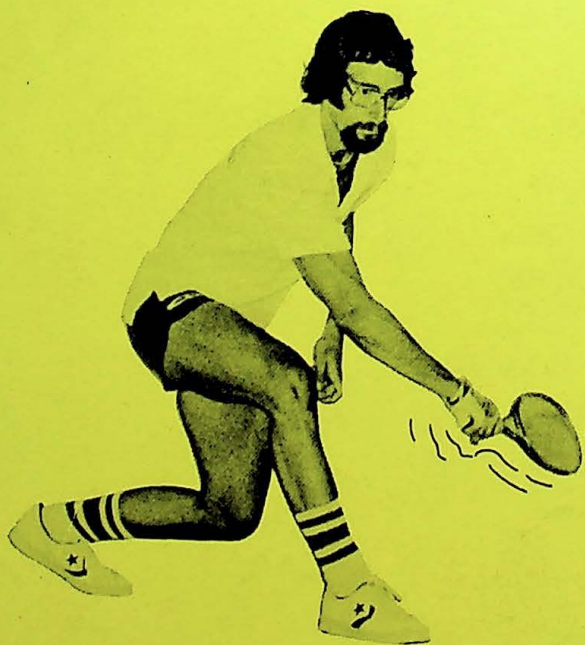


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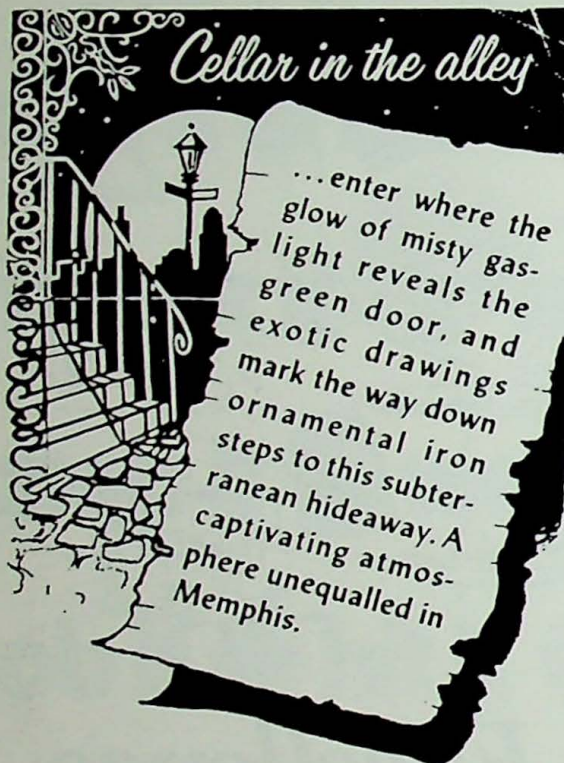
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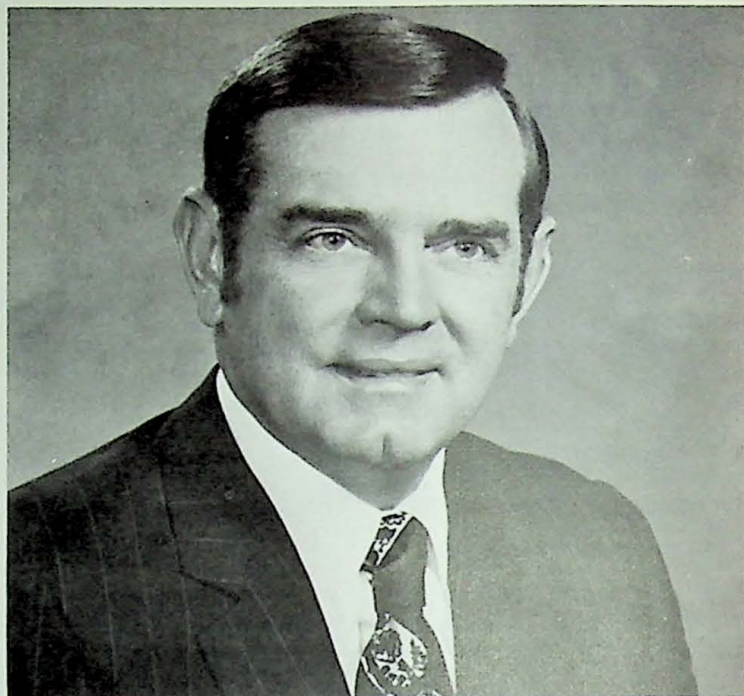


