CANADIAN RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

RACQUETBALL NEWSLETTER

1975 ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
TUESDAY, JULY 15
AND
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

(For details see page 6)

1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

IN EDMONTON DURING KLONDIKE TENTATIVELY OVER BREAKFAST IN INN ON WHYTE, FRIDAY, JULY 18

WAYNE BOWES IS 1975 IRA OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION

WAYNE wins amateur singles in St. Louis.
(See details page 24)
CHARLIE BRUMFIELD over STEVE SEROT infinals of Pro-Division.

Photo by Harry Newfeld

1975 CANADIAN OPEN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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5th Annual Klondike Tournament

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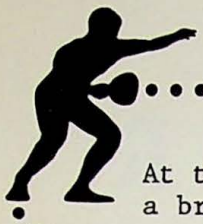

CANADIAN RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the time you are reading this Newsletter, probably many of you will be taking a brief summer break from Racquetball unless you intend to play in the Klondike Tournament or unless, like some of us, more than a few days off a court upsets your body chemistry and equilibrium.

Nevertheless the summer will be an active period for the CRA. Our Board of Directors will meet in Edmonton on July 15th to consider a wide variety of topics (see details on page 6 of this newsletter) and in particular a sweeping change to our constitution to bring it in line with developments in the past four years and current requirements. A report on the past year's activities and any required election of new officers will take place at an Open CRA Membership Meeting during the Klondike Tournament, probably over breakfast on Friday, July 18 (to be confirmed).

The Annual Klondike Tournament July 16-19 is now the Official Canadian Open as well and we are certain that this year's version will at least match and probably surpass the excellent competitions staged in Edmonton during the Klondike Celebrations since 1971.

The CRA has formally submitted an application to the Sport O'Keefe Foundation for financial assistance to stage a cross-Canada clinic conducted by two top IRA player-coaches whose major aim would be to provide interested Canadian players with the tools and expertise to then carry on clinics at a local level. We will know the outcome by the end of June and if successful, the program will take place in August-September.

Preparations are also underway in Winnipeg for the Canadian Closed Championship, to be played over Thanksgiving Weekend in October. We have already received Federal Government Funds for full return air-fares for Provincial teams as follows: BC-14, Alberta-15, Saskatchewan-6, Ontario-8, Quebec-12, New Brunswick-6, Nova Scotia-7. These numbers are to include one coach for each team, referees - two each from B.C., Alberta, and Quebec and one from Nova Scotia - and a Floor Chairman from Alberta. The competing players will have to be the top ones in each category and will be selected either in qualifying tournaments after the summer or on the basis of performance in the year prior to the tournament. This tournament will be a first in Canadian Racquetball and provide an opportunity for all our best players to come together.

Perhaps the best and most exciting news we have had in the past year at CRA is still of an unofficial nature, however, as it is virtually certain we would like to mention now that our application to have Racquetball entered as an official sport in the Canada Winter Games has apparently been accepted and each Province would then be fielding a team to compete in Winnipeg in 1979. This opens up many avenues, in particular added incentive for Provincial Sport Governing Bodies to now begin or increase support of racquetball in a provincial and local level.

In summation, racquetball is growing in Canada at an ever increasing pace and the outlook appears very bright. We thank all our members for their past support and look forward to continued support of CRA efforts in the future.

A pleasant summer to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

CANADIAN RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

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The CRA is in a position to gather the views and opinions of Racquetball Associations and players throughout Canada and present programs to the Federal Government. Financial assistance is available from Sport Canada to a federally recognized sport represented by an organized group. The CRA is currently recognized as the official governing body on a national level and Sport Canada funds were made available for the first time in 1974.

The objectives of the CRA are:

a) Through its executive and regional commissioners to promote the growth and exposure of racquetball in a uniform and organized manner on a national basis.

b) To fulfill a communication function for members by making available CRA Rules and Regulations, a bi-monthly newsletter detailing developments in the sport, a tournament schedule, reports on tournaments, feature stories, instructional articles, list of playing facilities, etc. Also, by providing historical data, instructions for organizing tournaments, etc., from the central data storage bank in Edmonton.

c) To present constructive programs to Sport Canada to obtain funds for the Annual National Tournament, for the Annual Directors' meeting and for other projects such as clinics.

d) To cooperate with Provincial Associations in meeting regional goals.

e) To cooperate with the International Racquetball Association in the areas of mutual interest and benefit to CRA members.

f) To act as a service organization to racquetballers initiating such things as promotion decals and crests, low cost tournament scorecards, information re court construction, playing equipment, etc.

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2) ELIGIBILITY for all CRA TOURNAMENTS.

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1. Tournament Name
2. Playing Site & Facilities
3. Eligibility
4. Ball
5. Entry Fee (and what it includes)
6. Entry Deadline
7. Events (any limits on number of entries)
8. Accomodations (including prices)
9. Mailing Address for Entries
10. To whom cheques should be payable.
11. Tournament dates and starting times
12. Who to contact for further information
13. Any other pertinent details.

We need the above at least two weeks before our target mailing dates: 1st of June, September, December and March.

OUR SPORTING STENO!

A special word of thanks to Linka Goshko who has been doing most of the secretarial work for the CRA head office this year and also typing for most of the articles for the Newsletter.

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Send everything to:

Ivan Velan
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DEADLINE FOR.....

Newsletter	Submissions	Mailing Dates
FALL	Mid August	September 1st
WINTER	Mid November	December 1st
SPRING	Mid February	March 1st
SUMMER	Mid May	June 1st

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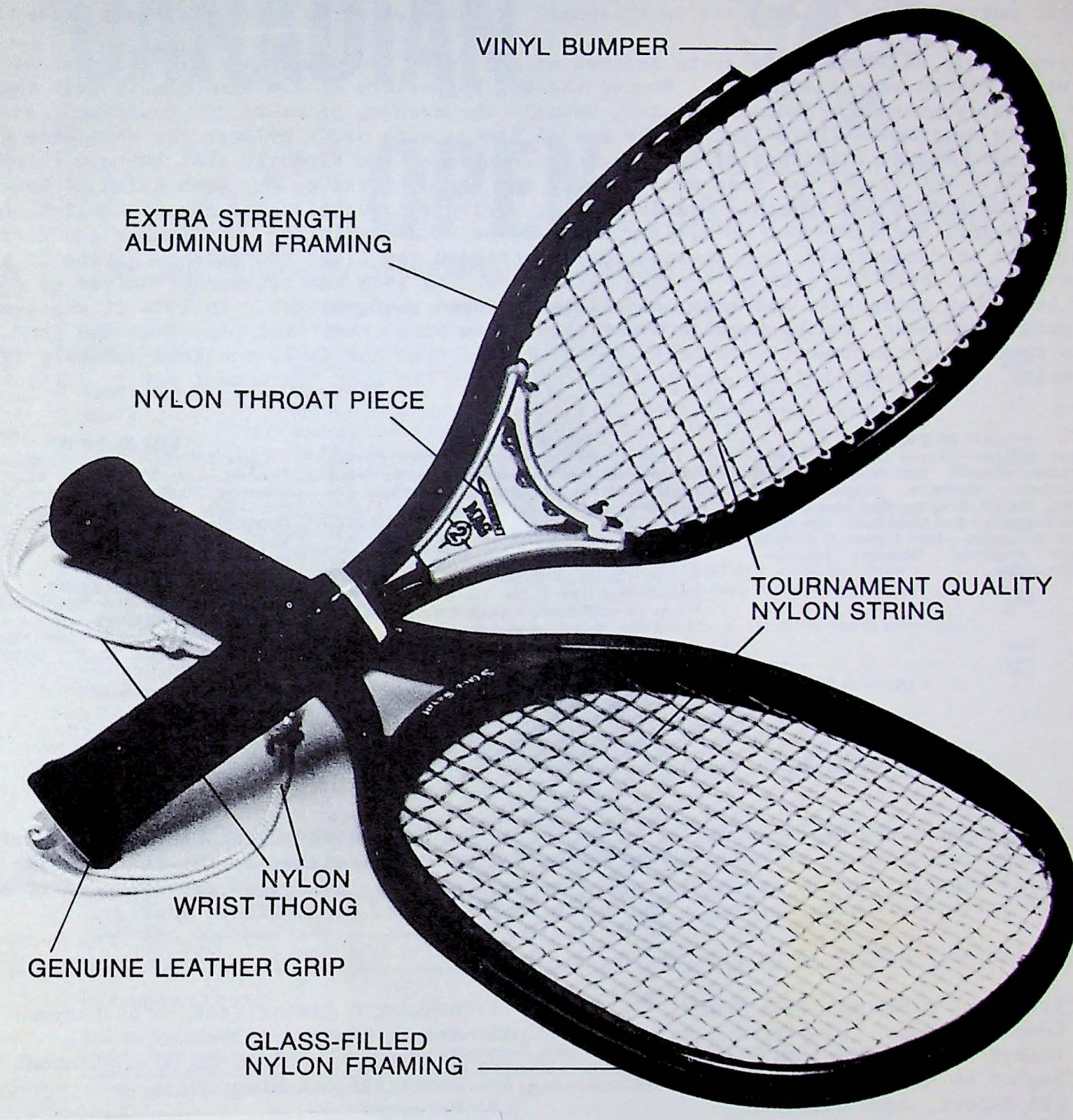

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THE KLONDIKE STORY

The Klondike Tournament became the brain child of John Kempo and Howie Rankin while they were at a tournament in Vancouver in the early spring of 1970. They were the only ones in attendance from Edmonton and were asked by the Vancouverites to arrange a tournament in Edmonton with guaranteed attendance by a good size contingent from Vancouver. In Edmonton, the situation was discussed with Ken Wilson and was decided that it might be a good idea to hold a fund type tournament, with a priority high on the hospitality side, in mid summer during Klondike days. It was questionable at the time whether a racquetball tournament could flourish in mid summer, however, since 1970 the tournament has become a top international tournament with participation by the top players in the game. Winners of prior years are shown below.

