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LETTERS

• Recently I had the opportunity to spend a week at Steve Strandemo's racquetball camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. It was truly a rewarding experience, not only in terms of my racquetball game, but also as far as my respect for the "pros" of the sport.

Steve himself is indeed a pro, both at playing the game and at conveying the teachings of how to play the game. He was patient and understanding with each of the class members. He was easy to listen to because of his ability to communicate and his great enthusiasm for the game. Steve has the ability to see the good things that we did and also to press us for them. This made us more receptive to the instructional suggestions he made so as to improve in our weaker areas.

There were other instructors who assisted Steve and provided additional instruction to us so that more hours of each day were used in developing our own personal skills. Those two instructors were Bobby Adam and Janell Marriott and they did a great job.

Individual and group demonstrations by the instructors helped us to be continuously aware of the need to improve our form as well as to develop the strategy aspect of the game.

The camp was held at the Storm Meadows Athletic Club in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. These facilities lent themselves to making a person feel at home. They provided condominium living at its finest in an atmosphere of great beauty.

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Charles M. Prince
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• The pro draw in the recent Town and Country Racquet Club sponsored tournament at St. Louis was a travesty. Some of the inconsistencies were as follows:

1) The eighth seed player somehow ended up in the 14th seed position.

2) A top, but untested junior player was seeded number 8.

3) The 11th ranked all-time money winner in pro racquetball was seeded 19th (!) in a tournament where several of the top players didn't play.

4) The draw was changed three times.

It was obvious to the pro-players with whom I talked that the draw was not a true draw, but a placed one. I know it is old cry, but there is a need for a better way of seeding.

This should be easier for the pros because they are all well known. For a tournament of this importance, the National Executive Director should have been consulted about the draw. This was not the case, although the IRA rules state that this should be done for all major IRA tournaments.

These negative comments (or positive criticisms) should not reflect on the Town and Country racquet club. They asked for help, but were put in contact with someone other than the IRA's executive director. Thus the problem developed.

When a draw such as the one at St. Louis is made, it is a slap in the face to all players who have worked hard to gain a reputation. They deserve better.

I would like to see a procedure established on how to seed—not only the professionals—but, all major tournaments.

Bill Dunn
Union City, Ca.

• Madison, Wisconsin, is such a hotbed of racquetball that it is a shame we don't get off the courts long enough to tell the world what we are doing. I have sent a story on our newly formed inter-city team competition, and should have reported on the two or three unusual tournaments we have held—such as the "Crazy Mixed-up Doubles," in which team names were drawn from a hat.

In that one Jim Lucht's wife was awarded a suitable trophy consisting of a football helmet with a rear view mirror after her husband who was on the opposing team waffled her with his racquet.

Teresa Gnewuch,
Oregon, Wisconsin

• Eye and head injuries have become alarmingly frequent in the handball and racquetball sports. Recent information released shows a dramatic increase in eye injuries sustained while playing tennis. In my opinion, this danger exists in handball and all racquet sports. The danger exists not only from the ball itself but also from the racquet and the hand and arm. The confined area of play and the speed of the ball make these sports particularly hazardous in racquetball.

I recently sustained a serious eye injury while playing racquetball. The functional vision in the injured eye was almost lost completely. Fortunately, the eye now has only minor permanent disability. However, the injury did result in considerable pain and a loss of working time due to a four day stay in the hospital. All of this could have been avoided if safety eye ware had been used.

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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

I strongly recommend that your clubs and all organizations offering facilities for handball, racquetball, squash and tennis adopt a policy of suggesting the use of, or better yet, making it mandatory to wear some type of adequate eye safety ware for the protection of the individual.

Dr. Robert H. Kivla
Optometrist

• The IRA again showed itself off well in conducting a finely run international tournament (at Chattanooga), and it was a pleasure to participate. It is always a pleasure to be involved with people who have the promotion of the game solely at heart.

Here are some observations picked up during the tourney. Garfinkel was asked, "How will you explain to the folks back in Buffalo that you only scored one point in the last game with Roderick?" His

reply: "No problem . . . I'm not going home."

Somebody asked Ron Starkman, "What have you been doing lately?" His reply: "Watching my weight . . . go up!"

In my opinion the senior open division at the Internationals was the strongest overall field ever assembled at any one tournament. It is a division that will become stronger every year as more players enter the game and become proficient.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen
San Diego, California

• The IRA coverage of Don and Carolyn's new court club in Memphis was a great job. We really enjoyed the article.

In the final paragraph of your coverage

you mentioned our banker, Donald E. Russell, President of the Bank of Germantown. We told him that we had wanted a comment from him about his initial reactions to handling the financing for construction, but had not been able to reach him when supplying the magazine information.

It may be too late for the story, but I want to pass along what he said: "My first reaction to a racquetball club was negative, but after considerable research and after visiting several other clubs in other parts of the country, I was convinced that it was not only a sound loan for our bank, but a good investment in the lives of people to help promote good health and physical fitness."

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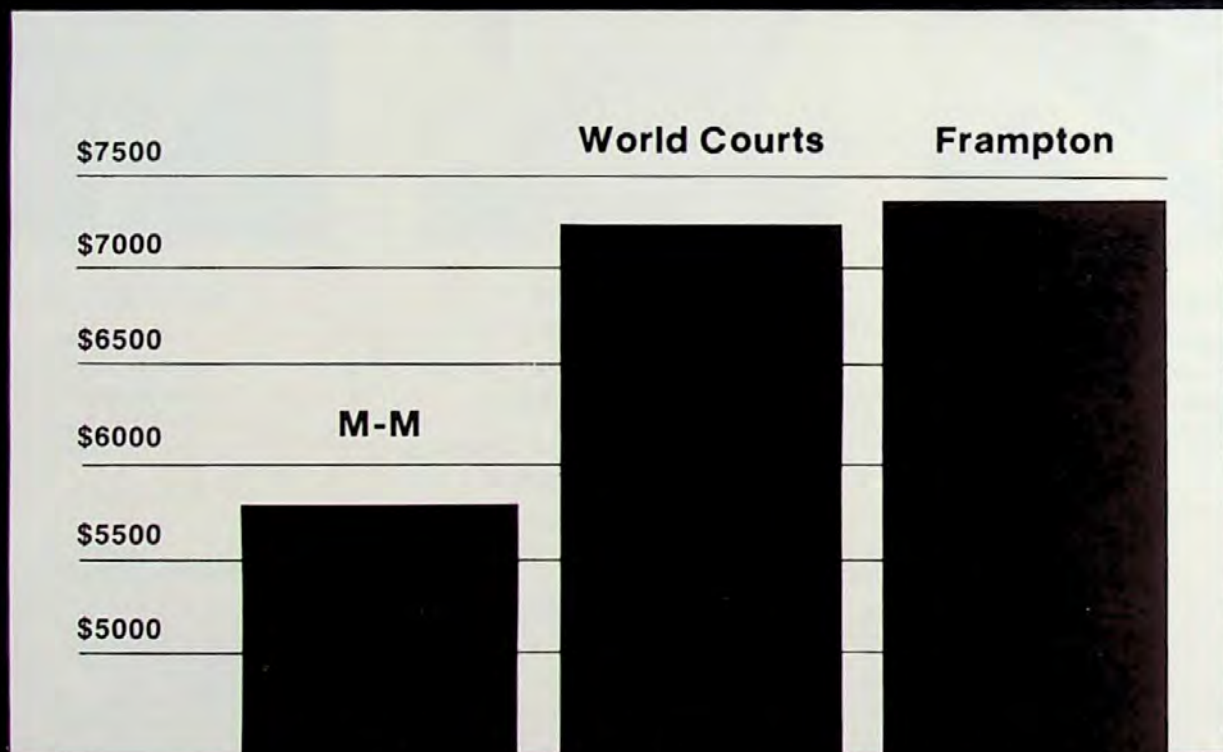
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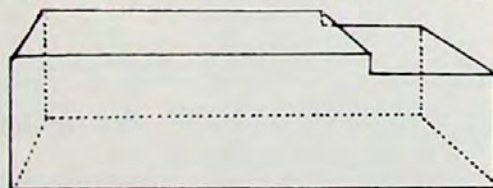
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Dear Members:

I am very pleased with the progress our programs have made. I have just returned from St. Louis and the first stop of the 1976-77 Pro-Tour. Hosted at the beautiful Town & Country Racquet Club by Luigi Tucci, we saw exciting racquetball for four great days. Soon there will be other stops in Memphis, Tucson, Detroit and Chicago.

We have been busy talking with NBC Network about syndicating a series for racquetball and have had a very favorable response. We are discussing plans now for Saturday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., similar to the golf programs. Arrangements are being made to film the Tanner Pro-Am for our first syndication. We hope to acquire sponsorship from our manufacturers and national clients for our syndication because it is such a natural for them.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you that Holiday Inns has signed a contract to be our host motel and hotel for all our amateur and pro events. I feel the introduction of a sponsor outside the circle of manufacturers is a major breakthrough for racquetball, and our organization is leading the way. I feel we are indeed fortunate to have made this arrangement with Holiday Inns and look forward with great anticipation to the wonderful things this will bring to our Association.

I will continue to work diligently on the goals I have set for us this year. We need for all the staff chairmen to work closely with National Headquarters so we are doing everything possible to make the IRA an association for the members.

Remember, we must go ahead with enthusiasm and there will be no limit to what we can accomplish together.



Sincerely,

William B. Tanner
President

Three new IRA Directors

Murphy

Cal Murphy, 57-year-old San Diego insurance company executive, was elected to the IRA board of directors during the 8th annual membership meeting at Chattanooga, and was immediately selected by the other directors to the office of secretary-treasurer.

Murphy has been an avid racquetball player almost from the beginning of the game, having made the switch from handball in the 1960's.

In addition to racquetball, the newly elected officer maintains an active interest in those collegiate sports in which he excelled while attending Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island—football, tennis, golf and track. He was a member of the varsity football team.

It was at Brown University he met his wife, the former Nancy Erickson. The Murphys have three children, a son and two daughters. The son and both sons-in-law play racquetball. Cal Murphy has won the Western Regional singles championship in the golden masters division the last two years, and in 1975 won—with partner Don Green—the IRA national championship doubles title.

Lawton

V. Z. Lawton did such a great job promoting racquetball while state chairman, his friends decided they and he would be better off by boosting him for national office. In this instance, National Commissioner.

Lawton, 45, won the state senior's division in 1973, the Tri-State in 1975, and has played in the last four IRA Internationals seniors division. Of his four sons, two have shown an interest in The Sport: Chris, 14, occasionally challenges his father, but the really serious one is six-year-old Lloyd (who has taken lessons from Muehleisen).

For several years V. Z. Lawton was active in land development and home construction. He is now with American National Insurance, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Lawton's foremost goal at the moment is in the field of officiating. He hopes to see a spread of referee-clinics, via which officials will arrive at a common understanding of why the rules were written, as written, and be able to provide a uniform interpretation.

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Cal Murphy, top
right; lower left, V.
Z. Lawton, and Pete
Crummey.



Crummey

Pete Crummey, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, has served as the IRA Military Commissioner, state chairman, and worked with local tournaments the past several years.

The 36-year-old U.S. Army Major is an inveterate athlete. He played college basketball at Xavier, Ohio, where he majored in Business Administration. Since those days he has taken up some of the other racquet sports—tennis and squash.

His wife, Sue, is a tournament Class-B tennis competitor, and is well known in the northeast area through her work with the Major in helping conduct local tournaments. The couple has two children, a son, Chris, nine, and a daughter, Cathy, seven. Chris is inclined to get on the racquetball courts every opportunity. The biggest problem being an inadequate number of courts in the northeastern area of the country.

During the coming year Major Crummey would like to see the two associations work together more closely, for the betterment of the sport, with areas of rules and tournament uniformity being an example. In this, and in promotional efforts, the IRA and NBA could, together, do much to help promote the sport—first—themselves secondly.



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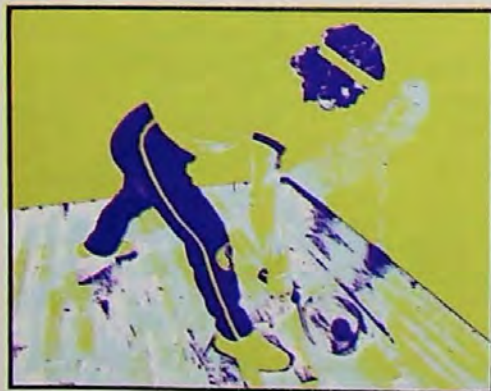


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DEAR RACQUETBALL FRIENDS:

It's the autumn season and that time of the year when racquetball really gets in the blood.

By the time this issue reaches you we will already have held our Third State Chairmen's and Regional Commissioner's Convention here in Dallas, September 25-26. This conference and the magazine are probably the most important communication vehicles we have in organizing our programs. Look forward to your chairman coming back with new ideas and new incentives to build your state association's programs.

The second big event on the fall calendar is our IRA Doubles Championships. The Houston Downtown YMCA is our host with their fifteen courts (two with full glass backwalls) and spacious locker facilities. Doubles has always held high prestige in racquetball tournaments and we are proud to be able to showcase it at such a fine facility. Undoubtedly doubles is much more widely played than singles by most players and its fast action is fascinating to the spectator. As a first ever we are offering a professional division where our top players will vie for a purse of \$5,600.

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As you play throughout the year please experiment with the 15 point game - win by two with a maximum of 21 proposal. We would like to get comments from many sources in order to make a knowledgeable decision next spring.

Keep on flailing.



Sincerely,

Tom McKie

Tom McKie
Executive Director

IRA's Most Outstanding Members -- 1976

Jerry Hilecher

1976 MALE PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR—

A young player that has constantly been in the limelight (a quarter-finalist or better five of the last six years in the IRA Championships) but never on top, Jerry put it all together in winning this years Championship. Always known for his slam-bang hard hitting style Jerry's added maturity to his game this year.

A spring graduate of the University of Missouri, the St. Louis native is employed by Ektelon.



Sam Caiazza

1976 MAN OF THE YEAR

One of the outstanding tournaments on a year in year out basis has been the Masters Doubles Invitational. Originated in 1971 it has been held for the past five years in New Castle, Pennsylvania, directed by one of racquetball's ardent supporters, Sam Caiazza. Sam's worked for months before each tournament raising money and making arrangements so that the twenty players invited each year would never forget New Castle hospitality.

Sam's been a solid supporter of the IRA in Pennsylvania, the East, and nationally. He was forced to miss the past championships when his daughter decided to get married on one of the tournament days (we thought he brought her up better than that), but we'll forgive him for it.

Bob McNamara

1976 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The masters division is one where the favorites are well known. Everybody knows everyone and it's rare when one of the top seeds doesn't triumph. However, Bob McNamara came roaring out of the eighth seed position right past everyone to capture the IRA Masters Championship in Chattanooga. Possessing a steady conservative game "Mac" relied on forcing errors from his opponents. Also adding the USRA and Canadian titles to his 1976 collection he has made quite a splash on the masters scene.

Mac is a sales representative for Munsingwear and resides in Minneapolis. While this was his first major racquetball championship he's no stranger to the national court sports scene having been a three time National Paddleball Doubles Champion with his brother Bernie.





Shannon Wright

1976 WOMAN PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

After one year of being the bridesmaid and two years of coming out second best in her battles with Peggy Steding, Shannon grabbed the big one this year. Her win in the IRA Championships was a fine reward for many hours of dedicated practice.

In addition to the Championships, Shannon won the Denver pro tournament and finished runner-up to Peggy in four others. For a girl playing only her third year of competitive racquetball that's quite a track record.

Shannon's a junior at North Texas State and together with her husband, Pete, they manage racquetball programs at three clubs in Dallas.



Sarah Green

1976 WOMAN AMATEUR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

This has been the year everything came together in Sarah Green's game. After two seasons of showing well locally (two Tennessee state singles championships and a runner-up and championship in the South Regionals) Sarah made her splash at the national level. Starting with her third straight state singles title she added the Womens Intercollegiate crown and her second regional championship. She then topped it off with convincing victories enroute to winning both the IRA and USRA Womens Open National titles.

Sarah is a sophomore at Memphis State University majoring in business. A pleasant person off the court she maintains the same composure during the heat of battle.

Joe Wirkus receives first Smith-Schippers Sportsmanship Award

Joe Wirkus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was named the first recipient of the newly established Smith-Schippers award.

Members of the Chattanooga Racquetball Club felt a special tribute honoring the late Smith-Schippers was called for. They chose to express their



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The selection of Joe Wirkus was made during his competition in the IRA's 8th annual international championships at Chattanooga, Tenn., May 28-31, 1976.

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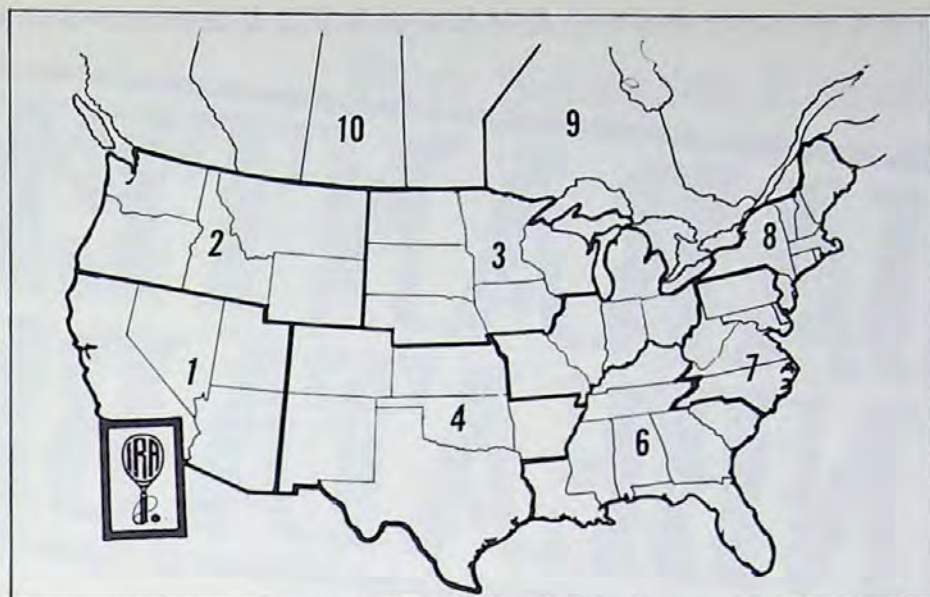
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1975-76 Regional Championships

WEST

Open Singles—Steve Chose. Open Doubles—Dave Charlson, Chuck Hanna. Women's Singles—Janell Marriott. Junior Singles—Larry Meyers. Senior Singles—Joel Scheinbaum. Masters Singles—John Halverson. Golden Masters Singles—Cal Murphy. Women's Doubles—Bette Weed, Patty Bernathy.

SOUTHWEST

Open Singles—Pete Wright. Open Doubles—Eric Campbell, Pete Wright. Women's Singles—Shannon Wright. Women's Doubles—Marci Greer, Sandy McPherson. Junior Singles—Mark Malowitz. Senior Singles—Dwayne Cooper. Masters Singles—Richard Walker. Golden Masters Singles—Ray Crowley.

NORTHWEST

Open Singles—Jeff Smith. Open Doubles—Joe Scott, Dave Carley. Women's Singles—Jennifer Harding. Junior Singles—Jeff Larson. Senior Singles—Bob Peterson. Master's Singles—Pat Whitehill. Golden Master's Singles—Don Goddard.

MIDWEST

Open Singles—Ken Wong. Women's Singles—Camille McCarthy. Junior Singles—David Kinberg. Senior Singles—Joe Gibbs. Master's Singles—Irv Roselman. Golden Master's Singles—David Mathews.

NORTH

Open Singles—Joe Wirkus. Women's Singles—Pat Schmidt. Women's Doubles—Ev Dillin, Nancy Cato. Junior Singles—Bob Adam, Jr. Senior Singles—Bernie Nielsen. Master's Singles—Jim White. Golden Master's Singles—Fred Vetter.

SOUTH

Open Singles—Mike Zeitman. Open Doubles—Tom McKie, Randy Stafford. Women's Singles—Sarah Green. Women's Doubles—Lyn McKie, Sarah Green. Junior Singles—Mike Fatolitis. Senior Singles—Don Clark. Senior Doubles—Luther Green, Larry McGee. Master's Singles—D. W. Detjen. Master's Doubles—Ike Gumer, Bill Simon. Golden Master's Singles—Ike Gumer.

MID-ATLANTIC

Open Singles—Tomas Kutas. Women's Singles—Carol French. Junior Singles—Eric Foley. Senior Singles—Bill King. Master's Singles—Gene Grapes. Golden Master's Singles—Sam Calazza.

NORTHEAST

Open Singles—Charlie Garfinkel. Women's Singles—Heather Marshall. Junior Singles—John Moshides. Senior Singles—Tom Waltz. Master's Singles—Bill McLaughlin. Golden Master's Singles—Bob Goldberg.

EAST CANADA

Open Singles—Ivan Velan. Women's Singles—Monique Parent. Junior Singles—Ross Harvey. Senior Singles—Murdock Cranston. Master's Singles—Frank Young.

