

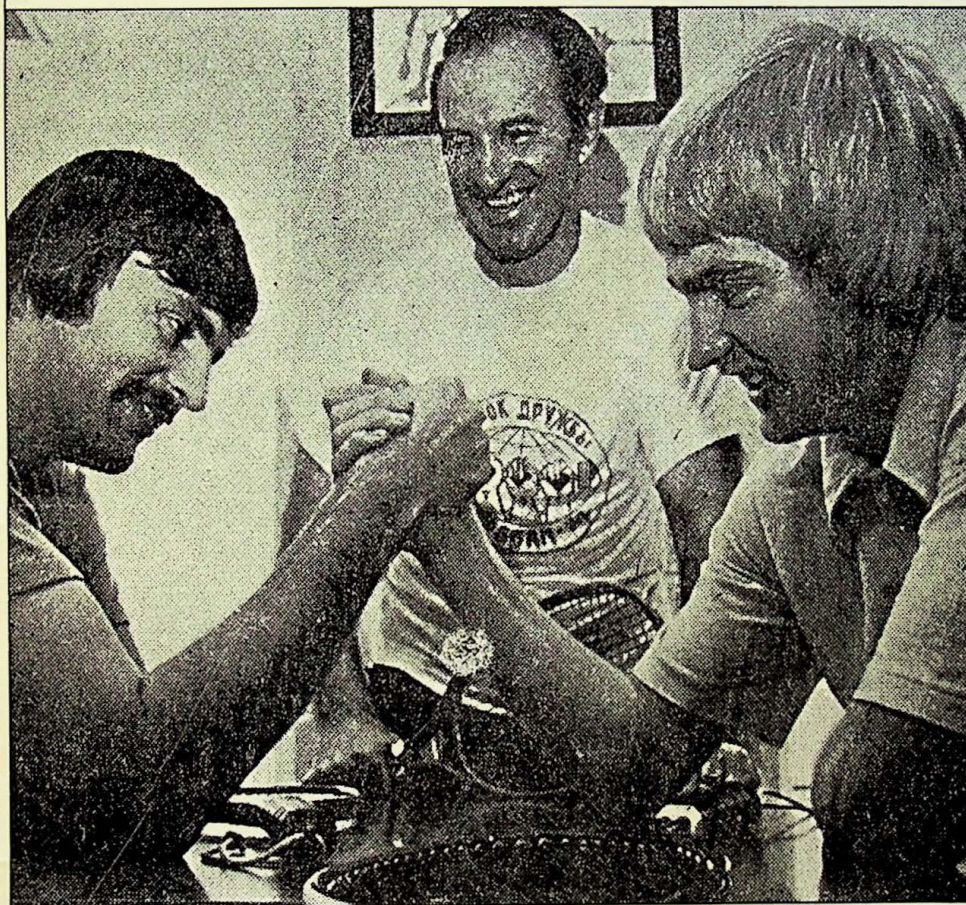


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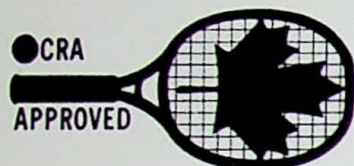


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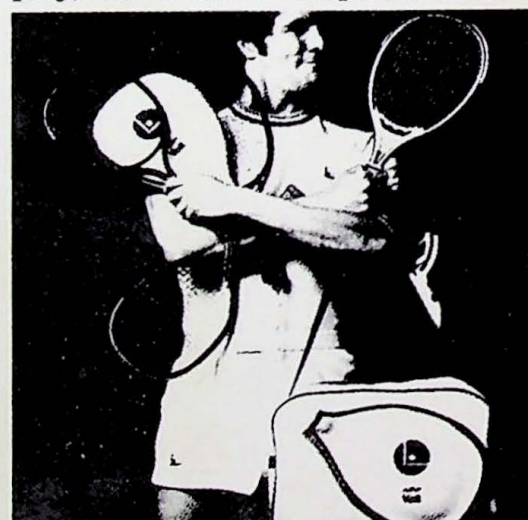
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As all of you involved with Racquetball realize, our sport is continuing its extremely rapid growth and development in Canada. Most available courts are fully utilized and an increasing number of new facilities are being opened - the 8 court Court Club in Edmonton, the 4 court racquetball portion of the all-inclusive Mirabel Racquet Club in Montreal (see Court Club section in this magazine) the 4 courts of Val-des-Arbres Club in Montreal, the 3 courts with one full glass back-wall of the Mayfair Parkway Club in Toronto, the 3 courts of the new Richmond Squash and Racquet Centre in Richmond, B.C. to name only a few.

It is gratifying but hardly surprising to witness this expansion, which has brought with it a need for qualified instruction. The Canadian Racquetball Association has therefore formed a committee and is working with the Coaching Association of Canada to develop a five level Coaching Manual which will be made available to train and certify instructors.

Also, the increasing number of tournaments being staged has prompted the CRA to organize a national referee structure. We are currently looking for a National Rules and Referees Commissioner as well as provincial representatives. Once appointed these persons will have the responsibility for certifying referees at the local level, attempting to obtain standardization in interpretation of rules, enforcing the Official Rules of the CRA (now completed and available in bilingual format) at tournaments, and making recommendations for improvements and rule changes. If you are interested in this aspect of our game please write to us at 2125 Ward Ave.

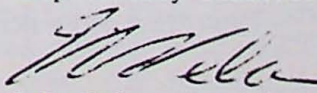
Over Thanksgiving Weekend in Winnipeg Oct. 9-12 the Manitoba Racquetball Association directed by Vic Olshevski staged the first Canadian National Championships restricted to Canadian residents. There was an excellent turnout of almost 200 participants and several surprises in the results with the exception of perennial champion Wayne Bowes. Complete coverage of the Event can be found in this issue.

During the tournament on Saturday morning the first large Annual Membership Meeting was held over breakfast. The minutes of both this and two accompanying Directors' Meetings are included in the magazine however the major developments were the election of a new Board of Directors and the adoption by CRA of two approved balls - the Vittert V-77 and the Voit Rollout - to be used in Canadian tournaments.

Upcoming in April will be the Eastern and Western Canadian Regional Tournaments at Montreal and Edmonton respectively. The main purpose is to determine who are our best players in the various categories and qualify them for the International Championships to be held May 28 -31 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Last year we were fortunate in receiving a grant from Sport Canada to send provincial teams to the Regionals. We are not sure if this grant will be forthcoming this year and will only be advised shortly after April 1st. We can therefore only suggest that the Provincial Commissioners submit names making up official teams of about 10 players to CRA head office and that individuals make plans to pay their own way, at least for the time being.

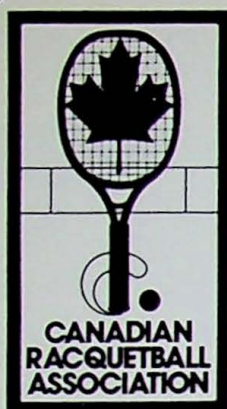
We wish many hours of enjoyment to all the recreational players and good luck to the tournament participants who have a comprehensive schedule ahead this winter.

Respectfully Submitted,


I.C. Velan, President



IVAN VELAN (left) with ED WISEMAN, new CRA Treasurer.



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RACQUETBALL SCORES A HIT AT UBC SPORTS CONFERENCE

During the last week in October, the University of British Columbia held a "Women In Motion" Sports Conference as their tribute to International Women's Year. Teachers and students from all over B.C. and representatives from other provinces, the United States, community centres and recreational facilities came together to discuss improvement and advancement of women's athletics.

All sports in the Physical Education Department were represented and the B.C. Racquetball Association was approached to do our bit to introduce Racquetball. Diane Clairmont working with Karen Dellow and Deanna Collins coordinated a programme meant to appeal to novice racquetballers. We elected to represent racquetball in a fairly unsophisticated manner as we were aware that this sport was totally foreign to the majority of women who would be attending the conference. We arranged an equipment display with the support of Leach, Vittert and Voit featuring racquets, gloves, bags, the CRA magazine and general information about available facilities in British Columbia, rules, etc. for hand-outs. Clinics were given, lessons of a basic nature were offered and several exhibition matches were played while the girls asked questions and discussed the execution of shots with a commentator in the gallery. Approximately 80 women took part in these clinics and lessons and were extremely enthusiastic. Questions were pointed and assured us that these women were definite about wanting to continue playing (we had trouble getting them off the courts!) As the majority of these women were physical education teachers, the future of racquetball looks promising and we feel we were successful in introducing our sport to some people who can do something positive with it.

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 1975

I. Velan brought the meeting to order at 10:15 p.m.

Items to be discussed on the agenda were (1) ball situation

(2) changes to the constitution being voted on at the Annual General Meeting, Saturday, October 11th.

1. I. Velan reported on the ball situation at the present.

The ball situation became a problem in Canada because of the falling out between IRA and Seamco maker of the Official IRA ball. This created a financial problem for IRA due to significantly decreased royalties and in turn for CRA because the normal contribution to support CRA activities was held up and put in doubt. Therefore CRA decided to approach the three major ball manufacturers AMF-Voit, Vittert, and Seamco to see what arrangements could be made if it became necessary to go our own way. Meanwhile IRA negotiated with Vittert to make the V-77 Official IRA ball and Seamco 558 became Official ball of the U.S. Racquetball Association. All three manufacturers were interested in working with CRA and at the insistence of Vittert CRA received the \$2000 contribution from IRA. A proposal was received from the USRA to have us transfer affiliation from IRA and adopt the Seamco ball as our Official ball. Bill Taylor the Canadian Sales Manager for AMF-Voit proposed that the best arrangement for Canada would be to have no Official ball at this time but to grant use of CRA approval on products in return for royalty payments. Due to the desire of CRA to remain loyal to and support IRA and in view of the uncertainty regarding general acceptability of the Vittert V-77 ball for tournament play it appeared the best short-term solution would be to approve the Vittert and Voit balls.

It was moved by J. Chambers that the Board of Directors approve two balls, Vittert and Voit for use sanctioned by the C.R.A. for one year as of October 9th, 1975 and by so doing ask the official associations of the C.R.A. to support these two balls whenever possible.

Seconded by E. Wiseman

9 in favour - 1 opposed

Motion adopted.

2. The first election by general membership is to be held at the Annual General Meeting, Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m. at the breakfast meeting. I. Velan requested completion of nomination forms for ballot purposes.

To be elected - 19 directors to be elected from existing directors and new nominees.

- at least one person from each province and no more than four from each province ensuring proper representation across the country.

- the new Board is to elect an Executive at the Directors Meeting following the Annual General Meeting. At this time new Board members will be assigned direct responsibilities in conjunction with Gail Gibson of Sport Canada. It was suggested that each new nominee speak for 30 seconds prior to elections.

Procedure of balloting -

- 1) Ballot of 31 nominees plus any additions in by 10:00 a.m. Friday to be distributed to members for voting. Ballots are to have signatures and C.R.A. numbers to be valid.

- 2) If there is only one nominee for a Province, that nominee is elected by acclamation.

- 3) Individual nominee with largest number of votes in any one province is the official representative for that province.

V. Olshevski and W. Hadikin requested that the Manitoba Racquetball Association members be excluded from the ruling that all nominees and electors be members of the C.R.A. due to the discrepancy in year end of these two bodies. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that in accordance with the present C.R.A. constitution this would not be possible. All nominees and all electors must be C.R.A. members in order to vote.

It was moved by W. Mitchell that in Case of a tie in the elections that the Chairperson have the deciding vote.

Seconded by J. Chambers and T. Smith

Motion adopted unanimously.

3. Rule Books were discussed by I. Velan who indicated the following:

- a) French translation is now complete

- b) Text has been typed and is now at the printers for an estimate of cost

- c) They should run off before the end of October

- d) They will be sold at 50 cents/copy or 3/\$1.00 despite costs.

- e) They will be free for tournament referees.

4. The financial report was tabled until the meeting to be held by the Board of Directors at 9:30 p.m. Friday night prior to the "Calcutta". K. Wilson to report. Copies of this report were distributed to the Directors for their perusal prior to the meeting.

5. A. Greene of Newfoundland who is on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Handball Association has forwarded a letter requesting consideration for negotiations to be entered into regarding the inclusion of a Handball supplement in our C.R.A. magazine. Discussion followed:

- inclusion of this supplement would be to our benefit as the Handball Association would then be sharing costs with us.

- promotion for both sports would encourage the construction of new facilities.

- as indicated by G. Gibson of Sport Canada, working arrangements between the three sports of racquetball, handball and squash would have more weight to obtain results federally/financially.

- at present the C.R.A. magazine is a "drain" on our organization (\$1500 12% (150) mailing (\$150).

- financially would be no threat and as well would be no threat to the popularity of racquetball; in fact, would increase exposure to racquetball as there would be a larger circulation for the magazine.

- present handball newsletter "Passing Shot" is minimal in length and would structurally require refining.

- the C.R.A. in any tentative arrangement must insist in maintaining the identity of the magazine as a "racquetball" tool.

W. Mitchell moved that negotiations be entered into with the Canadian Handball Association to add a supplement into the C.R.A. magazine and to take direction from the new Board of Directors.

Seconded by E. Wiseman

Motion adopted unanimously.

I. G. McKenzie moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by E. Wiseman

Motion adopted unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Submitted by: Diane Clairmont.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WINNIPEG, MANITOBA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1975

MEETINGS

I. Velan brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. after breakfast was completed. He immediately brought the subject of the election of the new Board of Directors into discussion by introducing the name of S. Schachter of Montreal to the ballot. It was moved by S. Levenson that nominations from the floor be closed. Seconded by E. Kahn. Motion adopted unanimously.

The candidates were presented by I. Velan and the ballots were distributed after each person was checked for membership in the C.R.A.

I. Velan reported that revisions to be made to the constitution as per recommendations from Board members, Sport Canada and the general membership were not finalized as yet. It would on completion be presented to the C.R.A. through the magazine and he requested ratification at that time by the members.

I. Velan reported that the financial report figures must also be revised and, therefore, would also be published in the C.R.A. magazine for ratification by members.

The ball situation was discussed again at this meeting as outlined by I. Velan at the Thursday, October 9th meeting. Comments from the floor were:

- a) that official balls Voit and Vittert be made compulsory for all Canadian tournaments at any level.
- b) J. Chambers was questioned as to when Vittert would come out with a ball acceptable to players. He explained that due to the vulcanizing process used, the weight is the same as its competition on the market, but the "feel" is different. Chemists are working to change this situation and should accomplish their objective well within the year time limit. M. Diner reported that he now has a prototype from Vittert which already shows considerable improvement.
- c) I. Velan when questioned as to how much research and consideration had been put into I.R.A., U.S.R.A. and the various manufacturers' proposals as regards funding and royalties stated that the proposal now before the membership consisted of the best possible benefits in all respects to the C.R.A. He further indicated that despite balls used for tournaments (if other than Voit or Vittert), funding and royalties would be forthcoming by those companies involved in the proposal.

W. Mitchell moved that the proposal as written in the previous meeting's minutes be accepted. Seconded by W. Smyth. Motion adopted unanimously.

The "Calcutta" was reviewed by I. Velan and deemed to be very successful. Questions and suggestions from the floor were raised for consideration and action by the C.R.A.

