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9TH LONG ISLAND OPEN DRAWS 964 ENTRIES

Mike Levine And Fran Davis Took The Open Honors While 1,500 Matches Ran This Four Day Event Into One Big Party!

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The 9th Annual Long Island Open, sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller, Frozfruit, Diversified Products, Coral House and Penn Athletic Products continued to prove to be one of the premier tournaments in the country, drawing 964 entries from 18 states to the Sportset Clubs in Syosset, Massapequa and Rockville Centre, November 8-10, 1985.

Continuing its commitment that every player and spectator go home feeling like a winner, the tournament staff, headed by Allan Seitelman with Ernie Fraas, Bob Supple, Regina Corrigan, Jim Mortimer and Mike Jones, provided a quality tournament with a multiplicity of tournament souvenirs. They ran 1,500 matches on time and awarded 200 laser-engraved plexiglass plaques in 43 division of play.

The banquet at the Coral House was unequalled, with 200 prizes being given out, including \$3,000 in cash awards, Windjammer Cruises, DP equipment, Foot-Joy sneakers, Head equipment, Lite prizes, Penn gloves, Thorlo socks, Frozfruit shirts, individual cartoon portraits and other prizes.

The food and drink consumed included, 3,500 Frozfruit bars, 35 kegs of Lite beer and hot dogs. Combined with the banquet, door prizes, cartoon caricatures, individual newspaper headlines for each winner and the rest of the festivities made one wonder if this was a tournament or a four day party. How-

ever, one look at the intense competition on the courts provided an answer to this question — the answer was both.

The action off the courts, with Lite Beer All Star, Lee Meredith providing entertainment, was almost as exciting as the play on the courts. Every winner had a chance to have their picture taken with Lee Meredith and then have her sign each one. Lee was in attendance for over ten hours, signing posters, presenting awards and being a gracious celebrity. Her presence helped to make the tournament more enjoyable for everybody attending. Now, on to the courts and the matches.

Players of all skill levels, beginner to National Champion, and ages nine to 72, provided fierce competition in 43 categories. Over 230 women proved that they constitute a meaningful force in tournament racquetball.

The Long Island Open still continues to be one of the most prestigious titles to hold in the East, while attracting and satisfying the beginning player. For over 15% of the players, this was their first tournament. Six National Champions and a World Champion competed in various divisions.

Historically, the interest in any tournament focuses on the Open division. This interest was well deserved at the Long Island tourney.



Jim Deritis goes to the floor against Jim Young in the Long Island Open Veteran's division.

Men's Open Singles

The Men's Open Singles Division featured and showcased a new cast of characters. Tom Cappa burst into prominence by almost beating top seeded and defending champion, Fred Calabrese, in the round of 16. Tom ended up losing in a cliff-hanging 11-10 tiebreaker. Nolan Glantz, in his first excursion into the L.I. Open, took Don Costleigh to a tiebreaker before finally losing. Tom Montalbano managed to break his L.I. Open jinx, and got past the first round.

This year was also the first year the title match featured two New Yorkers.

Despite all these surprises and almost upsets, the top four seeds advanced to the semifinals. Tom Montalbano had the toughest time reaching the semifinals with a 5-15, 15-7, 11-9 win over fifth seeded Joey Cline. The semifinals saw a rejuvenated Mike Levine crunch Don Costleigh 15-8, 15-10. The other semifinal match featured hometown favorite Tom Mantalbano vs. defending champion Fred Calabrese. Tom Mantalbano, responding to the cheers of the crowd, pulled out a surprisingly easy win, 15-8, 15-13. It was the first time Tom had managed to win a match with-

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New Rules Proposed

By Michael Arnolt

When the American Amateur Racquetball Association adopted the court specifications calling for a broken line the width of the court to represent the receiving (five-foot) line, it received overwhelming acceptance and support from players and club managers around the nation.

To put it mildly, that was unusual. Discussions focusing on racquetball rules are like those on politics and religion — everybody has an opinion, and everyone is entitled to that opinion.

So when the AARA considers rule changes, it must do so with as much input as possible from the general playing public. As the governing body for

amateur racquetball, it is important to keep in fun and generate interest while maintaining the concept of the game and keeping it safe.

New Rules Coming Up

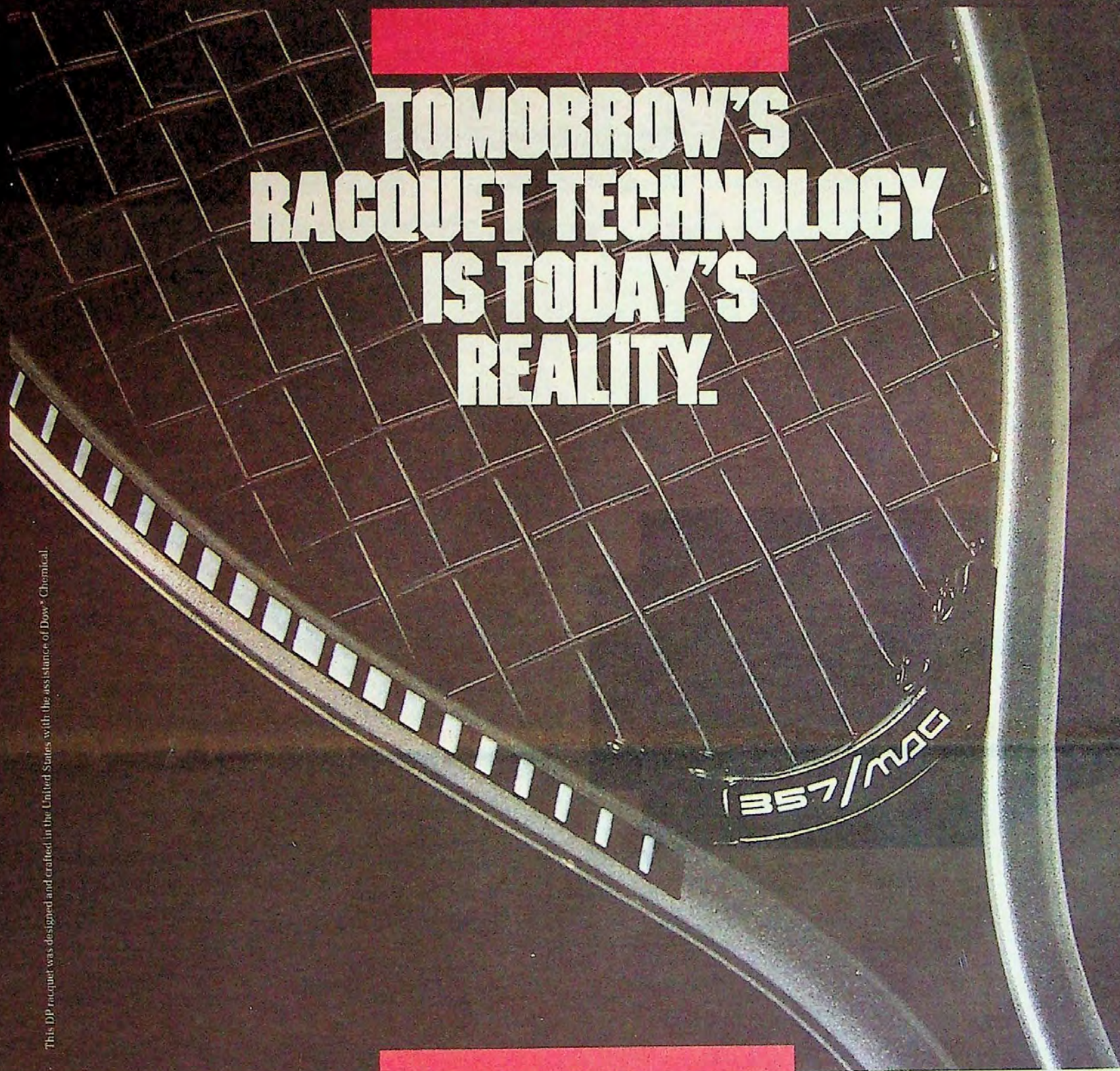
One rule which will come before the board at its annual meeting in Houston during the U.S. National Singles in May, is that concerning racquet specifications.