Approximately 20 Vancouver players arrived at the first tournament in 1970 and most of these 20 still return year after year. One of the big supporters of the Klondike is Herb Capozzi, who annually puts on a fantastic party, usually the evening prior to the tournament closing. After the tournament there is also the annual famous wine party held at the residence of John Kempo, former President of the CRA. It is also at the Klondike that the now famous Racquetball Nut Trophy has been awarded over the years, first to Mr. John Allen of Vancouver, one of the oldest gentlemen in Canada playing active racquetball, and then to Bill Dunn, Herb Capozzi, and last year to Manilyn Rankin. Dr. Bud Muehleisen, the father and first sportsman of racquetball, was invited to and attended the first tournament, giving it added prestige and there has been no looking back since. In 1973 the tournament served as a stage for both open categories and also competition, closed to Canadians. In 1974 it was again an open tournament, won by Charlie Brumfield of San Diego, the best player in the game today. This summer the tournament is officially the Canada Open and is to continue annually in that capacity. All racquetballers are looking forward to the best tournament yet in July.

1974 KLONDIKE

Open Singles—Charlie Brumfield. Open Doubles—Charlie Brumfield and Bud Muehleisen. Women's Singles—Peggy Steding. Senior Singles—Bud Muehleisen. Senior Doubles—Bud Muehleisen and Mark Wayne. B Singles—John Fabian. C Singles—Keith Anderson. Women's Novice—Dorothy Jeffery.

1973 KLONDIKE

Open Singles—Steve Strandemo. Open Doubles—Bill Schmidtke and Jerry Hilecher. Women's Singles—Peggy Steding. B Singles—Gary Cutmore. C Singles—Brad Kempo. Masters Singles—Don Wynn. Masters Doubles—Dale Pond and Herb Capozzi Canadian Closed Singles—Wayne Bowes. Canadian Closed Doubles—Wayne Bowes and Tim Filuk. Canadian Closed Women's—Ellie Bell. Canadian Closed Masters—Don Wynn.

1972 KLONDIKE

Open Singles—Charlie Brumfield. Open Doubles—Len Stream and Bill Thurman. Women's Singles—Linda Forcade. B Singles—Ron Starkman. Novice Singles—Doug Clark. Masters Singles—Don Wynn. Masters Doubles—Don Green and John Wagoner.

1971 KLONDIKE

Open Singles—Bud Muehleisen. Open Doubles—Bud Muehleisen and Howie Rankin. B Singles—Chuck Moser. Novice Singles—Clare Drake. Masters Singles—Don Wynn.

ANNUAL DIRECTORS MEETING

The Annual Directors Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15th beginning at 9 A.M. and Wednesday, July 16th in the morning only from 9 A.M. - noon either at the Inn on Whyte or The Royal Glenora Club in Edmonton. All Directors or their delegates are expected to be present early on Tuesday morning. The exact location will be confirmed shortly.

The Preliminary Agenda is as follows:

1. President's Report, Ivan Velan
2. Constitution
3. Report on Finances, Ken Wilson
4. Report on Membership, John Spencer
5. IRA Report, John Chambers
6. Brief Provincial Reports (Prov. Delegates)
7. Canadian Closed Tournament, Wes Hadikin or Vic Olshevski
8. Sport Canada or Sport Federation of Canada Representatives
9. Election of Officers
10. Tournaments for 1976
11. Ranking & Classification of Players
12. Annual Meeting 1976
13. Newsletter - Staff to be appointed
14. Clinics / Coaching
15. Referees
16. Provincial Associations
17. Publicity
18. Racquetball Equipment, especially balls
19. Budget for 1976 - 1977
20. Government Liason and Administration

1975 CANADIAN OPEN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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5th Annual Klondike Tournament

At The University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

JULY - 16, 17, 18, 19

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- **(All players to be ready for July 16, 8 a.m. play)**
- ENTRY FEE: ..... $18.00 for one event, $10.00 for second event (Limit 2 events)
- ELIGIBILITY: ..... Current 1975 CRA members (Canadian residents only) ALL entrants current 1975 IRA members.
- OFFICIAL BALL: .... Voit (Rollout) FACILITIES: 7 Courts, two with glass backwalls.
- RULES: ..... IRA rules and regulations apply. If two events entered, players may have back to back matches. ENTRIES MUST BE SIGNED.
- TROPHIES: ..... To first three places in each event, and first place Consolations.
- PLUS: ..... Consolations in all events excluding Senior Open and Senior Doubles. If you advise your arrival time, we will meet your flight.
- NOTE: ..... Entry fee is all inclusive (Banquet, hospitality rooms, souvenir, refreshments, finals viewing). Banquet July 19, 1975 at Kempo's. Banquet quests $8.00 each.
- ENTRY DEADLINE: .. In our possession by midnight July 4 Prescribed fee must accompany signed entry form. Entries received after the deadline or unsigned, or without the fee will not be accepted.
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TOURNAMENT NEWS

FEBRUARY TO MAY

CITY SWEETHEART INVITATIONAL, EDMONTON, FEBRUARY 14-16, 1975

On behalf of the West Edmonton YMCA, let me say "Thank You" for making this "First Annual Sweetheart Tournament" a great success. Despite early problems, things ironed themselves out quite quickly and we had a great time with some might fine racquetball being displayed. Here are the final results:

1. Winner: Don Crawford - University
2. Runner-up: Don Wynn - West YMCA
3. Consolation Winner: Ron Pawlowski - University
4. Consolation Runner-up: Bob Cristall - Royal Glenora

Team Standings:

1. University.....36 points
2. West YMCA.....23 "
3. Royal Glenora.....19 "
4. N.A.I.T..... 7 "
5. Downtown YMCA..... 0 "

We appreciate Mr. David Grossman, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the YMCA of Edmonton, taking time to come over and watch a few games and to present some awards on behalf of the Edmonton YMCA. We would also like to thank Mr. Bruce Campbell for sponsoring and presenting the team trophy on behalf of the Camwell Construction Company of which he is President. Many thanks also go out to all the gals who helped around the "Y" and to all the players and others who helped referee; without you the job could not have been done.

A new innovation - the "Most Sportsmanlike Player Award" was sponsored by Charlie Rae of the Rae Glass Company. The winner this year was Nick Bakay from N.A.I.T. Nick, a new player to the game of racquetball, and matched against players of considerable tournament experience, maintained an excellent standard of sportsmanship both on and off the court. We'll see more of Nick at future tournaments.

If we have missed someone, please accept our apologies. In closing, let me say "Thank You" to you all for a great job.

With thanks to David J. Cole, Program Supervisor, West YMCA.

Medicine Hat Open February 28, March 1 & 2

A recent Racquetball Tournamentwas staged in Medicine Hat the weekend of Feb. 28, March 1 and 2. Twenty-seven entries were accepted for the tournament, several of them coming from out of town.

In the Open Event, the winner was BARRY SHAVE from Medicine Hat, who defeated JIM FREEL from Lethbridge. In the Open Consolation BILL AARON from Medicine Hat defeated CLIFF STENGER from Medicine Hat. In the Novice Event, the winner was WILT THORSTEINSON who defeated ALLEN BARTON, and in the Novice Consolation, RICK BOSCHEE defeated STAN YORK.

Because of the limited court facilities in Medicine Hat it is sometimes difficult to stage a full tournament with Singles and Doubles events; however, the Medicine Hat Racquetball Club intends to stage 3 tournaments next year - 1 in the fall and 2 in the spring.

Lethbridge Open March 14-16

The Lethbridge Y.M.C.A. Racquetball Club held its 2nd Annual Lethbridge Open Tournament March 14-16. WAYNE BOWES, the present Canadian Champion was the A event winner and was awarded the Molson Cup. He defeated BOB DAKU two games to one to win the event. Results of the events are as follows:-

MENS A: WAYNE BOWES defeated BOB DAKU 21-16, 17-21 & 21-13.
CONSOLATION: JOHN ROBBINS defeated EV NOWLIN 21-12, 21-9.

MENS B: MURRAY PADDON defeated JIM FREEL 21-13, 21-6
CONSOLATION: DOUG MUNDELL defeated DUNC GILLESPIE 21-7, 21-12.