1. Stan Pisko (Lethbridge) - recommended the initiation of a "linesman" system for refereeing. Lethbridge has used the system and found it to be very successful. Method - Referee plus two linesmen on sides of court. Players have the right of appeal on five calls a) long serve; b) short serve; c) skipball; d) double bounce; e) crotch ball. On appeal from one of the players, the referee will confer with the Head Linesman (designated prior to the match). If the linesman agrees with the player, the call is changed; if the linesman agrees with the referee, there is no reversal of the call. (2 out of 3 on the call determines the decision). It was decided that testing of this procedure be left to tournament directors who would report their findings to the C.R.A.
2. W. Mitchell (Vancouver) - reported that in using the three proposed rule changes in the Qualifying Tournament for these Nationals, they were found to be successful and encourage other provinces to test these proposed rules and report to the C.R.A. When questioned as to whether the rules speeded up games without undermining the calibre of competition in tournaments - a definite "yes".
3. D. Jeffrey (Edmonton) - suggested that due to the increased number of women in tournaments (32 in the "Open" of this tournament), a second division be added to next year's Nationals. Suggestions were made as to the method of determining A & B players.
 - a) ranking system as used in Spokane this year (T. Smith or J. Van Riper have details).
 - b) based on rankings from this tournament - those from quarter-finals on be "A" players, those below, "B" players with option of playing in both events.
 The women voted on their preference as to the naming of the divisions - "A" & "B", or "A" & "Novice". It was felt that novice might be too limiting and discourage players who have had tournament experience but are not ranked as "Open".

D. Jeffrey moved that the name of the events be "A" and "B" for women. Seconded by D. Clairmont. Motion adopted unanimously.

As far as further divisions for women were concerned, it was generally felt that this should be a natural progression as their numbers increased. Doubles were also to be considered for future inclusion in tournament events.

4. Discussion took place regarding refereeing. T. Smith stated that those provincial team members who had their way paid to this tournament to act specifically as referees should have had some official sign of their authority such as name tags, armbands, etc. In case of a dispute of any nature, these officials should be consulted and their word absolute - no argument allowed.

I. Velan explained that under the new functions of members of the Board of Directors (and general membership) there is the position of "National Rules and Referees Commissioner". This responsibility will be to set up programmes for clinics, etc. to improve this refereeing situation.

Suggestions were made as to how refereeing could be improved locally and at tournaments.

- a) at tournaments, novice referees could handle preliminary round matches assisted by a qualified referee.
- b) at refereeing clinics, actual matches should be played to afford novice referees practical experience as well as textbook learning.

I. Velan suggested that when the Rules and Refereeing Commissioner is appointed, the magazine will request names and addresses of those persons interested in advancing improvement of refereeing across Canada. It was also recommended that players be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the rules in order that argumentative situations that are unnecessary be avoided in court situations.

I. Velan reiterated that the bi-lingual rule books will be available to the general membership by the end of this month.

5. Pertaining to a suggestion from the floor (M. Cranston, Nova Scotia) that a tournament package consisting of a checklist and pointers to assist tournament directors be compiled and be made available to anyone running a tournament, I. Velan reported that this is now and has been available through the C.R.A.

The election results were tabulated and announced. The 19 directors serving for the following year are:

<u>B.C.</u>		<u>Alberta</u>	<u>Saskatchewan</u>
J. Chambers		D. Breckon	F. Mymryk
D. Clairmont		S. Pisko	
W. Mitchell		S. Van Riper	
		K. Wilson	
<u>Manitoba</u>		<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Quebec</u>
W. Hadikin		J. Armstrong	S. Milstein
V. Olshevski		R. Speagle	M. Parent
		E. Wiseman	I. Velan
<u>Nova Scotia</u>		<u>New Brunswick</u>	<u>Newfoundland</u>
M. Cranston		L. Boucher	A. Greene

I. G. McKenzie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by W. Smyth. Motion adopted unanimously.

I. Velan adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by: Diane M. Clairmont,
Secretary C.R.A.

1975 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE DIRECTORS MEETINGS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 1975

DIRECTORS MEETING

DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE - J. Armstrong - Toronto
 D. Breckon - Calgary
 D. Clairmont - Vancouver
 W. Hadikin - Winnipeg
 V. Olshevski - Winnipeg
 S. Van Riper - Edmonton
 I. Velan - Montreal
 E. Wiseman - Toronto
 S. Milstein - Montreal (Proxy)
 A. Greene - St. John's (Proxy)

The first item on the agenda was to elect an Executive to fill the following positions: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

V. Olshevski nominated I. Velan for president.

Seconded by D. Clairmont.

E. Wiseman moved nominations be closed.

Seconded by V. Olshevski

Motion adopted unanimously.

I. Velan nominated V. Olshevski for 1st Vice-President.

Seconded by E. Wiseman.

E. Wiseman moved nominations be closed-

Seconded by W. Hadikin

Motion adopted unanimously.

E. Wiseman nominated W. Mitchell for 2nd Vice-President.

Seconded by K. Wilson

W. Hadikin moved nominations be closed.

Seconded by D. Breckon

Motion adopted unanimously.

I. Velan nominated E. Wiseman for Treasurer

Seconded by V. Olshevski

D. Clairmont moved nominations be closed.

Seconded by D. Breckon

Motion adopted unanimously.

E. Wiseman nominated D. Clairmont for Secretary.

Seconded by S. Van Riper

V. Olshevski moved nominations be closed.

Seconded by W. Hadikin

Motion adopted unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding By-law 25(b) of the proposed constitution which relates to tenure of office for directors. According to this by-law those directors required to step down next year for one year would be

L. Boucher
 J. Chambers
 M. Cranston
 W. Mitchell
 K. Wilson

It was felt that this by-law in the constitution as it stands might be a threat to continuity.

K. Wilson moved that the Board recommend the clause to be reviewed with a view to making it more flexible and, perhaps, reducing the number of directors required to step down to 3 or 4. (Reference By-law 25).

Seconded by S. Van Riper

Motion adopted unanimously

Discussion and nominations followed to select directors and general members to be responsible for certain assignments.

Membership Chairman - would ensure that major tournaments be equipped to collect CRA memberships and to coordinate this with the Directors responsible for membership in both the East and the West.

E. Wiseman nominated P. Velan as Membership Chairperson.

Seconded by D. Clairmont

Motion adopted unanimously.

D. Clairmont nominated E. Wiseman as Membership Director for the East and K. Wilson for the West to work directly with P. Velan.

Seconded by V. Olshevski

Motion adopted unanimously.

The following are recommendations generated by general discussion:

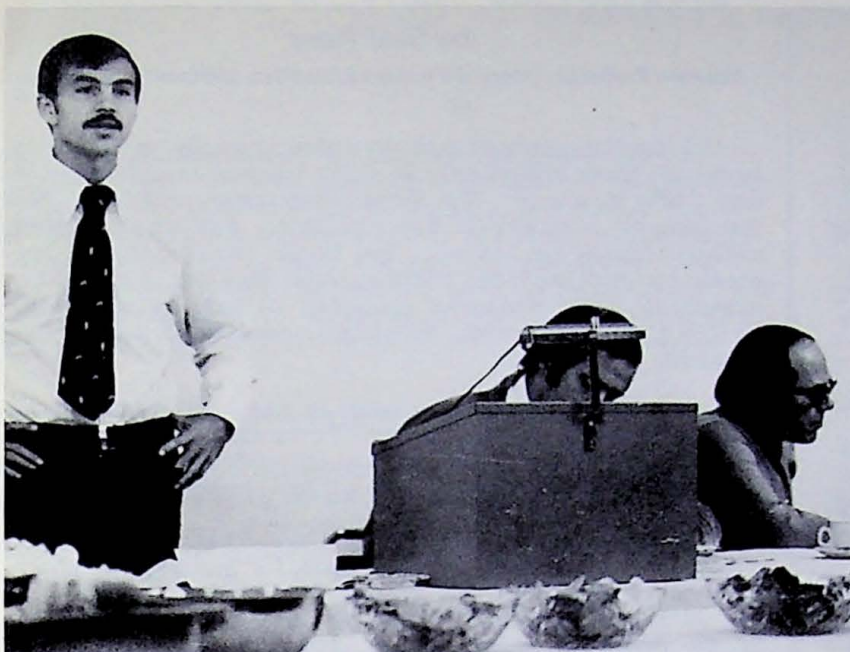
- S. Van Riper to be National Commissioner.
- A. Greene to be Publicity and Promotion Director.
- J. Spencer to be Advertising Manager for the C.R.A. Magazine.
- V. Olshevski to be Coaching and Junior Development Director to be assisted on a local level by J. Chambers (Vancouver), D. Breckon (Calgary), S. Levenson (Toronto), M. Cranston (Nova Scotia) and I. Velan (Montreal).
- S. Milstein and I. Velan to be C.R.A. representatives to Sport Canada.
- Gibson of Sport Canada indicated that the thrusts of Sport Canada for a three year-master plan geared towards the Winter Games in 1979 are as follows:
 - Junior Development
 - Coaching and Officiating
 - Administration - structure of Association
 - "think-tanking"
 - Funds - communications (magazine)
 - daily communication and administration.
 - Promotion.

G. Gibson and C.R.A. representatives to Sport Canada to meet in near future with G. Gowan to set up this master plan.

G. Gibson recommended that the C.R.A. Board of Directors have a supplementary meeting to be held independent of a tournament date in January. To be followed up.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane M. Clairmont.



CRA President IVAN VELAN addresses the membership at Annual Meeting as he is joined at Head Table by JOHN CHAMBERS and KEN WILSON.

DIANE CLAIRMONT
newly elected
CRA Secretary.



Canadian Racquetball Association Board of Directors as elected at Annual General Meeting Sat. Oct. 11, 1975 Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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THINK TANK SESSION HELD IN OTTAWA

NOV. 22, 1975

Editors Note: At the request of Sport Canada the CRA group in Ottawa for the Coaching Association meeting stayed over on Saturday and was joined by Steve Milstein who chaired a "Think Tank" session with a view toward redefining and prioritizing objectives for CRA and racquetball in Canada.

GOAL: The comprehensive (plan, organize, implement) development of racquetball in Canada.

OBJECTIVES (in prioritized order):

1. To refine the internal structure of the C.R.A. so as to be responsive and productive to the needs of racquetball in Canada.
2. To provide structural guidelines for both competition and administration.
3. To coordinate the sport of racquetball on a National level.
4. To increase participation in the sport of racquetball in Canada.
5. To increase communication by creating an awareness and understanding for/of racquetball in Canada.
6. To increase membership.
7. To increase the quality of participation.

NOTE: objectives 2, 3, & 4 were identified as a priority two package and objectives 5, 6, & 7 as priority three package.

ACTIVITY STRUCTURE (methodology and/or implementation):1. Refining internal structure of C.R.A.

- a) examine and assess the current structure in light of needs determined by goals and objectives defined November 22, 1975.

by : 4 member committee comprised of Ivan Velan, John Chambers, Vic Olshevski, Ed Wiseman.
 ratification : Board of Directors
 task : redefine structure with view to recommending the optimum including terms of reference for various personnel, responsibilities, linkages with other organizations, etc.
 time frame : February 15, 1976 - send comments intra-committee. April 1 - a one or two day session.

2. To provide structural guidelines externally

by : 4 member committee comprised of: Ivan Velan, John Chambers, Vic Olshevski, Ed Wiseman.
 ratification : Board of Directors
 task : define interaction
 : select a model for C.R.A. - provincial functioning.
 : outline areas of responsibility.
 : the above with view to providing both a competitive and administrative structure.
 time frame : February 15, 1976 - send comments intra-committee. April 1 - a one or two day session.
 NOTE : Ivan to solicit provincial input and John and Vic to delegate provincial input to someone else.

3. To coordinate racquetball on National Level

NOTE: no action outcome but a listing of responsibilities:

- a) increase calibre of tournaments
- b) governing body on rules
- c) coordinate tournaments nationally
- d) dispersion of national budget
- e) ensure implementation and standardization of coaching certification
- f) ensure implementation and standardization of officiating certification
- g) the pursuit and coordination of commercial sponsorship
- h) ensure standardization of equipment and facilities
- i) travel negotiations

4. To increase participation

- a) need for more facilities
- i) approach provincial bodies - survey proposed builders
- ii) establish mailing list
- iii) promotional brochure available for distribution
- b) approach existing clubs/facilities with program activity structure i.e. Saturday, a.m.
- c) extend game to target population i.e. mixed doubles - modify game to be included in school curriculum, thereby enhancing the delivery system.

STRATEGY AND TACTICS IN RACQUETBALL

by Saul Ross

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physical Education, University of Ottawa.

All sports, racquetball included, can be analyzed in terms of three components - skill execution, physical fitness, and strategy. The three components combine to form the game of racquetball and all three aspects contribute to either winning or losing. The first two components, skill execution and physical fitness will receive only brief attention since the major emphasis in this article focuses on the third component, strategy, which will also include comments on tactics.

Skill execution is that part of the game that deals with the mechanics of performance. It is concerned with good and proper form and consistency of performance. It is an obvious requirement for high calibre competition.

A high degree of physical fitness, being in top physical condition, is another obvious need for successful play. Lack of physical fitness brings on fatigue quicker resulting in the curtailment of the range and speed of movements of the athlete. What is most important is that fatigue also erodes skill execution. Hence, top physical conditioning, which delays the onset of fatigue enables the player to move quicker, permits him to cover more territory, and allows him to execute his shots at a higher level for a longer period of time.

The third component, and the one that will concern us most, is strategy. Strategy, in this sense, can be considered as the over-all attempt, including pre-game planning, to maximize performance. It is developed on at least two general bases - (1) analysis and application of your own strengths as a racquetballer in relation to (2) the analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of your opponent.

ANALYSIS NECESSARY

While an analysis of your own game and that of your opponent is necessary, attention must be focused on the relationship between both games. It is insufficient to assess your own game, per se; it is more desirable to analyze your own game within the context of the strengths and weaknesses of your opponent. How does your game relate to the type of game played by your opponent? This can be done by reviewing what you know about your own game and is quickly accomplished through a series of questions. What do I do best? What are my weak areas? How can I compensate for these weaknesses? How do I camouflage the shortcomings in my game?

The next step is a thorough analysis of your opponent's game. What does he do best? What does he like to rely on when he is ahead? What does he try when he is behind? What kind of shots does he find more difficult to return? Does he have any special moves or habits that are indicators of shots to come? How fit is he?

Another aspect to investigate might be called "putting yourself in your opponent's shoes". Assuming that he is undertaking the same analysis, how do you envisage the decisions he is making in preparation for the match?

Upon completion of the analyses - your game, your opponent's game, and the relationship between the two styles - you are now in a position to develop a game plan. This game plan will determine your overall strategy and it should also contain ideas for tactics, which can be described as the specific immediate actions in a game situation that contribute to the achievement of the goals in the pre-determined strategy.

Tactics, in this context will be discussed in relation to three concepts - complementarity, camouflage, and a new concept of defence.

The term complementarity is used to designate the fact that at least two different actions are required to complete the picture. The simplest way to explain the concept is to borrow the truism from football about the need to establish a running game to really make the passing game work. The passing game complements the running game in football and the same principle applies in racquetball even though the word passing is used in a different sense and its complement is the kill shot.

GOOD "KILL SHOTS"

Successful kill shots force your opponent to move up closer to the front wall where his chances for a return are enhanced. The use of a passing shot (the complement) serves two purposes. Firstly, it scores a point; and secondly it makes your opponent very reluctant to crowd up to the front wall.

The other obvious complementary shot to the kill shot is the ceiling shot which has the feature of giving you time to recover proper position. It is not as effective as a good passing shot because it is rarely a point getter.

