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ON THE COVER

Preparations have been taking place at the Washington Athletic Club for over a year and we are assured that our 22nd USHA National Four-Wall Championships will be right on that lofty plateau with the very best ever conducted. Host Chairman John Bowen and his well-orientated committees have done their job excellently. Those players and guests who will attend what we term "Handball's Big Week" are in for both the best of competition and hospitality that is a trademark of USHA nationals.

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The red carpet will be spread out for the Players' Fraternity as they arrive from all parts of this country and Canada. We of the USHA welcome you and our staff will coordinate with the host group in making this one of the memorable times of your handball careers.

To the Washington Athletic Club — our appreciation for having us back.

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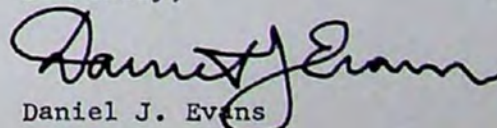
It is a pleasure for me to welcome the best handball players in the nation to the State of Washington for the 22nd National U.S.H.A. Handball Championships.

The rapid growth of this sport over the past few years and the ever-growing number of handball fans in our state are indicative of the game's value as an action-packed competitive sport and as excellent physical exercise. Because the game can be played by people of every age, the promotional benefit from the tournament will undoubtedly encourage more and more people to enjoy handball, not only in this state but in the nation as well.

Playing in the four-wall environs is not new to me. I have been playing squash and racquetball for some time, experiencing the competitive spirit, the fun and the many other benefits of these similar sports.

It is a privilege for us to host a tournament of this caliber, and I can assure you that the citizens of our state will do everything possible to make your visit an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. Evans
Governor



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WES UHLMAN MAYOR

January 7, 1972

Welcome to Seattle:

This year, April 15-22, several hundred people from throughout the United States will be in Seattle at the Washington Athletic Club for the National U.S.H.A. Handball Championships.

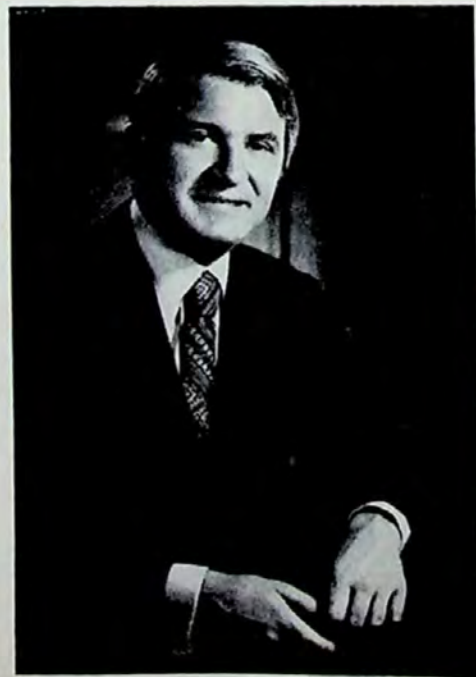
Aside from watching America's greatest handball players in action during the championships, I hope you will take the opportunity to see the sights of Seattle and view the natural beauty of the Puget Sound region.

The City of Seattle is honored to host the 1972 championships, and I hope you enjoy your stay and that you will visit us again soon.

Sincerely,

Wes Uhlman
Mayor

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In 1963, the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle was privileged to host the U.S.H.A. Handball Championships. Nine years later (April 15-22, 1972) we anticipate with even more enthusiasm the arrival of participants in the 1972 National U.S.H.A. Handball Championships.

The opportunity to welcome and become acquainted with several hundred tournament challengers is in itself a deeply gratifying experience, not only to the Washington Athletic Club but to the City of Seattle, where athletic events have become increasingly popular.

We are particularly honored, therefore, to pay tribute to those of you who seek personal fulfillment through strict self-discipline, a competitive spirit, your commitment to victory and your desire to excel -- characteristics that really endure.

Sincerely,

R. B. Hutchinson, President
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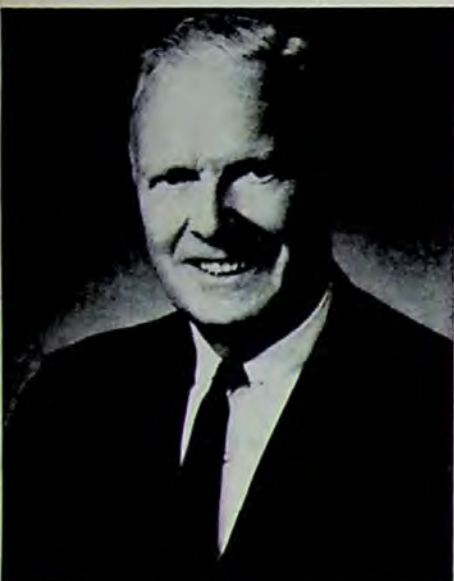


GREETINGS:

On behalf of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce may I extend to you the best wishes of our community, not only for a pleasant and happy stay in our city, but, also for a successful and rewarding tournament.

We are proud that you have chosen our city as the site of the National U.S.H.A. Handball Championships, and we are sure that you will find Seattle a hospitable host for your most significant competition.

Visitors to this area have told us that Seattle is a 'beautiful and friendly city.' We hope that your visit here will elicit an identical response and that your post-tournament reflections of Seattle will bring you many happy memories.



JAMES B. DOUGLAS
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Seattle Chamber of Commerce

The members and staff of the Washington Athletic Club cordially invite you to the 1972 U.S.H.A. National Championships at Seattle, Washington. You will find the new courts both at Seattle University and the Washington Athletic Club as very fine facilities. The W. A. C. is in the heart of downtown Seattle and we hope that while you are here you will also have an opportunity to see and visit many of the fine attractions in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest.

The Red Carpet is out and we hope you, or you and your families will have a wonderful time and enjoy the hospitality and cordiality of the Club, the City and the State.



Sincerely,
Dr. Randy Pillow
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Washington Athletic Club

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January 4, 1972

On behalf of our Board of Governors and our Membership,
it gives me great pleasure to welcome the participants
in the National U.S.H.A. Handball Tournament to the
Washington Athletic Club.

We are very proud and honored to Host this tournament
and look forward to your arrival with great anticipation.

Best wishes to all for a Very Happy, Healthy and
Prosperous New Year !

Sincerely

L. Russell Noble
L. Russell Noble
General Manager,
Washington Athletic Club

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NATIONAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

By JOE SHANE

Here in Southern California we have the largest concentration of four-wall handballers in the nation and what is now developing proves that when the need for more facilities becomes acute something will be done. And, what is being done is the addition of private "Court" Clubs.

Last July we were invited to San Diego to attend the grand opening of Mel Gorham's six-court handball/racquetball club in the Pacific Beach area. Since that time we have received glowing reports about the success of this operation. Now we understand Mel will unveil an 8-court layout in Oceanside.

When the famed Pacific Coast Club of Long Beach went defunct a hard core group of handballers there worked toward a new club. "Bootin' Ben" Agajanian backed up the drive and he will head up the Long Beach A.C. with five courts, one of which will seat more than 500.

Newport Beach will be the hub of court action in Orange County. John Bazacas outgrew his two-court Milo Club, built a very swank four-court Newport Beach A.C. in the midst of Fashion Island shopping center. Now there is a clamoring for more courts.

The Encino Club in the Los Angeles suburban area of Van Nuys could no longer satisfy its membership with two courts and has now added two more, and already there is overcrowded conditions.

And, so the story goes throughout Southern California . . . more courts being planned at YMCAs, Community Centers and with private enterprise.

We are sure this is not an isolated development. I have heard of similar additions in various parts of the country.

What does this all mean? More and more players, and as the "cream comes to the top" we'll certainly have a better caliber of regional and national tournament player. When we held our early USHA nationals back in the 50s there were never more than eight or ten really top drawer performers capable of winning championships. Now, we carefully screen and seed up to 32 players in the open singles, as many as 16 teams in the open doubles. The time will soon come when we will have to select even further.

With so many entries we must think in terms of facilities with ten or more courts for the open championships. We'll be straining ourselves to the bursting stage at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle for this year's nationals. And, to think, back in 1963 we ran the nationals there with only

three courts! With six now we'll have to use the nearby Seattle University no doubt for early round playoffs and possibly for the consolation singles.

This year we have held six USHA divisional tournaments — Pacific Northwest at Vancouver, B.C.; West at Fresno; Rocky Mountain at Salt Lake City; Central at Tulsa; South at Knoxville; East at Rochester. We have been flexible in that we allow a round trip air coach trip to the runnerup if the winner already has a trip. We do not want to keep any champion players out of a tournament as it adds so much to the competition and interest. For example, Dr. Claude Benham announced he would not be able to play in the nationals and although he won the South divisional we allowed the trip to runnerup Randy Essel. Paul Haber was the big "draw" at Tulsa, and was cooperative to the extent he went into singles also to give Terry Muck needed competition. Haber had originally planned to play doubles only with Milwaukee's Burt Dinkin and wanted to meet his friendly rivals, current USHA doubles champs, Ray Neveau and Simic Fein. Haber won in both, trips were given to Dinkin, third place doubles team of young potentials, Joel Galpern and Barry Goldstein, along with singles runnerup Terry Muck. At Fresno, Bob Lindsay was "not eligible" in the open doubles because he was not within the divisional boundaries. As USHA representative I told Bob and his partner George Timberlake that if they were to win the trip award could not be given. So runnersup Mike Kelly and Mike Dunne received the trip.

The purpose of divisional tournaments is two-fold; to give a "show case" for potential national tournament players, and to determine who is best in that particular division. We added a Rocky Mountain this year, and revived the Pacific Northwest last year to cut down the amount of travel necessary to attend this type of event. I'm sure you will agree the division tournaments should remain a part and parcel of our official USHA tournaments. If you have any constructive criticism as to the format you can write me, if you are at the nationals in Seattle, talk to me personally.

Once again I must ask your cooperation and support in using ACE products. Our national headquarter expenses have sky-rocketed because of servicing thousands of new members, higher postal costs, and the many miscellaneous expenses that continue to rise. By wearing the Saranac gloves, buying the ACE balls and continuing to be a member of the Players' Fraternity you make possible the many services from your Association.

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"Mort . . . I am writing to tell you about a great new tournament I went to at the Stockton YMCA. I was the only out-of-state person there. The competition was really great. Primarily the players came from the Bay Area and the Fresno and Sacramento areas. The famous Olympic Club and South End Rowing Club were the prime contributors.

"Several of us went both singles and doubles and found that quite a grind with such great caliber of ball. I know everyone enjoyed the terrific weather and the outstanding hospitality. I know there were many people involved but only a few names I remember — Jack Tone, Tim Cassidy and Andy Rapacz their handball club president — all responsible for a great first tournament. My thanks to them for having me."

GARY ROHRER

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'Change of Guard' in Seattle National Rerun

Welcome to the Washington Athletic Club! United States Handball Association makes its third visit to the famed Pacific Northwest Club and our second national open championships. In 1963 the 13th Nationals were held April 21-27 and our cover of ACE featured line drawings of Oscar Obert, Johnny Sloan and Jim Jacobs. In nine short years the picture has changed radically. Oscar is now a part-time Masters player, hobbled by a chronic ailing back; Sloan has moved to Honolulu, made the tournament in Memphis last year, and is expected to be on hand for this one. Jacobs finds the strenuous three or four tough matches day by day just too much for his own weakened back condition to weather.

In 1963 the tournament was dedicated to our National Commissioner Joe Shane. We felt that Joe had taken over this position so forcibly and done such an excellent behind-the-scenes job that this honor was forthcoming. Today, Judge Joe continues to be our key man in the key position. In 1963 it was Ray Daughters, nearing retirement as the great athletic director he was at the Club, gave us his whole-hearted support in this championship event conducted on only three courts. Host Chairman was affable, capable and a true USHA supporter, our Pacific Northwest representative, M. K. "Andy" Anderson. Now, both Ray and Andy have passed on and we dedicate this 22nd nationals in their memories.

How the picture has changed! Sloan and Jacobs were pictured with short-cropped hair, trim and ready. "Oscar will get challenge from Jacobs, Decatur, Sloan." As it turned out Oscar was the repeat winner. It was also a second straight Jacobs-Marty Decatur doubles victory. Bob Brady and Bill Keays won the Masters doubles, supplanting Lefty Coyle and Gus Lewis.

Steve August had won the national intercollegiates that year over Boris Orlin, University of Texas. This year Dr. Steve is one who has the potential to threaten the reign of Paul Haber.

It was to be three years before Paul Haber was to burst upon the handball scene as a national champion. Lou Russo was a Junior potential. Terry Muck was more interested in baseball.

In 1968 Dr. Claude Benham was the USHA National Contenders singles winner and presaged a full emergence on the national level performance. Claude, now 37, won the Southern divisional this year, was third in the national Y, but feels the week-long grind is no longer for him and foregoes this one. Haber paired with Paul Morlos to win the Contenders doubles and now returns as a five-time singles champ, aiming to tie the six-mark set by Jimmy Jacobs. Haber had won the Pacific Coast regional in 1963 but wasn't quite ready for the national throne.

Lest we forget — Jim Elder, for more than half a century Seattle's "Mr. Handball," passed away just a year before our 1963 nationals. Jim was a booster for the game wherever he traveled and was a perennial front row avid spectator at our early nationals, in addition to serving on various USHA committees.

In this past decade handball and USHA have boomed. The Washington A.C. now presents six courts for our tourna-

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ment and we'll most likely utilize the five additional courts available at nearby Seattle University. Instead of a handful of potential champion entries we will have dozens. The overall caliber of national tournament performance has risen 100%. It's no longer "patsy" matches up to the quarter-finals. The action starts at a feverish peak with the round of 64 actually.

We're grateful to the Washington A.C. for again hosting our Classic.

Haber Should Notch 6th USHA Title at Seattle

35-year-old 'hungry' for the big prize and shows few signs of slow-down in as strong a field ever assembled for a national championship event; Doubles bracket uncertain as to who will give Neveau-Fein best competition

"Moderation is a fatal thing—nothing succeeds like excess."—Wilde

Master of the prose Oscar Wilde surely must have had a Paul Haber in mind when he came forth with that play on words. For it is No. 1 Haber who scoffs at the normal mode of inside and outside court play and finds himself once again the man to beat for handball's most coveted prize — the USHA national four-wall open singles — in the 22nd edition of the classic at Seattle.

As Simie Fein, defending open doubles champ with Ray Neveau, put it, "It figures about 4 or 5-1, picking Haber against the rest of the entries this year." This, of course, bars the ever-possible advent of injury, or should Haber get too ambitious and go for the singles-doubles "Hat Trick" of handball.

At 35 Haber still shows no visible signs that his letter perfect control game is deteriorating. And, as he himself said in a recent interview, "As long as my legs hold out there's nobody around who can beat me."

Going after his sixth national USHA singles championship in this event Haber can tie the mark established by Jim Jacobs (1955-56-57-60-64-65) and move toward the nine crowns posted by the late Joe Platak in the late 30s and early 40s.

The question that arises this year is, "Who is most capable of threatening the Haber reign?"

Dr. Steve August was runnerup at Memphis last year and must be given the best shot though there are many who will argue that Pat Kirby rates No. 2 rating. On the basis of this season's many invitationals, AAU nationals, Canadian nationals, and the YMCA nationals, Kirby would indeed demand such accord. But, for some unfathomable reason the week-long Big One has never been Pat's "Cup of Tea." There appears to be some sort of mental block, or it may be an inability to maintain needed concentration, that has Kirby disappointing many of his ardent rooters more than a few times.

Kirby has been the busiest big tournament performer again this 1971-72 campaign and has posted an incredible 12 victories. Nobody else even comes close to that mark. And, he beat Haber hands down at Shreveport in the AAU with Paul trying the iron man route and losing in the finals of both singles and doubles. In the third national invitational singles at Birmingham, Pat gave Paul a tremendous match before losing the third game of the semis 21-19. In the novel four-man round robin at the St. Paul A.C., it was another three-game match with Haber for the top position, and another heartbreaking loss.

The one big prize of four-wall singles that has eluded Kirby is this one and at 37 this might be the last opportunity to win it. But, from this reporter's viewpoint he will have to change his approach mentally and forego any showmanship, bearing down with one thought

in mind — get in there, make 21 and get out.

August would have to improve vastly on his last year's showing in the finals. He was tight in the first game and was never in contention. In the second game Steve got off to a 12-4 lead with Haber playing raggedly and it appeared that it would be a three-gamer. But, Paul came back strong, regained his composure and wrapped it up. The champ's explanation of early game difficulties was, "I completely lost my concentration."

If Steve gets to the finals and meets Haber again he would have to rely on



Cartoon
by GORDON FOCHT

his power serve to counteract the control, retrieving and two-handed Haber shooting.

Gordie Pfeifer is the host favorite and has that big win over Haber in the finals of the invitational last December. Gordie was hungry for the win, shot with an outstanding percentage of kills, and thoroughly took advantage of an obviously-worn down Haber. We explained in **HANDBALL MAGAZINE** that this was one time when Haber found himself physically spent, a position usually reserved for his final round opponent. Four matches in 36 hours against a Jacobs, Benham, Kirby and then Pfeifer did it.

Then what are Pfeifer's chances? Gordie suffered some shoulder miseries from the Pittsburgh invitational and has laid off prepping for this one. He has the "home court" advantage if there is anything to be said for it in our game. We would opine that a court with side wall glass would definitely give the local hopeful some advantages but on the Washington A.C. championship court the glass starts from the 6-7" height level only in the back wall and is a very playable court. Pfeifer is similar to August in the power-packed right hand on serve and shooting but from there neither can compare talents with Haber on overall volley control, two-handed digging, and that undefinable ability to come up with the big play under the most pressure. That's what spells victory.

Dr. Gary Rohrer, representing the St. Paul A.C., gets No. 3 seed on his third place finish and big wins over John Brinn, Stuffy Singer and Buzz Shumate. Gary hit a peak performance and in recent outings has disappointed. He admitted after losing in the quarters at Edmonton in the Canadian nationals that he would go back and work on his game because he was having trouble finding a momentum and rhythm. Rohrer, a southpaw, has shown fine volleying skills and the ability to shoot strongly but he must put it all together to again attain such heights.

Lou Russo has worked hard on working himself into top condition for Seattle but he has lacked top tournament competition this season. His game is based on quickness, use of the fly shot, and steady volleying. He is a real good competitor and has plenty of pressure top flight play to perform at his best in this type of play. If he decides to go both singles and doubles there are few doubts his best bet would then be in doubles.

Scanning the other hopefuls we would stamp Bob Lindsay as a strong top eight entry. Despite a real shellacking by Haber in the quarter-finals in Memphis Bob is capable of better things as shown by his strong victory over Pfeifer despite



NATIONAL DOUBLES FINALISTS — Duels between reigning champs Ray Neveau (shown positioning for blast off back wall) and Simic Fein (r) against Frew Lewis and Steve Lott (in front of Fein) are becoming the order of the day. Youngsters Lewis-Lott lost to Neveau-Fein at Memphis last year and more recently in the Canadian nationals in Edmonton. Above picture was taken at University of Alberta court.

the fact he went to the semi-finals of doubles with Dave Graybill. Bob has been playing a lot, what with his coaching duties at the U. of Texas at El Paso, and should be a crowd pleaser. If he would concentrate on singles alone he might advance his 1971 finish.

Two former year hopefuls — Stuffy Singer who won it all in 1968 — and Dr. Claude Benham — are not playing in this event. Stuffy is coming off a second knee operation and reports if it comes around he could give a respectable showing in doubles. We had word at one time he would then team with Jim Jacobs in the doubles but upon questioning Jim we got a negative reply. Jim simply cannot go three or four days of tournament handball without his back conking out. Benham has had some arm trouble and feels at this stage of his career the week-long grind is no longer a fun time.

We should not have Terry Muck bringing up any rear echelon of Top Eighters. Terry got beat by August in the quarters, 21-8, 21-20. While Terry figures to keep improving his up and down season has not indicated any jump into a title readiness. His best showing was last May at the New York Athletic Club invitational when he outclassed a very imposing field. Terry is lightning fast and can come forth and win any game where his opponent may falter. At Edmonton he came from nowhere in the first game against Kirby and pulled it out 21-20. The final rally for the game point was a classic. Terry's speed afoot enabled him to retrieve at least three

"impossible" balls. The second game was another one-pointer and Muck couldn't get it. Then, Pat, put it all together and it was a no-contest decider.

Terry could very well get into the final four this year, a feat he accomplished when he finished third at Los Angeles. If Haber loses something physically then Muck could be the real surpiser.

Fred Lewis has announced he'll go both ways but is first to admit he doesn't expect to get by the round of sixteen. He just likes that doubles better, and with Steve Lott as his very capable partner, they know the shot at doubles is there.

Buzz Shumate is the class of the Rocky Mountains and can go real big league in any one match but heretofore has never displayed the ability to maintain it week-long. And, Buzz is now in those dragging late 30s and no longer figures to improve from year to year.

Dave Graybill is another who has risen to heights but not in recent years. Benham gave him the treatment last year, Kirby in the invitational. Dave could probably do better in doubles and although he is a workhorse he should realize as all potential high plateau players should that the singles-doubles routine in this era of so many good ball players is fool-hardy.

Cleveland's Al Drews has twice been in the first 16 and is young enough to show to advantage.

Randy Essel, now playing out of Birmingham, has improved his stature, and should do better than he did when he
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lost to Bob Bourbeau of Reno. Incidentally, Bob always gives a big performance but is one of those rapidly approaching the Masters singles stage.

Chicago's Dennis Hofflander? Not enough tournament action and a sore shoulder slowing his efforts. Andy Upatniks, also suffering with arm miseries. Kent Fusselman, better off going for the doubles.

In open singles summation — no one really ready to seriously threaten Haber's throne position on the form charts.

Ray Neveau and Simie Fein will defend in doubles and rule definitely as not a one-year sensation. They proved that in the Shreveport nationals and again over Lott and Lewis in Canada.

Neveau, wisely disdaining singles was considered the second best player at Memphis, and provided the needed strength in both the semis and finals. Fein, very much underrated as a right court counterpart, returns serves superbly, never wilts under pressure, and gives Ray experienced court cooperation. Simie hurt his right hand playing basketball and was hampered in the divisional loss to Haber and Burt Dinkin at Tulsa, showed much better the following weekend in Canada, and then wisely rested it in preparation for this defense.

As always the alignment of the doubles field is never decided until the zero hour. In the USHA "Pick-A-Partner" format we have many strong duos that can be manufactured. The Graybill-Lindsay team demonstrated this, just as Mel Sandland and Pfeifer did in the invitational doubles at Denver last year. The question then is who will team with who? Russo might be a party of the second part. Pete Tyson might come in with a strong partner. The Chicago team of Don Ardito and Bob Koenig play real well together.

Once again it would appear that Lott and Lewis have the best chance to upset the champions. Only once, in the Akron Open, have they done this. They must maintain a fast pace throughout and most likely win in two. For otherwise it is a Neveau advantage in that big, pressure-filled third game.

The Masters singles is always a very popular event, seasonally injected with strong newcomers. This time out it will be Phil Elbert, if he decides to go singles rather than Masters doubles; Tom Schoendorf of Milwaukee; Jack Weintraub, New York.

The benefits of California's climate shows well in the group of strong Masters players. There's Milt Cornell of the Southern California area who polishes off his opponents with outstanding stamina and court know-how. Milt won the event in the big West divisional at Fresno. Up

in the Bay Area the hardy twosome from the South End Rowing Club — Howie Wyrsh and Rudy Stadlberger — are the strong boys. Rudy is defending champ, belies his 48 years, and scoffed at playing in the Masters at Fresno; it was the open singles for him and he gave much younger Harold Price a tough three-gamer before bowing out.

Dr. John Scapis, Detroit, is a former (1969) winner, Joe Salome, Atlanta, beat John at Chattanooga. Jim Fitzpatrick, 42, of Yonkers, N.Y., was runnerup to Elbert in that first national invitational singles, and won the national Y Masters doubles with George Maier. Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, holds his own in any company. There are others who may or may not show — singles or doubles — Miami's Billy Haas and Ralph Kaufman; Manuel Sala, New Orleans; Oscar Villareal, El Paso.

Masters doubles is as always contingent on "pair-ups". We would go out on a limb and peg Ken Schneider and Phil Elbert as the team to beat should they enter, and at this writing, that is the intention. Los Angeles' Arnold Aguilar and Irv Simon are defending champions, won over Chicago's Gus Lewis and Buddy Christiansen last year. Gus is sidelined for six months with a back problem. Aguilar-Simon are definitely in the running again and work real well together.

We have the word that Phil Collins, Chicago, with a very impressive list of former open doubles championships (with Sloan) will team up Alvis Grant, Dallas, for the first time in this competition. Collins still retains that blistering serve that can get aces and weak returns, and has been playing more this season than he has in the past four or five years. At 41 he will be a real strong Master and with Grant, talented and a real competitor, and this will be an exciting duo.

Chicago has another good Masters doubles team in Nunzio "Red" Mugavero and Tony Tenerelli, but it is problematical whether or not they will go to Seattle.

Moving to the Golden Masters rundown: Last year it was the cross-country team of Jack Gordon, Chicago, and Dave Siewert, San Francisco, that knocked off the two-time national invite winners, George Brotemarkle and Bill Feivou, Los Angeles, 13 and 15. With the tournament going West there should be some strong teams coming in for the first time in this over-50 classification. Frank "Lefty" Coyle, San Diego, although at the 60 mark, still retains his cunning and will be a factor to contend with should he get a suitable "runner" to complement his skills.

In a closing wrapup most handballers feel the seedings have much to do with the outcome of any national tournament, especially the week-long test.

Based on last year's finishes:

OPEN SINGLES— 1— Paul Haber; 2— Dr. Steve August; 3— Dr. Gary Rohrer; 4— Lou Russo; 5-8— Terry Muck, Bob Lindsay, Dr. Claude Benham, Buzz Shumate.

OPEN DOUBLES— 1— Ray Neveau-Simie Fein; 2— Fred Lewis-Steve Lott; 3— Dave Graybill-Bob Lindsay; 4— Don Ardito-Bob Koenig; 5-8— Hyde-Munsch, Dunne-Kelly; Greenwald-Smolack, Hofflander-McDonald, Hyde-Munsch.

MASTERS DOUBLES— 1— Aguilar-Simon; 2— Lewis-Christiansen; 3— Badham-Enriquez; 4— Goldstein-Briscoe; 5-8— Kramberg-Lasskow, Tenerelli-Hoefl, Ris-Bond, Albright-Grant.

MASTERS SINGLES— 1— Rudy Stadlberger; 2— Dr. Cecil Lloyd; 3— Dr. John Scapis; 4— Joe Salome; 5-8— Pete Joannides, Bob Little, John Cuffari, Howie Wyrsh.

GOLDEN MASTERS DOUBLES— 1— Gordon-Siewert; 2— Brotemarkle-Feivou; 3— Gluck-Seifer; 4— Grossman-Rothman; 5-8— Rando-Womble; Smith-Wickersham; Loiben-Burbage, Ardito-Costello.

CONSOLATION SINGLES— Jerry Skodstad.

North Dakota . . .

Dave Rubin and Neil Reuter, Grand Forks, showed that they were the class of the North Dakota State Open Doubles, held Feb. 18-19 at the Grand Forks YMCA. Rubin and Reuter beat Ron Ten Haken and Capt. Felix David decisively in their final win, 21-15, 21-4. In the semis, Ten Haken and David edged last year's champions, Duncan MacDonell and Mel Heim, Fargo, in three very long games, 19-21, 21-19, 21-16; meantime, Rubin and Reuter had an easier time with Fargo's Bob Evenson and Ray Arechigo, 21-17, 21-15. The Fargo brothers, Norm and Gerry Weber, took Consolation honors over Doug Hallatt and Gary Dieters, Eau Claire, Wis. Jim Carlson and his gracious wife hosted a splendid hospitality dinner gathering for the players and their ladies after the tourney, with opportunity for everyone to take care of any dehydration.

A month later our State champs, Rubin and Reuter, went to the semi-finals, while Reuter reached the quarters. Both players had a great time and passed the word to all concerned that a lot of good handball is now being played in North Dakota.

CHUCK BOLEY

USHA National Tournament . . .