MENS C: DENNIS CONNOLLY defeated PHIL LEIER 21-9 , & 21-16
CONSOLATION: LYNN ROSAINE defeated JIM BORDER 21-15, 21-5.

SENIOR: LOGAN TAIT defeated PIC PICCINI 21-10, 21-11.
CONSOLATION: STAN PISKO defeated JACK PETTINGER 14-21, 21-6, 21-11

LADIES A: JANIE ABBOTT defeated JODY FRY 21-9, 21-10.
CONSOLATION: GERRY JENNINGS defeated DARLENE HUDSON 21-10, 21-13

THOMPSON WINS 5TH ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN OPEN

The 5th Annual Saskatchewan Open Racquetball Tournament was held at Regina YMCA March 20, 21, 22, 1975. Thirty-two contestants from Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw and Regina took part in 5 divisions: Open Singles, Open Doubles, B Singles, B Doubles, Masters Singles. Each singles division had a consolation event. The doubles divisions were run off in a round-robin with 3 points for a win and .1 for each point scored. Final results of the tournament were as follows:

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
Open Singles	Roald Thompson	Roy Rudichuk	21-14, 21-20
Consolation	Frank Mymryk	Doug Talaber (Vanc)	21-15, 14-21, 21-9
B Singles	Bob Todrick	Brian Rodgers	21-9, 21-12
Consolation	Reg Moneo	George Weir	21-20, 19-21, 21-7
Master Singles	Al Haider	Fred Probyn	21-14, 10-21, 21-12
Consolation	George Bell	Al Hattie (Saskatoon)	21-13, 21-19

OPEN DOUBLES	POINTS	B DOUBLES	POINTS
1st Roald Thompson-Rob Napper	40.8 (Perfect Score)	1st Bob Todrick-Glen Collins	37.3
2nd Rick Wagg-Fred Probyn	29.0	2nd Ken Lougheed-Al Hattie	36.9(Sask)
3rd Doug Devitt-Frank Mymryk	25.0	3rd Bill Smith-Dwayne Dowie	26.9

The tournament ended Saturday evening with a Banquet and Trophy presentations. The Tournament Committee and the YMCA Racquetball Club wish to thank the following sponsors: Carling - O'Keefe, Bell City Motel, Percival Mercury, Crestview Chrysler, Genes Limited, Co-op, Bell Motors & Also the staff at the YMCA.

QUEBEC PROVINCIAL OPEN - MARCH 21-23, 1975
VELAN SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS QUEBEC CITY CROWN

The entry for this year's Provincial Open, hosted by the Sports Department of Laval University in Quebec City in their fine Athletic complex, was comprised mostly of the best players from Quebec City, Montreal, and Kingston, Ontario. Play began Friday evening and continued through to Sunday afternoon with Open Singles events for both Men and Ladies and a consolation draw for first round losers.

In Men's singles, the semi-final pairs were top-seeded Ivan Velan against Lorne Mundey and John Spencer against Quebec City's top player Richard Beaulieu. Ivan reached the semis with straight game victories over Jean Brunelle and Robyn Kirahalla, while Lorne had defeated Rick Scrutton and Guy Leeder both of Kingston. The match with Guy was a long one and very close until the third game 16-21, 21-18, 21-6.

Richard posted easy decisions over Claude Bouchard and Lou Scheuer as did John over Fernand Landry and Etienne Cote to set the stage for their exciting semi-final contest. John came back to take the first game 21-20 and it was good that he had because he lost the second 21-16 before overcoming his strong opponent 21-9.

Meanwhile Lorne Mundey played one of his better matches to date before losing to Ivan 21-12, 21-16. In the final, John was mixing up his shots well, keeping Ivan off balance and he took the first game 21-20 but it was an uphill battle from there on as his legs began to cramp up and he eventually lost 21-15, 21-1.

In consolation play, Rick Scrutton of Kingston reached the final in the top bracket with a three game win over Remy Larochelle 21-12, 20-21, 21-9 and then by default over Joel Gilles. Meanwhile Larry Kaplan of Montreal met Harvey Valiquette, owner of the Cataraqui Racquetball Club in Kingston, in as close a match as you could see winning 21-20, 21-20. Then Larry faced his friend Dr. Murray Diner and posted an unfriendly third in a row 21-20. This was probably all the tension Larry wanted to create in one afternoon and he then lost 21-14, 21-2. The final was Scrutton over Diner 21-16, 21-11 as Rick's powerful drives overcame Murray's ceiling game.

MONIQUE MASTERFUL

Women's play saw Monique Parent continue to dominate the opposition. In her three matches en route to the trophy she gave up a total of only 18 points. Her second win was over Debbie Chisholm of Montreal who earlier had bumped Lisa Marcus into the Consolation round. Penny Velan of Montreal, playing her first major tournament, met the other two good Quebec City girls. She defeated Edith Bowin 21-9, 21-17 in a match much closer than the score indicated and then Marie Bisaillon 21-14, 16-21, 21-14 in an exciting contest. In the final, however, she was no match for Monique losing 21-5, 21-5.

In the consolation round Edith Bowin won 21-16, 21-15 over Lisa Marcus.

All participants would like to thank André Belanger, Bladimiro Mestre and the other tournament organizers for a good time and a job well done and look forward to next year.

MONIQUE PARENT RECEIVING AWARD FROM IVAN VELAN.

Left to Right: Bladimiro Mestre, Belanger, Rejean LaBrie, Barry Nicholson, Penny Velan, Ivan Velan, Monique Parent, Rick Scrutton, Lisa Marcus, Gary Goodfriend, Sandy Diner, André Belanger, Murray Diner, Guy Leeder.

LAHAIE, COLANGELO, SILKOFF, PENNY VELAN WINNERS IN MONTREAL CLOSED, APRIL 11-13, 1975

The first Quebec Racquetball Association sanctioned tournament (Montreal Closed) was held at the Cote de Liesse Racquet Club on April 11-13, 1975. The tournament consisted of 42 eager Montrealers playing for trophies in B, C, Ladies, and Senior singles (the local A players sat this one out).

The B singles was won by Jim Lahaie over Bob Eastman, the latter having been extended in defeating Sam Croitoru (21-19, 13-21, 21-17) in the semi-finals. Rough calculations show that Sam ran the equivalent of the Bantan Marathon in that match but was overheard complaining at the end that he was just getting warmed up. Unfortunately, Jim Lahaie is moving to Vancouver soon - a great loss for Montreal. Good luck Jim - knock 'em dead on the coast! Rick Colangelo, king of the front court, defeated Sid Schachter 21-20, 16-21, 21-3 in the finals. Dressed in bright green and sometimes bright red, Sid looked like a Jewish Leprechaun, dancing, running, diving around the court throughout the tournament, but he didn't have enough charm to overcome the more experienced "pinch-hitting" Colangelo. This was Rick's second local "C" category win in a row and he will now move up into the "B" singles.

ELEVEN YEAR OLD BILLY WAXMAN SHOWS PROMISE OF BRIGHT FUTURE

Penny Velan, Montreals answer to Peggy Steding, defeated Roslyn Schizgal 21-8, 21-9 in the Ladies singles final. Roslyn, a newcomer to the racquetball scene, was outstanding, showing lots of potential. Penny, not satisfied with just playing ladies singles, also entered the C singles and unfortunately ran into Colangelo in the second round. There is no doubt that the hearts of the players went to 11-year-old Billy Waxman who had no choice but to play in the Ladies Singles. Coached by Lorne Mundey, Billy lost the first round to Penny Velan, but went on to win the consolation round. Watching Bill play gives one insight into racquetball's great future.

SENIOR TITLE TO BERNIE SILKOFF

Bernie Silkoff had little trouble in winning the Senior singles, defeating Bob Gomes 21-14, 21-10 in the finals. A medal for sportsmanship should go to Harold Stupp who donated one of his time outs to Moe Schwartz in their first round match but all to no avail - Moe needed more than that to win.

The B, C, and Senior consolation rounds were won by Steve Milstein, R. Bouthillette and Bunny Maguire respectively.

We would like to thank Lorne Mundey and his associates from the Northwest YMCA for their most valuable assistance in helping organize and run the tournament - it would not have been a success without you all. Similar thanks to the Cote de Liesse Racquet Club for the use of their facilities.

Courtesy of Murray Diner, President, QRA

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McNEILL AND KINGSTON TOP NEW BRUNSWICK PLAYERS

The New Brunswick Closed Championships were run by the Saint John YMCA on April 11 and 12. Thirty-six players competed in A, B and C singles events with consolations for losers of first round play.

In "B" Singles, George Thornhill defeated B. Lockhart and G. Winters to reach the final against D. Allen who had won over Z. Pena and Len Boucher only to lose ultimately to George 21-10, 21-11.

In "B" Consolation, S. Mosher defeated B. White 21-10, 21-18.

In "C" Competition, N. Ridler took the measure of D. Roberts 21-11, 21-14 while the consolation winner was J. Barton over B. Bell 21-12, 21-18.