Frequently games take on a certain pattern as one player tries to move his opponent from side to side. A change in tactics, as a complementary move, is to hit the ball back down the same side, as close to the wall as possible, thereby catching your opponent moving from that side towards the middle of the court. In tennis this manoeuvre is called hitting behind your opponent.

Change of pace, which in good competition means going from lightning fast shots to a slow hit, can be used on rare occasions with the proviso that the ball is very well placed. Even the loss of a point, coming in the middle of a game, may be worthwhile if it creates enough of a doubt in your opponent and keeps him off-balance for a split second.

Serious analysis of your own game will lead you to pair together different shots to enable you to implement the concept of complementarity.

WATCH OPPONENTS

Many players try to watch their opponents as they get ready to shoot, hoping in this way to detect tell-tale signs of where the shot will be placed or the type of shot to be executed. It is obviously to your advantage to camouflage your shot in this situation. The simplest way to achieve this goal is to try to start all shots hit below the waist in the same way relying on wrist action at the last instance to direct the ball. A flick of the wrist will determine the direction and angle of your shot. Overhead shots and kill - should also start the same way.

Another way to discourage your opponent from glancing over his shoulder to look at you is to use passing shots to his other side. In other words, if he looks over his left shoulder a good passing shot along his right side will not only compel him to swivel his head 180° but, if hit properly will result in a point.

The nature of the game of racquetball dictates that you are on "defence" at least 50% of the time. In essence, once you have hit the ball, it is fair to say that you then immediately revert back to defence. Rather than merely moving back into position in the middle to await the return shot, there are various moves and fakes that can be performed, all designed to mislead your opponent.

Since he needs to make an instantaneous decision taking into account the flight of the ball, his position on the court, and

your place on the court before he hits, you can upset his calculations by faking a movement one way and then moving to where you anticipate he would hit the ball according to his previous analysis. Merely awaiting his return is one way of playing; serious and calculated attempts to feed your opponent misleading information is playing the game at a higher level.

MANY FACTORS

Many factors contribute to a victory in a close racquetball game. Having a good game plan based on the various analyses indicated above should be of help. However, one point must be stressed - a player must be sufficiently flexible to allow for modification in the plan as the contest progresses. This does not mean that if you are falling behind that your original plan is a failure; it could mean that the plan is satisfactory but the skill execution is not up to par. In that case it may not be wise to abandon the plan; rather it may be wiser to call a time out, quickly review your strokes mentally, make the necessary adjustments and then go on with your game.

Conversely, if you are executing well and not getting the deserved results a change in plan is definitely in order.

Racquetball is more than hitting a ball against the wall. It involves planning, analysis, evaluation and modification. Attention paid to these aspects, along with practice to improve skills and training to increase the level of fitness, should culminate in better results in your play.

RACQUETBALL LEAGUE FORMED IN TORONTO

A half-dozen four man racquetball teams are now well into the first season of organized league play in the Toronto area. Entered in the league are Kitchener YMCA, Crescentown Health Club, The Valentine Health Club, Toronto YMHA, Huron Park Athletic Club and West-End YMCA.

Anyone interested in receiving details regarding establishing this type of league and the play format please feel free to contact:

Jack Armstrong
790 Fletcher Valley Cr.,
Mississauga, Ont.

NOTICE

Owing to the length and late date of completion of this issue of the magazine, the next will be a combination Spring-Summer issue to be mailed out June 1st. Please have all material in the editor's hands not later than Friday, May 7th.

Thank you.

LORNE MUNDEY CONDUCTS JUNIOR RACQUETBALL PROGRAM IN MONTREAL

Fourteen enthusiastic juniors 12 years of age and under recently completed a 6 weeks racquetball clinic in Montreal under the guidance and watchful eye of Lorne Munday, who has been instrumental in the local growth of the sport.

The Northwestern YMCA and Snowdon YMHA were persuaded to make court time available on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon respectively so that twice weekly sessions of approximately two hours each could be held. The course covered basic fundamentals - the grip, stance, serve, strokes - as well as rules and strategy.

Lorne Munday made himself available at no charge and the course certainly proved not only that racquetball can be played and enjoyed by youngsters but that they can improve rapidly with this type of instruction.

During the last session a quick review was conducted followed by a rigorous testing system whereby each boy and girl was graded.

The children and their parents then joined in a "graduation evening" over dinner where films on racquetball were shown and report cards, T-shirts, individual action photos and certificates of graduation were presented.

A special word of thanks should be reserved for EliBercovici and Tord Boman Director of Physical Education of the Snowdon YMHA, and for Jim Webster, Physical Education Director of the NW-YMCA to have court time available for this worthwhile endeavor.

Junior development programs are essential to properly introduce our great game to youth and to give them a chance to expand their skills.

Lorne plans to follow-up his successful program with another 6 week course for young beginners and perhaps a second for those who have demonstrated ability to participate in an intermediate or more advanced course.

CRA salutes Lorne for a job well done and hopes that similar programs are undertaken elsewhere in Canada.



Part of Lorne's Class. (Left to right standing): Heather Stupp, Mark Stupp, Billy Waxman, Henry Stupp. (sitting): Mitchell Stupp, Eric Freidman, Sean Colin Swartz.



Three STUPP'S and a FREIDMAN pay close attention to the Instructor.



MARK STUPP keeps eye on the ball.



HEATHER STUPP.



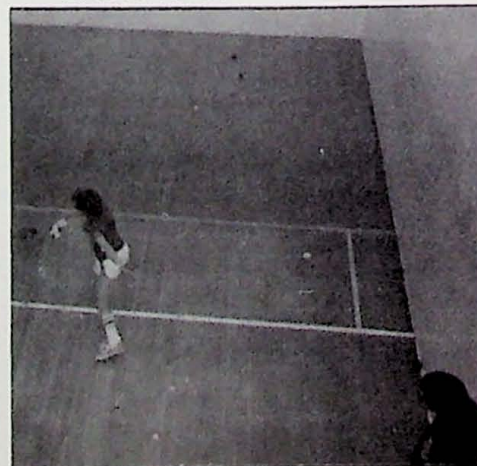
ERIC FREIDMAN hits a HADIKIN BACKHAND.



One of the parents MOE SWARTZ with LORNE.



MARK STUPP.



Practicing backhands under LORNE'S watchful eye.

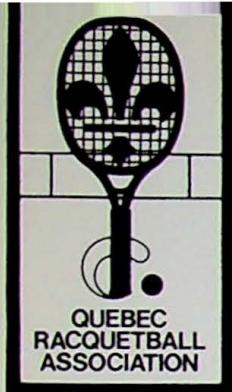
Calendar for Upcoming Racquetball

SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>CITY</u>
February 26-29	New York State Open	Niagara Falls YMCA	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
February 26-29	NRC-Milwaukee Pro-Am	Wisconsin Athletic Club	Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
March 12-14	Lethbridge Molson's Cup Open	Lethbridge Family YMCA, Sportsplex	Lethbridge, Alberta
March 12-14	Montreal Open	Mirabel Racquet Club	Pointe Claire, Quebec
March 11-14	IRA-San Francisco Pro-Am	Supreme Courts	San Francisco, Calif.
March 19-21	Saskatchewan Labatt Open	Saskatoon YMCA	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
March 25-28	NRC-Miami Pro-Am	Miami Court Club	Miami, Florida
March 25-28	Quebec Open	Laval University Athletic Center	Quebec City, Quebec
April 2-4	New England Vittert Open	Huntington Ave, YMCA	Boston, Massachusetts
April 8-11	IRA Cleveland Pro-Am	The Back Wall	Cleveland, Ohio
April 22-25	USRA West Regional	TBA	San Francisco, Calif.
	USRA East Regional	4 Wall Courts Inc.	Buffalo, N.Y.
	USRA Mid-West Regional	Illinois Ctr. Racquet Club	Chicago, Illinois
April 23-25	New Brunswick Open	Saint John YMCA	Saint John, New Brunswick
April 29-May 2	IRA-CRA Western Canadian Regional	The Court Club	Edmonton, Alberta
April 30-May 2	IRA-CRA Eastern Canadian Regional	Cote de Liesse Racquet Club	Montreal, Canada
April 29-May 2	Tournament of Champions	Courtside	Peoria, Illinois
May 7-9	Alberta Open	TBA	Calgary, Alberta
May 28-31	IRA International Singles Championship	University of Tennessee	Chattanooga, Tennessee
May 27-30	IRA Pro Singles	University of Tennessee	Chattanooga, Tennessee
June 13-18	USRA National Championship	Atlas Health Club	San Diego, California
June 18-20	Annual 3-Wall Nationals	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa, California
July 14-17	Canadian Klondike Open	The Court Club	Edmonton, Alberta
August	Toronto Open	TBA	Toronto, Ontario

Join The Swingers---

play **RACQUETBALL**



4TH ANNUAL MONTREAL OPEN
RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT
MARCH 12-14, 1976



SITE: Mirabel Racquet Club
355 Brunswick Blvd
Pointe Claire, P.Q. (across from Fairview
Shopping Center)
FACILITIES: 4 courts, Sauna, Whirlpool, Restaurant
in a luxurious new club.
ELIGIBILITY: CRA/QRA Members
(Memberships Available at Registration)

RULES: CRA Regulations

BALL: Voit Rollout

GAMES TO START: Friday March 12-8 a.m. Out of towners
accommodated for later starts if possible.
REGISTRATION: Holiday Inn - Pointe Claire
Thurs. Evening 6p.m.-10p.m.
(Friday Morning at Mirabel)

SPECIAL NOTES: You can also stay at the Grand Motor Hotel 7700 Cote de Liesse Road, where
rates are more reasonable but you will need transportation to the Club.
Please arrange your own accomodations. (514-731-7821.)

ACCOMMODATIONS: Holiday Inn- Pointe Claire Jct. of
Trans-Canada Highway and St. John's Rd
(514)697-7110 (within walking distance of the Club)

Single \$29
Double \$39
for 3 \$43 (extra bed)

PLEASE ENTER ME IN: ☐ Open Singles
☐ "B" Singles
☐ "C" Singles
☐ Ladies Singles

☐ Senior Singles (35-45)
☐ Junior Singles (18 & Under)
☐ Master Singles (45 & Over)
☐ Open Doubles

NOTE: Players may enter maximum 2 events, one singles and doubles except ladies who may play
2 singles. We reserve the right to upgrade entries based on past performance.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

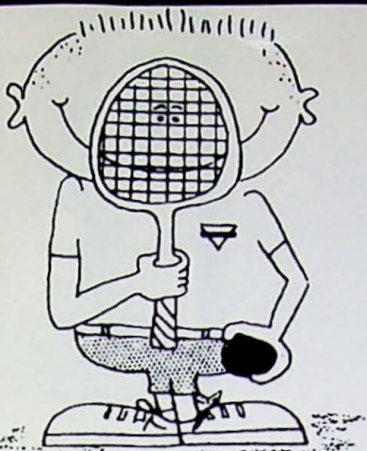
CITY: _____ PROV. _____

ZIP: _____ CRA# _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

I hereby, for myself, executors and administrators,
waive and release any and all rights and claims for
damages I may have against Canadian Racquetball
Association, Quebec Racquetball Association, Mirabel
Racquet Club
or any other facility used for this tournament, for
any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in
connection with my competition in said tournament.

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1976 LETHBRIDGE OPEN
FOR THE MOLSON CUP
MARCH 12-14, 1976



SITE: Lethbridge Family YMCA
Lethbridge Sportsplex

FACILITIES: YMCA 2 Courts
Sportsplex 2 Courts

ELIGIBILITY: CRA Members
(Membership available at registration)

RULES: CRA Regulations

BALL: Voit Rollout

GAMES TO START: Friday March 12th, 8 a.m.

REGISTRATION: Thursday Evening & Friday Morning.

SPECIAL NOTES: Local entrants may be expected to play Thursday.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Please arrange accommodations early.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by Friday, March 4th

ENTRY FEE: \$15 (One Event Only)
Includes Hospitality Night-Friday
Banquet and Dance - Saturday

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Joan Pisko
2116 6th Ave. A North
Lethbridge, Alberta
G1H 0W9

(Payment must accompany entry)

CHECK PAYABLE TO: "Lethbridge Family YMCA"

TROPHIES: 1st and 2nd. Place
Consolation Winners

✂ Clip Here and Mail

PLEASE ENTER ME IN:

☐ Open Singles
☐ "B" Singles
☐ "C" Singles

☐ Ladies "A" Singles
☐ Ladies "B" Singles
☐ Senior Singles (35 & over)

NOTE:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROV. _____

ZIP: _____ CRA# _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

I hereby, for myself, executors and administrators,
waive and release any and all rights and claims for
damages I may have against Lethbridge Family YMCA
Canadian Racquetball Association

or any other facility used for this tournament, for
any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in
connection with my competition in said tournament.

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1976 SASKATCHEWAN RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MARCH 19 - 21, 1976

SITE: Saskatoon YMCA
25-22nd. St., E.,
Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 0C7
306-652-7515

ELIGIBILITY: C.R.A. Members
Memberships available at
registration.

BALL: VOIT ROLLOUT
RULES: C.R.A. Regulations

GAMES TO START: Friday, March 19-9 A.M.

ACCOMODATIONS: Please reserve a room within
4 blocks of the YMCA

☐ Single

☐ Double with _____

☐ Thurs.

☐ Fri.

☐ Sat.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by March 12, 1976 (6P.M.)

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Saskatoon Racquetball Club
25-22nd. St., E.,
Saskatoon, Sask. S7K 0C7
(PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY)
CHEQUES PAYABLE: Saskatoon YMCA

ENTRY FEES: 1st Event \$10, 2nd Event \$5
(Entry includes Hospitality and Banquet)

Thurs, Mar. 18 7PM - Player Registration
(LABATT BREWERY)
Fri. , Mar. 19 8PM - Hospitality Night
(LABATT BREWERY)
Sat. , Mar. 20 - Banquet

PLEASE ENTER ME IN:

___ OPEN SINGLES	(Max. 32 Entries)	NAME _____
___ SENIOR SINGLES	(Max. 16 Entries)	
___ OPEN DOUBLES	(Max. 16 Teams)	ADDRESS _____
___ "B" SINGLES	(Max. 16 Teams) (12 out of town)	
___ "C" SINGLES	(Max. 16 Teams) (12 out of town)	CITY _____ PROV. _____
		ZIP _____ CRA# _____

* MAXIMUM 2 EVENTS:

One Singles and Doubles, Consolation
Draw for 1st Round Losers.

PARTNER'S NAME _____

I hereby, for myself, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Canadian, Saskatchewan, and Saskatoon Racquetball Associations or their agents, the YMCA or any other facility used for this tournament, for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my competition in said tournament.

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IRA-CRA CANADIAN WESTERN REGIONAL
RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
EDMONTON, APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 1976



SITE: The Court Club
10420-122 St.
Edmonton, Alberta
(403)488-0956

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by Friday A

ENTRY FEE: 1st. Event \$15, 2nd. Event \$10,
includes T-Shirt, Hospitality
Nights and Dinner.

FACILITIES: Canada's newest and finest racquetball facility
-8 courts with glass, steam bath, whirlpool, lounge.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Sandy Van Riper
8 8030 -- 141 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta

ELIGIBILITY: CRA Members (Residents of B.C., Alberta,
Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon & North West
Territories)

RULES: IRA Regulations

(Payment must accompany entry)
CHECK PAYABLE TO: Edmonton Racquetball
Association.

