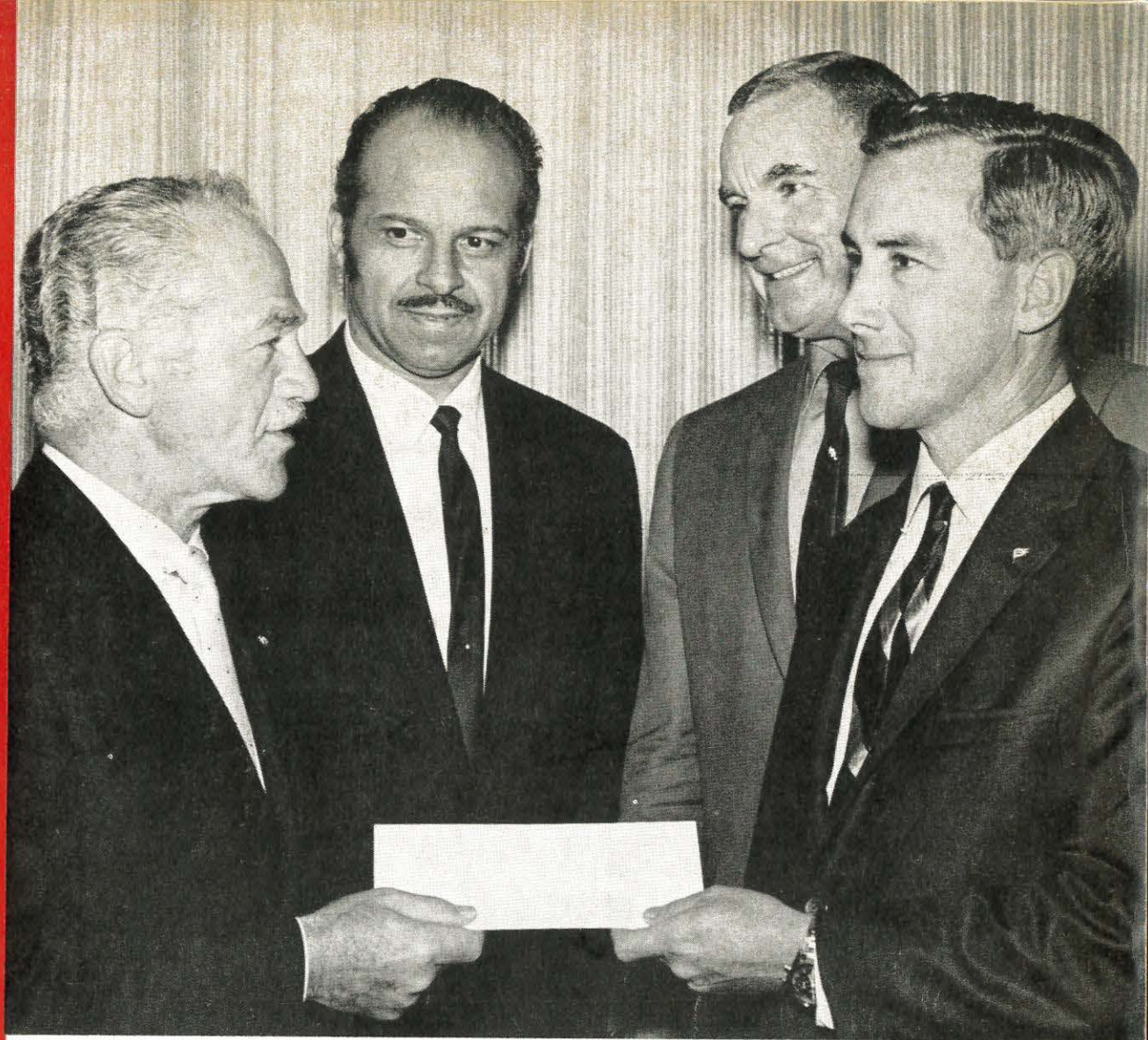




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Official confirmation is given by Frank Hathaway, president of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, to Judge Joseph Shane, USHA National Commissioner, for the 20th Anniversary National Four-Wall Championships, March 14-21, 1970. Meeting with Hathaway and Shane were Rod Rodriguez, Club handball commissioner, and Duke Llewellyn, athletic director at the LAAC. This will be our third visit to this outstanding facility and will follow highly successful tournaments there in 1955 and 1959.



One of the big reasons the first International Racquetball Association championships were so smoothly run at the St. Louis JCCA was the group of comely young ladies who worked hard at the registration desk, hospitality room, and ticket sales—above (l to r)—Sheila Seigel, Goldie Hogan, Shirley Schloss, Estelle Ranger . . . below (l to r)—Emeetta Peressin, Fran Cohen, Helene Kalemis, Radine Robbins.

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Pfeifer 'Staggers' to YMCA Win Over Yambrick

From: Minneapolis Tribune Sports, by MERRILL SWANSON.

Most persons say they play handball to improve their physical condition.

The 1969 National YMCA tournament finals at the Minneapolis Y seemed to have the opposite effect.

The singles champion was Gordie Pfeifer of Tacoma, Wash., who toppled the defending champion, Bill Yambrick of St. Paul.

Pfeifer lost the first game 21-6 and won the next two 21-17 and 21-20.

He finished on legs heavily welts from a week-long barrage of errant shots; a badly bruised elbow from a collision with the wall, a bloodied right knee from a leaping try for a low shot and such a severe cramp in his left hamstring muscle that he virtually played half of the final game on one leg.

But Pfeifer would have finished on his knees yesterday, if necessary. That same leg cramp cost him once before—and against the same opponent.

"It was in the round of 16s at the USHA Nationals three weeks ago," Pfeifer said. "Billy won the first game 21-5 and I won the second one 21-10.

"I was ahead 10-2 in the third game and he ran off 19 straight points to beat me. The leg cramped on me then, too, but it was Billy's shots that beat me, not the cramps."

Pfeifer was ahead 14-8 in the final game yesterday when he first got hit with the cramp. It seemed like it was going to be a repeat of the Nationals as Yambrick put on a rally for an 18-15 lead and then 20-18, a point away from victory.

But, running stiff-legged after Yambrick's placement shots, Pfeifer doggedly fought back for a 20-20 tie and finally victory when the defending champion's try for a kill from the back wall was short.

Pfeifer, unlike Yambrick, is almost a one-way player. He uses his left hand merely to get the ball to the front wall, setting himself up for his strong right-hand kill shot.

"The kill is my whole game," he admitted afterwards as he chewed on a wedge of grapefruit. "I don't have the ability, background or training that most of the others have. I've only been playing about 3½ years. I have to play offense or I get beat."

And that's the way he played it yesterday.

He hit his kill shots so hard the ball squealed in protest as it caromed off the white walls pock-marked with the tracks of thousands of shots.

Time and again Yambrick would pick off those kill shots and loft the ball back into the corner for Pfeifer to chase and set up again.

More than once Pfeifer would fall heavily to the floor, crash into the wall or pull up lame and it seemed as if he would be unable to continue.

"Listen," he said later, "I had to finish. I sold the wheels off my car to get here. And then I sold the car, too, just before I caught the plane for this tournament." And then he grinned and grasped his trophy more tightly.

Two other championships were decided yesterday, both in doubles.

In Masters doubles, Jim Tagney and Steve Subak of Minneapolis defeated Jack Hickman and Neil Nordlund of St. Paul 18-21, 21-15, 21-18. In senior doubles, Stuffie Singer and Dick Weisman of Hollywood, Calif., defeated Paul Schulz and Gary Rohrer of St. Paul 21-20, 17-21, 21-19.

Singer made earlier fame playing the role of Baby Dumpling in the old Dagwood Bumpstead movies.

Analysis of Nat'l YMCA Tournament—

By V. J. MYLAN

We had the finest talent ever assembled for a national YMCA tournament since the last time it was held in Minneapolis. There were two reasons for this. First of all, we did not require the out-of-town players to start play until Wednesday; secondly, we went to Bob Kendler and the USHA and asked them to help us in assembling the best possible talent.

The previous tournament had shown us the absolute necessity of enlisting Kendler's support if we hoped to get the best possible talent. The last time we held a tournament in Minneapolis, Bob had given us his assistance in acquiring Jimmy Jacobs, Johnny Sloan, Phil Collins and Morrie Singer and again, as it was then, the Chicago area players sent made the difference between having a few individual stars and having a well-balanced tournament.

The third factor that was very helpful in obtaining talent was the number of long distance calls that were made to players to encourage them to attend our tournament. Not only did we call them once but we followed up two or three times with calls whenever necessary. The only change in this procedure that I would recommend for a future Y tournament would be to start on Thursday and run it through Sunday rather than starting it Wednesday and running it

through Saturday.

The most surprising feature was the amazing job done by Bob Schalmann in appointing the referees. I have never attended a nationals, Y or USHA where the caliber of officiating was maintained at such a high level. Schalmann must accept the lion's share of the credit for this and his idea of using the best players available to also referee the matches along with his own exceptional ability in this department was the primary reason for the outstanding results achieved. We were extremely fortunate to have men as capable as our athletic director, Owen McGraw, and Bill McNeil (chairman of the handball committee) co-ordinating the tournament. Both men did an exceptional job in key positions.

Having dinner at the Cascade Nine where a quality steak was served and entertainment provided by the Cascade's orchestra and limiting our speaking program to 15 minutes after people had eaten gave us a much improved banquet.

The only minor disappointment in the tournament was the Yearbooks. Its cost was way out of proportion to its value. In this regard I think we would have been wise to have gathered our material together and have had the USHA put the book together for us. I am certain Mort Leve could have given us many helpful ideas had we been wise enough to inquire. I would also strongly recommend that at any future tournament that a limit of 500 or 600 books would be sufficient.

A Brief Summary:

Select the handball committee chairman (who is going to handle the bulk of the work along with the physical director) very carefully.

Start the tournament on Thursday and conclude it on Sunday.

In selecting referees, whenever possible, use top players from out-of-town in key matches.

At all costs, ask for advice and help from Bob Kendler and the USHA. Their assistance is invaluable.

We had one advantage this year that the National Y normally does not have in that Steve Subak was able to go to the USHA nationals and contact the nation's top players and invite them to our tournament. This was particularly important with the Seattle players who came to the tournament and who probably would not have come otherwise.

In the final analysis, if one must pick out one single factor as the most important, it would have to be Subak's over-all inspiration and leadership.

Kirby Wins National JWB Over Haber

Pat Kirby must have the "Indian Sign" on USHA National Champ Paul Haber. Once again he asserted his superiority over Paul in the annual Jewish Welfare Board's national championships, held this year at the Milwaukee JCC. Kirby, after a ragged see-saw first game loss to Haber, 21-16, righted himself and came back to take the match and championship, 21-8, 21-2.

The second game was close up to the eight-point mark and then Pat scored with a half a dozen kills and broke the game open. He got the range, exchanging ceiling shots, and then when Haber would attempt kills from back court, Pat would move in and put them away as they weren't bottom board. Kirby stayed with a hard cross court serve that has been successful with him against Haber in previous exhibitions and in the Akron Open. Paul would invariably return with an overhand left to the right ceiling or front wall, right wall and set up a shot for his opponent. Haber, on the other hand, went with a majority of lob serves to the left on which Kirby would bring back to the left ceiling and not give a weak return that could result in a setup.

Lou Kramberg and Lou Russo, representing New

York's 92nd St. YMHA, the current USHA doubles titlists, added the JWB laurel with a final round victory over the host Ray Neveau and Simie Fein team, 21-15, 21-18. The second game was especially close but the combination of Kramberg's reverse hop serves and Russo's pin-point shooting spelled the difference.

Semi-finalists: Kirby defeated Jerry Gubin, Chicago, 21-7, 21-8, while Haber was eliminating John Collentine, Milwaukee, 21-4, 21-3.

In the doubles semis: Russo and Kramberg beat Milwaukee's Hal Winston and Jack Stebbins, 21-4, 21-6; Neveau and Fein defeated teammates Hy Dennenberg and Harry Dizack, 21-6, 21-9.

NOTES: As usual Larry Lederman & Co. provided the acme of hospitality at the JCC's Businessmen's Club room, and followed with a highly successful Saturday night awards banquet right in the Center, complete with dancing. Al Stein, who accompanied the 92nd St. YMHA team, appeared somewhat disappointed at the lack of nationwide JCC representation and indicated some changes must be made or the tournament will have to be "sacked".

TEAMWORK

Help The Beginners . . .

Those who seem to cry the loudest about so-called "inroads" being made by racquetball should face a mirror and ask themselves, "What am I doing to help handball?"

Those of us who have played handball over the years know that our game presents more of a challenge, more fascination, more science and is tougher to master than any other court sport.

It is the "tougher to master" facet of handball that can prove a stumbling block unless all of us lend a guiding hand to the novice players. Handballers are notorious for forming cliques and ignoring those with less experience.

A fellow goes into a YMCA, Club or Community Center with good intentions of taking up handball. Then, to his complete dismay, no one will give him "the time of day". He'll stumble around with someone in the same category for a few sessions, get discouraged and give up any attempt to learn the game. He may grab a racquet because he has previously played some tennis or badminton and finds it easier to play in the four-wall confines.

However, if a veteran player will only take a little time to point out the basic fundamentals of handball and get in the court a few times with this beginner he can readily get a lifetime member for the Players' Fraternity. These men need encouragement. Unless they learn how to stroke the ball they'll suffer with puffed up, bruised hands . . . they'll frustrate themselves rushing the ball, getting too close to the walls and getting into bad habits that are hard to overcome.

The initial stages of handball life are all-important and

that's where we must realize just how valuable our assistance can be.

This is your opportunity to give back some small measure to the game from which you have derived so much. Take a little time to give the newcomer the proper welcome to our great game. He'll be grateful to you the rest of his handball playing days.

There are too few men around like Al Warren and Bob Davidson, who delight in taking the youngsters in tow and giving them their proper handball schooling.

You will not only be doing a noble service to the game but at the same time realize an immense self-satisfaction in knowing that you have helped a player get his proper initiation — a proper start that will lift him over the obstacles and move him onto a plateau in which he will gain hours of healthy, competitive pleasure.

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Dallas' Ed Boettcher Contends 'Handball Saved My Life . . .'

By EDMUND F. BOETTCHER

More than 48 years of regular handball playing probably saved my life. I have proved it.

Just six months ago I completed a tenure of 64 days in the hospital, during which time I suffered two heart attacks, infectious hepatitis, influenza, pneumonia and laryngitis, in the order listed. Yet here I am, pretty well on the road back to health. My doctors term my present rate of recovery as "nothing short of miraculous." They attribute it to stamina I had built up as a result of playing handball regularly. They say this contributed very materially toward repelling the many "bugs" which so suddenly attacked vital organs of my body.

I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not acknowledge the fact that the grace of God, the prayers and encouragement of friends and the excellent medical attention I am receiving is playing a vital part in giving me "a new lease on life." However, all would have been futile had it not been for a daily health routine which I had developed over a long period and one which I followed religiously until recent years.

I am happy to share my personal experience with members of our Handball Fraternity. Hopefully it may help some of our busy younger players to order their lives and daily routine so as to include and enjoy our favorite game and to play it regularly, in good health, and for many years to come.

Please excuse the following detailed biography. However, I believe the information provided may be useful to some of our younger players who may now be situated as I was some years ago.

No Easy Youth

As a youngster, our family circumstances compelled me to work during the day and to get my education at night, which required an average daily work schedule of 16 to 18 hours. I worked for Austin Steel Co. in Dallas as an office clerk daytime. Nights I would either study or attend classes in business administration and law or study voice. — I had won three, one year Voice Scholarships and a piano. Obviously I had to find time to take advantage of the opportunities these offered as well.

I made excellent progress in each field. At the time, with the advent of radio, there was more money to be made in the

singing profession, so in addition I soon became a Church Soloist, Radio and Concert artist and Male Chorus Conductor. I was lucky enough to land the two best paying church jobs: The First Baptist Church (largest in the world) and Temple Emanuel (one of the largest and most prominent Reformed Congregations in the U.S.) I also made appearances on three weekly sustaining programs over Radio Station WFAA (N.B.C.'s Dallas outlet) I held singing jobs simultaneously. I sang for the Baptists on Sundays and for my Jewish friends on Friday evenings and Holy Day Services, both as Soloist and as Musical Director. I held these positions for 28 years.

Although bookings increased, I maintained my regular schedule of study of Law, etc. Although I enjoyed robust health, I began to wonder how long I could keep up the fast pace without impairing my health, so I sought counsel from my good friend Dr. O. M. Marchman Sr., prominent Dallas physician, who at the time was a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas "Y". In effect he suggested following these simple rules:

1. Do a variety of things which enrich your life.
2. Do everything in moderation.
3. Avoid conflict, anger and too much excitement.
4. Exercise regularly to maintain robust health.
5. Get a reasonable number of hours of restful sleep every night.

Time Element

As I had limited time for exercise, so I chose handball of necessity because I found I could "sandwich" my play periods, every other day, between 5 and 7 p.m. and could fill another engagement later in the evening. I soon learned the game provided a thorough work-out in the least amount of time than any other sport.

Under the circumstances I selected handball primarily for its *therapeutic value*. However, being a perfectionist by nature, I persuaded Dr. S.M. Hill, a former YMCA National Junior Single handball champion, to demonstrate some of the rudiments and some finer points of the game. I fell in love with the game. I soon developed my game sufficiently



EDMUND F. BOETTCHER

to earn a silver medal for second place in the Dallas "Y" Class A Singles Handball Tournament. As I recall, I won it by default. As I said, I played handball for fun and fellowship and appreciated the game primarily for its therapeutic value.

Dr. Marchman reviewed my experiment periodically. I maintained an average weight of 156 to 160 pounds. He opined that my sturdy body "could take it" so long as I maintained my established routine. His appraisal was approximately this: "You are involved in church, civic, musical, social and other worthy activities along with your regular handball playing. Each activity requires concentration. This makes for a balanced happy and healthful life. Switching from one activity to another is highly beneficial. For instance, you work 8 hours at the office. Then you play handball and leave your office problems and frustrations behind. After handball you concentrate on one of your other activities and forget the handball match you lost, etc. At the end of the day you are sufficiently tired to enjoy a good night of deep restful sleep."

But so much for background information. Until my recent illness I have never missed a day's work or suffered any illness which required medication. For more than 48 years I have "sold" playing handball regularly every other day as the "cheapest form of life insurance" available.