The "A" category in New Brunswick now has several players grouped near the top including Gary Breen, Eldon McGraw, Jim Kingston, Steve Alexander, Ken Murray, and perhaps the most consistent Ron McNeill. This time around Kingston eliminated McGraw early in a very close match 21-10, 19-21, 21-11 while McNeill was extended in ousting Alexander 20-21, 21-15, 21-9. Then Kingston had an easier time against Breen 21-19, 21-11 and McNeill over Murray 21-11, 21-6 to set up the final between Ron and Jim. This match was as close as could possibly be with a difference of only 3 points over the three game match. Ron McNeill won 20-21, 21-18, 21-20 to establish his top ranking in New Brunswick.

The consolation saw Steve Alexander lose a second tough match this time to Bill Sleeth 8-21, 21-9, 21-19 while Eldon McGraw won over B. Childs 21-13, 12-21, 21-11 and then took Sleeth 21-15, 21-3.

The New Brunswick group now has a Provincial Association and racquetball is growing and prospering, especially in Saint John. Many of the players in this tournament were looking forward to the Maritime Open to be held in Saint John the first weekend of May.

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BOWES QUALIFIES IN WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN LETHBRIDGE MAY 1-3

All the Western provinces were represented in this years tournament. A noteworthy and unfortunate absentee was Wes Hadikin of Winnipeg, Canada's number 2 player who was hit in the eye with a ball a couple of weeks prior to the tournament and had to spend several days in the hospital. We are pleased to say that Wes now seems to have recovered quite well. Over 70 players participated in the six singles events including open, senior, masters, junior, B and ladies. Reports are as follows:

Open Event: 2nd Round - Wayne Bowes defeated Derry White 21-3, 21-3; John VanRiper defeated Logan Tait 21-15, 21-13; Don Crawford defeated Ev Nowlin 21-12, 21-15; Pic Piccini defeated Ron Learmont 21-7, 21-6; Tim Filuk defeated Rick Peake 21-6, 21-12; Bob Daku defeated Vic Olshevski 21-8, 21-0; John Robbins defeated Bill Condratow 21-5, 21-3.
Quarter Finals - Bowes defeated Cadman, default; Crawford defeated VanRiper 21-10, 6-21, 21-15; Filuk defeated Piccini 21-14, 21-7; Daku defeated Robbins 21-10, 20-21, 21-20.
Semi-finals - Bowes defeated Crawford 21-3, 21-8; Daku defeated Filuk 21-16, 21-2.
Final - Bowes defeated Daku 21-6, 21-6.
Consolation - Bill Condratow defeated Ken Lougheed 21-10, 21-3.

Senior Event: Quarter finals - Tim Filuk defeated Stan Pisko 21-14, 21-7; Dale Pond defeated Bob Mucklow 21-11, 21-3; Logan Tait defeated Lawrence Dzuren 5-21, 21-17, 21-12; Roald Thompson defeated Pic Piccini 21-12, 21-10.
Semi-finals - Filuk defeated Pond 21-11, 21-6; Tait defeated Thompson 21-19, 21-16.
Final - Filuk defeated Tait 21-8, 21-18.
Consolation - Stan Pisko defeated Lawrence Dzuren 21-13, 21-8.

Masters Event: Semi-final - Matt Slavich defeated Roger Meintzer 20-21, 21-16, 21-18; Sid Kirson defeated Ken Wilson 21-18, 21-10.
Final - Slavich defeated Kirson 21-16, 21-12.
Consolation - Al Haider defeated Ken Wilson 21-14, 21-12.

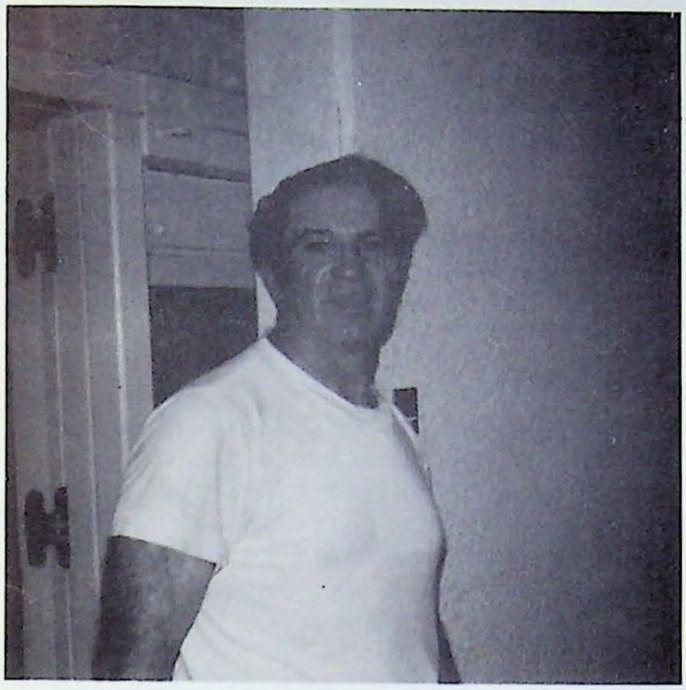
Junior Event: 1st Round - Brian Swartz defeated Bruce Tait 21-5, 21-4; Lindsay Myers defeated Drew Dzuren 21-10, 21-6.
Final - Swartz defeated Myers 21-17, 11-21, 21-13.
Consolation - Dzuren defeated Tait 21-19, 17-21, 21-19.

Ladies Event: Quarter finals - Jody Fry defeated Dorothy Jefferey 21-7, 21-6; Sharon Freel defeated Darlene Hudson 21-2, 21-5; Barb Pettinger defeated Susie Khan 21-2, 21-9; LaVerne Dzuren defeated Diane Clairmont 21-5, 21-12.
Semi-finals - Freel defeated Fry 21-17, 21-15; Pettinger defeated Dzuren 21-18, 21-14.
Final - Pettinger defeated Freel 19-21, 21-11, 21-15.
Consolation - Jefferey defeated Clairmont 21-13, 21-14.

B Event: 3rd Round - Gerry Cadman defeated Lindsay Myers 21-5, 21-8; Peter Starodub defeated Tom Hudson 21-19, 21-10; Jim Freel defeated Doug Mundell 21-16, 21-12; Ron Frick defeated Stu Bastedo 21-7, 21-9; Ken Suffron defeated Ron Kennedy 21-11, 21-14; Vic Olshevski defeated Mike Sutherland 21-3, 21-7; Rick Barker defeated Randy Delavau 16-21, 21-8, 21-14; Ev Nowlin defeated Stan Pisko 16-21, 21-6, 21-13.
Quarter-finals - Cadman defeated Starodub 11-21, 21-12, 21-19; Freel defeated Frick 21-7, 21-9; Olshevski defeated Suffron 19-21, 21-14, 21-19; Barker defeated Nowlin 16-21, 21-16, 21-15.
Semi-finals - Cadman defeated Freel 20-21, 21-9, 21-19; Barker defeated Olshevski 19-21, 21-12, 21-8.
Final - Cadman defeated Barker 21-14, 21-11.
Consolation - Murray Paddon defeated Brian Swartz, default.

Special word of thanks should go to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pisko and the rest of the tournament committee for organizing and staging an excellent tournament.

TOURNAMENT NEWS



Matt Slavich leaving the court after winning the Master Event.

Barb Pettinger, Ladies Open Winner, receiving trophy at hospitality night.

Wayne Bowes receiving trophy from Stan Pisko for winning Open Event.

Some of various event winners - Back row - Tim Filuk, Murray Paddon, Logan Tait, Bob Daku. Front Row - Dorothy Jefferey, Stan Pisko, Barb Pettinger, Sharon Freel.

GREGORIO - ZUCKOVS CAPTURE ONTARIO OPEN DOUBLES
HAMILTON DOWNTOWN YMCA, MAY 9 & 10, 1975

Sixteen top teams representing nine Ontario racquetball centers contested the top prize in the first major racquetball tournament staged at Hamilton's downtown "Y".

In quarter-final play, the father and son team of J. and M. Gora lost to John Armstrong and Bob Pickell 21-9, 21-10, Manny Gregorio and Alex Zuchovs defeated Bob Leggat and Donald McIndou 15-21, 21-16, 21-6, Eddie Khan and John Klimsiak eked past Don and Roy Leggat 16-21, 21-15, 21-17 and defending champion Joe Carderelli with partner George Phillips slipped by Merle Thompson and Don Swackhammer 21-4, 21-3.