Mort's Scouting Report on Top Rated

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is strictly my own opinion based on observations at various tournaments this year, and taking into consideration past performances.*

The annual USHA national four-wall classic is the ONLY tournament we have that covers a full week of competition—in fact, the schedule at Seattle runs eight days. As such, we must underline our basic thinking with the glaring facts that any player seeking the championship in singles must retain a peak performance, not for just a couple of matches, but for as many as four or five real crucial confrontations. This would logically include from the round of 32 to the finals.

PAUL HABER — 35 years old. The arguments pro and con on the age factor can be introduced here for this is the one and only thing that could possibly have any bearing on whether or not Haber will win No. 6 (with, of course, the possibility of sickness or injury). Haber's game is at its very best. He fully understands just what is necessary to "peak" for the week-long test and he will come in ready and "hungry". He knows that the USHA national four-wall singles championship is the most coveted award in the game and carries with it the bold-faced stamp — #1!

Haber has pin point control of all his offensive and defensive shots. There are players who can hit the ball harder, put more hops into the serves, and there are those younger who may possess better stamina. But, there is NO ONE participating today who can successfully volley with him, out shoot him, play as well under pressure. Haber has the complete game and is able to retain the championship level of performance through the week.

The only deficit we could put forth would be an increasing tendency to exhaust his energies a bit faster than in former years. And, this has happened when he had to play four rough matches within a 36-hour span (Birmingham Invitational); the singles-doubles route (AAU in Shreveport).

Paul is no different from any other player in this respect. If he is entirely spent physically his performance is bound to suffer. If he were to go the singles-doubles route in Seattle, he could then be vulnerable. Going singles only he should rack up another championship.

DR. STEVE AUGUST — Personally, I believe, of all the Haber opposition August is best equipped to score an upset victory. Why? At 28 he has the definite age advantage while at the same time has accumulated sufficient experience in national level competition. Steve has the desire and determination, and the physical tools to deliver. He has a cannon ball serve, if working most effectively, will be worth at least 30-40 per cent of his offense in getting three or four aces along with returns that will enable him to take the offense. Steve is a serve and shoot style player, has the long reach of the rangy 6-footer to effectively dig. He must retain his "cool", not let errors or so-called "bad calls" effect him. If he has gained added court maturity it will be a plus factor. This season he disappointed against Kirby and Pfeifer and did not have the advantage of the Stuffy Singer West Coast competition. However, the game is there and in his No. 2 seed position may once again have the opportunity of meeting Haber in the finals.

PAT KIRBY — Despite previous prat falls in this open nationals Pat must again be given every consideration. At 37 he retains superb condition and comes to play. As we go pressward it is still a question whether a knee problem will permit him to play at Seattle. Dubbed the "Weekend Warrior", there is nobody around who participates in, or wins more weekend open, invitational and short-termed nationals (AAU, Canadian). What is missing from a successful full week play for Pat? Is it an inability to concentrate continually? Is it a psychological mental block? Whatever, if Kirby

enters his seed position will have a major bearing on the outcome of this tournament. Playing his best game he can cope with anyone, including Paul Haber.

LOU RUSSO — Concentration . . . concentration . . . concentration. That's the main ingredient missing in this compact little guy's repertoire. Haber will tell you that. Lou frets about the draw a year before it takes place. He lets the whole thing bug him and goes in with a negative attitude. He knows condition is absolutely necessary for his type of quickness necessary — the fly shooting and court coverage. He is capable of hitting the ball hard and has fine two-handed ability. He can look like the very best when the going is good. The mental portion of handball would then seem to be his hang up and this he must overcome. Lou, take one match at a time. For example, he beefed about a No. 6 seed at Norfolk's national Y, complaining he would have to beat Muck and Kirby successively in the same day. Well, Muck had to default with the flu bug but Lou was so psyched out that he still couldn't take advantage of the break. Second in 1971, fourth last year . . . another 28-year-old that must reach maturity in 1972.

TERRY MUCK — 24 years old. A couple of years ago we reasoned that Terry should be seriously "knocking on the door" by this time. His tournament performances have been erratic. His best showing in the last year was at the New York A.C. invitational where he won out over a real strong field of entries. He beat Kirby in the Dallas Invitational last February but that's on the small court . . . he lost to Haber at Tulsa, to Kirby in Canada. At 140 pounds Muck must take advantage of his speed and cannot afford to make errors, especially on defense. His tendency to go for broke from deep court can backfire against the big seeds. Haber tells him to serve harder for he has fine control of this department. With proper "point of contact" a 140-pounder can belt the ball plenty fast as we have seen from a Wes Yee or Marty Decatur. Should Terry come in physically sound he can go a long way. He's an excellent competitor, cool under fire. Again, as is the case with some of the others, he should not get perturbed when he errs or when the referee calls one bad. You may not have to wait for Haber to run out of years Terry.

GORDIE PFEIFER — 32 years old. If there is anything to a "home court advantage" in handball then the prime host representative will have something extra going for him. Gordie was kept out of both the Canadian nationals and National Y by a sore shoulder but is reported ready and willing for this one. His biggest weekend came at Birmingham when he knocked out August in the first round and then went on to beat Haber in the finals for his first USHA national invitational win. They scoff at his off hand but we have noted improvement. He has been able to defense better with his left and then can rely on his bullet-like right to take over the offensive. His power serves can gain aces and weak returns . . . competitively he rates the full No. 10 on the scale. He will go in with the right attitude and definitely be a factor to contend with.

There are other good national tournament players but we'll be very surprised if they topple our chosen six. We could mention BOB LINDSAY, DAVE GRAYBILL, BOB BOURBEAU, RANDY ESSEL, DON ARDITO, ANDY UPATNIEKS, FRED LEWIS, KEN FUSSELMAN, AL DREWS, BUZZ SHUMATE. All are capable of outstanding play — but as to the crown? ? ?

We did not mention Dr. Claude Benham, who has been one of our real fine national tournament players the past half dozen years, because Claude announced emphatically that he would forego the nationals. At 37 he feels it is just too much for him and he can't enjoy the grind.

Haber Tunes for Seattle With Nat'l Victory

Paul enters at 'Last Hour', decides to give the big effort and beats Benham, then Kirby in successful defense of '70 title

After a one-year hiatus the National YMCA championships were resumed March 23-26 at the Norfolk, Va., YMCA. In this 45th edition Paul Haber successfully defended his 1970 title, beating arch rival Pat Kirby 21-14, 8-21, 21-9. Fred Lewis and Steve Lott nailed down a victory in the doubles over fellow New Yorkers, Ken Smolack and Richie Greenwald, 12-21, 21-11, 21-4.

A couple of steady playing Masters from New York — George Maier and Jim Fitzpatrick — won the Masters doubles over Tom Ciasulli, the Scotch Plains, New Jersey "kid," and his partner, Joe Danilezyk, 21-13, 21-13.

In the 63-player singles field the home town favorite Dr. Claude Benham played real fine ball and probably the best match of the tournament was his semi final loss to Haber, 21-18, 18-21, 21-16. Claude put in a steady tattoo of kills from deep court and made Haber work overtime to pull out the win. Benham had best success with a hard cross court serve that would initiate long volleys and he returned the famed Haber ceiling shots most proficiently. But, he was on the losing end of too many of those exhausting volleys and that spelled the difference.

Benham came back to dominate Lou Russo, 21-11, 21-14, for third place. Lou just couldn't work up a steady momentum, and as Haber told us later, "Lou must learn total concentration if he wants to become a winner."

Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio, teamed with New York's Bob Harbatkin and they salvaged third place over George Pfeifer, host chairman, and Bob Woodhouse, also of Norfolk, 21-18, 21-12. Fussy and Bob went down to the wire in the semis against Smolack and Greenwald, losing 15-21, 21-18, 21-17. And, Pfeifer-Woodhouse, also had a three gamer before being subdued by Lewis-Lott in the semis, 21-5, 18-21, 21-8.

In an all-Virginia Masters doubles third-place battle, Lloyd Wood, general secretary of the Norfolk Y, and Al McCulloch, Springfield, Va., defeated Walter Wales and Fred DeNuccio, Norfolk, 6-21, 21-14, 21-17.

A long-awaited confrontation between the diminutive stars of national play, Terry Muck, St. Paul, and Lou Russo, New York, was washed out when Terry was forced to default with a bad flu bug. Russo, who got the additional rest, as Pat Kirby beat Ernie Ortiz, Tampa, 21-11, 21-15, couldn't take advantage that afternoon and lost to Pat in three — 21-16, 17-21, 21-6. Apparently "Little Looie" needs more training to be ready for the big nationals in Seattle because his legs tightened up early in the third game and then "school was out."

Ray Neveau, always a strong tournament performer, staged a three-game duel with Benham. He started out sluggishly, losing 21-3, then came back with a 21-10 win, and was trading point for point in the third up to 9-9 before faltering and losing 21-10.

There was some speculation about

aration for the deciding third game. The score was 8-7 Haber when Kirby went in for his eighth inning. It appeared to be a simple series of serve and shoot as Pat took the lead and then went all the way out. After the first game Haber had asked Kirby as they came out the court door, "Do you really want to play another one?" Pat quipped back, "Yeah — maybe two!"

In the third game Haber went with the power serve to the left, stating afterwards, "I wanted to get at least three or four easy points on aces or setup returns and move to a quick lead to avoid a long exhausting game." And, this is exactly what he accomplished. He steadily went to 9-3 that included two aces. He opened with a point when Pat erred with his left off the serve, and two of his next three points were on additional Kirby left hand errors.

After Paul got the big lead he switched to a lob serve to the left and as long as Kirby stayed back he stayed with it and gained some weak returns. Someone asked Dr. Benham why Haber doesn't use the lob against him and Claude answered, "I move in to take it out of the

Haber's physical condition for this one. He certainly wasn't doing the Spartan routine as he does for the USHA nationals and appeared to be doing a commercial for Blue Nun wine. However, as always, when he gets on the court it's that 120% effort; amazing digs, and the best array of two-handed offensive and defensive shots around the premises today. It's entirely futile to volley with Paul as his controlled shots invariably lead to the opening for him.

Against Kirby he figured that there was no way he could last out three all-out games so when he fell behind 14-8 in the second game he let it go in prep-



"BUT, SIDNEY, THE BALL SKIPPED IN!" . . . Pat Kirby appeals to National YMCA final round match Referee Sid Semel on call — but to no avail. Haber appears somewhat amused at turnabout for he is usually one to bark out a complaint at strategic intervals. Kirby, obviously hampered by ailing knee, is questionable entry for the USHA nationals.

air, and anyway Haber knows he can get effective results by serving deep to my left hand."

The third game seemed like another Kirby comeback when he moved from 6-14 to 9-14, killing twice off ceiling returns and then bottom boarding a right hand kill. But, the battle was over when Haber took one of those picture book left hand shots off the back wall into the left corner, was stymied momentarily with a straight right hand Kirby kill, regained the serve as Pat erred with his right, and made six points to win a Kirby left hand miscue, two right hand kills in the left corner, a fly error by Kirby with his right, a pass down the left, and then the lock up on another kill in the left corner with his right.

We have seen much better played Haber-Kirby matches. Pat was extremely erratic in the losing first game, missing time and again on his Irish Whip kill attempts. Pat has been hurting with a knee injury and it appears to hamper his quick forward moves. He said he will rest it for at least a week and then determine whether or not he can play in the Seattle nationals. You can understand his consternation because he made 17 errors in that first game, more than half of them while in service when he could have scored points had kill attempts not gone into the floor.

Steve Subak, National YMCA Chairman, should have been very proud of the host Norfolk committee that staged this outstanding event. USHA Southeast Commissioner Sid Semel worked overtime with his son Bernie to provide efficient overall operations that included so many duties such as airport pickup, use of cars, constant to and from. Sid had his daughter Debbie assisting at the buffet style Y hospitality room table that included hot dogs, hamburgers, relishes, doughnuts, sweet rolls, juices, cold drinks, cut up oranges and believe me handballers and their friends can "free load" with the best of 'em. Debbie had her girl friends helping along with an initiation to the handball scenes of ye editor's daughter, Marsha. Fred DeNuccio arranged for the hospitality room goodies and also did one whale of a job with the banquet cocktail hour and aided banquet chairman Jim Bishop with food arrangements at the Commodore Maury Hotel. David Kazzie was in charge of referees and was always a man-in-motion. George Pfeiffer served as an able chairman while doubling as an able player. Eddie Abourjile was in charge of publicity and both Norfolk papers gave it ample space. Turner Dozier did a couple of column interviews. Lloyd Wood, who initiated the Old Hickory tournament in Nashville when he was at that Y, is now general secretary of the Norfolk Y. The Y committee for draw



"I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE SOME UNUSUAL TROPHIES THIS YEAR"

and scheduling was handled by Dr. Claude Benham, Bob Woodhouse, and Sid Semel. Bill Mouton got an SRO ticket sales. After the banquet the out-of-towners were invited to the spacious quarters of David Levine for light refreshments and camaraderie.

From all indications the 46th Y championships will go to Cleveland next year. I appreciated so much being invited and being given the red carpet treatment. USHA President Bob Kendler managed to take time from his many business commitments to fly in, watch some afternoon semi final action, appear on TV, and then be keynote speaker at the banquet. Bob's last trip to Virginia was in 1963 when he won the national Y Masters doubles with Gus Lewis.

AS A FINAL NOTE: Sidney Semel, you were terrific! Even your refereeing shows some improvement, and for the first time (on your home courts) you beat me.



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USHA Divisional Championships

East . . .

Old Man Winter did his best to ruin the East Division championships at Rochester, N.Y., Feb. 18-20, but he was not successful. The first major snowstorm to hit the East Coast this Winter left Rochester with 15 inches of snow after 36 hours of storm while about 60 players competed for three championships at the Rochester Central YMCA.

When the snow finally halted, Pat Kirby (singles), Al Drews and Kent Fusselman (doubles) and Mike Bobby and Bob Orozco (Masters doubles) emerged as champions from the snow banks and drifts which had accumulated outside the YMCA.

Playing for the first time in the city of Rochester, Kirby easily outdistanced a field of 34 singles players from five states and Canada. It was the Irishman's fifth Eastern Division crown in the six-year history of the tournament, and the only time he did not win an Eastern title was in 1969, when the tournament was last held in Rochester and Kirby did not compete.

Racing through five opponents, Kirby gave Rochester galleries a solid indication of why he is so popular at weekend tournaments. Demonstrating many of his crowd-pleasing shots and appreciation for his opponents' efforts, amiable Pat gave each a good workout before eliminating them. For the 36-year-old Kirby it has been another highly successful weekend tournament season, as he surpassed the double figure mark for titles in 1971-72.

Often criticized by his nationally-ranked foes for not having the killer instinct, Kirby applies his own theory in all matches. Pat believes that if a man has the interest and desire to travel a great distance to participate in a tournament, then he should not be humiliated with defeats by lopsided scores. In keeping with this tradition, all his opponents scored more than 10 points in at least one game.

Ted Gewertz, an improved player from New York's West Side YMCA, was Kirby's championship round victim. Playing the best handball of his life, Gewertz succumbed by identical scores of 21-18, 21-18 after racing to substantial leads in both games. In the consolation match for third place, Rochester bomber Dave Pasternak was a winner over Buffalo's John Filsinger, who had been the runnerup in the 1969 East Division tourney.

The doubles field was reduced sub-

1972 USHA Divisional Champions Singles & Doubles

WEST: Singles — Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles; Doubles — Bob Lindsay, El Paso — George Timberlake, Los Angeles.

SOUTH — Singles — Dr. Claude Benham, Chesapeake, Va.; Doubles — Don Konz, Falls Church, Va. — Jay Rowe, Richmond.

EAST: Singles — Pat Kirby, New York; Doubles — Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio — Al Drews, Cleveland.

CENTRAL: Singles — Paul Haber, Chicago; Doubles — Haber — Burt Dinkin, Milwaukee.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN: Singles — Lee Wretlind, Denver; Doubles — Wretlind-Don Carlsen, Denver.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Singles — Gordie Pfeifer, Tacoma; Doubles — John Ritchie-Dennis Schalk, Portland.

stantially by the snow. With first round matches played Saturday, many players did not schedule their travel to Rochester until Friday evening and Saturday morning. When the snows began to fall upon the East Coast Friday afternoon, many flights were cancelled and travel by car became impossible, leaving a field of just nine teams.

Ohioans Al Drews, Cleveland, and Kent Fusselman, Warren, both nationally-ranked singles players teamed up to earn a free trip to Seattle. Neither player prides himself on his doubles ability, and both are hopeful of strong performances in singles at the Nationals. However, their doubles skills could make them very strong in that event also because they are young and tireless players.

Receiving the second seed, Drews and Fusselman had to play just three opponents and topped Steve Lott and Bob Harbatkin, 92nd St. YMHA, in the finals 21-17, 21-10. Third place went to Joe Kupniewski and Len Tomczak, Erie YMCA, who defeated Joe Cryan and Joe Diemar Jr., Yonkers YMCA.

The snow hurt the Masters doubles, too. However, it was fitting that the gracious Rochester hosts took one championship and it was in this event. Mike Bobby and Bob Orozco, two of Rochester's best players and finest citizens, defeated the Syracuse team of Vasiloff and Ricks in the finals, while the Buffalo team of Stotz and Peter finished third.

More than 70 people braved the snowstorm to attend the banquet held Saturday night at Valle's Steak House. Films

of the 1969 East Divisional Tourney at Rochester were viewed with particular approval of Rochester folk, who had rooted their own Keith Ashby to the singles title that year.

BILL KENNEDY

Central . . .

Paul Haber went the singles-doubles route in the USHA Central Division at Tulsa's Thornton YMCA, adding the needed strength in each and wearily but brilliantly winning the "Slam." Haber spotted Terry Muck the first game in the championship round, then won 21-15, 21-17. Muck had a 16-15 lead in that third game but blew a couple of back wall shots and when you do that against No. 1 it spells "adieu." In doubles Haber teamed with very capable Burt Dinkin of Milwaukee and they upset national AAU and USHA champions Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, and Simie Fein, Milwaukee, 21-11, 21-13. It was a combination of steady right side returns from Dinkin with Haber's known control and shooting dominating a surprisingly erratic shooting Neveau and Fein, hampered by a sore hand.

Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, who had won the AAU Masters singles, then lost a tough three-gamer in the first national USHA invitational Masters singles at Chattanooga, was given No. 1 seed in the Central Masters singles and held it up with a win over No. 2 seed, Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, 21-19 21-17.

Masters doubles was taken by the

Tulsa team of Jack Schaff and Don Farley. They beat the "Pick-A-Partner" combine of Chuck Emmert, Elgin, Ill., and Neal Nordlund, St. Paul, 21-12, 8-21, 21-14.

Another pick-up team — youngsters Joel Galpern, 24, Austin, Texas, and Barry Goldstein, St. Louis, salvaged open doubles third place, beating Bill McGreevy Jr. and George Alexander, St. Louis, 21-12, 21-14.

USHA trips to the Seattle nationals were given to Galpern and Goldstein because the first two finishers had trips; Terry Muck for his runnerup position.

Other third placers: Houston's Dick Cramer in open singles; Tulsans Fred Keys and Walt Wamsley in Masters, beating Steve Balint and Al Weatherill, also Tulsa, 21-11, 12-21, 21-9.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: We have to report a pre-tourney loss to Jim Gilbert by ye editor, then a win over John Greenwood, exec. director of the Y in the first round of Masters singles but I "should have stood in bed" for the following 9 a.m. second rounder . . . Haber sprinkled a couple of doughnuts, one to Joel Galpern in their second game . . . thanks to Don and Fern Greer for their hosting of a fine dinner . . . to Jim Espey and our old friend, Fred Keys . . . was most impressed with a tour of the Oral Roberts University . . . that school is building fast and gained an invite to basketball's NIT in New York . . . banquet was held at recreation lounge of Jim Gilbert's apartment complex, very well done. Jim has a sweet little bride and is smiling once again.

Rex Roberson, formerly of Springfield, Mo., now a Tulsan and adds much to the class of the handball scene . . . genial Zuniga brothers, handling refereeing chores and playing . . . Gordon Morgan, a most capable referee, successful local high school baseball coach.

Feature story in the Tulsa Tribune by Bob Hartsell on Tom Schoendorf — a 263 pounder at age 27 . . . "Friends still tease Tom about his flat feet and size 14½ shoes, but they don't kid him about his weight any more. He's now a trim 170 pounds." The Milwaukee attorney, who is just turned 40, is finding new life in the Masters singles.

Dr. Cecil Lloyd, runnerup in Masters singles, says conditioning is the key to Masters competition. As quoted in the story. At 41, Cecil didn't start playing handball until he was 33. "My son is 15 now and won the USHA national juniors at 14 last December in Miami."

Scott Cherry in the Tulsa World had a suitable lead: "A tired but awesome strong Paul Haber rallied to edge young Terry Muck (24) for the open singles title, then came back to stage an upset in the open doubles finals."

Bob 'Big Apple' at Boise

Bob Apple, well over the 40-age mark but with fine condition as befits a Salt Lake City fireman, taught the young "upstarts" a lesson in the first open tournament conducted by the Boise, Idaho, YMCA. Apple beat former USHA national junior player Billy Geurts, also Salt Lake, 21-4, 21-9.

There was a good representation from all states bordering Idaho with the Salt Lake City contingent dominating the honors.

Apple had his toughest game against Provo's Chuck Walters in the semis. Apple's pin point control in the first game proved too much for Walters, 21-13. Chuck then turned around with his good speed and flat rolls to overcome his older and more experienced opponent, 21-19. Then Apple called upon his know-how to take the decider. Geurts had eliminated another Salt Laker, Tom

Thorum, in the semis, 21-11, 13-21, 21-14.

Apple paired with Thorum to win the doubles and get a "Grand Slam." They beat the team of Geurts and Walters, 21-14, 21-12.

The Boise YMCA is upgrading the quality of play in their area. The Y courts are only three years old with fine standard courts. Tom Jones, associate director, and Mike Addy, city champ, are looking for additional courts. The popularity of handball has grown to overflow proportions. Court play begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 10 p.m. with many players turned away at the reservation desk.

This year's tournament attracted 55 entries with a doubling anticipated for the next one — first week of October. Anyone wishing to enter: Boise YMCA, c/o Tom Jones, 1050 State St., Boise, Idaho 83702.

Northwest . . .

Gordie Pfeifer, Tacoma, prepping for the big one at his home Washington A.C., took the Pacific Northwest USHA Divisional held in Vancouver, B.C., March 24-25. Pfeifer downed Portland's Ken McQueen, 21-10, 21-10, and appeared relatively free of recent shoulder miseries. Bill Peoples, the fast-arriving 19-year-old collegian from Great Falls, Montana, showed real well, losing to McQueen in a fine 3-gamer in the semis, and then getting third place over the experienced WAC rep., Ron Patricelli, with a down to the wire 21-18 third game win.

John Ritchie and Dennis Schalk, Portland, took the open doubles over Lea McMillan, Tacoma, and Jerry Skodstad, Spokane, 21-10, 21-17. McMillan-Skodstad had won this tournament last year. Jack Scrivens and Terry Ball, Portland, won third place on default.

Lee Shinn and Mike Fater, Portland, won the Masters doubles over another Portland duo, Dick Brouwer and Bill Inglesby, 21-18, 21-14. Vancouverites Rod Pantages and Jack Alton took third place over John Voelker and John Rausch, Seattle, 21-18, 21-18.

In another all-Portland finale, Myron Schmidt beat Ted Yeamans, 21-18, 21-21, 21-18 (total points don't help). Howard Soumie and Al Linderman, another Portland pair, played for third place with Soumie winning.

Matches were played at the Vancouver YMCA and the Vancouver A.C.

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South...

Benham Still King of South Divisional

Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Va., took top honors in the Open Singles in the March 10-12 South Division USHA tournament at the new University of Tennessee courts, Knoxville. Benham defeated Randy Essel, Birmingham, who was also runner-up in the 1971 event, 21-14, 21-16. In the semi-finals, Benham whipped Fred Lewis, former national intercollegiate champion from Miami



ONE STEP AWAY . . . Dr. Claude Benham shakes hands with fast-improving runnerup Randy Essel after final battle in South Divisional tournament held at University of Tennessee courts. Randy is originally from Cleveland, now plays out of Birmingham.

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONS . . . Don Konz, Washington, D.C., and Jay Rowe, Richmond, given due rewards by Don Littrell, host chairman at Knoxville..

Beach in a Sunday morning match, 21-9, 21-12. (On his way to the South Division crown, Benham also topped Merlin Kilbury, Little Rock; Dick Gehron, Charlotte; and the University of Tennessee champion, Steve Morris.) In earlier rounds, Runnerup Essel beat third-seeded Tom Kelly, Orlando, Fla., 21-8, 21-17.

First place honors in the Open Doubles went to Don Konz, Washington, D.C., and Jay Rowe, Richmond. Konz and Rowe beat Ernie Ortiz, Tampa, and Paul Katz, Orlando 21-12, 21-5. The third place trophy went to Joe Clements and Jim McKee, Memphis, who, in their first round, upset top-seeded Rich Robitaille and Tom Veal, Merritt Island, Fla., in a two-and-one-half-hour match that ended 21-19, 16-21, 21-20. The upstarts from Memphis, were down 14-20 in the third game before their winning rally.

In the Masters Singles, Ed Ellett, Chattanooga, took top honors over Charles Burch, Athens, Ga., 21-9, 21-17. In the Masters Doubles, Joe Pratt and Jess Haden, Atlanta, beat Danny Kallman and Ed Johnson, Birmingham, 21-11, 21-16.

At a banquet on Saturday night preceding the finals, Dr. Ben Plotnicki of the University was honored and presented a desk set inscribed "To Ben Plotnicki — In Grateful Appreciation For Your Many Contributions To The Growth And Advancement Of Handball." Dr. Plotnicki spearheaded the construction of the University of Tennessee's new physical education complex that includes the highly acclaimed plexiglass court. The ten fine University of Tennessee courts, including the plexiglass "Showcase," provided an excellent backdrop for a highly successful tournament.

NOTE: Brewer Kitchings Jr., Birmingham, defeated Mike O'Grady, Birmingham in the consolation singles.

Sid Semel, USHA Southeast Commissioner, served as the tireless floor manager and did an outstanding job.

Rocky Mountain

Lee Wretlind, Denver, got in on the handball "Hat Trick" by winning both singles and doubles (with Don Carlsen, also Denver) in the renewal of the Rocky Mountain USHA Divisional held at the Deseret Gymnasium in Salt Lake City, March 23-25. Wretlind defeated Denverite Al Moore, 21-15, 20-21, 21-17. And, then he and Carlsen beat Stan LeCheminant and Tom Thorum, Salt Lake City, 21-15, 9-21, 21-18.

Salt Lake City Fireman Bob Apple took the Masters singles, beating Denver's John Hardy, 21-7, 21-5. George Johnson and Jim Woodward, Salt Lake City, won the Masters doubles over Apple and Walt Cryer, Orem, Utah, 21-19, 21-13.

An innovation in divisional play was the inclusion of B singles. There was a field of 16. Bob Apple's son, Steve, defeated John Grismore, Salt Lake City, for the title, 21-5, 21-16.

Semi-final results: Open singles — Wretlind def. LeCheminant 21-13, 19-21, 21-4, and Moore had a real Pier 6 battle with Bob Mendenhall, Salt Lake City, before winning, 21-15, 12-21, 21-20.

Open doubles: Carlsen-Wretlind def. Brent Dyer-Jim Woodward, Salt Lake City, 21-18, 21-16; LeCheminant-Thorum def. Bill Geurts-Chuck Walter, Salt Lake City, 21-18, 21-5.

Masters singles: Apple def. Dick Reid, Salt Lake City, 21-11, 21-18; Hardy def. Walt Cryer, Orem, Utah, 21-8, 21-12.

Masters Doubles: Johnson-Woodward def. Norm Schade, Zephyr Cove, Nevada, and Reg Chapman, Salt Lake City, 21-17, 21-16; Cryer-Apple def. Hardy-John Davidson, Denver, 21-13, 21-4.

B Singles: S. Apple def. Skip Harrison, Denver, 20-21, 21-17, 21-15; Grismore def. John Walker, Salt Lake City, 6-21, 21-11, 21-5.

