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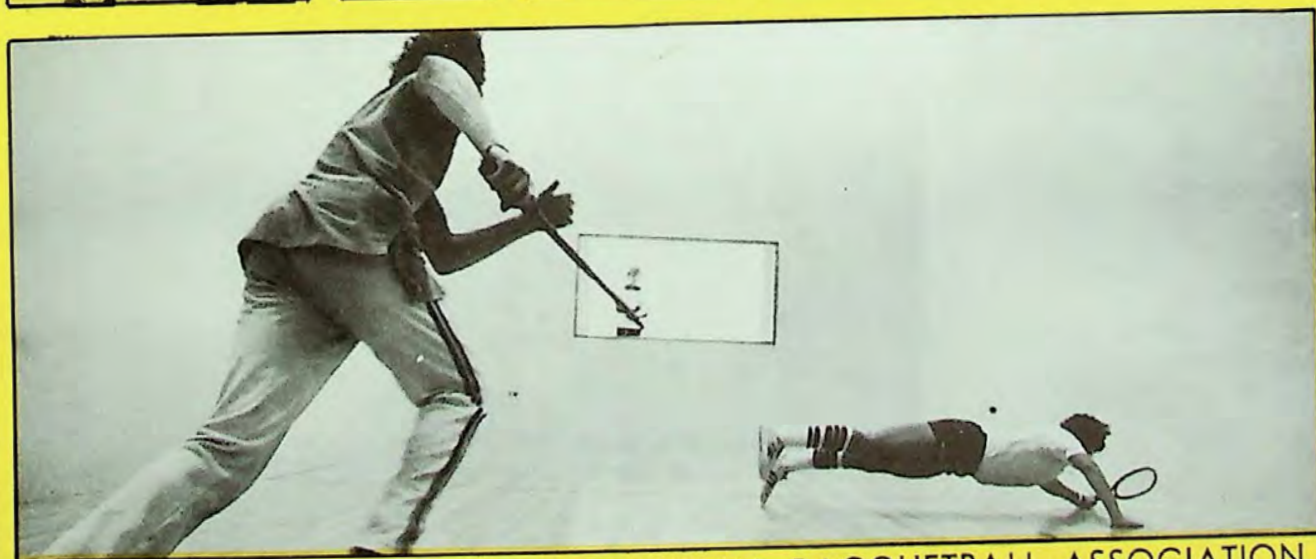
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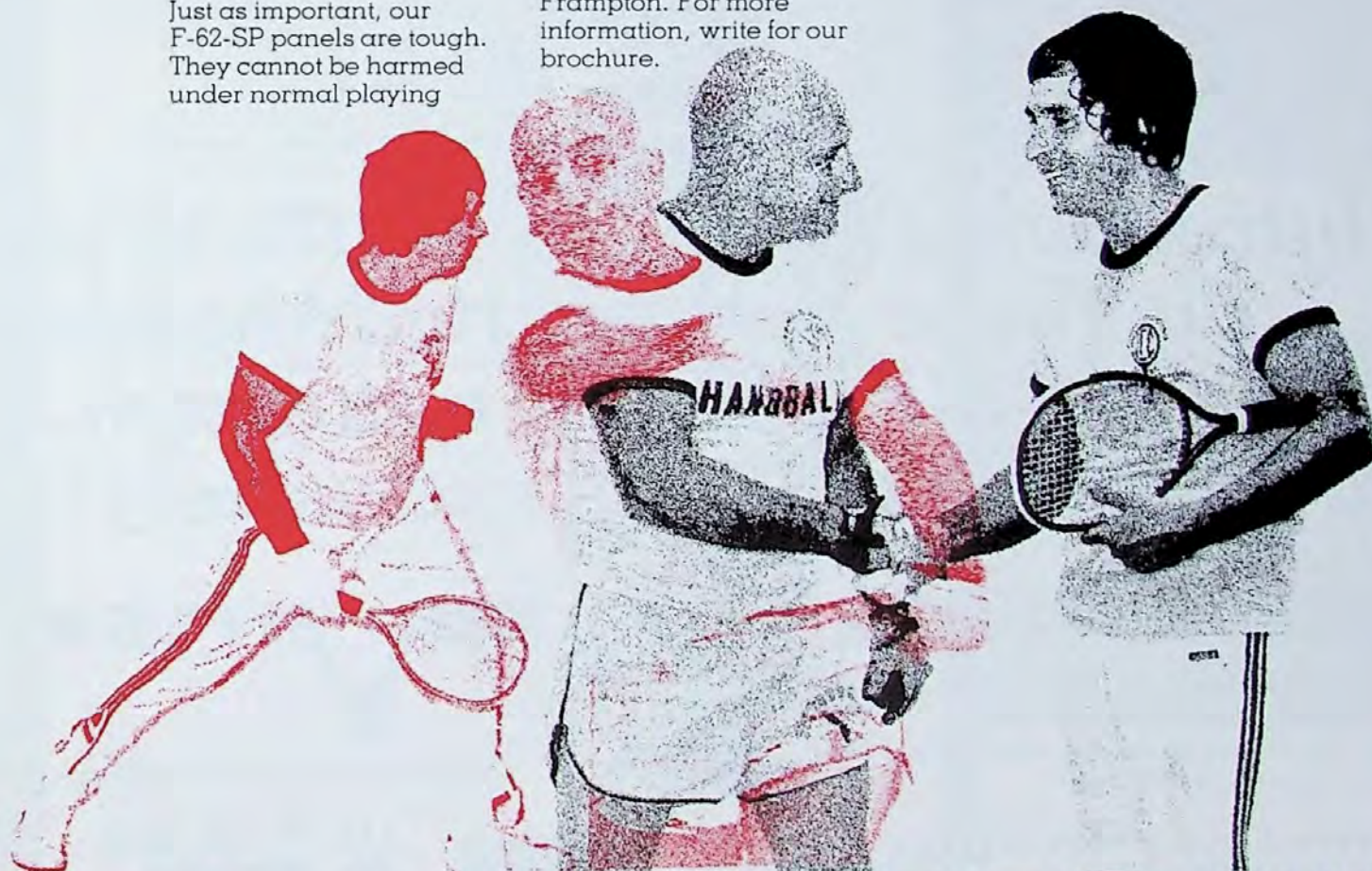
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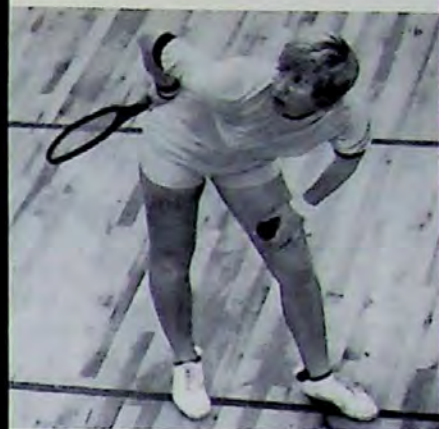
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ON THE COVER

Texas was just the right size for the IRA's pro-am celebrity tournament. An acre less and we'd never have made it! And Dallas hospitality was up to expectations. More on pages 35-37.

The Director Says:

7th Annual Meeting is in May—Be There!



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Dear Racquetball Members:

I would like to talk to you a little about my philosophy as far as the International Racquetball Association is concerned. As you know, we have made some changes in our regional set up and also in our International Championships which are to be held in St. Louis on May 23, 24, 25 and 26. It is my philosophy as Executive Director to try to initiate new plans as well as change some of the old ideas that we have been with for many years. I think unless we try different things, it is very hard to find out whether the new things are successful or not.

I would like to have your comments in regard to our regional set up and also our International set up as we have done them this year. I am sure we can make some more changes that will improve the overall program in these two areas.

Another thing I would like for you as members to consider, since we are starting to get TV exposure and hope to get alot more in the near future, is to speed the game up both from the players standpoint and from a time standpoint. I would like for you to consider changing the service to where we only have one serve to get the ball in play. This would eliminate the time wasted between the first and second serve and also would eliminate people from using the first serve as a stalling tactic whenever they get tired or want to change the tempo of the game.

If you have any ideas as far as the rules or rule changes are concerned, be sure and let us know so we can put them on the agenda for the membership meeting in May.

If you have anything that you would like to put on the agenda pertaining to the International Racquetball Association, please let us know so we can get it on the agenda and bring it up at the membership meeting this spring.

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What Readers are Saying

• Many enthusiastic racquetball players are stationed in Europe with the USAF and Army. To a great extent the European player exists on the fringe of the racquetball world. Nevertheless he is playing an excellent brand of the sport. With the help of Racquetball magazine we would like to pass along word of recent and planned events. (See Calendar of "Upcoming Racquetball.")

At our First Annual Ramstein Open in January of this year there were 34 players entered. The first 28 matches were played as one game of 31 points. The winners moved into the Championship bracket, the losers into the consolations. In this first tournament Dwight Kealoha defeated Jim Davis in the finals, 21-10, 21-12. (See Scoreboard for more complete listings.)

We are scheduling the Continental Sports Conference in West Germany and the singles and doubles championships in England, Germany, Spain, Italy, and Greece to determine representatives for the USAFE-All AF European Championships.

We would like for the IRA to consider inviting the USAFE champions (being determined in the May tournament) to the Annual International Singles Championships. A possible method may be to sanction the May USAFE as the European Regionals, or allow us to organize a European Regional under IRA auspices.

Captain Dwight Kealoha
HQ USAFE Box 7731
APO New York 09012

• How about a short informative article on court footwear? To my knowledge only one shoe—the Adidas Universal—has been designed specifically for indoor court use. It would be interesting to know whether any shoe company, other than Adidas, has considered the racquetball market.

John T. Corkill
Scranton, Pa.

MARCH 1975

• I would like to inform you of our organization, the Manitoba Racquetball Association with headquarters at the University of Winnipeg. We have held several interclub tournaments as well as the recent Manitoba Open.

Our organization was formed April 1974 and consists of three clubs—Winnipeg club, University of Manitoba, and University of Winnipeg.

We enjoy reading Racquetball magazine and are following closely the development in the USA. At the same time, enthusiasm for the sport in Canada has been tremendous, and we do hope to see more Canadian entries in the magazine.

I am most anxious to help in this area. Best regards,

V. C. Olshevski, president
Manitoba Racquetball Association
University of Winnipeg

(Editor's note: Please see On the Racquetball Trail for results of Manitoba Centennial.)

• I wish to express my appreciation to Joseph R. Jackman and Guy Natale for conducting an excellent tournament. It was my first experience as an IRA member, and I was impressed. The officiating was good and they used the facilities to the best advantage, and the banquet-meeting was thoroughly entertaining and interesting for players and guests alike. Sometimes the heat of battle strains personal relationships. However, my impressions of the IRA members participating in the tournament are for the most part (that they were) enthusiastic, mature and friendly.

Perhaps the most important thing shared by a majority of players is that there can be only one winner, therefore satisfaction must come from playing well. I am looking forward to participating in future tournaments and will give my support as an interested member when the need arises.

Louis A. Fabian, director
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TOURING THE COURTS Center Courts—Los Angeles



Michael McClelland, Los Angeles, has announced the opening date for new racquetball facilities in that city. The Center Courts will be a private sports complex specifically for racquetball and handball players. Target date for completion of the facility is April 1.

Located in the Brentwood Business Center at 11886 La Grange Avenue, the center will house eight regulation racquetball courts in 14,000 square

feet.

Designed by Ralph Smith of Sports Unlimited, the complex includes men's and women's locker rooms, sauna, a complete pro-shop, children's nursery with attendant, two glass exhibition courts and a lounge with backgammon and other games available.

Mike McClelland and Gary Gullette, owners of Center Courts have recognized racquetball as the fastest growing participant sport in America.

The owners remarked, "It is the easiest of all racquet sports to pick up initially, and provides good exercise—for all ages and both sexes."

Introductory membership fees have been set at \$20 for individuals, and \$30 for family memberships for the balance of this calendar year. A nominal hourly court rental fee has been set, and the center will be open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. weekdays; from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends.

February was a busy month for Muehleisen Courts, Inc., as they continued to grow, opening two new 10 court facilities.

One is located in Mesa, Arizona, and the other in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where the recent Southwest Re-

gional tournament was held. Both buildings, similar in design, house 13,000 square feet under their roofs which includes complete men and women's locker room facilities and amenities. Each facility also boasts a comfortable spacious lounge which is

not only quiet but includes a glass wall for viewing to the exhibition court below. The exhibition court has a glass back wall for additional viewing.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen has brought to his courts those ideas and developments he has accumulated over the years, which he feels provide both the best playing court surfaces for racquetball and handball as well as the comfortable surroundings the player is looking for in a modern day environment.

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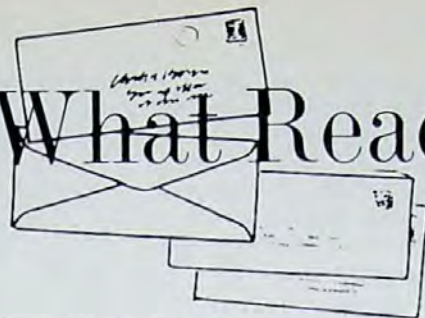
Ralph Smith of Sports Unlimited was instrumental in the design and installation of the court systems in conjunction with ABC Flooring.

The Muehleisen Courts concept brings the plush private club atmosphere to the public, as the courts are open on strictly an hourly rental basis with no initiation fee or monthly dues required.

TOURING THE COURTS Muehleisen Courts—Mesa, Arizona



What Readers are Saying



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• I wish to draw your attention to the error in the list of Masters Singles. It read "Denise Valiquette," and should have been Harvey Valiquette. You confused my daughter's name with mine.

Harvey Valiquette
Kingston, Ontario

• I would like to compliment you and your staff for the excellent magazine, and also throw out a few ideas for future issues.

—A complete review of the "crotch" situations and ways of determining what occurs in a crotch shot. I have difficulty calling the serve which appears to hit the front wall and side wall simultaneously.

Sometimes it appears to come off in such a way to suggest a side out call and at other times it looks as though it may have been a front wall first, hence a fault. Are there any "rules of thumb" to go by?

—Pick up where *INSIDE RACQUETBALL* left off, and go into more detailed and sophisticated explanations by good players or instructors as to: a) how and when they set up and hit the various shots; b) psychology and strategy a la earlier Brumfield articles.

—Selection and maintenance of equipment; e.g., how to determine the best handle size, string tension, racquet shape, etc., and how to change the re-wrap grips. I'm sure many players do not have access to professional helps.

D. G. Gillespie
Medicine Hat, Alberta



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By Maury Kastner

The Ohio Racquetball Association was founded as a nonprofit organization to promote the sport of racquetball in the state of Ohio. The tournament was part of that development. We are especially interested in women, collegiate, and juniors for this is where the future strength of racquetball lies.

The association was formed July 1974 with a meeting of representatives from across the state and elected the following officers who also serve on the Executive Committee:

President, Gerry Lapierre; Secretary-Treasurer, Reed Gungelman; I.R.A. State Representative, Jerry Davis; Tournament Director, Jack Soble; Representative District 3 & 4, Art Payne.

The state is divided into four districts. Each has or will have a representative who will sit on the executive committee. The executive committee shall determine the direction of racquetball in Ohio in accordance with the wishes of the members and the constitution.

Each district representative is responsible for the promotion of racquetball within his district. He also helps the members in that district to express their feelings on the development of racquetball both on a local as well as

Lapierre to head Ohio association

a national level. He coordinates racquetball activity within this district, reporting to the home office in order that a newsletter can be sent to members of the O.R.A.

Each district participates in league play with clubs meeting on a home and home series with clubs in that division for a total of eight matches in a period from October thru April.

In April a playoff will be held between districts in the state which will determine a state team champion.

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sequently, the number 2 and 5 and 3 and 4 play their counterparts. This provides a total of 3 team points in the doubles play. The total match then consists of 15 team points. The winner of the league, again of the season, is the team with the best winning percentage.

Growth of racquetball in the State of Ohio has been aided by the cooperation of all clubs, private and public. 1971 League play consisted of a couple of invitational matches between two or three clubs in Northeast Ohio. This was followed in 1972 by a League of six clubs. In 1973, it was a League of eight clubs and this year, 1974, the League in Northeastern Ohio is ten. Next year it is expected to be 12 teams. This type of growth will be experienced both in the Northwest District 1 as well as the Southern Districts 3 and 4.

The growth of the sport is a natural one, but without people like Reed Gungelman, who has promoted league play locally in Northeast Ohio, the game of racquetball would not be getting the recognition it is receiving. Through Reed's efforts the league has developed play throughout the state. The association feels racquetball is in the infant stage and the next few years will see a phenomenal growth in the number of players.

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By John W. Reznik, Ph.D.

INSTRUCTION

The first portion of Dr. Reznik's article appeared on page 64 of January Racquetball.

The Service Placement Test

Procedure: The floor of the backcourt is divided into the areas shown in diagram No. 2. Each area is marked numerically according to difficulty with the easiest area marked one and the hardest area numbered five. To begin the test, the player serves the ball from the service zone and tries to hit the target area. The ball is hit with the forehand and must be served cross court. Ten serves are made from the right side of the court and 10 from the left side. When the ball hits a line between two areas, the player is given the higher score. One trial consists of 20 serves, 10 to the left and 10 to the right. The object of this test is to score as many points as possible. Three trials are given and the average is recorded.

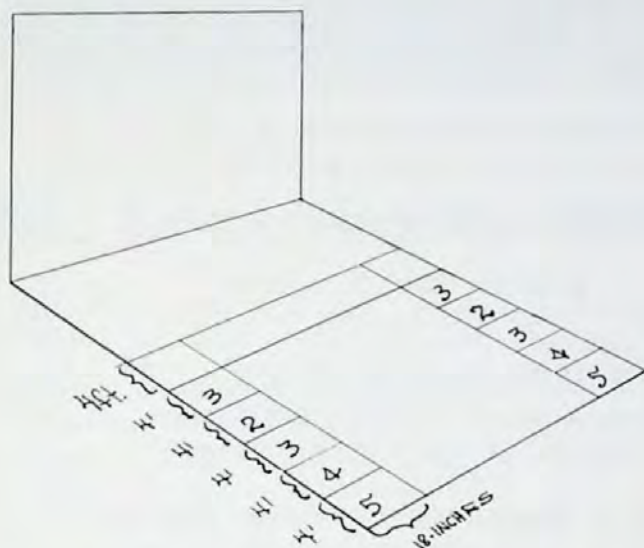


Diagram No. 2: Service Placement Test

Shot Placement Tests (Front-Wall)

Procedure: The front wall of the court is divided into the areas as shown in diagram No. 3. Each area is marked according to difficulty with the lowest number being the easiest target to hit and the highest number the hardest. To start this test, the player takes a position behind the short line. He then tosses the ball to the front wall so it hits the wall below a line drawn six feet above the floor and parallel to it. On the rebound from the front wall he lets the ball bounce and then strikes it trying to place it in the area containing the largest number. The player must remain behind the service line when he contacts the ball. Twenty hits constitute one trial. Ten hits must be made with the forehand and 10 with the backhand. The total number of points is tabulated and the average of three trials is recorded. After striking the ball on the rebound, it is tossed again to the front wall for each succeeding try.

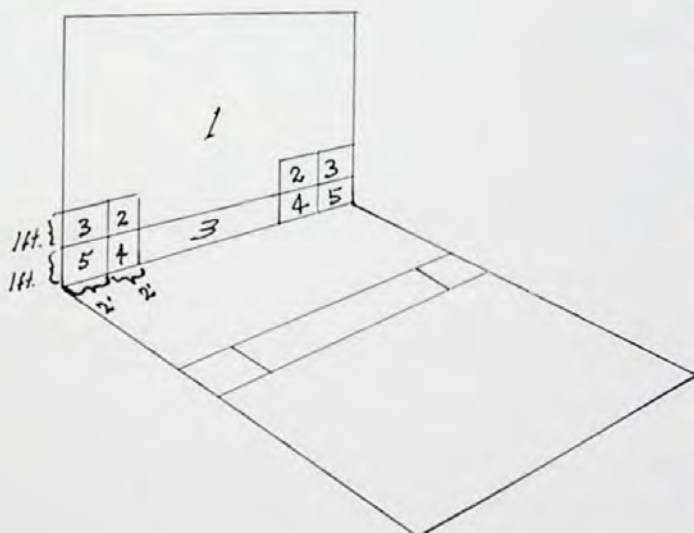


Diagram No. 3: Shot Placement Test

Shot Placement Tests (Back-Wall)

Procedure: The same numerical pattern on the front wall is used for this test as in the front wall placement test. To start this test, the player positions himself approximately five feet from the back wall. The scorer tosses the ball so it strikes the back wall about three to four feet above the floor on each try. The player, then, after letting the ball bounce, strikes it towards the front wall trying to hit the highest numbered target zone. The scoring, recording and trials for this test are the same as the front-wall placement test.

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Keith Talley presents championship trophy to Bill Hildebrand.

In the Arizona state finals . . .

Hildebrand is state champion

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has his own
championship

By Ronald Stulik

The Arizona State Racquetball Association conducted a State Championship Tournament the weekend of January 25th. The Tournament offered four divisions: the open singles, seniors, masters, and women's and drew a record 91 entries.

The open singles division drew 50 players but after many tough matches it produced the same semifinalists as last year: Ron Haisting, Mike Aubrey, Bill Hildebrand and defending champion Mark Deutsch. In a reversal of last year's order, the semifinals saw Deutsch vs. Aubrey and Haisting vs. Hildebrand, but the results were the same, with Hildebrand moving into the finals, 21-10, 21-2, and Deutsch advancing to the finals, 21-15, 21-9.

The finals were definitely not a repeat of last year as Deutsch, who easily won in two games last year, was handily defeated in the first game, 21-14. Mark shook it off and came back strong to take the second game, 21-10, setting the stage for the third and final game for all the marbles. The third game saw some more really fine racquetball and with the score 20-16 in favor of Deutsch it looked like another year of being State Champion for Mark, but some twenty minutes and five points later Bill Hildebrand emerged new State Champion, 21-20. It was one of those matches you wished both players could win.

Mike Aubrey took Ron Haisting, 20-21, 21-5, 21-2, for third place, but Ron didn't go home empty handed.

The seniors division (35 years and over) drew 17 entries and boiled down to a semifinal lineup of Hal Price vs. Ron Haisting and Paul Banales vs. de-

fending seniors champ Don Griffin. Griffin and Haisting moved into the finals where Ron won out in a grueling three games, 17-21, 21-16, 21-16. It should be mentioned that this made 15 games in two days for Ron and 30 minutes later he played the three games with Aubrey to decide third place in the open singles. Hal Price took third place over Paul Banales, 21-14, 21-6.

The first time women's division was a pleasant surprise as it drew 16 entries, thanks to the efforts of Ruth McGuffie and Cheryl Watkins, a couple of lovely handball converts. The finals of the women's division pitted Nancy Ellis of Mesa against Diane Russell of Tucson, with Nancy prevailing, 21-12, 19-21, 21-11. Third place went to Moira Roark of Tempe over Connie Davis of Phoenix, 21-12, 21-8.

The master's division (45 years and over) is the division we created so Hal

Price, everyone's sentimental favorite, would have a championship. Hal lived up to our expectations and took the top spot, defeating Manuel Statini, 21-1, 21-5, in the finals. Third place went to Dr. Bill Myers.

Consolation trophy winners were Steve Wolfe of Flagstaff in open singles, Bill Daley of Tucson in the seniors, Orva Poulsen of Tucson in the women's, and Jack Curl of Scottsdale in the masters.