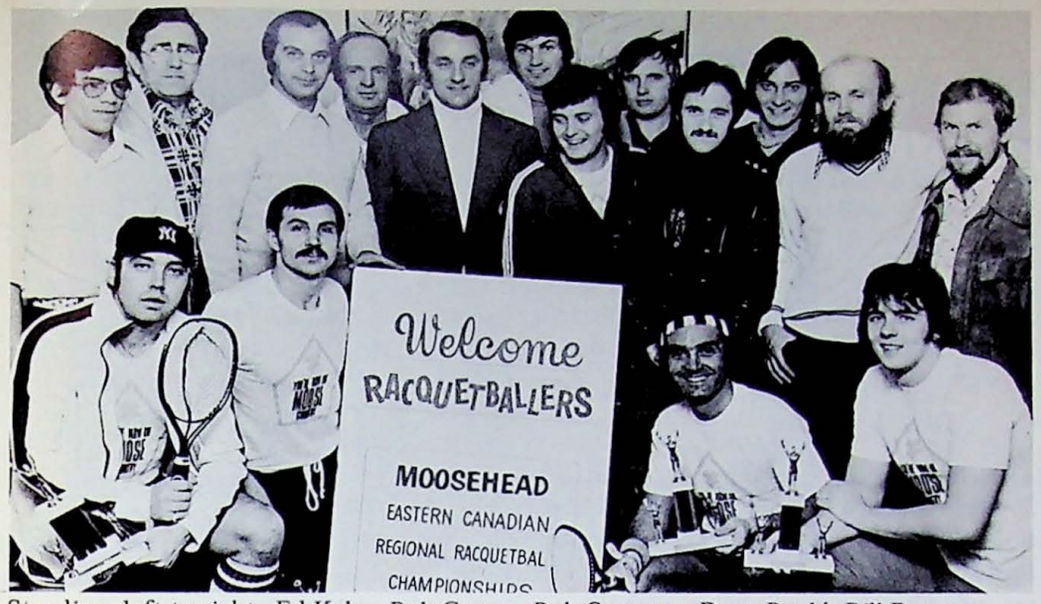
The first semi-final pitted youth Gregorio-Zuckovs versus experienced Armstrong-Pickell and in this case youth prevailed 21-11, 21-9. In the other bracket Carderelli-Phillips had a relatively easy time with Khan-Klimsiak 21-2, 21-9.

Over 50 spectators assembled to watch the final and were treated to exciting play and a split in the first two games with Carderelli's side starting out winning 21-13 and then losing 21-17. In the deciding game George Phillips began to cramp and at 13-all was awarded a 15 minute break to attempt to recover. When play resumed, Manny and Alex ran off to a 17-13 lead and then seemed to relax. Joe playing most of the shots brought it back to 17 all but then the match went to the Gregorio team.

A special work of thanks to Charles Best who was Chairman of the Tournament, Jack Kyles of the YMCA Board of Directors, Merle Thomson, Vice-Chairman of the Physical Education Committee of the Downtown "Y" and in particular to George Patsios, Physical Education Director who has almost singlehandedly developped racquetball in Hamilton to the point where there are well over 300 players and perhaps even more important, 4 new courts added to the existing three, to make the "Y" one of the best racquetball facilities in Canada. We look forward to some fine future competitions in Hamilton.

Left to right: Joe Carderelli, Charles Best, Alex Zuchovs, Merle Thomson, Manny Gregorio, George Phillips, Jack Kyles.

Jack Kyles presenting awards to winners Alex Zuchovs and Manny Gregorio.



Standing: left to right—Ed Kahn, Bob Gomes, Bob Cranston, Doug Bauld, Bill Duncan, Jean Gouin, Dave Frazer, Bob Speagle, Sam Croitoru, unidentified, Dave Nicholl and Dr. Paul Henderson. Kneeling: Lorne Mundey, Ivan Velan, Murdoch Cranston and Jim Kingston.

EASTERN REGIONALS
HALIFAX, MARCH 7-9, 1975

Winners:

"A" Singles	- Ivan Velan
"B" Singles	- Jim Kingston
Senior	- Doug Bauld
"A" Cons	- John Klimsiak
"B" Cons	- Dave Fraser
Doubles	- Lorne Mundey Ivan Velan

Thanks of participants to Tournament Chairman Dave Nicholl. (See previous issue of Newsletter for details).

LARGE ENTRY COMPETES IN EDMONTON CLOSED, MAY 8 - 11, 1975

With a staggering entry of 135, it was decided to hold some games at the University while the host club, the Royal Glenora, took the main load. All the finals were played at the Glenora Sunday and these were the results.

D (Novice) - J. Spotowski over K. Kachuk 13-21, 21-18, 21-14.
Consolations - Dave Cole over Jim Donlevy 21-5, 21-12.
C - Doug MacDougall over Dave Benbow 21-11, 21-13.
Consolations - Neil Steinke over Steve Carlyle 21-14, 21-7.
B - Ron Kennedy over Nick Bakay 21-8, 21-14.
Consolations - Peter Starodub over Rick Ulrick 21-12, 21-17.
Seniors - Howie Rankin over Bob Cristall 21-3, 13-21, 21-16.
Consolations - H. Goley over H. Knowles 21-14, 21-16.
Doubles - Don Wynn and Art Kruger over John Robbins and Doug MacDougall 21-18, 15-21, 21-17.
Consolations - Dave Cole and Mike Szkorupa over Don Rencz and Walter Ceroici 21-13, 21-19.
(These doubles teams were made up of an A-C pair or a B-B pair of players).
Ladies Novice - Jane Watkinson over Jean Schram 21-8, 21-10.
Consolations - Sandra Sprague over Marlene McPherson 21-3, 21-5.
Ladies Open - Linda Forcade over Ellie Bell - 21-10, 21-19.
Consolations - Jan Sage over Jane Watkinson 21-5, 21-11.
Open - Don Crawford over John Robbins 18-21, 21-20, 21-14.
Consolations - Ron Pawlowski over Vic Hartfield 21-18, 21-12.

John Robbins Gives Fine Performance

Although the large entry caused play to run late Thursday and Friday, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The outstanding effort of the tournament came from John Robbins, who played four - three game matches on Sunday. In his Open semi-final, he downed John VanRiper 21-20, 9-21, 21-17. With his doubles partner, Doug MacDougall, he then downed Rankin and Rankin in the semi-finals for doubles. The third match was the Open Doubles Final which was lost to Don Wynn and Art Kruger and finally, after a hard battle with Don Crawford, lost the Open Final.

A big thank you goes to John Fabian who worked all hours to run the tournament at the Royal Glenora. Sue Khan and Sandy VanRiper ran the desks at the Royal Glenora and University respectively. All the players enjoyed the competition and many mentioned they would be entering the Klondike.

With thanks to Sandy VanRiper.

OVER 70 PLAYERS COMPETE IN 3RD ANNUAL MONTREAL OPEN

The sun roasted Montreal as the Cote de Liesse Racquet Club played host to the 3rd Annual Montreal Open Racquetball Tournament May 16-18th. While the temperature outside was constantly in the 80° throughout a beautiful weekend, over 120 matches were played in the air-conditioned courts.

In 1974, Paul Lawrence of San Diego had beaten Mike Romano of Fitchburg, Mass. in three games in the semis, while Charlie Garfinkel, the "Big Bird" from Buffalo, downed local favourite Ivan Velan. Lawrence then prevailed over Garfinkel to take the title. In the doubles, Garfinkel teamed with Mike Luciw to win a close and exciting match 21-20, 21-20 over Velan and Manny Gregorio.

This year's top players included Mike Luciw of New Britain, Connecticut, and Leo Marsocci of Rochester, N.Y. currently ranked #1 and 2 in the U.S. North-East, Jerry Davis, one of Cleveland's best, and Canadians Wes Hadikin of Winnipeg, Ivan Velan and John Spencer of Montreal, Manny Gregorio of Toronto and Bob Speagle of Kingston, ranked 2, 3, 8 and 10 (tied) respectively. A strong supporting cast was made up of the best ladies entry so far - Phyllis Dumont of Old Orchard, Maine, second place finisher in the North-East Regionals, Dena Rassenti of Montreal, just completing first year at Arizona State University where her game has improved tremendously, Monique Parent - Canada's #4 player from Laval University in Quebec City, where she was voted Female Athlete of the year in 1974 for her basketball and racquetball prowess, Carol Cummings of Toronto and #5 in Canada, and Jackie Boyer from Maine, Edith Boivin from Quebec City and Penny Velan of the host club - and good groups of B and C players from Saint John, New Brunswick, Quebec City, Kingston, Toronto, the Burlington area of Vermont and the Montreal area. In all there were 76 entries - 16 in A singles, 20 in B, 24 in C, 10 in Ladies and six who played only in the Open Doubles.

Quebec City Team Takes "B" and Ladies Titles

In "B" singles play Montreal's Jim Lahaie, the top seed, reached the semis against Ron McNeill of St. John and was upset 21-10, 21-20 while Richard Beaulieu of Quebec City also upset the #2 seed, Ron Mirek of Hartford, Conn. 21-17, 21-3. The final looked like a toss up as the first two games were split before Richard came back from a 17-21 first game loss to win 21-6, 21-12. Richard's consistently good performance in "B" events should encourage him to move up to "A" competition.

In the "B" consolation final, Rick Colangelo of Montreal led André Belanger, the Intramural Program Coordinator at Laval University, by as much as 24-10 before André was able to work back to tie at 30-all as Rick tired and lost the 31 point match by 1 point.