While some of the "name" players from this division were conspicuous by their absence (Shumate, Graybill, Lindsay, etc.) Wayne Player, manager of the Deseret Gymnasium, reports the tournament ran smoothly and everyone was well satisfied with the resumption of this division which covers the wide open areas of Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and West Texas . . . and will most likely revolve every three years around Phoenix, Salt Lake City, and Denver.

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USHA West Division Winners in Fresno



AT LEFT — TO A MASTER . . . George Takaoka (left) hard-working host of Fresno divisional presents Arnold Aguilar, Los Angeles, with Masters doubles top award. Aguilar teamed with Irv Simon, and will defend national title at Seattle. ABOVE — (l to r) — Mark Landeros, Milt Cornell, Masters singles winner; Dr. Steve August, open singles winner, with his pretty companion, Mary Grover; Al Gracio, floor manager par excellence.

New Champions Crowned in Boise, Idaho

Bill Jones swept through the class A round robin tournament losing but one match to Lyle Parks (last year's state champ) to win the 1972 Idaho Crown held at the Boise YMCA.

Ron Schlenski after losing his first two matches (including a 21-7, 15-21; 18-21 match to Jones) won his final three matches to place second. Mike Addy, of Boise, placed third with the same record as Schlenski. Schlenski's win over Addy (21-9; 12-21; 21-10) in the final round dropped gave him second place with Addy 3rd.

In class B Steve Plummer of Boise was the class of the field as he defeated Lou Laval, also of Boise in the finals 21-12; 21-10.

Third place was captured by Sherm Nelson of Boise, defeating Rollie Leeper of Idaho Falls 21-14; 21-15.

Class C had 24 hopefuls when their tournament began and when it was over Dar Walters of Boise had won it all defeating Jon Froberg in the finals two

straight games 21-8; 21-5.

The Masters Division saw a new champion for the first time in 3 years as perennial winner, Emmett Herndon had to default to Pat Gibson in the first round due to an injury. Gibson took advantage of this and went all the way to the finals before Ray Lewis (first Masters competition) beat him 21-6; 21-6.

Third place went to Gordon Nate of Boise.

Doubles were conducted in the state tournament for the first time and the team of Addy-J. Falk swept through their competition for a matchup with B. Jones-M. Fox. This was termed as the East-West shootout as Addy-Falk were from Boise and Jones-Fox came from the Eastern slope of the state.

In three very exciting matches the team of Addy-Falk won it in three beautifully played games as Addy was content to play right side and let his talented partner, Jon Falk make beautiful front and corner kills time and time

again.

Besides finishing 3rd in class A and teaming for 1st in doubles, Boise's "Mr. Handball," Mike Addy, chaired the tournament as he has done for so many years.

Reports from participants and spectators were that it was first class all the way.

Idaho is starting to develop some young players as handball is growing very fast especially in our capital city. The YMCA at present houses three handball and one squash court.

The courts go from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and are always busy.

This fall (1st week of October) we will run the second annual Open Invitational with participants from all over the Northwest.

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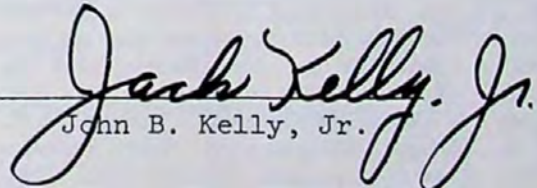
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I hope our paths cross again in the near future.

All the best,


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Lackey Over Miller . . .

High Point Vet Wins 9th Carolinas' Singles In Come-From-Behind Over Arch Greensboro Rival

Hal Lackey, High Point, N.C., won his ninth Carolinas' singles championship by coming from behind to defeat Dick Miller, Greensboro, N.C., 21-16, 6-21, 21-20, on Feb. 12 at the Greensboro YMCA courts. It was sweet revenge for Lackey, who was beaten by Miller in the finals of the Atlanta Invitational in Nov. 1971, 21-17, 21-19 and in the Greensboro City open two weeks prior to the Carolinas 20-21, 21-6, 21-10.

In the first game, it appeared that Lackey was going to blow Miller off the court as he easily ran up a 14 to 4 lead. His right hand and back wall kills had Miller in deep trouble. However, Miller rallied strongly and made a hair-raising game of it before Lackey finally closed the door to win 21-16. The second game was a complete reversal from the first one. Miller, finishing strong in the first game, came out smoking and ran up an unbelievable 18-0 lead before Lackey seemed aware of it. Miller easily won 21 to 6 to set the stage for the deciding game.

The third game will long be remembered by the huge overflowing gallery. Lackey had the upper hand in the early stages and at one time, lead Miller 14-6, but was unable to hold this advantage. Miller, playing the best handball of his career, kept plugging away and gradually evened the score at 16 all. At this point, Miller had the momentum and appeared toward victory. He scored his 20th point on a beautiful left-hand kill and served at match point three times, but Lackey would not surrender. Finally, Lackey tied it at 20 all and got the 21st point and match with a smashing shot down the left side that eluded Miller. The large and enthusiastic crowd rose to its feet and gave these two friendly rivals a standing ovation. It is a shame there had to be a loser in this exciting, grueling match. However, Miller keeps reducing the margin annually and who knows, 1973 could be his year.

Lackey advanced to the finals by eliminating Dick Gehron, Charlotte, N.C., a 1970 finalist in the single finals, 21-4, 21-6. Miller had more difficulty in the semis with Ray Fornes, Raleigh, N.C., math professor, North Carolina State University, winning in two games 21-11, 21-19. In the second a strong right hand, gave Miller all he could handle, but his weak returns and errors with his left hand off the back wall did him in. Fornes gained the semi-finals with an upset win over highly touted John Foster, High Point, N.C., formerly

of Portland, Oregon, 21-14, 21-10.

The open doubles provided a shocker when Heath Howie and Rex Welton, Charlotte, N.C., upset defending champions Jim Arnold and Herb Lincoln, Wilmington, N.C., in the finals, 21-7, 21-10. Arnold-Lincoln, heavily favored to retain their title, reached the finals with a 21-7, 21-9 win over Charlotte's Phil Chappel and Greg LeNeave. Howie-Welton defeated Joe Nato-Jim Bryant, Greensboro, N.C., 21-12, 21-15, to enter the finals. The smooth stroking Arnold-Lincoln may have been over confident but whatever, the Howie-Welton team played superbly and stunned the large gallery by winning two straight. Howie's great retrieving and kills, along with the steadiness of Welton, provided too much for the "Seaside Twosome."

Paul Brissette, Wilmington, N.C., a former pro baseball player with a rubber arm, defeated Wes Edwards in the finals 21-7, 21-13 to win his first Masters singles title. Brissette was just too strong for Edwards with his bullet serves and passes. He had a more difficult time in eliminating Charlotte's Al Clark 12-21, 21-14, 21-10 in the semi-finals. Edwards made the finals in a three game win over Charlotte's Jack Saltzgeber 21-9, 16-21, 21-7.

Bill Ohlandt-Percy Steel, Charleston, S.C. won the Masters doubles championship by default over Keith Halstead-Bill Varker. The match was halted in the first game when Steel hit a left handed fist shot that struck Halstead in the left eye. He was rushed to the hospital where examinations revealed no permanent damage. Both finalists had to go the three game route. Ohlandt-Steel advanced to the finals by defeating Jack Morris-Ray Carrino, Wilmington, N.C., 9-21, 21-16, 21-9 in a tough match and the Halstead-Varker team won out over Charlotte's Bob Gore-Walter Hook 21-12, 20-21, 21-5.

George McCachren, Charlotte, N.C., former University of North Carolina basketball captain, won the initial Golden Masters singles title by defeating Fred Clark, Raleigh, N.C., retired Marine colonel, 31-19. McCachren kept Clark off balance with a tantalizing lob serve, which proved most effective against the well-conditioned Marine. McCachren defeated Ray Moore, Greensboro, N.C., Athletic Director, Greensboro AT & T College, 31-5 in the semis and Clark won over Bob Lucht, Charleston, S.C., 31-16.

The young talent in the open singles

Rohrer Nails Down

Denver Y Invitational;

Wood-Barney in Doubles

Dr. Gary Rohrer, No. 3 nationally ranked in USHA circles, took the Denver Central YMCA Memorial Invitational singles title, beating Lee Wretling, Denver, 21-7, 21-11. Capt. Joel Levy, now stationed at the Air Force Academy, and a native of Louisville, gave Gary his toughest match in the quarter-finals, losing 21-19, 15-21, 21-11.

Les Shumate, our Rocky Mountain Commissioner and able scribe reports, Gary Rohrer was flashing his usual classy left handed kill shots and speed in retrieving almost impossible gets through the three-day test.

Scores from the quarters: Al Moore def. Bob Brown, 21-18, 14-21, 21-19; Lee Wretling def. Bill Moyde by forfeit; Buzz Shumate def. Bill Powell, 21-8, 21-8; Gary Rohrer def. Joel Levy by above mentioned scores.

Semi-finals: Rohrer def. Moore 21-13, 21-10; Wretling def. Shumate 21-18, 21-11. (Report: Shumate entered this tournament with a very badly pulled Achilles tendon, and re-injured it in this match).

Lloyd Wood and Dan Barney repeated in the doubles, showing their usual good teamwork to outclass the field.

Scores from the quarters: Don Carlsen-Pete Barrett def. Turner and Gordon Medill, 21-7, 21-7; Walters and Bill Geurts def. Chuck Bult and Boyd, 21-6, 21-8. Kress and Gray def. Jim Thorell and Frank Kostro, 21-19, 21-12; Wood and Barney def. Malcolm Mossman and Dave Drum, 21-7, 21-9.

Semi-finals: Carlsen and Barrett def. Walters and Geurts, 21-14, 21-14; Wood and Barney def. Kress and Gray, 21-4, 21-11.

Finals: Wood and Barney def. Carlsen and Barrett, 21-7, 21-19.

indicated that Lackey and Miller will be faced with stronger competition in the years ahead. Young Ty Saltzgeber, Wake Forest University sophomore, lost in an early round to Lackey, but shows great potential and should be heard from in the future. Ray Fornes, Hal Harrington and Dick Gehron are improving rapidly and will definitely be a threat in future tournaments.

Sid Semel, Norfolk, Virginia, USHA Southeastern Commissioner, conducted and supervised the tournament in a very professional manner.

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Pfeifer-Santo Win Bellingham 'Top 16' Doubles

By NICK ROCCO
Tournament Chairman

Bellingham, Wash. YMCA hosted the first "Top Sixteen" invitational doubles played in the Pacific Northwest, Feb. 26-27. Teams representing Washington and Oregon and British Columbia were invited. The winners of all the major tournaments in the area over the past year were present.

Top-seeded Gordy Pfeifer/Randy Santo (Tacoma-Seattle) reached the finals against Oregon State doubles champs Tony Stramiello/Dennis Schalk. The Oregon tandem scored a mild upset by eliminating second seeded and former Canadian National Champions Bob Wilson/Mel Brown in the semi-finals. In that match right side player Dennis Schalk provided tremendous power and timely fly kills keeping their opponents off balance. The final score was 21-8, 21-15.

Pfeifer/Santo gained a berth in the finale by beating the Bellingham team of Bud Miller/Harvey Gorsuch. The locals started off on a winning note 21-18. The eventual champions rebounded to even the match at one apiece, 21-14. The final game was all Pfeifer/Santo, 21-7. Gordy was nursing a sore right shoulder throughout the tournament, and was forced to leave his usual power game for a "Haber style" control one. His shot selection was superb, and quite an exhibition for all handballers. The Bellingham duo played well, going into the tournament unseeded and finishing fourth.

The finals was one of the best doubles matches ever played on a Bellingham handball court. The Oregon team attempted to offset Pfeifer's placement with hard driving pound shots down the left. This worked to some degree, but the champs managed to keep the rallies alive, capitalizing on several errors and setups. At 5-12 Stramiello/Schalk started killing more and began to score. Schalk kept many of Pfeifer's potential passes in play with consistent returns. At 13-19 the Oregonians started another series of kills and managed a 20-19 lead. Pfeifer/Santo worked to regain the serve and finally won on two Pfeifer kills, 21-20. Stramiello/Schalk killed a total of 22 shots to only 14 by Pfeifer/Santo, but the errors were as lopsided the other way.

In the second game the eventual champs jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead, only to have it tied up on two aces and four kills. The Oregon duo started showing some real class, killing several shots and passing both Pfeifer and Santo, grabbing an uncomfortable 12-8 advantage. Santo played better the second game, keeping the rallies alive with some fine dig shots. This along with Pfeifer's great kill game resulted in a 17-12 lead. Once again as in the first game, Stramiello/Schalk started another string of points. At 16-17 Pfeifer/Santo remained cool taking back the serve and scoring three times. A reverse to Stramiello for the twenty-first point caught Tony off balance and was never returned. The final score was 21-18. It was truly a con-

frontation of power vs. control, with the latter winning out.

Wilson/Brown bounced back to take third place from Miller/Gorsuch. The first game was totally Wilson/Brown, 21-5. Wilson's left side play was great as he killed consistently throughout the game. Miller/Gorsuch errored many times but Wilson's play was the real difference. The second game proved to be a more even contest. Miller's hard natural serve to Wilson's left yielded several aces and many weak returns. Gorsuch played better this game killing several shots. Mel Brown is always Mr. Steady and lived up to his reputation once again. Many long rallies and fine dig shots culminated in a 21-20 Wilson/Brown victory and third place.

The consolation round, which was almost as tough as the championship side, was won by Dick Aguire/Jim Miller (Seattle) over Bob Vanina/Roland Hublou (Seattle-Everett). Aguire/Miller did it the hard way, dropping the first match 21-7. They didn't let the loss bother them as they fought back to take a 21-14 second game, and wrapped up the match with a hard fought 21-17 triumph. The first three places received English Pewter Mugs while consolation winners were presented SARANAC S98 Handball Gloves.

The tournament was a great success and will become an annual. A word of thanks to the 32 participants, for without them this type of competition is impossible.

Terry Muck Reverses '71 Finish in Midwest Tourney at Omaha; Beats Lee Wretlind . . . Schulz-Yambrick Doubles

Terry Muck gained some sweet revenge in this year's Midwest Handball Tournament held in Omaha recently. After a disappointing loss in last year's finals to Lee Wretlind of Denver, Terry had "prepped" himself well for this match. He was too strong for Lee this year and the final outcome tells the tale; it was 21-13, 21-9.

Needless to say, both men attracted a lot of attention during the tourney with their excellent "shooting" ability and court strategy. In the doubles competition, Paul Schulz and Bill Yambrick, St. Paul, made it unanimous for their hometown by defeating Larry Wood and Pete Barrett, Denver.

After losing the first game, Paul and

Bill managed to squeeze out a victory over two of the scrapiest competitors in the game. Singles competition featured 32 players, first come, first serve. This year there were players from 13 different cities throughout the midwest with only seven players entering from the Omaha area. In doubles there were the traditional 16 spots open with first round singles losers filling available slots in a draw situation.

On Saturday evening players and wives or girl friends enjoyed "Omaha" steaks at Dominicos "on the strip," and, of course, some of the partying lasted into the wee hours.

Singles — Quarterfinals — Lee Wret-

lind, Denver, def. Tom Kezlan, Kansas City, 21-10, 14-21, 21-15; Rich Hill, Omaha, def. Bill Alexander, Omaha, 21-9, 15-21, 21-3; Bill Bauerly, Sioux City, def. Gary Whittaker, Omaha, 21-5, 21-10; Terry Muck, St. Paul, def. R. Steen, Independence, 21-4, 21-2.

Semi-Finals — Wretlind def. Hill 21-12, 21-11; Muck def. Bauerly 21-11, 21-10.

Doubles — Semi-finals — Larry Wood-Pete Barrett, Denver, def. John Gregory-Mike Dugan, Omaha, 21-10, 21-19; Bill Yambrick-Paul Schulz, St. Paul, def. R. Schlitz-L. Schlitz, Davenport, 21-13, 21-16.

JIM GABRIELSON

No Two Ways About It... Haber Rates Spotlight

One USHA member wrote in and complained, "Why don't you quit writing about Paul Haber's drinking and give us some other news." Honestly, guys, we try to write mostly about Haber's exploits on the courts, not off 'em. We'll leave the controversial angles to the daily sports writers and Sports Illustrated.

Paul is the "best copy" we have in the game and has done much in his own inimitable style to put the "game on the map." When he appears at a tournament you can be sure there'll be jam packed galleries and in such tournaments he's out there giving 120%.

Just recently Paul went to Charlotte, North Carolina, and settled a couple of scores with the Carolina's best, Hal Lackey and Dick Miller.

Bob Quincy, considered one of the best up coming scribes in the nation, in the Charlotte Observer, March 8, wrote as a beginning under "The Unholy King" heading, "As an athlete Paul Haber is the Joe Namath type. He doesn't live as cleanly as Broadway Joe, but every man to his own devices."

He added, "He is to handball what Tony Galento was to boxing. He looks like he belongs in a bar. When he's not in action he usually is in one."

We differ with Quincy's comparison with Galento because Tony was just an overstuffed street fighter who bullied his way against weak competition. Haber is a compact athlete who spends more court hours training for the big wins than anyone else.

When the question was asked whether anyone could beat him in Seattle, he said with conviction, "No way!"

"Paul plays handball like Minnesota Fats takes over a billiard game. He will play on anyone's terms. Like a carnival boxer he steps up and challenges the crowd . . . he uses both hands like an angry lobster. His angle shots would fill an advanced geometry book. He glides with the cool, sure moves of a leopard teasing its victim.

Paul brought out one fact that spells the whole story. He plays with intense concentration whether in exhibitions or tournaments. "I can't do it any other way. Lose your killer instinct and it's all over."

ILLINOIS SPORTS PIONEERS



TWO SPORTS LEADERS MEET . . . George Halas (l) president of Chicago Bears pro football team and pioneer of National Football League organization, with Bob Kendler, USHA president. Halas was 1966 selectee of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois Sports and Athletics faculty for his contributions, both civic and athletic, in Illinois and to the betterment of sport. He was a naval officer in both World Wars. Kendler is rector of the Sports and Athletics faculty.



HONOR DR. BEN PLOTNICKI . . . During USHA South Divisional tournament at outstanding 10-court University of Tennessee facility, man most responsible for blueprinting and getting this addition was given due recognition. (l to r)—Sid Semel, USHA Southeast commissioner; Don Littrell, tournament chairman; Plotnicki; Tom Pannel, president Knoxville Handball Club; Earl White, master of ceremonies.



CANADIAN SINGLES . . . One of the best matches of the recent Canadian Nationals held in Edmonton was the Closed singles. (l to r) — Dinty Moor, Edmonton, who had pulled upset of the tournament in quarter-final round over Dr. Gary Rohrer, and wound up Closed runnerup; Mel Brown, Vancouver, who battled to the victory; Ken Shearer, host chairman.

Muck Over Kirby in George Lee Invitational

The Dallas Athletic Club sponsored its 26th Annual handball tournament, Feb. 10-13. As of this year the tournament is called the George Lee Invitational in memory of the man who did so much for handball in general and handball at the Dallas Athletic Club specifically.

This year's tournament followed the same format as in the past with outstanding handballers from around the country participating. In the open singles top-seeded Pat Kirby, New York, eliminated Merlin Kilbury, Little Rock, in the semi-finals 21-19, 21-11; while second-seeded Terry Muck of St. Paul, Minnesota eliminated Joel Galpern, Austin, Texas, 21-20, 21-6.

In the finals, Muck, playing great defensive ball, beat Kirby 21-15, 21-17.

In open doubles, top-seeded Alvis Grant, Dallas Athletic Club, and Pete Tyson, University of Texas handball coach, defeated Dan Galvin and Hershel Forester, Dallas, in the semi-finals 19-21, 21-17, 21-17; while second-seeded Frank Price and Boris Orlin, Houston, defeated Ed Bellocchio and Paul Albright, Dallas, 21-13, 20-21, 21-19. In the finals Grant and Tyson defeated Price and Orlin 21-6, 20-21, 21-5.

In the finals of the Masters doubles top-seeded Porter Johnston and Jim Moore, Dallas Athletic Club, defeated Jules Fine and David Wicker, also of the DAC, 21-17, 21-17.

'Weekend Warrior' Kirby Beats Benham;

Crocker-Meadows Take Open Doubles

Pat Kirby, the "Irish Whip," has won the Sixth Annual Youngstown Open Handball championships held January 28-30 at the Central "Y."

Kirby, Brooklyn, N.Y., defeated Dr. Claude Benham, Chesapeake, Va., in the finals 20-21, 21-11, 21-11. The ever popular and entertaining Kirby achieved the finals by downing a very persistent Al Drews, Cleveland, 20-21, 21-14, 21-14.

The "Back Court Killer," Benham, awed the local fans with his deadly accurate kills and lightning pass shots. Dr. Benham ousted five-time defending champ Kent Fusselman, Warren, Ohio, 21-10, 21-10.

In the doubles bracket Bob Crocker-Ed Meadows, Washington, D.C., defeated Bill Willing-Jerry Anderson, Canton, Ohio, in a three-game match full of action, 8-21, 21-16, 21-13.

The entire tournament committee, the Y staff and every single handball fan



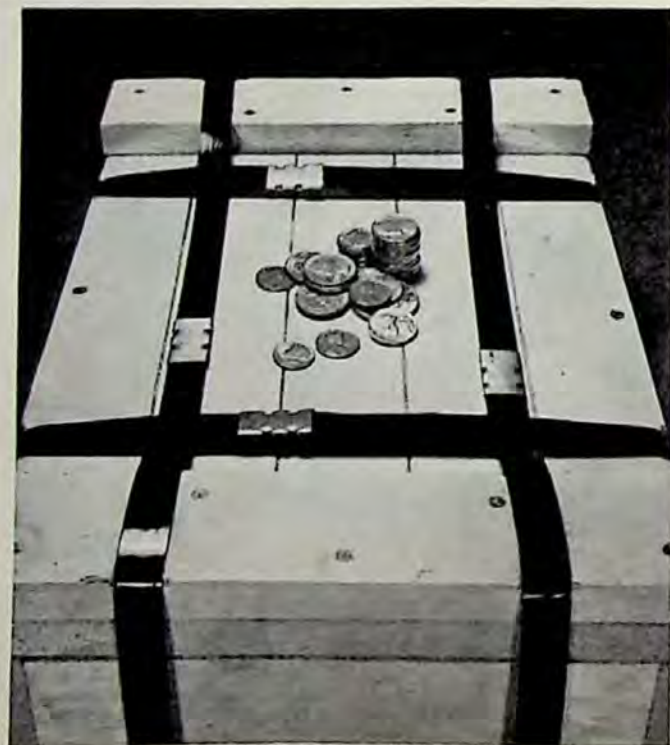
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here in Youngstown would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Pat Kirby and Dr. Claude Benham who enabled the Youngstown Y to put on its first exhibition of big-time handball.

The tournament was enjoyed by 100 participants and every spectator. Above all however, the game of handball in Youngstown has been enhanced by the tremendous sportsmanship and consideration demonstrated by Kirby and Dr. Benham. We hope this is just a start to a annual top-shelf tournament in Youngstown.

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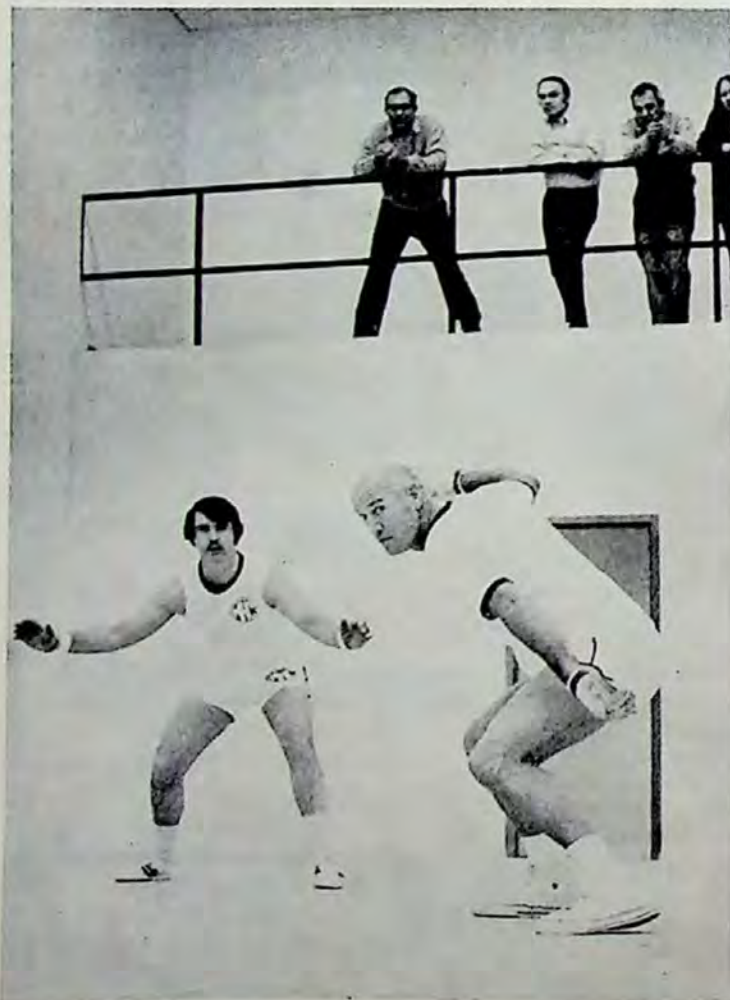
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Open Six-Court Milwaukee Handball Club

AT RIGHT — Overlooking one of the courts at grand opening of Milwaukee Handball Club in suburban Wauwatosa — (l to r) — Art Patch, builder and president of the Club; Larry Lederman, USHA district commissioner/IRA board of directors and athletic director of the Milwaukee JCC; Bob Kendler, USHA president. BELOW: Des Smith, Club board member who brought first trophy (USHA Invitational Golden Masters singles consolation) to Club, initiates court against Dick Son.



USHA National Invite Masters Doubles in October Area's First 'Court Club' Will Promote Tourneys



Art Patch had a "dream" — and now it is fulfilled. This enterprising Milwaukee area building contractor envisioned a complete handball/racquetball facility to accommodate men and women of that city who wanted the luxurious surroundings of a private club along with the best possible constructed courts.

And, this is what is available today at the Milwaukee Handball Club, located in suburban Wauwatosa, 2930 N. 117th St.

Art utilized poured concrete for all the walls and ceiling and the courts are true and fast. No expense was spared in providing a spacious locker room, sauna-steam room-massage area with an adjacent locker lounge setup just outside the court entrances.

The championship court has glass from the four-foot height level and the gallery extends back a full 40 feet, rising higher than the 20-foot court ceiling level. A "penthouse" ceiling of approximately 30 feet behind this back wall and the ample space given to gallery will afford a gallery of 200-plus, all seats with excellent viewing.

"We are anxious to showcase our Club with exhibitions and tournaments," Art tells us, "We feel this an ideal setting and want to work closely with both the USHA and IRA. Already on the agenda is a mid-Summer exhibition that will headline nationally-ranked handball and racquetball players, and in late October the Third USHA National Invitational Masters and Golden Masters doubles will be staged." This tournament has been held in Birmingham, Alabama, the past two seasons and has proved very successful.

Hal Raether, former professional baseball pitcher, is manager of the Milwaukee Handball Club, and assures that all incoming members will get a complete orientation in handball and racquetball with classes available at all levels of performance.

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OBSERVATION TOWER

by KEN SMOLACK, *Pinch-hitting for Bob Davidson*

The Winter season is fast drawing to a close. Eastern four-wall for the '71-'72 campaign will end with the Y nationals at Norfolk, the USHA nationals in Seattle, and the mid-May New York A.C. Invitational.

There have been more tournaments in the area than usual. Rochester held their Holander-Harrod tourney in the Fall, and then held the USHA Divisional. The Divisional was successful except that at least two strong New York A.C. teams, Harry Hyde-Jack Walsh and Fred Munsch-Joel Wisotsky were snowbound by a storm. This misfortune weakened the doubles field. Speaking of the doubles I feel that the tournament made a mistake in allowing Fusselman-Drews to play their semi-final match on Saturday while Lott-Harbatkin played both semis and finals on Sunday. There are rules pertaining to scheduling and these rules should be followed. Steve and Bobby did not protest but I feel a protest with the stakes — a USHA trip to the nationals — was warranted.