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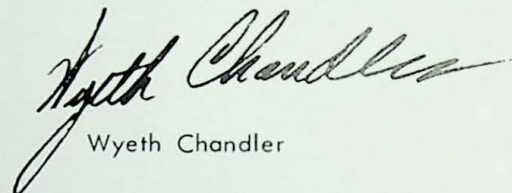
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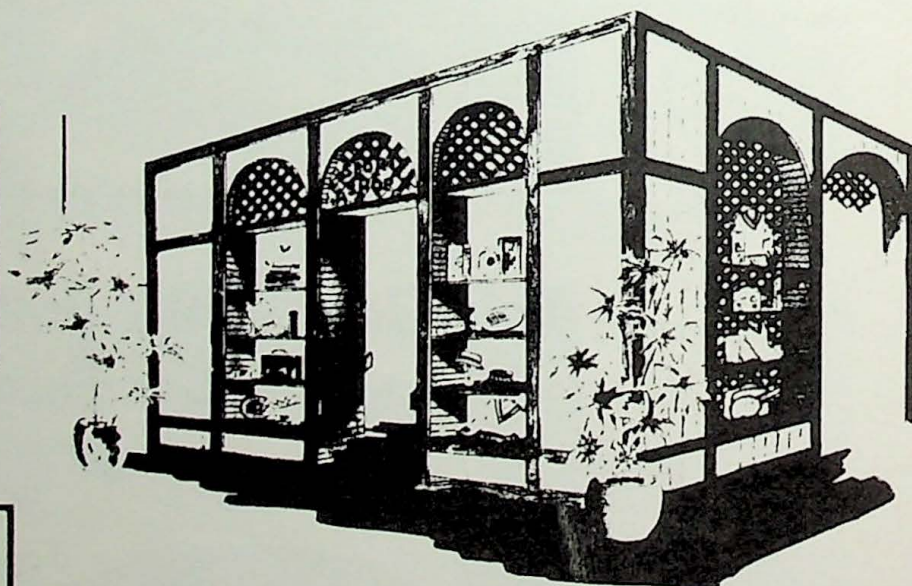
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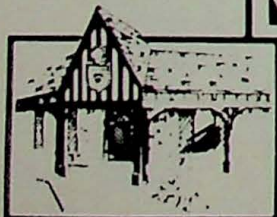
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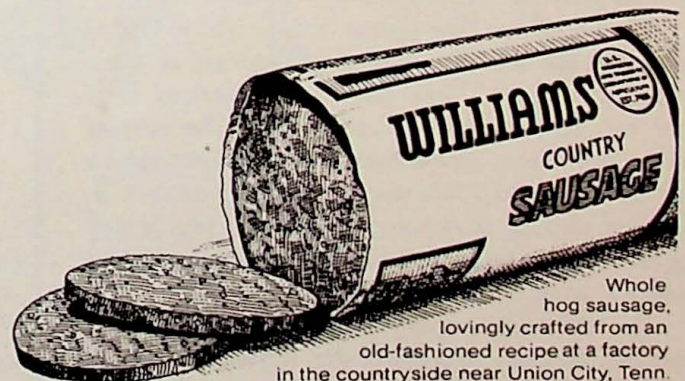
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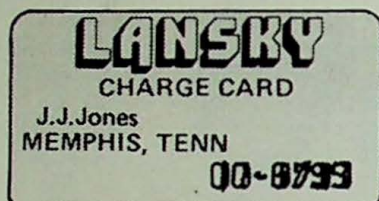
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Utilizing the many services of the William B. Tanner Co., IPRO will be able to provide greater and more complete exposure. Combining these 3 giants, Leach, Seamco & William B. Tanner Co. IPRO feels that TV is only a short step away. We are making this our No. 1 goal. We hope that you will support us in our efforts.

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If there is any way that we of the Memphis Racquetball Association can assist you in some way, please don't hesitate to ask. We will be delighted to help.

Thanks to Bill Tanner for his work in the growth of racquetball.

Sincerely,
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Jack Fulton, President

Helpful Facts That Could Improve Your Game



STRINGS

Tension: No racquet should be strung tightly, certainly never as tightly as a tennis racquet. The tighter the strings, the more chance that the ball is going to rebound too quickly off the strings without control. Strings should be no tighter than 28 pounds. Charlie Brumfield, national champ, strings his racquets at 18 pounds.

GRIP

Size is the important determinant. Don't equate this with the grip of a tennis racquet. Tennis grips are big for one reason, to keep the user from "breaking" his wrist in guiding the ball over the net. In racquetball, using the wrist is vital to giving the ball speed. Find a grip that is comfortable and allows ample wrist movement.

FOOTWORK

One of the most important things to remember about footwork is to keep the knees bent. When a person is standing straight-legged, the first thing he does before beginning to run is an involuntary and unconscious bending of the knees. Make sure they are already slightly bent and remain slightly bent throughout the point.

CONCENTRATION

Once a racquetball player has trained his mind and body to physically respond in the form of a booming forehand, a well-placed backhand or an irretrievable serve, it is time to work on the pure mental part of the game. To become a successful tournament player, that intangible mental sharpness, otherwise known as concentration, must be attained and maintained.

PHYSICAL CONDITION

For the player who enters tournaments, on-the-court activity is not sufficient. It should be supplemented by strenuous exercise and conditioning. If you are ever called upon to play three grueling matches of 2 to 3 games each in one day, you will understand why.

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Sponsor Bill Tanner, Tournament Director Mike Zeitman and the tournament committee have organized a weekend of spirited play and outstanding hospitality. We're delighted that you will be a part of it.

We welcome your support be it as a player, spectator, or contributor. Thanks for being here.