Monique Parent of Quebec City & Carol Cummings of Toronto

In the Ladies singles, the top two seeds made it to the finals but in neither case was it easy. In the top bracket, Dena Rassenti and Phyllis Dumont played a great match with lengthy ceiling ball rallies punctuated with crisp kills. Dena came from behind to win the first game but dropped the next two 21-17, 21-10. Phyllis had seemed tireless in the first match but when she came up against Monique Parent it seemed that she tired fast and Monique was able to take the close and exciting contest 21-18, 21-7. Meanwhile, Carol Cummings had to play two long matches beating Edith Boivin of Quebec City 17-21, 21-14, 21-17 and then Jackie Boyer 16-21, 21-19, 21-11 to reach the final. By this time she also had tired and Monique, who is in excellent condition, had a relatively easy time winning the event 21-7, 21-14.

In the consolation round, Edith Boivin beat Penny Velan 31-30 in a game that could have gone either way only to lose to Dena Rassenti 21-5, 21-12.

Eldon McGraw Dominates "C" Action

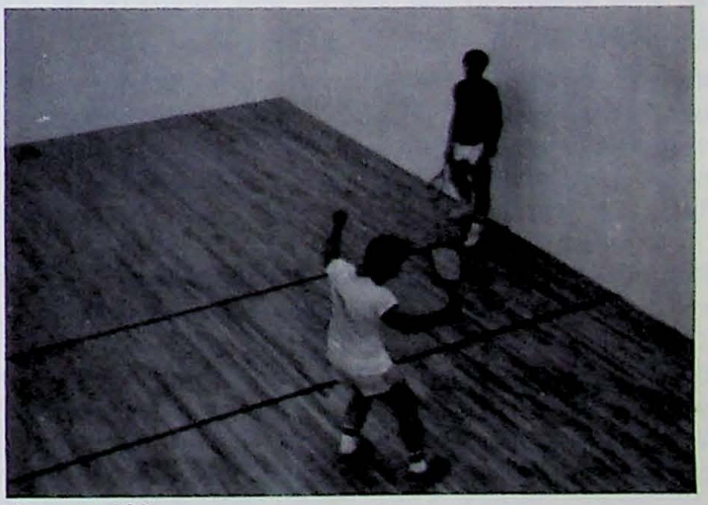
"C" singles action saw an extremely convincing performance by Eldon McGraw of Saint John who swept five matches without losing a game and giving up a maximum of only 21 points in any match. En route Eldon upset second seed Dave Oldham of Montreal and then beat Paul Brooks of Halifax to face Andre Lambin of Montreal in the final. Andre, an excellent handball player who has decided to also try some racquetball competition, must be complimented on his fine showing in his first major tournament. He defeated Bill Sleeth of Saint John, the eventual

THE FRENCH CONNECTION:
Left Edith Boivin - Consolation Winner.
Right Monique Parent - Ladies Singles Winner.

THE WHITE TORNADOS:
Mike Luciw (left) and Leo Marsocci Clean-Up in Doubles.

MONTREAL OPEN RACQUETBALLERS:
Standing Left to Right Wayne Mundey, John Klimsiak, Jerry Davis, unidentified, Gary Goodfriend, Ross Harvey, Harold Stupp, Steve Pevlin, Gary Breen, Jim Kingston, Eldon McGraw, Edith Boivin, Billy Sleeth, Monique Parent, George Vaia; Kneeling: assorted youngsters, Paul Brooks, Mike Luciw, Manny Gregorio, Ivan Velan, Rick Scrutton.

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE WOBBLY
(You-Pick Em!):
Left to Right: Manny Gregorio, young fan, Mike Luciw.



"YEAAAH'"-
Luciw wins "A" Singles over Velan.

Top Seed Upset

consolation winner, 31-26, then Bill Burnett of Burlington, Vermont 21-17, 21-16 and upset top seed Jeff Mahar of Montreal 21-8, 7-21, 21-16 to reach the final only to lose 21-10, 21-6. We'll see Eldon in the "B" section next time out. Congratulations to young Montrealer Ross Harvey, 16 years old, who lost to Jeff Mahar in the quarters 12-21, 21-14, 21-18, a fine showing indeed. Bill Sleeth defeated Robert Bouthillette of the host club, another handballer who has decided to try some racquetball 21-8, 21-7 to take the consolation.

Luciw Closes Out A Great Season - Wins "A" Singles and Doubles

In "A" singles play Mike Luciw of New Britain, Connecticut, continued to amaze his counterparts with his ability to drive 7 or 8 hours to a tournament, stay up half the night carousing and quenching his thirst and then bring his years of experience in competition play, court savvy and unreal backhand to win yet another title. Rumor has it Mike could roll out 8 of 10 from the backhand corner with a beaver tail.

With his reputation preceding him, Mike was seeded first with Leo Marsocci of Rochester a close second. Leo has been runner-up to Mike in three game matches in at least four tournaments this past winter. Leo appeared ready to pull out all the stops as he changed from orange to luminescent red laces on his runners. Wes Hadikin from Winnipeg, Canada's #2 player, had recently been hit flush in the eye with a ball while training for the Western Canadian Regional and spent 5 days in the hospital and followed the comeback trail to Montreal. Several others, including Jerry Davis of Cleveland, and Canadians John Spencer, Manny Gregorio and Ivan Velan were thought to be in the running.

In the quarterfinals Luciw eliminated Gregorio while Hadikin took three games to oust John Spencer 21-16, 20-21, 21-9. In the bottom bracket Marsocci took John Kruger, who is managing the highly successful new Racquetball Club in Burlington, Vermont 21-3, 21-9 while Velan downed Davis 21-11, 21-9. And then there were four. Wes, whose game is not yet what it used to be, extended Mike to three before losing 21-9, 12-21, 21-3. Leo, who usually knocks the eyes out of the ball, just couldn't find the range and lost relatively early to Ivan 21-7, 21-10. Leo continued to have problems in the third place match losing to Wes 21-7, 21-17. This set up a replay of the February Niagara Falls match between Mike and Ivan where the first two games were split and Mike ran out the third. Ivan was tight in the first game and fell behind 16-5, but with the home crowd behind him and Mike letting up fought back to win 21-17. The second game was a see-saw battle but Ivan went ahead 17-13 and started sensing a victory. Several errors on service returns later and with Mike killing everything on his backhand as well as anticipating and rekilling beautifully, the match was tied 21-17. The third game stayed even to 10-all but then as before in Niagara, Mike ran out the game 21-11. Another good win for a great competitor and one of the best liked players.

In the consolation round Bob Speagle of Kingston defeated Bob Eastman of Montreal 21-8, 21-4 in the final.

In the doubles, Leo Marsocci teaming with Mike Luciw redeemed his earlier mediocre play and set up a shooting gallery taking most of the shots and either hitting Z-balls for set-up returns or outright killing a very high percentage to beat the #2 ranking Canadian doubles team of Hadikin-Velan 21-12, 20-21, 21-10. Jerry Davis and Manny Gregorio who earlier had lost to Hadikin-Velan 21-17, 21-20 took 3rd place over Richard Beaulieu-Bob Speagle 21-20, 21-9.

The tournament committee wishes to thank Mr. Lou Green of the Cote de Liesse Racquet Club for the use of the courts, Mr. Bill Taylor of AMF-Voit for supplying their excellent products, including balls, Tac Grip towels and several door-prizes, and Mr. Gabriel Mancini of Canadian Breweries Ltd. for donating the trophies; also the countless individuals who helped with refereeing and the organizational details so necessary to make a tournament a success. We look forward to a still bigger and better 4th Annual Montreal Open next Spring and hope to see all of this year's participants again then.

CRANSTON TAKES FIRST ANNUAL MARITIME OPEN, SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK MAY 1 - 3

Thirty-two entrants competed in Open, B and C Singles and Doubles events over the three day tournament. Murdoch Cranston of Halifax continued to dominate play in the Maritime Provinces - his conditioning helped him in outlasting his closest challenger from New Brunswick as he ended in beating New Brunswick's top player Ron McNeill in the final of the Open Singles. The tournament was a great success and was followed by a banquet put on by Moosehead Breweries with some 50 people in attendance. Len Boucher should be congratulated for putting on yet another fine tournament in Saint John. Detailed results are as follows.

Open Singles, Second Round: Murdoch Cranston beat Eldon McGraw 21-6, 21-9 and Jim Kingston beat Bill Couture 21-16, 21-6. G. Thornhill was beaten by Gary Breen 21-18, 17-21, 21-14. Ron McNeill beat Ken Murray 21-19, 21-17.
Semi-final - M. Cranston beat Kingston 12-21, 21-19, 21-17. McNeill beat Breen 21-18, 21-14.
Finals - Cranston beat McNeill 21-16, 21-6.
Open Consolation - Won by E. McGraw.

