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ON THE COVER

'Tis the season to be jolly! Our heartiest Holiday Wishes to our many handball-racquetball-paddleball friends throughout the United States, Canada, and far-flung outposts around the world.

This is a time for reflection. Where do we go from here? New Year's resolutions to give as much *good* basic and advanced instructional material of all our games. To constantly strive to maintain the best balls, the best gloves, and the best tournament conditions.

"The great failure is the failure to try." We will not cease in our efforts to innovate in our tournament format; to give everyone as much top notch player exposure as is possible. The invitational national tournaments have enabled us to "showcase" these nationally-seeded players in places where a half dozen or more courts is not a necessity. All you need is a spectator court that can seat upwards of 150 to produce such a classic.

Your USHA national headquarters is a "clearing house" for the game. We're there to service upwards of 14,000 members. Do not hesitate in writing or calling us at any time. We are happy to give consultation advice on court construction, repairs, tournament organization, rules, films, location of courts for traveling buffs.

And, anytime you hear of proposed court construction let us know. Don't wait until the walls are placed "upside down" before we are called. Then, it's too late to assist.

Have a happy, healthy court action-packed 1972!

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ACTION APLENTY AT BROWNSVILLE BOYS CLUB . . . Runnerup Mark Levine in National USHA One-Wall fires in shot as six-time winner Steve Sandler races to position himself.

Sandler Eases Way to Sixth Straight One-Wall

Steve Sandler swept to an unprecedented sixth consecutive USHA national one-wall singles title, winning this year more easily than ever. Sandler thus equalled Oscar Obert in total singles championships with his six. Obert had twice won three in succession. Mark Levine earned the finals with exciting victories over Steve Lott, Fred Feit, and 1970 finalist, Mike Dikman.

However, Sandler raced to big leads in all his matches and won handily each time. And, against Levine he quickly put the outcome out of question to triumph 21-13, 21-4. He had swamped Wally Ulbrich 21-8, 21-5 in his semi-finals test, while Levine fought off three close challengers.

Steve Lott extended the former national junior champion to 31-26. In his quarter-final match Levine ran into a fired up Fred Feit, a surprise 31-18 winner over Howie Eisenberg. Feit won the first game 21-16, then fought evenly in the second. However, in trying in vain to take two straight he fell short 21-17, and lost his drive. Levine easily won the third game 21-6.

Mike Dikman, surprisingly easy 31-9 victor over Tom Hopkins, took his first semi 21-11 from Levine. Mark straightened out to win 21-10, 21-11.

Other highlights of the 12th Annual Championship included young George Hargett's coming of age with a 31-30 masterpiece over Ken Holmes. The best run of serves was made by Tom Hopkins in smashing Ken Gamble 31-4. 1970 Junior Champ Marcel Goldfarb showed well, losing finally to Ruby Obert's savvy, 31-22.

Ken Ginty, son of the late Tom Ginty and four-wall National Junior under-19 champion, added the National one-wall Junior singles over Stu Kirzner. Stu is the youngest son of one-wall doubles champ, Irving Kirzner.

Ginty, competing for his father's New York Athletic Club, overpowered Kirzner, 21-17, 21-12. One of his prizes is a trip to the USHA four-wall National Juniors in Miami, Dec. 28-30.

Ginty had shown complete control in his earlier round victories, and then eliminated Richie Wos in the semi-finals. Wos, of the team title winning Rockaway

Beach Park, fell 21-11, 21-16.

Kirzner, a semi-finalist last year, advanced with a fine 21-4, 14-21, 21-15 semi beating of Mickie Guzman. The latter had surprised third-seeded Frank Karolasz, 31-14, the round before. Against Kirzner he seemed to be looking ahead to Ginty in the finals and just didn't get set for Stu's drives and low right corner aces.

Kirzner, of Tilden high school, and Guzman, of DeWitt Clinton high, were examples of the fine work of their coaches, Leo Hirsch and Neil Seiden. Each team had over half a dozen entries and four Clinton players won trophies. Last year's champion, Marcel Goldfarb, had also been a Tilden star. Archbishop McClancy high school had a school team high of eight participants.

Kirzner is eligible for one more year in the Junior division and Clinton high has a number of fine players with two or more years left; namely, Ray Estevez, Guzman, Mark Vogel and Tony Gandia. Guzman, by the way, has to be the "littlest" USHA trophy winner anywhere, Terry Muck notwithstanding.



OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS . . . (l to r) — Sid Balinsky, formerly of the Brooklyn Central Y and now athletic director of Brooklyn's Union Temple; Wally Ulbrich, who started off as a junior winner, teams with Artie Reyer to take the open doubles; Mickey Blechman, who did more than his share as a referee.



JUNIOR ONE-WALL FINALISTS . . . (l to r) — Ken Ginty, who added to his under-19 USHA national junior four-wall crown; Kevin Kilgallen, tournament chairman and USHA one-wall committeeman; Stu Kirzner, runnerup; Ugo Bontempo, referee and USHA one-wall committeeman.

One-Wall '400' In Nationals

BY UGO BONTEMPO

The Brownsville Handball Club of Brooklyn again hosted the popular annual USHA national one-wall championships, Oct. 16-Nov. 7, and, believe me, breath-taking handball "swelled the breeze".

Brackets of play included open singles, open doubles, "pinkball" singles, junior singles, and masters doubles.

Close to 400 players participated in these top notch events, which grow in intensity and popularity from year to year. This year we had many more young players than usual, due to the initiative, encouragement and energies of our Club.

The inexhaustible group, consisting of President Norman Butler, the four USHA national one-wall committeemen—Kevin Kilgallen, Marvin Greenberg, Morris Levitsky and myself, plus four other indispensable: Tony Quintero, Herbie Greenberg, Murray Collins and Milton Kashtan—accomplished a tremendous and splendid job. All the afore-mentioned also shouldered the heavy laden refereeing chores. Kilgallen was the capable and nearly overworked chairman. I know, since I nearly overworked with him. This must be noted: Kevin did a very commendable job! Marvin Greenberg was our authoritative chief referee, who does his job well. Herbie Greenberg must also be commended for his great help. The tournaments ended in a blaze of strong competition, success and satisfaction.

The perennial and matchless champion, Steve Sandler, who oozes ability and confidence, again won the singles championship. The open doubles in an exceptionally strong field was won by the popular team of Artie Reyer and Wally Ulbrich.

Lou Russo and his partner Dr. Joe Wisotsky were eliminated earlier in the tournament by likeable Kenny Gamble and Ronnie Berkowitz in a mild upset.

The unusual open Pinkball tournament, chairmanned by Tony Quintero, was also taken in impressive fashion by Sandler, proving he is definitely king of the hill of all one-wallers.

The strongly contested Juniors was won by Ken Ginty, adding to his four-wall laurels. He won from Stu Kirzner, who gets the nod as the most improved young player of the year.



NEW MASTERS DOUBLES CHAMPS . . . (l) Julie Rothman and Joe Danilczyk, representing Rockaway Beach Park. Rothman was also third place finisher with Marty Grossman in USHA National Golden Masters doubles at Birmingham.

The Masters doubles tournament had its usual share of aches and pains and exclamations, and our "old friends", Joe Danilczyk and Julie Rothman won the honors. They played like open performers but with greater finesse.

The coveted team trophy was won by the Rockaway Beach Club.

Attending the Nov. 7 finals at the

Brownsville Recreation Center was Sid Balinsky, chairman of the Metropolitan Handball Assn., and Paul Markowitz, public relations coordinator from the office of the Brooklyn Borough president, Sebastian Leone. Markowitz did the honor of awarding some of the USHA trophies to champions and runnersup. Three match winners also received Brownsville Handball Club-USHA trophies.

Thanks are given to our USHA for its splendid cooperation in this important and popular annual event.

We of the Brownsville Handball Club, along with the players, may be exhausted, but are elated and ready for 1972.

In view of the fact that the 1971 USHA National Open Pink Ball One-Wall Singles was open to everyone, including past and present champions of all ages, there was a radical change in personnel. Formerly, this was a novice event but with the open classification many one-wallers of Greater New York who participate in both pink ball and black ball (pink ball is "skinned" tennis ball) the tournament deserves championship rating.

Tony Quintero, Morris Franco and Keith Williams made the pairings. They planned very well as the final match involved Steve Sandler and Rafael Santiago as the best players of the tournament.

Sandler's steadiness, his service and kill shots with either hand proved the deciding factors for the 21-14, 21-19 match win. Santiago, the Bronx champion, a southpaw, played very well. He gave the 500 spectators many a thrill that Sunday afternoon. His best asset was the serve on which he placed his chances. However, it was handled real well by Sandler.

Third place went to Tony Quintero with a 31-24 win over Louis Torres. Tony
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SANDLER 'PINK BALL' CHAMP TOO . . . This phase of one-wall tournament was made open this year. (l to r) — Referee Murray Collins, Steve Sandler, Runnerup Lefty Santiago, Morris Levitsky, referee and USHA one-wall committeeman.



OPEN SINGLES FINALE . . . (l to r) — Mark Levine, still in the "readying" stage, runnerup to peer of the modern era, Steve Sandler, with Ugo Bontempo, national one-wall committeeman and referee.

proved to all of us that he ranks with the best, not only as a player; but also as a promoter of this sport.

In spite of the weather conditions in the early rounds and the time allotted for the tournament, Tony was able to handle every problem in scheduling all the matches to the players' satisfaction. This was not an easy task.

It is interesting to note that Rafael Santiago defeated Al Torres, last year's champion by a score of 31-24. Steve Leventhal proved his ability when he lost a close one to Sandler in an early round, 25-22.

The pink ballers display a distinct brand of good sportsmanship and they should be complimented. The handball fans of New York look forward to another big one next year.

ROUND OF 16: Al Torres def. Harry Spurdis, 25-11; Raphael Santiago def. Keith Williams, 25-13; Marshal Kider def. Anibal Torres, 25-20; Tony Quintero def. Santos Ramirez, 25-22; Greg Raya def. Morris Franco, 25-9; Steve Sandler def. Steve Leventhal, 25-22; Louis Torres, def. Ted Olds, 25-24; Steve Weissner def. Mickey Guzman, 25-24.

QUARTER-FINALS: Santiago def. Torres, 31-24; Quintero def. Kider, 31-15; Sandler def. Raya, 31-18; Torres def. Weissner, 31-25.

SEMI-FINALS: Santiago def. Quintero, 21-4, 21-5; Sandler def. Torres, 21-4, 21-14.

FINALS: Sandler def. Santiago, 21-14, 21-19.

THIRD PLACE: Quintero def. Torres, 31-24.

Rockaway Beach Park Wins Team Title

Last day point earning of Joe Danilczyk, Julie Rothman, Richie Wos (in a consolation match for third place) and Artie Reyer won the Second annual team trophy for Rockaway Beach Park. Brooklyn Union Temple was one point back in second place. Other scorers for Rockaway were: John Reicher, Frank Karolasz, Artie Diaman and Steve Pierczynski.

The Union Temple had: Howie Eisenberg, Neil Bocian, Bruce Davidoff, Mark Levine, Steve Selbst and George Hargett as scorers.

Team Point Leaders:

Rockaway Beach Park	28	Clinton high school	13
Union Temple	27	Flatbush H.C.	13
92 St. YMHA	20	Fields YMHA	8½
New York A.C.	17	Castle Hill A.C.	7
Coney Island H.C.	17	Tilden high school	5
Queens Elks Lodge	16½	Bushwick high school	4

This award has been designed to encourage and reward organizations and individuals active in sponsoring and developing the game of handball in both formal and informal team, parks, clubs, etc.

Reyer-Ulbrich Win Doubles; Rothman-Danilczyk-Masters Doubles

By KEVIN KILGALLEN

Tournament Chairman

Artie Reyer and Wally Ulbrich outclassed probably the strongest national one-wall doubles field, defeating surprise finalists, Howie Eisenberg and Neil Bocian, 21-15, 21-11. Upsets were the order of the day, headed up by 1969 champs, Dr. Joel Wisotsky and Lou Russo, who were eliminated in an early round by Ken Gamble and Ron Berkowitz, 31-24. Gamble played the best individual doubles game of the entire tourney with his kills and angles sending Russo scurrying and scrambling repeatedly. Gamble constantly set himself for Russo's power drives and rifled them back on the fly.

Another major upset was the loss of Mike Dikman and Bob Sparrow to Steve Selbst and Bruce Davidoff, a young two-some from Brooklyn's Union Temple, 31-26. Then the steady team of Ira Haspel and Jeff Seiden downed Joe and Charlie Danilczyk, 31-29. Third-seeded Dr. Sorrel Feldman and Al Katzen almost got the treatment by the flat kills of the "kids", Mark Levine and George

Hargett, eking it out, 31-28.

Sisenberg-Bocian went the three-game route in both the quarters and semis, dumping favored Gamble-Berkowitz, then Carl and Ruby Obert. Eisenberg and Bocian went to the finals on excellent team play.

Steve Sandler and Don Weber, defending champs got to the semis and were beaten by Reyer-Ulbrich, 21-9, 21-8. Wally kept Sandler away from the wall with high center court drives.

Much the same "flogging" faced Eisenberg-Bocian in the finals, but even here the surprise team took them to 15-21 in the first game. Howie reached his usual brilliance but lefthander Neil came into his own with sharp kills and steady retrieving. But, it wasn't enough and the new champs wilted them down and won going away in the second game, 21-11. This is Reyer's third USHA doubles title, Ulbrich's second.

"Youth" returned to the Masters doubles in the persons of Joe Danilczyk, and

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Rank	Name	Club	Score	Group	Final Score
1	STEVE SANLIER, 92nd St. YMCA	SANLIER	25-14		
2	TED OLIG, Sheridan Square Park	OLIG	31-21		
3	LOU TORRES, Crotona Park	TORRES	25-14		
4	STEVE COHMAN, Flushing YMCA	COHMAN	31-21		
5	HARRY HYDE, New York A.C.	HYDE	25-14		
6	JOE RICHOLT, Elks Club	RICHOLT	31-21		
7	LARRY WOLFE, Unattached	WOLFE	25-14		
8	JOHN RITCHIE, Rockaway Park	RITCHIE	31-21		
9	BRUCE DAVIDOFF, Union Temple	DAVIDOFF	25-14		
10	LOU FARKOVICH, Sunnyside Park	FARKOVICH	31-21		
11	MIKE POTSTEIN, Coney Island H.C.	POTSTEIN	25-6		
12	WALLY HARRICH, Flatbush H.C.	HARRICH	31-21		
13	AL TOMBA, Sunnyside Park	TOMBA	25-6		
14	REV. JIM TIGHE, Farman C.Y.C.	TIGHE	31-22		
15	ED MORFA, Sunnyside Park	MORFA	25-6		
16	DAN FLOCKSTEIN, Coney Island H.C.	FLOCKSTEIN	31-22		
17	RUBY OBEPT, New York A.C.	OBEPT	25-11		
18	STEVE TRICE, Rockaway Park	TRICE	31-15		
19	RON BERNOWITZ, Shorefront YMCA	BERNOWITZ	25-17		
20	KETH WILLIAMS, Brounville H.C.	WILLIAMS	31-22		
21	MARCEL GOLDFARB, Kingsboro C.C.	GOLDFARB	25-18		
22	STEVE SILBERT, Union Temple	SILBERT	31-13		
23	JEFF YIE, West Side YMCA	YIE	25-17		
24	SAM ANTEBY, Coney Island H.C.	ANTEBY	25-5		
25	BOB BLASS, Flatbush H.C.	BLASS	31-22		
26	GREG RAYA, Sheridan Square Park	RAYA	25-10		
27	ART DIAMANT, Rockaway Park	DIAMANT	31-26		
28	NEIL BOCHAN, Coney Island H.C.	BOCHAN	25-7		
29	MARTY CUSHMAN, Coney Island H.C.	CUSHMAN	31-16		
30	NORMAN RAY, Elks Club	RAY	25-21		
31	BILL FACAN, Unattached	FACAN	25-7		
32	AL TORRES, Crotona Park	TORRES	31-20		
33	HOWIE EISENBERG, Union Temple	EISENBERG	25-7		
34	JOHN GIMPLEIN, Flushing YMCA	GIMPLEIN	25-7		
35	MAX MYERS, Hebrew Educ. Alliance	MYERS	31-16		
36	ROY MYERS, Rockaway Park	MYERS	25-21		
37	SORREL FRIEDMAN, Brounville's A.C.	FRIEDMAN	25-11		
38	RON MYERS, 92nd St. YMCA	MYERS	31-20		
39	JEFF KIRBY, Tilgen High School	KIRBY	25-7		
40	FRED FEIT, Coney Island H.C.	FEIT	31-26		
41	CHARLES SHILTON, Unattached	SHILTON	25-11		
42	PAUL CAPELICK, Flushing YMCA	CAPELICK	31-20		
43	EDIE FRANCO, Crotona Park	FRANCO	25-19		
44	HARVEY GASHWITZ, Coney Island H.C.	GASHWITZ	25-8		
45	ROGER CASLO, Webster Park	CASLO	31-26		
46	STEVE LOTT, 92nd St. YMCA	LOTT	25-7		
47	REV. WILLIAM FINTE, Rockaway Park	FINTE	31-26		
48	MARY LEVINE, Union Temple	LEVINE	25-11		
49	GEORGE HARGETT, Union Temple	HARGETT	31-25		
50	DAN MAROBY, Brounville H.C.	MAROBY	25-3		
51	DAN YIE, West Side YMCA	YIE	31-14		
52	KEN HOUMER, Flatbush H.C.	HOUMER	25-21		
53	JIM GREENAN, Flatbush H.C.	GREENAN	31-19		
54	JIM BRIN, Hobart YMCA	BRIN	25-9		
55	A. FRIEDMAN, Coney Island H.C.	FRIEDMAN	31-19		
56	TONY QUINTELL, Unattached	QUINTELL	25-13		
57	TOM HOPKINS, Bailey Avenue Park	HOPKINS	31-4		
58	WAL BROFSKY, Coney Island H.C.	BROFSKY	25-1		
59	JOE CAMBLE, Unattached	CAMBLE	31-8		
60	KEN CAMBLE, Flatbush H.C.	CAMBLE	25-9		
61	STEVE WEISSNER, Coney Island H.C.	WEISSNER	31-19		
62	GRAHAM PALMER, Rockaway Park	PALMER	25-13		
63	MARK SPIE, Unattached	SPIE	25-13		
64	MIKE DEDMAN, Elks Club	DEDMAN	25-13		

HANDBALL — U.S.H.A.

Chattanooga Primed to Host First National Invite Masters & Golden Masters Singles Feb. 18-20

In February, Masters and Golden Masters players from across the U.S. will converge upon Chattanooga to seek honor and glory as a champion or near champion.

The singles tournament will be conducted over a three-day period (Feb. 18-20). To qualify as a Masters player, an individual must be at least 40 years of age. Golden masters players must be 50 or over.

An entry blank is enclosed for your use in registering to play in the tournament. You must have your entry blank in to Joe Timberlake, Hamilton Bank Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37402, by Feb. 14, 1972.

Your best selection for living quarters during your stay in Chattanooga is the Holiday Inn at 401 West Ninth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402. Make your reservations early so that you can be assured of getting close to the YMCA. The Holiday Inn is directly across the street from the Y.

Chattanooga is rapidly becoming one of the major hotbeds of handball in the South. Several things are responsible for this increased interest in handball in this southern city—the warm hospitality of the people—the beautiful new three million dollar YMCA. But probably the one thing that's most responsible is a group of handball enthusiasts who banded together to organize the Chattanooga Handball Club two years ago.

The Chattanooga Handball Club, within its short life, has sponsored over 20 tournaments, including several tournaments of major proportion. One tournament was held to benefit a local university football player who was totally paralyzed as a result of a swimming accident. Over \$300.00, which constituted all in-

come from the tournament, was turned over to a medical fund for the crippled young athlete.

Last March, the Chattanooga Handball Club and the Chattanooga YMCA hosted the South Division section of the USHA which the redoubtable Dr. Claude Benham won. The response of those who participated in the South Division Tournament indicated that this was one of the very best tournaments they had ever attended, both in organization and in hospitality.

And now the Chattanooga Handball Club, its members and officers again have the opportunity to display their abilities in conducting another major national tournament.

Proclamation

From: Office of the Mayor, City of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS: The United States Handball Association will hold its National Tournament on February 18, 19 and 20, 1972 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, within the Y.M.C.A.; and,

WHEREAS: Chattanooga, Tennessee has been honored with this National Tournament because of the growing enthusiasm for handball in this city and also because of the new and modern handball facilities with the local YMCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Kirk Walker, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga, do hereby proclaim the week including February 18, 19 and 20, 1972 as

HANDBALL WEEK

in the City of Chattanooga, and all handball players, their accompanying families and friends are cordially welcomed to the City of Chattanooga.

The National Fourwall YMCA Championships will be held March 23-26 at the Norfolk, Virginia, Central YMCA. Two courts have been added, one of which has a glass back wall, giving four courts to schedule the matches.

Dick Husband will be chairman for the event, aided by a national YMCA committee of Sid Semel, Dr. Claude Benham, and Bob Woodhouse.

Participants will be restricted to one event only. Entry fee will be \$10 per man, with a closing date for entries — March 13, 1972. Information: Dick Husband, c/o Central YMCA, 310 W. Bute st., Norfolk, Va. Telephone number — Area Code 703 - 622-6328.



HOST CO-CHAIRMEN . . . Heading up a hard-working Chattanooga Handball Association committee to stage the first USHA National Masters and Golden Masters singles next February at that city's YMCA are (1) Ed Ellett and Bob Gary.

Woerner Adds N.J. Limited Singles

Ed Woerner, Plainfield YMCA, scored his second New Jersey singles tournament victory of 1971, by taking the first annual New Jersey Limited held Oct. 24-30 at the Sportsman's Club in Jefferson Township.

Woerner, who regained the N.J. State singles title last spring, notched another championship by topping a field of 19 players in the first fall tournament ever held in the Garden State.

On the road to the championship Woerner eliminated Ben Buchansky, Paterson YMCA, 21-7, 21-13 in the second round. He then stopped Matty Boscaino, Orange YMCA, 21-12, 21-18 in the quarter finals before edging Fred Romeo, Paterson YMCA, 21-19, 21-20 in the semifinals. Larry Blomberg, Sportsman's Club, pushed the champ to three games in the finals before succumbing 17-21, 21-9, 21-13. Romeo beat Bill Kennedy, Montclair YMCA, 21-11, 15-21, 21-10 for the third place trophy.

Bob Leckie, tournament director, did an excellent job in running his first tournament, and was assisted ably by his entire family at the buffet dinner party held at the Sportsman's Club on the night of the finals. The silver wine coolers and pitcher awarded to the top three players were the finest ever presented to competitors in a New Jersey tournament.

Sixteenth Annual

USHA NATIONAL JUNIORS

Singles Tournament

Dec. 28-30, 1971

Sites: YMHA, Miami, Florida; Flamingo Park, Miami Beach, Florida.

Housing and Food: Provided.

Eligibility: Under 15; under 17; under 19. Player cannot reach 15, 17, or 19 in respective age brackets prior to Jan. 1, 1972. Limit of three players from any one organization. Current (1971) member of USHA.

Partial Travel Allowances from USHA: (based on one-way mileage)

Under 500 miles	\$ 0.00
500-800 miles	\$25.00
800-1200 miles	\$35.00
More than 1200 miles	\$50.00

Entry Fee: \$10 per player. Player can participate in one event only.

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SALIVA TEST NEEDED? Ken Schneider (l) and Phil Elbert scampered through the Masters Doubles field like a couple of colts and could very well be a strong open doubles entry. Tournament Chairman Sy Barnes makes the championship trophy presentation. Elbert made his initial appearance in the Masters category.



AND THE AGELESS WONDERS . . . George Brotemarkle (l) (60) and Bill Feivou (57), representing 117 years and probably more than 70 years of good handball, repeated as Golden Masters doubles winners at Birmingham. With the reigning Los Angeles A.C. champs are Sy Barnes and USHA President Bob Kendler.

Schneider-Elbert—Masters; Brotemarkle-Feivou—Golden Masters

The Second Annual National Invitational Masters and Golden Masters doubles was a repeat success in Birmingham, Alabama, with the newly-formed team of Chicagoans Phil Elbert and Ken Schneider having a veritable "cake walk" to the Masters and the fine team of Bill Feivou and George Brotemarkle, Los Angeles A.C., repeating in the Golden Masters.

Actually there appeared to be better balance and overall strength in the Golden Masters as the greybeards showed no signs of any fatigue, culminating in semis and finals both on the final Sunday. It was necessitated scheduling because several teams could not make it in Friday afternoon for the first round.

Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, and Joe Hero, New Orleans, took third place in Masters; Marty Grossman and Julie Rothman, New York, third place in Golden.

Schneider, with impressive credits that include open singles and doubles national titles, and more than a few Masters doubles wins, decided it was time at age 50 to take on a junior partner. And, he couldn't have selected a better right side component than Phil Elbert, just becoming eligible for the event. In fact, this team could make a reputable showing against any of the nation's tandems. There was no team in this particular tournament that could press them seriously, although as Schneider put it, "It wasn't that easy. You just can't let up against this competition else it can spell

defeat." Defending Masters winners, Murray Marcus and the locquacious Billy Haas, Miami Beach, couldn't muster double figures in the finals, although they gave it the big try. The 21-9, 21-6 scores were actually not that one-sided. It was just a matter of the winners displaying better control of their shots and an ability to end the rally when the shots came forth.

Many thought the defending Brotemarkle (60) and Feivou (57) would be upseated as they were giving away some years to some good-looking teams. There was second-seeded Joe Ardito (59) and Jack Gordon (52), Chicago; Harold Hanft (54) and Ted Bystock (58), Ft. Lauderdale and Miami respectively.

If we had to pick out "Player of the Golden Masters" it would have to be Harold Hanft. The former New Yorker was an excellent retriever, good shooter and outstanding volleyer throughout, but after he and Bystock had lost a tough 21-20 final round game, they just couldn't muster anything for second game and went down 21-1. Brotemarkle, the "Believe It Or Not" Master of Masters tournament for more than 20 years, seems to stay perennially strong. It was George who came back strong in that first when a couple of key points were needed, and he gave Feivou every support on that right side.

Hanft has been a runnerup both years, the first one with George Simpson. Ted Bystock was a solid right side partner for

him up to the end of that first game and then appeared completely worn.

Des Smith and Gus Kopaytic, Milwaukee, salvaged the Golden Masters consolation over Ben Loiben, Chicago, and Bob Crawford the ex-Toronto native, now of Port Richey, Fla., 6-21, 21-19, 21-7.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: Masters Doubles—First round—John Cameron, Memphis-Brewer Kitchings, Birmingham, def. Wally Ris-Daryl Bond, Los Angeles, default; Ed Meadows-Frank Tavoires, Washington, D.C., def. Joe Pratt-Lou Flamer, Birmingham, 21-17, 21-20; R.B. Jernigan-S. Hader, Birmingham, def. Paul Burrell-Olin Dodd, Spartanburg, S.C., 21-14, 21-13; Frank Cristaudo-Dick Finch, Ft. Lauderdale, def. David Staff-Ray Nelson, Birmingham, 21-12, 21-4.

Quarter-finals: Murray Marcus-Bill Haas, Miami, def. Cameron-Kitchings, 21-2, 21-3; Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport-Joe Hero, New Orleans, def. Meadows-Tavoires, 21-17, 15-21, 21-20; Danny Kallman-Ed Johnson, Birmingham, def. Jernigan-Hader, 21-17, 21-18; Ken Schneider-Phil Elbert, Chicago, def. Cristaudo-Finch, 21-6, 21-1.

Semi-finals: Marcus-Haas def. Lloyd-Hero, 21-13, 21-15; Schneider-Elbert def. Kallman-Johnson, 21-11, 21-2.

Finals: Schneider-Elbert def. Marcus-Haas, 21-9, 21-6.

Third place—Lloyd-Hero def. Kallman-Johnson, 21-10, 21-14.

GOLDEN MASTERS: First round: Ken Weldon, Birmingham-Walter Skutar, Richmond, Va., def. Sid Semel, Norfolk, Va.-Mort Leve, Chicago, 12-21-21-19, 21-8; Bob Kendler-Gus Lewis, Chicago, def. Lou Russo Sr., New York, Bob Lewis, Miami Beach, 21-20, 14-21, 21-13; Julius Rothman-Marty Grossman, New York, def. Des Smith-Gus Kopaytic, Milwaukee, 21-8, 21-2; Harold Hanft-Ted Bystock, Miami, def. Bill Martin-Tip Fowler, Birmingham, 21-4; 21-1; Sy Barnes-Phil Gagliano, Birmingham, def. Ben Loiben, Chicago-Bob Crawford, Port Richey, Fla., 18-21, 21-6, 21-4; George Johnson-Calvin Miller, Montgomery, def. Bill Martin-Harold Katz, Birmingham, 21-10, 21-9.

Quarter-finals George Brotemarkle-Bill Feivou, Los Angeles, def. Weldon-Skutar, 21-8, 21-1; Rothman-Grossman def. Kendler-Lewis, 21-8, 21-19; Hanft-Bystock def. Barnes-Gagliano, 21-2, 21-8; Joe Ardito-Jack Gordon, Chicago, def. Johnson-Miller, 21-8, 21-5.

Semi-finals: Brotemarkle-Feivou def. Rothman-Grossman, 21-9, 21-9; Hanft-Bystock def. Ardito-Gordon, 21-10, 21-10.

Finals: Brotemarkle-Feivou def. Hanft-Bystock, 21-20, 21-1.

Third place: Rothman-Grossman def. Ardito-Gordon, 15-21, 21-17, 21-3.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: Frank Cristaudo is an Eastern Airlines pilot captain and arranged for the 10 Chicago bound returnees to be his guest for a drink. Ralph "Coach" Thomas, physical director at the JCC, again was a powerhouse host, providing transportation whenever needed and tending to every want—a tireless man. And, a repeat hospitality Friday night at the Sy Barnes' . . . plenty of food and liquid refreshments. The Saturday night Chicken feed at the JCC was also most palatable.

64-year-old Bob Crawford brought his charming bride of six months with him for an introduction to handball . . . Sid Semel, floor manager, who is rapidly becoming one of the very best, was pressed into action as Mort the Sport's partner when Les Procter of Austin, Texas, was a "no-show." Ben Loiben and his good wife Ilka must have set a record for auto difficulties en route from Chicago. They had broken rods in two different cars before resigning and buying a Cadillac . . . They were going on from Birmingham to visit son, Gary, at the U. of Texas. Des Smith was trying to remember the "Harper Valley P.T.A." song but flunked out. Mesdames Evie Kendler and Elaine Leve spent a lot of time picking out a nice gift for Mrs. Barnes for her gracious hostessing . . . The good Rev. Skutar now is appearing in Richmond, Va. Found out JCC exec. director Harold Katz is a former Chicagoan, who was an excellent pitcher for Northwestern University just a "few" years ago.

St. Louis JCCA Jr. 'Bumper Crop'



HERE ARE THE BOYS TO BEAT IN NATIONAL JUNIORS . . . Comes Dec. 28-30 in Miami and this contingent from the St. Louis JCCA will be out gunning for most of the top honors again. — (l to r) — Jerry Hilecher, Ted Yevelson, 1970 under-17 winner; Barry Goldstein; Billy Goldstein; Steve Serot, under-15 runnerup and a top-ranked racquetballer; Steve Adelman, under-15 champion.

Eddie Meadows, the former William and Mary quarterback, was in his first Masters but wished he had former partners like Johnny Sloan and Pat Kirby . . . Meadows runs the big annual Arlington, Va. YMCA Blossom Time doubles. Dr. Jim Tanner beating the drums for the 3rd national invitational singles Dec. 10-12 . . . he and his fine wife were fine hosts at the Birmingham Country Club for your reporter and wife, and we saw what is meant by young Southern beauties . . . boys found out those miniature bottles spell potency in drinks (State law) . . . everything around Birmingham is revival of U. of Alabama football team — "Bama's Back — That's 'Bear Fact'" . . . Manny Dorksy, concentrating on golf because of back miseries but still much interested . . . knows everyone around Birmingham as he took us to a couple of bright light spots. Cousin Jack was on a Caribbean vacation.

Alan Clark down with the flu bug, had to cancel out of the Masters . . . Ralph Kaufman, the Miami Beach Masters headliner, also was forced to miss because of the flu.

We didn't want to overlook the fact that Ken Schneider's No. 1 fan, Anita, refereed one of the Masters matches and did a most acceptable job. Nobody dared argue with her.

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Change to Suburbia...

Changing times. Handball used to focus its dominance right in the mid-city areas with the downtown YMCAs, private clubs, and centers. Today, the picture has changed radically. Where once all the big tournaments were held in the big cities we now have the suburbia movement.