BALL: Official IRA Vittert V-77

GAMES TO START: Thursday 8 a.m.

TROPHIES: To Be Advised

REGISTRATION: The Court Club
Thurs. Night 6-11 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTES: The IRA will pay full fare for Open Singles winner and half-fare for all other
singles event winners (except "B" & "C") to the IRA Championships to be held May 28-
31 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. CRA is applying for additional funds to Sport Canada to
ensure that all the winners are able to represent Canada.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Housing available but book early.

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PLEASE ENTER ME IN:

☐ Open Singles
☐ Womens Singles
☐ Womens Novice Singles
☐ Senior Singles
☐ Master Singles

☐ Junior Singles
☐ B Singles
☐ C Singles
☐ Open Doubles
☐ Senior Doubles

NOTE: Players may enter maximum 2 event. We reserve the right to upgrade entries based
on past performance.
Local entrants may be expected to play on Thursday.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

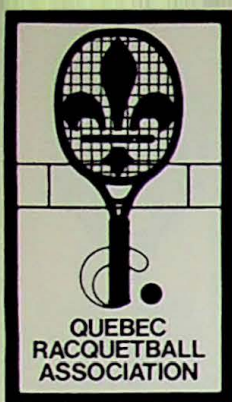
CITY: _____ PROV. _____

ZIP: _____ CRA# _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

I hereby, for myself, executors and administrators,
waive and release any and all rights and claims for
damages I may have against Edmonton Racquetball Assoc-
iation, Canadian Racquetball Association, The Court
Club
or any other facility used for this tournament, for
any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in
connection with my competition in said tournament.

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IRA-CRA CANADIAN EASTERN REGIONAL
RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MONTREAL, APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 1976



SITE: Cote de Liesse Racquet Club
8305 Cote de Liesse Road
Montreal, Quebec.

FACILITIES: 4 Courts, Sauna, Whirlpool Restaurant
on premises. (ceilings have been lowered to
regulation 20 ft.)

ELIGIBILITY: CRA Members (Residents of Ont., Que., N.B.,
N.S., P.E.I., and Newfoundland only).
(Memberships available at registration)

RULES: IRA Regulations.

BALL: Official IRA VITTERT V-77

GAMES TO START: Friday, April 30, 9 A.M. (Out-of-towners
accommodated for later starts if possible)

REGISTRATION: Grand Motor Hotel
(Thurs. evening 7-10 pm.)
(Friday morning at the Club)

SPECIAL NOTES: The IRA will pay full fare for Open Singles winner and half-fare for all other singles event winners
(except "B" & "C") to the IRA Championships to be held May 28-31 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
CRA is applying for additional funds to Sport Canada to ensure that all the winners are able to represent
Canada.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Grand Motor Hotel (731-7821)
7700 Cote de Liesse Road
(Just across from the Club)
(Prices slightly higher Thurs. night)

Single \$17.50
Double \$19.50
For 3 \$23.50 (extra bed)

ENTRY DEADLINE: Received by Friday Apr. 23rd

ENTRY FEE: 1st Event \$14, 2nd. Event \$9
(Juniors \$7) Entry includes T-Shirt
or souvenir Hospitality & Banquet

MAIL TO ENTRIES TO: Eastern Regionals
C/O CRA
2125 Ward Ave
Montreal, Que. H4M 1T6

(Payment must accompany entry)
CHECK PAYABLE TO: Canadian Racquetball
Association.

TROPHIES: or Prizes 1st. and 2nd. Place
Consolation Winners

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PLEASE ENTER ME IN: _____ Open Singles
_____ Ladies Singles
_____ Senior Singles (35 & over)
_____ Master Singles (45 & over)

_____ Junior Singles (18 & under)
_____ "B" Singles
_____ "C" Singles
_____ Open Doubles

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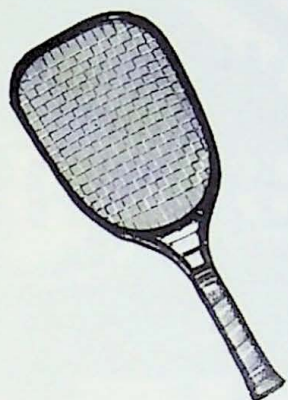
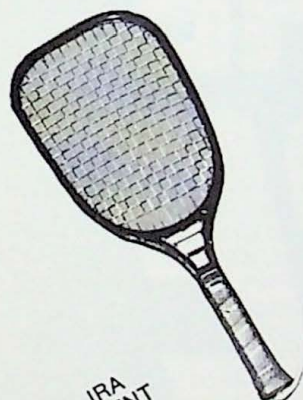
PARTNER'S NAME: _____



I hereby, for myself, executors and administrators,
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damages I may have against The Canadian Racquet-
ball Association, Quebec Racquetball Association;
Cote de Liesse Racquet Club
or any other facility used for this tournament, for
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connection with my competition in said tournament.

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"Leading Money Winner on Both Pro Tours."



MEETS ALL IRA
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SPECIFICATIONS

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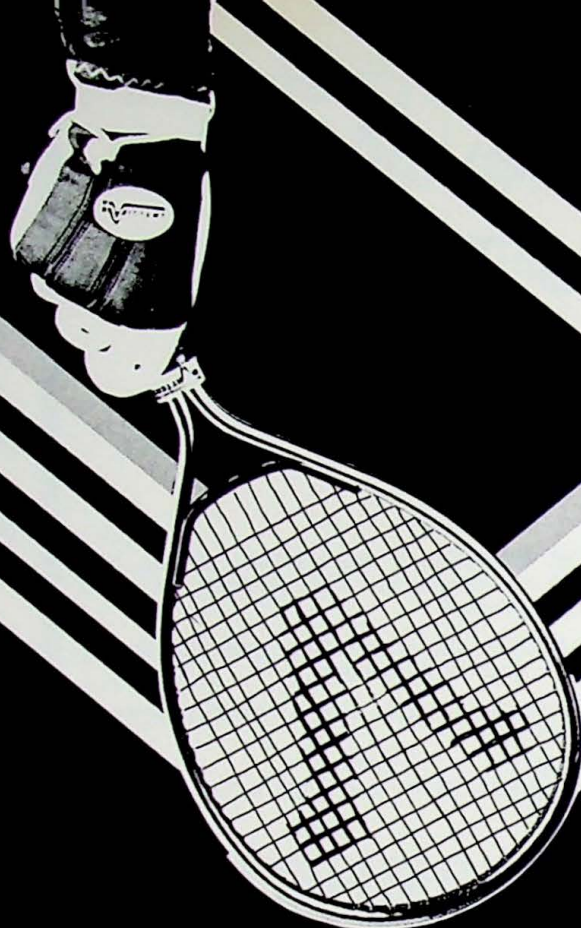
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CANADIAN NATIONAL RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Thanksgiving 1975 was a very special happening for Racquetballers in Canada as the first All-Canadian Championships were staged in Winnipeg Oct. 9-12. A total of 180 players participated in eight categories. The breakdown is as follows: Open Singles 26, "B" Singles 38, "C" Singles 53, Senior Singles 18, Masters Singles 10, Ladies Singles 32, Open Doubles 30 teams, Senior Doubles 16 teams.

The tournament was hosted by the Manitoba Racquetball Association who formed a committee composed of *Tournament Director - Vic Olshevski, Associate Directors - Ken Suffron, Wes Hadikin, *Registration and Hospitality - Jim Pratt, Assistant - Jack Silver, *Promotions Chief - Wes Hadikin, - Assistants - John Schulenburg, Vic Olshevski, * Banquet - Ken Suffron, *Awards - Vic Olshevski, *Floor Chairwoman - Sandy Van Riper, Assistant - Ken Suffron.

The Canadian Racquetball Association, the Players and all those associated with the event would like to express their appreciation for the hard work of the committee and congratulate them on their success in putting on an excellent show. Our thanks also go to all the sponsors and especially AMF-Voit Canada, which supplied their ROLLOUT racquetballs.

The tournament was kicked-off by a press conference sponsored by Labatt's Breweries at Winnipeg Canoe Club Wed. Oct. 8, 12:30 P.M. Thirty-six representatives and the news media were treated to a lunch and a live demonstration of the sport by Wayne Bowes and Wes Hadikin. It was a exhibition and as it turned out, a preview of the Open Singles final. Registration and hospitality followed in the evening at the Grant Motor Inn, the tournament headquarters.

Friday Night - a Calcutta was staged which gave everybody a chance to buy their favourite player. As it turned out the event was highly successful mainly due to Tevie Smith and Wayne Smyth's expert auctioneering. A total of \$905 was bet on various players. The betting ranged from 50 cents for Caines to \$92.00 for Wayne Bowes.

On Saturday morning a good representation of CRA members turned out to the first formal Annual Meeting over breakfast at the Grant, elected a new vote of Directors and were brought up-to-date on CRA affairs by President Ivan Velan. Saturday's play was followed by a Banquet and dance at the Winnipeg Canoe Club. Unfortunately, some of the players couldn't make it to the banquet as they were still playing at 12:00 midnight.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH-----EXCEPT FOR WAYNE BOWES.

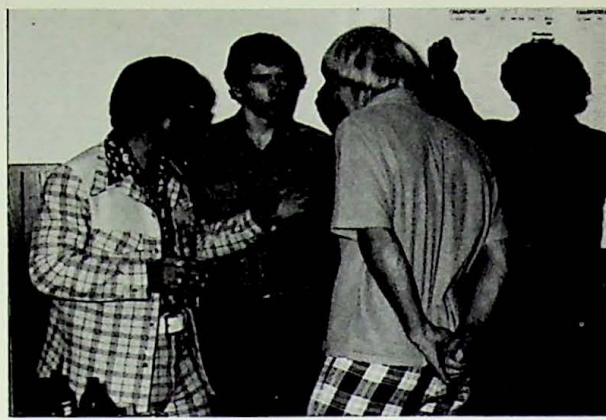
New winners and runners-up prevailed this year in 6 of 8 categories of play, the only exceptions being "A" Singles where Bowes and Wes Hadikin remained one-two and Open Doubles where Wayne was joined by long-time partner Bob Daku to retain top ranking over Wes and Ivan Velan.

Other events featured a long series of upsets, both based on last year's results and also on the Calcutta betting (see comparison table on page 28). As is usually the case "B" and "C" Singles saw a great many new faces. In the semi-finals in "C" Stan Tamre was paired with Gerry Bilodeau, while Boris Luciw faced John McCallum. Stan won in two straight games 21-15, 21-13 and then held off Boris to 21-20 in the first game of the final before a routine 21-8 win. Bilodeau then defeated McCallum for 3rd place after losing the 1st game 13-21. He came back to win 21-17, 21-9. All four finalists will move up next year to the "B" division and deservedly so.

Peter Starodub of Edmonton (formerly a Winnipegger) put on a strong showing in the "B" Singles surviving two close matches to come out ahead in the rather tough top bracket and then eliminate Nick Bakay in a relatively easy final 21-6, 21-4. Sneaky Pete established his right to an "A" ranking and confirmed it later in November at the B.C. Open where he defeated Bob Stevens (finalist at the World Spokane Tournament) in the first round and took one game from eventual winner Bill Dunn in the second round before losing. In the quarters Ken Suffron in spite of his difficult duties on the tournament organizing committee took the first game from Peter 21-15 before losing 21-10 in the next and fought back to make it close in the third 21-17. Then Peter was confronted by a Kamikaze headband in the person of young Brian Swartz of Vancouver who won the first 21-14, lost the second 21-19, and fell just three points short in the deciding game. Meanwhile in the bottom bracket semis Nick Bakay beat Bill Hodgins who in turn had registered a squeaker over Warren Mitchell. Third place went to Brian Swartz over Bill Hodgins.



Participants check Draw Sheets during first Hospitality Night.



VIC OLSHEVSKI (left), MRA President and Tournament Chairman, pointing out something to WAYNE BOWES while JIM PRATT (centre) looks on.



GEORGE LEITCH, Halifax, explains his overhead wind-up or lobster snatch to fellow Nova Scotians HUGH CAINES and DAVE NICHOLL.

Neither Sid Kirson of Vancouver or Matt Slavich of Lethbridge were able to play in the 1974 Montreal tournament and last year's finalists in the Masters Herb Capozzi and Doug Bauld were probably thankful following play in Winnipeg. Sid defeated Ken Wilson 21-7, 21-5 while Herb had to adjust to the supersonic shock waves felt in the court by the shots of one of Toronto's finest Ed Chalmers before winning 10-21, 21-4, 21-5.

Then Sid continued his recent mastery over Herb 21-6, 21-15. In the bottom bracket Slavich prevailed over Peter Swartz, Brian's father, while Doug Bauld of Halifax outfoxed George Phillips of Toronto 21-11, 21-7. Doug, a former Badminton and Tennis champion, is a crafty racquetball strategist but just didn't have the stamina to stay with Matt Slavich and lost 16-21, 21-14, 21-9. The final was an excellent display with the outcome in doubt until the very end. Matt is the new Master 21-12, 17-21, 21-15. Herb took 3rd. place by default.

MONIQUE PARENT AND MURDOCK CRANSTON DOMINATE.

Monique Parent of Quebec City has been one of the top Women players for two years, but in past tournaments was always plagued by meeting the eventual winner in an early round and losing a close match in three games. This time her strategy was to become the eventual winner herself and to not lose any games if possible avoiding third games altogether. She was able to accomplish both - remain in complete control of her matches and stay loose by periodic well deserved quenching of thirst. She defeated Helen Olsen a fine player from Vancouver 21-18, 21-8, then Lynn Ransby, an upset victor over number two seed Diane Clairmont of Vancouver, tournament favorite Jody Fry of Lethbridge 21-14, 21-14 and in the final Linda Forcade of Winnipeg (formerly Edmonton) 21-11, 21-12. In the quarters Linda faced tournament co-favorite Marion Alexander who had played super in her first major competition at the Klondike, but lost here 19-21, 21-11, 21-10. Then Linda overcame Lindsay Robinson of Edmonton after Lindsay had upset Carol Cummings of Toronto in another close contest 16-21, 21-18, 21-14. Jody proceeded to take 3rd. place over Lindsay 21-11, 21-1.

The women's section had 32 entries and is becoming stronger with each major tournament. It was decided next year to have women's "A" and "B" divisions.

Except for one match Murdock Cranston of Halifax was even more in control in the Seniors than Monique in Women's. This was perhaps all the more remarkable in view of Murdock's training regimen. George Morfitt the favorite based on his win last year chose to play also in "A" Singles and following a good loss against Wes Hadikin had to play tough consolation rounds with the result that he came up short against Murdock in the semi-final losing 21-18, 21-14 but giving the champion his closest call.

In the bottom bracket Joe "Cinderella" Cardarelli of Toronto proved the undoing of Tim Filuk of Lethbridge, a definite contender. Lefty Joe won a cliff hanger in the round of sixteen 21-14, 7-21, 21-19 only to lose in the next round to Roald Thompson of Regina 21-11, 12-21, 21-16. Logan Tait of Lethbridge, Tim's doubles partner, defeated Frank Palermo 21-12, 21-15 and then Roald 21-17, 21-13 before running out of stops against Murdock in the final which went to the Atlantic Schooner 21-9, 21-13. Thompson then survived match point in the second game against Morfitt to capture the 3rd. place title 6-21, 21-20, 21-10.