The tournament was directed by Keith Talley, with a tremendous job of procuring and assigning referees by Jan Pasternak.

The next sponsored event will be the state doubles championship April 25-27 at the new Tucson Athletic Club. Tom Clark, a member of the Tucson club and an Arizona Racquetball Association board member, will represent Tucson players' interests in the ARA.



From the left, Hal Price, Mike Aubrey, Hildebrand, and Mark Deutsch.



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Alan Hyman from Louisville defeated Chuck Cooper, also from Louisville, 21-16, 21-16, 21-16, for the Kentucky State Racquetball Championship. Cooper had advanced to the finals by upsetting Ken Porco in the semifinals, 10-21, 21-18, 21-17. In the other semifinal match Hyman defeated Tom Shivel of Ashland, 21-11, 21-1. This was Hyman's first State title, however, in 1969 he teamed with Mike Zeitman to capture the IRA National Doubles title and in 1974 teamed with Fred Michels to take the Southern Region Doubles Championship.

In the "B" Division, Charles Vehlow of Fort Knox and Marshall Norton of Berea had little difficulty reaching the finals where Vehlow defeated Norton, 21-14, 21-17. In the Seniors, Junior Gaspard from Fort Knox never lost a game in taking that title. He defeated Don Detjen from Ashland, 21-19, 21-12, in the finals. Leigh Jones from Berea, who lost to Gaspard in the semifinals, won third place from Bill Emmett of Ashland, 12-21, 21-12, 21-15.

Inasmuch as the Kentucky Championships did not have a Golden Masters Division, Ike Gumer, the 1974 IRA National Golden Masters Champion, was forced to play in the Masters Division where he gave the "younger fellows" a lesson in racquetball. Gumer won the championship by defeating Pentti Teraslina, 21-3, 21-6. Grayson Hanks defeated Bill Simon for third place 11-21, 21-14, 21-14.

In the Women's Division, Kay Evans of Louisville, the 1974 State Champion, was defeated in the finals by Teresa Darland, 14-21, 21-6, 21-1. This was a turn around from last year when Mrs. Evans had defeated Miss Darland in three different tournaments. Cile O'Connell, who lost to Teresa Darland in the semifinals, defeated Holly Rentz, 21-6, 20-21, 21-8, for third place.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

The State Doubles Championships which were held in Lexington, Kentucky, February 14-16, found Fred Michels and Alan Hyman capturing their second Open Doubles championship by defeating Hal Broderson and Doug Gordon, 21-15, 21-19.

In the "B" Doubles final, Don Detjen and Bill Workman from Ashland defeated Pentti Teraslina-Jay Kear-

Kentucky has a new state racquetball champion

Hyman topples
Cooper, who
upset Porco,
who . . .

ney, 21-13, 21-7, for that title. The Senior's, Master's and Women's championships were held in a round-robin fashion with each team accumulating points on the basis of points scored plus four additional points for each victory.

Dean Flock and Nick Carter from Lexington won the Senior's championship with a perfect score of 175. Don Detjen and Pentti Teraslina won the Master's championship with a perfect score of 105 and the sister combination of Kay Evans and Marjorie Polites won the Women's championship with a perfect score of 105.

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals—Porco def. Broderson, 21-6, 21-14; Cooper def. Brown, 21-12, 21-18; Hyman def. Wright, 19-21, 21-5, 21-11; Shivel def. Gilbert, 21-15, 21-20.

Semifinals—Cooper def. Porco, 10-21, 21-18, 21-17; Hyman def. Shivel, 21-11, 21-1.

Finals—Hyman def. Cooper, 21-16, 10-21, 21-16. 3rd place Porco def. Shivel, 21-11, 21-11.

Consolation—Mattingly def. Ernst, 31-26.

"B" DIVISION

Quarterfinals—Vehlow def. Downard, 21-4, 21-4; Sabbatine def. Kaston, 21-9, 21-17; Russell def. Shupe, 14-21, 21-13, 21-11; Norton def. Farnsley, 21-9, 21-16.

Semifinals—Vehlow def. Sabbatine, 21-8, 21-3; Norton def. Russell, 21-12, 21-7.

Finals—Vehlow def. Norton, 21-14, 21-17. 3rd place Sabbatine def. Russell, 21-17, 21-17.

Consolation—Levy def. Marye, 31-23.

SENIORS

Quarterfinals—Jones def. Whipple, 21-5, 21-4; Gaspard def. Flock, 21-15, 21-11; Emmett def. King, 21-20, 21-14; Detjen def. Wells, 21-9, 21-12.

Semifinals—Gaspard def. Jones, 21-11, 21-12; Detjen def. Emmett, 18-21, 21-6, 21-14.

Finals—Gaspard def. Detjen, 21-19, 21-12. 3rd

place Jones def. Emmett, 12-21, 21-12, 21-15.

Consolation—Travis def. Marks, 31-23.

MASTERS

Quarterfinals—Gumer def. Dean, 21-8, 21-14; Hanks def. T. Ray, 21-14, 17-21, 21-11; Simon def. B. Ray, default; Teraslina def. Luther, 21-6, 21-6.

Semifinals—Gumer def. Hanks, 21-11, 21-9; Teraslina def. Simon, 21-9, 21-9.

Finals—Gumer def. Teraslina, 21-3, 21-6. 3rd place Hanks def. Simon, 11-21, 21-14, 21-14.

Consolation—T. Ray def. Dean, 31-29.

WOMEN'S

Quarterfinals—Evans def. Lyle, 21-2, 21-10; Rentz def. Davis, 21-16, 21-15; O'Connell def. Sexton, 21-10, 21-12; Darland def. Head, 21-4, 21-6.

Semifinals—Evans def. Rentz, 20-21, 21-3, 21-9; Darland def. O'Connell, 21-1, 21-11.

Finals—Darland def. Evans, 14-21, 21-6, 21-1. 3rd place O'Connell def. Rentz, 21-6, 20-21, 21-8.

Consolation—Wilson def. Sanders, 21-20, 21-3.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals—Michels-Hyman def. Schenker-Starr, 21-3, 21-11; Mattingly-Shupe def. Daopoulos-Ernst, 21-17, 21-20; Wright-Amos def. Gilbert-Abramovitz, 12-21, 21-9, 21-15; Broderson-Gordon def. Norton-Davis, 21-19, 21-10.

Semifinals—Michels-Hyman def. Mattingly-Shupe, 21-4, 21-16; Broderson-Gordon def. Wright-Amos, 21-14, 21-20.

Finals—Michels-Hyman def. Broderson-Gordon, 21-15, 21-19.

3rd Place—Wright-Amos def. Mattingly-Shupe, 18-21, 21-17, 21-19.

Consolation—Gilbert-Abramovitz def. Daopoulos-Ernst, 13-21, 21-16, 21-15.

"B" DOUBLES

Quarterfinals—Massie-Emmett def. Gilbert-Gersch, 21-14, 21-14; Teraslina-Kearney def. Adkins-Maddox, 21-16, 21-15; Detjen-Workman def. T. Ray-Johnson, 21-6, 21-15; Baumann-Collier def. Davis-Vance, 21-3, 21-12.

Semifinals—Teraslina-Kearney def. Massie-Emmett, default; Detjen-Workman def. Baumann-Collier, 17-21, 21-16, 21-15.

Finals—Detjen-Workman def. Teraslina-Kearney, 21-13, 21-7.

3rd Place—Baumann-Collier, by default.

Consolation—Sabbatine-Ristaneo def. Lucas-Maryne, 21-7, 17-21, 21-18.

SENIORS

(Round-Robin—4 points for victory plus points scored) Dean Flock-Nick Carter, 175; Bill Emmett-Russ Travis, 169; Leigh Jones-Chuck McIntyre, 148; Louis Haggin-John Morgan, 126; Ron Adkins-Babe Ray, 77.

MASTERS

(Round-Robin) Don Detjen-Pentti Teraslina, 105; Irv Goldstein-Bill Simon, 85; Ike Gumer-Bob Johnson, 76; Skip Dean-Ted Ray, 48.

WOMEN'S

(Round-Robin) Kay Evans-Marjorie Polites, 106; Cile O'Connell-Holly Rentz, 95; Kenna Beam-Lana Sexton, 65; Jane Miller-Diane Sanders, 27.

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Front row, left to right: Dr. Charles Hanna, Ron Starkman, Dr. Bud Muehleisen, Myron Roderick. Second row, from the left: Tom Carylton, Mark Wayne, Al Rossi, John Halvetrson, and Lou Concha.

During the weekend of February 1-2, the new Muehleisen courts in El Cajon, just east of San Diego, was the host club for the Senior Open Invitational Doubles Tournament.

Seven doubles teams were invited to compete in a round-robin format to better determine their national rankings. About 3,000 points, a few dozen balls, and 14 strained racket frames later, the teams lined up to receive their trophies.

When the smoke had cleared away, Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Myron Roderick were at the head of the line, with a 6-0 win-loss record. Runner-up team was Mark Wayne and Al Rossi who

had five wins against one loss, having gone down to the tournament champs, 21-8 and 21-17.

Third place went to the team of Ron Starkman and Charles Hanna, with a 4-2 record. Over the weekend Dr. Hanna held an open house for the contestants at his new home, serving a Mexican feast. This, coupled with the hospitality of the El Cajon racquet club, combined to set the event up as one of the most enjoyable tournaments of the new year, according to players in attendance.

The next three teams had identical scores of 4-2 for the tourney. To resolve the three-way tie, standings were

decided on the basis of the number of points scored against each team.

On this basis, fourth place went to Tom Carylton and Pat Columbo; fifth to Bruce Russell and Lou Concha; and sixth to the team of Jim Trent and John Halverson. Ron Botchan and Gene McDonald finished out the standings.

Based on comments of the players, the invitational tournaments have been highly successful. Players who have not taken part in one are being encouraged to set a goal of achieving an invitation to participate in one of the many divisions being offered.



Sayes brothers dominate Utah state singles championship

An unseeded Salt Lake City man, competing in the open class, and a local woman entered in the men's C division, provided the excitement at the Utah State Racquetball Championships Feb. 6-8, 1975.

Morgan Sayes, unseeded in the men's open division, upset third-seed Ron Mills and second seed Howard Ringwood, both of Salt Lake City, to gain the finals Saturday against his brother Trey, the top seed in the three-day event at the Deseret Gym.

The noon final saw the elder Sayes beat Morgan in two games, 21-7, 21-17, before a large gallery. Earlier Ruth Knudsen, the only woman entered in the C class, lost in three games to second seed Pete Pearson of Salt Lake City, 21-19, 15-21, 21-6.

Janell Marriot, top-ranked woman player in the state, easily defended her

title against Knudsen Saturday at 1 p.m., posting scores of 21-11, 21-14. Ms. Marriott recently finished third in the IRA Women's Invitational held January in San Diego; Ms. Knudsen finished fifth in the same tournament.

A Hill Air Force Base man, Robert McNabb, captured first in both the senior (35-45) class and the state B class. He defeated Ron Deaver of Logan in the B finals, 21-9, 21-12, and then upset first-seed Grant Mills, 21-8, 21-16, to take the seniors title.

Rick Warner fought off a strong challenge from Rex Waltman to win the master (45 and over) division, 21-14, 15-21, 21-11. Warner had been seeded first in that event.

Utah Racquetball Association President Trey Sayes awarded 28 trophies at the conclusion of play Saturday. Over 100 players participated in the tournament, the most competitors ever to enter the annual event.

OTHER SCORES

Open Singles: Semifinals: T. Sayes def. Mansfield, 15-21, 21-17, 21-1; M. Sayes def. Ring-

wood, 12-21, 21-17, 21-7. Finals: T. Sayes def. M. Sayes, 21-7, 21-17. Third: Mansfield def. Ringwood by forfeit.

B State Singles: Semifinals: Wil Deaver def. Wilde, 18-21, 21-20, 10-21; McNabb def. Boman, 21-8, 21-12. Finals: McNabb def. Deaver, 21-9, 21-12. Third: Wilde def. Boman, 21-5, 21-20.

C State Singles: Semifinals: Knudsen def. Hodson, 31-21, 21-14, 21-19; Pearson def. Moore, 21-15, 21-7. Finals: Pearson def. Knudsen, 21-19, 15-21, 21-6. Third: Hodson def. Moore, 21-12, 21-16.

Senior State Singles: Semifinals: G. Mills def. Lee, 21-10, 21-11; McNabb def. Hodson, 21-12, 21-8. Finals: McNabb def. Mills, 21-8, 21-16. Third: Hodson def. Lee, 21-14, 21-19.

Master State Singles: Semifinals: Warner def. Apple, 12-21, 21-12, 21-6; Waltman def. Rodgers, 16-21, 21-12, 21-10. Finals: Warner def. Waltman, 21-14, 15-21, 21-11. Third: Rodgers def. Apple, 21-17, 19-21, 21-17.

Women State Singles: Semifinals: Marriott def. Tanaka, 21-7, 21-6; Knudsen def. Steele, 21-13, 8-21, 21-14. Finals: Marriott def. Knudsen, 21-11, 21-14. Third: Steele def. Tanaka, 21-12, 21-3.

Junior (18 and Under) State Singles: First, Dave Williams; second, Lee Eschler, third, Brent Marriott; fourth, Tobe Pittman.

1975 RANKINGS

A Singles: 1, Trey Sayes; 2, Morgan Sayes; 3, Jim Mansfield; 4, Howard Ringwood; 5, Ron Mills; 6, Dave Kartchner; 7, Craig Kunz; 8, Ron Sakaniwa; 9, Maua Aiono; 10, Hal Labelle.

B Singles: Bob McNabb; 2, Ron Deaver; 3, Lu Wilde; 4, Paul Boman; 5, John Cliff; 6, Phil Anderson; 7, Jahn Larsen; 8, Janell Marriott; 9, Ray Anderson; 10, Bob Apple.

C Singles: 1, Pete Pearson; 2, Ruth Knudsen; 3, Jerry Hodson; 4, Roger Moore; 5, Tom Gridley; 6, Ray Tesi; 7, Ray Morris; 8, Randy Darrohn; 9, Pres Evans; 10, Lloyd Wilde.

Senior Singles: 1, Howard Ringwood; 2, Bob McNabb; 3, Grant Mills; 4, Jerry Hodson; 5, Gordon Lee; 6, Hal Labelle; 7, Doug Carpenter; 8, Bob Cushing; 9, Gerald Wellington; 10, Dan Harmon.

Master Singles: 1, Rick Warner; 2, Rex Waltman; 3, Jake Rodgers; 4, Bob Apple; 5, Lu Wilde; 6, Calvin Cook; 7, Martin Juback; 8, Pres Evans; 9, Lloyd Wilde; 10, Wayne Player.

Women's Singles: 1, Janell Marriott; 2, Ruth Knudsen; 3, Pam Steele; 4, Marilyn Tanaka; 5, Karin Walton; 6, Jewell Doxey; 7, Shirley Whitworth; 8, Vicki Wilson; 9, Sharon Walker; 10, Betty Helland.

Junior Singles: 1, David Williams; 2, Lee Eschler; 3, Brent Marriott; 4, Tobe Pittman; 5, Grey Chatelain; 6, Bob Hart; 7, Jack Goodwin.



Women's class winners, from the left, Janell Marriott, Ruth Knudsen, Pam Steele, and Karin Walton.



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FACING PAGE—
Morgan Sayes displays excellent form taking ball off back wall in action against brother Trey.

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NOTE: A line in last month's column may have been misleading. The offer for financial help is limited to Army and Air Force personnel. Sorry, folks.

Military Newsletter Number 3

By Peter F. Crummey

Army and Air Force Racquetball qualify via the Regionals for the National Singles, apply to me for funding players—just a reminder that if you to send you to the tournaments.

Speaking of tournaments, if you don't feel you're ready for that type of play—just go for the day and watch—your game will improve tremendously.

I have received a number of letters from around the world. Keep sending them in with your questions and I will get you the answers as soon as possible.

The Military Commissioner's job is covering too broad an area. I feel we need to make some organizational changes. I am also looking for volunteers to help implement this new plan. What the organization will look like is shown in the accompanying chart.

2nd place; LCDR Kenneth Josefosky, 3rd place; and the 4th place went to Lt. Fred Sage. Lt. Fred Sage and Lt.J.G. Carl Crown won the doubles Championships.

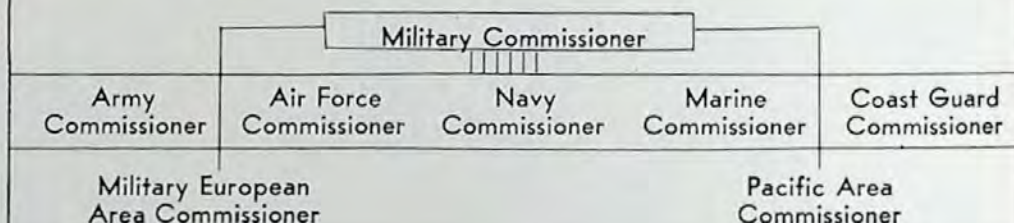
Mass. State Singles and Doubles: SSG Danny Giordano, USAF, Hanscomb AFB and Major Pete Crummey, USA, came in 3rd and 4th in the 1975 State Singles Tournament. Major Pete Crummey is also the State Senior Doubles Champion.

Ft. Huachuca, Arizona: Sgt. Steve Arnold placed 5th in the Arizona State Singles Tournament.

Racquetball Tips:

If you have been using a handball glove for racquetball and have a spare glove all the time, turn the extra glove inside out and use it—on the other hand.

Last subject for this letter! Let us try to set some minimum standards for



With this plan, the Military Commissioner now has five Service Commissioners reporting directly to him, plus, the Military Area Commissioners in Europe and the Pacific. Each base or port will have a representative who reports to his Service Commissioner. The European and Pacific area will have the base representative report directly to them, regardless of service.

All of these positions have one job description—to improve the standards of play within all Military Services!

Military Tournament results:

The West Coast Naval Air Station Racquetball Championships were held at Miramar NAS, San Diego, California, January 28-31, 1975. Mr. Charlie Brumfield was the guest speaker and conducted a question/answer period on the rules of the game.

The results were: Lt.J.G. Carl Crown, 1st place; Lt. Harry Allison,

all Military Tournament play:

(1) Have all matches refereed by qualified people. (2) Have consolation brackets in all divisions. (3) Have trophies for all places and consolation in each division. (4) Provide Tournament Shirts. (5) Provide soda, gum, candy and oranges for players. (6) Have more than one division of play—why not 6 or 7? (7) Have a permanent plaque placed outside the courts with the name of each division champion each year. (8) Have a good time!

If this sounds like a lot of money, it's not! We are doing it here at Ft. Devens for very little. Special Services helping quite a lot with funds.

NEXT LETTER: Name of New Service Commissioners and Base Representatives. Information on the Lifetime Sports Program.

For the women's invitational, San Diego was on . . .

D S T



Displaying their trophies are (from the left) Linda Slau, Ruth Knudsen, Jennifer Harding, Jan Campbell, Peggy Steding, Janell Mariott, Lisa Ornstein, and Bette Weed.

By Dave Charlson

Eight of the top women racquetball players competed at the Helix Court House in San Diego January 10-12 in the first annual Women's Invitational Singles Championship. As expected Peggy Steding went undefeated, winning each of her seven matches for a perfect score of 64.4 points.

Facing the worst draw in the tournament with one match on Friday, four on Saturday, and two toughies on Sunday, Peggy showed that she has the endurance and ability to remain on top. Bets were being placed during the tournament that Peggy would lose at least one match, but she silenced critics with an outstanding display of racquetball when the occasions arose.

Other finishers and their point totals were: 2nd, Jan Campbell, 56.4; 3rd, Janell Mariott, 52.2; 4th, Jennifer Harding, 48.8; 5th, Ruth Knudsen, 39.6; 6th, Bette Weed, 39.2; 7th, Linda Slau, 25.6; 8th, Lisa Ornstein, 20.2. Points were awarded on the basis of .2 points for every point scored plus three points for winning a match. Thus the perfect score for one 31 point game was 9.2 points with 6.0 the best a loser could manage.

Competition Friday was highlighted by Bette Weed's upset of Janell Mariott. Janell, feeling confident going into this tournament, was looking for at least a second place finish. Bette, playing perhaps the finest racquetball of her career, wanted to make a good showing in front of her home court fans. The lead changed hands repeatedly during the early going with Janell eventually gaining control to take a 20-14 lead. Scoring two or three points every time she served while holding Janell scoreless, Bette outscored Janell fifteen to one to take a 29-21 lead. Janell rallied for three points but Bette regained the serve

Daylight STEDING Time

and scored the final two points for game.

That evening Jan Campbell and the left handed Jennifer Harding did battle. Both were undefeated and looking forward to playing each other for the first time. Jennifer jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead only to have Jan rally behind some excellent serves to go ahead, 12-6. Four straight points by Jennifer closed the score to 12-10 but Jan hit five straight points of her own to increase her lead to 17-10.

Jennifer, hitting a couple of backhand kills that surprised her as much as those watching, kept whittling away

Steding faced the worst draw of the tournament

at Jan's lead until she had tied the score at 17 all. From the 17th point on it was all Jan as she regained control of the game and never lost her momentum in winning, 31-19.

Five top matches headlined Saturday's play. The first that day was the match between Peggy Steding and Bette Weed. Everyone figured that Bette was ready to play a good game against Peggy after her victory over Janell and in the beginning stages it appeared that way, as she shot well and held early leads.

At 12-all it still looked like anyone's

game until Bette began making costly forehand errors. With Bette trying to play catch up she was forced to abandon her defensive style game and the result was a 31-15 victory for Peggy.

The second match, and what was probably the most exciting match in the tournament, was between Jan Campbell and Janell Mariott. Jan opened up a 13-8 lead over Janell by moving her around and making her hit many of her shots on the run. This lead was short-lived as Janell gained the offensive and ran off ten straight points for an 18-13 lead. Momentum shifted back to Jan as she scored eight unanswered points to regain the lead, 21-18. Five more points by Jan against three by Janell increased Jan's lead to 26-21. Then Janell had one of those stretches in a game where everything goes your way. Scoring ten of the next eleven points gave Janell her biggest win ever, 31-27.

Once beaten Janell Mariott and Jennifer Harding were the combatants in the third match of the day. Both needed the match if they were to retain any hope of winning the championship. The lead changed hands frequently in the early stages of the match as neither player could take advantage of the other's miscues. Six forehand kills later Jennifer held a 16-10 lead, but Janell came back to tie the game at 19-19. Jennifer's forehand went frigid at 19-19 and Janell very quickly took advantage of this for a 29-21 lead. A late rally by Jennifer was too little and too late as Janell held on to win, 31-25.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

The match spectators were waiting for occurred Jan. 11 between Peggy Steding and Jan Campbell. Many of

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those watching were wondering how Jan's afternoon loss to Mariott would affect her play, but if anything it had improved as she rolled out everything she had for surprising 10-2 and 13-5 leads. Refusing to get flustered, Peggy let Jan cool off and then went on the offensive herself to the tune of ten straight points for a 15-13 lead. The remainder of the game featured top quality play from both, with Peggy displaying a more consistent game in winning, 31-25.

The grand finale Saturday evening was the battle of the backhands between Ruth Knudson and Bette Weed.

