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Passing Shots

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TRUE LOVE — Any second thoughts Chris Ghioto might have had about marriage dissipated when her husband-to-be, Jeff Claxton, picked the wedding date. "It was the weekend of a tournament which must mean it's true love."

TOURNAMENT TOUGH — The wife insisted to her husband that after playing in two ladies morning leagues she was ready for a tournament. The husband reluctantly agreed and paid the entry fee. But later he shook his head when she walked on to the court with racquet in hand, but no sneakers.

APPEAL — After watching the pros, it's no wonder players appeal every other call. But one C level player went a bit too far. After he lost a finals match, the losing player told the tournament director he was filing an appeal. He argued that his opponent was 21 minutes late, one minute later than the forfeiture time, and that two referee changes had ruined his concentration. No, he did not claim there was too much pine tar on his opponent's grip. The request, obviously, was never considered.

POWER PLAY — With tournament matches two hours behind on a recent Saturday night due to an ungodly number of tiebreakers, the Jacksonville Electric Authority had more bad news for tournament director Al Winter. A transformer in the nearby area was about to blow, and the club had to shut down within 25 minutes. Players initially thought it was a JEA joke, but it wasn't. The resourceful Winter acted quickly and rescheduled the matches for 6 and 7 a.m. Surprisingly enough, the majority of the players showed up and the tournament ran on time the remainder of the day.

ROOT BEER BREAK — If you have a 1:30 p.m. match, you can still eat a hearty lunch. Just follow the advice of open player Mitch Campbell. Campbell ate a big lunch and still managed to play his semifinal match. Instead of an energy drink, Campbell downed five cans of root beer. "I felt bloated after lunch and the carbonation from the root beer took care of that feeling," Campbell said matter-of-factly.

BROKEN UP — Tournament directors have been complaining about Penn Balls lately. In two recent tournaments, more than 600 balls broke, with a record 15 balls being split in one match. Penn officials are in possession of the broken balls and are analyzing the batch. "We're obviously concerned, but it's an isolated incident and we will find the problem," a Penn official said. Ektelon, meanwhile, is taking advantage of the situation and pushing its Speedflite ball harder than ever before.

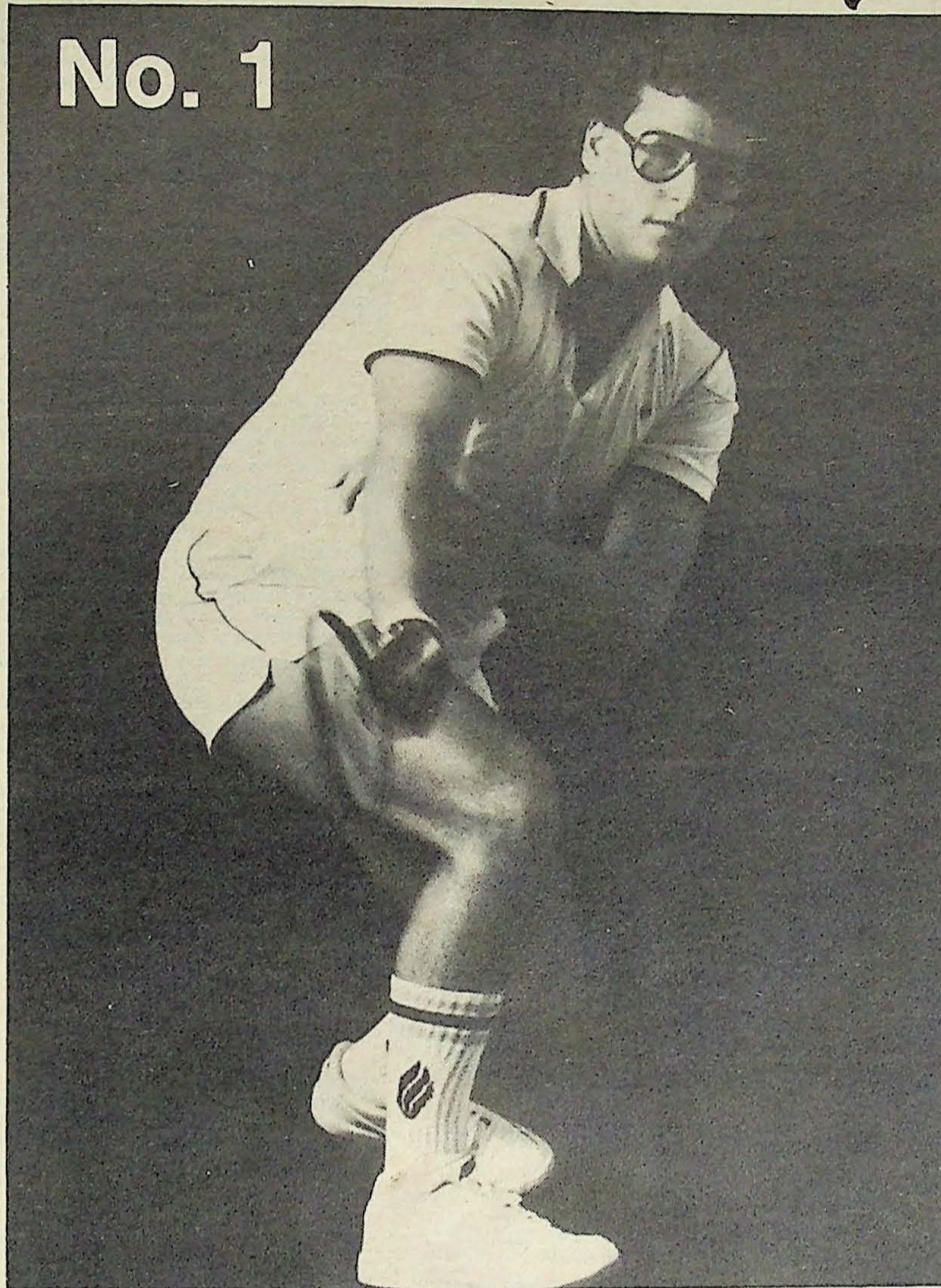
THUMBS UP — Laurels to front desk personnel with friendly telephone manners. . . Laurels to Marty Hogan for acting like a true champion after he lost to Mike Yellen in the DP Leach Nationals. . . Laurels to tournament players, like Ocala's Eric Mizner, who volunteer when a referee is needed. . . Laurels to players who return tournament warm-up balls.

THUMBS DOWN — Darts to clubs that cancel a division and need persistent phone calls and six months to refund the money. That shouldn't be. . . Darts to players who insist on taking 45-minute showers before fulfilling their refereeing obligations.

POTPOURRI — The United States Olympic Sail Boarding team will train at the Harbour Pines Racquet Club in Melbourne from January until the Olympic Games. Herschel Walker's father-in-law, Tom D'Anglis, is a member at Harbour Pines and the club hopes to lure Herschel for a promotion or two.

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Mike Yellen

Yellen obtains title

By Norm Blum
Publisher

MIAMI LAKES — There will be no great debate in 1983. There's just no getting around the fact that Ektelon's Mike Yellen is the world's top racquetball player.

Last year when Dave Peck emerged with the highest number of points on the pro tour, Marty Hogan publicists, anxious to keep the sport's best-known personality in the limelight, went to work. Hogan was still No. 1, they claimed. He earned more money than Peck and won the only true national championship — the DP Leach Nationals.

Today, the Hogan camp, brilliant marketing folks they indeed are, can't make such claims. Yellen took away every possible angle and no marketing techniques can alter the facts.

Both Hogan and Yellen finished with 910 points, but Yellen clearly was a landslide winner in the tiebreaker.

"I beat him four out of five times in head-to-head competition," Yellen said during a break at the Mike Yellen Weekend Camp last month at the Miami Lakes Athletic Club.

Yellen won five tournaments to Hogan's three and he won an unprecedented grand slam, winning the Ektelon National Finals, the Catalina National Championships and the DP Leach Nationals. And before anyone argues about the type of ball used, Yellen is quick to point out that he won with three different balls.

What makes Yellen's No. 1 ranking even more impressive is that Hogan wanted the national championship. He was hungry for it and knew the title was needed in order to secure the No. 1 ranking. Hogan was 30 points ahead of Yellen heading into the DP/Leach Nationals and he told the Atlanta news media that this was his tournament. Having won it the last six years, he presented a convincing argument as he and Yellen cruised to the finals. The Hogan/Yellen match

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Grand Prix obtains more cash!

By Norm Blum
Publisher

ORLANDO — Grand Prix Promotions is pleased to announce that additional prize money will be offered in other divisions for the first Ektelon/Holiday Inn Grand Prix tournament September 15-18 at The Racquet Ball.

In addition to the men's and women's open divisions, money will be offered in men's open doubles, junior vet (27+) singles and junior vet doubles. First place will be \$500, second is \$300, third is worth \$200 and fourth is worth \$100 in each of those divisions.