In July of 1984, the board issued a limited waiver on the use of what is considered an oversized racquet. Essentially, it allowed the Macro series of racquets manufactured by Ektelon to be used in any tournament except regional and national AARA events. To-

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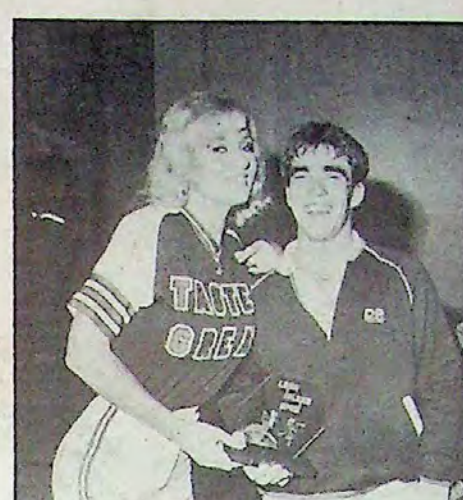
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Francine Davis (left) vs. Cindy Baxter in the Women's Open Final.



Don Costleigh jumps out of the way during the Men's Open Doubles.



Tom Montalbano gets a little attention from Lee Meredith.

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out the need to go to a tiebreaker.

The finals proved to be worth the wait. Tom surged out to a 14-10 lead. Mike Levine got the serve and proceeded to pound his serve to a 15-14 win. The second game was a seesaw battle in which Mike Levine emerged victorious, 15-13. An ecstatic Mike Levine was seen still walking on air ten minutes later. Don Costleigh finished third.

Women's Open Singles

The extreme competitiveness of this division is once again demonstrated by the fact that, except for the first two L.I. Opens, no woman has ever been able to defend her title or win a second title on subsequent attempts. Three former L.I. Open champions, a World Champion, as well as two former finalists were on hand to try and win the title. However, none of these players would emerge as the winner of the Women's Open Division!

The state of Pennsylvania contributed three out of the four semifinalists. Number one seed, Cinder Baxter, reached the finals with a semifinal win over Dot Fischl, who had reached the semis by edging out Bonnie Stoll. Francine Davis reached the finals with tough wins over Robin Levine in the

quarterfinals and a semifinal win over defending champion Molly O'Brien.

The finals were as exciting and well played as one would expect from two such great players. Fran won the first game by the score of 15-9. The second game looked like it would be a repeat of the first, with Fran winning 8-3. Cindy called a time out, regrouped her game strategy and came back onto the court with a newly found determination. Cindy scored 12 straight points to win the second game. The momentum looked like it had switched to Cindy, however, Fran Davis proved why she is such a formidable opponent. She, in turn, regrouped and came back to win the tiebreaker, 11-9 to take the title.

Men's Open Doubles

The team of Cline/Costleigh marched to the championship. In the finals they beat Peterson/Levine in a tiebreaker match.

Men's 25+

John Peterson continued his winning ways by taking this division. He beat fellow club pro, Ed Shivokevich, in the finals.

Men's 30+

This age division in the L.I. Open is among the strongest in the country. The semifinalists of Brian McDermott,

Jim Deritis, Gary Gloeggler and Jim Young, are national championship caliber. Jim Young made it to the finals with a win over Gloeggler. Jim Deritis beat McDermott to advance to the finals. Deritis edged Young out in the final, 12-15, 15-12, 11-4.

Men's 45+ Masters

Charlie Garfinkel is still the man to beat in this division. He has won over 45 straight matches in the Master's Division. Don Costleigh has the misfortune to be in the same part of the country as Charlie, or he would be the pre-eminent 45+ player in the Northeast.

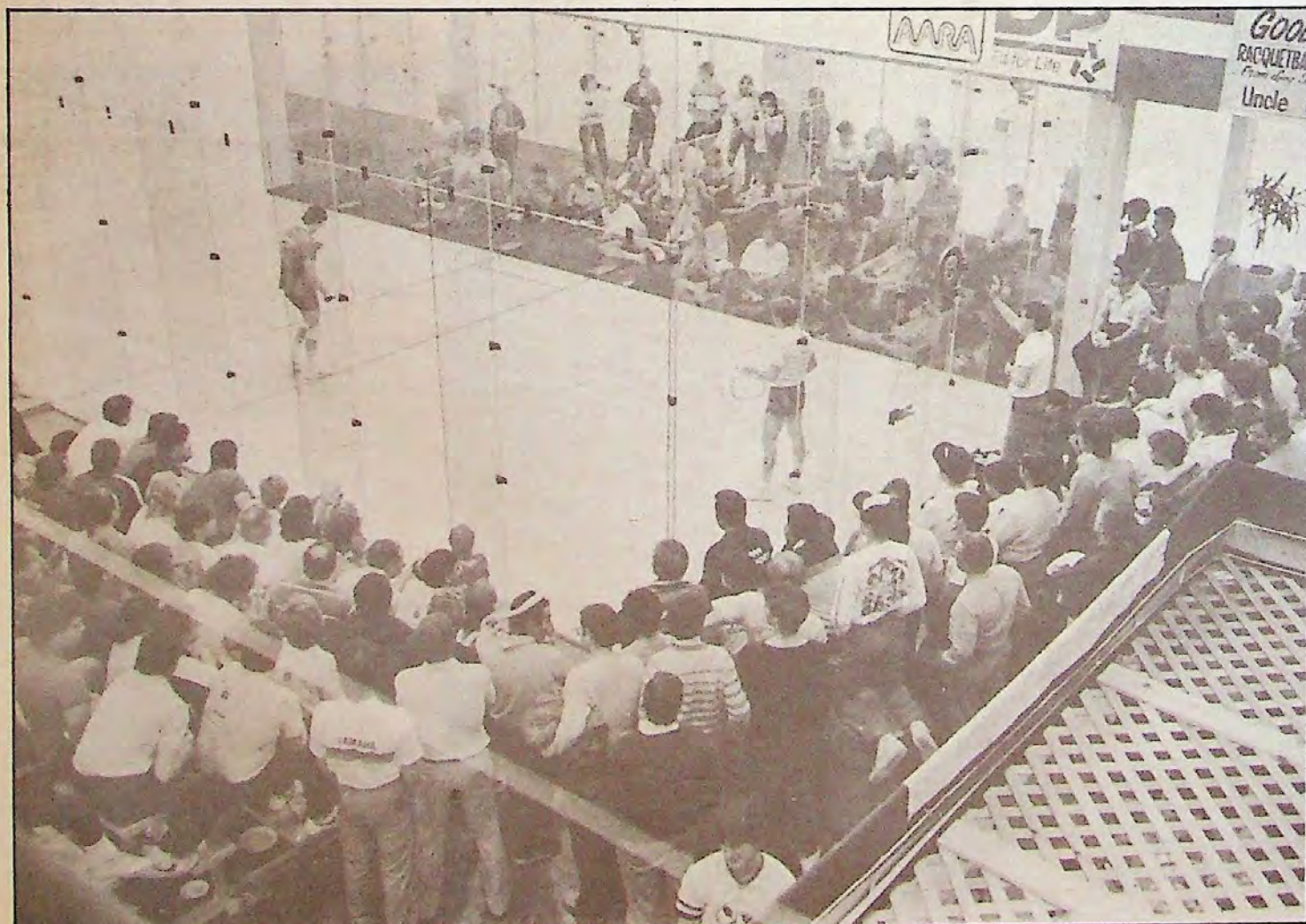
Men's 55+ Gold Masters

Eli Krodman was finally dethroned as the only person never to lose a match in the L.I. Open. Eli had won the Gold Master's L.I. Open title every time it had been offered for the last five years. A combination of age and new players reaching 55+ years of age finally did him in. Dan Llacera beat Krodman in the semifinals, while Saal Lesser was advancing to the finals over Joe Rizzo. Dan Llacera won the title in two games.

