

Passing Shots

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Retains No. 1 ranking

It's Yellen Again

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I WANT TO KNOW — Lynn Adams became a household name to millions of Americans last month when the *National Enquirer* did a feature story on how the No. 2 ranked female player in the world overcame arthritis. Folks who have never heard of racquetball are now approaching Adams in the supermarket.

Her friends also approached her, but in a different manner. "None of them would admit they bought the *Enquirer*. They all said they read a friend's copy or their grandmother pointed it out to them," Adams said.

BAD TIMING DEPT. — When you reach the top, the vultures start swarming. Moments after Mike Yellen defeated Marty Hogan at the DP Nationals in Atlanta to claim the No. 1 ranking for the 1983-84 season, he was pounced upon by a fellow who had a new idea for racquetball. His company had the ability to custom-make handles for the racquet. Yellen politely listened to the dissertation about the manufacturing process when a passerby sized up the situation, got rid of the fellow and allowed Yellen to bask in some well-deserved glory.

LEFTOVER NOTES FROM THE NATIONALS — There were 600 entrants in the DP Nationals. Those persons who phoned in their entries had to pay an extra \$10...Isn't it ironic that two Ektelon players, **Mike Yellen** and **Lynn Adams** won the DP tournament while DP players **Brett Harnett** and **Heather McKay** won the Ektelon Championships in California...The open division final turned into a battle of the big men. Both **Jim Cascio** and **Mike Ray** are over 6-foot-5...Shop Talk Dept. What would journalism schools say if they were told a reporter for a national publication served as a linesman for the Hogan-Yellen match and then was asked to be relieved of his duties? Hmm...The Hogan-Yellen match lasted three-and-a-half hours. At least 45 minutes was spent wiping the floor for wet spots...The media loved doing interviews with the racquetball pros. Not only were they articulate but also refreshingly honest...The crowd applauded Heather McKay when she refused to accept a hinder call. Sure it was a nice gesture, but wouldn't it be nice if that was expected behavior?...How 'bout **Marcy Drexler**? Drexler, 19, won three national amateur titles and reached the semifinals of the women's pro division before losing to Adams. Her colleagues swear she hits the ball even harder than Miami's **Brenda Poe-Barrett**. In the two pro stops that he's played in, Miami's **Sergio Gonzalez** has met **Marty Hogan** in the early rounds.

THUMBS UP — Laurels to **Karen McKinney** of the Atlanta Sporting Club. Not only was she responsible for running the DP Nationals but somehow she had enough stamina to compete in the women's pro division...Laurels to **AMF Voit**. Realizing the importance of pro racquetball, **AMF Voit** allowed the women players to compete in the tournament although a Penn Ball was being used. The Voit ball is the official ball of the WPRA and they could have made things sticky for the women

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ATLANTA — Mike Yellen is growing attached to Atlanta. For the second straight year, Yellen defeated racquetball legend Marty Hogan at the \$110,000 DP Nationals and successfully defended his No. 1 ranking.

It took Yellen five grueling games (6-11, 11-1, 10-11, 11-8, 11-6) and three hours to garner the \$16,600 first-place prize.

Both players went into the final knowing what was at stake. Tied with 87 points, the winner ended the season ranked first and the opportunity to grab the endorsements which come with it.

"Sure, I knew about it," Yellen said. "But during the match I didn't think about it. I spent 100 percent of my concentration on each point."

Yellen almost failed to reach the final and faced elimination in the second round. After defeating Steve Lerner, 11-0, 11-4, 11-7 in the first round, Yellen faced New York's Mike Levine. Levine took the first two games 11-10, 11-5 and was two points away from winning the third game and match, but Yellen prevailed 11-9. He went on to take the next two games 11-3 and 11-4 but the spectators all but ruled him out.

"It wasn't that I was playing badly. Levine hit some serves to the forehand side which weren't screens and were almost impossible to return."

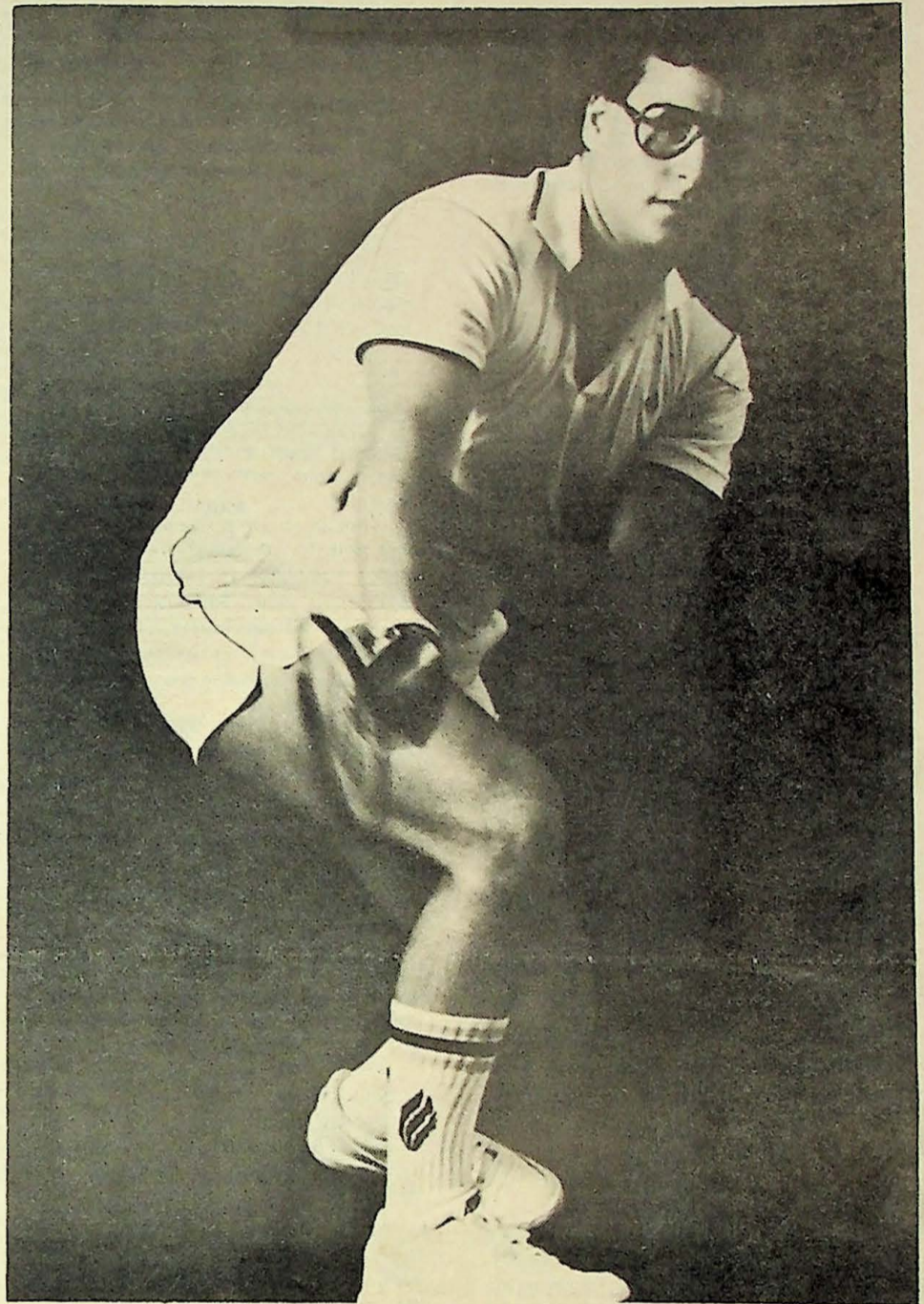
Yellen began peaking in the quarterfinals against Rich Wagner, winning 11-9, 11-4, 11-6. In the semifinals, Yellen was awesome against Greg Peck and won three straight games, 11-3, 11-2, 11-6. It was that match which restored the fans' faith in Yellen.