Players interested in those divisions should make a note on their tournament application or use the application that appears on page three of the Florida Racquet Journal.

"This will provide an alterna-

tive to the older open players," said Steve Ruedlinger of Grand Prix Promotions.

The open division is expected to attract some of the top players in the southeast with \$1,500 on the line in the men's division and \$500 for the women's division — the largest first-place purse ever offered in Florida.

The AARA, which is sanctioning the tournament along with the newly created Sun State Racquetball Association, is allowing anyone, pro or amateur, to enter the open division.

The open division will be non-sanctioned and players accepting money do not threaten their amateur status, said Van Dubolsky, the AARA state chairman and a member of the board of directors.

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Where To Play

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

BOCA RATON

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

BRADENTON

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

CORAL SPRINGS

The Quadrangle Racquetball Complex — 2160 University Dr. (305) 753-8900. 12 courts. No guest fee for NCCA card holders; \$5 for others. Pro shop, cafe, nursery, Nautilus, whirlpool, sauna. 7 a.m.-midnight weekdays. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. weekends.

CLEARWATER

Suncoast Court House — 2147 Pine Forest Dr. (813) 531-8933. 15 courts. 2 glass tournament courts. Aerobics room. \$5 guest fee. Lounge/restaurant. Nautilus, pool. Fully equipped lockerroom.

CRYSTAL RIVER

Kelly's Racquet and Swim Club South Griffin Rd. (904) 795-3703. 2 racquetball courts, 2 tennis courts. Guests with members: \$5 per day plus court fee. Universal, exercise room, spa, jogging track, swimming pool. Clubhouse with lounge.

FORT LAUDERDALE

Holiday Courtrooms — 750 W. Sunrise Blvd. (305) 764-8700. 19 courts. \$6 guest fee for out-of-towners. Basketball court, running track, two Nautilus rooms, swimming pool.

Racquets 2 — 5300 Powerline Rd. (305) 772-2222. 9 racquetball courts; 2 international, 2 American squash courts. Complete Nautilus Fitness Center. Full restaurant and lounge. 30 seconds off I-95, Commercial Blvd. exit. Take Powerline Rd. North.

Bodycenter, Health & Racquet Club — 5065 NE 13th Ave. (305) 491-2255. 9 courts. \$5 guest fee. Aerobics, Slimnastics, Dancerize. Yoga. Nautilus for men and women. Complete lockerroom facilities. Day care center.

FORT MYERS

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GAINESVILLE

Gainesville Racquetball Club — 6916 W. University Ave. (904) 372-2120. 6 courts. \$3 guest fee (call ahead). Universal. Lounge, juice bar, color TV.

HOLLYWOOD

South Florida Racquet Club — 5555 Ravenswood Rd. (305) 987-6410. 10 courts. No guest fee for NCAA members. \$3 for others. \$2 guest fee for basketball and volleyball. Whirlpools, saunas, free baby sitting in nursery. Pro shop. Video games & pool tables. 7-foot TV Screen in a full service cocktail lounge. Full Nautilus facilities. Open challenge courts every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

JACKSONVILLE

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Ortega Racquet Club and Fitness Center — 4206 San Juan Ave. (Ortega/Avondale area). (904) 388-1500. 6 courts. No guest fee for active out-of-town club members. Largest heated indoor pool in Jacksonville. Separate men's and women's lockerroom facilities. Steam Seafood Restaurant.

Racquet Power — 3390 Kori Rd. (904) 268-8888. Premier club in Jacksonville. 14 courts. No guest fee when accompanied by member. Otherwise, \$10 during non-prime time hours. Modern Nautilus room, Dynavit, out-side whirlpool, steam room, sauna, aerobics, self-defense classes.

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MELBOURNE

The Harbour Pines Racquet Club — (305) 7776737. NEW CLUB! 13 racquetball courts, 1 squash court, Nautilus Equipment room, steam room, whirlpools, saunas, \$3 guest fee. Tyrone Racquetball Club — 6690 Cross Winds Dr. North (813) 381-8711. 16 courts. \$5 guest fee; Non-Prime time \$8, Prime Time \$10. Whirlpool, sauna, exercise room. Private club. 6:30 a.m.-midnight daily.

MIAMI

Bogey's — 5885 NW 151st St. (305) 822-0160. 9 courts. \$6 guest fee includes court time. Gymnasium, aerobics. Restaurant and lounge.

Holiday Health & Racquet Club — 10631 SW 88th St., Dadeland West Office Park. (305) 596-0600. 11 courts. \$5 guest fee, plus court time. Fee waived for NCCA members. No reservations, please call. Separate men's and women's health club. Nautilus, fully equipped lockerrooms, pro shop. Lounge, social area.

Miami Court Club — 9395 Bird Rd. (305) 226-4014. 10 courts. No guest fee for NCCA members; \$3 for others (no reservations).

Hotel guests in Miami can reserve non-prime for \$7 (6 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays, 6 p.m.-midnight weekends). Prime \$9 or \$12. Racquets, shoes for rent. Pro shop, whirlpool, sauna, steam room. 6 a.m.-midnight daily.

Miami Lakes Athletic Club — Palmetto Expressway & NW 154th St. (305) 821-1150. 9 racquetball courts. Championship court. Diane Bullard — head pro. Gymnasium. Restaurant and lounge. Nautilus. Aerobics. Guests must be accompanied by members.

NAPLES

The Olympiad — 1048 Castello Dr. (813) 262-1112. 8 courts. \$5 guest fee. Pool, complete lockerroom. Restaurant. Under new ownership.

OCALA

The Fontainebleau — 2120 Northeast 46th Ave. (904) 236-2288. 10 courts. \$3 guest fee. Nautilus, swimming pool, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, lockers. Aerobicise, karate, gymnastics. Pro shop, supervised nursery, hair salon. Video games, snack bar, lounge

ORANGE PARK

Park Avenue Racquet Club — 714 Park Ave. (904) 269-8000. 6 racquetball courts, 8 soft tennis courts. \$3 guest fee plus court time. Nautilus, whirlpool, pro shop, nursery. Bar and lounge. 7 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. weekends.

ORLANDO

The Club — 825 Courtland St. (305) 644-5411. 10 racquetball courts, 16 tennis courts, swimming pool, Nautilus, lounge, pro shop, sauna, whirlpool. Guest fee \$3 & \$5. 7 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends.

The Racquet Ball — 5165 Adanson St. (305) 645-3999. 8 courts. \$6 guest fee. Nautilus, complete lockerrooms. Restaurant.

Racquetball South — 5224 S. Orange Avenue. (305) 857-1388. Brand new facility. \$5 guest fee. 8 courts, 2 glass championship courts. Nautilus. Spacious lounge and grill with large screen TV. A new era in relaxation — Flotation. Completely stocked pro shop.

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PANAMA CITY

The Court House — 3120 W. Highway. (904) 796-6184. 6 courts. Separate lockerrooms, whirlpool, sauna. Cam 2 weight room. Gymnasium, dance room, heated swimming pool, nursery & lounge. No guest fee for NCCA members.

POMPANO BEACH

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PORT CHARLOTTE

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SARASOTA

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Sarasota Racquetball Club — 2170 Robinhood Dr. (813) 922-3546. 6 courts. \$2 guest fee (no reservations); non-prime \$6, prime \$8. Nursery. Lounge, free first-run movies.

ST. PETERSBURG

Tyrone Racquetball Club — 6690 Cross Winds Dr. North (813) 381-8711. 16 courts. \$10 guest fee for out-of-town club members with current card; non-prime \$7, prime \$9. Whirlpool, sauna, exercise room. Private club. 8:30 a.m.-midnight.

STUART

Mid Court Racquetball Club — 20 N.E. Dixie Hwy., Rt. 707. (305) 692-9488. 8 courts. \$2.50 guest fee (guests welcome); \$8 prime (4 pm.-11 p.m. weekdays). All other hours \$6. Racquets, balls for rent. Universal gym, whirlpool, saunas, pro shop, nursery. Lounge, billiards, game room. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. daily.

TAMPA

Brandon Racquet Club — 2011 S. Parsons Ave. (813) 689-4410. 5 courts. No guest fee for out-of-town club members; \$6 non-prime, \$8 prime. Universal, saunas. 7 a.m.-midnight daily.

Tampa Bay Court House — 7815 N. Dale Mabry (813) 932-5321. 10 courts. 2 side-wall glass courts. \$5 guest fee covers court time. Nautilus, pool, fully equipped lockerrooms. 6:30 a.m.-midnight weekdays, 8 a.m.-midnight weekends.