CINDERELLA AND THE TOOTHPICK WITHSTAND CHARGE BY GOOFY AND THE BEAR IN SENIOR DOUBLES.

Cinderella Cardarelli continued her sweep into the limelight teaming with George Phillips of Toronto to first of all defeat last year's winner Filuk - Tait 21-8, 21-13 and then turn off the on-rushing "Goofy" McKenzie and "Bear" Chambers of Vancouver 21-13, 21-14 to reach the finals.

Murdock Cranston's partner was Howie Rankin of Edmonton and they combined to reach the final with two victories over the Vancouver teams of Kirson-Swartz and Pond-Smyth 21-11, 21-16, and 21-7, 8-21, 21-14 respectively.

The final was unpredictable with the lead changing for the first two split games but in the third the Toronto duo kept the ball away from a hot-handed Cranston and at a tiring Rankin to win the match going away 21-16, 18-21, 21-5. Pond-Smyth sometime later defeated Goofy & the Bear in the toss-up for 3rd. place.



JOHN VAN RIPER dives for another "impossible" get against BOB DAKU.



BOWES and HADIKIN discuss a referee's call during singles final.



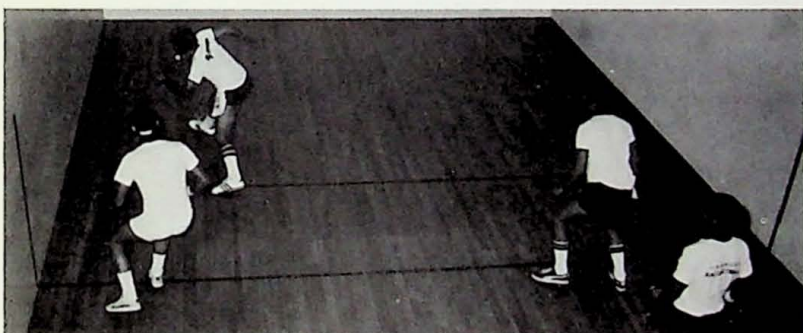
JOE "Cinderella" CARDARELLI made an impressive return to the Nationals.



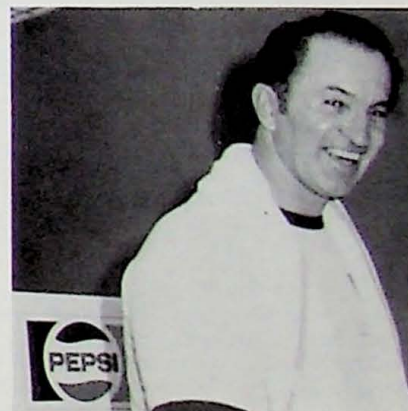
MONIQUE PARENT (right) Ladies Champion with co-finalist Linda Forcade.



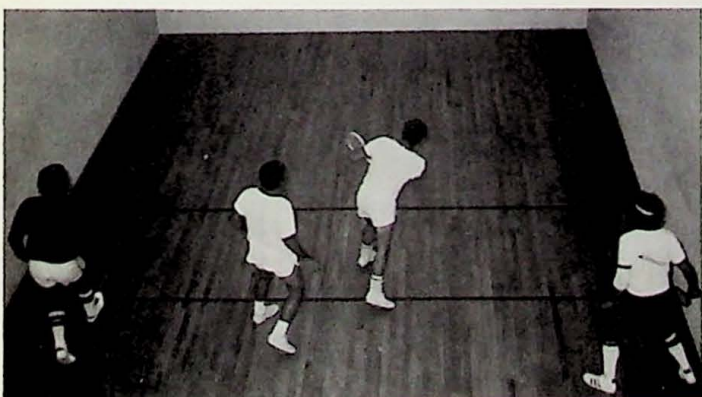
JOHN VAN RIPER gave it his all but fell short against Hadikin.



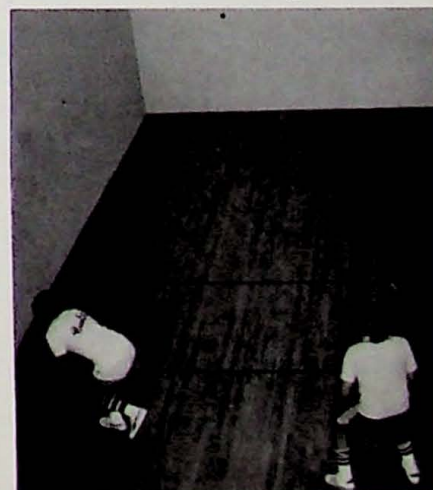
Doubles Action. WES HADIKIN executing a routine kill.



New Master Winner — MATT SLAVICH of Lethbridge.



GOOFY (right) and the BEAR (left) watch CARDARELLI-PHILLIPS (Toronto) dominate the mid-court and the match.



VAN RIPER (left) against HADIKIN in the semi's. The best match of the tournament.



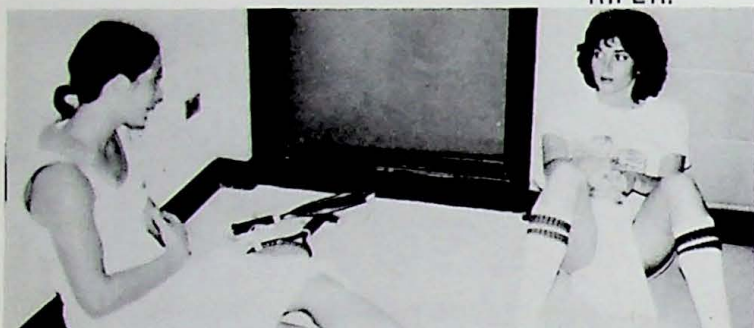
RICK BARKER, with his ankle in a cast, talks to GAIL GIBSON, of Sports Canada.



WAYNE BOWES (left) checks in with floor chairman SANDY VAN RIPER.



A relaxed MONIQUE PARENT between matches sits with BRAD KEMPO of Edmonton.



LISA MARCUS (Montreal) between games in a match with DIANE CLAIRMONT (right).

WAYNE BOWES UNDEFEATED IN CANADIAN PLAY OVER 3 YEARS.

Seven out of last year's eight finalists survived to the quarters. The only change occurred recently as injured John Robbins of Edmonton put on a gutsy performance to come from behind in a very close match and oust 8th seed John Spencer of Montreal 13-21, 21-19, 21-20. The final point was hotly disputed and perhaps highlighted the need to have two linesmen in National calibre tournaments at least from the quarters on in the top categories.

Perhaps the closest match of the tournament saw Bill Condratow of Vancouver upset Ivan Velan of Montreal 21-20, 18-21, 21-20. The first game had six side outs at 20 - all and in the third Bill battled back from an 18-12 defeat to finally win after the seventh side out at 20 each. Both players came off the court just a little high strung.

John Van Riper of Edmonton had made a fine showing in several lead-up tournaments including his win at the World Spokane and many thought he was the best bet to dethrone the champ. John looked the part with terrific gets and execution in slipping past number four seed Bob Daku of Lethbridge. Bob had been operated on his right elbow and his game was not as strong as a year earlier. Meanwhile Wayne Bowes was giving up easy points in the first game of his matches but then tightening up as he moved past Don Crawford of Edmonton 21-19, 21-6, and then a somewhat tired Bill Condratow 21-11, 21-17 to reach the final against the winner of Van Riper and hometown Wes Hadikin who was out of inshape or in of out shape or whatever but still as deadly as usual and in the semis after ousting George Morfitt of Vancouver 21-18, 21-15 and John Robbins 21-9, 21-10.

In the first game Wes went ahead by four, John got hot to surge to a five point lead and finally Wes pulled it out 21-17. In game two John dominated mixing up his control game with kills and remarkable retrievals and winning 21-12 appeared to have the momentum, however Wes buckled down and was never in serious trouble to take the match 21-11. John was obviously discouraged and in spite of playing good racquetball could not overcome Bill Condratow who took third place 21-18, 21-17. This was without doubt Bill's best tournament effort to date.

In the final Wes could not solve the spell which Wayne has cast on his Canadian competitors for three years and in spite of making a strong bid in the first game ending only three points short, the title went to Wayne 21-18, 21-10. Wes acknowledged after the match that it will be extremely tough for anyone to beat Wayne in the near future. Wayne has no apparent weaknesses save perhaps the occasional concentration lapse and has become Canada's equivalent of San Diego's goateed marvel Charlie Brumfield, the top player in the game.

Open Doubles was a replay of the 1974 final between Bowes/Daku defenders and Hadikin/Velan challengers. Both teams advanced to the finals without losing a game B/D eliminating Crawford/Van Riper 21-11, 21-13, while H/V set aside Condratow/Smyth 21-10, 21-8. The Hadikin team enjoyed an 18-16 lead in the first game only to have Wayne reel off a string of five points. In the second the lead changed hands early and then the Bowes duo appeared to have control at 19-15. At that point Ivan starting serving cross-court lobs to Daku on the right who gave up four set-ups in a row. A fifth followed at 19 all but the ball was skipped in and Bowes served out the last two points - game match and title. Van Riper and Crawford snatched 3rd. place 21-18, 21-13 over Smyth-Condratow.

Condolences to Rick Barker of Vancouver who came all the way to play $\frac{1}{2}$ of a match as he suffered a painful ankle injury while attempting to retrieve a well-placed ball. Much to his credit he did kill the ball while twisting his ankle.

Best Performance Overall	- Wayne Bowes, Monique Parent (tie)	Best Special Effects	- Rick Barker's Ankle
Best Supporting Actor	- Howie Rankin to Murdock Cranston	Best Musical Score	- 21-18 & Bowes at the dance (tie)
Best Supporting Actress	- Gail Gibson of Sport Canada	Best Drama- 7th side out at 20 all match	Condratow-Velan
Best Director	- Vic Olshevsky & Sandy Van Riper (tie)	Best Picture	- Hadikin vs Van Riper
Best Costume & Design	- Tevie Terrific	Best Set Design	- Jack Silver's luncheon plates
Best Animation	- Goofy and the Bear	Best Photography	- Ed Kahn & Murray Diner (tie)
Best Screenplay	- Bob Daku (always in the way)	Best Comedy	- The answers to the above not shown.

The M.R.A. would like to thank Sandy Van Riper for doing an outstanding job in keeping the tournament running smoothly and also the appointed referees who did a commendable job.



At the dinner dance the girls talk things over. Left to right, PENNY VELAN, LYNN MURDOCH, DIANE CLAIRMONT



How sweet it is! MONIQUE celebrates!



Towards the end, some were still going strong!

1975 CANADIAN NATIONAL RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONS

"A" Singles	"B" Singles	"C" Singles	Senior Singles	Rank
Wayne Bowes	Peter Starodub	Stan Tamre	Murdoch Cranston	1
Wes Hadikin	Nick Bakay	Boris Luciw	Logan Tait	2
Bill Condratow	Brian Swartz	Gerry Bilodeau	Roald Thompson	3
John Van Riper	Bill Hodgins	John McCallum	George Morfitt	4
Ivan Velan	Ken Suffron	Doug Talaber	Howie Rankin	5
Bob Daku	Paul Teillet	Ed MacPhee	Joe Cardarelli	6
Don Crawford	Warren Mitchell	Rick Jackiw	Frank Palermo	7
John Robbins	Ian McKenzie	John Kubasik	Enzo "PIC" Piccini	8
John Spencer	Brad Kempo	Hugh Caines	Tim Filuk	9
George Morfitt	Jim Kingston	Nick Stadnyk	Jack Armstrong	10

Masters Singles	Women's Singles	Open Doubles	Senior Doubles	Rank
Matt Slavich	Monique Parent	Bowes - Daku	Cardarelli - Phillips	1
Sid Kirson	Linda Forcade	Hadikin - Velan	Rankin - Cranston	2
Herb Capozzi	Jody Fry	Crawford - Van Riper	McKenzie - Chambers	3
Doug Bauld	Lindsay Robinson	Smyth - Condratow	Pond - Smyth	4
Peter Swartz	Carol Cummings	Thompson - Napper	Filuk - Tait	5
Ken Wilson	Marion Alexander	Myers - Pond	Kirson - Swartz	6
Ed Chalmers	Lynn Ransby	Talaber - Kubasik	Piccini - Slavich	7
George Phillips	Laverne Dzuren	Freel - Nowlin	Silcoff - Diner	8
Dunc Stockwell	Dorothy Jeffery	Lougheed - Husulak	Marshall - Cote	9
Richard Snow	Lois Rea	Devitt - Wagg	Stockwell - Capozzi	10

CONSOLATION WINNERS

OPEN DOUBLES

Bakay-Luciw over Pratt-Starodub 21-19, 11-21, 21-6

SENIOR SINGLES

Semi Chambers over Pisko 21-12, 21-13
Semi Marshall over Filuk (def)
Final Marshall over Chambers

"C" SINGLES

Semi Shylo over Kaplan 31-25
Semi Steinke over Velemirovitch 31-25
Final Shylo over Steinke 21-18, 11-21, 21-9

"B" SINGLES

Semi Husulak over Gabriel 31-20
Semi Olshevski over Ladouchy 31-27
Final Husulak over Olshevski 21-13, 21-5

OPEN SINGLES

Semi Mymryk over Speagle 21-18, 8-21, 21-8
Semi Myers over Morfitt 21-16, 7-21, 21-9
Final Myers over Mymryk 21-11, 21-9

MASTERS SINGLES

Semi Wilson over Bouthillette 21-12, 21-6
Semi Stockwell over Wiseman 21-9, 21-3
Final Stockwell over Wilson 14-21, 21-18, 21-2