Hogan was also awesome and appeared ready to show the racquetball world that he belonged on top. Hogan defeated Miami's Sergio Gonzalez 11-4, 11-3, 5-11, 11-9; Mike Ray 11-0, 5-11, 11-5, 11-7 and Ed Andrews, who upset Dave Peck, 11-10, 5-11, 11-5, 11-7.

Hogan took the first game over Yellen 11-6 but Yellen stormed back in the second game, 11-1.

The pivotal third game was a classic. Hogan led 3-0 but Yellen scored six unanswered points and held a 6-3 lead. Hogan came back to gain a 7-6 lead but skipped a forehand with the game tied at eight. Yellen forged ahead 10-9 with an ace serve which died in the corner. Hogan argued it was a wet ball serve and took his anger out on Yellen's next serve with a perfect splat shot to save the game.

The most controversial call of the match came with Hogan serving at 9-10. After Hogan served the ball, Yellen, thinking the ball skipped into the front wall resulting in a sideout, walked to the service box. The official, however, said the serve hit the



Mike Yellen

front wall. A stunned Yellen couldn't believe it and Hogan was awarded an ace serve. One linesman agreed with Yellen but the other didn't and the game was tied at 10. After a change in linesman and a 10-minute delay, Hogan won the game with a splat shot and held a 2-1 advantage.

Yellen felt several calls went against him and at one point he appealed an obvious Hogan skip.

"I felt I got shafted four or five times. I can shake off one call but when it happens time and time again, you feel like you're playing against Marty, the ref and two linesman."

Ahead two games to one, Hogan stormed to a 2-0 lead and the momentum was on his side. But Yellen scored six straight points. Hogan's first serve then began to click as he took an 8-7 lead. Yellen, however, came back with a drive serve and took the next three points with Hogan skipping a forehand to lose the game.

In the fifth and deciding game, Hogan took a 3-0 lead. Yellen rallied back to tie it at six. The score remained at six for 20 minutes with both players refusing to let the other score during serve.

Yellen broke the scoreless streak with a clutch ace serve to Hogan's backhand. The ace serve gave Yellen the momentum as he went on to win the match and the sport's top ranking 11-6.

The loss shattered Hogan's confidence.

"I guess I'm perfecting the art of losing," Hogan said matter-of-factly.

Yellen appeared more emotional after winning the title this year than he did last season.

"My feelings might not have been as visible last year. It was a big win for me. Maybe I was more confident last season going into the DP Nationals. I had won three tournaments in a row and felt I was the one to beat. This year I've been a little sluggish the past couple of months and then I beat Marty. What makes it feel so good is I didn't sneak in the back door to get the No. 1 ranking. Marty hasn't won it the last two years and there was no question that he wanted it back."

Yellen almost didn't make it to the quarter finals when Mike Levine defeated him two straight games and

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Where To Play

AUBURNDALE

Auburndale Tennis & Pro Shop — 202 West Park St. (813) 697-7265. 4 outdoor 4-wall courts. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Public courts. Non-resident, \$3 during daytime, \$5 after 5.

BOCA RATON

The Olympiad — 21069 Military Trail. (305) 368-6441. 11 racquetball courts, 2 squash courts. Nautilus, whirlpool, sauna. Pool under construction. Restaurant. \$5.25 guest fee for out-of-towners.

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Power Racquetball Plus — 6412 14th St., West Bradenton. (813) 755-0137. Six air-conditioned courts. Pro shop, snack bar. \$3 guest fee. 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Under new ownership. Guests welcome.

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Cascio; Dave Peck def. Cory Brysman; David Simonette def. Cliff Swain; Ed Andrews def. Brian Hawkes; Jerry Hilecher def. Bruce Christensen; Scott Oliver def. Andy Gross; Jack Newman def. Sean Moskwa; Mike Ray def. Peter Britos and Marty Hogan def. Sergio Gonzalez. 2nd Round Yellen def. Levine; Wagner def. Gilliam; Gonzalez def. Eggerman; Peck def. Sell; Peck def. Simonette; Andrews def. Hilecher; Newman def. Oliver; Hogan def. Ray. 3rd round Yellen def. Wagner; Peck def. Gonzalez; Peck def. Andrews; Hogan def. Newman. Semis: Yellen def. Peck, 11-3, 11-2, 11-6; Hogan def. Andrews 11-10, 5-11, 11-6, 11-7. Finals: Yellen def. Hogan 6-11, 11-1, 10-11, 11-8, 11-6.

Women Pros

Heather McKay def. Dina Pritchett; Marcy Lynch def. Martha Adams; Malia Kamahoahoa def. Lori McWain; Kathy Gluvna def. Francine Davis; Terri Gilreath def. Susan Sanders; Jennifer Hardin def. Copley; Rita Hoff-Scott def. Kaye Kuhfield; Shannon

Wright-Hamilton def. J. Goodwin; Jannell Marriott def. Monique Parent; Marci Drexler def. Carrie Healy; Molly O'Brien def. Lugue; Vicki Panzeri def. Babette Bell; Caryn McKinney def. Lawrence; Bonnie Stoll def. Jan Curtis; Liz Alvarado def. Joan Walters; Lynn Adams def. Martha McDonald. 2nd round: McKay def. Lynch; Kamahoahoa def. Gluvna; Harding def. Gilreath, Wright-Hamilton def. Hoff-Scott; Marriott def. Drexler; O'Brien def. Panzeri; McKinney def. Stoll; Adams def. Alvarado. 3rd round McKay def. Kamahoahoa; Wright-Hamilton def. Harding; Drexler def. O'Brien; Adams def. McKinney. Semis McKay def. Wright-Hamilton; Adams def. Drexler. Finals Adams def. McKay.

AARA Nationals

Houston

Beth Aloï (Top 8-B, 19); Babette Bell (Top 32-Open; 2nd-25); Jan Curtis (lost first round, open; Top 8, 19); Bob Driscoll (Top 8, 25; lost first round 30); Van Dubolsky (Top

16-25; Top 16-30); Agatha Falso (Top 16-30 and 35); Joe Gonzalez (lost 1st round, 35); Paul Gorman (lost consolation finals, 55); Tim Hansen (1st-19, 4th-Open); Geoff Hunter (3rd-B, top 32-19); Jo Kenyon (lost 1st round 45; consolation winner, 50); Jeff Kristjansen (lost 1st round, open; top 32, 25); Libby Laney (lost 1st round, 30, 35); Karen Lawres (lost 1st round, B, 35); Jeff Leon (Top 16, 35; Top 8, 40); John Morris (Top 16, 35, lost 1st round, 25); Mark Morrison (Top 16, Open; 4th, 25); Ken Nuzoff (Top 16 50); Rob Riley (Top 16, 35; 2nd, 40); Judy Schmidt (Top 8, 35; 4th, 40); Jay Schwartz (1st 30, 35); Carlos Sena (lost 1st round, 60); Joe Serabia (Top 32, 30; Consolation winner, 35); Joanna Serabia (lost 1st round, 40, 45); Scott Smith (lost 1st round, open; lost 2nd round 25); Terry Thomas (lost 1st round, 40); Gail Troxell (Top 16, open; 3rd, 30); Ed Vlock (lost 1st round, 40; Top 8, 45); Ruth Zenk (lost 1st round, 45; 4th, 50).

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Racquetball needs to reach the masses

By Norm Blum

ATLANTA -- They were literally packed in. Elbow to elbow, knee bone to knee bone. No one dared to get up and stretch for fear of losing his coveted seat.

It was a promoter's dream — the ultimate in sports drama. The whole season was on the line when Mike Yellen and Marty Hogan began warming up.

Beads of sweat could be seen on spectators' foreheads. The fans were anticipating the "Match." Both players appeared to be on top of their games. Hogan breezed to the finals, losing only a couple of insignificant games. He had trained hard for this tournament and badly wanted to regain his top ranking from Yellen. Yellen, ranked first last year, struggled in his second-round match and found himself two points away from elimination against Mike Levin. But Yellen's game peaked in the semifinals when he put on a flawless performance against the up-and-coming Greg Peck.