TAVENIER

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Winners

Summer Finale Shootout

The Place
Jacksonville

Men's Open — Mark Morrison def. Mitt Layton. 3rd — Curtis Winter. A — Jay Wei-

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ner def. John Kopp. 3rd — Rito Rodriguez. B — Schoeneman def. Mike Distefano. 3rd — Robbie Matheny. C — Robert McCarthy def. J. Smith. 3rd — T. Eiland. D — Chapman def. F. Stanton. 3rd — Darrell Tucker. Novice — Parkes def. Davis. 3rd — Hodges. Juniors — Robbie Taylor def. Jeff Hager. 3rd — Weiner. 2+ — Ray Felice def. Steve Ruedlinger. 3rd — Bruce Davis. 35+ — Charlie Kramer def. Alan Miller. 3rd — Ron Clark. 45+ — Ed Vlock def. Al Winter. 3rd — C. Dennett. Open Doubles — Rodriguez/Randy Pfahler def. Morrison/Jim Hawkins. B Doubles — Malone/Morrow def. Chappel/Baldock. C Doubles — Sam Sprout Sr./Whiddon def. Faye/Thompson. Mixed Open — Morgan/Morrow, Clark/Gluva. Mixed B Doubles — Lite/Beard def. Brooks/Brooks. Women's Open — Cathy Gluva def. Claudia McCarthy. 3rd — Lynette Sprout. B — McCarthy def. Diane Steinhauer. 3rd — Kathy Piccione. C — Holly Ramsey def. Jan Martin. 3rd — Vickie Rolison. D — Schoeneman def. Calvina

Faye. 3rd — Chris Chandler. Novice — Kavanaugh def. Oddy. 3rd — Johnson. B Doubles — Crouch/McDaniel def. Harbison/Brooks. C Doubles — Hanes/Dyals def. Kearney/Arends. Juniors — Ramsey def. Kavanaugh. 3rd — Oddy. 2+ — Piccione def. Brooks. 3rd — Johnson. 35+ — Lite def. Crouch. 3rd — Ruth Zenk. Brevard County Championships
Harbour Pines Racquet Club
Melbourne

Open — Richard Hurt def. Mike Reynolds. 3rd — Bill Arnold. B — Tom Knight def. Mark Thomas. 3rd — Bill Paine. C — Glen Kumpitsch def. Doug Lego. 3rd — Andrew Ziegler. Novice — Robert Shelley def. Ralph Kusche. 3rd — Jim Morris. 19+ — Hurt def. Dave Peterson. 3rd — Mike Reynolds. 35+ — Ed Baines def. Jack Blaystone. 3rd — Barry Fullerton. 45+ — Herb Nathan def. Norm Rathbun. Women's B — Carol Cowen def. Gail Carson. 3rd — Diana Stoutpman. C — Coleen Seitter def. Angelea Flagg. 3rd — Pam Peters.

Novice — Mary Paine def. Melinda Nelson. 27+ — Carol Cowen def. Gail Carson. 13 & under — Bill Varley def. Steve Campbell. 14-17 — Danny DeClue def. Joe Canvet. Sarasota YMCA

Kiwanis Tourney

Men's Open — Charlie Nichols def. Joe Porta. A — Matt St. Lawrence def. David Brett-Williams. B — Paul Welch def. Paul Hatcher. Novice — Tim Rose def. Jason Waggoner. 30+ — Bob Riley def. Gene Owen. 40+ — Bob Riley def. Steve Xynidis. 50+ — Don Woodington def. Wes Burquest. Women's Open — Julie Ginsburg def. Barbara Simmons. B — Terri Ramey def. Terry Losano. C — Tina Blowers def. Tracy Fillmore. Novice — Amy Simonetta def. Carol Santangelo. 12 and under — Fuzzy Walden def. Tracy Fillmore. Open Doubles — Charlie Nichols/Mike Hodgkinson def. Pete Taunton/Paul Taunton. B Doubles — Scott Thompson/Marty Moore def. Matt St. Lawrence/Paul Welch. Mixed Doubles (Please turn to page 11)



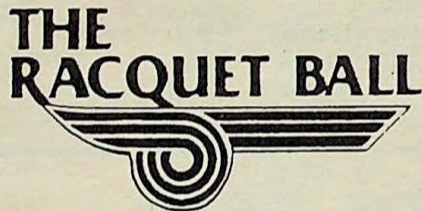
Grand Prix promotions
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Grand Prix

September 15 - 18
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at the



Divisions

Men: Open _____ Juniors: Boys 16 & under _____
 A _____ Girls 16 & under _____
 B _____
 C _____
 D _____
 Jr. Vet (27+) _____
 Senior (35+) _____
 Master (45+) _____
 Open Doubles _____ Partner _____
 B Doubles _____ Partner _____
 C Doubles _____ Partner _____

Women: Open _____
 B _____
 C _____
 D _____
 Jr. Vet (27+) _____
 Senior (35+) _____
 Master (45+) _____
 Open Doubles _____ Partner _____
 B Doubles _____ Partner _____
 C Doubles _____ Partner _____

Entry Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Shirt Size: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Amount Enclosed: _____
 I can play on Thursday _____
 Friday a.m. _____ Friday p.m. _____

Due to the large turnout expected, the tournament will begin Thursday for local entrants. Out-of-towners who can't play until late Friday must indicate that on the entry form. We'll try to accommodate your request.

Location: The Racquet ball
 5165 Adanson Street
 Orlando, Florida 32804
 (305) 645-3999

Entry Fee: \$25 First Event
 \$10 each additional event
 Juniors: \$15 First Event, \$8 each additional event

Entry Deadline: Friday, September 10, 1983, 12:00 noon

Souvenirs: Collared shirt

Awards:

Men's Open: First - \$1,500
 Second - \$800
 Third - \$250
 Fourth - \$200
 Fifth thru Eighth - \$100

* Women's Open: First - \$500
 Second - \$250
 Third - \$150
 Fourth - \$100
 Fifth thru Eighth - \$50

* Minimum draw of 16 required or purse will be adjusted accordingly.

Awards will be given for first three finishers in each division.

Hospitality: Food, beer, Pripps Plus all weekend.

Facilities: Eight courts, one exhibition court. Fully-equipped lockerroom. Nursery.

Date: September 15 - 18, 1983

Starting Times: Available September 13, 3:00 p.m.

Ball: Ektelon Speedflite

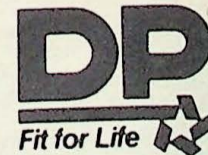
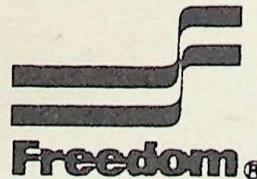
Rules: AARA sanctioned. Two out of three games to 15. 15-point tiebreakers. No consolation. If entered in three events, one must be doubles.

Tournament Directors: Steve Ruedlinger, Norm Blum, Chris Smith and Al Caballero.

Send entries to: The Racquet ball, 5165 Adanson Street, Orlando, FL 32804. Or call (305) 645-3999. (Phone entries with VISA or MasterCard only).

NEW CASH DIVISIONS

Junior Vets (27+)
 Open Doubles
 Junior Vet Doubles



"Official Energy Drink"

AARA Notes

AARA report card now a reality

Rate the tournament

By Norm Blum
Publisher

(Editor's note — The AARA has put together a tournament report card that will be placed at clubs which hold AARA sanctioned tournaments. The following categories are rated on a scale of one to five with one being poor and five considered excellent. The results will be used to help players become more aware of which facilities give them the most for their tournament dollar.)

Last month the Florida Racquet Journal helped promote a tournament at The Place, formerly the Jacksonville Racquetball Club. Here's a subjective look at the tournament using the AARA report card.

Balls: Practice balls available? New balls for matches? — There was a severe problem with breakage, but there were still plenty of practice balls available and new balls were used for all matches. RATING: 5.

Facility: Air conditioning adequate? Good lighting? Good viewing? — More than 200 people entered the tournament and the club was comfortable all weekend. Viewing was available upstairs, but there

was no seating at the main glass court except for the carpeted floor. Seats should have been provided. RATING: 4.

Towels and lockers: Adequate locker space? Towels available upon deposit? — The club does not supply locks, and towels were available for a reasonable deposit. There were plenty of lockers and the space was more than adequate. An attendant in the lockerroom made sure everything was clean. RATING: 5.

Hospitality: As advertised? Free beer at some point? Food, quantity and quality? Adequate Pripps Pluss, Gatorade, etc? — The hospitality was excellent. There was fruit all weekend and Godfather's Pizza for lunch, which was served between noon and two, enabling all the players to eat. A nice dinner was served highlighted by a dessert bake-off contest which attracted more than 30 entries. There was plenty to eat for all the players. There were also three kegs of beer and Pripps Pluss. RATING: 5.

Tournament shirts and souvenirs: Worth the money (as part of a total tournament package)? — The wind-breaker jackets were of high quality. Unfortunately, the supplier sent too

many larges and not enough mediums. RATING: 4.