B Singles: Paul Brooks beat Wayne Carlton 21-14, 21-8. Len Boucher beat Gerry Wallace 19-21, 21-13, 21-20. Dave White defeated Brian White 21-17, 21-15.
Second Round - Sleeth beat Brooks 17-21, 21-15, 21-12. Steve Alexander beat Steve Mosher 21-14, 21-16. Dave Fraser beat D. White 21-10, 21-12.
Semi-finals - Bill Sleeth beat Boucher 21-10, 21-16. Fraser beat Alexander 21-12, 21-14.
Finals - Fraser defeated Sleeth 21-10, 21-14.
Consolation won by G. Wallace.

C Singles: Tom O'Riley defeated Robert Dionne 21-14, 21-10. Steve Tevlin defeated Tom Bell 21-14, 21-8. Richard Fregault beat Bob Belyea 21-8, 21-10. David Belyea was defeated by Brian Mosher 21-6, 21-11.
Second Round - Tevlin was defeated by John Lawson 21-14, 21-10. Fregault defeated Mosher 21-18, 21-20.
Third Round - O'Riley defeated John Lawson 21-18, 21-17.
Finals - O'Riley defeated Fregault 21-16, 21-18.
Consolation winner R. Dionne

Open Doubles: Breen & McNeill defeated Wallace and Gary Winters 21-10, 16-21, 21-5. Kingston and McGraw defeated Cranston and Fraser 21-18, 20-21, 21-14.
Finals - Kingston and McGraw defeated Breen and McNeill 21-18, 21-16.

BOWES WINNER AGAIN IN ALBERTA OPEN

The Alberta Open Tournament was held in Calgary on May 30, 31 and June 1. Games were played at the Calgary Central YMCA and the University of Calgary. A total of 76 players competed in the six events. The Lethbridge contingents won 5 out of the 6 events, with Wayne Bowes winning the Open, Ev Nowlin - B event, Logan Tait - Seniors, Sharon Freel - Ladies, and Wayne Bowes - Bob Daku winning the Open Doubles Event. Neil Steinke of Calgary won the Mens C event.

Results are as follows:
Open - Wayne Bowes defeated Tim Filuk 21-12, 21-14. Consolation winner - John Robbins defeated Dave Breckon 21-9, 21-20. B Event - Ev Nowlin defeated Dave Breckon 19-21, 21-9, 21-13. Consolation winner - Jim Freel defeated Bill Waddell 21-14, 21-5. C Event - Neil Steinke defeated Brian Blackmore 21-10, 21-15. Consolation winner - Derry White defeated Al Gordichuk 21-15, 21-17. Seniors - Logan Tait defeated Pic Piccini 21-10, 21-10. Consolation winner - Stan Pisko defeated Jack Libbins 21-5, 21-2. Ladies - Sharon Freel defeated Jody Fry 11-21, 21-9, 21-10. Consolation winner - Teresa Maxwell defeated Jackie Wagner 21-13, 21-12.
Mens Open Doubles - Wayne Bowes and Bob Daku defeated Tim Filuk and Logan Tait 21-10, 21-20. Consolation winner - Larry Yopyk and Don Renz defeated Lawrence Dzuren and Stan Pisko 19-21, 21-10, 21-5.

PLAYER INTERVIEW

WAYNE BOWES CANADA'S TOP RACQUETBALLER

It was with a wide grin that Wayne Bowes of Lethbridge described Edmonton as being the old hotbed of racquetball. Thanks to the performances of Bowes over the past three years, Lethbridge has become the hotbed of the game and is growing in leaps and bounds.

Bowes, a quiet, unassuming young man of 24 years, reached a peak in his playing career recently as he won the Open title at St. Louis in the IRA International Racquetball Championships at the end of May. Unofficially, you could then say Bowes is the North American Open Racquetball Champion, but you would have to say it. Getting Bowes to talk about his talents and conquests borders on the impossible. Bowes started on his march to the St. Louis finals by winning the Western Regional Crown in Lethbridge. At that event he simply had to withstand the challenge of 30 players. In St. Louis, 106 entries were listed for the Open competition. "Most of these were regional champions", said Bowes on his return to Lethbridge. "They all had to be good" With this knowledge in mind, Bowes played first to get into the top eight. He did this by not losing a single game in five best-of-three matches. "As strange as it may sound, not knowing the other players helped," added Bowes. "I played all games as being tough and it paid off". Where you or I may look for a chance to play someone we know has a certain weakness, Bowes is almost the exact opposite. If he doesn't know a man's weakness on a racquetball court, then he plays every shot for the kill. "Once you get down to the top eight you realize that each player is almost equal", continued Bowes, "in this case, I just had a better tournament".

A SPORTY BUNCH

Considering he almost didn't make it, luck had something to do with his success at St. Louis. Bowes was under the understanding that after winning the regional title in Lethbridge, he would be automatically entered in the St. Louis championships. Such was not the case and Bowes was two weeks late with his entry. Racquetball officials must be a very amiable bunch.

Bowes got another break in his final match with Trey Sayes of Salt Lake City. He read the tournament sheet wrong and was $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours late for his final matches with Sayes. You may never find Sayes as understanding again. According to Bowes, his opponent said they had both come a long way so the match went on. Bowes, who led early in the first game, broke his racquet and was beaten 21-16. The next two games were one-sided as Bowes got hot and stopped the Salt Lake City player 21-8 and then 21-3. In the semi-finals, Bowes lost the first game and roared back with two straight wins. His record for the tournament was 16-2.

Bowes has a way of building up an early lead and then letting up at times. "I think now I have changed somewhat in that I don't lose my concentration as easily", he says. If he has any fault, it is his lack of a killer instinct. He used to coast at times against opponents but then had to rally if they got hot. "I'm learning to play it tougher. I don't enjoy crushing an opponent but sometimes it has to be done in order to keep your concentration," he admits. For instance, in his final match with Sayes, Bowes can hardly remember the 21-3 victory. He got hot and just couldn't miss. Bowes' strength is his very low, hard serve. I plan a good serve every time and work on a poor return from my opponent, then I can set up a volley", he says. "I like to maintain a strong volley if I can.

RAZOR SHARP

Bowes has been playing racquetball for seven years, but he has never played better than he did a year ago in San Diego. His game came to its finest edge and he appears to have kept it at that edge ever since. He is the reigning Canadian Singles Champion and with partner Bob Daku also shares in the Doubles title. Next on his calendar of competition is the Canadian Open in Edmonton in July and then it's off to the world tournament in July where he will play in the professional ranks. There is no real difference between pro and amateur, although there is a pro circuit.

Bowes has his sights set on retaining his Canadian title. His opponents should not expect a low after his winning in St. Louis because nothing, but nothing, gets Bowes' adrenalin going like walking into a racquetball court. And he does it best in Lethbridge where he started the coals that turned this city into a hotbed of racquetball.

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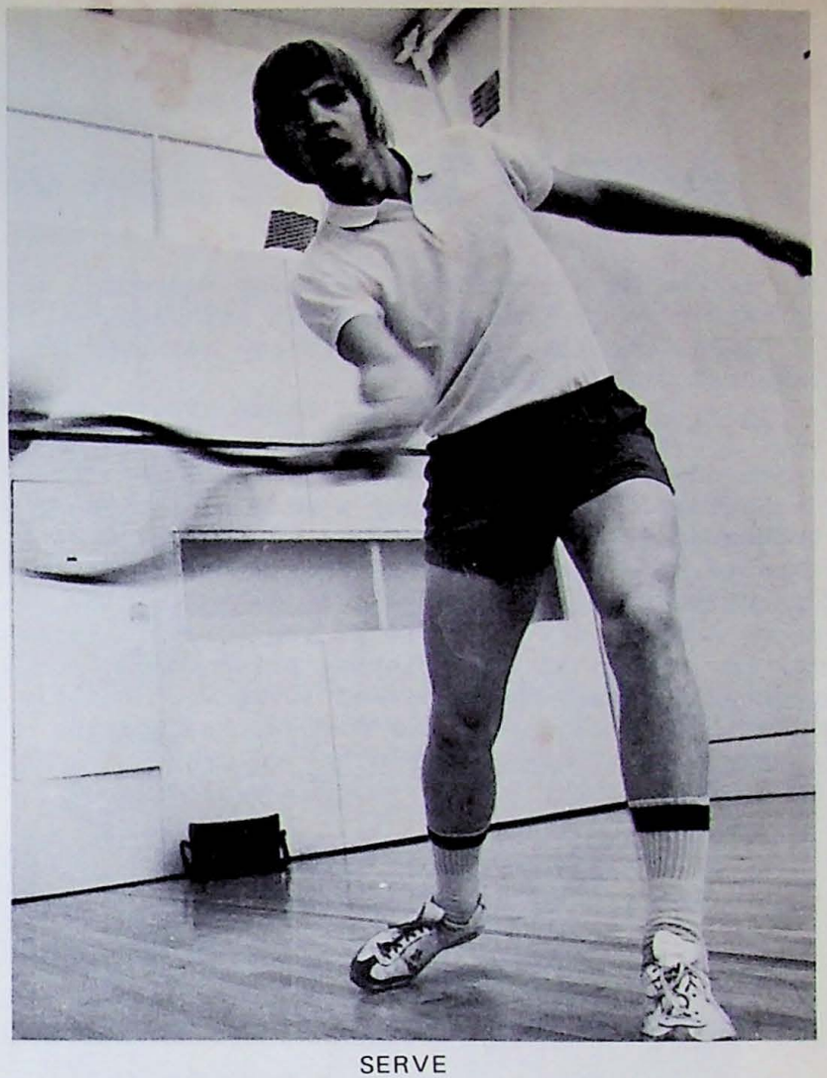

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PLAYER INTERVIEW

MONTREAL'S DENA RASSENTI ONLY 19 WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE IN RACQUETBALL

Dena is one of six children of Sandy Rassenti, who, along with his three brothers, are part of the hard-core of Montreal handball enthusiasts. It was only fitting in this environment that Dena step into the 4 wall box to try her hand at racquetball. The following is an interview conducted with Dena:

How did you start playing? : I began playing off and on at the Northwestern YMCA in Montreal about 3 years ago, until I finished school in Fall '73 to work for a year or so. Consequently my evenings were free from homework obligations and I began to play about 5 times a week. In the Spring I started running a mile or two every day in addition to playing. I won my first tournament at the "Y" that May. In August I left for the University of Arizona after being accepted into their Physical Education Department.