Juniors

Pierre Dubrin, last year's 16 and under winner, played in the 18's and emerged victorious. John Charbon-

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The crowd at the Long Island Open watches the Men's Open Final in the fine tournament arena at the Sportset Club.

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Tom Montalbano (left) digs for a shot in his final match against eventual winner, Mike Levine.

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neau won the Men's 16, besting Jeff Kerman in the finals. B.J. Gruber won the Men's 14 and under with a win over Cary Nadelman. Sudsy Monchik continued his winning by beating Billy DeFranc in the Men's 12 and under. Jacki Charbonneau won the Women's 16 and under. Ann Prentiss finished second in the Women's 16 and under.

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9th Annual Long Island Open Sponsored by Lite, DP, Penn, Frozfruit and Coral House

Men's Open

1. Mike Levine, NY 2. Tom Montalbano, NY

Women's Open

1. Fran Davis, NJ 2. Cindy Baxter, PA

Men's A

1. Pierre Dubrin, NJ 2. Bill Young, NY

Women's A

1. Evelyn Donofrio, NJ 2. Gail Ganzer, NY

Men's Open Doubles

1. Cline/Costleigh, NJ/NY 2. Peterson/Levine, NY/NY

Women's A Doubles

1. Correia/DeLouise, NY/NY 2. Donofrio/Jacob, NJ/NJ

Men's B — 1. Joe Consentino, NY d.

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New Rules

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day, at least three other manufacturers have developed racquets which exceed current specifications. Ektelon's oversized racquet is 20½ inches long and 10⅞ inches wide.

Effective September 1, 1985, the board issued a year-long unconditional waiver for racquets, not exceeding 21 inches in length, for use in all tournaments.

Jim Hiser, a member of the board who has run numerous amateur and pro tournaments, has suggested two other changes which are used by the women's and/or men's professional associations. The proposed rules, the current rules and an explanation for the possible changes follow.

Proposed Rule

The racquet, including the bumper guard and all solid parts, may not exceed 21 inches in length.

Current Rule: Courts and Equipment 2.D.1. Dimensions. The total length and width of the racquet may not exceed 27 inches. The length of the racquet may not exceed 20½ inches and the head width may not exceed nine inches. These measurements are computed from the outer edge of the rims, not including bumper guard, and from the farthest solid part of the handle.

Reasoning for the new rule: As it did in tennis, the larger racquet may make it easier, because of the larger sweet spot, for players to participate and compete without altering the concept of the sport. In the 1½ years of its use, the larger racquet has not generated

additional safety hazards for racquetball players. (As a matter of interest, squash uses a 27 inch racquet on a court that is smaller than racquetball's court.) The proposed length dimension is one-half inch longer than the current standard. According to participating racquet manufacturers, the width will be restricted by the length.

Proposed Rule

Screen serves will be fault serves. Though they are fault serves, they will not be appealable.

Current Rule: A screen serve is considered a deadball serve and is replayed.

Reasoning for new rule. Intentional or continued use of the screen serve in an attempt to have an unfair advantage over the receiver causes a delay of game without a penalty. The Women's Profes-

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MY VIEWS ON THE NEW RULES

Proposed Rule	I like the new rule	I like the current rule
Racquet Dimensions	_____	_____
Screen Serves A Fault	_____	_____
Server May Leave Service Zone	_____	_____
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sional Racquetball Association has invoked this rule for the past few years.

Proposed Rule

Allow the server to leave the service zone as soon as the ball has been struck.

Current rule. Rule 7.I. Safety Zone Violation. If the server, or doubles partner, enters into the safety zone before the served ball passes the short line, it shall result in the loss of serve.

Reasoning for new rule. The suggested rule was adopted by the Racquetball Manufacturer's Association which runs the men's professional tour at the request of the players. The professionals contend it gives them more time to get out of the path of the serve.

Okay. There you have it. Please mark your choices, affix the mailing label from Racquetball in Review, or write your name and address on the ballot and send it today to: AARA, 815 North Weber, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Also, make note of any rule changes or additions you would like considered. ■

Racquet Survey Results

We got a lot of responses from our Racquetball In Review Racquet Survey! Below is a breakdown of how our respondents answered about their racquets.

1. HOW OFTEN DO YOU PLAY RACQUETBALL?

70% play three or more times a week. 23% play two times a week. 5% play one time a week and 1% play once a month or less.

2. WHAT IS YOUR PLAYING LEVEL?

3% are beginners, 47% are intermediate, 39% are advanced and 11% are open players.

3. HOW MANY RACQUETS DO YOU PERSONALLY OWN?

11% own one, 42% own two, 29% own three and 13% own four or more.

4. WHAT KIND OF RACQUET DO YOU USUALLY PLAY WITH?

13% use aluminum racquets, 5% fiberglass, 3% steel, 74% graphite, 1% wood and 4% use another type of racquet.

5. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FIRM THAT MANUFACTURES YOUR RACQUET?

18% use AMF Head racquets, 2% use Voit, 15% use DP, 40% use Ektelon, 19% use Hogan/Pro Kennex, 3% use Omega, 2% use Wilson and 1% use other racquets.

6. HAVE YOU HAD YOUR RACQUET RESTRUNG IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

Yes 54%. No 46%.

7. HOW MANY RACQUETS DID YOU BUY IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?

48% bought one racquet, 8% bought two, 9% bought three and 35% did not purchase a racquet during the last 12 months.

8. WHAT WAS THE COST OF THE LAST RACQUET YOU BOUGHT?

6% paid less than \$40 for their last racquet, 19% paid under \$60, 44% paid under \$100, 19% paid under \$150 and 12% paid over \$150.

9. WHAT WILL INFLUENCE YOUR NEXT RACQUET BUYING DECISION?

(Average of first three preferences)
28% would be influenced by a playing test, 16% by price, 5% by appearance, 8% by local instructor's advice, 27% by the "feel", 4% by a touring pro's advice, 4% by advertising and 8% by another player's advice.

10. WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR RACQUET?

(Average of first three preferences)

13% like the grip, 4% like the appearance, 4% like the sweet spot, 19% like the power, 21% like the control, 22% like the weight, 16% like the balance and 1% like other things about their racquet.

11. WHERE DID YOU PURCHASE YOUR LAST RACQUET?

33% purchased their racquet at their

local club pro shop, 30% at a sporting goods store, 11% at a discount store, 11% by mail order and 15% purchased it elsewhere.

12. WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR RACQUET?

23% disliked the grip, 4% the appearance, 13% the sweet spot, 4% the power, 6% the control, 3% the weight, 22% disliked other things about their racquet and 25% had no dislikes.