Trophies: Size and type of award. — Gold, silver and bronze medallions with a red, white and blue neck drape were given to the first, second and third place finishers. Some people thought the idea of medallions was brilliant. Others would have preferred trophies. This is one of the toughest areas in which to please winners. RATING: 3.

Promises on entry blanks: — The tournament lived up to its promises on the application. RATING: 5.

Tournament directors: High level of organization? Seedings reasonable? Refereeing procedures? — Al Winter, a veteran tournament director, was organized and seeded the divisions fairly. Losers refereed. RATING: 5.

Scheduling: Matches on time? Match times reasonable considering total turnout? Definitely the major weakness of this tournament. One hour was allotted for each of the matches and the tournament ran two hours behind on Saturday. Because sandbagging was nearly eliminated, most of the matches lasted longer than usual. The players requested 15-point games in future tournaments. RATING: 2.

Sandbagging: Was sandbagging allowed? Were lots of players in more than one skill division? — The creation of the D division and having an A division along with an Open division, resulted in less sandbagging than usual. RATING: 5.

Overall assessment: The tournament rated a 3.8 on a scale of 1 to 5. If the matches had been on time, this would have been an excellent tournament. The tournament directors will learn from their mistakes and make the next tournament a perfect 5. The next tournament at The Place is November 11-13. You be the judge and send your questionnaire to the AARA.



The Body Center \$10,000 Racquetball Classic

AARA Sanctioned

Site: The BodyCenter — 5065 NE 13th Avenue.

Date: October 7-8-9. Play begins Friday 3 p.m. Starting times available after 12 Noon on Wednesday, October 5.

Games: Three out five to 11.

Ball:

Souvenirs: Two shirts & prizes.

Hospitality: Luau-includes roast pig & world famous Maikow Dance Show.

Entry Fee: \$25 plus \$3 referee fee refunded to you after you referee. \$15 2nd event plus \$3 additional referee fee.

Directors: Joe Icaza, Frank Johnson, Jeff Leon

Accommodations: Howard Johnson's & Holiday Inn.

Entry Deadline: September 30.

Events

Men's Open — \$500 1st
\$250 — 2nd
\$100 — 3rd
A — \$200 1st
\$150 2nd
\$100 3rd
B — \$150 1st
\$100 2nd
\$50 3rd
C — \$100 1st
\$75 2nd
\$50 3rd

Novice — \$100 1st
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30+ — \$200 1st
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Novice — \$100 1st
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30+ — \$200 1st
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Juniors (Boys and girls)
16 and under. 12 and under. Substantial Prizes.
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Letters

Well Done

Sir:
 I have just finished reading your July 1983 edition of the Florida Racquet Journal and I would like to congratulate you on a job well done.

Having the responsibility of putting out our own tabloid, I know the problem of generating meaningful editorials. I feel that your column, "Passing Shots," is one of the best editorials in the business.

Recently, Publication Management Incorporated (National Racquetball) acquired the publishing rights to "Racquetball In Review" and I feel with their input and control that "Racquetball In Review" will finally become the publication it should be.

Luke St. Onge
 Executive Director
 AARA

Give us credit

Sir:
 Just a note, Norm, to express my irritation that you would extract a verbatim quote from National Racquetball Magazine without giving us the proper credit. I refer to your quote from Ken Konkol in relation to the use of heat on gloves which appeared in the July issue of National Racquetball, page 2. While we are flattered that you think enough of our publication to quote it from time to time, we believe that the public should know that the original quote appeared in National Racquetball Magazine.

Other than that, I thought your August issue looked good. I'm pleased to see your advertising has picked up.

Chuck Leve
 Associate Publisher/Editor
 National Racquetball

Editor's Note: Ken Konkol's statement originally appeared in National Racquetball and credit should have been given.

Fine coverage, but...

Sir:
 I was pleased to see in your latest issue of the Florida Racquet Journal coverage of the Sunshine Games Championship and results of the qualifying rounds, along with the interesting notes on Sergio Gonzalez. However, there was one set of results which were inadvertently left out.

The following list provides the results of the women's 30+ doubles championship in the Sunshine Games, so that you might include it in your upcoming issue. 1st — Susan Miller/Jacqueline Mitchell. 2nd — Howart/McDowell. 3rd — Lewis/Hodges.

Thank you for the continued fine coverage of the sport in this state, and for your time and interest in seeing that these ladies receive credit in print for their accomplishments.

Dr. Bob Miller
 Miami

Amateurism

Sir:
 I read with great interest your August column "Passing Shots" — especially the paragraph on amateurism. You made the statement that the A.A.R.A. rule concerning players accepting money from pro-sanctioned events does not make sense. If you had taken the time to call either Van or myself, we would have been able to shed light on why the rule does make sense when presented in the total proper context of amateur sports, not only in the U.S. but also internationally.

Under International rules (I.A.R.F.), as well as those of the A.A.R.A., a professional is any person accepting money from a pro-sanctioned event. Recognizing the hardships and possible problems this may present, the I.A.R.F. and the A.A.R.A. have extended to every athlete the means of accepting money in these events for expenses and still maintain their eligibility. Anyone winning money in a pro-sanctioned event can maintain their eligibility by signing over their winnings to a 501-C-3 tax exempt corporation such as the A.A.R.A., Y.M.C.A., J.C.C., etc. The athlete may then invoice the corporation for his expenses. Let's be honest about it: except for a minor few, the ability for someone to earn a living playing pro racquetball just does not exist. The I.A.R.F. and the A.A.R.A. have worked hard to make it possible for these athletes to remain competitive in the racquetball world but they must follow the rules. These rules are simple and fair to all. The same rules apply in many amateur organizations — notably the Athletic Congress which has supreme authority over track and field. We hope that at the 1984 World Congress of the International Olympic Committee that more clarification will be made concerning the eligibility rule of amateur athletes.

Luke St. Onge
 Executive Director
 A.A.R.A.

Grand Prix September 15-18

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THE RACQUET BALL

Sideout

By Linda Mojer
Special to the Journal

When the purpose of the newly organized Sun State Racquetball Association was made public, it seemed almost too good to be true. To have a single, consistent source of well-run tournaments through the use of a computer to rank players and eliminate sandbagging, plus the assurance of big-name sponsors to support these events, appeared to be just what the Florida racquetball players needed. But the really solid "kicker" was the money guaranteed by the tournament directors.

A tournament entry form for the Grand Prix tournament to be held at The Racquet Ball next month offers all the needed information to the players including non-negotiable entry fees of \$25/first event and \$10/second event. Since the tournament assures substantial cash awards, the fees go without question. My question is — Why, exactly, do the women open players have to compete for one third the prize money?

But, I've had this question answered before. I've heard all the male racquetball players' rationale for this procedure, plus the hard-line economic reasons for the advancement of men in this sport, plus had my head patted and told not to worry about such things and play for fun. I'm not an open player, but my entry fees obviously go toward the \$1,500 prize that goes to the winner of the men's open than it does toward the \$500 (if there is a minimum of entrants) that will be awarded to one of the top women players in the state. Why, then, should I support the Sun State Racquetball Association, or any of its sponsors, in continuing an outdated procedure — despite the application of modern techniques?

I don't want anyone to get less than they deserve. I respect and appreciate the abilities of all the open players in Florida, both men and women. I will watch in awe the finals of the open divisions and note differences in style, but not in effort, between the sexes. Since it is this effort that is being judged I do not feel that any difference can justify the blatant inequality of the prize monies awarded.

If I didn't have a suggestion, I wouldn't be arguing such a well-established practice. A truly innovative money tournament could easily be arranged whereby a minimum (say \$500) prize for first place would be assured in the entry brochure PLUS an additional amount of prize money to be determined after the draw is completed that would reflect that participation. The concept of providing additional cash to the women's open division award by merely entering these tournaments would encourage more women to compete as well. By this system, the rationale behind a larger prize amount for the men would be directly supported by the majority of the players while the BASIS for competition would at least start on equal footing.

I congratulate the Sun State Racquetball Association for its apparent success in arranging tournaments throughout the state. I can only hope that its continued success will hinge on Florida players' support of its fundamental good cause, and that the directors of the organization will, in turn, support all the players that participate in equal fashion.

EDITOR'S NOTE — The prize money is from sponsors, not entry fees as the author incorrectly assumed.

Grand Prix Promotions will consider Ms. Mojer's suggestions in the future.

Grand Prix

(Continued from page 1)

"You're only a pro when you accept money from a sanctioned pro event and this does not fall into that category," Dubolsky said.

The Grand Prix will also have benefits for players not competing for money. A state-wide ranking system will be initiated and help eliminate the sandbagging problem that has hurt most tournaments.

Tournament players will be assured first-class hospitality.

"Players will receive an Ektelon collared shirt, headbands and wristbands and excellent hospitality," Ruedlinger said.

Players will be required to pay \$5 to join the Sun State Racquetball Association and they'll receive an official Sun State Racquetball Association t-shirt with the AMF Head logo.