WEST CANADA

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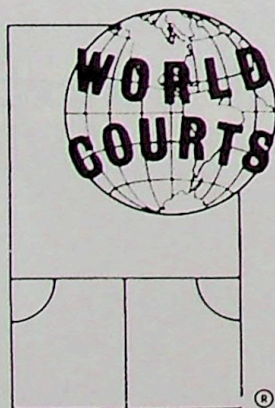
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season

MEN

1) Brumfield	\$2,800
2) Hilecher	2,400
3) Hogan	1,300
4) Serot	1,200
Strandemo	1,200
6) Schmidtke	1,050
McCoy	1,050
8) Keeley	950
Bledsoe	950
10) Wagner	600
11) Zeitman	500
12) Dunn, B.	400
Strom	400
14) Stafford	300
Bowes	300
16) McKie	200
Hennen	200
18) Roderick	100
Zuckerman	100
Muehleisen	100
Wright	100
Charlson	100
Campbell	100

WOMEN

1) Steding	\$1,050
2) Wright	900
3) Marriott	250
4) Harding	150
Williams	150
Carow	150
7) Pasternak	100
Campbell	100
9) McKie	50
Sausser	50

ALL TIME - IRA

Cumulative Earnings

MEN

1) Brumfield	\$10,400
2) Strandemo	6,900
3) Hilecher	5,000
4) McCoy	4,750
5) Serot	3,700
6) Schmidtke	3,350
Keeley	3,350
8) Muehleisen	2,100
9) Zeitman	1,700
10) Bledsoe	1,650
11) Dunn, B.	1,600
12) Hogan	1,300
13) Strom	1,200
14) Thurman	1,100
15) Roderick	900
16) Stafford	700
17) Hennen	600
Wagner	600
19) Garfinkel	400
Niederhoffer	400
21) Bowes	300
22) McKie	200
23) Zuckerman	100
Wright	100
Charlson	100
Campbell	100

WOMEN

1) Steding	\$ 2,050
2) Pasternak	900
Wright	900
4) Campbell	800
5) Harding	650
6) Marriott	250
7) Carow	150
Williams	150
9) McKie	50
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1969 - 1976

CHAMPIONS

MEN'S PRO DIVISION

1976 Jerry Hillecher
St. Louis
1975 Charlie Brumfield
San Diego

MEN'S OPEN

1976 Joe Wirkus
Milwaukee
1975 Wayne Bowes
Calgary
1974 Bill Schmidtke
Minneapolis
1973 Charlie Brumfield
San Diego
1972 Charlie Brumfield
San Diego
1971 Bill Schmidtke
Port Edwards
1970 Craig Finger
Ann Arbor
1969 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego

WOMEN'S OPEN

1976 Sarah Green
Memphis
1975 Peggy Steding
Odessa
1974 Peggy Steding
Odessa
1973 Peggy Steding
Odessa
1972 Jan Pasternak
Houston
1971 Jan Pasternak
Houston
1970 Fran Cohen
St. Louis

SENIORS

1976 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego
1975 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego
1974 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego

RUNNERS-UP

Steve Strandemo
San Diego
Steve Serot
San Diego

Mike Luciw
New Britain
Trey Sayes
Salt Lake City
Steve Serot
St. Louis
Steve Keeley
San Diego
Ron Rubenstein
Chicago
Craig Finger
Ann Arbor
Charlie Brumfield
San Diego
Charlie Brumfield
San Diego

Carol Frenck
Newport News
Shannon Wright
Dallas
Jan Pasternak
Houston
Jan Pasternak
Houston
Kim Hill (Miller)
San Diego
Bette Weed
San Diego
Kim Hill (Miller)
San Diego

Myron Roderick
Stillwater
Myron Roderick
Stillwater
Mark Wayne
Fremont

CHAMPIONS

WOMEN'S PRO DIVISION

1976 Shannon Wright
Dallas

WOMEN'S SENIORS

1976 Carmenza Pond
Riverside

MASTER'S (45 and above)

1976 Bob McNamara
Minneapolis
1975 John Halverson
San Diego
1974 Bill Sellars
Dallas
1973 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego
1972 Bud Muehleisen
San Diego
1971 Giles Coors
Memphis
1970 Glenn Turpin
Memphis
1969 Marlowe Phillips
St. Louis

GOLDEN MASTER'S

1976 Ike Gumer
Louisville
1975 Fred Vetter
Milwaukee
1974 Ike Gumer
Louisville

JUNIORS

1976 Bob Adam, Jr.
Minneapolis
1975 Marty Hogan
St. Louis
1974 Jerry Zuckerman
St. Louis

RUNNERS-UP

Peggy Steding
Odessa

Mary Ann Bayless
Hopkins

Joe Bechard
Milwaukee
Bob Troyer
Lake Forest
Richard Walker
Dallas
Bill Sellars
Dallas
Chet Howard
Madison
Earl Dixon
Indianapolis
Marlowe Phillips
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1969 - 1976

CHAMPIONS

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OPEN DOUBLES

- 1975 Charles Brumfield, San Diego
Craig McCoy, Riverside
- 1974 Steve Strandemo, San Diego
Dave Charlson, San Diego
- 1973 Charles Brumfield, San Diego
Steve Serot, St. Louis
- 1972 Mike Luciw, New Britain
George Rudysz, New Britain
- 1971 Mike Zeitman, Louisville
Ken Porco, Louisville
- 1970 Bob Yellin, New Britain
Don Wallace, New Britain
- 1969 Mike Zeitman, Louisville
Allan Hyman, Louisville

- Steve Strandemo, San Diego
Dave Charlson, San Diego
- Charles Brumfield, San Diego
Craig McCoy, Riverside
- Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis
Ken Wong, St. Louis
- Steve Serot, St. Louis
Byran Valier, St. Louis
- Steve Serot, St. Louis
Byran Valier, St. Louis
- Ken Porco, Louisville
Dick Rebisil, Louisville
- Mike Anzalone, Cleveland
Angelo Vecchio, Cleveland

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

- 1976 Kathy Williams, Hazel Park
Sue Carow, Glenview
- 1975 Jennifer Harding, Portland
Janell Marriott, Salt Lake City
- 1974 Peggy Steding, Odessa
Ann Gorski, San Diego
- 1973 Peggy Steding, Odessa
Ann Gorski, Milwaukee
- 1972 Jan Pasternak, Houston
Kimberly Hill ((Miller), San Diego

- Jennifer Harding, Portland
Janell Marriott, Salt Lake City
- Jan Pasternak, Houston
Peggy Steding, Odessa
- Jan Campbell, San Diego
Kathy Williams, Hazel Park
- Joan Zuckerman, St. Louis
Sheila Siegal, St. Louis
- Joan Zuckerman, St. Louis
Sheila Siegal, St. Louis

JUNIOR DOUBLES

- 1975 Hank Marcus, Portland
Jeff Larson, Vancouver
- 1974 Robert Adam, Jr., Minneapolis
Mark Domanque, Lincoln

- Darryl Weed, San Diego
Carl Loveday, Jr., San Diego
- Marty Hogan, St. Louis
Dean Nichopoulos, Memphis

SENIOR DOUBLES

- 1975 Myron Roderick, Stillwater
Bud Muehleisen, San Diego
- 1974 Myron Roderick, Stillwater
Bud Muehleisen, San Diego

- Mark Wayne, Fremont
Al Rossi, San Francisco
- Mark Wayne, Fremont
Bill King, Memphis

MOSTER'S DOUBLES—OVER 45

- 1975 Jim White, Milwaukee
John Fazio, Milwaukee
- 1974 Jim White, Milwaukee
John Fazio, Milwaukee

- Richard Walker, Dallas
Bill Sellars, Dallas
- Gene Grapes, Pittsburgh
Sam Calazza, New Castle

MASTER'S DOUBLES—OVER 40

- 1973 Bud Muehleisen, San Diego
Carl Loveday, San Diego
- 1972 Joe Zelson, St. Louis
Marlowe Phillips, St. Louis
- 1971 Don Erickson, Sioux Falls
Vince Cutshall, Sioux Falls
- 1970 Marlowe Phillips, St. Louis
Joe Zelson, St. Louis
- 1969 Marlowe Phillips, St. Louis
Milt Harris, St. Louis

- Jim White, New Castle
John Fazio, New Castle
- Don Erickson, Sioux Falls
Vince Cutshall, Sioux Falls
- DeWitt Shy, Memphis
Smith Schippers, Memphis
- Glenn Turpin, Memphis
Roger Williams, Memphis
- Joe Zelson, St. Louis
Ed Foster, St. Louis

GOLDEN MASTER'S—OVER 55

- 1975 Don Green, Hayward
Cal Murphy, San Diego
- 1974 James Divito, Chicago
Stan Rizzio, Chicago

- Fred Vetter, Milwaukee
Des Smith, Milwaukee
- Stan Berner, San Diego
Ike Gumer, Louisville

GOLDEN MASTER'S DOUBLES—OVER 50

- 1973 Gene Grapes, Pittsburgh
Sam Calazza, New Castle

- Lenny Marks, St. Louis
Marlowe Phillips, St. Louis

Reveille Piped for military tournaments

The upcoming racquetball season promises to be tournament filled for Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard players. Many official service-approved and player-sponsored events are planned for the period September 1976 through June 1977.

Check the calendar of events. The following is a partial listing of tournaments of which I am aware.

Navy/Marine Corps East Coast Championships

Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia. October 11-14, 1976. Official Navy sponsored tourney. Open singles, senior, doubles, single elimination. Active duty Navy/Marine corps only. Official orders required. Base/area qualifying tournaments may be required.

1976 Military 2nd Annual Military East Coast Championships

Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Virginia. November 11-14, 1976. (Date is tentative.) Orders not required. Open to all active duty, retired and reserve military and their authorized dependents. Open singles, B singles, senior, women's singles and consolations in all events with over 16 entries.

Fifth Naval District Tournament

February 1977 (tentative date). Active duty Navy/Marine Corps only in the Fifth District. Singles and doubles. Location to be announced.

If additional information is desired, or if you have tournaments planned of which I am not aware, please contact me, by letter, or phone.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE ONE

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Section 2—Definition

This corporation is a membership corporation and shall have no capital stock. This corporation is one which does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to any member, officer or director, and no part of the earnings of this corporation, if there be any earnings, or the assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer or director thereof. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to athletic, charitable, health and educational purposes.

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ARTICLE TWO

Section 1—Purpose

This International Racquetball Association is a non-profit organization for educational purposes designed to foster the development of the sport of racquetball. The Association offers institutions and individuals who desire to join in membership for the advancement of racquetball an opportunity to participate

and contribute to that growth. These purposes are fulfilled through the aims and objectives.

Section 2—Aims and Objectives

A. To perpetuate, improve and extend the sport of racquetball in the United States and Canada.

B. To stimulate the interest of people in healthy sport participation through racquetball.

C. To supervise and administer a continuing racquetball program for all age groups for the purpose of stimulating interest and developing athletes through careful preparation and planning, utilizing existing facilities, resources and coaching.

D. To unify and coordinate the efforts of all agencies interested in promoting racquetball and permit all interested parties to have a voice in the development of the sport in the United States and Canada.

E. To create and maintain research projects that will benefit all parties interested in racquetball.

F. To provide a clearinghouse for the distribution of coaching aids, literature, films, research materials and rules collected from sources in the United States, Canada and other countries.

G. To establish an effective means of communication for the transmission of useful ideas whereby coaches and athletes will be informed of the latest developments and techniques in racquetball.

H. To give prompt attention to valid suggestions on how to improve the conduct of administration in racquetball in the United States and Canada.

I. To establish regional, national and international series of racquetball clinics.

J. To maintain records and disseminate information pertaining to all phases of racquetball.

K. To train and certify competent racquetball officials.

L. To raise money and finance improvement in the sport of racquetball.

M. To operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1—Membership

A. Membership in the International Racquetball Association shall include the following classifications:

1. Individual or competitive member: This membership shall be open to any individual who as a sponsor or competitor or interested booster wishes to participate and contribute to the growth of racquetball.

2. Institutional member: This membership shall be open to each individual institution or organization which sponsors and supports a racquetball team or teams.

B. The members of this corporation shall be those persons and institutions who shall pay a membership fee prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall hold valid membership cards.

C. The members of the International Racquetball Association shall assist the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity and render such assistance as may be requested by the Board of Directors from time to time.

D. Certificates of membership shall be of such form and design as the Board of Directors may elect, and each certificate shall be signed by the President, or at the direction of the President, the same shall be signed by the Executive Director, and said certificate shall express on its face its number, date of expiration, the name of the member to whom it is issued and the official insignia of the International Racquetball Association.

E. The President shall appoint a committee of at least five (5) members of the Board of Directors whose duty it shall be to elect one or more persons as player and/or contributor to be honored in the Hall of Fame for Racquetball. It shall be the duty of said committee to select only such persons to be so honored who have demonstrated sportsmanship, high per-

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sonal qualities and outstanding proficiency in playing racquetball or who have made outstanding contributions to the welfare and advancement of the sport. Such elections shall be of persons who shall have retired from serious racquetball tournament competition in open singles and/or open doubles play for a period of at least five (5) years. The names of those selected shall be submitted to the board of the Citizens Savings-Helms Hall of Fame for approval and, upon such approval, the names of those so honored shall be inscribed on the records as members of the Hall of Fame for Racquetball.

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1—Insignia

The Association shall have such official insignia as the Board of Directors may decide.

ARTICLE FIVE

Section 1—Officers

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, National Commissioner and National Rules Commissioner, each to be elected by and from the membership of the Board of Directors.

Section 2—Definition, Terms and Duties of Officers

A. President

1. The Association shall have a President who shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow immediately the annual meeting of the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

2. He shall serve a term of not more than three years, starting from the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting at which he was elected.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall be an ex-officio member of any and all operating committees.

4. The President shall be responsible for the affairs of the Association and, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall execute and administer the policies established by the Board of Directors.

B. Vice President

1. The Association shall have a Vice President who shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow immediately the annual meeting of the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

2. He shall serve a term of not more than three years, starting from the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting at which he was elected.

3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

C. Secretary-Treasurer

1. The Association shall have a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow immediately the annual meeting of the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

2. He shall serve a term of not more than three years, starting from the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting at which he was elected.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be chairman of the operating Committee on Finance.

4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall periodically review the systems and procedures of the Association and submit appropriate recommendations to the President and Executive Director.

5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep records of the proceedings of the meeting of the membership, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and shall make a report of these activities to the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

6. At the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary-Treasurer, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall provide for an audit of Association funds and accounts by qualified auditors, provisions for payment of which shall be made within the International Racquetball Association budget.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer, with the assistance of the Executive Director, shall present to the Board of Directors prior to the end of any fiscal year, a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

D. National Commissioner

1. The Association shall have a National Commissioner who shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow immediately the annual meeting of the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

2. He shall serve a term of not more than three years, starting from the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting at which he was elected.

3. The duties of the National Commissioner shall consist of assisting the Executive Director in obtaining commitments from the various cities to act as hosts for invitational, regional and international tournaments to be held annually; to appoint area commissioners to aid in the purposes and programs of the International Racquetball Association; and to serve as chairman of the draw and seedings committees at all invitational, regional and international tournaments of the Association.

E. National Rules Commissioner

1. The Association shall have a National Rules Commissioner who shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Board of Directors at a special meeting of the Board of Directors which shall follow immediately the annual meeting of the membership of the International Racquetball Association.

2. He shall serve a term of not more than three years, starting from the adjournment of the Board of Directors meeting at which he was elected.

3. The duties of the National Rules Commissioner shall be to take such steps as shall be necessary in order to determine the identity of such persons having qualifications to act as referees in racquetball contests and who shall be familiar with the published rules relating to racquetball play and racquetball contests and tournaments; and further to designate the referees to act in that capacity in racquetball contests and tournaments.

Section 3—Removal and Replacement of Officers

A. An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

B. If an officer of the Board dies, resigns or is removed a new officer will be elected by a majority of votes cast by the Board of Directors.

Section 4—Executive Director

A. An Executive Director of the International Racquetball Association shall be employed by the Board of Directors at such compensation as is agreed upon by the Board of Directors.

B. The Executive Director shall serve until his resignation has been accepted by the Executive Committee or until his removal by said Executive Committee with approval of the Board of Directors.

C. The Executive Director, under supervision of the Board of Directors, shall be in charge of the operation of the international Racquetball Association and shall be responsible for carrying out the details of the organization according to the policies and regulations established by the Board of Directors. He shall have general supervision over all income of the Association and supervise the disbursement of funds in accordance with the

budget approved by the Board of Directors.

D. The Executive Director shall be a member, ex-officio, of all operating committees and shall keep, or cause to be kept, all minutes of same. He shall have charge of all records of the Association. All checks and drafts of the International Racquetball Association shall be issued by the Executive Director.

ARTICLE SIX

Section 1—Governing Bodies

The Association shall have two governing bodies:

A. Board of Directors

1. The formulation of policy for the International Racquetball Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors of this corporation shall number eleven (11) members. Of these, ten (10) shall be members at large and the other shall represent Canada.

3. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve no more than three (3) years, or until their successors are selected. Members at large of the Board of Directors shall be elected by and from the membership of the International Racquetball Association, each for a term of three years, and no member of the Board of Directors shall be selected again until three years after his term shall have expired.

4. Each member of the Board of Directors must be, at the time of his selection and throughout his term, a member in good standing of the International Racquetball Association.

5. The Canadian representative to the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the governing body of the Canadian Racquetball Association for a term of no more than three (3) years, and may not again be appointed until three years after his term shall have expired.

6. The Board of Directors shall have the right to reject the application of any prospective member of the International Racquetball Association whose public actions have been judged detrimental to the welfare, image and well being of racquetball and, further, the Board of Directors shall have the right to suspend or terminate the membership of any person whose actions have been judged detrimental to the welfare, image and well being of racquetball.

7. The Board of Directors may employ administrative assistants, a publicity director, and/or such other persons as may be required for the proper conduct of the business of the corporation and for the performance of such duties as the Board of Directors may delegate, providing same are not contrary to law, and at such compensation as the Board of Directors may deem proper.

8. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, six (6) members shall constitute a quorum and the actions of the Board of Directors at such meetings shall be binding upon all members of the Board of Directors and the members of the International Racquetball Association and its employees.

9. The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee comprising the officers of the International Racquetball Association (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, National Commissioner and National Rules Commissioner), plus one member at large chosen by and from the Board of Directors to advise the Executive Director in the management of the Association.

10. The Board of Directors may authorize the Executive Director to sign all contracts and other instruments in writing, subject to prior approval of each such contract or instrument by the Board of Directors.

11. The President is authorized to conduct mail, telegraphic or telephonic polls of the Board of Directors. When balloting is completed, the Executive Director shall be charged with recording the votes and reporting the results to the Board of Directors by mail, telephone or telegraph. The President shall assume and perform all other usual and customary duties, functions and services of the chief executive.

B. Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the following voting members: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, National Commissioner, National Rules Commissioner and one member at large elected by and from the Board of Directors.

2. The Executive Director shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

3. The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the Board of Directors between meetings and shall transact business and administer the affairs of the Association and the Board of Directors.

4. The Executive Committee shall approve the membership of all operating committees.

5. The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as it shall determine or upon the call of the President, or upon the call by a majority of its members.

6. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four voting members.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section 1—Annual and Special Meetings

A. The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at the location, city and state of the International Singles Championships tournament on any

day during the week of said International Singles Championships tournament.

B. Immediately following the annual meeting of the membership, the Board of Directors shall meet in special session solely for the purpose of electing officers to succeed those officers whose terms are expiring.

C. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such location and date as determined by the Board of Directors.

D. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall also be called by the President on 30 days notice, or on the written request of six or more of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2—Arrangements

All plans, arrangements, programs, budgets and like subjects affecting the welfare and policies of the Association shall be prepared and actuated by the Executive Director. All such plans, arrangements, programs and budgets shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Section 1—Elections

A. A nominating committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the President from the Board of Directors prior to the expiration of the terms of directors, to select and nominate candidates for the Board of Directors. Such list shall be certified by said nominating committee and submitted to the membership of the International Racquetball Association at the annual meeting of the Association.

B. Additional nominations for said Board of Directors may be made from the floor at the annual meeting of the Association membership.

C. Election shall be made at the annual meeting by a majority of votes cast by members in good standing.

D. Should the voting fail to produce a majority for a sufficient number of candidates to fill existing vacancies on the Board of Directors, those candidates receiving a majority shall be declared elected and those candidates failing to receive a majority shall be voted upon again for the remaining position or positions until said positions are filled by a majority vote.

E. One-third (four) of the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Association membership.

Section 2—Removal of a Director

A director may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at its annual meeting.

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ARTICLE NINE

Section 1—Amendments to the Constitution

This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the directors present and voting.

Section 2—By-Laws and Amendments to the By-Laws

A. Such by-laws as deemed necessary for the operation and advancement of the International Racquetball Association may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting by a majority vote of those directors present and voting.

B. The by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those directors present and voting.

C. Proposed amendments or additions to the by-laws shall be submitted to the Executive Director at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting at which said amendments or additions are to be considered. The Executive Director shall mail a copy of any proposed amendments or additions to the members of the Board of Directors no later than thirty (30) days preceding any such meeting.

ARTICLE TEN

Section 1—Committee on Committees

A Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for the purpose of presenting to the Board of Directors a list of nominees for the various operating committees.

Section 2—Structure of Operating Committees

The following operating committees are hereby established by the International Racquetball Association:

A. Membership: The Committee on Membership shall conduct research into means of attracting new membership and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

B. Junior Development: The Committee on Junior Development shall take such steps as it deems necessary in order to promote interest in racquetball play among the youth and young men and women of the world and shall recommend to the National Commissioner the time and location of holding tournaments for junior players within certain age groups.

C. Public Relations: The Committee on Public Relations shall be concerned with publicizing Association activities, planning and developing official publications and assisting the Committee on Finance in raising funds.

D. Rules, Records and Eligibility: The Committee on Rules, Records and Eligibility shall keep necessary historical records and be responsible for eligibility requirements and rules.

E. Finance: The Committee on Finance shall investigate and suggest procedures for the raising of funds for the administration of the Association.

F. Extension of Racquetball: This committee shall be concerned with promotion and extension of racquetball in states and areas where competition is non-existent or limited.

G. Legal: All legal questions of the Association shall be referred to the Legal Committee and designated counsel.

H. Manufacturers: The Association will work cooperatively with the professional enterprises and associations in developing better equipment and facilities for racquetball. To assure this, full consideration must be given to racquetball playing area construction and specifications of equipment by proper administrators and architectural authorities.

I. Intercollegiate: The Intercollegiate Committee will be concerned with activities dealing with competition at the college levels.

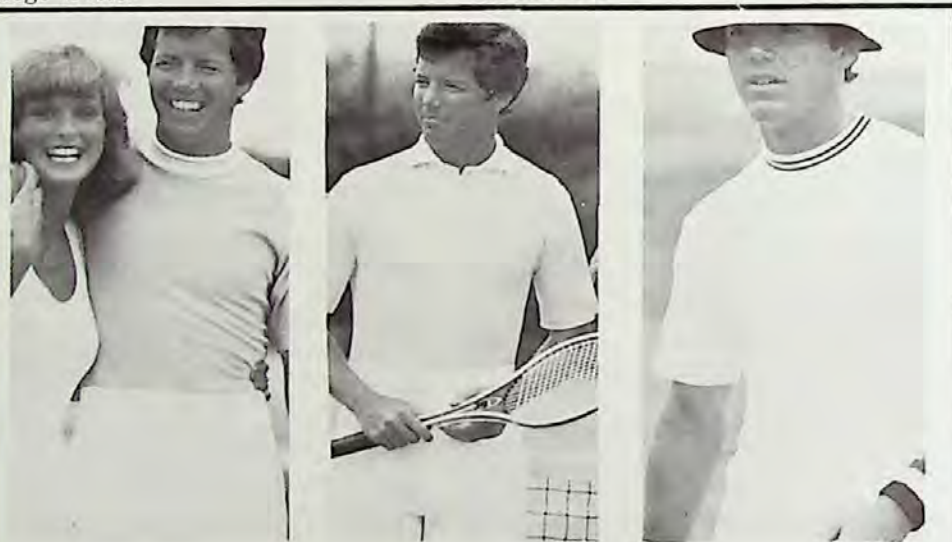
J. Education and Research: The Association will acquire information on publications and disseminate pertinent information developed in this and other countries. Further, it will initiate research projects in cooperation with existing research organizations including the American Medical Association, the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, The Athletic Institute, et al. A library of publications and films will be established for use by Association members.

K. Athletes' Advisory: This committee shall consist of active contestants and will report to the Association ways of bettering the program. Such methods may include international exchange programs for players and coaches.

L. State Organizations: This committee will be responsible for working with state chairmen and their committees, will develop new ideas and improve the organizational structure in each state.

M. Promotion: This committee will be responsible for developing promotional ideas for the Association in all areas of the United States and Canada.

N. Officials: The Committee on Officials shall be responsible for training and providing officials for tournament competition. The program for training and certifying officials will be organized at state and national levels through this committee.



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The IRA is governed by a Board of Directors elected at large from its membership. Through its headquarters operated by the Executive Director the IRA coordinates most of the racquetball activities in the world. It has representatives and affiliated associations in all states and many cities.

The activities of the IRA are numerous. Probably its most popular function is the publication RACQUETBALL magazine

which is distributed free to its members every two months. Racquetball contains instructional articles, tournament information, equipment discussion, and many other items of general racquetball interest.