Gino's Singles

Gino's the hamburger-chicken chain, held their first singles invitational. This was run by former Junior AAU national champ, Jack Emas, with full support from Lou Fischer, president of Gino's. The tournament was held at Gino's office building in King of Prussia, Pa., suburb of Philadelphia. There are two standard courts with glass back walls in the building's basement. These courts are used for both handball and racquetball, and Fischer promotes as much activity on these courts as possible. The women employees are very active in racquetball, and some of them made great hostesses during this fine tournament. The field had four "imports," Pat Kirby, Dr. Claude Benham, Fred Lewis, and John Brinn, and the rest of the 16-field was filled by top Middle Atlantic players. The four imports moved to the semis with comparative ease. In the semis Pat beat Brinn in two well played games. The other semi was a fine match. Claude took a big lead in the first game, then Fred, mixing his shots well and keeping the good doctor in deep court, beat him. The second game started out like the end of the first. However, in the middle of this game Fred reinjured a badly bruised finger on his right hand. Throughout the rest of the match Fred was visibly bothered by the finger and in fact he looked more like a lefty in the third game than a righty.

Kirby maintained his superiority over Benham in a classy finale.

This was indeed a well-run tournament with big league hospitality and closed circuit coverage of the games. While in Philadelphia Fred and I went to see Leon Levin who has been a bit under the weather. Leon is 65 and up to a year ago played in many open doubles, more than holding his own. He is a real fine gentleman and goes out of his way to help fellow players and is a great supporter of the game. (Note: Leon recently sent in a \$100 contribution to the USHA Perpetuation Fund.)

The Central Y of Wilmington, Del. ran their annual doubles tournament the first weekend of February. The turnout for the two-day event was very large — 42 teams. This tourney, run by Physical Director Paul Tedford and Bob Lawson, is well run and draws teams from Metro New York, North Jersey, Philadelphia, Reading, Norfolk, and Washington, D.C. Richie Greenwald and I won the tourney and were really only pushed in the quarter finals by two "Masters" from Jersey, Tom Ciasulli and Ed Morkevich. We went three games with them on Saturday night, which was the third round of the day. The match of the tournament was the semi-finals between Jamie Fitzpatrick and Brendon O'Boyle of Yonkers against Ed Meadows and Bob Crocker of D.C. Fitz and O'Boyle won the first 21-11, then lost 21-5. In the third game the lead changed hands about nine times. Finally it appeared that Fitz and O'Boyle would make the finals when they pulled

ahead 20-14, but Meadows-Crocker with great desire and fine play pulled the game out 21-20. The finals, which was played only an hour and a half after that match was anti-climatic. Rich and I had it comparatively easy in the semis and were well rested. Meadows and Crocker were just too tired to play their best.

The New York City handball league ended with the New York A.C. winning the Tony Botta Memorial Trophy for the second successive year. There was a banquet at the Club for the awards presentation. Previous to this dinner there were exhibition games. Lou Russo defeated Marty Katzen, West Side Y, 31-14. After this game Lou teamed with Fred Munsch to play Carl and Ruby Obert and split, Russo-Munsch winning the first 21-12 then losing 21-14. Many other top area players competed on the other two courts, including Vic Hershkowitz, Harry Hyde, Frank Cataldo, Jerry Klarman, Richie Greenwald, Ken Smolack (who's he?), Tom Natale, John Paveletz.

West Side Y, due to court time problems, has put off holding the Jack Marks Invitational until October. Dave Wetcher, assistant physical director, reports that some needed court repairs will be made during the Summer months. Plans are to hold the Marks tourney either the Columbus or Veteran's holiday weekend. We plan to have 16 singles players and 16 doubles teams. Entries will be open to any Metro area players and a committee will screen them to limit the field.

Castle Hill Beach Club is due to open April 30. This is two weeks later than it has ever opened previously. The management has been really giving the members less and less each year. Within the past two or three years they have knocked off 5 weeks of time from the season. This year they have finally repaired the two one-wall exhibition courts. The four-wall courts, in sad shape, have not had any real constructive repairs for 15 years. The walls, made of wood, have many dead spots and being outdoors, are warped. The floors are cement and are in worse shape than the walls. There are many cracks in the floors and this creates playing problems. These are original floors and have been standing for 40 years.

Missing from Castle Hill this year will be Bob Lewis, Fred's father, who has been athletic director for the past 5 years. In spite of many difficulties I personally had with Bob I feel he did a good job in adverse conditions and I only hope Ken Rabinowitz, his young replacement, can do as well. Management puts limitations on what the athletic director can and cannot do and I hope Ken tries to get more for us handballers — possibly court repairs.



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Ben Agajanian, star place-kicker for the New York Giants and 12 other professional football clubs, during the 40s and early 50s and currently an instructor with the Dallas Cowboys, hosted ground-breaking ceremonies on Feb. 11, 1972, for the construction of the Long Beach Athletic Club. The club will have five handball courts, one of which will be a showcase court with glass backwall and sidewalls of glass four feet from the bottom up, with a seating capacity of

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Aggie's building will be located just a short way north of the San Diego Freeway, being in the 4000 block on Long Beach Boulevard and is easily accessible from all areas.

Opening Day is now scheduled for JULY 1, 1972.

The success of a facility such as this depends upon the membership. We have an abundance of Handball experience to contribute from this area. Helping Aggie will be myself along with Tom Crail, owner of Pylon, Inc., engineering contractors; Val Moore owner of Moore Insurance Agency, "Tex" Fite, local car dealer and Warren Merrill, the general contractor in charge of constructing our club, which, I am sure, will get some tender, loving care.

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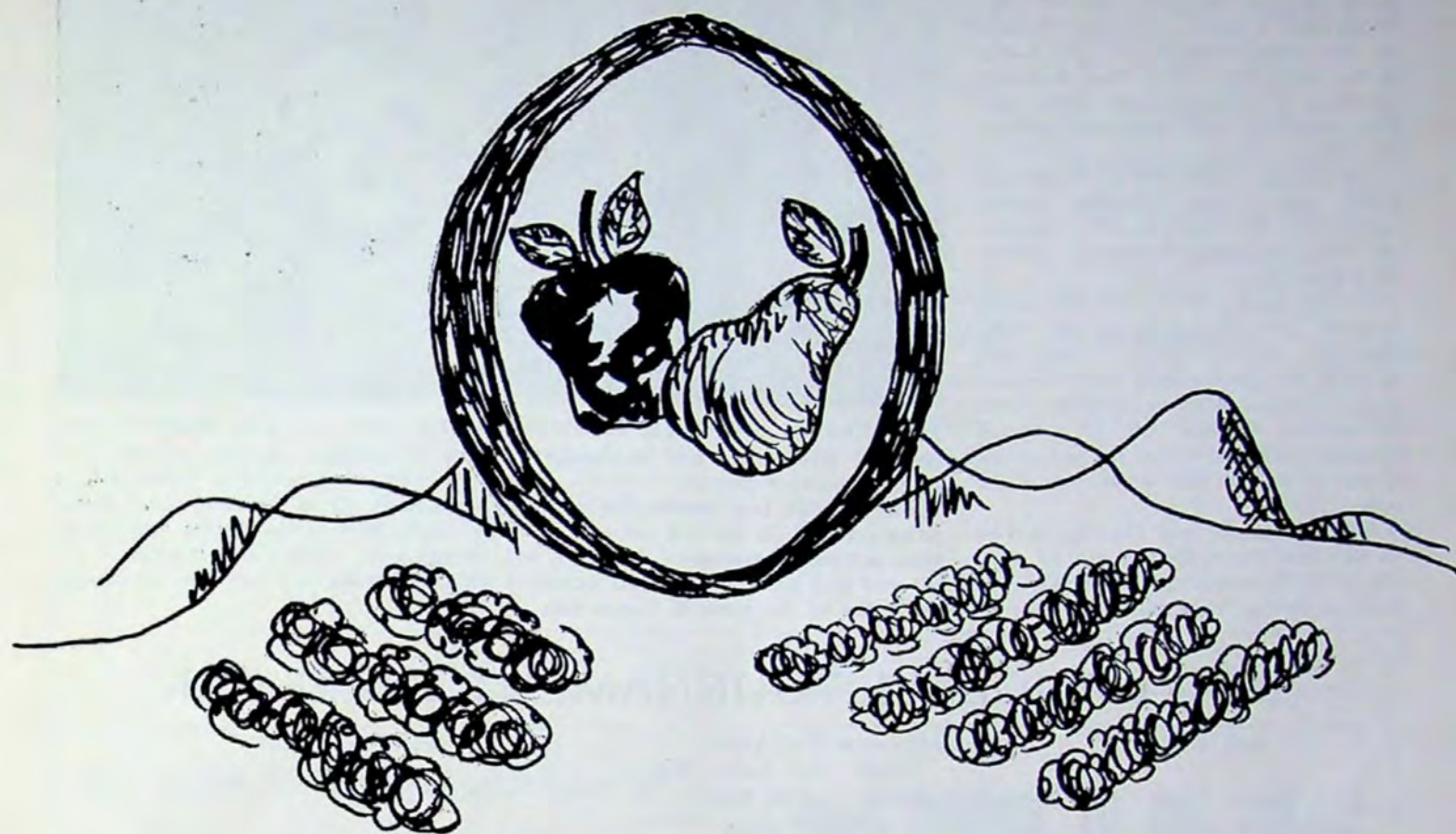
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More Park Courts . . .

An increasing number of city park districts around the nation have indicated plans to install both indoor and outdoor courts. Elmhurst, suburb of Chicago, has broken ground on an indoor tennis-handball complex. Another Chicago suburb, Oak Park, plans a similar type multi-million dollar project. Beckley, West Virginia, is in process of installing five outdoor courts. If any of our members hear of such plans get in touch with us so that we can advise properly before construction gets underway.



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APPLES and PEARS

New Orleans . . .

Jim Jacobs and Marty Decatur enjoyed a fun weekend in New Orleans and displayed their undefeated doubles skill in taking the annual Mardi Gras tournament with comparative ease. Jacobs-Decatur knocked off the new "Whiz Kid" team of Joel Galpern, Austin, and Barry Goldstein, 17, St. Louis, in the semis, 21-7, 21-9; then trounced Joe Hero Jr., University of Texas, and Dan Kennerly, U-T graduate student, 21-3, 21-11.

Jeff Barnes, University of Texas national intercollegiate doubles champ (with Terry Hankins), scored a big singles win over Houston's No. 1 player, Dick Cramer, 21-9, 21-7.

Gaining much publicity was the unique national title bearing team of Mike Lloyd, 15, (USHA National Juniors) and his Dad, Dr. Cecil Lloyd, of Shreveport (AAU National Masters doubles). Cecil has worked wonders with his talented youngster and just wishes he had gotten a teen-age start in the "orientation of the walls".

Although Jacobs and Decatur showed so well they have decided not to enter the USHA nationals in Seattle. They do hope to play a few exhibitions.



MASTERS OF BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO . . . First Master YMCA handball tournament held at Boulder YMCA to celebrate opening of two new courts. Trophy winners — (1 to r) — Leonard Fedor, 2nd, and Don James, 1st, in the C-D class; Lou Smario, 1st and "Mr. Handball '72 in Boulder," and Herm Schempp, 2nd, in the A-B class. A traveling trophy goes to the winner and he retains permanent possession if he wins it a second year. Willie Cross is physical ed. director and has beginning and advanced handball classes, and has now introduced the ladies to the game of racquetball.

1972 HANDBALL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

April 28-30	Minnesota State Club Kings Court, Edina, MN.	Manager—Kings Court
April 28-30	GREAT LAKES OPEN Eric (NY) Central YMCA	Bill Daisly
May 5-7	4th Montgomery Open YMCA, Montgomery, Ala. P.O. Box 968	George Johnston, Chairman
May 5-7	Tall Corn Invitational Des Moines, Iowa YMCA	Phys. Director
May 5-7	Washington State Spokane, Wash.	Athletic Director
May 18-20	3rd New York A.C. Invitational	Joe Ingrassia
May 19-21	Blossomtime Bellingham, Wash.	Phys. Director
May 26-28	King County Open White Center (Seattle)	Phys. Director
June 13-18	SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Los Angeles A.C.	Rod Rodriguez, Commissioner
June	Apple Blossom Wenatchee, Wash.	
July 7-9	Open and Masters Peerless Chain Co. Winona, MN YMCA	Hank Maly
July 20-29	Open and Master Aquatennial Minneapolis YMCA	Physical Director
July	Sunfair Yakima, Wash.	
August 3-5	Seafair Seattle, Wash. YMCA	
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This handball season I've had the opportunity to get out "in the field" to attend tournaments and get that needed personal contact that is so necessary in our relationship with the players and administrators.

We usually signify the start of the calendar with the annual three-wall in Detroit over the Labor Day weekend. This has become such a big entry event that play now starts on Wednesday and runs through six days, second only to the four-wall nationals in scheduled time. There is a picnic outing atmosphere to Palmer Park and you can be sure the Michigan Handball Association now headed up by Bob Plater has the experience to do things right. The significant development will be a soon-to-be completed private Club in suburban Southfield with seven courts.

In early October I took a weekend trip to Washington, Pa., as a national board member of Pony-Colt baseball, and got in two days of court play at Washington & Jefferson College. This is one place where I could rank No. 1 so you can imagine the caliber of play. I even conducted a clinic for the collegians. They have two standard courts but like the majority of the colleges have no knowledgeable instructor.

Our second annual National Invitational Masters doubles (plus Golden) was held again at the JCC in Birmingham, Alabama. This is Sy Barnes' baby and he has the workhorse who tops 'em all in JCC athletic director, "Ralph Coach" Thomas. The veterans gather for a fine weekend of good competition in their own age brackets and Sy hosts one night at his house with the banquet the following night at the JCC. We're giving Sy a breather next October and the new Milwaukee Handball Club in Wauwatosa will take on the third edition.

In early November we devised a Classic four-man round robin at the St. Paul Athletic Club with Neal Nordlund host and promoter. Originally the idea was to get the top four ranked from our USHA nationals which would have been: Haber, August, Rohrer and Russo. The alignment was changed radically. Kirby replaced August and Muck supplanted Russo. And, it turned out most successful and a "natural" with Haber beating Kirby for all the marbles on the final round. It afforded two good matches three days running.

Dr. Jim Tanner took on the third National Invitational singles in Birmingham

at the Downtown Y in December and it was another four-star production. As a first round bonus Jim Jacobs was pitted against Haber with Paul the winner of the first game and then an injury default about a third way into the second game when Jacobs suffered a severe leg cramp. Haber waded through Benham and Kirby the next day but couldn't muster up enough for Gordie Pfeifer in the finals and we had our third champ in as many years. Haber won the first, August the second. It was a big win for Gordie and set the stage for a possible re-match between the two at the Seattle nationals. A "tennis seeding" was used in a USHA tournament for the first time and it resulted in some first round fireworks! Pfeifer knocked out No. 2 seeded August; Russo, No. 4, got beat by Ray Neveau.

January 29 — one of the four-wall court's weirdest but most outstanding action shows took place on the championship court of Memphis State University. It was the wrestler against the boxer . . . "HANDS AGAINST THE RACQUET." Paul Haber rose to the heights to win but had to give not 120% but 200% to accomplish it. He had the control of his Ace handball against the power of the racquet and came out on top against the very talented San Diego sportsman,

Dr. Bud Muehleisen. More than 300 packed the gallery and enjoyed the show tremendously. It got the Sports Illustrated treatment and if that's the only way we can get national "ink" maybe we better dream up some more of the same. DeWitt Shy and his Memphis Racquetball Association staged the event and it did much to help with the followup national championships of the IRA held there a few weeks later. I personally enjoyed this show as much as any handball championship event.

We also took a quickie trip by car with Haber, my son, Chuck, and Phil Elbert, to see the fabulous 23-court facility at the University of Illinois in Champaign. And, what has developed since will be BOTH the national intercollegiate handball tournament there next year PLUS the FIRST IRA national intercollegiate racquetball tournament. Our only problem will be to round up enough referees to handle so many matches going on simultaneously.

Fresno led off the divisionals (West) with a first weekend in February 222-player entry. Al Gracio, the floor manager wizard had to do some fancy maneuvering to squeeze in the matches on four courts and the action was going the first night until almost 2 a.m. This was my first trip to Fresno and everything I heard about that wonderful gang is true. They provide the ideal backdrop for such a weekend and have been doing it for years, either as their own invitational or as our divisional.

Later in February we had another first — the National Invitational Masters and Golden Masters singles in Chattanooga. There were 57 Masters present for this one and the play was splendid. It initiated a couple of new over-40s in Jack Weintraub, New York, and Phil Elbert, the former national open doubles winner with Johnny Sloan, along with Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, who had won the national Masters singles in AAU. Elbert beat them both and broke in brilliantly. Bill Feivou, turning 59, was strong as a bull and powered his way through the Golden division. Bill now has both Golden singles and doubles (with George Brotemarkle) and shows little signs of real slowing down. Chattanooga's hospitality was "True South" and we're hopeful they'll pick up the option and hold this tournament for a second year.

Your reporter joined Bob Kendler in New York City the following weekend for a seminar and "clearing the air" meeting with Jack Kelly, progressive-minded head of AAU at the New York A.C. Jack has the right ideas and follows the same thinking that has been carried out by Kendler & Co. It doesn't hurt to exchange views periodically.

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Don Ardito Central USHA Singles Winner

Don Ardito won a big one over Andy Upatniaks to take the 82-entry annual Central USHA singles played at the Northwest Suburban YMCA, Des Plaines, Ill. Ardito, who had to go the three-game route four times in the week-long play, lost the first game to Andy 9-21, then won 21-16, 21-19. The third game was squared at 19-19. Ardito won it with an effective serve and then an Upatniaks' error.

Jim Cosentino won third place over Jack McDonald by default. Cosentino had knocked out 2nd seeded Bob Koenig in the quarter-finals, splitting two games and then having Bob default on an injury. He then lost to Upatniaks in the semis in three.

Wes Yee, repeat A Class national intercollegiate winner from Lake Forest College, battled his way to three-game wins over Ken Eby, and fourth-seeded Tony D'Andrea before being eliminated in three games by Jack McDonald.

Cy Abata, who has inevitably been a heir apparent in the earlier year Contenders singles, went strong in this tournament before losing in three to Don Ardito in the quarters. Cy is another who likes to go the three-game route.

Third-seeded Zeke Zaletel, Joliet, went strong before getting beat by Upatniaks in the quarters in three. There were probably more three-game matches in this running of the tournament than ever before.

SCORES FROM THE ROUND OF 16: Don Ardito, North Suburban Y, def. Fritz Regner, Lake Forest, 12-21, 21-5, 21-3; Cy Abata, Duncan Y, def. Dr. Gordon Lang, Duncan Y, 21-15, 17-21, 21-9; Jack McDonald, Lake Shore Club, def. Bob Kelley, 111th st. Y, 21-11, 21-2; Wes Yee, Lake Forest, def. Tony D'Andrea, Duncan Y, 21-19, 17-21, 21-5.

Zeke Zaletel, Joliet U, def. Mike Loper, Duncan Y, 21-8, 21-17; Andy Upatniaks, Lake Shore Club, def. Jim Cash-



AFTER THE FINALE . . . Pictured with the backwall of Northwest Suburban Y's new plush whirlpool — (l to r) — Chuck McClellan, executive director of this world's largest membership Y and a real handball booster-promoter; Don Ardito, winner; Andy Upatniaks, runnerup; Jim Cosentino, third place; Joe Ardito, president of the Illinois Handball Association and tournament chairman; Ben Costello, Joe's right hand man.

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more, Northwest Suburban Y, 21-6, 21-11; Tony Paris, Duncan Y, def. Tony Reiting, Duncan Y, 10-21, 21-17, 21-13; Jim Cosentino, West Suburban Y, def. Bob Koenig, West Suburban Y, 19-21, (injury default).

Quarter-finals: Ardito def. Abata, 21-20, 13-21, 21-1; McDonald def. Yee, 21-9, 18-21, 21-11; Upatniaks def. Zaletel, 6-21, 21-17, 21-10; Cosentino def. Paris, 13-21, 21-16, 21-7.

Semi-finals: Ardito def. McDonald, 18-21, 21-13, 21-5; Upatniaks def. Cosentino, 21-12, 16-21, 21-5.

Finals: Ardito def. Upatniaks, 9-21, 21-16, 21-19.

Third place: Cosentino over McDonald (injury default).

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: Joe Ardito goes thru the agonies when

son Don is battling it for the top prize . . . Joe insists Chuck McClellan, general secretary of the world's biggest Northwest Suburban Y, has to be a super handball promoter. There are more than 350 players participating in a house A-B-C- tournament at that Y! Denny Hofflander, last year's winner, had to forego this one with an ailing shoulder. Upatniaks was given the Seattle "Community Builders" trip as Don Ardito had already earned one with the Central doubles win. The opening Sunday all-day hospitality room was well stocked, largely through the generosity of Tony Riggio. Joe's good wife, Inez, and Benny Costello's Mildred, aided by June Koenig, do the serving chores. Phil Collins did an excellent refereeing job of the final match.

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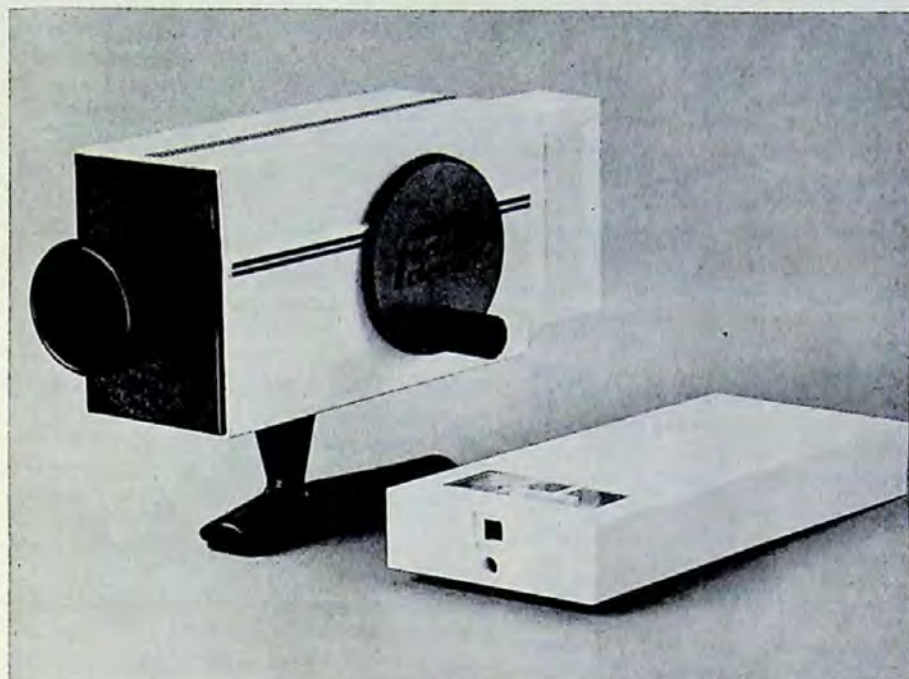
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Joe DeBella's Unique Travels for Court Lore

By MORT LEVE

Joe DeBella is a muscular 26-year-old, 194-pounder, originally from Boston with a later postmark from Casselberry, Florida. For the past several months Joe has been eagerly pursuing the best of handballers in an effort to radically improve his game and seriously move into the tournament reckonings.

How does an enterprising young man like DeBella get the wherewithall to travel around freely in this manner? "I decided to leave the business with my partner for a couple of years and do my thing. I've got enough money to tide me over for a while and if the finances dip too low I'll just pick up a job and take it from there."

This is a rather unique pioneering that this serious-minded, friendly fellow undertakes. He is really "picking the brains" of the great ones like Jim Jacobs in New York; Pete Tyson in Texas. When Joe played in the national Y in Norfolk he stayed over for a week just to get the Dr. Claude Benham treatment.

"What did you learn from Jacobs?" was our opener when we sat down with Joe in Norfolk. And, Joe in reply, expounded eagerly that Jacobs made an indelible impression on him. Suffice to say he wants to pattern his game after that of Jacobs'. "I've got the same type of build and think I can do things his way. The most important thing he impressed on me was not to overuse my off hand. He illustrated that vividly when he asked me pointedly, 'If I put a gun to your head and you had a shot in the middle of the court, what hand would you use?' Obviously he wants me to use my good right whenever possible. He showed me films of Billy Yambrick using his left hand from the center of the court, and told me while Billy has

an excellent off hand it is the natural hand that is going to make points, especially after you start to tire."

DeBella was loud in his praises of the Jacobs' school of court techniques. "The one thing I have to learn is to do something with the ball on the move. I'm confident now I can do real well when I can position myself but it's the ability to make the proper offensive or defensive shot while on the move that separates the club players from the big tournament players."

It's Joe's sound theory that if he continues his journeys to the key handball spots around the country he'll absorb more and more court lore and improve his skills. At the University of Texas he spent some time with Pete Tyson and went away with one positive suggested plan. Pete told him to practice just one shot at a time, go into the court by himself and execute it 1,000 times. And, that's what he is now doing.

In the Y championships Joe went a couple of rounds and then met Lou Russo. "I know I'm not ready to cope with a Russo but before I started on this nationwide binge I usually got knocked out earlier." Joe lost to Lou 13 and 4 and then went into an adjacent court and practiced for another hour. That's got to be "AAA" dedication. For the rest of the tournament weekend he played whoever was available on the free court time. He won one game from New York's John Brinn and was partially satisfied with his court strategy. "I'm still working to think quick as the play develops and that isn't easy, but it'll come."

The time table for DeBella will include at least a week in Chicago for Haber & Co., then on to the nationals

in Seattle, back to the Twin Cities, and from there he'll see how the pendulum swings.

Joe has the weight lifter's heavy muscled arms and chest. "Yeah, I did heavy weight lifting as a wrestler, lifter and football player in school. Now, I work with lighter weights with many repetitions." "How about flexibility exercises?" we asked. Joe told us he indulges in Yoga for that and is pleased with the results.

Here is definitely a "jock" but an intelligent one. He speaks with authority and we tend to agree when he says the trouble with a lot of young athletes is they don't realize the values of proper sleep, food, along with the exercise. "It's no good to gorge yourself," he asserts. "It actually takes energy to digest food and under those conditions it's bad. All that is needed is a balanced diet of healthful food. The more the exercise the more food intake to replace. Rest is most important. I believe firmly that accompanying exercises are needed in addition to straight handball play."

It is going to be interesting to see if Joe DeBella becomes one of our better players. At 26 he is not getting an ideal start. He could have had it easier if he had commenced this dedicated drive five years earlier, because he'll have only a few years to move into the select circles. If he can't do it by 29 or 30 he'll find his peak years rapidly escaping. The men with the burly type builds slow down faster in their 30s. Joe will do well to trim down about 10 pounds to add more quickness. And, we hope he doesn't get confused by the injection of too many varied styles. If he can emulate Jacobs he's using one of the best all-time models.

Good luck Joe DeBella . . . we'll be keeping in close touch.

Rebuttal . . .

SUBJECT: Answer to Letter in the February Issue of the United States Handball Association's Magazine.

1. In your February issue, you published a letter written by one Eli Schleifer of the Boston YMCA, concerning one Captain Gerry Lozeau.

2. Mr. Schleifer (from the Roberts Club) obviously feels that he knows more about handball in Vietnam than do those of us who are presently stationed here.

3. "To put it bluntly we strongly suspect this man" of talking through his hat. First, the Gerry Lozeau we know and love just placed second (after a very strong bid for first) in the championship class of a handball ladder tournament

for the championship in the Long Binh Post Invitational. Prior to placing second in this tournament, the same Gerry Lozeau WON this tournament last fall.

4. Secondly, let it be known that the competition in these tournaments is proportional to that of the civilian populace from which the military draws its members.

5. Thirdly, although these championships may be "esoteric" to you players back in the world, they are, on the contrary, a big event here in Vietnam.