No longer can we conduct a national USHA championship with less than six courts, and even with that many we have to schedule up to 14 hours of action in the early rounds. Al Gracio had a king-sized headache as floor manager in 1970 at the Los Angeles A.C. trying to complete record breaking number of entry eliminations on their six courts. And, to think we first operated on only two standard 20 x 40s at the LAAC in 1955 with "team play" forced to the king-sized 25 x 50 courts.

At Seattle's Washington A.C. we will work with six courts, three more than we had available when we conducted the nationals there in 1963. However, we will now be able to utilize five other courts at Seattle U., located nearby.

More and more we will be training our sights on the universities with large number of courts and blue print planned new private suburban area clubs with eight or more courts.

United States' No. 1 city, New York, does not have ONE facility that could handle our national open four-wall. In fact, this is a real blight area as far as the game is concerned. There are more than 1200 outdoor one-wall courts and no more four-wall courts than you would find in a city 1/20 its size. The 92nd St. YMHA is forced to restrict court time to 18-20 minutes with players retiring to the gallery and impatiently await another turn. There are over-crowded conditions at the West Side Y on 63rd st. Private facilities such as the New York A.C. and Downtown A.C. are limited in number of courts and court time.

In 1952 we were in Detroit, playing on over-standard sized courts at their Downtown Y. Today, if a bid were put in from that area it would have to be from the near-completed suburban Southfield Club.

The model suburbia Community Center is the JCCA in St. Louis. Here there was sound future planning in obtaining 110 acres some years before the community was developed. Now, this Center

has 15,000-plus members with eight indoor courts, ten outdoor courts (3 three-wall, 3 four-wall and 6 one-wall) And, the clamoring is for more indoor courts to placate the disgruntled handballers who have witnessed a vast growth in racquetball play on "their" courts.

We'll be back at the University of Texas in 1973, our third visit (1965-1969) to this ideal facility with its 13 courts, center staged with a 1500 seat amphitheater court. Last March we opened up the 9-court facility at Memphis State University. With the addition of Golden Masters doubles and perhaps soon the Golden Masters singles along with open singles, open doubles, consolation singles, Masters singles and doubles, there is play aplenty throughout the week for everyone.

There is still a place for those old-line hotbeds of the games for our national invitational events. Birmingham's JCC and YMCA have been marvelous allies. Twice we have held the Masters and Golden Masters doubles, and now for a second time we held the National Invitational singles there.

We will look with interest and anticipation to the Newport Beach Tennis Club programs. They're now completing two courts in Fullerton and plan many more at Newport Beach along with its major tennis program.

Changes are continuing to take place. Developments in closed circuit TV will permit many hundreds more to watch



FINAL DUO . . . Joe Ardito, who served as floor manager of the first and very successful Chicago Park District Open Singles at the University of Illinois Circle Campus 6-court facility, with Jim Leahy (l), runnerup, and his son, Don Ardito, winner.

"live" our final championship events. We look for network TV coverage on either the open nationals, invitationals, or round robin classics. Then, in the near future will be the unveiling of the video tape cassettes. This will open up myriads of possibilities for our game — instructional both for play and refereeing; tournament play, and exhibitions.

We foresee some very exciting days ahead for USHA and your game.

NEWS ABOUT NEW COURTS . . . In the planning stage, three at Raleigh YMCA, which will give a total of seven, air-conditioned, and one of the major handball and racquetball facilities in the Southeast.

Ft. Devens, Mass. — 3 courts . . . Tucson East YMCA, 2 courts . . . Add to former lists: Painesville, Ohio YMCA, four, two new; Adrian, Mich. YMCA, two; Livonia, Mich. YMCA, two; Highland Park, Mich. YMCA, four, two new; Wayne State U., Detroit, six courts; Rochester, Mich. Oakland U., courts available but no report on number; JCC Detroit, three courts.

YMCA, Ann Arbor, Mich. three courts.

Youngstown Open . . .

The Sixth Annual Youngstown (Ohio) Open singles and doubles tournament has been scheduled for Jan. 29-31 at the Central YMCA. A fifth court with a 130-seat capacity will be ready for this competition. Entry fees are \$6 per man, with a deadline of Jan. 26. Chairman: Fred Scarsella, c/o Central YMCA, 17 N. Champion st., Youngstown, OH. 44501.

A Real Treat...Plays Against Jacobs-Haber

Handball game on Court 3! Haber and Jacobs vs. Lott and Jordan! Lott and WHO? That's right, a Plimpton of sorts of handball or as Lott reported later, "some guy". What was this all about?

Dr. Carl Urbont, executive director of the 92nd Street YM&YWA of New York, had hired me as a consultant for the purpose of analyzing the programs and the facilities of the "Y" and to develop an exercise stress laboratory. As part of my duties, I was sampling different facets of the program. In the domain of Al Stein, of course, one facet was handball.

On a typical Thursday night, I dressed to play handball. As I walked into the office to sign up with Ed Pennington, I saw Jimmy Jacobs arrive with his numerous pairs of handball gloves hanging from his bag. Paul Haber, visiting New York on personal business, had been playing off and on since noon and had indicated he couldn't play another game. (Of course, Jimmy's kind offer to drive him to his next destination provided a good reason for playing some more). Jimmy said that he had his usual appointment with Steve Lott, National Junior singles champ in 1968 and runner-up in the National Doubles for the last two years. With Paul there, Jimmy suggested a doubles game. Who would be the fourth? Jimmy said, "Anyone." Paul suggested "Dave". Jimmy agreed. Too bad for Steve. He hadn't arrived yet so

he couldn't veto it. Once he did arrive he naturally assumed that Haber would take as a partner either Steve or "some guy" as he later reported, for his partner.

After warm-ups, during which time I was trying simply to stay out of their way and hide from the 50 or so spectators who had gathered by the back wall windows and the upper gallery. Finally they were ready to play.

Then Paul said nonchalantly to Steve with a gleam in his eye, "Okay, Jimmy and I will stand you and Dave." Lott shuddered and stammered. With a forced smile he said, "No. Really, uh, how shall we play?" Paul insisted. So Lott had the misfortune of playing with a novice partner, but the rare, perhaps, once-in-a-lifetime chance of going against Jimmy Jacobs and Paul Haber, the greatest 4-wall handball players in existence.

What happened? I don't really remember. Steve served first. Jimmy killed it. Then the game began. I think at one point Jimmy served so long I thought it was a training session for Jimmy's serve. By the time we got to serve I was stammering internally. I felt I was in a glass cage wondering now that I am holding the ball with my left hand, what the hell am I going to do with it. Serve on the right? Serve low to the left to Jimmy's famous left hand? Hand the ball to Steve? Hit the ball up into the gallery? Maybe I should double fault which would spare

me the embarrassment of any return?

Finally, I served. Steve was the recipient of a "cannon" pass from Jimmy. He got his left hand on it for a "safe" return. Paul rolled it out from the front wall. And so it went. Much to Steve's credit, he did manage to eke out 8 or 9 points, while I managed to stay out the way of these three extremely skilled athletes. The highlights for me and a memory I shall always cherish came in the second game with Paul as my partner. First, I attempted a return with my chin (Jimmy said it's against the rules). Second Jimmy followed a front wall shot of Paul's with a sure kill off the lower boards of the front wall. I somehow managed to kill it. Little did they know that I missed the ball but it dribbled off the front wall to the delight of everybody.

In retrospect what can you say except that it could only happen at the 92nd Street Y.

DR. DAVID JORDAN

Scuttlebutt . . .

Latest word out is that Paul Haber will team with Jim Jacobs in the 22nd National USHA Championships set for the Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22, 1972. This should add much to the doubles field and certainly spotlight the pair as a strong bet for top honors.

Kashtan Does A-1 Job In Hosting Village Tourney

By UGO BONTEMPO

Milton Kashtan, one of our USHA New York one-wall singles players, has taken upon himself the task of running the annual Greenwich Village championships for the past five years without any fanfare or recognition.

As one of the USHA national one-wall committeemen, through the Brownsville Handball Club and the USHA, I compliment him and would like to have the HANDBALL readers recognize his efforts and accomplishments in successfully running this enjoyable outdoor tournament.

Many of the contestants are of national USHA repute, therefore the competition has been keen and strong.

This year's tournament proved the most successful yet with 32 strong and well-balanced entrants. The matches were

well contested, and enjoyable from the standpoint of Kashtan, the players and the village spectators.

There were numerous upsets, the most surprising of which was the loss of Dr. Sorrel Feldman, one of our strong USHA players, in the first round to Mike Bardekoff, 21-17. Bardekoff, in turn, was upset in the very next round to a comparatively unknown player, Leon Wilson, 18-21, 21-17, 21-16. The Nos. 1 and 2 seeds, both well known—Charlie Sheldon and Al Tomba, met in the finals with Sheldon winning, 21-11, 21-9.

Neal Bocian, a youngster to be watched (21), won the consolation. I was happy to assist Kashtan in refereeing the quarter-finals, semis and finals. Trophies were awarded, some of them from our Brownsville Club.

Milt Kashtan, thank you for your endeavors and for a job well done.

Valentino Over Plater In 2nd Annual Saginaw Y Open Tourney Nov. 13-14

In the Second Annual Saginaw YMCA Open Handball Tournament Nov. 13-14, Carl King, Jr. and Bob Goldsmith, Saginaw, defeated Gene Sheets and Barry Campbell, Saginaw, in the Doubles championship match, 21-12, 21-2. Third place went to the team of Larry White and Doug Vanderoest, Kalamazoo, who defeated Ron Lott and Andy Messenger, Lansing, 21-15, 21-18. In the singles championship, Carl Valentino, a coach at Leslie Middle School in Lansing defeated Robert Plater, Detroit, 16-21, 21-8 and 21-16. Plater was the 1970 singles champion. Valentino, being a coach, jogs 2-3 miles a day and his excellent conditioning paid off in the third and final game as Plater was showing signs of tiring. Bob Landeryou of Saginaw won third place over Keith Ferguson, Saginaw, by forfeit. Ferguson had a leg injury and was unable to play.

First USHA Round Robin Classic . . .

Haber Over Kirby in 'Key' Match



USHA WINTER GARB . . . St. Paul A.C. added to Round Robin Classic awards with heavy weight, lined ski-type jackets to winner Paul Haber and runnerup, Pat Kirby. Pair will tangle again in special exhibition being set up at the Club, Jan. 8-9.



REPRESENTING HOST CLUB . . . Dr. Gary Rohrer (left) and Terry Muck met on the final day with Terry knocking Gary out of top contention. Gary had beaten Haber on the opening day, then had lost to Kirby but his accumulated point difference would have given him No. 1 had there been a three-way tie with Kirby and Haber.

What can you say about the champ . . . who loses the first game of the final playoff match of USHA's first Round Robin Classic to Pat Kirby and injures his knee enroute; then is losing 0-10 in the second game, bounces off the canvas to keep alive 21-20, and then takes the third game going away, 21-16. That's Paul Haber, who together with Pat Kirby made this first three-day head-to-head competition completely successful for the host St. Paul A.C.

Through the full cooperation and promotion of Neal Nordlund many "bugs" were eliminated and the final production proved our point—a true test of four top-rated players meeting one another provides a full program of exciting action.

Participants—Dr. Gary Rohrer, No. 3 at Memphis; Terry Muck, winner of the very strong New York A.C. invitational last May, and himself No. 3 nationally in 1970; Pat Kirby, who has won every conceivable tournament but the big USHA prizes; and Paul Haber, No. 1 man, who has a "first" now in all the USHA national invitational events.

Haber didn't come into this competition fully ready as he does the open nationals. He had been doing an exhibition and "on the town" in Milwaukee for a couple of days and was short on sleep when he arrived in St. Paul. His first match was against Rohrer and he just couldn't muster his talents to make a match out of it. The 21-4, 21-12 scores DO indicate the margin of play difference. It appeared to a disgruntled audience that Haber was to make a farce out of this Round Robin. Pat Kirby had looked his usual peerless self in disposing of speedy Terry Muck, 21-14, 21-10 on that Friday night.

The next day Haber still wasn't at his top game. He managed to "stagger" through Muck and could have been a loser again. He lost the first game 17-21, won 21-18, and then outlasted Terry, 21-12. Kirby righted himself from a slow start against Rohrer, losing 7-21, then won 21-8, 21-15.

So going into the final round on Sunday it was Kirby a solid 2-0; Rohrer a 1-1; Haber 1-1; Muck 0-2. Under the rules in case of a two-man match tie the player who had beaten the other would be declared champion. In case of a three-man tie, which could occur if Rohrer were to beat Muck, and Haber were to beat Kirby, then the point difference would spell the difference. In the case of a three-way deadlock there was no way Haber could win in this case because of his poor first round showing.

When Muck came on strong to completely outplay Rohrer for his first win the stage setting became a "natural". Haber could emerge the champ by beating Kirby. The night before Paul had told Pat, "I owe you one, Pat, and I'm going to collect it tomorrow." Of course this is pre-match psyching and Kirby was not reluctant to fire back his salvos.

At the onset of the big finale Haber looked sharp and ready to go all out. But, Kirby was firing away his telling Irish Whip kills and went to 9-5 after the score was tied at 5-5. Kirby counted four times at a right corner kill with his right, a straight right hand kill, a bottom boarder with his right off the back wall and an ace to the right. He had a setup for another tally but missed with his left. This allowed Haber to take the lead with six points (11-9) on an ace to the left as he slowed up his reverse serve, and then three straight right hand Kirby shooting errors, a ceiling shot into the right corner that was too hard to handle, and a left hand straight kill.

Then Kirby retaliated with four points with kills. The serve changed hands twice. Kirby went to 14-11 on an ace to the left and a right hand right corner kill. It was on this latter



PAYOFF MATCH . . . After losing first game to Pat Kirby and behind 10-0 in the second, Paul Haber came back strong to win third day match and first Round Robin USHA Classic at St. Paul A.C. Haber takes back wall shot.



BEFORE THE FINAL MATCH . . . Both Haber and Kirby had their eyes on the No. 1 prize of a portable TV, donated by one of the St. Paul A.C. "patrons". To the runnerup would go the radio-tape recorder. Neal Norlund holds the loot as Paul and Pat attempt to "psych" each other out.

point that Haber twisted his knee and had to take a full injury timeout. The left knee was bandaged and he was visibly hobbling when play resumed. Kirby went to 20-11, serving strongly to the right as Haber had trouble moving in that direction. Anxious to get that 21st point Kirby ran into errors although Paul seemed to have no mobility and then won 21-16 as Haber erred with his left fist off the serve.

As the second game got underway Haber was definitely not moving well and Kirby piled up 10 straight points in his first inning, again serving mainly to the right. The crowd felt that this was it—not only wasn't Haber functioning well but to give a 10-point handicap to a Kirby after losing a game isn't conducive to a comeback.

Again, Kirby lost a serve with an error.

To everyone's surprise Haber went in and started to whittle down the lead, mixing up the serve, gaining one ace on a lob serve to the left, losing the serve at 3-10 when Kirby killed straight off his serve; then falling behind 11-3 on a kill off a ceiling shot to the right.

Then Haber got back in the game with a five-spot inning . . . his exciting right corner kill with the left; another of his favorites, the left hand off the back wall killed into the left corner; 6-11 on a right hand, right corner kill, 7-11 a left hand that hit the left wall crotch; 8-11 when Kirby erred with his left fist off the serve. Paul put Kirby out twice, tied it at 11-11 and finally went ahead 12-11 on an ace to the left. His next serve had a "handle" and Kirby drilled it in the right corner and took a 14-12 lead on the two Haber errors and a left hand kill. Haber came back to tie it at 14-14 on two passes and a lead of 15-14 on a Kirby error. Kirby put him out on a bottom boarder off the back wall with his right but couldn't score when he missed with a left hand fly shot. He, in turn, put out Paul on a pass; again was scoreless with a Haber right hand kill off the back wall; stopped Haber by killing a lob to his left. It was a 15-15 tie on a Kirby ace to the right, 16-15 Kirby on a right hand straight kill; then was put out when Paul fired in a left hand kill. Haber couldn't do anything as Kirby right hand killed into the left corner, but

didn't add to his lead as he erred with his left.

Again a tie score at 16-16 when Kirby missed with his right, but fought back and killed into the left corner with his right from deep court.

Kirby took a 17-16 lead on an ace to the left. After an exchange of ceiling shots Haber killed with his right but then erred on a fly right shot.

Kirby went to 18-16 on another deep court right hand kill; Haber shoveled in a left hand kill to regain the serve; added one to 17-18 on a right corner kill with his right then missed with his left after a long volley. He fought back and put Kirby out without a score on a straight right hand kill. Haber then went to 20-18 on one of those right corner kills with his left, a Kirby left hand error, and straight right kill. He missed a right hand shot and the crowd was really up shouting after Kirby made it 19-20 on a right corner kill with his right and a straight kill with his right and the score was 20-20. One more point and it was all Pat Kirby!

Haber made a beautiful get and killed in the right corner to put Kirby out. Haber then won 21-20 on a right hand kill into the right corner. Kirby had shot from deep court to the right corner but Haber was on top of it and it came up enough for him to get his shot.

Someone made the remark—"The difference between the champ and the rest of the field is his ability to rise to pressure."

In analyzing the Kirby pattern of play we would report that his showmanship at times detracts from strict concentration, that all-important element to steadiness and championship performance. While Pat would applaud his opponent on some shots and react to the audience we noted Haber 100 per cent serious, always intent on the game itself. There are "ups and downs" in the Kirby game. When he is bottom boarding the ball and fly shooting sharply no one is going to beat him but then he'll run into a rash of errors with either hand and completely sway from any game plan, and the pendulum will switch from apparent victory to defeat.

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First Chicago Park District Singles Draws 94-Player Field at U. of Illinois Courts

Don Ardito won the first Chicago Park District open singles tournament, held in early October at the fine six-court facility of U. of Illinois Circle Campus, beating Jim Leahy. Ardito, representing the NW Suburban YMCA, now at the peak of his game at 31, outclassed an imposing 94-player field that included all of the top-rated area players with the exception of Paul Haber, Denny Hofflander, and Jack McDonald.

The Circle Campus, located on the west fringe of the Loop, recently opened up this spacious multi-million dollar physical education building with six standard courts added to the five originally constructed in the Student Union building.

Jim DiVito, official with the Park District, originated the tournament and co-chaired the event with Edmund Kelly. They plan to make it an annual event, working in cooperation with USHA. Joe Ardito and Ben Costello handled the floor managing chores and worked out a schedule of seven weekday matches, starting on Monday, Oct. 4, skipping Saturday and Sunday, and winding up on Oct. 12.

King-sized trophies were awarded, and a well stocked hospitality room was set up the final two nights at the nearby Holiday Inn.

Andy Upatnieks, Lake Shore Club, seeded No. 1, was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Rich Drabik, member of the Chicago Fire Department. It was a stamina-tested three-game match with Drabik showing poise and steadiness to win, 21-16, 16-21, 21-19. Tony D'Andrea, Duncan Y, winner of last year's Central USHA Contenders' singles, seeded No. 2, was also eliminated in the quarter-finals, by Leahy, 21-10, 21-13.

Bob Koenig, kingpin of the Northwest Suburban Y, posted a big win over Phil Elbert, No. 3 seed, "road runner" vet from Oak Park Y, in the quarters, 20-21, 21-3, 21-12. The humid condition of the Circle courts, occasioned by its proximity to the swimming pool, considerably dampened Elbert's court coverage after that first tough game. Koenig went on to salvage third place after losing to Leahy, 21-18, 21-15.

Tony Reiting, now playing out of Duncan Y, showed good improvement be-



IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE . . . (l to r) — Don Ardito, Northwest Suburban Y, wins Mayor Richard J. Daley trophy (everything's big in Chicago); Edmund L. Kelly, Chicago Park District Assistant General Superintendent and tournament co-chairman; William L. Barbaro, Director of Recreation for Chicago Park District; James DiVito, Chicago Park District Supervisor and tournament co-chairman.



LOOKS LIKE A POLITICAL CAUCUS . . . Finalists of First Chicago Park District Open Singles with officials . . . (l to r) — John Tardi, Park Supervisor; James DiVito, Park Supervisor and Tournament Co-Chairman; Joseph Patti, Park Supervisor; Jim Leahy, Chicago Fire Dept., runnerup and winner of the William L. McFetridge Memorial Trophy; Tony Struppa, Park Supervisor; Al Fitch, Area Supervisor; Don Ardito, champion; Edward McCabe, Park Supervisor; Edmund L. Kelly, Assistant General Superintendent and Tournament Co-Chairman; Bob Koenig, Northwest Suburban YMCA, third place; William N. Barbaro, Director of Recreation.

fore losing to Koenig.

Scores from the round of 16:

Andy Upatnieks, Lake Shore Club, def. Denny Malmgren, Aurora Y, 7-21, 21-12, 21-8; Rich Drabik, Chicago Fire Dept., def. Cy Abata, Duncan Y, 21-9, 12-21, 21-4; Tony Paris, Duncan Y, def. Nunzio Mugavero, Duncan Y, 21-15, 7-21, 21-18; Don Ardito, NW Suburban Y, def. Lee Hoeft, Duncan Y, 21-17, 21-7; Phil Elbert, Oak Park Y, def. Jim Cosentino, West Suburban Y, 21-7, 21-17; Bob Koenig, West Suburban Y, def. Tony Reiting, Duncan Y, 21-11, 21-20; Jim Leahy, Chicago Fire Dept., def. Zeke Zaletel, Joliet Y, 21-20, 21-15; Tony D'Andrea, Duncan Y, def. Elihu Blanks, 111th St. Y, 21-12, 21-6.

QUARTER-FINALS: Drabik def. Upatnieks, 21-16, 16-21, 21-19; Ardito def. Paris, 17-21, 21-17, 21-7; Koenig def. Elbert, 20-21, 21-3, 21-12; Leahy def. D'Andrea, 21-10, 21-13.

SEMI-FINALS: Ardito def. Drabik, 21-18, 21-19; Leahy def. Koenig, 21-18, 21-15.

FINALS: Ardito def. Leahy, 21-14, 21-9.

THIRD PLACE: Koenig def. Drabik, 21-16, 21-17.

USHA Salutes Charlie O'Connell For His Countless Contributions As Half Century Handball Leader



CHARLES O'CONNELL

On October 1, 1966, Charlie O'Connell was duly honored at his New York Athletic Club with the dedication of the new gallery court. This was a fitting tribute, as Jerome F. Healy Jr., president of the Club, put it, "in recognition of his many contributions toward the growth and development of Handball for more than half a century."

Written tributes came from all parts of the nation. USHA President Bob Kendler said, "His contributions to the New York A.C. and the world of handball are many and we hope he will continue to promote our game."

Despite the fact that Charlie has been a member of the AAU "Enemy Camp" these two decades of USHA growth we look upon him as a fellow handball buff, a man who puts the game and its players above all else. Suffice to say this honorable gentleman has never been able to get the needed assistance from within the AAU ranks to give the game its rightful position, and it was for this reason that our Association was formed.

We do feel that Charlie deserves a pat on the back from the "Players' Fraternity" for all he has done through the years. Just scan over this imposing diary of achievements:

1909—Instrumental construction first one-wall court at Brighton Beach.

1930—Author of first printed book on handball rules, "How to Play Handball."

1957—Named to Helms Handball Hall of Fame for noteworthy contributions to handball.

1958—Chairman Unified Handball Rules Committee selected by YMCA, AAU, USHA, JWB.

1959—Originated three-wall "Ja-Alai Fronton courts" in New York City parks.

1964—Chairman First World Handball Championship at New York A.C.

1965—Author of "Handball Illustrated" published by The Ronald Press.

1966—Presented with the 1966 Lighthouse (New York Association for the Blind) Sports World Humanitarian award at Waldorf-Astoria for his dedication and devotion to blind people.

Today, an octogenarian and still active in the local handball picture at the New York A.C., Charlie O'Connell still has that keen insight and enthusiasm. He served well as National AAU chairman for many years and was especially proud of the strong teams that represented his Club. Charlie followed avidly the accomplishments of the famed Obert brothers, Oscar, Carl and Ruby. He worked closely with Joe Ingrassia and today Joe carries on an ambitious handball promotion at the Club that includes a very successful annual invitational tournament each Spring.

We have no quarrel with a man who has deep roots and beliefs in an organization. We're just sorry that such a capable man in motion wasn't working with us in a similar purpose — to give handball its own identity.

St. Paul A. C. Cards Another Two-Day Classic Headlining Jacobs-Decatur vs. Haber-Kirby

Neal Nordlund, the Twin City impresario, is rapidly becoming the handball promoter of the century. Following up the successful First USHA Round Robin Classic in October, Neal has scheduled a star-studded two-day extravaganza Jan. 8-9 highlighted by a doubles match between Jim Jacobs-Marty Decatur and Paul Haber-Pat Kirby.

Jacobs and Decatur possess the "Believe It Or Not" record of not having been defeated over a ten-year partnership covering five USHA national open doubles crowns, New York A.C. invitational, and countless exhibitions. They will lay their laurels right on the line against the game's reigning champion, Paul Haber, and the No. 1 "Weekend Warrior," Pat Kirby.

This match will be the feature of the first day — Saturday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Preceding will be another outstanding match, involving current USHA national champs Simie

Fein and Ray Neveau against the host team of Terry Muck and Billy Yambrick, set for 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the festivities will commence with Neveau playing Muck at 1 p.m. and then at 2:30 p.m. Kirby will get a chance to balance the slate against Haber for the three-game loss in the Round Robin Classic.

Haber and Kirby have met Jacobs and Decatur once before at the New York 92nd St. YMHA where the 18½ foot ceiling is not conducive to Paul's strong ceiling game. Also, in this initial confrontation there was the obvious weakness of teamwork micues between two dominant court personalities. But, both Haber and Kirby are confident that they can overcome this and administer the defeat to puncture the ten-year unblemished record.

One thing for sure, there will be a wealth of outstanding handball talent on hand for this two-day show — Jan. 8-9!



Better With Age . . .

Dear Bob:

First off all I want to tell it again, you're getting better with age . . . like a rare wine. I just received the magazine and the first thing I looked at was your editorial on the back cover. I just can't help give credit where credit is due. The title "Thank You God" is terrific.

I have always felt very much indebted to every man I have ever met in the world of handball. It is not a financial thing, it is something intangible that I cannot explain. I, too, thank the One above us when I walk into the handball court . . . The Supreme Being, the mighty God, for being so good to me in letting me stand on my own two feet and being able to play and associate with such nice people.

Bob, I believe there are three chapters in every man's life.
(1) When he comes into this world. (2) The life he lives.
(3) When He calls to close his eyes. Somehow, to me, the second phase is most significant because the good Lord has given me the privilege to associate with many friends like you in the handball world. The abundance of my rewards has been tremendous . . . like the saying in the Good Book—it is better to give than to receive. I have always felt that I am in debt to every man I have ever met so whenever the roll call comes for my No. 3 I'll be ready. I'll be ready to give my humble gratitude for the joy and wonderful happiness during my stay on this earth.

I am sending you a little book written by James Allen, "As a Man Thinketh." For anything I might have done for handball my return far surpasses.

Jess Lopez
Chicago, Ill.

Giving Back . . .

Dear Mort:

Thank you for the information on the Lifetime USHA Perpetuation Fund. Enclosed is my check made out to the USHA for the Perpetuation Fund.

I believe handball has contributed a great many good things to my life. I hope this contribution will make it possible for many others to have the same or more opportunities to enjoy handball and all that it has to offer.

Dr. M. Gregg Steadman,
Los Altos, Calif.

Tennis Seed — "No" Vote . . .

Dear Mort:

In reply to your request for opinions on the "tennis seed," I would like to submit a negative vote. As you know, I never miss an opportunity to inject my opinion, particularly when it is solicited.

To me it appears that the tennis draw permits the player ranked in the bottom of each quarter to have an advantage. In the case of handball tournaments, the player has most often earned that ranking and the traditional draw method places him where his record shows he will probably finish.

For instance, a player ranked eight faces the #9 player in the round of 16 and then the #1 man in the round of eight in the traditional draw. The same player, under the tennis system, meets #16 in the round of 16 and then #4 in the quarterfinals, as I see it. In the meantime the top seeded player meets #9 first and then #5 in his next match. My conclusion is that being ranked eighth under the tennis system is just as good as being top seeded. In fact the draw for #8 might even be better on the way to the semifinals.

The system traditionally used is one which rewards a player for his past accomplishments. Why should Gordie Pfeifer have received as good or better a draw as Paul Haber in Memphis? (I'm citing your example of the ranking used in drawing up the national singles tournament.) All players hope for a good draw, but I'm sure that Pfeifer would want that favorable position only after he had taken the national title.

What it boils down to is that you cannot penalize a player for being the best.

An argument against the traditional system would be that the past should be forgotten. In other words, the championship was won last year and that winner will always be the champion in that year. It can never be taken from him, so why give him a good draw in this new year?

Opposing that is the fact that rankings have to be made in order to set up a draw. Why should a player rated low by the tournament committee receive a draw that's better than the player they ranked the best?

These are the views of rank-and-file players. I will be interested in reading what nationally ranked stars have to say about this proposal. I'm glad the USHA is open to suggestions about its tournament format because its willingness to consider changes is its strength.

Bill Kennedy

The Masters Lament . . .

Since I've grown older as a Master
the handball seems smaller, moves much faster

Ceilings are higher, courts much longer
my opponents quicker and stronger

They hit the ball so crisp and low
how they do it I sure don't know

The air is heavier, or so I believe
makes it hard for me to breathe

When the match is over I'm happy for that
hoping I've lost a few ounces of fat

Then on to a place I'm best by far
hoisting a beer at the club bar

A few good belts and I relive the past
man, when I was young, I was fast!

Wes Hicks

A Player's Woe

Gentlemen:

As an avid devotee of the sport of handball I naturally look forward to your magazine with enthusiasm each time it is published.

Naturally when it reached my office on Saturday I immediately started reading it but was forced to put it down after the first few pages because my wife and I had to leave for the Cornell-Columbia football game in Ithaca.

Thinking that I could read Handball between plays, I naturally took it into the stands and was reading it in fact when Ed Marinaro of Cornell broke the NCAA rushing record.

After the game we returned to the Big Red Barn for some cooling libation as it was extremely hot.

To make a long story short, I entrusted my copy of Handball magazine to my wife and she, thinking it was a program, apparently either left the magazine someplace or threw it away.

To save her from a divorce, would you kindly forward me another copy of the latest issue. I'll be glad to pay any cost involved and promise that in the future I will be much more careful with my issues of Handball.

Carl T. Ernstrom
Binghamton, N.Y.

Note: Handballers have enough trouble with their long suffering spouses in their court "home-away-from-home" so to avoid any further difficulties in your happy household we are forwarding the magazine post haste. Keep the faith!

From Another Sloan . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

With a name like mine I'm sure you haven't forgotten me, even though our only court encounter was at the Evanston YMCA. A game was arranged between yourself and Gus Lewis vs. Ken Schneider and myself. Very memorable for me, a youth who belonged to that Y from 6th grade through high school and didn't even know there were handball courts there.

The reason for this letter is to let you know how much I enjoyed "The Art of Getting Along", page 32 of the Oct. Handball Magazine. I'm district manager for the flooring division of The Armstrong Cork Co., and most of my salesmen play handball. For business and handball the article is a classic.

I also wanted to let you know that I'm one guy who always reads the rear, outside cover for your message before perusing the rest of handball.

I'll see you in Seattle. Please keep up the great work!

John A. Sloan
Kansas City, Mo.

3-Wall Newcomer . . .

Dear John: (Dr. Scapis)

Just a note of 'thank you' for allowing me to play in the wonderful game of 3-wall handball at your recent tournament. It was my first attempt at 3-wall and I thoroughly enjoyed it. In fact 4-wall handball will never be the same to me.

I was so impressed by the picnic-like family style tournament that you presented that I hope you will allow me to come next year and bring my wife.

John Cameron
Memphis, Tenn.



Three-court facility at Long Binh Post (outside Saigon, Vietnam) where the action goes on practically 24 hours a day. Monsoon rains literally wash out play at times but there's no delay in mopping up and resuming the welcomed respite from combat duty.

Overseas Handball . . .

Dear Bob:

Last year I wrote to you about handball activities in Germany. I now find myself in Vietnam and happy to report that handball plays an important role in our recreational activities. There are three well-constructed courts at Long Binh with an exercise room and squash court to the right. There are plans for the construction of two more courts in the near future. Behind the courts is a steam bath/massage parlor to help relieve those minor aches and pains which are a part of the sport. As an avid handballer it is heartening for me to report that all three courts are in use from morning until often past midnight and must be reserved early in order to assure getting a court.