Racquet Powers team up

Marty Hogan, racquetball's all-time money winner and only five-time national champion, will team up with Pro Kennex, the world leader in racquet technology, to create its new racquetball division.

Named "Hogan Racquetball," the division will initially manufacture two high-technology racquets using the same advanced construction techniques and innovation that Pro Kennex has utilized with graphite and graphite-composite materials in the production of tennis, squash and badminton racquets. Specifications for the design and construction of both models will be personally overseen by Hogan, as he expands his involvement in the sport beyond a basic product endorsement and into the daily business of racquetball equipment manufacturing and marketing.

"I feel a tremendous responsibility to racquetball and to those many people who became interested in the sport as a direct result of my success and involvement," Hogan says. "By becoming personally active in the creation of equipment that will improve a player's game at any level, I have a chance to put something back into racquetball, which has been very good to me."

A native of St. Louis, Hogan learned the game at the age of eight from his mother, an instructor at the St. Louis Jewish Community Center. Now 25 and racquetball's only millionaire, Hogan singlehandedly

transformed the game from one of control and finesse to one of power and domination with his aggressive style of play. During one sequence of tournaments from 1978-1981, Hogan was in the finals of 62 consecutive events, winning 56. Currently the No. 2-ranked player on the men's pro racquetball circuit, Hogan will begin his own national tour in October to showcase his racquets.

To enter the first tournament, players may call their entry in by calling The Racquet Ball at (305) 645-3999.

In addition to the tournament, the Florida Racquet Journal and The Racquet Ball is sponsoring a Rich Wagner Clinic. On September 15 from 9 to 11 a.m., Wagner will give a beginner's clinic for \$20 per person. From noon to 2, he'll offer some tips to intermediate and advanced players. Admission to both clinics is \$35.

Wagner, 27, has been ranked among the top 10 players the last several years and defeated Marty Hogan in the semifinals of the Ektelon championship. He'll be playing in the first Grand Prix and will be favored, along with Miami's Sergio Gonzalez to take the \$1,500 first-place prize.

The Florida Racquet Journal is trying to arrange to have a tour in the Sunshine State. Consisting of 40 stops from coast-to-coast, the Hogan Tour will additionally feature top regional players competing and giving instructional clinics.

Hogan's superior knowledge of racquetball dynamics will complement the Pro Kennex reputation for innovation in racquet manufacturing.

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No man's land is a place to avoid

By Mike Yellen

(Editor's Note: Mike Yellen recently won the 1983 National Championships by winning three tournaments in a row, including two national finals. He is a valued member of the Ektelon Pro Advisory Staff.)

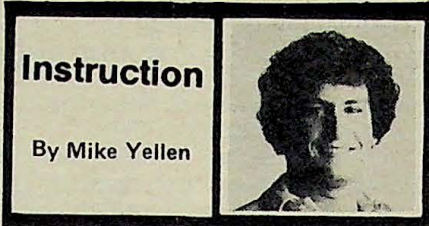
Just as on any battlefield, there are parts of a racquetball court which can become no man's land once the shooting starts. This area seldom stays the same from rally to rally because its location is dependent on the shifting positions of you, your opponent and the ball. But, one thing always stays the same: no man's land is a place you never want to be.

Because no man's land is always changing, it is difficult to generalize about it. However, we can look at a couple of common specific situations which may yield some generalities.

A good place to start is where everything starts: with the serve. Once again, no man's land's location depends on where the ball goes.

But there's only two acceptable places to serve the ball: in either rear corner. Any serve down the middle will be a virtual set-up for any opponent who is half awake.

Assuming for the sake of simplicity that both you and your opponent are right-handed, you will want to hit most of your serves into the left rear corner; that is, to your opponent's backhand. In this situation, no man's land becomes a semicircular



Instruction

By Mike Yellen

area whose axis extends out six or seven feet from the left side wall.

If you move into this area following the serve, you will be cutting off your opponent's angle for a down-the-line pass. Nothing wrong with that except that you also will be leaving wide open the much less difficult crosscourt pass.

Should you move over to within six or seven feet from the right side wall, you will be in position to take a crosscourt pass off the front wall as well as pinches or roll-corner kills which don't stay down. Unfortunately, you will then be giving your opponent too much room to negotiate that more difficult down-the-line pass, so a semicircle here similar to the other becomes a secondary no man's land.

It is better to assume a position somewhere in between these two semicircles, preferably a step or two behind the short line and in the path that the ball would have to travel for your opponent's crosscourt pass, that is, slightly to the left of center court.

Give your opponent that down-

the-line shot. It is difficult to execute and you will be close enough to cover it but not too far from the right side of the court should he be able to get off a crosscourt pass.

Forget about trying to cover the pinch or kill on the left side. Many inexperienced players will remain in the server's box to cover these shots (or, perhaps, because they can't get out of the box fast enough, particularly on a hard drive serve).

If the ball is hit the way it should be, there is nothing you can do about it. If not, it probably will rebound into the center of the court close enough for you to dig it out.

Likewise, don't worry about hanging back to cover the ceiling return. You will have plenty of time to get back there if need be.

If you serve to your opponent's forehand, all of the above applies on the opposite side of the court and, instead of slightly left of center, your ideal position after the serve becomes slightly to the right of center.

Many people prefer to serve from a point close to this position so as to jump in it quickly after the serve. If you do that, though, your opponent will eventually be able to "read" which side you are going to serve to.

You must learn to serve from all over the server's box and to move quickly to your after-service position. You are most likely to get pinned in a no man's land on the z-serve which many people tend to

serve from a spot closer to the wall. You'll just have to hustle to get where you want to be.

If you are receiving the serve, the discussion becomes much simpler. The only place to await service is in the middle of the court about an arm's length from the back wall. If you lean to one side, your opponent will simply serve the ball to the other, a difficult shot to retrieve.

During the rally, no man's land once again become a function of the relative positions of the players and the ball. The same rule about hitting the ball down the middle applies here: don't do it. If you do, recognize that you have made a mistake and will have to pay a price.

Likewise, there is an area which extends from about five feet behind the short line forward and from side wall to side wall in which you don't want your opponent shooting. If he and the ball are there at the same time, recognize again that you will have to pay for it.

There is almost no good place for you to go in that situation since, where you stand, he will hit the ball somewhere else. However, there are some places which are worse than others. The rear corners, for instance, are very definitely off limits if your opponent is in front of you.

Try to stay "inside" your opponent's swing; that is, between him and the middle axis of the court whether you are in front or behind him.