6. And by the way Mr. Schleifer, don't forget to chalk up the victories for Captain Lozeau, will you???

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Patience . . . Stroke . . . Position

Notre Dame Handball Coach Emphasizes Basic Tactics

By NOEL B. O'SULLIVAN

During my years of instructing handball in physical education classes at Notre Dame I have come to the realization that there are no short cuts in learning how to play the game. Because of the numerous skills required for success in handball, only time, practice, and exposure to the game will give the player the necessary experience. But as a teacher of handball I have found that there are three basic concepts — Patience, Parallel Stroking and Position — which, if understood by the student, can be readily applied in practice, and in competition with fruitful results. Hence, enjoyment, rather than frustration, comes from the game of handball for the beginner, as well as the advanced player.

PATIENCE: By this I mean letting the ball level off to around the waist. Beginners, as well as most advanced players, overdo the overhand stroke. They are often excessively aggressive to the ball; in fact, they actually rush to the ball and hit at head- or shoulder-level. When players do this they can never design a shot; all they do is hit the ball so that they can get it to the front wall as soon as possible. They never see the shots which they hit low; and inevitably they play one-wall handball, very seldom using the side walls. After I demonstrate this Patience technique, and when they practice it themselves, my students are amazed at how long a shot they can develop. Before, when hitting the ball at the shoulder- or head-level, the trajectories of their shots were always medium-high to high, thus placing the ball in a rather disadvantageous position; now, through patience, the player is better able to control and design his shots strategically.

PARALLEL STROKING: Now, when the ball is waist-level, the player has an excellent chance to use the most effective stroke — the side arm. I call this "Parallel Stroking"

because the forearm is parallel to the floor. With the arm in this position the player can make a concentrated effort to design his shots. Even if the effort is not there, the results are oftentimes effective. The effectiveness of this parallel shooting lies in the variety of shots from which the player can select: he can design right-side-wall-front, front-side-wall-right, and right-lane shots; left-side-wall-front, front-side-wall-left, and left-lane shots.

POSITION: Another basic which is very hard for the beginner and many advanced players to apply during a game is that in order to stroke correctly and with consistency, the player must have the front of his body facing the side wall. This basic never seems to register in the beginner's mind until he has encountered and grappled with the ineffectiveness of a lack of position. The novice is content to stroke at the ball with his under-hand or over-hand, using only the arm on the side of the body which the ball passes. And time and time again he is left facing the front wall, flat-footed, stroking at the ball, and hitting shots with angles that are grossly incorrect.

Too many handball players rely on their weak hand entirely too much; everything that comes down the weak side is stroked with the weak hand. In my classes, in order to overcome this tendency, I suggest that the students get into position for stroking with their strong hand; in doing this the player gains the advantage of momentum, and in a short time he learns to anticipate rather easily what slides, steps, and pivots will be necessary in order to handle, with his strong hand, practically any shot that is hit to him. Nevertheless, I also stress that there will be situations in a game when the weak hand must be used; so practice time is spent in strengthening the weak hand in order to have it ready for such occasion.



REVENGE AT OMAHA . . . Terry Muck got a rude awakening last year in the annual Midwest at Omaha's YMCA, but bounced back with resiliency this year to reclaim the title. (l to r)—Jim Gabrielson; Muck, and runnerup Lee Wretlind, Denver.

Host Team Wins South Intercollegiate

The fourth annual USHA Southern Divisional Intercollegiate Handball Tournament was held February 18-19 in the new physical education complex of The University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Twelve universities and colleges participated. Florida State, Vanderbilt, Maryville College, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Duke University, University of North Carolina, University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Memphis State University, University of Florida, University of Maryland, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

A total of 36 players took part which resulted in 30 matches being played. The University of Tennessee was the team champion with 13 points, followed by Memphis State University with 9 points.

A DIVISION. Seven players made up the A division. Steve Morris, University of Tennessee, won the division by defeating James Lee, Memphis State University.

A Division Scores: Rich Gregg (University of Louisville) def. Mike Wenkster (Maryville College) 21-9, 21-7; Steve Morris (University of Tennessee) def. Bill Crick (Vanderbilt) 21-10, 21-11; Bruce Ashby (University of Maryland) def. Ken Brown (Morehead State) 21-3, 21-3; James Lee (Memphis State) def. Rich Gregg (University of Louisville) 21-12, 21-4; Steve Morris (University of Tennessee) def. Bruce Ashby (University of Maryland) 21-18, 21-13; Steve Morris (University of Tennessee) def. James Lee (Memphis State) 21-12, 21-12 for the championship.

DOUBLES. The doubles championship went to Charles Andrews and John Plotnicki, University of Tennessee.

Doubles Scores:

University of Tennessee (John Plotnicki, Charles Andrews) def. Morehead State University (David Collins, Ken Greco) 21-1, 21-2; Memphis State (Tom Henderson, Joe Miller) def. Maryville College (Paul Leftowitz, David Page) 21-15, 21-6; University of Tennessee def.

Maryville College 21-6, 21-2; Maryville College def. Morehead State 21-6, 21-6; Memphis State def. Morehead State 21-0, 21-2; University of Tennessee def. Memphis State 21-18, 21-9.

B SINGLES. Nineteen players participated in the B Singles elimination play. In the championship match Bill Arsenault (University of Florida) defeated Jud Litchfield (Florida State University).

Jud Litchfield (Florida State) def. Erwin Cantor (University of Tennessee) 21-12, 21-7; Mike Campbell (Vanderbilt) def. Steve Chakoff (University of Tennessee) 21-7, 21-8; Mike Campbell (Vanderbilt) def. Doug Brown (Maryville College) 21-15, 21-5; Mike Tindell (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga) def. Wm. Holeman (University of Tennessee) 21-10, 14-21, 21-17; Mike Calhoun (Duke University) def. Paul Viggiano (Maryville College) 21-19, 21-10; Roger Zinn (University of Tennessee) def. Tom Tabb (University of Louisville) 21-8, 21-18; Roger Zinn def. Hunter Humphries (University of North Carolina) 8-21, 21-20, 21-15; Bill Penland (University of Tennessee) def. Tom Jefferson (Morehead) 21-3, 21-9; Ben Wood (University of Louisville) def. Bill Penland 21-8, 21-20; Craig Daniel (Memphis State) def. David Allen (University of Tennessee) 21-12; Bill Arsenault (University of Florida) def. Bill Corbett (Maryville College) 21-1, 21-0; Jud Litchfield def. Mike Campbell 21-15, 21-14; Mike Tindell def. Mike Calhoun 21-18, 21-5; Ben Wood def. Roger Zinn 12-21, 21-18, 21-20; Bill Arsenault over Craig Daniel 21-10, 21-10; Jud Litchfield def. Mike Tindell 21-11, 21-9; Bill Arsenault def. Ben Wood 21-4, 21-6; Bill Arsenault def. Jud Litchfield 21-9, 21-6.

Grateful appreciation is expressed to the Knoxville Handball Club and to Dr. Bob Aiken who coordinated the superb job of officiating.

BEN A. PLOTNICKI

State Prison Warden After Court Facilities

Don Erickson, warden of the South Dakota State Penitentiary, won the 1971 IRA Masters doubles championship in Salt Lake City. A former handballer, he has found renewed court "life" with racquetball and is certain both games can do much to alleviate stagnation of inmates.

Warden Erickson has one four-wall court at his prison and knows from experience the values of active play amongst his prisoners. "One of the big problems of incarceration is lack of healthful outlets, and by providing more courts we can offer this tremendous physical competition," Erickson reasons.

Chief Justice Warren Burger has stated that inmates should be involved in meaningful recreation to cut down on "dead cell time" which breeds negativism.

In South Dakota the men line up to take their turn to play. "At first we were a bit fearful about letting them use racquets but no problems have arisen and both racquetball and handball have zoomed in popularity."

As president of the American Association of Wardens and Superintendents, Erickson is actively engaged in a move toward gaining federal funds to build more courts. Recently he visited USHA and IRA President Bob Kendler and discussed possible avenues of approach to the proper "VIPs" in Washington.

At the present time most of the handball/racquetball play in prisons is one-wall, usually against a prevailing building wall with haphazard rules and inferior equipment. USHA has donated balls and gloves upon request and we list quite a few inmate "pen pals" amongst our membership.

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Benham Again 'Class' of Maryland Singles

Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk YMCA, one of the nation's top handball singles players, dominated the 1972 Maryland Open Singles Tourney, successfully defending his 1971 title, with a 21-13, 21-1 victory over Bill Crocker, Towson YMCA, Baltimore. Benham, the former Little All-American quarterback from Columbia, controlled both games with fine dead kill shots, strong breaking serves and an excellent demonstration of good court position.

Twenty-six year old Crocker, 1971 Maryland state champion, gave a fine account of himself but was outmatched in the second game. Crocker pulled one of the tourney upsets though by eliminating second seeded Jay Rowe, Richmond YMCA, in the semi-finals (21-10, 17-21, 21-10). Don Konz, Arlington, Va., YMCA also upset Rowe to win third place in a 31 point single game (31-23). Final tourney results and trophies were presented to:

Outstanding Player Trophy — Bill Crocker.

The Open consisted of a pre-tourney round on Tuesday and Thursday preceding the tourney in which the top 16 players from Maryland, D.C., Delaware and Pennsylvania competed to gain four spots in the main draw Saturday night and Sunday morning. The pre-tourney round and main tourney rounds were held to 16 players because of court facilities. The three courts were used at the Baltimore JCC and two courts at the Towson YMCA.

The outstanding success of the tourney was due to the hard work of — Jerome Markoff, Tourney Chairman; Gerald Lusack, Director of Health and Physical Education, Baltimore J.C.C.; Jerry Tucker, Director of Health and Physical Education, Towson Y.M.C.A. Don Takeoka and Abe Himmelstein, Floor Managers; Walter Schaffer, Chief Official, and Officials Bernie Stevens, Abe



MARYLAND OPEN CURTAIN CALL . . . Back row (l to r) — Abe Himmelstein, floor manager; Dr. Claude Benham, Chesapeake, Va., and Norfolk Y No. 1 man, again winner; Jerome Markoff, tournament chairman; Don Konz, third place; Walter Schaffer, chief official. Front (l to r) — Bill Crocker (second); Jay Rowe, fourth.

Himmelstein, Charles Pilgrim, Tom Bissett, Edward Jones, Gibbs Howard, Jim Watt, Walter Schaffer. Last, but not least, a fantastic job by hosting chairman, Mel Gutin.

A highlight of the tourney was the fine program which contained an inspirational message from Bob Kendler.

I would like, on behalf of the Tourney Committee, to note — "That in these

days of changing values that all players not only showed skill and fitness but combined them with that essential quality in sports — Character (sportsmanship and fine conduct on and off the courts), a sentiment which the committee and I know "USHA" fully endorses."

Jim Watt, Secretary
1972 Maryland Open Committee

Don Ardito-Bob Koenig Take Central USHA Doubles

Don Ardito and Bob Koenig, representing the Northwest Suburban YMCA, outclassed 51 teams in the annual Central USHA doubles tournament held in late February at the Evanston (Ill.) YMCA. The smooth-playing Ardito-Koenig combine counted a thrilling win over Paul Haber (who's he?) and Buddy Perelman, Bernard Horwich Center, in the semis in two "squeakers," 21-20, 21-17. At 20-20 in the first game Haber pulled a "rare" flub on a setup. The second game was close all the way with Haber trying to square the match playing practically the "singles" route, but to no

avail.

In the finals the "import" team from Milwaukee, hard-hitting youngster Tom Kopatich and Burt Dinkin seemed to tire in the third game after evening the match with a 21-12 win. Ardito and Koenig had won the first game, 21-5, and came on even stronger in that third one, firing away to the win, 21-2.

Kopatich and Dinkin had beaten Andy Upatnieks and Phil Collins in the semis, also a three gamer.

No. 1 seeded and 1971 winners, Dennis Hofflander and Jack McDonald, were beaten by Kopatich-Dinkin in the

quarters.

Scores from the quarters: Tom Kopatich-Burt Dinkin, Milwaukee, def. Dennis Hofflander, Jack McDonald, Lake Shore Club, 6-21, 21-18, 21-10; Andy Upatnieks-Phil Collins, Lake Shore Club, def. Fred Kummer-Dr. Drammis, Lake Shore Club, 21-14, 19-21, 21-11; Paul Haber-Bud Perelman, Horwich Center, def. Tom Schoendorf-Tom Brownfield, Milwaukee, 21-14, 21-13; Don Ardito-Bob Koenig, Northwest Suburban Y, def. Jack Gordon-Jim Leahy, West Suburban Y, 21-17, 21-7.

Elbert Takes First USHA Invite Masters; Feivou Dominates Golden Masters Field

Chattanooga Handball Association hosts outstanding new addition to USHA National Championship Events and picks up option to hold it again in 1973

Chicago's Phil Elbert broke into the Masters' ranks with a rousing USHA National Invitational singles championship held at the Chattanooga YMCA, Feb. 18-20. Phil given a No. 2 seed had no easy path to the roses, commencing with a tenacious Manuel Sala of New Orleans, and then going the tough three-game route twice on Saturday to win over AAU Masters singles titlist, Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, and another first timer, Jack Weintraub, West Side Y of New York City.

On Sunday Phil wrapped it up with a convincing win over 42-year-old Jim Fitzpatrick of the Yonkers, N.Y. YMCA, 21-18, 21-14. "Road Runner" Elbert, who averages 3-5 miles of jogging daily, parlayed stamina, retrieving and the ability to end a volley. Most important he had the drive and ability to come from behind. He had lost the first game to Weintraub in the semis badly and started slow, then came on fast to take the second, but in the decider was way down at 4-13 and then made his move to win going away 21-15.

In the Golden Masters singles of this "first time ever" tournament, Bill Feivou, who will be 59, belied his age with a power game that swept through the competition. Bill of the Los Angeles A.C., and co-holder twice of the Golden Masters doubles with George Brotemarkle, never lost a game en route to four match wins. Tom Anthony of New York gave him the most trouble in the quarters before going down 21-6, 21-16. Feivou polished off former Birmingham city champ Danny Kallman in the semis, then never let Billy Gluck of New York in the ball game in the finals, winning 21-4, 21-11.

There were 28 entries in the "Open" Masters and 29 entries in the Golden Masters amply demonstrating that the "old guffers" want good tournament action and are willing to travel to get it. They didn't mind the condensed schedule which called for a two-a-day quarters and semis, then the same routine for losers in consolation play.

For example, Des Smith, who came off a 10-day Bahamas vacation somewhat uncoordinated, came back from a first round Golden Masters loss to Chicago's Ben Loiben, to cop the Consolation prize for his new Milwaukee Handball Club. Des had to beat Rev. Walt Skutar, then his fellow Milwaukee Master, Wendell Corwin, then two more on Sunday over Dr. Calvin Miller, Montgomery, and Ted Bystock, Ft. Lauderdale, 21-10, 21-8.

Max Lasskow, who started fast in his first round match against Schoendorf and then faltered, bounced back in the open Masters Consolation, Martin Terrell, Ocean Springs, Miss., then Dan "The Man" Callahan, who traveled "the furthest" from Bellingham, Wash., and finally an arm injured Bill Warshauer, Key

The Harold Hanft-Billy Gluck semi Golden Masters match figured to be a long drawn out one but Billy had the guns and won in two. Billy injured his right arm in a back swing collision in the tail end of the first game and this hampered his play for the remainder of the match and Sunday.

GOLDEN MASTERS — First Round: Bill Collins, Poland, Ohio, def. Dr. Calvin Miller, Montgomery, 21-9 21-16; Tom Anthony, New York, def. Tony Chavez, Alhambra, Calif.; Des Smith, Milwaukee, default over Jack Aronson, South Bend; Ben Loiben, Chicago, def. Dan Levinson, Hornell, NY, 21-1, 21-1; Hal Cory, Louisville, def. Martin Trent, Gainesville, Fla., 21-20, 7-21, 21-17; Danny Kallman, Birmingham, def. Wendell Corwin, Milwaukee, 21-11, 21-8; Ed Jackel, Atlanta, def. Rev. Walter Skutar, Roanoke, Va., 21-1, 21-0; Steve Subak, Minneapolis, def. Charles Brown, Orlando, 21-6, 21-9; Al Klein, No. Hollywood, Calif., def. Dr. Meredith Mallory Jr., 14-21, 21-14, 21-15; Sy Barnes, Birmingham, Ala., def. William Martin, Burlington, Vt., 21-10, 21-6; Alex Guerry, Chattanooga, def. John

Largo, Fla., 16-6 (default).

No. 1 seeded Dr. John Scapis, Detroit, open Masters singles winner in 1970, ran aground against a battling Joe Salome, Atlanta in the quarters. Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, went three rough ones with Jim Fitzpatrick before bowing out, also in the quarters. Tom Ciasulli, an open winner just a year ago, got real shock treatment from Jack Weintraub. Tom just couldn't get into the match. Schoendorf had possibly the roughest draw. He had Alan Clark, Birmingham, as his initial test and had to go 21-17, 21-18 before winning, then lost in three to Elbert.



NEW CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN AT 40 . . . Coyel Ricketts (l) who did a one-man job in securing ads to finance undertaking, tenders top Masters singles plaque to Chicago's Phil Elbert in his Masters national introduction; Jim Fitzpatrick, the happy-go-lucky and talented Yonkers, New Yorker, was a strong runnerup.

Cameron, Memphis, 21-0, 21-2; Mort Leve, Northbrook, Ill., def. George Johnston, Montgomery, 12-21 21-15, 21-20.

SECOND ROUND: Bill Feivou, Los Angeles, def. Collins, 21-4, 21-6; Anthony def. Taub, 21-16, 21-13; Loiben def. Smith 21-6, 21-12; Kallman def. Cory, 21-13, 21-13; Hanft def. Jackel 21-12, 21-13; Subak def. Klein, 21-4, 21-10; Guerry def. Barnes, 21-11, 21-9; Gluck def. Leve, 21-10, 21-20.

Quarter-finals: Feivou def. Anthony, 21-6, 21-16; Kallman def. Loiben, 21-8, 21-17; Hanft def. Subak, 21-17, 21-4; Gluck def. Guerry, 21-16, 21-10.

Semi-finals: Feivou def. Kallman, 21-6, 21-9; Gluck def. Hanft, 21-18, 21-15.

Finals: Feivou def. Gluck, 21-4, 21-11.

Third place: Hanft def. Kallman, 9-21, 21-3, 21-5.

OPEN MASTERS DOUBLES —

First Round: Joe Hero, New Orleans, def. Bill Caulkins, Chattanooga, 21-12, 21-17; Ed Johnson, Birmingham, def. James McPherson, New Orleans, 21-8, 21-16; Joe Salome, Atlanta, def. John James, Biloxi, Miss.; Jim Fitzpatrick, Yonkers, N.Y., def. Dan Callahan, Birmingham, Wash., 21-13, 21-10; Ed Ellett, Chattanooga, def. Martin Terrell, Ocean Springs, Miss., 8-21, 21-10, 21-7; Lee Brown, Birmingham, def. J. D. Silas, Chattanooga, 21-19, 21-14; Lynn Armstrong, Chattanooga, def. Dr. Jim Tanner, Birmingham, 21-15, 21-10; Fred DeNuccio, Chesapeake, Va., def. Ted Fredricks Jr., Atlanta, 21-11, 21-8; Jack Weintraub, N.Y., def. Bill Warschauer, Key Largo, Fla., 21-11, 21-10; Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, def. Max Lasskow, N.Y., 20-21, 21-2, 21-8; Alan Clark, Birmingham, def. John Gary, Chattanooga, 21-7, 21-5. (Gary had won a preliminary round match from Joe Timberlake, Chattanooga, 21-7, 21-6); Manuel Sala, New Orleans, def. Vince Vigliano, Chattanooga, 21-14, 21-11.

Second round: Dr. John Scapis, Detroit, def. Hero, 21-12, 21-1; Salome def. Johnston, 21-14, 21-3; Fitzgerald def. Ellett, 21-18, 14-21, 21-7; Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, def. Brown, 21-14, 21-14; Tom Ciasulli, Scotch Plains, N.J., def. Armstrong, 21-5, 21-15; Weintraub def. DeNuccio, 15-21, 21-12, 21-16; Schoendorf def. Clark, 21-17, 21-18; Phil Elbert, Chicago, def. Sala, 21-16, 21-4.

Quarter-finals: Salome def. Scapis, 21-16, 7-21, 21-18; Fitzpatrick def. Lloyd, 10-21, 21-5, 21-6; Weintraub def. Cia-

sulli, 21-1, 21-10; Elbert def. Schoendorf, 21-13, 13-21, 21-17.

Semi-finals: Fitzpatrick def. Salome, 21-7, 21-15; Elbert def. Weintraub 10-21, 21-8, 21-15.

Finals: Elbert def. Fitzpatrick, 21-18, 21-14.

Third place: Weintraub by default over Salome.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT:

This was a wonderfully run and true Southern Hospitality tournament. Coyel Ricketts did yeoman work in garnering the ads to underwrite the event . . . Ed Ellett and Joe Timberlake did much leg work in organization, and there were many others that pitched in. The first of this classic was very successful and the Chattanooga people have first option on holding it a second year. Des Smith tossed another post-banquet party and it was well received, especially by genial little Jim Fitzpatrick . . . a karate exhibition at the banquet replaced any speeches and it was most popular. Alex Guerry deserves special mention for his support of this innovation as he has done so much in national tennis in senior age levels of competition. We now have no doubts that this gives prolonged tournament activity and a chance for the vets to travel and exchange stories of their glory days of yesteryear.

We've got to tell this story. Dan Callahan and your reporter were the odd couple roommates and we were due to depart Chattanooga after 5 p.m. on the final Sunday. At about 2:30, back from the final events, we turned on TV and had the roller derby from Chicago . . . during the action the announcer stated that it was 5 below zero outside the Windy City arena and that they expected a record 25 below that night. "Dan," I quickly said, "We've got to get the hell out of here and into Chicago before that record cold messes up arrivals and departures. You're going on to Seattle so let's try and get an earlier flight." Without further ado we called the airport, managed to get the last couple of first class seats on a 3:15 departure, grabbed a cab and got on just in time. En route, Dan put on an extra sweater, readying himself for the arctic blasts awaiting us. As the plane neared Chicago the good captain announced, "Weather clear and about 45 degrees at O'Hare." What happened? We found out that the roller derby was a month old RERUN !!!

St. Paul's Schulz On Comeback Trail With State Singles

Paul Schulz, St. Paul Athletic Club, is the 1972 Minnesota State singles champion by virtue of his steady march through a 55-man field. Without losing a game during the week-long tournament, Schulz climaxed his fine effort by defeating Midway YMCA's Dan O'Connor, 21-12, 21-10. The tournament was held at the St. Paul A.C. March 13-25.

Terry Muck and Dr. Gary Rohrer, two of the Twin City area's big shooters, were unavailable for the tourney because they were in Edmonton, Alberta for the Canadian Nationals. Bill Yamblick, the other St. Paul super star, remained in self-imposed exile from most tournament play, local or otherwise, but was on hand to referee several key matches.

Most of the week's hi-lites were provided by players from St. Paul's YMCA's, namely O'Connor, Don Ardell and John Loretz. Ardell and Loretz broke the seed in the quarter finals by upsetting, respectively, Rollie Weigman, Minneapolis YMCA, No. 3 seed, and Kent Pike, Minneapolis A.C., No. 4 seed. The tall, rangy Ardell, though trailing in both games, defeated Weigman 21-16 by adamantly refusing to depart from his outstanding kill shot game. Ardell's game has improved about 25% in the last two months. Alas, St. Paul's loss will be San Francisco's gain since Don and his family will be relocating in the Bay area in late April.

Loretz, long a top notch Twin City player, nailed down a place in the top four by dominating No. 4 seed Kent Pike in the quarter finals, 21-10, 21-8. Pike, a former Northwestern U. football star who recently returned to Minneapolis from Spokane, Washington, had gained the No. 4 spot by virtue of two very strong showings in recent area doubles tournaments. He was no match for a razorsharp Loretz, however, who put together his finest exhibition of tournament play in years.

In semi-final play, Schulz downed Loretz 21-18, 21-13 and O'Connor defeated Ardell 21-16, 15-21 and 21-17. In a playoff for third place Ardell knocked off Loretz 21-20. Pat Dyer of St. Paul's Downtown YMCA defeated Mickey Dobbins of Midway Y for consolation honors, 21-13 and 21-14.

Gordy Gutzmann and Paul Schulz of the St. Paul A.C. athletic department, deserve special commendation for conducting a smooth tournament and particularly for refereeing a large percentage of the matches played during the week.

RON ADAMS

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Another Kirby Win . . .

Tops Benham in 4th Pittsburgh Invite

Pat Kirby, New York, rallied to defeat defending champion, Dr. Claude Benham, Chesapeake, Va. (4-21, 21-10, 21-7) in the Fourth Annual Pittsburgh Invitational Open Handball Championship at the Golden Triangle YMCA held March 3-5.

Kirby in reaching the finals had to overcome highly-ranked Terry Muck, St. Paul. Terry beat Kirby 21-15 in the first game and led 20-15 in the second. Kirby rallied to win that game 21-20 and went on to win the rubber game 21-8.

Dr. Benham also had a tough battle to the finals as he eliminated Gordon Pfeifer of Tacoma, in three games, losing 14-21, then winning 21-10, and 21-4.

With three-time Tournament doubles champions, Russ Harris and Bill Willing, Canton, Ohio, not entered, 21 teams battled it out to an all-Cleveland final with George Paniguita and Ron Annoticco eliminating Richard Argen and Gil Singerman 21-15 and 21-14.

Fifty singles entries and 21 doubles teams contributed to the making of a highly-successful tournament which all those involved with can be justifiably proud.

In the singles division there were several hard fought games which added to the tournament excitement. Kent Fusselman of Warren, Ohio took Pfeifer to three games losing 21-11 and 21-6 while winning the middle game 21-8.

Dennis Zocco, Reading, Pa. and Dick Zaveson, Akron, had a great match

with Zocco the victor 9-15, 15-6 and 15-14. Kirby had strong games with Dave Pasternak, Rochester, 15-11, 15-10, and with Joe DeBello, Orlando, 21-17, 21-18. DeBello also teamed up in a fine match with John Ochocki, Cleveland, with DeBello winning 15-14, 2-15 and 15-10.

A player of the future to watch will be Pat Acierno, 18, Cleveland, who breezed through three matches in fine fashion before losing to Terry Muck in the quarter finals 21-10 and 21-11.

Two unexpected early casualties included Rochester, New York champion, Ralph Albertson and Pittsburgh champion "Red" Mack. Albertson had an off night while Mack forfeited after receiving an injury during play. In the doubles Argen-Singerman upset top seeded Driscoll-Baker, Columbus, three games, then McDaniel-Means of Pittsburgh, and then Tomczak-Kupniewski, Erie, before reaching the finals.

Panigutti-Annoticco beat Flowers-Colins of Pittsburgh, Sheptak-Constantino of Butler in three games and second seeded Cryan-Diemar of New York City before winning the finals. Eight states — Florida, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington were represented with last minute weather scratches from Illinois, Vermont and Washington, D.C.

The 5th Annual Pittsburgh Invitational is already tentatively planned for March 2-4, 1973.

FREDERICK G. RODER
Tournament Director

Fusselman Wins at Niagara Falls

The "Lucky 13th" Holiday Handball Tournament held at the Niagara Falls, N.Y. YMCA was without a doubt the largest and most successful tourney ever conducted. There were 48 entered in singles and 16 teams in doubles. Put this all together along with good caliber players, two courts (sorry fellows, but we're working on more), enthusiastic fans and you've got one hum-dinger of a tournament.

Singles championship was won by Ken Fusselman, up from Warren, Ohio, over Barrie Leech, down from Toronto. He would have had a tougher time of it had Cleveland's Al Drews not misread the time schedule and been able to play. But the show must go on and we hope Al will make it next year. Jack Godfrey, who had an extremely bad shoulder and had to be hospitalized, and Barrie Leech, who had a pair of well worn knees were hampered.

In the doubles there was a "perfect 16" bracket. Unfortunately some good ball players were not able to play due to late registration and we hope that they get in earlier next year. This year Len Tomczak and Skip Cannavino from Erie, Pa., downed Ron Sibbald and Stan Kray, Toronto, for the championship, 21-15, 21-10.