Weed may have been playing the finest racquetball of her career

This was a revenge match for Ruth who has never beaten Bette and who lost to her in the 1974 Regionals. Bette started off strong, holding one to three point leads, only to have Ruth come back and tie the game. With the score standing at 12-12 Ruth's backhand appeared to gain eyes as every shot went in for a flat roll out. Her

talents were given the opportunity to dethrone the heavily favored Peggy Steding. Jennifer Harding had first crack and gave Peggy all she could handle in the initial stages of the match as she scored five straight points to earn a standoff at 10-10. But Peggy settled down after that brief flurry by

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Peggy Steding congratulates Jan on her tournament play.



Ron Starkman and Charles Brumfield between referee-stints at the invitational.



Jan Campbell at work.

backhand kills, combined with an accidental forehand kill, turned out to be more than Bette could overcome as Ruth went on to win, 31-22.

On Sunday two promising young



Betty Weed, "Oh, my . . ."

points it was all Peggy Steding as she completely dominated the game, winning 31-7.

Shots that she had been leaving up, or missing, earlier in the tournament were now going in for winners. As Steding stated after the match, "Had I given her a chance to get started she would have blown me off the court. I just couldn't ease up against Janell as

Mariott and Harding—each needed the match to retain hopes of winning the tournament

she has the potential to run up a large number of points."

In three days of tournament play one misses a number of good matches and sometimes misses watching some promising newcomers in order to catch games between players of known ability.

Two up-coming racquetball competitors at San Diego were Linda Siau and Lisa Ornstein. While not having the experience of the top finishers, both displayed some fine court-work and should be heard from in the future. In Linda Siau's game with Peggy Steding she not only ran out of her shoe, but her sock as well. One can't get much faster!

Members and officers of the IRA and tournament participants were complimentary and obviously pleased with the beautiful facilities provided by Bette and Chuck Weed for the tournament. Events ran smoothly and Saturday night's dinner at the Ox Bow Inn was great.

(See Scoreboard for summary of games and scores.)

Many people are interested in having more information about the different players. Such information as occupation, height, weight, age; and most of all their training programs, seem to be of great interest. We have interviewed players from the pros to the golden masters. We asked them the following question: "What is your usual training program?"

Steve Keeley: Pro, age 26, 6 ft., 172 lbs. Occupation: Veterinarian. "I run 6-8 miles every other day. I play two hours every other day. I play right up to the day before the tournament. I do this because my first two rounds in a tournament are usually pretty easy."

Steve Serot: Pro, age 19, 6-2, 180 lbs. Occupation: College Student. "I practice alone a lot. I run 2½ miles a day every day, up until the Wednesday before the tournament. I also play 1½ hours every day. The day before, I'll hit by myself, or just lay off."

Charlie Brumfield: Pro, age 26, 5-11½, 175-180 lbs. Occupation: Lawyer. "I play 2 hours a day every day. I also do 50 situps, 50 pushups, 20 pullups, and 20 dips. These are broken up through the day. I'm not doing any

lbs. Occupation: Clothing Sales Representative. "I play four times a week for an hour and a half. I jog two miles a day every day. I quit two days before the tournament, and hit by myself for 45 minutes to an hour each day."

Craig McCoy: Age 18, 6-1, 172 lbs. Occupation: High School Student. "I only play twice a week, as there is no one to play at home. I practice an hour a day by myself. I also do 40-yard sprints for thirty minutes, combined with exercises. Sometimes I'll go to San Diego for a weekend, and play the best players. Last weekend I played Keeley ten games in two days."

Dr. Bud Muehleisen: Pro, and senior, age 43, 6-0, 174 lbs. Occupation: Dentist. "I try to play the best competition every other day. I do no running. Maybe, if I'm super psyched up, I'll ride the stationary bike."

Myron Roderick: Pro, and senior, age 40, 5-6, 165 lbs. Occupation: IRA Executive Director. "I play when I can. I try to play at least four times a week, and do some running. I also do some limbering up exercises."

Charlie Garfinkel: Pro, and senior, age 36, 6-0, 200 lbs, wingspan 84

hours a day 3-5 times a week. I play hard when I play. I try to work on my weak shots. I run 600 steps in the stadium at Arizona State three times a week."

Jenny Harding: Pro, age 23. Occupation: Dental Hygienist. "I play an hour a day; four to five times a week. I run a mile a day; six days a week. I also do bending and stretching exercises for fifteen minutes with Joe La Prinzi." When asked who Joe La Prinzi was, Jenny replied, "He does the exercise show every morning on TV." (I can't watch it, because I'm just getting my costume ready for Sesame Street at that time.)

Joe Gibbs: Open, and B Singles, age 34, 6-0, 207 lbs. Occupation: Assistant Head Coach of St. Louis Cardinals football team. "I play every other day for an hour and a half. On the other days, I hit for an hour by myself, and run 2½ to 3 miles." Joe continued, "Racquetball is a great conditioner for athletes. Physically it is great. There is explosive movement. There is good hand-eye coordination. Football players are realizing the value of racquetball."

GARFINKEL VIEWS

INSTRUCTION

... the habits of some top racquetball players.

running though. I've had too many muscle pulls. The Wednesday and Thursday before the tournament, I'll hit forty-five minutes by myself." (Charlie also works 4 hours a day on ways to psych out his opponent.)

Steve Strandemo: Pro, age 25, 5-9, 155 lbs. Occupation: Ektelon Sales Promotion Manager. "I work out 2 hours a day three or four days a week at the beach. We mark off points at 7 to 8 foot intervals in the sand. I sprint from point to point as hard as I can go. We also work on weights, side jumps, and other sprints. I also try to play 4-5 times a week for two hours a day. If away on business, I try to run up to ten miles a day." (We hope Steve gets himself in shape.)

Bill Schmidke: Pro, age 33, 6-1, 182 lbs. Occupation: Court Club Manager. "I practice by myself as much as I can. I play at least six games a day up to two days before the tournament. I skip rope a lot besides. The last two days I'll still hit by myself." (He also has to get his tote bag ready to carry all his clothes. This usually takes about 15 seconds.)

Mike Zeitman: Pro, age 26, 6-1, 175

inches. Occupation: Reading Resource Teacher. Known as the "Big Bird," "I try to fly 15-20 miles a day to keep my wings loose. I also lift my 100 lb. bird cage 50 times a day. Actually, I play 4-5 times weekly for an hour at a time. 3-4 times a week, I'll hit for 30 minutes by myself. I do ten repetitions of the IRA Star drill, run 2½ miles, and then do 5-7 minutes of stretching and pulling exercises."

Tom McKie: Open Singles, age 30, 5-10, 160 lbs. Occupation: Teaching Pro. "I play two days a week due to teaching so much. I'll hit by myself, and run up to three miles a day. Again, this depends on how much time I have."

Pete Wright: Open Singles, age 23. Occupation: Racquetball Club Manager. "I try to play five days a week for an hour and a half each time. I also lift a few weights. I don't run much; due to a bad knee."

Peggy Steding: Pro, age 38. Occupation: Housewife. "I play two hours a day; four-to-five times a week. I practice entirely against men. I do no running."

Jan Pasternak: Pro, age 21. Occupation: College Student. "I play two

"As for myself, it gives me an outlet. I used to play golf. Physically, it is worthless. This game is a challenge. I want to see how good I can get."

Bruce Diamond: B Singles, age 36, 6-1, 190 lbs. "I can only play twice a week due to my textile business. That is why I had to default in the finals. I'm not in shape."

David Shoss: Golden masters, age 66, retired. "I work out every day. I play 3-5 games of singles a day plus 2-3 doubles games. I also do 250 sit ups, and I do bench pressing and curls. I've been doing it for thirty years." If you've ever seen Mr. Shoss's physique, you'd think that you were looking at a man of 40!

Dr. Bill Perkins: Age 57. "I play five days a week. I play about an hour and a half every day. I swim a mile every day, and I run two miles a day. I also do some situps and leglifts."

As you can see, the overall program seems to consist of: 1) Playing, 2) Practicing by yourself, 3) Running, 4) Supplemental exercises, 5) Gradual tapering off as the tournament nears.

We hope that we have given you a better idea of the way players in all categories train.

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Court club association
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driving and guiding force . . .

U. S. Court Clubs Association

By Jim Austin
Executive Director, USCCA

The United States Court Club Association (USCCA) held its first seminar recently in Los Angeles covering such subjects as club financing, pro-shop operations, membership structuring, and court club charges. Court club enthusiasts and owners from throughout the country were on hand for the two-day affair which most observers decided was a highly successful and long overdue development.

The newly formed USCCA is a non-profit membership organization devoted to the development of court clubs as a means for promoting the sports of racquetball and handball throughout the United States.

At the present time the association is governed by a nine-member interim executive committee, which will serve until the September annual meeting in St. Louis. At that time the membership will elect the formal executive committee.

Transcripts of the Los Angeles Seminar are available for a copy price of \$25 to present and future association members. In addition to the subjects already mentioned, seminar members discussed costs and techniques, bookkeeping systems, and went into detail on one of the best analyses of court club financing most members had experienced.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Interim members of the Executive committee include the following:

Jim Brubaker, National Sales Manager
Vittert Sports, St. Louis, Mo.

Len Streams, Supreme Court Centers
Sunnyvale, Calif.

Ralph Smith, president, Sports Unlimited
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Norm Padgett, president, J. W. Newman Corp.,
and U.S. Racquetball, Inc., Los Angeles

Red Lerlille, owner, Red Lerlille's Health
and Racquet Club, Lafayette, Louisiana

Charlie Brumfield, vice-president, Brum
Star, Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Teena Snyder, vice-president, D. B. Frampton
Company, Columbus, Ohio

Tom Kendall, vice-president, Indoor Sports
Houston, Texas

Jim Austin, president, Court Club Develop-
ment Corp., Houston, Texas

Members of the USCCA are eligible for benefits, including public relations and promotion kits, group insurance, club casual and liability insurance, group purchasing, new products reviews, club listings, regular newsletter, industry analysis profiles, accounting and tax information, group representation, reciprocal agreements with other member clubs, professional management training seminars, national statistical surveys concerning the industry, national club directory, consultation services, package tours for member clubs, club program ideas, a clearing house for tournament data, training and certification of teaching professionals for handball and racquetball, and product discounts on building materials.

Applications for membership are available by writing to USCCA, 3025 Nottingham, Houston, Texas 77005.

Membership is not limited to court owners. Sustaining memberships at \$500 annually are available to organizations or products manufacturers directly concerned with racquetball and/or handball. Associate memberships at \$100 annually are available to prospective club owners or managers.

Regular memberships—for those owning an existing facility—are \$100 plus \$10 a court annually.

The next seminar conducted by the USCCA will be in conjunction with the September annual meeting and election in St. Louis, Missouri.

Have You Renewed Your IRA Memberships?



Return of Serve:

What's your best bet to keep from losing too many points and get the serve back so you can score some points of your own?

To understand the concept of the serve return, we'll have to review some racquetball theory. At the moment you return the serve, you are in the worst possible strategic position you can be in, during the course of a rally. Unless your opponent has dubbed the serve

the gallery. The kill shot is to racquetball, what the grand slam homer is to baseball and the 80-yard touchdown is to football. But to try to kill the ball on serve return is dumb. Let me repeat that—DUMB, DUMB, DUMB!!!

All the cold and calculating center court theory is working against you. If you hit the ball in the dirt, you have in essence awarded your opponent a free point that he didn't have to sweat one drop to earn. If you leave the ball

The Brumfield Way

By Charles Brumfield

completely, you will be striking your return from either the deep left or the deep right corner; completely out of center court position.

If the server/opponent is doing his job, you are about to receive his best attempt to keep you out of the coveted center court and elicit a weak return. If you do misplay your serve return, your opponent can either kill the ball immediately or send you on a punishing "tour" of the facility with well placed passing shots.

Racquetball is a game where you must constantly struggle to regain and retain the center court. And if you intend to win any games, you had better start immediately with the return of service. There are five possible serve returns. Analyze them along with me so you can get some idea of what you should be trying to do with your return. From then on it is a simple yet tedious matter of learning to execute. But, like I say, it doesn't help you too much if you know HOW to hit if you don't know what to hit, so try to get interested in the theory of the thing.

Kill Shot:

The kill shot is the flashiest and most demoralizing of the game's possible serve returns. Everyone loves to hit those flat out rollers that trickle out of the crotch to the adulations of

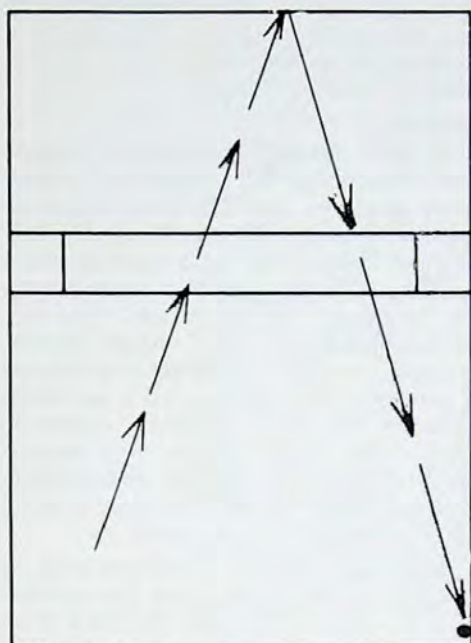
up you might just as well walk over a couple of feet and get ready to return serve again because any player with any kind of experience will make you eat that ball.

So why try it? How many balls are you going to hit for absolute winners off your opponent's best shot, his serve? I can't hit very many percentage-wise and if you can, send me your name and I'll bet on you in the next International tournament.

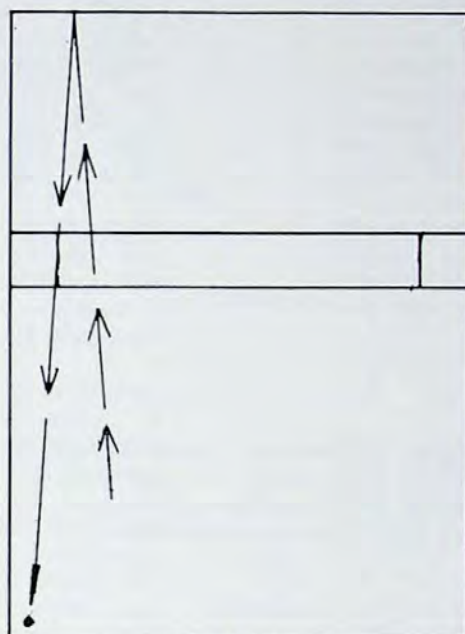
To my way of thinking, the only reason EVER to shoot the serve return is to keep your opponent off-balance. You want to prevent him from backing out so far that he can effortlessly cover whatever shot you throw at him. For that reason, I will go for a winner every eight shots or so, just to keep him honest. If I kill the ball, great, if not at least I've got him worrying. But don't get me wrong. This isn't a mechanical type deal where every eighth shot my opponent can sprint for the front court because he knows I'm going to shoot the ball.

I mix up my pattern. Sometimes I even shoot two or three balls in a row. The only thing I try to avoid is fighting the percentages and beating myself with costly mental errors. The execution of the kill shot depends on the shot attempted and will be taken up in a later article. For now just remember to use it sparingly.

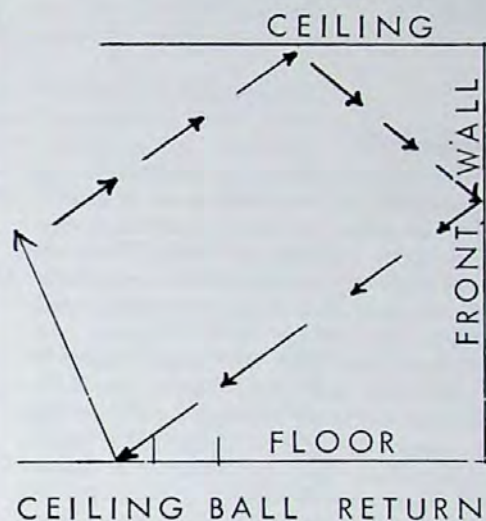
RACQUETBALL



CROSS COURT DRIVE



DOWN THE LINE DRIVE



CEILING BALL RETURN

Drive Shot:

This is a medium flat shot you want to hit about four feet up on the front wall, struck with enough force to generate the speed necessary to pass your opponent on either side. There are two variations to the drive shot return of serve.

First, down the line. Simple geometry will tell you that an up and down the line drive will pass your opponent in the shortest distance and therefore in the shortest time. The problem with this variation is difficulty of execution. If the down the line drive catches the side wall at any point prior to when it passes the opponent it probably will pop out for an easy set up.

Also, the down the line drive, not being designed to hit the side wall, will often rebound off the back wall for a set up. The advantage of the down the line drive is that if it remains close to the side wall, it is difficult for your opponent to hit squarely. Also, if two right handed players are competing against each other, a down the line

drive will go to your opponent's backhand, which is normally weaker.

The second variation on the drive serve is the cross court drive and is designed to bisect the angle of the court, hitting the exact middle of the front wall and passing your opponent on his forehand side, if you are both right handed. The danger with this shot is that it is directed at your opponent's forehand, and if it is not hit properly, it gives him opportunity to "cut the ball off" in front court and shoot it into the right front corner quickly before you can get up to cover.

The advantage of the cross court is that you can hit with much less accuracy than the down the line and still be effective.

Lob:

This is a shot designed to float softly over your opponent's head and force him to vacate center court while retreating to the back court to return



KILL RETURN

The Brumfield way

the ball. The lob may be hit either up and down the line or cross cut. However, this shot is much more effective in paddleball than racquetball, where the livelier ball almost always flies off the back wall for a set up. You only want to try such a shot when there's little else you can do to get the ball to the back court, because it will force your opponent to hit his next shot from deep court and give you time to recover to a center court covering position.

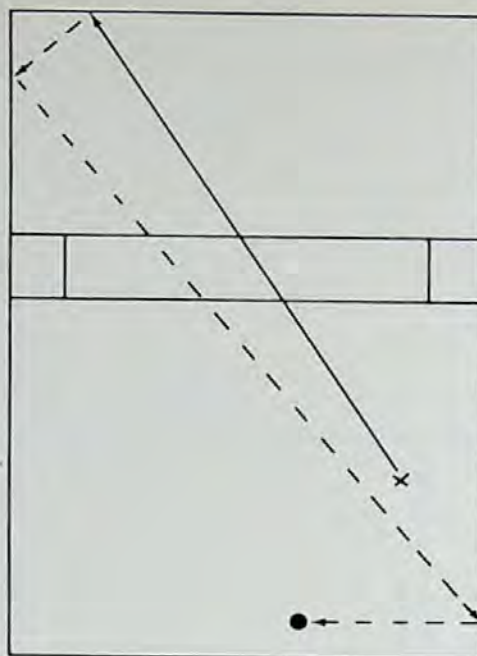
Ceiling Ball:

The ceiling ball is the safest shot in racquetball. It has done more to transform the game into one of patience and poise than any other shot. The ball when properly struck with a free flowing arm and shoulder movement, will contact the ceiling first between one and five feet from the front wall. If struck with sufficient force, the ball will then come off the front wall, strike the floor and carry deep into back court, often just reaching the back wall. This shot is almost impossible to cut off effectively, forcing your opponent to return the ball from deep back court taking the ball shoulder high with no real offensive shot.

The ceiling ball may be hit either cross court or down the line. The down the line ceiling ball is usually the most effective. You should practice the shot until you can make the ball "hug" the side wall as it travels toward back court. If the ball stays close to the side wall it will make it very difficult for your opponent to control his return. However, if the shot touches the side wall it may pop out toward the center court for a forehand set up.

The cross court ceiling ball is a safer shot and easier to execute. You should strike the cross court ceiling ball so that it hits the ceiling very close to the front wall and at about the center of the court. The consequent rebound angle will carry the ball into the back corner of the court. The common error when hitting the cross court ceiling ball is to hit the ceiling too far toward the opposite side wall. The angle will then be too extreme and the ceiling ball will not carry very deep before it strikes the opposite side wall and sets up.

All ceiling balls hit from the back court should be timed so as to hit the ceiling first. However, there are certain rare circumstances when you'll want to go the ceiling from front court. Anytime you are in the front



Z-BALL

portion of the court, you should aim to hit the front wall first and then the ceiling, adjusting the angle to have the ball float down into back court.

Around the Wall Ball:

This shot is also intended to move your opponent out of center court position and keep him at bay deep in back court. It adds a new dimension if your opponent is to illicit an effective return. That is, "angle" is the special promise of the around-the-wall ball. If properly hit it moves in crazy angles around the court and finally dies at the back wall. Although, there are two variations in the around-the-wall ball. I will discuss one in this article, the other being primarily a doubles shot and generally ineffective in singles play.

The around-the-wall ball known as the Z-ball is an effective defensive shot in singles play if executed in the proper manner and at the proper time. It is designed to strike the front wall first, high in the corner, with sufficient angle and force to then strike the side wall and travel diagonally cross court, without hitting the floor, and finally rebounding off the opposite side wall and moving parallel to the back wall. As you learn to control this shot, it is possible to place the ball within two or three feet of the back wall moving parallel to it. This proves to be a most difficult ball to return and is most effective as a serve return to move your opponent out of center court. But

this same return is undoubtedly the most difficult to master.

Because, the shot is so hard to execute, it is essential that it only be attempted when the right ball presents itself. If you attempt the "Z" serve return off of a low drive serve, or a ball moving right along the wall, you are more apt to botch the shot than if you try the more conventional drive, lob, or ceiling return. So with the "Z" return, more than any other, it is necessary to let the type of serve dictate the type of return. It is most effective if used on a Garfinkel or serve that ends up a little short at three quarters court.

Summary:

At other times I have talked a great deal about the all important center court position and the importance of remaining alert when putting the ball in play. I have also held forth in some detail the proper grip for hitting both the forehand and backhand. The implementation of these basic fundamentals into your game style is crucial if you want to improve your performance on the court. It never ceases to amaze me how many tournament players even in today's competition still give only token attention to such basic principles of good play.

Make the center court position as familiar as your home and your return to this position habitual. Practice your grip on everything from a pencil to the steering wheel of your car. Finally, THINK about your game, your strengths and weaknesses and how to maximize the former and minimize the latter.

In discussing the serve I hope I've emphasized strongly enough the need to make this your best shot—it's by far the most important. Take advantage of your opponent, it's your chance to do so. Let me mention further, the need to give your opponent a variety of serves early in the game helps you identify his weak areas and reformulate an already established game plan.

Finally, when returning the serve remember you are on the defensive and your opponent has every advantage. Careless errors at this point in the game are costly and hard to recover. A well thought out serve return which allows you to recover the center court position is many times more valuable than a flashy quick "kill", which you leave up for a soft plum.

Vary your returns as you would the serve, this helps identify weak areas in your opponent's game and makes you a lot less predictable and, therefore, harder to control.

GENESIS

An original account
by Steve Keeley

And the Earth was without form and a basic zilch before the Great Creation. During this era of nothingness the world was composed solely of concrete and space, and God was not getting off on the idea of such a blah omnipotence.

So, He said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of this vast void." And, lo, suddenly there stood a hollow superstructure measuring twenty feet in height. And it was twice as long as it was high. And it was half as wide as long. And it was beautiful to behold.

And God dubbed his architectural wonder a Cement Chicken Coop. But upon deeper inner searching He deemed this far too funky a name and thereupon called it simply: A Racquetball Court.

And the Spirit of the Almighty dwelt somewhat selfconsciously in each of the four court corners as the morning became evening and the evening morning.

It was on the second day that God began harboring feelings of foolishness at hanging out within this great concrete box, and therefore He said, "Let there be red lines down here, and ventilation up there. And let the air flow at the rate of six-hundred cubic liters per turn of the hourglass. And, by God, let there be satisfactory light within this firmament."