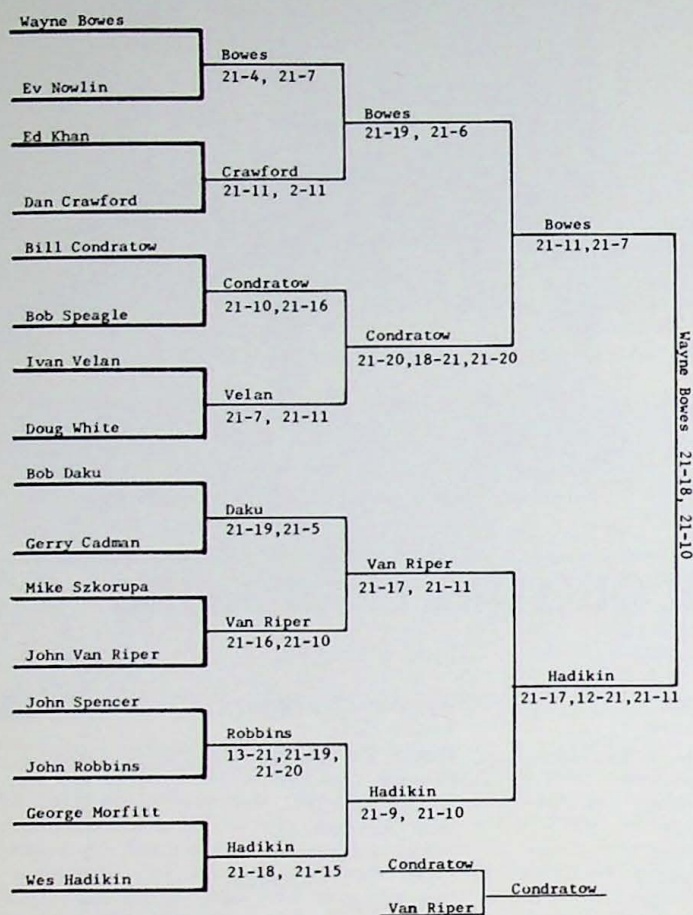
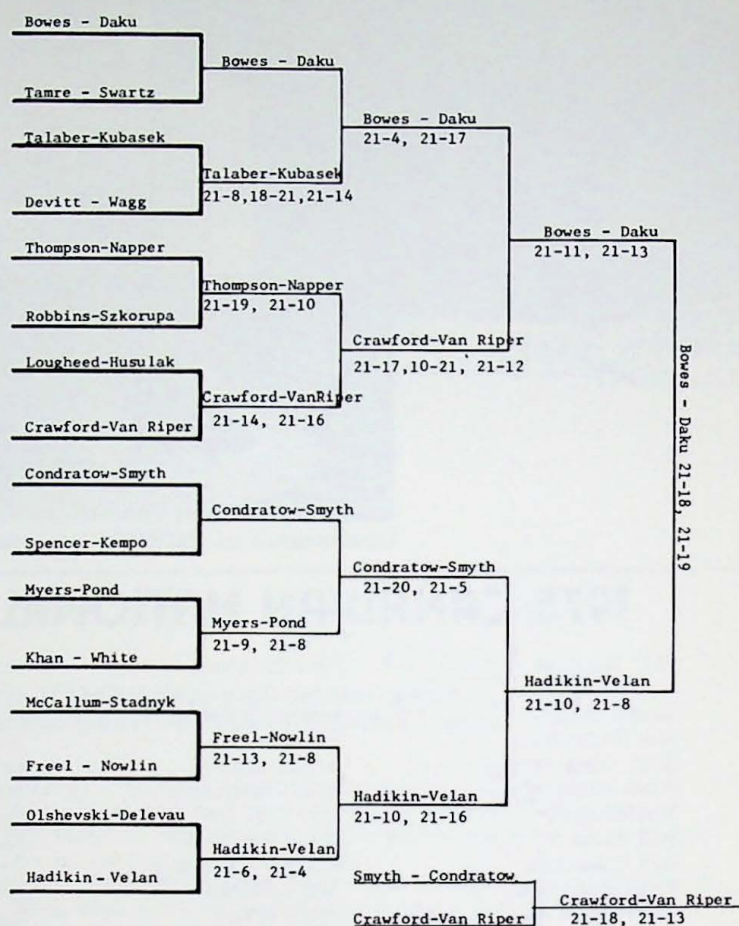
SENIOR DOUBLES

Semi Marshall-Cote over Stockwell-Capozzi 21-10, 21-13
Semi Palermo-Armstrong over Silver-Johnson 31-30
Final Marshall-Cote over Palermo-Armstrong 21-20, 21-14

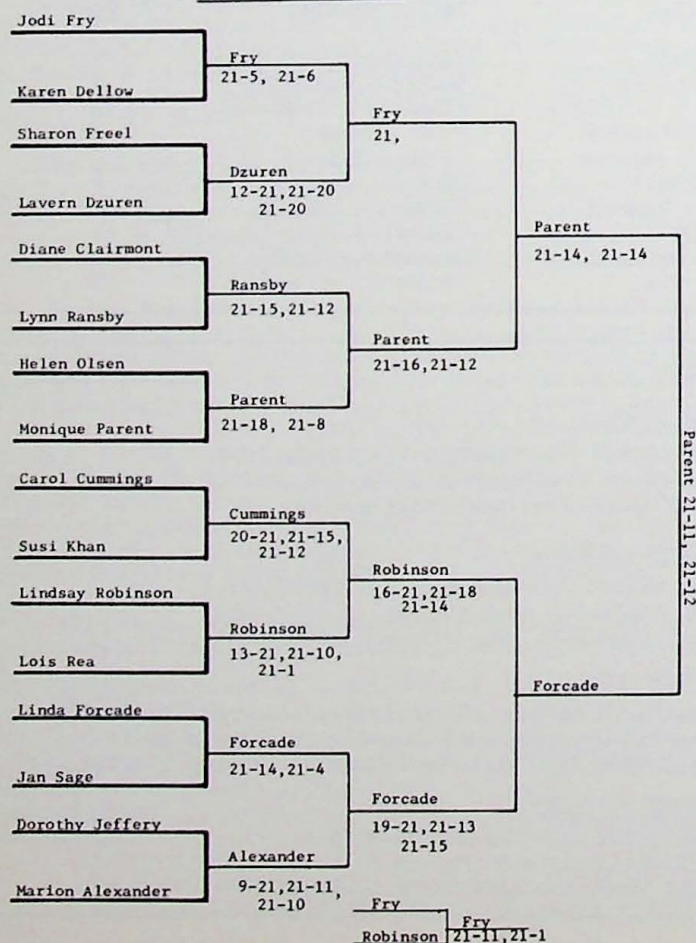
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Semi Watkinson over Marcus 21-6, 19-21, 21-12
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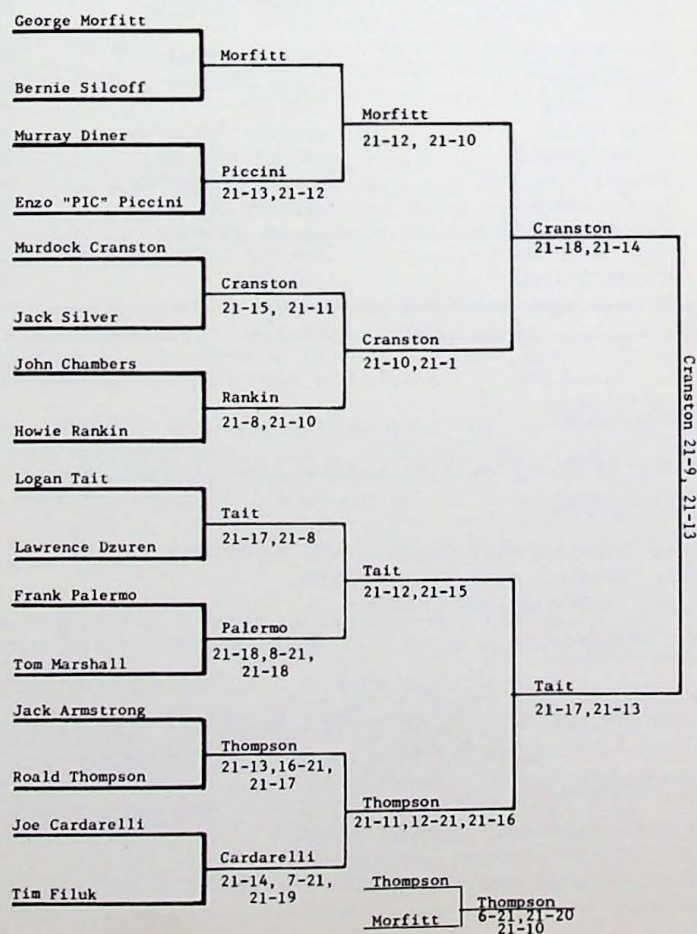
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SENIOR DOUBLES

T. Filuk-L. Tait	Filuk-Tait		
L. Dzuren-S. Pisko	21-5, 21-10		
J. Cardarelli-G. Phillips	Cardarelli-Phillips	21-8, 21-13	
T. Marshall-Cote	Cardarelli-Phillips	21-16, 21-9	
B. Silcoff-M. Diner	Silcoff-Diner		Cardarelli-Phillips
G. Leitch-H. Caines	21-15, 21-18		21-13, 21-14
D. Stockwell-H. Capozzi	Goofy & The Bear	21-9, 21-6	
I. MacKenzie-J. Chambers	Goofy & The Bear	21-11, 21-15	
D. Pond- W. Smyth	Pond-Smyth		
K. Palermo-J. Armstrong	21-6, 21-14		
E. Piccini-M. Slavich	Piccini-Slavich	Pond-Smyth	
R. Bouthillette-Smits	(def)	21-10, 21-18	
J. Kempo-K. Wilson	Kirson-Swartz		Rankin-Cranston
S. Kirson-P. Swartz	21-14, 21-11		21-7, 8-21, 21-14
J. Silver-Johnson	Rankin-Cranston	21-11, 21-16	
H. Rankin-M. Cranston	21-6, 21-10	Goofy & The Bear	
		Pond-Smyth	Pond-Smyth

'B' SINGLES

Peter Starodub				
Gary Ness	Starodub			
Ken Suffron	21-14, 21-12	Starodub		
Dave Breckon	Suffron	15-21, 21-10, 21-17		
S. Croctorie	21-10, 21-11		Starodub	
Ian McKenzie	McKenzie		14-21, 21-9, 21-18	
Brian Swartz	(def)	Swartz		
Jim Freel	Swartz	21-6, 21-9		
Nick Bakay	21-15, 21-9			
Randy Delevau	Bakay			
Jim Kingston	21-12, 15-21, 21-15	Bakay		
Paul Teillet	Teillet	21-17, 21-19		
Bill Hodgins	21-5, 18-21, 21-13		Bakay	
Brad Kempo	Hodgins			
Warren Mitchell	19-21, 21-17, 21-14	Hodgins		
Jim Lahaie	21-11, 19-21, 21-18			
	Mitchell			
	21-13, 18-21, 21-10	Hodgins		
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MASTERS SINGLES

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'C' SINGLES

Hugh Caines				
Doug Talaber	Talaber			
Stan Tamre		Tamre		
Pat Griffin	Tamre			
George Leitch			Tamre	
Gerry Bilodeau	Bilodeau		21-15, 21-13	
Rick Jackiw		Bilodeau		
J. Pasquale	Jackiw	21-15, 21-19		
Brian Burke				
John McCallum	McCallum			
Ed MacPhee		McCallum		
Bill Bulauca	MacPhee	21-17, 21-5		
Derry White			Luciw	
Boris Luciw	Luciw		21-15, 21-10	
John Kubasek		Luciw		
Nick Stadnyk	Kubasek			
		Bilodeau		
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OPEN SINGLES:

Purchaser	Amt.	Rank By Bets	Player	Rank By Play	Payoff
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T. Filuk	\$37	3	I. Velan	5	
S. Van Riper	\$30	4	J. Van Riper	4	
U of A Syndicate	\$12	5	D. Crawford	7	
L. Tait	\$11	6	B. Daku	6	
S. Tamre	\$10	7	B. Condrtow	3	\$36.60
J. Robbins	\$6	8	J. Robbins	8	
	\$244				\$36.60 (15% to (house)

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V. Olshevski/W. Hadikin.	\$12	5	L. Ransby	7	
P. Teillet	\$9	6	L. Dzuren	8	
E. Wiseman	\$6	7	L. Robinson	4	
J. Armstrong	\$6	8	C. Cummings	5	
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Vancouver Synd.	\$11	3	R. Thompson	3	\$7.50
Neudorf	\$7	4	L. Tait	2	\$15.00
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B. Swartz	\$35	1	B. Swartz	3	\$19.95
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E. Wasserman	\$22	3	K. Suffron	5	
Vic's Syndicate	\$15	4	P. Starodub	1	\$53.20
Lois Rae	\$11	5	W. Mitchell	7	
S. Tamre	\$7	6	B. Hodgins	4	
K. Palermo	\$6	7	P. Teillet	6	
E. Wasserman	\$3	8	I. McKenzie	8	
	\$133				\$19.95 (15% to (house)

MASTERS SINGLES:

Purchaser	Amt.	Rank By Bets	Player	Rank By Play	Payoff
M. Cranston	\$25	1	D. Bauld	4	
L. Tait	\$20	2	M. Slavich	1	\$26.40
K. Wilson	\$11	3	H. Capozzi	3	\$9.90
J. Kempo	\$10	4	S. Kirson	2	\$19.80
	\$66				\$9.90 (15% to) (house)

C SINGLES:

N. Bakay	\$17	1	B. Luciw	2	\$29.95
B. Bilodeau	\$13	2	B. Bilodeau	3	\$14.63
Vancouver Synd.	\$10	3	D. Talaber	5	
"	\$10	4	J. Kubasik	8	
J. Armstrong	\$7	5	E. McPhee	6	
I. Velan	\$6	6	S. Tamre	1	\$39.00
S. Levenson	\$6	7	K. Pasquale	-	
R. Snow	\$5	8	P. Griffin	-	
E. Wasserman	\$5	9	R. Jackiw	7	
W. Hadikin	\$5	10	B. Burke	-	
E. McPhee	\$5	11	N. Stadnyk	10	
W. Hadikin	\$4	12	J. McCallum	4	
W. Bowes	\$2	13	D. White	-	
E. Wasserman	\$1.50	14	B. Bulauca	-	
W. Smyth	\$0.50	15	H. Caines	9	
Vancouver Synd.	\$0.50	16	G. Leitch	-	
	\$97.50				\$14.63 (15% to) (house)

SENIOR DOUBLES:

J. Kempo	\$25	1	Rankin-Cranston	1	\$24.40
K. Palermo	\$20	2	Cardarelli-Phillips	2	\$18.30
Vancouver Synd.	\$11	3	Smyth-Pond	3	\$9.15
"	\$5	4	McKenzie-Chambers	4	\$9.15 (15% to) (house)
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OPEN DOUBLES:

W. Hadikin/I. Velan	\$45	1	Hadikin-Velan	2	\$39.90
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B. Kempo	\$20	3	VanRiper-Crawford.	3	\$19.95
S. Tamre	\$10	4	Smyth-Condrtow	4	
J. Robbins	\$5	5	Robbins-Szkorupa-		
J. Armstrong	\$5	6	Freel-Nowlin	8	
K. Palermo	\$5	7	Myers-Pond	6	
Neudorf	\$3	8	Thompson-Napper	5	
	\$133				\$19.95 (15% to) (house)



WAYNE SMYTH (left) and TEVIE SMITH (Vancouver) headed up the activity on Calcutta Night.



TEVIE takes a break from the heat of bidding — KOJAK style!



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Competition and hospitality vied for top honours in Vancouver November 7th-9th.

166 entries from B.C., Alberta, Washington, Oregon, Utah and California enjoyed themselves on and off the courts for three days at the new YMCA facilities. Enthusiasm and appetites ran high as play progressed and thanks to Gail Roddan's afternoon goodies, Labatts evening reception and a pizza party on Saturday night, the latter was well satiated.

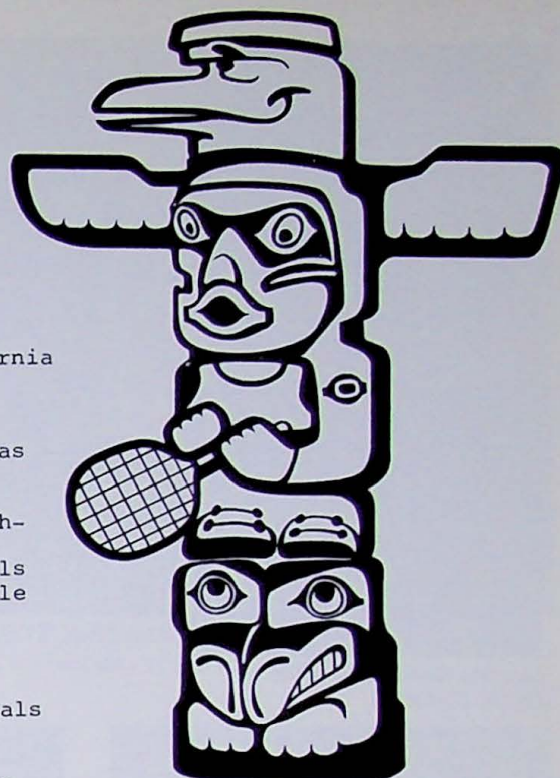
The Dunns, Bill and Steve made their trek from California well worthwhile by taking home both top places in the Open Singles, Bill defeating Steve in the finals 21-18, 20-21, 21-8. In the semi-finals Bill Dunn defeated Wayne Bowes and Steve Dunn did his thing to topple Trey Sayes of Salt Lake City, Utah. Wayne had his troubles this tournament with Lindsay Myers of Vancouver who played superbly only to lose 20-21, 21-19, 21-14. For third place, Wayne defaulted to Trey due to troublesome feet (and I don't mean cold!) Lindsay defeated Bill Condratow of Vancouver in the Consolation Finals 21-16, 21-20.