Another function of the IRA is its sponsoring and sanctioning of tournaments at all levels. From its International Championships through ten regional tournaments, state and local tournaments and a number of invitational tournaments, the IRA offers tournament competition to players of all ages and abilities.

If you are not already a member the IRA invites you to join. Membership fees are \$6/year or \$10/2 years.

Tom McKie
Executive Director



IRA Official Rules of Racquetball

FOUR-WALL

PART I. THE GAME

Rule 1.1—Types of Games.

Racquetball may be played by two or four players. When played by two it is called "singles," and when played by four, "doubles."

Rule 1.2—Description.

Racquetball, as the name implies, is a competitive game in which a racquet is used to serve and return the ball.

Rule 1.3—Objective.

The objective is to win each rally by serving or returning the ball so the opponent is unable to keep the ball in play. A rally is over when a side makes an error, or is unable to return the ball before it touches the floor twice.

Rule 1.4—Points and Outs.

Points are scored only by the serving side when it serves an ace or wins a rally. When the serving side loses a rally, it loses the serve. Losing the serve is called an "out" in singles, and a "handout" in doubles.

Rule 1.5—Game.

A game is won by the side first scoring 21 points.

Rule 1.6—Match.

A match is won by the side first winning two games.

PART II. COURTS AND EQUIPMENT

Rule 2.1—Courts.

The specifications for the standard four-wall racquetball court are:

(a) **Dimension.** The dimensions shall be 20 feet wide, 20 feet high, and 40 feet long, with back wall at least 12 feet high.

(b) **Lines and Zones.** Racquetball courts shall be divided and marked on the floors with 1 1/2 inch wide red or white lines as follows:

(1) **Short Line.** The short line is mid-way between and is parallel with the front

and back walls dividing the court into equal front and back courts.

(2) **Service Line.** The service line is parallel with and located 5 feet in front of the short line.

(3) **Service Zone.** The service zone is the space between the outer edges of the short and service lines.

(4) **Service Boxes.** A service box is located at each end of the service zone by lines 18 inches from and parallel with each side wall.

(5) **Receiving Lines.** Five feet back of the short line, vertical lines shall be marked on each side wall extending 3 inches from the floor. See Rule 4.7(a).

Rule 2.2—Ball Specifications.

The specifications for the standard racquetball are:

(a) **Official ball.** Only a ball stamped "IRA Official" is an official ball. The ball shall be 2 1/4 inches in diameter; weight approximately 1.40 ounces with a bounce at 67-72 inches from 100 inch drop at a temperature of 76 degrees F.

Rule 2.3—Ball Selection.

The ball shall be selected by the referee for use in each match in all tournaments. During a game the referee may, at his discretion or at the request of either player or team, select another ball. Balls that are not round or which bounce erratically shall not be used. Only an official ball shall be used for all IRA sanctioned tournaments.

Rule 2.4—Racquet Specifications.

(a) **Official Racquet.** Any racquet which carries the endorsed stamp of approval from the IRA is an official racquet.

(b) **Dimensions.** The official racquet will have a maximum head length of 11 inches and a width of 9 inches. These measurements are computed from the outer edge of the racquet head rims. The handle may not exceed 7 inches in length. Total length and width of the racquet may not exceed a total of 27 inches.

(c) The racquet must include a thong that must be securely wrapped on the player's wrist.

(d) The racquet frame may be made of any material, as long as it conforms to the above specifications.

(e) The strings of the racquet should be gut, monofilament or nylon. Metal or steel strings are permitted only if they do not mark or deface the ball.

Rule 2.5—Uniform.

The basic body of the uniform must be of a light or bright color so as not to blend in with the ball when it passes close to the body of the player. The uniform trim and shoes may be of any color. The shirt may contain any insignia or writing considered in good taste by the referee (final determiner to be the tournament director). Doubles teams should wear similar colors to ease problems of referee identification. Warmup suits not worn in actual play may be of any color and may have any insignia anywhere. Players may not play without shirts in tournament competition.

Rule 2.6—Use of Illegal Equipment or Uniform.

Equipment and uniform should be checked by the referee before commencement of play. Illegal equipment or uniform may not be used in sanctioned IRA play.

PART III. OFFICIATING

Rule 3.1—Tournaments.

All tournaments shall be managed by a committee or chairman, who shall designate the officials.

Rule 3.2—Officials.

The officials shall include a referee and a scorer. Additional assistants and record keepers may be designated as desired.

Rule 3.3—Qualifications.

Since the quality of the officiating often determines the success of each tournament all officials shall be experienced or trained, and shall be thoroughly familiar with these rules and with the local playing conditions.

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Rule 3.4—Rule Briefing.

Before all tournaments, all officials and players shall be briefed on rules and on local court hindrances or other regulations.

Rule 3.5—Referees.

(a) **Pre-Match Duties.** Before each match commences, it shall be the duty of the referee to:

(1) Check on adequacy of preparation of the court with respect to cleanliness, lighting and temperature, and upon location of locker rooms, drinking fountains, etc.

(2) Check on availability and suitability of all materials necessary for the match such as balls, towels, score cards and pencils.

(3) Check readiness and qualifications of assisting officials.

(4) Explain court regulations to players and inspect the compliance of racquets with rules.

(5) Remind players to have an adequate supply of extra racquets and uniforms.

(6) Introduce players, toss coin, and signal start of first game.

(b) **Decisions.** During games the referee shall decide all questions that may arise in accordance with these rules. If there is body contact on the back swing, the player should call it quickly. On all questions involving judgment and on all questions not covered by these rules, the decision of the referee is final.

(c) **Protests.** Any decision not involving the judgment of the referee may on protest be decided by the chairman, if present, or his delegated representative.

(d) **Forfeitures.** A match may be forfeited by the referee when:

(1) Any player refuses to abide by the referee's decision, or engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.

(2) After warning, any player leaves the court without permission of the referee either during a game or between the first and second games.

(3) Any player for a singles match, or any team for a doubles match fails to report to play. Normally, 20 minutes from the scheduled game time will be allowed before forfeiture. The tournament chairman may permit a longer delay if circumstances warrant such a decision.

(4) If both players for a singles, or both teams for doubles fail to appear to play for consolation matches or other play-offs, they shall forfeit their ratings for future tournaments, and forfeit any trophies, medals, or awards.

(5) A third technical foul is assessed to any one player or team during the course of a match. See Rule 4.13.

Rule 3.6—Scorers.

The scorer shall keep a record of the progress of the game in the manner prescribed by the committee or chairman. As a minimum the progress record shall include the order of serves, outs, and points. The referee or scorer shall announce the score before each serve.

Rule 3.7—Record Keepers.

In addition to the scorer, the committee may designate additional persons to keep more detailed records for statistical purposes of the progress of the game.

Rule 3.8—Linesmen.

In any IRA sanctioned tournament linesmen may be designated in order to help

decide appealed rulings. Two linesmen will be designated by the tournament chairman and shall, at the referee's signal either agree or disagree with the referee's ruling. The official signal by a linesman to show agreement with the referee is "thumbs up." The official signal to show disagreement is "thumbs down." The official signal for no opinion is an "open palm down." Both linesmen must disagree with the referee in order to reverse his ruling. If one linesman agrees and one linesman disagrees or has no opinion the referee's call shall stand.

Rule 3.9—Appeals.

Calls which may be appealed when using linesmen are 1) kill shot (whether good or bad); 2) short serves; and 3) double bounce pick-ups. Hinder calls or technical calls may not be appealed.

PART IV. PLAY REGULATIONS

Rule 4.1—Serve, Generally.

(a) **Order.** The player or side winning the toss becomes the first server and starts the first game, and the third game, if any.

(b) **Start.** Games are started by the referee calling "play ball."

(c) **Place.** The server may serve from any place in the service zone. No part of either foot may extend beyond either line of the service zone. Stepping on the line (but not beyond it) is permitted. Server must remain in the service zone until the served ball passes short line. Violations are called "foot faults."

(d) **Manner.** A serve is commenced as the ball leaves the server's hand. The ball must bounce on the floor in the service zone and on the first bounce be struck by the server's racquet so that it hits the front wall first and on the rebound hits the floor back of the short line, either with or without touching one of the side walls.

(e) **Readiness.** Serves shall not be made until the receiving side is ready, or the referee has called play ball.

Rule 4.2—Serve, in Doubles.

(a) **Server.** At the beginning of each game in doubles, each side shall inform the referee of the order of service, which order shall be followed throughout the game. Only the first server serves the first time up and continues to serve first throughout the game. When the first server is out—the side is out. Thereafter both players on each side shall serve until a hand-out occurs. It is not necessary for the server to alternate serves to their opponents.

(b) **Partner's Position.** On each serve, the server's partner shall stand erect with his back to the side wall and with both feet on the floor within the service box until the served ball passes the short line. Violations are called "foot faults."

Rule 4.3—Defective Serves.

Defective serves are of three types resulting in penalties as follows:

(a) **Dead Ball Serve.** A dead ball serve results in no penalty and the server is given another serve without cancelling a prior illegal serve.

(b) **Fault Serve.** Two fault serves result in a hand-out.

(c) **Out Serves.** An out serve results in a hand-out.

Rule 4.4—Dead Ball Serves.

Dead ball serves do not cancel any previous illegal serve. They occur when an otherwise legal serve:

(a) **Hits Partner.** Hits the server's partner on the fly on the rebound from the front

wall while the server's partner is in the service box. Any serve that touches the floor before hitting the partner in the box is a short.

(b) **Screen Balls.** Passes too close to the server or the server's partner to obstruct the view of the returning side. Any serve passing behind the server's partner and the side wall is an automatic screen.

(c) **Court Hinders.** Hits any part of the court that under local rules is a dead ball.

Rule 4.5—Fault Serves.

The following serves are faults and any two in succession result in a hand-out:

(a) **Foot Faults.** A foot fault results:

(1) When the server leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line.

(2) When the server's partner leaves the service box before the served ball passes the short line.

(b) **Short Serve.** A short serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and on the rebound hits the floor in front of the back edge of the short line either with or without touching one side wall.

(c) **Three-Wall Serve.** A two-side serve is any ball served that first hits the front wall and on the rebound hits two side walls on the fly.

(d) **Ceiling Serve.** A ceiling serve is any served ball that touches the ceiling after hitting the front wall either with or without touching one side wall.

(e) **Long Serve.** A long serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and rebounds to the back wall before touching the floor.

(f) **Out of Court Serve.** Any ball going out of the court on the serve.

Rule 4.6—Out Serves.

Any one of the following serves results in a hand-out:

(a) **Bounces.** Bouncing the ball more than three times while in the service zone before striking the ball. One bounce is counted each time the ball hits the floor within the service zone. Once the server is within the service zone and the receiver is ready, the ball may not be bounced anywhere but on the floor within the service zone. Accidental dropping of the ball counts as one bounce.

(b) **Missed Ball.** Any attempt to strike the ball on the first bounce that results either in a total miss or in touching any part of the server's body other than his racquet.

(c) **Non-front Serve.** Any served ball that strikes the server's partner, or the ceiling, floor or side wall, before striking the front wall.

(d) **Touched Serve.** Any served ball that on the rebound from the front wall touches the server, or touches the server's partner while any part of his body is out of the service box, or the server's partner intentionally catches the served ball on the fly.

(e) **Out-of-Order Serve.** In doubles, when either partner serves out of order. Any points which may have been scored during an out-of-order serve will be automatically void with the score reverting to the score prior to the out-of-order serve.

(f) **Crotch Serve.** If the served ball hits the crotch in the front wall it is considered the same as hitting the floor and is an out. A crotch serve into the back wall is good and in play. A served ball hitting the front wall-side wall crotch is an out serve.

Rule 4.7—Return of Serve.

(a) **Receiving Position.** The receiver or receivers must stand at least five feet back of the short line, as indicated by the three-

inch vertical line on each side wall, and cannot enter into this safety zone until the ball has been served and passes the back service line (short line). At that point the receiver may enter the safety zone to return serve, however, neither his racquet nor his body may infringe on the imaginary plane marked by the short line. A violation of this plane would result in a point for the server.

(b) Defective Serve. To eliminate any misunderstanding the receiving side should not catch or touch a defectively served ball until called by the referee or it has touched the floor for the second time.

(c) Legal Return. After the ball is legally served, one of the players on the receiving side must strike the ball with his racquet either on the fly or after the first bounce and before the ball touches the floor the second time to return the ball to the front wall either directly or after touching one or both side walls, the back wall or the ceiling, or any combination of those surfaces. A returned ball may not touch the floor before touching the front wall. It is legal to return the ball by striking the ball into the back wall first, then hitting the front wall on the fly or after hitting the side wall or ceiling.

(d) Failure to Return. The failure to return a serve results in a point for the server.

Rule 4.8—Changes of Serve.

(a) Handout. A server is entitled to continue serving until:

(1) Out Serve. He makes an out serve under Rule 4.6 or;

(2) Fault Serves. He makes two fault serves in succession under Rule 4.5, or;

(3) Hits Partner. He hits his partner with an attempted return before the ball touches the floor a second time.

(4) Return Failure. He or his partner fails to keep the ball in play by returning it as required by Rule 4.7(d).

(5) Avoidable Hinder. He or his partner commits an avoidable hinder under Rule 4.11.

(b) Side-out. In singles, retiring the server retires the side. In doubles, the side is retired when both partners have been put out on the first serve as provided in Rule 4.2(a).

(c) Effect. When the server or the side loses the serve, the server or serving side shall become the receiver; and the receiving side, the server; and so alternately in all subsequent services of the game.

Rule 4.9—Rallies.

Each legal return after the serve is called a rally. Play during rallies shall be according to the following rules:

(a) One or Both Hands. Only the head of the racquet may be used at any time to return the ball. The ball must be hit with the racquet in one or both hands. Switching hands to hit a ball is an out. The use of any portion of the body is an out.

(b) One Touch. In attempting returns, the ball may be touched only once by one player on the returning side. In doubles both partners may swing at, but only one may hit the ball. A violation of (a) or (b) results in a handout or point.

(c) Return Attempts.

(1) In singles, if a player swings at but misses the ball in play, the player may repeat his attempts to return the ball until it touches the floor for the second time.

(2) In doubles, if one player swings at but misses the ball, both he and his partner may make further attempts to return the ball until it touches the floor the second time. Both partners on a side are entitled to return the ball.

(3) Hinders. In singles or doubles, if a player swings at but misses the ball in play, and in his, or his partner's attempt again to play the ball there is an unintentional interference by an opponent it shall be a hinder. (See Rule 4.10.)

(d) Touching Ball. Except as provided in Rule 4.10 (a)(2), any touching of a ball before it touches the floor the second time by a player other than the one making a return is a point or out against the offending player.

(e) Out of Court Ball.

(1) After Return. Any ball returned to the front wall which on the rebound or on the first bounce goes into the gallery or through any opening in a side wall shall be declared dead and the serve replayed.

(2) No Return. Any ball not returned to the front wall, but which caroms off a player's racquet into the gallery or into any opening in a side wall either with or without touching the ceiling, side or back wall, shall be an out or point against the players failing to make the return.

(f) Dry Ball. During the game and particularly on service every effort should be made to keep the ball dry. Deliberately wetting shall result in an out. The ball may be inspected by the referee at any time during a game.

(g) Broken Ball. If there is a suspicion that a ball has broken on the serve or during a rally, play shall continue until the end of the rally. The referee or any player may request the ball be examined. If the referee decides the ball is broken or otherwise defective, a new ball shall be put into play and the point replayed.

(h) Play Stoppage.

(1) If a player loses a shoe or other equipment, or foreign objects enter the court, or any other outside interference occurs, the referee shall stop the play.

(2) If a player loses control of his racquet, time should not be called until after the point has been decided, providing the racquet does not strike an opponent or interfere with ensuing play.

Rule 4.10—Dead Ball Hinders.

Hinders are of two types—"dead ball" and "avoidable." Dead ball hinders as described in this rule result in the point being replayed. Avoidable hinders are described in Rule 4.11.

(a) Situations. When called by the referee the following are dead ball hinders:

(1) Court Hinders. Hits any part of the court which under local rules is a dead ball.

(2) Hitting Opponent. Any returned ball that touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall.

(3) Body Contact. Any body contact with an opponent that interferes with seeing or returning the ball.

(4) Screen Ball. Any ball rebounding from the front wall close to the body of a player on the side which just returned the ball, to interfere with or prevent the returning side from seeing the ball. See Rule 4.4(b).

(5) Straddle Ball. A ball passing between the legs of a player on the side which just returned the ball, if there is no fair chance to see or return the ball.

(6) Other interference. Any other unintentional interference which prevents an opponent from having a fair chance to see or return the ball.

(b) Effect. A call by the referee of a "hinder" stops the play and voids any situation following, such as the ball hitting a player. No player is authorized to call a hinder, except on the back swing or from accidentally stepping on an opponent's

foot. Such a call should be made immediately, as provided in Rule 3.5(b). The decision of the referee will be final as to whether or not the violation impeded the ensuing rally.

(c) Avoidance. While making an attempt to return the ball, a player is entitled to a fair chance to see and return the ball. It is the duty of the side that has just served or returned the ball to move so that the receiving side may go straight to the ball and not be required to go around an opponent. The referee should be liberal in calling hinders to discourage any practice of playing the ball where an adversary cannot see it until too late. It is no excuse that the ball is "killed," unless in the opinion of the referee the ball could not be returned. Hinders should be called without a claim by a player, especially in close plays and on game points.

(d) In Doubles. In doubles, both players on a side are entitled to a fair and unobstructed chance at the ball and either one is entitled to a hinder even though it naturally would be his partner's ball and even though his partner may have attempted to play the ball or that he may already have missed it. It is not a hinder when one player hinders his partner.

Rule 4.11—Avoidable Hinders.

An avoidable hinder results in an "out" or a point depending upon whether the offender was serving or receiving.

(1) Failure to Move. Does not move sufficiently to allow opponent his shot.

(2) Blocking. Moves into a position effecting a block, on the opponent about to return the ball, or, in doubles, one partner moves in front of an opponent as his partner is returning the ball.

(3) Moving Into Ball. Moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by his opponent.

(4) Pushing. Deliberately pushes or shoves opponent during a rally.

Rule 4.12—Rest Periods.

(a) Delays. Deliberate delay exceeding ten seconds by server, or receiver shall result in an out or point against the offender.

(b) Time Outs. During a game each player in singles, or each side in doubles, either while serving or receiving may request a "time out" for a towel, wiping glasses, glove change or adjustment. Each "time out" shall not exceed 30 seconds. No more than three "time outs" in a game shall be granted each singles player or each team in doubles. No player may call a time out once the ball is in play. See Rule 4.1(d).

(c) Injury. No time out shall be charged to a player who is injured during play. An injured player shall not be allowed more than a total of fifteen minutes of rest. If the injured player is not able to resume play after total rests of 15 minutes the match shall be awarded to the opponent or opponents. On any further injury to same player, the Commissioner, if present, or committee, after considering any available medical opinion shall determine whether the injured player will be allowed to continue.

(d) A time out may be called by the referee, at the request of a player and after substantiation by the referee, because of faulty equipment or uniform. A wet glove is not considered as faulty equipment. Two minutes are to be allowed for any uniform adjustment needed and 30 seconds for any equipment adjustment.

(e) Between Games. A two minute rest period is allowed between the first and

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second games, at which times the players should NOT leave the court, without approval of the referee. A ten minute rest period is allowed between the second and third games, at which time players may leave the court.

(f) **Postponed Games.** Any games postponed by referee shall be resumed with the same score as when postponed.

Rule 4.13—Technical Foul.

Results in a point or side out. It may be called by a referee at any time, whenever he feels that a player has executed or exhibited unsportsmanlike conduct either vocally or by any other means during the course of a match. A third technical foul called upon any one single player during the course of a match will result in the automatic immediate forfeiture of that match.

Rule 4.14—Age Group Division.

Age is determined as of the first day of the tournament.

(a) Female.

- (1) Open division—all females.
- (2) Senior Open—35 years and over.

(b) Male.

- (1) Junior Open—18 and under.
- (2) Open—everyone is eligible.
- (3) Senior Open—35 years and over.
- (4) Masters—45 years and over.
- (5) Golden Masters—55 years and over.

(c) **Doubles Team.** Ages apply as above.

PART V. TOURNAMENTS

Rule 5.1—Draws.

(a) If possible, all draws shall be made at least two days before the tournament commences. The seeding method of drawing shall be approved by the International Racquetball Association.

(b) The draw and seeding committee shall be chaired by the IRA Executive Director and shall consist of the Executive Director, the National Commissioner, National Seeding Chairman, and the host tournament chairman. No other persons shall participate in the draw or seeding unless at the invitation of the draw and seeding committee.

(c) In local, state and regional tournaments the draw shall be the responsibility of the tournament chairman. In regional play the tournament chairman should work in coordination with the IRA Regional Commissioner at the tournament.

Rule 5.2—Scheduling.

(a) **Preliminary Matches.** If one or more contestants are entered in both singles and doubles, they may be required to play both singles and doubles on the same day or night with little rest between matches. This is a risk assumed on entering both singles and doubles. If possible the schedule should provide at least a one hour rest period between all matches.

(b) **Final Matches.** Where one or more players have reached the finals in both singles and doubles, it is recommended that the doubles match be played on the day preceding the singles. This would assure more rest between the final matches. If both final matches must be played on the same day or night, the following procedure is recommended:

- (1) The singles match be played first.
- (2) A rest period of not less than ONE

HOUR be allowed between the finals in singles and doubles.

Rule 5.3—Notice of Matches.

After the first round of matches, it is the responsibility of each player to check the posted schedules to determine the time and place of each subsequent match. If any change is made in the schedule after posting, it shall be the duty of the committee or chairman to notify the players of the change.

Rule 5.4—Third Place.

In championship tournaments; national, regional, state, etc., the loser in the semi-finals must play for third place or lose his ranking for the next year unless he is unable to compete because of injury or illness. See Rule 3.5(d)(4).

Rule 5.5—IRA Regional Tournaments.

The United States and Canada are divided into a combined total of ten regions.

(a) A player may compete in only one regional tournament per year.

(b) The defined area of eligibility for a person's region is that of his permanent residence.

(c) A player can participate in only two events in a regional tournament.

(d) Awards and remuneration to the IRA International Championships will be posted on the entry blank.

Rule 5.6—Tournament Management.

In all IRA-sanctioned tournaments the tournament chairman and/or the national IRA official in attendance may decide on a change of courts after the completion of any tournament game if such a change will accommodate better spectator conditions.

Rule 5.7—Tournament Conduct.

In all IRA-sanctioned tournaments the referee is empowered to default a match if an individual player or team conducts itself to the detriment of the tournament and the game.

Rule 5.8—IRA Eligibility.

Any paid-up IRA member in good standing may compete in any IRA-sanctioned tournament.

Rule 5.9—IRA International Championship.

Starting in 1974, the International Singles and International Doubles are separated and will be played on two different weekends, with only four days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) allotted to each tournament. Each age category will be limited to a maximum 64-player draw. Each player will be limited to one event. There will be a consolation round in each division.

(a) **Qualifying Singles.** A player will have to qualify at one of the ten regional tournaments. Regions are Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South, Mid-West, North, Southwest, West, Northwest, East Canada and West Canada. See Rule 5.5(a).

(1) The International Ratings Committee will handle the rating of each region and determine how many players shall qualify from each regional tournament.