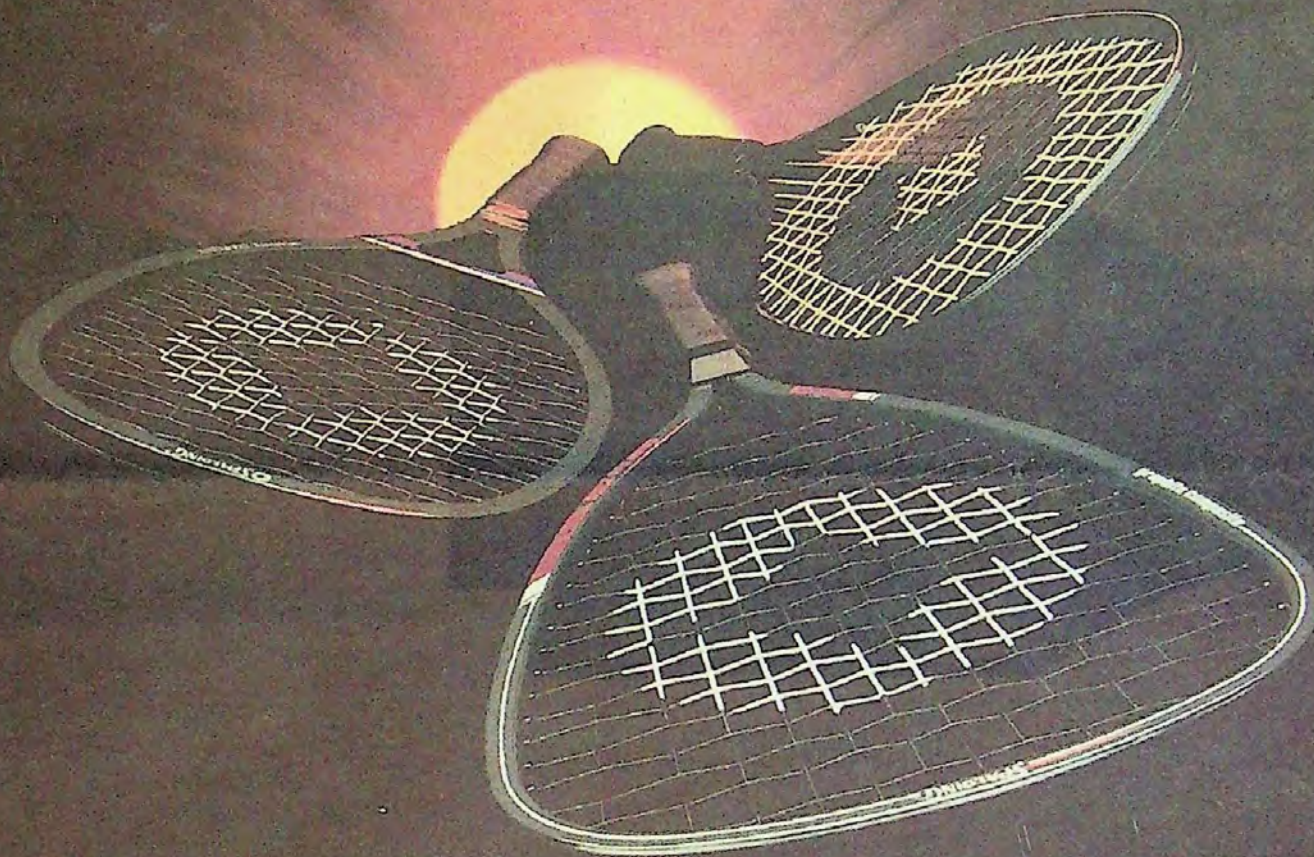
13. ARE YOU MALE OR FEMALE?

76% Male, 24% Female.

14. WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

10% are under 18, 3% are 18-24, 33% are 25-34, 31% are 35-44, 15% are 45-54, 7% are 55-64 and 1% are 65 and over.

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Study Reveals Why People Join Clubs

The International Racquet Sports Association (IRSA) has just completed a major national research project that examined why people join fitness and athletic clubs. The findings provide a detailed look at the motivational elements of the decision to join a club, demographic characteristics of club members, and member activity and use patterns.

The study survey 3380 club members from 171 clubs throughout the United States. The data is stratified by type of club (racquetball, tennis, multipurpose), region (Northeast, Midwest, South and West) and location (urban, suburban, x-urban).

Here are some highlights from the study:

- Most members join a club to get or stay in shape. Athletics and social activities were not primary reasons for joining.
- 70% of club members are between ages 25-44.
- 57% of the club members have college or graduate degrees.
- 20% of the club members had incomes exceeding \$65,000 annually.
- Men comprised 51% to 57% of the total club membership depending on the type of club.
- 52% of the club members had belonged to another club before joining the present one.
- Only 28% of new club members and 38% of members joining a second club had been active in sports or exercise before joining a club.
- 33% of club members belong to more than one club.

Copies of the "Why People Join" report may be purchased from IRSA by calling 800-232-IRSA. The cost is \$95 for IRSA members, \$195 for non-members.

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Women's Racquetball

By Cathie Frederickson,
Women's Commissioner

Women's racquetball, the enigma of our sport.

The subject seems to arise on numerous occasions in an attempt to identify some of the existing problems. As the new Commissioner of Women's Racquetball, I feel we must address this matter together.

Our main concern should be "Why is the turn-over in women's racquetball so high?" Or, more accurately, "Why do women seem to burn-out in racquetball so rapidly?"

One of the questions raised at a Michigan Women's Committee Meeting was, "Do we sell our sport 'too cheap'?"

A common line used to sell our sport is, "It's an easy sport to learn" or "Anyone can play". Wouldn't it be more advantageous to market our sport with persuasive lines such as, "It's good exercise", "It's a fun way to lose weight", and "Racquetball is an enjoyable way to meet other people"?

In addition, why not encourage lessons immediately rather than imply at a later date that a lesson may be the cure for a player's inabilities, deficiencies, and frustrations? Many of us encourage lessons after players have ingrained poor habits into their games. Lessons then take on a negative tone rather

than a positive one. Isn't it easier to accomplish something from a positive frame of mind rather than a negative one? Avoiding proper instruction also means functioning days or weeks at a level of play lower than is necessary.

Could this be where some of the destruction begins? Do we push our women up too quickly?

How many times have you seen women climb through the ranks rapidly, reach the A level of play and quit after performing poorly in the Open division of play? Many times women's divisions do not reflect or represent the true level of play. The number of women entered are so few that it's easy to advance to the finals in some areas. After winning, it is automatically assumed the winner is ready for the next level of play. Is this productive in the long run?

Another question raised was, "Are we losing our women to aerobics?" If so, is it because aerobics does not take a great amount of athletic ability or are we failing at programming women's racquetball effectively? An individual can participate in an aerobics class alone to get the exercise that is desired. In racquetball, for a workout, one must know other players at a similar level of play, or be "good enough" (a misconception!) to participate in a league or tournament. Otherwise, an individual



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must belong to a club that continually develops, implements and monitors women's racquetball programs.