Sincerely,

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Sunday — 8 - 10 A.M. — Lunch 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Meals are free only to players.

TICKETS

Players will be given a free pass to all events. All reserved seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We can seat approximately 400 people. The tickets are priced as follows:

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Sunday	December 12	10 A.M.

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CONSOLATION

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MARTY HOGAN

What do you do for an encore? At age 19 years old he won more pro stops than anyone but Charlie Brumfield. His record since the June nationals, where he finished 2nd, has been phenomenal. St. Louis—2nd, Sacramento—2nd, Edmonton—1st, and Burlington—1st. Watching his serve race back at an opponent, one begins to get an idea of how hard he is hitting. His shots never seem to climb more than inches off the ground as they zoom in to pinch out of the corners. Who has the hottest hand? Marty Hogan has.

RICHIE WAGNER

"Quick as a bug" they call him "Cockroach." At age 20 he has already won a major pro tournament, finished second in another, and has consistently been a very tough opponent. Great speed and sharp straight-in kills, highlight his game. Watch this baby face youngster, he's a handful of trouble in any round.





JERRY HILECHER

Always a threat, Jerry has cashed two big paychecks since June. He was first in Chattanooga at the IRA Nationals, downing an injured Strandemo easily in two straight games. Jerry was most impressive in Sacramento where he plowed thru 3rd seeded Zeitman in the eights, 2nd seeded Brumfield in the semis and 1st seeded Hogan in the finals. Despite his weak backhand, Jerry's blistering serve and ferocious forehand kept his opponents scrambling and flailing. Count Jerry Hilecher as one tough cookie.

STEVE STRANDEMO

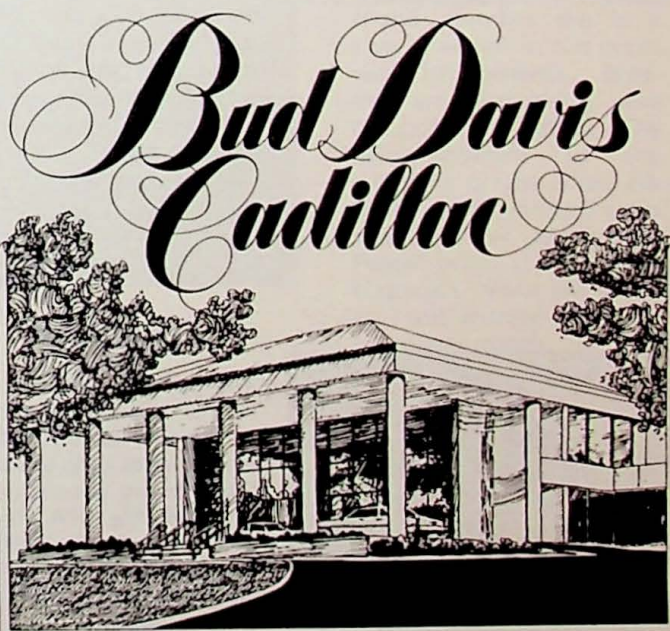
The high point for Steve this year came in the IRA Nationals. Looking like the '75 edition, Steve rolled into the finals. Shooting well and passing sharply, he found himself in the final two. But a freak back spasm cost him any chance. Now back in shape, playing tough, he could be playing on Sunday for all the bananas.



MIKE ZEITMAN

After a disappointing start in 1976, Mike has played stronger with each tournament. His biggest moment came in San Diego where he went to the semis before being beaten by #2 Hogan. Next in St. Louis, he again made it to the semis before being beaten by...Hogan. His last two outings have been three gamers with Brumfield. He loves to play for the crowd and most of all for his hometown fans.

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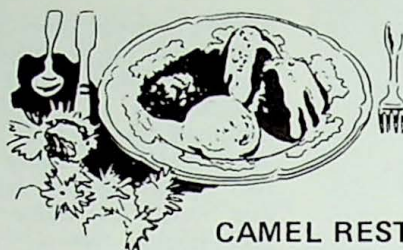
DAVEY BLEDSOE

Smooth, sleek, quick, a strong shooter; Davey is all these things. But there-in lies the mystery. A semi finalist in last year's Tanner PRO-AM, he lost a heart breaker to Steve Serot in what was unquestionably the most exciting match of the tournament. Since then Davey has been up and down. Confident, his two wall kill shots dominate; no shot is too low for him to retrieve and he moves in a blur. Watch out fellows, Colonel Quick is back in the Southland and surrounded by friendly forces Davey will be tough to beat.



PEGGY STEDING

The grand lady of women's racquetball comes to this tournament riding a tidal wave of victories. Since being beaten in the finals of the IRA Nationals, Peggy has played better than ever. She has consistently beaten her top ranked opponents with ease. She's posted victories in St. Louis, Sacramento, Edmonton, and Burlington, without a sweat. She's healthy, so look out!