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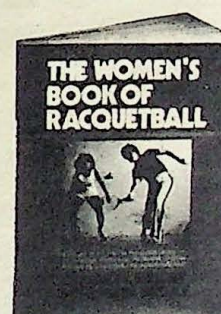
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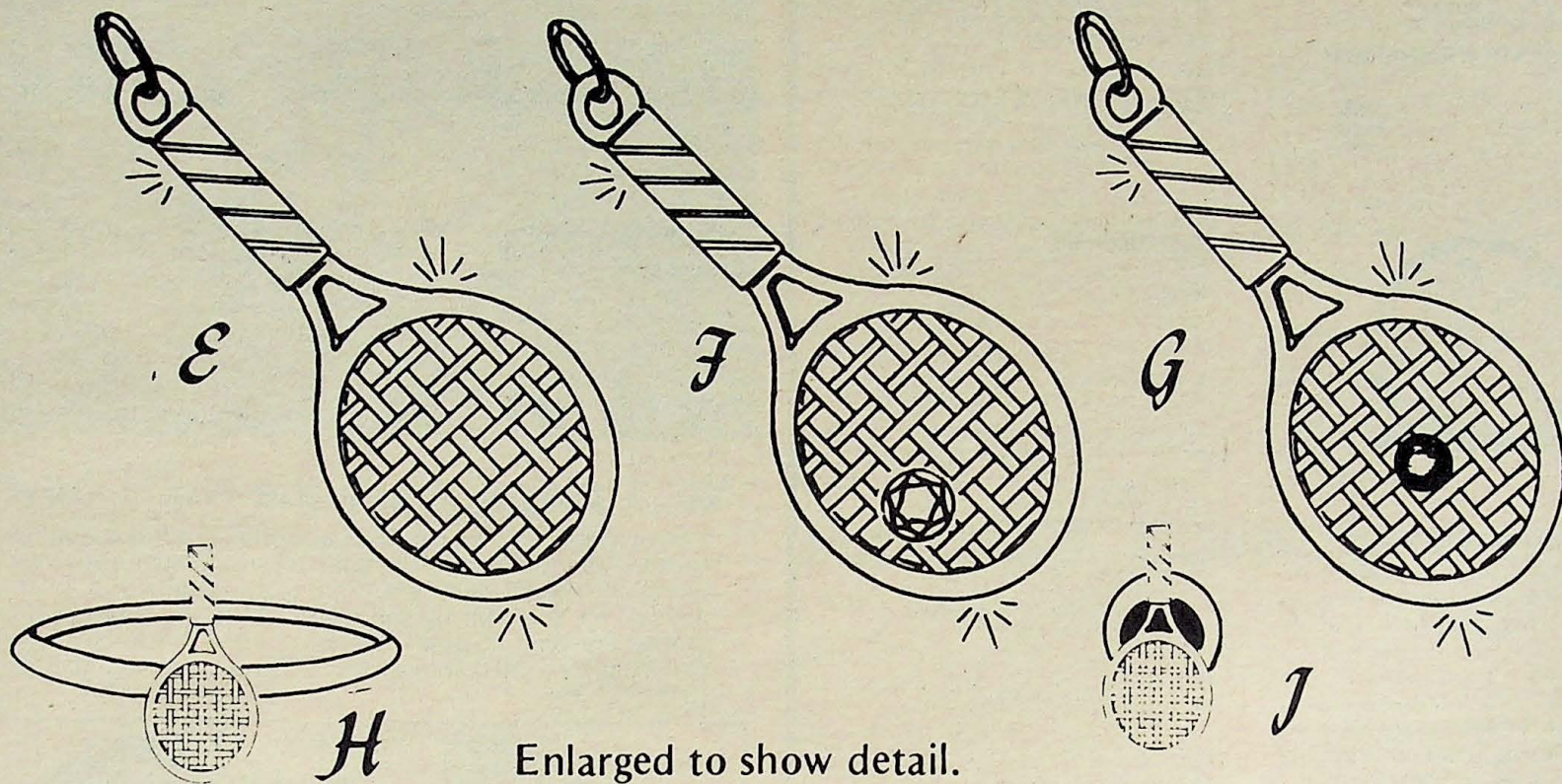
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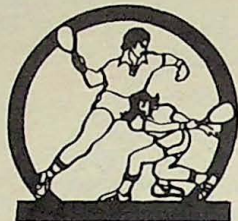
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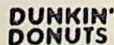
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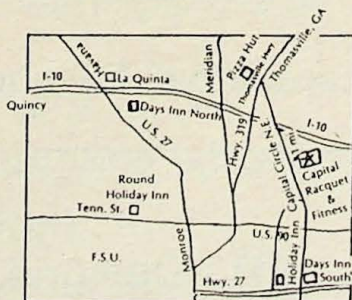
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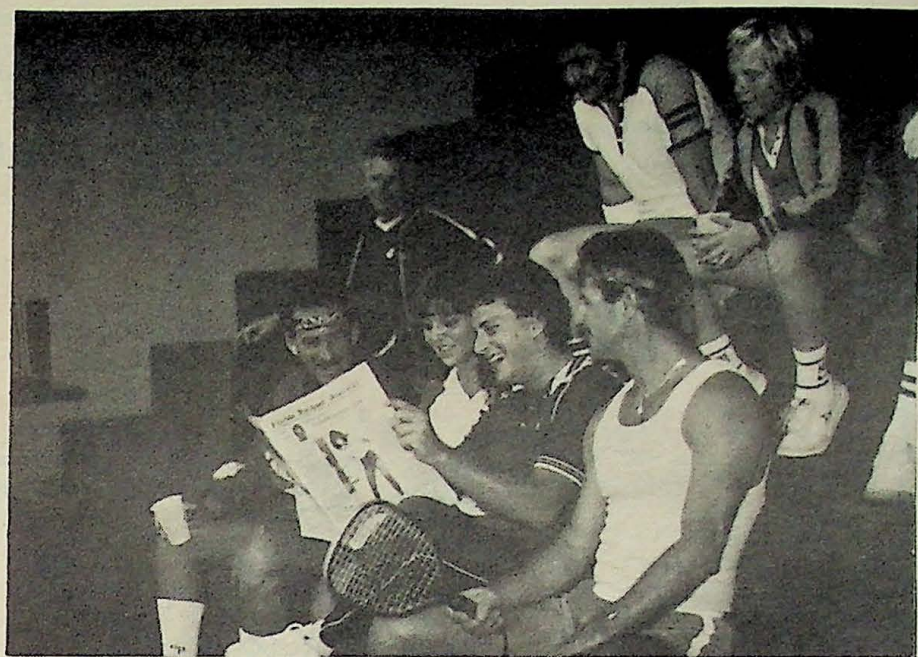
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Yellen

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went to a tiebreaker and with Yellen ahead 9-6, the fire marshal ordered the match stopped to make room in the aisles.

"It was a good 10- to 15-minute delay and I was upset. We were fighting like dogs for two hours and 45 minutes and I had the momentum when the action stopped," Yellen recalled.

Yellen went on to win the tiebreaker 11-7 and with it came the billing as racquetball's No. 1-ranked player.

"I'm glad I beat Marty for the title rather than sneaking into it. I'm proud of beating him four out of five times. Marty has been the No. 1 player the last six to seven years and he supposedly trained harder for the DP Leach Nationals. He played great, but my game was at a higher level. Marty also had a stronger season this year than last year. Last year he had two quarter final losses and this year he didn't lose before the semifinals."

Yellen realizes Hogan is a household name in racquetball and hopes his grand slam accomplishment will place him in similar light. "What Marty has accomplished is unreal and I think the competition is too

tight for anyone to dominate. I particularly enjoy playing him because he's the best player in the world. I hope to get some recognition. I have been on the cover of two racquetball magazines, so I'm getting a step closer to getting the recognition. This is the first time Ektelon has an undisputed No. 1 ranked player."

The No. 1 ranking has resulted in more promotional appearances and Yellen hopes to give more weekend camps like the one he gave at Miami Lakes with touring pro Diane Bullard.

"Some of your best players are not your best teachers. That's a generalization and I believe it depends on how you were brought up. I started from step one, learning the swing. I learned through the fundamentals while others have grown up in the Hogan era and saw him roll out the ball. All those players do is hit the ball hard and low. I attended (Steve) Strandemo's camp when I was a kid and I've learned to analyze the game and figure out what's working for me. When I teach, this is what I try to convey."

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Players interested in attending future weekend camps should write the Journal at P.O. Box 11657, Jacksonville, FL 32239.

Passing Shots

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WRONG MOVE — Ektelon Eastern sales manager Gil Vierra seethed while watching Ektelon-sponsored Freddie Calabrese take on No. 1-ranked Mike Yellen in an exhibition at the Miami Lakes Athletic Club. Calabrese started the match wearing a striped shirt and a pair of Ektelon shorts, which didn't thrill Vierra but didn't anger him either. Between games was when Vierra's blood pressure rose. Calabrese put on an AMF Voit shirt while the photographers were snapping away. Vierra didn't say anything, leaving the chewing out to the South Florida rep. . . Ektelon, by the way, is becoming aggressive in the Florida market and is hoping to sponsor the state's top players. . . Dave Peck, who underwent surgery after suffering a fluke thigh injury in the nationals, is working out at the Nautilus headquarters in Deland and is determined to regain his No. 1 ranking. . . The men's pro tour is up in the air. Except for a Labor Day tournament in Michigan, there is no firm schedule for the male pros, although negotiations between manufacturers and potential sponsors could result in an announcement shortly. The manufacturers want to act slowly and do things right instead of having another Catalina situation which closed the tour to 12 selected players and eliminated any incentive for up-and-coming players to continue training. . . The Grand Prix received permission from the AARA to have its open division non-sanctioned, thus enabling anyone to compete for the prize money. Cali-

fornia's Rich Wagner, who beat Marty Hogan in the Ektelon championship, will make the trek. However, Miami's Sergio Gonzalez is our pick. He's been training hard and is ready for anyone. . . Sweat bands are out, says Miami doctor Neil Karlin who sports a nifty bandana.

HOGAN TO FLORIDA? — The Florida Racquet Journal is trying to work out a promotion which will bring Marty Hogan and his new Hogan Racquet into Florida. . . Omega 40 is having an innovative tournament at the end of this month. The Big 3 Fall Classic will feature competition in racquetball, handball and wallyball.

WAGNER CLINIC SET — The Florida Racquet Journal and The Racquet Ball present Rich Wagner, ranked by Racquetball Illustrated as in the all-time Top 10, in a clinic on September 15. For \$20 you can attend a beginner's clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. or an intermediate and advanced class from noon to 2. Both sessions are available for \$35. To sign up, call The Racquet Ball at (305) 645-3999.