The questions and opinions expressed may not be the same problems you view in women's racquetball. This article was designed to elicit your responses, opinions, and ideas. As I stated earlier, we must address this matter together. If you are concerned or care about the future of women's racquetball, please write or call:

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- 7 Si Mathison, AL
- 8 Keith Midden, MO
- 9 Troy Armstrong, MN
- 10 Rob Hagen, SD
- 11 Vicki Oliver, TX
- 12 Chris Wright, MO
- 13 David Bracklin, AL
- 14 Mike Alvarado, TX
- 15 Jeff Blitz, NY
- 16 David Bogenschutz, WI
- 17 Tony Boscia, CO
- 18 George Copelas, MA
- 19 Brian Jorgenson, PA
- 20 Eric L'Archeleque, CD

Women's 16

- 1 Claudia McCarthy, FL
- 2 Vicki Yarns, FL
- 3 Carrie Healy, GA
- 4 Ann Prentiss, NY
- 5 Kelly Pulls, CA
- 6 Susan Craddock, NY
- 7 Janet Burke, MA
- 8 Paula Russler, SD
- 9 Robin Levine, NY
- 10 Keri Niggemeyer, OH
- 11 Leigh Ann Coutu, DE
- 12 Kim Russell, KY
- 13 Julie Thomas, IL
- 14 Angela Wible, CO

- 15 Leslie Oddy, FL
- 16 Dana Conroy, FL
- 17 Nathalie Bernard, CD
- 18 Delaine Comer, CA
- 19 Elma Fuentes, CO
- 20 Amy Mabry, AK

Men's 18

- 1 Jeff Conine, CA
- 2 Howard Millian, NY
- 3 Charlie Nichols, FL
- 4 Rob Kulp, FL
- 5 Rob McKinney, PA
- 6 Bobby Rodriguez, CO
- 7 Bill Gerau, KS
- 8 Oscar Gonzalez, FL
- 9 Mike Lowe, CA
- 10 Tundo Stead, MN
- 11 Mark Mikulla, IN
- 12 Aaron Vogel, NY
- 13 Mike Bronfield, CA
- 14 Brian Bliss, MO
- 15 Chris Cole, MI
- 16 David Gries, AL
- 17 Jeff Hager, FL
- 18 Joe Kline, NY
- 19 Kiel Kuger, LA
- 20 Martin Mercier, CD

Women's 18

- 1 Dina Pritchett, IN
- 2 Carrie Healy, GA
- 3 Marla Friedman, FL
- 4 Wendy Cries, MD
- 5 Robin McBride, FL
- 6 Lisa Anthony, CA
- 7 Elaine Mardas, OH
- 8 Janet Burke, MA
- 9 Susan Craddock, NY
- 10 Hollie Huelsmann, MO
- 11 Shelly Lee, PA
- 12 Robin Levine, NY
- 13 Jill Osteen, NC
- 14 Dena Pritchett, TN
- 15 Paula Russler, SD
- 16 Jackie Paraiso, CA
- 17 Joy Paraiso, CA
- 18 Vicki Yarns, FL
- 19 Wendy Cruz, MD
- 20 Tina Erwin, AK

Men's Wheelchair

- 1 Clark William, TX
- 2 John Foust, CO
- 3 Dan Kiley, CA
- 4 Jim Leatherman, MD
- 5 Chip Parmoly, CA

Women's Wheelchair

- 1 Kathy Donoho, TX
- 2 Tammy Riggs, CA

Men's 19+

- 1 Joey Cline, NJ
- 2 Tim Hansen, FL
- 3 Jim Jeffers, IL
- 4 Charlie Horton, NY
- 5 Tom Coleman, MA
- 6 Aaron Katz, TX
- 7 Brian Phillips, FL
- 8 Mike Coleman, MA
- 9 John Barrett, PA
- 10 Ed Davidson, OH
- 11 Rob French, MN
- 12 Mark Henshaw, WA
- 13 Doug Jones, KS
- 14 Steve Kiffe, MT
- 15 Tim Labonne, IN
- 16 Andy Roberts, TN
- 17 John Schneider, FL
- 18 Richard Hull, FL
- 19 Sergio Gonzalez, FL
- 20 Brent Huber, FL

Women's 19+

- 1 Jan Curtis, FL
- 2 Lisa Hjelm, CA
- 3 Lori Basch, FL
- 4 Fran Kenek, IL
- 5 Cindy Eksusian, MA
- 6 Cathy Nichols, CD
- 7 Kelly Cremeans, IN
- 8 Lisa Devine, TN
- 9 Terri Graham, NE
- 10 Leanne Nassberg, NY
- 11 Chris Radcliffe, MT
- 12 Tracey Sundquist, WA
- 13 Christy Johnson, FL
- 14 Diana Almeida, CO
- 15 Terri Graham, ME
- 16 Debra Staub, CA
- 17 Lisa Riley, MA
- 18 Chris Collins, FL
- 19 Beth Aldi, FL
- 20 Colleen Brint, OH

Men's 25+

- 1 Gary Merritt, TX
- 2 Danny Winn, AL
- 3 Mark Morrison, FL
- 4 Jerry Wickliffe, GA
- 5 Larry Fox, MI
- 6 John Peterson, NY
- 7 Gary Retter, NY
- 8 Steve White, AL
- 9 Dave Gordon, MN
- 10 Bill Land, LA
- 11 Joe Alt, IN
- 12 Kevin Chamblis, OK

- 13 Darwin Lunn, MT
- 14 Bill Lyman, IL
- 15 Randy Olsen, ME
- 16 Mike Openbrier, PA
- 17 Mitch Smith, PA
- 18 Ray Vanover, MI
- 19 Ken Woodlin, TX
- 20 Al Caballero, FL

Women's 25+

- 1 Kathy Gluvna, TN
- 2 Mary Pat Sklenka, TX
- 3 Barbara Simmons, FL
- 4 Linda Sreecton, IN
- 5 Sheri Anderson, MI
- 6 Marilyn Ellis, MA
- 7 Teri Gatarz, FL
- 8 Malla Kamahoa, VA
- 9 Kim Redding, PA
- 10 Amy Rice, NJ
- 11 Colleen Shields, IL
- 12 Terry Singletary, OK
- 13 Sheri Stranberg, MT
- 14 Connie Hagler, IN
- 15 Pamela Laursen, TX
- 16 Joanie Quinlan, MA
- 17 Diane Bullard, FL
- 19 Kerstin Ackerman, VA

Men's 30+

- 1 Dennis Aceto, MA
- 2 Jim Young, PA
- 3 Stu Hastings, MI
- 4 Bob Driscoll, FL
- 5 Ken Smith, OK
- 6 Bill Simon, FL
- 7 Jim Hamilton, IN
- 8 Tom Riley, MA
- 9 Gene Owen, FL
- 10 Ed Garabedian, PA
- 11 Van Dubolsky, FL
- 12 Matt Layton, TX
- 13 Todd Taylor, FL
- 14 Ray Vanover, MI
- 15 Mike Janiak, PA
- 16 Brian McDermott, NY
- 17 Wayne Vincent, GA
- 18 AJ Allen, IL
- 19 Dan Allen, WA
- 20 Scott Clark, VA

Women's 30+

- 1 Julie Pinnett, FL
- 2 Gail Woods, LA
- 3 Terry Latham, TX
- 4 Mary Jo Murray, FL
- 5 Connie Peterson, OR
- 6 Janet Simon, MA
- 7 Linda Derrick, FL
- 8 Jan Peterson, PA
- 9 Agatha Falso, FL
- 10 Susan Morgan, FL
- 11 Jean Deschger, CA
- 12 Mary Rasmussen, OK
- 13 Martha Callahan, MA
- 14 Mary Ann Cluess, NY
- 15 Laureld Davis, IL
- 16 Terry Dickerson, KS
- 17 Eileen Ehrlich, FL
- 18 Chris Fischer, OH
- 19 Chris Martin, MT
- 20 Holly Rentz, KY