(2) All International finalists in each division will be exempt from qualifying for the same division the following year.

(3) There will be a tournament one day ahead of the International Tournament, at the same site, to qualify eight players in each division who were unable to qualify or who failed to qualify in the regionals.

(4) This rule is in force only when a

division is obviously over-subscribed for the 64-player limit.

(b) **Qualifying, Doubles.** There will be no regional qualifying for doubles.

Rule 5.10—Intercollegiate Tournament.

It will be conducted at a separate date and location.

Rule 5.11—Invitational Tournaments.

Eligibility by invitation only to the top 16 players or teams.

Rule 5.12—Round Robin Invitational Tournaments.

Consist of 10 players (singles) or 10 teams (doubles). Tournament is conducted over three consecutive days. Each day's play consists of three (3) matches played on a round robin basis. Each match consists of one 3-point game. An individual or team limit of four times out is permitted for each match.

ONE-WALL & THREE-WALL

Basically racquetball rules for one-wall, three-wall and four-wall are the same with the following exceptions:

ONE WALL: Court Size—Wall shall be 20 ft. in width and 16 ft. high, floor 20 ft. in width and 34 ft. from the wall to the back edge of the long line. There should be a minimum of 3 feet beyond the long line and 6 feet outside each side line and behind the long line to permit movement area for the players.

Short Line—Back edge 16 feet from the wall. **Service Markers**—Lines at least 6 inches long parallel to and midway between the long and short lines, extending in from the side lines. The imaginary extension and joining of these lines indicates the service line. Lines are 1 1/2 inches in width. **Service Zone**—floor area inside and including the short, side and service lines. **Receiving Zone**—floor area in back of short line bounded by and including the long and side lines.

THREE-WALL: Serve—A serve that goes beyond the side walls on the fly is player or side out. A serve that goes beyond the long line on a fly but within the side walls is the same as a "short."

INSTRUCTIONS OF REFEREES TO PLAYERS

Introduce yourself to players and toss coin to determine first service. Mark on scorecard the first service for all three games. In doubles use heads and tails of coin to designate first and second servers.

Alert players to any local court rulings. Ask players for their aid in calling skip-ins and double bounces. Be sure they understand that the referee will make ALL calls and his decision will be final.

During play call out the score (server's total first) before each service. Be sure that players and spectators can hear you. Player should not serve until score has been called.

Inform players that they are allowed a maximum of three time outs of 30 seconds each per game. Players are allowed two

minutes between first and second games during which they cannot leave the court without the referee's approval. Ten minutes are allowed between second and third games.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REFEREES ON MATCH

Have ample supply of towels for time-outs and possible wet floor.

If you are uncertain of a play regarding double bounce or skip-in, call it as you see it. DO NOT CALL ANYTHING YOU DO NOT SEE, even if it appears that the player

might not have picked up the ball. If such player did not get the ball it is his obligation to call it on himself. NEVER ASK FOR THE OPINIONS OF SCORERS OR SPECTATORS.

Referee calls ALL hinders except: 1. if the player holds up his swing to avoid hitting his opponent. If the player had an opportunity to hit the ball but did not for safety reasons, it is a hinder. 2. if both players agree that a hinder has occurred that the referee has not seen, such as bumping or stepping on a foot.

If a player is hit by a racquet because he

did not give his opponent a full backswing and follow through ("crowding") it shall be an avoidable hinder.

Remember, in doubles BOTH players must be given a fair and unobstructed chance at the ball.

No "warnings" should be given during a match. Warn players before the match.

Rules committee chairman Dunn takes close look at screen balls

SCREEN BALLS

Rule 4.4—Dead Ball Serves

(b) *Screen Balls.* The ball passes too close to the server or the server's partner to obstruct the view of the returning side. Any serve passing behind the server's partner and the side wall is an automatic hinder.

The key words here are *too close*. It implies that simply because a returner cannot see the ball does not mean it is a screen serve. The ball must pass *close* to the body of the server. Close is usually interpreted to be about a racquet's length away—18 inches. Many players feel that because they cannot see the ball on the serve that a screen serve has occurred. This is especially true of a drive serve. One of the reasons many of the better players are using this serve is because the server's body acts as a natural screen, yet the ball passes the server's body much more than 18 inches away.

In the accompanying sketch, (A), the shaded area represents where the returner cannot see the ball. This is not a screen serve, although the returner cannot see the ball until it reaches the serving zone.

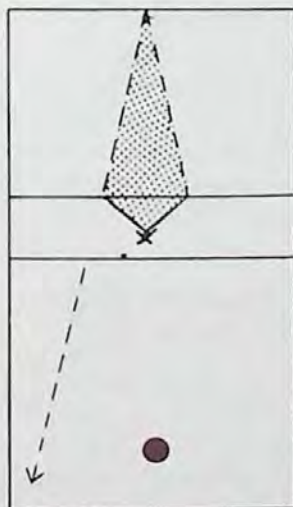
Sketch (B) shows what would normally be considered a screen serve,

but it is not automatic. Sometimes the serve is so bad that it bounced off the back wall for an easy shot. The returner should make the decision as to whether he wants a shadow called on this serve. It is difficult for a referee to honor a request for a screen ball if the request is made after the returner hits the ball; so, the returner should try to call for a shadow before he hits the ball. Even so, if the referee feels the returner had a difficult time seeing the ball, and that it had an adverse affect on his return of serve, then he should call a screen serve, regardless.

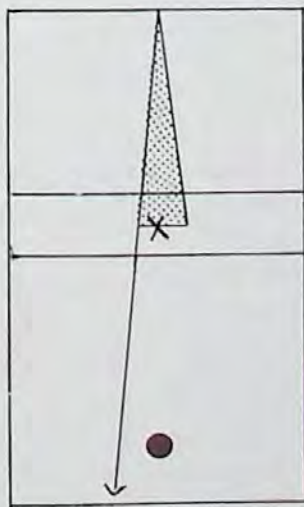
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Rules committee chairman

This "Z" serve (sketch C) is not a screen although it passes closer than 18 inches to the server's body. The returner has ample time to pick up sight of the ball.

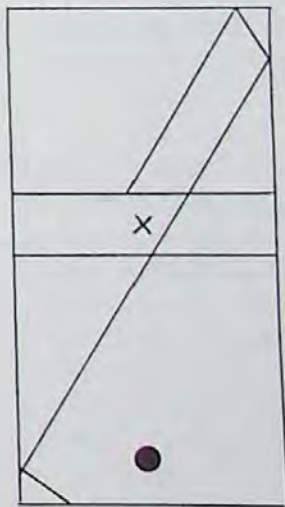
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See sketch (D). This could be called a screen serve. The referee has to use his judgment here. If the returner has a hard time seeing the ball, and makes a weak return, the call is a screen serve.

Rule 4.10—Dead Ball Hinders, (a) (4) Screen-Ball:

This occurs when any ball rebounding from the front wall, close to the body of a player on the side which just returned the ball, interferes with or prevents the returning side from seeing the ball.

Close, here, means the same thing as it did for a screen serve—about 18 inches, or less. Many times a player

calls for a screen ball because he could not see the ball. If the ball passed close to his opponent, then his request should be honored if the call has not already been made. If the ball did not pass close, then no screen has occurred, even though the player never saw the ball. He didn't see it because he was out of position. This happens quite often in doubles.

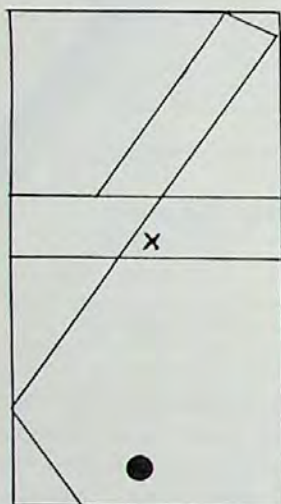
See sketch (E). This is not a screen. The returner is not in the proper position to see the ball. In sketch (F), this is not a screen. The ball does not pass close to his body. Sketch (G): this is a screen ball.

One last remark. If a player hits a shot that passes close to his body, but if, in the referee's opinion, the returner

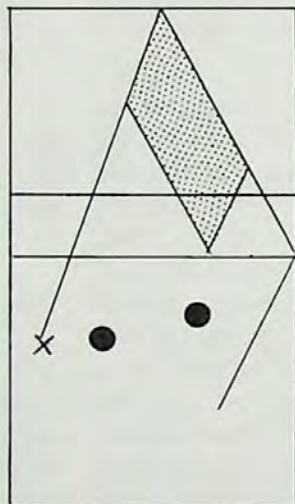
would not have been able to return the shot, even if he could have seen it, the shot would not be considered a screen ball.



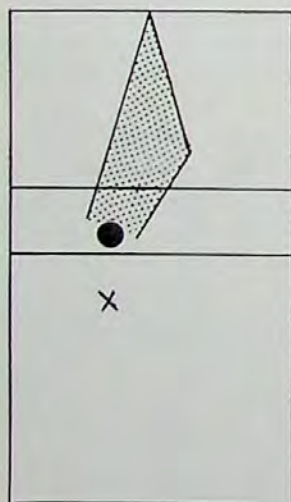
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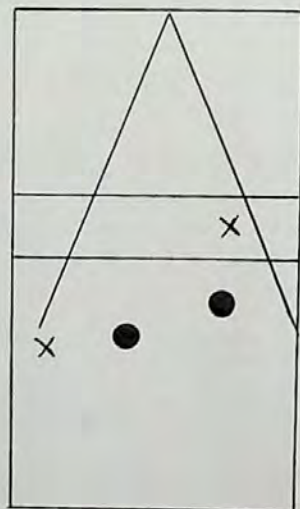
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Six months of excitement begins with the December deadline, and ends in July.

Clubs and players are being invited to take part in a new kind of tournament

up to and including 19 points before you ever stepped into the court," Muehleisen pointed out.

The IRA and Trenway are announcing the Handicap Tournament in this issue. Deadline for entering is December. Basically, anyone 13 years of age, or older, male or female, can enter, and compete on an equal basis. Ideally, in the handicap, the final score should read 21-20.

Following a simple chart and using the tournament handicap guidelines, each and every participant will qualify under one of 26 classifications in which he or she will either give or take so many points a game, depending on the handicap classification of his opponent.

The tournament will originate locally in virtually every facility where racquetball is played. Each facility will produce its own handicap winner. This winner will proceed on to the district, then to the state, and then to the regional finals. There are six regions, and will thus have six regional finalists.

The regional finalists will each receive an all expense paid trip to San Diego to compete in the International finals in July 1977. Each regional winner will automatically qualify for one of the six grand prizes, at the top of the list being two 1977 automobiles.

HOMETOWN CLUB TO DISPLAY "PERPETUAL" TROPHY

Trenway is having prepared a beautiful "perpetual" trophy which will remain for a year at the club from which the national handicap winner began his climb. Each year the trophy will move to the site of the club producing the new winner.

Contestants have until December 15 to sign up for the fun (and profit). The entry fee of \$12 is small compared to established norms, and almost nothing in comparison to the returns. Immediately—even before a contestant begins play—he receives his own tournament shirt and two Trenway tournament balls.

The unique handicap concept was developed in order to provide the non-expert a tournament in which he could compete on an equal footing with anyone else. Statistically only five percent of the people playing the game ever enter a tournament. Others would like to do so, but feel it would be a waste of their time and energy. Not so in this event.

The \$40,000 handicap will pit novice against expert, man against woman, beauty against beast, and perhaps provide Steve Keeley a whole new field of players for whom he will have to invent new nomenclature-isms.

As the tournament proceeds, results will be re-evaluated by the handicap committee and re-set, if necessary, in order to keep upcoming matches as even as possible.

CAN YOU WALK AND CHEW GUM AT THE SAME TIME?

Tournament spokesmen summed it up by saying this event is ideal for the 5 percent of IRA's members who never play competitively, but if anyone is sufficiently well coordinated that he can walk and chew gum at the same time, he could easily become the national champion. And, besides a free vacation, drive home in a brand new car!

The entry forms are published in this issue of the magazine.

"Would you challenge Brumfield, if he gave you a 20-point handicap?" This is one of the questions Dr. Bud Muehleisen and other IRA members asked in explaining the fabulous IRA-Trenway \$40,000 handicap tournament. Then he added, for encouragement, "You could win a brand new 1977 automobile . . . or an expense paid trip to Hawaii . . ."

Prizes totalling over \$40,000 are being offered to encourage as many un-ranked, novice, just-for-the-fun-of-it players as possible to take part, and have a good time. Maybe win a tremendous prize. Maybe win a minor prize. But in all instances there will be fun, excitement, and rewards.

"In the handicapping concept anyone can play anyone else on an even basis. Your handicap could be anything

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY: Any resident (male or female) of the United States, Canada and Mexico who, on January 1, 1977, is 13 years of age or over.
2. FACILITY PLAY-OFFS will take place during January 1st and February 28th, 1977.
3. FACILITY WINNERS will compete in DISTRICT play-offs during March, 1977.
4. DISTRICT WINNERS will compete in STATE (PROVINCE, in Canada) play-offs during April, 1977.
5. STATE (PROVINCE, in Canada) WINNERS will compete in one of six REGIONAL PLAY-OFFS during May, 1977.
6. REGIONAL WINNERS will travel to San Diego in July, 1977, all expenses paid, to compete in a ROUND ROBIN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT for the six GRAND PRIZES. The six NATIONAL FINALISTS will select the Grand Prize of their choice according to the order in which they finish.
7. All tournament play will be conducted according to the "Rules and Standards" of the INTERNATIONAL

RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION, a copy of which may be obtained by request from the I.R.A., P. O. Box 31481, Dallas, Texas 75231.

8. Advancing WINNERS will be notified of their next play-off site.
9. Official Tournament Ball is the TRENWAY Standard Z-Ball Racquetball or AMERICO PRODUCTS Model Z-44 Racquetball.
10. TOURNAMENT WINNERS will be announced in RACQUETBALL MAGAZINE, the official publication of the International Racquetball Association, or a list of Tournament Winners may be obtained by writing Trenway Products, Inc., 2785 Kurtz Street, San Diego, California 92110.
11. WINNERS are subject to re-handicapping as they advance to the next play-off.
12. Players may only enter the Tournament once, at one Facility.

TOURNAMENT HANDICAP CHART

HANDICAP CLASSIFICATION	PRO	A	A	B	B	C	C	NOVICE	35 & OVER A	35 & OVER B	35 & OVER C	35 & OVER NOVICE	45 & OVER A	45 & OVER B	45 & OVER C	45 & OVER NOVICE	55 & OVER A	55 & OVER B	55 & OVER C	55 & OVER NOVICE	UNDER 18 A-B	UNDER 18 C or NOVICE	WOMEN'S PRO	A-B	29 & UNDER C or NOVICE	29 & OVER C or NOVICE
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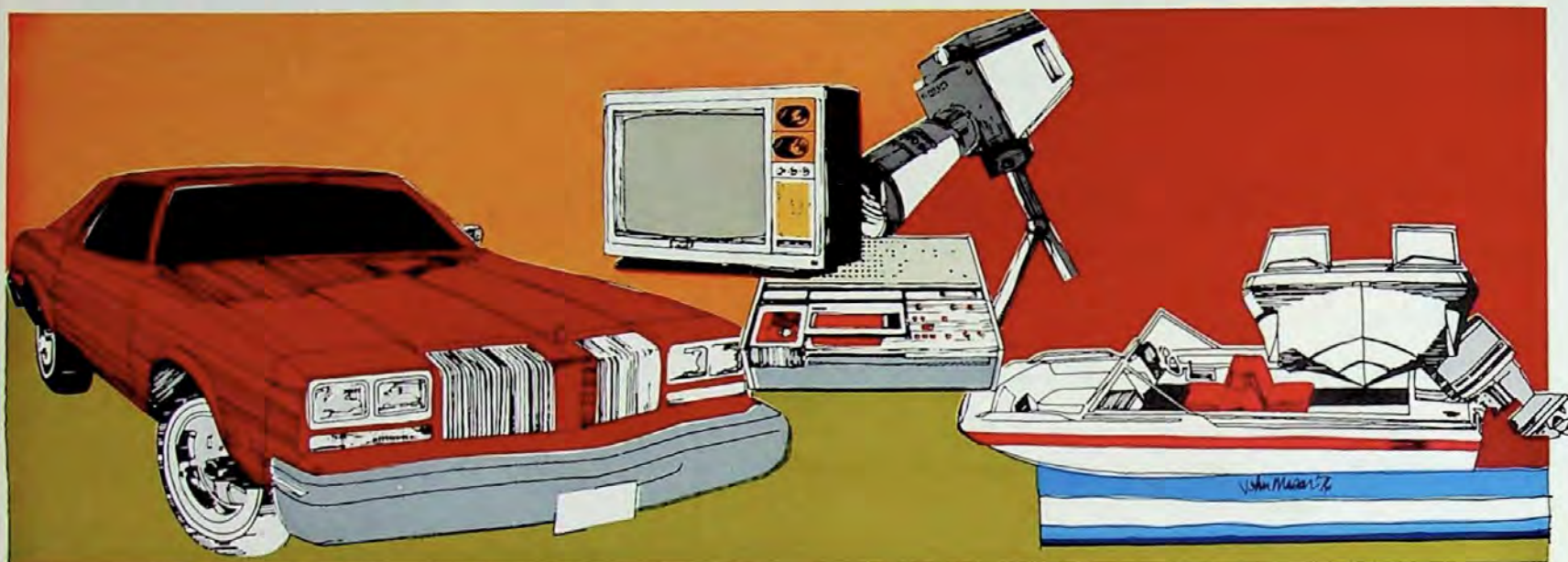
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The pros make

Town and Country's \$6,100 pro-am attracted 40 professional men and women players. As is their custom Brumfield and Steding headed the pay-line when the tournament closed.

There were several differences between Brumfield's second and third games with Hogan at St. Louis. One difference is obvious: \$1,250. Another way to look at it: nine points, each of which cost the loser \$138.88.

The \$2,000 first place money in the St. Louis affair was won by Charlie Brumfield, San Diego pro, in a three game match with Marty Hogan, St. Louis pro, 21-2, 5-21, 15-9. Second place paid \$750. A total of \$6,100 had been put up by Town and Country Racquet Club's Luigi Tucci, who co-hosted the event with the International Racquetball Association.

Brumfield started the 5 P.M. Sunday afternoon climax to the Town and Country pro-tournament in a decisive (ho-hum) manner. He won the serve, aced Hogan for his first point on his first serve, and picked up three more successive points while repeating his drive to Hogan's backhand. He mixed in one cross court serve, wandered about the court while Hogan re-tied his shoe laces, repeatedly had to serve twice, and in a few minutes had accumulated enough points to take a breather before starting game two.

At no time in the first game was Marty Hogan any sort of threat. Early in the first game Brumfield presented a classic display of court control, moving Hogan from left rear court to right rear court on a short four-return volley. On the fifth return Brumfield glued a soft pass-shot to the left side-wall which Hogan could not reach, and possibly could not even see.

During the 18-minute first game, racquetball statistician Joe Zelson counted the number of times—not counting serves—the ball was hit by a racquet: 131 times.

The second game was just as completely Hogan's game as the first had been Brumfield's. Marty Hogan, the flailer, began with an ace on his first

serve, added another point, relinquished serve long enough for Brumfield to gain a point, then took the serve back.

The second game was 11 minutes along when the first time-out was called, with Hogan leading by seven. He had earned his points on the basis of pin-point accuracy. Two had come on ace serves. One on a pass shot that left Brumfield flat-footed, one of them a back hand driven from the middle of the rear court. Another had been a crowd pleasing front-sidewall kill.

Play resumed, and Marty Hogan resumed his harvest. In six minutes he upped his lead to 11-4. Brumfield called time-out. The thick glass of the exhibit court made it impossible to hear the conversation of the players, but a ring-side observer wondered whether Brum had called time in order to get his monologue back in shape. He didn't appear to need the breather. He didn't seem to be working all that hard.

After the second time-out, Brumfield earned one more point, bringing his score to five, and that was it. Serve changed hands five more times, but Brumfield was unable to capitalize on his scoring chances.

Hogan picked up point 15 on a backhand rollout; numbers 16 and 17 on ace serves; and two more on backhand kill shots. The second game ended 21-5. It had taken about 26 minutes: a point a minute.

Joe Zelson's tally, for the benefit of anyone who plans to build a better ball, or compute the wear and tear of racquet strings, saw the ball and racquet collide—not counting serves—201 times, in game two.

In the first game a total of 23 points were played. In the second the total was 26, and in the third, the tie-breaker, a total of 24 points were scored. Brumfield took the third game, 15-9. From the spectator's point of view it was the hardest played of the three.

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it look easy

Brumfield, number one seed going into the tournament, and certainly number one, at the close, began the final action as though it might be a repetition of game number one. He served, ran up a 4-0 lead before permitting Hogan an ice-breaker, then continued to edge away from the St. Louisan, until he had a ten point lead. At only one time did Hogan manage to close the gap to two points, but that was at the very beginning when the score read 4-2.

After being behind ten points, Hogan rallied to bring the score to 8-13—to trail by five. This was his best showing of the afternoon.

Brumfield reached the edge of victory with a kill shot to lead 14-8. Service went back and forth five more times. Hogan gathered point number nine. Brum regained the serve when Hogan failed to make the return and the orb went for two bounces. The champion made his last serve the familiar drive to left rear court, and when Hogan set him up, Brumfield floated with the ball to the front wall, running along at the same speed of the ball, racquet poised for the kill. Point fifteen came at 6:21. It had taken Charlie Brumfield an hour and twenty minutes to earn the additional \$1,250—the difference between first and second.

It is a tribute to his ability: he made it look easy.

THIRD AND FOURTH

There was no play-off for the position, but Mike Zeitman gained a measure of self-satisfaction by taking third place in the pro-tournament, and \$400. Zeitman had been seeded about tenth, and justifiably felt this not an accurate reflection of his professional ranking. To give credence to his feelings, he stopped Jerry Fondren in two; won a tough one over third seeded Steve

Keeley, 6-21, 21-19, 15-14; and stopped number six seed, Davey Bledsoe, 21-20, 16-21, 15-12, in the quarterfinals.

Tenth seeded players aren't supposed to appear in the quarters. Mike Zeitman made it to the semis before having his balloon shot down. Some racquetball observers say Zeitman has everything, or almost everything, needed to play consistently winning racquetball. For some reason he went into a slump, and has had trouble coming back. At St. Louis he seemed to be on an upward swing.

In the semifinals, Marty Hogan defeated Zeitman in two straight games in which Hogan dominated the play. The St. Louis pro was deadly accurate, 21-11, 21-14. There is no argument with scores like that.

After the match Zeitman remarked that he now knew how a tree feels after being set on by a hard-working beaver. Then added, or buzz-saw. Hogan chopped him down, and certainly he has the ability to stop any player in the IRA on any given day.

Fourth place and \$300 purse money went to Steve Serot, who defeated Jerry Hilecher in a battle between two home town favorites, 15-21, 21-13, 15-8.

Quarterfinalist winners were awarded \$200 each from the prize purse, and it was at this juncture Serot met his Brumfield-Waterloo, 21-10, 21-13.

CONSOLATIONS

The continuing question of ERA, on and off the field of racquetball, was lent fuel when Bill Dunn earned more loot playing and winning in the men's professional consolations than a woman professional made by qualifying for the quarterfinals. Dunn's consolation, \$150. Women's quarterfinalists, \$50.