The stands were packed and the small talk centered on who would win. Friendly side bets were being made and finally the match started.

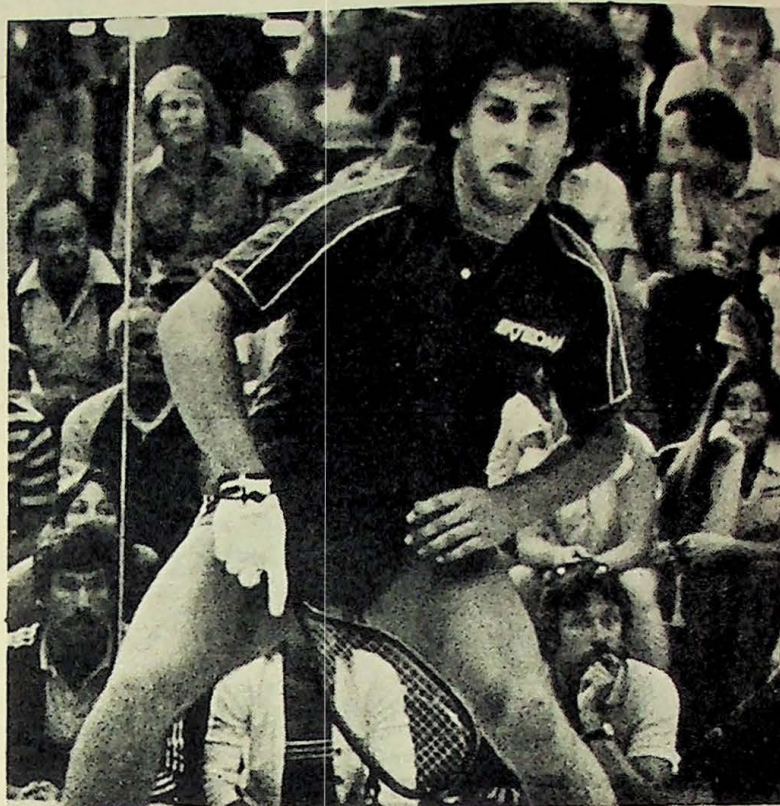
The Yellen-Hogan match developed into a classic athletic event. It was the type of match that 10 years from now a few thousand people will talk about the contest they witnessed even though only a few hundred actually saw it.

The pre-game hype was well-deserved. There were great rallies, controversies and clutch performances throughout the match. It was drama at its best.

If nothing else, the Yellen-Hogan match proved that racquetball is a spectator sport. But in order for the sport to grow, such matches need to be played outside of the court club where thousands of people can view it.

Changes have to be made in order for this to happen. Currently, the industry is toying with the idea of portable courts which can be placed in the likes of a Madison Square Garden. Yes, there are logistical problems and several factors which make such a move economically risky.

In order for 10,000 people to view the match the ball must be slowed down so the fellow sitting up in the rafters can follow the action.



Mike Yellen

A Yellen-Hogan match deserves such a following and once the general public sees the drama, the sport of racquetball will benefit.

It might be a pipe dream, but wouldn't it be nice if a Yellen-Hogan

match could be played with a national television audience and thousands of spectators?

That's the way we envision it because racquetball has the potential to become a spectator sport for the masses.

Adams realizes what's important

ATLANTA — Lynn Adams could have lost to Heather McKay in the \$110,000 DP National Finals and it wouldn't have mattered.

Adams, ranked second on the women's pro tour, defeated her archrival in three straight games, but put the victory into perspective.

Adams, a spokesperson for the Arthritis Foundation, had a touching experience in Atlanta prior to the tournament. "I met a girl named Kelly who has arthritis and after knowing what she goes through, I decided, win or lose, I was going to have a good summer."

While Adams discovered her priorities, she still didn't want McKay to enter next season with three straight wins over her. Adams, using a heavy dosage of patience, defeated McKay 21-15, 21-13, 21-17, thwarting McKay's bid for the grand slam of women's racquetball. Earlier in the season, McKay defeated Adams in the Ektelon and Women's Professional Racquetball Championship.

"I didn't particularly want to go into the summer losing three matches to her," Adams said. "I was ready for this."

Adams lost the No. 1 ranking when she lost a heartbreaking tiebreaker to McKay in the WPRA Nationals. "That was the first time in my mind I had played well and she flat out played better. That was tough. Losing is a great motivator. I still feel I'm the better player."

McKay, however, also put her loss into perspective.



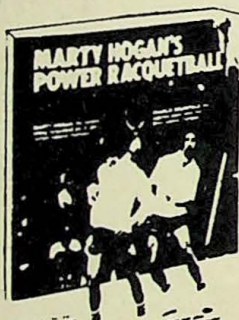
Lynn Adams

"I was a little flat after winning the WPRA. That's the one I was after," the 42-year-old McKay said.

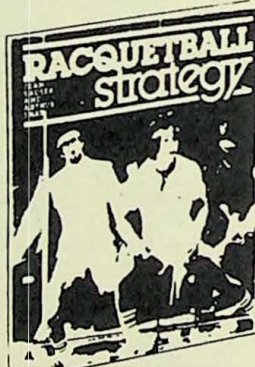
WPRA NOTES

Jan Curtis of Fort Pierce competed in her first pro stop. Curtis lost three close games to Bonnie Stoll...Pensacola's Babette Bell pulled off an upset in the WPRA Nationals in Austin. Bell defeated California's Laura Martino who couldn't overcome her back injury...Shannon Wright-Hamilton, ranked No. 1 before Adams and McKay came on the scene, is retiring...Miami's Brenda Poe-Barrett is regaining her amateur status this summer...Most improved woman player: Molly O'Brien...*The Florida Racquet Journal* plans to knock on a few doors and put on a women's pro stop next season.