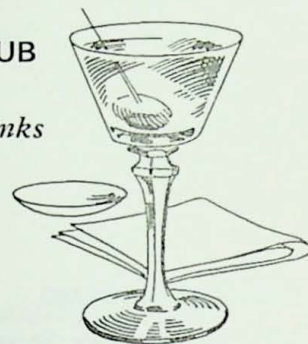
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Power is the name of Janell's game. She is the strongest of the female players and one of the two people Peggy Steding hates to play. Backcourt kills and a strong ceiling game give Janell all the equipment she needs to win. Concentration is the key, and a little more will put Janell in the finals.



KATHY WILLIAMS

Since giving up her job as a court club manager, Kathy has combined good power and pin point control to make her a serious contender. Making the tournaments regularly now, the added experience is really paying off. Trips to the semis and finals are coming more frequently as she improves with each tournament. Kathy Williams has really arrived.

SHANNON WRIGHT

Shannon has it all; speed, power, finesse and determination. In her early round matches she is a tiger. Put her in the court with her nemesis, Steding, and something goes out of her game. The heir apparent to the women's crown when she broke on the scene 3 years ago; Shannon has beaten Peggy only at the IRA Nationals. When she learns to concentrate thru a complete match, we will have a coronation.



SARAH GREEN

Sarah put together an amazing string of amateur victories, including the national titles from the IRA and NRC this year. In her first pro outing she lost to a tough Peggy Steding in St. Louis. Her only other cash start was in Burlington. At 19 she is just beginning a long and successful career.





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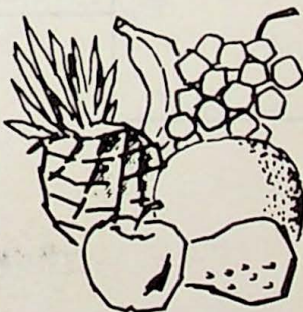
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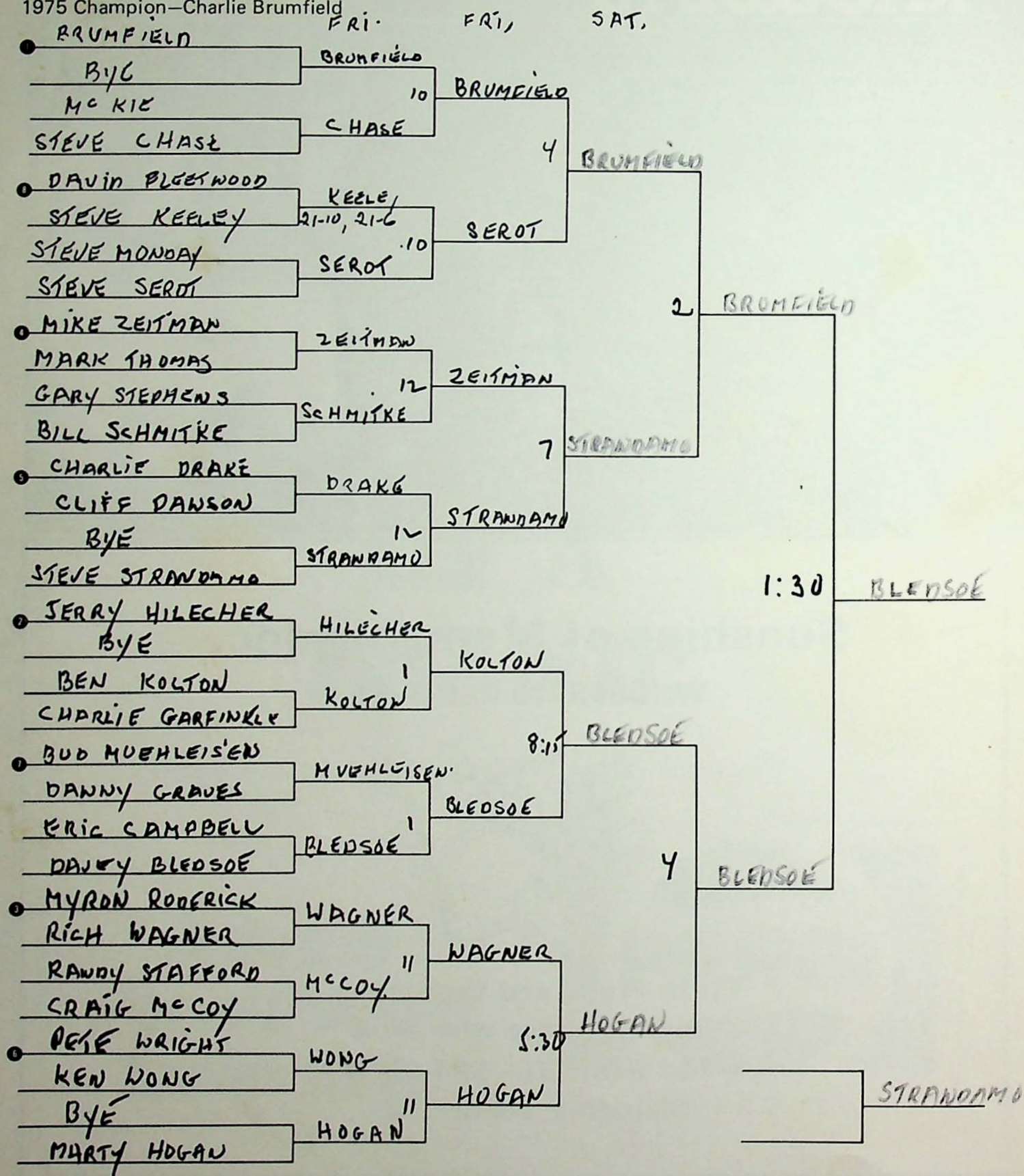