Recently the first Long Binh Post handball tournament was held, which I was fortunate enough to win. Forty of the more serious players were able to compete and arrange their matches at various times throughout the 10-day tourney. The semi-final match with Major Mike Issacco, who was very active in the West Point handball program, was as fine a match as I have had in the past two years in the Army. In a situation peculiar to Nam the final match had to be postponed when we were washed out of the court by a torrential monsoon rain. First time I've been washed out of a handball game played inside. In addition to the tournament we are maintaining a challenge roster and the handball fraternity here at Long Binh Post is rapidly growing.

I would like to extend a hearty hello to my close handball friends at my home Y in Boston, particularly all those in the Roberts Health Club. They laughed at my optimism when I packed my gloves and USHA clothing. This will assure them I did indeed find courts and have been working out. My handball gear is making the year here more bearable and as it always has provides an outstanding outlet.

Capt. Gerry Lozeau
HHD. 68th Med. GP.
APO San Francisco 96491

Dissenting Voice . . .

Sirs:

You kindly offered to let me rejoin the USHA at a reduced rate — I am motivated to explain why I've let my membership lapse.

I play handball as often as I can, and when I can't, I play squash — a game which HANDBALL Magazine always (ugh) jokes about.

When that abomination, paddleball, came along, HANDBALL Magazine quickly made it a junior partner, allowing it equal time.

Now, paddleball has its place. I wish my wife would play it. It's a great game for women and small boys.

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But I deplore the encouragement of adult males to play such a game. And, it seems to me that HANDBALL Magazine is giving this sort of encouragement. I confess that if paddleball players played in their carports, and didn't clutter up handball courts I would be much more tolerable of them. But they are making it difficult to find court space. How about requiring that paddleball be played by women or mixed doubles? Put the game in its proper perspective.

Francis T. Bradley, Col. USAF (Ret.)
Albuquerque, New Mexico

EDITOR'S NOTE: I'm just as avid a handballer as you are, but I do have the utmost respect for the paddleballers and racquetballers. The dual purpose court gives more people a whack at "Fitness the Fun Way." When it comes to lack of court space Colonel the answer is promotion of more courts. If you haven't tried the game, don't knock it . . . TRY IT . . . YOU'LL LIKE IT! (Pass the Alka Seltzer)

Against Name Change . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

During my five years at the St. Louis JCCA as director of health and physical education, I have had many opportunities to associate with the USHA office, as well as the International Racquetball Association. We have provided our facilities and staff in support of many, many tournaments throughout the year. Most of our dealings have been amicable and we have been proud that we were looked to, to host these tournaments.

I respect your omnipotence in the sport of handball and with USHA, and am pleased that it is you that has exercised the ability for the growth of both handball and racquetball in the United States. Under your leadership, both are now providing exercise, relaxation, and recreation for thousands upon thousands of Americans.

Mr. Kendler, I feel though that this last month when you changed the name of your "Ace" magazine to "Handball," you made a dreadful mistake. To change the name and then continue to say that you are the official voice for handball, racquetball and paddleball throughout the world, I think is truly a deep-cutting blow to racquetball and paddleball. "Ace" was a perfect name. It had nostalgia, history and meaning behind it for readers of the past. It does quite clearly have meaning also for racquetball and paddleball. The word "handball" definitely I think will be the straw that breaks the camel's back in the alienation of racquetball and paddleball from your office. I feel this is unfortunate at the time because both sports need your strong administering and guiding ability.

Please consider returning to the name "Ace." I know it is a small thing, but it digs deeply into the hearts of racquetball players in this area that I am speaking for at the present time.

Bruce Hendin, Director
Health and Physical Education

Dear Bruce:

You have much merit in your letter but let us give our thinking in regard to the change from "ACE" to "HANDBALL" magazine. Bob Kendler turned your letter over to me as I was the one responsible for the change in the name. For years there has been confusion with the name "ACE." There is actually a "girlic" magazine on the stands with that name.

Several months ago we decided to send out a mailer to some 2,500 libraries in cities over 25,000 population along with more than 1500 to college libraries. We felt that the name "ACE" would mean little or nothing to them and as we were inserting a sample copy to each we wanted a name that denoted something specifically. This is our effort to get exposure for the magazine other than controlled membership. And, we are also making a bid to put the magazine in bulk numbers to YMCAs, Clubs, and Community Centers.

Our current membership is 14,000-plus, approximately 12,500 handballers, the remainder racquetballers and paddleballers, with, of course, a hundred or so who have dual membership. On this basis we are still at the stage where the pre-dominance is handball.

I would point to TENNIS Magazine, which has a circulation of some 70,000, and covers also Badminton, Deck Tennis, Paddle Tennis, and even Paddleball although I have never seen anything on the latter sport in that magazine.

Yours is the FIRST letter we have ever received in outright complaint over the change in name. If we had been deluged with such letters and had a canceling of memberships we would then be alarmed and probably some change of heart might have taken place. But, as is, I don't think the wrong course was taken.

As racquetball grows, and it will certainly grow fast, we foresee the day when separate periodicals will be the order and the game will have its deserved identity.

Handball After 60 . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Several years ago, while I was Special Services Officer at the Naval Base in Rota, Spain, I wrote to tell you about my involvement in construction of two (2) new handball courts at the base. Handball has been my primary source of recreation for the past 20 years and I am interested in getting new blood into the sport as active participants. Therefore I feel there is a need for additional facilities in many areas.

In Spain I found a real need for action to convert the existing, run-down, open roof court with its hole pocked walls to a facility which could be not only usable, but one which would also be nice enough in appearance to attract attention.

Since I had a construction crew under my cognizance, I had them build not only two completely new handball courts were used well and often. The desire to play was so enclosed, wooden floors, plaster walls, extremely well lighted with an observation balcony to all three courts. The outside of the building really sets it off in looks. As a result of this fine addition to the recreation facilities, handball mushroomed and interest in racquetball was generated.

When I left Spain to return to the States, I felt gratified by the increase in the number of players in both sports. The courts were used well and often. The desire to play was so great that the squash court was used mostly for handball and racquetball, since the number of squash players on board were few. Of course, in my 3 1/2 years at the base I continued to play often, averaging at least 2-3 games a day.

I returned to the states in July 1970 and am presently employed as Director of Recreation at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas. We have two (2) fine 4 wall indoor courts and two outside single wall courts here at Laughlin. Interest in both handball and racquetball is high. Especially since we have a pilot training program with around 500 students on the base at all times. Overall we have roughly 2500 military and there is a big demand of our facilities.

I still find time to get a couple of games in each day, normally in the evening. It is easy to find good competition. We have a ladder in operation to keep up the interest. The heat here takes a little getting used to, but I can't stay out of the courts. At age 60+ I find the competition getting tougher. I win some and lose some, but I win more than I lose. Many a youngster has come out of the court after a match with me shaking his head in disbelief.

I am constantly talking up the benefits of becoming involved in the game of handball. A game to me which has become a way of life. God willing, I will play it as long as I live. In any event, I find handball gives me a feeling of fulfillment in my everyday life.

AL BRUNO Sr.
Chief, Recreation Services

Ideal Private Club Facility . . .

Newport Beach A.C. Model Installation



THROUGH THESE PORTALS . . . With parking space surrounding the club in the Fashion Island Shopping Center there is no difficulty in getting to the courts. A desert-like landscaping adds to the relaxed aura.

John Bazacas is giving residents of Orange County in California an outstanding handball/racquetball club, located in the giant Fashion Island shopping center of Newport Beach. The Newport Beach Athletic Club has four standard courts and the swank appointments that add so much to the modern-day club image.

Originally, Bazacas built two courts cross town at the Milo Health Club. The operation proved so successful that he made it an exclusive women's club and planned well ahead in obtaining a choice piece of property in the shopping center to ultimately build a larger type club.

The impact of racquetball, giving a private club dual purpose courts allows for a sound business operation. At the present time the Newport Beach A.C. is a men's only setup but an adjacent piece of property is available and a women's section is definitely in the blue print planning.

A club like Newport's is able to offer more in the way of luxurious surroundings than a YMCA or Community Center. The cold plunge, whirlpool, "shaving bar", plush carpeted weight lifting and exercise room, card room and lounge area, all add up to the perfect "home away from home" for



SPECTATOR COURT . . . One of the four standard courts has glass in upper side and back walls with "strolling around" viewing for the other courts. The wide, carpeted aisles give a luxurious private club atmosphere.

the court buff.

Add to this no worry about parking space, traffic congestion, availability of court time and we can readily see where there is a growing market for clubs of this type.

The Newport Beach A.C. is the first private court facility we have visited that is located directly in a shopping center. And, this Fashion Island center will have more than 12,000 people employed in this confined area when the final retail outlets and professional buildings are completed. This gives Bazacas a "command market".

There are skeptics who argue that there just aren't enough players around to make these clubs a going proposition. But, experience has shown succinctly that once the courts become available and interested men and women can see physical fitness, the "fun way", they will take to the courts. There may be more racquetballers than handballers at the onset but as the men learn the walls many switch to the challenge of two hands and the intricacies of handball.

And, there are no doubts that men and women will pay the extra fees for luxurious surroundings, better availability of facilities, and ease of accessibility.



SPACIOUS LOCKER ROOM . . . Both locker and shower areas retain swank appeal. Roominess is the key. Members can enjoy adjacent exercise room, steam-sauna, plunge pool, whirl pool, with more than the comforts of home.



LOUNGE-BAR ROOM . . . Lounge overlooks handball courts with a fruit juice bar featured. Members can use this room to meet and greet, stop for a refreshment after play, or just sit around — read or play cards.

Former Top Player and Administrator...

Detroit's Larry Rothenberg Passes Away

It is easy to write nice things about a friend who has passed away. In the case of Lawrence Rothenberg, it is easy to write a lot of nice things. No one was more interested in handball than Larry and certainly, none did more for the youth. He gave of his time, his money, and his heart. Let me explain:

Yours truly won his first tournament at the age of 14 in 1939 — the Detroit singles for boys 14 and under. Shortly afterwards, a phone call was received, followed by a free YMCA membership, for several years. He wrote regularly to me while I was in the Service. Following the war, I still found him promoting the game. For as long as I can remember, any handball trophy won by a boy in Detroit was bought by Larry.

But Larry excelled in other phases, too. He was Detroit's first City Singles Champion in 1922. That was in the days of Joe Griffin, Joe Bathey, Al Schaufelberger, and Chet York. In doubles, Larry was a natural lefty. He won the Michigan State Doubles with Red Asselin in 1924 and twice with Hugo Krave in 1932 and 1936. Nationally — no titles — but good enough to be a semi-finalist twice in the days of Maynard Laswell, Sam Atcheson, Bill Ranft.

While we are on the subject of the national picture, we must not forget to give Lawrence Rothenberg his due plaudits. The eventual formation of the USHA would not have occurred as it did without the wisdom and endeavors of Detroiters, Al Schaufelberger and Larry Rothenberg. And who do you think supported the youth tournaments, nationally, being USHA Junior chairman for several years? Yes, it was Larry, again and again. In the early years of the National 3-wall, the pocketbook and heart of Larry Rothenberg came on strong; or did you old-timers forget how many times the dinner tab was picked up by guess who? Those were the days when the main concern of running a tournament was who was going to pay for it. We never had any worry in Detroit.

Larry was always around. And he was very close to anyone who loved handball. With the passing away of his wife five years ago, Larry divided his time between Detroit and Ft.



AT THE MOST RECENT USHA NATIONAL THREE-WALL . . . Last appearance of Larry Rothenberg (l) was over the Labor Day weekend at Detroit's Palmer Park. He is shown chatting with USHA President Bob Kendler before one of the late round matches. Larry was our first National Junior chairman and was one of the key pioneers in the early days of the Association. In the late 20s and 30s "Lefty", as he was known to tournament regulars, was a fine doubles player.

Lauderdale, Fla., where he made many friends. The best way to describe Larry is to say that if you loved handball and handball alone you became enriched with his warmth and charm; ask such fellows as Chet Pellegrin, Al Schaufelberger, Eli Pickens, Mike Lachman, Nat Miller, Frank Palazzolo and Chuck Thornton. And the list goes on and on to Johnny Sloan, to Vic Hershkowitz, to Mort Leve and Robert Kendler.

DR. JOHN SCOPIS

Fort Knox, Ky.

Lt. Colonel Bill Lefler out-dued Major Pat Quinlan 17-12, 21-20, 21-11 to win the Fort Knox handball singles title. The two finalists in singles also combined their talents to take the doubles crown in this tournament conducted by the U. S. Army Special Services.

Lefler, ranked second going into the tournament, had a short route to the finals with a first round bye, and a second round forfeit. In the quarters Bill took out Don McBee with ease 21-9, 21-5, and was in command all the way against third-seeded Pat Patton in their semi-final match, winning 16 and 17.

Top-seeded Quinlan was taken to three games in the semi-final round by fourth ranked Terry Hardy 9-21, 21-10, 21-5. In earlier rounds Pat had won over Pete Nolan 21-10, 21-6, and stopped Randy House 21-13, 21-20.

The singles finale was a case of Lefler's two-handed steadiness overcoming the

speed and power of Quinlan. Pat won the first game in an amazing comeback from 4-17, blanking Lefler for 7 service exchanges in getting up to 21. Lefler provided the heroics in game two, rallying from 3-12 and finally pulling it out 21-20.

Doubles play followed tournament seeding throughout the action. Lefler and Quinlan dropped only one game in rolling to the title. Second-seeded Patton and John Grantham won the first game of the finals 21-19, but the champs came back to blow their opponents off the court 21-7, 21-5.

SIDELINES. Best matches of the tourney, besides the "barnburner" for the singles crown, came in the doubles semi-finals. The champions had to go all out to beat Hardy-McBee 21-11, 21-16, in a match much closer than the scores indicated.

This tournament could well have been dubbed the Saranac 98 Open. Since the Post Exchange began stocking the ACE

glove line three months ago, this model has become the overwhelming favorite of local players. Others bases, please take note!

Butte, Mont.

Dennis Haley and Jerry Lyons defeated Gordan Gennette and Tom Pomroy, 21-3, 21-12 for the Butte Elks Veteaan Novice doubles championship held in October. There was a full 32-team field in the competition that took place over a two-week period.

Haley and Lyons went into the final round after eliminating Earnie Burby and Martin White, 18-21, 21-17, 21-14, in probably the best match of the tournament.

Ed Kavran and Leo McCarthur defeated White and Burby for third place, 14-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Co-chairmen: Gary Monahan and Tom Gladouhos. Trophies were awarded for the first three places.



OBSERVATION TOWER

by KEN SMOLACK, *Pinch-hitting for Bob Davidson*

N.Y. Four-Wall Picture Gloomy . . .

It is that time of year again. The outdoor season is over and the New York players start overcrowding the few facilities available for four-wall. The 92nd St. YMHA has two 20x40x18 courts which are limited to 20-minute time periods. The West Side YMCA has five 20x20x40 courts that also have an overcrowding problem. This Y has a 45-minute periods and due to a poor exhaust system the courts tend to get wet when the humidity count is high. The previously mentioned seven courts are the extent of the four-wall facilities at "Ys" in the Manhattan, Bronx and Queens boroughs. There are a few other facilities with either undersize or oversize courts (these places have over-crowding conditions also) but the West Side and 92nd St. are the only places open for membership to the general public that have adequate court facilities.

In Brooklyn the only 20x20x40 courts are at the Union Temple and these courts are in need of some refurbishing. So, in the largest city in this nation there are only three "public" facilities with standard sized courts. The only other place with standard sized courts is the New York Athletic Club.

Because of the court shortages there has been a steady decreasing of tournaments in the Metro area. At one time the "Mets" was held at the Bronx Union Y, the "States" at the West Side Y and 92nd St. Y; the New York A.C. held invitationals. Now, the area is down to the Invitational held in May at the New York A.C., and more recently USHA divisionals at the West Side Y. This is a crying shame as the area has some of the finest tournament players in the U.S. — Jim Jacobs, Marty Decatur, Vic Hershkowitz, the Oberts, Lou Russo, Pat Kirby, Steve Lott, John Brinn, John Walsh, Fred Lewis.

I don't know what can be done to turn this tide but I think suggestions should be sent to USHA headquarters. One suggestion I have is to get a group of handball enthusiasts with the wherewithall to build a private handball complex. This would include at least six courts, some one-wall courts, and make them available for paddleball and racquetball also. I know a club of this sort would have to turn away members, even at \$200 a year. With a glass exhibition court a club of this sort could have additional income.

The New York Handball League is starting its third season, consisting of four teams: Westchester, Union Temple, New York A.C., and West Side Y. Each team plays each of the other teams once during the four monthly rounds. The matches

consist of three singles and three doubles, two game sets. Scoring is based on games won during the night. League officials are Norman Forson, secretary; Dr. Ken Freiberg, treasurer. Last year's winner was the New York A.C., pulling it out in the final week with a one match victory over the Westchester team.

The Brownsville Boys Club held its USHA national one-wall with the usual record entries. This over-abundance of entries causes more headaches and havoc than any one tournament should have. Early rounds are limited to 31-point matches and most of these must be played outdoors (many times in inclement weather). I remember one year when Oscar Obert, still at his best, almost lost one of these matches, and it points out the danger of top players being eliminated by a "fluke." I would suggest that the entries be limited in some way. I would also suggest that this tournament start in September and not extend past the middle of October and avoid the cold weather possibilities.

Unfortunately, the Brownsville Club is located in one of the worst ghetto areas of Metropolitan New York and there are constant disturbances. I do realize that the Club has done much to curb delinquencies but perhaps it would be wise to move the tournament site periodically.

I did witness the doubles and junior

finals and would like to give a synopsis:

Artie Reyer and Wally Ulbrich, both former doubles champs in one-wall, reached the finals by ousting the defending champs, Steve Sandler and Don Weber, 21-9, 21-8. They met Howie Eisenberg, another former titlist and newcomer Neal Bocian in the finals. Howie and Neal had a tough time reaching the finals, beating Carl and Ruby Obert, another ex-champion team, 14-21, 21-12, 21-10.

Reyer and Ulbrich took an early lead and maintained it throughout the first game. This game was not particularly well played. Both teams were wild, throwing many shots out and missing kills. Bocian played well and showed fine poise for a 21-year-old. Wally and Artie were just a little more polished as a team and had more consistency, won the first one 21-14. The second game followed a similar pattern. The only change was that Reyer really came "alive." He scored points when he had the service and playing left court. It was in this game that Reyer's well-known retrieves began to assert themselves. Some of his "gets" were unbelievable. This was a well earned and deserved win for the brother-in-law team.

Ken Ginty of the New York A.C. and Castle Hill H.C. won the Juniors over Stu Kirzner. Ginty won the first game 21-17. Kenny was behind 17-10, then served 7 aces and was not scored upon again. The second game was close until 10, then Ken playing very cool with good serves and a great choice of shots, pulled away from Stu and won handily, 21-11.

This was Ken's first Junior one-wall title, and goes with his Junior four-wall championship. Ken follows the tradition of two other Castle Hill players, Lou Russo and Wes Yee, in winning both Junior titles. It was gratifying to see this youngster win as he is a fine sportsman.

I'm sure Bob Orozco, physical director of the Rochester YMCA, will put on a real fine East division tournament, Feb. 18-20. The boys from our area are urged to attend with the big prize the USHA round trip to the 1972 April nationals in Seattle. For the past couple of years we have appreciated the support given us by the 63rd St. West Side YMCA here in Manhattan but the entry was almost entirely from the immediate Metropolitan New York. We want a true divisional and Rochester has the "centralized" location to draw from all over our scope of operation. The expressways lead directly into this upstate city and this Y has hosted many fine tournaments in the past so we are certain everyone attending will enjoy good competition and excellent hospitality.

Elbert-Haber Exhibition & Clinic

23 Standard Courts Open at U. of Illinois Tempus Fugit...

BY MORT LEVE

Where, oh where have those years gone? This was brought forcibly home on my first visit to the downstate University of Illinois in more than 25 years. Paul "No. 1" Haber, my son Chuck and myself motored to Champaign to participate in an afternoon of exhibitions-clinics-seminars on both handball and racquetball and to inspect what is now the largest number of courts under one roof—23. Phil Elbert and his Joanne met us there and a one-gamer started things off with Elbert the winner over Haber, 21-20 (Haber keeps his string intact).

Dr. D. O. Matthews, head man of intramural activities, is most responsible for this magnificent 11.2 million dollar edifice—the Intramural Physical Education Building.

In addition to the 23 standard-sized courts, one of which has glass in the lower back wall, the glass from about 9 feet high in the balcony, there are seven squash courts, a combination outdoor ice rink and tennis courts, outdoor swimming pool, an indoor swimming pool with 50 meter length, archery, combat room, three spacious gymnasiums, game room, departmental offices, lounges and conference rooms.

The entire cost of the building is borne through student fees (\$18 per semester). Larry Pree of the Intramural department has helped form a handball club. Mark Inman, native of Lake Forest, is student president of the club and is getting a lot of assistance from Chicagoan Billy Miller.

After the Haber-Elbert exhibition . . . and it is interesting to note that at 20-20 Haber switched from his lob to the left serve and tried to hop one down the middle and surprise Elbert. However, it came up high, and Phil buried it in the right corner, then went in to win . . . the spectators were asked to come into the court for an instructional session spiced by questions and answers. Again, the question of training methods came up. Elbert is one who likes to run anywhere from 2 to 5 miles a day plus play regularly. Haber, of course, plays his way into his controlled game sharpness.

One question asked Haber—"Why do you have a tendency to lag in deep court?" Haber: I like to stay behind my opponent so that I can see exactly what he is doing. If I see that he is going to shoot then I move in quickly.

Again, it was emphasized by Elbert that it is most important to keep the eyes on the ball at all times, and that the two most important strengths going for the offense are the serve and kill. Some talk of putting stuff on the ball but Haber is quick to deemphasize any attempts by these early stage-in-the-career players to try and hop balls. More important is to gain complete control of the shots.

In the rules and refereeing seminar that followed, Mort Leve pointed out that a referee must understand the caliber of play he is judging. For example, in the average college or junior competition many players will serve, then turn their backs on the play, and they may do this often during volleys. They just don't follow the ball consistently. A referee should understand this and not start calling avoidable hinders if the opposing player does not get a clear view or swing because of this. However, in advanced tournament play we assume the players follow the ball and have time to move and allow such clear view and swing. If they do not make the effort to do so then the avoidable hinder should be employed.

We ask referees to make their calls quick, take charge, not get involved in shouting matches with the players—in other words keep their "cool" at all times.

Of course the inevitable question—"Does the player or referee call the double bounce or wrist?" Our answer—in

a referee is sure he sees the double bounce or ball off the bare wrist then he can make a call. If he is in doubt he must rely upon the players. However, most of your top tournament players refuse to call double bounces or wrists on themselves because they feel many of their opponents don't, and this becomes a vicious cycle. They also argue that they cannot always determine whether or not it is a double bounce. We feel a referee should not make a double bounce call if he is in doubt.

University of Illinois now has more courts under one roof than any other facility in the nation. They are good, playable courts with conventional balcony viewing with the exception of the glass back-walled court. We talked about the possibility of holding the 1973 national intercollegiate there and the response was most favorable.

After an afternoon at the courts there was welcomed respite at nearby "Dooley's" where the suds flow rapidly and the thirst is quenched. Haber didn't even criticize the court construction, was notably impressed by the courts, Illini pulchritude, and enjoyed playing besides Elbert, two young St. Louis Junior products, Ted Yevelson and Barry Goldstein. The JCCA members are interested in attending Illinois and could form a strong nucleus of a handball team next season.

The ol' alma mater (1940—I'm ancient indeed) has radically changed. There were 14,000 undergraduates in my day; now they number upwards of 30,000. What struck me the most was the Memorial Stadium which was red brick sprakling in those days, and now seems on the seamy side despite a new press box area. The basketball arena immediately beyond is sparkling in contrast and has no pillars in its magnificent seating arrangement.

23 courts for such a large student body should be a "must" at every big State institution. Just think, until this year there were just a battery of undersized wood courts with beamed ceilings to serve the students at Illinois. We envision a real bonanza there in the years to come in both handball and racquetball.

Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Grand Forks Handball Club squeaked out a win over the Manitoba Handball Association in the fifth semi-annual meeting of the two groups, on Nov. 19-20 at the University of Winnipeg. Neil Reuter and Brian Brewer (Grand Forks) managed a cliff-hanging win over the current Manitoba Open Doubles champions, Pat Dunn and Merv Deckert (Winnipeg), 12-21, 21-20, 21-20. Fifteen doubles teams competed in the enjoyable intercity event, which Grand Forks has now won four times.

Two weeks earlier, at the Grand Forks YMCA, Felix David and Walt Wasdahl proved to be the class of a kick-off "mixed" doubles event (partners were "mixed" by the tourney chairman). Sixteen doubles teams competed, each team playing three matches against a "mixed" draw.

Open Handball Tournaments Coming Up In North Dakota—Grand Forks Open Doubles, Jan. 14-16, Grand Forks YMCA; North Dakota Open Doubles, Feb. 18-20, Grand Forks YMCA; Grand Forks Open Singles, March 17-19, Grand Forks YMCA; North Dakota Open Singles, April 28-30, Fargo-Moorhead YMCA.

For information, please address:

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CHUCK BOLEY

Joe Salome Winner in Jack Dorsky Open; Villars-Sala, Doubles; Kaufman, M-Singles

The fourth annual Jack Dorsky Open Handball Tournament was completed on Labor Day at the Birmingham, Ala., JCC, with a total of 78 participants.

In the Masters Division featuring players over 40, Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, La., and Ralph Kaufman, Miami, met for the championship with Kaufman winning 5-21, 21-10, 21-14. Lloyd defeated Bill Morgan, Jackson, Miss., and Kaufman defeated Pat Rookis, Birmingham, to gain the finals.

In the doubles tournament Ralph Villars-Manuel Sala, New Orleans, defeated last year's champion Sol Barth-Joe Salome, Atlanta, 21-9, 21-2 for the championship. Salome and Barth defeated Gelber and Monroy, Miami, and Villars and Sala defeated Rich Robitaille and Tom Veal, Merritt Island, Fla., to gain the finals.

The singles tournament, with 39 entries, was won by Joe Salome 19-21, 21-11, 21-4. Trosper defeated Ewert, Atlanta, and Salome defeated Payne, Centerville, Ohio to gain the finals.

In the consolation tournament Martin Terrell, Ocean Springs, Miss., defeated Gerald Uritsky, Atlanta 7-21, 21-17 and 21-7.



FOURTH ANNUAL EVENT IN BIRMINGHAM . . . (l to r) — Sol Barth, runnerup in doubles; Joe Salome, first in singles; Jack Dorsky, former No. 1 South player; Ralph Villars and Manuel Sala, doubles winners.

CAROM SHOTS

Paul Gnad, (pronounced NOT) formerly at the St. Louis JCCA, is now at the new JCC in San Diego as director of health and physical education. At age 75 former Milwaukee native Bill Schmeling joined the JCC and plays both handball and racquetball.

Four three-wall courts now available in Punta Gorda, Florida . . . contact — Cliff Essig, 1250 Cooper St.

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From Jack Goldstein . . . "I have some great news about San Juan, Puerto Rico. After three years of negotiating I'm finally getting action on my bid for four-wall courts in Puerto Rico. In a few months construction will start on a 700-unit condominium called 'Coral Beach.' In it will be two four-wall courts, two tennis courts, pool, billiard room, a gym for men and women. The location is fabulous, right on the ocean and next to two of the top hotels, the El San Juan and Americana. Handball players looking for a Winter vacation spot will have to go some to find a better place." Anyone interested in buying an apartment can write: Jack Goldstein, 2280 Olinville Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10467.

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The U.S. Air Force has two categories of "Lifetime Sports" . . . I—Badminton, racquetball, and pocket billiards. II—Handball, squash, and table tennis. The championships in "I" will be held March 20-23 at Offutt AFB, Nebraska (Omaha), "II" at Randolph Field, Texas (Houston), April 17-20.

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Clergyman Reflects on Game's 'Psychology'

By Rev. FRANK R. MORRIS
First Congregational Church of
Evanston (Ill.)

I figure that if Bob Kendler can write on God, thankfulness, and prayer in the October issue the least I can do as a minister is write about Handball and its psychology in the December issue.

Bob, it is called a "handout" and it's my serve.

First, a word of testimony from a believer. I love this game. In a time when the sports world is overusing the phrase "getting it all together", handball does just that. In the course of play a person must muster everything that is him — muscle, brain, memory, coordination, reflex, — all the elements of body and soul. As an old football player who enjoyed only scrimmages and games, handball is my meat. None of the dreary repetition of lifting weights and looking in the mirror; none of the boring wind sprints; none of the crazy sessions of hup-two-three-four. You just get in that court and start competing—getting it all together. If handball ever needs a chaplain, Bob, I know just the guy.

The Penn State study in the last issue was interesting in that it noted how we can release aggression by swatting the old ball. In a profession where showing hostility is considered verboten, handball comes as a lifesaver. You may not be able to yell in a sermon, or tell that rich guy to take his money and go elsewhere, but you can always go over to the gym and pound that little black ball. I'm for installing mandatory courses in handball in the curriculum of seminaries. It would save on the ulcer bill for the future generation of ministers.

As a sidenote to the readers, let me ask you to grant any clergyman you play handball with two favors (and only two): 1) Don't mention the guy's profession unless you are just trying to psych him out, and, 2) let him cuss. The poor guy needs the release.

Now all this is leading up to a psychology lesson which, if you are attentive, will raise your score three points. And if it doesn't just speak to the Man mentioned in Kendler's article last month.

The overall psychological consideration is this: the secret to psyching out the other player is to ruin his concentration and his rhythm. Once you do this and he begins to play your game, you have an immediate advantage. I now want to mention several ways that this can be done semi-legitimately.

PRECOURT PLAY: As you are dressing in the locker room, it is to your advantage to have some kind of illness or problem that is plaguing you which you off-handedly mention to your handball partner. There was someone at the office who was really giving you fits; your wife just spent \$30 on a new dress and you wish that you could afford a new pair of gloves; or, maybe, you had trouble sleeping last night because of worrying about taxes. Let the guy know that you have a sore arm, a sick baby, and low back pain. Unconsciously you are getting him to be easy on you and that is to your advantage. The best one I ever encountered on this was my partner who wears a Jesus beard, and, while we were dressing kept talking about a "wounded side." I couldn't hit the ball all day and it wasn't until I was showing that I realized the guy had psyched me, a minister, out. How was I going to hit the ball against a guy with a "wounded side"? By now you have the idea and this is worth *ONE POINT*.

CLOTHES: The rules say that you have to be dressed in white, and there must be a million ways to get around that rule. I knew a guy in Peoria who wore orange socks under his white ones which inevitably slipped down. There's a player in South Chicago who claims that he is color blind and his wife dyed his head sweatband pink. Ken Schneider rolls his socks and unconsciously you have a feeling towards him like you would for your grandmother (but he has unbelievable concentration and reflexes). There is one guy in Beaumont, Texas who plays with one sock up and one sock down. And if you have ever watched Joe Ardito and Bob Kendler play you would swear that they both dye their hair gray. Incidentally, Bob could write an excellent article from his own experience called "Avoidable Hinders that look like they are Unavoidable."

Getting back to clothes, the unconscious point that you are scoring has to do with the concentration of the other player. You want to lodge a question in his mind. Now if he comes in looking like "Raggedy Andy," you be just the opposite and look like an Abercrombie and Fitch advertisement of the perfect handball player. Evanston has such a player and he adds to his impeccable gear another gimmick worth mentioning. It is breath control. Looking like Commander Whitehead, he

adds to that the dimension of appearing as if he is not in the least winded by any ten minute volley. It is very demoralizing to the other player to say the least, though I secretly think the guy has an oxygen machine in his locker.

Clothes and demeanor are the clues to your second free point.

CONCENTRATION AND MOMENTUM: The third point has to do with your own psychology between you, yourself, and you. It is possible to psych yourself up into the psychology of a winner where you simply anticipate that victory is going to happen and if you lose you will know that you met a better player rather than a better psychologist. You should always play at your best. If the other man is poorer than you beat him as badly as possible and forget the mercy business that you learn on Sunday mornings. It is not appropriate on a handball court. If a person walks on the court to play and is complaining about a sore left hand you simply and consistently serve to that area. If he is really hurt then he should not be on the court, and you know good and well that you do not want anyone to be easy on you.

As for momentum, if you are making a streak of points, you don't break your concentration by looking to see how the other man feels about it, by stopping to say the score in a reflective way, or anything else. Keep on keeping on — intent on the game. It is easier to make six points in a row than it is to make six points after several handout situations. In these situations where you have momentum it is probably true that you are also serving a fraction of a second faster than normal.

And that is the third point.