Men's 35+

- 1 Ed Remen, VA
- 2 Bill Taliaferro, TX
- 3 Mike Stephens, MI
- 4 Mike Clifford, NY
- 5 John Henken, TN
- 6 Joe Weiss, CA
- 7 Dick McCabe, IN
- 8 Glen Withrow, MN
- 9 Tom Brownlee, IN
- 10 Mark Steinhoff, NY
- 11 Mark Hegg, CO
- 12 Wayne Vincent, GA
- 13 Van Dubolsky, FL
- 14 Jim Hiser, MI
- 15 Mitt Layton, FL
- 16 Russel Montague, PA
- 17 Keith Morgan, MA
- 18 Jerry Henderson, WA
- 19 Dennis Sbraga, NY
- 20 Jim Winterton, NY

Women's 35+

- 1 Mary Jo Murray, FL
- 2 Martha Callahan, MA
- 3 Agatha Falso, FL
- 4 Jean Deschger, CA
- 5 Sherry Armstrong, CO
- 6 Linda Miller, IN
- 7 Vicki Edelmann, MA
- 8 Yvonne Callavan, WA
- 9 Sue Graham, CO
- 10 Berte Heath, MT
- 11 Susan Kraft, KS
- 12 Margaret Light, IL
- 13 Helen Moore, TX
- 14 Lena Priano, NJ
- 15 Charlotte Stultz, PA
- 16 Maite Urza, WA
- 17 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 18 Judy Woodward, IN
- 19 Libby Laney, FL
- 20 Sandy Rogers, WA

Men's 40+

- 1 Rob Riley, FL
- 2 Ed Remen, VA
- 3 Ed Vlock, FL
- 4 Mike Winslow, FL
- 5 Jack Ross, FL
- 6 Mike Gorman, MN
- 7 Neil Shapiro, NY
- 8 Sid Williams, WA
- 9 Ron Galbreath, PA
- 10 Craig Shaak, FL
- 11 Jeff Leon, FL
- 12 Dennis Lose, CA
- 13 Tom McKie, TX
- 14 Dayton Dicke, TX
- 15 Joe Icaza, FL
- 16 Lee Humphrey, TX
- 17 John Alton, FL
- 18 Robert Boice, ID
- 19 Renee Depot, RI
- 20 Jon Fleishaker, KY

Women's 40+

- 1 Nancy Katz, PA
- 2 Gayann Bloom, MA
- 3 Carol Saraceni, NY
- 4 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 5 Julia Williamson, FL
- 6 Bev Franks, IL
- 7 Mildred Gwinn, NC
- 8 Marion Johnson, TX
- 9 Joan Pearce, IL
- 10 Jan Shelton, MT
- 11 Agatha Falso, FL
- 12 Judy Hopkins, PA
- 13 Mimi Kelly, MA
- 14 Koz Burnett, NY
- 15 Mary Lou Acuff, VA
- 16 Doris Billings, NJ
- 17 Nidia Funes, CA
- 18 Pat Guth, MT
- 19 Jo Kenyon, FL
- 20 Kathy Mueller, MN

Men's 45+

- 1 Charlie Garfinkel, NY
- 2 Ed Vlock, FL
- 3 Jude Smith, OK
- 4 Rex Lawler, IN
- 5 Ron Johnson, IL
- 6 Skip Elman, VA
- 7 Sid Williams, WA
- 8 Don Costleigh, Sr., NY
- 9 Jess Madden, MI
- 10 Dario Mas, DE
- 11 Harold Price, CA
- 12 Bobby Sanders, OH
- 13 Bob Steege, IN
- 14 Tony Lasala, NJ
- 15 Les Dittich, MN
- 16 Jim McPherson, OK
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New Directions

By Luke St. Onge, Executive Director

The American Amateur Racquetball Association is the National Governing Body of racquetball recognized by the United States Olympic Committee under the 1978 Amateur Sports Act and the International Amateur Racquetball Federation is recognized as the International Governing Body for racquetball. The AARA is a non-profit, charitable organization and a 501-C3 charitable organization for income tax purposes.

The AARA is dedicated to the ongoing promotion of racquetball and the representation of all levels of players in the racquetball industry and sports world.

The AARA is organized in 49 states, 16 regions, and is governed by 11 duly elected Board of Directors. Day to day activities of the association are carried out by the national staff of three people located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, near the USOC Complex. The AARA services and office operation are fully computerized for high efficiency. The AARA is audited yearly with the most recent audit as of September 1985.

The following are the goals of the AARA, not necessarily in order of importance, for each in its own way is the most important. Some of these goals are well underway. Others are in the developmental stages, while others are on the future drawing board.

1. Expand membership to 70,000 members, at least twice its current membership.
2. Provide additional support to state and regional organizations to establish each organization as a strong promotional arm of the sport.
3. Support both RMA and WPRA in such a way as to maintain the amateur support for the professional game.
4. Establish advisory councils in the junior, intercollegiate, adult, masters, military, court club owners, disabled, and racquetball manufacturers to the AARA as a steering committee for each important section of the sport.
5. Establish a women's council under the Women's National Commissioner to identify problems, establish communication, encourage discussion, and recommend solutions to developing a strong National Women's program for our sport.
6. Expand current and develop new military, junior, and intercollegiate programs to make them a driving force in the promotion of our sport.
7. Expand media coverage of racquetball through increasing media awareness by establishing a National Media Coordinator.
8. Expand and make more relevant the AARA/ARHS ranking system. Current system ranks 25,000 amateur players in the U.S. Target the serious sandbagging problem of racquetball.
9. Continue to review and adopt rules that are in the current spirit of the

Why Doesn't Racquetball Get More Publicity?

I am a racquetball player who is very interested in the sport. I am only 16 years old, but I play quite often. To my knowledge, racquetball is one of the fastest growing sports. What makes me mad is that you never hear the pro's names. You never see racquetball games televised on regular TV, but you always see other sports like tennis and golf. There are definitely enough players to support it. When will this come true?

What I'm trying to say is that racquetball is a popular sport now. But if we don't get publicity, that is all it will ever be.

Thomas Gorman
Tempe, AZ

I thought this letter asked a lot of questions everybody is asking if only in the back of their minds. Since it deals in an area that my colleague Drew Stoddard (Editor of National Racquetball Magazine and Commissioner for the RMA Pro Tour) is very familiar with, I gave the letter to him: I think you will find his response enlightening. —Ed.

Your question is one I hear more than any other: "If racquetball is so great,

sport and continuously be responsive to evolutionary changes in the sport.

10. Establish coaches, teaching and court club manager certification.
11. Expand current referee certification program.
12. Expand the U.S. National Team as a marketing tool for racquetball outside of our industry.
13. Expand current involvement of the disabled in racquetball.
14. Establish the AARA on a sound financial footing by establishing a National Foundation for the future of the AARA.
15. Create training and teaching films for racquetball.
16. Establish a Racquetball Library and Research Center that will house all articles, films, instructional articles, etc., for racquetball.
17. Encourage all manufacturers to take an active part in the development of the sport through AARA events.
18. Develop racquetball from a minor sport perception in America to a major sport identity.
19. Expand National Elite Training Camp from current three week program to year around status.
20. Establish an open forum through *Racquetball In Review* for change in racquetball.
21. Establish a grass roots recreational player program to attract and retain new players to racquetball.
22. Become Group A member of USOC.
23. Become a full sport on the program of the Pan Am Games.
24. Become a full sport on the program of the Olympic Games.
25. Participate as a sport in the National Sports Festival.
26. Develop and fund a National Racquetball Center that will house the U.S. National Championships, Museum, national offices, and Racquetball Hall of Fame. The U.S. National Racquetball Center would be patterned after the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York.
27. Develop sponsors outside of the racquetball industry.