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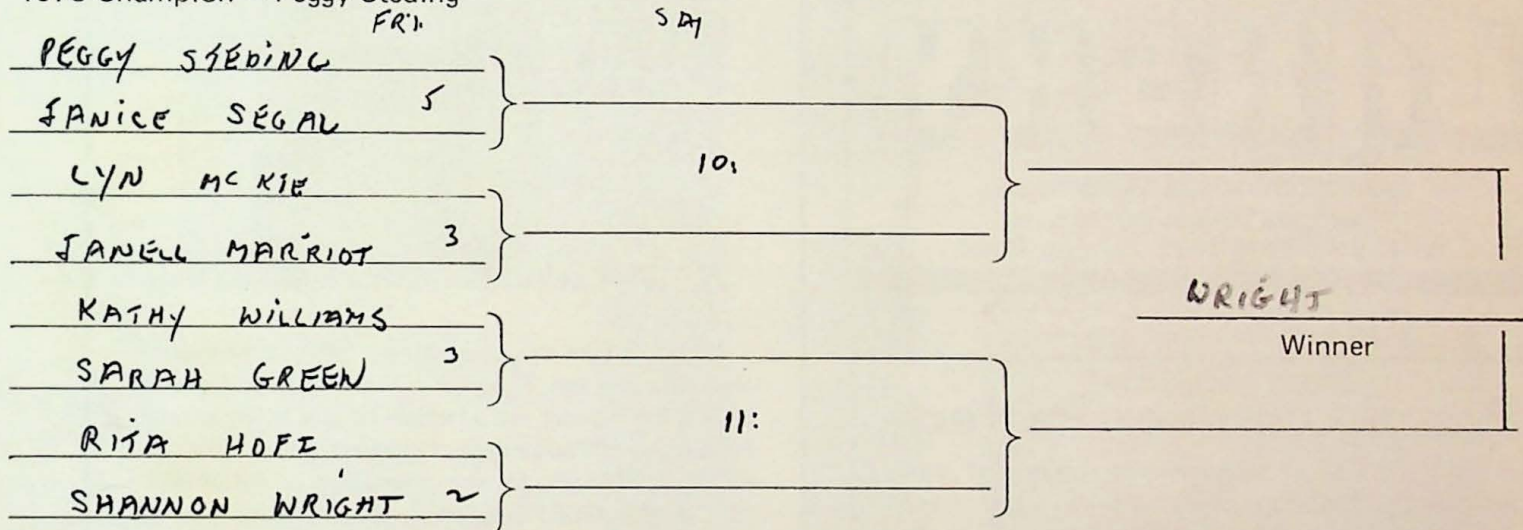
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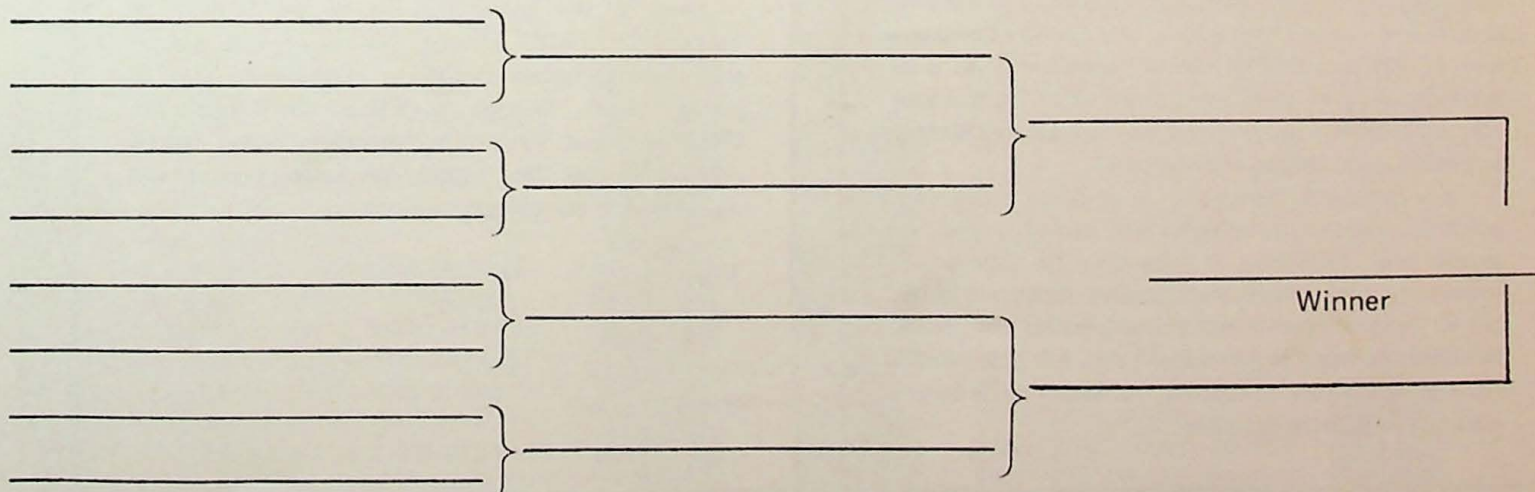
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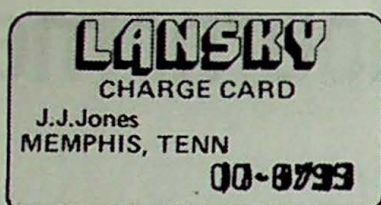