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Winners

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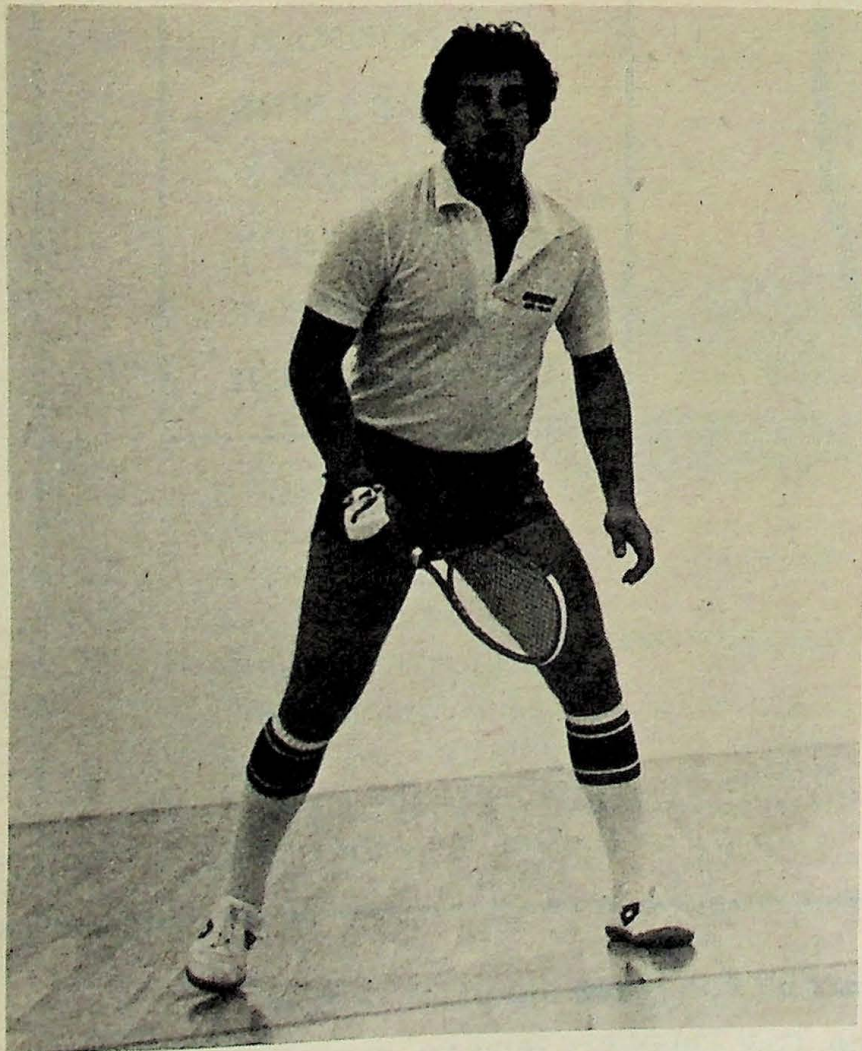
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Men's Open — Tim Hansen def. Steve Chapman. 3rd — Dan Shortley. Open Doubles — Hansen/Mark Kazen def. Shortley/Dan Turk. 3rd — Robbie Binnix/Joe DiDinato. 30+ — Jeff Leon def. Steve Chapman. 3rd — Jim Watson. B — Binnix def. DiDinato. 3rd — Mary Holroyd. C — Ray Bedsaul def. John Ornsby. 3rd — Steve McConnaughay. Novice — Rick Soluri def. John Nantle. 3rd — Mike Purdy. Women's Open — Mary Holroyd def. Sue Hunt. 3rd — Linda Kuchenreuther. 30+ — Nancy Lynch def. Mary Whitworth. 3rd — Irene Dumas. B — Cheryl Atherly def. Barbara Maxwell. 3rd — Cindy Wilkie. C — Darlene Hodge def. Linda Sinclair. 3rd —

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Men's Open — Ralph Worthington def. Greg Cox. 3rd — David Schwartz. B — Dale Gordon def. Bill Hogue. 3rd — Russ Deegan. C — Henry Gluckstern def. Larry Ragen. 3rd — Tony Blankenship. Novice — Mike Smith def. Richard Bendever. Open Doubles — Dundee/O'dell def. Gordon/Gibson. Juniors — Mike Smith def. Danny Massey. 3rd — Lenny Panarella. Mixed Doubles — Kaufman/Rainey def. Whitaker/Gibson. 3rd — Crouse/Strausbaugh. Women's C — Sue Burn def. Thiea Theagargarao. 3rd — Kim See. Novice — Elaine Conetta def. Pat Richmond. 3rd — Barb Parantitis. Beginners — Debbie Herman def. Chris Gallegos. 3rd — Brenda Houghton. 35+ — Bill Hogue def. Russ Deegan. 3rd — Don Fisher.



Mike Yellen

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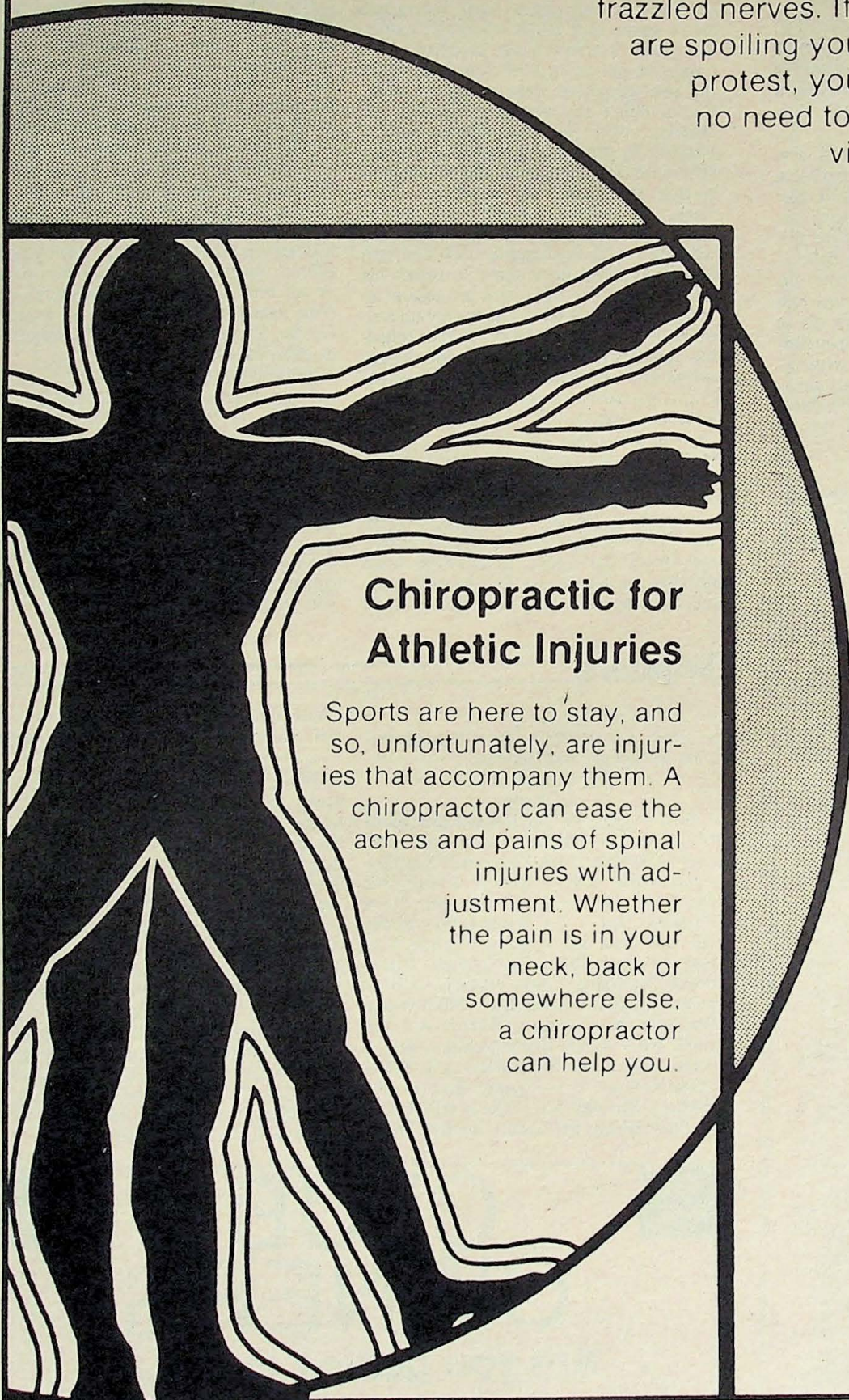
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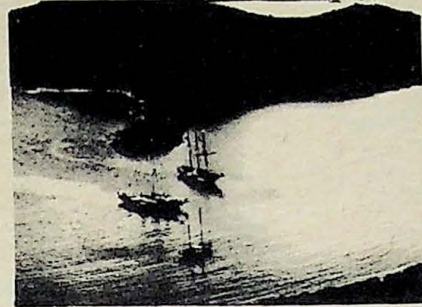
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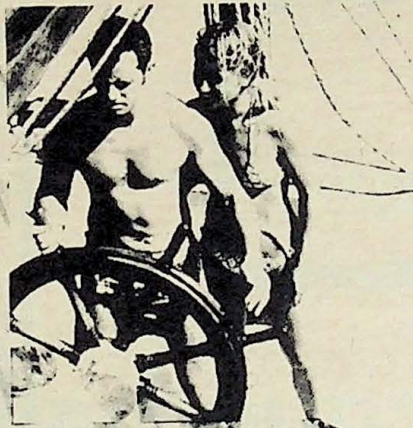
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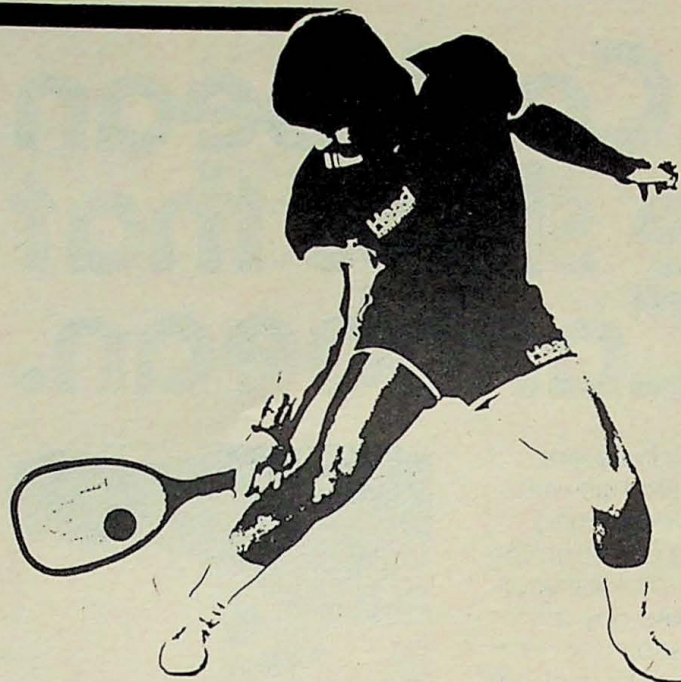