All in all it was a fine tourney with its ups and down and we feel that it will improve next time. Watches were given to first place winners along with engraved Victory bowls. The runnersup received something that they should be able to keep their arms in shape with — engraved pewter beer mugs.

Don't forget to RESERVE DEC. 1-3, 1972 for the 14th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HANDBALL TOURNAMENT.

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San Diego-Bay Area Rowing Clubs Compete

Two of the oldest clubs on the West Coast staged rowing meets back at the turn of the century. The South End Rowing Club of San Francisco and the San Diego Rowing Club traveled to each other's clubs until the 1930's, when this competition slowly died out. New and aggressive leadership at San Diego by former Colonel of the Air Force, Milt Byron, and Al Masyk, Commissioner of the well-known handball travelers of the South End Rowing Club arranged for renewal of activities between these two old clubs. During the Washington's birthday week-end, 40 handball players of the two clubs got together including Rudy Stadlberger, the 1971 National Masters Singles champion. In May, the San Diego Rowing Club will travel to San Francisco. The South End Rowing Club would like to play at Las Vegas. Please offer us an invitation.

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Kendler, Porco, Leve Elected To IRA Roles

Elections were a big part of the IRA International tournament last month as the new Board of Directors were elected as well as new officers.

Re-elected for his fifth consecutive term was Association president Robert W. Kendler. Kendler, who was forced to miss the final two days of the tournament due to an important meeting in New York with the Amateur Athletic Union, delivered his annual address at the convention meeting.

A new national commissioner was elected and the nod went to Louisville's Ken Porco. Porco, long an ardent advocate of racquetball has been instrumental in the game's promotion, not only in his local area but throughout the country. The outgoing national commissioner, Larry Lederman, Milwaukee, was elected to a two year term to the Board of Directors.

Re-elected to the job as National Executive Coordinator was Gerard Lapierre, the IRA's "roving ambassador." Lapierre, although not traveling to the extent he had been in recent years still brings the most vocal voice of the local players to the International tournament.

Chuck Leve was re-elected as IRA Executive Secretary, the job he has held for the past two years.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen was elected as Rules and Referees Chairman. Muehleisen, who gives scores of exhibitions and clinics annually, is constantly in touch with national feelings on rules and rules changes.

Six men were elected to the Board of Directors. DeWitt Shy, the 1972 tournament Chairman and Charlie Garfinkel, Buffalo, New York were elected to one year terms.

Lederman and Bob McNerney were elected to two year terms. McNerney was the only man re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Elected to three-year terms were Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Oklahoma and Dr. Bill Sellars, Dallas, Texas.

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It's Brumfield!

San Diegan Takes 1972 IRA Open Singles Championship

Charles Brumfield, the 23-year-old San Diego law student, ripped his way through 96 other entrants to capture the 1972 IRA open singles championship February 23-27 in Memphis. In copping the "big one" Brumfield becomes the fourth different champion in IRA's four year existence. En route to the title he eliminated defending champ Bill Schmidtke, 21-14, 21-14 in the semi-finals.

Brumfield, the fourth-seed grabbed the top prize by defeating Chicago's Ron Rubenstein in the finals 21-11, 21-9. Rubenstein, seeded third, knocked off number two ranked Paul Lawrence in his semi-final match 15-21, 21-14, 21-8.

Brumfield characteristically dominated the final match as he dominated each of his other four matches, using superior control and a well devised game plan to destroy his opponent.

"I knew I had to run Rubenstein," said Brumfield. "If I could keep him moving laterally I knew I could control the volleys."

Charlie did just that, to the extent of sometimes passing up kill opportunities to keep Rubenstein retrieving drive passes down the walls and deadly accurate ceiling and z-balls.

"Ron's got a lot of shots," said Brumfield, "but I neutralized them by not giving him time to set up. And I was shooting well and covering his shots well."

The first half of game one showed no indication of Brumfield dominance as Ruby jumped out to a 5-2 lead on corner kills and backhand passes. But Charlie came back with a five point fourth inning to gain a 7-5 lead, one he never relinquished, although Rubenstein did manage a 9-all tie.

From that point it was all Brumfield. Rubenstein, forced to run much more than he wanted to, had the edge taken off his shooting game, and that was all Charlie needed.

"I just couldn't move him out of the front court," said the Illinois State and Central Divisional champ. "I tried to pass him, but he covered the lanes too well."

From 9-all to a six point run in the

tenth inning sewed up the Brumfield game one victory. Rubenstein closed to within 11-15 in the twelfth, but never could get the run going to come all the way back. The final four points came in the 17th inning on a pass left, two kills sandwiched over a hinder, and a fly pass left for game point.

The second game found Brumfield at his finest, clearly dominating play. His 12 point second inning gave him an immediate 14-1 advantage and the championship was all but over. Ruby tried gamely to come back, tallying four times in the fourth, but Charlie never let the pressure ease, mounting leads of 16-5, 19-7, 20-9 and finally 21.

Brumfield's beautiful ceiling game and drive passes kept Ron in deep court, as did his lob serve. When in trouble Brumfield went to his amazing z-ball which continually had Rubenstein in contortions in deep court.



CHARLIE BRUMFIELD reaches back for his pin point ceiling ball in final match against Ron Rubenstein. Brumfield's great control game kept Ruby at bay and paved the way for 21-11, 21-9 victories.

"He drove me crazy with his z-balls," said Ruby. "There was absolutely nothing I could do with them. The z-ball got me off balance and deep and all I could do was flick it to the front wall."

Game and match point came in a relatively long volley. Brumfield finally drove a backhand z-ball which Ron returned weakly. As Ruby rushed in to cover the kill, Brumfield passed him left for the 21st point.

The semi-final match against Schmidtke proved to be the toughest for Brumfield as the tournament's top seeded player tallied 14 in both games.

The first game was one of shifting momentum as Brumfield raced to an 8-0 lead before Schmidtke could break a sweat. But Bill stormed back and reminiscent of his late charges in 1971, began shooting the ball with deadly accuracy.

From a 4-10 deficit Bill made it 7-10 and then tied the game at 11-all with a brilliant four point eighth inning on four consecutive flat kills. Schmidtke took a 12-11 lead in the ninth frame but

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Game #1

Rubenstein	2 1 1 1 0 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0	— 11
Brumfield	0 2 0 5 0 1 0 1 0 6 0 0 0 2 0 0 4	— 21

Kills-Brumfield 15, Rubenstein 15; Passes-Brumfield 12, Rubenstein 7; Errors-Brumfield 4, Rubenstein 8; Aces-Brumfield 1, Rubenstein 1; Hinders-10.

Game #2

Brumfield	2 (12) 1 1 2 0 1 1 0 0 1	— 21
Rubenstein	1 0 0 4 0 2 0 2 0 0 x	— 9

Kills-Brumfield 18, Rubenstein 5; Passes-Brumfield 5, Rubenstein 8; Errors-Brumfield 4, Rubenstein 6; Aces-None; Hinders-7.

Brumfield regrouped and regained the momentum.

Two points in the 11th, two in the twelfth and four more in the 13th inning rushed Brumfield to a 19-14 lead when a kill in the right corner chalked up 20 and a pass left made it 21-14.

The second game swayed back and forth with ties at three, five, eight and ten before Brumfield raced to the magic 21st point. From 10-10, three consecutive three point innings boosted Charlie to a 19-10 advantage. For the next four innings Schmidtke held him at 19 but was only able to score once in each of those innings, closing to 14-19. Brumfield then tallied the necessary two.

In the bottom bracket, Rubenstein and Paul Lawrence were engaged in a marathon battle, the only three game match of the final three rounds. Again momentum and endurance played key roles in the match, with Lawrence jumping out to an 11-1 first game lead. Rubenstein crept back, never scoring more than three points in any inning, but never giving up more than one. It went to 5-16, 7-17, 10-17, 12-17, 15-18 and finally Lawrence came in a scored 20 and 21.

Neither man was playing at his sharpest at this point, but Ruby's strong comeback attempt foreshadowed the final outcome of the match.

In game two Rubenstein came in shooting and Lawrence came in tiring.

The result was 4-1, 12-3 and 20-10 leads by the Chicagoan before Lawrence managed four points for the final 21-14 score.

The third game was routine for Rubenstein, as Lawrence, obviously tired, was continually missing his shots, while Ruby continually hit. Result was a 21-8 breeze.

The loss was especially bitter for Lawrence who has been a semi-final loser in each of the three years he has competed. In 1970 he took third by defeating Dr. Bud Muehleisen after losing to Brumfield. Last year Paul again took third, this time by injury default over Ken Porco. Lawrence lost to Schmidtke in '71 and again this year in the battle for third place, 21-20, 21-7.

Schmidtke and Lawrence had the toughest quarter-final time. Schmidtke was forced to three games for the second year in a row by St. Louis' 17-year-old Jerry Hilecher. Hilecher, probably the flashiest player in the game when he's "on," certainly was on in the first game, amazing the gallery with kill after kill to win 21-10.

But Schmidtke rode out the hot streak and came back to capture games two and three, 21-9 each time.

Lawrence had his hands full with Houston's Jim Austin. Both games were tight affairs with Lawrence coming out on top 21-19, 21-13.

Rubenstein bested Myron Roderick,

Stillwater, Oklahoma 21-5, 21-16 in the other bottom bracket quarter-final match, while Brumfield breezed past Cleveland's Mike Anzalone 21-9, 21-4.

NOTES OF THE OPEN SINGLES . . . The 97 entries were easily a record number for the open bracket. A year ago there were only 45 open singles entries in Salt Lake City. Host city Memphis led the way with 29 entries, San Diego area added eight and St. Louis 5 for the out-of-town leaders.

Of the quarter-finalists, only Hilecher and Roderick attempted to go both ways (singles and doubles) with neither reaching the quarters in doubles.

San Diego's Roger Souders won the consolation title, 21-13, 21-9 over Luther Bernstein, Dallas. Souders, originally the tenth seed, was ousted in his first match by Ken Wong, Indianapolis 21-20, 21-13 in one of the tournament's more exciting matches. Wong made it past Memphian Henry Morgan before succumbing to Austin 21-17, 21-8 in the round of 16.

Familiar faces absent this year . . . Craig Finger 1970 champ and 1971 runner-up, school commitments . . . Charlie Garfinkel, Brumfield slayer a year ago, dislocated shoulder . . . Mike Zeitman, defending doubles champ, broken vertebrae in his back . . . Steve Keeley, National Paddleball champ, school commitments . . . Steve Serot, the 16-year-old southpaw, chose to go the doubles route only . . . Dr. Bud (to page IRA-35)



SEMI-FINALIST PAUL Lawrence sets up for a backhand ceiling shot. Lawrence, for the third straight year was not able to throw off his semi-final jinx.



DETHRONED SINGLES champ Bill Schmidtke defeated Lawrence for third place, after losing to Brumfield in his semi-final match. Here, Bill goes in for a backhand kill.

Proposed Racquetball Rule Changes Spelled Out; IRA Wants Membership To Voice Their Opinion

The newly formed IRA rules committee, chaired by Dr. Bud Muehleisen, was organized at the recent International tournament in Memphis and at that time various rule changes were submitted to the committee.

IRA feels that no rule changes should be implemented until the majority of the players have an opportunity to voice their opinions on such changes. For that reason the following submitted changes, with short explanation afterwards are printed below. We welcome your comments and criticisms.

RULE 2.5 — UNIFORM . . . All parts of the uniform, consisting of a shirt, shorts, socks and shoes shall be clean and **LIGHT IN COLOR**. Warmup shirts and pants, if used in actual match play, shall also be **LIGHT IN COLOR**, but may be any color if not used in actual match play. Dark colors such as black or navy may not be worn. Only club insignia and/or name of club or racquetball organization may be on the uniform. Players may not play without shirts.

With the addition of women into more and more racquetball tournaments and the greater interest in the game nationwide, many people feel that a change to color in uniform wear, especially in doubles, will make the game more attractive and easier to referee.

RULE 4.6 (a) — BOUNCES . . . (The following serve results in a handout) . . . 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, THE BALL MAY NOT BE BOUNCED ANYWHERE BUT ON THE FLOOR WITHIN THE SERVICE ZONE.** Accidentally dropping of the ball counts as one bounce.

The proposed rule would close up any remaining loopholes in the three-bounce rule.

RULE 4.6 (e) — OUT-OF-ORDER SERVE (addition to rule . . . Any points which may have been scored during an out-of-order serve will be automatically voided with the score reverting to the score prior to the out-of-order serve.

Self-Explanatory.

RULE 4.7 (c) — FLY RETURN . . . In making a fly return, no part of the receiver's **BODY OR RACQUET** may enter into the service zone. A violation results in a point for the server.

The proposed change would be for safety reasons. According to the rules the server or serving team cannot leave the service zone until the served ball crosses the short line. And the receiver cannot cross the receiving line until the ball passes the short line. With the proposed change the follow through cannot penetrate the service zone, therefore making contact, theoretically impossible.

RULE 4.9 (c) — 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 "POINT" OR "SIDE OUT" AGAINST THE PLAYER WHO HIT THE BALL.**

Many players feel that as the rule now stands, a player or team is actually penalized when the opposition hits a poor shot, one that would have been a sure set up had it struck the back wall. Therefore, the penalty should go to the offending player or team.

RULE 4.10 (a) (2) — HITTING OPPONENT . . . A dead ball hinder results when any returned ball that touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall, AS

LONG AS THE REFEREE, AT HIS LENIENT DISCRETION, DECIDES THAT THE BALL WOULD HAVE REACHED THE FRONT WALL HAD IT NOT STRUCK THE OPPONENT. (When playing without a referee it will be up to the discretion of the players to determine whether or not the ball would have reached the front wall.

This rule has long been a controversy among racquetball players. What is to be done when a ball is hit that obviously will not make it to the front wall, but it hits the opponent? The advocates of the proposed rule change feel that the referee should call this in his judgment, point or side out. Those against the rule feel it puts too much burden on an already burdened referee.

RULE 4.12 — EQUIPMENT TIME OUT (addition) . . . A time-out may be called by the referee, at the request of the player and after substantiation by the referee, because of faulty equipment or uniform. Two minutes are to be allowed for any uniform change needed and 30 seconds for any equipment change.

The proposed rule would give the referee the chance to call time-out for equipment or uniform adjustments.

RULE 4.13 — MASTERS (a) **THIRTY-FIVE** will be the minimum age for all competition in Masters, both singles and doubles. (b) **GOLDEN MASTERS . . . FORTY-FIVE** will be the minimum age for all competition in Golden Masters, both singles and doubles. (c) Each player in singles or each team in doubles in Golden Masters events shall be allowed one additional time-out per game, for a total of four for each game, of 30 seconds each.

RULE 4-13 — MASTERS (Alternate proposal) . . . (a) **GOLDEN MASTERS . . . Fifty** will be the minimum age for all competition in Golden Masters, both singles and doubles.

Many people feel that a new age bracket should be formed, calling it the Masters and making the ages from 35-year-old to and including 44-year-old. They also feel that the Golden Masters would then be those 45 and over.

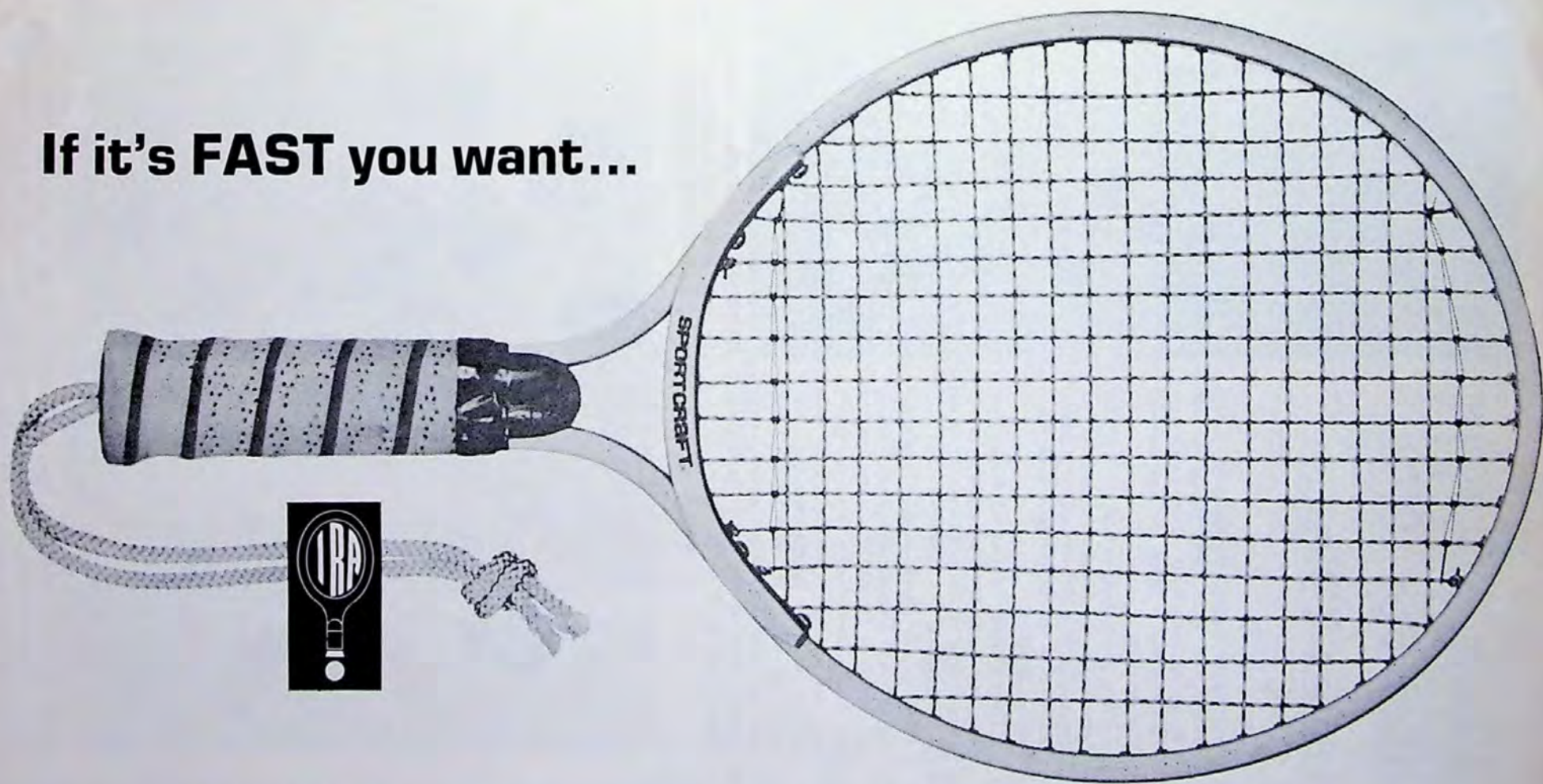
This rule would take away much of the advantage of the "young 40-year-old" by placing him in the Masters with 35-year-olds. It would also give those over 45 new life in tournament play, and aid those older because the youngest participants in Golden Masters would then be the 45-year-olds. Any player could always "play down" in age groups. The new rule would also eliminate the controversial doubles rule now in effect.

There are other players who feel that the Masters age should remain intact, and that all that needs to be done is open a Golden Masters, starting at age 50, as is done in handball.

RULE 5.1 — DRAWS . . . If possible, the singles draw 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 Secretary and shall consist of the Executive Secretary, the IRA National Executive Co-ordinator and the host tournament chairman. No other persons shall participate in the draw or seeding unless at the invitation of the chairman of the draw and seeding committee.

In local, state and divisional tournaments the draw shall be the responsibility of the tournament chairman. In divisional play the tournament chairman should work in co-
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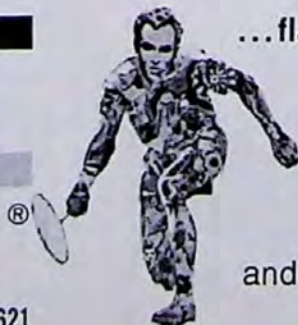
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Rudysz-Luciw Upset Winners; Top Serot-Valier For 1972 Open Doubles Title

"I can't believe we're the champs. I just can't believe it."

The speaker was George Rudysz and the time was still hours after he and partner Mike Luciw buried Steve Serot and Biron Valier for the 1972 IRA open doubles championship. Rudysz (Roo-diz) and Luciw (Loo-choo), thus became the second New Britain, Connecticut pair to capture the open doubles crown, following Bob Yellin and Don Wallace, the 1970 champs.

Scores of the final match were 21-15, 21-5 but the Rudysz-Luciw story goes much farther than that. Coming from the tough number five seed, the duo knocked off quality teams in almost every round.

In the round of 16 the Salt Lake City tandem, Howie Ringwood and Harold Turley, were blown off the court by the deadly right side kills of Luciw and the quick backhands by Rudysz on the left. Scores were 21-5, 21-9.

The New Britainites then met fourth seeded Dr. Bud Muehleisen and the "new" Dr. Chuck Hanna, who dropped 30 pounds getting in shape for the tourney. The expected tight battle never materialized as Luciw again shot the ball with radar-like accuracy into the right corner, while Rudysz more than neutralized southpaw Muehleisen on the left. Scores were 21-10, 21-13.

Next step was the semi-finals, and what proved to be the most exciting match of the entire tournament. The opposition was the second-seeded team, from Louisville, of defending doubles champ Ken Porco and his new partner, Bill Evans.

Sticking to their "game plan" of shoot, shoot, shoot the Eastern Divisional winners had a tough time of it. Luciw, forced to vary many of his shots with the compact Porco in front of him on the right side, did not hit with the consistency of the earlier victories. Rudysz was simultaneously becoming frustrated in his attempts to pass the lanky Evans on the left, who was perhaps playing the best racquetball of his career. Thus a stand-off occurred with Rudysz-Luciw pulling out a 21-16, 20-21, 21-17 victory.

On the other side of the bracket of 48 entries, the commuting partners and top seeded team, Steve Serot of St. Louis

and Biron Valier, formerly St. Louis, presently Houston, were racing through all opposition. With smug confidence, bordering on cockiness, the duo sparkled in every win.

Using psychology as well as skill, the Serot-Valier team was never pushed. Dan Trost and Rich Wisniewski, Milwaukee, managed 12 and 13 in their two games in the round of 16.

Then Charlie Drake and Roger Souder, one of the San Diego entries, scored 13 and four in their attempt to derail the express in the quarter-finals.

The semis pitted another Louisville team, Alan Hyman and Don Rigazio, the Southern Divisional champs, against the flashy Serot-Valier team, surgeon's caps and all. But as was the case in their earlier matches, Serot's booming forehand kills on the left and Valier's beautiful digs and drop shots up front were just too much for the opposition. Hyman-Rigazio fell 21-19, 21-5.

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THINKING IT OVER . . . Steve Serot (l.) and Biron Valier discuss strategy during a time out in open doubles finals.



MIKE LUCIW STRIDES into a backhand attempt in the open doubles semi-finals. Partner George Rudysz (foreground, right) moves in as Ken Porco and Bill Evans (with glasses) prepare for return. Luciw-Rudysz won 21-16, 20-21, 21-17.

1972 IRA OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

International Racquetball Association			
1	STEVE SEROT-ERICH VALER, St. Louis-Houston	SEROT-VALER	
2	BYE		
3	MEL GORHAM-BOB FEELEY, San Diego	WEISS-MORGAN	21-1, 21-1
4	PAUL WEISS-JERRY MORGAN, Memphis	21-10, 16-21, 21-11	
5	DAN TROST-RICH WISNIEWSKI, Milwaukee	TROST-WISNIEWSKI	
6	BURKELD-GIBBONS, Memphis	21-5, 21-5	
7	BYE		
8	BRUCE KWAN-FRED MICHELS, Louisville	KWAN-MICHELS	21-10, 14-21, 21-18
9	JERRY HILSCHER-FRED KREIS, St. Louis	HILSCHER-KREIS	
10	BYE		
11	BOCK-CHALEJA, New Castle, PA	BOCK-PADUEK	21-8, 21-11
12	AL BRON-DICK FAIGEN, Memphis	21-7, 21-15	
13	BOB STAFFORD-TERRY DAVIS, Memphis	STAFFORD-DAVIS	
14	FRED RIZZO-FRED ELIA, Hawthorne, NJ	21-10, 21-10	
15	BYE		
16	CHARLIE DRAKE-ROGER SOUTHERS, San Diego	DRAKE-SOUTHERS	21-16, 21-8
17	BILL CLARK-JOE WIRROUS, Ford Di Lac, Wis.	CLARK-WIRROUS	
18	BYE		
19	BAERING-PATEN, Lornia, OH	EPSTEIN-ELIOTT	21-1, 21-10
20	DAVID EPSTEIN-ED ELIOTT, Chattanooga	19-21, 21-19, 21-16	
21	GEORGE ELDER-JAMES CHANDLER, Memphis	THOMT-SHELBY	21-5, 21-5
22	JIM THOMT-AL SHELBY, San Diego-Riverside	21-5, 21-5	
23	BYE		
24	AL SCHATTNER-DICK CORDO, Pittsburgh	SCHATTNER-CORDO	21-10, 19-21, 21-10
25	JERRY DAVIS-GERRY LAPIERRE, Cleveland	DAVIS-LAPIERRE	
26	BYE		
27	WILLIAMS-PAYNE, Memphis	GOLDMAN-ALBERT	21-15, 21-19
28	DON GOLDMAN-ANT ALBERT, St. Louis	21-9, 21-11	
29	SOL KIRSCHNER-PHILIP BAUM, Memphis	KIRSCHNER-BAUM	
30	TURNER-DICK, Memphis	21-6, 21-5	
31	BYE		
32	ALAN HYMAN-DON RIGAZIO, Louisville	HYMAN-RIGAZIO	21-14, 21-9
33	BUD MUEHLER-CHUCK HANNA, San Diego	MUEHLER-HANNA	
34	BYE		
35	THOMSON-OLSONSKI, U.S. Navy	THOMSON-OLSONSKI	21-4, 21-6
36	ANDERSON-PARKES, Memphis	21-10, 21-19	
37	BURMA LEVY-LUTHER BERNSTEIN, Dallas	LEVY-BERNSTEIN	21-9, 21-13
38	BARRY GARDEN-TOM KITAS, St. Louis	21-10, 21-17	
39	BYE		
40	JIM KRAUER-FRED BLASS, Indianapolis	KRAUER-BLASS	21-9, 21-11
41	HOWIE RINGWOOD-HAROLD TURLEY, Salt Lake City	RINGWOOD-TURLEY	
42	BYE		
43	GRANER-LINDY, Memphis	LEVY-WERN	21-17, 21-11
44	CHUCK LEVE-ION WERN, Chicago-Urbana, IL	19-21, 21-16, 21-14	
45	DALY-OLSON, Memphis	CLASNER-CANNON	21-7, 21-4
46	JAMES GLASNER-TOM CANNON, Chattanooga	21-7, 21-4	
47	BYE		
48	GEORGE RUDYEL-MIKE LUCIW, Row Britain	RUDYEL-LUCIW	21-8, 21-2
49	MICHAEL RODERICK-TOM MC KIE, Stillwater, OK	RODERICK-MC KIE	
50	BYE		
51	STROEL-AUERBACK, Atlanta	HILSCHER-KLAYMAN	21-17, 21-7
52	ALAN HILSCHER-BOB KLAYMAN, St. Louis	19-21, 21-19, 21-7	
53	GRAHAM MITCHELL-JIM HEDGECOCK, Memphis	DAWSON-HARRIS	21-13, 21-12
54	JOHN DAWSON-CLIFF HARRIS, Fort Worth, TX	21-13, 21-12	
55	BYE		
56	DAVE CHARLSON-BILL TIERMAN, San Diego-Raymond	CHARLSON-TIERMAN	21-7, 21-2
57	LEWELL HANSEN-MARK NEGG, Sioux Falls	HANSEN-NEGG	
58	BYE		
59	STEWART STEVENSON-BOB MARTIN, San Diego	STEVENSON-MARTIN	21-11, 21-5
60	MIKE SMITH-TOM WIRROUS, Ford Di Lac-Cahoon, WI	20-21, 21-20, 21-12	
61	SMITH-WIRROUS, Memphis-Miami	HIPSHUR-ROBERTSON	21-10, 21-0
62	JOHN HIPSHUR-ROBERTSON, Lexington-Houston	21-10, 21-0	
63	BYE		
64	KEN PORCO-BILL EVANS, Louisville	PORCO-EVANS	21-4, 21-4

HYMAN-RIGAZIO
21-15, 21-5
Champion

HYMAN-RIGAZIO (21-16, 21-8)
third place

Pasternak Repeat Champ In Women's Singles Wins Doubles With Hill Over Siegel-Zuckerman

Eighteen-year-old Jan Pasternak became the first person in the four year history of IRA International tournaments to win back-to-back singles titles when she topped the women's field in Memphis. Jan then made it a clean sweep as she and Kimberly Hill won the women's doubles over St. Louis' Sheila Siegel and Joan Zuckerman.