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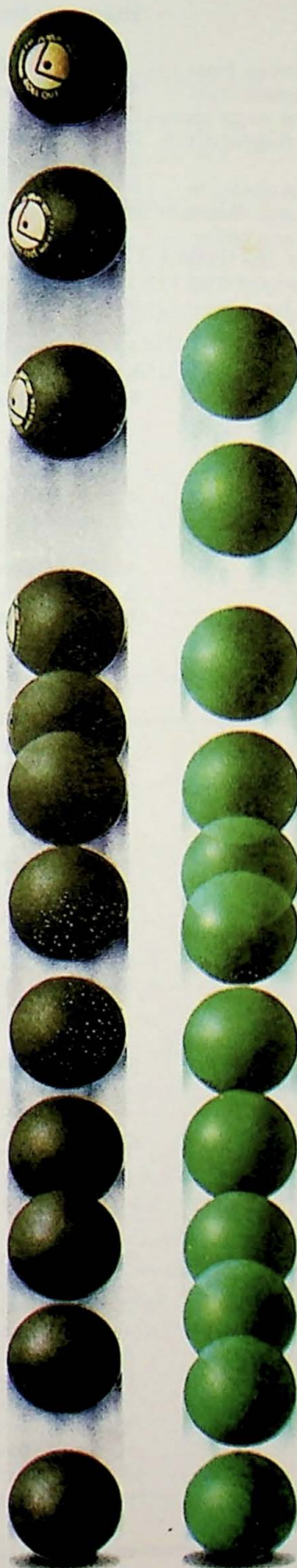
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As for the balloting itself, it could not have been closer. In some of the closer balloting, Steve Keeley and Steve Strandemo tied at No. 3 on the list of the best players today. Jim Austin and Craig McCoy tied for fifth on the best backhand list. Bill Thurman and Davey Bledsoe tied for fifth for players with the best serves, and Keeley and Strandemo again tied for No. 3 in ceiling game department. Charlie Brumfield edged Dr. Bud Muehleisen by one vote; as the game's best doubles player.

Final rankings were taken right from the players own balloting. We are not releasing the experts names, as they do value their lives, and some have families.

Look at the rankings, and discuss them with your friends. We know there are some surprises, but that's what racquetball is all about. Isn't it?

5 Top Men Players

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Steve Serot
3. Steve Keeley
4. Steve Strandemo
5. Bill Schmidtke

3 Top Women Players

1. Peggy Steding
2. Jan Pasternak
3. Jan Campbell

5 Best Forehands

1. Bill Schmidtke
2. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
3. Charlie Brumfield
4. Jerry Hilecher
5. Steve Keeley

Honorable Mention — Serot, Strandemo, and Roderick

5 Best Backhands

1. Steve Serot
2. Steve Keeley
3. Charlie Brumfield
4. Steve Strandemo
5. Jim Austin (tie)
5. Craig McCoy (tie)

5 Smartest Players.

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
3. Steve Strandemo
4. Bill Dunn
5. Steve Keeley

Honorable Mention — Schmidtke and Garfinkel

5 Players with Best Serves

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
3. Bill Dunn
4. Steve Strandemo
5. Davey Bledsoe (tie)
5. Bill Thurman (tie)

Honorable Mention — Bill Schmidtke and Steve Keeley

5 Best Return of Serves

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Steve Serot
3. Steve Strandemo
4. Steve Keeley
5. Bill Dunn

Honorable Mention — Craig McCoy

5 Players with Best Ceiling Games

1. Charlie Brumfield
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3. Steve Keeley (tie)
3. Steve Strandemo (tie)
5. Steve Serot

Honorable Mention — Craig McCoy

5 Fastest Players

1. Davey Bledsoe
2. Steve Serot
3. Charlie Brumfield
4. Steve Strandemo
5. Mike Zeitman

Honorable Mention — Roderick, Keeley, Thurman, and Wagner

Five Hardest Hitters

1. Steve Serot
2. Jerry Hilecher
3. George Rudysz
4. Mike Zeitman
5. Bill Thurman

Honorable Mention — Brumfield, McCoy, and Bledsoe

5 Players with Best Potential

1. Craig McCoy
2. Davey Bledsoe
3. Marty Hogan
4. Richie Wagner
5. Eric Campbell

5 Best Sportsmen on the Court

1. Steve Keeley
2. Bill Schmidtke
3. Charlie Garfinkel
4. Craig McCoy
5. Kenny Wong

Honorable Mention — Austin, Dunn, and Muehleisen

5 Best Doubles Players

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
3. Steve Serot
4. Mike Zeitman
5. Craig McCoy