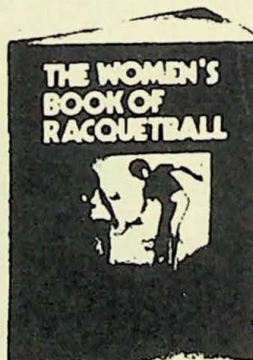
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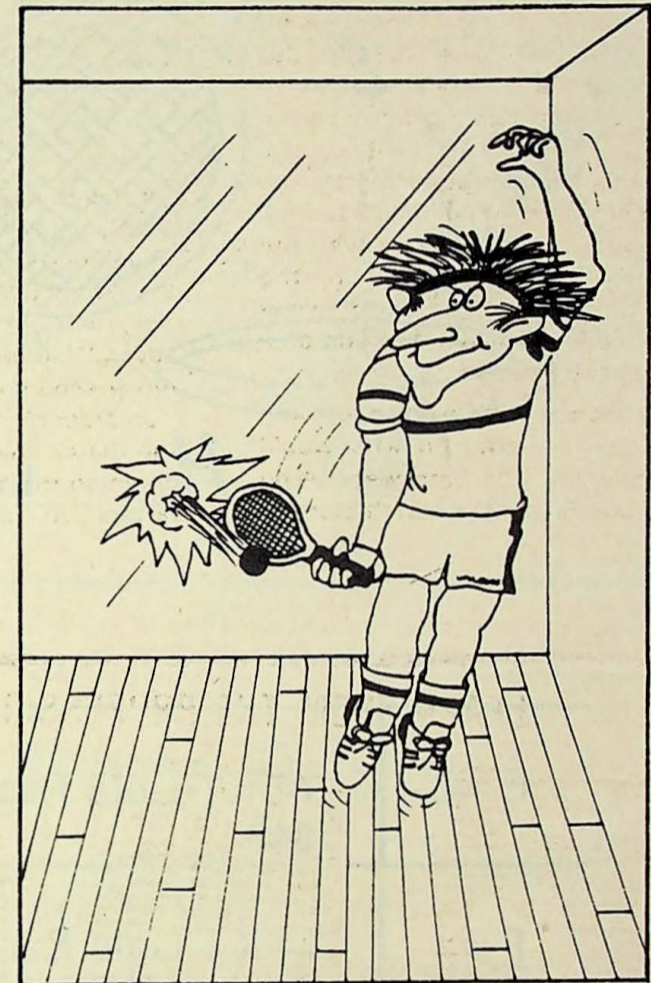
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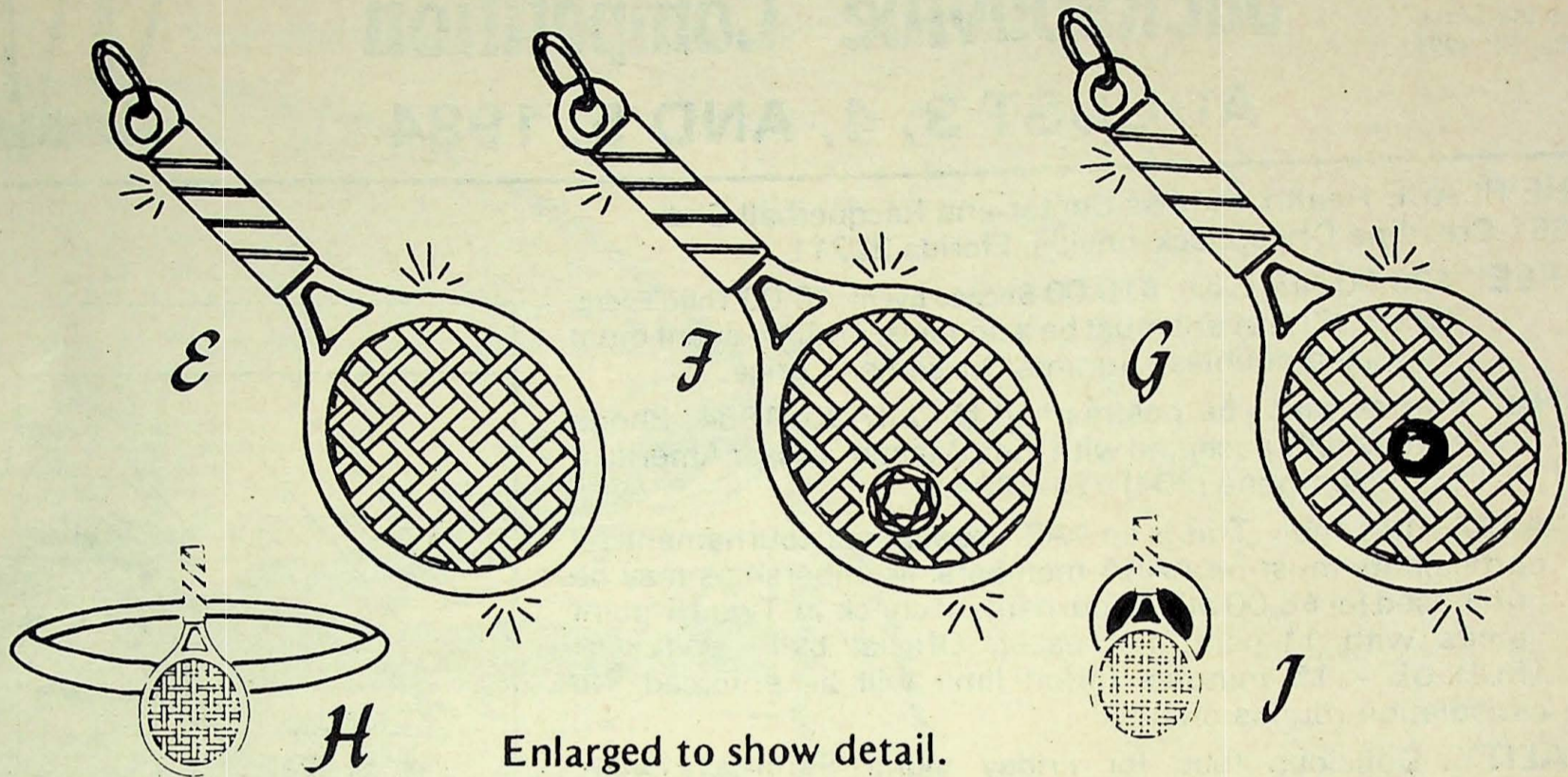
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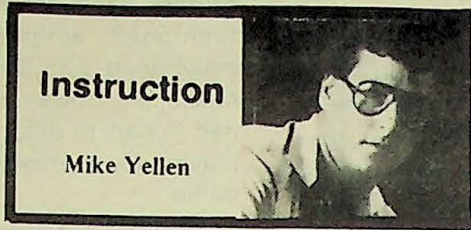
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Do you know your angles on the court?



(Editor's Note: Mike Yellen finished the season as the No. 1 ranked player in the world. He is a valued member of the Ektekon Advisory Staff and a contributing editor to the Florida Racquet Journal).

In racquetball, court strategy and court positions are always spoken in the same breath. In most cases, if you could talk a little longer the words "Playing the Angles" would find their way out of your mouth.

Racquetball is really a course in geometry. In a rectangular box 20 feet wide, 20 feet high and 40 feet long, figuring out where a speeding ball will bounce off walls is really a matter of mathematics.

Now I know some of you smart alecks are saying, "Yea, for my next match, I'm going to bring a pencil, piece of paper and protractor on the court. That should really help me win." The truth is, many players put themselves at an extreme disadvantage by not understanding the basics of a bouncing ball.

The obvious key to controlling a rectangular court is staying in the middle — maintaining the all-important center court position. For those new to the game, center court position is defined as one or two steps behind the short service line and a step or two to either side.

From there, you can cut off passing shots and retrieve down-the-line passes. It also allows for maximum visibility of the game's angles, particularly, side-wall, front-wall and side-wall, front-wall, side-wall shots.

One of the most common mistakes in "Playing the Angles" often happens on those side-wall, front-wall, side-wall shots. Instead of anticipating where the shot will land and moving to get there, many beginners will follow the ball around the walls, swinging wildly as it passes by.

Proper racquetball technique stresses a solid stance when racquetball contact is made. If you're chasing three-wall shots, your stroke is suffering a basic illness.

In another instance, many beginners or intermediate players try to "scoop" two-wall balls that have either buried themselves in a corner of the backcourt or stayed very close to the backwall.

The technique here is not to rush in and flail away, but to watch the flight of the ball and get around it. By that I mean, if a ball hits deep off the

sidewall and angles into the corner, don't try to hit it on the fly. Wait, watch the angle, get around the ball, then hit your shot.

Many players make the mistake of "freezing" when they see two- and three-sided shots. Their first movement seems to come after the shot is finished. They react, instead of acting.

To play the angles you have to move your feet. Don't rush around like a chicken with its head cut off. Rather, stay loose, gauge the shot, then move to a probable point of racquet impact.

To many, impact on angle shots is another problem. They hit shots too close to their body, or in baseball talk, they get jammed. The reason is they can't calculate quick enough where the ball might land. More often than not they overadjust, going too far into the ball. That shortens the stroke and cuts down on the offensive they can take.

How do you know where the ball is going to land? If players knew that, there wouldn't be much fun to racquetball. But the best angle players, like my Ektekon teammate Dave Peck, have done it over the years with practice.

When you get on a court by yourself, spend 20 minutes with geometrics. Hit balls into the corners. See which way they angle off. Play the sidewalls. See how if you change your shot angle from the backcourt, you open or close your front wall possibilities.

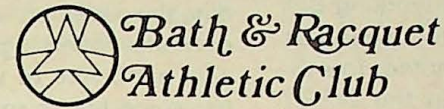
For example, the closer you are to the sidewall, the more acute the angle. To hit a shot off front wall center, you're going to have to angle a shot very close to your body. If you plan to pinch the close corner, the ball must hit close — within one or two feet — of the front wall.

Playing the angles off the serve is a subject well-covered in other instructional. Since three-wall serves are illegal, your adjustment comes from taking shots off the sidewall.

The key once again is anticipation. Don't lock into the flight of the ball. See the serve, then adjust your feet and shot to make a solid contact towards the front of your body.