Bob, that winds up my meditation. I now may look forward to your December article when you give your idea of heaven replete with handball courts. Let us also hope that we have the physical prowess of a 25 year old, the court know how of a veteran, and celestial reflexes. Amen.

Court Locations . . .

USHA continues to compile information on "New Court Locations." Please cooperate by sending in capsule note on any new facilities in your area—number of courts, standard size or other, exact location, spectator viewing area, etc. Mail to: USHA, 4101 Dempster st., Skokie, IL. 60076.

Ex-Bostonian Recalls 'True' L St. Court Challenge Match

BY JOHN "APPLE" WALSH

Having just read the "Boston L. St. Story" by Paul Haber in a back issue of ACE and as one who has watched, officiated and played handball at L. St. for over 60 years, I hope you will allow me to give my version of the one and only L St. "The Graveyard of Champions."

As president of the Boston Handball Club I was either chairman or co-chairman of several of these champion invitational matches at L. St.

When the Boston champions, Dan Guerin and Jim Miller, were in their prime there wasn't any team in the country who could give them a game in their home court at L. St. The court was 26' wide and although a three-wall court, there was no back line and you could hit the ball as far as you were able. Many times it went over 75 to 100 feet out into the middle of the spectators, on to the concrete and out into the sandy beach. The ball was always in play and if you could retrieve it from 100 feet out you would receive applause from the fans plus a free cardiograph from the Boston City Hospital.

To prove Guerin's greatness before he went into the service in 1950 he played Vic Hershkowitz at the Boston YMCA and defeated Vic 21-16, 21-18. In fairness to Vic he had played and defeated Bill Feivou two games, 21-15, 21-14 one hour before he played Guerin. However, few people were winning one game from Vic in 1950, not to mention two in a row.

As to Jim Miller, the other half of the team, he proved his ability when in the one and only game of singles he played against Oscar Obert at L. St. in 1958. Miller beat Oscar 21-19.

Guerin and Miller had no big tournament experience, no hook serves, nothing but raw power, guts and fantastic ability. They proved their greatness, at least at L. St., when they beat in singles Hershkowitz the all-time champ and Oscar Obert, one of the all-time greats and that was when Vic and Oscar were at the peak of their game.

Later Guerin and Miller teamed up to defeat Vic and Oscar in the Summer of 1958 in the one and only Doubles game they played at L. St., winning 21-15.

However in my opinion Hershkowitz was the greatest handball player who ever lived and he proved it to me in what I consider to be the greatest game of handball Vic ever played in his entire career.

In Vic's first invasion of L. St. in the Summer of 1956 he brought with him Morrie Ornstein, the fabled one-waller as his partner.

It was the biggest crowd in L. St. history. Vic and Ornstein lost the first game 21-1. Ornstein was completely helpless in a game where raw power was king and every other ball hit was 75 to 100 feet out to the concrete where the spectators sat. When the New Yorkers played deep, Guerin and Miller, with either hand, were killing balls dead from 40 to 60 feet or all over the court. Ornstein wanted to know if Mickey Mantle was hitting those balls and as he watched the balls high in the air, was it a bird, Superman, a guided missile or what the hell was going on?

The second game was the greatest game of Vic's career. He told Ornstein to serve the ball and then get out of the way. Vic, who was close to 40 years old, single-handed played Guerin and Miller, two young men in their 20's, in a strange court, in a strange game and beat the all-time Boston champs alone and unaided, 21-16.

Never did I see a greater exhibition of handball than that and I wasn't alone feeling that way because the fans gave Vic a standing ovation for over 5 minutes as a salute to his great playing. However, that second game took so much out of Vic that he and Ornstein lost the rubber game 21-10.

That day, if Vic had any better than average Boston player as a partner, even me, as I had just won the Class B doubles, Guerin and Miller would have lost two straight.

In 1957 the day after John Sloan and Phil Collins won a doubles championship at the New York A.C., I drove them 250 miles to play at L. St. Guerin and Miller gave Sloan and Collins the worst licking they ever received in their handball careers. Sloan, as he was leaving, asked me if Abe Lincoln ever played on the L. St. court and who ever thought up such a brutal, punishing game as it is played in Boston. I told him in L. St. is where they separate the men from the boys.

Now, as to the Boston players Haber defeated; the likes of Dayhill, McSorley and Daley. They compare in ability to Guerin and Miller as I compare in handball talent to Hershkowitz.

Miller and Guerin, in their prime, would have played singles against any two of the type of players that played Haber and they would limit their two opponents to between 5-10 points a game.

Too bad Haber wasn't around when

Florida State Tourney . . .

BAXLEY OVER LEWIS

IN 'PLAYLESS' FINALE

Tom Baxley, Ft. Lauderdale, won the Florida State singles held at his home courts, taking the third game of the finals on forfeit from Fred Lewis, Miami Beach. Baxley had won the first game 21-9, Lewis the second 21-8. The players were asked to be back on the court in 7 minutes, ready to play in 10 minutes, and when Lewis did not return after the time lapse a forfeit was declared. This is indeed a rare declaration and there has been much pro and con discussion from all sides.

Suffice to say in a concentrated type tournament both of these players went singles and doubles with semi finals and finals all on Saturday, Sept. 18. Lewis beat Marty Silver, Ft. Lauderdale, 21-10, 21-3 in a noon match, while Baxley was beating Ernie Ortiz, the vet from Tampa, 21-14, 21-3. In the semis of doubles Lewis and Gerry Greenside had beaten J. Lee and J. Keene, 21-17, 21-6 in a 9 a.m. match; Baxley and J. Pelletier beat Tom Veal and Rich Robitaille, 18-21, 21-20, 21-16.

Then the doubles finals went on in the afternoon with Lewis-Greenside beating Baxley-Pelletier, 21-16, 21-14. The singles was scheduled shortly thereafter.

Four final round matches is absolutely too much for any participant, and the simple solution would be to permit participation in one event only. It leads to dragged out, stale handball and is not conducive to championship events.

Dick Finch, Ft. Lauderdale, and Ralph Kaufman, Miami Beach, defeated Alex Mann and Frank Cristaudo, Ft. Lauderdale, 21-16, 21-12, in the semis of the Masters doubles, and Ted Bystock, Miami-Bill Warshauer, Ft. Lauderdale, def. Chet Zemel and Bob Smith, Ft. Lauderdale, 21-12, 21-16. Finch-Kaufman won the championship 21-14, 21-12.

Del Deevers served as tournament chairman.

Guerin and Miller were playing and then he would have understood why I call L. St. "The Graveyard of Champions."

Comparing Haber at his top and Vic at his peak would be like saying Mort Leve has a chance when he plays handball against John "Apple" Walsh, the most hated man in handball. After this story I guess I made another enemy but Paul Haber is only one of thousands.

P.S. "Apple" is sure to get a rebuttal.

USHA INTERCOLLEGIATE HANDBALL

Rules and Regulations

RULE I

MATRICULATION

No one shall participate in any intercollegiate handball contest unless he is a bona fide matriculated student at an accredited university or college (not business college, trade school, etc.) and is regularly enrolled and doing full work as defined by the regulations of the institution at which he is enrolled.

RULE II

PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in intercollegiate handball shall be limited to four varsity years over a period of five consecutive college years counting from the date of matriculation.

2. In the event a student's regular attendance is interrupted by military service in any of the armed forces, his period of eligibility shall be five years exclusive of his period of military service, except for the years in which, during his military service, he may have represented an educational institution.

3. Freshmen are eligible for varsity competition in handball.

4. Transfer students or graduates from a junior college may continue their handball competition without complying with the one-year residence rule. Total years of competi-

tion shall not exceed four years.

RULE III

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

1. Eligibility of participants shall be verified prior to the tournament by letter from the Office of the Dean of Admissions or Registrar to the tournament director, with the school seal affixed.

2. Teams shall consist of four players from the same institution; teams cannot be comprised of players from the same system (ex., State of California University System). Members of a doubles entry must be from the same institution.

3. Scoring shall be as follows:

A singles — two points each match win; except championship round, two points.

B Singles — one point each match win; except championship round two points.

Doubles — two points each match win; except championship round, three points.

Seeded players who receive a bye shall awarded points for the bye providing they win their first match.

Points for second, third, and fourth place shall be determined by the tournament committee at the tournament site.

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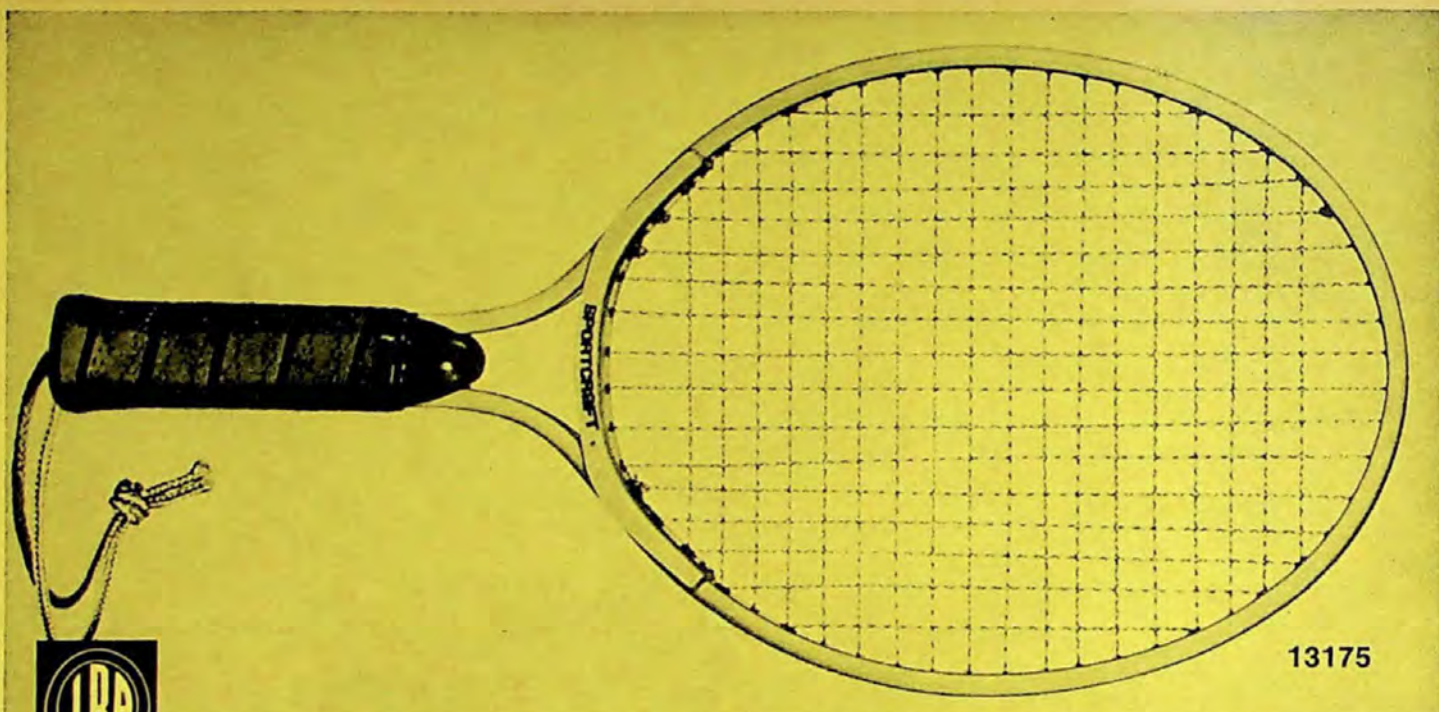
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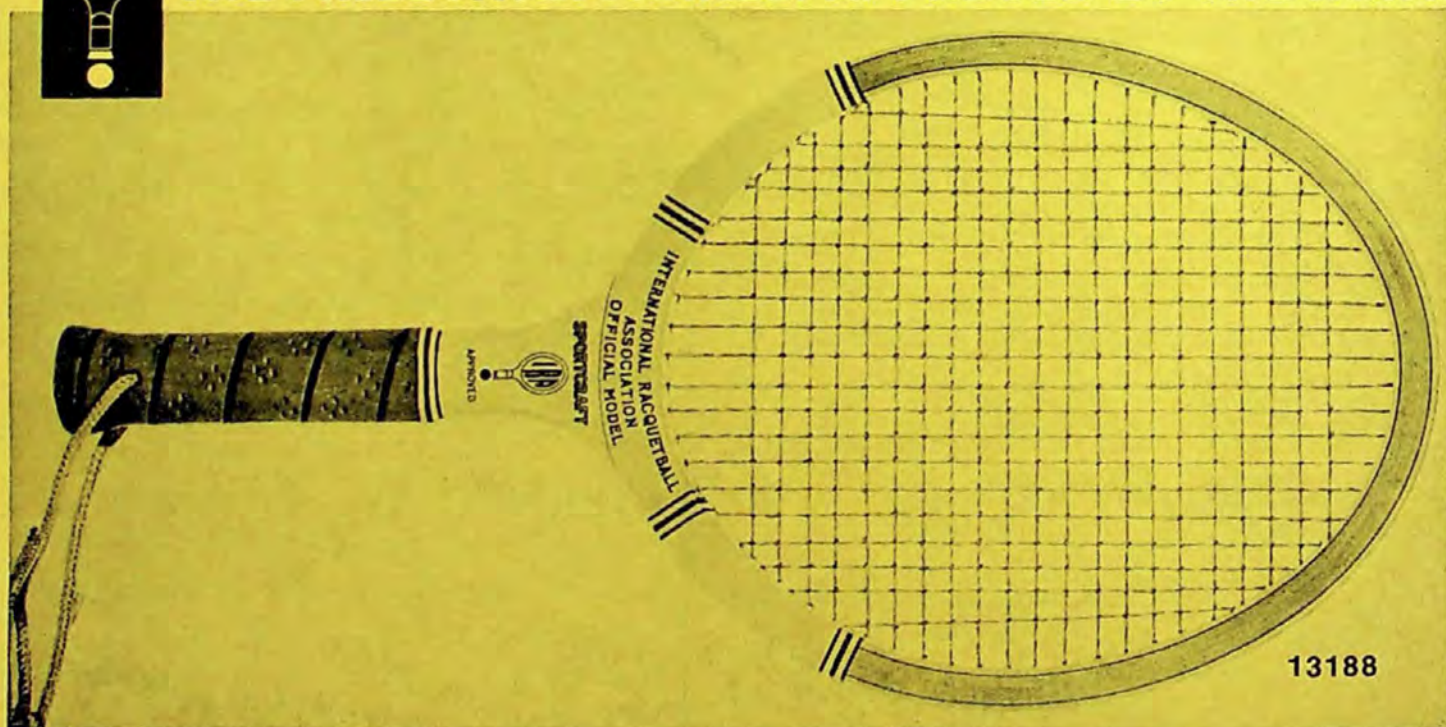
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The tournament is expected to draw upwards of 300 entries with six brackets of play including open singles and doubles, Masters singles and doubles and womens singles and doubles. Consolation rounds will be run in all singles events.

"We are certainly looking forward to the tournament," said DeWitt Shy, the tournament chairman and part of the 1971 Masters doubles runners-up. *"It will be a lot of hard work and financial responsibility, but it will be worth it, I'm sure."*

Shy and his committeemen met with IRA Executive Secretary Chuck Leve in Memphis November 16-17 to iron out many of the details involved.

One of those details was the introduction of the womens doubles event on the tournament agenda, as IRA has taken a step forward in the recognition of women as a force in racquetball.

Perhaps the hardest job of the tournament has fallen upon Smith Schippers, Shy's long-time doubles partner, who has been designated floor manager. With the great number of entries anticipated, Smitty has been arranging a tentative schedule of 11 to 13 hours of play for the first three days of the tourney.

Judd Williford has taken over the ticket sales and he has reported that every single seat in the 323-seat glass court spectator area will be sold for the semi-finals and finals.

For \$20 spectators can purchase a "season" ticket that gives the holder a reserved seat on the glass court for all matches. All persons expecting to watch matches at the glass court on the days of semi-finals and finals will need a ticket, including players who might have been eliminated along the way.

"We are holding all the tickets in limbo until December 31," said Williford. *"Prior to that date we will take out of town orders only. After December 31 we will sell tickets to anyone on a first-come, first-served basis. And we figure the local people here to sell us out."*

With large contingents expected from Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, and the northeast, players and others interested in tickets are encouraged to order early. For your

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IRA Bids Open

The upcoming International tournament in Memphis will be the dates and site for the selection of the 1973 IRA tournaments. IRA is broadening its scope of tournament invitations adding doubles, Masters singles and Masters doubles to go along with its invitational singles.

None of these tournaments have been given a site as yet. Bids are still open and should be made in writing to Chuck Leve, IRA-4101 Dempster St., Skokie, Illinois 60076. Let us know about your facility, the number of courts and any other pertinent information.

The final selection of tournament sites and dates will be made at the Internationals in Memphis. Remember, you do not have to have a "super" facility. A glass court, although welcome, is not a prerequisite to holding an IRA tournament.

The 1973 IRA tournaments available are:

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Central Divisional	Invitational Singles
	Invitational Doubles
	Invitational Masters Singles
	Invitational Masters Doubles
	International Championships

convenience there is a cut-out order form on page IRA-1 of this issue.

Tournament headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Central located at 3728 Lamar Ave., Memphis. A hospitality room will be at the motel and shuttle service will be provided to and from the courts on an hourly basis.

The nine-court facility at Memphis State was the site of the USHA National Championships this year and should prove adequate for the huge number of matches expected.

Play will probably begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, February 23, so all players are expected to be in town Tuesday night.

Tournament entry fee is the customary \$10 per player per event. With the high number of expected entries, again, IRA has warned that players competing in more than one event may have to play as many as four matches in one day, sometimes with little more than one hour's rest between matches.

IRA has scheduled a membership business meeting for election of officers, Board of Directors, and rules changes. There will be a banquet Friday night.

The tournament press room will be at court-side. Any persons wanting information during the tourney should call the press room, Memphis State University, Physical Education Building, 630 Echols St., area code 901-321-1816.

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MSU Sports Complex to Host IRA Championships

(from Memphis Commercial-Appeal)

by Robert Johnson

A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP tournament will be held in Memphis State's new multi-million dollar Physical Education building for the second time in less than a year. It was scene of the United States Handball Association championships a few months ago, and in February the championships of the International Racquetball Association will be held there, with Memphis Racquetball Association and Memphis State as co-hosts.

The new but rapidly expanding sport will have several hundred players from all over the country, and from all walks of life, competing, according to Smith (Smitty) Schippers, president of Marx & Bensdorf and one of the game's most ardent evangelists, along with his friend, De Witt Shy, who will be general tourney chairman. Shy, of the investment company which bears his name, and Smitty came in second in the Masters division doubles for men over 40 in last year's tourney in Salt Lake City. Giles Coors of Memphis won the Masters singles and Glenn Turpin of Memphis was national Masters singles champion two years ago.

The game was started 12 years ago in New Britain, Conn., by Joe Sobek, a squash pro. It is played with paddle racquets and the first racquets were tennis racquets with six to eight inches cut off the handle. The game is played on a standard handball court, 20 by 40 feet and 20 feet high, with rules like handball.

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REASON MEMPHIS gets the tournament, Smitty told me, is probably because International Racquetball Association is headquartered in Chicago and administered by the same office which regulates handball, including Bob Kendler, who advised Memphis State in building its new handball complex and was influential in helping Jack Gillespie and others get the U.S. Handball Championships here to dedicate the new Phys. Ed. Building. "He knew what Memphis State has, he was pleased when they were here, and the fact that we've got a strong association of more than 100 members and

have participated in all three previous tournaments was a factor," Smitty said.

He thinks racquetball is about as strong as handball in Memphis now, with probably 500 enthusiasts and growing. Those who play, Smitty said, are mostly former tennis players, people who tried to play handball and found they couldn't use their left hands, and those who like it for its convenience and because it can be played all year round without regard to weather. "A fellow can play for an hour, go back to work. It attracts all ages. Two of the finalists in the last tournament were 15 and 18, and played a team from Louisville in their 20s, and men in their 60s were in the masters."

"Memphis has 45 courts — more than Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Chattanooga all thrown together, Stratton Y, Memphis State and Memphis Athletic Club are racquetball hotbeds."

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COMPARING RACQUETBALL to tennis, Smitty said both games require co-ordination, agility and stamina. He's a former tennis player, has been playing racquetball since 1963. He says tennis requires somewhat more stamina, because of the greater distances and energy expended in serving, but racquetball is strenuous enough to keep one in good shape.

Smitty's participation was abruptly halted when he had a heart attack June 24. "It wasn't racquetball which got me," he said. "The doctor said my physical condition helped. It could have happened anywhere, the doctor said. I was just walking down the street before noon. I came out of the hospital in two weeks and was back to work in six weeks. It usually takes six weeks in the hospital and three months before work. The doctor recommends that men keep active in athletics."

Smitty has been working four or five hours a day, doing lots of walking close to his home in the Eastwood Manor area. He expects to be playing racquetball full speed by the time the tournament comes.

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RACQUETBALL ROOM BY Chuck Leve

I have been swamped at our Skokie, Illinois offices recently by irate racquetballers, perturbed because they have missed the opportunity to participate in tournaments. The majority of these people simply did not find out about the tournament until too late.

IRA has also been the target of verbal and written complaints from tournament chairmen who complain that "because your magazine was late, it hurt our tournament."

All of this reached a zenith in late October when the October issue of HANDBALL Magazine arrived about three weeks late to our subscribers. As pointed out in other sections of this issue, the fault falls entirely on our publisher. IRA and USHA did all they could to maintain our normal publication timetable.

In any event, the players were mad, and rightly so. As a service organization, it is IRA's responsibility to inform its members of the upcoming events in the racquetball world. Part of this, naturally, is tournaments.

In the over year and one-half that I have been associated with IRA there hasn't been a week gone by that I haven't written or called a tournament chairman or committee about publicizing their event. Yet either these people are just too stupid to, or simply not interested in putting on a successful tournament. And to be blunt, they deserve a lousy tourney.

Gerry Lapierre has traveled extensively over the past three years, visiting almost every racquetball facility in the East, Midwest, South and Southwest. And at each stop he talks himself blue in the face about MAKING SURE TO LET IRA KNOW YOUR TOURNAMENT DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

But it hasn't done any good, and Gerry might as well not waste his time.

The October, 1971, issue of HANDBALL Magazine carried the announcement of seven racquetball tournaments. Two of these were national tournaments, the Louisville doubles and the Memphis International Championships. Ken Porco from Louisville and DeWitt Shy from Memphis supplied me with written information weeks prior to our deadline, and I knew the dates months before the tournaments were to be played.

Of the other five tournaments, only the New Castle, Pennsylvania Master's event should have been carried in the October issue. The other four should have been publicized in the August issue with full write-ups and entry forms, giving the players time to plan ahead.

Even if the October issue would have been on time, players still only had one or two weeks before entry deadlines.

It is time for tournament committees and chairmen to wake up and start using their heads a little for the benefit of all racquetballers. If they are happy with

short notice tournaments, fine. But if they wanted a good, highly-competitive tournament (why else have one?) then it's just too bad that they let their lack of foresight do them in.

I am sick and tired of this same old runaround and I'm sure the players are too. I'm through begging and pacifying people from coast-to-coast to aid IRA with information and results of tournaments.

The way I see it, IRA is strong enough now to tell people, "if you want your tournament publicized then it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to inform IRA AT LEAST TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE about your plans."

And that goes for local tourneys right on up to the top; commissioners, officials, players, et al. Let's get the communications going.

So, just to set the record straight, I am again announcing that the deadline for each issue of HANDBALL Magazine is the 10th of the month prior to that issue.

Tournament dates should be set at least six months in advance. The earlier you get them to me, the earlier I can print them and there will be less chance of conflict. The only dates you have to avoid are those of the Internationals and Divisionals.

And be smart, people. If your tournament is in early December, I can't run the announcement in the December issue.

IRA wants to give every racquetball tournament the publicity and coverage it deserves. We realize that tournaments are mutually beneficial, to IRA and to the local tournament.

We also realize that perhaps there are last minute changes of tourney plans that are unavoidable. But in the main, there has been a woeful lack of communications from the local level to the national office.

It should get better. And it has to if we are going to grow with the sport.

Tourney Week . . .

One of the highlights of the upcoming International Tournament in Memphis, February 23-27, will be a players convention meeting and IRA Board of Directors meeting.

At the players meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday night, election of officers and directors will take place, as well as voting on rule changes and tournament bids for 1972-73. Only IRA members will be allowed to participate at the meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting will be tentatively held Thursday evening.

Also on the week's agenda is the annual hospitality banquet, now scheduled for Friday night.

Players should be aware of this schedule and plan accordingly.

All players competing in open singles should arrive in Memphis sometime Tuesday, as open singles play is tentatively scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

For further information contact Chuck Leve, IRA, 4101 Dempster St., Skokie, IL 60076, 312-673-4000.

Women's Tourney . . .

March 10-11 are the dates, and the Port Edwards, Wisconsin YMCA is the place, for the Port Edwards Women's Open Racquetball tournament. The tournament is the first women's open that HANDBALL Magazine knows of other than International and Divisional play. Should be exciting!

Mid-American . . .

Robert M. Ferris, president of the Winona, Minnesota YMCA Racquetball Association has announced the dates of the 1972 Mid-American Racquetball tournament, February 11-13.

The tournament will feature open singles, open doubles and possibly masters and womens events. For further information, contact Robert Ferris at the Winona YMCA, 55987.

Advance Notice . . .

The New York State Open Doubles Racquetball Championships will be May 6-7, 1972 at the Downtown Branch YMCA, Buffalo, New York. Entry deadline is May 3, 1972.

For further information contact, Chuck Wurzer, 45 W. Mohawk St., Buffalo, New York 14202.

Muehleisen-Brumfield Win Louisville Doubles

Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Charlie Brumfield displayed what most people had expected, that they are the toughest doubles team in the nation.

Again the San Diego duo proved their domination, this time at the Louisville, Kentucky Invitational Doubles tourney, as they swept through their competition without losing a game.

Muehleisen-Brumfield defeated the "kids," Steve Serot and Biron Valier in the finals 21-6, 21-14 in an overwhelming display of control and percentage racquetball. Serot, from St. Louis, and Valier, now of Houston, Texas, upset the IRA open doubles champs Ken Porco and Mike Zeitman, Louisville, in the semi-finals 10-21, 21-19, 21-5, much to the chagrin of the partisan local fans.

Porco-Zeitman salvaged third place over another Louisville tandem, Don Rigazio and Alan Hyman 21-15, 21-16. Rigazio-Hyman were first round losers to the eventual champs 21-12, 21-12.

The story of the tourney was the "masters" from San Diego. Muehleisen, on the left, unleashed a full arsenal of shots throughout the tournament, constantly keeping the opposition off balance. Brumfield covered his right side like a blanket, shooting and retrieving, as well as keeping the gallery loose with his quips.

The championship match held little suspense through most of the first game and one-half. Muehleisen-Brumfield left Serot-Valier at the gates, scoring four points in the first inning, two in the second and five more in the third for a quick 11-0 lead. Serot-Valier came back with six points in four innings but Muehleisen-Brumfield ran eight straight for the win in the seventh frame.

"We tried to keep Valier out of the front, where he can hurt you," said Brumfield. "And if he did get up, we tried to get Serot in deep court to his backhand."

The strategy proved effective, as Valier was off his game in front court and Serot, kept off balance in deep court, was unable to shoot.

Game two appeared to be heading the same way as the San Diegos led 9-4 and 19-8 before the momentum switched. In the 10th inning Valier-Serot hit six consecutive points, four on Serot kills, forcing Muehleisen-Brumfield into a "strategic" time out. When play resumed they put Valier-Serot out and captured the necessary two points.

One of the tournament highlights was the semi-final Serot-Valier win over Porco-Zeitman. The three-game victory avenged the final Salt Lake City round loss for Serot-Valier, although the match did not start out that way.

Porco-Zeitman jumped away to a rela-

GAME #1

Muehleisen-Brumfield 4 2 5 1 1 0 8 — 21

Valier-Serot 0 0 1 1 2 2 x — 6

Kills—Muehleisen-Brumfield 12, Valier-Serot 7. Passes—Muehleisen-Brumfield 6, Valier-Serot 5. Errors—Muehleisen-Brumfield 7, Valier-Serot 15. Aces—none. Hinders—5.

GAME #2

Valier-Serot 1 2 1 2 1 1 0 0 6 0 — 14

Muehleisen-Brumfield 0 5 4 1 3 2 2 2 0 1 — 21

Kills—Muehleisen-Brumfield 19, Valier-Serot 22. Passes—Muehleisen-Brumfield 6, Valier-Serot 3. Errors—Muehleisen-Brumfield 10, Valier-Serot 15. Aces—none. Hinders—3.

tively easy 21-10 first game triumph, much in similarity to their two victories in Salt Lake City. But the "kids" came back for a crucial second game win a tense 21-19 game that was in doubt the whole way.

With the momentum in their favor,

Paterson Open

The Paterson, New Jersey YMCA will be the site of the second annual Paterson Open Four-wall Racquetball Tournament. Due to the success of last year's tournament the 1972 event is being expanded to three full days, scheduled for April 28 through 30th, 1972. This tournament is an IRA-sanctioned event.

Last year's tournament attracted a large entry from Canada and several Eastern, Southern and Mid-Western states and from the interest expressed thus far in the '72 event, another large turnout is expected.

Play will be conducted in open singles, open doubles and Master's singles. Players may enter two events as long as one event is doubles. Participants must be current IRA members.

Paterson has become known for its hospitality and 1972 will be no exception. Souvenir T-shirts will be supplied to all participants, a buffet will be served daily to accommodate players and guests and a banquet with dancing is scheduled for Saturday evening April 29, 1972 at the Tides Restaurant in North Haledon, New Jersey.

Entry blanks along with entry fee and accommodation information will appear in the February issue of Handball Magazine. Fred Rizzo, tournament chairman, anticipates in excess of 80 entries with many of the top players in the East attending. Any players desiring advance tournament information may contact Fred Rizzo, 275 Goffle Road, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506, phone number (201) 427-4489.

Remember the dates April 28th through 30th, 1972. See you in Paterson!

and behind tremendous front court play by Valier, he and Serot overwhelmed Porco-Zeitman in game three 21-5.

In the other semi-final match, Muehleisen-Brumfield defeated Charlie Drake and Steve Keeley 21-10, 21-7. Drake, a San Diego lefty, and Keeley, the reigning paddleball singles title-holder just couldn't cope with the total game of the champs.

The tournament was set up to give losers bracket teams to a shot at third place, which effected a double elimination affair.

Taking biggest advantage of the innovation was the Louisville team of Hyman-Rigazio who, after their first round loss to Muehleisen-Brumfield, won three straight before meeting Porco-Zeitman. Two of their three wins were three-game affairs in some of the most exciting slam-bang racquetball in the tournament.

Three-gamers seemed to be the thing in Louisville with nine different matches going that route. Gene Grapes and Dick Cuneo, the Pittsburgh entry, played three matches, all of which were undecided until the third game.

Perhaps the best spectator match of the tourney was between Bill Evans and Fred Michels, Louisville against Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Bob McInerney, San Diego. In a thrilling, rapid action match the Louisville duo won 21-12, 17-21, 21-20.

Despite the cramped schedule that found some teams playing four and five matches within 24 hours, the tourney came off in fine fashion. The hospitality, as usual, was superb with players wives "manning" the food tables.

Bruce Kranz and Dr. Don Karem did yeomans service on the remainder of hospitality and referees and scorers were never for a loss.

Special accolades must go to Andy Hyman, JCC Racquetball Committee chairman, whose organization from the top made the tournament go, and Ken Porco, whose advance work was instrumental in getting such great teams together.

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Chabot Titles to Finger, Loveday-McInerney

Top-seeded Craig Finger won open singles and Carl Loveday and Bob McInerney teamed up to win open doubles in the first Chabot Open Racquetball Tournament. Fifty players participated in the tournament held on Chabot College's six courts in Hayward, California, October 2-3.

In order to win this grueling two-day tournament the champion must demonstrate endurance as well as skill. Finger, from Ann Arbor, Mich., displayed both as he marched through the singles without losing a game. He defeated Mark Wayne of Chabot to reach the finals 21-12, 21-15. Second-seeded McInerney from San Diego, also did not lose a game until the finals. McInerney defeated Charles Drake, San Diego, 21-14, 21-10 in the other half of the semi-finals.

McInerney's win avenged a loss to Drake in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament in San Diego last September. The finals promised to be an exciting match and the spectators were not disappointed as Finger used his quickness and deadly backhand kill shot to overcome McInerney's accurate left handed shooting in two tough games 21-16, 21-18. Drake outlasted Wayne 21-7, 10-21, 21-10 to capture third place.