Honorable Mention — Charlson, Thurman, Strandemo

Top Ten — All Time

1. Charlie Brumfield
2. Bill Schmidtke
3. Dr. Bud Muehleisen
4. Steve Serot
5. Steve Keeley
6. Craig Finger
7. Steve Strandemo
8. Paul Lawrence
9. Ron Rubenstein
10. Mike Zeitman

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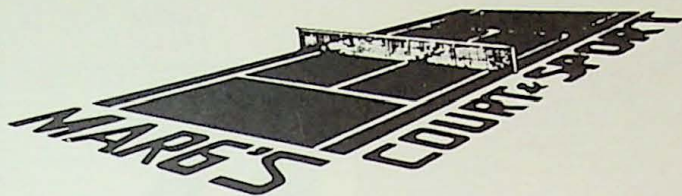


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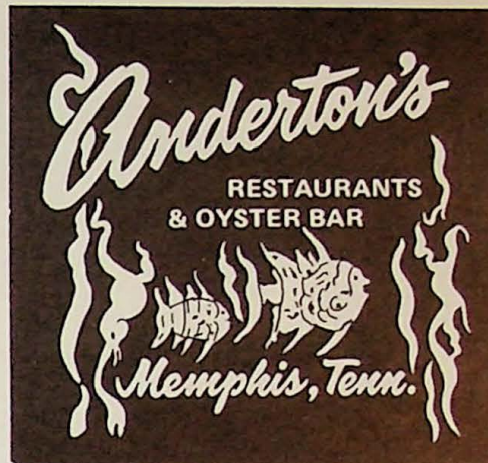