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Davidson's Capsule Instructional Interviews With National Standouts

Bob Davidson has "tape recorder, will listen" . . . Bob has accumulated a fine library of handball lore and passes it on to us for use in ACE.

During the Austin nationals Bob did a capsule interview with leading players and devotees, came away with the following:

TOM CIASULLI, who wound up third in the Masters singles . . . learn basics. Top players must be in condition . . . run the track, play two men. Continuous practice to "learn the walls". Must be dedicated, incorporating situps and various calisthenics. Play against competition equal or better. Polish off with as much tournament play as possible. Tom plays two or three times a week, runs two or three times a week. When playing against lesser ability play hard, practice shots . . . try to win 21-0. Can't get into real shape unless singles dominates.

MIKE DE LA PENA . . . maitre d' of the San Francisco Olympic Club. In coaching boys problem is to stop them from overrunning the ball . . . too anxious. Must impress upon boy to give ball room so that he can step into it. He wonders whether boys of today will listen as closely as boys of yesteryear . . . more distractions today.

GUS LEWIS . . . driving game . . . serve and shoot on fly if possible. Control front court. Continual practice of deep court shooting. After a match diagnose reason for win or loss . . . takes stamina, practice, aggressiveness and determination. You must feel you can win at all times. Front court position still wins for him. Played four or five games a day in prime . . . played two men and served setups to aid his retrieving ability and then kept ball in play. About 200 situps a day . . . spot an opponent lots of points so that you must go all out . . . fast tempo always. In tournament play never prolong a game because of injury possibility. Get in and out.

KEN SCHNEIDER . . . Stresses stamina . . . lots of running. No sprints. Placement shots. Move the ball to opponents' weakness and work on back wall shot.

DICK ROBERSON . . . Instead of developing lob serves, learn to serve aces, get easy returns. In this way you get out of the court faster and remain in better shape for the following match. Suggests

articles and pictures on certain plays in the game . . . choice of shots on certain plays. In singles or doubles play, put two inch stripes of orange vertically in each corner so that player can concentrate on the carom play. In doubles if one player is lefthanded, other righthanded, instead of going for ceiling shots to left or right it would be best to use the around-the-wall shot so that it ends up in the center of the court to force use of offhand. Another choice is a ceiling shot to center court or a power shot low down the middle. An exceptional play to keep the ball in the center is to hit the front wall, then side wall just where the opponent is standing, keep the ball low and forcing the opponent to take it with his opposite hand. For the young player does not encourage hooking off back wall . . . keep the game simple, shoot or pass with strong hand. As the ability progresses should practice the reverse off the back wall so he can keep his foe from setting himself.

BOB LINDSAY, formerly of University of Texas, coached by Tyson and Roberson . . . must play two men and give points. Play all out most of the time. Play four or five times a week. Jog a mile afterwards. No sprints. Play offensively when possible. Take shots you have confidence in, pass when not positive, wait until the setup is there. Must learn point of contact. Doesn't believe in change up shots. Good endurance. Shoot when you know the walls, shrug off misses and concentrate on your next shot. Go to ceiling more if opponents like low game.

STUFFY SINGER . . . feels you have to play what he calls the complete game. Must be developed. Right from the start of his handball career he tried to do everything right, even though he lost a lot. One of the problems of bringing a young player along to championship level is a lack of desire to improve once he starts winning locally. Youngsters may be unable to cope with publicity that championship success brings. Stuffy doesn't take the shot even though it may appear a setup if he feels there is any chance of missing . . . he will go to a defensive shot to keep from setting up his opponent. Don't play the shot where the ball is, play the shot where your opponent is. This determines if you shoot or pass. Use left hand if you have to; power to front wall, right side wall to opponent's left hand. This is a good serve

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Callahan Repeats As '356' Club Lead Man

Dan Callahan, the traveling bachelor troubador from Bellingham, Wash., is again No. 1 in our unique "365" Club—open to those members who have played 365 games of handball in this calendar year. By getting a certified statement from your athletic director and signing up one new member to USHA you can qualify for a "Club" t-shirt of the size desired.

James McKellar, executive director of the Bellingham YMCA sent in Dan's certification. Last year Dan accomplished the feat a month earlier (366 Club because of Leap Year) but says he was sidelined for a couple of weeks this year with the flu bug.

"This is to certify that Dan Callahan, a member of the Bellingham (Wash.) YMCA Health Club, has participated in 365 four-wall handball games during the period Jan. 1-April 22, 1969. Seventy-three opponents were engaged, comprising 79% singles play and 21% doubles (287 games of singles and 78 doubles). Four-wall games were played at: Bellingham Y, Seattle Y, Vancouver, B.C. Y, Washington A.C., Seattle, Vancouver A.C. and M.A.R.C. at Vancouver, B.C., University Texas at Austin, Tucson Y, Phoenix Y, Dula Center at Las Vegas, Sacramento Elks and Eugene, Oregon Y."

when controlled.

In regard to hooking off the back wall. Even the top players take the easy way out by using this type of shot even though the play calls for shooting. Young players should use this type of shot once or twice a game to get used to it.

When given a choice of going up and around or a ceiling shot to the opponent's off hand . . . Haber and Jacobs use ceiling. There is more chance of setting up a shot in going around the wall than there is in a ceiling shot. A well controlled ceiling shot can be an offensive weapon at times. Some of the top players who use the wrist when shooting cut down on their average of accuracy. Instead of getting into good position they depend on the wrist too much.

Brownsville Boys Take One-Wall League

In the final match of the New York City One-Wall League, held this month, the Brownsville Boys Club Juniors beat the Brighton Beach YMHA.

The 1969 winter league was formed on Feb. 2, of this year by six clubs who showed a keen and enthusiastic spirit. Rules and guidelines were set and competition started. This was to be a home and away series. Each team was to play 10 matches to complete their schedule. A great deal of praise should be given to Marvin Greenberg and Gil Hendler, as coaches of their teams for doing a good job.

The six clubs finished as follows:

1. Brownsville Boys Club — Coach: Marvin Greenberg
2. Brighton YMHA — Coaches: Irwin Fox and Gil Hendler
3. Hartman YMHA — Coaches: Fred Geller and Jerry Kohn
4. Flatbush Handball Club: Coaches: Ken Gamble and Kevin Kilgallen
5. Brownsville Recreation Center — Coaches: Ted Breslow and Tony Quintero
6. Highland YMCA — Coach: Alan Brown

Chairman: Irving Ehrlich, Brownsville Boys Club

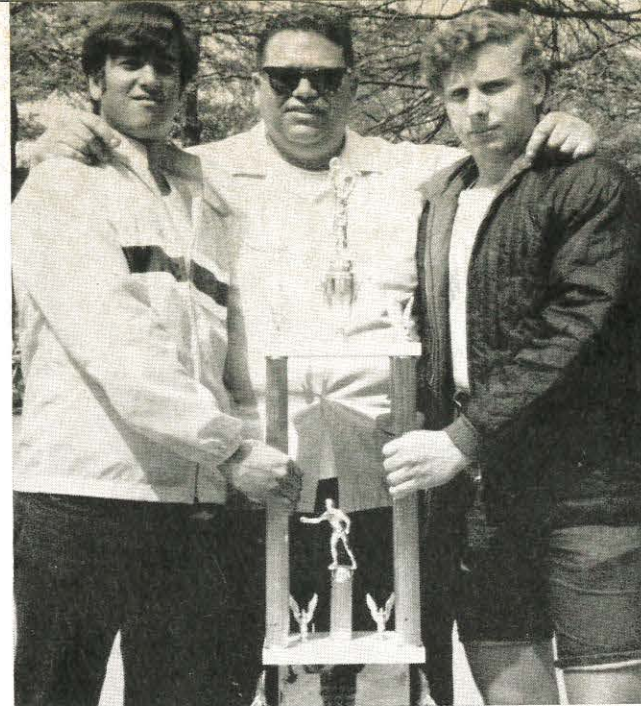
Coordinators: Morris Levitsky and Marvin Greenberg

Secretary: Ted Breslow

Members of the winning Brownville Boys Club squad: Don Chiolo, Martin Cushman, Bruce Davidoff, Fred Feit, Larry Fertman, Dan Fickstein, Ernie Frass, Mark Levine, Steve Levine, John Reicher, Martin Schwarz, Steve Selbst, Steve Sofo and Steve Weissner. Marvin Greenberg, coach.

Runnerup Brighton Beach squad: Dan Bennett, Ron Berkowitz, Lew Bernstein, Mal Cohen, Irwin Fox, Nick Goele, Bernie Hayden, Gil Hendler, Frank Glass, Herb Isaacson, Bernie Jordan, Chuck Margolis, Herb Marcus, Stan Sorkin, Marty Weinstein and Lou Wigden. Coaches: Irwin Fox and Gil Hendler.

All the games were played under tournament rules. A match consisted of 1 single and 4 doubles. It is necessary to point out; that in order to have a good Winter league good coaches are needed for each club. We would like to have another Winter league for 1970. All clubs are welcome. Contact: Irving Ehrlich, 1555 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11212.



COACH WITH HIS 'BOYS' . . . Marvin Greenberg, long known for his fine work with the Brownsville Boys Club youngsters and "manager" of Steve Sandler, with 1969 co-captains of winning New York City One-Wall League champions, Steve Rosenblatt, (l), and Mark Levine. Levine won the USHA National One-Wall Juniors last Fall.

Graybill over Shumate in Denver Memorial Invite

Dave Graybill outlasted and "out-slugged" Buzz Shumate for the singles crown in the season-ending Rocky Mountain Memorial Invitation. Dave and Buzz have always presented a knock-down Pier 6 battle in their meetings and this one ran true to the form charts . . . changing leads, almost impossible retrieves, brilliant offensive shots . . . keeping the crowded championship glass court fans on edge.

Buzz came from behind the first game to pull out for a 21-18 win. Dave started strong the second game and won going away, when the altitude and Buzz's hay fever got the best of him. The third game saw Buzz with a lead of 16 to 12; then he took time out upon gaining the serve. Dave then got permission to leave the court for a drink. He then came back like a tiger, and won from Buzz, who was well worn down at that time, with the final score 21-17.

The doubles finals saw Larry Wood and Dan Barney, perennial champs of this region, displaying their well-balanced teamwork, and offensive and defensive skills against Don Carlsen, Denver, and Bill Guerts, Salt Lake City. Wood and Barney had to go all out to pull out the first game 21-19. The second game was all Carlsen and Guerts; as Don's kill shots were rolling out, and Bill kept Larry and Dan on the defense. The tremendous efforts that Don expended the second game took its toll and he just didn't have the reserve energy to keep up the pace in the third game.

Wood and Barney won with ease 21-4. Woods hop serves and fly kills, and Dan's quick hands did the trick.

FIRST ROUND SINGLES: H. Bacon def. Darrell Harrison 21-15 15-21 21-10; Mike Marrese def. L. Ibsen 21-15 21-3; John Hardy def. B. Kress 21-9 21-7; Cliff Kass def. J. Falk 15-21 21-6 21-8; Jerry Wallis def. Bert Randall 21-11 21-8; Lee Wretland def. Bob Elson 21-11 21-12; Lee Graff def. S. Harrison 21-19 21-14; Mack Roberts def. A. Wilhelm 21-18 21-19; Lyle Blue def. C. Drumm 21-7 21-16; John McMullen def. Ed Busse 21-17 21-10; Joe Yeary def. D. Ricketts 21-17 21-19; A. Walters def. Bill Shainholtz 21-18 11-21 21-10.

SECOND ROUND — Dave Graybill def. Bacon 21-3 21-2; Marrese def. Kass 14-21 21-1 21-16; Hardy def. Wallis 21-7 21-19; Wretland def. Walt Falk 21-6 21-13; Bob Brown def. Graff 21-7 21-13; Blue def. Roberts 21-13 21-19; McMullen def. Yeary 21-4 21-15; Buzz Shumate def. Walters 21-6 21-14.

QUARTERFINALS — Graybill def. Marrese 21-1 21-3; Wretland def. Hardy 19-21 21-17 21-15; Brown def. Blue 21-2 21-5; Shumate def. McMullen 21-6 21-10.

SEMI-FINALS — Graybill def. Wretland 21-15 21-11; Shumate def. Brown 21-18 18-21, 21-19.

FINALS — Graybill won from Shumate 18-21 21-7 21-17.

THIRD PLACE — Brown won from Wretland 21-15 21-10.

FIRST ROUND- DOUBLES: Bob Price — Don Thomas def. G. Hendricks — A. Ellman 21-4 21-13; Jim Roth — Ed Mullaney def. John Falk — Jerry Wallis 21-14 21-15; John Roth — Don Luttrell def. Walt Falk — Jim Ricketts 21-10 21-18; Spangler — Brega def. Kress — Walters 16-21 21-17 21-16; Benson — Littler by default.

SECOND ROUND: Wood — Barney def. Bob Price — Don Thomas 21-19 21-17; Vince Boryla — Harvey Salz def. Roth Mullaney 21-15 21-10; Roth — Luttrell def. Spangler — Brega 21-3 21-11; Don Carlsen — Bill Guertt def. Benson — Littler 21-10 21-7.

SEMI-FINALS — Wood — Barney def. Boryla — Salz 21-14 21-3; Carlsen — Guerts def. John Roth — Luttrell 21-13 10-21 21-18.

FINALS — Barney — Wood def. Carlsen — Guerts 21-19, 14-21, 12-4.

THIRD PLACE: Roth — Don Luttrell def. Boryla — Salz, default.

LES SHUMATE

Lackey Wins No. 7 Carolina Singles Title



AFTER THE SINGLES BALL . . . Fred Price (center) chairman of the YMCA health and physical education committee at Charlotte host YMCA, presents Howell Lackey of High Point, N.C., with singles championship trophy (l) and Dick Miller, second place.

Howell Lackey, High Point, N.C., won his seventh Carolina's singles title by defeating Dick Miller, Greensboro, N.C., 21-9, 21-17. Lackey's seven singles crowns ranks him number 2 in the Carolinas behind Charlotte's great hopball artist Eddie Sloan who is the all-time singles title holder with 13 championships. Sloan was the Carolinas best from 1936-1948.

Lackey advanced to the finals with a 21-5, 21-9 win over South Carolina champion, Purnell Orvig. Orvig has a great variety of shots but lacks the stamina to compete successfully against Lackey's power and endurance. Miller reached the finals with a 21-11, 21-6 victory over last year's runnerup Percy Steele, Charleston, S.C.

In the first game of the doubles finals Charlotte's Gamble brothers, John and Morris, shot into a 13-1 lead and it looked as though they would blow High Point's Lackey-Graham Morgan off the court. Lackey, showing signs of weariness after the exhausting singles finals, started slowly but gradually warmed to the task and with great backup play by Morgan outscored the Gambles 20-1 and took the first game 21-14. The second game was a hard fought contest with many long

volleys and well executed shots bringing the L & M boys a 21-18 championship win.

The Gamble brothers eliminated Charleston's Orvig-Steele, former two-time champions, 21-12, 21-18 in the semis. Lackey-Morgan advanced to the finals by defeating Charlotte's Al Clark-Heath Howie, 21-8, 21-16.

The new Masters Doubles champions Dr. Charles Geilfuss-Howell Lemacks, Charleston, defeated former champion's Frank Leonard-George McCachren, Charlotte, 21-9, 21-11. This duo from the "city by the sea" is a powerful combination. Dr. Geilfuss, a natural lefty, and Lemacks equally adept with either hand won their first crown without the loss of a game. They entered the finals by defeating former champions Eddie Sloan-George Diehl 21-6, 21-9. The Sloan-Diehl team were well ahead in the first game only to lose their consistency and the new champions with Geilfuss leading the way came on strong to win. Leonard-McCachren defeated defending champions Bill Ohlandt-Bob Lucht, Charleston, in three games, 21-4, 20-21, 21-3 to gain the finals.

The tournament ran as expected with



FOR THE MASTERS . . . Price does the honors for the Masters doubles, and here congratulates Dr. Charles Geilfuss and Howell Lemacks, both of Charleston, for their first crown without the loss of a game. They beat Charlotte's Frank Leonard and George McCachren.

no startling upsets registered. However, the story of this year's tournament has to be the comeback of Dick Miller. Dick was seriously injured in an automobile accident June 7, 1968 and was confined to a hospital bed for five weeks with a severely injured left hip. It was doubtful if he would ever be able to play handball again. After spending two months on crutches and an additional two months using a cane, he began a light exercise and handball warmup program in October. He soon discovered the injury to his left hip prohibited following through on right hand shots (it still does) so he labored long and hard redeveloping his left side and has improved tremendously. This young man demonstrated courage and intense desire and readily gives credit to his love of handball for physical improvements that even amazed his doctor.

Miller's loss to Lackey gained him many new friends for his "gutty play" in two of the best played games ever witnessed in this area. Lackey was quoted after the finals as saying, "If that guy improves any more I won't be able to stay on the court with him".

Otis Skipper

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Handball LETTERS

National YMCA . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

We here in Minneapolis were extremely disappointed that we did not have the honor of having Mr. Handball present at our Tournament. However we were all very grateful to you for the wonderful support you gave our Tournament and I speak for everyone here in Minneapolis connected with Handball when I say "Thank You".

Your ability to overlook and forgive the small, jealous, mean people of this world and continue to always be a help and an inspiration is a constant reminder of how fortunate we are to have a leader of your stature.

V. J. Mylan
Minneapolis, Minn.

YMCA Thank You . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Your assistance, Mr. Kendler, in enlisting good handball players from the Chicago area to participate in our National YMCA Tournament was greatly appreciated. We had a total of 800 enthusiastic spectators watching good handball.

The members of the YMCA, the tournament committee, and myself extend a hearty thank you to you for your assistance in making our tournament the success that it was.

Owen K. McGraw
Physical Director
Minneapolis YMCA

Mail Order Course. . .

Dear Bob (Davidson):

I'll never be able to thank you enough for the tape on handball. I feel as though I have learned more about handball these past few days from you than I have in the past three years I have been playing.

Bob, I took notes from your tape like you said to do and made up an outline which I mimeographed.

I spent most of a night and morning listening to the tape—a really good piece of work. It is like an excellent book and every time I hear it I learn something new.

Bob, you have an excellent speaking voice and my wife remarked that she thought you might be a sports commentator or had done some work in radio broadcasting. I never tire listening to the tape because of your enthusiasm and your belief in what you are saying is inspirational. It has really motivated me to study this wonderful game and learn every facet of it I can.