And it was so.

Again the night fell; and the sun dissipated the darkness and it was the third day and still little action. Soon thereafter God gathered the dust from the corners and the cobwebs from the ceilings. He snapped his fingers expertly and said in a deep voice. "Abracadabra!" (or something like that).

The seas rose and the seas fell and the thunder applauded the lighting. The emptiness instantly yielded a peculiarly shaped instrument of jet-age fiberglass and gut, and God spoke again, saying, "Behold!" And from the nothingness there appeared a hollow rubber sphere which bounced. It bounced once, and then it bounced again. And then it broke in two. And God said, "This is not so good."

The sun rose and fell twicfold more (whatever that is). And it was on the fifth day that the Lord came up with a divinely round ball which He personally sanctified for one week, or ten

days, whichever cometh first.

Still loneliness lingered heavily within the heavenly facility. Thereupon, on the sixth day God got it all together and conjured an upright beast of bone and blood having thumbs and forefingers. And this entity took the fiberglass and gut innovation into his hand and smote the rubber sphere again and again.

As a second thought He created also a second being to position itself upon two of its appendages within the same bit of firmament. The two creations took turns in Smoting, and God saw it was good.

And the Master Workman saw everything He had made and knew it was very, very big Stuff.

Then He issued forth a proclamation, speaking in simple words and parables, and He uttered, "Hark, my earthly images. There will soon come the day when I shall send forth one to walk upon the hallowed hardwood. He shall reek of holiness and all shall revere him, for this kid cometh to show you the Strokes and the Way of the court.

"He shall give forth numerous donuts and strike abundant freak balls and perform other miracles of courtly good. His spirit shall pervade the court realm, and his will will be done even as the lion rules unchallenged as lord of the Jungles. Like a tree shall he be! And, too, he shall be hairy and sturdy as the moss-covered trunk; fleet as the zephyrs parting the branches; and stealthy as the vegetation creeping amongst the roots. Behold the coming of this one of whom I speak, for he shall be as a mighty oak among saplings and thou shalt call him 'Serot!'"

Thus the court and the players and proclamation were finished and it was the a.m. or p.m. of the seventh day when the Lord blessed all that which He had brought into being, saying, "Let this racket multiply fruitfully across the Earth from this generation forth."

And it was so.

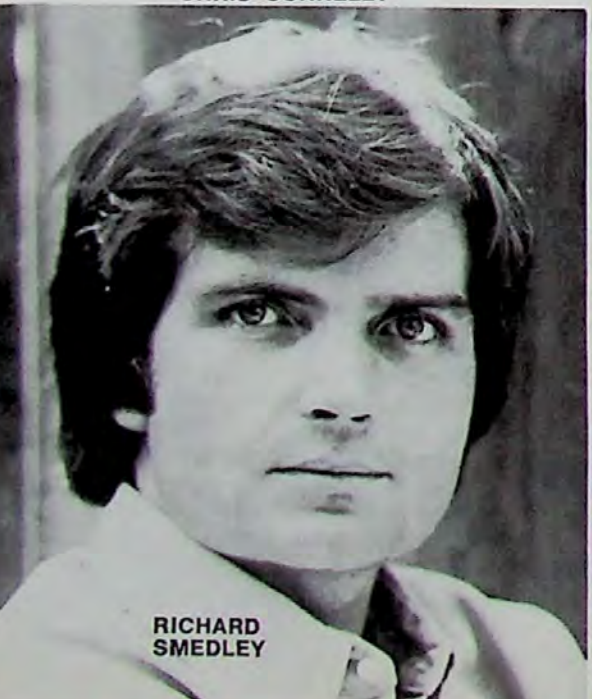
The IRA would like to point out that there is no truth to the rumor being started by Keeley that he translated the preceding from a long buried deep sea scroll. Further, some claim that Keeley probably wouldn't know his mass from a scroll in the ground.



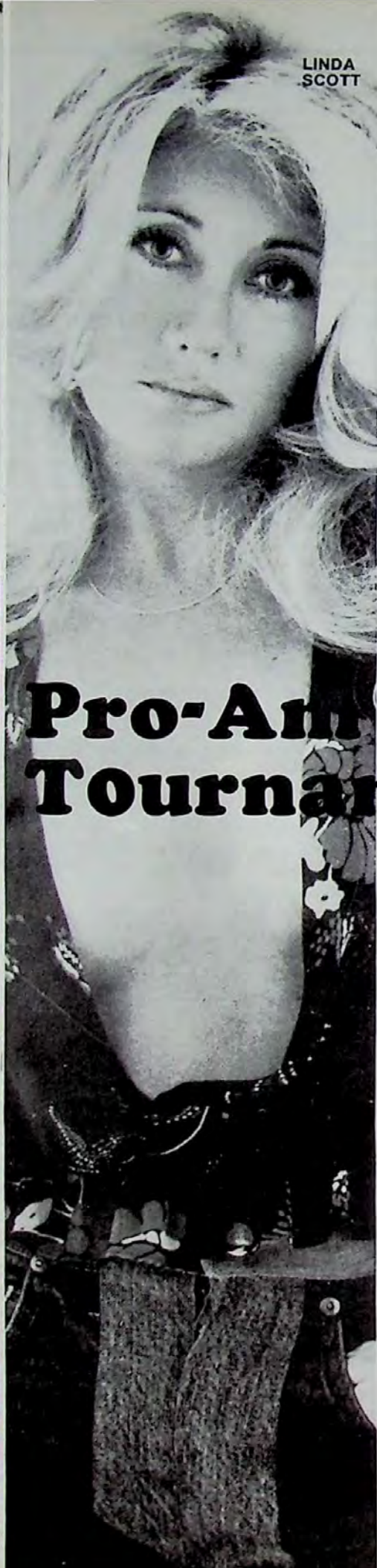
LANA WOOD



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It Was A Smash!

....What a night! For openers there was TV's Batman, Adam West, playing racquetball in the IRA Pro-Am Celebrity Tournament in Dallas. But that was just the beginning. How about the following:

—Charlie Winner, head coach of the New York Jets, teaming with Mike Adamle, co-captain of the jets in a doubles match against Jerry Hilecher and Steve Strandemo.

—Peggy Steding and Doug Kingsriter of the Minnesota Vikings discussing women in sports before TV and film cameras.

—Lovely TV star, Lana Wood and her husband, actor-

Pro-Am Celebrity Tournament

photographer Richard Smedley playing a doubles match with Bill Thurman and Wayne Wells, the Olympic wrestler.

—John Niland and Ed Mooney of the Dallas Cowboys in an incredible match with Ed White and Milt Sundae of the Vikings.

(That has to be a first for racquetball—at least a thousand pounds of well trained flesh playing one hell of a game).

—From the TV series "Peyton Place" and "Paper Moon" that fine celebrity tennis champion, Chris Connolly, receiving some professional advice (on racquetball) from Bud Muehleisen.

—And completing the celebrity day, TV star Linda Scott, last seen on a recent "Marcus Welby" episode, playing the game and learning from Jerry Hilecher.

Terrific!

All players in the matches delighted the mixed crowd of celebrity fans and racquetball enthusiasts. It was an enthusiastic beginning for a very successful tournament for the IRA.

RACQUETBALL

WINS

KEELEY

By Charles Garfinkel

Steve Keeley, a veterinarian by profession, defeated Steve Serot, a nineteen-year-old racquetball major at San Diego State in the finals of the Dallas Pro-Am Celebrity Racquetball Tournament. Keeley won \$2,000 in an incredible finals that saw him win by the scores of 21-16, 7-21, 21-15.

Keeley's busy veterinary practice has been booming. He has had two cases in the last eighteen months. They consisted of spaying a chipmunk, and removing a shell from a turtle.

The match, held at Ray and Clare Stern's Health Center was thrilling from the start. Keeley said beforehand, that "It would be a typical stereotyped supermatch."

Keeley jumped off to a 9-0 lead. He was killing everything, and Serot was missing. Serot came back, shooting and passing well to 7-9. Keeley went ahead again at 12-7.

Serot came back to 11-12. With both players literally diving for balls, rolling on the floor, slamming into the glass back wall, and making the most unimaginable shots imaginable, the score went to 15-14 Keeley. At this point, three Keeley kills, and three Serot errors gave Keeley the first game at 21-16.

Keeley said, "Even though I was ahead, I felt he would come back, and he did. I had to concentrate."

In the second game, Keeley's concentration wavered, and Serot was killing everything. (The funeral for my pet gerbil was yesterday.) At 17-6,

Keeley let the game go. In fact, Keeley said, "Serot was returning everything incredibly. He was making such impossible gets, that I was more thrilled watching him return the ball, then I was with concentrating on shooting." Serot had "Holstered Keeley's guns." (At least in game two he did.)

In the third game, Keeley jumped out to a 14-7 lead. Serot was flat on his stomach and rolled out a ball to make it 14-8. He came back to 12-14. At 12-14, the most fantastic point of the tourney occurred. Suffice to say that both players wound up three feet from the front wall. Keeley actually spun around at least five times on his posterior, and Serot rolled out a side-wall shot. It was now 13-14.

Everyone was biting their nails now, except me. After, all, my mouth couldn't reach my toes. The score went to 16-15, Keeley. At this point, three Keeley kills and two Serot errors gave Keeley the third game at 21-15. Both men were real gentlemen on the court. It was a tremendous match.

I would like to show you why the mental part of racquetball is so important. Read Keeley's comments after his second round match. "In my first match, I played poorly. (No offense, Luther.) In my second match I couldn't play any better. I'm off and I'm on. I might be burned out. I went to Michigan for my shin splints (they are two for \$1.50 there). My legs hurt, and I just rested.

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Dallas Pro-Am . . .



Brumfield and Strandemo

"In the tourneys, I usually find myself standing around until the semis, when I really have to work hard.

"I have to have a diversion. I go back to handball. I've got to do something else. I'll then play better.

"I try to get away from racquetball, but something always comes up. (I wish I was so lucky.) I've played poorly lately, and I have to concentrate."

Keeley played exactly as he stated. When he was good, he was awesome. When his concentration wavered, he looked like a different player. BUT!! He still won. This shows you can push yourself far more than you think. Of course, too much of anything is too much.

As for Serot, "Keeley was super the first game. It takes a while for me to get going. He was just shooting great.

"In game two, I was looser, and started to shoot. He finally made some errors. In game three, Keeley just played a little better than I did. He is really playing well. If I had to play it over I'd use my same game plan."

There were other great matches. In the semis, Serot defeated Charlie Brumfield for the first time in seventeen meetings.

Before the match, I asked Serot if Brumfield had the psych factor on him. "He may have a year ago," Steve replied. "But, I should have beaten

"Brumfield is tougher than ever. If he gets pneumonia, he'll be unbeatable."

him two weeks ago in another tournament. He just plain outplayed me at the end of the third game. I can beat him, if I keep playing like I've been playing."

As for Brumfield, he kept complaining about his cold, and that he was feeling weak. He was trying to shoot everything, and he was; up to the Serot match. As Keeley said, "Charlie's psychosomatic illnesses are starting up again. He'll be tougher than ever." I concurred. "If he gets pneumonia, he'll be unbeatable."

As for the match itself, Charlie jumped off to a 9-1 lead. Serot kept fighting back, and caught Charlie at 16-16. He won the game, 21-18. In the second game, it was all Serot, as he won, 21-8. Serot's reaction was a strange one as he won. He looked as if he would scream for joy, but he quiet-



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ly shook Charlie's hand. It was a well deserved win. Serot shot beautifully. Serot appeared overcome by the win, though.

After the match, he was looking for his locker. "Is my locker orange or yellow?" Serot asked. This was amazing, since the lockers were green. "My confidence is fantastic right now. That's the key to any sport. In the beginning Charlie forced me to make mistakes. I changed to a pattern game. I stayed down the walls, and forced him out of the middle. I felt no intimidation whatsoever. I've lost sixteen straight times to Charlie. I know that I can beat him now. I hope to start my own streak. I would also like to give Roy Stephens credit for my win. He has helped me a lot."

Brum was unusually quiet. "I knew I had to win the first game, or I was

through. I had to control shots better than I did. He always plays well. There's no taking it away from Serot. He's got everything."

As for the Keeley-Strandemo semis, it was a super match too.

Keeley said, "With Strandemo, it's a mental thing. I can outceiling and outshoot him. He runs better, and concentrates better than I do. If I concentrate well, I'll win." Keeley, who is perhaps the best liked player on the racquetball tour (outside of Ron Starkman) said, "I'll play well against Strandemo, but I don't know if it will be good enough to win."

The modest Keeley played super.

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"In the first game, my wallpaper serve was hugging the wall. I'd reshoot his return. It would be serve and kill.

"In game two, I lost my concentration, and Strandemo just outplayed me. In game three, I played for my shot, and I returned everything." Keeley was not kidding. He was unbelievable in the third game.

Strandemo just smiled and looked in awe in the third game. Steve said, "I wasn't sharp in the first game. In the second, I forced the ball. Keeley just outplayed me in the third. He deserved to win." The scores were 21-12, 7-21, 21-9.

The reason pro racquetball is so great is due to the fact that no one player is dominating the game. If you've noticed, each player such as

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Peggy Stedding

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Serot, Brumfield, Keeley, Strandemo, and Schmidtke, are high in their praise of each other. They respect each other's ability. The same can be said of the other divisions.

In the playoff for third place, Charlie Brumfield defeated Steve Strandemo, 21-8, 21-9. Charlie put everything away, and it appeared that Strandemo was not quite up to par.

As for Bill Schmidtke, he will be ready for the Nationals!!! His new wardrobe, consisting of four pairs of

coveralls with suspenders, three Goodwill sweatshirts, five pairs of socks in colors of orange, purple, polka dot, tattle tale gray, and off beat pink have arrived. So, finally, has Schmidtke's game.

He played his best match in recent months in the quarterfinals losing to Keeley by scores of 21-11, 9-21, 21-14.

In the first game Keeley was consistent. He had a super serve and ceiling game. When he got his shot, he put it away.

Once again, Keeley's concentration started playing tricks on him. He let up. Schmidtke got hot to win game two at 21-9.

In game three the score was 14-4, and then 17-7. Schmidtke playing just great, got back to 17-14. That was all. Keeley ran it out at 21-14.

Schmidtke said, "I'm playing and shooting better. I felt good in there. Why I gave him so many points, I don't know? I couldn't get going in the beginning. I changed racquets. It was heavier, and I played better.

The lead in the third was too much for me to overcome. I played well. It's coming. I'll be ready for the Nationals. I have to get in a little better shape, but I know my game is there." The other players realize this, too.

Keeley said, "Perhaps I was too overconfident. One thing is sure. Schmidtke will be tough from now on."

Schmidtke, who calls this reporter "The Big Bird," said he appreciates all the nice things I've done and said about him. In fact, he gave me a year's supply of birdseed, and insisted that I stay in his 5 by 8 foot cage in his backyard; the next time that I'm in Minneapolis.

When talking to Keeley, he said, "Serot is the only one in racquetball who is least likely to be upset in a match." As he said this, I heard the referee say, "McCoy 18, serving 2." Steve Serot the superstar with Medusa's hairdo, was being destroyed. How could it be? Listen to Steve's remarks. "McCoy was ready to go. He played the best ceiling game I've ever seen. Every ball that he hit was fantastic. I was just plain blown out the door. He was incredible.

"I knew that he couldn't keep playing like that. NO ONE COULD KEEP PLAYING LIKE THAT!! (Not even Dan Hilecher.)

"I tried to force him into mistakes, but I barely won game two, 21-19. I was ahead, 15-3, in the third game, and I was making very few mistakes. I forced him to make errors. He started to get hot again. I finally won, 21-13. He is really tough."

McCoy said, "I played my game. I mixed up my serves to his forehand and backhand. I played my shots, and I was hot." (He was so hot, that scorch marks are still on the walls.)

"In the second game, I had a lapse. I then started hitting again. It was close all the way. At 19-19 he glared at me. I just smiled and waved at him. He hung on to win though.

"In the third game, my old concentration problem came back. I was down, 13-1, and it was too late. I came back; but it wasn't good enough."

Charlie Brumfield played super in his first two matches, and he continued the pattern against Mike Zeitman. Mike (The Super Jew) didn't play that badly.

Charlie's old modesty showed up before the match. "I just wanted to shoot. Usually there is no chance for Zeitman to beat me, but I'm tired. If it goes three, I'm in trouble.

"I haven't had a good workout yet. I got more in a practice session with Richie Wagner in San Diego, than I did in my first two matches." (He played Porco and me. You can imagine how thrilled we were to hear this. I'm not mad at Charlie, but I've ripped up all his old pictures and stories from RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE). "I should win, but it could be tough."

Zeitman didn't have much to say. "Brumfield played well, but I could have played better."

In the last quarterfinal match, Steve Strandemo played Dr. Bud Muehleisen. Brumfield had given Dr. Bud lots of confidence by saying, "Gee, Bud,

"Steve Smith and Marty Hogan pull major upsets of the tournament . . ."

Serot, Keeley, and I have tough matches. Strandemo is the only one who has a bye."

Dr. Bud played well. The match was closer than the 21-14, 21-12, scores indicate. Dr. Bud said, "I played my game. I just got beat. His drive serve was tough. I was moving well. He's in such great shape though. Figure out how many great gets he made. Count how many I got. My legs are a little tight now, but I'm satisfied. It was good racquetball."

Dr. Bud's practice is booming again. He told me he had worked two hours last Monday. This was a good hour and fifteen minutes more than his normal work day. The strain was so much he had to lay off for two days to recuperate.

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Player	Opponent	Score
Charlie Brumfield	Brumfield	21-3 21-5
Ken Porco	Brumfield	21-6 21-2
Randy Stafford	Garfinkel	21-9 21-6
Charlie Garfinkel	Garfinkel	21-9 21-6
Jerry Hilecher	Hilecher	5-21, 21-9, 21-4
Eric Campbell	Zeitman	21-11 21-20
Jim Austin	Zeitman	21-10, 21-10
Mike Zeitman	Zeitman	21-10, 21-10
Steve Serot	Serot	21-18, 21-8
Mike Clegg	Serot	21-1 21-5
Steve Smith	Smith	21-9 21-5
Dave Bledsoe	Smith	21-15, 21-14
Craig McCoy	McCoy	21-20, 21-6
Bob Lampley	McCoy	21-13, 21-18
Marty Hogan	Hogan	20-21, 21-14 21-20
Myron Roderick	Hogan	20-21, 21-14 21-20
Steve Strandemo	Strandemo	21-3 21-6
Jim Jordan	Strandemo	21-7 21-7
Rolie Treat	Thurman	21-12, 21-14
Bill Thurmand	Thurman	21-12, 21-14
Bill Dunn	Dunn	21-12, 21-15
Mike Romano	Dunn	21-12, 21-15
Ron Starkman	Muehleisen	21-19, 10-21 21-9
Bud Muehleisen	Muehleisen	21-10, 17-21, 21-13
Steve Keeley	Keeley	21-17, 21-10
Luther Bernstein	Keeley	21-17, 21-10
Joe Ycaza	Ycaza	forfeit
Lou Concha	forfeit	forfeit
Bill Schmidtke	Schmidtke	21-14, 21-13
Pete Wright	Schmidtke	21-11 21-12
Bill Sellars	McKie	21-11, 21-4
Tom McKie	McKie	21-11, 21-4

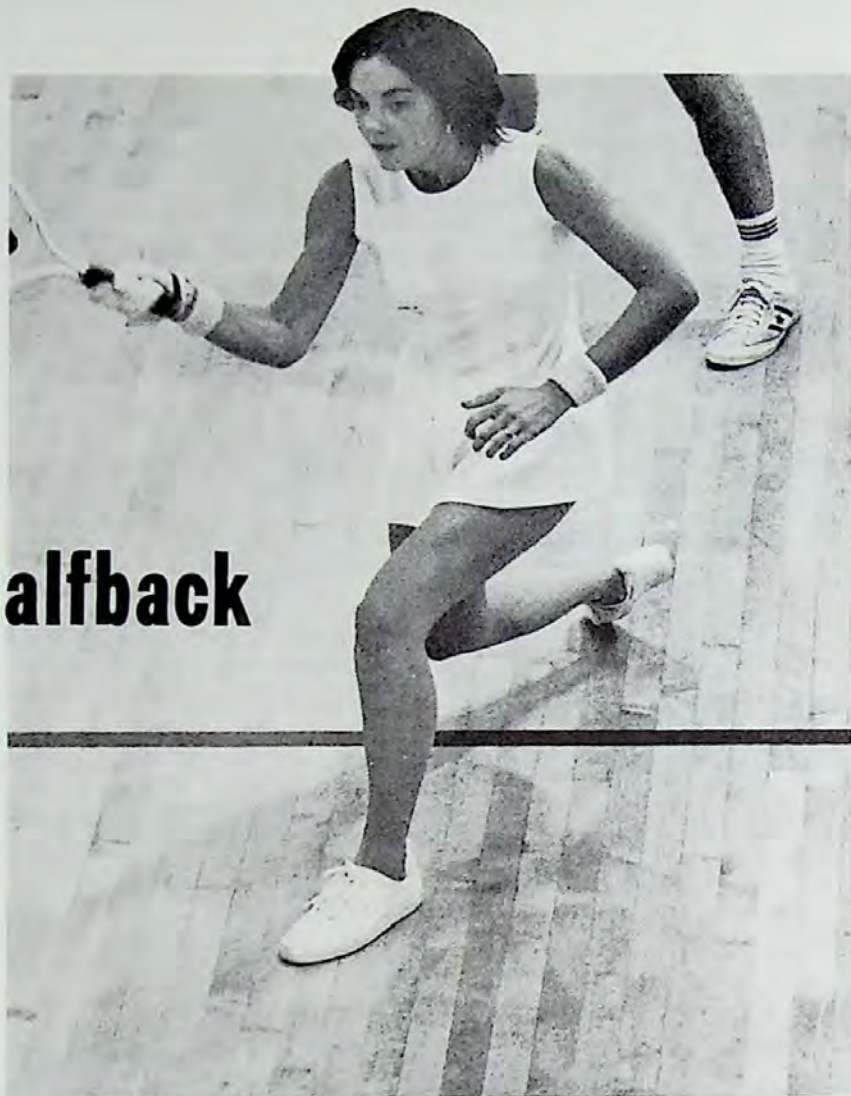
A generation ago the word Messerschmidt was equated with devastating speed in the form of WW II fighter planes. Today the name is equated with devastating speed around the Indiana area, but in a different and more socially acceptable form of combat.

Nancy Messerschmidt is a five-foot-three, 105-pound athlete who has been giving men the run around on racquetball courts in Fort Wayne and Bloomington ever since she discovered the game a year ago.

Ms. Messerschmidt is currently leading her all male racquetball league at the Fort Wayne YMCA. She ad-

The 105 pound halfback from Indiana U.

By Ralph Smith



mits being able to beat most of the men in the area with whom she has played, although on off-days a game might go either way.

Among the toughest male competition she has encountered on the home courts has been Al McClure. Ms. Messerschmidt says she had heard about how good he was before she played him, and was possibly "psyched out" before the game. The first one was a disaster with the score going 2-1 against her, but in the second game she began to understand his play better and—although beaten—she managed to score ten or fifteen points.

The attractive young brunette—she is 22, and single—has been playing since January a year ago. Her first acquaintance with the game came during her senior year at Indiana University where she was a Fine Arts major, with minors in history and physical education.