Much to the Canadians' delight, Wayne Bowes and Bob Daku of Edmonton and Lethbridge respectively, current Canadian Doubles Champions defeated the top-seeded Dunn duo in the Open Doubles final in a super match 21-20, 11-21, 21-13. In the semi-finals the Canucks defeated Tony Krause and Hank Marcus of Portland, Oregon and the Dunns defeated Bob Stevens of Pullman, Wash. and Charlie Jackson of Spokane Wash. Krause and Marcus took third place and John Van Riper and John Robbins of Edmonton defeated Mike Szkorupa and Peter Starodub of Edmonton to take the Consolation Finals 21-6, 21-12. The Johns were probably a little quicker at defrosting themselves as the four Edmontonians drove through a blizzard to get here.

The ladies made an impressive showing with 16 competing in the Open and 19 in the Novice. Vicki Panzerri of Bellingham, Washington displayed her multi-skilled game by dominating all competition and defeating Helen Olsen of Vancouver in the final 21-13, 21-9, Helen showing an equally powerful game in need of some polishing. Vicki entered the finals by defeating Gina Baird of Wenatchee, Washington while Helen displayed her great potential in her defeat of Dena Rassenti of Edmonton who previously defeated top-seeded Audrey Leach of San Diego. Gina defeated Dena for third place and Dorothy Jeffrey of Edmonton defeated Ann Paris of Vancouver to win the Consolation Final 11-21, 21-18, 21-19.

Vicki Clarke of Seattle by defeating Maggie Hill of Vancouver and Cheryl Hoadley of Edmonton by defeating June Christie of Vancouver met in the finals of the Ladies Novice and Vicki reigned supreme by the scores of 21-15, 21-13. Maggie placed third defeating June 21-10, 21-18. Chris Barker of Vancouver won Consolation Finals defeating Wilma Sybom of Edmonton in a confusing sequence 21-11, 2-21, 21-19. As in all tournaments these days the calibre of the women is continuously improving and an eye-opener to many.

In the 'B's, unseeded Scott Sulprizio of Tacoma, Washington played admirably to defeat 2nd seed Brian Swartz of Vancouver 21-14, 12-21, 21-13



BILL DUNN — Open Singles Winner.

DR. PETER JAMES discusses racquetball with BUD LEACH, of Leach Industries. ▼



Vancouverites LES GEE, runner-up and JOHN KUBASEK, winner of "C" Singles.





Masters Consolation Winner
DICK CHONG.



The Brothers DUNN of California.



BILL HODGINS (left) and TALABER of Vancouver "B" semi-finalists.



Canadian Champion WAYNE BOWES and partner BOB DAKU won the doubles over the DUNN Brothers.



SID KIRSON of Vancouver (left) avenged his earlier defeat in the Nationals by MATT SLAVICH of Lethbridge in the Masters.



POND-SMYTH (left) were beaten in Senior Doubles by WILLIAMS-JACKSON.



HANK MARCUS (left) and TONY KRAUSE of Tacoma took 3rd. in Doubles.



VICKI PANZERRI (right), of Bellingham, Ladies Champion, and runner-up HELEN OLSEN receive congratulations from WAYNE SMYTH.



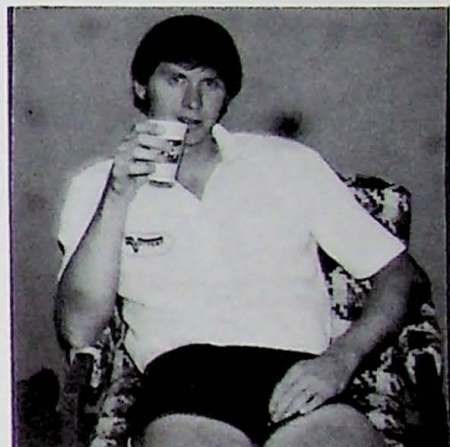
BRIAN SWARTZ (left) lost "B" Singles Final to SCOTT SULPRIZIO, of Tacoma.



SID WILLIAMS, of Washington, has been instrumental in promoting racquetball in the North West U.S.



LINDSAY MYERS (right) of Vancouver, ended just two points short of becoming the 1st. Canadian in 3 years to beat WAYNE BOWES.



BOB STEVENS of Pullman, Washington.



GLENN HINDIN won "D" Singles.



STEVE DUNN shows his fine form.



TEVIE "Terrific" self explanatory!



RICK BARKER (left) and WAYNE SMYTH of the Organizing Committee.



Consolation Doubles went to the "JOHNS" ROBBINS (left) and VAN RIPER, of Edmonton.



Vancouver's HELEN OLSEN took second place in Radios Singles.



JOHN "The Bear" CHAMBERS (left) runner-up to DR. PETER JAMES, of Bellingham, Washington, in Senior Singles.

In the semis, Scott defeated Doug Talaber of Vancouver and Brian defeated Bill Hodgins of Vancouver. Bill defeated Doug for third place 21-8, 21-16 and Boris Luciw defeated Gary Poppino of Portland 21-19, 21-9 to win the Consolation Finals.

In a huge bracket (48 entries), John Kubasek of Vancouver bored through all competitors in the 'C's to take first place against Les Gee of Vancouver 21-15, 21-13. John overcame Boris Luciw in the semi-finals and Les climbed the walls in his uncanny style to defeat Mike Rittenhouse of Vancouver, Washington. In Consolation Finals, Wendell Talaber defeated Ian Stirling of Vancouver 19-21, 21-16, 21-16.

Dr. Peter James of Bellingham, Wash. anaesthetized his competition and took home honours in the Seniors defeating John "Goldilocks" Chambers of Vancouver 21-4, 21-10. Peter had a battle to gain those honours playing against Rhett Kirk of Tacoma in the semis who finally went under 21-19, 16-21, 21-19. John reached the finals defeating Wayne Smyth of Vancouver 21-14, 21-17. Third place went to Wayne by default. Consolation Finals showed Sid Williams defeating Bill Fly of Seattle.

The Masters final pitted two men well-used to each other's tactics as Sid Kirson of Vancouver defeated his nemesis Matty Slavich of Lethbridge after numerous encounters 21-6, 12-21, 21-10. Matty toppled Phil Swartz of Vancouver in the semi-finals as did Sid defeat Dave Roddan of Vancouver. Phil defeated Dave 21-15, 21-14 to take third place honours. Dick Chong of Vancouver fended off Dewey Huston of Bellingham 3-21, 21-19, 21-19 in a slight upset to take the Consolation Finals.

Sid Williams and Charlie Jackson teamed up to place first in the Senior Doubles defeating Wayne Smyth and Dale Pond of Vancouver 21-18, 21-16. Sid and Charlie dominated Ian McKenzie and John Chambers of Vancouver in the semis while Wayne and Dale defeated Dewey Huston and Bob Stevens of Bellingham. 'Goofie and The Bear' took third place through a default by Dewey and Bob. In a rip-roaring duel Tevie Smith of Vancouver and Bud McKenzie of Vancouver out-played and out-verbalized Peter James of Bellingham and Bud Leach of San Diego 21-15, 19-21, 21-10 in the Consolation Finals.

The 'D' bracket was played throughout the week and displayed enthusiastic play; seven female entries heightened the normal competitive air. Glen Hindin came out on top defeating Ian Stirling 21-15, 14-21 and 21-6 in the final. Wendell Talaber defeated Dick Chong for third place and Lynn Murdoch who is developing a very strong game defeated Perry Smith in a tight match 11-21, 21-15, 21-20 to take the Consolation Finals.

The tournament directors would like to express their appreciation to Labatts and Leach Industries specifically for their support, the various other companies who assisted us through donations of their equipment and prizes and especially to those individuals who made their time available to us. A special thanks too to Wigwam for donating their tube socks which were much appreciated by all competitors. Our tournament was a success due to all of these people.

THEY COULDN'T CARVE UP THE BIG BIRD AT THE ROCHESTER "TURKEY SHOOT"

Poetic justice struck on the 10 courts of the Rochester Midtown YMCA over American Thanksgiving weekend. The Big Bird won the 1st Annual Rochester "Turkey Shoot". Charlie Garfinkel flew in from nearby Buffalo and never lost a game reestablishing his claim as top player in the North East U.S. and Eastern Canada.

In the semis Gar met Ivan Velan of Montreal, won the first game handily 21-14, moved ahead 20-10 in the second and then couldn't finish it off. Ivan fought back to 20-17 and was still serving when he skipped in a set-up at the rightfront corner and then promptly lost the match.

Meanwhile tournament organizer Leo Marsocci faced Mike Romano of Fitchburgh, Mass in the lower bracket. Leo wanted to have the Big Bird for dinner having never faced him in a tournament match but it was not to be as Leo succumbed to Mike's strong play and also the added wear and tear that comes from running a tournament. Mike stepped into the final with a 21-15, 15-21, 21-5 win.

The final shaped up as a close contest but Charlie was at the top of his game as he took the first game 21-8, then gave up a 2-9 lead before running off the next 19 straight points. The Bird had spread his wings.

Ivan drummed out a 21-8, 21-10 win for third over his obviously tired and dejected host.

As often happens with Leo when he loses singles his doubles opponents wish he hadn't. Leo teamed up with Ivan for a very close and hard fought win over Romano-Bedard 19-21, 21-20, 21-19. Third place "fell" to Moshides-Tarantino over Lapierre-Deigan 21-20, 10-21, 21-15.

There were only six entrants in the masters singles but it was a top-notch field which played off a round-robin. Sam Poletta took top honors with Gerry Lapierre second, followed by Doyle, Rizzo, McLaughlin and Goldstein in that order.

Our thanks to Leo Marsocci and his assistants for putting on an excellent tournament. Leo's study couldn't hold more than one additional trophy anyhow. The gang will be back next year gunning for the Bird at the 2nd. Rochester Turkey Shoot.



LEO MARSOCCI - one of the top six players in the North East.



CHARLIE GARFINKEL
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Safety Guidelines

If properly played, racquetball is not a very dangerous game. However, some simple precautions can eliminate most of the dangers that do sometimes occur.

- (1) Be aware of the position of your opponent. Don't swing your racquet if it is likely to hit him. Call a hinder instead.
- (2) Make your follow-through racquet motion short and toward the front wall.
- (3) Keep the wrist thong securely around your wrist. Racquets often slip out of the hand, but no damage is done if the wrist thong is attached.
- (4) Once you have hit the ball, get out of your opponent's way at once.
- (5) Do not look directly at your opponent while he is hitting the ball in your direction. Being hit by the ball almost anywhere else merely stings for a while, but getting hit in the face can be dangerous.
- (6) Do not swing at the ball once it is dead. A lot of freak accidents occur because a player gets frustrated and slams a dead ball into the face of his opponent who is merely turning around to pick the ball up.

Other normal precautions, such as not playing to the point of exhaustion, guarding one's eye-glasses, keeping the floor dry, etc., will also reduce injuries. An important thing to remember is that there's nothing wrong with calling a hinder: it's better to be safe than sorry. Also remember that you are required by the rules to look back, see where your opponent is, and get out of his way. Failure to do this results in many more injuries than occur because a person has looked back too long.

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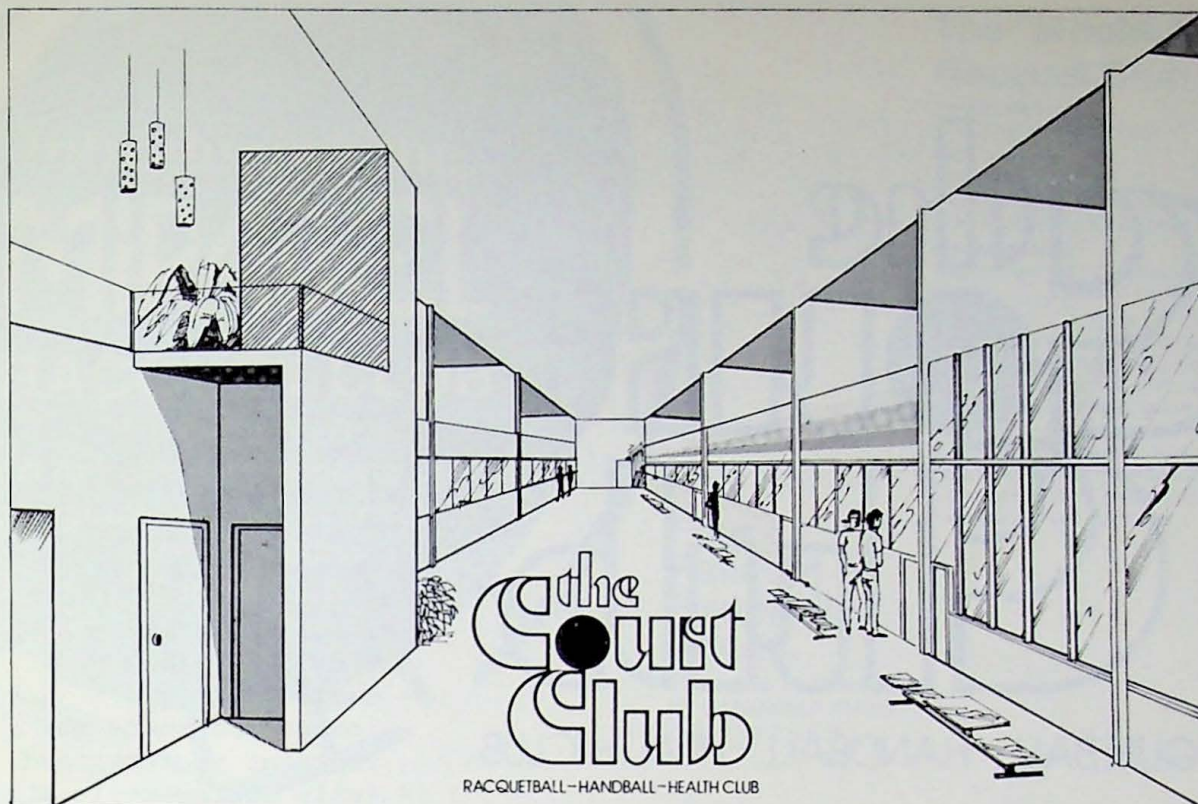
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Canada's first and most exciting eight-court racquetball/handball complex will be opening as you read this magazine. The \$550,000.00 complex, located at 104th Avenue & 122 Street, will be the largest privately owned racquetball and handball center built to date in Canada.

Another first for the Court Club is its teaching pro and manager, Wayne Bowes, who is Canada's current Canadian singles-doubles champion. Wayne also has the distinction of being the current North American open singles champion.