In doubles, the first day of action was highlighted by the upset of the fourth-seeded team of Keith Calkins and Bruce Werner from Chabot College by 14-year old Craig McCoy and 21-year-old Al Shelby from Riverside, California, 21-14, 16-21, 21-18. But in the semi-finals on Sunday the top-seeded team of Loveday and McInerney put an abrupt halt to the McCoy-Shelby aspirations by dropping them 21-12, 21-15.

The second-seeded team of Finger and Drake reached the finals by shell-shocking the number three team of Wayne and Bill Dunn from Chabot 21-7, 21-13.

In the finals the deadly shooting of McInerney and Loveday proved to be too much as the San Diego team dropped Finger and Drake 21-7, 21-9. Loveday was outstanding as his forehand kills repeatedly rolled out much to the amazement of the packed gallery.

In the battle for third place Wayne and Dunn recovered from their semi-final defeat to blast McCoy and Shelby 21-8, 21-10.

Tom Thompson, San Diego won B singles by defeating Dave Brubaker of Los Angeles 21-19, 21-19. Steve Dunn,



CHABOT OPEN DOUBLES FINALISTS pose with their rewards (left to right) Bob McInerney, Charlie Drake, tournament chairman Bill Dunn, Craig Finger and Carl Loveday. Loveday and McInerney captured the crown over Finger-Drake 21-7, 21-9.

Hayward, Calif., took third by defeating Zack Papachristos, Chabot, 17-21, 21-7, 21-15.

The Masters doubles title went to Loveday and Kim Hill. They beat fellow San Diegans Ben Press and Jerry Kobernick 21-15, 21-7. John Wagoner and Don Green from Chabot captured third place by defeating district commissioner Ernie LaCoste and Joe Fulford, Modesto, California 12-21, 21-8, 21-15.

"We felt that our tournament was a large success," commented tournament chairman Bill Dunn. "The spectators were impressed with the high quality of play demonstrated in the finals. I am certain that the tournament has increased the interest in racquetball here at Chabot College. Because of this we are planning to enlarge it to a three-day event next year, and we hope to include women's singles."

RESULTS:

OPEN SINGLES —

FIRST ROUND: Finger def. Clay 21-6, 21-5; Calkins def. Sutton 16-21, 21-16, 21-6; Wayne def. Recio 21-13, 21-7; Werner def. Hanna forfeit; Drake def. Bugel 21-3, 21-14; Fletcher def. Dunn 20-21, 21-5, 21-16; Thurman def. Concha 21-15, 21-15; McInerney def. McCoy 21-18, 21-7.

QUARTERFINALS: Finger def. Calk-

ins 21-9, 21-11; Wayne def. Werner 21-12, 21-16; Drake def. Fletcher 21-14, 21-13; McInerney def. Thurman 21-15, 21-18.

SEMIFINALS: Finger def. Wayne 21-12, 21-15; McInerney def. Drake 21-14, 21-10.

CONSOLATION: Sutton def. Concha 21-14, 19-21, 21-6.

THIRD PLACE: Drake def. Wayne 21-7, 10-21, 21-10.

FINALS: Finger def. McInerney 21-16, 21-18.

OPEN DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND: Loveday-McInerney def. Sutton-Concha 18-21, 21-8, 21-6; Brubaker-DeSaracho def. Recio-Fletcher 21-15, 21-18; McCoy-Shelby def. Wagoner-Green 21-11, 21-11; Calkins-Werner def. Schumacher-Clement 21-7, 21-19; Wayne-Dunn def. Stream-Clay 21-2, 21-7; Dickason-Lucy def. Walsh-Statler 21-4, 21-14; Thurman-Papachristos def. Trent-Thompson 21-14, 16-21, 21-16; Finger-Drake def. Blanding-Snowbarger 21-10, 21-7.

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FINALS: Loveday-McInerney def. Finger-Drake 21-7, 21-9.

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STATE FAIR SINGLES "Big Three" . . . (l. to r.) Jim Austin, first, Tom Farris second, and Luther Bernstein third. Austin defeated Farris 21-11, 21-10 for the top spot and Bernstein took third over Wally Speer.



BIRON VALIER (Front) and Bubba Levy (right) copped the open doubles title in the State Fair Open over Dr. Bob Hill (left) and Wally Speer (2nd from left). Scores were 21-14, 21-17. Valier, formerly of St. Louis, has recently taken residence in Houston.

Austin, Valier-Levy Take Fourth State Fair Open Texans Tuned For IRA Southwest Divisional Tourney

Forty participants attended the Fourth Annual State Fair Racquetball Tournament, Dallas, Texas October 29-31. The Downtown YMCA courts had been newly painted and the walls re-surfaced, where needed. Jim Hamby, physical director, with the help of local Dallas players, conducted the tourney.

A SINGLES: The smooth backhand and quick reflexes of Houston's Jim Austin, carried him to a successful defense of the A Championship. Tom Farris, Dallas, finished second, losing in the finals to Austin 21-11, 21-10.

Farris reached the finals by edging Dallas' Luther Bernstein in an exciting match 16-21, 21-16, 21-14. The third game ended with a hot shooting streak by Farris after it was tied at 14-all. Bernstein took third place by default over Houston's Wally Speer, who was forced to return home because of illness in his family. He was able to remain long enough for the doubles final, however.

Chad Storie, Wichita Falls, Texas won the A consolation by defeating Tom McKie, Stillwater, Oklahoma. A first round

victim of Austin, Storie used soft shots and percentage shooting to top McKie, who lost a two-hour marathon match to Dr. Bill Sellars of Dallas in the first round.

OPEN DOUBLES: Biron Valier, who, with Steve Serot of St. Louis was a 1971 open doubles finalist at the International tournament, has taken up residence in Houston and his effect on the doubles game there has shown immediately.

Valier teamed with Bubba Levy, also of Houston, to win the championship, defeating Speer and Dr. Bob Hill, in the finals 21-14, 21-17.

Valier-Levy knocked off Dallas' Sellars-Farris team, finalists in last year's IRA Southwest Divisional tournament, and the strong Walter King-Richard Walker team, Dallas, en route to the championship match.

Speer-Hill bested Austin-Dewey Strickland, Houston, in the semi-finals and King-Walker took third place by default from Austin-Strickland. That makes three strong Houston doubles teams who are looking to capture the IRA Divisional this January in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

MASTER'S SINGLES: Dallas' Harold Cooper defeated George Crowley, Fort Worth 21-15, 21-14 for the title. Dr. Ed Grula, a professor from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, took third place by defeating Ralph Buckingham, Dallas 21-18, 18-21, 21-10. Bill Sparks, Dallas, won the Master's consolation over Rick Richker, Dallas, 21-17, 18-21, 21-16.

There were 12 entries in the Master's this year, with the players much stronger than a year ago. Dr. Tom Rutherford suffered a distracting but not serious eye injury that might have cost him his match, which he lost in three games.

B SINGLES: Pro-footballer Carol Stith, Houston, defeated Steven Terry, Irving, Texas 21-13, 21-14 in the finals. Larry Patrick, Tulsa took third over Sergeant Peter Wright, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth. Consolation was won by Dean Solomon, Houston.

An interesting sidelight to the B division was Mrs. Linda (Tom) McKie, Stillwater, who asked to enter because there are so few opportunities for the ladies to gain tournament experience in preparation for the Internationals. Our tournament committee felt that this is acceptable and invited Jan Pasternak, 1971 Womens International champ, and other gals to enter. Unfortunately, Jan was unable to participate and Linda was the only woman in the tourney.

She lost in the first round, but was able to win one match in the consolations before dropping another. It is my opinion that ladies be able to enter tournaments with men if they desire, until there are enough gals playing tournaments to support a women's bracket. And with the great growth of racquetball among the ladies, this should come about in the near future.

DR. BILL SELLARS

Illinois State Tournaments Set

The Illinois Racquetball Association will host the 1972 Illinois State doubles racquetball tournament, February 4-6 at the North Suburban YMCA, in Northbrook, Illinois. The tourney will have open and masters doubles events, with consolation rounds in both brackets of play.

Tournament entry fee will be \$5 per player, which will include a membership in the Illinois Racquetball Association, souvenir t-shirt, and hospitality. Entry forms will be sent to individuals as well as all YMCA's, JCC's, private clubs, and schools with courts in Illinois.

For further information, contact Ron Solomon, acting president of the Illinois Racquetball Association, 2945 W. Peterson, Chicago Illinois 60657, or call him at (312) 561-0667.

Also on the Illinois agenda is the state singles tournament March 10-12 at Lake Forest College. Again, there will be open and masters competition with an entry fee of \$5 per player.

Last year, despite a poor weekend date (Easter-Passover) the Illinois State tournament (open singles and open doubles) attracted 81 entries. Even more are anticipated now that the open and masters brackets have been separated.

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How To Come From Behind? Adjust Your Game

By CHARLIE GARFINKEL

Have you ever played a match when you have lost the first game badly and you were losing the second game 12-3? Who hasn't? Chances are great that you have lost the match. But the fact is, you very well could have won, **IF YOU HAD USED YOUR HEAD.**

There are two cardinal rules. One, you never change a winning game. Two, you *always* change a losing game.

Before you go on the court, you should have a game plan to use against your opponent. Let me give you some examples.

Let us say that you are playing an extremely aggressive hitter and you are trying to hit with him. You are slowly but surely losing. What should you do? First of all, slow down your whole game. Serve high and slow to his weaker side. Notice, I said weaker side. Most players feel their opponents backhand is weaker. Even if it isn't they keep playing it. This is ridiculous. Play your opponent's weakness.

An example of this occurred when I played Charlie Brumfield in the 1971 Internationals. All through the first game, which I lost 21-11, and through the second game which I was losing

13-4, I played Charlie's backhand. At this stage of the game I realized I was going to lose and I was going to lose badly. I called time, and decided I had to play his forehand. It turned the match around and I won 21-20, 21-16.

If you're playing a player who relies on keeping the ball in play, and uses short drop shots, mix up your game as much as possible. Hit ceiling balls, down the line shots, crosscourt shots, and try to volley the ball in the air to keep him off balance. Even if he is steady, he will be confused by the wide variety of shots you are giving him.

Let us say you have never seen your opponent play. The pre-match warmup will tell you a great deal. See what he does with his backhand and forehand. Does he hit the ball hard or soft? Does he practice ceiling shots? Start formulating your game plan early.

There is one thing that you as a player should be able to do. You should have a full repertoire of all shots. To do this, you should practice by yourself a great deal. Work on the shots that give you the most trouble. Also, when you play

practice games don't worry about winning every game. Work on the shots you need to practice. Too many people worry about scores, when the big thing is to improve your game. By practicing every shot in the book, you will be able to cope with every type of game, if you have to change your game. Naturally, everyone can't master every shot. But, at least work on your weaknesses. Use your head and physical ability to your best advantage.

Summing it up, here are a few basic rules to follow:

1. Don't change a winning game.
2. Always change a losing game.
3. Play your opponent's weaknesses.
4. Practice, practice, practice, and practice every shot, so you will be able to adjust to every type of game.
5. Think what you are doing. When there is a time out, think what you can do to win the match. Work on this plan and you will be amazed at the results.

If you change your game, and still lose, it is because of only one thing. You have lost to a better player that day. Notice I said that day.

Instructional

Improve Your Doubles; Follow These Rules

BY DR. BUD MUEHLEISEN

1. Make sure that before your match you and your partner have defined your court coverage responsibilities in such a manner that a definite playing arrangement can be exercised.

2. If your partner gets caught at or near the front wall you should try and hit a lob or any other shot which will allow him to back away from the front wall and regain normal court position.

3. When you are caught at or near the front wall you should back out as quickly as possible, facing the front wall with your racquet in a ready position.

4. As in singles, analyze both of your opponents and their weaknesses, and then play to them. Do not try and hit through your opponents too much from the back court, especially on the return of serve.

5. Utilize the lob, ceiling, and around the wall shot when possible as a return of serve and/or from the back court position.

6. Develop a call system with your partner to indicate the taking of shots by calling such things as "mine," "yours," or "take it."

7. When you are up front and your partner is hitting from the back court you should also watch him hit, as you do your opponent's shots, so that you might better anticipate his shot. If you feel it is going to be low to the front wall, you should follow it in as a defensive measure.

8. It is good practice to keep up moral and confidence in your team. If necessary, this can be done with words of encouragement and praise. A team is even harder to beat if each player knows that his partner has faith and confidence in him.

9. Most shots in doubles should be of a defensive nature,

until the right opportunity occurs for an offensively good percentage shot and situation.

10. Cross court "V" drive shots hit at shoulder height contacting either side wall at the short line are very effective passing shots in doubles.

11. Remembering to "cover" for your partner will pay many dividends.

12. When you are up front, the best way to be ready is to tell yourself that **EVERY BALL IS COMING TO YOU!**

13. Often, when you and your partner are caught far out of position, it may be beneficial to switch sides for the time being until you can switch back. In such instances, use your call system to communicate.

14. In deciding which side of the court you and your partner should team up on, as a rule of thumb, place the two strongest hands toward the side walls.

15. Stay off the side walls while the ball is in play. (Ideally, you should need one step and a full arm reach with the racquet to touch the side wall.)

16. In doubles, generally speaking, you should attempt very few soft shots to the front court. This is especially true when you are in the back court position because of the much better court coverage afforded in doubles.

17. Partners in a side-by-side position is the basic recommended formation.

18. **"IT'S WHO'S UP FRONT THAT COUNTS!"** That's where the game of doubles is won.

19. Use more of an open stance in doubles, facing the side the ball is on.

20. Think court position first.

21. Exercise patience and control to maintain or regain center court position as a team.

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VIRGINIA STATE DOUBLES Champs . . . (left to right) Tim Miller and Bill Buckman, Richmond, who defeated Pete Talbot and "Red" Martin, Ft. Eustis for the title 21-8, 21-14.



BILL MORECOCK (L.) took the open singles title in the maiden Virginia State tournament over Pete Talbot, 21-19, 21-14. Talbot, seeded number one, had the distinction of reaching the finals in both events.

First Virginia Racquetball Open Big Success; Morecock, Miller-Buckman Cop State Crowns

A total of 61 entrants made the first annual Virginia State Racquetball Open a rousing success. The tourney was well played with exciting matches in both A and B divisions.

A SINGLES: Norfolk's Bill Morecock bested pre-tourney favorite Pete Talbot, Ft. Eustis in the finals 21-19, 21-14. Morecock was devastating in his march to the championship, using his left handed drive serves to continually set up opponents. Better known for his hand-ball abilities in the Virginia area, Morecock has been playing racquetball for only four months.

In the semi-finals Talbot defeated Phil Stone, Springfield, Virginia 21-13, 21-11. Stone seemed sluggish throughout the match and Talbot took advantage. In the other semi, Morecock ran through tournament co-chairman Bill Buckman, Richmond 21-3, 21-11. Buckman was unable to get the ball to Morecock's backhand as the southpaw controlled the play.

Buckman took third place over Stone, who defaulted due to arm trouble.

A DOUBLES: Tim Miller and Buck-

man teamed up for the A doubles title defeating Talbot and Red Martin, Ft. Eustis in the championship 21-8, 21-14. Miller's steady play both offensively and defensively greatly aided the winner's attack.

Martin-Talbot beat the Norfolk team of Norm Slone-Herb Perlin in the semi-finals 21-4, 21-11. Miller-Buckman topped Mick Maguire-Phil Stone who play at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., 21-15,

21-9 in the other semi. Sloan-Perlin captured third from Maguire-Stone 21-16, 21-7.

One of the best matches of the tournament came in the first round when Martin-Talbot team met Morecock and his partner, Bill Moulton, Norfolk. In a gruelling, three-gamer it was Martin-Talbot eeking out a 21-13, 8-21, 21-20 victory.

B SINGLES: Carleton Moore, Ft. Eustis won the title over Armando Garza, Dahlgren, Virginia 21-12, 21-6. Moore beat Charles Durham, Richmond 21-7, 13-21, 21-14 in the semi-finals. It was one of only four matches in the entire tournament that went the three-game route. In the other semi-final, Garza knocked off Jim Bishop, Virginia Beach 21-8, 21-11.

B DOUBLES: D. L. Truesdale and Moore teamed up for the B doubles title topping the Richmond duo of Andy Roupas and Bill LaTouche 21-11, 21-16. Third place went to John Walker and Jim Crum, Ft. Eustis over Gerhard Weis and Lawrence Johnson, Ft. Eustis 12-21, 21-20, 21-17.

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Schmidtke-Finger Top Madison Open Doubles

Can the two best singles players in the nation combine to make an effective doubles team? That's what Bill Schmidtke, reigning IRA open singles champ, and Craig Finger the number two man, attempted to find out in the Madison, Wisconsin open doubles tournament October 22-24.

The answer was "yes," as Schmidtke and Finger captured first place in the double elimination tourney without losing a match. They defeated the Oshkosh, Wisconsin team of Bill Clark and Mike Smith in the finals 21-12 21-10 for the title.

Finger and Schmidtke had considerable trouble adjusting to each other's style in their early matches, laboring in two of their first three wins. But they put it together against Smith and Clark.

"We stopped playing as two singles players," said the now bearded Finger. "We used an effective game strategy and we set each other up well."

The strategy was to keep the ball away from Clark's devastating left-handed kills on the left side and counter with ceiling volleys and passes.

Game one was close early with Schmidtke-Finger gaining a 10-8 lead in the fifth inning. The champs then put together a 10-point run booming out to an overwhelming 20-8 advantage. Clark-Smith tallied four times in their next service before Schmidtke-Finger reached 21.

Game two was closer longer but the steady play of Schmidtke-Finger gradually wore down Clark and Smith, who had a short lead of 9-8 at one point. The final score was a clear indication of the domination of the second game by the champs.

Clark and Smith might have given Schmidtke and Finger a more aggressive challenge had they not been forced to play earlier in the day against another tough Oshkosh team, Joe and Tom Wir-



BILL CLARK draws a bead on set up off the back wall in the finals against Bill Schmidtke and Craig Finger. Clark and partner Mike Smith lost in the championship match.

kus.

Because of the double elimination setup the Wirkus-Wirkus team and Clark-Smith team each had one loss after two days of play, while Schmidtke and Finger were undefeated having given both Oshkosh teams their only setback. So the two once-defeated teams met to decide who would challenge Schmidtke-Finger later in the day.

In a grueling, three game match, Clark and Smith captured the victory 21-18, 20-21, 21-16. It was as well played as any match in the tournament and definitely took the fine edge off the game of the Clark-Smith team.

The Wirkus' had the toughest draw of all, however, being forced to play two

matches Friday, three more Saturday and again Sunday. They beat Chet Howard and Ivan Bruner Saturday night in two straight games to reach Sunday's match which gave them the third place finish.

One of the tournament highlights came in the match between Howard and Bruner against the father-son team of Bill and Bobby Schultz. Mid-way through the first game son Bobby, a lefty, suffered torn ligaments in his left elbow. After trying unsuccessfully to continue play left-handed, Bobby switched and played the remainder of the match righty.

Father Bill then played brilliantly in the second game, keying a 21-19 win and forcing the third game. But apparently the pain and possibility of further aggravation to the injury forced the Schultz's to forfeit before the third game could be completed.

Another team that performed well was Dr. Phil Dziuk and Don Webb from Champaign, Illinois. After a first match loss to Finger-Schmidtke (21-18, 21-13) they won three matches before succumbing to Clark and Smith. The Champaign, boys have really improved their game since the opening of a new 23-court facility at the University of Illinois.

Tourney chairman Bill Yanakos did yeomans work in organization and refereeing, aided by Fred Zitzer who called countless matches excellently. The Wirkus brothers, besides their third place trophies also were awarded the team sportsmanship award.

Players were treated to lunch on Saturday, which was a bit spoiled by the Wisconsin loss to Ohio State at that same time. The only other disappointment of the tournament was the failure to attend by the Chicago team of Ron Rubenstein and Jerry Padula. They were expected to give Finger and Schmidtke a serious challenge.

Portland Racquetball Association To Import Muehleisen, Brumfield For Exhibition-Clinic

Two top ranked racquetball players from San Diego will present an instructional clinic on the Multnomah Athletic Club's court #1 on January 8th, 1972, under the auspices of the Portland, Oregon Racquetball Association.

They are Charlie Brumfield and Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who finished in one-two order in the recent IRA Invitational Singles Racquetball Tournament to which only the top 16 players in the U. S. were invited. They have also won as a team the 1970 and the 1971 Louisville, Ky. racquetball doubles championship.

Many Multnomah A. C. players will recall Muehleisen's clinic at the club last February in which he appeared with some of the better local players. This year bringing with him the man who beat him in the San Diego Invitational, promises an even better clinic.

Muehleisen's record in the sport is impressive, and perhaps unmatched: 1966, '67 and '68 National Paddleball Championship; 1969 International Racquetball Championship; 1970, '71 the above mentioned doubles champ with Brumfield.

Because of the club's non-profit status, no tickets to the clinic can be sold at the Multnomah A.C. However, due to the limited capacity of court #1 gallery we urge you to make your reservations early. The cost for the 2-hour clinic will be \$3.00. This fee is solely to cover airline expenses from San Diego for Muehleisen and Brumfield, and other incidentals directly associated with the clinic.

Checks should be made payable to the Portland Racquetball Association, and mailed to that body at 296 Lloyd Building Portland, Oregon 97232. There will be both morning and afternoon clinics. Your \$3.00 fee admits you to one only.

San Diego Hosting Western IRA Divisional; Mel Gorham Sports Center To Handle Action

IRA's Western Divisional tournament will be January 14-16 at the Mel Gorham Sports Center in San Diego. The six-court facility was the site of the recent IRA invitational singles tournament over the Labor Day weekend.

The West Division covers players in California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, British Columbia and Alberta.

The Gorham Center is located at 960 Turquoise St., Pacific Beach. The tournament will have play in open singles, open doubles, Masters singles, Master doubles, women singles and women doubles. Play in Masters singles and women doubles will depend on the number of entries.

The tournament is being sponsored by the San Diego Racquetball Association and the tourney chairman will be Dr. Bud Muehleisen. "Dr. Bud" needs no introduction to racquetball players and fans.

The West Divisional, like the other IRA divisional tournaments, will be open to IRA members only. Players must show their IRA membership cards for verification.

Those participants not having up to date memberships must sign up before being allowed to play. Fee for one year is \$3. The entry fee for the tournament is \$10 per player per event.

As in the past, IRA will award the winners of open singles and open doubles their air coach round trip fare to the International tournament in Memphis, February 23-27, 1972. No duplicate awards will be given.

The entries should be mailed to Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 9333 Loren Dr., La Mesa, California 92041. Checks should be made out to the San Diego Racquetball Association.

With the tourney being held in the San Diego area, the calibre of play is expected to be fantastic. Other sections expected to send top players are Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Modesto, Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The local flavor will be strong with Charlie Brumfield, the IRA Invitational singles tourney winner and Muehleisen, the same tournament's runner-up, expected to do well. Each had a disappointing International tournament last year,

with Brumfield being eliminated in the round of 16 and Muehleisen being unable to complete due to injury.

The tournament headquarters will be the Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission, San Diego, California 92109. Phone: 714-488-1081. The Catamaran is about one mile from the courts.

Defending champs at the Western Divisional are Larry Hoyt, San Francisco, in open singles and Carl Loveday-Bob McInerney in open doubles.

One of the highlights of the tournament is certain to be the women's singles bracket with Bette Weed and Kimberly Hill, both International runners-up in the past, leading the way.

Other leading players include Charlie Drake, Tom Carlyon, Rodger Souders, and Dale Sutton. Drs. Kim Hill, Jerry Kobernick, and Jim Skidmore, along with Ben Press are expected to do their thing in the Masters events.

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HOSPITALITY ROOM!! BANQUET FOR ALL COMPETITORS!!

Make checks payable to: San Diego Racquetball Association. Send entries to: Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 9333 Loren Dr., La Mesa, CA 92041.

HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE



CITY OF GREENSBORO

NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

28 October 1971

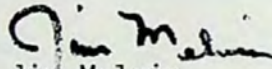
To the Spectators and Participants in the
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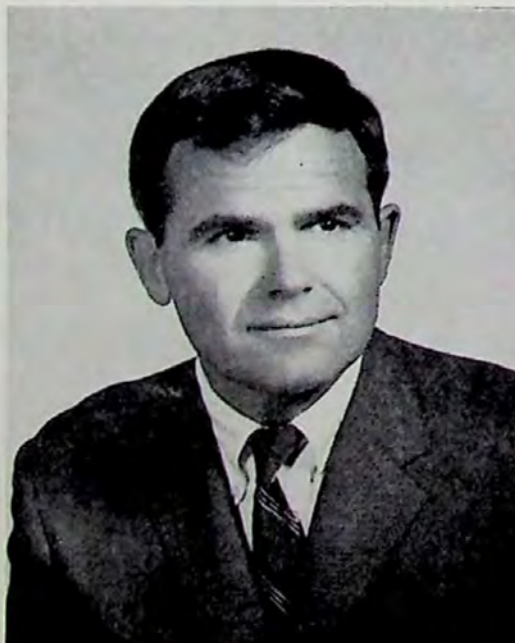
On behalf of all of the citizens of Greensboro, I
am delighted to extend a very warm and cordial welcome to our
city.

In recent years, racket ball has gained in popu-
larity with the citizens of this sports-minded community and
we are pleased that we are to be the host city for your
Southern Division Tournament. We believe this will give added
impetus to this fast-growing sport.

Again welcome to Greensboro. We hope you will enjoy
your stay with us and will return to visit us often.

Sincerely,


Jim Melvin
Mayor



Greensboro Y Readies For South IRA Tourney

The Southern Division Racquetball Tournament will be held this year (1972) on January 21-23 in Greensboro, North Carolina, with Greensboro's Central YMCA as host for the event. The Southern Division covers North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico.

The Central YMCA building is a beautiful new facility, completed in 1969, which has three handball/racquetball and one squash court. The YMCA itself has been in operation in Greensboro since 1888, and has built an excellent reputation for being one of the forerunners in North Carolina in the fields of paddleball and racquetball. The building includes Health Clubs for both men and women, with over 1,500 members belonging to the two.

Chairman of the tournament committee, Richard Hammer, is being aided in the planning by Brad Faircloth, Fred Price, Dan Green, Jim Betts, Don Prago, and Jim Melvin, (who is also the Mayor of Greensboro), most of whom are members of the Central Y Men's Health Club.

Letters of invitation are being sent to all YMCAs and Jewish Community Cen-

ters in the Southeast who have racquetball facilities. All tourney participants must be IRA members — and can join at the tournament site, for a \$3.00 fee, if they are not already members.

The tournament will feature Open Singles, Open Doubles, and both Masters Singles and Doubles. There will also be a Single's Division for women. The entry fee per event has been set at \$10.00.

Bill McClinton, physical director at Central Y, stated that the Virginia State Racquetball Class A Doubles Champions, Tom Miller and Bill Buckman, are expected to be in the competition. Greensboro's number one man will be Brad Faircloth, closely followed by Don Prago in the number two position. Dick Hammer, the tournament chairman, is rated in the third local slot.

There is a large Carolina crowd expected since Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte all have courts producing large racquetball groups. Raleigh just completed the first annual YMCA Racquetball Championship.

Winners of last year's Southern Division tournament in Chattanooga in the Men's Singles were Bill Evans of Louisville, Kentucky, with Ed Hill of Memphis, Ten-

nessee coming in second. The Men's Doubles winners were Ken Porco and Mike Zeitman, also of Louisville, who went on to capture the IRA Open Doubles Championship in Salt Lake City. It is hoped that these men will appear in the Southern Division Tournament, along with other top players such as Norman Chambers of Raleigh, North Carolina; Gil Champayne of Knoxville and Frank Burkholder of Nashville, Tennessee as well as Charlie White of Clemson, South Carolina—all of whom competed in the Men's Singles in Chattanooga. Top Men's Doubles players who appeared in Chattanooga—and hopefully will compete in the Greensboro event—are Alan Hyman and Don Rigazio, both of Louisville, and Bailey Prichard and John Doyle of Memphis.

All letters of invitation will include a list of motels in Greensboro which are in the vicinity of the Central YMCA. All players in the Southern Division who wish to participate—or who may want further information can contact Bill McClinton, Physical Director, Central YMCA, 1015 West Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina—27401.

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South Entry

Central YMCA, 1015 W. Market St. Greensboro, NC 27401

January 21-23, 1972

Please enter me in: ☐ OPEN SINGLES ☐ OPEN DOUBLES ☐ MASTER'S SINGLES
☐ MASTER'S DOUBLES ☐ WOMEN'S SINGLES

NAME _____ YMCA/CLUB/CENTER _____
(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NAME OF DOUBLES PARTNER _____ YMCA/CLUB/CENTER _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Entry deadline: January 18, 1972, 5 p.m.

Official ball: Seamless 558.

Eligibility: Open to all current (1972) IRA members. \$3 a year covers membership and subscription to HANDBALL Magazine. Entrants can join IRA by sending in fee or covering upon arrival.

Entry fee: \$10 per player per event. No entry will be accepted without fee.

Trophies: To first three places in each event.

Special Award: Winner of open singles and open doubles (not Master's or women) will receive from IRA round trip air coach transportation to IRA International Championships in Memphis, February 23-27, 1972. Doubles winners must remain as team to qualify. No duplicate awards will be given.

HOSPITALITY ROOM!! BANQUET FOR ALL COMPETITORS!!

Make checks payable to: Greensboro Central YMCA. Send entries to: Bill McClinton, Physical Director, Central YMCA, 1015 Market St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Huge Entry Anticipated At Central Division; All Brackets Wide Open At The Kings Court

The Central IRA Divisional tournament will be January 21-23, 1972 at the Kings Court, 7001 Cahill Rd., Edina Minnesota 55435. The six-court facility will host players from Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, upper Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Manitoba, Western Ontario and Saskatchewan.

The Kings Court is one of the premier private court clubs that have sprung up across the nation in the past few years. Events in the tournament will be open singles, open doubles, masters singles, masters doubles, women singles and women doubles. Consolation rounds will be played in each event.

Tournament chairman will be Wendell Ottum, a veteran north and mid-west racquetball tournament-goer and a regular at the Kings Court.

Entry fee is \$10 per player per event. Players are allowed to compete in more than one event this year and winners of open singles and open doubles will receive their round trip air coach fare to

the International tournament in Memphis February 23-27. No duplicate awards will be given.

Participants must be IRA members and those who are not may sign up at the tournament site, \$3 for one year, \$7 for three years. Players must show their IRA membership cards for verification of membership.

With many outstanding players in the Central division, and a strong local group, Ottum is figuring on a highly competitive tournament.

Due to be back to defend his singles title is Ron Rubenstein, the Illinois State singles champ and a quarter-finalist in the 1971 International tournament in Salt Lake City.

Bill Schmidtke, the IRA open singles titleholder who by-passed the divisional singles last year to capture the doubles, is undecided as to whether or not he will compete. His partner, Paul Nelson, is recovering from elbow surgery.

Other top players expected are the IRA Masters doubles champs, Dr. Vince

Cutshall and Don Erickson from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and another top Sioux Fallsian, John Rude.

Dick Hamlin will lead the Omaha, Nebraska group and strong contingents from Wisconsin and Illinois are expected.

One player to be missed on the courts is Frank Kleckner one of the recent competitors in the IRA Invitational Singles tourney in San Diego. Kleckner, 28, recently suffered a heart attack and will be out of action.

Entry forms will be sent to individuals as well as YMCA's, JCC's and private clubs in the division. Checks should be made out to the Kings Court, which, by the way, has had its walls recently resurfaced.

Players needing housing information should contact Wendell Ottum at the Kings court.

Hospitality for the tournament will include a souvenir t-shirt, banquet and hospitality room at the Kings Court. Play may start early Friday the 21st depending on number of entries.

INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

Central Entry

The Kings Court, 7001 Cahill Rd., Edina, MN 55435

January 21-23, 1972

Please enter me in: ☐ OPEN SINGLES ☐ OPEN DOUBLES ☐ MASTER'S SINGLES
 ☐ MASTER'S DOUBLES ☐ WOMEN'S SINGLES

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ADDRESSCITY..... STATE..... ZIP.....

Entry deadline: January 18, 1972, 5 p.m.

Official ball: Seamless 558.

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HOSPITALITY ROOM!! BANQUET FOR ALL COMPETITORS!!

Make checks payable to: The Kings Court. Send entries to: The Kings Court.

HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

12 Court Facility

Giant Oklahoma State Putting On SW Tourney

The Southwest IRA Divisional tournament will be January 14-16, 1972 at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074. Eligible for the tournament are players from Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Mexico.

Events for the tournament at the 12-court Colvin Physical Education Center are open singles, open doubles, masters singles and womens singles. Consolation will be held in each bracket.