The men's pro consolation pitted Bill Dunn, San Francisco, against IRA executive director, Tom McKie, Dal-

las. Dunn had been upset by Gary Stephens in the opening round, 21-19, 18-21, 15-13, while McKie had fought tough with John Lynch of Champaign before losing, 21-17, 19-21, 15-1. (Lynch, in his next round met Hogan, and forced the number two seed to three games, before bowing, 21-20, 19-1, 15-4.)

Shooting and covering well, Dunn broke out of an 11-11 tie to win the first game, 21-13. After little scoring and tight play in the first portion of the second game, a couple of ace serves got Dunn on his way, and he recorded an easy 21-6 win.

Kathy Williams and Shannon Wright meet competitively for the first time

St. Louis was treated to an unexpected match when Shannon Wright, Dallas, met Kathy Williams, Hazel Park, Michigan, in the semifinals. Seeded number two and three respectively, the two women had never played one another. By the strange luck of the draw, the two had attended the same tournaments across the nation, but had never met competitively.

Kathy Williams has shown a much improved game this past year, and with a new contract just signed with her sponsor, she was exuding confidence. Shannon Wright was experiencing a roller-coaster series of big wins, and hard fought losses, after upsetting Peggy Steding at Chattanooga to gain the IRA's women's professional title.

Wright had reached the semi's with a bye and an easy win over Judy Thompson (21-3, 21-0). Williams also started with a bye, then stopped Rita Hoff, 21-7, 21-8.

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Men's pro winner played 4-game

The semifinals match was a long one, three games, and came so close to going both ways that it was hard to say which of the women would have won had the third game gone 21 points.

Williams took the first game, 21-20. Wright came back in a 25-minute second game to win, 21-13, setting the stage for the 15-point showdown.

Williams took a quick three point lead which Wright just as quickly nullified, bringing the first of several tied game situations into being. The score was tied at four-all, then five, eight, nine, ten-all. Each woman would pull out with a one point lead. But no more. Wright finally gained a two point advantage with the score 13-11, but Williams tied this, 13-13. The score tied again at match point, 14-14. Kathy Williams was serving, and following a drive serve to Shannon's backhand, Williams rolled out for game and match point off the front center wall.

An upset? Not exactly, considering it was their first head to head encounter, and considering they are two of the consistently top women players in the world.

But Peggy Steding and Williams had met before. St. Louis was a tale re-told

The women's pro finals was overflowing with experience and power. Unfortunately for Kathy Williams most of the power was displayed by her opponent, Peggy Steding. By consecutive scores of 21-10, 21-10 Peggy carted off the winner's check of \$500.

Kathy had played Peggy a very good match at the IRA Championships in May and many felt after her upset win

over Shannon Wright on Saturday in the semis her adrenaline would be flowing. However, Peggy was not about to let her opponent get anything started, getting four aces in her first nine points to jump to a 9-2 lead. Peggy was cutting everything off and driving the ball back at Kathy.

After Williams got a couple back to 4-9 Steding quickly countered with three more to run the score to 12-4. Williams then made a brief run to close, 8-12. A three-point inning by Steding followed by a two pointer by Williams left the score at 10-15. After several blank innings Peggy rolled off the last six for a 21-10 win. As she had started out, Peggy consistently kept the pressure on with drive returns and volleys.

The second game was quite similar to the first. After Kathy took a one point lead Peggy came back to score four and then two. Williams fought back to 5-6 but Steding quickly added four more. After an exchange of several points Peggy jumped to a 15-6 lead. Kathy was making errors off back wall shots as she attempted to shoot her way back into the game. Peggy rolled to a 17-7 lead. Then came the final flood of points: 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21-10. The match point fell in place when Peggy Steding stopped a short ceiling-ball game with an overhead kill shot from left rear court to the right front corner at 2:43 Sunday afternoon.

Gary Stephens downed an improving David Kinberg in the men's open

Gary Stephens, Memphis, won the men's open division of the Town and Country tournament by defeating five

players in twelve games, in four days. That's a lot of racquetball. No wonder players turn pro as quickly as possible.

In the finals, Stephens met one of St. Louis' best amateur players. David Kinberg had little the better of the draw, rating a bye in the first round, but after that took the next six out of his seven games.

The finals went to Stephens, 21-5, 20-21, 15-8. In the first game the champ-to-be won the toss, served, and won the exchange for his first point. Serve changed hands fourteen times. By then Stephens was leading, 7-5.

With five points on his side of the card, Kinberg ended his scoring, but not his opponent's. In the next 13 rallies, Kinberg errors contributed more to Stephens' point accumulation than the accuracy of his shooting—although his shooting was setting up and forcing the poor returns.

Kinberg appeared to be over-reacting, giving Stephens points on five skipped returns. Three or four times he was passed by being out of position. Twice the ball was played off the frame of his racquet. He was diving and working, but his game wasn't together.

In the second game both men continued using almost every style of serve in the book. Both were shooting better than in the first, and Kinberg benefited from the between game rest. Early in the game Stephens pulled out to an 11-6 lead, but gave up the serve on a skipped return and Kinberg rolled out three times, picked up another point on a pass shot, and pulled up, 11-10, before Stephens regained serve.

Stephens made it to match point, 20-17, on the basis of better game control, and finesse, but at this point Kinberg managed a come-from-behind effort to tie it, 20-20, and on the final rally Stephens made a dive return which left Kinberg standing, wondering which

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way the referee would call it. The ball bounced his way, and he took the second game, 21-20.

Stephens shot the ball in the third game, aceing Kinberg three times, and being tied but once, early. At 4:15, after entering the courts just before three, Stephens served a hard to handle cross court serve to Kinberg's backhand and took the amateur open victory, 15-8.

In the men's senior division Myron Roderick turned back Al Ferrari in two straight

Twelve players admitted they were eligible to play in the men's senior division, representing Oklahoma, Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri, at the St. Louis Town and Country Racquet Club program, May 19-22.

The \$6,100 prize money was reserved for the pro-division, yet these twelve anted up \$15 a head for an ego trip in the plush surroundings of one of the nation's best looking racquetball clubs (tennis, swimming and handball, too) to vie for trophies, personal satisfaction and pride.

The club hosts, Luigi Tucci, Joe Morrissey, and Jim Burst, not only provided the setting and purse, but personnel for a smoothly managed four-day weekend of top flight racquetball under ideal conditions.

Taking first place in the men's senior division was Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Oklahoma, who has played in and visited as many clubs as anyone on the circuit. He praised the owners of the racquet club for their hospitality and the professional manner in which the

tournament was conducted.

In the finals, Roderick met six-foot, plus Al Ferrari, defeating him in two decisive games, 21-9, 21-5. One of Roderick's favorite tournament targets has been Charlie Garfinkel, whose height Roderick seems to enjoy cutting down to normal size. In this event Ferrari appeared to be a "gar" substitute.

The first game of the finals lasted 18 minutes. During the first half the scores were never more than two points apart, and most of the time consisted of one-point advantages that shifted back and forth.

With the score tied nine-all, Roderick began pulling away from Ferrari, scoring his last 12 points while serving 14 times to Ferrari's four.

In the second game Roderick played in the same manner as the first, favoring a variety of serves, but leaning heavily to a cross court shot that landed toward Ferrari's backhand. In the first set-to Roderick dumped a half-dozen of so lob serves to the left rear court to which Ferrari moved up, making the returns before the balls had a chance to glue themselves to the back side-wall. His mid-air backhand returns resulted in powerful blasts. In the second game Roderick used the lob more sparingly, but effectively, and the match point was won when Ferrari couldn't scrape the ball loose from the sidewall for a point saving return.

In the semifinals Roderick had defeated Bob Harcastle, St. Louis; and Ferrari had stopped Paul Heigold, Champaign, Illinois.

Kessinger takes women's open in four straight

The enrollment for the Women's open division was light, resulting in a round

robin that saw Carolyn Kessinger, Memphis, emerge with four wins plus one more by default. (Nancie Messerschmidt, Indiana, failed to show.)

Taking second place with St. Louisan Rita Hoff, whose sole loss was to Kessinger, 21-5, 21-15. Third was Judy Cozad who was turned back by Kessinger, 21-9, 21-14, and by Hoff, 21-12, 21-12.

Fourth was Goldie Hogan with two wins, followed by Vickie Kimber, Champaign, and Nancie Messerschmidt.

MEN'S B

Ricky Hobday, Palatine, Ill., defeated Mendy Katzman, Memphis, in two identically scored games, 21-7, in the Men's "B" division. Third place, by forfeit, was Dennis Dummerth, and fourth was Ray Sprecher.

The B category attracted the largest field, with 36 entrants, representing Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, and Missouri. Hobday also distinguished himself by playing more matches than any of the other B players, and—for that matter—anyone at the tournament.

By the arrangement of the draw he met Rich Hoke in a "qualifying" round, then proceeded to play five more matches during the four day competition. Oddly enough third place Dummerth would have equalled the feat except for the forfeiture. He, too, had been one of the eight players entered in "qualifying" rounds.

WOMEN'S B

Karen Shippy, St. Louis, won the Women's B division by defeating Alice Becker in three games, 14-21, 21-15, 15-9. Third place went to Linda Hogan over Mary Herling (fft).

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Houston Y-director Joe Leach survived 287 entries, 10 consolations, and 16 divisions in which more than 30 YMCA's took part. He is now looking forward to next year...



The Bicentennial national YMCA racquetball championships were played at 1600 Louisiana Street in the Downtown YMCA at Houston, Texas. The Bicentennial drew 287 entries playing in one or more of 16 divisions, plus ten consolations, and they did it all in three days: March 5-6-7.

Asked whether they would hold a Bicentennial-plus-one, YMCA director Joe Leach said they haven't fully recovered from this one, and they weren't sure what to call the next one, but the answer was "Yes!"

Leach said everyone concerned with the national YMCA championships was pleased with this inaugural undertaking. They began talking about making it an annual event right after the close of the first one, but any announcement would have to be considered tentative.

The Bicentennial national championships were attended by players from more than 30 YMCA's representing over 14 states. Connecticut was the most distant, Leach said, but competitors came from New Mexico, Arizona, all through the midwest and southwest.

In discussing whether the event would be repeated, physical director Leach explained that finances enter the picture. Co-sponsorship by a company such as Leisure Time products of Santa Ana, who underwrote this year's cost, is desirable.

"We would be interested in repeating the tournament next year even without co-sponsorship, but would likely need to consider raising the entry fees slightly. Even at \$15 for one event and \$25 for two, we consider this has been a break-even undertaking," Leach said, adding that the YMCA did not look to make a profit on the tournament, and is in a position to sponsor a national event that might be considered a problem by a court club owner who looks only at the immediate day's balance sheet.

He said there were a few—but very few—who grumbled about giving up court playing time, and there was a loss in court time revenue, but the publicity and enthusiasm a national tournament brings far outweighs the loss. "In the long run the tournament will create more demand for more courts. There is no question."

Joe Leach said he had not been contacted about next year's championship by Leisure Time of Santa Ana, but understood the company was satisfied with the publicity and advertising exposure they reaped with the premier, and is looking forward to making more specific plans in the next few months. "As soon as we know the dates, we will let IRA know. Immediately," he promised.

At the right Peggy Steding receives a pair of trophies from Joe Leach. Peggy entered and won in both women's singles and open doubles. Randy Stafford led the men's singles open; and at the far right master's division winner Dewey Strickland (in warm-up suit) with runner up Ray Crowley.

In the throes of staging their first national tournament something went wrong with the record-keeping of match scores, Leach said, explaining the absence of points in the brackets forwarded to the IRA, but the progression of wins and losses is accurate. He agreed that no such thing exists as a totally perfect tournament—large or small—and this was one of the nation's biggest.

In the first day of the event 100 matches were played with competition beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m. First day matches consisted of single 31-point games, with the exception of the open division, he said, otherwise they would have been going on around the clock.

Randy Stafford, the Memphis professional-author-coach captured the men's open singles division over 19 other stalwarts including Mark Auerbach in the finals, and Eric Campbell in the quarters. Auerbach made a good showing stopping Jim Austin in his side of the quarterfinals.

The indomitable Odessa, Texas, Super-gal Peggy Steding, paid a little extra to be sure she got a workout, entering both singles and doubles. She stopped Kansan Marci Greer for the umpteenth



Arizona - in YMCA Nationals

time after Greer had made short work of Janice Segall in the quaters. In the so-called "men's" open doubles, Peggy Steding teamed with Jim Conlin, men's B-singles semi-finalist, to take third place in that event.

The men's open doubles championship was earned by Mark Auerbach-Kevin Meyer when they turned back a bid from Eric Campbell and D. Groves. Conlin and Steding defeated Notley-Hilliard for the third place position.

Johnny Savage and Jim Conlin met in the YMCA's B-Singles, with Savage taking the YMCA's national title. Third place trophy went to Tim Tripp. In the non-YMCA-member counter-part of this bracket, first place went to Ron Meek besting a fast improving field of 19 other B-division players. Second was Larry Nitishin. Taking third, over Armando Cortez, was Bob Notley.

Another 19-member field was the men's senior division in which John Hellard defeated Duane Cooper. John Watson, who took third, did it the hard way coming through a preliminary qualifying match over George Milner, then working his way through the brackets to the semis where he was cooled off by the very hot

John Hellard. Watson still had enough steam left to take third, and give fourth to Joe Peery.

Ray Crowley is going to win the masters division again, somewhere. But his last few tournaments have left him taking photos (great ones!) of the winners, and lending his camera to someone while he posed for the runner-up shot. It is suspected that Ray has already pre-printed his winner's picture, and has it ready to mail. In the Houston donnybook, Crowley eliminated Milton Rebennack in the semifinals only to meet his nemesis in the

finals. Dewey Strickland took the win. Third was Rebennack, and Weederman was fourth.

Pam Spann, semifinalist in the women's B singles teamed with Janice Segall who was stopped in the women's open singles at the quarter-point by Marci Greer to win the YMCA's national women's doubles title. They defeated Connie Karcher, winner of the women's novice singles, and quarterfinalist Neysa Buckley, from the women's B singles.

Additional finalists are listed in the Scoreboard.



And now - direct from

The Minneapolis Aquatennial not only brought together some of the top players in the country, but received the kind of promotion many tournaments have been lacking. Amos Rosenbloom reports on some of the publicity angles explored by Bob Adam, Bob McNamara and himself. Other clubs may want to take notes.

The Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament at Kings Court, Edina, Minnesota, July 16-17-18 included 183 players from a seven state area playing in 12 divisions. The split Junior division—14 years and under—and 15-18 years; the class "B" doubles and the pro division Round Robin were good additions to the tournament.

The family atmosphere of the tournament included father and son entries—Scott Schafer—Juniors 15-18 and Charlie Schafer—Senior from Winona, Minnesota; Damian Carpenter—Junior Under 14 and Dick Carpenter—Senior from Rochester, Minnesota; Fritz Banfield—Junior Under 14 and Fred Banfield—Senior from Rochester, Minnesota; Phil Rosenbloom—Juniors 15-18 and Amos Rosenbloom—Masters from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Saturday evening brought the players together for a cook out at Bob Adam's house. Food was excellent and Dean Constantine, a good player on the court and a dancing instructor in real life, taught "The Hustle". Players from 12 to 48 joined the action as Dean talked them into moving to the beat. Dean is a master at gaining control of the action on and off the court. His dialogue is worth up to five points in a match.

The most exciting doubles team at the tournament was Brian Heeb and Pat Page from Minneapolis, who upset highly regarded Mike Wiem of Minneapolis and Mike Gorman of Rochester. Then, with an excited cheering crowded gallery behind them, they went against top seed Steve Singer and Ron Haskavitz of Minneapolis. Brian, 23, and Pat, 25, were diving and shooting their way to victory until Singer and Haskavitz broke their concentration with a series of verbal confrontations. Page and Heeb in their first major tournament did not recognize the tactic,

and the "Darlings" of the tournament lost in a tie breaker.

Paul Ikier, Minneapolis, won the Round Robin pro-am event by defeating Bob McNamara, Don Brechtold, Mark Hegg and Bill Schmidtke, two-time National champion. This was Ikier's tournament, as his control was faultless, his kills on target and his concentration unbroken. Paul was into every game probing the weakness of his opponents and playing every point as if it were match point. Paul teamed with Barry Gerr to win the open doubles championship. Barry, better known as "Barney Google", admitted, "my skill was choosing a partner. My best moves on the court were keeping out of Paul's way—he was rolling them out."

JOTTINGS

Bob McNamara, who went from the Aquatennial Tournament to win the Masters division at the Canadian Open and complete a "Grand Slam" in Racquetball said, "Playing in the pro division Round Robin was a great conditioner—I kept improving with each match." Mac, with his two handed backhand, grafighter racquet and Munsingwear outfits, always filled the gallery.

A clapping, cheering gallery adds excitement to the game and the tournaments.

A smiling face, a lifted fist or a call of encouragement is worth two points.

Racquetball tournaments provide super people watching.

In the Masters division, George Sladky telephoned the tournament director that he could not move and wanted to forfeit the championship match to Ralph Stillman. Stillman and Sladky had split in two previous meetings and Ralph refused to accept the easy first place trophy. George then pulled himself out of bed, hobbled over

the Kings court



to the Court House, had two people help him dress, stumbled into the court and whipped Ralph, 21-8, 21-11. Ralph is still mumbling about the match . . . "I would rather play George when he is healthy."

Damien Carpenter, age 12, refereed ten games during the tournament—there were no complaints, only compliments for this young caller of "kills" and "shorts". There were many "Thank yous" from the tournament director, Tuck Peterson, and the players.

The Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament used the radio to keep racquetball buffs informed on the tournament.

Amos Rosenbloom and Bob McNamara phoned in 15 taped interviews on key matches to WWTC, a local news oriented radio station. WWTC

became the voice of racquetball for the weekend and 1280 on the radio dial was posted at the court so interested players could be updated on matches. The interviews progressed from straight reporting of match scores to the color of one or two matches which were exciting at that point in the tournament.

To keep the action moving, Kings Court owner Bob Adam used his car CB unit to keep the brothers informed. One report went like this: "This is 'PR Pete' in Edina town reporting from the Minneapolis Aquatennial Racquetball Tournament. 'Barney Google' (Barry Gerr) of Minneapolis was destroyed by 'The Blender' (Dave Glander) from Steamboat Springs, Colorado." "'Little Dad' (Joe Wirkus) from Milwaukee upset 'Best Dressed' (Bill Schmidtke) from Apple

Valley." "'Skinny' (Gary Rivex) from St. Paul upset 'The Lover' (Mike Gorman) from Rochester." "'Moy Toy' (Tonya Mouw) eliminated 'Heaven Hill' (Marlene Hill)." "This is 'PR Pete' coming back at 2 PM tomorrow. Keep your channel open."

The publicity blitz coordinated by Bob Adam and Amos Rosenbloom included three stories and a picture in the local newspaper, Associated Press releases, a tournament book for all players and individual first match pictures of each player in action. It is hoped that next year's publicity can include individual releases to player's home towns.

SENIOR DOUBLES finalists—From left to right, Bob Schreiner, Bob McNamara, Gerry Donlin, and Ron Haskivitz. Haskivitz

and McNamara won the senior doubles; Schreiner and Donlin took the consolation.



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World Records?

48 Hours should equal new singles record

Rodriguez tops Lusk marathon by 9½ hours

By Steve Dunn

"All I want to do is go to sleep", was the only comment John Rodriguez could make as he stepped out of the court after 48 consecutive hours of playing racquetball.

That's crazy! 48 hours? Why would anybody want to play racquetball for that long? To break the existing world record, of course. That's what Rodriguez did. His 48 hours of continual racquetball broke the existing world record by nine and a half hours. The old record was 38½ hours, set by Gary Lusk, last year.

When Rodriguez stepped onto court two at the Supreme Court IV Sport Center in Hayward, he had no idea how he would hold up while trying to play for two nights and two days. He began his adventure at 7 pm Monday, April 26 and finished exactly 48 hours later at 7 pm Wednesday, April 28.

He followed all the rules as laid down in the "Racquetball" magazine. All games were regulation to 21 points. He was allowed three time-outs per game as was his opponent. There were no breaks between games and he was allowed a rest period of five minutes per hour.

Between gulps of Gatorade, bologna sandwiches, Big Macs and apples, the new champion managed to participate in 154 games, 81 of which he won. He scored 2,530 points to his opponents' 2,416.

Rodriguez was given a Seiko watch for his efforts and a complete racquetball outfit from DGW Associates, the Supreme Court's concessionaire. An additional prize of dinner for two at the Hungry Hunter restaurant chain was awarded to the player who could last the longest against John. The winner was Carl Nisely, who survived 19 hours of play.

When Carl finished his own marathon at 2 am in the morning, he went home and had 13 hours of sleep and managed to make it back to the Supreme Court in time to see John finish up his magnificent deed.



MARATHON WINNER Rodriguez, left, with runnerup Nisely.

20 hours, 5 minutes—Doubles endurance feat

Peanut butter & jelly doubles marathon nets \$1,000

On May 22 at 6 a.m., four players stepped onto a racquetball court at the Down East Court Club in Maine with one thought in mind—to set a world record for longest continuous racquetball play. The players, Wayne Clark, Bill Flahive, Bill Rich and Phil Soule had been in training over the past weeks for this event, running, canoe racing, playing hard racquetball and psyching each other for the long hours that lay ahead of them on the court.

The world record event was being done for the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults. All proceeds went to the Society to help send a crippled child to summer camp.

The players had consulted with Dr. Hanley, the Olympic doctor on proper diet (peanut butter and jelly sand-

wiches, pizza and plenty of liquids) and physical danger signs they should watch for. The players were warned before going onto the court that they had a long way to go and should take it easy. Phil Soule barked back, "We're out to set a world record in racquetball and that's what we're going to do—play racquetball!"

Just as Phil had promised, they played hard racquetball. Throughout the event the players were diving and flailing as if it were the biggest tournament in the history of the game.

At 20 hours and 5 minutes an announcement was made to the spectators and players that a new world record had been set. The excitement generated by the announcement was unbelievable. A satisfied smile came to the faces of

the players who had worked so hard to make it happen, and the spectators went wild because they had witnessed something that had never been done before. To put the frosting on the cake the new record holders played an additional two hours to make sure that their record would stand.

Over 22 hours and 5 minutes, four men had played over 52 games and scored over 1600 points, and the average point span on each game was 21-14. On top of the whole thing, they raised about \$1000 for the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Bill Rich summed up each player's feelings by saying, "It was a great feeling to do this thing. But I wouldn't want to do it again."

Three-wallers have new set of

The women's singles featured sunshine-type states, with Martha Byrd, Florida, taking on Bette Weed, California . . . in ideal three-wall weather.

By Don Jacobs

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—Barry Wallace's three-year quest for the national outdoor three-wall championship ended July 4 when he destroyed Davey Bledsoe of San Diego in straight games to take the coveted crown before 2,000 onlookers.

Wallace, second for the past two years to Charlie Brumfield, downed Bledsoe in the first game, 21-17. Behind in the second game, 7-10, Wallace ran 14 straight points to take the title.

The three-day event saw a host of upsets and several new faces wearing national crowns.

Jim Carson of Costa Mesa and Rick Kossler of Fullerton downed the defending open doubles champs Wallace and Bob Wetzel, 12-21, 21-16, 21-12.