Angles, like geometry, take time to learn. But once you understand the basics and practice them — your game could take a 180 degree turn for the better.

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Passing Shots

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players...Congrats to Pensacola's **Jay Schwartz** for adding another two national titles to his huge collection...A hearty congrats to **Babette Bell**, also of Pensacola. The hard-working Bell scored the upset of the year last month when she defeated fourth-ranked **Laura Martino** in the WPR Nationals...**Marty Hogan**, although he lost to Yellen, proved he is an incredible athlete. Anyone who can become involved in starting a company from the ground floor (Hogan Racquetball, a division of Pro Kennex), travel the trade show circuit, give exhibitions,

and still be in contention for a national title must possess great skills.

CHUTZPAH — Open players who cry they don't have a sponsor and are unable to travel to tournaments better not complain in front of Philadelphia's Marcy Lynch. She went knocking on doors and, after pounding the pavement an endless number of hours, found a group of folks who saw her desire to succeed and gave her some bucks to travel on the pro tour.

SAY THANKS — One racquetball veteran offers the following advice to players who are sponsored by racquetball companies. "Take a few minutes and write the company a letter. Tell them how you're doing. They

rarely get such letters. People are always asking for things and it would be a good public relations move by the sponsored player."

GIVE'M A BREAK — Racquetball clubs across the nation should follow the example of the golfing community. To help promote the sport they allow members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association to play for free during off peak hours. Why can't racquetball clubs extend the same privileges? **Seymour Gladstone**, general manager of the South Florida Racquet & Sports Club, is the only one who implements such a policy.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES — **Hu Na**, the former No.1-ranked women's ten-

headlines after defecting to the United States, gave **Marty Hogan** an old-fashioned whipping in a much ballyhooed \$25,000 winner-take-all challenge. Hogan, who lost 6-4, 6-1 had hoped to destroy the myth that playing racquetball hurts your tennis game.

FASHION TIDBITS — Here's how one woman pro ranks the cities in terms of fashion. New York, Seattle, Southern California and Boston are good towns for shopping sprees...Good thing the finals of the DP Nationals between **Adams** and **McKay** weren't on television. Both wore identical sky blue outfits.

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Media out in force at DP Nationals In Atlanta

By Norm Blum
Publisher

ATLANTA -- Marty Hogan is still the most visible name in racquetball, but last month at the DP Nationals, the media discovered other personalities.

"Last year the main thrust was Hogan. This year we offered the media other players," said Melanie Young of Cohen & Wolfe Public Relations, the company responsible for coordinating the publicity.

"There's a high regard for Hogan because he's looked upon as the pioneer of the sport, but the media realized there are other players."

The media blitz began prior to the tournament. Defending DP champ and No. 1-ranked Mike Yellen gave a couple of one-day clinics in Chattanooga and Birmingham. His visit

resulted in extensive coverage from the newspapers and television stations. Because of his visit, the media, which usually would ignore racquetball, gave daily updates on Yellen's progress.

The local Atlanta television stations covered the tournament on a daily basis. The daily papers provided a couple of feature stories prior to the tournament, but only listed the results during the tournaments. It wasn't until the finals started that a reporter was sent to cover the story.

Nationally, the tournament fared well. Cable News Network (CNN) did a feature on the sport of racquetball and interviewed Yellen, tournament director Karen McKinney and DP Product Manager Greg Eveland. A national story on racquetball also ap-

peared in *USA Today*, the nation's daily newspaper.

"We were pleased with the media coverage," Young said. "We did three things different this year. We had a media tour to promote the tournament which created interest throughout the week. We did a huge

amount of pre-tournament and tournament coverage. We called everyone with the results whether they asked for them or not. The third thing we did was videotape portions of the finals to make 90-second spots which we will use next year. Racquetball is a visual sport and the spots should be useful."

AARA Notes

By Van Dubolsky
AARA Editor

The following people earned invitations to the first elite training camp to be held this summer at the Olympic Training Camp in Colorado Springs: Beth Aloï, Babette Bell, Jan Curtis, Bob Driscoll, Tim Hansen, Jo Kenyon, Jeff Leon, Mark Morrison, Bob Riley, Judy Schmidt, Jay Schwartz, Gail Troxell, Ed Vlock and Ruth Zenk.

The camp is tailored to the high caliber player. The topics to be covered during the camp include conditioning, fitness, diet, strength, nutrition, flexibility, injury care, stretching, evaluation during competition, on-court skills, biomechanics lab use, sports medicine, physiology testing and total game analysis, including videotape reviews offered during the one-week sessions.

The Elite Training Camp was just one portion of the news presented at the 1984 Nationals. The following is a summary of AARA activities.

Your state association paid out \$575 in awards to the regional winners who attended nationals in Houston. We expect to award over \$1,000 to juniors competing in the nationals.

National Certification Program

There is a certification program that will begin to be implemented during

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JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The Junior Orange Bowl held in Miami will include racquetball this year. It will be held in the Sportrooms of Miami.

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In September of 1985 the AARA membership dues will be \$10 per year. \$5 is for the state treasury and the other \$5 goes to the national headquarters.

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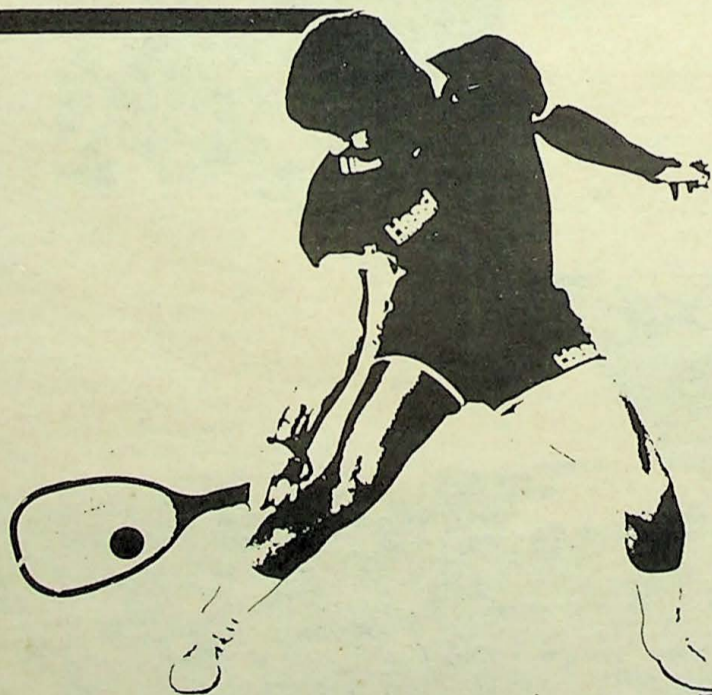
August 10-12 — Omega 40 — Ormond Beach

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RACQUETBALL TIPS: by Steve Strandemo