As part of her PE studies she enrolled in a racquetball class to learn more about the game. Before that she had been on her high school tennis team and had been swimming competitively for about ten years. Other sports were well known to her, but racquetball was entirely new.

As a result of that curiosity she was soon playing in competition with her

instructors Pat Simpson and Layton Shoemaker, and later with Dr. Baumgartner. It was these three who got her hooked on the game. After graduation she enrolled at her home town YMCA racquetball class—in order to improve her game—but wound up teaching instead of being taught.

Ms. Messerschmidt is still trying to find time to improve. She has a full schedule. She is employed at Nobbson's (an Indiana chain of women's wear) in sales and display, and at the Canterbury Green apartment and country club complex. Additionally she teaches two courses in racquetball at the Fort Wayne YMCA and will soon be teaching the game to IU students.

Between playing about three evenings a week, and teaching, Nancy Messerschmidt believes her game is getting better. She feels the strongest part of her game is probably her forehand, but adds that recently she has been improving her backhand. "I have been working on that, and this week I

was proud of my backhand side. I am waiting longer for the ball, and it is all starting to go together more . . . but I still have a lot to learn."

Tournament pairings drew some special comments from Ms. Messerschmidt who felt more care could be given to the standings of women players in tournaments. Men players are ranked A, B, and C, but no such identification is awarded women. As a result, she said, a class "A" woman player may be paired with a class "C" player, resulting in almost certain defeat or elimination of the class "C" player.

For herself, she likes the present system, and finds it benefits her. "The only way to improve your game is to play against people who are better than you are. So, I don't mind the lack of seeding or ranking. But many beginning players find it unfair."

With three or four tournaments behind her the Fort Wayne lass is still feeling her way in racquetball competition. At the Eau Claire tournament

she lost to Ev Dillin who went on to win the women's play.

Ms. Messerschmidt described Ev Dillin as being the toughest woman player she had met—or at least one of the two toughest. Of Ms. Dillin she said, "Ev plays a fantastic game. She is very, very good."

Nancy Messerschmidt entered the Eastern Kentucky women's tournament in January, winning some; losing some. The women's singles was won by Camille McCarthy, also from Indiana, and Nancy found herself in the loser's bracket after two games with her home state competitor (21-1, 21-3), but she agreed that it was this sort of intense play she had been missing.

"There is a difference between men and women players that I haven't figured out, and I am looking forward to more tournament play away from the Fort Wayne vicinity in which more women are entered. Nearly all of my experience has been playing against men," she said.

Asked about the reaction of people at the "Y" when she shows up for what was advertised as an all male tournament, she laughed and said, "I get a lot of stares." But, she added, "no complaints."

More women are beginning to take up the game, she observed. At the Canterbury Green apartment complex where she gives instructions in racquetball, and at the Y, courts are booked full.

"It is a faster game than tennis," she said, "and requires greater endurance and concentration. There is less reaction time between shots, and a person who wants to play a good game finds he is more fatigued mentally after a game than he is physically."

"I think a racquetball player must have greater control over the ball than is necessary in tennis, although it is important in both games." Then, she adds, "But I have only been playing for a year, and have so much to learn. This is the reason I am trying to enter as many tournaments as possible. There's no way of knowing what I can do unless I try."

Opponents of the petite brunette sometimes find it difficult to reconcile her size with the intensity of her play, but they might want to remember the opposition back at Indiana University also encountered this when she was playing half-back on her intra-mural football team. The team, as one might have guessed, won the league title.

And, some people are toying with the thought that had she concentrated on football as intently as she has racquetball that she—instead of Joe Namath—might be giving pantyhose commercials right today.

In the playoff for fifth place, Zeitman beat Schmidtke, 21-19, 21-13, in a friendly, casual match.

In the round of 16, some of the better matches were Dr. Bud's three game win over Bill Dunn by 21-19, 10-21, 21-9. Zeitman also defeated Jerry Hilecher, 21-11, 21-20, in a mild upset.

In the first round, Steve Smith defeated Davey Bledsoe in a major upset, and Marty Hogan won an unbelievable thriller over Myron Roderick, 20-21, 21-12, 21-20. Myron had a set-up at 20-20, but couldn't put it away.

In all fairness, Myron and his lovely wife, practically ran the whole tournament, and he was not his usual impenetrable self. Hogan was tremendous, however.

Another good match was Jerry Hilecher's win over newcomer Eric Campbell; a converted squash player. The scores were 9-21, 21-9, 21-5. Campbell showed well in his first major tournament.

Garfinkel's win over Stafford was surprising in that it figured to be much closer on paper. Gar won by scores of 21-9, 21-6.

In the men's open final, two lefties from Dallas hooked up in a match with strange scores. Pete Wright defeated Tom McKie by the scores of 8-21, 21-8, 21-8.

Pete said, "Tom moves better than I do. He was serving and shooting well in game-one. He picked up a lot of points. The last two games, I started serving and shooting well. He gave me a lot of shots."

McKie said, "It's always close when we play. I beat Pete in three the last time we played. It's as Pete said. I played well in game one. He played better the last two."

About this time, I was getting a little tired of writing. I bought a beer. I wanted a glass, but the bartender gave me a gallon jug. I protested. The bartender said, "Son, everything seems five times as big in Texas. Drink up." I did. It was too much for me. I couldn't believe that this was an average Texas drink. I drank so much I had to use the bathroom. I asked how to get there. The bartender said, "take a left, and then another left." I took a left, and then a right by mistake. I fell into the club's swimming pool, they told me later. Being drunk, I didn't know where I was, of course. All I know is, I suddenly saw another person. I screamed, "Don't flush!! Don't flush!!"

In the women's pro open a miracle occurred. Peggy Steding lost her first game in almost two years.

It occurred in the semifinals against

Jenny Harding. Jenny, from Portland, Oregon, won the first game, 21-19. Peggy won the last two, 21-11, 21-12. Jenny said, "Naturally, it's the best I've ever played. I was shooting and drive serving every time. I kept her on the defensive. I hit the side wall on my serve in the second game. It changed the match around. She came on to win."

In the finals, Peggy beat Jan Pasternak, 21-20, 21-7. She was down 18-20 in the first game. Jan said, "I'm playing better. The lively ball is to Peggy's disadvantage. It's tough to stay on top of her. I was ahead 20-18, and couldn't hold it. I'm shooting much more now."

"Starkman is one of the best right side doubles players in the country . . ."

Peggy's one game loss was such a shock, that she was almost arrested by Wyatt Earp for shaving points.

In the senior singles final, Charlie Garfinkel finally defeated Myron Roderick after losing two close matches and one debacle in other tournaments. "Myron never played better. He peaked for our match." Actually, Myron finally became a mortal. He was missing some shots, and not moving as well as he can. At the same time, Garfinkel was moving and shooting well. The scores were 21-13, 21-15. Myron said my win could push me into the top ten of the Seniors. Thanks, Myron.

We can't forget Ron Starkman. Besides playing a tough three game match against Myron (21-3, 20-21, 21-14) he also went three close games with Dr. Bud in the pro. I owe him an apology for not mentioning it earlier. He will be playing more now, and he is one of the best right side doubles players in the country.

In the Masters Singles, Jack Hood defeated genial Dan Hilecher in a hard fought three games.

The B Singles had an unusual wind-up. Joe Gibbs won by default over Bruce Diamond. Bruce said, "I'm so exhausted from my long semifinals, that I can't even move. I'll have to default."

In the Golden Masters sixty-six-year-old David Schoss defeated Dr. Bill Perkins, 21-1, 21-5. Mr. Schoss is in incredible shape, and has the physique of a man twenty-five years younger.

See you in Houston, podnuh!



Extramural coaches at Memphis State are, standing, left to right: Geddes Self, Jr., racquetball coach; Frank Simonton, volleyball; and Larry Edwards, handball. Seated are: Wayne Guthch, wrestling; program director Lige Thurman; and Eddie Ellsworth, weightlifting.

Self begins fourth year as racquetball coach

Geddes Self, Jr., racquetball coach at Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee, is one of several sports enthusiasts who are part-time coaches and full time faculty members.

Memphis state has fielded a racquetball team for the past three years according to information from the school's department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and the game is one of five men's extramural sports.

In addition to racquetball the university sponsors teams in volleyball, handball, weightlifting and wrestling.

The extramural sports program is an outgrowth of the intramural programs and provides a method for

competition with other universities.

Extramural Sports Director Lige Thurman points out that the teams are created by the school in cooperation with student interest clubs who have made known their interests and desires for special sports activity not otherwise provided by the school.

Tacoma Y conducts 15.6 games per hour

Racquetball in Tacoma is alive and well, with a December tournament just completed; the third annual "Daffy Open" scheduled for May; and, the local YMCA conducting free clinics and tournaments.

The Tacoma YMCA is setting up a women's racquetball program that will be a permanent part of the Y's physi-

cal fitness routine. Sid Williams, IRA state chairman for Washington, was asked to help design the program.

At McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Sid Williams out-dueled Major Franz Doleman—21-8 and 21-7—to win the Open Singles tournament December 12.

The AFB drew 35 entrants. Williams congratulated the base gym staff for running a fine tournament and instructional clinics with emphasis on rules and sportsmanship.

The Tacoma YMCA has been sponsoring free clinics and (one game, 15 points) tournaments. The most recent one day tournament included 46 entrants who played a total of 156 games in ten hours on four courts. The "Y" reported that for many this was their first experience in formal, refereed competition.

Ontario to host three day tourney

The Family YMCA in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, will be the tournament site for the second annual Northern Ontario and Upper Peninsula of Michigan's Open Singles Racquetball Championships.

According to Graham Geldart of the Sault, who is serving as tournament director, the three-day championship round and consolation bracket are scheduled for March 21, 22, and 23.

Geldart said that any racquetball player who wishes to compete in the tournament is invited to take part.

Deadline for tournament registration is March 15. There is a \$5 entry fee. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 15. Tournament drawings will be sent to all participants, with times and dates indicated for respective matches, following the March 15 registration deadline.

Trophies will be given to the first three places in the open singles event and to first place in the consolation bracket. Rules are according to the International Racquetball Association.

Applications and additional information on the tournament may be obtained from the Family YMCA, 235 McNabb St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, phone 705-949-3133.

Time To Renew

Now is a good time to renew your membership in the International Racquetball Association.

Cortland makes bid for NE regionals

The first two days of February saw Leo Marsocci, Rochester, N.Y., and Tom Sweeney, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., win the first IRA sanctioned New York state closed doubles at Cortland college.

Marsocci and Sweeney won all six matches in the seven team round robin. Second place went to Jim Winterton and Herman Neumeir, Rochester. In third place was the team of Larry Ashley and Frank Resnick, Cortland college.

Professor John Snell, of Cortland, was hosting his first racquetball tournament in this affair, and received praise from IRA members on the smoothness with which everything operated.

The college has requested that it be considered for the 1976 Northeast regionals, and with ten courts feels it has a lot to offer contestants.

Paul Lazure wins Sno-Fest singles

The Kennebec Valley YMCA of Augusta, Maine, conducted its annual Sno-Fest Men's Racquetball Tournament with Paul Lazure of Burlington, Vermont, walking off with first place honors.

The tournament, run in conjunction with Central Maine's Sno-Fest Winter Carnival, drew the largest number of contestants ever assembled for a racquetball tournament in Maine.

Lazure reached the finals by defeating Tommy Johns, Portland, 21-9, 21-5; Steve Dubord, Waterville, 21-13, 21-5; Bob Folsom, Portland, 21-8, 21-7, and finally defeated Bill Dubord, Waterville, in the final, 21-10, 21-8. Dubord broke into the finals by defeating top seeded Myron Friedman in the quarterfinals, 21-9, 21-16.

In the "B" Division, sixth seeded Dave Janelle of Old Town, Maine, defeated Bob Pattison of Burlington, Vermont, 21-13, 11-21, 21-14.

The "A" consolation round went to John Kruger of Burlington, Vermont, who defeated Bruce Lewis of Orono, Maine, 21-6, 21-6, while the "B" consolation went to Tony Bates of Augusta, Maine, who defeated his stablemate, Jim Schmidt of Augusta, 21-5, 21-10.

The singles tournament was preceded earlier in the week by the Men's Doubles Tournament which was won by Steve Dubord and Karl Fenick, who defeated Bruce Lewis and Phil Williams. These two teams worked

their way into the finals over fourteen other teams.

John Shorey, Augusta, reported that both tournaments went smoothly and all players are looking forward to next year's contests.

Whipple tops Wang in Delaware open

Tom Whipple defeated Willie Wang in the finals of the Delaware open at Kirkwood Fitness Club by scores of 21-13, 11-21, 21-14.

In the tournament which drew 55 players from four states, Whipple reached the finals by defeating Larry Becker, Gaylon Finch, and Jim Roberson.

During the same time Wang advanced past C. Egolf, Samford Forte, and George Long. Third place finalist was George Long.

In the senior singles Charlie Sullivan took first place by eliminating Don Potter, and Art Askew won the "B" singles by defeating Leo Goldberg.

Players expressed appreciation to the Kirkwood Fitness Club for use of the five court facility. Special thanks went to George Brown for scheduling, and to all club members who took part in the tournament.

West Virginia Univ. has plans for '76

Richard Rurak, assistant director of Men's Intramurals and co-recreation at West Virginia University says the school is contemplating sponsorship of a state championship next year. They have eight courts and feel they have the best facilities in the area for such an event.

The university has conducted five tournaments in three months of 1975—three in February and one each in March and April.

Warner leading Colorado play

Jim Warner, Boulder, Colorado, is dominating the Colorado racquetball picture. He won the Steamboat Springs Invitational and the Court Club Open. Dave Glander of Steamboat Springs was second both times.

In the Invitational Warner handled Glander in two games, 21-14 and 21-15. In the Open, Glander took the second game, 21-14, but couldn't overcome the jinx. Warner had the deciding games—21-17 and 21-16.

This year's state championships

Hadikin captures Manitoba singles

Manitoba Racquetball Association president V. C. Olshevski said 70 players from Canada and northern United States attended the December 6-7-8 Manitoba Open Centennial racquetball tournament.

Wes Hadikin, number two seed in Canada, defeated Ivan Velan (No. 3), 20-21, 21-14, 21-10, to take the men's open singles honors at the three day event and teamed up with Velan to share the men's doubles title.

Velan and Hadikin defeated John Rude and Bob Moreland in the best two of three by a total point spread of but seven points: 21-16, 16-21, 21-14.

In the men's senior division Roald Thompson, Regina, defeated Fred Hightower, Winnipeg, 21-6 and 21-5.

Ron Hince took the "B" singles by defeating Ted Napper, Saskatoon, 21-10, 21-5.

The women's open went to Kay McDonald, Fargo, S.D., who shut out Marg Calof, Winnipeg, in one game, 21-0 and took the second in convincing fashion, 21-5.

CONSOLATIONS

Consolation winners were Ken Sufon, Winnipeg, men's open singles; Paul Teillet and Randy Delvau, Winnipeg, men's open doubles; Ken Wilson, Edmonton, men's seniors; Jerry Bilodeau, Winnipeg; and Carol Elias, Winnipeg, ladies' open.

Olshevski reported that the Manitoba Racquetball Association has been asked by the Canadian Racquetball Association to host the 1975 Canadian Nationals next November. The exact dates are to be announced.

He explained that the Manitoba association consists of three member clubs: the Winnipeg club, University of Manitoba, and the University of Winnipeg (headquarters).

were being decided in February and will be reported in the next issue of Racquetball. Tim Oliver is director of the Montbello Sporting House and is handling the event.

Rick Schliebe, IRA state chairman for Colorado reports that racquetball is the number one sport in the state and is growing every day. They have four new clubs in Denver, alone, and anticipate professional racquetball in Denver by November.

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Pennsylvania recommends increase in member dues

Members of the Pennsylvania Racquetball Association petitioned the IRA Board of Directors to raise the annual IRA dues from \$3 to \$4 with the additional dollar going to help finance state organization activities.

The action was taken during the annual business meeting of the association. According to Luke St. Onge, state chairman, the Pennsylvania membership unanimously supported the petition, citing five benefits they felt justified the increase.

St. Onge listed the benefits as, 1) The state organization would be accountable not only to the state members but to a third party (IRA) for accountability of funds. This would alleviate the burden of personal gain from the state organization; and,

2) One clearing house for the collection of money; 3) Money could only be spent on approved projects; 4) Yearly budgets approved by state memberships would have to be made up; and, 5) Money would accrue for the state regardless of how poorly the state organization existed.

In other actions at the meeting which followed the state championship tournament, the membership named Jim Jones to replace Don Thomas as Eastern Pennsylvania representative; Joe Jackson will replace Gene Grapes as Western Pennsylvania representative; and Tom Ranker was named Southern Pennsylvania representative.

A membership drive was announced by the Pennsylvania group with plans for quadrupling membership this year. The state association has requested 1,000 IRA membership applications for use throughout the state, and is now considering a direct mail contact with past and present IRA members.

McKinney-Mangina 1-2 at Columbus Y

Roy McKinney, Columbus, captured the top singles titles at the Columbus YMCA City Racquetball tournament just before the Christmas holidays by downing Captain Fred Mangino, Ft. Benning, Ga., 10-21, 21-10, 21-7.

McKinney appeared to be in trouble early in the third and deciding game when Mangino got off to an early lead, but the captain was unable to marshall up enough reserve,

and the war was soon over: 21-7.

Earlier in the tournament Captain Mangino defeated Richard Waddell, 10-21, 21-19, 21-8, to go into the semi-finals where he upset favored Danny Amos, 21-5, 21-15.

Tournament chairman Paul Grennell, YMCA program director, was reportedly satisfied with the event and is said to be looking forward to the Spring Singles Tournament sometime in April.



Eastern Kentucky contestants, from the left: Gerri Stoffregen, Ohio; Kay Evans, Kentucky; and Camille McCarthy, Indiana.

McCarthy cops crown at Kentucky open

Indiana's top female, Camille McCarthy of Indianapolis, won the Eastern Kentucky Women's Open Singles Racquetball Tournament held at the Ashland YMCA facilities in Ashland, Kentucky on January 11 and 12, 1975.

In winning this tournament, which was set up as a double elimination event, McCarthy had to defeat highly rated Gerri Stoffregen from Cincinnati, Ohio, twice. McCarthy won the first encounter in a thrilling fashion, 21-17, 20-21, 21-15. This match was extremely well-played and gave the gallery many thrills.

After her defeat, Stoffregen had to drop to the loser's bracket and play Kentucky's number one female, Kay Evans of Louisville, Kentucky. Evans

had lost out earlier to Stoffregen in the winner bracket semi-finals, 21-13, 21-14.

Stoffregen once again defeated Evans, 31-23, to gain another shot at McCarthy. In their second encounter, Stoffregen was no match as McCarthy confidently handed Stoffregen her second defeat, 21-9, 21-8, to win the championship.

The tournament field consisted of eight girls from Kentucky, four from Indiana, and four from Ohio. This event is an annual affair sponsored by the Ashland Racquetball Association which is affiliated with both the Ashland YMCA and the Kentucky Racquetball Association.

Be there . . .
7th Annual IRA Championships
See entry on page 12

Vittert teams with MRA for New England tourney

Major Peter F. Crummey, Massachusetts state chairman for the IRA, has announced conditions for the first annual New England-Vittert open singles championship. The tournament is set for April 4-5-6 at Northeastern University on Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Crummey said contestants must be current IRA members. Entry fee will be \$10 per person which includes tournament shirts, food, soda, and free chances on Vittert racquets and balls. Entry fee for a second event is an additional \$8. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 21.

Events being offered are: open, seniors, masters, golden masters, B and C levels, women, and juniors.

For additional information, write Peter F. Crummey, 84 C Walnut Street, Port Devens, Mass. 01433 or telephone (617) 772-4354.

San Antonio site for Texas state championship

The 1975 state championships are being scheduled for April 4-5-6 at the Racquetball and Handball Club of San Antonio, Texas, according to word from Bruce Hendin, tournament manager.

Events being offered are: men's open singles, senior singles, masters, B and C singles, juniors, women's open singles, women's novice singles, open doubles and B doubles.

Entry fee, Hendin said, is \$12 for singles, \$16 for doubles (per team). Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each event with a tro-



phy to first place consolation winners.

Entry is limited to current IRA members, and entrants may sign up for two events only. Competition for the championship is for Texas residents only.

For additional information write Bruce Hendin, 121 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, Tex. 78216.

Davis repeats as Kentucky intercollegiate champ

Gary Davis from Berea College captured his second consecutive Kentucky Intercollegiate Racquetball Championship. The 1975 tournament which was held at Berea College had undergraduate students from the University of Louisville, University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Centre College and Berea College participating. In winning the championship, Davis defeated Mark Brazinski of Centre College, 21-3, 21-10; Bill Hevenor from the University of Kentucky, 21-5, 21-2; Michael Lykins from the University of Kentucky, 21-20, 21-12; and in the finals Richard Russell from the University of Louisville, 21-13, 21-15. Russell reached the finals by defeating Lothar Baumann from Berea, 21-13, 21-20. Lykins took third place by an injury default from Baumann. Mark Lucas of Centre College won fifth place by defeating Hevenor, 31-19.

Heidelberg brewers co-sponsor Daffy open—May 23-26

The Heidelberg Brewing Company of Tacoma and the Washington Racquetball Association have teamed to co-sponsor the third annual Daffy Open May 23-26 at Gig Harbor, Washington.

Sid Williams, tournament director, announced conditions for the event, stating that IRA rules and regulations will apply, and that all contestants must hold a current IRA card. Entry deadline is midnight, May 5, 1975. Entry fees are \$12 for the first event; \$8 for the second. Payment must accompany all entry forms. He asks that checks be made payable to the WRA (Washington Racquetball Association).

Draw sheets will be mailed to each entrant on May 12. Contestants should be suited and ready to play—depending on the draw—by 8 a.m., May 23. Entrants are limited to two events.

Eight divisions of play are scheduled for the four court-facility. Three of the courts, Williams said, have floor to ceiling glass back walls for excellent viewing.

The events offered, with player limitations shown in parentheses are: open singles (32), senior singles, 35 years (16), open doubles (16), women's open (16), B singles (16), C singles (32), master's singles 45 years (16), junior singles, 19 years and under (16).

The WRA Daffy will be played in the Town and Country Tennis and Health Club across the Narrows bridge at 2002 36th Stret, NW, Gig Harbor, Washington. Entry information can be obtained from Sid or Judy Williams, 5237 South Birmingham, Tacoma, Washington 98409. Telephone (206) 473-2266.

Former singles champions pair-up to win Iowa state doubles title

By John Detrich

Bernie Nielson, Marshalltown, and Bob Sheldon, Waterloo, teaming up for the Iowa State Doubles Racquetball Tournament at the Marshalltown, Iowa, YMCA were practically unbeatable February 21-22.

They literally walked away with every match they played, including the state championship match, where they played Helmet Braun and Chuck McCallion, Waterloo, and won, 21-9 and 21-6.

Both Nielsen and Sheldon are former state singles champions and have

dominated state tournament play for several years, as individuals and as a team.

In the semifinals of the championship bracket Braun and McCallion had defeated John Detrich-Gary Ice-nogle, Marshalltown, 21-20, 18-21 and 21-16; Nielsen-Sheldon had defeated Dean Bradfield-Monte McCuniff, Waterloo, 21-11 and 21-11. For third place in the championship bracket Detrich-Icenogle defeated Bradfield-McCuniff, 15-21, 21-15 and 21-7.