Pasternak defeated Hill in the singles final, a three game match that saw a tremendous momentum change after the first game. The final scores were 4-21, 21-4, 21-13.

For Pasternak to repeat the singles was no surprise. She showed much unfinished ability a year ago yet still took the title. She was expected to be even better this year, and she was.

The surprise was Hill, fifth seed, who had taken her lumps in the Western Divisional tournament, just five weeks prior to the Internationals. But Kim destroyed Janet Higgins, 21-2, 21-1 in the second round and then handily erased an old nemesis, Fran Cohen in the quarter-finals, 21-6, 21-15. Kim's first tough match wasn't really until the semi's, where she defeated Lyn McKie 21-15, 21-16.

On the top side of the bracket Pasternak was coasting toward the championship. Barb Tennessen fell 21-12, 21-8 in the second round, and Alice Boone succumbed 21-10, 21-7 in the quarters. Pasternak's real test also came in the semi-finals, against San Diego's Jan Campbell, the fourth seed.

Campbell showed a good variety of shots, tremendous power and a good ceiling game, but a string of errors, both mental and physical did her in. Pasternak continued her steady game of finesse and corner placements to win 21-13, 21-15.



JAN PASTERNAK FOLLOWS through with a backhand drive in the women's singles finals against Kimberly Hill, her doubles partner. After a first game trouncing, Jan came back to win the title 4-21, 21-4, 21-13.

That set up the finals, with the eventual doubles winners playing each other, another first for an International tournament.

Game one was a shocker. Hill jumped off to a 3-0 lead, as Pasternak appeared tight at the outset. Jan scored twice in the fourth inning to make it 2-3 but three more points by Hill in the sixth and five more in the seventh made it 11-2 in favor of the San Diegan.

There was no secret to Kim's success. She was overpowering Pasternak with hard drive passes down both side walls. Hill tallied four more times in the ninth frame and once again in the tenth to

make her lead 16-2. Jan scored points three and four in the eleventh inning and Kim quickly turned it around with the last five points in the twelfth.

Statistics at the end of game one showed that Pasternak actually had more kills (7 to 6) than did Hill but Kim scored on more passes (18 to 4). Neither gal erred much.

The second game was like the first, except the winner was Pasternak. Hill erred repeatedly on kill attempts and didn't find the consistency in her passing game that she had in game one. After 2-2 and 3-3 deadlocks, Jan tallied five consecutive points to make it 8-4. She then shut out Kim in six straight innings while amassing the 13 needed points, including eight marks in the seventh inning.

Thus the deciding third game, which appeared at first would never have a winner. Pasternak tallied once in the first, once more in the third, and not again until one point in the eighth inning. Meanwhile Hill could do no better, tying the game with a point in the fourth and fifth, and leading at one time 3-2 with another tally in the sixth. Ties arose at four, five, and seven before Pasternak finally scored five straight over a three inning period to grab a 12-7 advantage. Hill came back to 12-15 but that was as close as it got.

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Womens' Singles Championship

Game #1

Hill 0 0 3 0 0 3 5 0 4 1 0 5 — 21
Pasternak 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 x — 4

Kills—Hill 6, Pasternak 7; Passes—Hill 18, Pasternak 4; Aces—Hill 1; Errors—Hill 5, Pasternak 4; Hinders—2.

Game #2

Pasternak 0 2 6 1 0 3 8 0 1 — 21
Hill 2 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 x — 4

Kills—Pasternak 10, Hill 5; Passes—Pasternak 4, Hill 9; Aces—Pasternak 1; Errors—Pasternak 1, Hill 11; Hinders—7.

Game #3

Hill 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 1 — 13
Pasternak 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 3 1 3 0 0 1 5 — 21

Kills—Pasternak 14, Hill 10; Passes—Pasternak 15, Hill 12; Aces—Pasternak 1, Hill 1; Errors—Pasternak 10, Hill 12; Hinders—9.

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1	JAN PASTERNAK, Houston	PASTERNAK			
2	BYE				
3	GLORIA ZELSON, St. Louis	TENNESSEN	PASTERNAK		
4	BARBARA TENNESSEN, Stevens Point, WI		21-12, 21-8		
5	PEGGY FRUITT, Champaign, IL	21-5, 21-0		PASTERNAK	
6	BYE	FRUITT		21-10, 21-7	
7	BYE				
8	ALICE BOONE, Chattanooga	BOONE	BOONE		
9	LUCILLE SMITH, Boone, NC		21-6, 21-5		
10	BYE	SMITH			PASTERNAK
11	DEBBIE HILL, Memphis	ZUCKERMAN	ZUCKERMAN		21-13, 21-15
12	JOAN ZUCKERMAN, St. Louis		21-14, 20-21, 21-1		
13	PAM STEELE, Salt Lake City	GORSKI		CAMPBELL	
14	ANN GORSKI, Milwaukee		21-1, 21-0		
15	BYE	GORSKI	21-13, 21-8		
16	JAN CAMPBELL, San Diego	CAMPBELL	CAMPBELL	21-16, 19-21, 21-3	
17	FRAN COHEN, St. Louis	COHEN			
18	BYE				PASTERNAK
19	KAY EVANS, Louisville	SCHWARTZ	COHEN		4-21, 21-4, 21-13
20	MARILYN SCHWARTZ, Stevens Point, WI	20-21, 21-13, 21-14	21-9, 21-12		
21	SHEILA SIEGEL, St. Louis	HIGGINS		HILL	
22	JANET HIGGINS, Ann Arbor		21-16, 20-21, 21-20	21-6, 21-15	
23	BYE	HILL			
24	KIMBERLY HILL, San Diego		21-2, 21-1		
25	LYN MC KIE, Stillwater, OK	MC KIE			HILL
26	BYE				21-15, 21-16
27	BYE	WILLIAMS	MC KIE		
28	KATHY WILLIAMS, Hazel Park, MI		21-16, 21-14		
29	MICHON SMITH, Chattanooga	ACKERMAN		MC KIE	
30	CHRIS ACKERMAN, St. Louis		21-7, 21-7	12-21, 21-16, 21-13	
31	BYE				
32	BETTE WEED, San Diego	WEED			CAMPBELL (21-18, 21-8) 3rd Place
			21-17, 20-21, 21-18		

Doubles...

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The finals then set up an interesting confrontation in many ways. For one, two red-hot shooting teams were coming face-to-face. The pressure of the IRA finals seemed to fan the fire. Secondly the two teams played contrasting styles; Rudysz-Luciw playing left and right sides, Serot-Valier playing the I-formation. And thirdly, both teams tend to intimidate their opponents Serot-Valier with their loud cheerleading of each other and Rudysz-Luciw with their rough, hard-hitting physical style of play.

With Serot-Valier serving first the lead-off game began in much the expected fashion with two hinders in the first three volleys. Neither team scored in their respective first innings and Serot-Valier finally broke the ice with one point in the second.

There were seven volleys in the Rudysz-Luciw second inning, three hinders, three points for New Britain and finally a side out. Subsequent ties at three, and 14 were sandwiched around nip and tuck battles, with neither team giving much.

Down 11-14 with Serot-Valier serving, Rudysz-Luciw began one of their patented streaks. A hinder, one down and side out captured the serve and three straight hinders resulted from Rudysz' first service in the eighth inning. The game at this point was being either won or lost by Serot and Valier who were barely shooting 50 per cent, but shooting often enough to be in the game. Rudysz-Luciw were shooting less but hitting more, often a winning combination.

Three straight points tied the game at 14 and Serot-Valier managed one in the ninth inning for a 15-14 lead. It was their last lead, in fact their last service of game one.

Beginning to shoot more and regaining the momentum, the New Britain pair ran seven points in the bottom of the ninth, despite three hinders, a lost volley and time out, all in the inning.

At 20-15, two tough hinders delayed the game point, until Luciw finally put one away in the right corner, counting 21 and verbally blasting away with Valier. The gallery eagerly counted the two minute interval between games, expecting fireworks in the second.

The fireworks came all right, but they were entirely one sided as Rudysz-Luciw demonstrated that they definitely were the finest doubles team of the tournament.

After a scoreless first inning, Rudysz-Luciw ran five points in the second, but Serot-Valier came back with four in their second and another in the third for a five-all tie.

Rudysz then came in to serve and he and Luciw continued to serve for about

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Game #1

Serot-Valier 0 1 2 4 2 3 2 0 1 — 15
Rudysz-Luciw 0 3 0 3 1 4 0 3 7 — 21

Kills-Rudysz-Luciw 14, Serot-Valier 21; Passes-Rudysz-Luciw 5, Serot-Valier 5; Aces-Rudysz 1; Errors-Rudysz-Luciw 6, Serot-Valier 18. Hinders 21.

Game #2

Rudysz-Luciw 0 5 0 (15) 1 — 21
Serot-Valier 0 4 1 0 x — 5

Kills-Rudysz-Luciw 13, Serot-Valier 10; Passes-Rudysz-Luciw 6, Serot-Valier 1; Aces-None; Errors-Rudysz-Luciw 3, Serot-Valier 9. Hinders 14.

20 minutes. The result was 15 consecutive points in the fourth inning. Kills, passes and opponents errors were the combination, teamwork was the key. The streak was broken once at 12 by a Valier time out, and at 13 and 16 (twice) by hinders. Rudysz-Luciw lost the volley after the two hinders but Luciw took up the service and managed four more tallies, running the score to 20-5.

Serot-Valier couldn't score in their half of the fifth and Rudysz-Luciw chalked up the necessary point on the first volley of the sixth inning. Thus the tough, physical second and possibly third games were never generated, substituted instead by Rudysz and Luciw's complete dominance of the game.

"We weren't going to be intimidated by their shouting and encouragement to each other," remarked both winners. "In fact we planned to do a little intimidating of our own. We had to make them play our game."

Whether they tried to or not, Rudysz and Luciw effectively kept Serot out

of the volleys, giving him poor percentage shots when he got shots at all. Valier constantly was in deep court, the worst place to be when you're the short man in the I-formation.

NOTES OF THE DOUBLES . . . Some fantastic matches . . . Hyman-Rigazio over Bill Clark-Joe Wirkus, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Clark-Wirkus, the Central Divisional champs riding Clark's devastating forehand corner kills, escaped with game one 21-19. But the more experienced Louisvillites swept through game two 21-4, and then took the exciting third game 21-17.

Surprise teams: Dave (D.C.) Charlson and Bill Thurman a California entry ousted Myron Roderick and Tom McKie, Stillwater, Oklahoma in the round of 16, 21-9, 7-21, 21-8. Charlson-Thurman lost their quarter-final attempt against Porco-Evans 21-13, 21-12.

The 48 doubles teams more than doubled the number in Salt Lake (23) and was, as usual, the most exciting of all the brackets.

Pasternak Triumphs In Singles, Doubles . . .

(from page IRA-8)

In doubles Kim and Jan defeated Siegel and Zuckerman in the finals 21-14, 21-11. The St. Louis duo, although outclassed in skill, used fine teamwork and steady play to stay in both games.

Hill-Pasternak reached the finals by eliminating Campbell and Kathy Williams 21-18, 21-7, while Siegel-Zuckerman were topping Kay Evans and Michon Smith, Louisville, 21-20, 21-6.

Evans-Smith were the surprise team of the women's doubles bracket knocking off top seeded Jane Rau and Bette Weed 21-17, 21-19 in the first round. In the bracket's only three game match Siegel-Zuckerman defeated Alice Boone and Millie Kemp, Chattanooga 21-18, 16-21, 21-2 in the first round.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES RESULTS . . . (First Round) Evans-Smith def. Rau-Weed 21-17, 21-19; Siegel-Zuckerman def. Boone-Kemp, Chattanooga 21-18, 16-21, 21-2; Jan Campbell-Kathy Williams, San Diego-Detroit def. Marilyn Schwartz-Barb Tennesen, Stevens Point, Wis. 21-9, 21-12; Hill-Pasternak def. Janet Higgins-Chris Ackerman, Ann

Arbor-St. Louis 21-5, 21-6.

SEMI-FINALS . . . Siegel-Zuckerman def. Evans-Smith 21-20, 21-6; Hill-Pasternak def. Campbell-Williams 21-18, 21-7.

FINALS . . . Hill-Pasternak def. Siegel-Zuckerman 21-14, 21-11. **THIRD PLACE . . .** Campbell-Williams def. Evans-Smith 21-20, 21-6.

NOTES OF THE WOMENS EVENTS . . . Disappointment of the tournament was Bette Weed who took it on the chin in both singles and doubles. Bette managed to salvage the consolation singles title, but she certainly did not play up to her usual level of skill.

Fran Cohen was hampered (although she wouldn't admit it) by a 10-stitch gash in her face, accidentally administered by Joe Zelson, in a friendly game of mixed doubles the day prior to the tournament.

This was the first-ever women's doubles and the matches were tremendously well-received and should be a stalwart in years to come.

The Campbell-Williams team captured third place 21-20, 21-6 over Evans-Smith.

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Muehleisen Overwhelms All Competition: Easily Captures Masters Singles Crown

There were surprises in the Masters singles bracket at the International tournament, but the eventual winner was not a surprise. Dr. Bud Muehleisen, competing in the Masters for the first time, breezed to the championship, finally destroying Chet Howard of Middleton, Wisconsin in the finals 21-1, 21-2.

It was a strange Masters bracket, one that eventually found the top half much stronger than the bottom. Defending champ Giles Coors, the hometown hopeful, was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Bob McNamara, Minneapolis, a veteran of many paddleball wars and now making his Masters "comeback" in racquetball.

The top bracket thus held Muehleisen, Coors, McNamara and Dr. Bill Sellars, who was upset in the second round by Memphian Gavin Gentry. Also on top were Don Wallace and Marlowe Phillips, two more toughies.

In the lower half of the bracket, unexpected things were occurring. Number two seed, Earl Dixon, last year's runner-up, misread the posted draw sheet and missed his second round match against Knoxville's Ray De Pue, resulting in a forfeiture.

Then, Glenn Turpin, the number three seed and former Masters champ (1970)

forfeited to Howard in the quarter-finals after winning the first game 21-10. Turpin, because of his religious beliefs would not have been able to compete on Saturday, the day of the semi-finals. Rather than beat Howard and leave a void in the semi match, he forfeited.

That left Howard against Gerry Lapierre, who topped De Pue in the quarters 21-17, 21-14 in the bottom-half semi-final. In a long, drawn out struggle, Chet ended on top 18-21, 21-12, 21-14. Lapierre surprised many people at his fine showing this year, especially since he had just recovered from a broken wrist prior to the tournament, and only had three weeks to play without the cast.

The final match was no contest as Muehleisen was at the top of his game. Howard battled courageously, but Chet just couldn't cope with the tremendous range of shots and pin point control of "Dr. Bud."

Muehleisen made both games carbon copies of each other, running Howard at first to take the edge off his game and then waiting patiently for his shot and almost nonchalantly putting it away.

McNamara had almost as easy a time with Lapierre in the battle for third place, topping Gerry 21-8, 21-7. Mac still uses a lot of his old paddleball tricks

including the two handed backhand and hard drive passes.

The McNamara-Muehleisen semi-final was a fine match with the two old "enemies" from paddleball meeting for the first time on the racquetball court. Mac stayed with Bud through the first part of the first game, but Bud's overall control and variety of shots turned the match around.

In between games (won by Muehleisen 21-11, 21-9) McNamara and Bud talked about Mac's game, what he should do to improve and how he might overcome the control shown by Muehleisen.

"I really learned a lot in this match," said McNamara. "I wasn't going to beat Bud, but in losing I wanted to pick up some of the things that I will be able to use in the future."

The Masters singles consolation title was won by Fred Rizzo, the Hawthorne, New Jersey vet, and man behind the annual Paterson, New Jersey open. Rizzo topped Hal Price, Phoenix, in a great final match 13-21, 21-20, 21-7. Price was a first round loser to Don Wallace 21-11, 21-13 while Rizzo was knocked out of the winners bracket by Cleveland's Ron Salvadore 21-17, 21-11.

NOTES OF THE MASTERS SINGLES . . . With 33 entries one preliminary match was necessary to round the field to the full bracket of 32. Jack Weil, Northbrook, Illinois, the representative from *Tennis Magazine*, topped Memphian John Cameron 21-8, 21-8 in that one. . . Weil was a man-in-motion during the tourney, providing some of the lighter notes of the week with his enthusiastic appreciation of many of the volleys in some of the matches.

There were only four three game matches in the entire Masters singles bracket, two involving Lapierre (he beat Richard Walker, Dallas in the first round 21-18, 9-21, 21-5. Gentry's upset of Sellars was a three-gamer 14-21, 21-19, 21-12. Ivan Bruner knocked off Jerry Pace, Cleveland in three in the first round 21-20, 16-21, 21-14. Bruner, a Madison, Wisconsin native then ran into Muehleisen, where he managed four and four.

The newly proposed 35-45 age group, if approved, will shed new light on the Masters (page IRA-4). Almost every man polled was in favor, feeling it would give the 35-40 group a shot at a title, while the 40-45 group would then have stronger competition. The 45-over group would become the "golden" masters. Players could always play down in bracket.



CHET HOWARD (L.) RETRIEVES in deep court while Dr. Bud Muehleisen protects himself with a well placed forehand during play of their Masters singles finals. Howard was forced into a retrieving, defensive game due to Muehleisen's superior control. Scores were 21-1, 21-2.

IRA-13

IRA-13

1	GILES COORS, Memphis	COORS			
2	SAM ALLACCA, Mansfield, OH	21-3, 21-6	COORS		
3	DON WALLACE, New Britain	WALLACE	21-11, 21-16		
4	HAL PRICE, Phoenix	21-11, 21-13		MC NAMARA	
5	MARLOWE PHILLIPS, St. Louis	PHILLIPS		21-8, 21-17	
6	JOHN GOTHARD, Chicago	21-7, 21-8	MC NAMARA		
7	BILL REESE, Dallas	MC NAMARA	(FORFEIT)		
8	BOB MC NAMARA, Minneapolis	21-5, 21-3			
9	BILL SELLARS, Dallas	SELLARS			
10	ED ELLETT, Chattanooga	21-3, 21-4	GENTRY		
11	BEN EILERT, Aurora, IL	GENTRY	14-21, 21-19, 21-12		
12	GAVIN GENTRY, Memphis	21-13, 21-7		MUEHLEISEN	
13	IVAN BRUNER, Madison, Wis.	BRUNER		21-12, 21-10	
14	JERRY PACE, Cleveland	21-20, 16-21, 21-14	MUEHLEISEN		
15	JACK WEIL, Northbrook, Ill.	MUEHLEISEN	21-4, 21-4		
16	BUD MUEHLEISEN, San Diego	21-0, 21-1			
17	GLENN TURPIN, Memphis	TURPIN			
18	OSCAR KLAYMAN, St. Louis	(FORFEIT)	TURPIN		
19	ALFRED ROSSI, San Francisco	CAIAZZA	21-2, 21-4		
20	SAM CAIAZZA, New Castle, PA	(FORFEIT)		HOWARD	
21	FRED RIZZO, Hawthorne, NJ	SALVADOR		10-21, (FORFEIT)	
22	RON SALVADOR, Cleveland	21-17, 21-11	HOWARD		
23	BOB CHURCH, Knoxville	HOWARD	21-8, 21-10		
24	CHET HOWARD, Middleton, Wis.	(FORFEIT)			
25	PHIL DEIUK, Champaign, IL	DEIUK		HOWARD	
26	HENRY KRAUSE, Racine, Wis.	(FORFEIT)			
27	RICHARD WALKER, Dallas	LAPIERRE	21-17, 21-20		
28	GERRY LAPIERRE, Cleveland	21-18, 9-21, 21-5		LAPIERRE	
29	MEL GORHAM, San Diego	DE PUE		21-17, 21-14	
30	RAY DE PUE, Knoxville	21-7, 21-3	DE PUE		
31	JOHN RUTHERFORD, Tulsa	DIXON	(FORFEIT)		
32	EARL DIXON, Indianapolis	21-7, 21-4			

Kendler's Annual Report Touches All Bases: Finances, Tournaments, Future, Key Points

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shy — Mr. Schippers — all you wonderful workers of the Memphis Racquetball Association, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Before I get into the serious part of my talk, Paul Haber asked me to announce he is now a racquetball convert and would like to challenge any handball player to another Sports Illustrated match. The only thing he is worried about is the possibility that someone might bet a bob or two, and he might then be called a "racketeer." He would like people to think of him as a gentleman, and he feels there are more gentlemen in your game than in his. Also more money.

He would like it clearly understood that he now frowns upon the stalling tactics of handball players, and he cannot understand how Mr. Schippers could call an avoidable hinder against such a kindly competitor as Dr. Muehleisen. He is even willing to replay the match so long as he doesn't have to return the money, and all bets are confidential. Also, that no one tells Kendler about the \$30,000!

Well, Kendler has heard about these \$30,000 matches before. He has heard about them, but never seen them. And don't think he doesn't look for them. When he finds one, he will do something about it! But only when it relates to racquetball business and not personal business.

When we begin to invade the private lives of our players, we will be making more enemies than friends. Besides, who wants to take all the fun out of Mr. Shy's life?

I don't suppose anyone here will believe that I played doubles with Paul Haber about a week ago. Needless to say, he is a phenomenal partner. I don't know what I enjoyed more — playing or watching. He has the grace of a gazelle, the shots of a sharpshooter, and the abandon of an acrobat. If he decides, one of these days, to enter the International Racquetball Tournaments (and I hope he does), you are going to see shots you have never seen before. Maybe even a few more bets.

Without belaboring the point, you can't help but admire Paul athletically. Personally, I have never seen him do anything dishonorable in competition. His whole problem is that he's a swinger and likes action. De Witt Shy once bought a parrot like that. He brought this beautiful bird home from the pet shop, and it greeted his wife with a scream, "I am a swinger — I want some action!" Over and over again, this darned bird shouted this line until Sally was embarrassed to death. She returned the bird to the pet shop, but the owner wouldn't take it back. He did try to be helpful, however. He said, "Mrs. Shy, I have a friend, a priest, who has two of the best mannered parrots alive. All they do from morning till night is sit in their cage and pray — and play with their beads. Why don't you put your bird in their cage and watch the improvement." That's just what Sally did. But the minute her bird got into the priest's cage, he yelled again, "I'm a swinger — I want some action!" Imagine the good father's surprise when one of his parrots looked at the other one and said, "Thank God — our prayers have FINALLY been answered."

Maybe Paul is the answer to OUR prayers. You can never tell — a little of Paul's action could stir all of us up. He certainly stirred up more publicity than handball or racquetball ever had. Good or bad, it's had everyone talking about our sports — and if there is anything the court sports need more than ink, I don't know what it is. I suppose we would all be better off if our hero was Smitty Schippers, but no one would read the copy. Besides, don't take the American public for a fool. They can read between the lines. No one was hit with more of Paul's brickbats than I, and to this

day I haven't been hurt. His sensationalism has interested thousands of people, however — many of whom are now batting the ball around, and doing a little betting too. Frankly, I think the real hero of the match was Bud Muehleisen, not only for his sportsmanship in the court but his restraint after it was all over. His comments were those of a very, very big man, and altho he may have lost the money — he won the esteem of all good sports.

He wasn't always as careful about what he said. Like the time he graduated cum laude and very proudly asked for an interview at this big hospital. When the receptionist finally ushered him into the office of the Personnel Director, he responded to every question brilliantly. Finally, the Director asked what school he had attended. Bud replied, "Michigan." "Do you mean Michigan State or the University of Michigan?" To this, Bud sneered, "Sir, there is only ONE school in Michigan, and everyone knows that school is the University of Michigan. Why, only prostitutes and football players go to Michigan State!" To which the Director replied, "My wife went to Michigan State." Not a bit flustered, Bud said, "She did? What position did she play?"

That's kind of a sneaky lead-in to the question, "What position are YOU going to play? Racquetball is on the threshold of the greatest upsurge any amateur sport will ever experience. Understandably, it is attracting many opportunists who seek to capitalize on the popularity of the sport. We are going to have to decide if WE are going to run this sport, or join with operators of court clubs, many of which are on the drawing boards today.

The number of calls we get for guidance by prospective court club builders is unbelievable. The propositions we get are also unbelievable. Everyone wants to make some money. Some players want to endorse racquets, others want to make new balls. Still others want to set up a McDonald-type franchise operation across the land. One operator is currently planning 50 court clubs, and I might add he is capable of building them. A lot of them are talking professional tournaments, like Ben Agajanian who is now building a \$400,000 court club in Long Beach.

Some of the people I am talking about are right in this room, and I would like them to understand our position. Let's start with me. I am not in this business for personal gain. My only concern is that the Association shall prosper and endure, based on principle. Not money.

We are going to insist that the control of the sport shall always remain with the players, acting through their elected officials. We are going to use every device to increase our income, our promotion and our membership. None of this is possible, however, if our product income is denied us. So we are going to try real hard to give you the best products so we can also give you the best tournaments. The key to the kingdom for us is royalties, since membership dues thus far are wholly inadequate.

Let's take last year for example. Dues income was about \$4,000. We spent more than that for per diem and travel for this tournament alone. Just multiply 2,000 memberships by the old dues of \$2.00 each and you can understand why we may have to build clubs as well as balls and gloves and racquets to survive.

The duties and responsibilities which have been assumed by us, and the challenge to bring out the highest and best possible benefits of the game — can be realized through your support of our products — and should be the bible of this sport. Let us, here and now, determine that the dividends of this sport shall be shared by ALL, and personal motives

should be set aside to support the Association which is dedicated to the good of the losers as well as the winners.

Long ago, we took this position in handball and, to the everlasting credit of our members, they supported us wholeheartedly. Now when the dividends of this decision are coming in, everyone is very happy — as I know YOU will be too — if you think 10 years ahead. You will be amazed what working for our collective good will bring.

I hope you will forgive me for my frequent references to handball, just as I trust the handball players to forgive my frequent references to racquetball. I think the time has come when we should lay this controversy to rest, and recognize the good that one is to the other, and that they are companion sports.

Let me give you a good illustration. Handball has been trying, for years, to fight its way out of the anonymity of the Y's and the Clubs. Racquetball has been fighting for recognition of ANY kind. No one has ever felt that a club devoted exclusively to handball or racquetball could survive. Neither have I. But when I told you that collectively these sports would not only complement each other, but would make money, everyone was skeptical. The introduction of the whole family to racquetball and particularly women, has added a new dimension to our court sports — certainly a most desirable one and a most profitable one. That's why there is such an enormous demand for plans, for endorsements, and for tournaments.

Now we don't plan to let this get away from us. At the moment we are *thinking* of a Development Corporation that will promote and finance these court clubs across the nation. We are thinking about the franchise idea and more product endorsements. But we are not thinking about them for me — we are thinking about them for you, and for your family and my family. I'll be damned if I'll give up all this time and effort and money, and let this great opportunity fall into the hands of people without purpose. So whatever any of you are thinking about — we are going to run the racquetball business like a business and I hope we won't have to compete with our best friends. If any one of you are *thinking* of your own racquets, your own balls, or your own tournaments — let me point out that this is the life blood of this Association.