I believe in your system and have practiced your drill for point of contact every day on the court and a couple of times mentally. Even in my sleep. (Editor's Note: Stew, don't let those boys in the white suits know about this or you'll find yourself playing four-wall against padded walls).

Stewart Harkness
13 A Parkway Apartments
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Sip and Watch . . .

Dear Mr. Leve:

You may remember writing to me in October of last year concerning my inquiry on establishing a private handball club in this area. As you may judge from this letterhead, the Sportsman's Club is practically in business.

I am now acquiring two acres (with an option to buy a third) right smack in the center of one of the country's fastest growing recreation center. This is in Jefferson Township, next to New Jersey's largest lake, two large ski slopes and a few miles from Playboy's huge \$20 million recreation-convention complex scheduled for completion in 1970.

I hope to break ground by June 1 this year and to open my doors in October. I have accepted your very generous suggestion that the courts' back wall be made of glass so that the play may be viewed from the lounge. (Instead of four handball courts, I am going to have two handball and two squash.)

Bob Leckie
P. O. Box 194
Mountain Lakes, N. J. 07046

Handball Tonic . . .

BOB KENDLER:

I believe that I was 16 Bob . . . when the most indefatigable booster of our game I have ever known, first introduced me to the handball courts at the Downtown Y in Detroit. Mike Lachman, a close relative of mine, is still a real ambassador of good will for handball and especially for the USHA and from that long gone day when he first took me into those outsize courts I became a devotee, although never a very good player.

I do have the distinction of having beaten Al Zerbo a few times but that is only because I started playing the game a little while before he did. Anyway, with Mike and Nat Miller, another relative, to influence my desire to associate with handball, I quickly developed a love for the game that has never abated in spite of my lack of skill. I count myself fortunate indeed to have been able to watch quite a few of the greats and to become acquainted with many of them too. Lou and Al Zerbo, Dworman, Bathey, Griffin, Schaufelberger and others. I have seen in action Banuet, Atcheson, Platak and others of that era and of course, Jacobs, Singer and Haber.

In short, I've been around the game for awhile and when I can't play, (in or out of my class), I still feel the next best thing is to watch. I am now a member of the Encino Health Club at Los Angeles and play as often as possible, usually 3 times a week. This brings me to the main reason for writing this letter.

As you see by the enclosure, I am applying for the life insurance under the USHA program. Based on my present state of health and life expectancy I expect to qualify and I unequivocally credit the greatest participatory game in existence as being responsible to a very large extent, not only for such relative benefits but indeed for the fact that I am here to sign the application.

When I joined the Encino Club in May of 1966, just 3 years after surgery for lung cancer, it was only for possible therapeutic value of the steam rooms, the mineral whirlpool and an occasional go at some very modest weight lifting. I had suffered from muscle spasms in my back for 3 years, had ballooned to an unhealthy 205 pounds, (from a lifetime top weight of 178), puffed like a steam engine after a 1-block walk and was generally listless and mentally depressed.

The club opened 2 new handball courts in May of that year and I couldn't resist going in early one morning to throw a ball around. In less than 5 minutes on that first day, without even trying to run at all, I was gasping for air. If anyone had walked in then they would have yelled for a doctor. I went back the next day and tried again and persevered to the end that in a couple of weeks I found myself getting around pretty good and was thrilled because I found myself instinctively in position for the corner angle shots and able to get to the back wall and so on.

Today, at age 58, I play 3 and more times a week and often start out with a couple of games of singles and then finish up with 1 or more of doubles. I now weigh from 175 to 180, can jog a mile in less than 10 minutes, can hold my own with the better C players and have played in a couple of club tournaments without disgracing myself. My mental outlook from a health standpoint is great and I look forward to many more years of active participation.

Referring back to the third paragraph of this letter and the reason for writing it; I certainly do so because I wish to emphasize my qualifications for the insurance but perhaps even more, I want you, as one of the truly great promoters and exponents of handball to have another story to add to the many similar ones you must know about the benefits of this great game.

I'd like to close with a thought and a suggestion which you could, by virtue of your long and energetic leadership in the handball fraternity, exert a great influence toward the end of aiding in the growing awareness of almost everyone of the possible effects on the health of smokers. It would be interesting and educational if ACE would run a continuing series which would survey the smokers vs. the non smokers with all of the ramifications thereof. The comments and opinions of the great number of clinicians who play handball would be valuable and the potential benefits to a huge number of people enormously helpful.

About 8 years ago, I quit smoking after having been a "2 pack a day, (minimum), man." I don't know if smoking had caused me to eventually have a lung cancer but I do know beyond doubt, and my doctors concur, that had I continued to smoke cigarettes, (or anything else), I never would have survived this terrible disease that at the time of my surgery had a mortality rate of 92%.

I am, of course, aware of the many factors which made my recovery possible but it's food for thought to realize what a thin line there is between life and death and that when one ignores warnings and continues to abuse one's body, the road to trouble is wide open.

I am convinced that the wonderful skill of my doctors, the benevolence of God and a pretty good constitution, would have gone for naught if I had not given myself the benefits of 2 years as a "non-smoker" before my problems was discovered. Oh yes! A great big assist to the many years of handball's physical and mental conditioning before and after my ordeal!

Henry Hirsch
Studio City, Calif.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

This is your exclusive corner of ACE magazine. Send in your views—pro or con . . . take advantage of the opportunity to SOUND OFF!

Change Tournament Format...

Instead of conducting eight regional championships in 1970 the USHA will switch to a four-division alignment — EAST, SOUTH, NORTH AND WEST.

Reasons? . . . We have found that the eight regional setup dilutes the talent coming into the nationals. We aimed at bringing in players who would have a chance of moving into the coveted Top Eight in singles and quarter-finals of doubles. In some of the regionals this has held up with players such as Dr. Claude Benham, Bob Bourbeau, and Gordie Pfeifer.

The number of invitationals held independently has kept many key players from participating in the regionals. It is simple finances. These rated players receive transportation to some of these invitationals and cannot afford to pay their own way to a regional.

What we do ask now is this: The Divisional host to reimburse round trip transportation and per diem to the open singles and doubles winners of their tournament. This will give added incentive to participants. In addition to the traditional trophies they can win expenses for that tournament PLUS the USHA special award of the round trip air coach to the nationals.

The cutback in number of tournaments would now combine: East and Mideast; South and Southeast; Midwest and Rocky Mountain; West and Northwest.

This in no way is a lessening on the part of USHA to promote tournaments. The money accrued from this change will be funneled into other promotions.

In the meantime we invite handball facility potential hosts of divisionals to send in bids for 1970.



Bob Davidson's 'Point of Contact'

Cincinnati...

The third annual Cincinnati Williams YMCA invitational tournament held May 17-18 was a comparative testing ground for seven local and regional champions in an elite field of 16.

Bruce McCormick, Dayton, defending titlist, annexed his second straight crown with a 21-12, 21-10 win over Mike Driscoll, Columbus champion. Mike entered the finals with only a 45-minute rest period after winning a grueling 90-minute, three-game match (the third one 21-20) from Vern Roberts, Cincinnati Williams Y and USHA Mid-Eastern Masters champ.

In the first game of the finals Mike

jumped off to a 10-3 lead but then called time when he lost the serve. Bruce ran 15 points, and from there on the outcome was never in doubt. Earlier in the day Bruce had ousted Jack Ragan, Richmond, Ind., 21-10, 21-10. As in the finals superb conditioning and retrieving ability gradually wore down Ragan who apparently had the better of the kills. It was clear that the experience of a four match two day weekend was new to Jack.

TOURNEY NOTES: Hospitality and good cheer was provided by Vern Roberts' daughter at a Saturday evening get together. Two walking wounded helped with the officiating: George Coleman winner of the first invitational is recovering from minor surgery, and Bob Sullivan, Hamilton representative, from a shoulder separation. Both promise to return next year. His honor Frank "Here Come de Judge" Harlor lost in a "disputed" three game quarter final match to McCormick, with the third game 21-19. Driscoll defeated two local Cincinnati champs, Don Rahe of U. of Cincinnati, and Dr. Walt Stone of Central Y on his way to the finals. Much credit goes to Athletic Director Jerry Bowling in helping plan this successful tournament.

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Ode to the Champ from the Milwaukee 'Backers'

A special handball banquet was given in mid-April at Frenchy's Restaurant in Milwaukee as a tribute to Paul Haber's regaining the national singles championship. A plaque was presented in Paul's honor establishing an annual Paul Haber JCC tournament, and among other kind words said during the evening was a poem tendered by Mrs. Phil Cottle:

"Little interesting events happen during National Handball tournament time.

Some of these classic episodes

I'd like to relate in rhyme.

"Handball is not just a game

but it's a way of life . . .

Relaxing and joking with the boys and getting away from the wife.

"Pat Richman and I were very understanding.

We said, "Go to the tournament and have fun

While we — the perfect martyrs

were in Florida—soaking up the sun.

"In Texas Ober said to his roommate, Mitzi,

"This really is the life.

You serve me orange juice in bed with such service— who needs a wife?"

"Lederman was shocked— when he returned to Phil's room and found his luggage in the hall on the floor

Phil simply told bewildered Larry 'You've been evicted— because you snore.'

"You can always find Bines and Richman

any time, or any place playing gin rummy and blowing smoke in each other's face.

"Fein, the youngest of the group has a different view on life.

He threw the game of the quarter-finals to spend more time in Las Vegas with his wife.

"In a 7 a.m. long distance call Pat Richman heard the familiar retort—

'Sorry we can't disturb your husband— he's in the handball court.

"Big athletes have no advantage in handball.

It's most often brains and brawn.

Paul Haber is unique in using both for a little guy, he's plenty strong.

"Phil Cottle, on the other hand, has nothing to use but his brain. I'm sure he has talked even Haber out of a handball game.

"Phil really got lucky in Texas. Some people get all the breaks. Taking a champ out to breakfast who eats eggs and \$5 steaks.

"As Haber won the nationals, every inch a champion and a sport . . . he used hooks and hops and power, becoming master of the court.

"He played with finesse and quickness. His left was sizzling hot.

His tactics were superb, softly mixed with the ceiling shot.

"His opponents didn't have a chance. One by one they fell in defeat,

and from the audience you could hear the chant,

'Nish-geet, nish-geet, nish-geet.

"So let's give a toast to Paul Haber, a true champion in handball play.

We of the Milwaukee JCC are proud to honor him today."

L. A. Times Features 'Success vs. Stuffy Singer'

Los Angeles Times' WEST Sunday supplement magazine featured "Success Vs. Stuffy Singer" in its April 20, 1969 issue, by John Riley.

The picture caption covers the story format fairly well: "Stuffy Singer had been playing handball for two weeks when he laid out the following timetable for success: Southern California champion in two years, runner-up in the nationals in three, national champion in four, five or six. Tomorrow the world?"

The story traces Stuffy's prep school athletic career. "At Fairfax High in Los Angeles he quarterbacked the varsity eleven and played second base well enough to be offered a contract by the Dodgers. He won the national table tennis title, junior division. At 15, he signed up for tennis lessons at the Los Angeles Tennis Club, ten for \$30. He took the first seven in one week and won the city junior tennis championship. He never took the remaining three. In 1966 doctors told him to stay off the handball courts, so he took up golf for three months and played consistently in the low 80s."

Stuffy feels that his quick speed is his biggest asset in handball. It is pointed out that Jim Jacobs was a willing mentor to the youngster, and it is amusing how Stuffy told his dad, Marty, after one session, "Do you think he knows that I'm the one who's going to take over his title some day? Does he know I'm the one?"

Stuffy had earmarked 1966 as the year he promised himself to win the national singles championship. However, he slipped on a damp court during a practice session and injured his knee. "Doctors told him they could not locate the trouble, so Stuffy continued to play, though with great pain. His game suffered and many players gossiped that Stuffy was dogging it. To make matters worse, Jacobs quit singles competition that year, at the age of 36." That's when Paul Haber won all the marbles at Salt Lake City.

Singer reinjured the knee in early 1967 and Dr. Robert Kerlan, who has treated Sandy Koufax and other famous athletes, said surgery was necessary. Dr. Frank Hobe did a successful job and six weeks later Stuffy paired with Dave Graybill to take third place in the national doubles at San Francisco. "Later in the year he recovered his full powers and defeated Haber three games straight in an exhibition match and then went on to win the world title in Toronto." And, then Stuffy won the big prize in 1968 at St. Louis.

"Stuffy said early this year, 'If I never win again, it really doesn't make that much difference. The first one is the important one. I've got something and there's just no way those people can take it away.'"

The culminating final round win over Ray Neveau is recounted and in the third game, losing 13-8, and unaccountably nervous, Stuffy says, "I heard Paul Haber's voice from the stands holler, 'It's yours Ray!'. He made that remark and I knew that I was too nervous to go in and play safe. I won the match fairly easily, even though he got to eighteen." He feels his anger dissolved the nervousness.

This year Stuffy came up with another knee injury, irritated his Achilles tendon, pulled a groin muscle and came down with a monstrous case of the flu. "His illnesses and injuries cut two and a half months out of his training schedule."

The reporter asked Stuffy if he had been disappointed. "He said the answer was no that considering his condition he was lucky to reach the semifinals. Would he make a comeback 'Yes.' Would he win the championship back, as Haber had? 'Oh, I'll win it.' You'll win it? 'Yeah, I'll win it.' . . . 'No doubt about it. None at all.'"

NOTE: The reckoning time will come early next Spring at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Paul Haber will put his three-time title on the line against all comers. It should be "verry interesting".

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Bill Feivou, who has long been a leading national tournament player, representing the Los Angeles Athletic Club, advanced a very fine idea. "Why not a father-son PERPETUATION FUND membership?" Bill asked us. And, Bill then became the first to make a generous contribution for himself and in the name of his son, Jerrold. "I've got my boy started in the game and know it will be a lifetime outlet for him," Bill told us. "And, I certainly want to make sure that our Players' Fraternity will continue to bind together all of us."

Control, Steadiness Make Steve Sandler One-Wall's No. 1

By DAN FLICKSTEIN
"HIT hard, hit hard," is one of the familiar calls shouted by Carl Obert, as he urges his favorite team (his brothers) to score points. Indeed, the power hitter is an impressive figure. Sluggers have dominated the sport of handball in all its aspects — one, three, and four wall. But, in the latter part of the present decade, the one-wall game has been mastered not by a man possessed of great strength, but by a man whose ability to keep the ball in play is phenomenal!

There are some fine one-wallers around nowadays, most of whom are noted for their ability to hit hard. Howie Eisenberg, Kenny Gamble, Wally Ulbrich, and, of course, the Obert brothers head this list. These men are all capable of "rolling out" flat killers with blinding speed from any position on the court. They are also capable, on a given shot, of driving the ball past their opponents. Yet, the present one-wall champion is, without a doubt, superior to the aforementioned players. In fact, in this writer's opinion, he may be the finest one-wall player ever, and his skill lies in his ability to control the ball.

Steve Sandler is a unique handball player in that he doesn't appear immediately to be of championship caliber. But under closer surveillance it is difficult to assess whether he is better on the

defense or the offense. While it is undeniable that Sandler has made some of the most spectacular retrieves ever, one cannot dispute the fact that he has an unusually accurate "kill" shot, one that very rarely misses. It is chiefly because of this that Sandler outshines all his opponents. The careful observer will recognize that most of the top sluggers miss a certain percentage of shots. Even the great Oscar Obert needs to be on a "hot streak" to make all his kills count. But Sandler needs no streaks. He is always on a streak. When a ball is set in his path, it is almost a sure bet that it will be "put away." It is as rare for Sandler to miss a set up as it is for bowler, Don Carter, to miss a one pin spare. In order for an opponent to score a point against Sandler, he must earn it "on his own," for Sandler does not give away "free points" because of careless misses.

Not only is Sandler's kill shot deadly, his drive shot is also one of his formidable offensive weapons. This may seem to contradict the statement that our one-wall champ lacks power, but actually, once again, Sandler substitutes accuracy and control for power. His drive shot comes chest high into his opponent and is an effective way of setting up the next play.

An important part of Sandler's game is his strategy in being able to set up

an easy shot for himself. When Sandler is in the back court, he usually does not try to put his opponent out by killing the ball or by driving it. While an Eisenberg-type player might hit three or four balls out before scoring with a picturesque kill or an impressive drive shot, Sandler almost always plays for a safe return. Of course, his ability to retrieve and his excellent left hand, probably the finest defensive opposite hand ever to be seen, enable him to employ such a strategy effectively.

Finally, Sandler's newest offensive weapon is his service, which he executes with pinpoint accuracy. The man is able to serve to any sector of the court using the same bodily motion. Once again, he exercises a minimum of arm power, thus reserving his strength for running.

Recently, in a match game, Sandler was defeated by the great all around handballer, Marty Decatur and an analysis of the games showed that Decatur hit very few balls off court and rarely missed a kill. This, coupled with a fine, two way hook service and steady pounding brought Decatur a victory from the great Sandler.

Thus it seems that today's one wall handball game is one mastered by those who exercise control and not power. The outstanding example of this can be seen in Steve Sandler.

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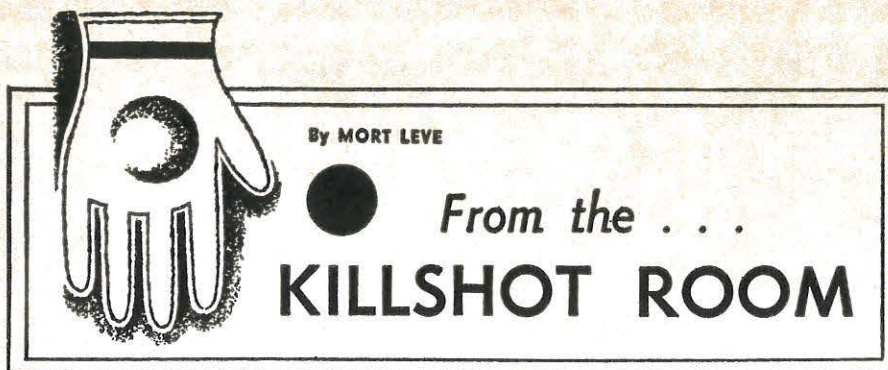
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Chicago may be back in the national tournament host picture within a couple of years if plans go forward at the seam bursting Northwest Suburban YMCA to add courts to its existing battery of six. Most important, one of the new courts would incorporate glass and accommodate upwards of 200 spectators.