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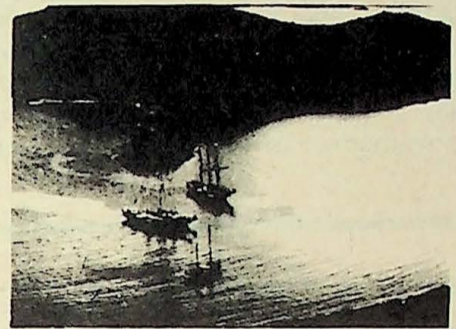
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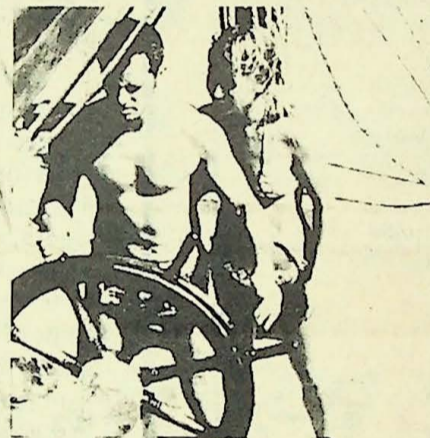
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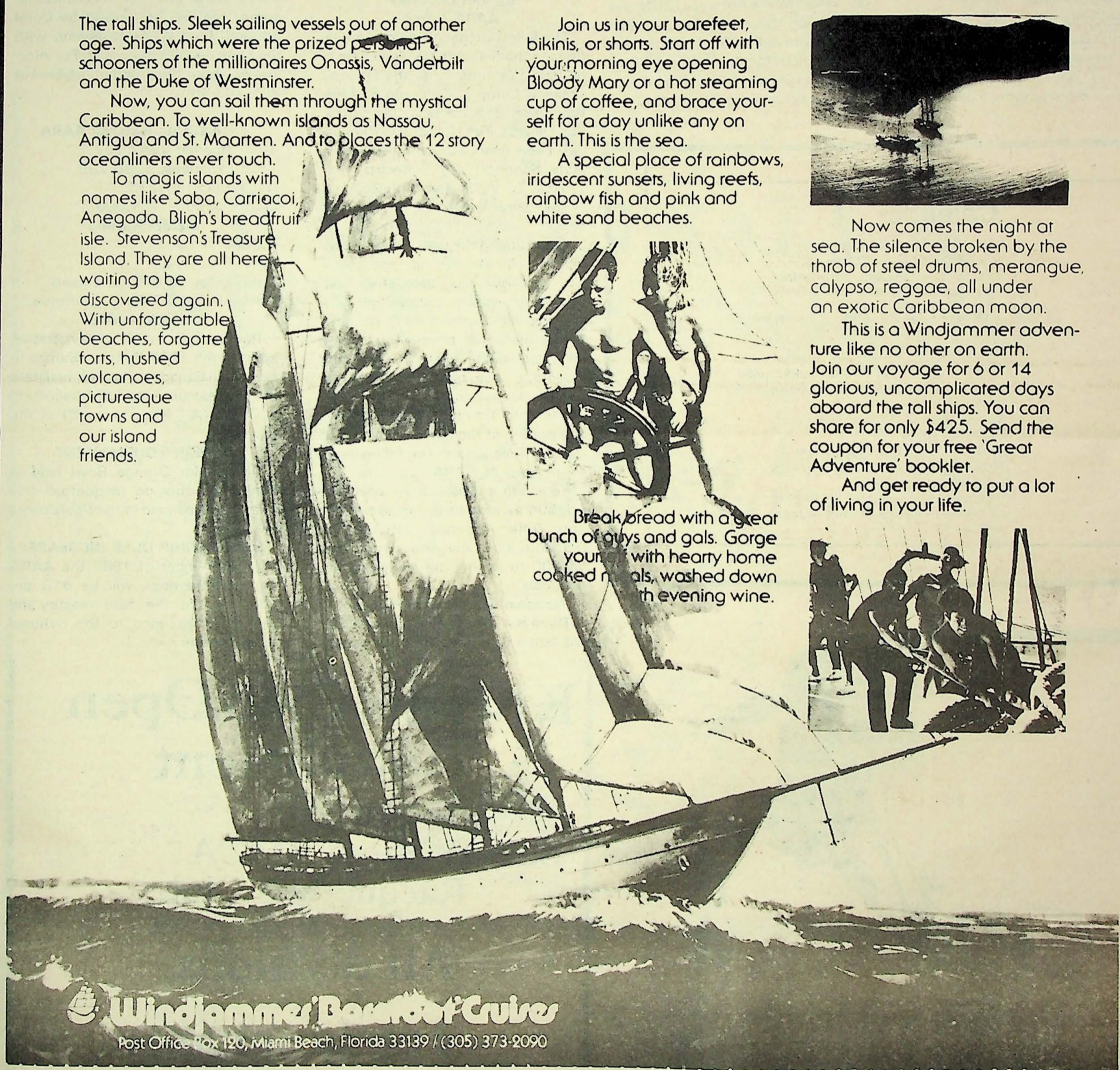
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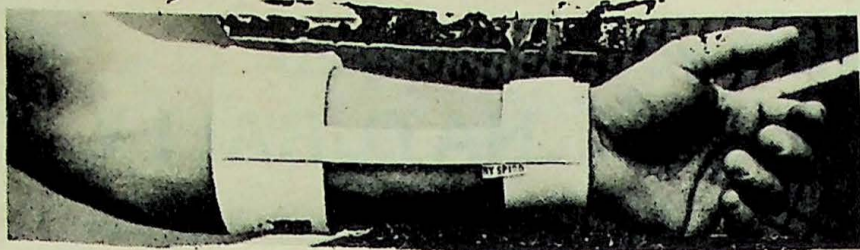


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Yellen

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was two points away from winning the match.

"I've always used my earlier matches to tune up. Maybe my level of play increased and people were saying I looked poor Thursday. But Levine was hitting incredible serves on the right side and I was fortunate to sneak by and win the third game and then won the fourth and fifth game. After the (Rich) Wagner match I felt confident and against Greg (Peck) I played one of my best matches ever."

Yellen, who holds a 6-3 advantage over Hogan the last two years, says he enjoys playing Marty.

"I enjoy competition. It's certainly a lot of fun playing Marty. The fact that I'm coming out on top certainly makes it more enjoyable. I would have been disappointed if I had lost. A few points and few calls here and there could have turned it the other way. I was fortunate to come out on top. Marty has been an inspiration. He's been in the finals of the nationals nine straight years and has won five of them."