In the consolation bracket semifinals Larry Fleetwood-Arch Allison de-

feated Jerry Downs-Jerry Trotman, 21-6 and 21-9, while Ed Schultz-Jimmy Johnson were defeating Jon Nichols-Jerry Hinderman, 21-9, 21-1. In the consolation finals Allison-Fleetwood defeated Schultz-Johnson, 21-16, 19-21 and 21-8. All players in the consolation semifinals and finals are from Marshalltown.

The tournament, sponsored by the local Y's Hinder Club, was managed by Jim Studts.

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Abrams and Hiudt doubles team stars in Buckeye opener

By Maury Kastner

The fledgling Ohio Racquetball Association conducted its first statewide tournament with competition in nine divisions: open men's, singles, open men's doubles, senior men's singles, master men's singles, college men's singles, junior boys' singles, college ladies' singles, open ladies' singles, and open ladies' doubles.

There were over 150 entries for the tournament held at the new \$9 million dollar, eight court, physical education center at Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, December 13, 14, 15.

The most outstanding match was the final of the men's doubles. In a fantastic three game match Robbie Abrams and Mark Hiudt of Cincinnati, defeated Jerry Davis and Jack Sobel of Cincinnati. The match was so well played it was unfortunate that one team had to lose. The games featured tremendously long volleys, impossible gets and digs, and powerful kills.

The referee had to insist that Hiudt take an injury time-out to put bandages on floor burns which were bleed-

ing from diving after so many shots. Davis, too, was playing with a hand badly swollen from diving for a shot. It was amazing that he was able to finish the match. The scores were 18-21, 21-18, 21-14.

All players received a long round of applause from the gallery after the match. Robbie Abrams constantly amazed the gallery with his quickness and powerful backhand kill shots. Mark Hiudt was a master at keeping the ball in play by digging out impossible shots.

Many excellent doubles matches preceded the final match. Hiudt and Abrams defeated Mike Anzalone and Angelo Vecchio in three games, 21-7, 17-21, 21-15. In the other semifinal Davis and Sobel defeated Ken Mitchell and Dale Scheutzow, 21-8, 21-11.

(See Scoreboard for division final-ists.)

Impressive young players who did not make the semifinals of the open men's singles were Kevin Deighan, Dan Clifford, Art Divall and Clark Pittman (who extended Robbie Abrams to three tough games). The

ladies played many excellent close matches, drawing large galleries to watch them play.

The tournament committee did an excellent job promoting and running the tournament. The hospitality was great with Gatorade and food for all. The banquet on Saturday night was especially nice, featuring a sit down dinner.

Prizes donated were gym bags, gloves and racquets. Some pretended the drawing was rigged when Carolyn Miller drew her doubles partner's name and Clark Pittman, after winning a racquet, drew his brother, Kim's number for another racquet. Ron Krasnicki, always a lady's man, won the next racquet and promptly donated it to be redrawn for one of the lady racquetballers to win.

Special awards were given to Reed Gunselman for the work he has done to promote racquetball in Ohio, and to Jim Rodriguez and Cleveland State University in appreciation of the University's help in running the tournament.

"It's a bad time to be nervous"

Chuck Lepitre, manager of the Catarqui Handball Club at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, reported on the results of the annual club tournament that saw a new king win his crown.

Bob Speagle, 1974 champion, eliminated Harvey Valliquette and Rick Scrutton on his way to the finals to meet Guy Leeder.

Leeder had eliminated Vince Garofolo, 21-8, 21-13, and Gary Goodfriend, 21-13, 21-11, in order to earn the challenger's position in the finals.

Lepitre reported the crowd of about 45 onlookers heavily favored Speagle, but the tournament wasn't decided by the cheering section.

The first game of the finals lasted 45 minutes with Leeder outlasting the 1974 champion by a score of 21-16. As they came out for the second game Leeder looked at Speagle and asked, "Are you nervous?" to which Speagle answered yes. Leeder replied, "It's a bad time to be nervous."

He proved his point. He took the second game, 21-9.

Eight players were entered in the Class A singles, and nine in the class "B".

Jim Kennedy went to the wire with Bary Nicholson in three tough matches: 4-21, 21-19, 21-5, to take the class "B" title.



Top photo—Chuck Lepitre presents the Levac trophy to Leeder, and to the right is Jim Kennedy, winner of the B division.





Barry Coxe, tournament director, presents winner's trophies to James and Clara Jordan, 1975 Alabama state champions.

The king and queen of Alabama courts

The Jordan family of Birmingham—James and Clara Jordan—swept the men's singles and men's doubles; and the women's singles and the women's doubles of the Alabama Racquetball Association's Tournament to earn the titles of Alabama State Champions for 1975.

Barry Coxe, director of the tournament at the downtown YMCA February 2, won the senior singles crown (over 35) by defeating Richard Cox, Birmingham, in two identically scored games of 21-19. Third place in the senior division went to Sol Kimmerling.

In the family sweep, James Jordan took the open singles by downing Air

Force Colonel Don Clark, 21-13, 12-21, 21-18. Third place in the singles went to Ben Dowdey.

Jordan teamed with Dowdey in the men's open doubles competition. The pair turned back a strong challenge from Jerry and Richard O'Neal. The first game went to Jordan-Dowdey by a safe looking score of 21-15. The second game slipped from them, 20-21; and in the title-maker, play went the limit to 21-20.

Mrs. Jordan took the women's singles by defeating tennis-pro Gayle Harvey with games of 21-2, 19-21, 21-12.

In the women's double action Mrs. Jordan and Anita O'Neal took two

games to decide where the honors went, defeating Jackie Johnson and Velma O'Neal, 21-15, 21-5.

Gary Steger, Alabaster, Ala., defeated Tim Goyer, Selma, in the B-singles, 21-10, 21-10. In the B-doubles Bill Manning-Chip Fellers defeated Larry French-George Murphy, 21-16, 21-19.

In the Masters Singles (over 45) Ed Selfe, Birmingham, took the trophy by defeating Bill Hotze, also of Birmingham, 21-19, 21-15. Steve Cosmos was third.

Kenneth W. Aungst copped the Golden Master's crown, and Richard O'Neal took the Junior Singles title.

"You hit 'em high; I'll hit 'em low" is winning strategy at Nittany Lions tourney

Dave Maturah and Joe Aguqlia recently upset top seeded Bob Tetrault and Al Benton, 21-4 and 21-17, in the finals of the Nittany Lion in-house doubles tournament at Penn State.

Joe Aguqlia's left handed rollouts and pass shots kept Benton and Tet-

rault off balance both games. Maturah's ceiling game kept Benton deep in the left corner and forced weak returns which Aguqlia deftly put away.

Benton and Tetrault started a drive by isolating Aguqlia and playing only to Maturah but it was too little too

late.

The team of Bill Swan and Don Watkins won third place by defeating the team of Ron Fink and Gary McClintic, 21-14 and 21-17.

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Mike Romano wins Massachusetts singles

Mike Romano lived up to expectations taking the 1975 Massachusetts state singles championships in six rounds of play January 17-18-19 at the Worcester YMCA and the Shrewsbury Squash and Tennis Club, according to results received from Peter F. Crummey, state chairman.

Romano—from Fitchburg, Mass.—not only took the state championship in solid fashion, but miserly gave up but 40 points in the process.

A total of 76 participants competed in six events at the two separate locations. The Worcester YMCA hosted the Open, Senior, and "B" events under the direction of Howard Coleman. Sue Crummey was tournament director at the Shrewsbury courts.

In the open singles, Romano took first place, with second claimed by Steve Bedord. In the Seniors, Don Houghton was first, Howard Coleman, second; and in the class "B" first went to Donald Incutto, second to Charles Beall, and third to Stephen Emma.

John Learson took first in the "C" division to Vincent Kissel's second; and in the Masters Dave McNamara took first, Daniel Rodriguez took second. Archie Freedman was first in the Golden Masters; Ed Connally was second and Emmett Iodice was third.

(See Scoreboard for complete listings.)

Pete Crummey, who was in charge of the overall tournament said a number of people asked for information about the next such event—which was a compliment to the manner in which the affair was handled, and a good sign for racquetball.

Others who put in long hours keeping the operation going smoothly were Gail Cone, Leo Majors, Leo Woodcone, Tom Murphy, Mike Lucino and Dave McNamara.

Russ Moriarity, manager of the Shrewsbury Squash and Tennis Club, was given special thanks by the Massachusetts organization for use of the club's four racquetball courts and entire club facilities, one of the finest in the Massachusetts area.

The local TV channel (37) covered the tournament and gave the game an excellent three-minute plug.



Major Peter F. Crummey, tournament director and Mike Romano.

From left to right: Howard Coleman, assistant tournament director; Romano; Steve Bedard; Crummey; and SSG Danhy Giordano.



Left to right: Howard Coleman, Don Houghton, and Warren McGuirk.



Jo Ann Berthoff examines second place trophy of a busted racquet . . .



Consolation champion Penny Avery on the left, and runner-up Helen Kottenstatte.

YMCA reports racquetball January attendance at 1,300

The first annual YMCA Women's Singles Racquetball Championships were held in Pueblo, Colorado, on February 15-16, with Nancy Rike emerging the victor. She defeated JoAnn Berthoff in the finals Sunday afternoon, 21-19, 11-21, 21-14, for first place. Berthoff won her semifinal match over Bernadette Padula, 21-5, 21-12, Saturday, while Rike defeated June Berthoff, 21-19, 21-11.

In consolation finals, Penny Avery won over Helen Kottenstotte, 21-4, 21-18.

Use of the new YMCA courts in Pueblo has increased tremendously since they opened last fall, according to Don McMahon, physical director of the YMCA. He said attendance in racquetball had exceeded the 1,300 mark for the month of January, alone, comparing to 130 in handball for the two courts during the same period.



. . . while champion Nancy Rikes receives another mantle decoration.

Memphis State University announces Women's intercollegiate singles and doubles

Entries for the Memphis State University Women's Intercollegiate racquetball tournament are being accepted by Ms. Harriette Lavenue, subject to a March 29 deadline.

To be eligible participants must be bona fide matriculated students at an accredited university or college (other

than business college, trade school, etc.) and must be regularly enrolled doing full time course work.

Trophies will be awarded to the first two places in each event, and to first place in the consolations.

Entry fees are \$5 per player for the singles events and \$5 per team in the doubles.

Any number of women from a university may enter. Divisions being held (under official IRA 1975 rules) are A and B divisions in the singles and the doubles event.

For additional information write Ms. Harriette Lavenue, Department of Health, Physical Education, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tennessee 38152. Telephone numbers to call are 454-2329 or (res.) 452-0371.

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Utah Racquetball Association

9 a.m.-12 noon, March 22, Salt Lake City, Deseret Gym.

9 a.m.-12 noon, April 26, Salt Lake City, Deseret Gym.

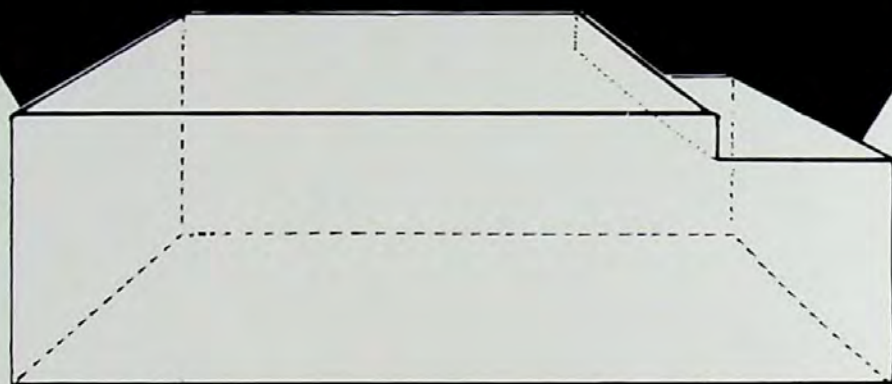
9 a.m.-12 noon, October 25, Salt Lake City, Deseret Gym.



Rod Lanser has been appointed general manager of the Milwaukee Racquetball and Handball Club, 2930 N. 117, Milwaukee, succeeding Hal Raether, who resigned to become athletic director of the Minneapolis Athletic Club.

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Janice Segall, standing, with Beth Bunker and Lynn McKie, and to their left, Chuck Johnson and Kevin Chambliss.



open during the entire tournament. This year's entries were welcomed by beautiful hostesses and a large cake with a picture of OSU mascot Pistol Pete welcoming everyone with a "Howdy Y'all".

4th Annual

By Sid Gonsoulin

The fourth annual Cowboy Open Racquetball Tournament held in the Colvin Center, Oklahoma State University Campus, Stillwater, Oklahoma, was played over three grueling days. About 275 matches were played between 144 entries in those three days making this tournament the biggest ever (68% growth over last year). It appears that if the tournament grows more next year (as it surely will), a complete day of play on the first day will have to be used (i.e. all day Friday instead of just Friday evening).

Ten brackets were played this year—A, B, women, intercollegiate, novice, masters (over 35), masters doubles, A doubles, B doubles and a special Stillwater bracket.

The new Stillwater bracket included all local residents and OSU students who had not played in any racquetball tournaments except past Cowboy Opens. This bracket was completed prior to the regular tournament matches. Tim Tripp took the honors in this bracket over Craig Walters, 18-21, 21-19, 21-9. Third was won by Fred Lewellan over Keith Harris, 21-17, 21-3. Alan Shryock beat Roy Johnston, 21-11, 21-15, to take consolations.

This was the first year enough women entered to have a women's

division. The top ten finishers were awarded trophies. They were (1) Lyn McKie, (2) Beth Bunker, (3) Janice Segall, (4) Marge Grula, (5) Jan Holt, (6) Ann Baer, (7) Patty Brandt, (8) Cathy Cooper, (9) Virginia Davis and (10) Mary Grula.

A highlight of the tourney was the awarding of 30 door prizes including metal racquets, travel bags and other racquetball accessories.

Besides the competition being keen, the contestants were not short on appetites as revealed in the participation in the Hospitality Room which was

Pete welcoming

Since Stillwater is the home of Myron Roderick, he played like he owned the tournament and when all was over, he did. Roderick continued his winning ways by downing Jerry Linton, 21-2, 21-7, in the open singles finals. Third place was won by Tom McKie when he downed Roland Treat, 21-7, 21-5. Wallace Hardy defeated Ken Smith, 21-9, 21-9, to take consolation honors in the open division.

Masters division (35 or older) was won by Carl Provence when he defeated V. Z. Lawton, 21-15, 21-14. The contest for third place was won by Dean Lemmon over Ed Grula, 21-15, 15-21, 21-15. Consolation champ was Ken Denny by a score of 21-5, 21-7 over Roger Koeppe.

Out of the largest B bracket ever for any Cowboy Open, Chuck Johnson was the champ. He defeated Kevin Chambliss, 21-6, 21-9, for the top spot. Third was corraled by Jim Dyer when Chuck Croft had to default. Consolation champ was Wayne Campbell by defeating Jim Martin, 21-5, 21-3.

The Intercollegiate division was won by Phil Stepp by a score of 21-4, 21-3 over Tim Tripp. No third place match was played. Consolation bracket was won by Eric Fielding, 21-5, 21-16, over Pete Baldwin.

In the novice division, Bill Rompf beat John Trickett, 21-3, 21-1. Third place was John Paulin, 21-10, 21-11, over David Dalke. Alan Shryock was consolation champ by defeating Mike McGinty, 21-14, 21-9.

Doubles in the open division saw the team of Myron Roderick and Marvin Keener defeat Tom McKie and Luther Bernstein, 21-16, 21-18, for top honors. The third place battle saw Eric Campbell and Richard Walker defeat Wallace Hardy and Jerry Linton, 21-20, 21-12.

Masters doubles was won by Carl Provence and Dave Hessel when they defeated V. Z. Lawton and Joe Darrough, 21-20, 21-8. Coming in third were Jay Leibe and John Rutherford, 21-9, 21-19, by winning over Ed Grula and Roger Koeppe.

Doug Aichele and Jim Martin defeated Jerry Myers and Jim McPherson, 21-14, 21-13, to claim first place in B doubles. Third place went to Lanny Chasteen and Mike Crooch when they defeated Arnold Davis and Brad Walker, 21-14, 21-15.

(See Scoreboard for more complete listings.)

Phil Stepp wins OSU Intercollegiate



In the top photo is Jerry Linton. At center are Bill Rompf (left) and John Trickett. At the left, holding the Cowboy welcome sign are Carl Provence and V. Z. Lawton.



Eastern Kentucky

WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES (Double Elimination)

First Round: Gerri Stoffregen def. Joanna Davis, 21-0, 21-1; Jane Pritchett def. Pat Emmett, 21-0, 21-4; Marjorie Polites def. Kenna Beam, 21-13, 21-14; Kathy Kronauge (forfeit) def. Holly Rentz; Nancy Messerschmidt def. Jane Miller, 21-2, 21-14; Lana Sexton def. Diana Sanders, 21-6, 21-14; Camille McCarthy def. Sandy Brickley, 21-3, 21-5; Kay Evans def. Peggy Wynkoop, 21-2, 21-7.

Quarterfinals, winner's bracket: Stoffregen def. Pritchett, 21-8, 21-9; Evans def. Polites, 21-12, 21-6; Kronauge def. Sexton, 21-8, 21-16; McCarthy def. Messerschmidt, 21-1, 21-3.

Semifinals, winner's bracket: Stoffregen def. Evans, 21-13, 21-14; McCarthy def. Kronauge, 21-3, 21-6.

Finals, winner's bracket: McCarthy def. Stoffregen, 21-17, 20-21, 21-15.

First Round, loser's bracket: Davis def. Emmett, 31-29; Wynkoop def. Beam, 31-9; Sanders def. Rentz (forfeit); Brickley def. Miller, 31-21.

Second Round, loser's bracket: Messerschmidt def. Davis, 31-1; Wynkoop def. Sexton, 31-28; Polites def. Sanders (forfeit); Pritchett def. Brickley, 31-7.

Quarterfinals, loser's bracket: Wynkoop def. Messerschmidt, 31-22; Pritchett def. Polites, 31-22.

Semifinals, loser's bracket: Evans def. Wynkoop, 31-11; Pritchett def. Kronauge, 31-17.

Finals, loser's bracket: Stoffregen (loser of winner's finals) def. Evans, 31-23.

Tournament finals: McCarthy def. Stoffregen, 21-9, 21-8.

Wausau, Wisconsin

SINGLES

First Round: Bill Schmidtke advanced (bye); Roger Siegrist def. Allen Hansen, 31-13; Tom Gonser def. Glen Withrow, 31-18; Terry Fancher def. Ron Adams, 31-15; Dave Lien def. Frank Sluzarski, 31-28; Bill Harper def. Earl Schultz, 31-18; Dennis Olson def. Tony Snarski, 31-17; Tom Wirkus def. Jerry Schultz, 31-14; and,

Paul Ikier advanced (bye); Tom Lang def. Dave Johnson, 31-23; Bob Schultz def. Tom Murray, 31-17; Galen Johnson def. Jim Hall, 31-8; Jerry Hoff def. Maurice Adams, 31-8; Bill Jukich def. Tom Radai, 31-1; Don Gemoll def. Dennis Heinz, 31-21; and Ron Strom advanced on a bye.

Second Round: Schmidtke def. Siegrist, 21-7, 21-1; Gonser def. Fancher, 21-11, 21-9; Harper def. Lien, 21-8, 21-20; Wirkus def. Olson, 21-13, 11-21, 21-14; Ikier def. Lang, 21-9, 20-11, 21-4; Johnson def. Schultz, 21-3, 21-5; Hoff def. Jukich, 21-7, 11-21, 21-11; Strom def. Gemoll, 21-8, 21-15.

Quarterfinals: Schmidtke def. Gonser, 21-13, 21-7; Wirkus def. Harper, 21-14, 21-20; Ikier def. Johnson, 21-11, 16-21, 21-17; Strom def. Hoff, 21-6, 21-15.

Semifinals: Schmidtke def. Wirkus, 21-15, 21-19; Strom def. Ikier, 21-7, 21-10.

Finals: Bill Schmidtke defeated Ron Strom, 21-9, 13-11, 21-13.

Third Place: Paul Ikier def. Wirkus, 21-3, 15-21, 21-13.

Consolation: Jim Hall def. Tony Snarski, 21-9, 21-9.

DOUBLES

First Round: Schmidtke-Ikier def. Snarski-Radai, 31-5; Schultz-Fancher def. Eichman-Strom, 21-13, 21-19; Johnson-Hoff def. Gonser-Hanson, 31-20; Lien-Kronenberger def. Harper-Lang, 31-29.

Semifinals: Schmidtke-Ikier def. Schultz-Fancher, 31-25; Johnson-Hoff def. Lien-Kronenberger, 31-23.

Finals: Bill Schmidtke-Paul Ikier def. Johnson-Hoff, 21-15, 21-11.

Kingston, Ontario

A SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Bob Speagle def. Harvey Valliquette, 21-8, 21-6; Rick Scrutton def. Colin Galloway, 21-3, 21-13; Gary Goodfriend def. Neil McNeil, 21-12, 21-6; Guy Leeder def. Vince Garofolio, 21-8, 21-13.

Semifinals: Speagle def. Scrutton, 21-8, 21-6; Leeder def. Goodfriend, 21-13, 21-11.

Finals: Leeder def. Speagle, 21-16, 21-9.

B SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Jim Olson def. Bill Robertson, 8-21, 21-7, 21-14; Jim Kennedy def. George Muller, 20-21, 21-7, 21-19; Bary Nicholson def. Gary Buell, 21-8, 21-19; Mike Lovett def. Bill Lancaster, 21-12, 21-7.

Semifinals: Kennedy def. Olson, 15-21, 21-6, 21-19; Nicholson def. Lovett, 6-21, 21-17, 21-9.

Finals: Kennedy def. Nicholson, 4-21, 21-19, 21-5.

Cowboy open

Open Singles: 1st place—Myron Roderick def. Jerry Linton, 21-2, 21-7; 3rd place—Tom McKie def. Roland Treat, 21-7, 21-5; Consolations—Wallace Hardy def. Ken Smith, 21-9, 21-9.

Masters Singles: 1st place—Carl Provence def. V. Z. Lawton, 21-15, 21-14; 3rd place—Dean Lemmon def. Ed Grula, 21-15, 15-21, 21-15; Consolations—Ken Denney def. Roger Koeppe, 21-9, 21-1.

B Singles: 1st place—Chuck Johnson def. Kevin Chambliss, 21-6, 21-9; 3rd place—Jim Dyer def. Chuck Croft, default; Consolations—Wayne Campbell def. Jim Martin, 21-5, 21-7.

Women's Singles: 1st place—Lynn McKie def. Beth Bunker, 21-5, 21-6; 3rd place—Janice Seagall def. Jane Holt, 21-3, 21-5; Consolations—Marge Grula def. Ann Baer, 21-5, 21-3.

Intercollegiate Singles: 1st place—Phil Stepp def. Tim Tripp, 21-4, 21-3; 3rd place—Rick Calmus and Duane Chenoweth (no game); Consolations—Eric Fielding def. Pete Baldwin, 21-5, 21-16.

Novice Singles: 1st place—Bill Rompf def. John Trickett, 21-3, 21-1; 3rd place—John Paulin def. David Dalke, 21-10, 21-11; Consolation—Alan Shryock def. Mike McGinty, 21-14, 21-9.

Open Doubles: 1st place—Myron Roderick and Marvin Keener def. Tom McKie and Luther Bernstein, 21-16, 21-18; 3rd place—Eric Campbell and Richard Walker def. Wallace Hardy and Jerry Linton, 21-20, 21-12.