The last nationals in our fair metropolis was in 1958. Bob Kendler's Town Club provided an ideal "mecca" in the Midwest and its famed No. 1 glass court was the first of true gallery courts. But, when the Sheraton Hotel chain took over the lease option at the end of 1959 we found ourselves without a national tournament facility in Chicagoland.

With entries of more than 100 in singles, 50 or more doubles teams and 100 to 150 vets competing in Masters events any format for a nationals must think in terms of six or more courts. And, to finance such an undertaking gate receipts must cover a goodly part of the "nut".

In 1970 we'll celebrate our 20th anniversary nationals at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. We've enjoyed two whopping successes there previously — 1955 and 1959. With the Southern California area more thickly populated with handballers than any other part of the nation it is easily anticipated that we could have a record entry next year. Right now the LAAC has four standard courts with plans to remodel two existing big courts, giving us six to work with. In 1967 at San Francisco's Olympic Club we managed to run off 87 matches in one day on five courts — but it was a Herculean task with Floor Manager Al Gracio starting things off at 7 a.m. and running through until 1 a.m. on the following day. It just isn't feasible or sensible to have that kind of schedule.

The Memphis Handball Association will be ready to host the 1971 nationals at the 10-court Memphis State University facility, to be completed in late 1970. The championship court will have seating accommodations for 600. You can be sure that Jack Gillespie and his gang will do an A-1 job in a bustling, progressive city that is a hub of more than 25 major cities within 500 miles.

We're Limited . . .

In placing the national four-wall championships we must realize there are certain basic prerequisites that must be met: (a) adequate number of courts to handle ever-increasing entries in four events — open singles and doubles, Masters singles and doubles . . . (b) at least one "gallery" court to seat 300 or more. The gate receipts are most important to a host in meeting any proposed budget . . . (c) A working host committee and not a "paper" listing of committeemen. There must be a delegating of responsibility by the host chairman. No one or two persons can handle the load. On national officers can then coordinate properly . . . (d) Attractive and

reasonably-priced housing for the incoming players and guests. More and more the "Big Week" has become the annual vacation time for those of the Players' Fraternity and the importance of enjoyable surroundings along with the very best in hospitality has become just as important as the mechanical running of the competition.

Every effort is made to move the nationals geographically, notwithstanding the above restrictions. All of us know Chicago would be an ideal locale as was proved in USHA classics held there in 1951, 1954 and 1958. But, until such a time as a "showcase" gallery court is made available (included with at least five other standard courts) such an undertaking is out of the question.

We would also like to get the nationals to the Metropolitan New York area, but there too the physical facilities are not available.

Star-studded Invites . . .

To supplement a display of handball's "best" we think the move toward streamlined "Top Eight" invitationals is a wonderful idea. Right now Phoenix' YMCA offers the first opportunity to spotlight such an undertaking. Marty Kroman of Phoenix approached our national commissioner, Judge Joe Shane, with the idea last Spring, suggesting that the nation's best seven singles players be invited to Phoenix to compete with that city's Dave Graybill. Dave has been handicapped in his own area by the fact there is no one around to give him the opposition necessary to hone his game to the razor sharp edge necessary to cut down the nation's best in national competition. His ardent Arizona fans want to see him in a showdown against a Haber, Singer, Yambrick, et al.

All of us will carefully "scout" this type of invitational and if it proves successful you can be sure there will be more coming up.

Handball Hustler . . .

Jack Tone of Stockton, Calif., who now breeds fine Arabian horses on his ranch tells of his "unusual" handball happening — when he was 15 years old.

"This was in the Fall of 1924 at the old Golden Gate courts in San Francisco. There were three south courts with backwalls where the 'pros' hung out . . . and back to back three north courts without backwalls, but a sand hill instead, scorned by the hustlers.

"On a Sunday afternoon, the pro courts, bulging with savage games found me killing time on the amateur side with a younger boy playing for 'funsies'. There being no wager, my game was not impressive.

"An 18-year-old stranger came along and challenged the winner. I said, 'No need to wait. I'll play you both.'

"Insulted, the much larger boy said, 'No, I'll play you both.'

"I thought this would beat a fat lip so we'll play his way. My partner, being a poor player, forced me to dig once in a while to keep the game more or less even.

"After one of my digs a hot argument ensued. 'I got it!' 'No, you didn't.' 'Yes, I did' . . . 'No, you didn't' . . . I couldn't have gotten that myself.

"I thought, 'beautiful!' I said, 'I'd like to play you for a lot of money.'

"He said, 'How much?' I gulped but then my courage returned. 'Four bits,' I said. Banuet himself couldn't have engineered it better.

"The games seesawed real even but I always made 'lucky' gets and freak kills on the last two or three points. After a few such lucky games I won one on some real freak plays and he doubled up for a dollar game as anyone could see I was getting real tired. The next game he fell back to four bits. Toward the end of this game he quieted down a bit and being of a suspicious nature, refused to play any more. I'll never forget that beautiful Fall day!"

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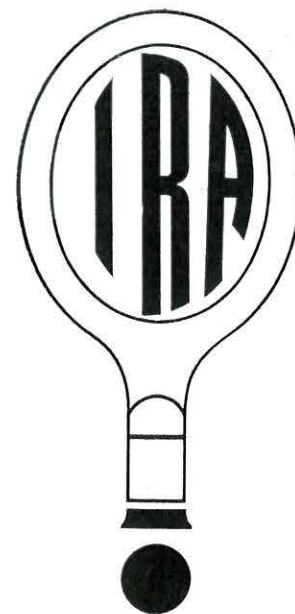
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Results of the first INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION championships April 24-27 at the St. Louis Jewish Community Centers Association exceeded every fond hope.

The hosts outdid themselves in providing the ultimate in hospitality, a true cross-country entry provided outstanding play in four brackets of action—open singles and doubles, Masters singles and doubles.

37-year-old Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who had lost to Charlie Brumfield in an all-San Diego finale in the "wooden paddle" nationals at Ames, Iowa, a fortnight previous, this time "turned the racquet" on his 21-year-old protege, and got the honor of becoming the first IRA singles titlist. Bud had to do it the hard route, losing the first game 18-21, coming back for a 21-20 squeaker and then taking charge in the decider for a 21-8 win.

Bud and Charlie were going the singles-doubles route but were knocked out the day before in the semis by Angelo Vecchio and Mike Anzalone of Cleveland, but then tuned up with a third place win prior to their singles battle. They beat Bob Yellin and Norm Steinberg, New Britain, Conn., 21-15, 21-16.

The Louisville "kids", Mike Zeitman and Al Hyman, 20-year-olds, followed up their convincing North Division victory at Evanston, Ill., by outclassing the 24-team open doubles field. However, the youngsters were forced to three games in the last three rounds of play, culminating in a come-from-behind championship round win over Vecchio and Anzalone, 9-21, 21-14, 21-15.

In the veteran Masters classification 47-year-old Marlowe Phillips, most responsible for the upsurge of the racquet game at the St. Louis JCCA, pulled the "Slam" performance, taking the singles over 22 foes, beating Chicago's Jim DiVito for the final win, 21-11, 21-10. Then, Marlowe teamed with the tournament's host chairman, Milt Harris, to win the 14-team Masters doubles, in an all-St. Louis finale against Joe Zelson and Ed Foster, 21-16, 16-21, 21-19.

With 60 players in singles there was an overall count of 159 entries in the four events. This exceeds any previous national racquetball entry numbers, along with a 15-state and British Columbia, Canada count.

SHORT SHOTS...

One of the big differences between everyday "Club" court play and tournament competition is PRESSURE. Frank Beard, one of the more successful pro golfers says, in essence, youngsters starting to play serious golf should wager "a bob or two". In this way the boy learns more about playing under pressure. And, so it is with the handball "hustlers" we find around the country. They stand up best when those blue chips are down.

Wisconsin...

Simie Fein and Jim White, former national doubles racquetball champions when the tournament was under the auspices of the USHA, won the State IRA championship in Wisconsin by defeating Al Fiorita and Jerry Hock, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 21-7 and 21-9. Fein and White represented the Milwaukee Jewish Community Center.

Tom Sanicola, JCC, beat Paul Nelson, Madison YMCA, 21-15 and 21-10 for the singles crown. The tourney was held at the Milwaukee JCC and the Pennsylvania "pinkie" ball was used.

New Name Distinguishes Racquet Game... Gives Clear-Cut Identity

International Racquetball Association — that's the new and official name for the organization that embraces the four-wall court racquet game. In an international convention meeting held at the Sheraton Inn in St. Louis, Saturday morning, April 26, players and officials in attendance voted to select a name that would better describe the game. In essence the word "paddle" appears to denote use of the wooden paddle.

Larry Lederman, national commissioner, presided at the meeting, pointed out that this was a "historic first", both the meeting and the four-day competition held at the St. Louis JCCA. Larry added, "By banning together we can follow only one road, that of success".

Committees were formed covering adoption of an official ball, rules, tournament procedures, and nominating.

Bob Kendler, president of IRA, recommended that an "Air Force Orange" ball be adopted, both for better view by players and for the picture values on film and TV. Bob said, "TV is the key to the promotion of the game. This color the public can follow."

Several players requested that the Association finalize a ball that will be uniform in performance, give a true bounce. Bob Lenhart of Williamsport, Pa., told of trying all the existing balls and that the best course to follow would be to take the current most popular and improve on it.

There appeared to be varying experience with balls. For example, the Vancouver, British Columbia, group started with the Joe Sobek ball, then switched to the Pennsylvania "Pinkie" and the players now like the livelier ball. (The Pinkie).

Mort Leve, executive secretary of IPA, suggested that the St. Louis JCCA be

given an option to hold the international championships again in 1970 because of its ideal facilities, central location, and the fact that the racquetball predominance of play is east of the Mississippi River.

It was suggested that an orientation meeting be held prior to the start of any IRA tournament, covering all facets of refereeing and to go over the rules. The hinder in racquetball is the same as it is in handball. The player is entitled to "a clear and unobstructed view of the ball".

On rules — several in attendance were in favor of scoring on both offense and defense because of time period limitations in many clubs. But the majority voted that IRA would retain the same scoring system of points when serving only and any "everything counts" scoring could be optional at the individual facilities. Also, the proposal of alternate serving was voted down.

Chuck Hazama, physical director at the Rochester, Minnesota YMCA and rules chairman, requested that the group not "confuse the issue". Chuck said, "Our job is to sell the product as a uniform sport".

On the lighter side. When Bob Kendler asked one of the players why he invariably would wipe the floor first and then wipe his face, he got the reply, "By wiping the floor first eliminates an official player's time out".

Then there was the remark "younger" Sid Cohen of Cleveland made after watching one of the comely JCCA lasses playing the racquetball game. Sid is an old-time handballer, and he quipped: "I don't know much about your game but I love your followthrough!"

And, Gary Hanko, our Canadian com-

missioner from Vancouver, after a discussion took place on the relative merits of using the thong on the racquet or allowing a switching of hands... "I am in favor of switching hands as long as the thong remains around the wrist".

"Colorful competitor" is the capsule tab for Dorance Frymire, who cavorts around the court barefooted. "I have one distinct advantage in playing barefooted", Dorance opined. "My opponent can't hear where I am going". As long as someone doesn't toss a banana peel out on the court Frymire gets along right well.

The San Diego contingent introduced the Dayton steel frame racquet and it met with good reception. The boys take the frame racquet and string it with nylon and like the better whip action provided by this lighter racquet. There is room for both this type of racquet (remembering that this is a luxury item cost of plus-\$20) and the conventional wooden frame.

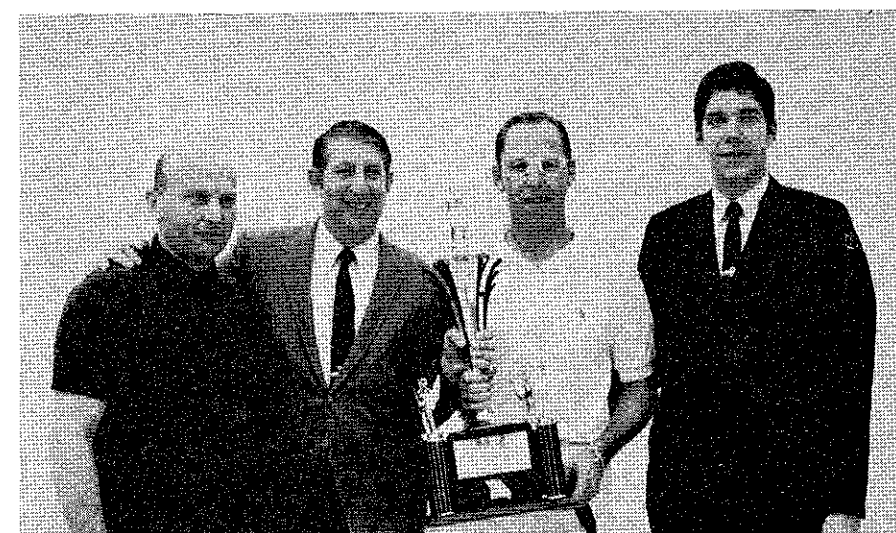
Lapierre's Continued 'Scouting' Report Lists Racquetball Developments

RICHMOND: William Bolton, physical director of the Franklin Street Y stated that the interest in racquetball is very keen and the primary problem is the lack of courts. Pete Cornell, an avid player, will be doing the leg work for us in the state. Incidentally, in the last issue, I had mentioned that the Raleigh rebels were going to engage the group up here in friendly combat. Unfortunately, the snowstorm that weekend forced a cancellation and the north remains safe from the onslaught of the Carolinians.

WASHINGTON and BALTIMORE have a few players but interest in the game is not being developed for several reasons: basically it is the lack of courts.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE: On the word of Bill Kennedy of Detroit, I dropped in to see Dave Nelson, Athletic Director, and engaged him and his staff in a few games. Like myself, Dave was operated on for a torn Achilles tendon last year. He is slowly regaining his mobility and should be back to his post injury form in the near future. The University has a modern facility which includes 10 standard courts.

PHILADELPHIA: George Burger, physical director of the Central Y went all out for us and rounded up some of his better players together for a few games. Played in probably the largest court in the country which seems ideal for a doubles match. I highly recommend this court for one who wishes to have a good workout in singles and cutthroat. One little problem — you have to watch out for the double doors at the rear of the side wall — it's a killer.



SURROUNDING THE CHAMP... Key men in administering first International Racquetball Association championships at St. Louis JCCA with open singles winner—(l to r)—Gerry Lapierre, our roving national ambassador from Dayton; Milt Harris, host chairman; Dr. Bud Muehleisen, singles winner from San Diego; Paul Gnadt, JCCA assistant physical director.

are not enough good players in the area. Myron was up in Chicago the week of our tournament, and upon hearing same, he flew down to St. Louis and unfortunately did not arrive until the last day — wait till next year; he will be one of the first entries. The facility in Stillwater is a new 3.3 million physical education center with approximately 150,000 sq. ft. Among its many features are 12 standard courts where both handball and racquetball are played.

WICHITA: Met with Jim Hershberger, our district commissioner, at the YMCA. They have only 2 courts which are being used constantly. Same problem here — not enough courts.

Our first International tournament was a tremendous success in every sense of the word. The Jewish Community Center and the tournament committee are to be congratulated on their efforts. A special thanks to all the lovely hostesses in attendance. Their personal interest in the game and the congeniality in greeting the players was like icing on the cake.

Another ingredient to a successful tournament is the caliber of players. They represented a good cross section of styles and method of play. There were those who relied on power; others on mastery of shots; others on speed and quickness; some amazed the spectators with specialty shots. Each had their own peculiarities including playing in one's bare feet. We were witness to players taxed beyond their physical strength and inflicting their bodies with painful cramps.

For an Association which is less than a year old and have the tremendous representation we had in our first tournament is a tribute in itself.

IRA President Kendler Lauds JCCA Hosts

I can't think of a better way to christen this new born association than by expressing my profound gratitude to God for bringing us together — to the United States Handball Association for its experienced leadership and to the Jewish Community Center of St. Louis for again standing by our side as we take another giant step toward making court sports our national pastime. There could be no finer launching site for this ambitious undertaking than right here — in the heart of America — in the heart of handball and now, in the heart of Racquetball.

I hope I haven't confused you with the word Racquetball but, as of this day, all of us must learn to say Racquetball because that is the proper name of our sport. At our business meeting this morning our members voted to end the confusion that the word "Paddleball" brings to the Racquetball game. Our new name is THE INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION.

We are fortunate indeed to inaugurate Racquetball in the outstanding facilities of the Jewish Center. But this is their least important asset. Far more precious than the physical resources are the human resources which abound here at the Center. Handball, with its hundreds of host cities, has returned to this Center time and time again. I can give you many reasons, but only one is important — we are at home here. The warmth and affection you get from your family is ever present in this ever available institution, dedicated to the brotherhood of man and the proposition that physical and mental fitness go hand in hand. If I get a little emotional about this place, I do so only because it was my great privilege to dedicate the handball facilities here — not only when the building first opened but again when it was expanded. Three great national tournaments were held here and handball's first Coast-to-Coast Telecast emanated from this institution. Two hundred cities and 17,000,000 viewers saw handball for the first time on N B C. I think it's safe to say that at the proper time, we will repeat this performance for Racquetball.

I hope you will forgive me if I occasionally mention that other sport — I think it is called Handball. Some of us have been building it for the past 25 years. We have had fantastic success. It's growing so fast that it is hard for us to keep up with it. Do you know why I tell you this? I think Racquetball will achieve in the next five years what it took handball 25 years to achieve. Racquetball is fortunate that it does not have to build standard courts — create centers of interest — struggle for funds — and develop capable local organizations that are the backbone of every successful sport. Handball has done all this and we invite you to share with us that enormous well of good-will we have built up thru trial and error. And since many of the old time handball players have moved to Racquetball — you not only inherit our workshop, our know-how — you also share our talent. And that's as it should be. Each organization should complement the other. We should exchange ideas and protect each other from failure. It certainly is not our intention to build another omnibus organization like the A A U — on the contrary this is the first step in the direction of Sports Federation that has been most successful in Europe.

In my Annual Report last month at our USHA Convention in Austin, I spelled out in detail the relationship between the two court sports. I felt our mission should be to build a heterogeneous organization that would develop every facet of the bouncing ball, looking far into the future and providing safeguards for generations yet unborn. Safeguards too,

against the errors of the past so that those of us who brought order out of chaos will not have labored in vain. Diversity and flexibility adds strength to any organization so this union can only fortify our future.