Tournament chairman will be Tom McKie, assistant director of the Colvin Physical Education Center and a veteran racquetballer. Honorary tournament chairman will be Dr. Albin P. Warner, head of the HPER Department at Oklahoma State. The tournament committee will also include Myron Roderick, Roland Treat, Jerry Brusewitz and Kent Bunker.

Entry fee for the tournament, as in the other divisionals will be \$10 per player per event. Players are allowed to compete in more than one event and winners of open singles and open doubles will receive from IRA their round trip air coach

transportation to the Internationals in Memphis, February 23-27, 1972. No duplicate awards will be given.

Entry checks should be made out to the Colvin Physical Education Center and all entries, fees and inquiries should be sent to Tom McKie, Assistant Director, 119 Colvin Physical Education Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074.

Participants must be IRA members to compete and those who are not may sign up at the tournament site for the standard fee, \$3 for one year, \$7 for three years. Players must show their IRA membership cards for verification of membership.

The best of the local players, McKie and Roderick, will team up and make a run at the doubles title and the trip to Memphis. Roderick, who was tied up with work commitments the past year, will be able to make most of the big tourneys in '72.

Jim Austin, fresh off his singles victory in the State Fair Open in Dallas, will be back to defend his divisional open singles title. Jim was a top eight finisher in Salt Lake City this past April.

The Lone Star state should be well rep-

resented, with Dr. Bill Sellars, Tom Farris, Bubba Levy and newcomer Biron Valier all of top quality.

McKie is also counting on a large local entry to help co-ordinate the tournament and big contingents are anticipated from Tulsa, the 1971 host, and St. Louis.

Tournament headquarters will be the Holiday Inn, approximately one mile from the courts. A shuttle service will be provided for participants.

In addition to the usual hospitality of souvenir t-shirts, hospitality room, and banquet, will be a wrestling match pitting the Oklahoma State Cowboy wrestlers (defending National Champs) against California Poly (defending NCAA College Division champs) at OSU Saturday evening, the 15th. Banquet and schedule of play will be arranged so players can attend the meet.

The womens bracket at the Southwest divisional should rival any with Jan Pasternak, current womens open titleholder and Linda McKie, who lost to Jan in the 1971 divisional finals, leading the way. Also hoped for are the fine group of gals from St. Louis.

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Southwest Entry

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74074

January 14-16, 1972

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☐ MASTER'S DOUBLES ☐ WOMEN'S SINGLES

NAME YMCA/CLUB/CENTER
(Please Print)

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

NAME OF DOUBLES PARTNER YMCA/CLUB/CENTER

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Entry deadline: January 11, 1972, 5 p.m.

Official ball: Seamless 558.

Eligibility: Open to all current (1972) IRA members. \$3 a year covers membership and subscription to HANDBALL Magazine. Entrants can join IRA by sending in fee or covering upon arrival.

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HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

East, Mid-East Combine to Eastern Divisional; Michigan, Ohio, To Bolster Coast Competition

The Eastern IRA Divisional tournament will be January 21-23, 1972 at the Albany, New York YMCA, 423 State St., Albany 12203. The tournament will be open to players from New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Maryland, lower Michigan, Quebec and eastern Ontario.

Events in the Friday through Sunday tournament will be open singles, open doubles, Masters doubles and women singles. Masters singles and women's doubles will be scheduled depending on the number of entries. Consolation rounds will be played in all events.

The tournament chairman will be John E. Mohan, Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at the Albany YMCA. John has been a long-time advocate of the racquet game and promises a first class tournament.

The entry fee, as in all IRA Divisional tournaments, is \$10 per player per event. Players are allowed to compete in more than one event this year, and winners of open singles and open doubles receive

from IRA their round trip air coach fare to the International tournament in Memphis February 23-27. No duplicate awards will be given.

Entries should be sent to John E. Mohan, YMCA-423 State Street, Albany, NY 12203. The checks should be made out to the Albany YMCA.

Participants must be IRA members to compete and those who are not may sign up at the tournament site for the standard fee, \$3 for one year, \$7 for three years. Players must show their IRA membership cards for verification of membership.

Although there are a number of quality players in Albany, the strongest New York competitors are expected to be Charlie Garfinkel and Chuck Wurzer from upstate Buffalo. Garfinkel pulled the upset of the Internationals in Salt Lake City last year by defeating number two seeded Charlie Brumfield in the round of 16. Wurzer, his doubles partner, has played a steady right side while the duo has taken two consecutive New York doubles titles.

Jack Chelucci is being counted on to

defend his divisional open singles title, won last year in Burlington, Vermont. Chelucci, from Wilmington, Delaware, will lead a strong group from that area.

Also expected to defend their title is the New Britain, Connecticut team of Mike Luciw and George Rudyz who defeated Garfinkel and Wurzer for the divisional championship a year ago.

Another top New Britain team, although undecided as to whether they will participate or not are Bob Yellin and Don Wallace, IRA open doubles champs in 1970, but second round losers in 1971.

Gene Grapes and Dick Cuneo are being counted on to give fine representation from Pennsylvania and other strong groups are expected from New Jersey, Michigan and Ohio.

Entry forms will be sent to individuals as well as YMCA's, JCC's, private clubs and schools with courts in the East Division.

Tournament headquarters will be the DeWitt Clinton Hotel on the corner of Eagle and State Streets in Albany (12207). The Y is a 10 minute walk or five minute drive from the hotel.

INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT

East Entry

Albany YMCA, 423 State St., Albany, NY 12203

January 21-23, 1972

Please enter me in: () OPEN SINGLES () OPEN DOUBLES () MASTER'S SINGLES
() MASTER'S DOUBLES () WOMEN'S SINGLES

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HOSPITALITY ROOM!! BANQUET FOR ALL COMPETITORS!!

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HOUSING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

2nd Cornell Open Slated For February 4-6; Best From East Coast Expected To Compete

The second annual Peter H. Cornell Memorial Racquetball Tournament will be February 4-5-6 at the Richmond, Virginia Central YMCA. The tourney is an open event and is sanctioned by the International Racquetball Association.

The inaugural Cornell Open, held a year ago January included 23 singles entries and 16 doubles teams from the east and mid-west. The 1972 tourney is expected to double in participants.

"We hope our tournament will serve as a good tune-up for the eastern players who will be going to the Internationals in Memphis," said Bill Buckman, tournament chairman. "With the recent Virginia State Open stimulating local play, we know the competition will be great."

The defending singles champ, Norman Chambers, from Raleigh, North Carolina is expected to defend his title as are the defending doubles team for New Britain, Connecticut, George Rudysz and Michael Luciw.

This year's Cornell Open will have a banquet and the added knowledge of having run the tourney once before.

"We weren't quite sure of ourselves



NORMAN CHAMBERS, singles titleholder from the 1971 Cornell Open is expected to be back to defend his title. He defeated Madison, Wisconsin's Bill Schultz in the finals 11-21, 21-11, 21-15.

last year," said Buckman. "But we know now how to put on a successful tournament."

Entry fee will be the same as last year, \$5 per player per event. All players in the tourney must be IRA members. Players who are not members may sign up at

the tournament site, at \$3 per year.

Brackets of play will include open singles, open doubles and Masters doubles at the three court facility.

The tournament is named after the late Peter H. Cornell a Richmond businessman and a fine racquetball player in his own right. The 1971 Cornell open was pleased to have Mrs. Cornell and her three children on hand to award trophies.

Out of towners needing hotel/motel accommodations should write Bill Buckman, 6505 Wessex Lane, Richmond Virginia 23226. Closest to the Richmond Y are the John Marshall Hotel, 5th and Franklin Sts., and the Sheraton Motor Inn, Belvedere and Franklin Sts., Richmond. The Central Y is at 2 West Franklin St., Richmond 23220, and has rooms for bachelors available.

"We are certainly looking forward to a top-notch tournament," said Buckman. "We had a good one last year and we know this one will be even better."

Buckman expects the bulk of entries to be local with strong players also coming from the Carolinas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

PETER H. CORNELL MEMORIAL RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Richmond, Virginia Central YMCA

February 4-6, 1972

SANCTIONED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

Please enter me in: SINGLES () OPEN DOUBLES () MASTERS DOUBLES ()

NAME _____ YMCA/CLUB/CENTER _____
(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NAME OF DOUBLES PARTNER _____ YMCA/CLUB/CENTER _____
(Please Print)

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
() Please send me.....IRA application blanks.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the International Racquetball Association, the Richmond Central Branch YMCA on their respective agents, representatives, successors, or assigns for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament.

Partner's Signature _____ Ph. No. _____

Signature _____ Ph. No. _____

Make Checks Payable To: Richmond Central YMCA

IRA LETTERS . . .



Starting Them Young . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Handball/racquetball courts on the elementary school level! We've got 'em. At Balsz Elementary School in Phoenix, Arizona, we were able to get three cement and block courts built by a local construction company for around \$3,000.00. The courts are 20 feet wide and 33 feet long, stair step type side walls back to 30 feet, with 12 feet high front walls that eventually will have a screen, 5 feet high, mounted on top.

Dimensions (front wall, side walls, and length) were somewhat dictated by monies available for the project, but additions to side walls, making them higher all the way back, may be forthcoming next year. The inside wall surfaces were smoothed and they give a uniform rebound of handball and racquetball.

The students are eating it up. There are always boys waiting to play, so many that our games can only be seven points during challenge time. Right now we are primarily using the wooden paddles, although we now have four official racquets that the better players are utilizing and the racquets will be used in our next tournament.

We are using the official IRA ball. I have tried handball in the past (on one wall) at Balsz but paddles/racquets just seem to be more conducive to stimulating interest in the court games. Although I play handball at the Phoenix Y, racquetball seems best for the situation at Balsz right now.

I have enclosed an 8 X 10 photo showing the two finalists in our first tournament this year. David Kalember (left) defeated Dale McCord 21-5 (we play a one game match). Both boys are 8th graders.

The courts are small, modest, but they work—work to stimulate the interest in the court games. The boys are learning the rules, the walls, the strokes, the serves, court, strategy and position. Sportsmanship is stressed, as most of the play is, of course, without a referee.

Hope you have a spot for us in HANDBALL. My personal issue goes in the library as soon as I've read everything 2-3 times.

Thank you.

DAN McPEEK
Balsz Boy's Physical Education
Phoenix, AZ

For The Good Of All Three . . .

Dear Mr. (Chuck) Leve:

Please sign up my friend, Dr. Doyle Haynes, as a member of IRA and start sending him HANDBALL Magazine. I am already a member of USHA and have been a devout handball player for a long time. I was one of those handballers who have long been prejudiced against paddleball and racquetball.

I have finally started playing racquetball, because most of the competition around here is in that sport, and found that most of my preconceived objections to racquetball were due to superstition or other such nonsense.

Of course I am still partial to the two-handed game, but it is now obvious to me that the fantastic growth in popularity of racquetball that is taking place now will eventually lead to the growth of all three court games and the building of new facilities (hopefully here at Auburn, too).

JACK B. BROWN
Associate Professor

Tournament Help ! ! !

Dear Chuck:

I thought I would follow up my phone call to you with a note.

As you know I expressed my disappointment at missing going to one of the racquetball tournaments, October 29-31. This was due to the fact that the announcements came so late that it was impossible to even meet the entry deadline, much less plan time off from work and family.

I have a suggestion I hope may eliminate future such communication breakdowns. How about urging all tournament chairmen, committees, etc., to set their dates, send them to you and have you publish them as soon as possible. I noticed that handball officials do this. An example is page 47 of the October, 1971 issue.

In addition, you could still include the last minute announcements just prior to the tournament in HANDBALL Magazine.

At any rate, I sure hope I don't miss any future tournaments because I didn't know they existed.

GORDON KELLY
Grand Rapids, MI

The St. Louis Draw . . .

IRA received a number of remarks concerning draws and seeding after throwing the question open for discussion in the October issue of HANDBALL Magazine. What follows is the method used for house tournaments at the JCCA in St. Louis.

Dear Chuck:

Enclosed are the Principles of Seeding and Draw which I promised you:

- 1) Seeding done first.
- 2) In Seeding, consideration is given in the following preferences:
 - A) The last year's most important tournament
 - B) The last year's next most important tournament
 - C) Any other tournaments of the last year
 - D) Previous year's tournaments
 - E) 2 year's previous tournaments
 - F) The Committee's judgment of the player's ability
- 3) Seeding will be a yearly ranking, not by specific tournament (Doubles rankings are by team, not by individuals.)
- 4) Draw
 - A) Seeds 1-4 will be placed 1 & 4, 2 & 3
 - B) Seeds 5-8 will be placed by draw
 - C) Seeds 9-16 will be placed by draw
- 5) Members of the same family will be placed in different halves, by draw. If two members are drawn for the same bracket, the second one drawn will be placed in the opposite bracket by drawing a name from the same seed category al-

ready placed, and exchanging their places. If there are three (or more) members of the same family in the tournament, the same procedure will be followed, but by quarters, etc.

6) If members of the same family are 1 & 4, or 2 & 3, the Draw shall be 1 & 3, 2 & 4.

7) "A" players are not permitted in "B" Tournaments, either Singles or Doubles. An "A" player is defined as one who is:

A) Seeded in the top 16 players; or

B) Has played in a (singles) final match of either "B" or "B-1"; or

C) In the judgment of the Committee, would breeze through the "B" Tournaments.

Hamlin Wins Twice

Dick Hamlin won the recent Omaha Racquetball tournament at his "home" courts, the Omaha, Nebraska YMCA. Hamlin defeated John Rude, Sioux Falls, South Dakota in the finals 21-14, 21-15.

In the semi's Hamlin defeated Sioux Falls' Mark Hegg 21-12, 21-18 while Rude was eliminating Floyd Gallogly, Waterloo, Iowa 21-12, 21-14.

In the open doubles bracket the pick-up team of Hegg and Dr. Phil Dziuk, Champaign, Illinois defeated Rude and Lowell Hansen 21-9 21-12 for the title.

Consolation singles championship went to John Galbraith.

* * *

One week later Hamlin duplicated the feat by defeating Rude again, this time in the Sioux Falls Open, November 5-6-7 at the Sioux Falls YMCA. Scores were 21-18, 21-17.

In the semi-finals Hamlin ousted Dave Lien, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 21-2, 21-2 while Rude was overcoming Hegg 18-21, 21-20, 21-12.

In the doubles division Hamlin and John Raduchi defeated Vince Cutshall and Don Erickson, Sioux Falls 21-17, 21-10 for the title.

Again in this tourney, Galbraith took consolation honors.

\$20 a Ticket . . . And Why

The following letter, written by DeWitt Shy, tournament chairman for the 1972 International Championships, is to Mr. Gordon Kelly, an avid racquetballer who has been in continued correspondence with IRA regarding a number of matters which he notices in his travels. One of Mr. Kelly's letters to the editor appears on page IRA-22.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter and your \$20 check for a 1972 International Racquetball Tournament ticket. You casually mentioned the price of the ticket seemed a little stiff and I'm the first to agree with you, but we are going to try something a little different and hope players like yourself will "buy the idea."

The Memphis Racquetball Association thinks the sport has "come of age" so we have decided to put the 1972 International Racquetball Tournament on a par with Handball. By coincidence, last year's National Handball Tournament was held here in Memphis and we got first-hand information on what a tournament looks like after it has evolved through some 15 to 20 years.

National Handball Tournament tickets were \$25 and it was a complete sell-out. All the players who participated in the tournament knew if they wanted to be assured of a seat for the semi-finals and the finals, they had to have a ticket, so those interested bought them. Except for Saturday and Sunday (semi-finals and finals), racquetball players of course will have the "run of the place," . . . spectators can buy general admission tickets for \$1, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Getting back to the \$20 . . . there are tremendous responsibilities connected with hosting a National Tournament. To

insure top competition, we bring in last year's open singles semi-finalists and the open doubles finalists . . . eight players, plus a per diem allowance. The 1972 Tournament will be five days instead of four (National Handball was eight days). There are the other usual items, i.e., banquet, hospitality room, trophies, gift shirts, guards, registration, balls, etc. . . so finances are a problem if we do the job first class.

This Memphis group is a little "kooky" . . . they think that racquetball is going to pass handball in popularity in a few years despite the National rolls showing 12,000 handball members to 2,000 racquetball members. To this, they answer there are a lot of guys playing racquetball who don't even know about any organization. Other reasons are — most people can play because it's easier to hit a ball with a racquet than with your hand — and, too, you can really zing that ball with a racquet and vent your frustrations to a greater satisfaction. As far as a spectator sport, it's faster, quicker, and requires just as much stamina.

In 1972, because of our central geographical location, we hope to have twice the entries of any previous International Racquetball Tournament. We even anticipate a strong women's contingency possibly adding Women's Doubles to the program. As an added highlight, equipment manufacturers will have "selling-display" booths, and for the first time, films will be made of the finals of both singles and doubles. We also have correspondence and indication of interest from SPORTS ILLUSTRATED.

I guess what it all boils down to, we are getting out of the bush league and into the big league — hope all our plans are successful and hope you agree with us.

DEWITT M. SHY

Tournament Chairman

U. of Illinois . . .

The University of Illinois' new Physical Education Building is everything people say it is. The 11.6 million dollar facility houses 23 handball-racquetball-paddleball courts, including one glass enclosed showcase court.

In a recent trip to Champaign-Urbana IRA Executive Secretary Chuck Leve was hosted by Larry Preo of the University's Intramural Department and racquetball enthusiasts Dr. Phil Dziuk, Don Webb and Frank Hinds.

After doubles and singles exhibitions, a grand tour of the building was embarked upon and refreshments obtained later.

The Illini racquetball club has been started and a tournament schedule has already been printed, including undergraduate women's singles and doubles, men's singles and doubles and an all-University tournament.

Need Scorecards?

The International Racquetball Association has added another helpful product, the official IRA scorecard, to its ever-increasing line of racquetball items.

Each card can score one three-game match and has spaces for time outs, service, event, player's name(s), and referee's name. But the most important facet of the scorecard is actually on the reverse side, where IRA has printed some helpful hints to referees.

The combined efforts of IRA Rules Chairman Chuck Hazama, Dr. Bud Muehleisen, and IRA Executive Secretary Chuck Leve have gone into this card in the hopes of aiding referees to understand their responsibilities.

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Denver . . .

Annual Denver A.C. Smoker featured appearance of Pat Kirby to play exhibition match against Buzz Shumate. With approximately 40 seating capacity behind each of the two courts they played two 31-point games in each court. Closed TV was set up in the billiard room-cocktail lounge to accommodate the large crowd.

Buzz started off with his usual strong power and kill game, completely outshooting Pat, and keeping him on the defense. With a lead of 20-4, Buzz pulled the tricep muscle in his right arm and from then on his right hand shots were only defensive. Pat came up to 20 points while Buzz added 11 more to win 31-20. Second game was completely controlled by Kirby's placements and kills and his good demonstrations of all shots. Pat won this 31-10. Buzz was definitely in pain when forced to shoot with his right. The sportsmanship and fair play of Kirby won the hearts of the DAC officials and I'm sure he will be invited back again.

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Les Shumate gave another clinic for a large group of Aurora business men at the outdoor three wall courts at Central high school. There are six courts. The Jacobs-Singer film was also shown.

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Second Annual Season Starter was very interesting. A players were paired with C players with 16 teams in a two-day tournament. Bob Brown and Bill Young made an excellent team and they waltzed through their first three matches without loss of a game. They met John McMullen and 14-year-old Mike Davison in the finals and had to go all out to win 21-17, 21-18.

Young Mike is coming along strong and gave good returns from some of Brown's tough serves. His father, John Davison, has been coaching him regularly.

LES SHUMATE

A Short Course in Human Relations

The six most important words:
I admit I made a mistake.

The five most important words:
You did a good job.

The four most important words:
What is your opinion?

The three most important words:
If you please.

The two most important words:
Thank you.

The least most important word:
I.

Muck Regains St. Mary's Open



WINONA CHAMPIONSHIPS . . . Saint Mary's College (Minnesota) students Ken Pellegrini and Tim Evon congratulate champion Terry Muck (St. Paul AC) and runnerup Orley Brown (LaCrosse YMCA). Intramural Director and tournament host, Max Molock, is between Brown and Evon.

Terry Muck (St. Paul A. C.) captured his third singles crown in the Fourth Annual Saint Mary's College Open Singles Handball Tournament Oct. 29-31 at Winona, Minn. Muck had won in 1968 and 1969 but was upset in the 1970 quarterfinals by John Loretz (St. Paul Midway YMCA). In the finals Orley Brown (LaCrosse YMCA) looked as though he would win the first game but Muck came on fast at the end and pulled ahead to win 21-17; the second and final game was a decisive 21-11.

Terry went through six matches, losing only one game—that to Don Pichotta (Milwaukee JCC) in the quarterfinals (19-21, 21-6, 21-10). Other casualties of Muck's prowess were Pete Harris (LaCrosse State University) 31-1 in the 1st round; Br. Frank Walsh (St. Mary's College) 31-6 in the 2nd round; John Bigley (LaCrosse YMCA) 21-16, 21-6 in the third round; and Wes Yee (Lake Forest College) 21-11, 21-11 in the semifinals.

The tournament, hosted annually by Max Molock's intramural department, drew a record 76 entries but it was decided to limit the field to 64 participants for the three-day tourney. The 32 first round losers were split into two Class B Consolation tournaments, and the 16 second round losers moved into a Class A Consolation tournament. The A Consolation title was captured by Ron Bullington (University of Iowa) 21-20, 21-10 over Mark Simpson (Milwaukee Eagles Club). The Class B (American Division) Consolation championship went to hard hitting Jerry Hall (Iowa State University). One of Jerry's victims was overheard saying, "Hall will be no trouble next year—I'm sure they will have to bury his right arm after this tournament."

Hall knocked off John Nett (Winona

YMCA) 21-5, 21-10 in the finals. In the Class B (National Division) Jim Carlson played steady ball and was only threatened in the semifinals by Roger Hansen (Sioux City YMCA) 21-13, 21-19. In the finals Carlson defeated Frank Millonzi (LaCrosse YMCA) 21-10, 21-13. Trophies were awarded for first and second places in each of the four tournaments.

One of the tournament favorites was Wes Yee (Lake Forest College.) He went somewhat unnoticed in his first three matches but quickly won a following with his kill shots and power in a quarterfinals victory over John Loretz, 21-5, 21-11. At a party for tournament players and guests, hosted by Dan Kieselhorst on Saturday evening, a main topic of discussion was this young man's ability and potential. He and his brother Willie are a credit to the fine work being done by Mike Dau at Lake Forest College. It is sincerely hoped that such work will spread to many colleges throughout the United States and Canada.

Credits for keeping things running smoothly go to intramural director Max Molock; to students Ken Pellegrini, Tim Evon, and Don Kampwirth; to faculty members Hank Maly, Br. Frank Walsh, and Dick Harper; and to Tom Dobbins, adult program director at the Winona YMCA, for making the YMCA facilities (with 4 courts) available to us for Friday evenings and Saturday morning matches.

LOU GUILLOU

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ONE-WALL NATIONALS

(from page 6)

the under-40, yes, under-30 shooting of Julie Rothman and Joe Rispoli. They brought new life, shots and quickness to this usually waltz and volley-type division. Defending champs Ray Gershen and Lenny Isaacson found this out, and were soundly ushered out, 21-4, 21-6. The usual three-hour Masters semis was averted as Joe and Julie pounded Al Goldstein and Phil Sacks, 31-2, almost applying the whitewash.

Fred Geller and Jerry Kohn didn't even have time to scream as Steve Gallo and Phil Harlaham beat the 1970 finalists, 31-24.

Rispoli and Julie Stack reached the finals 21-13, 8-21, 21-5 over Gallo-Harlaham. Rispoli was extra sharp in the first of the final match as his hooks whipped Danilczyk and Rothman 21-4. But, the eventual winners woke up to win the second 21-17, and then blasted away for the title and third game win, 21-3.

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ONE-WALL MASTERS DOUBLES

FROM ROUND OF 16: Ray Gershen-Lenny Isaacson def. Frank Coleman-Jim Whalen 25-14; George Feinstein-Cyril Vincent def. Mickey Blechman-Mal Weinberg, 25-9; Julie Rothman-Joe Danilczyk def. Anthony Calise-Ted Leitner 25-6; Al Goldstein-Phil Sacks def. Jim Averano-Allie Schneider (def.); John Fazio-Morris Sadowski def. Bert Slater-Marty Grossman 25-22; Joe Rispoli-Julie Stack def. Herb Dayboch-Nat Schifter 25-20; Steve Gallo-Phil Harlaham def. Irwin Block-Irving Rosenblatt 25-7; Fred Geller-Jerry Kohn def. Kitay-Leon Wilson 25-14.

QUARTER-FINALS: Gershen-Isaacson def. Feinstein-Vincent 31-21; Rothman-Danilczyk def. Goldstein-Sachs 31-2; Rispoli-Stack def. Fazio-Sadowski 31-5; Gallo-Harlaham def. Geller-Kohn 31-24.

SEMI-FINALS: Rothman-Danilczyk def. Gershen-Isaacson 21-4, 21-6; Rispoli-Stack def. Gallo-Harlaham 21-13, 8-21, 21-5.

FINALS: Rothman-Danilczyk def. Rispoli-Stack 4-21, 21-17, 21-3.

ONE-WALL OPEN DOUBLES

There were 102 teams entered. Top eight seeded into fourth round; 16 secondary seeds into second round; 32 into first round.

FROM THE ROUND OF 16: Steve Sandler-Don Weber def. Joe LaMalfa-Steve Pierczynski 31-27; Ira Haspel-Jeff Seiden def. Joe Danilczyk-Charlie Danilczyk 31-29; Bruce Davidoff-Steve Selbst def. Mike Dikman-Bob Sparrow 31-26; Artie Reyer-Walter Ulbrich def. Ken Ginty-Marcel Goldfarb 31-18; Kenny Gamble-Ronnie Berkowitz def. Dr. Joel Wisotsky-Lou Russo 31-24; Neal Bocian-Howie Eisenberg 31-14; Dr. Sorrel Feldman-Marty Katzen def. Gerd Fennelly-Rev. William Finger 31-28.

QUARTER-FINALS: Sandler-Weber def. Haspel-Seiden 21-12, 21-19; Reyer-Ulbrich def. Davidoff-Selbst 21-11, 21-7; Bocian-Eisenberg def. Gamble-Berkowitz 21-8, 18-21, 21-11; C. Obert-R. Obert def. Feldman-Katzen 21-20, 21-10.

SEMI-FINALS: Reyer-Ulbrich def. Sandler-Weber 21-9, 21-8; Bocian-Eisenberg def. C. Obert-R. Obert 14-21, 21-12, 21-10.

FINALS: Reyer-Ulbrich def. Bocian-Eisenberg 21-14, 21-11.

THIRD PLACE: Sandler-Weber (default).

Strongest Field Ever Set for Junior Classic

There will be a wealth of strength in this year's USHA National Junior, returning again to the facilities of Miami's YMHA and the additional two courts (now totals four) at Flamingo Park in Miami Beach.

Ken Ginty, 18, now a freshman at Manhattan College, New York, will be the only defending champion. Ken beat Rick Christian, Van Nuys, Calif., last year for the under-19 crown, and just recently won the USHA National One-Wall Junior singles.

The St. Louis JCCA will again send a talent-loaded group, headed up by Steve Adelman, 16, under-15 winner over teammate Steve Serot in 1970; and Ted Yvelson, 17, who stunned Vern Roberts Jr. of Cincinnati in their under-17 championship match with a 21-0

"zip" win in the third game.

Both Adelman and Yvelson move up an age notch and Yvelson will definitely pose a threat to Ginty's championship along with Roberts and returnee Christian.

Other contenders with the St. Louis contingent will be Serot, perhaps better known for his racquetball accomplishments; Barry Goldstein, also moving into the under-19 classification; his brother, Billy; Jerry Hillecher.

Housing will be set up at the YMHA and available to the visiting players will be the Y's giant-sized swimming pool and other outdoor play on the 25-acre grounds.

For any adults accompanying the boys the nearest motels to the YMHA

(within 3 miles) are: Danker's Motel, 5890 S.W. 8th st. (YMHA is at 8500 S.W. 8th st.), \$18 to \$28 single or double. University Inn, across from the University of Miami, 1390 S. Dixie Highway, rates of \$21, \$23, and \$26. Casa Grande, 5200 S.W. 8th st., \$18 single; \$22 double.

Four adults are asked to volunteer to stay each night with the junior players, and there will be no charge to them for this housing.

Further information can be obtained from: Robert A. Silver, YMHA, 8500 S.W. 8th st., Miami, Fla. 33144. Phone — 221 8000 (Area Code 305).

A banquet will be held at the YMHA the night of the second scheduled matches, Dec. 29, with a special "Sock Hop" to follow for the boys.

WATSONVILLE LINEUP . . . (l to r)

— Parr Eves, YMCA Handball Commissioner; Mike Kelly, runnerup, San Francisco Olympic Club; Rudy Stadlberger, 4th, South End Rowing Club of San Francisco; Ron Ahlport, YMCA Board President; Gary Ryan, champion, Brisbane A.C.; Mark Haskell, third, South End Rowing Club.



Gary Ryan Repeats Watsonville Y Open Win

Gary Ryan, Brisbane Athletic Club, took the Second Annual Watsonville, Calif YMCA Open championship for the second straight year Oct. 29-31 and again had a pretty easy time of it. Ryan beat Mike Kelly, Olympic Club—San Francisco, 21-13, 21-2, in the finals. Ryan won over a field of 72 entries from the Northern California area.

Mark Haskell took Rudy Stadlberger, both of the South End Rowing Club, 21-8, 21-14, for third place. Haskell showed a lot of improvement over last year when he lost in the second round.

Ryan beat Mike Dunne, Olympic Club, 42-25, and Tom Fleming, also of the Olympic Club 21-14, 21-9 before taking Mark Haskell 21-19, 21-13, to reach the finals against Kelly. Kelly had one tough match against Kevin Sheehy, Embarcadero YMCA, winning 42-39. Kelly then beat Marty Goffstein, San Jose YMCA, 21-7, 21-17 before beating Stadlberger, 21-20, 21-13, to earn the right to play Ryan in the finals.

Haskell had to come from behind against Mel Schwartz, San Jose YMCA, to win 42-37. Haskell was down by 13 points at one point late in the game but rallied to win. Haskell then had to beat Howie Wyrsh, South End Rowing Club, 21-18, 21-19 to reach the semi-finals.

Stadlberger beat Jim O'Brien, Olympic Club, 42-38, before meeting Bob Blanco, Oakland YMCA. Blanco had taken the first game 21-16 and was leading 18-13

in the second but Rudy managed to pull it out for a 21-18 win forcing a third game. Blanco had developed a severe cramp in the left thigh early in the third game and had to take a 15 minute injury time-out. However, after coming back for a few points the cramps returned and thus had to forfeit to Stadlberger to move him to the semifinals against Kelly. Blanco was also playing with what was believed to be a broken finger which complicated things further for him.

A bright spot for the youth was 20-year-old Al Chaparro playing out of the San Jose YMCA. Chaparro won 3 matches, one by forfeit, before losing to a top player Tom Fleming, 42-36. Chaparro showed a lot of class and poise in all of his matches. He displayed two good hands and was all over the courts digging and returning shots. He should be a tough one to contend with next year.

Without the help of the San Jose YMCA and their four courts on the first night the Watsonville Open could not have accommodated the large amount of entries on just two courts. We wish to thank them for all the Hospitality and help they showed us in again helping with our tournament. Also, many of the players such as Mike Dunne, Kevin Sheehy and Rich Hackett helping with the officiating made the tournament run a lot smoother.

The Watsonville YMCA Handball Committee with Commissioner Parr Eves and others such as Hank Wempe and Finn Jacobsen did a lot to set things up and make sure they went smooth throughout the week-end.

The players enjoyed skirt steak, potato salad and beer throughout the week-end in the hospitality room. All of the locker room champs ended up in there to discuss why they would've won if . . .

Ron Earl, San Jose YMCA, champ of the locker room this year, took care of his quota and several other's quota of beer during one Saturday afternoon session.

All in all we think the players enjoyed some good competition, good food and drink to make this year's tournament a big success.

DARRELL KELLY
Physical Director

Pacific NW Head

John W. Bowen, Seattle, and host chairman of the 1972 USHA National Championships at the Washington Athletic Club, has been named USHA Pacific Northwest Area Commissioner. This post has been vacant since the passing of M. K. "Andy" Anderson.

Yevelson Again Winner Over Vern Roberts Jr.

In a repeat of the under-17 national juniors last December, finalists Ted Yevelson, St. Louis, beat Vern Roberts Jr., Cincinnati, for the championship in an under-19 regional — again in three, 21-19, 6-21, 21-12.