I hope that this outline of AARA's ongoing actions and its goals will help inform you of the principals, goals and future directions of our sport and association. — Luke St. Onge.

Letters to the Editor

why don't I ever see it on TV?"

You should know that not a week goes by that the leaders of this sport don't struggle with that question. Unfortunately, the issue of television coverage is complex, and the answer is not as simple as most of us would like to believe.

Your comments about how fast racquetball has grown are correct, at least in part. Although the rate of growth has slowed dramatically in the past five years, between 1965 and 1980, the number of regular racquetball participants in the United States grew from virtually zero to somewhere around 10 million. No other sport in history has ever come close to that rate of expansion. Today, one in twenty-five of the general U.S. population play racquetball at least once a month. There are some who estimate that there are actually more people who now regularly play racquetball than tennis.

Yet tennis gets the TV spotlight while racquetball stays in the shadows. Why?

To understand, you have to look at why racquetball grew so fast in the first place. Ask most people why they play and they'll tell you that racquetball is easy to learn, fun to play, and it gives you a good workout in a short period of time. Almost no one will tell you how enjoyable it is to watch. Racquetball exploded because of its virtues as a participant sport. To date, it has not gained a reputation for being a good spectator sport, even with the vast majority of active players.

The distinction is an important one. In terms of participation, the largest sports in the United States today are cycling and swimming. Yet how many bicycles and swimmers do you see on network television? With the exception of the Olympic games, virtually none. And can you name the top cyclists and swimmers in the world today? Probably not — I can't.

Now, how many of your friends regularly play any kind of organized football? In terms of participation, racquetball makes football look non-existent. But 40 million people watch professional football every Sunday afternoon — it is the ultimate spectator sport.

Simply put, racquetball is not on television today because not enough people want to watch it. I can guarantee you, if they did, it would be on ABC tomorrow morning.

Now don't leave me yet, my young friend, because the story isn't finished. But it's here that things get a little tricky. The sport of racquetball today has divided into two camps: one group believes the sport is participatory by nature, and is therefore destined to stay in the shadows forever; the other is convinced that racquetball has the potential to be a great spectator sport. I belong to the second camp.

What we all seem to forget is that racquetball is still very young — an infant compared to other sports. It's hard to believe now, but football, tennis, and basketball all struggled in obscurity for decades before anyone no-

ticed. In fact, when I was your age, I played tennis — racquetball wasn't around then — and I remember wondering why my sport was never on TV. In 1965, tennis was about where racquetball is right now.

Because you cared enough to ask the question, I am sure you believe that racquetball is as exciting to watch as any sport. I agree with you. I became involved with professional racquetball for that very reason. I am convinced that once a few remaining technical problems have been solved, our chance will come, and when it does, racquetball will be able to hold its own against any televised sport. — Drew Stoddard.

Where Is West Virginia?

I would like to know which region does West Virginia belong to? Your most recent listing of regional commissioners and state directors omits our state and past listings have also failed to mention our state. Although our state does not have great numbers of players, those playing and supporting this association would appreciate knowing what region we belong to.

Secondly, as a current state champion, I feel the AARA should do more to recognize all current state champions. A simple listing of division winners would be a nice gesture.

Thomas A. Lovins
Huntington, WV

Sad, but true, the West Virginia information was not listed in our October and November issues, but it was in our December issue. West Virginia is in Region 9. The regional director is Jim Hiser whose phone number is 313-767-3434. Your state director is Kevin Becker, 519 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003, and you can call him at 304-277-1352 or 233-5760.

As for a listing of current state champions, I think it's a great idea. Then again, ideas are easy, the hard part is making it into print. First of all, all of the state directors have to send their champ's names to the National Headquarters in Colorado Springs. Then, they send it to me and I make sure it gets into print. Call your state director. As the Chinese say, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step." —Ed.

NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS ENTERED BY STATE AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 1985

AK	7	LA	0	PA	13
AL	8	ME	14	RI	3
AZ	0	MD	1	SC	5
AR	0	MA	18	SD	6
CA	30	MI	18	TN	7
CO	18	MN	2	TX	8
CT	2	MO	0	UT	15
DE	4	MS	1	VT	3
FL	38	NJ	10	VA	2
GA	5	NM	7	WA	7
HI	0	NV	3	WV	2
ID	1	NY	23	WI	0
IL	11	NC	10	WY	4
IN	10	ND	0	MT	0
IA	0	OH	4	NH	12
KS	8	OK	5	NE	0
KY	0	OR	0	DC	1

STATES TURNING IN TOURNAMENT RESULTS

	6/85	7/85	8/85	9/85
Number of States that have turned in Tournament Results	37	37	37	37
Number of States that have Not turned in Results	13	13	13	13
Total Number of Results in	365	372	383	341

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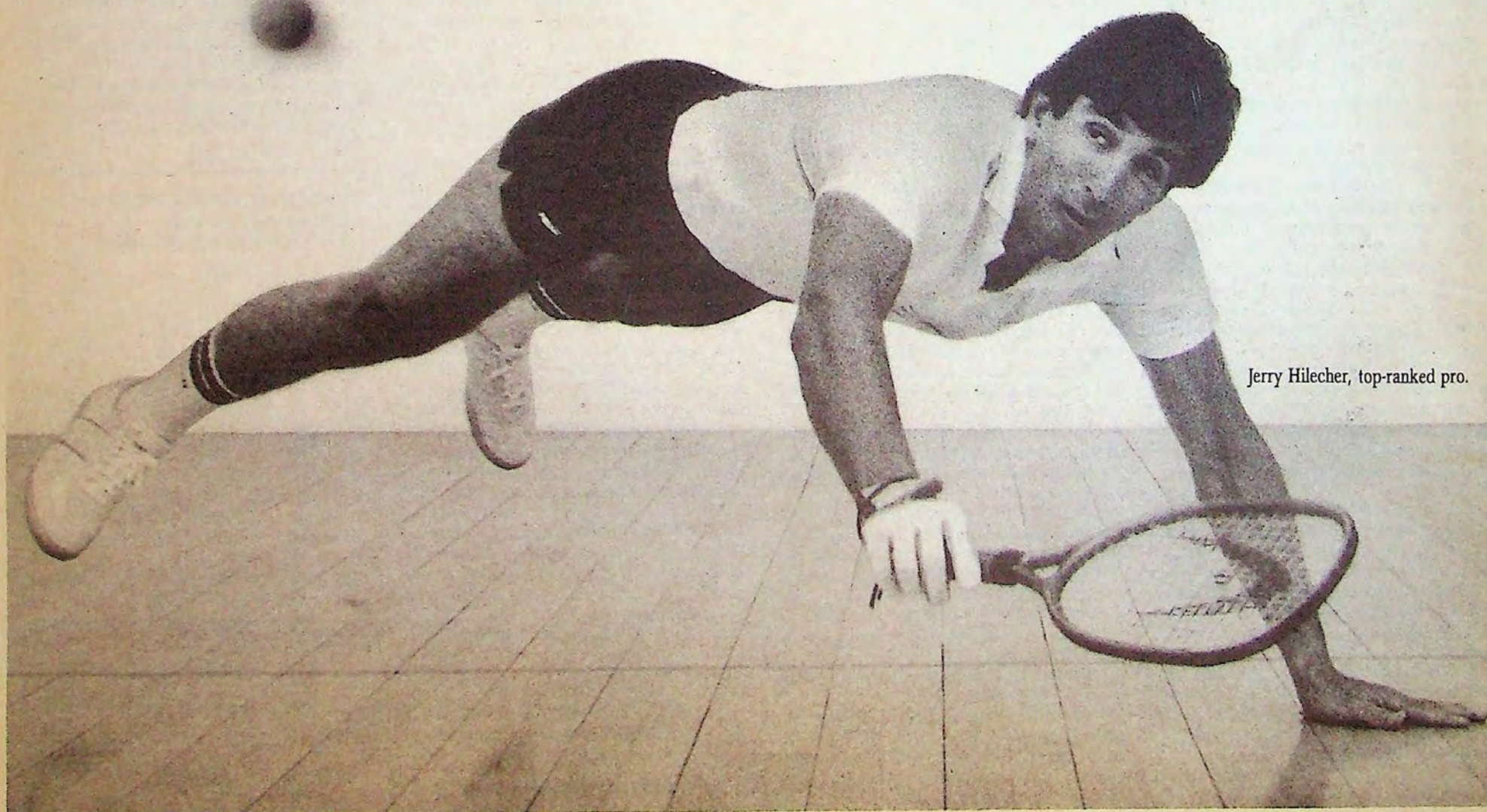
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5350 South 3600 West
Kearns, UT 84047
Kevin Plumb
801-969-9911