Don't you think for a moment that there is no danger. I am not going to bore you with all the attacks that were made on the United States Handball Association. I am just going to assure you that we know how to insulate you from all the greed that plagues a growing sport. Never forget that our Association was formed for the players and by the players. It is guided by the players and its tournaments are managed by the players. Every cent of our income is used to aid the players and advance the game. We are all, and I emphasize ALL volunteers, in the strictest sense of the word and many of us pay dearly for the privilege of serving this non-profit organization.

Have you any idea what we plan for Racquetball? Let me give you some of our thinking. We'll start with a Players' Fraternity that has opened courts for our members all over the country. It has resulted in lifelong friendships of far distant families who not only relive old matches at the tournaments but engage in home and home matches regularly. We'll follow this with National Junior championships and then the College championships. There will be seminars, films, clinics and exhibitions all over the country. ACE magazine will be expanded considerably and many instructional articles published. New rule books will be packaged with the balls and the ball itself will be colored "Air Force Orange." You know why? We are going on television.

This to me is the most important step we can take together. Handball has worked for many years to penetrate television on a broad scale. The shows we have had were very well received but following the ball has been a hard problem. This will not be the case with Racquetball. First, the ball is large and second it is colored. Extensive research has revealed that orange televises far better than black and could be the making of the game. Add to this the fact that we are now planning a new Court Club consisting of dozens of courts devoted exclusively to handball and racquetball. The main exhibition court will be virtually a television stage. Four walls will be glass including the front wall.



INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER . . . Larry Lederman, athletic director of the Milwaukee JCC, and commissioner of the International Racquetball Association, addresses awards banquet gathering at first tournament in St. Louis. At Larry's right are Evie and Bob Kendler.



STRONG SAN DIEGO CONTINGENT . . . IRA President Bob Kendler and his wife Evie welcome the San Diego players at the Awards Banquet. At Bob's left are: Dr. Bud Muehleisen, open singles champion; Charlie Brumfield, runnerup; and to Evie's left: Charles Hanna, open singles fourth placer; Bob McNernery, consolation runnerup.

There will be no mullions to obstruct the view or the telecast. Cameras will be built into the ceiling and the four side walls. Light curtains will shield the players from the 5,000 spectators. Because this will be designed as an amphitheater — spectators will look down into a well while the players will have masonry above the eye line to eliminate the problem of background. The gallery will rise above the ceiling of the court and start 3 or 4 feet above the court floor.

Now everything we do in handball we are making interchangeable with racquetball. The rules, the facilities and the rewards MUST have some uniformity so that the economics of the sport will not become burdensome. Many innovations were talked about this morning but if I may be permitted a word of advice, let's keep both racquetball and handball simple, not just for our sake but for the public's sake. Let's make them both so easy to understand and play that they become a way of life, like baseball.

Our present plans call for four divisional tournaments with the winners' expenses paid to the Internationals. Next year we hope to add the two tournaments I mentioned before. When our local committees are fully organized all over America we should have eight tournaments, four divisional, and four nationals. Now I have mentioned three and if you are curious about the fourth — I would like to suggest a mixed nationals that will include the ladies.

And that's what I like about racquetball. It's good for the whole family. I have seen wives as well as children become

proficient in the sport in less than a year. I can't think of anything that pleases me more. Let me tell you why.

I guess it's no secret that I am very very much in love with my wife. She is with me almost everywhere I go and one place I go very often is to the handball court. Well, some of the galleries she put up with made me sick; her too. So I decided to build a gallery where she could see better and breathe better. That's why I invented the glass court. When I first talked about it, people thought I was crazy but I notice that since I convinced Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company to manufacture a fired unbreakable plate, hockey and a lot of other sports have adopted our glass. It's a funny thing, the by-product of the glass gallery was not just comfort — it was family. Mama, Papa and all the kids came to see. That made it pretty hard to play with only a jock strap. Or a cigar. Or a pint of gin. Or to cheat. Or to be unsportsmanlike. Or unclear. A dozen ills were cured so fast the players didn't know what hit them. They all wanted to be a hero before the family. So they played and acted like heroes. And the family concept for the courts was born.

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Now Racquetball has not only brought the family into the gallery — it has gotten them right into the game. And anything we can do to promote togetherness, whether it be thru one sport or the other — we will do. And do it well, I assure you.

They tell me here that all handball players are racquetball players but that not all racquetball players are handball players. In some cities I am informed the ratio is ten to one in favor of racquetball. And what surprises me most is that in the busy periods handball players frequently join the racquetball players when their courts are crowded. I liked one remark I heard that went like this — all handball players have a glove, a racquet and a locker. Racquetball players have just a racquet. This speaker further said that business men want the courts and not the gym and whenever basketball players try either handball or racquetball, they are lost to basketball forever. When new members are started in squash, 90% fall by the wayside. In handball, I am told they lose 60%. But in racquetball, no one is lost. It is an INSTANT SUCCESS. He concluded that handball was for the athlete — racquetball was for the masses.

I am going to close my remarks by emphasizing again The Players' Fraternity. I don't know whether I have had more good from the friends I made in handball or from the health that resulted. To me one is just as important as the other. There is something special about every member of the U S H A and I hope that you will all get the same feeling for the I R A. It's the hidden ingredient that we think made our Association. I would like to urge you to take a personal interest in all we do, in all the players and in all the tournaments. You will enrich both our lives and yours. You will soon learn why I answer every appeal — why I aid whenever it is humanly possible. That's the fraternal spirit of the USHA and that must be the spirit of the IRA.

Tonight we are on the threshold of a great opportunity. We are making Racquetball history with this first truly International tournament. If, all of us together, think right — and work according to principle — the end can only bring us glory and acclaim. If this is our beginning — then Our victory will be crowned with the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".



CONSOLATION WINNER . . . Paul Gnadt, of the St. Louis JCCA physical education department, congratulates Bob Adelson of the host facility, on winning the Consolation singles over San Siego's Bob McInernery. Paul was a hard-working integral part of the tournament, tying all loose ends together.



RACQUETBALL FOR ALL . . . Mrs. Shirley Schloss was one of a hard-working pretty hostess crew that helped make the first IRA classic successful and lent a hand in presenting trophies at the Awards Banquet. Shirley is an avid player and heads up a large group of femme devotees at the St. Louis JCCA.

IRA Rules Committee Makes Changes

The First International Racquetball tourney is now history and it was a great one. The JCCA did a great job of hosting the tourney and everything ran like it should have for such a big show.

It was truly great to finally meet up with some of the finest players in the country. Finally got a chance to meet Mort Leve and Bob Kendler, who have the organizational know-how to get this fledgling organization off to the great start. You guys are great for the sport!

The only major change in the rules that was recommended by the Rules Committee was the designation of the dimensions of the racquet.

Racquet. The official racquet will have a maximum length head of 11 inches and width of 9 inches. The handle will not exceed 7 inches. The total length and width may not exceed a total of 27 inches."

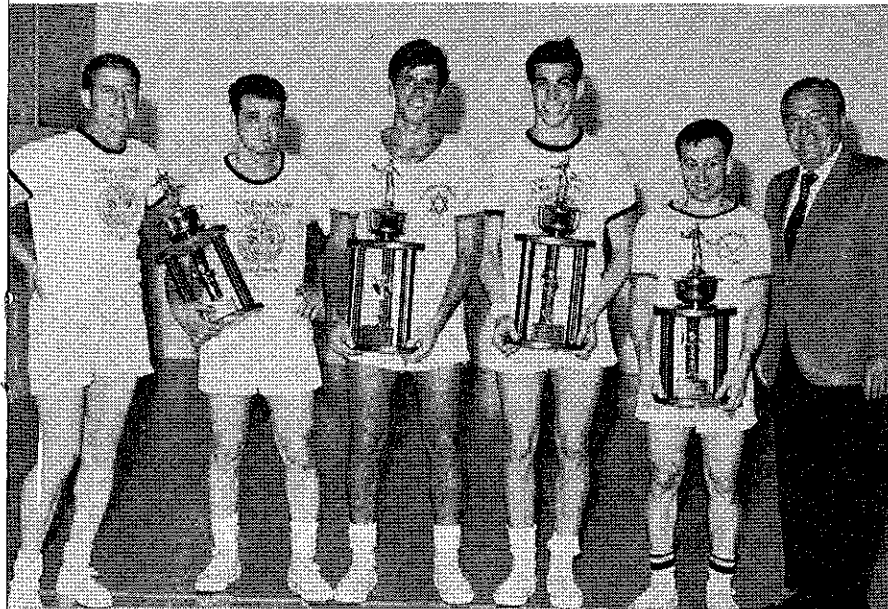
The other changes were as follows:

"Master's. Forty will be the minimum age for all competition in singles. In doubles, one participant 40 minimum, the second player must be 45 years of age."

"Injury. An injured player may be awarded 15 minutes for an injury during play. An additional 5 minutes for a second related injury may be awarded to the player. Injury times may not exceed a total of twenty minutes. There times will not be charged to a player's timeouts during the game. On any further injury to that player, the commissioner or committee, after considering available medical opinion shall determine whether the injured player will be allowed to continue."

CHUCK HAZAMA
IRA Rules Chairman

First IRA Tournament Photo Coverage



DOUBLES FINALISTS . . . Milt Harris (left), host tournament chairman, and USHA President Bob Kendler (right) make open doubles presentation. (l to r)—Angelo Vecchio, Cleveland, runnerup; Champs Mike Zeitman and Al Hyman, Louisville; Mike Anzalone, who gamely went a long way in both singles and doubles with a pulled leg muscle and cramps, Vecchio's second place partner.



OPEN SINGLES PLAYOFF . . . Ken Porco (l), athletic director of the JCC in Louisville, won the third place playoff against Charles Hanna of San Diego. King-sized trophies for all places indicates the all-out effort made by the host JCCA committee to send all players home proud and happy.

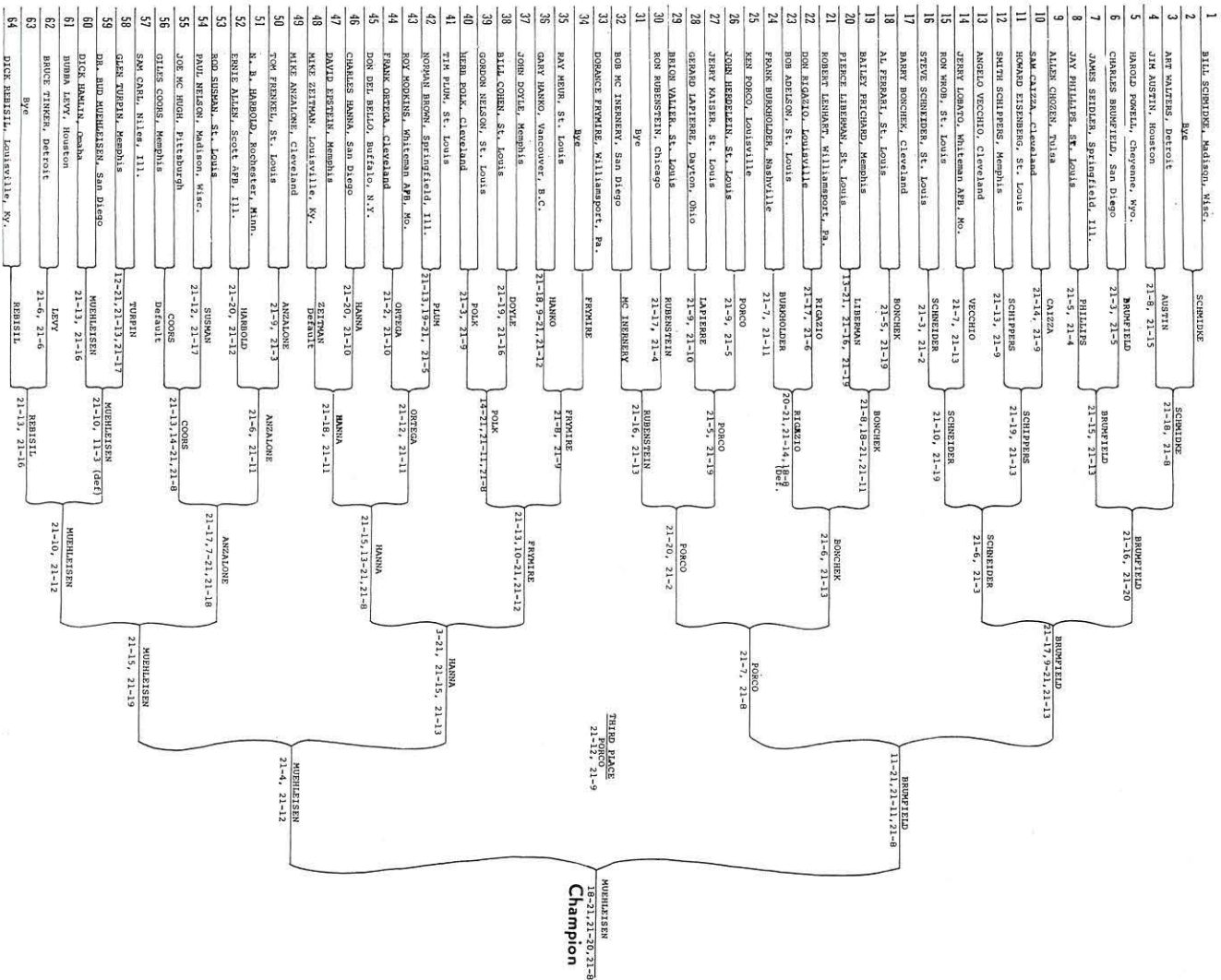


IN THE MASTERS SINGLES . . . Marlowe Phillips (l) took honors in both the Masters singles and doubles. Here he is presented with the singles championship trophy by his St. Louis cohorts Milt Harris and Art Albert. Runnerup is Jim DiVito, who represents the Duncan YMCA of Chicago.

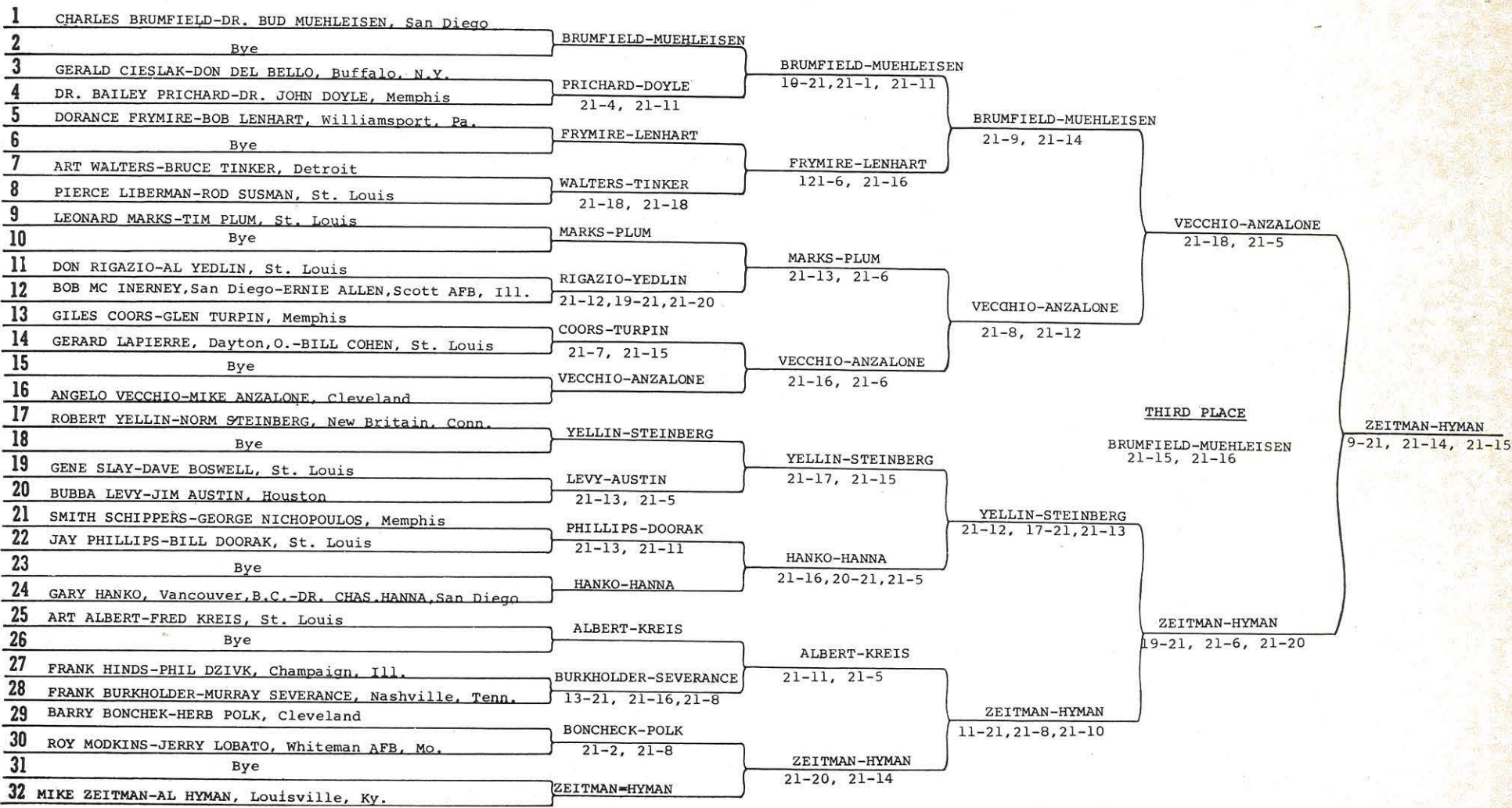


CENTER STAGE PLAY . . . Here Dr. Bud Muehleisen strokes one in for a kill in all-San Diego championship open singles match against Charlie Brumfield. It was the story of teacher beating his prize pupil — 37-year-old Muehleisen in a three-game thriller over 21-year-old Brumfield.

IRA – Open Singles



IRA – Open Doubles



Evanston, Ill. YMCA Finds Air Conditioning Boosts Activity



An "air-conditioning" system that provides perfect temperature and humidity control has been installed in the Evanston (Ill.) YMCA squash and handball courts.

The system was designed by Cartland-Ritter, Inc., consulting engineers in Park Ridge, Ill. ★

A partner in the firm, W. Ted Ritter, said that the system is the ideal solution to the familiar problem of handball and squash courts that are either too hot or too cold or become so moisture laden that they aren't playable.