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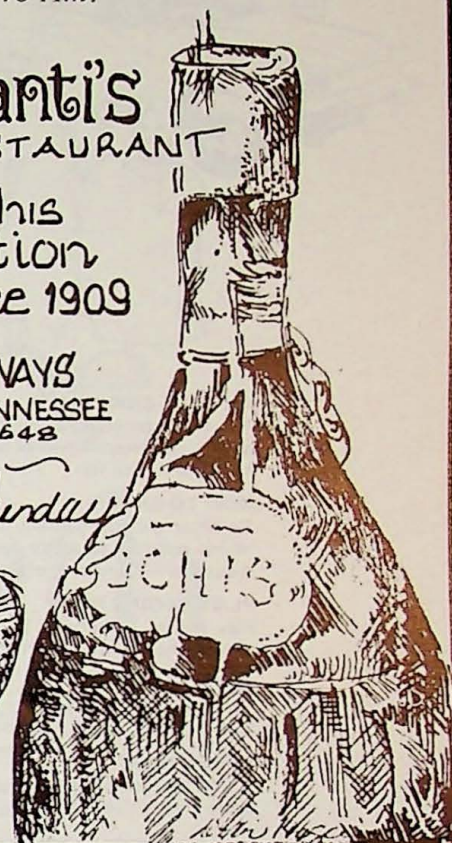
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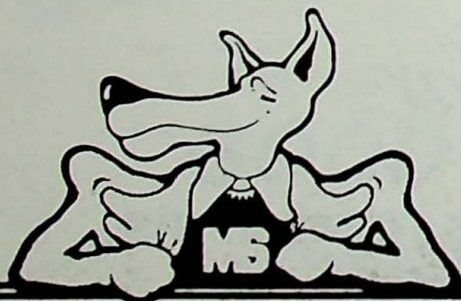
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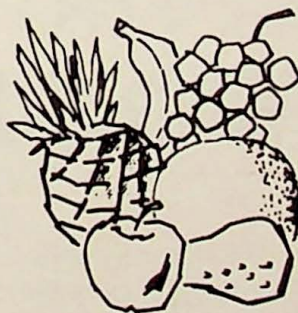
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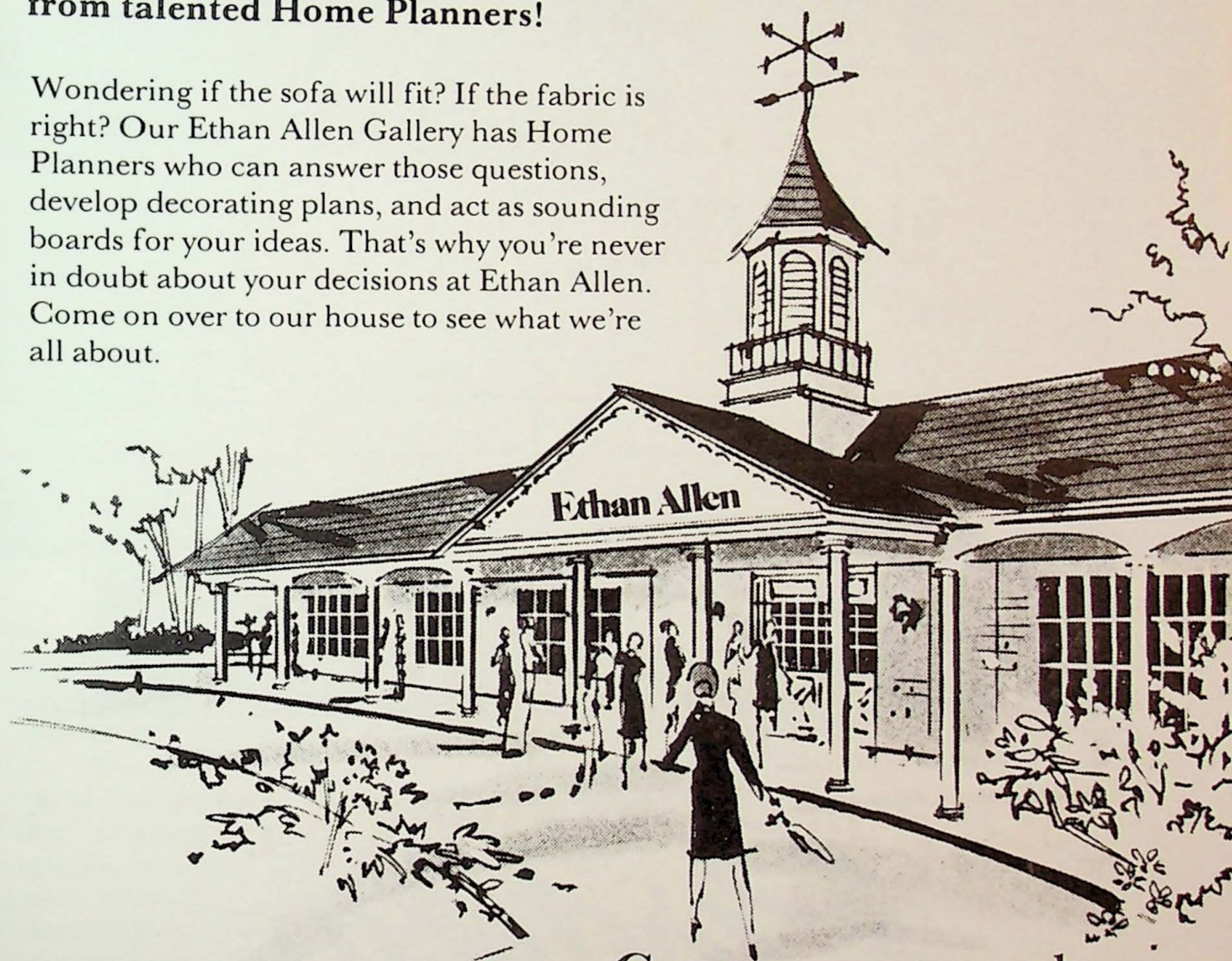
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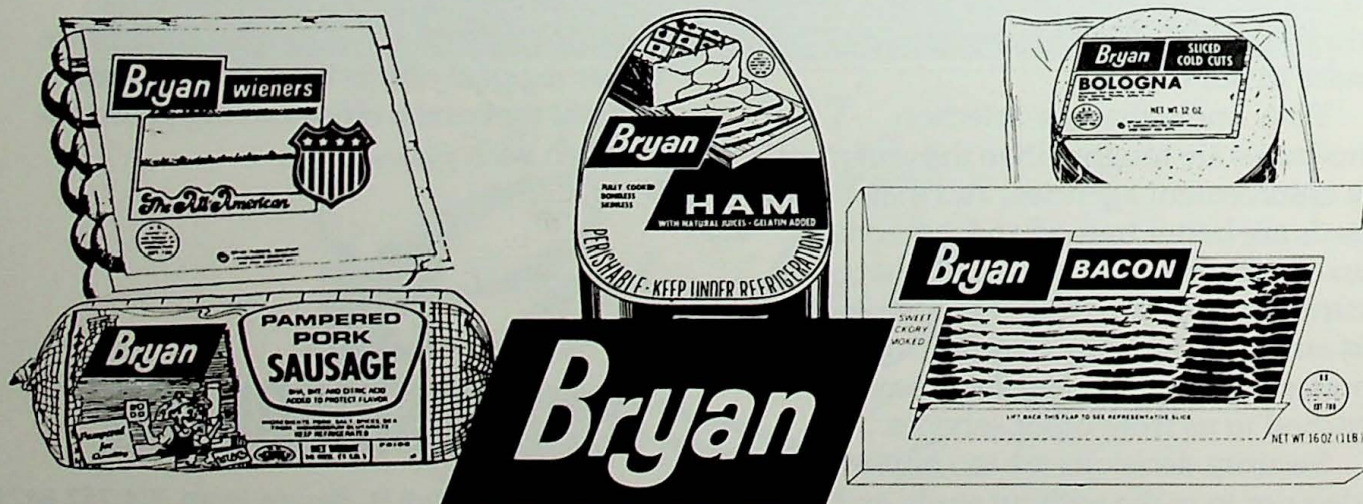
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