24 juniors participated in a Midwest Regional USHA Junior tournament Nov. 26-28 at Lake Forest College, Ill., as a good sounding board for the upcoming nationals in Miami, Dec. 28-30.

There was no breakdown in age categories. Both Yevelson and Roberts move up to the under-19 top level bracket at Miami, where they will challenge last year's No. 1 and 2 finishers — Ken Ginty and Rick Christian.

Steve Adelman, the talented 15-year-old from St. Louis, and champ in the under-15 category, showed real well in this higher age level competition, losing to Baird Smart of Winnetka, Ill., and a freshman at the University of Colorado, 21-16, 21-19. Smart went on to take third place and get the nod as "most improved" player in the tournament.

Roberts Jr., son of veteran campaigner Vern Sr., has been on a "Super Whiz Kid" spree in the mid-America, but has twice met his Waterloo in the person of scrappy little Yevelson. Ted, who won the national under-15, and followed with the under-17 last year, is a "shooter" who gets the maximum results out of his small physique.

Roberts, stronger and bigger, looks like a world beater, with all the shots, but

tends to slacken the pace at times and forgets the name of his game should be, "serve and shoot". When he tries to go with high volleys he invariably ends up setting up a shot and it breaks his momentum. He has a most promising career ahead of him and has "outstanding sportsmanship" written all over his game. He beat Barry Goldstein impressively in the semis, 21-11, 21-15.

Yevelson must learn to "control his emotions", and not carry on a running barrage with the referees. Every player gets a "bad call" or two, but usually these things square off. Full concentration should be given the game, and as I have told Ted several times, "Keep your mouth shut, play your game, and you'll be a constant winner".

Baird Smart, with a fine attitude, and a good all-around athlete, has come along real fast in his development of skills. He

was clearly outclassed at Miami last year but now must be considered a definite under-19 contender. He went three games with Yevelson in the semis, and then beat Barry Goldstein for third place, refusing to give up — 15-21, 21-18, 21-17. In all, he faced four St. Louis opponents — Billy Goldstein, Steve Adelman, Yevelson, then Barry Goldstein.

The boys were bedded down in the Lake Forest Sports Complex, fed at the school's cafeteria. Everything went smoothly with Mike Dau, handball coach and member of the athletic department, tying all loose ends together professionally. USHA President Bob Kendler was present for the finals and made the trophy presentations.

Billy Goldstein won the consolation, beating Tom Aronson, South Bend, Ind., 21-6, 21-11.

MORT LEVE

Elden Speermint

by Jim (JAY) Joelson



"Sorry Elden — you'll just have to understand — I don't have time for a game to-night".

Chicago Sponsor

Dear Mr. Leve:

Thank you very much for your recent letter relative to the First Park District Open Handball Championship held last month at the University of Illinois Circle Campus. I know that the Chicago Park District was delighted to host this event.

I am sending a copy of your letter to President Dan Shannon of the Park District as I am sure he will be equally pleased and interested in your remarks.

In the meantime, thank you again for your letter and for the honorary membership in your "Players' Fraternity". It was thoughtful of you to extend this membership to me.

With kindest regards,

Richard J. Daley
Office of the Mayor
City of Chicago

Don Duarte Wins San Diego 'Sweat Box' Classic

San Diego's second Annual Sweatbox Classic ended Sept. 22, with victories for Don Duarte in Class A, Jim Hallinan in Class B, and Ken Comina in Class C.

Final matches for the tournament were played before a packed gallery at the Ira C. Copley YMCA, as a referee and former national champ, Frank "Lefty" Coyle ordered play to begin. Don Duarte, 21 years old last month, and San Diego's fastest-rising handball star earned his victory with 21-8, 21-20 triumphs. After handily winning game one, Don had his hands full as Dick Shaw, refusing to play dead, scraped and scampered after everything in a desperate bid for the championship. The crowd loved the battle and cheered and applauded both combatants as Shaw edged to a 20-19 lead before Duarte finally iced the match with a front right kill off the back wall. Later, both players agreed it was one of the finest, toughest matches either had ever played.

Earlier, Jim Hallinan prevailed 21-19, 19-21, and 21-13 in a rugged see-saw battle with tournament director Skip Dawson, in the B division. Jim gradually pulled away in game three by neutralizing Skip's power as he skillfully hammered at his weaker left hand.

In the C division Ken Comina beat Rich Houk 21-13, 21-8. Though Comina dominated, Houk played well and earned the admiration of the crowd. Both Ken and Rich are moving up to B division competition, where they intend to continue their rapid improvement.

In the doubles competition, Duarte teamed with Jim Entwistle to complete a sweep in the A division. They defeated Art Savage and Carl Gutierrez 21-10 and 21-14. In the B division Jack Archer and Bob King beat Bill Carstens and Emil Karas 12-21, 21-20, and 21-3, while in the C division Louis Troutman and Jeff Brooke edged Storm Wery and Dave Monjo, 21-20, 21-18.

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A surprisingly large entry of 142 singles players signed up to compete for the San Diego handball crown, held in November at Mel Gorham's Sports Center. The tournament, sponsored by the San Diego Handball Association, under USHA rules, set a new record by drawing 31 more entrants than the recent Sweatbox Classic, another San Diego handball "jewel".

Mel Gorham, whose facility also featured the first National Racquetball Singles Invitational over Labor Day, was indeed amazed and impressed by the



SAN DIEGO SWEATBOX CLASSIC co-chairman Ward Duarte (2nd from R) congratulates singles winners (L to R) Ken Comina (C), Don Duarte (A), and Jim Hallinan (B). Yes, the Duarte's are father and son.

enthusiasm of the local turnout.

Jim Entwistle got the top seed in the A division for winning the 1970 crown over Dave Bolin (No. 2 seed). However, eyes also centered on Don Duarte who has captured almost everything in sight since then; Tom Penick who consistently has played superior ball during the year; and Dick Shaw, who was a recent second to young Duarte.

The B division of the tournament appeared to be a wide open affair with fast-rising stars Don Chamberlin, Jerry Cox, Dan Delaney, Paul Nektaredes, and Jess Coffey, all rated a good chance to challenge top seeded Marine Captain Bob

Amos.

The C Class drew 79 handballers ranging from novice players to some obvious young talent including Jerry LaMothe, Dave Monjo, Barry Singer, Lee Hinrichs, Jerry Sandstrom, and Don Tessier. Also, the Gorham brothers, Mel and Bob had their eyes on the First Place trophy, and could not be ruled out, though both will meet in the semi finals, if they manage their first four matches.

DICK SHAW
SAN DIEGO HANDBALL ASSOC.
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Son Beats Dad . . .

Vern Roberts Jr. Cincinnati Winner

17-year-old Vern Roberts Jr., a finalist in the USHA National Juniors under-17 bracket last year in Miami, won the sixth annual Queen City Tournament at the Cincinnati Central YMCA — and, he beat his 45-year-old father, Vern Sr., 21-3, 21-12 for that championship.

Vern Jr., dubbed the new "Whiz Kid" by Dr. Walt Stone, racked up his fourth consecutive tournament. He won the Central YMCA, Blue Ash Open, Columbus modified one-wall, and now the Queen City.

Young Vern, a senior at Walnut Hills

High School who has been playing handball for the past four years, gained the final match by defeating Mike Driscoll of Columbus, 21-18 and 21-11, in his semi-final match.

The senior Roberts, an analyzer for the Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company and twice winner of the Queen City tournament, eliminated Cleveland's John Ochocki in the semi-finals, 21-17, and 21-14.

The 1971 tournament drew 64 entries from all parts of the country.

CANADIAN HANDBALL ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS

NATIONAL DATES . . .

Edmonton, the "Klondike City" of Alberta, has gone and done it again!

We have just released the dates of March 16-17-18 for the biggest, boldest, best 1972 Canadian National Handball Championships!

All games will be played on the 7 courts of the University of Alberta Physical Education Building. The final games will be played on the 2 glass-walled courts for full spectator viewing. With these excellent facilities at hand, we intend to videotape the final games and would expect a capacity gathering for the best handball in Canada.

We will be holding all classes of play, including a Junior Championship. A tear-off entry form is included on page 36.

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Ontario . . .

The beginning of the Handball Season is under way with most of the early action coming from Hamilton, Ontario. First, the Golden Horseshoe Tournament which took place November 12-14. The Provincial Championships will also take place in Hamilton this year, sometime in February.

Big event, of course, is the Canadian Nationals which are being held in Edmonton, Alberta March 16-18.

An incentive for the young Canadian players is a sponsored trip to Edmonton and a chance to go to the USHA Juniors.

This year the Canadian National Juniors will be held in Edmonton, March 16-18, in conjunction with the annual nationals. Transportation, food, and accommodations will be provided for all Provincial Junior champions who attend. We will attempt to include the runners-up.

As the big incentive for your Juniors—Provincial winners and runners-up, a return trip all expenses to the Nationals—to the National winner, a return trip all expenses to the USHA Junior National, held Dec. 28-30 each year.

Age regulations will be fully enforced. Players cannot reach the age of 19 before Jan. 1, 1973.

NORM MOORHOUSE

Ontario Handball Chairman

The 12th Annual Holland-Horrod tournament held at Rochester, N. Y. Oct. 29-31 was the largest yet. Record entry of 54 singles and 15 doubles teams made for an enjoyable weekend of handball. The doubles was an all-Erie, Pa. final with Vince Flowers and Dave Andrews against Pat Cahill and Gene Tomczak. Flowers and Andrews went the long route and won 20-21, 21-1, 21-12.

Singles were won by Al Drews over Len Tomczak, 21-17, 21-18.

A few of the Canadian players in attendance were: From Toronto; Al Monroc, Norm Churly, Carl Manna, Stan (Lollypop) Bargman, Craig Cooper and myself. From Hamilton were Doug Smith and John Puig; from St. Catharines—Ron St. Louis and "Slim" Stan Oprendek.

Usually, someone from the Canadian group is able to lug some iron from Rochester—NO WAY, this year, the boys from Pennsylvania put the freeze on the trophies. What really hurt is that Flowers and Andrews asked me for directions to the Y and I sent them the right way. If I was as sharp as Bargman with the directions, they might have arrived to watch the finals. All in all a good time was had and meeting old friends is the name of the game.

From New York—nice to see Jack Weintraub, solid as a rock and playing heads up ball. Steve Lott, very classy with beautiful serves down the right but a little too much ceiling play. Harbatkin improving but up against "Stone Face" Tomczak. Impressed with Jerry Lee, who swings from center field with every shot. The Irish group of O'Boyle, Sheridan, Fenney, Cryan and Diemar—sounds like a song.

Old die hards from the local area were Roger Laufer, John Petroff, Dave Pasternak, Tom Pritchard and entertaining Randy Essel, who flew in from Cleveland. No wonder his arms are large.

As usual, Vic Holland and Bill Horrod were helping wherever needed. Reminiscenced with Vic on the good times past—the score cards being used were designed in 1939. A wonderful person and still dedicated to the game. Jackets, with the tournament and Y crest, were given to all participants. A special thanks to Robert Orozco. See you next year.

HAROLD McCLEAN

Manitoba . . .

To start the Winnipeg handball season off the Fourth Annual Scrambles Doubles Tournament, sponsored by Molson's was won by Merv Deckert and Gord Folka.

Dropping the first game to a fired up team of Stokes and Peterson, the eventual winners had to play steady ball to take the next two. In the Consolation final, Ray Drobko and Jim Sisler downed Mayer Melken and Bob Kohut in 3 games.

Through the courtesy of Molson's Ltd. a get-together was thoroughly enjoyed by the M.H.A. members. The Molson's Challenge Ladder at the University of Winnipeg was won in September by Don Mruss in the A. Singles; Bill Darichuk, B. Singles and George Lucas in the C. Singles.

In October the A Ladder went to Pat Dunn, B. to Bob Kohut with steady George Lucas top spot in the C.

For the third year in a row players from Grand Forks, North Dakota are coming up to Winnipeg to participate in a small tournament. This semi-annual event has so far been dominated by Grand Forks but we hope to rectify the situation this time.

Courts are being constructed at the Winnipeg Canoe Club at the University of Manitoba. Any travellers passing through Winnipeg can contact me at the above address or phone 334-0139 if they want some information or a game.

RONALD T. MRUSS

Saskatchewan . . .

The Regina Handball Club officially commenced its 1971-72 season with a Singles Handicap Tournament in October. Art McAvoy defeated Mel Perkins 21-12 in the final game, while Perkins defeated Jack Potter 31-22 and McAvoy defeated Ed Rollin 31-24 in the semi-finals.

The Saskatchewan Open which attracts many participants from both Alberta and Manitoba is scheduled for February 24-26, 1972 in Regina. Last year's winner was Jack Seed of Regina.

PAT McAVOY

Denver . . .

After 10 years absence from the Colorado handball tournament championship wars (during which time he won the famous Dallas A.C. Invitational Singles five times and many other Southern tournament titles) Buzz Shumate again outclassed the field in winning the singles from Bob Brown, then pairing with Lee Wretling to take the doubles in the Colorado YMCA open singles and doubles.

QUARTER-FINALS — Buzz Shumate def. Al Moore 21-6, 21-12; Harvey Salz def. Lyle Blue 19-21, 21-1, 21-15; Lee Wretling def. John Hardy 21-9, 21-17; Bob Brown def. Stan Salz 21-6, 21-6.

SEMI-FINALS — Shumate def. Salz 21-14, 21-13; Brown def. Wretling 10-21, 21-15, 21-10.

FINALS — Shumate def. Brown 21-6, 21-8.

QUARTER-FINALS — B Singles — Tom Rand def. Gordon Medill 21-14, 21-12; Mell Strauss def. Jerry Donahue 21-10, 21-16; Chuck Hetherington def. Stu Rothstein 15-21, 21-16, 21-9; Ken Ibsen def. Skip Harrison 21-19, 18-21, 21-18.

SEMI-FINALS — Strauss def. Rand 5-21, 21-14, 21-6; Ibsen def. Hetherington 21-6, 21-7.

FINALS — Ibsen def. Strauss 21-13, 11-21, 21-6.

QUARTER-FINALS — C Singles — John LaGuardia def. Larry Griffin 15-21, 21-14, 21-6; Roger Gerard def. Jim Kosminski 8-21, 21-5, 21-14; Tim Hardy def. Ray Schramm 21-14, 21-18; Al Brown def. Howard Tucker 21-10, 21-14.

SEMI-FINALS — Gerard def. LaGuardia 8-21, 21-9, 21-13; Hardy def. Brown 19-21, 21-12, 21-13.

FINALS — Hardy def. Gerard 21-10, 21-12.

CLASS A DOUBLES — Buzz Shumate and Lee Wretling won from Larry Wood and Pete Barrett 21-7, 21-8.

CLASS B DOUBLES — Jim Thorell and Frank Kostro won from Skip Harrison and Bill Shainholtz 21-15, 21-15.

CLASS C DOUBLES — Larry McLain and J. Nicholson won from Tim Hardy and Mat Price 21-19, 21-18.

Haber over Russo at Lake Forest 'Show'

Lake Forest College (located in suburban Chicago) helps finance an annual handball team tour by staging an all-star exhibition night. At the third annual show Nov. 20 the game's No. 1, Paul Haber, finally picked up a win. Two years ago he was beaten by Dr. Claude Benham, the sharpshooter from Chesapeake, Virginia. Last year Lou Russo took center stage and inflicted the defeat.

But, in his third appearance Haber decided to show some 200 onlookers at the floor to ceiling glass side walled-court why he has dominated the national scene in recent years. He administered a one-sided 31-10 trouncing to Lou Russo in a return engagement.

Fred Lewis, who has been national open doubles runnerup with Steve Lott in our last two classics, came up from Miami Beach, teamed with Russo for the second act of the production, and they split two games against Haber and his partner, Wes Yee. Wes is current national intercollegiate A singles champ and Coach Mike Dau's Lake Forest leader in the quest for the team championship next March.

Lewis and Russo won the first game 21-10 as Yee appeared a bit stagestruck amongst this top notch talent, but he gave Haber enough support in the second game to salvage a standoff, 21-14.

Russo appeared sluggish in the singles and didn't display much in the way of his effective fly shots. On this type of court with full glass side walls the controlled Haber ceiling shots into the left corner make them probably 30-40% more effective. Lou tried to exchange ceiling shots at times but it was a losing proposition. This was Haber's best showing yet on this court and he was up for the occasion, determined to prove that he has no peer when he wants to "put out."

Of course, in a 31-point match there is no way to bounce back in a fresh start, and after a give-and-take early stage battle the Haber lead was too much for Russo to overcome. There were several long, brilliant volleys and invariably it was a difference of "off hand" shots that spelled the difference — if you can term Paul's left his off hand.

One onlooker was overheard to say, "That Haber has the patience of a saint(?)". At any rate he has that all important ability to know when to play defense and when to play offense, and in the last analysis he personifies the name of the game — CONTROL. And, he maintains solidly that without full concentration he cannot play up to championship standards.

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August Takes Bill Noel Invite at Odessa Y

'CARICATURES' . . . Young Gordon Focht of San Antonio, one of our USHA junior products, catches striking likenesses of Paul Haber, Gordy Pfeifer, Shelby Stanley and Jerry York. Haber and Pfeifer we know; Stanley and York are colorful pair of local area players who have fun inside and outside of the playing confines.

Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles A. C., tore through the Bill Noel Invitational (nee Bozo tournament) held at the Odessa, Texas, YMCA beating Gordie Pfeifer, Washington A. C., in the semi finals, 21-5, 11-21, 21-4, and then stopping Bob Lindsay, El Paso, for the championship, 21-11, 12-21, 21-9.

Lindsay had eliminated Paul Haber in the semis 21-11, 21-15, a complete reversal of form from that national tournament loss Bob took from Paul at Memphis last March.

A contingent of Austin, Texas doubles players, led by Pete Tyson, were the whole show in that bracket of competition. Coach Tyson and his national intercollegiate A class singles runnerup Jeff Barnes, beat the U. of Texas national intercollegiate doubles champs, Joe Hero and Terry Hankins, for the title, 21-12, 21-16. Hero and Hankins had eliminated Austinites Gary Logan and Gene Craft in the semis, 16-21, 21-10, 21-8 while Tyson and Barnes were dumping Lyle Lewter, Lubbock, and Tom Cronin, Oklahoma City, 21-16, 21-19.

In the Masters doubles Tito Arrencibia and Ray Thomas, Big Spring, Texas defeated Bob Sumpter and Howard Cherry, Midland, for top honors, 21-13, 21-14. Arrencibia and Thomas eked out a semi victory over Sam Ellowitz and John Benitez, El Paso, 21-15, 16-21, 21-9. On the other side of the ledger Sumpter and Cherry whipped Oscar Villareal and Joe Torres, El Paso, 21-12, 21-11.

What could have been a more serious auto accident occurred in mid-afternoon of the final day. Chairman Tom Heiting was driving Paul Haber and Pete Tyson, along with Gordon Focht to a TV interview date, when their car was hit head on by an out-of-state salesman coming off a side road. The occupants of the Heiting car were shaken up and Tom, smashed against the steering wheel was hospitalized a couple of weeks but is now reported in fine fettle again.



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Kirby Over Haber in AAU; Fein-Neveau Win Doubles

Pat Kirby won his third national AAU title in the 52nd annual AAU four-wall championships held Oct. 6-10 at the Shreveport Central YMCA. Kirby had little trouble beating Paul Haber, who was participating for the first time, 21-3, 21-11.

Haber teamed up with Paul Morlos in doubles and found that the two-way route was too rugged in the five-day schedule that included most of the nation's top ball players.

Pat had won the AAU in 1965 and 1969 (he skipped last year for the world's championships in Ireland) and was the most impressive performer with his deep court kills and staying power.

Haber trying to gain a national doubles win with Morlos, was doubly disappointed as he lost in the finals to Simie Fein, Milwaukee, and Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wis., 21-13, 17-21, 21-5.

Most onlookers were convinced that Haber knocked himself right out of championship contention when he had to pull out all stops to beat the "kids", Fred Lewis and Steve Lott, in the semis, 10-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Simie Fein, who with Neveau, now have both the AAU and USHA national doubles titles, admitted, "Paul was playing better than ever but the singles-doubles schedule simply exhausted him."

Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, won the Masters singles over Jerry Cronin, also Milwaukee, 16-21, 21-5, 21-5. Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, and Alvis Grant, Dallas, won the Masters doubles over Cronin and Jim Harp, Dallas, 21-17, 21-15.

In the quarter-finals of singles Haber beat Phoenix' Dave Graybill, 21-10, 10-21, 21-15. Kirby eliminated Terry Muck, St. Paul, 21-6, 16-21, 21-7. Muck was impressive with his second game kills but wilted in the decider. Dr. Steve August, defending titlist, overpowered Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, mainly with his serve, 21-10, 21-10; and, Lou Russo, New York, disposed of Gordie Pfeiffer, Tacoma (Washington A.C.), 21-6, 21-8.

Kirby was at his best in the semis, beating August, 21-5, 21-15, and Haber, "psyching out" Russo with assertions that he would "dump the singles and go for doubles", and then applied a 21-6, 21-8 pasting.

There was much interest aroused in an apparent earlier round "forfeit" by Haber in a doubles match with Harry Hyde and Jack Walsh, New York. Haber argued on the "three bounce serve rule" and walked out of the court when Referee Manuel Sala wouldn't call it. A "great debate" ensued amongst tournament officials from noon until 3:30 p.m., and finally it was ruled that the default hadn't been made official and ordered the match resumed. Haber and Morlos went on to win that game and the match (they had won the first game 21-10).

Then, Haber's scheduled single's match with Graybill was delayed from 5:30 p.m. until around 7:30 p.m.

Aside from the Haber on-court antics the tournament ran smooth — good talent, good Shreveport hospitality, and a big Kirby win, and another vote for Neveau-Fein as No. 1 doubles team.

Wretlind Wins Wichita Air Capital Singles

The Second Annual Air Capital Handball Tournament was held in Wichita, Kansas, at the Central Branch YMCA, Oct. 1-3.

32 entries were in the singles bracket, and 16 doubles teams completed the entries; representing five Midwest states. The singles found Ed Babich, Kansas City, with his age and experience, giving way to a younger and ambitious Lee Wretlind, of Lakewood, Colorado, (21-7, 21-9). A tight third place consolation match had Mike Gardiner, Lawrence, Kansas, in command of Al Moore, Englewood, Colorado; (21-3, 21-7).

The doubles bracket consisted of many exciting matches. The most exciting were the finals, when last year's Air Capital Champs, Larry Wood and Dick Barrett, Denver, squared off with Curt Creed of Wichita and Ron Weneger of Lawrence. However, age and experience triumphed over youth and ambition, as Wood and Barrett came back to win the match and the championship; (9-21, 21-19, 21-17).

Pete Beateay

Associate Executive, YMCA

First Lou Poppler Invite Tournament at Billings Jan. 28-29

First Annual Lou Poppler Invitational tournament will be held at the Billings, Montana, YMCA, Jan. 28-29. Dr. Gary Rohrer and Terry Muck of the St. Paul Athletic Club will meet the Nos 1 and 2 ranked Montana players in the opening round starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, and the two winners will meet at 2 p.m. the following day.

Dr. Rohrer was a third place finisher in the USHA open nationals at Memphis last March; Muck finished No. 3 the year previous at Los Angeles and was the winner of the New York Athletic Club invitational last May.

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Short Shots . . .

Bob Crawford, once our district commissioner in Toronto, is now a permanent resident of New Port Richey, Florida, and sends along information on additional courts for the YMCA in Clearwater, Fla. Ground has been broken on a \$650,000 expansion program that will include six handball courts.

Two standard courts opened six years ago and under construction now are two more indoor four-wall courts and four outdoor four-wall courts. Thomas Stidham, general director of the Y, says the additional facilities are needed to offer such activities to youth members. At present, demand on the courts is so great that teens cannot use the courts during most times of the day.

Ray Neveau Dominates Tri-City Open

64 players representing 26 clubs throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois participated in the Third Annual Tri-City Open Singles Handball Tournament at the YMCA in Port Edwards, Wisc., September 24-26.

Playing great handball, Ray Neveau (Oshkosh YMCA), and the No. two seeded player, won the OPEN title by defeating five opponents without losing a game. His victims were: Dave Books (St. Paul Midway YMCA) 31-12; Bob Diener (Fond du Lac YMCA) 21-13, 21-15; Bill Nelson (Port Edwards YMCA) 21-7, 21-15 in the quarter-finals; Tom Kopatich (Milwaukee Eagles Club) 21-15, 21-3 in the semi-finals; and Zeke Zaletel (Joliet YMCA) 21-18, 21-15 in the finals. Third Place went to Dr. Gary Rohrer (Kings Court and the No. one seeded player) by flip of coin over Kopatich.

Some of the fine matches in the OPEN division during the tournament were: Zaletel's victories over Simie Fein (Milwaukee Jewish Community Center) and Dr. Rohrer in the semi-finals in three good games. Scott Kapus (Wausau YMCA) beginning to live up to his fine potential in beating a tough Hank Maly (Winona St. Mary's). Kopatich's victory over Tom Schoendorf (Milwaukee Athletic Club) in three tough games.

A MASTERS Division for players 40 years of age and older was held for the first time and turned out to be very successful. There were 16 entries and seven more had to be turned away because of the limited court space (3 courts). First place went to Jerry Cronin (Milwaukee Athletic Club) by defeating Frank Radigan (Wausau YMCA) 21-17, 10-21, 21-18. This was an excellent match by two very fine players. Cronin was seeded number two and Radigan one. On the way to the title Cronin defeated Ernie Duwell (St. Paul Downtown YMCA) 31-20; Ernie Hoenisch (Wausau YMCA) by forfeit; Roy DeMeyer (S.W. Suburban YMCA-Chicago) 21-1, 16-21, 21-1. Gene Richards (St. Paul Athletic Club) won the MASTERS CONSOLATION by defeating Duwell in the finale 21-15, 21-19. The Masters division was an exciting addition to the tournament.

In the OPEN division two consolation tournaments were held. First round losers participated in a B CONSOLATION while 2nd round losers played in an A CONSOLATION.

The A CONSOLATION was won by John Bigley (LaCrosse YMCA). John's victims included: Mike Mannebach (Madison Central YMCA) 31-17; Hiles Stout (Peoria YMCA) 11-21, 21-19, 21-13; Denny Malmgren (a fine player from Aurora, Ill.); and Larry Klein (St. Paul Midway YMCA) in the finals 21-7, 21-3.

In B CONSOLATION, Brian Sjoman (Green Bay YMCA) won the title by defeating Don Wolfe (Port Edwards YMCA) 31-9; Jim Carlson (Maple Grove Athletic Club) 21-17, 21-20; Wilmer Anderson (Madison Central YMCA) 12-21, 21-7, 21-8; and by forfeit over Don Dix (Port Edwards YMCA) in the finals.

Many thanks to Jack Lockwood, Y physical director, who coordinated the tournament, the many players who

helped referee the 99 matches (Tom Nissalke of the LaCrosse YMCA took 7 matches himself), Jay and Marilyn Warner of Jay-Mar, Inc., of Stevens Point for sponsoring the T-Shirts for the second straight year, and Tom Cahill, Dr. Bob Johnson, Warren Wickstrom, Art Gilmaster, and John Lundquist for helping to make the 3rd Annual Tri-City Open a huge success.

Bill Nelson

Perryman Wins 3rd Straight Nat'l Firefighters

Dennis Perryman, Los Angeles Fire Dept., and probably better known for his doubles honors with Jim Triplett, won his third consecutive open singles National Firefighters crown in the 6th annual staging of the event, and the third time held at Chicago's Lake Shore Club. Perryman defeated L.A. firefighter Gil Maga, 21-14, 7-21, 21-8, parlaying steadiness and control against the smaller and faster but erratic shooting Maga. Maga's best showings previously have been three third place finishes in open doubles.

L.A. also dominated the open doubles with Dick Chrisman and Tom Rohrbak beating Harry Hyde and Tom Natale, New York, 21-7, 21-11. Chrisman is a tall, strong fireballing lefthander and is ably complemented by the retrieving and steady volleying of Rohrbak. The new titlists have been runnerup in 1970 to George Fenton and Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio. Fusselman suffered a muscle tear in his leg in an early round of singles and was forced to withdraw from both singles and doubles.

Chicago took Masters doubles honors with Dick Giangreco and Leroy Kelly beating the renowned Vic Hershkowitz and Ray Militello, New York, 13-21, 21-14, 21-10. Kelly on the left side counted time after time with "dump in" shots and cutting off ceiling shots. Both Vic and Ray were forced to back court and kept on defense for the main part. Chicago Fire Commissioner Bob Quinn, now 67, salvaged third place with Ernie Pentek, beating L.A.'s Vito Maggipinto and Wally Joffe, 21-10, 21-14.

Harry Hyde, past the 40-age mark, gave young Rich Drabik, Chicago, a lesson, in taking third place in the open singles, 12-21, 21-8, 21-9.

Drabik came back to win third in doubles with his partner, Jim Leahy, over another Chicago team, brothers Bill and Sam Kooistra, 21-10, 21-14.

A post-tournament banquet was staged at the Chicago Fire Academy. The 1972 7th Annual Firefighters Championships are scheduled for the South End Rowing Club in San Francisco.



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DATE: February 18-20, 1972 (entries close 6 p.m., Feb. 14). If entry is large play may be necessary Thursday, Feb. 17.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 (enter only one event). Includes Saturday morning breakfast, Hospitality fee, banquet, and souvenir shirt.

ELIGIBILITY: Current (1972) USHA members. Renewals and new memberships may be obtained at tournament site.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

TROPHIES: To first four places in each event.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Joe Timberlake, Hamilton National Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37402.

Print Name

Address

YMCA/Club/Center

City and State

Zip Code Telephone No.

- () GOLDEN MASTERS SINGLES
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- () MASTER SINGLES
player must be 40

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Signature Telephone No.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY

WEST DIVISION USHA FOUR-WALL HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

SINGLES

DOUBLES

MASTERS SINGLES

MASTERS DOUBLES

DATES: February 4, 5, 6, 1972. Entry deadline: January 25, 1972.

If you do not receive a letter stating a Thursday afternoon or Friday morning match please arrive and be ready to play by noon Friday.

SITE: Central Valley YMCA, 1408 N. Street, Fresno, California 93721.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to current USHA members. \$3.00 a year covers membership and subscription to HANDBALL Magazine. Entrants can send in fee with entry fee, or cover upon arrival, or show current USHA Card. Must be residents of California or Nevada.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 per man. *One event only.*

TROPHIES: To first 4 places in each division.

SPECIAL AWARD: Winners in Singles and Doubles, only, will receive from USHA round-trip air coach transportation to USHA National Championships at Seattle, Washington. Doubles team must remain as a team to qualify for this award.

AWARDS BANQUET: Dinner for all out-of-town competitors.

SPONSORED BY: Fresno YMCA Handball Club, with USHA sanction, and under the auspices of the Central Valley YMCA, Fresno, California.

WEST DIVISION REGIONAL TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

Address all inquiries to YMCA, c/o

Tournament Chairman: Mitch Covington

Entry Chairman: George Takaoka

() SINGLES

() DOUBLES

() MASTERS SINGLES

() MASTERS DOUBLES

NAME AGE () PARTNER AGE ()
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ADDRESS ADDRESS

CITY STATE/ZIP CITY STATE/ZIP

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In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby release and discharge the USHA, the Central Valley YMCA, and the Fresno YMCA Handball Club, their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, or representatives of and from any and all claims or demands for damages, losses or injuries incurred or sustained by me at said tournament.

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If entrant is under 21 years of age, parent or legal guardian must sign release:

Request for hotel reservations: *Please be specific as to dates and types of accommodations wanted.*

UPON ARRIVAL, CHECK IN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

CENTRAL DIVISION TOURNAMENT

March 9-12, 1972

Covering following States: North and South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri, Louisiana, Central and East Texas (Dallas, Ft. Worth, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin, Waco).

SITE: Thornton Family YMCA, Tulsa.

ENTRY FEES: \$10 per man. Players may enter open singles and doubles.

AWARDS: Trophies to first three places in all events . . . open singles, open doubles, Masters singles, Masters doubles.

SPECIAL USHA AWARD: For open singles and open doubles (not Masters events)—Round trip air coach to USHA nationals, Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22, 1972. Doubles team must remain intact to qualify. No duplicate awards.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

ELIGIBILITY: Reside in States as listed above and be current (1972) member of USHA. If not current can enclose \$3 to cover through 1972; \$7 covers through 1974. Check or money order payable to: USHA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: March 6, 1972. Players must arrive, ready to play by noon, March 9, 1972.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Terry Ingram, handball chairman, YMCA, 5002 S. Fulton, Tulsa, OK. 74135.

Enter me in: () Open singles () Open doubles () Masters singles () Masters doubles

Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No. Partner's Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No. Shirt Sizes(s)

Mail checks or money orders payable to: Thornton Family YMCA.