He said the problems can occur in a system such as the Y employed, with tempered outside air and a motorized 100 per cent exhaust system bringing in large amounts of moisture-laden outside ventilation air which condenses on cold walls and floors in changing seasons.

The answer to the Y's dilemma is a system that maintains perfect conditions — a 72-degree temperature and a humidity level of 45 percent or less.

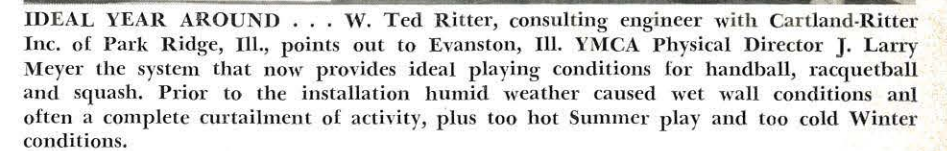
"The temperature previously used to range up to 92 degrees in the Summer and 55 degrees in the Winter," Meyer said. Now, the satisfactory comfort levels are maintained automatically by a humidistat and thermostat.

"One of our main problems was resolving the question of who would control the temperature — the squash players who prefer a cold sweat or the handball enthusiasts who like warm playing conditions," Ritter said. "We decided to install an automatic system with an in-between comfort zone that would be acceptable to both."

The humidistat also has solved the serious problem of having moisture condense on the playing surfaces. "The Chicago area's changing weather conditions often are accompanied by drastic shifts in the humidity. Many times the walls and floors of the courts would be literally soaked by the condensed moisture in the air, making the playing surfaces so slippery that they were dangerous for the players," Meyer said.

"The new system brings in a minimum of outside air," Ritter explained. "Only 15 per cent of the air in the courts comes from the outside, the rest is recirculated automatically."

The system includes two 10-ton air-



cooled condensing units. The outside air is distributed to the six courts by a supply duct, and four-way diffusion registers are used to prevent drafts from blowing on the players.

Meyer said that the Y's new improvement reflects the growing demand for excellent handball facilities. The sport is experiencing a huge upswing in popular-

ity throughout the country, particularly in schools and private clubs.

He said that from 80 to 100 persons play handball daily at the Y and that another 30 to 50 persons use the squash courts daily.

"The use of the courts has increased since we installed the new ventilating system," he said.

By BILL KENNEDY

Jim Westdyke, a 25-year-old slugger from the Paterson YMCA, won the New Jersey State Singles Tournament on April 27 at the Orange YMCA to become the fifth player in that state's history to win both the singles and doubles crowns in one year.

In two previous state tournaments Westdyke had never advanced past the third round and in 1968 he was defeated by Ed Woerner, Plainfield YMCA, 21-14, 21-4 in a tournament eventually won by Woerner.

Westdyke avenged that loss by conquering Woerner in this year's finals 10-21, 21-10, 21-19, and became the first player to score the double since Pat Kirby did it in 1966. He is the youngest New Jersey singles champion since the late Nick Romeo won the title in 1939.

Outdistancing a strong field of 32 players, Westdyke eliminated Mike Kogan, Orange, 21-11, 21-13 in the first round and then ousted Ben Buchansky, Pater-

son, 21-11, 21-18 in the second round. In the quarter finals he topped Irv Smith, Orange, 21-10, 21-12, and then defeated second seeded John Sabo, Newark YM-YWCA, 21-2, 8-21, 21-19 in the semi-finals.

The Westdyke-Woerner finale featured the hard hitting tactics of the 6-1, 235-pound Westdyke against the more controlled game of Woerner. In the end it was the Paterson player's hard service and gunning which tired his older adversary. In addition, Westdyke made gets of the loser's passing shots, which Woerner was certain had been hit out of reach.

Westdyke committed 33 errors for opponent points in the three games, to 17 for Woerner. But, the new champ killed 18 times scored seven aces, and hit nine passing shots for points, to comparative figures of 11, one and seven for Woerner.

Tom Ciasulli, Orange, was chairman of the state's finest singles tournament, ever, and managed a third-place finish in the competition. Ben Buchansky provided outstanding officiating in all key matches.

Dear Fellow Handballer:

As you may know from reading ACE Magazine, I am interested in conducting a Medical study regarding the health of regular handball players. It seems to me that we are a rather unique group in that we regularly undertake a very strenuous sport even though we are, by and large, not professional athletes but business and professional men. In these days of sedentary existence, there has been much controversy lately about the merits of regular exercise, and I think handballers as a group are worthy subjects for a scientific study to add further knowledge to the available information regarding the value of rigorous exercise and health.

In choosing participants for this study we are surveying members of the USHA who are age 25 and over and who meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Have the willingness to participate in the study.
- (2) Play handball at least 3 times a week.
- (3) Have regularly played handball during the past 5 years and anticipate playing regularly during the next 10 years.
- (4) Agree to undergo a physical examination, electrocardiogram and blood tests by their own physician.

It is hoped that each participant, out of interest in the subject and in the interests of his own sound health, will agree to finance his own physical examination by his personal physician and will consider it as having fulfilled his need for a yearly checkup. The electrocardiograms and blood samples will be forwarded to a central laboratory for interpretation. In many cases participants will probably have physician friends who are players and who, out of interest in the study, will perform the examination at no charge or at a very nominal fee.

If you meet the above criteria and would like to participate in a very worthwhile scientific project, please write to me for application form.

Research Adm.

John S. Fleming, M.D.

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S. Calif. Association Promotes 'Schoolboy' Handball Clinic Program



DEMONSTRATION . . . Alex Boisseree, long-time leading Southern California and national player and former president of Southern California Handball Association, holds outdoor clinic for youngsters as part of Association's youth program.

The long-awaited youth handball program came into being in 1969 when the Southern California Handball Association embarked upon a series of instructional courses aimed at the 11 to 15-year-old age group. These courses, emphasizing the fundamentals of handball and refereeing, are given at outdoor 3-wall school facilities, and are receiving the wholehearted cooperation of the school districts. The pilot course consisted of an 8-week series of instruction given at Palms Junior High School in West Los Angeles under the supervision of Alex Boisseree and Gary Lovell. With six 3-wall courts available at this school, classes were limited to fifteen, and two successive sessions were given each Saturday morning. With the cooperation of the school, mimeographed instructional material was handed out, and a permanent challenge ladder, prepared by the school's woodshop, was mounted on the wall of the gym.

Other highlights of this initial class were a 3-wall demonstration game by Southern California Masters' Champions, Arnold Aguilar and Irv Simon; and a showing of the handball instructional movie featuring

Jimmy Jacobs and Stuffie Singer. Those who satisfactorily completed the eight-week course were given a personal certificate of accomplishment by Los Angeles Youth Services Supervisor, Frank Mangione.

Additional courses, are now under way in various parts of the city and county. Any school or recreational facility desiring such a class, or anyone interested in volunteering for this highly rewarding coaching work should contact Boisseree or Lovell, Alex — DU 1-3441 (ext. 480); Gary — 272-3256. Instructional material and course guidelines are provided by the SCHA.

General format is to locate a group of instructors, then in cooperation with the Los Angeles Board of Education to select a school in the instructors' neighborhood which has adequate three-wall facilities. Following this, an 8-week course is instigated with publicity given out by the P.E. department of the school and sent to the neighborhood newspaper surrounding the school.

For example, just recently the Holmes Junior High School in suburban Northridge had a sign up of nearly 40 youngsters in

the 10-15 age group. After a brief oral induction such large classes are divided amongst the available instructors who are present on any given Saturday. The larger and softer outdoor handball is supplied through the board of education, so gloves may or may not be worn. Used gloves are obtained for the boys through deposit boxes and signs located at the various clubs throughout Southern California. During each class series an exhibition is scheduled. Toward the end of the series a showing of the Jacobs-Singer instructional film is shown.

One of the goals of the class is to establish a permanent handball ladder and to encourage such activity. Generally, the school woodshop furnishes the ladder. Inasmuch as each course teaches the fundamentals of refereeing as well as playing, student referees are provided for each such match. Certificates are passed out after the first course of instruction, followed by a weenie bake and a few words of encouragement by Judge Joe Shane. Frank Magione, Los Angeles Youth Services Supervisor, handed out the certificates.

California Barristers Planning Third Annual 'Court' Competition

Plans have now been finalized for the Third Annual California Attorneys' Handball Championships to be held, as in the past, at the San Francisco Olympic Club at the tail-end of this year's State Bar Convention—to wit, on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, Sept. 12-13.

The San Francisco captain has said that his group of barristers will be honed to razor sharpness, and has confidently predicted victory for them. The Sacramento team has very quietly and modestly entered the fray (Look out for them!). San Diego has not yet been heard from. In the event the extreme north or the extreme south are unable to field full 8-man teams, it is contemplated that the match will be

Southern California vs. Northern California, with the north getting all of the talent north of a line from the center of Fresno to the center of San Luis Obispo. If on the other hand, there are four full teams, there will be a two round determination of the team championship.

We are advising you of the matches this far in advance so that you might enter the dates on your calendar, and so that the event can become an officially scheduled State Bar function. More specific information, as well as R.S.V.P. cards, will be sent out in late August. Please start your conditioning early this year.

Co-Captains,
Joseph Shane and Gary B. Lovell

Oregon . . .

The fourth-seeded team of John Foster and Jack Scrivens of the Portland Multnomah Athletic Club won the Oregon doubles handball tournament held in Eugene May 10-11. Foster and Scrivens had eliminated Dennis Schalk and Gene Hughes of the Oregon Athletic Club 21-18, 21-11 to gain the finals against Bob Schoning and Ernie Johnson of the Multnomah Athletic Club. Schoning and Johnson had defeated Dick Fajer and Bill Thoren 21-15, 21-11 in the semi-finals.

In the championship match the finesse of Jack Scrivens and power of John Foster proved to be too much for the highly rated Portland team of Schoning and Johnson; Scrivens and Foster decisively won 21-8, 21-18.

Grand Forks, N. Dak. Presents Ideal Format For Hinder Club Organization

Blanket USHA Membership

Covered Under Club Fees

GRAND FORKS HINDER CLUB

To all handball players in the Grand Forks area:—
Following the handball movie in February, Ralph Thornton appointed the five of us as an organizing committee, to put together a Grand Forks handball club. This letter is to declare that the Grand Forks Hinder Club has been born and to invite your membership.

Major activities will be tournaments (local, out-of-town, and ladder) and training (clinics and movies). We also hope to generate some wifely support by nominating all wives as "Honorary Members," and this might lead to an informal social get-together once a year or so.

We hope that the club will be informal in nature—a burden to nobody, and good fun and better handball for everybody.

Dues will be \$3 per year, of which \$2 is for personal membership in the U. S. Handball Association. The organizing committee gave special study to this point. We see so many advantages to USHA membership that we have made it mandatory. Each member of our local club will receive a personal copy of USHA's excellent bi-monthly magazine, full of instructional information on handball and of news of handball tournaments and activities. We are sure that USHA membership for everyone will result in better playing and a better club. For those who are already USHA members, our dues will simply be \$1 per year, for various minor expenses.

Enclosed is a copy of the constitution, intended to be as simple as possible. It is always subject to change. An Executive Committee, a President and a Secretary-Treasurer, are needed right away. Unless there is objection, we appoint ourselves as the Executive Committee, Chuck Boley as President, and Dale Youngern as Secretary-Treasurer. Chuck and Dale will handle the administrative mechanics of getting the club under way, but the real workhorses will be the Tournament Chairman and the Training Chairman. We will appoint these men as soon as the membership shapes up. We would like to have volunteers, plus your ideas, suggestions, and comments.

We are aiming for another movie before summer, and perhaps we can work in a quick match with Fargo. We can get ladder tournaments going at each of our three playing centers—this ought to give us a good method for local ratings. Dick Lawyer ran a week-end singles tournament at the Air Base on April 12 and 13 trophies were awarded—no entry fee.

Now is the time to become a charter member of the Grand Forks Hinder Club by sending your three bucks (or one buck if you are now a USHA member) to Dale Youngern, 1520 Robertson Court, Grand Forks. Good Shooting!

The Organizing Committee—
Pederson, Youngern,
Burke, Lawyer, Boley

GRAND FORKS HINDER CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. Organization

a. This organization shall be called the Grand Forks Hinder Club.

b. The objective of the Club shall be to improve the level of handball playing in the Grand Forks area. Among possible activities toward this end are sponsorship of local tournaments and training clinics, participation in tournaments with neighboring handball clubs, sponsorship of skilled local players in out-of-town tournaments, and occasional meetings to discuss handball techniques or to view handball films.

2. Membership and Duties—

a. Regular Membership is open to any man in the Greater Grand Forks area who is interested in handball. Regular Members are encouraged to play handball at frequent intervals and are required to be members of the U.S. Handball Association. Each Regular Member has one vote.

b. Honorary Membership is open to the wife of any Regular Member. The duty of each Honorary Member is to provide soothing words and liniment to her husband after he has played a hard match. Honorary Members have no vote.

3. Officers and Duties—

a. Executive Committee. There shall be a six-man Executive Committee, consisting of two Regular Members each from the Grand Forks YMCA, the University of North Dakota, and the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Three Committeemen (one each from the above) shall be elected by the Regular Members, preferably during October, November, or December. Terms of office for Committeemen shall be two calendar years and shall overlap. The Executive Committee shall handle all administrative actions of the Club and shall designate all Officers of the Club, as stated below. Terms of office for officers shall be one calendar year.

b. President. The President shall be designated by the Executive Committee from among its own members. He shall preside at meetings and shall perform other duties normal to his office.

c. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be designated by the Executive Committee from among its own members. He shall handle all problems related to money and finances. He shall have the authority to open a bank account for the Club; if he does so, his signature alone shall be sufficient on checks and other fiscal documents of the Club. He shall serve without bond.

d. Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Chairman shall be designated by the Executive Committee from among all Regular Members. He shall coordinate all problems relating to tournaments, both local and out-of-town.

e. Training Chairman. The Training Chairman shall be designated by the Executive Committee from among all Regular Members. He shall coordinate all problems relating to training, such as clinics by skilled handball players and movie films on handball.

4. Dues—

a. Annual dues for each Regular Member shall be three dollars, of which two dollars shall be for annual dues to the U. S. Handball Association. Exception: For a Regular Member who is currently a member of the United States Handball Association, annual dues shall be one dollar.

b. Annual dues for each Honorary Member shall be encouragement to her husband in his handball playing.

5. Amendments—

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of Regular Members who are present at any regularly-called meeting.

Montana Medico Gives Handball Approval Stamp

By DR. C. P. BROOKE

Not long ago the Missoula Handball Association was formed in this small Montana University town. This Association, although composed of a cross-section of the community, was mainly middle-aged professional and businessmen. This group had one thing in common, and that was knowledge, from youth of the game of handball, and a desire to exercise and keep reasonably fit.

Strangely enough, this city of 40,000 people had no handball courts. Finally two "almost" regulation four-wall handball courts were constructed. The enthusiasm of the players was great, so much so that many of the wives of the older age group were concerned lest their husbands suffer a heart attack in this competitive sport. Their suspicions were not allayed when a fireman, in his 40's, dropped dead while playing handball in the capital city of Helena and a second death occurred in a handball court in Spokane. A third death of a rather young businessman in a Missoula gymnasium did not help matters. Apparently the man was playing some basketball, with handball sandwiched in. For these reasons I thought it would be wise to see just how much strain handball placed on the heart of the middle and older age groups.

Further impetus was given to this study by the statement of Dr. Brian J. Sharkey, PhD., Assistant Professor of Health and Physical Education of the University of Montana. In a physiology seminar at Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Sharkey suggested that stressful exercise for the prevention of coronary heart disease might be more harmful than beneficial. He did not single out handball as a stressful exercise, but it is a competitive sport; the stress would be in relationship to the personal competitiveness and emotional nature of the individual player.

Thirteen players, whose mean age was 49, and the range 37-71, agreed to engage in this study. Most of these 13 men are executives; the 71-year old man is a retired Internal Revenue agent. The weight, height, and a short medical history were recorded on each participant. White Blood Count, Hemoglobin, Differential, and Cholesterol was performed on each person. All of the 13 subjects have "arm chair" executive positions with the exception of a plumber, who works not only in a supervisory and executive capacity, but also as an actual hard-working plumber, and the retired Internal Revenue man.

Electro-cardiographic heart tracings (12 lead) were taken of the player resting, i.e. before exercise. Then a repeat



DR. C. P. BROOKE

Electro-cardiographic tracing (12 lead) was taken immediately following a hard singles game of handball, or two or three double games. All 13 had normal Electrocardiographs before exercise. The Electrocardiograph, taken immediately after a purposely vigorous game of handball, demonstrated no serious heart strain in any of the individuals. It is granted that the 71-year old player did not exercise as vigorously as the younger players. Nevertheless, he did work up a state of perspiration and increased heart rate. Strangely enough, four individuals in the younger age group between 37-40, demonstrated some irregularities in their electrocardiograph which required a repeat graph and consultation with a heart specialist. It was agreed that the Electrocardiograph changes were minimal and not indicative of heart stress or portentous of future trouble. Only two of the group of 13 were overweight. Their bone structure and weight history would suggest that this is a family characteristic and they were not as obese as the scales indicate. None of the blood cholesterol were abnormally high, and were, in fact, substantially lower than a random cross section of executives of the same age group.

The participants in the test indicated they sleep better, feel better, concentrate better, and have more zest for living since they began regular handball exercise. Only one of the subjects smokes regularly. Some of these participants play golf in the Summer and handball in the Winter; approximately half of them play handball the year around. None of the

subjects are exercise "nuts" or make a fetish of body building. (The only morbidity resulting from playing handball four to six times a week has been sprained ankles, 6; sprained backs, 3; torn knee ligaments, 2; bruised and sprained fingers, 7; lacerated lip requiring three sutures; shoulder bursitis, 2. None of these have been serious, none required more than a few weeks' cessation of play.)

It is obvious that the build-up of business frustrations, home problems, and the harmful accumulative antagonisms of modern living all evaporate when the players start slamming the handball and hear the "pop" against the wall.