The importance of hindsight

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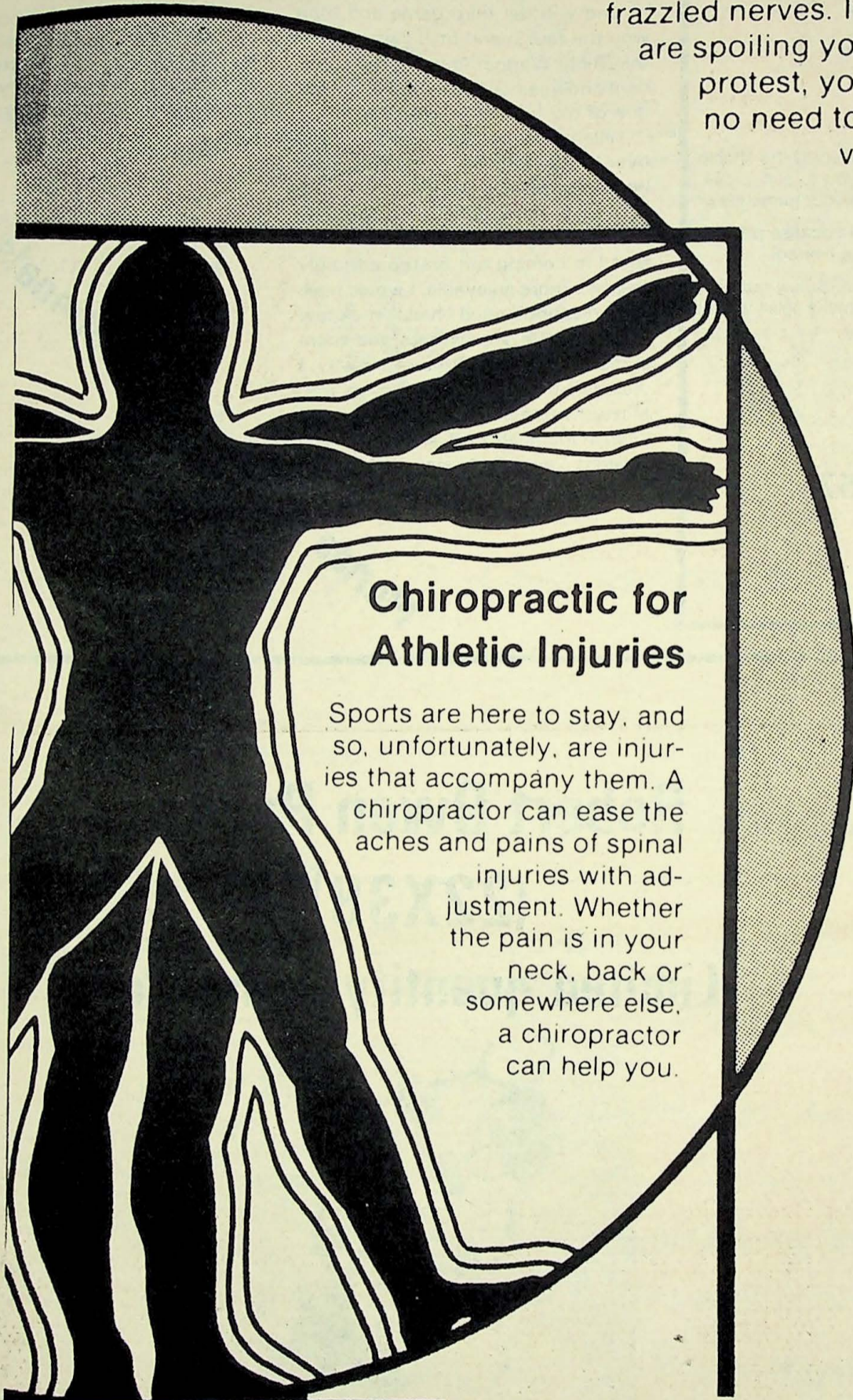
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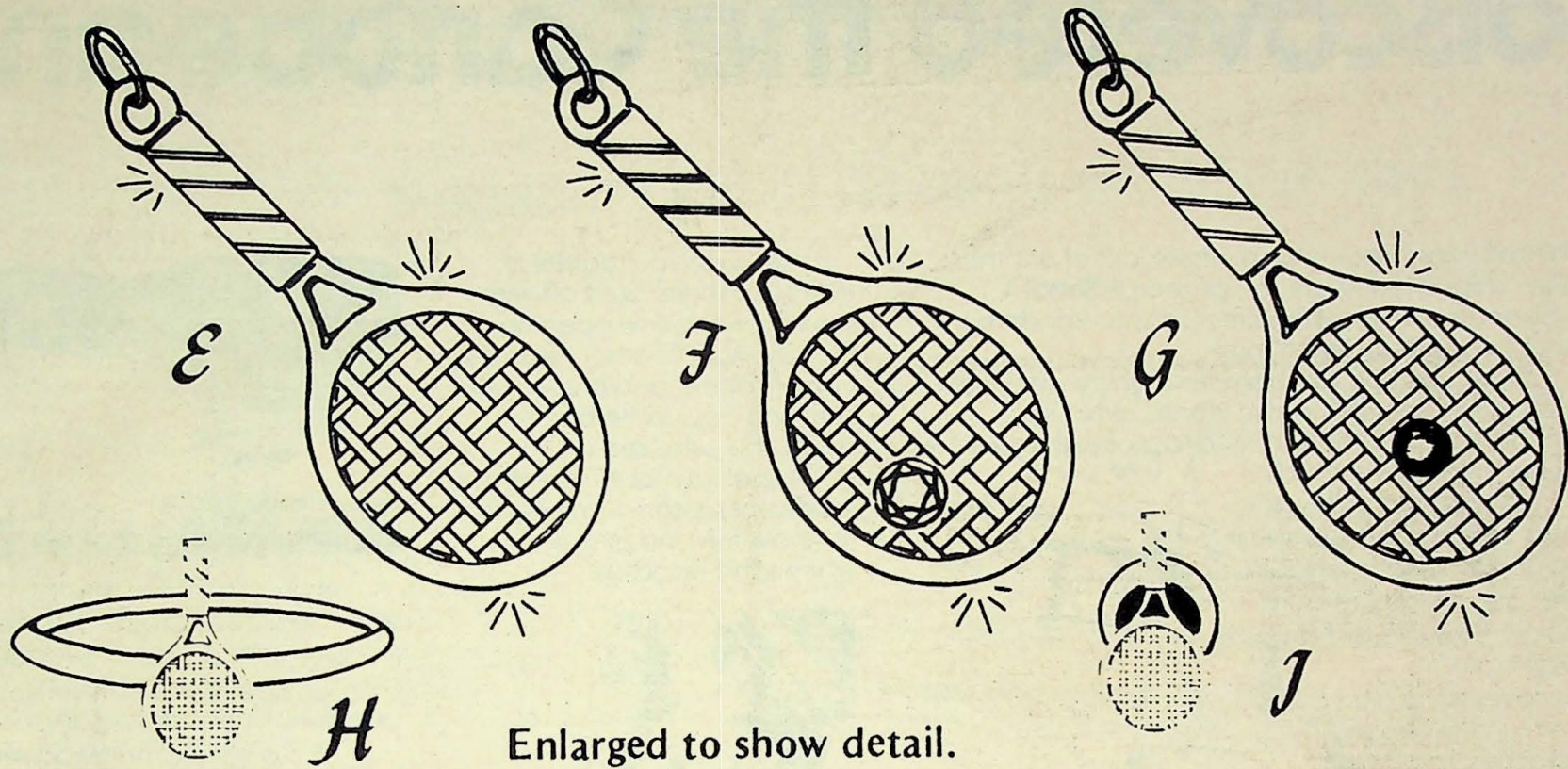
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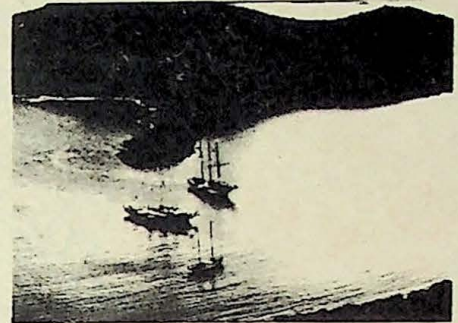
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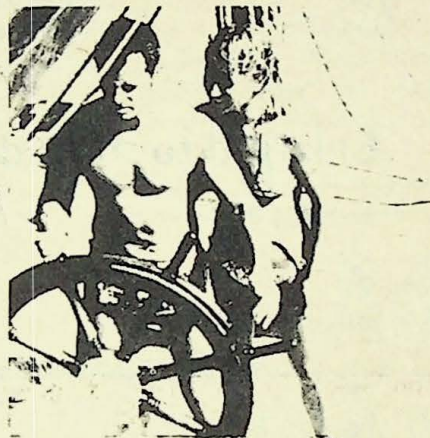
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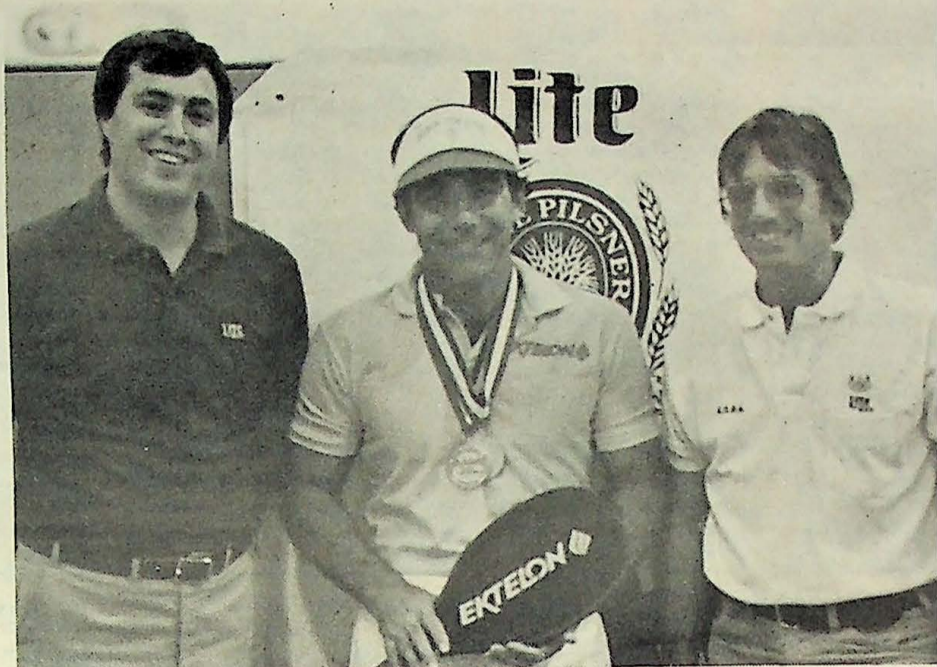
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Schwartz wins two AARA Titles



Jay Schwartz

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HOUSTON, TX. — Over 900 players from every state in the U.S. and a number of foreign countries competed for the title of national champion in 13 different men's and women's divisions. The downtown YMCA in Houston, Texas, played host to this event as its 21 courts were booked solid over the four-day holiday weekend in May.