January 16-19

Flatirons Athletic Club
505 Thunderbird Drive
Boulder, CO 80303
Bobby Rodriguez
303-499-6590

January 16-19

Open Tournament
500 Sheridan
Evanston, IL 60202
Geoff Petters

January 16-19

Steamboat Winter Classic
Steamboat Athletic Club
33250 Storm Meadows Dr
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
Gary Crawford
303-873-3335

January 17-19

Doubles Championships
Nashville Supreme Court
4633 Trousdale
Nashville, TN 37204
Jerry Dixon 615-832-7529

January 17-19

Four Star Doubles Scrambler
Racquet Club of Meadville
Freach and Poplar Streets
Meadville, PA 16335
Nancy Manning 814-724-3524

January 17-19

MI Champ Series #4
900 Long Blvd. #423
Lansing, MI 48910
Dianne Easterling
517-694-4298

January 17-19

New York State Open
Holiday Health & Fitness
3880 Robinson Street
Amhurst, NY 14120
Chuck Wurzer 716-691-4292

January 17-19

Snowflake Tournament
Players West Racquet Club
208 McConnell
Laramie, WY 82070
Rick Keefer 307-742-8136

January 17-19

Super Bowl Weekend
The Sports Center
5951 Cliffdale Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
Cindy Hall

January 17-19

Winter Racquetball Classic
Old Auburn Court House
11558 F Ave
Auburn, CA 95603
Helen May 916-885-1964

January 18-20

Ice Fog Classic
The Athletic Club
1150 Eagle Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Dennis Kaufman, 907-456-1914

January 22-25

Redwood Multi-Purpose Center
3060 Lester Street
West Valley, UT 84119
Ruth McGovern, 801-974-6923

January 23-26

Club Championships
Manor Courts South
100 Roessler Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Terri Tomasko

January 24-26

Earthquake Open Pro/Am
Salinas Athletic Club
20 East San Joaquin
Salinas, CA 93901
Lou Quint, 408-757-8331

January 23-26

American Heart Benefit
Pennbriar Racquet Club
100 Pennbriar Dr.
Erie, PA 16590
Karen Esser

January 24-26

Natural Light Open
Tiger Racquetball
RR 6 Route 9W Bypass
Kingston, NY 12401
Michelle Lerner, 914-338-2887

January 24-26

Patrons Tour #4
7668 Apple Hill Ct. S.E.
Ada, MI 49301
Paula Spagnuolo, 616-676-1313

January 24-26

Racquetball Players Assoc.
P.O. Box 324 River Road
Bryans Road, MD 20616
Robin Duple

January 24-26

Sportcenter Classic
253 Country Club Drive
Concord, NC 28025
Ron Johnson

January 24-26

Supreme Court
7080 Deepage Drive
Columbia, MD 21045

January 24-26

Vermont State Doubles
Box 1978 Cedar Ridge Dr.
Shelburne, VT 02482
Chuck Bigalow

January 24-26

Winter Classic
Kangaroo Courts II
1026 Skyway
Chico, CA 95928
Larry Spencer, 916-895-8666

January 29-February 1

Country Courthouse
10300 S. Redwood Road
South Jordan, UT 84065
Steve Benson, 801-254-1480

January 29-February 2

Lynmar Racquet Club
2660 Vickers Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Khris Myers

January 30-February 2

Birthday Bash
Front Range Sports & Courts
2095 West 6th Avenue
Broomfield, CO 80020
Julie Seed, 303-469-6653

January 30-February 2

Nashville City Championships
Maryland Farms
5101 Maryland Way
Brentwood, TN 37027
Trigg Wilkes, 615-373-5120

January 30-February 2

Windy City Open
500 Sheridan
Evanston, IL 60202
Geoff Petters

January 31-February 2

Drug Abuse Tournament
Off The Wall RB Club
230 Oser Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Jan Januici, 516-231-3322

January 31-February 2

Massacre Singles
Sundown Meadows
4989 Hopkins Road
Liverpool, NY 13088
Jim Winterton, 315-451-5551

January 31-February 2

Michelob Light Shoot Out
Sun Oaks Racquet Club
3452 Argyle Road
Redding, CA 96002
Matt Passalacqua, 916-221-4405

January 31-February 2

Super Seven #5
Rose Shores East
31950 Little Mack
Roseville, MI 48066
Jim Hiser, 313-653-9602

February 3-7

Showboat Military Tournament
The Showboat Hotel
2800 East Fremont
Las Vegas, NV 89104
Steve Ducoff, 800-634-3484

February 6-9

Aurora City Open
International Athletic Club
3191 South Vaughn Way
Aurora, CO 80014
Mike Richardson, 303-696-9313

February 7-9

Harr Motors/Honda Open
Family Y Racquetball Center
420 South Lincoln
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Sherri Miller, 605-229-4731

February 7-9

Massacre Doubles
Sundown Meadows
4989 Hopkins Road
Liverpool, NY 13088
Jim Winterton, 315-451-5551

February 7-9

MI State Doubles
57585 Lakeville
Mt. Clemens, MI 48045
W.T. Blakeslee, 313-451-5551

February 7-9

Ohio Super Seven
65 East 16th Ave Suite F
Columbus, OH 43201
Doug Ganim

February 7-9

St. Valentine's Open
21st Point Club
McKown Road
Albany, NY 12203

February 7-9

1986 Winter Open
Snowcreek Athletic Club
Box 12 Old Mammoth Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Rick Davis, 619-934-8511

February 12-15

Alta Canyon
9565 Highland Drive
Sandy, UT 84092
Rita Harrington, 801-942-2582

February 13-16

Racquethouse/Lite Beer Champs
4951 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30067
Mary Beth Bickes, 404-971-1700

February 13-16

Valentine Open
Rallysport
2727 29th Street
Boulder, CO 80301

February 14-16

Masters Tournament
Racquet Club Of Meadville
French & Poplar Streets
Meadville, PA 16335
Nancy Manning, 814-824-3524

February 14-16

Alabama State Singles
Court South
100 Olde Towne Road
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216
Kathy Dubolsky

February 14-16

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900 Long Blvd. #423
Lansing, MI 48910
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February 14-17

New York State Championships
Colonie Court Club
444 Sand Creek Road
Albany, NY 12211
Al Seitelman

February 15-17

Valentine Classic
Park Center Athletic Club
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