One word of warning! A person can overdo any exercise and injure his heart. Exercise designed to benefit a heart and prevent coronary heart disease can injure and cause a heart attack when not tailored to the individual's health and capabilities. For the competitive man, handball can and may put a terrific and sudden strain on the heart. Handball, or any form of exercise, to be beneficial and not dangerous to the heart, should be performed regularly and moderation observed at all times. It would appear to this writer that this age group of non-professional, non-career handball players should not engage in tournaments, where a maximum competitive effort is demanded of the players. It is my opinion that tournament play, even friendly intra-group tournament play, is too exciting and demanding for the middle-aged heart. Handball incorporates all the exercise of walking, jogging, and sprinting, plus the fun of the contest game and the waiting hot shower!

NOTE:

Handball is an economic sport in that it requires so little equipment and such a short amount of time to get a satisfactory and beneficial workout.

Since the writing of this article one of the 13 men suffered a heart attack while playing handball. This fact does not change the writer's opinion or any of his statements. The player was taken immediately to a nearby hospital and I expect will be playing light handball, or performing some form of exercise within a year. Since his heart attack was inevitable, only the time and place being unknown, what better place to have a heart attack than around other healthy people, telephone and transportation immediately available, and not far from a hospital?

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER: that lack of exercise, too much weight, and smoking, are more conducive to heart attacks than exercise.

Canadian Handball Association Special Section

Province Tournaments Wind Up Biggest Season

Western Canada . . .

ALBERTA Provincial Handball Tournament — Lethbridge.

Singles — D. Moor; Doubles — M. Fillion — W. Kondrosky; Masters Doubles — S. Swartz — D. Kushner.

CALGARY, Alberta Winter Games.

A Singles — Chris Ripplinger; A Doubles — W. Bunker — Jim Thompson; B Singles — Bob Lucas; B Doubles — Norm Yellowlees — Hal Linegar; C Singles — Martin Cummings; C Doubles — Roger Borchert — Jim Payley.

SASKATCHEWAN Open.

Singles — M. Fillion; Doubles — R. Dixon — E. Walsh; Masters — R. Dixon — D. Kushner.

All tournaments were enjoyed by the participants. The two major cities of Southern Alberta have added two new handball courts in brand-new YMCA quarters. The Lethbridge crew were very happy to have the "provincials" in their city.

D. V. CURRIE

Calgary has acquired two new handball courts and subsequently formed a handball club known as the Calgary Handball Club. To date we have approximately 70 members and are looking forward to increasing this number to over 100 members next year. Our executive consists of Alan Day, secretary-treasurer, Ian Patterson, vice-president, and myself as president.

In February and March we held two very successful tournaments; one, our Club and City Tournament and the other, an Alberta Winters Game Invitational tournament in which teams from Edmonton and Lethbridge and two teams from Calgary competed. The results:

CALGARY CITY TOURNAMENT.

A SINGLES — Chris Ripplinger over Jerry Williams 21-4, 20-21, 21-14; A DOUBLES — Willard Bunker and Jim Thomson over Mel Lyle and Chris Ripplinger 17-21, 21-5, 21-6; B SINGLES — Merv Kneilson over Bob Lucas 21-7, 21-15; B DOUBLES — Jim Westerman and Ray Belway over Doug Brown and Bud Malette 21-11, 21-9; C SINGLES — Terry Evenshen over Jack Deitrich 21-19, 11-21, 21-16; C DOUBLES — Terry Evenshen and Dennis Tatera over Murray Luft and Gordie Karch 15-21, 21-17, 21-18.

GEORGE BESTIANICH

The Saskatchewan Open handball championships culminated with the tournament members being guests of Molson's Brewery at a St. Patrick's Day Ball, March 15.

The green decor was not in any way associated with the play, as it was hot and heavy with Edmonton walking off with the major awards.

In the Singles championship, it was Moe Fillion, Edmonton, over Stan Fisher of the host Regina YMCA Handball Club, 21-18, 7-21, and 21-3. The action in this game was very fast, but a crucial bit of inconsistency in the final game meant defeat for Fisher, and a boost of confidence for Fillion and Edmonton, winning the CKRM Radio trophy.

The doubles winners were Ed Walsh and Bob Dixon, Edmonton, defeating Moe Fillion and Dave Kushner, fellow teammates.

The Masters event, and the Roger's Lumber Trophy went to Dave Kushner and Bob Dixon, Edmonton.

There were a total of 25 entrants in this three-day affair which features any player entering two events if he so wishes. The added extra's included a social hour after the official registration, a "loser's nite" on the Friday evening for all players not in the championship games and video-tape highlights of many matches.

The consolation singles winner for all those who lost in the first round was Bob Todd of Regina, and the "most sportsmanlike" player award went to Art McAvoy, Regina.

Players making the semi-finals in singles play were: Jack Potter, Regina; Stan Fisher, Regina; Phil Gordon, Edmonton; Moe Fillion, Edmonton. In the doubles semi-finals, it was Ed Walsh and Bob Dixon over Jack Potter and Jack Seed in three games, and Moe Fillion and Dave Kushner over Stan Fisher and Jim Ray, Regina, in three games. Nick Laturnus, Regina, lost to Bob Todd in three games in the consolation singles event.

Next year's tournament is a must for those who are planning on being in Western Canada during March, as it has proved to be one of the best hosted, supported and operated tournaments in Canada.

STAN FISHER

Toronto . . .

Pat Kirby and Ed Keshen defeated Mickey Unroth and Jack Kwinter for the YMHA A doubles.

First game was close with Mickey serving very strong and Jack playing steady on the right and they took the first game 21-18.

Second game was no contest as Kirby and Keshen found the range and pounded out a win 21-3 to tie the match. Third game was a real cliff hanger, Pat and Ed sneaking through 21-20.

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The same week West End Y played their Club A doubles. Barry Leech and Joe McCann came out on top, beating Stan Kray and Harold McClean in three.

Joe played the left side and but for a little trouble from ceiling shots kept the ball in play. Barry on the right very strong and going for kills at every chance. Both teams had a lot of opportunities and apart from Barry's roll outs, everyone was content to volley. A long, drawn-out match which lasted over 2 hours. Final scores were 16-21, 21-7 and 21-16. Stan Bargman did the refereeing and as always did an able job — whenever he wasn't chewing on his pipe.

HAROLD McCLEAN, secretary
TORONTO Handball Association

Stan Kray is top dog in Toronto West End Y singles. Ray Reno extended Kray in the final of Toronto West End Y Club singles last week. Kray won first game 21-14 and then got bombed 1-21 in second. After a shaky start in the third game Stan settled down to some roll out kills and finally defeated Ray 21-15.

Reno defeated Barry Leech to gain finals while Kray beat Bernie Krill.

The Toronto Valentine Handball Club recently completed three tournaments — Club A Singles, Club B Singles and their very fine Junior Tournament.

In the A singles Sergeant Ed Chalmers, Toronto Police Force, lost to Owen Maher in three. Al Wandich extended Tello Bongelli the distance before Tello could claim the B Championship. For the short time these two players have been playing they certainly put on a fine

show. Look out in the A next year.

Mike Gaglione won the Junior title defeating Joe Valentine two of out of three. It is nice to see the young fellows playing so well. This league was started by the fathers bringing their boys to the Club and under the direction of Chalmers and Pat Valentine the league has really flourished. Congratulations fellows on a successful season.

The Valentine Court started out as recreation for the Valentine brothers — Buffey, Jim, Pat, Rudy and Ed. In the building that houses the Valentine Construction Co. there was some spare space in the cellar and the brothers, having played handball at school, decided to convert this into a handball court. Since then they have added a steam, bath and showers. The court is also used for paddleball with Buffey, Jim and Rudy tops in that league.

Chalmers is the handball organizer for the club and does a tremendous job for the players.

HAROLD McCLEAN

The Ontario YMCA tournament was hosted by Hamilton YMCA this year. The singles final was a carry over from last year with the same two players in the finals. Al Rundes, Hamilton, defeating Barry Leech in two, 21-7 and 21-11. Rundes, a former left-handed baseball pitcher in the St. Louis Cardinal chain, sure can crack a ball with his left hand; has good anticipation and a steady enough off hand to keep the ball in play.

The doubles was won by Carl Manna and Stan Bargman, West End Y, over Bert Stirling and Alf Williams, 21-9 and 21-17. Stan and Carl have played in a lot of tournaments and have just finally started to click.

Chicago . . .

Ravenswood YMCA (1725 W. Wilson) completed its most successful "house" tournament recently. Tony Reitingger took the A singles over Frank Chapp, and then the two paired to win the A doubles over Bob Schumacher and Leonard Brown. Joe Bossellino won the B singles over Arthur Novit. The A-B doubles was won by Reitingger with Peter Walsh. Schumacher was runnerup with Marvin London, and third place was taken by Frank Higgins and Paul Krity.

The success of the tournament is credited to the fine work of the committee: Frank Higgins, Tony Reitingger, Arthur Novit.

Note: This is probably the first mention this YMCA has gotten in ACE. Many times such facilities are overlooked

Great Lakes Tourney . . .

The annual Great Lakes Tournament held at Erie, Pa., April 26-26. This tournament is always attended by Toronto players and this year was no exception. There were 50 players in the singles and 17 doubles teams.

In the semi-final singles competition Len Tomczak, Erie, beat Barry Leech, Toronto 21-11 and 21-15. Al Drews, Cleveland, downed Vince Flowers, Erie, 13-21, 21-8 and 21-12.

The finals played to a full house (they have glass on one side wall). Drew using a soft serve to the left side, paced himself to a big lead 18-11. Tomczak put on a hard drive to bring the score close at 19-17. Many times Drews left hand got him out of trouble and he finally won 21-18. Second game same pattern except Len looked a little tired. Drews looking sharper going for his shots won pulling away, 21-13.

The doubles was an all-Canadian final with Al Rundes, Hamilton, teamed with Harold McClean, Toronto, defeating Ron Sibbald and Bill Allen, Toronto, 21-9 and 21-15.

In the semi-finals Sibbald and Allen defeated Joe McCann and Jack Swanson, Toronto, in a thrilling match, 21-11, 17-21 and 21-19. Rundes and Co. coasted through Keith Ashby and Dr. Al Smith, Rochester, 21-7 and 21-6 to gain the finals.

As usual Bill Daisley and his crew did an excellent job of running this difficult week-end tournament. Would also like to mention a word of praise to the wives and friends who prepared such a delicious buffet on the Saturday.

Texas . . .

Racquetball Intra-City

Held at Abilene YMCA

The first of a continuing series of intra-city Racquetball tournaments was recently completed with Paul J. Fike, physical director of the Abilene YMCA, defeating Eddie Hodges in the finals—21-11 and 21-3.

Dyess Air Force Base sent 17 combatants in the fray to augment the YMCA members. While still in its infancy, racquetball is taking over like "gang busters" in this West Texas city.

However, the more hearty and dyed-in-the-wool handball buffs are still considering themselves purists and sticking to their ancient and honorable method of striking the ball with the hand.

In line with bringing new blood into both sports, Fike and Mort Spiegel, handball and racquetball committee chairman, are setting up classes for high school and college students interested in developing skills along these lines.

Paul also teamed with George Yonge in winning the local YMCA "A" doubles handball tournament. He then proceeded to win the "A" singles handball tournament as well. This, along with the racquetball championship, gives him a clean sweep of all the local tournaments to date. We believe we have a contender here and invite some of the traveling talent to drop by and play our gladiator.

MORT SPIEGEL

because none of the players enter the city or regional competitions. But, remember this is your publication and we're wide open for news.



RAVENSWOOD YMCA . . . Pictured are A singles finalists in tournament held at Chicago facility — (l to r) — Tony Reitingger, winner; Frank Clapp, runnerup; Frank Higgins, tournament chairman.

S. California Association Has Own Guide & Directory

The annual Southern California Handball Association Directory and Guide for 1969-70 is a well-done publication. It lists all of its members with their addresses, phone numbers and club affiliations. It covers six counties — Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside.

Officers of the SCHA area: Marty Singer, president; Syd Fields, vice president; Ralph Chism, secretary; Gary Lovell, treasurer; Alex Boisseree, consultant.

Aims and purposes of the SCHA:

1. To form a Southern California fraternity of players and enthusiasts.
2. To form an association devoted exclusively to the promotion of handball.
3. To organize a completely self-governed sport of, by, and for the players.
4. To foster a youth program in handball.
5. To encourage the installation of handball facilities.
6. To conduct handball events in the best interests of the contestants.
7. To maintain the SCHA as a responsive, responsible amateur organization.

Benefits Of Current SCHA Membership:

1. Entitles holder to one copy of Membership Directory and Guide;
2. Required for participation in SCHA inter-club league play;
3. Required for participation in any SCHA regional tournament.

Membership in SCHA is \$2 for the 2-year period from Sept. 1, 1969 to Sept. 1, 1971, or any part thereof.

The Association lists rules for inter-club play. They follow USHA rules and its five officers make the final determination in any league dispute.

Team match consists of two doubles matches and two singles matches, with each such match being decided on the basis of two out of three games of 21 points each.

Entries consist of A, B or C classification and are accepted from any club, YMCA, community center or other association having at least two indoor courts located in the six counties.

Each team has a captain who must submit to the SCHA president at least two weeks before the season begins a roster of no more than 10 players (6 regulars and 4 alternates);

"if it becomes necessary, during the season, to use a player or players not on this roster, the team captain must get permission to do so from the SCHA president at least one day prior to the match for which said players will be used.

At least one week prior to the beginning of the season a league meeting is held for the purpose of approving the rosters. In any dispute as to whether a player belongs in a higher classification than that in which he is entered the final decision shall be made by the five officers of the SCHA or by any three who shall constitute a quorum.

A player cannot participate in both singles and doubles. The pairing of individual matches shall be done as follows: The host team captain shall first identify his 1st and 2nd singles players and his 1st and 2nd doubles players. The visiting team captain may thereafter designate his singles and doubles players in any order he sees fit.

Any player may move upward in classification (from C to B, or from B to A) as a fill-in on any given night. But once said player has played three matches on the higher team he shall not revert to the lower team.

Once a player has participated in league play as a representative of a specific club he shall not thereafter during the season transfer or represent any other league club (except extenuating circumstances which requires a unanimous vote of all available SCHA officers). Fee for entering league is \$15 per team. Trophies are awarded for three places in all leagues, except that in the event of two or more divisions in a single classification fourth place trophies are also awarded. With two or more divisions a playoff amongst the top two teams of each division are held one week after the end of league play.

The SCHA also conducts six tournaments — Contenders singles and doubles, open singles and doubles, and Masters singles and doubles and climaxes with an awards banquet. The events are scheduled from January through April. There are other open tournaments held in the California area.

The booklet lists the four-wall champions from 1956-1969. All handball facilities in Southern California are also listed along with the handball commissioners, locales of the facilities and phone numbers.

Official USHA rules are included in the booklet, making it a complete "must" for all area players

GAME SAVED MY LIFE . . .

(From page 7)

able especially for busy people. I have proved it.

I sincerely believe had I maintained my regular daily routine in recent years, my recent serious illness could have been avoided. Through the years I have assumed more and more responsibilities with Austin Steel, of which I am now Secretary-Treasurer, member of the Board of Directors and a member of the Executive Committee and a major stockholder. In this capacity I have become involved with several local, State and National Trade Organizations as an officer, Chairman or Committee, crusading for one cause or another affecting our industry. I have also been involved in the writing, promoting and passing State

and National legislation which affect the Construction Industry. This work required much travel, attending an endless number of meetings, conventions, etc. The time required encroached more and more upon my regular program to the point where I rarely ever allowed myself to play handball regularly during the past few years. This has been the biggest mistake of my life. As a result of many pressures, irregular schedules, too little exercise and too little rest and relaxation during the past year, my weight suddenly shot up to 188 pounds. I developed high blood pressure and ultimately suffered two heart attacks.

Back to Health

Since Jan. 11, when I was released from the hospital my weight had been reduced to 160 pounds. My last two X-Ray pictures show my heart to be of

normal size and my last two electrocardiograms according to my doctors look as if I had never suffered a heart attack. However, this does not constitute a guarantee.

Beginning Jan. 11, I began walking two blocks daily.

I considered myself extremely fortunate to be alive and to have had the opportunity to attend the National Handball Tournaments in Austin this year, simply as a spectator. As one who has rubbed shoulders with death, I have a word of advice to young and older handball players. It is this: If you wish to enjoy handball for as many years as I have, do everything in moderation and avoid the temptation of play "just one more game" when you know you are tired. You may be playing with heart attack symptoms without recognizing them, as I did. All the best to all of you.

Andy Anderson Passes Away

The short, terse Western Union wire came to us May 15; "We regret to announce that after a long illness M. K. (Andy) Anderson passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 1969. W.A.C., Seattle, Wash."

Andy Anderson, one of too few in our world of handball, who gave so much to the game . . . promoting, serving so well our Association. Andy was the first to fully realize the dire need for eye protection and painstakingly developed his patented M-K Athletic Eye Guard that has progressively gained a national market.

I was proud to count Andy as a dear friend and often talked to him on the phone about various handball business. He was more than a gracious host when we held the 1963 nationals at the Washington A.C., and then the national contenders in 1967 there. We could always count on this dedicated man to come through for us. When we started the regional tournament format he was most instrumental in switching over the traditional Pacific Northwest tournament to the USHA banner.

I cherish most the good humor that Andy always exuded. Who could forget the manner in which he opened the welcoming breakfast orientation meeting at the '63 nationals? Andy got up and said, "Let's start off things with a bang," and pulled out a starter's pistol and fired it in the air. It was still too early for a lot of the handballers and that shot jolted them right out of their seats.

Andy operated a one-man assembly line in turning out the eye guards and we were amazed at the thoroughness in which he had personally organized this small plant. He showed us through the intricate works and then showed us records of steadily increasing business. He then hurried us back to his house where he gave such tender care to his beloved cat.

We must now remove M. K. Anderson from our title page of ACE listings under USHA Officers. Andy was our Pacific Northwest Commissioner.

As a friend and bulwark of the Players' Fraternity — Andy, we'll miss you.

MORT LEVE

Need Competition . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

I'm doubtful if you remember our club here on the east coast, but I do remember you and your association with handball throughout the years. We here at Norfolk eagerly await ACE. Our Club consists of 35 men under the recreation director, Paul Pender, former middleweight champ of the world, and Jack M. A. McCarthy, who works under Pender as coach of Norfolk Club.

In 1968 and 1969 this Club has beaten every team that has come before us with a winning record of 128 wins and 23 lost. This year we have so far totaled 73 wins and no losses. We have four courts of three walls and can only play up until it snows. But we are lucky to get in at least ten months of the year. Our club is incarcerated under the Norfolk Correctional Institution of Massachusetts.