Wetzel outshot the legendary Bud Muehleisen in the seniors division to take that crown, 21-11, 21-16.

In women's singles, Martha Byrd of Gainesville, Fla., downed Bette Weed of San Diego easily, 21-6, 21-15 for her first national crown.

The Wallace-Bledsoe final pitted a top four-waller in Bledsoe against a top three-waller in a classic confrontation. The match, played in near-perfect 80-degree weather, saw the lead change hands 11 times in an extremely tight first game. Wallace finally took that one when Bledsoe's passing shot was wide.

Wallace appeared to gain confidence from that one and jumped off to a quick 4-0 lead in the second. Bledsoe led, however, 7-10 before Wallace suddenly ran off 14 in a row to put it away.

Had an Iron Man trophy been given, Wetzel would have won hands down. Wetzel played Muehleisen in a 1:45 p.m. match Sunday, after having beaten him the day before in the double elimination seniors bracket. This time, however, Muehleisen took Wetzel, 11-21, 21-16, 21-15. Following those three games, Wetzel, without rest, had to play the open doubles final, which went three long ones. Again, without rest, Wetzel went against Muehleisen for the seniors title and took it in two games.

In other divisions, Mike McGovern won the B singles, 21-16, 11-21, 21-7, over Gary Lusk. B doubles went to Pug Pierce and Jack Olson, who beat Don Delany and Bill Chadwick, 21-12, 21-20.



IT'S A CONTACT SPORT. Jim Carson, prone, and Rick Kossler, left, during match with Barry Wallace and Bob Wetzel. At the far right, Harkin's photo of Barry Wallace tempted everyone to headline this story, "Flash: man bites racquet!"

champions

C singles went to Mike Dover who beat Pierce, 21-18, 21-20. The Junior Title went to Darryl Weed, 21-14, 21-15, over Steve Cuniff. The Women's doubles crown was won by David and Gribbin, who beat DiNatale and Graden, 14-21, 21-12, 21-15.

The new doubles champs, Carson and Kossler, have been playing together for two and a half years. They lost in the semis last year, but got some momentum going early this time and were impossible to stop.

"We just decided to come out and shoot more," Carson said. "We knew those guys are tremendous shooters, and we came out smoking. This time, it worked."

Asked about his iron-man feat, Wetzel said, "If anyone wants me next week, you'll find me in the whirlpool. My body's destroyed."

Wetzel had high praise for Muehleisen. "It's just a pleasure to play Bud," he said. "He's such an intelligent player, and a real gentleman. What a touch he's got."

The tournament, held for the third year at Orange Coast College, drew an estimated 1,500 fans for both the Friday and Saturday events, and more than 2,000 for the Sunday finals. The games were played on 13 courts and events went off with clockwork precision.

"Thank our tournament directors, Dick Tucker and Dale Wonacott for that," Wallace said. "They did a super organizational job."

For their \$15 entry fee contestants received three days of racquetball, a shirt, a visor, a \$2 meal ticket for each day . . . and a chance to look at the California groupies who paraded in chamber-of-commerce inspired 80-degree weather and bikinis . . . all of which made it very hard to follow the bouncing ball.

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HOW TO GET STARTED PLAYING RACQUETBALL



Steve Strandemo—professional racquetball player and one of the all time top money winners in the sport.

By Steve Strandemo
Member of Ektelon's Team of Champions

You might think there are several good reasons why you have never learned to play racquetball, even though your attention to this magazine proves your interest in the game.

You may shrug and mutter to yourself, "Well, I'm not nearly adroit enough for a game of that speed. Why embarrass myself?"

Chances are—unless you are one of those who fall down getting out of bed—you will be able to play the first time you step on a court.

Or, you may argue, you do not have the time.

Yes you do, if you have the time to read these pages. Indeed, most of the racquetball establishments won't let you play more than an hour, due to the demand for court time.

No courts nearby, you say? Don't count on it. No one with whom to play? You'd be surprised. Too expensive? Cheaper than golf, or tennis, and better for you than booze.

If all you want is a little convincing, let's start with the hardest part: the game itself.

It consists of a racquet, a ball, and a wall—or, more accurately, four walls, none of which is more than 39 feet from you at any time. If you can hit the broad side of a barn, you can hit the front wall of a racquetball court. And that is the object of the game.

Not to oversimplify. There are frustrations, and there are plateaus. The game at its more refined levels has more angles than a snake in a maze.

But it is a game you can enjoy from the first. If you seek the help of an experienced player, you can go from zero to mediocrity in an hour's time.

An hour will just about do you, too. It is a game of few delays—you don't have to chase the ball very far—and much movement. And it is ordinarily played indoors. There are three wall and one wall versions that may be played outdoors. You sweat.

At this point, it is wise to consider one very good reason why you might not want to take up the game just yet. If your health is suspect, get clearance from your doctor.

If you are fit, racquetball will help you stay that way. Among the recreational sports, its conditioning value ranks near, or maybe at (these things have yet to be quantified) the top. You will go away worked out.

As to a place to play, look around, even if you live in the last 40 acres of North Dakota. It needn't be plush.

Peggy Steding, the best woman player in the game, is from Odessa, in far West Texas, where she learned how to play at the Odessa YMCA. The birth place of high caliber racquetball in St. Louis was the Jewish Community Center.

This magazine annually publishes a directory of the International Racquetball Association (IRA) membership, which includes many clubs and centers. By latest estimate, there are in excess of 2,000 racquetball facilities—and about five million players—scattered across the country.

In the nine years since the sport completed its evolution from the old sport



Standard equipment for the average racquetball player.

of paddleball, its popularity has proved universal, and new investors, including Elvis Presley, football's O. J. Simpson and baseball's Don Kessinger, are lining up to meet the demand. Courts cost about \$40,000 a copy, and they say the best place to inquire about court locations is the bank.

All but the most exclusive clubs, incidentally, open their courts for public play, for an hourly rate of \$3 or so per person.

Inquire at colleges or universities in your area. Many of them have handball courts, which are the very courts on which racquetball is played, to the chagrin of the handball players. Some institutions have built new courts since racquetball began to boom and some intercollegiate competitions have sprung up.

Your kids may already be into racquetball at school, where the sport has become part of many physical education programs.

Many established tennis centers, both public and private, are adding racquetball courts. And most plans for new complexes include both tennis and racquetball courts.

If you live near any metropolitan area, or Odessa, Texas; or Waterville, Maine; or Boise, Idaho, you will have little difficulty finding a place to play.

Equipment consists of a racquet, a ball, and tennis shoes. Gym shorts and a T-shirt are fine, and sweatbands on the wrists and head are recommended. Many players also wear a glove, to keep the racquet handle dry.

Racquets cost from \$8 to \$50. Balls are around \$2.00 for a can of two. You probably already have tennis, or deck shoes. If not, they run from about \$10 to \$27.

Metal or fiberglass racquets, with rubber bumpers, are preferred to wood, since many proprietors will not allow the use of wood racquets. They are hard on the court walls. There is a wide selection. The top three manufacturers say they will turn out 600,000 racquets this year. Look at several models and ask the characteristics of each before buying.

Ektelon, the firm I represent, has available a "starter kit" that includes, with a rules booklet and equipment catalog, a racquet selection guide.

Equipment bags are nice to have (and not too expensive) especially if you prefer to shower and change before leaving the center. At the least, take along a dry shirt, because the one you wear during play will be soaked. And take a towel, whether you shower or not.

Any court pro shop or sporting goods store will have what you need, including lessons although the sporting goods store may only be able to tell you where to get them, while they would be

readily available at court facilities.

The cheapest and most direct way to get your first lesson is to collar an acquaintance—a friend, neighbor, business associate—who already knows how to play. He does not have to be very good, and he may never have given a lesson in his life, but he can show you the basics, such as the wristy swing and the close-to-the-floor contact, which are most important.

From there, it's mainly a matter of practicing the rudimentary strokes, as they are applied to balls bouncing at various angles off the walls and floor. You will find the back wall is the most difficult to "play," but be patient. It's only a matter of position.

If you don't mind spending a little money, you will find at every center or club someone willing to give you more formal instruction. It may even be available

Dates and addresses of camps and clinics normally are advertised in the racquetball magazines.

On the other hand, much can be learned in an armchair, where you can sit on your wallet and read instructional books, which are being published regularly by the top professionals.

They are valuable only if you go to the courts and practice what you have read. There is no substitute for making clean contact with the ball.

You may do this by yourself, of course. There always has been a certain amount of pleasure to be derived from hitting a ball up against the wall.

The greater fun is in competition. This dulls quickly, however, if you are getting whipped 0 and 0 every time. So it is wise to pair up with someone of your approximate speed.



Jennifer Harding, one of the game's top women players with Steve Strandemo on the court at San Diego.

for free, through city recreation departments or university summer programs.

If you don't mind spending a little MORE money, you might consider a professional's camp or clinic. They are proliferate.

My own camp is in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Others also are in fixed locations, while some move about.

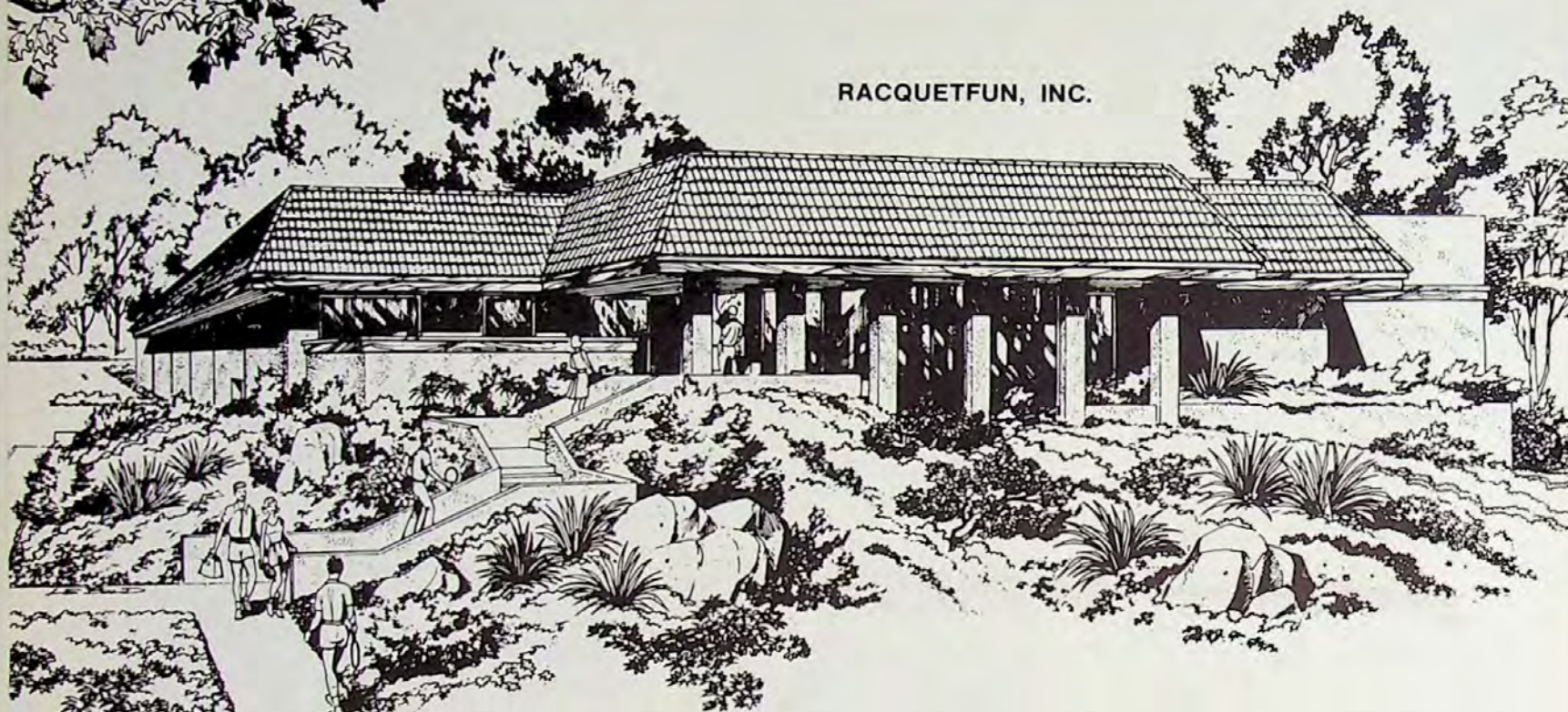
If money is no object, and you live off the beaten path, you might think about building a summer vacation around a camp or a clinic in a resort area.

The best way to do this is to invite someone else to take up the game with you. You may leave him behind, eventually, but for openers two is better than one.

Of course, you don't have to play the same person the rest of your life. The clubs have ladder competitions, and the IRA sanctions tournaments, including novice, or "C" divisions, everywhere. The last issue of this magazine carried summaries of tournaments from Connecticut to New Mexico.

But please note: if you win a C division championship, you automatically move into the B division. So be prepared.

RACQUETFUN, INC.



HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF

Racquetfun, Inc., looks for overseas market

Racquetfun, Incorporated, a three-quarter million dollar private club is scheduled to open in early January, 1977 at Brookhurst Avenue and Hamilton streets, Huntington Beach, California, according to spokesmen Jeri Turpin and Phil Miller.

Promoters of the club say it will be a luxury facility with modestly priced memberships. The club will have ten racquetball courts, lounge, fully staffed child care center, with indoor-outdoor play areas for youngsters up to seven years old.

The Huntington Beach racquetball club is the first in a series to be built by Racquetfun, Inc., a Costa Mesa-based company, throughout the U.S. and overseas. The company is headed by George (Bud) Godfrey, a co-owner of Sports & Leisure International Ltd., which is also headquartered in Costa Mesa, said Turpin and Miller.

Godfrey pointed out that racquetball leagues have become very popular and

said that Racquetfun, Inc. will offer league play in both day and evening hours.

The new club will be managed by Mel Amerman of Costa Mesa, a long-time racquetball competitor and a tournament official. "Membership fees will be nominal at the new club," he said. "Racquetfun, Inc. will be a sports club where women may play during the day while their children are carefully supervised."

Active programs for all members of the family will be offered for league play, clinics, and tournaments. Group instruction will also be available. Private parties may be arranged on week-ends for members and their guests.

The club will offer carpeted locker rooms with whirlpool baths and saunas, overnight laundry service at nominal fees, and low-cost rental lockers. The entire facility will be air conditioned and there will be a light refreshment area adjoining the spectator lounge. Courts will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

One of the ten courts will be glass-walled for viewing exhibition games,

Amerman noted. Manor & Ellison, San Diego, are architects for the new club and Paul Box of Alco Corporation, San Diego, is the general contractor. For information on memberships, Amerman may be reached at (714) 963-0864.

VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA

Actor Wayne Rogers announces opening of 12-new courts

The "tilt-up" of the Supreme Court Sports Center, scheduled to open in November, was "topped-out" today, August 13, it was announced by actor Wayne Rogers and Lewis N. Wolff, of Wolff-Sesnon Development Co., partners in the project.

Located adjacent to the Van Nuys Airport at 7030 Hayvenhurst Ave., the Supreme Courts Sports Center will be one of the nation's largest athletic clubs featuring 12 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts, steam room, sauna, jacuzzi, locker rooms, snack bar and pro shop.

RACQUETBALL

Interior construction has started on the mezzanine, locker rooms and installation of the courts.

The free-standing 20,000-square foot structure is being built by Warren Bradley of Bradley Construction, Woodland Hills, and Les Lazarus of Advanced Heating and Air Conditioning, North Hollywood and Robert Gilman, C.P.A.

Supreme Court will be open on a membership priority basis and to non-members for an hourly charge.

Information about membership may be obtained by contacting the Supreme Court Sports Center sales office at 7061 Hayvenhurst Ave., Van Nuys 91406 (213) 988-5500.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Pentathlon champion now backing racquetball boom

Construction is underway on the Portland, Oregon, area's first racquetball-handball club. Located at 13939 N.W. Cornell Rd. across from Sunset High School, the Cornell Court Club is being built by former Olympic competitor Chuck Richards of Beaverton.

Scheduled to open in November, the 22,500 square foot facility will house nine racquetball courts, a two-lane indoor jogging track, separate exercise areas for men and women, two saunas, two whirlpool baths, two sunlamp rooms, a pro shop, lounge, sports information library, snack and nutrition bar, and a playroom. In addition, there will be two outdoor tennis courts and a Vita Parcours exercise and jogging course. Projected cost of the facility is \$500,000.

Long-range plans call for a gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and dance programs, and an outdoor swimming pool. Richards says he is also tentatively planning to add four indoor tennis courts as the club enlarges.

The decision to build the club came after a visit to a similar facility in Texas

last year. Impressed by the popularity of the Texas club, Richards studied the feasibility of building one in Portland. He found a lack of facilities for the increasingly popular sport of racquetball, overcrowding in private sports facilities and no plans by local park and school districts to build such a comprehensive sports center.

Emphasis at the club will be placed on physical fitness for all members of the family. A number of conditioning programs are planned, including aerobics, a cardio-vascular conditioning course.

"I'd like to see this become the physical fitness center for whatever type of activity people in the area are involved in," says Richards. "We've designed the club to be family oriented because we feel it is important for a family to do things like this together."

Richards, who owns Chuck Richards Construction Co., is building the club. He and his wife, Jani, will manage the completed club.

Richards was a three-time winner of the national championships in modern pentathlon, a sport which includes cross-country horseback riding, fencing, pistol shooting, cross-country running and swimming. He competed internationally in the sport for five years and was a member of the American Olympic team that placed fourth in the sport at the 1972 Munich games. Mrs. Richards is a native of Beaverton and has taught physical education and health at Whitford Intermediate School for three years.

Special instruction will be offered in racquet sports, physical fitness, circuit weight training, aerobics and dancing for fitness. The club will be open seven days a week, and is now accepting memberships.

WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA

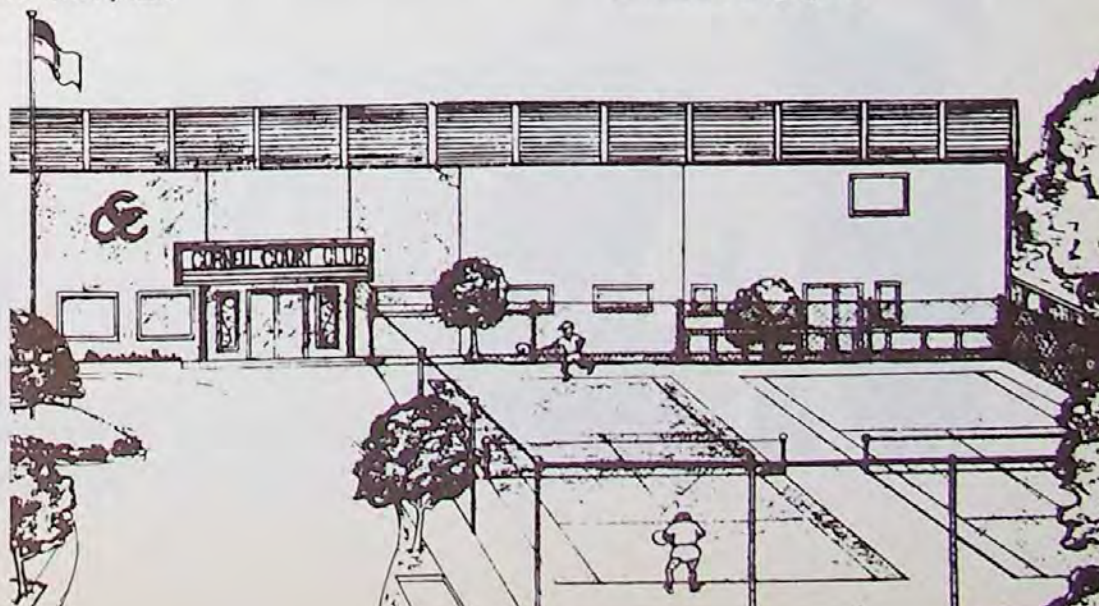
\$4-Million sports complex building six courts; has plans for another 12

Warner Center Racquet Club, Woodland Hills, California, has announced the addition of six racquetball courts to its already impressive array of sports amenities. The racquetball/handball courts will be ready for play October 2, 1976.

The 4 million dollar facility will be the largest multi-activity center in Southern California and offer a variety of programs for its membership. This will be the first racquetball court club in the San Fernando Valley, a suburb of Los Angeles located 18 miles northwest of the Civic Center.

The Racquet Club will feature six racquetball/handball courts (with plans to add 12 more), 26 outdoor tennis courts, two swimming pools, private lockers, saunas, and jacuzzis for men and women, a massage facility, fully equipped exercise room, a child care center and teen patio. It will also have

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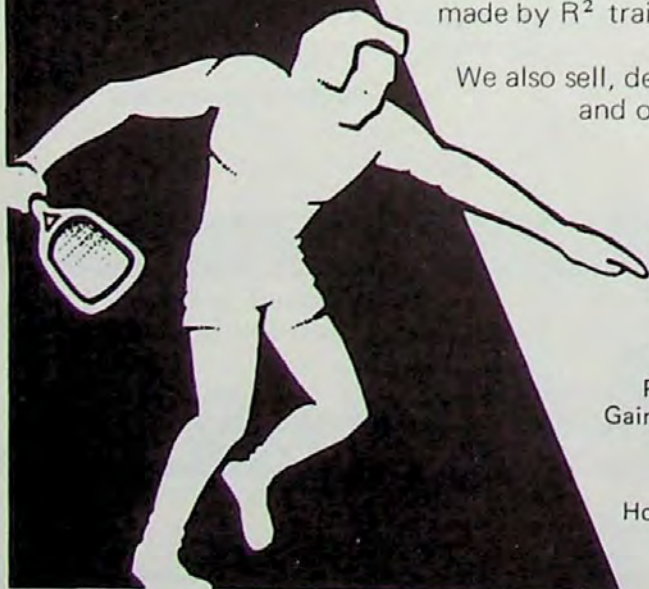
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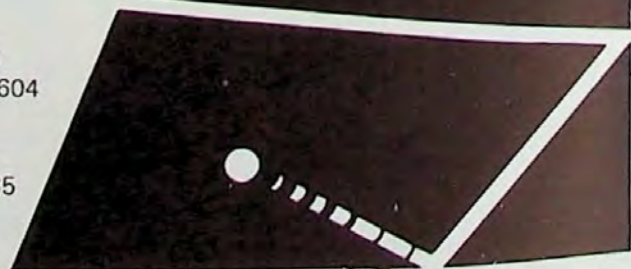
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a cocktail lounge and mini-restaurant. The main emphasis by the management is to serve its members with a variety of programs in tennis, racquetball and handball. Junior development programs are also included and special clinics for ladies and beginners in racquetball are scheduled. Tennis leagues are popular and racquetball leagues are anticipated. A head pro and assistant pros in tennis and racquetball will be available for instruction and clinics.

The number one AAU swim team in Southern California, Aquarius Swim Club, uses one of the pools and offers discount swim lessons to the club's members. The pro shop is fully equipped with a full line of tennis, racquetball and handball equipment as well as a large display of playing apparel.

Lou Ryave is the general manager of Warner Center Racquet Club. The director of the racquetball and handball programs is Jim Bird. Both Bird and Ryave have an extensive background in the field of physical education. Ryave taught in the Los Angeles schools for the past 16 years and Bird comes from the department of Kinesiology at California State University, Northridge.