EAST DIVISION TOURNAMENT

Feb. 18-20, 1972

Covering following States: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Canadian Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland.

SITE: Rochester, New York, YMCA.

ENTRY FEES: \$10 per man. Player can enter in one event only.

AWARDS: Trophies to first three places in all events . . . Open singles, Open doubles, Masters doubles.

SPECIAL USHA AWARDS: For open singles and open doubles (not Masters events) — Round trip air coach to USHA nationals, Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22, 1972. Doubles team must remain intact to qualify.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

ELIGIBILITY: Reside in States and Provinces of Canada as listed above and be current (1972) member of USHA. If not current member can enclose \$3 to cover through 1972; \$7 covers through 1974. Check or money order payable to: USHA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Feb. 12, 1972. Contingent on number of entries, tournament may start Thursday evening, Feb. 17, 1972.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Robert Orozco, chairman, YMCA, 100 Gibbs St., Rochester, NY. 14601. Telephone number—Area Code 716, 325-2880.

Make checks or money orders for entries payable to: YMCA, Rochester, NY.

Enter me in: () Open singles () Open doubles () Masters doubles

Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State zip

USHA Card No. Partner's Name YMCA/Club/Center

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION TOURNAMENT

March 9-11, 1972

Covering following States: Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas, (El Paso, Amarillo, Odessa, Midland, Lubbock).

Two Divisions of play—

A Division — Open Singles, Open Doubles, Masters Singles, Masters Doubles

B Division — Open Singles, Open Doubles

Trophies for first three places in all events. Players may enter two events in either A or B Division, but must realize strenuous schedule involved.

SITE: Deseret Gymnasium, Salt Lake City.

ENTRY FEES: \$10 for first event per man, additional \$5 for second event.

AWARDS: Trophies to first three places in all events . . . open singles, open doubles, Masters singles, Masters doubles.

SPECIAL AWARD: For A division open singles and open doubles (not Masters events) — Round trip air coach to USHA nationals, Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22, 1972. Doubles team must remain intact to qualify. No duplicate awards.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

ELIGIBILITY: Reside in States or area as defined above and be current (1972) member of USHA. If not current, can enclose \$3 to cover through 1972; \$7 covers through 1974. Check or money order payable to: USHA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Noon, Sat., March 4, 1972.

MAIL ENTRIES: Wayne Player, c/o Deseret Gymnasium, 161 N. Main St., Salt Lake City, UT. 84103.
Phone No. A/C 801 328-2071.

Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No. Partner's Name YMCA/Club/Center
A Division () Open Singles () Open Doubles

USHA Card No. Event — Singles () Doubles () Masters Singles () Masters Doubles ()
B Division () Open Singles () Open Doubles

Make checks or money orders for all entries to: Utah Handball Association.

SOUTH DIVISION TOURNAMENT

March 10-12, 1972

COVERING FOLLOWING STATES: Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, and District of Columbia . . . Puerto Rico.

SITE: University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

ENTRY FEES: \$10 per man per event.

AWARDS: Trophies to first three places in all events . . . Open singles, open doubles, Masters singles, Masters doubles.

SPECIAL USHA AWARD: For open singles and open doubles (not Masters events) — Round trip air coach to USHA nationals, Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22, 1972. Doubles team must remain intact to qualify.

ELIGIBILITY: Reside in States and P.R. as listed above and be current (1972) member of USHA. If not current, can enclose \$3 to cover through 1972; \$7 covers through 1974. Check or money order payable to: USHA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: March 9, 1972. Players must arrive, ready to play by noon, March 10, 1972.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Tom Pannell, president, Knoxville Handball Club, 1401 Hamilton Bank Bldg., Knoxville, TN. 37902.

Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No. Partner's Name YMCA/Club/Center
(please print)

Address City State Zip

USHA Card No.

Make checks or money orders payable to: Knoxville Handball Club.

Haber Over Kirby . . .

(From page 15)

In the third game Haber completely dominated the early play, rolling to an 11-2 lead from 2-2 in which Kirby made five errors. Twice Pat floored balls with his left moving in on the Haber lob serve. It went to 15-2 on two aces to the left and still another left hand error by Kirby moving in on the lob serve.

Seemingly there was letdown by Haber when it looked like he would breeze to the game win and championship. It went to 7-15 on a combination of Haber errors, weak returns off the serve, and a regain of service on a double short.

The game stalemated at this juncture; Kirby made it 8-15 on an ace to the right, the serve changed hands twice and then Haber counted twice on one of those brilliant left hand kills into the left corner off the back wall and a change of pace serve to the right that proved too hard for Pat to handle.

Kirby regained the serve got two to 10-17, lost the serve; Haber went to 18-10 on a straight kill after Kirby had returned one to the back wall-front wall in desperation.

There was a period of rather ragged play on both parts, then Haber kept out of trouble with controlled ceiling shots to twice gain the serve back, took a third time out and rolled to 19-11 on a right corner hand fly kill. Kirby fought back and got the serve with a left corner kill with his right after a long volley, but picked up only one (12-19) before missing off the back wall with his right. After two scoreless frames Kirby got one more to 13-19 on an error by Haber off the back wall with his right.

A right corner kill after Haber had gotten the serve put Pat back in and he made three to make a game of it, 16-19 — a right hand Haber error off the serve, an ace to the right, and left corner kill with his right. A straight right hand kill put Haber back . . . he made a fine left hand kill off the back wall into right side wall, front wall that just "shaved in." And, then it was all over when Kirby after a good try in back court went to the ceiling and it didn't reach the front wall, final score, 21-16.

NOTES: Once again it was the man-on-the-go Neal Nordlund covering a multitude of duties, given every aide and co-operation by Athletic Director Gordie Gutzmann . . . Billy Yambriek helped with refereeing as did Steve Subak, but Neal seems happiest when he's calling the shots and he did a most commendable job. The hospitality room at the Club got overflow patronage and there wasn't even a soda pop left for Terry Muck after one of his matches. Of course, we would be remiss if we didn't mention the full-time duty of Neal's better half, Betty.

S-T-A-M-I-N-A Spells 21 to win

There's more to handball than meets the eye. Matches are often won by the player with lesser skills but possessed of two most important ingredients — mental and physical stamina.

There may be some surprise at the term "mental stamina" but we use that term as an all-embracing heading that could include:

—Playing at a maximum efficiency under pressure.

—Ability to keep the emotions under control.

—"Psyching" the opponent. This, in itself, could cover confidence, outwardly showing no fatigue, etc.

—Concentration.

Physical stamina can differ in the daily type "Club" competition and the tournament schedule. Invariably the adrenalin will run at a faster pace in tournament action and many players are amazed how quickly they tire when this happens. Only experience of countless tournaments will bring this under control. The condensed type tournaments that call for two matches in a day often are decided on physical stamina rather than shot making ability.

What, then, can a player do to combat the ravages of "running out of gas"?

Muhammad Ali says there's no sport that demands as much physical stamina as boxing. "I know a marathon runner can keep going for six or seven hours but put him in a ring and he'll collapse after one round", the ex-champ has said on a TV talk show.

This is true, too, in handball. I have seen a fellow who was jogging 8-10 miles a day and hadn't played handball in several weeks. Midway in the first game he was exhausted.

There are certain types of physical demands necessary in sports and we firmly believe it isn't the pure stamina of physical conditioning that is the absolute must as it is the ability to cope with the immediate demands of the particular game.

In other words we could take a basketball player who can run up and

down a floor more than twice as big as a handball court, at a very fast pace, and maintain his efficiency as the pros do for more than 40 minutes of playing time. There are handball players over 30 who can play a hard hour and a half match at peak performance who would wilt on full-court basketball play. And, peculiarly enough, the basketball player would find himself badly fatigued if he played handball sporadically.

What it amounts to is the difference in type of action. Handball is a game of quick stops and starts, sideways, forward, and back.

In the college era when many athletes would participate in two or more sports it was readily discovered that although a player would come off a full season of regular action in one sport he would have to acclimate his conditioning to the other sport, and if he were to plunge in without this transitional training period he would be most vulnerable to muscle pulls and tears.

All this leads to the question: How can we get into the best possible shape for handball?

1—Age is a vital factor. For teenagers and those in their 20s we would say, Play . . . play . . . play. We would place no limits on amount of court time, within the realm of sanity. As long as the player retains the enthusiasm, desire and dedication every day play against competition as good or better in class will lead the way to improved skills and necessary stamina for tournament testing.

As we get older there should, of necessity, be a tapering off in amount of play. However, we would advise some sort of daily workout that will aid cardio-vascular efficiency (in plain language — pumping up the heart). And, ideally, this would be alternate days of jogging.

There are many players in late 30s, 40s, 50s, and 60s too, who feel the best route to follow is to do nothing physically on those alternate days, and let the arms and legs snap back to best efficiency.



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Dec. 28-30	USHA National Juniors Flamingo Park, Miami Beach YMHA-Miami	USHA National Office
Jan. 8-15	USHA Rocky Mountain Open Singles Denver Central YMCA	Phys. Director
Jan. 14-17	AKRON OPEN Central YMCA	Don Nelson, Phys. Dir.
Jan. 21-23	OLD DOMINION OPEN Richmond, Va. YMCA Singles-Doubles, Masters Doubles	Phys. Director
Jan. 22-29	USHA Rocky Mountain Open Singles Denver Central YMCA	Phys. Director
Jan. 29-31	YOUNGSTOWN OPEN Singles & Doubles	Fred Scarsella, Central YMCA
Feb. 6-12	USHA Central Doubles Evanston (Ill.) YMCA	USHA Hqs.
Feb. 11-13	Evergreen Invitational Bellingham, Wash. YMCA	Phys. Director
Feb. 11-13	CANTON OPEN Downton YMCA (Ohio)	Phys. Dir.
March 3-5	PITTSBURGH INVITATIONAL Golden Triangle YMCA	Fred Rader
March 3-5	USHA Memorial Singles/Doubles Denver YMCA	Phys. Director
March 17-19	U. of Texas Singles & Doubles	Pete Tyson
March 19-25	USHA Central Singles U. of Ill. Circle Campus	USHA Hqs.
April 28-30	GREAT LAKES OPEN Eric (NY) Central YMCA	Bill Daisly
May 5-7	Washington State Spokane, Wash.	Athletic Director
May 19-21	Blossomtime Bellingham, Wash.	Phys. Director
May 26-28	King County Open White Center (Seattle)	Phys. Director
June	Apple Blossom Wenatchee, Wash.	
July	Sunfair Yakima, Wash.	
August 3-5	Seafair Seattle, Wash. YMCA	

USHA DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

Feb. 4-6	WEST—Fresno, Calif. YMCA	Phys. Dept., YMCA, Fresno, Calif.
March 9-12	CENTRAL—Tulsa, Okla. YMCA	Gary Merryman, S.E. YMCA, Tulsa, Okla.
March 9-12	SOUTH—U. of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.	Phys. Director, YMCA, Knoxville, Tenn.
March 9-11	ROCKY MOUNTAIN Desert Gym, Salt Lake City	Athletic Director
March 24-26	NORTHWEST Division Vancouver, B.C. YMCA & A.C.	YMCA Phys. Director
Feb. 18-20	FIRST USHA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL Masters & Golden Masters Singles Chattanooga, Tenn. YMCA	USHA National Office
April 15-22	USHA OPEN NATIONALS Washington A.C., Seattle, Wash.	USHA National Office

USHA INTERCOLLEGIATES

Feb. 11-13	CENTRAL—Lake Forest College, Ill.	Mike Dau
Feb. 11-13	EAST—Ohio U., Athens	Andy Chonko

Feb. 18-20	SOUTH—U. of Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn.	Dr. Ben Plotnicki U. of Tennessee
Feb. 18-20	SOUTHWEST Divisional U. of Texas (Austin)	Pete Tyson
Feb. 18-20	WEST Divisional Washington State U. (Pullman)	Intramural Director
March 23-26	YMCA NATIONAL Norfolk, Va. YMCA	Phys. Director
March 3-5	NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATES Lake Forest College, Ill.	USHA National Office

SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

For players from: Puerto Rico, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North & South Carolina, Maryland, and District of Columbia.

DATES: February 18, 19, 20, 1972. **DEADLINE:** February 18 — 12:00 Noon

SITE: The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee — Physical Education Building, 1914 Holt Avenue. **PHONE:** 974-5111.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM: White "T" Shirt and White Shorts

ELIGIBILITY: Eligibility rules for participants in intercollegiate handball tournaments have been established by the USHA and are found on page 28 of the December 1971 issue of **HANDBALL Magazine** or may be requested from the tournament director. In addition, participants must be members of USHA. (Three dollars a year covers membership and subscription to **HANDBALL Magazine**; if not already a member, student may join at tournament). Players may enter one event only.

ENTRY FEE: None.

TROPHIES: Will be awarded.

EXPENSES: All participants are responsible for their own expenses.

SPECIAL AWARD: To winners of A singles, B singles and doubles. Transportation allowance based on mileage to National Intercollegiate, March 3, 4, 5, 1972, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

SEND ENTRIES TO: Ben A. Plotnicki, Tournament Director, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. 37916 — **OFFICE (UT) PHONE:** 974-5111 Home (Lenoir City): 986-8375

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

Attach additional entries if necessary. All participants will be guaranteed two matches. A school may enter one or more players. A team consists of 1 "A" singles entry, 1 "B" singles entry, and 1 doubles entry.

There will be a meeting of all participants on February 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the New Physical Education Building, 1914 Holt Avenue. Tournament play will begin at 7:00 p.m. on February 18.

Please enter in the 1972 Southern Divisional USHA Intercollegiate tournament.

(college)
A singles

Additional Entries:

.....
B singles

.....
Doubles

.....
Doubles

WESTERN DIVISIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

For players from Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and British Columbia and Alberta provinces.

DATES: February 18, 19, 20, 1972. DEADLINE: February 18 — 12:00 Noon.

COMMENCES: Thursday, February 18, 7 p.m.

SITE: Washington State University Physical Education-Recreation Complex, Pullman, Washington.
Phone (509) 335-5553

TOURNAMENT TYPE: Consolation rounds in "A" Singles, "B" Singles & Doubles

OFFICIAL UNIFORM: White "T" shirt and white shorts

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all full time undergraduate students. Participants must be members of USHA. Three dollars a year covers membership and subscription to HANDBALL Magazine. If not currently a member, student may join at Tournament. Players may enter one event only.

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per participant.

TROPHIES: Will be awarded.

EXPENSES: Housing can be provided, if desired; but all other expenses are the responsibility of the participants.

SPECIAL AWARDS: \$50 will be allotted to each of the winners of "A" Singles, "B" Singles and Doubles to help subsidize transportation to the Nationals at Lake Forest, Illinois on March 3-5, 1972.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

TO ENTER: Send entries to:

Mr. Joe MacLean and/or Mr. Bob Stephens
Tournament Co-directors
Campus Recreation Department
Wilson Compton Union Building
Pullman, WA. 99163.

A school may enter one or more players. A team consists of 4 players (1 A singles, 1 B singles, and 2 doubles, and only 1 team per school is allowed. However, as many players as desire can enter from each school. Players may enter one event only.

PLEASE ENTER
(College)

PLEASE ENTER as an
individual in the Western Regional USHA Intercollegiate Tournament.

A Singles B Singles Doubles

Partner's Name

TEAM ENTERING

A Singles

B Singles

Doubles

MIDWEST DIVISIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

For players from: North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri, and Province of Manitoba.

DATES: Feb. 18-20, 1972.

SITE: Lake Forest College, Ill. (33 miles north of Chicago's Loop).

ELIGIBILITY: See Intercollegiate Rules on page 28.

ENTRY FEE: \$3 per player. Players may enter one event only.

TROPHIES: Will be awarded.

SPECIAL AWARDS: \$50 will be allotted to each of the winners of A singles, B singles, and doubles toward travel if necessary to National Intercollegiate, March 3-5, at Lake Forest College.

OFFICIAL BALL: Spalding ACE.

SEND ENTRIES: Mike Dau, Athletic Dept., Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045.

PLEASE ENTER
(College)

PLEASE ENTER as an
individual in the Midwest Divisional USHA.

A singles () B singles () Doubles ()

Partner's Name

TEAM ENTERING

A Singles

B Singles

Doubles

EAST DIVISION INTERCOLLEGIATE

For players from: New England states, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan

DATES: Feb. 4-6, 1972

SITE: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Six standard courts.

ENTRY FEE: \$4.00 per player. Make checks payable to Ohio University.

OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRY: Four players from the same institution. Players can compete in one event only:
A singles, B singles or a doubles team. Points—A Singles—2 points each match win, 3 points for championship; B singles—1 point for each match win, 2 points for championship; Doubles—2 points each match win; 3 points for championship.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES: Players can also compete as individuals representing their respective schools.

AWARDS: Team award. Individual awards. Winners of A, B and doubles receive travel allowances of \$50 each to attend the National Intercollegiate USHA championships at Lake Forest, Ill., March 3-5, 1972.

DEADLINE: Jan. 26, 1972

To: Andy Chonko, Tournament Chairman

East Division Intercollegiate

Ohio University — 301 Tupper Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701

Please enter _____

Name of college or individual entry

A singles _____ Doubles _____

Name

Name

B singles _____

Name

Name

Contact address c/o _____ Tel. No. _____

Name

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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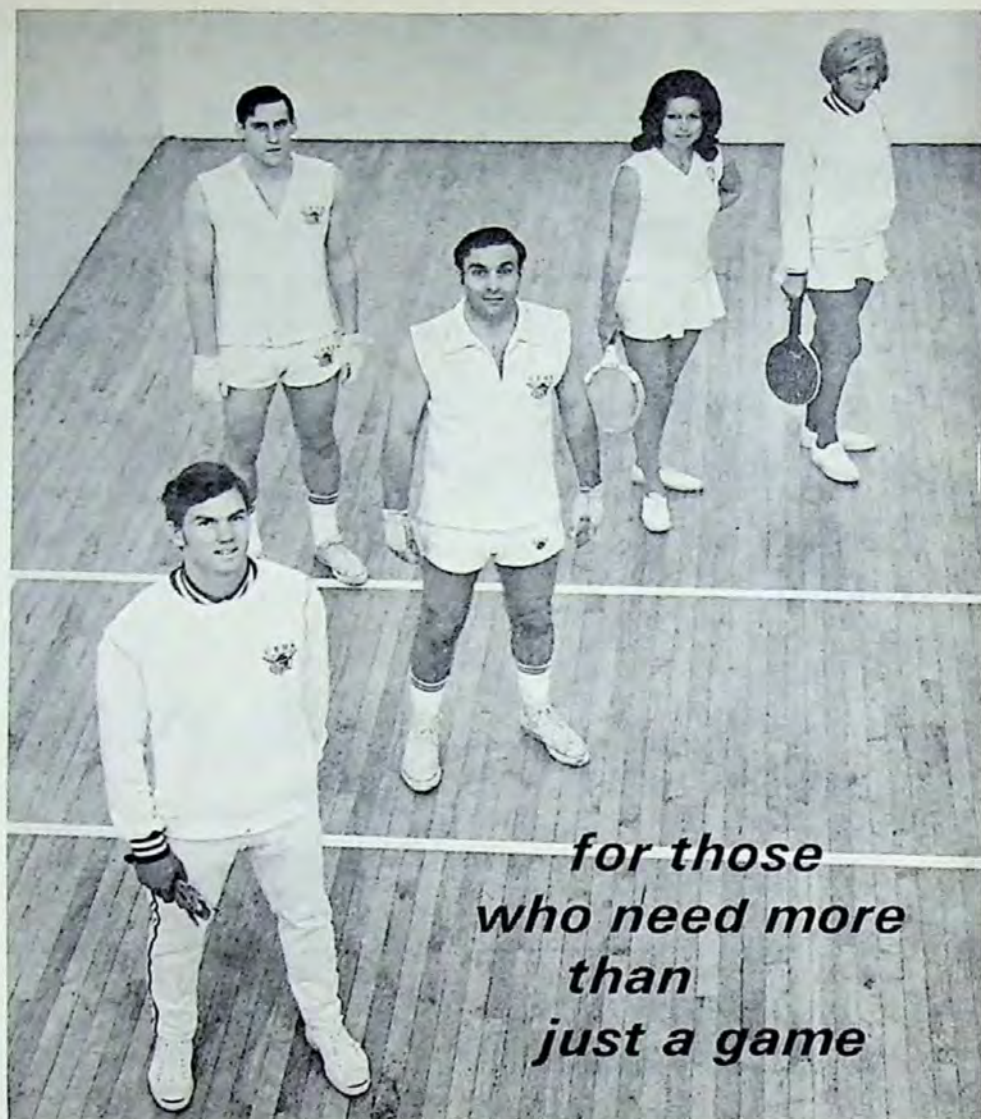
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U. of Illinois Unveils 23-Court Facility With First Tournament-Exhibition



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS 23-COURT INAUGURAL . . . Front (l to r) — Keith Grossel, 1st undergraduate doubles; Mark Inmann, 2nd undergraduate doubles; Dayton Pickett, 1st open doubles. Second row (l to r) — Dennis Bruce, 1st undergraduate singles and 2nd undergraduate, doubles; Terry Cabay, 1st undergraduate doubles; Jack Reznick, 2nd open doubles; Larry Preo, 2nd open singles and 2nd open doubles. Back (l to r) — James Missal, 2nd undergraduate singles; Dave McIntyre, 1st open doubles; Roger Schmitz, 1st open singles.

The newly-formed Illinois Handball Club initiated the University of Illinois IMPE building's 23 handball courts with its first tournament, Nov. 10-14. Two classes of singles and doubles were run. Class one was restricted to undergraduates at the University and class two, open division, was open to all others at the University plus the Champaign-Urbana area.

Great interest in the tournament was fostered by a USHA visit on campus one week before. Mort Leve and Phil Elbert were scheduled to present a clinic and demonstration on Friday, Nov. 5. At the last minute they picked up a Chicago "ringer", Paul Haber, to augment their "gruesome twosome". Needless to say, word spread like wild fire once Paul hit campus and the clinic was well attended by wide-eyed handball buffs getting a glimpse of the "champ". Phil and Paul played a demonstration game full of good shots, jokes, and a high degree of good sportsmanship. (Haber called a double bounce on himself, would you believe!!) Phil took the game 21 to 20 after he cracked up the crowd with his sharp wit in his verbal exchange with "Mort the Sport" and his desire to leave the court at the 20 to 20 score.

The tournament lasted from Wednesday to Sunday and attracted a total of 64 participants. Roger Schmitz, a lefty, won the open class singles and lost only one game in the four matches he had to play. Dennis Bruce, who won the undergraduate singles, also lost but one game in his climb to the title. Dave McIntyre and Dayton Pickett proved to be the real talent in the open doubles while Terry Cabay and Keith Grossel won the undergraduate doubles.

Roger Schmitz, the eventual open sin-

gles champ, was one phone call from forfeiting his first match due to a lingering ankle injury. However, Schmitz decided to give it a try and took it all with a two game sweep of Larry Preo in the final match. Preo had only lost one game in getting to the final showdown with Schmitz and the final match promised to be a real dog fight. The two finalists slugged it out point for point until the score stood at 8 to 8. At this point Preo earned a rousing cheer from the crowd with a diving kill shot to end a long volley filled with one great get after another. Preo had to make that one cheer go a long way because from then on it was all Schmitz, who took the first game 21 to 10. Schmitz, a lefty, began to control the game with his "Z" serve to Preo's left hand and demonstrated his great kill shots off the back wall. The second game of the match started off the same way that the first one ended, with Schmitz in complete control and killing almost at will. With Schmitz ahead 12 to 2, Preo's lob serve to Schmitz' right hand began to work effectively, however, it turned out to be too little, too late with Schmitz winning 21 to 17.

The open doubles champs, McIntyre and Pickett, handled all comers and won it all without losing a game anywhere along the route. The final match saw Larry Preo and Jack Raznick lose two quick games. Each game saw McIntyre and Pickett jump to quick leads behind the pin point ceiling control of McIntyre and right hand kills of Pickett. Preo and Reznick would take a late game run at the champs, but each time fall short.

The Illinois Handball Club's Inaugural Tournament was a "hopping" success and is looking forward to more thrills and more tournaments.

USHA Nationals Ticket Information

Tickets are at a premium for the 22nd National USHA championships at the Washington A.C., Seattle, April 15-22. The Club's host committee set up A,B,C and D advertising-ticket packages so that the cost might be written off by the purchaser.

All of the "A" packages, which were in the amount of \$750 have been sold. All of the "B" packages have been sold; this was a \$600 package.

In total there are 35 seats remaining — and all of these seats are in rows 2, 3, 4, and 5.

There will be 50 "Standing Room Only" tickets guaranteeing reserved space in Court 1 (championship scheduled matches). These tickets are \$30 each, includes listing in HANDBALL Magazine and tickets to breakfast meeting and banquets. There are still 28 available.

For courts 2-6, for the full week, with no hospitality room there is a charge of \$25.

General admission to courts 2-6 Sunday through Wednesday there is a \$3 a day charge; Thursday to Saturday at \$5 a day.

Court 1, if available, Monday through Wednesday, for "Standing Room Only" will be \$5 a day; Thursday-Friday, \$10; Saturday, if available, \$30.

It must be realized that the Court 1 has a limited number of seats and with a budget to meet these prices are necessary.

Contact: Willard Fenton, athletic director, Washington Athletic Club, 6th & Union, Seattle, Washington.

**From: Sarasota, Florida, Herald-Tribune—
"Work Out Frustrations On That
Nasty Handball" — By Dan Howe**

An article from a newsletter for executives suggests a number of supposedly constructive ways to cope with the effects on the human body of emotionally charged situations, effects which, if not managed successfully, can bring on heart attacks and other serious physical damage. Exercise is the sum of the ways, exercise right at one's desk — a sort of "bristle while you work" theory.

The first suggestion is one that would be hard for a person like me to adopt: "After each phone call, before you hang up, squeeze the phone as tightly as possible and then let go."

BEFORE YOU HANG UP? Ye gods! I'd bust the thing. How about, instead, a few choice expletives to shout back at the caller through the mouthpiece? That'd relieve your tension in a hurry and exercise your vocal cords to good advantage. No use squeezing, getting lovey-dovey with a hunk of plastic.

A second suggestion is this: "With arms parallel to the floor, clasp your hands in front of your chest and push as hard as possible."

Gee, if I had my druthers in a clasp effort at the office, I sure wouldn't latch on to myself.

Well, the suggestions go on in somewhat similar uninteresting fashion. I guess I'd better tell you how I do my thing at relaxing.

I play handball. That's done at the Y, which isn't exactly where I work and become tensed up but isn't very far away from my torture chamber.

Handball is a game where you can take out all your frustrations on a little spherical hunk of hard black rubber, and if you zing it just right, it'll pow into the front wall like a pistol shot. Or if you hit it wrong, you can rocket the ball through outer space to heaven's nearest sub-station, the church property next door.

Not only do you use your arm and leg muscles, but also you exercise your freedom of speech. Bearing in mind you are on the premises of the YMCA, you restrain yourself only in choice of utterances, not in volume. You can "darn" and "ouch" and "oo" and "lucky, fella" to your pharynx's content, or you can roar like a lion, as one of my playing companions sometimes does, to try to psych out your opponents.

Speaking of opponents, I must add that it's particularly tension-reducing to be on the winning side once in a while, and I had an enlightening experience recently in that connection.

The athletic director of the Y is a personable young man but he's also, as befits his title, athletic — which means he can run rings around people of my mature vintage. Not infrequently, when handball players at my exercise period are few, he will take on two of us, enjoy only one serve to our two, and still trounce us. This type of outcome, while to be expected, is not as unfrustrating an exercise as it should be if you are possessed of as much competitive spirit as a couple of us old guys.

The other day, we attained the apogee from our standpoint (and standpoint's the right word here). We found out how to beat the athletic director: play him in the pouring rain. A hard-hit handball striking a dripping wall or splashing onto a puddly floor skids inches upon impact and takes odd bounces, we discovered. Our stalwart adversary had almost as hard a time as we did in returning the ball. With our having two serves to his one, the odds gave us a good



BOULDER COUNTY (Colorado) YMCA 3rd Annual Handball Tournament. Top (l to r) — Herb Plews, A champ, Paul Swoboda, Class B winner; Phil Geil, Class B 2nd place; Dan Soudar, Class C 2nd place. Sitting (l to r) — Baird Smart, Class A 2nd place, and Don Schneider, Class D (first teen participate and champion). Players are standing in front of new handball courts. There were 42 entrants and Willie Cross, physical director, has near future plans for a State invitational singles tournament. "Our dreams are coming true thanks to Ray Joyce, chairman of the handball court developing committee."

chance to win. And we won!

Ah, friends, what a supreme tension-reliever that was! Zot went my frustrations and hang-ups as the ball slithered again and again past poor Bob as he swung helplessly.

A much more salubrious procedure than those bits suggested by the newsletter about squeezing the telephone or clasp your own chest — aagh!

Note: Dan Howe is Sarasota's County Commissioner.

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Once again we want to bring our listing of court facilities up to date, and this is no easy task. Almost every day we hear of new courts along with blue print planning for more of the same. Once we accumulate the needed information we will publish an up-to-date **COURT DIRECTORY** as a special supplement to **HANDBALL Magazine**. Just drop us a card if you will, with name of facility, no. of courts, address, and key man to contact. You will **HELP** us to **HELP** so many players who may be making a move or travel extensively.

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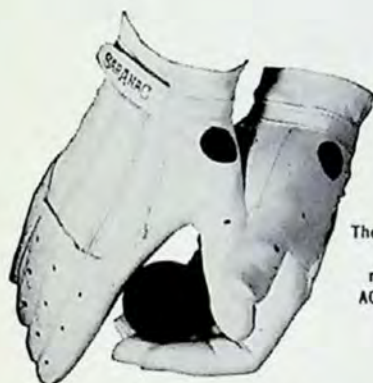
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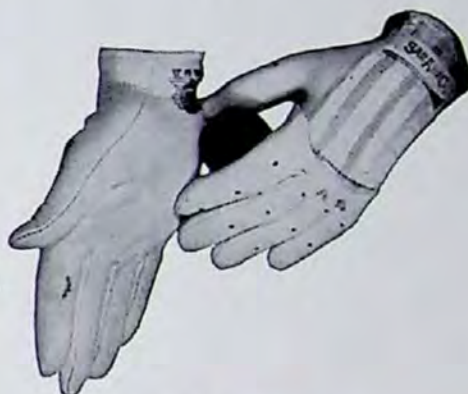


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In handball, it isn't hard to find the fellows who give life to this wonderful sport. They are all around you. For the most part they are the little guys who haven't much to contribute but their energy, their enthusiasm and their participation. Some even make financial contributions so we can continue to meet the ever increasing demands of maintaining and promoting our beloved game. Fortunately, for today, we are secure. Added together, our many assets make us a formidable organization, so long as we all are here to guide and guard our destiny.

But what about tomorrow?

In 1967, we decided that none of us had a contract with God. If handball was to endure, it needed a Perpetuation Fund,—one that would insure its well being for all time to come. After years of work with the Treasury Department, we were approved for tax exempt contributions. Since then, all money we have received from life memberships, and donations has been deposited in this Fund along with numerous honorariums I received for speaking engagements.

We have never before appealed to the general membership for contributions. But there is nothing you could do for me that would have more meaning. There is nothing that I want more for handball than that it should live long after me and all the great guys that helped me. Your contributions will make this possible.

You should know now that you personally may never have any of the benefits of this Fund. That's because we do not plan to spend any in the foreseeable future . . . we haven't spent any of it to date. The 12 directors of this fund feel it should remain intact until \$1,000,000 has been accumulated and after that time, only the interest should be used for the promotion of handball.

All you would really get out of it is the satisfaction that you helped insure the future for the game, and the character of

the youngsters we help with this money. You will be investing in mankind as well as handball. Sure, there will be some tax benefits to you but they can't possibly measure up to the rewards that come from lending a helping hand. Do you know when you extend your hand in giving, it is out, open, and prepared to receive?

We have a variety of tax saving plans available to you, — even some expert professional advice from George Brotemarkle, who initiated this plan and spent nearly 10 years getting Treasury Department approval. That's assuming you want to make a substantial bequest or contribution. We would like that and we'll help you make the right decision. That's if you are a big guy.

If you are a little guy, — why don't you spend \$100 for a life membership, — or any amount you would like handball to have in your name. You know, I have never made a personal appeal to anyone for anything in handball. Now the time has come when I need you, handball needs you, and I appeal to you to give something to the sport that has given so much to you. If you agree with what I have done through all these years and if you want it to continue, send \$1 or \$100 or any gift that comes from your heart. And in case you're wondering, here are the USHA Board of Directors who administer this fund:

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