We've been playing outside clubs for the past two years now, thanks to Clifford Fitzpatrick, Paul Pender and John Pritze. We have only a few teams that come in to play us. Maybe you can give us a listing of some of the clubs in the Boston and surrounding towns.

Maybe with this in your "Letters" we might add a few more clubs to our list. In the April issue I was happy to see some nice writeups about the Canadian Clubs as I'm a Canadian. From a man who values handball.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE HANDBALL...

The CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (May 2, 1969) featured, "Handball growing as college sport". Harry Molter, who authorized the piece is Midwest sports correspondent for the Monitor and a resident of Lake Forest. He plays in the College's Sunday morning doubles league.

Molter interviewed Mike Dau, who initiated the handball program at Lake Forest College with the opening of three courts in a new sports complex building this season. In addition to coaching football and baseball Mike has a fledgling four-man handball team that wound up second to University of Miami (Florida) in the recent nationals held the last two days of the USHA week-long annual classic at the University of Texas. The quartet representing Lake Forest are all former Junior USHA players. . . "Coach Dau 'recruited' the Yee twins (Wes and William) after reading about them one day in ACE magazine, the USHA's journal." Mike also brought in Steve Jamron from Miami Beach and Dave Smith from St. Louis.

To help promote intercollegiate handball Dau took his team on a six college tour last Winter. 'We played at Michigan, Kent State, Ohio University, University of Pittsburgh and at both Service academies, Army and Navy,' said Dau. The Foresters won all six matches."

"The tour was sponsored in part by the USHA. 'Bob Kendler, who is president of the USHA and lives in Lake Forest, is the man responsible for promoting interest in handball at the college level,' Dau explained. 'Our goal is to have handball accepted by the NCAA as a varsity sport.' Mike figures this might be five to ten years away mainly because there is a lack of qualified instructors and a need to further standardize the court sizes. 'Too often we find enthusiasm among students unbelievable but support from the athletic department virtually nonexistent unless someone happens to like handball.'"

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Short Shots

The Albany, N.Y., Central YMCA held the State four-wall championship in singles and doubles. West Side N.Y. Y's Livingston Baker set some kind of record (*Fresno please doublecheck*) of playing 20 games in 24 hours. Baker lost to Jack Walsh in the finals, 21-7, 13-21, 21-11. In the semis Walsh had eliminated Richie Greenwald, of West Side Y, 21-13, 21-10. Walsh represents the New York A.C.

Baker had beaten teammate Jack Weintraub, 21-16, 21-13.

In doubles Pat O'Keefe and Jim Fitzgerald, West Side Y, beat Baker and Greenwald, 21-3, 14-21, 21-19.

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West Side Y house tourney — Baker beat M. Sklar, 21-9, 21-10. Baker beat Ted Gewerty in the semis, 21-13, 17-21 and injury default. Sklar beat Brendan O'Boyle, 21-16, 21-20. It was a fine tournament conducted by John Van Esen.

White Plains YMCA won the city Y championship, headed by the superb playing of John Brinn.

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Meanwhile down at Flamingo Park in Miami Beach — The Bob Haas Memorial tournament was a Lewis family takeover. Fred won the singles over Joel Galpern and teamed with his younger brother Jackie to beat the vet team of Ralph Kaufman and Harold Hanft in two. Fred is 21, Jackie, 18. In the singles semis, Galpern beat Kaufman in two close game while Fred eliminated Stu Rubin. Rubin then won third place in a very close match with Kaufman.

MICHIGAN . . .

The Saginaw YMCA has doubled the number of handball courts by building two new courts. We have built the courts with several innovations in mind. (1) We installed Mercury Lamps to improve the lighting. (2) Instead of having slits in the doors for peek holes, we substituted small openings (size of a dime) equipped with magnifying glass similar to the ones used in new homes. (3) We left 3/8-inch expansion room in the ceiling and on the flooring with the hopes that this would eliminate the problem of the cement cracking.

The Saginaw Y offers a "Quickie Tournament" in February for its members and the tournament is enjoyed by all. Previously, with only two courts, we set up the Quickie Tournament in order to complete it in one weekend. The

Chicago Area

Lake Forest College completed its North Shore Handball League doubles play in three classes and then followed with a flexible playoff that allowed some substitutions and switches in partners for those unable to participate.

In the regular season: A League — Nevin Bowser and Dr. Leonard Stone tied for first place with the Lake Forest handball coach, Mike Dau, and his partner, Frank Larkin; both with 6-1 records. Jim DeGroote and Dale Ems deadlocked with Phil Chillow and Bob Blanc with 5-2; Dick Segil and Bob King were 4-3; Jack Kendler and Robert Kendler Jr. at 3-4; Jim Dallman and Bob Troyer along with Jim Annoreno and Vern McKinley, 0-7.

B League — Jay Bishov and J. Van Gorkom won undisputed first place with 10-0; Don Weber and Chuck Lechner, 9-1; George Olson-Jay Pierce, 8-2; Lou Smith-Gerry Goldsberry, 7-3, tied with Ralph Johnson-Harry Molter and Roland Casati and Doug Daley; Keith Davis-John Hanson and Ron Monark-Bill Currie at 3-7; Vince Levitsky- Lionel Silva at 1-9 with Charles O'Brien and Len Furman; Matt Grossi and Art Gustavson, 0-10.

tournament was in both paddleball and handball and the "Quickie" developed from the players scoring regardless of who was serving. I might suggest that other YMCA's set up Quickie Tournaments as players can play two or three matches in a day and not be completely exhausted, and then climax the tournament with a banquet and awards presentation.

The '69 Quickie Tournament consisted of 32 handballers and paddleballers and we're looking forward to even more participants in 1970 with more courts available for play. Players travelling in the Saginaw area are always welcome to drop in and play.

Eugene E. Sheets, Physical Director
Saginaw YMCA



see you in LOS ANGELES 1970

C League — Larry Greene-Graham Mitchell, 8-0; Warren DuBroff-Joe Krakora, 7-1; John Palandri-Dick Turelli, 6-2; Jerry Parker-Bob Walz, 5-3; Neil Cronin-Gerry Horn with Pete Spoehrer-Dick Giangorgi at 4-4; Harry Santostefano-Tom Elliott, 3-5; Bob Hinman-Jim Stang along with Chuck Franklin-Dave Parker, 0-8.

In the playoffs Coach Dau brought in three of his varsity team to participate. Wes Yee played with Dallman to win the A playoffs over Larkin and Steve Jamron, 18-21, 21-17, 21-20. Annoreno and Willie Yee took third over Jack and Robert Kendler Jr. 21-14, 21-17. Lechner and Weber won the B playoff over Pierce and Olson, 19-21, 21-12, 21-9. Casati and Daly took third over Johnson and Molter, 21-18, 21-9. In C Monark and Currie beat Turelli and Bob Prosek; third — DuBroff and Krakora over Greene and Mitchell by default.

Summer league play is planned for Monday and Thursday evenings and lessons will be available for boys 10 years of age and older. Dau can be contacted at the college.

Yambrick Regains Tall Corn; Obert Brothers Doubles

By ROD FARMER

All new champions were crowned at the 20th Annual running of the Des Moines YMCA Tall Corn handball tourney, May 2-4. The new slate of champions was indicative of the great entry.

The field was a star-studded one, highlighted by such standouts as Carl and Ruby Obert, Bill Yambrick, Stuffy Singer and Ray Neveau. The doubles competition was the finest local Hinder Club members have ever been privileged to witness.

Starting with the quarter-finals it was a slam bang affair with the Obert brothers becoming the gallery favorites with their great retrieving and shot making. The Oberts, making their first appearance at the Tall Corn, did not have a breeze as they captured the open doubles title. In their opener they met another set of brothers, Loras and Rocky Schlitz, Davenport. While losing 21-14, 21-12 the Schlitz tandem rose to the occasion and played about as well as they can. Bill McGreevey, Jr., and Rich Stanfield, St. Louis, settled down in the second game and played well in losing to the champs 21-5, 21-17. The semifinal tilt was the best doubles match of the tournament with Neveau and Tom Schoendorf the challengers. The first game was a see-saw affair with Carl and Ruby the eventual winners 21-16. Neveau got hot in the closing points of the second game and spearheaded a rally to pull the match even with a great 21-19 come from behind win. The fine second game effort seemed to tire both Neveau and Schoendorf and they went down quite easily in the third game 21-11.

The bottom bracket was being dominated by Stuffy Singer and Cy Abata, and last year's runners-up, Chicagoans Andy Upatnieks and Bob Koenig. Upatnieks and Koenig were carried to three games in the quarters by Aaron Fenster and Al Kaufman, St. Louis, 12-21, 21-13, 21-10. Singer, Los Angeles, and Abata, Chicago, teaming together for the first time met their first tough hurdle in the semi-finals against Upatnieks and Koenig. They held off a blazing Upatnieks to win the third game 21-18. The winners opened with a 21-12 victory but couldn't withstand the Upatnieks surge in the second game, losing 21-15.

In the Sunday open doubles finale it was the Obert brothers all the way, posting an impressive 21-11, 21-13 romp. They dominated play and will be wearing the newly-inaugurated gold blazer jacket awards around New York. The cham-

pions first trip to the Midwest was a triumphant one and local fans were not only impressed with their handball talents but also with their warm personalities off the courts.

Bill Yambrick, St. Paul, returned to the victory throne in singles, capturing Tall Corn number six with a final round breeze past fellow Twin Citian Dr. Gary Rohrer 21-1, 21-10. Yambrick, recovering from a bout with the flu, was on the ropes Saturday morning in a quarter-final battle with young Tom Kopaytic, Milwaukee. Kopaytic made quite an impression with the gallery when he stopped Yambrick 21-6 in the opening game of their match. Yambrick, while recovering from shell shock in the second game, found himself playing catch up, behind 19-13. He tied at 20-20 and Kopaytic, with the serve missed a kill opportunity, and Yambrick eked out a 21-20 win. The third game was all Yambrick as he ran out the match 21-10. The Yambrick-Kopaytic battle was the top singles match of the tourney and the hard-hitting Kopaytic will be heard from again and again if he continues his excellent progress.

The Jack McDonald-Yambrick semi-final was another crowd pleaser with McDonald having a win opportunity at 20-20 before letting Yambrick get away. The Joliet star wore down Yambrick and led most all the way before a late burst brought Yambrick even and the eventual win. The second game was a preview of what was to come on Sunday when Yambrick displayed a deadly kill game. It was no contest as Yambrick won 21-9. On Sunday during the final with Rohrer, Yambrick was devastating winning 21-1, 21-10. It wasn't that Rohrer was playing that badly, rather Yambrick really found the bottom board and went to work on it.

Local standout Dick Fedro representing the host Des Moines Hinder Club proved that he has just about licked his arm problems with a fine showing as he moved to the semifinals. Fedro stopped local playing buddy the Rev. Bob Keck in the quarters 21-18, 21-8. He led Rohrer 17-13 before running out of gas and eventually losing 21-17, 21-5. This was the first tournament ball Fedro had played since the last Tall Corn.

In the Master doubles, Milwaukeean Dick Wickersham regained the winning circle he had given up last year and won his second Tall Corn crown in three years. Wickersham played the previous two years with Gus Kopaytic. This year's championship was garnered with Jerry

Vanek and brought the Masters crown back to Milwaukee. During the five years the masters have been conducted only two cities have had winners, St. Paul with three titles and Milwaukee with two.

The interest demonstrated in past masters tourneys was instrumental in increasing the entry maximum from eight to 13 teams. The great play in the 40-45 age division certainly matched the interest of the participants.

The longest match of the tourney was the masters final between Wickersham-Vanek and Bernie Costello and Tony Tenerelli, Chicago. After sneaking in 21-20 the Milwaukee duo dropped the second game 21-14 before regaining control to win the match 21-12. Both finalists pretty well dominated their bracket. The surprise of the masters play was how easily Costello and Tenerelli eliminated the defending champions Paul Turner and Jim Tagney in the semi-finals 21-10, 21-14. Turner has won three championships, two with Steve Subak and the third with Tagney.

Tourney Notes: Tall Corn Chairman Ken Konkol did his usual excellent job and was capable assisted by assistant physical director George Riggins. . . The '69 tourney committee consisted of John Carr, Jack Davis, Dick Ernst, Milt Jorgerson, Andy Miller, Harold McCollum and Dave Readinger. A first at the Tall Corn was a tourney queen, Miss Andee Horak, a twenty-year-old junior at Drake University. Andee was a pleasing addition to the tourney festivities.

A tradition was inaugurated with the awarding of the championship blazers with the beautiful championship crest that is detachable when desired. Winners will be urged to wear their coats to future tourneys. Runner-ups did not fare too badly in receiving large Coleman outdoors coolers.

The fellowship night at Konkols also broke attendance records as did gallery attendance. Doris and Ken stopped counting they indicated at around the 100 mark. Speaking of records a total of 24 entries, unfortunately could not be handled. . . . Local tourney winners were recognized at the Saturday noon buffet for players and the tourney committee. It was an impressive trophy display. John Gilmore, popular St. Louisian, Paul Quigley, Kansas City and Jack Gordon, Chicago formed the entertainment committee at Konkol's. Readers that know these fellows realize that the evening was in capable hands. Next years' tourney dates have been tentatively set for the weekend of May 1, 2, 3.

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BROTHER STRATEGY . . . Othal confers with his brother Bill (l) in offices of Griffin and Brand in McAllen, Texas. Company ships out thousands of carlots of choice produce every year, and has now set up exporting office in London.

The Packer is a worldwide trade publication mainly concerned with the produce industry. Recently a full page picture layout headlined — "Othal Brand likes to unwind on the handball court."

Wayne Showers, a handball devotee cohort of Brand was kind enough to send in the feature . . . the copy reads, "Were you not an 'afficionado' of the sport, the last way in the world you would think of relaxing would be on the handball court. That tiny hard rubber ball is batted at unbelievable speed off four walls and is considered one of the most strenuous of physical activities. Nevertheless it is recommended as an excellent conditioner."

"To Othal Brand . . . a tall and lean Texan who prides himself on physical fitness . . . this is his favorite form of relaxation and he is on the court at least twice a week if his busy schedule will permit it."

Brand heads up Griffin and Brand of McAllen, Texas, with brothers Bill and Onas, and Jack Griffin. They grow and ship each year more than 6,500 carlots of onions, carrots, lettuce, potatoes, cabbage peppers, cantaloupes, watermelons and strawberries.

The handball outlet gives Othal the vigor needed to carry on his business operation along with his many civic works — chairman of the board of the University of Corpus Christi, chairman of the board of the General Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom in Brownsville; president of the Tip O' Texas Girl Scout Council, a member of the Baptist Foundation, Chairman of the Deacons of the local Baptist Church and a Bible Teacher. He is a past president and founding member of the Boys Club and past president of the McAllen school board.

"To keep up such a pace, Othal's friends say he's got to be a 'nut' on physical fitness."

Ritchie Singles Winner at Eugene, Ore.

John Ritchie, Oregon Athletic Club of Portland, won the Open Singles competition in the annual Oregon Handball Championships held in Eugene, April 26-27. In gaining the finals berth, Ritchie dumped Bob Schoning, Multnomah Athletic Club, 21-3, 21-8 in the semi-finals. In the finals, John faced last year's winner, also from the Oregon Athletic Club, Ken McQueen. McQueen, obviously tired from his early narrow victory over Tony Stromiello 21-19, 20-21, 21-20, couldn't keep up with John Ritchie's power and consistency and quickly faded in the third game of their match. Final scores were 16-21, 21-20, 21-8.

For third place in the Open Singles,

Schoning defeated Stromiello 21-5, 21-14. Bill Thoren, Salem, defeated Dick Berg, Klamath Falls, 10-21, 21-12, 21-11 to win the Open Singles Consolation bracket.

In Masters Singles, defending champion, Chuck Larson, Eugene, retained his title by defeating Wes Knapp, Portland, 21-12, 21-14. Vince Barrett, Albany, won the Consolation by beating Ken Wollenweber, Eugene.

This year's tournament attracted 42 of the top singles players in the state. The Eugene hosts, under the chairmanship of Larry Hunt, have to be given credit for a job well done.

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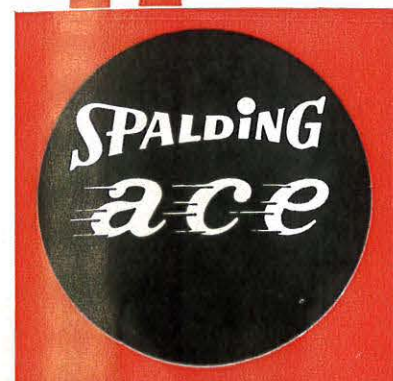
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To acknowledge the debt we have one to another is a virtue that brings its own reward. Expressing our gratitude to those around us blesses both the sower and reaper. There is no kindness that is more appreciated or less employed. Lest I too, foresake this virtue, this message is written. For no man walks alone.

From the very beginning, I made handball a family affair. All of us embraced it — my wife, my sons and even my business associates. What started out as a small family of friends became a nationwide fraternity as thousands of players added their strength to our sport. Because I have lived so long in the spotlight of handball, I feel all who have helped should know of my gratitude. To identify them, one by one, would be a monumental task. Each one of you know, as I do, the wonderful work you have done and these words are intended for you personally. Think of them as the only way I can tell you how deeply I appreciate your kindnesses.

I suppose Evie and I get more out of handball than anyone else. We see more tournaments, meet more people, and enjoy more fraternity than we really deserve. The way the handball families have opened their hearts and their homes to us is something of a miracle.

The honors that have been heaped upon me always leave me wondering why. For it is not hard to do what you enjoy doing more than anything else. There must be a hundred men more deserving than I and a thousand nearly so. No one man could accomplish what we have done — it took a team to do it. And we have a great team. We have every member of the Association on our Team. That's what did it.

For those of you who may not be aware — the coach on our team is Evie. She had more to do with making handball a family than I did. Every handball wife makes sacrifices — some make more. Evie is one that makes more — many, many more. For 25 years handball has governed her life, without protest. She has done countless kind things for others wives and for struggling players. Hers has been an unsung task unless you count the casual tributes I pay her in every talk I make.

I don't want anyone ever to think that I forgot to say thanks — that I failed to recognize all the good all of you have been to me. So to you dear player and to you little sweetheart — my thanks and my love. In the words of Goethe "We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."

BOB KENDLER

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