Soon after the October opening Warner Center will host its first annual San Fernando Valley racquetball open tournament. "This will be the first time the Valley resident players have had an open tournament. The racquetball explosion is about to be felt in this area with a good number of court clubs planning to open their doors in the next six months. Our tournament should help all the court clubs in this area promote this great sport. The tournament will be open to members and non-members of the club who are residents of the Valley," explained Bird. Applicants should contact Jim Bird at (213) 884-1100.

Charter racquetball membership sales have been going well for the club. The initiation fee is comparatively low and monthly dues allow unlimited play on the courts. The tennis membership is being limited and racquetball mem-

berships will be limited to 100 per court. The 12 additional courts will be added when the membership reaches the 600 mark.

FORT WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

"The Philadelphia suburbs are ready for racquetball"

It's full steam ahead on construction of the Fort Washington Racquetball Club, the largest privately owned facility in the Philadelphia area devoted exclusively to racquetball and handball. Slated to open this winter, the club will feature ten courts, sauna and steam room, observation deck and lounge, child care area and pro shop. Four of the ten courts will have glass back walls for easy viewing.

According to club president, Mark Smith, "The Philadelphia suburbs are ready for racquetball, and we're bringing the sport here in a big way."

Area racquetball players have in the past been limited to playing on handball courts at local Y's and on squash courts, but Smith hopes to remedy the situation.

"In many cases," he says, "we've found that people have been introduced to racquetball in other areas of the country, have taken a liking to it, but are unable to find an appropriate place to play when they return home."

Smith himself was an enthusiastic squash player who became acquainted

with racquetball only in recent years. He believes that many other racquet sports players will share his enthusiasm for racquetball but anticipates that many future club members will be people who at this point haven't even heard of the sport.

"Our job is to get the word out," he says. "Racquetball is a sport that appeals to everybody—men, women, children, whole families. We want to talk about a game that can help people stay in shape, a game that's easy to learn and yet can be as challenging as you want it to be."

He and his partners are counting on the club's location to draw a large number of potential players. "We're directly across from an industrial park, we're located at the intersection of two major arteries, and within a quarter mile of two motels—a Holiday Inn and a Sheraton. On top of that, the club is located in Montgomery County, one of the most affluent areas of Pennsylvania."

Smith adds that despite the club's high-traffic location, it has an almost idyllic setting. Situated on a two acre lot, the club site is bordered by full-grown trees, many of which have been re-planted at great expense rather than being plowed under by bulldozers.

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Fort Washington vice-president Geoffrey Smith, left, and president Mark Smith study blueprints of club site.

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Bob Dixey, standing, while Jim Isobe, Ray Haeme and Ivar Kaardal kneel with their trophies.

Kaardal and Dixey top Bavarian invitational

Bamberg, Germany, which was celebrating its 1003-year anniversary while we whooped it up for our Bicentennial, was the host city for Northern Bavaria's first Social Invitational Tournament. The affair was sponsored by Bamberg's Dr. Bob Dixey.

Racquetball tournaments are not always enjoyable for each and every player who participates. Consider the competitor who travels 500 miles and is promptly eliminated by the number one seed. The poor guy hardly works up a sweat and never gets the opportunity to test his mettle against any of

the other players. About the only thing he has to look forward to is getting up early on the day of the finals and hope for a good seat.

With this in mind, the itinerary for the Bamberg tournament was somewhat altered. Eight top players from the European region were invited to participate. Each player was assured of playing seven matches as no one would be eliminated during the course of the tournament. This format helped create a relaxed and congenial atmosphere.

Points were assessed only if a participant lost a game. The winner was

Ivar Kaardal, who was penalized only one point for an early round loss to Hal Lefler. Although Kaardal won the match with Lefler, he was still assessed one point for the game lost. Bamberg's Bob Dixey was second with four points and Bob Paredes of Stuttgart, third with five points.

Later in the evening, at an awards cocktail hour and dinner, each player was presented a framed cartoon depicting some of his past idiosyncrasies (such as utilization of timber racquets, wearing women's clothing, etc.). A special "Most points" trophy was awarded to Bamberg's Ray Haeme who amassed fourteen points during the day.

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ALONG THE RACQUETBALL TRAIL

Ron Johnson's two point spread is enough in Michiana open

Ron Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind., defeated Ron DeMunter, Michigan, by the classical racquetball tournament scores of 21-20, 21-20, during the second annual Michiana Open tournament at the South Bend, Ind., YMCA. The pair of suspenseful games gave Johnson the victory in the men's open division of the event.

Johnson advanced to the finals by defeating Lee Duda of Illinois in the quarterfinals, 21-16, 21-12, then defeated Jim Hall of Illinois in the semifinals, 21-4, 21-8. DeMunter defeated David Peters of Michigan in the quarterfinals, 21-15, 21-16, then defeated

Ron Anderson of South Bend, who was also tournament chairman, in the semifinals, 21-6, 21-6.

Hall then defeated Anderson, 15-21, 21-14, 21-12, for third place. Clyde Senters of Illinois kept the crowd amused and defeated Harold Huff of Indianapolis for the consolation title, 21-19, 21-19.

The Women's Division found Fran Mamula of South Bend dominating the field by defeating Phyllis Vantrease of Ohio in the semifinals, 21-0, 21-3 and Brigitte Huff of Indianapolis in the finals, 21-3, 21-4. Huff advanced to the finals by defeating an up and

coming Helen Parr of Indiana in the semifinals, 15-21, 21-14, 21-18. The most exciting women's match came in the quarterfinals when Parr defeated veteran Nancie Messerschmidt of Indiana, 21-12, 20-21, 21-18.

Parr captured third place by defeating Vantrease, 21-10, 21-10. JoAnn Martin of South Bend defeated Irene Wasiutyk of Indiana for the consolation title, 21-6, 21-13.

For the first time a field of masters was added and found Jack Schuberth of Illinois defeating Pierre Miller of Indiana in the finals, 21-5, 21-12. Schuberth displayed his consistent style of play in the semifinals by defeating Bill Lowe of Indiana, 21-14, 21-9. Miller defeated Joe Gatto of South Bend in a match of endurance in the other semifinal, 21-13, 18-21, 21-19. Lowe defeated Gatto for third place, 21-16, 21-18.

Minnesota sponsored clinics to produce future champions

San Diego has been identified as a hot-bed of racquetball; St. Louis court clubs have strewn the country-side with top players in the same way a volcano scatters boulders. Now and again Minnesota has done as much. Recent examination of the North Star state

shows it is getting ready to regain its rightful place in the racquetball world as the home of world champions.

Products from Minnesota, such as Bill Schmidtke, Steve Strandemo, Ron Strom, Paul Ikier, Bob McNamara and Bob Adam, Jr., are well known throughout the nation.

Minnesota has encouraged a youth movement by staging clinics, racquetball camps, and hours and hours of private instruction by Schmidtke, Strom and Ikier this past summer. The state has had three tournaments (one going on at the time of writing) for juniors.

The junior classification (up to 18) tournaments found Dan Ferris, 16, from St. Cloud winning the first two in the older bracket, with Scott Schaefer runner-up. Scott, a 15-year-old from Winona is the 1975 NRC consolation winner.

In the 14 and under bracket Paul Bakken, Fergus Falls, beat Hart John-

son, 12, St. Paul, in the Minneapolis Aquatennial. Hart is the 1975 NRC Junior consolation runner-up to Schaefer.

These four young men have been playing doubles Class B picking up a number of wins from older competitors.



Paul Bakken and Hart Johnson model some "psyche 'em out" T-shirts.



Good Shepherd's flock takes ten of 11 at Louisville

There is a team of young girl racquetball players and their coach in Frankfort, Ky., who in a short time will need no introduction in racquetball circles. They are the Racquettes, Eileen Ernst, Mary Charles Crockett, Joan Barlow, Lucy Bennett and Bobbi Lynn Brennan. Their coach is Dick Ernst, one of racquetball's most avid players and promoters. The girls range in age from 14 to 11.

Approximately 18 months ago, Ernst, who teaches at Good Shepherd School where the girls attend, conceived the idea of starting a girl's racquetball team. Observing them in their physical education classes, he selected those he felt had the physical ability and desire to learn the game. Aiming at producing a state champion, he has freely devoted his time and energy to teaching the girls the principles and practices of racquetball. When it was suggested that he was being more than generous in buying the girls uniforms, he said they had been working hard and he wanted to do something for them.

They had only been playing a short time when they went to Louisville and won ten out of 11 matches with a group of boys. Seven months after they first picked up a racquet, they went to the Mid-States Open in St. Louis and came back home with two consolation trophies. One year after the organization of the team, they returned to Louisville for the River City Open and came back with the consolation trophy. Next, they participated in the Eastern Kentucky Women's Open in Ashland, Ky. Out of a field of 21 entrants, the entire team finished in the upper half with one tied for fifth place. In the Eastern Kentucky University Invitational Tournament, one of the girls finished third in the singles event, one won the consolation trophy, and two captured second place in the doubles event. Recently they re-

turned from the Kentucky Racquetball Association State Championships in Louisville with a third place plaque in the doubles competition. The Kentucky State rankings have been released with one of the girls in sixth place and one in eighth place.

The Racquettes have compiled an enviable record in their short time as a

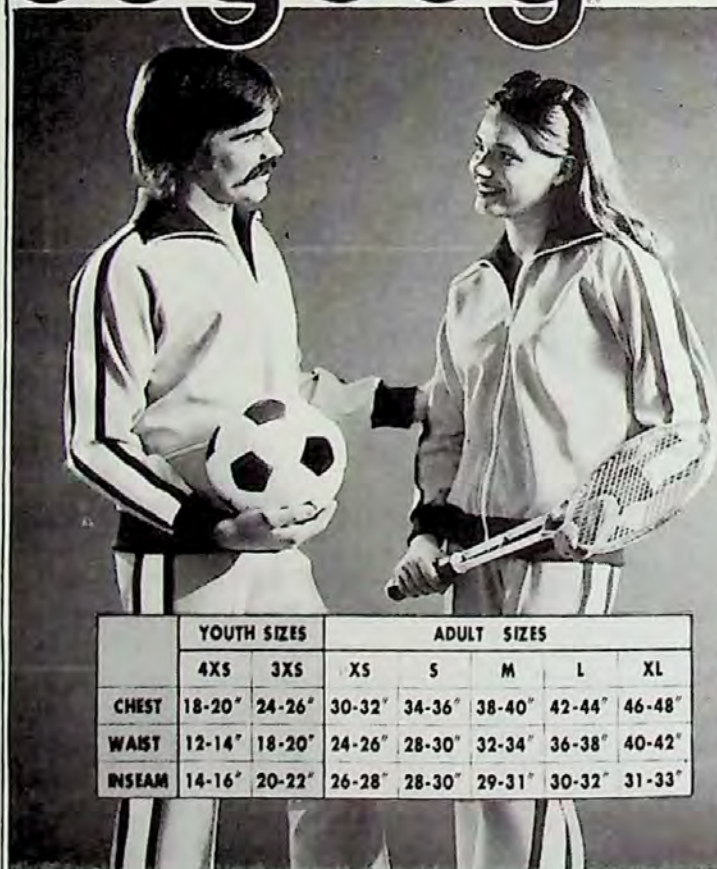
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Naples, Florida, spring tourney shows 260 percent increase

Until February of this year no more than 24 people had ever entered a racquetball tournament in Fleischman Park at Naples, Florida. The three-day spring event sponsored by the Naples Parks and Recreation department drew 92 contestants—a 260 percent increase. Four local newspapers covered the competition, and as a result the city and county are looking forward to additional outdoor court facilities.

In the men's open singles division, Foley stopped Steve Farkas in three games in what was considered by many to be the best game of the tourney.

In the men's novice singles, Mark Simon defeated Ed Henry in the finals for the trophy. Simon had taken three games to get by John Ranthum in the semifinals. Wayne DiGiacomo, who had breezed through most of the preliminary play, was upset earlier and never made it to the finals.

In the men's open doubles, Foley and partner Phil Wegele took Terry Hoff and Larry Mattin into three games before winning. Wegele's play in a semifinals match with Bob Munz and Ken Leftwich had enabled the Wegele-Foley team to make the finals.

The men's novice and doubles was won by Ed Henry and Dick Johnson as they defeated Horace Hackney and Don Korerby in the finals.



FLEISCHMANN PARK, FLORIDA WINNERS: Front row, from the left are Gary Carpenter and Frank Martell; second row: Bonnie Rankin, Karen Hoff, Connie Munz, Debra Lawrence, and Bob Munz; third row are Steve Farkas, Jim Foley, Mark Simon, Ed Henry and Dick Johnson. (Photo by England)

In the women's play, the team of Connie Munz and Deborah Lawrence downed Quita Mozzina and Barb Spielberg in two games in the women's open doubles, 21-17, 21-18.

Karen Hoff and Gerri McKee stopped Gay Leftwich and Key Gaudette in the finals of the novice doubles, 21-12, 17-21 and 11-10.

Gary Carpenter took Frank Martell into three games before beating him for

the 9-12 singles trophy. In the 13-15 bracket, Rob Munz downed Ricco Longo in the finals.

The tournament was managed by Bonnie and Jim Foley.

In addition to tournament trophies, special drawings were held for 25 racquets and 18 dozen balls provided by Leach and Seamco equipment manufacturers.

Bill Dunn wins first crown in California pro tour

By Steve Dunn

Northern California's first inaugural Professional Tournament began with a bang and ended the same way at the Supreme Court IV Sport Center in Hayward, California, June 8-9. The tournament marked the beginning of a professional tour for North California athletes only.

Twelve players were chosen to participate in the tournament and several other players were invited to qualify for the final four players to complete a round of 16. The top seeded players in the tournament were Bill and Steve Dunn, Mark "Mongo" Wayne, Bob McAllister, Bob Kraut, and Gene Gibbs. Rounding out the 12 were Len

Stream, Deryck Clay, Bill Russell, Spencer Johnston, Ed Ritner, and John Wagoner.

Several upsets began in the first round when qualifier Rob Baruck of San Carlos upset the fourth seeded player, McAllister of Sunnyvale, in three tight games, 17-21, 21-14, 21-

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18. Bill Russell of Stockton knocked off the 8th seeded player, Deryck Clay of Portola Valley in a tightly contested 16-21, 21-4, 21-18 match.

For his efforts Baruck was quickly set down by number five seed, Bob Kraut. Scores were 21-7, 21-6. Other close matches were qualifier Frank

Wies' three gamer with Steve Dunn and Russell's loss to Bill Dunn in two games. The one upset of the quarter-finals was Gene Gibbs' win over the third seeded Mark Wayne, 21-8, 21-18. This was Gibbs' first victory over Wayne in six tries.

The semifinals went as expected with Bill Dunn winning over Bob Kraut, 21-17, 21-15 and Steve Dunn defeating Gene Gibbs, 21-15, 21-16.

The finals event was not close with Steve Dunn missing everything in sight

and Bill Dunn getting hot. The scores were 21-16, 21-9. Third place went to Kraut, 21-1, 21-16.

First place received \$150 while other prize money totalling \$600 was distributed down through the ranks. Consolation went to Bob McAllister, who won \$25.

This was the first tournament in a six month season over the summer. Other sites include Sacramento, Stockton, Redding, Sunnyvale, and San Carlos.

Luciw heads list of East's top sixteen

The Rochester YMCA was the scene July 4th weekend for an invitational of the top 16 players in the East. Competitors were divided into fields of four. In flight one Mike Luciw was tested only by Sam Poletta, a masters player, but in the end Mike was too much, as he won, 21-10, 15-21, 21-10. In flight two Ivan Velan gained a rough road to victory, being twice extended to three games and once was at the down end of a match point situation versus Herman Neumeier of Rochester. In flight three Leo Marsocci coasted to victory, without losing a game. In flight four Manny Gregorio emerged victorious as he bested Jim Winterton of Rochester, 21-20, 21-18. An unfortunate back injury to John

Kruger of Burlington, Vermont, gave forfeit victories to Jim Dollinger and Gregorio, both in flight four.

Sunday Luciw played Gregorio and Velan played Marsocci for the right to play for number one spot. Leo, displaying new yells and quotes never used before, talked and shot his way to a 21-7, 9-21, 21-18 victory.

Meanwhile, Mike Luciw was relatively quiet beating Gregorio in two: 21-12, 21-16. The stage was set for a Marsocci-Luciw final. Game one was all Luciw as he shot the trademarks off enroute to a 21-13 victory. In game two Marsocci dug down deep for insults such as "He's slow, fat, and he can't shoot" or, after a rollout forehand, "If you'da got that I'da gone



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Leo Marsocci prepares to rollout a forehand against Luciw in the Rochester super-16 Bi-Centennial invitational finals July 4.

home." This game was clearly Leo's as he won, 21-15. In game three the talking stopped and at 16-14 it looked as if Leo had it in the bag, but Luciw got hot as only Mike can get, and the little black sphere began to find a home in that nirvana 1/2 from the floor on the front wall. The final score was 21-17.

The spectators were treated to one of the most climactic games seen this year. The finalists were given a five minute standing ovation.

Manny Gregorio defeated Ivan Velan, 3-21- 21-18, 21-13, to take third spot in what was observed to be an exceptionally honest and clean display of sportsmanship.

The final standings for the Super Sixteen are shown in order, first through 16th: Mike Luciw, Leo Marsocci, Manny Gregorio, Ivan Velan, John Spencer, Ray Capitenelli, John Alfieri, Jim Winterton, Jim Dollinger, Herman Neumeier, Sam Poletta, Willie Wang, Dan Waingarten, Bill Goldstein, Bud Stange, and John Kruger.

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Hildebrand and Aubrey hang on to Arizona doubles crown

When the dust had settled at the ten-court Muehleisen club in Mesa, Arizona, site of the state doubles tournament, the defending champions were still number one. But, this year the IRA doubles quarterfinalist team of Bill Hildebrand and Mike Aubrey waded through a much stronger field of contenders in order to retain the crown for a second year.

Experience was the name of the game as Hildebrand of Phoenix and Aubrey of Tempe lost the first game, yet came back to win the next two in both the semis and finals. They put down the solid team of Paul Darnell and Rick Hamlin, both of Tempe, in the semis, 11-21, 21-18, 21-10. In the finals the champs dropped the rightie-rightie combination of Steve Chase of Tempe and Duane Gettman of Mesa by the scores of 14-21, 21-14, and 21-15.

Darnell and Hamlin won third place by beating Les Riel and Mike Grisz, 21-15, 21-16. Consolations went to Ken Garrigus of Phoenix and Chris Georges of Tempe.

Twenty-two teams from all over the state entered the B division with Charlie Matus of Mesa and Ray Adams of Phoenix winning in the finals over Jan Thiessan and John Lankford, both from Tucson, by the scores of 15-21, 21-15, 21-6. Bob Frolick and Mike Young, both from Williams Air Force Base, took third over Howie Diamond and Ken Hartnett, both from Tucson, 21-8, 15-21, 21-7. Consolations went to Drs. Gary Campbell and John Cheakmakis.

The seniors had a five team round robin playoff. Ron Hastings and Don Griffin, both from Phoenix, never lost a game and took first place. Second place went to Bob Fisal and Tom

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Schartz. Third was taken by Ron Stulik and Jerry Wyatt.

The women got into the action as Sally Murphy and Orva Lewis easily handled all competition to take first place. They defeated Susie Cuswell and Liz Anderson in the finals, 21-6, 21-14. Mo Roark and Sue Burnell dropped Laura Robinson and Terry Blinkhorn for third place. Marianne Spomer and Susie Brown won the consolation bracket.

The Arizona State Racquetball Association thanked Steve Scott and the Court Jesters for hosting the tourney which ran as smooth as a tourney could run.—Chris Georges, *Tournament Co-Director*.

At Boston the players were on time!

by

David W. Chinn and Bruce R. Gale

After three full days of play, the First Annual Northeastern University, Boston, Singles Racquetball Championship Tournament sponsored by the Physical Education and ROTC Departments came to a close with a few surprises and a lot of exciting play. More than 170 matches were played on the Cabot gym courts May 14, 15, 16 as 82 members of the faculty, staff, and student body vied for titles in the four divisions of competition. The tournament was the first of its kind for the Northeastern University community, and the matches were played without any major catastrophe.

Although the majority had never played in a tournament before, everyone was cooperative and enjoyed themselves. Players were on time, matches went off as scheduled and no one gave excuses to avoid refereeing a match.

The tournament held at Northeastern University was a little different from

most tournaments. Since racquetball is a relatively new sport at Northeastern, the C division was limited to players with less than four months experience. To increase participation, there was no entry fee. Captain David W. Chinn, the tournament director, had previously announced this tournament would prove to all disbelievers that "a free lunch" still exists somewhere in the U.S.A. A contestant had a forty percent chance of winning some type of prize or trophy.

Trophies were awarded to the first three places and the consolation champion in each level of play. In addition, racquets were awarded to the first place winners. Many door prizes were awarded to those holding the appropriate lucky ticket number. Prizes or racquetballs or racquets were donated by Ektelon, Vittert, Seamco, Sporting Goods, Trenway Products Inc., and General Sportcraft Company.

In the C division, SSG John Evans captured first place by defeating LTC Jack Peters in a well played finals match, 21-12, 21-15. Third place was captured by CPT Bruce Gale over Professor John Cipolla, Jr., 21-7, 21-12.



Mike Stone

The B division competition saw Auguste Robinson come from behind to defeat a hustling and determined CPT Hardy Batchelor, Jr., 4-21, 21-16, 21-13. Robinson's comeback was exciting to watch as he was defeated handily by CPT Batchelor in the first game. At the start of the second game, Robinson changed his strategy and took control of the rest of the match. Robinson's victory was significant in that he played nine matches in three days! SSG Evans defeated Tom Mullen for third place, 21-7, 20-21, 21-13.

Janet Gillis, easily defeated Peggy Hannon for the Women's Division crown, 21-7, 21-2. Gillis, who is a recent beginner in racquetball, gave up no more than eight points in her previous matches. Sally Doolittle defeated Mary Keane in a hard fought match for third place, 21-7, 18-21, 1-9.

What everyone had been waiting for—feeling it would be inevitable that the two would clash in the A division finals—came true by late Sunday afternoon. Mike Stone, seeded number two and a Law School student, played an exciting three-game match against his arch rival, CPT David Chinn, that finally saw Stone prevail, 19-21, 21-



Gus Robinson

ALONG THE RACQUETBALL TRAIL

13, 21-20. In the first two games, each player came from behind to win his game. The final game found Stone ahead early, 5-0, only to fall behind, 6-14 and 14-20. At this point, Stone put together everything he could muster and ran off seven points to win the title. Both players were exhausted at the end of the most exciting match of the tournament. Robinson easily defeated John Malgeri for third place, 21-1, 21-14.

Next year's tournament should draw an even bigger crowd since racquetball classes will be offered for the first time in the fall quarter.



Janet Gillis

Wisconsin initiates Women's Y-team ladder

Sue Morris and Lynn Zafis, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, were congratulated by Ivan Bruner, vice-president of the International Racquetball Association for their work in setting up Wisconsin's first Women's State YMCA Team Racquetball.

Seven Wisconsin YMCA's were represented at the July 13 organizational meeting. A local ladder tournament throughout the year (September through April) will determine the team for each YMCA, and the top five will comprise the team each month.

