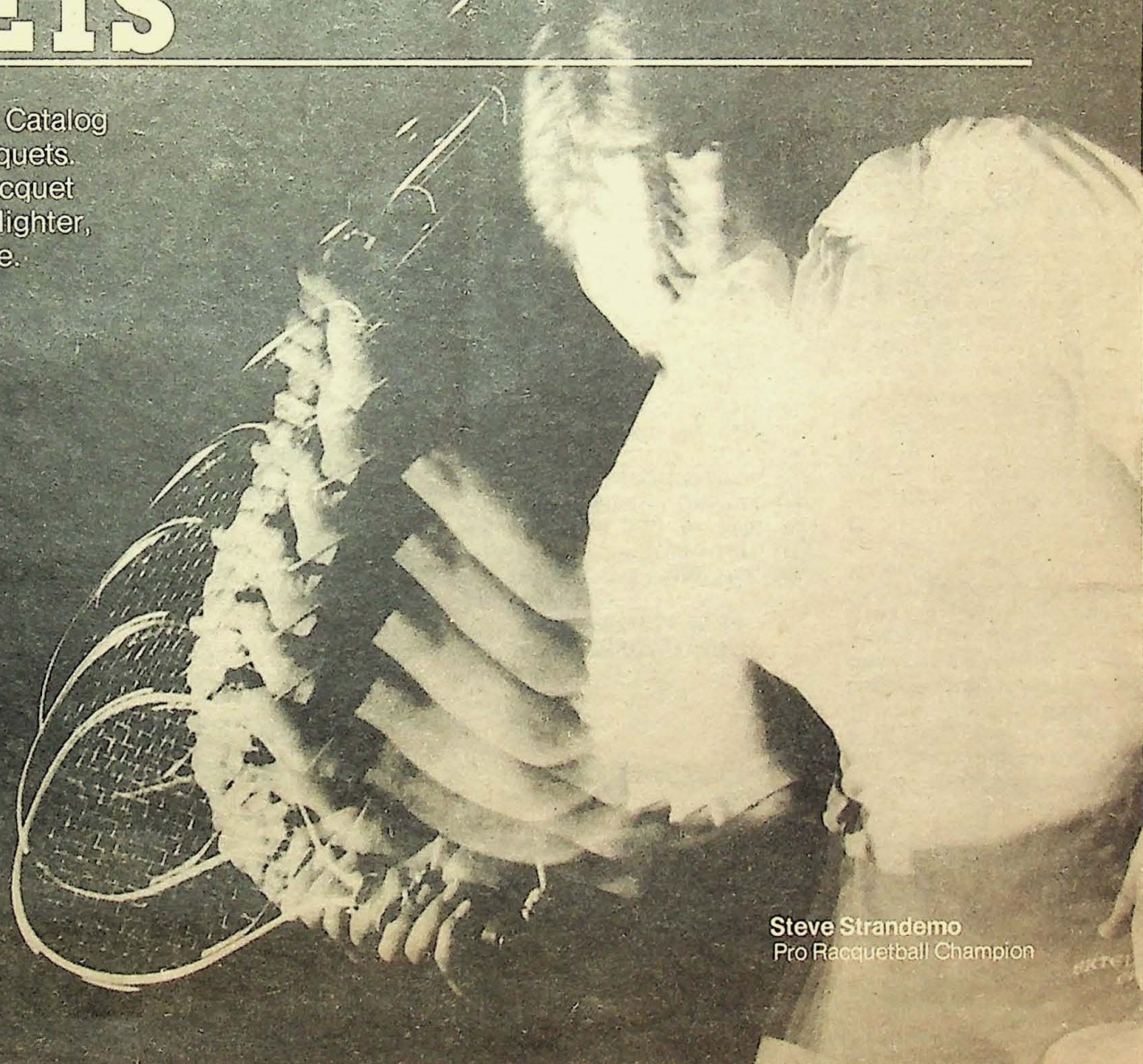
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