In addition to two total glass wall back-walls, the other six courts will also have large glass wall viewing areas. A mezzanine floor will contain a lounge overlooking three of the courts. Yearly memberships will be available for both single and family members, or for the less enthusiastic, courts can be rented on an hourly basis. Court rentals, or membership fees, will cover the use of lockers, showers, steambaths, and whirlpools.

Three of the five principals of the Court Club, are well-known racquetball enthusiasts who have been active in the Canadian Racquetball Association, namely, John Kempo, Ken Wilson, and Howard Rankin. The other individual involved in the enterprise is Clare Drake. Wayne Bowes, the 24-year old racquetball superstar from Lethbridge, Alberta, is pleased to see the facility open, for he states he has nowhere to keep all of his trophies. This is understandable for within the last three years, he has not been beaten by a Canadian player in any competition both in Canada and the United States. In addition to racquetball, he excels at tennis, lacrosse and hockey.

In Edmonton, as in other centers, the sport is really catching on with the ladies. Wayne plans to have an active women's league, and says "Look out Peggy Steding".

In addition to a club tournament, to be held within the first few weeks of opening, two major tournaments are planned for the club. The Western Regionals are tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 29 to Sunday, May 2nd. The Canadian Open is scheduled to take place at the Court Club - one of North America's biggest and best tournaments- July the 14 th through to the 17th.

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To launch their tennis program, a Saturday nite mixed Round Robin and super buffet and pro exhibition was held, whereby 150 members attended, and the lights literally had to be shut at 3 a.m. in order to close the club.

The four Racquetball/Handball courts have excellent ceilings, floors, lighting and response off the walls. They are fully climate controlled regulation in all respects and have ample room for viewing at the back wall. The Racquetball program at the Club recently included an exhibition match staged by two of Canada's top players Wes Hadikin of Winnipeg and Ivan Velan of Montreal and a mixed Round-Robin to give all club members an opportunity to meet one another at their own level of play.

The Club is currently the venue for the Quebec Closed Tournament and has agreed to act as host for future major events as well as to continue a strong program for its members. The major racquetball tournament in Eastern Canada — the Montreal Open will be played at Mirabel in March (see entry form in this issue).

The Canadian Racquetball Association and particularly Montreal area racquetball enthusiasts welcome the addition of this excellent Club to the rapidly growing list of available courts across Canada and look forward to many enjoyable hours of play.

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CRA UNDERTAKES PREPARATION OF COACHING MANUAL WITH ASSISTANCE OF COACHING ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

On November 20 and 21, 1975 six delegates of CRA met in Ottawa with Mr. Geoff Gowan, Technical Director of the Coaching Association of Canada, to begin preparation of a multi-level Coaching Program for racquetball.

The purpose of this effort is to standardize current views on the fundamentals of our sport and publish a series of manuals which can be used to prepare instructors initially and ultimately coaches.

Coincident with the rapid growth of racquetball has been a growing need for qualified and competent instruction. To meet this need CRA with the help of the CAC intends to prepare a series of manuals probably divided into 5 levels, distinguished in relation to ability and sophistication. As Mr. Gowan explained there is a basic distinction between an instructor and a Coach. The former is an individual who can teach a student the basics of the game - equipment, rules, safety, strokes and and perhaps some strategy. A true coach is differentiated in that he understands training techniques, readily detects flaws and can provide suggestions regarding corrective measures, can motivate his players and help them during competition, and deal with strategic and psychological aspects of play.

Our short term goal is to establish qualified instructors, then more knowledgeable coaches for provincial teams and ultimately if appropriate a National Coach for a Canadian National Team.

The six man CRA group saddled with this task is headed by Vic Olshevski of Winnipeg and includes John Chambers of Vancouver, George Vaia and Ivan Velan of Montreal, and Jack Armstrong and Ed Wiseman of Toronto. It is possible that due to the pressures of the Treasurer position Ed may step aside to add Dave Breckon and/or Wes Hadikin to the team.

The first manual is scheduled to be completed and printed before the end of May and should be distributed shortly thereafter.

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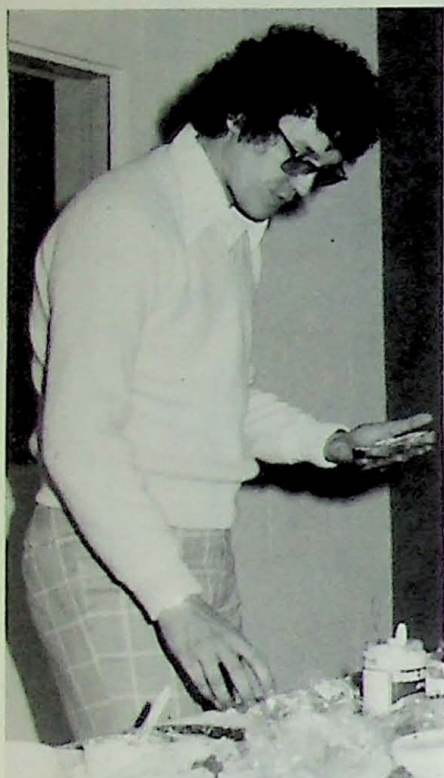
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BILL at the training table.

Bill Condratow is one of Canada's top players. After his fine showing in the Canadian championship in Winnipeg where he finished 3rd in the singles and 4th in the doubles, the C.R.A. interviewed him. Bill is 33 years' old and lives in Richmond, B.C. He plays at the Vancouver Athletic Club and also at the Richmond Squash and Racquet Club. Bill plays a steady, unspectacular game with no definite strength or weaknesses. One local player is quoted as saying ... "Condratow doesn't beat you as much as bore you to death". This attitude is extended into his night life during tournaments where Bill is known as a connoisseur of the boudoir, sleepwise that is. Along with his activities in racquetball, Bill is an excellent skier having competed for many years on a provincial level. He is employed as a lumber broker in Vancouver and has recently taken up wild-life training as a hobby (in the form of a pet skunk).

CRA: How long have you been playing racquetball ?

Bill: About 4 years.

CRA: Do you have any previous racquet experience ?

Bill: Yes, I played squash for a few years while in Toronto.

CRA: What was your first major tournament victory ?

Bill: I guess the "C" division of the 1972 Canadian championship was the first.

CRA: What has been your most gratifying win ?

Bill: Beating Ivan Velan in Winnipeg, especially after losing to him at Montreal in 1974.

CRA: How many tournaments do you enter in a year ?

Bill: All the B.C. tournaments, any specific Northwest ones which are within driving distance, and usually the Western Canadian and Canadian.

CRA: Do you practice much ? Any special training ?

Bill: No. I never seem to find the time to practice. However, I try to play every day and along with running a couple of miles daily, I have recently started circuit training at the new Richmond club.

CRA: I understand you are instructing. Do you feel this affects your game ?

Bill: Yes, although I enjoy instructing, it is very time consuming and does very little to improve my own game. However, I hope to do even more in the future.

CRA: Are you involved in the game other than as a player or instructor ?

Bill: Yes, I have been a director of the B.C.R.A. for 2 years and even tournament chairman of the last 3 or 4 B.C. tournaments.

CRA: What do you see as the future of racquetball in B.C.

Bill: Through my involvement in the B.C.R.A. I have noticed a fantastic growth. For example, our association has run coaching clinics in Kelowna, Prince George, Trail, Nelson and Kamloops, and every time we go to one of these places, the enthusiasm shown is unbelievable. The number of racquetball players in B.C. has more than doubled in the last year. Because of the proposed coaching program of the C.R.A. and our own provincial government's involvement, I feel that we will develop numerous top players in the future.

CRA: What are your goals for the future ?

Bill: I would like to regain my B.C. closed singles title which I lost in 1975, defend successfully the doubles title and then very quickly become 35.

AN INTERVIEW WITH PETER STARODUB WINNER OF THE CANADIAN NATIONALS B SINGLES.

The interviewer in this article, undertook this assignment with seriousness and was met with sarcasm and heckling from an observer and the "interviewee". However the following are excerpts from an interview with Peter Starodub at the Van Riper household after a meal of roast chicken.

Question: To start this off Peter, could you give me a few facts about yourself, like when and where you were born?

Answer: I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and I am on 29th of March, 1954. (The year is a false one, used to protect the innocent).

Q: Besides racquetball what do you do? A: I am in Honors Bio Chemistry at the University of Alberta and I plan to graduate in May. Q: How about some personal statistics - like your height and weight. A: I am a towering 5' 8" and a solid 155 lbs of pure muscle, sinew and ambition.

Q: Let's get down to racquetball now. When and where did you start playing and have you been involved in any similar activities? A: I started playing 2½ years ago at the U of A, but because of school commitments it has never been for long periods at a time. Before starting this game, I had tried badminton and handball. Q: If you had stayed in Winnipeg, do you think you would have become so involved? A: It's hard to say but I doubt it. Q: What was your first tournament experience? A: I played last year in the 1975 Golden Bear and lost in the semi's of B to big Jim Battle, who won the event. Q: Could you tell me, what was your most exciting tournament? A: My most exciting tournament was the 1975 Nationals. It was also the most rewarding. Q: What was your toughest match in the Nationals? A: Brian Swartz in the semi finals. (interjection by an observer) - somebody said you were lucky to win that. What do you have to say to that? A: Who said that? Nonsense. (interjection) - Everyone considered Swartz the favorite. A: Not everybody. Vic Olshevski and Jim Pratt bought me in the Calcutta for peanuts and their faith was rewarded.

Q: What was the toughest game or match you have ever played? A: Bill Dunn at the B.C. Open was both. It was tough just thinking I had to play a player like that, and when I won the first game I figured he'd get mad and wouldn't let me get close - which he did. Q: That's quite good against a professional player, don't you feel. A: Well it was better than I expected. My own defeatist attitude beat me. Or maybe it was the beer I had between the 2nd. and 3rd. game. I don't know.

Q: Let's talk about the future, now. How do you feel about the Nationals next year? A: I'm feeling confident about them because this year I'm out of school and will be able to put in more time on the court. Q: Will you be staying in Edmonton or returning to Winnipeg? A: I don't know yet.

Q: Would you like to stay in Edmonton - because of the good competition? A: Does a goose walk barefoot? This is where the best ball in Canada is. Q: Let's talk about your game now. What racquet do you prefer? A: I have been using an Ektelon XL but I recently switched to the shorter Strand-

emo and haven't decided which I like better. I prefer the Voit Rollout ball. Q: How much court time do you put in? A: Before the Nationals I was putting in 2 hours a day and for 3 weeks before I didn't play anyone but used that time for practice by myself. Right now I'm not playing as much because of my studies. Practice is the essential element for success in this game. John Van - Riper told me this, and being a virgin in the game of racquetball I didn't believe him at first.

But I have discovered that although it is boring, it is very important. Q: What or who has helped you? A: Well, practice plus instruction from the players around here like Robbins, Van Riper, (who told me to say this), Crawford and Bowes have all helped with different parts of my game.

Reading some instructional literature has helped too. Q: Have you any favorite training methods? A: I have one taught me by John Robbins. It works to improve your forearm muscles. You squeeze these short brown bottles and lift them to your mouth. Q: To end this could you outline your hopes for the future. A: Let me put it this way. - If I didn't think I could get any higher, I

don't know if I'd play anymore. Why play unless one can really accomplish something. I plan to play in the Golden Bear in February, then down to the Pro-Am tournament in Milwaukee with some guys from Edmonton, then back to the Western Regionals in Edmonton for starters this year. Q: Thanks for your comments Peter. It's been a "blast".



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Monique Parent - A Scholar-Athlete Par Excellence

Monique recently capped her two and a half year involvement in racquetball by becoming the number 1 female player in Canada in winning the Ladies singles at the Winnipeg National Tournament.

Monique had been the best player in Quebec almost since she started the game, but somehow managed to lose close three game matches to eventual winners in the top tournaments.

She first started playing for fun on the courts of Laval University in Quebec to supplement her other athletic activities. She is an excellent basketball player and Captain for her fifth year of the Laval women's team. Her basketball accomplishments won for her the title of 1974 Female Athlete of the year at Laval. She values her fine physical condition and maintains it through daily two hour hoop practices, about 5-6 hours of racquetball per week - almost exclusively against male competition - and some downhill skiing when time allows.

Once it became apparent that Monique had a fistful of talent for racquetball, she took it more seriously, began attending tournaments and developed her aggressive and determined style. She never gives up and, unlike many of the other ladies, won't hesitate to dive for the ball. On the court she tries to be tough and to win every point which is the way tournament racquetball should be played. However, she leaves her aggressive nature on the court as off it she is extremely easy-going.

Monique received her Bachelor of Physical Education degree at Laval two years ago and is currently studying Journalism in which she should receive her certificate in May. She also manages to fit into her busy schedule the coaching of an aspiring female provincial basketball team and fulfils the function of press attaché for POMS, an organization which promotes the Olympic ideal in the scholastic setting. While she is not yet sure of her vocation following completion of courses in May, Monique has let it be known she is continuing racquetball and will be defending her number 1 ranking in upcoming tournaments.



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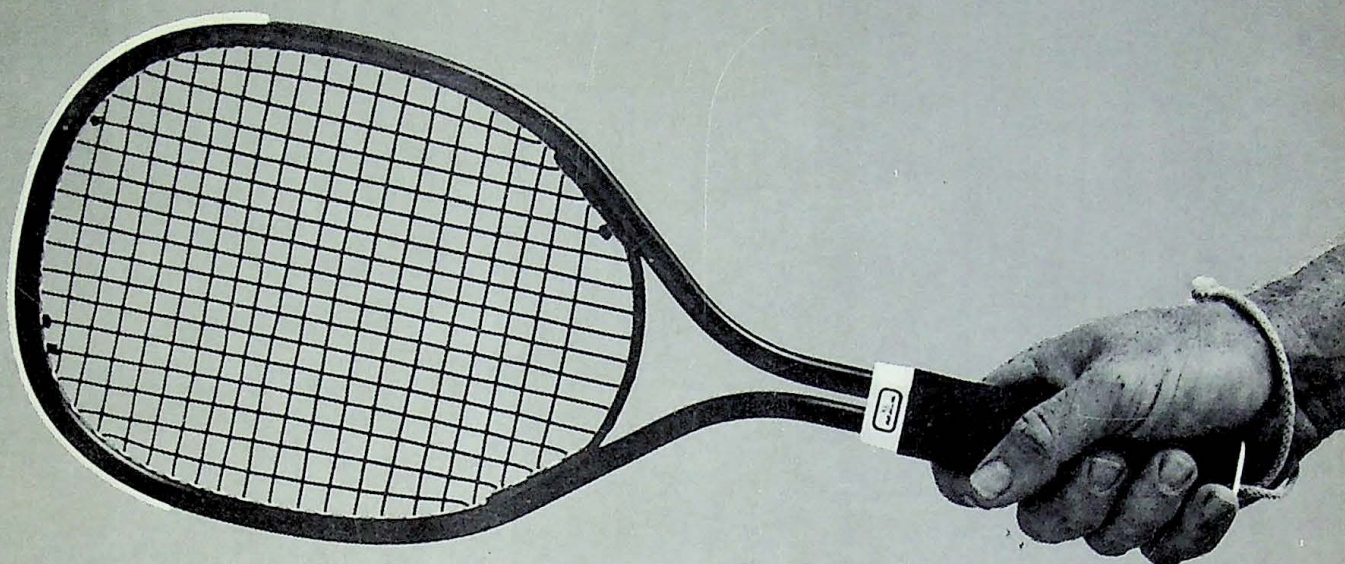
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