The women will start with women's singles. Beloit, Janesville, East Madison, West Madison, Oconomowoc, Sheboygan and Fond du Lac were represented at the meeting with Sheboygan holding out until August 15.



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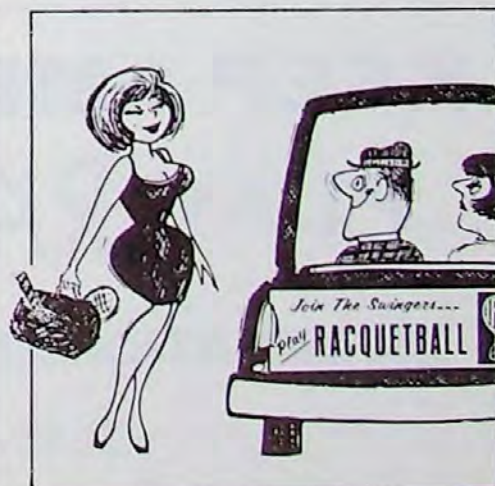
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MEN'S PROFESSIONAL

Round of 16: Brumfield def. Gary Stephens; Koltun def. Jerry Zuckerman; Serot def. Ken Wong; Hilecher def. Bud Muehleisen; Hogan def. John Lynch; Wagner def. Paul Ikier; Zeitman def. Steve Keeley; Bledsoe def. Randy Stafford.

Quarterfinals: Brumfield def. Ben Koltun, 21-16, 21-11; Serot def. Jerry Hilecher, 15-21, 21-13, 15-8; Hogan def. Rich Wagner, 21-2, 21-19; Zeitman def. Davey Bledsoe, 21-20, 16-21, 15-12.

Semifinals: Brumfield def. Steve Serot, 21-10, 21-13; Hogan def. Mike Zeitman, 21-11, 21-14.
Finals: Charlie Brumfield def. Marty Hogan, 21-2, 5-21, 15-9. Zeitman, third.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL

First Round: Steding, bye; Pasternak def. Carolyn Kessinger; Carow, bye; Green def. Goldie Hogan; Wright, bye; Thompson def. Mary Dee; Williams, bye; Hoff def. Chris Ackerman.

Quarterfinals: Peggy Steding def. Jan Pasternak; Sarah Green def. Sue Carow; Shannon Wright def. Judy Thompson; Kathy Williams def. Rita Hoff.

Semifinals: Steding def. Green; Williams def. Wright.

Finals: Peggy Steding def. Kathy Williams, 21-10, 21-10.

Florida Invitational

1976

Spring Tournament

OPEN DOUBLES

Semifinals: Johnson-Hendricks def. Zetrover-Dubolsky, 19-21, 21-18, 21-8; Stevens-Durham def. Levison-Hines, 21-20, 21-11.

Finals: Stevens-Durham def. Johnson-Hendricks, 14-21, 21-19, 21-18.

Consolation: Mojer-Philman def. Lane-Shaak, 16-21, 21-11, 21-9.

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Durham def. Mojer; Levison

def. Rutledge; Koenig def. Zetrover; Hendricks def. Stevens.

Semifinals: Durham def. Levison; Koenig def. Hendricks.

Finals: Koenig def. Durham, 21-17, 7-21, 21-14.

Consolation: Black def. Featherstone, 21-18, 21-14.

Edina, Wisconsin

King's Court

July 16-17-18, 1976

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Glanders def. Singer; Gonser def. Rivet; Corah def. Peterson; Harper def. Bechtold.

Semifinals: Glander def. Gonser (def); Harper def. Corah.

Finals: Bill Harper def. Glander, 21-8, 21-10.
Consolation: Al Reiter def. Gorman.

MEN'S SENIORS

Quarterfinals: Hall def. Billion; Schafer def. Banfield; Soderlund def. Keyes; Armstrong def. Claudy.

Semifinals: Hall def. Schaefer; Soderlund def. Armstrong.

Finals: Bill Hall def. Soderlund, 21-20, 21-9.

MASTERS SINGLES

Semifinals: Sladky def. Constantine; Stillman def. Heeb.

Finals: George Sladky def. Stillman, 21-8, 21-11.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Porter def. Hagen; Rud def. Harrer; Pommerich def. Dow.

Semifinals: Porter def. Rud; Dow def. Pommerich.

Finals: Koni Porter def. Dow, 21-16, 21-4.

Boston, Mass.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

SINGLES

May 14-15-16, 1976

A DIVISION

Quarterfinals: Chinn def. Davis; Robinson def. Balaconis, 21-20, 20-21, 21-8; Malgeri def. Kanokkul, 21-11, 8-21, 21-5; Stone def. Kearney, 21-8, 21-12.

Semifinals: Chinn def. Robinson; Stone def. Malgeri, 21-5, 21-6.

Finals: Stone def. Chinn, 19-21, 21-13, 21-20.
Third: Robinson def. Malgeri, 21-1, 21-14.

B DIVISION

Quarterfinals: Robinson def. Anderson, 21-9, 21-10; Evans def. Kowalczyk, 21-5, 21-7; Mullen def. Kearney, 21-11, 17-21, 21-15; Batchelor def. Boyer.

Semifinals: Robinson def. Evans, 21-19, 19-21, 21-12; Batchelor def. Mullen, 21-18, 21-17.

Finals: Robinson def. Batchelor, 4-21, 21-16, 21-13. **Third:** Evans def. Mullen, 21-7, 20-21, 21-13.

C DIVISION

Quarterfinals: Cipolla def. Zola, 21-16, 21-20; Peters def. Nesky, 21-5, 21-4; Evans def. Reise, 21-5, 21-8; Gale def. Kardes, 21-8, 21-8.

Semifinals: Peters def. Cipolla, 21-14, 11-21, 21-3; Evans def. Gale, 21-13, 21-17.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Quarterfinals: Janet Gillis def. Jan Goodhue; Sally Doolittle def. Joanne Wido; Mary Keane def. Pat Lovett; Peggy Hannon def. Sue Crocker.

Semifinals: Gillis def. Doolittle, 21-4, 21-4; Hannon def. Keane, 21-0, 21-4.

Finals: Gillis def. Hannon, 21-2, 21-7. **Third:** Doolittle def. Keane, 21-7, 18-21, 21-9.

Houston, Texas

MARCH 5-6-7, 1976

YMCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Open: Randy Stafford def. Mark Auerbach. **Third:** Jim Austin def. Eric Campbell.

Seniors: John Hellard def. Duane Cooper. **Third:** John Watson def. Joe Peery.

Masters: Dewey Strickland def. Ray Crowley. **Third:** Milton Rebennack def. Simon Weederman.

Men's Y B-Singles: Johnny Savage def. Jim Conlin. **Third:** Tim Tripp def. Ed Snowden.

Non-Y B-Singles: Ron Meek def. Larry Niti-shin. **Third:** Bob Notley def. Armando Cortez.

Men's Y C-Singles: Mark Feemaster def. David Baccus. **Third:** Bagby def. Scruggs.

Men's Open C-Singles: Smith def. Ragow. **Third:** Goodman def. Hirsh.

Novice Y Singles: Pierce def. Wright. **Third:** Franz def. Hill.

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Men's Open Novice: Rittgers def. Hilgare.
Third: Sunbarger def. Douglas.

Men's Open Doubles: Meyer-Auerbach def. Campbell-Groves. Third: Conlin-Steding def. Notley-Hillard.

Men's B Doubles: Cooper-Burford def. (fft.) Brazil-Ragow. Third: Hodges-Pierce (fft.) over Zeirs-Almerico.

Men's YMCA Doubles: Baccus-Smith def. Savage-Lucky. Third: Carver-Tabor def. Watkins-Watkins.

Women's Open: Peggy Steding def. Marcilene Greer. Third: Connie Gambou def. Janice Segall.

Women's B Singles: Christine Salazar def. Pam Spann. Third: Neysa Buckley def. Kathy Robinson.

Women's Novice: Connie Karcher def. Faith Ragow. Third: Beverly Trevar def. Lana Bowen.

Women's Open Doubles: Spann-Segall def. Karcher-Buckley. Third: Trevor-Black (fft.) over Morton-Lufford.

CONSOLATIONS

Open Singles: Danny Groves def. John Jameson.

Senior Singles: Gomez def. Jim Pace.

Masters: Biespell def. Riffin.

YMCA "C": Smith def. Gilbert.

Novice: Colby Mosier def. Eddie Angel.

Men's "C": Jensen def. Thomas.

Women's Novice: Beverly Haney def. Debra Biggers.

Women's "B": Bonnie Bozant def. Kit Philbert.

YMCA "B": Bill Howard def. Ken Watkins.

Non-Y B-Singles: J. Chavez def. Doug Rasor.

Burlington, N.C.

2ND ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
FEBRUARY 6-7-8, 1976

OPEN

Quarterfinals: King def. R. Scordas, 21-13, 21-14; Dreisen def. Kinney, 19-21, 21-8, 21-14; Giordano def. Bailey, 21-14, 21-6; Jutas def. T. Scordas, 4-21, 21-19, 21-19.

Semifinals: King def. Dreisen, 21-13, 16-21, 21-9; Kutas def. Giordano, 21-14, 21-18.

Finals: King def. Kutas, 14-21, 21-19, 21-19. (Third: Giordano def. Dreisen, 19-21, 21-18, 21-14.)

SENIORS

Quarterfinals: Lackey def. Sullivan, 21-11, 21-15; Williams def. Sutter, 21-13, 21-8; Buckman def. Green, 21-10, 21-16; Wiles def. Thomason, 21-12, 21-14.

Semifinals: Williams def. Lackey, 21-13, 21-12; Buckman def. Wiles, 21-13, 21-15.

Finals: Buckman def. Williams, 21-13, 21-16. (Third: Lackey def. Wiles, 18-21, 21-16, 21-7.)

MASTERS

Quarterfinals: Bradley Faircloth def. by Wagoner, 21-12, 21-14; Stan Simon def. Bill Leinbach, 21-8, 21-2; John Webster def. Walt Obman, 15-21, 21-11, 21-10; Dub Freshwater def. Herb Penry, 21-12, 21-4.

Semifinals: Faircloth def. Simon, 21-13, 21-19; Webster def. Freshwater, 21-13, 13-9 (Injury).

Finals: Faircloth def. Webster, 21-16, 21-8. (Third: Simon def. Freshwater, Injury default.)

"A" CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: Allman def. Del Homme, 31-16; Cox def. Beaty, 31-23; Mehne def. Gold-

berg, 31-21; Leonard def. Long, 31-16.

Semifinals: Allman def. Cox, 21-13, 12-21, 21-7; Mehne def. Leonard, 21-14, 16-21, 21-8.

Finals: Allman def. Mehne, 21-15, 21-12.

"B" CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: Freshwater def. Huffstetler, 31-14; Blevins def. Gift, 31-13; Arnold def. Lindbom, 31-20; Spivey def. Marsh, 31-15.

Semifinals: Blevins def. Freshwater, forfeit; Arnold def. Spring, 21-15, 21-10.

Finals: Arnold def. Blevins, 13-21, 21-9, 21-17.

SENIOR "A" CONSOLATION

Semifinals: Charles Sullivan def. Luther Green, 21-3, 12-21, 21-13; Johnny Thomason def. David Sutter, 1-21, 21-10, 21-15.

Finals: Sullivan def. Thomason, 21-19, 21-18. (Sam Armstrong failed to show.)

SENIOR "B" CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: Dwight Bumgarner, Bye def. David Payne, 31-24; Vinton Fountain def. Bill Leinbach, 31-6; George Nikotich, Bye.

Semifinals: Bumgarner def. Hewett, 21-6, 21-6; Nikotich def. Fountain, 21-18, 16-21, 21-14.

Finals: Bumgarner def. Nikotich, 21-7, 21-7.

MASTERS CONSOLATION

Semifinals: By Wagener def. Bill Lienbach, 31-7; Walt Obman def. Herb Penry, 31-1.

Finals: Obman def. Wagener, 21-8, 21-19.

Shrewsbury, Mass.

1976 DOUBLES RANKINGS

(In order listed)

Open: Romano-Bedard; Callahan-Corrigan; Murphy-Wolanski; Woodcome-Alfori; Laraia-Incuho; Fonseca-Freeman; Coleman-Lesperenco; Shapiro-Vehlow; Crummey-Giordano; Kelliher-Krafsic.

"B": Harney-Donavan; Learson-Foley; Lundberg-Beall; Browne-Larson; Kissell-Lovely; Calvagne-McCaffery; Palmer-Marey; Pierce-Baxter; Elkbom-Wallace; Henrickson-Burgess.

Seniors: Crummey-Coleman; Shapiro-Laraia; Houghton-Morgan; Rodriguez-Frum; Kissell-Lovely; Elkbom-Wallace; Katsovlis-Proakis; Hannigan-Patronas; McGuirk-Mancinone.

Masters: Rodriguez-Garafalo; Naziano-Nolan; Robbins-Friedman; Pugliano-Pappas.

Women: Callahan-Nickles; Boulette-Garvison; Bergoffen-Natus.

Springfield, Mass.

1976 SINGLES RANKINGS

(In order listed)

Open: Charles Shapiro, Danny Giordano, Steve Bedard, Pete Crummey, Paul Lazure, Warren McGuirk, Jim Laraia, Ed Graftic, Ed. Moore, Russ Morgan.

Seniors: Crummey, Howard Coleman, McGuirk, Don Houghton, Jim Lanana, Morgan, Laraia, Kevin Calvagno, Robert Browne, Danny Rodriguez.

"B": (Top five) Bruce Nylic, Mike Haughey, Allen Lundberg, John Learson, George Blunt.

"C": (five) Palmer, Salmon, Parker, Tower, Burgoon.

Masters: Sam Garafalo, Dave McNamara, Al Goldberg, Russ Kelly, Danny Rodriguez.

Golden Masters: Dr. Goldberg, Chet Robbins, Emerson, Sid Dorfman.

Women: Martha Callahan, Cynthia Callahan, Sue Birrell, Barb Wheeler, Thomas, Gail Cone, Cavanaugh, Hayward.

Tulsa, Oklahoma

MAY 21-22-23, 1976
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN

Quarterfinals: Roderick def. Glenn Smith; Ken Smith def. John Scott; Jerry Linton def. Gary Hinkle; Roland Treat def. Jim Benien.

Semifinals: Myron Roderick def. Smith; Linton def. Treat.

Finals: Roderick def. Linton, 21-9, 21-18. (Third: Smith def. Treat, 21-10, 21-15.)

SENIORS

Quarterfinals: Lawton on bye; Provence def. Roy Rudichuk; McPherson def. John Johnson; Sturdevant def. Fred Gunther.

Semifinals: Carl Provence def. V. Z. Lawton, 21-20, 21-7; Jim McPherson def. Bill Sturdevant, 21-10, 18-21, 21-18.

Finals: McPherson def. Provence, 21-17, 21-15. (Third: Lawton def. Sturdevant, 21-20, 21-18.)

MASTERS

Quarterfinals: Ray Crowley def. Harold Miller; Tommy Evans def. Jay Leib; Jack Wright def. John Rutherford; Ed Gula def. Paul Sommer.

Semifinals: Crowley def. Evans, 21-15, 21-11; Gula def. Wright, 12-21, 21-19, 21-16.

Finals: Crowley def. Gula, 21-12, 19-21, 21-10. (Third: Evans def. Wright, 9-21, 21-14, 21-8.)

WOMEN'S OPEN

Semifinals: Sandy McPherson def. Judy Rushton, 21-15, 21-10; Nell Farris def. Jean Lehr, 21-5, 21-7.

Finals: McPherson def. Farris, 21-3, 21-9. (Third: Rushton def. Lehr, 21-16, 21-4.)

WOMEN'S B

Semifinals: Carol Stacy def. L. D. Harbor, 21-15, 21-8; Pat Noble def. Dee Ann Short, 21-7, 21-7.

Finals: Stacy def. Noble, 21-9, 16-21, 21-10. (Third: Harbour def. Short, 21-8, 21-5.)

WOMEN'S C

Quarterfinals: Louise Gonsoulin def. Elaine Chaffin; Margaret McCurdy def. Mary Beth Treat; Ruth Wright def. Jackie Matthews; Vicki Callaway def. Gloria Sturdevant.

Semifinals: McCurdy def. Gonsoulin, 21-5, 9-21, 21-12; Callaway def. Wright, 21-18, 21-14.

Finals: Callaway def. McCurdy, 18-21, 21-13, 21-17. (Third: Gonsoulin def. Wright, 17-21, 21-10, 21-20.)

MEN'S B

Semifinals: Tom Farley def. Ted Edwards, 21-12, 21-20; David Rippetoe def. John Siebert, 21-7, 19-21, 21-12.

Finals: Rippetoe def. Farley, 21-19, 21-13. (Third: Siebert def. Edwards, 21-9, 21-14.)

MEN'S C

Semifinals: Bob Klass def. Walter Lipke, 21-19, 21-17; Mark Miller def. Steve Raulerson, 21-9, 21-19.

Finals: Klass def. Miller, 19-21, 21-17, 21-13. (Third: Lipke def. Raulerson, 21-7, 21-4.)

MEN'S D

Quarterfinals: Travis Hill def. Glenn Rodgers; Carl Dean def. Hal Campbell; Robert Savage def. Mark Lehr; Lacy def. Don Pittman.

Semifinals: Dean def. Hill; Mike Lacy def. Savage.

Finals: Dean def. Lacy, 20-21, 21-10, 21-4. (Third: Hill over Savage.)

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26 DIVISIONS

Men's Open Doubles: K. Meyer-Mauerbach def. E. Campbell-D. Groves. Third: Conlin-Steding def. Notley-Hilliard.

Men's Open Singles: Randy Stafford def. Marc Auerbach. Third: Jim Austin def. Eric Campbell. Consolation: Danny Groves.

Men's Y B-Singles: Johnny Savage def. Jim Conlin. Third: Tim Tripp def. Ed. Snowden.

Men's Non-Y B-Singles: Ron Meek def. Larry Nitishin. Third: Bob Notley def. Armando Cortez.

Men's Y C-Singles: Mark Feemaster def. David Baccus. Third: (?) Dick Bagby or Joe Scruggs (?). Consolation: Smith def. Gilbert.

Men's Open C Singles: John Smith def. Steve Ragow. Third: Jay Goodman def. Albert Hirsh.

Novice Y Singles: Johnny Pierce def. Travis Wright. Third: Walter Franz def. Jerry Hill.

Men's Open Novice: Michael Rittlers def.

Victor Hilgaro. Third: Jim Sunbarger def. J. Douglas.

Senior Singles: H. John Hellard def. Duane Cooper. Third: John Watson def. Joe Perry. Consolation: Rudy Gomez.

Masters Singles: Dewey Strickland def. Ray Crowley. Third: Milton Rebnenek def. Simon Weederman. Consolation: Steve Biespiel.

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Women's Novice Singles: Connie Karcher def. Faith Ragow. Third: Beverley Trevor def. Lana Bowen. Consolation: Beverly Haney def. Debra Biggers.

Women's Open Doubles: Pam Spann-Janice Segall def. N. Buckley-Connie Karcher. Third: Trevor-Black (fft) Morton-Lufford.

Boise, Idaho

APRIL 30-MAY 3, 1976
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Trey Sayes def. Dave Carley; Steve Dunn def. Bob Peterson; Bill Dunn def. Morgan Sayes; J. B. Scott def. Bob Lund.

Semifinals: Steve Dunn def. Trey Sayes, 15-6, 15-5; Bill Dunn def. J. B. Scott, 15-5, 15-6.

Finals: Steve Dunn def. Bill Dunn, 5-15, 15-7, 15-13.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Dunn-Dunn def. Erickson-Frame; Lund-Flop def. Hansen-Wold; Scott-Carley def. Oram-Galvin; Sayes-Sayes def. Brinkley-Reines.

Semifinals: Dunn-Dunn def. Lund-Flop, 7-15, 15-12, 15-10; Scott-Carley def. Sayes-Sayes, 15-4, 8-15, 15-4.

Finals: Scott-Farley def. Dunn-Dunn, 15-10, 16-14.

OPEN SENIOR DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Tunnick-Matheson def. Mast-Barrick; Erickson-May def. Seeley-Turner; Baker-Baker def. Bruse-Wegner; Cooper-Somerton def. Crupper-Angell.

Semifinals: Tunnick-Matheson def. Erickson-May; Cooper-Somerton def. Baker-Baker.

Finals: Tunnick-Matheson def. Cooper-Somerton, 15-10, 16-14.

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22-24 MARYLAND — Association sponsored Whitmarsh Tournament. Singles: open, A, senior, women. Open doubles.

29-31 HOUSTON, TEXAS — IRA International Association's men's championship doubles tournament. Pro-division offered for first time. Downtown YMCA.

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19-21 WARREN, OHIO — IRA Master's doubles invitational. Write IRA headquarters, Dallas, Texas, regarding information needed for invitations.

19-21 PENN STATE UNIVERSITY — Nittany Lion Open. Luke St. Onge, director. Box 193, Centre Hall, Pa. 16828. 814-364-1482.

20-21 PORTLAND, MAINE — Turkey Fest Open. University of Maine. Contact Bob Folsom, state chairman, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland, Me. 04103.

JANUARY 1977

8 MARYLAND Players Club to host Maryland State doubles tournament.

8-9 UMPG, PORTLAND, MAINE — Maine closed singles: C, novice, ladies, juniors. Contact Bob Folsom, state chairman, University of Maine, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland, Me. 04103.

15-16 WATERVILLE, MAINE — Maine closed doubles. Contact state chairman, Bob Folsom, Portland, Me.

28-30 FITCHBURG YMCA — Mass. state closed singles. All Divisions.

14-16 WAUSAU, WISCONSIN — 7th Annual Woodson YMCA open tournament. Jerry Hoff, tournament director, 707 Third St., Wausau, Wisc. 54401. (1976 champion was Bill Schmidtke.)

NOVEMBER

11-14 NORFOLK, VA. — 1976 Military East Coast 2nd annual championships.

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25-27 PENN STATE UNIVERSITY — Pennsylvania State Championships. Luke St. Onge, director, Box 193, Centre Hall, Pa. 16828.

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25-27 NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. — New York State open singles.

MARCH 1977

18-20 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE — Intercollegiate championships. Memphis State University.

18-20 FALMOUTH, MAINE — State open championships. Down East Court Club, Route One, Falmouth, Maine. Kevin York, manager. Owners, Ken Astor and Pete Camplin. Contact state chairman, Bob Folsom, University of Maine, 96 Falmouth St., Portland, Me. 04103. Res: 207-773-4803. Office: 207-773-2981.



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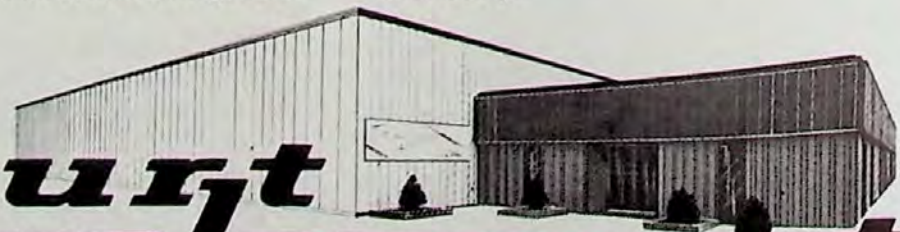
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