The draw was the largest ever for this event and probably the strongest ever. Every national champion from last year returned to defend his title.

If there was a national team (by state) championship, Florida would have captured the 1984 crown. Led by Jay Schwartz and Tim Hansen, the state left its mark upon the national racquetball community. Pensacola's Schwartz captured both the men's 30 and 35 titles in an unprecedented fashion. He won 11 matches over the four-and-a-half day period including victories over such top seeded players as Joe Wirkus (WI), last year's 30 champion; Tim Lavoie (MN); Gary Mazaroff (NM); Mark Auerbach (TX); Ed Remon (VA) and Fiedling Snow (CA). Schwartz, the fourth seed in the 30 division,

defeated Michigan's Bob Wilhelm 21-20, 21-14 in the finals. Wilhelm, the seventh seed, had upset second seeded Greg Maloley of Massachusetts 21-20, 21-13 to reach the finals. Schwartz then turned right around and upset Snow in the 35 finals 14-21, 21-15, 11-9. Snow had whipped two-time National champion Johnny Hennon (TN) in one semi-final match while Schwartz had to struggle before edging Virginia's Ed Remon (second seed) in an 11-6 tiebreaker in the other semi. Remon had lost to Hennon in last years' 35 final.

Florida's Tim Hansen won the first ever 19 national championship by beating New York's Pete Chardovayne 21-6, 21-12. Hansen never lost a game in his five matches in this division but it's possible that this title cost him a position on the U.S. National team. He represented Florida's open players with honor as he made his way to the semifinals in an open draw of over 100 players. Minnesota's Dan Ferris, the defending national champion, knocked Hansen off 21-13, 21-10 in the semi-finals. He lost his third place match and U.S. team match when Jim Cascio edged him out. Hansen had to play Cascio

right after winning the 19 title and fatigue was definitely a factor. Meanwhile, Ferris went on to capture his second national title by beating San Antonio's Ken Kaihlanen 21-8, 21-8.

Florida had two other national finalists: In the men's 40 division, West Palm Beach's Bob Riley lost a heartbreaking 21-15, 10-21, 11-10 tie match to Houston's Jim Austin. Austin is a two-time defending champion and the tiebreaker could have gone either way. Riley had leads of 6-0 and 10-6 but that last point never rolled out. (At least officially...oh, those uncalled avoidable hinders!)

Pensacola's Babette Bell also lost a cliffhanger to Pennsylvania's Molly O'Brien 21-17, 21-20 in the women's 25 finals. Bell had outclassed her four previous opponents, but the top seeded O'Brien was up to the task.

Other Medalists:

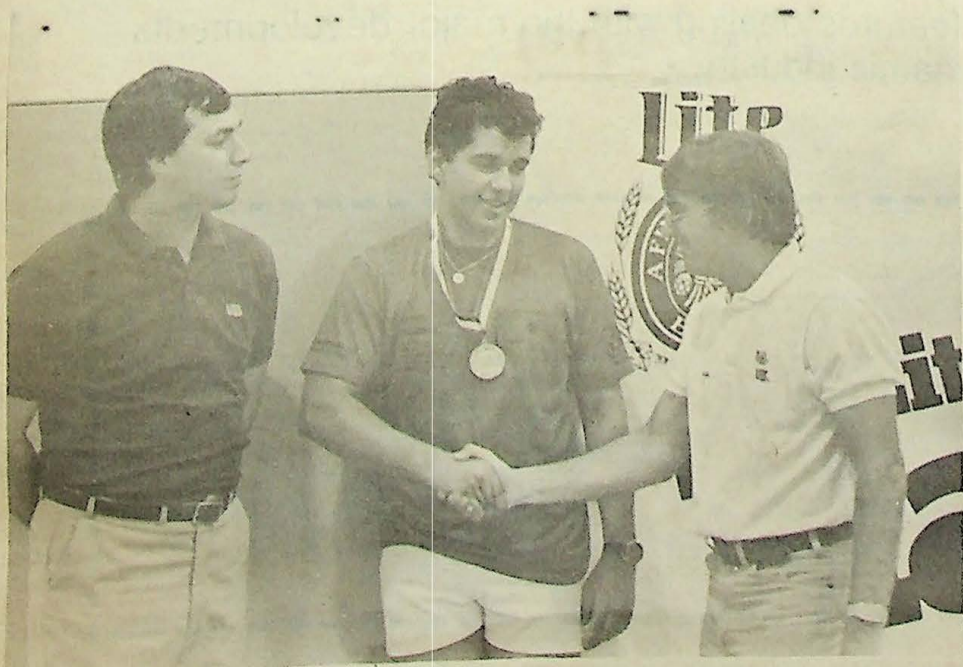
Orlando's Gail Troxell was on top of her game at this event. She finished third in the women's 30 division by whipping Kansas' Terry Dickerson 21-11, 21-15 after dropping a close 21-18, 21-19 match in the semi-finals. She also made the top 16 in the women's open (draw of 64) and she received an invitation to the elite training camp to be held this summer at

the United States Olympic training center in Colorado Springs.

Miami's Geoff Hunter placed third in the men's B division.

Our only 1983 defending champion, Jacksonville's Mark Morrison, had a tougher time in the men's 25 this year. He made his way through the 70 player draw to the semi-finals before he finally lost a tiebreaker. Louisiana's Bill Land jumped for joy after upsetting the champ 21-18, 18-21, 11-5. Had Morrison played to his potential, he would have repeated his 1983 feat. Morrison also placed in the top 16 in the open before losing to third seeded Dan O'Bremski of Pennsylvania.

At the DP Nationals in Atlanta, few of Florida's top players competed. Schwartz won a pair of titles in the 30' and 35' divisions and Miami's Barry Koran won the B division title. Melbourne's Sam Horne finished second in the novice division. Miami's Sergio Gonzalez was the only open player from Florida. He qualified for the pro division only to lose to Marty Hogan in the first round. In the open division, Gonzalez reached the semifinals before losing a tiebreaker to the eventual champ, Mike Ray of Georgia.



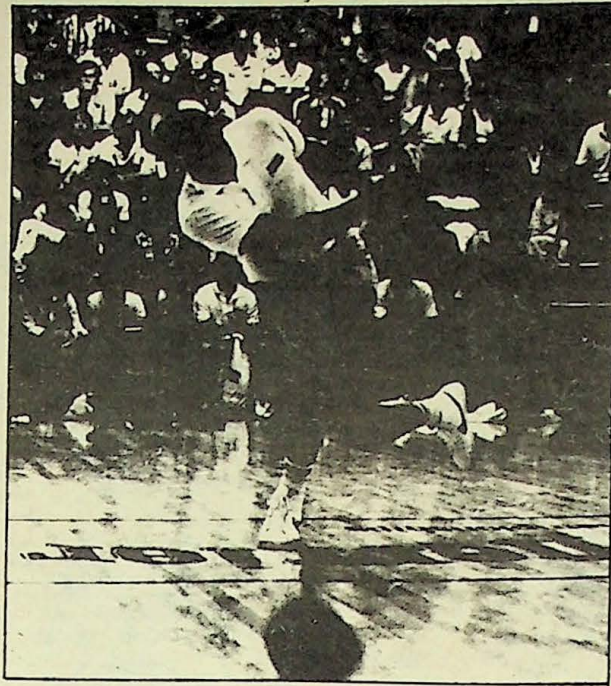
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