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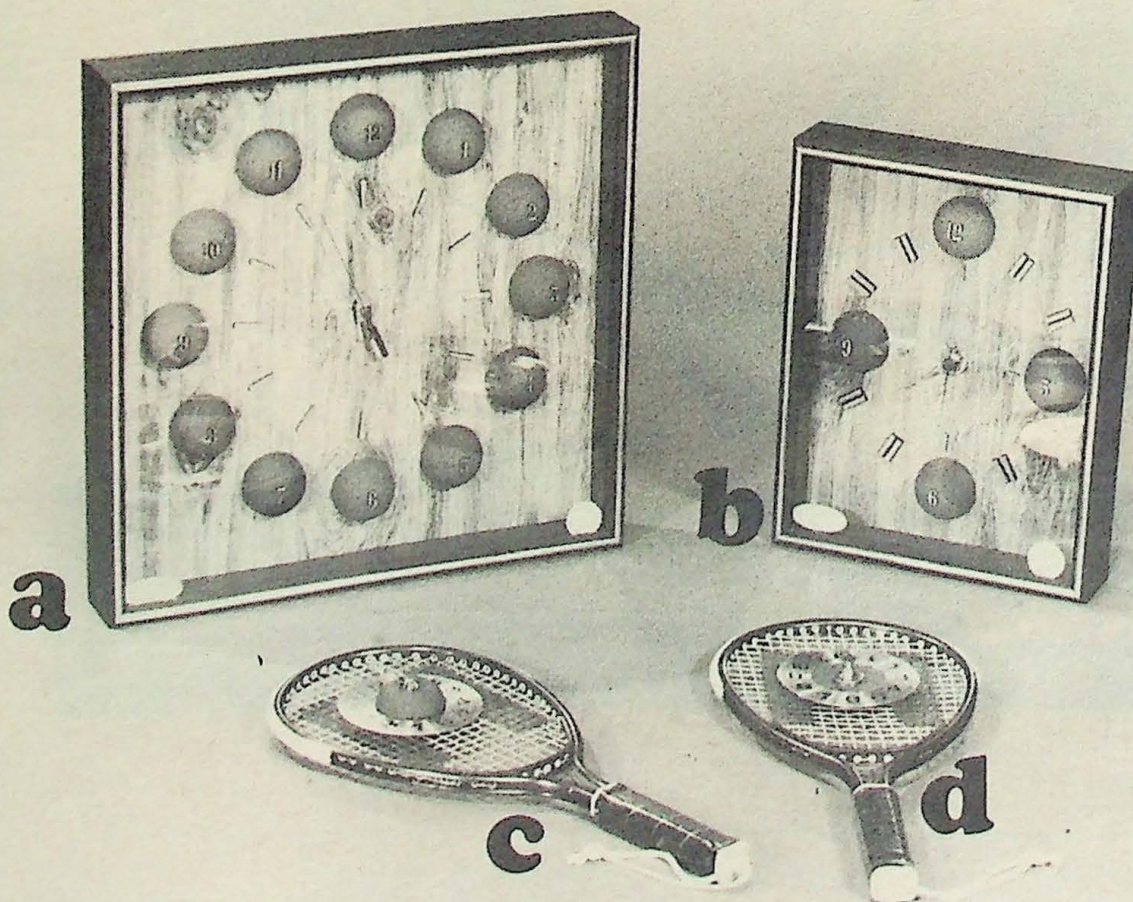
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mature Taureans realize life is half work and half play. Try to keep a hold on your temper all month after skipping a ball or losing a close game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Recent problems or disappointments could

have you deep in thought and you'll find it's a problem concentrating on the court. You'll be in that mood from the 1st to the 23rd, so be prepared to accept lapses on the court.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Save your money and don't buy that graphite racquet until after the 24th of the month. Around that day you'll have money to blow and the person who runs the pro shop will welcome you with open arms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be travelling a bit more than usual this month. Be sure to bring your equipment. It's easier to find a game on the road than you think it is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Prepare to play the best racquetball of your life. Thanks to Mercury retrograde, your true talents will begin to surface.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): If you're travelling, it's time to come home. Renew your old friendships at the club and try not to go on the road as much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Patience may be needed until the middle of the month. You have a lot on your mind and its affecting your game. By the 15th you'll be relaxed and hitting the ball with the old vigor you possessed when things were less hectic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): If anything, your ambitions increase. You want to move up on the ladder and improve your play in league matches. You'll have to practice more than usual to achieve this goal.

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- September 22-24 — The Olympiad — Boca Raton
- September 30, October 1-2 — Omega 40 — Ormond Beach
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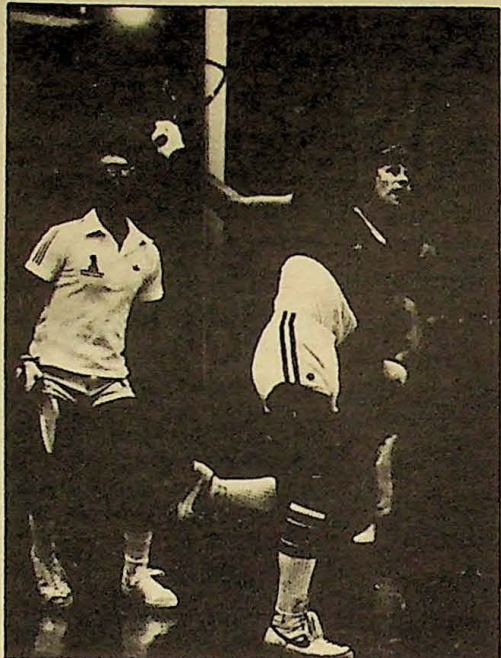
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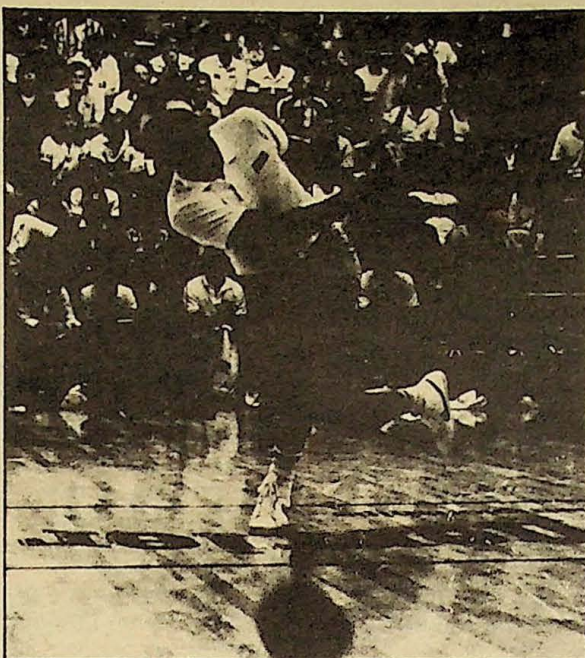
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