Masters Doubles: 1st place—Carl Provence and Dave Hessel def. V. Z. Lawton and Joe Dorrough, 21-20, 21-8; 3rd place—Jay Leib and John Rutherford def. Ed Grula and Roger Koeppe, 21-9, 21-19.

B Doubles: 1st place—Doug Aichele and Jim Martin def. Jerry Myers and Jim McPherson, 21-14, 21-13; 3rd place—Lanny Chasteen and Mike Crooch def. Arnold Davis and Brad Walker, 21-14, 21-15.

Maine Sno-Fest

SINGLES

"B" Division: Dave Janelle def. Bob Pattison, 21-13, 11-21, 21-14.

"A" Consolation: John Kruger def. Bruce Lewis, 21-6, 21-6.

"B" Consolation: Tony Bates def. Jim Schmidt, 21-5, 21-10.

Semifinals: Lazure def. Tommy Johns, 21-9, 21-5; Steve Dubord, 21-13 and 21-5; Bob Folsom, 21-8 and 21-7. And, Bill Dubord def. Myron Friedman, 21-10 and 21-16.

Finals: Lazure def. Bill Dubord, 21-10, 21-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Steve Dubord and Karl Fenick def. Bruce Lewis and Phil Williams. (Fourteen teams participated.)



Birmingham YMCA

Open Singles: 1st—James Jordan, 2nd—Col. Don Clark, 3rd—Ben Dowdey.

Women's Singles: 1st—Clara Jordan, 2nd—Gayle Harvey, 3rd—Anita O'Neal.

Open Doubles: 1st—James Jordan-Ben Dowdey, 2nd—Jerry O'Neal-Richard O'Neal.

Women's Doubles: 1st—Clara Jordan-Anita O'Neal, 2nd—Jackie Johnson-Velma O'Neal.

B Singles: 1st—Gary Steger, 2nd—Tim Goyer.

B Doubles: 1st—Bill Manning-Chip Fellers, 2nd—Larry French-George Murphy.

Senior Singles: 1st—Barry Cox, 2nd—Richard Cox, 3rd—Sol Kimmerling.

Masters Singles (over 45): 1st—Ed Selfe, 2nd—Bill Hotze, 3rd—Steve Cosmos.

Golden Masters: 1st—Kenneth W. Aungst.

Junior Singles: 1st—Richard O'Neal.

Alamo open

SINGLES

Men's "A": 1st—John Avent, 2nd—Tom Nissalke, 3rd—Rinaldo Gonzalez, 4th—Neal Wong, Cons.—Grover Booker.

Men's "B": 1st—Ron Meek, 2nd—Ed Barzizo, 3rd—Mikey Penner, 4th—Dennis Telzrow, Cons.—Rick Wayne.

Men's Master: 1st—Jack Hood, 2nd—Ed Willming, 3rd—Enrique Quintero, 4th—Grover Lipe, Cons.—Jim Negri.

Men's Novice: 1st—Alan Gurinsky, 2nd—Mark Yorloff, 3rd—John Rattan, 4th—Bill Manning, Cons.—Fred Yorloff.

Women's Open: 1st—Janice Segall, 2nd—Elizabeth Huff, 3rd—Margit Krellwitz, 4th—Phyllis Koenig, Cons.—Bobby Worrich.

Women's Novice: 1st—Barbara Syamken, 2nd—Marie Gerstenberger, 3rd—Barbara Vickers, 4th—Geri Patterson, Cons.—Ellen Klar.

Children: 1st—Mark Kolitz, 2nd—Glen Scrivener, 3rd—Charles Dix, 4th—Johnny Siegel.

DOUBLES

Men's "A": 1st—John Avent-Barry Garden, 2nd—Manuel Tapia-Mick Henry, 3rd—Rinaldo Gonzalez-Cramer, 4th—Tom Nissalke-Rick Medders, Cons.—Bob Lampley-Neal Wong.

Men's "B": 1st—Louis Gonzalez-Glen Kendrick, 2nd—Bruce Hendin-Mike Wish, 3rd—Ed Willming-Bill Gibbons, 4th—Stephen Wahl-Dennis Moran, Cons.—Harris Sterling-Bob Gurwitz.

Men's Master: 1st—Jack Hood-William Gignac, 2nd—Enrique Galan-Damaso Oliva, 3rd—Duane Gerstenberger-Chuck Matthews, 4th—Charles Sugarman-Sidney Pearlman, Cons.—Don Pfannenstiel-Pete Huey.

Men's Novice: 1st—Ed Cate-Jim Hufstetler, 2nd—Janice Segall-Liz Huff, 3rd—Jesse Reininger-Carl Odom, 4th—Dean Hanes-Phil Barshop, Cons.—Mike Atkinson, Bobby Stone.

Women's Novice: 1st—Jan Meek-Judy Turlington, 2nd—Dana Hendin-Geri Patterson, 3rd—LouAnn Cohen-Mary Sue Kern, 4th—Francie Sterling-Barbara Dreeven, Cons.—None.

Children: 1st—Glen Scrivener-Kleat Stephen, 2nd—Mark Kolitz-Johnny Siegel, 3rd—Jimmy Barshop, Charles Dix.

Massachusetts

Open Singles: 1st—Mike Romano, 2nd—Steve Bedord, 3rd—SSG Danny Giordano, USAF, 4th—Maj. Pete Crumney, USA, 5th—Tom Murphy, 6th—Dennis Doyle, 7th—Warren McGuirk, 8th—Edward Crafsic, 9th—Fred Lepage, 10th—Don Houghton.

Seniors: 1st—Don Houghton, 2nd—Howard Coleman, 3rd—Warren McGuirk, 4th—Leo Woodcone, 5th—Leon Dell 'Olio, 6th—John Lofgren.

"B": 1st—Donald Incutto, 2nd—Charles Beall, 3rd—Stephen Emma, 4th—Allen Zippin, 5th—Robert Hatchfield, 6th—John Kane, 7th—Michael Sluisky, 8th—Samuel Garafalo, 9th—Richard Blais, 10th—Roger Brock.

"C": 1st—John Learson, 2nd—Vincent Kissel, 3rd—Bill Foley, 4th—Paul Bergoffen, 5th—Jon Elliott, 6th—Robert Gerver, 7th—Paul Henrickson, 8th—Tom Bagley, 9th—Gail Cone, 10th—Leo Moqavero.

Masters: 1st—Dave McNamara, 2nd—Daniel Rodriguez, 3rd—Jim Chatis, 4th—John Moynagh, 5th—John Palulian.

Golden Masters: 1st—Archie Freedman, 2nd—Ed Connolly, 3rd—Emmett Iodice, 4th—Sidney Dorfman, 5th—Charles Deamon.

Ohio open

Open Men's Doubles: 1st—Robbie Adams-Mark Huidt def. Jerry Davis-Jack Soble, 18-21, 21-18, 21-14. 3rd—Mike Anzalone-Angelo Vecchio (defeated by Adams-Huidt, 21-7, 17-21, 21-15); 4th—Ken Mitchell-Dale Scheutzw (defeated by Davis-Soble, 21-8, 21-11).

Open Men's Singles: 1st—Robbie Abrams, 2nd—Mark Huidt, 3rd—Jerry Davis, 4th—Jack Soble.

College Men's Singles: 1st—Dave Knecht, 2nd—Jeff Grelson, 3rd—Robert DeJulius, 4th—Mike Hoagland.

Open Ladies Singles: 1st—Cookie Wachtel, 2nd—Bobbie Bricker, 3—Joan Dorkoff, 4th—Kathy Cabot.

Senior Men's Singles: 1st—Ken Mitchell, 2nd—Terry Taylor, 3—Ron Colwell, 4th—Don Nelson.

Junior Boy's Singles: 1st—Scott Brown, 2nd—Steve Holland, 3rd—Lee Vantrease, 4th—Jim Kickham.

Open Ladies Doubles: 1st—Bobbie Bricker-Joan Dorkoff, 2nd—Barbara Beal-Edith Peterson, 3rd—Myrna Baltzell-Joyce Dugavich, 4th—Carolyn Miller-Sue Zigler.

Masters Men's Singles: 1st—John Leech, 2nd—Gerry Lapierre, 3rd—Dr. Matt Biscotti, 4th—Dr. Pat Deighan.

College Ladies Singles: 1st—Joan Stevens, 2nd—Karen Savol, 3rd—Carolyn Miller, 4th—Diane Pollack.

San Diego—Women's WOMEN'S SINGLES

First: Peggy Steding (64.4 points) def. Jan Campbell, 31-25; def. Jennifer Harding, 31-16; def. Ruth Knudsen, 31-5; def. Janell Mariott, 31-7; def. Lisa Ornstein, 31-7; def. Linda Siau, 31-2; and def. Bette Weed, 31-15.

Second: Jan Campbell (56.4 points) def. Jennifer Harding, 31-19; def. Ruth Knudsen, 31-17; lost to Janell Mariott, 27-31; def. Lisa Ornstein, 31-7; def. Linda Siau, 31-11; lost to Steding, 25-31; def. Bette Weed, 31-5.

Third: Janell Mariott (52.2 points) def. Campbell, 31-27; def. Harding, 31-25; def. Knudsen, 31-21; def. Ornstein, 31-17; def. Siau, 31-15; lost to Steding, 7-31; lost to Weed, 24-31.

Fourth: Jennifer Harding (48.8 points) lost to Campbell, 19-31; def. Knudsen, 31-17; lost to Mariott, 25-31; def. Ornstein, 31-10; def. Siau, 31-14; lost to Steding, 16-31; def. Weed, 31-16.

Fifth: Ruth Knudsen (39.6 points) lost to Campbell, 17-31; lost to Harding, 17-31; lost to Mariott, 21-31; def. Ornstein, 31-15; def. Siau, 31-19; lost to Steding, 5-31; def. Weed, 31-22.

Sixth: Bette Weed (39.2 points) lost to Campbell, 5-31; lost to Harding, 16-31; lost to Knudsen, 22-31; def. Mariott, 31-24; def. Ornstein, 31-19; def. Siau, 31-21; lost to Steding, 15-31.

Seventh: Linda Siau (25.6 points) def. Ornstein 31-26. Lost games to Campbell, 11-31; Harding, 14-31; Knudsen, 19-31; Mariott, 15-31; Steding, 2-31; Weed, 21-31.

Eighth: Lisa Ornstein (20.2 points). Losses to Campbell, 7-31; Harding, 10-31; Knudsen, 19-31; Mariott, 17-31; Siau, 26-31; Steding, 7-31; Weed, 19-31.

Memphis singles

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Bledsoe, Payne, Barassi, Morgan, D'Amore, Gillespie, Fleming, Henry, Cullen, Smith, Blasingame, Varner, Stevens, Thoni, Hines, Ritten, Ebbitt, and Stafford advanced on byes. Lusius advanced on a forfeit.

Montgomery def. Murphy, 21-13; Howard def. Bargiacchi; 15-21, 21-13, 21-15; Weiss def. Ridrick, 20-21, 21-19, 21-20; Castens def. Canale, 21-17, 21-13; Clark def. Duffell, 21-3, 21-4; Montoye def. Williams, 21-4, 21-4; Truesdale def. Reno, 21-15, 21-17.

Quarterfinals: Bledsoe def. J. D'Amore, 21-8, 21-5; Cullen def. Gillespie, 21-16, 21-12; Smith def. Stephens, 21-16, 21-10; and Stafford def. J. Thoni, 21-9, 21-9.

Semifinals: Bledsoe def. Cullen, 21-12, 21-14; Stafford def. Smith, 21-17, 21-16. (Smith def. Cullen for third place, 18-21, 21-11, 21-14.)

Finals: Bledsoe def. Stafford, 21-10, 21-10.

SENIORS

First Round: Coors def. Ballard, 21-6, 21-7; Olson def. Graber, 21-12, 21-13; McLaughlin def. Reaves, 21-10, 21-8; Gentry def. Cheek, 21-11, 11-21, 21-0 (injury); Leon def. Vaiden, 21-7, 21-16; Atkins def. Ambrose, 21-7, 21-5, after previously defeating J. Kimbrough; Sheehn forfeited to G. Self; Batley def. Deboo, 21-9, 21-6.

Quarterfinals: Coors def. Olson, 21-8, 21-10; McLaughlin def. Gentry, 21-5, 21-14; Leon def.

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"I cannot conceive of racquetball on the courts of Forest Park . . ."

BATBALL YIELDS IN ST. LOUIS

by Nancy Zelson

"What's racquetball?"

"You know, it's played on a handball court with a bouncy ball and a sawed-off tennis racquet."

Racquetball has so exploded in St. Louis that I will never again have to qualify my whereabouts with an explanation such as above. Indeed, compulsive players like myself are overjoyed, if not downright thankful to have both an abundance of "opponents" and a dozen facilities to invade if the urge strikes us.

However, I am reminded that the increased popularity of racquetball was no overnight sensation. Let's permit a bit of nostalgia. . . . Prior to 1966 the nearest facsimile to racquetball was accomplished on a squash court with a paddle and a tennis ball, referred to by a veteran as "batball." Handball players still displayed their innate aversion to racquetball players on their courts. Even today I cannot conceive of a racquetball player sneaking onto the handball courts in Forest Park, built in 1904 for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The most reasonable catalyst for the development of racquetball would undoubtedly be the construction of the JCCA, although handball was the dominant game at that time. Still there were several obstacles to overcome if racquetball were to emerge the victor. One such obstacle I have designated the "Srenco Court Controversy," which concerns the glass exhibition court at the "J." Funds for the construction of the Jack Srenco Memorial Court were raised by handball players—for use by handball players since racquetball was nonexistent. Gradually racquetball was permitted on the glass court but only in the final matches of tournaments.

Perhaps the prejudice towards racquetball players in general was surpassed only by the prejudice towards women. In 1966, the female contingent could be counted on one hand. A petite

brown-haired femme who prefers to remain anonymous explained her difficulties in getting either a court or a willing opponent. She would deviously sign up only her surname and upon her arrival at the court, the prospective players when noticing her gender would frequently refuse to play with her. The obstacles were slowly overcome due to the overwhelming growth in the population of players. Racquetball players not only dominated the courts, but began perfecting their games.

Marlowe Phillips was a top competitor; his repertoire of lobs and soft kills were especially effective with the obsolete "dead" ball. Steve Schneider, a powerful player, is known as being the last player to switch from a wooden paddle to a racquet (although he stubbornly strung his strings at 80 lbs. to simulate the paddle).

Veterans talk about a ten-year-old who would play all day and then practice his backhand kills, much to the dismay of older experienced players who thought the backhand composed the defensive part of the game. Steve Serot typically ignored such advice.

Thus commenced the domination by Steve, Jerry Hilecher and more recently Kenny Wong, all outstanding competitors by any standards.

In 1969, the St. Louis JCCA united players from around the country for the First Nationals, or National Paddleball Tournament, as it was called then. It was at this event that the players voted to change the name from paddleball to "Racquetball".

Although I was not around for racquetball's puberty, I certainly enjoy its adolescence, and recognize those who were responsible. I especially appreciate Phil Smith who was instrumental in the growth of women's racquetball and also encouraged the maintenance men to sweep leaves off the paths in the woods—so I wouldn't accidentally step on a snake while running!

Referee's Corner

By DR. BUD MUEHLEISEN
National Rules Chairman

Question: Player A hits a ball which in its return bounce is headed back toward player A's body. During player A's attempt to get out of the way the referee calls a "hinder" just before or as the ball contacts Player A. What is the ruling on the play, since player A did hit himself with his own shot?

Answer: A call by the referee of a "hinder" stops the play and voids any situation following, such as the ball hitting a player. Rule 4.10 (66)

Question: Must a ball be struck by the receiving side before it has struck the front wall twice, assuming the ball has touched the floor only one time?

Answer: No. "A rally is over when side makes an error, or is unable to turn the ball before it touches the floor twice. (Rule 1.3) **Comment:** This is the rare occasion when a ball rebounding from off the back wall (on the fly from the front wall) bounces to the floor and reaches the front wall before bouncing on the floor a second time. In such an instance the ball may then be played once again from off the front wall, providing it is struck before it bounces to the floor.

Question: Can a player who is in the mid court and against a side wall after his return, move back to center court promptly between the ball and his opponent who will be returning from back court?

Answer: Yes, but only if the move is done "quick enough" so as to allow the opponent a fair chance to see and return the ball and at the same time be allowed to move straight to the ball and not be required to go around an opponent in attempting a return. (Rule 4.10 (C)) **Comment:** If a player does not move quick enough in the judgment of the referee or interferes with the ball or opponent, an avoidable hinder may be called under rule 4.11 (2) constituting a blocking infraction. This is strictly a judgment call as to whether or not the player moved quickly enough so as not to block his opponent's path to see or return the ball.

Question: During play a ball takes an awkward bounce from striking a local court hinder not specified in the pre game briefing under rule 3.4, and a player misses the ball on return, should the point be replayed?

Answer: No, unless the referee has
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Join The Swingers---
play **RACQUETBALL**



"Whack, Clack!"

By Joseph Litsch, reprinted
from the January "Atlanta"

If the Russians like it, the heck with history and fact: they claim it.

If Americans like something, Westernize it a little, then let Uncle Sam claim it.

Americans laughed when the Soviet news agency *Tass* reported that the rousing "Get Me to the Church on Time" from *My Fair Lady* was really an updated Russian march.

Then, in 1962 *Nedelya*, a weekly supplement to the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia*, had Yankees holding their sides with the report that "beizbol," the same game we call "the great American pastime," is of Russian origin.

Look in the mirror. We reshaped the ball, changed the rules, altered the field, and English rugby became football; baskets were replaced by bases, and baseball was born from cricket; Dr. James A. Naismith whacked the bottoms from a couple of peach baskets and a Mexican game was rebounded as basketball.

Make room for racquetball, the child of handball and/or tennis and paddleball. The legitimate parent is uncertain.

Actually, the game is more legitimate than most recordbooks indicate. (*Guinness Sports Record Book* omits racquetball and rackets completely.) Hanover College in England was the first to compete in rackets, a game very much like today's racquetball. That was in the 1820's, but expense cost rackets its place on the Hanover extra curricular list, and the courts were converted for squash.

Rackets was played against a single wall with the object being for each player (the usual number was two) to hit the ball with his racket before it hit the ground or before it bounced twice. That remains unchanged.

The Spanish got hold of rackets in the late 17th Century and came up with *jai alai*, which literally means "merry festival." The rackets were re-woven into wicker baskets, two walls were added on the side and at the back, and the game was speeded considerably. (*Jai alai* balls have been clocked at 150 mph, or 220 feet per second.)

Handball went *jai alai* one better and added three walls and a ceiling, giving players a totally enclosed area (20 x 40 x 20 ft.) with every inch available for caroming. Racquetball kept the court dimensions, but added rackets—smaller, shorter and more

maneuverable than tennis—and a height requirement to the bounces.

The game of rackets had made its appearance in the United States in the late 1880s, but floundered until recently. Now, racqueteers of the nation are united.

What A Racket

The Georgia Racquetball Association is an affiliate of the International Racquetball Association headquartered in Stillwater, OK. The Georgia group held its first state tournament last May, and drew more than 70 entries in three classifications: A, B, and novice. Doubles were played separately.

"It appeals to all ages," says Marc Auerbach, a transplanted Tennessean recognized as one of the top 10 players in the South, and head of the Georgia organization for 1973-74. "We have some players 50 to 60 years old, high school students, and 10 women. There are roughly 1,000 people in Atlanta who play racquetball regularly."

Three years ago, sensing the potential interest in racquetball, the Atlanta Jewish Community Center built four courts. Emory can boast a racquetball interest earlier, but JCC claims credit for the surge in the sport, which reached organizational stage in September 1973.

"Now, there are courts at Park Plateau [an office park and athletic club on Fulton Industrial Blvd.], and Tower Place [a Buckhead office park-apartment complex] is building six courts," says Auerbach.

The Park Plateau courts were designed with both the player and spectator in mind. The backwall is glass, allowing full view of the game.

"The reason the sport is growing so rapidly is that it's easy to pick up, and positive results came more quickly than in a sport like, say, tennis," Auerbach asserts. "It also offers a very concentrated workout in a short time, so executives can play on their lunch hour."

Park Plateau appeals primarily to young executives, but the JCC draws a cross section of ages. Tower Place is expected to have an even wider age range.

"It's just a beginning," says Auerbach enthusiastically. "I think the future is unlimited."

And why not? It's a sport as American as football, baseball and basketball.

—Joseph Litsch

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Atkins, 21-5, 15-21, 21-15; Batey def. Self, 21-17, 21-4.

Semifinals: Coors def. McLaughlin, 21-13, 21-17; Leon def. Batey, 11-21, 21-12, 21-17. (Batey def. McLaughlin for third place, 21-14, 21-10.)

Finals: Coors def. Leo, 21-18, 21-10.

MASTERS

First Round: Schippers, Nichopoulos, Tait and Prichard advanced on byes. Williams def. Lovett; Brown def. Hawkins; Jorgensen def. Cannon; and Pinner def. Starr.

Quarterfinals: Schippers def. Williams; Nichopoulos def. Brown; Tait def. Jorgensen; Prichard def. Pinner.

Semifinals: Nichopoulos def. Schippers, 20-21, 21-14, 21-12; and Prichard def. Tait, 21-16, 21-10. (Schippers def. Tait for third place.)

Finals: Prichard def. Nichopoulos, 20-21, 21-16, 21-14.

JUNIORS

Quarterfinals: Kimbrough forfeited to Fleetwood; Smith advanced on bye; Woodward def. Dunlop, 21-12, 21-10; Tashie def. Coors, 21-12, 21-0.

Semifinals: Fleetwood def. Smith, 21-3, 21-7; Tashie def. Woodward, 21-10, 21-17. (Woodward def. Smith for third place, 21-11, 12-21, 21-15.)

Finals: Fleetwood def. Tashie, 21-12, 12-21, 21-13.

LADIES

Quarterfinals: Sarah Green def. G. Ferguson, 21-0, 21-4; Lavenue def. Bain, 21-7, 21-4; Connolly def. Phillips, 21-4, 21-9; Chris Nichopoulos def. Palazolo, 21-8, 21-10.

Semifinals: Green def. Lavenue, 21-7, 21-5; and Nichopoulos def. Connolly, 21-12, 21-12.

Finals: Green def. Nichopoulos, 21-7, 21-13.

U.S.A.F.—Europe

OPEN SINGLES

Semifinals: Dave Billings def. Ed Zompa, 13-21, 21-18, 21-16; Dwight Kealoha def. Harry With, 21-16, 13-21, 21-20.

Finals: Kealoha def. Billings, 13-21, 21-18, 21-13.

Consolation: Buford Parnel def. Jim Davis, 21-10, 21-12.

RACQUETBALL

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Bernstein def. Don Mayfield, 21-7, 21-2; Groves def. Ken Smith, 9-21, 21-18, 21-19; Marshall Snipes def. Bill Riggles, 21-15, 21-7; Mike Carr def. Cliff Zeairs, 21-7, 21-13; Kent Taylor def. Dale Hobbs, 21-9, 21-8; Marvin Keener def. Wallace Hardy, 21-16, 21-9. Jim Bebie forfeited to Eric Campbell. Advancing on byes were Steven Levy, Jerry Linton, Richard Walker, Don Matthews, Bob Lampley, Gary Hinkle, Tom McKie, Roland Treat, and Myron Roderick.