What were the facilities like in Tucson? : The Tucson Athletic Club with 8 beautiful courts opened a month after I arrived and I began playing every day. Due to lack of facilities, very few women had been playing prior to the opening of this Club, however, given the opportunity, many women picked it up very quickly. I played and won their Club Tournament in April, but certainly not without competition.

Did you participate in any other tournaments this past year? : Yes. I played in the Arizona State Singles, the N.R.C. Amateur Nationals, and the Montreal Invitational Open in May.

Dena (at right) with sister Rita, also a player, during a break at recent Montreal Open Tournament.

Did you do anything in particular to improve your game? : While living in Tucson I would often play alone. This gave me the opportunity to drill and work on my weaknesses. I feel it helped me considerably, and unfortunately the situation in Montreal won't permit me to keep up this practice throughout the summer.

Do you have any equipment preference? : I started with a Little Swinger, switched to an XL, and bought a Steve Strandemo in March. I feel most comfortable with it, but am not convinced yet which is the best racquet for me, although I think I prefer the Ektelon products.

What are your future plans? : Well, I intend to return to school in September. I'm seriously considering going to University in Western Canada as opposed to returning to the States. Nothing is definite, though, except that racquetball courts will be nearby.

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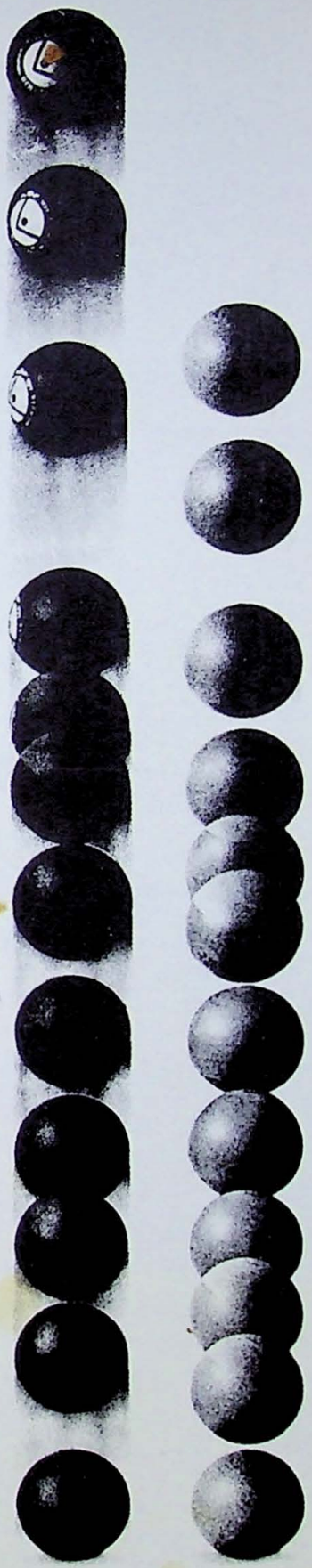

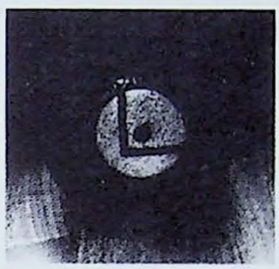

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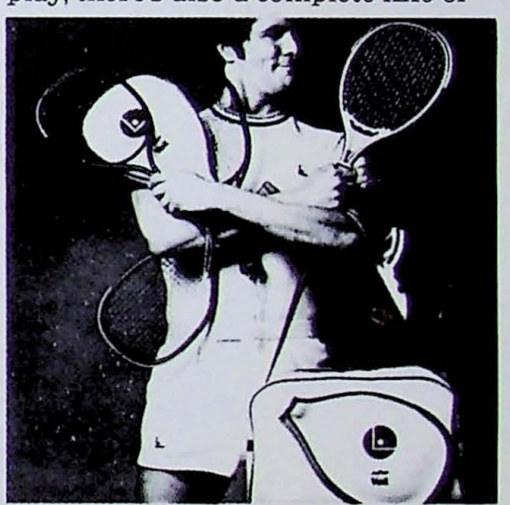

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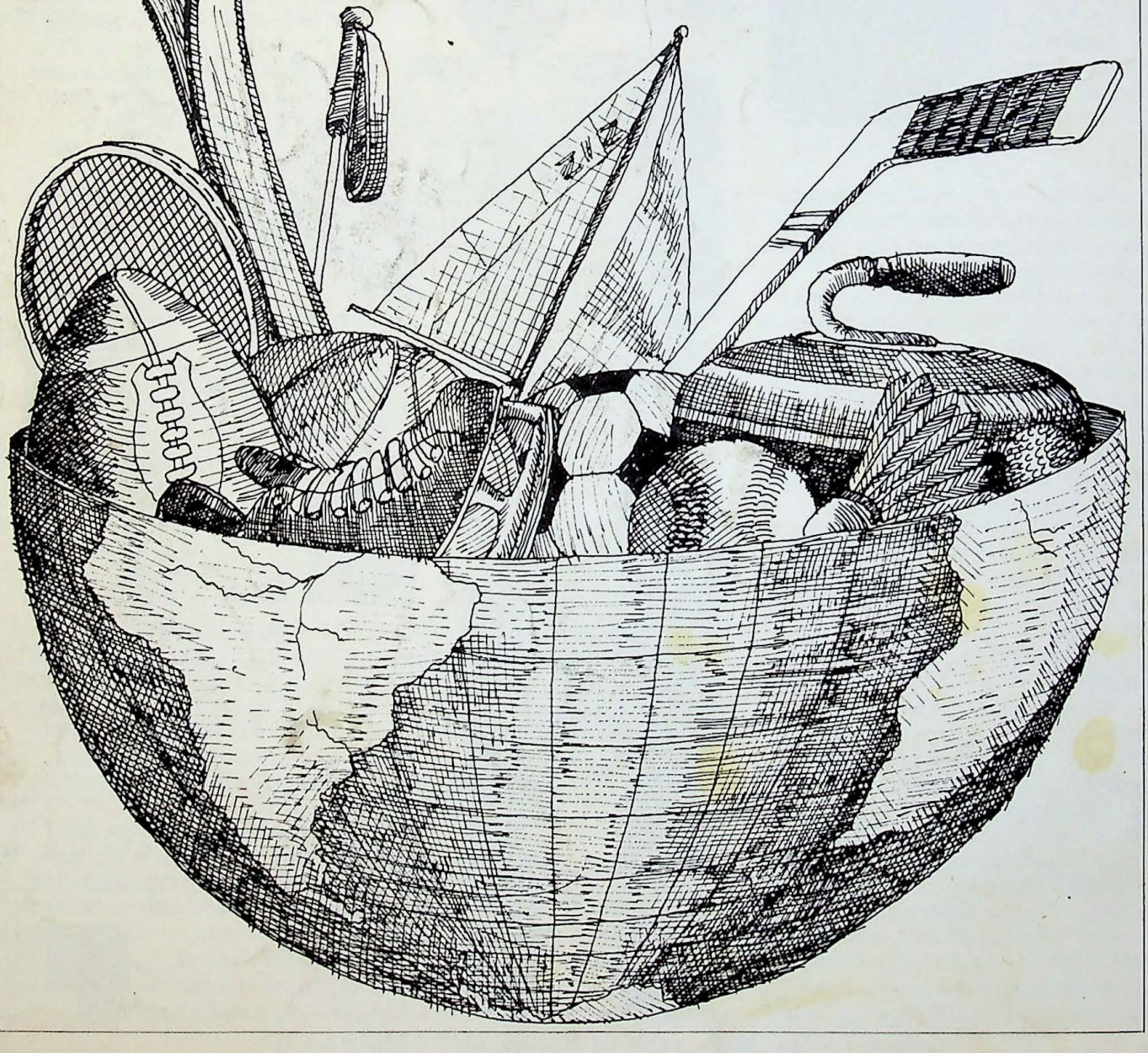
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