Second Round: Roderick def. Campbell, 21-8, 21-6; Bernstein def. Groves, 21-19, 21-13; Roland Treat def. Snipes, 21-8, 21-7; Mike Carr def. Kent Taylor (no card); McKie def. Hinkle, 21-10, 21-13; Lampley def. Matthews, 21-12, 21-13; Keener def. Walker, 21-8, 21-5; Linton def. Levy, 21-8, 21-2.

Quarterfinals: Roderick def. Bernstein, 21-9, 21-10; Treat def. Carr (medical forfeit), McKie def. Lampley, 21-18, 21-10; Linton def. Keener, 7-21, 21-7, 21-18.

Semifinals: Roderick def. Treat, 21-8, 21-13; Linton def. McKie, 21-18, 21-10. (McKie def. Treat for third place, 21-7, 21-5.)

Finals: Roderick def. Linton, 21-2, 21-7.

Consolation: Wallace Hardy def. Ken Smith, 21-9, 21-9.

B SINGLES

1st, Chuck Johnson; 2nd, Kevin Chambliss; 3rd, Jim Dyer; 4th, Chuck Croft. Consolation winner, Wayne Campbell.

MASTERS

1st, Carl Provence; 2nd, V. Z. Lawton; 3rd, Dean Lemmon; 4th, Ed Grula. Consolation winner, Ken Denney.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

1st, Phil Stepp; 2nd, Tim Tripp. Consolation winner, Eric Fielding.

NOVICE

1st, Bill Rompf; 2nd, John Trickett; 3rd, John Paulin; 4th, David Dahlke. Consolation winner, Alan Shryrock.

STILLWATER (LOCAL)

1st, Tim Tripp; 2nd, Craig Walters; 3rd, Fred Lewell; 4th, Keith Harries. Consolation winner, Alan Shryrock.

WOMEN

1st, Lyn McKie; 2nd, Beth Bunker; 3rd, Janice Segall; 4th, Marge Grula; 5th, Jan Holt; 6th, Ann Baer; 7th, Patty Brandt; 8th, Cathy Cooper; 9th, Virginia Davis; 10th, Mary Grula.

OPEN DOUBLES

1st, Roderick and Keener; 2nd, McKie and Bernstein; 3rd, Campbell and Walker; 4th, Hardy and Linton.

MASTERS DOUBLES

1st, Provence and Dave Hessel; 2nd, Lawton and Joe Darrough; 3rd, Jay Leibe and John Rutherford; 4th, Ed Grula and Roger Koeppe.

B DOUBLES

1st, Doug Aichele and Jim Martin; 2nd, Jerry Myers and Jim McPherson; 3rd, Lanny Chasteen and Mike Crooch; 4th, Arnold Davis and Brad Walker.

Round of 16: McKie def. O'Neal, 21-11, 21-11; Sellars def. Carr, 21-17, 21-14; Gibbs def. Treat, 21-13, 21-18; Clegg def. Thackara, 21-11, 16-21, 21-5; Wright def. Burgener, 21-11, 21-15; Stevens def. Nichopoulos, 18-21, 21-18, 21-14; Smith def. Walker, 21-11, 10-21, 21-10; Meyer def. Jordan, 21-14, 21-16.

Quarterfinals: McKie def. Sellars, 21-16, 21-14; Gibbs def. Clegg, 21-4, 16-21, 21-9; Wright def. Stevens, 21-10, 21-18; Smith def. Meyer, 21-14, 21-19.

Semifinals: McKie def. Gibbs, 21-20, 21-9; Wright def. Smith, 21-11, 21-11.

Finals: Wright def. McKie, 8-21, 21-8, 21-8.

B SINGLES

Round of 32: Gibbs def. Thackara, 21-4, 21-13; Burford def. Hofer, 21-17, 17-21, 21-17; Brazil def. Stevens, 21-3, 21-8; Kwartler def. Booker, 13-21, 21-9, 21-15; Meek def. Croft, 21-10, 10-21, 21-9; Fleetwood def. Huffines, 21-2, 21-8; Campbell def. Fine, 21-3, 21-8; Cortez def. Payne, 21-19, 21-18, 21-20; Manor def. Mayfield, 21-20, 21-18; Nieves def. Melton, 12-21, 21-14, 21-12; Peters def. Diamond, 21-12, 21-15; O'Neal, forfeit; Walker def. Tashie, 16-21, 16-21, 21-16; Jamison def. Steele, 21-18, 16-21, 21-4; Woodward def. Ebenholtz, 21-7, 21-11.

Round of 16: Gibbs, forfeit; Kwartler def. Brazil, 21-15, 13-21, 21-13; Fleetwood def. Meek, 21-13, 11-21, 21-8; Campbell def. Cortez, 21-7, 21-13; Manor def. Nieves, 21-4, 21-8; Diamond def. Peters, 15-21, 21-16, 21-18; O'Neal def. Woodward, 21-9, 13-21, 21-12.

Quarterfinals: Gibbs def. Kwartler, 21-10, 21-15; Fleetwood def. Campbell, 13-21, 21-18, 21-16; Diamond def. Manor, 21-12, 21-10; Woodward def. O'Neal, 11-21, 21-15, 21-18.

Semifinals: Gibbs def. Fleetwood, 21-13, 21-18; Diamond def. Woodward, 11-21, 21-15, 21-18.

Finals: Gibbs vs. Diamond (forfeit).

SENIOR SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Roderick def. Hall, 21-2, 21-6; Starkman def. Croft, 21-12, 21-12; Porco def. Provence, 21-12, 21-14; Garfinkel def. Lawton, 21-8, 21-13.

Semifinals: Roderick def. Starkman, 21-3, 20-21, 21-17; Garfinkel def. Porco, 21-13, 21-13.

Finals: Garfinkel def. Roderick, 21-13, 21-15.

Consolation: Porco def. Starkman, forfeit.

MASTER SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Hood def. Karp, 21-12, 21-10; Barratt def. Reese, 21-15, 21-8; Weideman def. Ruffu, 21-6, 21-16; Hilecher def. Van Arsdall, 21-3, 21-4.

Semifinals: Hood def. Barratt, 11-21, 21-5, 21-8; Hilecher def. Weideman, 21-5, 18-21, 21-9.

Finals: Hood def. Hilecher, 21-17, 12-21, 21-8.

WOMEN'S PRO SINGLES

First Round: Steding def. Ackerman, 21-0, 21-4; McCarthy def. Segall, 21-2, 21-7; Marriot def. Jackson, 21-4, 21-1; Harding def. Davis, 21-1, 21-0; Campbell def. Johnson, 21-10, 21-10; McKie def. Melton, 21-11, 9-21, 21-10; Pasternak def. New, 21-4, 21-2; Wright def. Weed, 21-1, 21-6.

Quarterfinals: Steding def. McCarthy, 21-5, 21-3; Harding def. Marriot, 21-15, 21-8; Campbell def. McKie, 21-9, 21-10; Pasternak def. Wright, 21-19, 21-4.

Semifinals: Steding def. Harding, 19-21, 21-11, 21-12; Pasternak def. Campbell, 21-5, 21-14.

Finals: Steding def. Pasternak, 21-20, 21-7.

Consolation: Campbell def. Harding, 21-14, 21-17.

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The March 21-23 invitational includes men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and senior men's singles.

Because of its affiliation with three other Minnesota tennis clubs—Midwest at Edina, Normandale at Bloomington, and North Star also of St. Louis—the success of the March tournament and the continued enthusiasm for racquetball could affect activities in these other clubs.

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European racquetballers heading for West German competition



Buford Parnell, left, winner of the consolation bracket congratulates Captain Dwight Kealoha, winner of the Air Force competition at Ramstein. Next big event on the European continent is the West German tournament (see letters to IRA, page 7).

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14-16: Ektelon Pro-Am, Houston, Tex. Contact Jim Austin.

14-17: West Virginia All Campus Singles. Open to persons affiliated with WVU. Contact Richard Rurak.

21-22: Iowa State Championships, Keokuk, Jerry Lucas.

21-23: Second annual Northern Ontario and Upper Peninsula open singles tournament. Entry deadline March 15. Contact Graham Geldart, YMCA, 235 McNabb St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario (705) 949-3133.

21-23: River City Open, Louisville Athletic Club. Contact Ken Porco.

21-23: New England IRA Open Singles Championships (Open, Seniors, Masters, and B), Northeastern University, Boston. Peter F. Crummey, 84-C Walnut St., Ft. Devens, Mass. 01433. Consolations will be played.

21-23: IRA Intercollegiate Championships, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.

28-30: Indiana State Singles Championships, Indiana University (A, B, Senior, Women's Open). Brian Parrott, 915 Eigenmann, Bloomington 47401.

29-30: Iowa IRA State Open, Keokuk, Jerry Lucas.

29-30: Maine Open Championships, Portland, Maine, Bob Folsom.

TBA: Central Kentucky Open, Lexington, Ky., Jim Daopoulos.

TBA: Western New York Class A Singles and Doubles. Four wall.

TBA: Williamsport, Pa., YMCA Open.

TBA: River City Open, Louisville. Contact Ken Porco.

TBA: Massachusetts Closed Military Singles (Open and B), Hanscom AFB, Mass.

APRIL

4-6: First annual New England Vittert open singles. Northeastern Univ., Boston, Mass., Open "B," "C," seniors, masters, golden masters, women open. Contact Peter Crummey, state chairman, 84-C Walnut St., Ft. Devens, Mass. 01433.

4-6: Texas Racquetball championship tournament site is Racquetball and Handball Club of San Antonio, 121 NW

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5-7: All campus doubles. West Virginia University affiliated persons, only. Contact Richard Rurak.

11-12: Iowa State Seniors, Keokuk, Jerry Lucas.

11-12: Iowa YMCA B Doubles. Place TBA.

11-13: Memphis State University Women's Intercollegiate racquetball tournament for university students (from any accredited college). "A" singles, "B" singles, and doubles. Contact Ms. Harriette Lavenue, HYPER, Memphis State Univ., Memphis, Tenn. 38152. Deadline March 29.

14-18: Western New York Class B Masters Singles, Buffalo Athletic Club, Buffalo, N.Y.

18-20: Wisconsin State Junior Singles, 18-Under. Milwaukee Athletic Club.

18-20: Minnesota State (Amateur) Tournament. Open singles, open doubles, senior singles, senior doubles, masters singles and grandmaster's singles. Contact Dr. Fred D. Banfield.

21-25: Western New York Class A Masters Singles, Buffalo Athletic Club.

25-27: New England Open Invitational Singles. 16 man field. Place TBA.

25-27: Arizona state doubles championship at Tucson Athletic Club. Contact Ron Stulik, Arizona state chairman, 8302 E. Columbus Ave., Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251.

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25-27: Second annual Holiday Inn Dixie Tournament. Open, "B," Novice, Open doubles, "B" doubles. Contact Chuck Croft, 400 McNeil, Shreveport, La.

TBA: Columbus Spring singles tournament. Contact Paul Grennell, YMCA program director.

TBA: South Super 16, site to be announced.

TBA: Pennsylvania YMCA Championships, Greater Scranton YMCA. Contact Loyd Capnell.

TBA: Western New York Class A and Class B Women's Singles. Four wall courts.

TBA: Utah Cache Valley Open. Trey Sayes.

TBA: The Continental Sports Conference (West Germany) Racquetball League: competition between six USAF bases (singles and doubles).

TBA: The United Kingdom (England), CSC (Germany), and Mediterranean (Spain, Italy, Greece) Singles and Doubles championships (Sectional championships to determine representatives for the USAF-All AF European championships).

MAY

2-4: Third annual Idaho Open State Championships. Open singles, open doubles. Contact Bob Peterson, 3625 Waldon Dr., Boise, Idaho 83705. Phone (208) 375-8966.

2-4: Fifth annual invitational at Kings Court, Roseville, Minn. Seven divisions: open singles, open doubles, senior singles, senior doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, and "B" singles. Open to anyone who has not previously entered an open tournament. Contact Robert M. Adam.

3-4: Intermediate Singles, Senior, Class B, C and Women's Divisions. Orange Coast College Racquetball Club, Costa Mesa, Calif. Three wall.

10-11: Pennsylvania state women's championship. Penn State University. Also Nittany Lion Club hosts Invitational singles. Write Luke St. Onge for invitations. Box 193, Centre Hall, Pa. 16828, or call (814) 364-1482.

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Memphis planning for 200 entries in 1976

By Ron Leon

A competitive spirit was in the air for five days January 22-26 for 90 racquetball players in Memphis, Tennessee.

Play commenced for five divisions at the downtown Stratton YMCA and switched to the Memphis State Athletic Complex for semifinals and finals.

Davie Bledsoe annihilated the top half of a 64 draw sheet to meet Randy Stafford in the finals of the open division. Execution of pinch shots and retrieval of pass balls insured a victory for Bledsoe, 21-20, 21-10. Steve Smith took third place defeating Jim Cullen, 18-21, 21-11, 21-14. Cullen, an up and coming player, won the B singles in the Tanner Pro-Am held here November 1974.

It never fails. Giles "Bull" Coors bulled his way to the finals in senior singles and won over Ron Leon, 21-18, 21-10. Richard Batey defeated Jim McLaughlin, 21-14, 21-10, to take

third place.

Bailey Prichard defeated George Nichopoulos, 20-21, 21-16, 21-14, for the Masters division first place. Third place went to Smith Schippers defeating Minor Tait, 21-12, 20-21, 21-19.

Sarah Green was on top again in the women's singles easing by Kissy Nichopoulos, 21-7, 21-13.

David Fleetwood won the Junior division in an exciting three game match over Pete Tashie, 21-12, 12-21, 21-13.

See Scoreboard for more complete listings.

The increased interest in racquetball in Memphis has caused waiting lines at peak times for the approximately 50 courts here. Prospects for the 1976 City Tournament look great. The Memphis Racquetball Association has decided to have a B division with first and second round consolation trophies. This should bring about 200 entries.



Bailey Prichard, left, and George Nichopoulos.



Kissy Nichopoulos and Sarah Green.

Schmidtke takes fifth annual Woodson YMCA tournament

Play was scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. Friday, January 10, for the Fifth Annual Woodson YMCA Racquetball Tournament. Announcements had stated that play would be limited to 32 players. Thirty were on hand but play began just as furiously as if there had been 32 . . . promptly at 5:45 p.m.

For some it began that early. For some it was 11 p.m., and for two or three lucky ones who drew a bye, play didn't begin until the next day. But the next day play began much sooner—as early as 8 a.m. in some games, and as late as 7 p.m. in others.

The timing on the late Saturday evening games was important. Bottles of champagne had been presented to all the wives and girl friends of tournament players for the Saturday night banquet, so it was important that all games be completed by a given hour.

By Saturday night the tournament had begun to take its toll, and exactly 24 players were entitled to their

friends' champagne for balm, and solace.

Bill Schmidtke, Tom Wirkus, Paul Ikier, and Ron Strom had advanced to the semi-finals for Sunday. Jim Hall and Tony Snarski had advanced to the Sunday finals of the consolations. The others were now bystanders.

On the consolation side of the chart

Jim Hall took Tony Snarski's measure in two strong games: 21-9 and 21-9.

On the opposite side of the charts Schmidtke met Wirkus Sunday morning and proceeded to win two straight games, but it was a contest: 21-15 and 21-19.

Meanwhile in court two at the same time Ron Strom was having what many thought was an easy time of it as he defeated Paul Ikier, 21-6, in their first morning game. But Ikier came back in the second and folks weren't so sure. Strom pulled it out: 21-15.

At 1 p.m. Ikier and Wirkus met to decide third place in the tournament. Ikier took it: 21-3, 15-21, 21-13.

The stage was now set for the finals single championship. At 3 p.m. Bill Schmidtke went to work. He took the first game handily, 21-9, and Strom took, the second, 21-13. Schmidtke then cashed in his claim for the meet, taking the final game, 21-13.



IN GOOD SPIRITS—Wives and girl friends were each treated to a bottle of champagne at the evening banquet.

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Schmidtke takes fifth in Woodson court

The doubles were taken by Bill Schmidtke and team mate Paul Ikier in two fast games: 21-15 and 21-11 over the team of Johnson and Jerry Hoff. Thus closed the fifth annual Woodson YMCA Racquetball Tournament.

Sponsors for the tournament were the Wausau Chemical Company and the Woodson YMCA, both of whom expressed their thanks to the following firms and individuals who contributed to the success of the tourney:

Jerry Hoff and Dave Lien, Miller Brewing Company, Ektelon, Jack Fitzgerald, Leach Industries, Trenway Products, Herb Cohan, Champion Glove Co., Seamco, Jim Cherwinka, and the Wausau Chamber of Commerce.



WOODSON YMCA—In the front row, from the left, are: Tony Snarski, Jerry Hoff (tournament chairman), Ron Peck, Bill Schmidtke, and Jack Fitzgerald. Back row: Tom Wirkus, Jim Hall, Dave Lien, Galen Johnson, Paul Ikier, and Ron Strom.

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Upcoming Racquetball

MAY

8-10: Utah State Doubles Championships (Open, B, C, Seniors). Trey Sayes.

12-15: Western New York Class A Junior Singles, Buffalo Jewish Center, Amherst, N.Y.

23-26: Seventh annual IRA International Singles Championships. (Open, Junior, Senior, Masters, Golden Masters, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles) St. Louis.

23-26: Third annual Daffy Open. Open singles 32, senior singles 16, master singles 16, women's open 16, B-Singles 16, Open doubles 16, C-singles 32, junior singles 16. Town and Country Tennis and Health Club, 2002—36th St., N.W., Gig Harbor. Contact Sid A. Williams, 5237 S. Birmingham, Tacoma, Washington 98409.

TBA: USAFE-All AF European Championships (to determine representatives

JUNE

20-22: National Singles and Doubles. Open and B Singles and Doubles, Senior Singles, Open Women's Singles. Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif. Three wall.

JULY

16-19: (Note, this is a corrected date.) Fifth annual Klondike open championship. Contact K. S. Wilson, 12103—39 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

18-20: Second annual Sunflower Open racquetball tournament. Topeka, Ks., YMCA. Tournament director Chuck Smrha, 421 Van Buren, Topeka 66603. Phone (913) 354-8591.

NOVEMBER

6-9: Tentative dates for Canadian Racquetball Association's 1975 Nationals.

Explanation of the Ball Situation

I would like to inform everyone concerned that the Official ball for the IRA is the Black 558 Seamco ball. This ball must be used in all tournaments that are sanctioned by the IRA. If your tournament is not sponsored or sanctioned by the IRA, you are not obligated by this rule.

We have approved other balls. The reason for this approval is that the balls we have approved are good balls and meet the standards that we have set up as far as our International Racquetball Association is concerned. The balls that we have approved are the Voit, Vittert and the Trenway balls.

If you have any questions concerning the ball do not hesitate to contact us here at the International Office.

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Referee's Corner

failed to brief the players on one of the local hinders which the head tournament referee and director have agreed upon ahead of time. Otherwise, it not so specified before commencing play, the ball is considered "in play" until a mutual agreement is reached concerning the ensuing play. *Comment:* It is deemed the players responsibility to make sure of any local court hinders before commencing play. (Rule 4.4 (C))

If you have questions about any aspects of racquetball, just write to Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 933 Loren Dr., La Mesa, Calif. 92401, and he will respond in a subsequent Referee's Corner column. Dr. Muehleisen is recognized as one of the game's best informed players, and is a member of the Racquetball Hall of Fame. Referee's Corner is expected to be a regular feature of Racquetball magazine.—The editors.

Received too late for referral

Question: As a handball player of many years I was always required to start my service from a dead stop, inside the service box. Recently two of my opponents started their serves outside the box.

They actually served the ball on the run, taking two to three steps as they approached the back line of the service zone, dropping the ball as they crossed the back line.

I challenged the move and was ruled against. To me, Part IV, rule 4.1 of the handbook isn't clear. Would you give me a ruling on this?

E.J.C.
Quincy, Mass.

Answer: If the following isn't sufficient, we will put your question to Dr. Bud Muehleisen in the next issue.

You must start your serve with your foot inside the line of the service box and you must stay in that box until the ball has passed the back service line.

If you step outside the line on the serve, or if you move out of the box before the ball reaches the back service line it is a foot-fault. Two faults and you lose your serve.

As far as movement in the box is concerned, there is no definite rule unless you are screening the ball as you move. If you are doing this, it is illegal.

Myron Roderick,
Executive Director



Mike Romano, one of the East's finest players, played in his first professional tournament in Dallas. We roomed together and he gave me an on the spot report of his first round match with Bill Dunn. Please read on to see what this modest, unassuming young player had to say about his performance.

Gar: How did you feel playing in your first professional tournament?

Romano: Fantastic!

Gar: How did it feel playing in the same tourney with Serot, Keeley, and Brumfield?

Romano: With my ability and future, who needs to watch them?

Gar: How did you feel about your performance?

Romano: Awesome!! Simply awesome!!

Gar: How were your shots working?

Romano: So incredibly that it boggles the mind to talk about it.

Gar: Would you say that you played well?

Romano: A four star performance.

Reporter: How did you prepare for the tournament?

Romano: I run four miles every day. I'm disappointed in my time however. I'm only averaging 4:01 per mile. If I run a straight mile only, I'm down around 3:53.

Gar: How did you feel you were moving on the court?

Romano: Remember that song "Poetry in Motion?"

An exclusively
Garfinkel interview
with Mike Romano

My First Pro-Match

Gar: How hard were you hitting the ball?

Romano: So hard that one of the balls is still imbedded in Bill Dunn's !?!?!?

Gar: What was your game strategy?

Romano: With my ability, who needs strategy?

Gar: What did you think of your shot selection?

Romano: It was like a brain surgeon selecting his instruments.

Gar: Where do you go from here?

Romano: There's no stopping me now!!

Gar: I'd like to ask you a couple more questions. What do you feel is hurting your game the most right now?

Romano: That's easy!! Overconfidence and no competition in this tournament.

Gar: Before we conclude, who do you play in the next round?

Romano: Oh, I forgot to tell you. I lost to Bill Dunn by the scores of 21-12, 21-15.

We'd like Mike to know how much we appreciated his good natured attitude about this interview. He is one of the fastest rising young players in the country. He has tremendous ability, and just needs some good match game experience.



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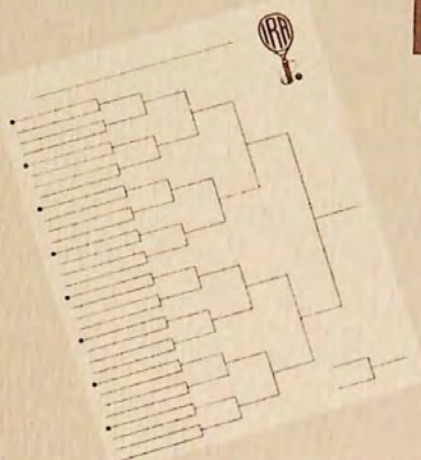
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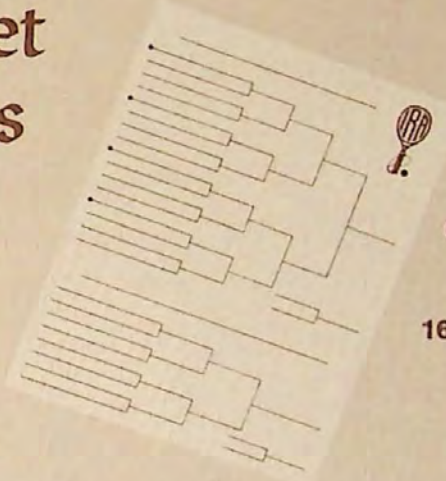
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