I hesitate to talk about the next matter, because anything could happen. The other day I received a call from John B. Kelly in Philadelphia. Now, before telling you what happened, you should know that I get a lot of calls — and some of them from practical jokers. Whatever they pull on me, I usually have it coming because I am a pretty good practical joker myself. But last August I learned a lesson. On my return from a workout at the Y, I was handed a note that the Secretary of Commerce, Maurice Stans, had called and would I return the call. Boy, would I return the call! All I needed was a clever wisecrack for the smart-aleck handball player in Washington who was pulling my leg. When I made the call, I announced it was Paul Haber returning the call. I figured that would scare the pants off him.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered that it WAS the Secretary of Commerce, and that President Nixon had appointed me to the National Business Council for Consumer Affairs. Secretary Stans had called to see if I would accept. So like the guy from Michigan, I covered by saying that Haber was my secretary, but I would handle their problems in housing and home remodeling. That's my real business, you know.

Of the over 100 top executives that sat with the President and members of the Cabinet, there was only one handball player. Surprising as it may seem, at least a dozen of the Council members talked to me about handball and racquetball. Justin Dart, the owner of Seamless, was one of them.

My only reason for mentioning it, is that you can be sure



IN A SERIOUS MOOD . . . IRA President Bob Kendler does some heavy thinking prior to his speech at the International tournament.

we will get racquetball into the White House just as soon as the President gets back from that ping-pong country! Wait till he hears that Abraham Lincoln was a dedicated handball player, and that Dr. Muehleisen is a dedicated racquetball player, and that DeWitt Shy is the game's greatest entrepreneur. I think I can arrange a game for him with Mr. Nixon. Then the TWO of them should play Haber. Boy, will Sports Illustrated screw up THAT story!

I liked best when they talked about DeWitt's pin-striped suit and the \$100 bills. The big story they missed — his skill at betting! Only a confirmed idiot would have failed to mention Memphis State University. Or the IRA. Or the National Championships here. Well, this is only one of the problems in racquetball. One day we'll have a PR man who will look into DeWitt's closet, his wallet, and his personality. I don't know what he will find — in fact, I'm not too sure we should look into his private life. We might discover that he was the man who bet the \$30,000. If he did, our nominating committee should make him commissioner of the casino.

And that brings me back to Simon-pure John B. Kelly. I discovered that he is the brother of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco, and my wife's favorite person. When we visited the Riviera recently, all my wife wanted was to see the Princess. I must confess I wanted her to see too! I thought I would tell her about our ladies racquetball tournament and volunteer to play with her in mixed doubles. So when I returned Big John's call, I never suspected that HE was Mr. AAU, or that I might finally arrange a meeting between two very beautiful women — Grace and Evie. But that wasn't what HE had in mind. He wanted me to spend February 25 with him at Madison Square Garden at the Track and Field Meet — and then attend a seminar the AAU is having on the 27th. NOW the most important thing is NOT the appointment in Monaco — it's the appointment with the first AAU President who has finally decided to take a modern view of the Amateur Code. After

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Zelson-Phillips Regain Masters Doubles Title; Dethrone Cutshall-Erickson For Championship

Joe Zelson and Marlowe Phillips, two familiar names in championship racquetball circles, regained their abdicated Masters doubles throne at the 1972 International tournament defeating the defending champs, Dr. Vince Cutshall and Don Erickson 21-12, 21-14.

Zelson and Phillips, playing out of the St. Louis JCCA and seeded third in the tournament, were actually never extended, at least not to the degree Cutshall and Erickson were in the opposite bracket.

The big Sioux Falls men survived with three game victories in both the quarter and semi-final rounds, while the St. Louisians were confidently destroying each opponent.

In the semi-finals Phillips-Zelson defeated Herb Frank and Tom Stidham, Clearwater, Florida 21-18, 21-9 while Cutshall-Erickson were topping Kim Hill and Carl Loveday, San Diego 21-11, 20-21, 21-15 in a marathon.

Thus the finals boiled down to two questions, whether Phillips and Zelson could use their finesse to defeat the power and shooting game of Cutshall-Erickson, and whether they could see at all once behind the burly northerners.

It turned out that they did both. Taking advantage of their superior quickness and control of the corners Zelson-Phillips held the Cutshall-Erickson shooting game at bay.

"We didn't shoot the ball at all," said Cutshall after the match. "We didn't play well, but they deserved to win."

The fatigue factor probably didn't determine the outcome but possibly made the Phillips-Zelson victory a little easier. The three gamers on each day preceding the finals definitely took the zip out of the Sioux Falls men, but it was more the strategic advantage of Phillips-Zelson being able to play their own game that was the deciding factor.

"I wasn't hitting my shots in the first



ACTION WAS THE WORD of the Masters doubles championship match. Here Joe Zelson, partially hidden, strides into a forehand kill attempt. Beside him, Don Erickson moves in to cover the shot, while Erickson's partner, Vince Cutshall covers deep. To the right is Marlowe Phillips.

game," said Erickson, "so I stopped taking them. By the time I started again it was too late."

It was Phillips' fourth Masters title, having taken both ends of Masters competition, singles and doubles (with Milt Harris) in the inaugural IRA tourney in St. Louis in 1969. Phillips teamed with Zelson the following year and won, again in St. Louis. Marlowe couldn't make the 1971 Internationals, Zelson didn't play doubles, and Cutshall-Erickson, in their first International tournament attempt, took top honors.

"Well get 'em next year," vowed Cutshall. They won in '70, we took it in '71 and now they won in '72. Next year it's our turn."

En route to the championship match there were some tremendous battles as there are annually in the Masters doubles bracket. The Cutshall-Erickson semi-final win over Hill-Loveday was an exciting, nail-biter if there ever was one.

Down and almost out after a first game loss, Hill-Loveday came back to capture the second game 21-20, scoring their points in between hinders and arguments with the referee. A rare change of referee was authorized by the tournament committee after the second game, after a formal protest by Loveday.

Game three see-sawed until Erickson's corner kills began hitting and it was then that the Sioux Falls men pulled away.

In the other semi-final, Phillips-Zelson had a relatively easy time with Frank

and Stidham, at least after the first game. Frank-Stidham gave the eventual champs all they could handle in the initial game, finally succumbing 21-18. Game two was 21-9, as the Floridians seemed to have played themselves out in the desperate attempt to salvage game one.

Hill-Loveday then defeated Frank-Stidham in the third place battle 21-11, 20-21, 21-16 in another of the eight three game matches in the bracket.

To reach the semis, Cutshall-Erickson had the most difficult time, needing three games to eliminate Dr. Bailey Prichard and Judd Williford 21-10, 18-21, 21-13. Prichard-Williford, one of the host teams, couldn't have been more inhospitable, if you asked the Sioux Falls backers.

Frank-Stidham won over the number two seeded team, Giles Coors and Glenn Turpin, Memphis. After splitting the first two games, game three was forfeited by Turpin-Coors, presumably on the same basis as Turpin forfeited to Chet Howard in Masters singles.

NOTES OF THE MASTERS DOUBLES . . . Not only were there eight three game matches, but seven different games were decided by the 21-20 margin during the course of the Masters doubles . . . Dale Riker, National Commissioner of the National Paddleball Association entered with Irv Saultman, won a match and then were knocked off by Hill-Loveday 21-9, 21-20. . . The 25 entries was another IRA International record.

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2	BYE				
3	WATZ-DINNER, Memphis	HILECHER-SIEGEL	CUTSHALL-ERICKSON	21-10, 21-9	
4	DAN HILECHER-JERRY SIEGEL, St. Louis	21-20, 21-13			
5	EARL DIXON-SAM CALAZZA, Indianapolis-New Castle	DIXON-CALAZZA	CUTSHALL-ERICKSON		
6	HAWKINS-WEBB, Memphis	21-9, 21-3			
7	BILL REESE-MARVIN PINSEL, Milwaukee-Memphis	FRICHARD-WILLFORD	21-10, 18-21, 21-13		
8	BAILEY PRICHARD-JUDD WILLFORD, Memphis	FRICHARD-WILLFORD	21-16, 21-20		
9	IVAN BRUNER-CHEST HOWARD, Madison	21-9, 21-4			
10	BYE	BRUNER-HOWARD			
11	JOHN DOYLE-JAMES LEDBETTER, Memphis	BRUNER-HOWARD	CUTSHALL-ERICKSON	21-11, 20-21, 21-15	
12	PHIL DEZUK-DAVE MATTHEWS, Champaign, IL	DOYLE-LEDBETTER	19-21, 21-19, 21-18		
13	DALE RIKER-IRV SAULTMAN, Flint, MI	21-16, 21-17			
14	MINOR TAIT-BOB WERIST, Memphis	RIKER-SAULTMAN	HILL-LOVEDAY	21-10, 21-6	
15	BYE	21-20, 21-12			
16	KIM HILL-CARL LOVEDAY, San Diego	HILL-LOVEDAY	21-9, 21-20		
17	MARLOWE PHILLIPS-JOE ZELSON, St. Louis				
18	BYE	PHILLIPS-ZELSON			
19	RICHARD WALKER-HAL PRICE, Dallas-Phoenix	WALKER-PRICE	PHILLIPS-ZELSON	21-2, 21-13	
20	RAY DE PUE-BOB CHURCH, Knoxville	10-21, 21-10, 21-5			
21	FRED RIZZO-ALAN SCHATTNER, Hawthorne, NJ-Pittsburgh	NICHOPOLOUS-BENNETT	PHILLIPS-ZELSON	21-7, 21-18	
22	GEORGE NICHOPOLOUS-JAMES BENNETT, Memphis	21-18, 21-12			
23	BYE	SELIARS-STRICKLAND	SELIARS-STRICKLAND	21-14, 20-21, 21-14	
24	BILL SELIARS-DEWEY STRICKLAND, Dallas				
25	HERB FRANK-TOM STIDHAM, Clearwater, FL	FRANK-STIDHAM	PHILLIPS-ZELSON		
26	BYE				
27	MILT VALLEN-MARVIN COHEN, Memphis	FRANK-STIDHAM	21-18, 21-9		
28	LENNIE MARKS-MILT HARRIS, St. Louis	MARKS-HARRIS	21-7, 21-8		
29	RON SALVADOR-JERRY PACE, Cleveland	21-17, 21-9			
30	MILLIS-FENRY, Greensboro	SALVADOR-PACE	FRANK-STIDHAM	12-21, 21-17, FORFEIT	
31	BYE	18-21, 21-19, 21-7			
32	GILES COORS-GLENN TURPIN, Memphis	COORS-TURPIN	COORS-TURPIN	21-8, 21-12	

1972 IRA OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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1	BILL SCHMIDTKE, Port Edwards, Wis.	SCHMIDTKE	
2	BYE		
3	MARK MC KENZIE, Fairport, Ohio	MC KENZIE	21-8, 21-5
4	FRANK PRATTEN, Memphis	PRATTEN	21-11, 21-9
5	JUDY SHAWAN, Memphis		
6	ALAN HILFEN, St. Louis	A. HILFEN	21-7, 21-2
7	BYE		
8	DAVE CHARLSON, San Diego	CHARLSON	21-10, 21-10
9	GIL CHAMPAGNE, Knoxville	CHAMPAGNE	
10	BYE		
11	BROCK CLAYTON, St. Louis	CLAYTON	21-11, 21-13
12	RICHARD BATEY, Memphis	BATEY	21-11, 21-18
13	JOHN SHAWAN, Memphis		
14	DON GOLDMAN, Chesterfield, Mo.	GOLDMAN	21-10, 21-10
15	BYE		
16	RICHARD CUNEO, Pittsburgh	CUNEO	21-10, 21-7
17	JERRY HILFEN, St. Louis	J. HILFEN	
18	BYE		
19	DON WEND, Urbana, Ill.	WEND	21-1, 21-6
20	GRANAN FULTON, Memphis		
21	JIM HOLESTON, Memphis		
22	ART ALBERT, St. Louis	ALBERT	21-5, 21-6
23	BYE		
24	BILL THESMAN, Reynolds, Cal.	THESMAN	21-19, 21-20
25	MIRBA LEVI, Houston	LEVI	
26	BYE		
27	STEWART STEVENSON, Lemon Grove, Cal.	STEVENSON	21-0, 21-13
28	LARRY CLICE, Memphis		
29	RON BARNAGHI, Memphis		
30	HAL CLIFFORD, Oklahoma City	CLIFFORD	21-13, 21-9
31	BYE		
32	HOWIE RINGWOOD, Salt Lake City	RINGWOOD	21-10, 21-18
33	BYE		
34	MIKE AMALONE, Cleveland	AMALONE	
35	TOM KUTAS, Cincinnati	KUTAS	21-0, 21-10
36	BOB STAFFORD, Memphis		
37	LEONARD DEBARTI, Memphis		
38	JIM TRENT, San Diego	TRENT	21-5, 21-7
39	BYE		
40	TOM MC KIE, Stillwater, Okla.	MC KIE	21-17, 21-14
41	BOB MARTIN, San Diego	MARTIN	
42	BYE		
43	WILL HANSEN, Portland, Ore.	HANSEN	21-11, 21-9
44	DICK BRYMAN, Memphis		
45	PHILIP VAHSE, Memphis	VAHSE	21-10, 21-18
46	JOHN WIPPER, Lexington, Ky.	WIPPER	21-10, 21-15
47	BYE		
48	RANDOL TURLEY, Salt Lake City	TURLEY	21-9, 21-2
49	BURMAN CHAMBERS, Raleigh, N.C.	CHAMBERS	
50	BYE		
51	DAVID LIEN, LaCrosse, Wis.	LIEN	21-17, 21-9
52	BRUCE YACOVITZ, Memphis		
53	JAMES TRENT, Memphis	TRENT	21-9, 21-14
54	LUTHER HENNINGSEN, Dallas		
55	BYE		
56	BOB KIRCHNER, Memphis	KIRCHNER	15-21, 21-19, 21-9
57	JERRY DAVIS, Cleveland	DAVIS	
58	BYE		
59	FERD FIJA, Hawthorne, N.J.	FIJA	21-10, 21-17
60	T. GILLESPIE, Memphis	GILLESPIE	21-15, 21-17
61	DICK FADGE, Memphis		
62	JOE WINDS, Ford Dr. Ind., Wis.	J. WINDS	21-17, 21-9
63	BYE		
64	CHARLES BRADFELD, San Diego	BRADFELD	21-6, 21-4

BRUMFIELD OVER RUBENSTEIN, 21-11, 21-9

BOTTOM BRACKET

International Racquetball Association

1	FOR RUBENSTEIN, Chicago	RUBENSTEIN			
2	BYE				
3	JERRY PERSHING, Milwaukee	PERSHING	21-2, 21-5		
4	GEORGE COORS, Memphis	21-1, 21-0			
5	JOE TAGG, Memphis	SCHAFER	21-6, 21-8		
6	CHARLES SCHAFER, Waco, Miss.	21-20, 21-9			
7	BYE	SCHAFER	21-9, 21-2		
8	LOWELL HANSEN, Sioux Falls	HANSEN			
9	GEORGE RUDYKE, New Britain	RUDYKE			
10	BYE				
11	CHUCK LEVE, Chicago	SMITH	21-7, 21-20		
12	STEVE SMITH, Memphis	21-15, 17-21, 21-11			
13	SPENCE ANDERSON, Memphis	SMITH	21-3, 21-14		
14	MIKE SMITH, Oshkosh, Wisc.	HILL	21-8, 21-17		
15	BYE				
16	ED HILL, Memphis				
17	CHARLIE DRAKE, San Diego	DRAKE			
18	BYE				
19	GEORGE ELDER, Memphis	ELDER	21-4, 21-3		
20	BOB FERG, Piqua, Ohio	21-5, 21-13			
21	PAUL HARRING, Berlin Hts., Ohio	MASON	21-10, 21-18		
22	MIKE MASON, Oklahoma City	LUCIW	21-5, 21-13		
23	BYE				
24	MIKE LUCIW, New Britain				
25	MARK HEDG, Sioux Falls	HEDG	21-6, 21-11		
26	BYE				
27	DUANE HENRICKS, Houston	HENRICKS	21-6, 21-9		
28	MARK JONES, Memphis	C. PITTMAN	21-16, 19-21, 21-9		
29	CLARK PITTMAN, Mansfield, Ohio	RODRICK	21-5, 21-4		
30	JAMES GLASSER, Chattanooga				
31	BYE				
32	MORON RODRICK, Stillwater, Okla.				
33	BYE				
34	JIM AUSTIN, Houston	AUSTIN	21-5, 21-6		
35	KEN PITTMAN, Mansfield, Ohio	BURKHOLDER	21-14, 21-16		
36	FRANK BURKHOLDER, Nashville	CANNON	(Forfeit)		
37	ERNE ALLEN, Springfield, Virginia	KELLY	21-19, 18-21, 21-8		
38	TOM CANNON, Knoxville, Ga.				
39	BYE				
40	GORDON KELLY, Grand Rapids, Mich.				
41	HENRY MORGAN, Memphis	MORGAN	21-8, 21-3		
42	BYE				
43	STEPHEN MILLER, Memphis	EL MILLER	(Forfeit)		
44	ALLAN MILLER, Pittsburgh	WONG	21-9, 21-5		
45	KEN WONG, Indianapolis	WONG	21-20, 21-13		
46	RICHARD CURRY, Memphis				
47	BYE				
48	ROGER SOUTERS, San Diego	SOUTERS			
49	DAN TROUT, Milwaukee	TROUT	21-5, 21-3		
50	BYE				
51	RAY NEAL, Memphis	NEAL	(Forfeit)		
52	MIKE MAURICE, Teaneck, N.J.	CHANDLER	21-7, 21-3		
53	RON KEEFER, Escondido, Cal.	DAWSON	21-1, 21-5		
54	JAMES CHANDLER, Memphis				
55	BYE				
56	CLIFF DAWSON, Fort Huron, MI				
57	DAVID EPSTEIN, Chattanooga	T. WINKUS	21-10, 21-2		
58	TOM WINKUS, Fond Du Lac, Wisc.	SHELBY	21-17, 15-21, 21-20		
59	AL SHELBY, Riverside, Cal.	GARDEN	(Forfeit)		
60	JOHN HARRIS, Fort Huron, Mich.	LAWRENCE	21-3, 21-7		
61	BARRY GARDEN, St. Louis				
62	LARRY ROBERTS, Lexington, Ky.				
63	BYE				
64	PAUL LAWRENCE, Ann Arbor, Mich.				



RACQUETBALL

ROOM BY *Chuck Leve*

The 1972 edition of the International Championships was the finest tournament I have ever attended. I cannot imagine any of the 314 total entries feeling differently. Players invaded Memphis from as far away as Portland, Oregon and those who made the scene were treated first class in their every endeavor during tournament week.

DeWitt Shy, the tournament chairman did a truly outstanding job. His organizational work in the months prior to the tournament paid off emphatically as the men who had jobs to do, did them, and did them well.

Most of the players around do not fully realize the burden that goes with the job of tournament director, but it is a heavy one. The chairman is the man who must answer to everyone for everything, the important to the petty. Shy took the responsibility on his shoulders and he met the challenge triumphantly.

He put together a working local organization, the Memphis Racquetball Association, 184 members strong and growing. The M.R.A. burdened the financial responsibility of the tournament and from that group came the key men of the tournament.

One of those keys was Smith Schippers, floor manager. Smitty had the thankless job of setting up matches, soliciting referees, posting scores, handling towels, balls, warm up courts and all the other things that lead to ulcers in a tournament.

Seeing that this tournament was going to be twice the size of anything ever put on before it, Schippers and IRA agreed to bring in Sid Semel, long a key man in handball floor managing and recently becoming thoroughly involved in racquetball. Semel spent long hours assigning times, making up score cards and generally keeping things going on schedule. Without Semel the job would have been too much for one man. To Sid and Smitty, our hats are off for a tremendous job.

Hospitality is a big part of every tournament, especially the Internationals and the hospitality was excellent in Memphis. Joe Tagg, the chairman of the hospitality committee kept things running smoothly and subsily at the Holiday Inn hospitality room. Tagg also was the key man in the shuttle runs daily between the tournament headquarters and the Memphis State University courts.

I can't say enough about Memphis State and the University people there. Dr. Cecil Humphreys, president of the University deserves our humble thanks for his unselfish donation of the beautiful facility. And the entire racquetball entourage made me smile proudly for conducting themselves in a manner befitting such a fine tournament and facility.

Lige Turman and Lee Peoples were two of the men we couldn't have done it without. Representing the Memphis State University athletic department, these two men kept things running

smoothly in the locker rooms, hospitality room, courts, and product display room. One or both of these men were in attendance from the opening to the closing of each day's play, to make sure that if any racquetballer needed anything, it was his, or hers.

It doesn't stop here. Judd Williford, Henry Morgan, Geddes Self, Giles Coors, Glenn Turpin, Phil Baum and on and on. All the representatives of the Memphis Racquetball Association did yeomans service and to give each man his due would encompass this entire magazine.

There are two other people who I must thank publicly, for if I didn't I know I wouldn't be doing justice to them or the tournament. They are Jeannie Boyle, Shy's secretary and Virginia Dunn, Schippers secretary.

Jeannie had it the toughest. She's the one who got all the long distance calls, all the complaints, all the inquiries. She handled the entries and entry fees, as well as the Memphis Racquetball Association memberships. In other words, she was swamped. Jeannie did a great job and DeWitt probably couldn't have done it without her.

Virginia offered her service during the tournament, assisting in the tournament office, running errands, answering the phone, and generally freeing me for the more detailed administrative functions. What a relief!

I would also like to thank the people of the Holiday Inn who warmly received us, provided the hospitality room and banquet.

Also a word of thanks to Butch Brooks of the *Commercial Appeal* and Dick Provost of the *Press-Scimitar* for their fine coverage of the tournament in the local papers. Each man spent hours

Cleveland Open Won By Mike Anzalone

Cleveland Central YMCA enjoyed one of the most rewarding tournaments anywhere. Entries were from all over the eastern parts of the U.S., and included 23 doubles teams and 32 singles entries, including national ranked players such as Chicago's Ron Rubenstein, Charlie Garfinkel from Buffalo, N.Y., and the local talent of Herb Polk and the father-son team of Jerry and Bob Pace, Angelo Vecchio, last year's winner, and Mike Anzalone, the perennial champ who did not compete last year due to injury.

The tournament started Friday afternoon January 14 and continued in grand style, with great racquetball displayed, in both singles and doubles, until 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The hospitality room was visited freely with an assortment of "goodies."

The refereeing during the tournament was great — all players thanked referees, win or lose, for a job well done.

Play resumed Saturday morning at 10:00 for the quarter-finals, and the pressure mounted. The banquet break at 1:00 p.m. was welcomed by the remaining players. So to **The Losers Lounge and Restaurant** in downtown Cleveland the players went — winners and losers. The losers enjoyed a few cold beers, while the winners stuck to non-alcoholic beverages.

Back to the semi-finals after a greatly appreciated banquet, play resumed with Herb Polk and Stan Altman of Cleveland Central YMCA against Chuck Wurzer, and Charlie Garfinkel of Buffalo YMCA it was a hard fought battle with Garfinkel and Wurzer winning the third game 21-18. The Paces put up a valiant fight against the favored team of Angelo Vecchio and Ron Salvador, losing 2-19, 19-21, 21-18. Both teams represent the Cleveland Central YMCA.

The singles semi-finals between Mike Anzalone of Cleveland Broadway YMCA and Jim O'Malley of Butler, Pa., was uneventful, as Anzalone easily defeated (to page IRA-32)

daily, calling in scores, doing interviews and getting first hand knowledge of the tournament and the game.

All in all, it was a great week, one that will be hard to top in coming years. As of now the site for 1973 is still undetermined although several cities are now being considered. It is safe to assume that the tournament will be later in the year next year, probably as much as a month to six weeks. Those clubs and associations planning their '72-'73 tournament calendar should take that into consideration.

On to Knoxville . . . and paddleball.

IRA LETTERS . . .

Kind Words . . .

Gentlemen (Schippers and Shy):

It must have been with a great sigh of relief that you saw February 27th come to an end. But, it also must have been with an enormous amount of pride and satisfaction at having run such an outstandingly successful tournament.

From start to finish the tournament reflected the total effort of all you fine people. With Sid Semel's very able assistance and with the help of the wonderful ladies who hosted the hospitality room you left no stone unturned in your effort to make the tournament the best yet.

We will look back on those five days in Memphis and recall the many happy and pleasant hours spent there. Congratulations to you and all the members of your committee who worked so hard to make the 1972 IRA Racquetball Tournament the great success it was.

SHEILA SIEGEL
St. Louis, Mo.

Aberdeen News . . .

Dear Chuck:

I thought you'd like to know that racquetball is alive and well in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Our 1st Annual High School and Under Tournament was held at the Aberdeen YMCA March 4 and 5. We have a two-court facility here in Aberdeen, and even with 45-minute periods, the courts are full from 8:30 A.M. until 10:30 P.M.

Rich Dafnis topped a field of 13 in the singles division, beating Jay Schlagel 21-15, 21-13. He is a promising young player whom you should be hearing more about within the next ten years. In doubles, the team of Butch Jangula and Bill Ziegler defeated Jay Schlagel and Kyle Zacher, 21-10, 21-11. Most of the players in the tournament were sopho-



JAY SCHLAGEL (L.) cherishes his awards after the Aberdeen High School and Under tournament early in March. Schlagel finished second in singles and doubles, while Rich Dafnis (r.) won the singles crown.

mores, with only a few being seniors. There were several eighth graders entered who also showed definite promise.

One of the reasons for the enthusiastic response is that a number of high school students have recently formed a racquetball club which practices about 5 hours weekly. The better players in the Aberdeen area take turns instructing them and the kids are picking up the game very quickly.

One question I've always wanted to ask: Does IRA sponsor intercollegiate or high school competition on a national level of any kind? I believe USHA has the regular age brackets up to age 17, with an intercollegiate tournament also. If IRA would sponsor nationwide tournaments of this kind, I believe it would help improve the image of racquetball on a much larger level.

Both handball and racquetball are really picking up in the Aberdeen area, and we are sending entrants to many of the regional tournaments. I eagerly look forward to each issue of **Handball**.

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DEEP COURT ACTION . . . where much of the singles finals was, finds Charlie Brumfield (l.) following through on a backhand to the ceiling. Ron Rubenstein watches.



JAN CAMPBELL showed the most improvement in women's competition, capturing third in both singles and doubles.



DON'T DO THAT! Bill Evans (r.) seems to be warning Mike Luciw after a volley in their open doubles semi-final match. Now what could he be saying?



GERRY LAPIERRE (l.) and Smitty Schippers cast their glances toward the podium during the awards banquet on the eve of the semi-finals. Both men played a key part in the success of the tournament.



THE HEAD HONCHOS . . . Seated at the head table for the IRA players convention meeting are (l. to r.) Sid Semel, co-floor manager deluxe; Gerry Lapierre, IRA National Executive Co-ordinator; Chuck Leve, IRA Executive Secretary;

DeWitt Shy, 1972 International tournament chairman; Robert W. Kendler, IRA President; Smitty Schippers, co-floor manager; John Fabry, president, Saranac Glove Company.



LARRY LEDERMAN outgoing national commissioner addresses the player's convention meeting, with IRA President Kendler doing some heavy thinking at his side. Lederman was elected to the IRA Board of Directors.



DAH LOOT . . . Part of the awards table that drew the attention of every one of the entries at one time or another during the tournament week. Trophies went to first four places in each event.

RED CARPET . . . "Class" was the name of the tournament and our congenial headquarters host, Holiday Inn I-55, did their best to make the players feel right at home.





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Preparations are in full swing for the National Paddleball Association Championships, set May 4-7 in the new Physical Education Building on the University of Tennessee's Knoxville campus.

"We have established a cutoff date of April 27 for accepting entries," said Sam Venable, tournament committee chairman and associate professor of health, physical education, and recreation at UTK.

"The tournament committee will draw up the pairings on April 28 and a full listing of pairings will be inserted in the tournament program, which has already been prepared," Venable said. "The program will contain photographs of last year's winners and a listing of all previous winners."

Venable said that Steve Keeley, last year's national open singles champion, will not return to defend his title. "Steve is in his last year of veterinary school at Michigan State University and has decided not to participate this year," he said.

Masters singles competition will be held in this year's tournament if enough entries are received, Venable emphasized. "We are encouraging all persons who wish to compete in Masters singles to get their entries in early so that the tournament committee can make a decision as soon as possible about holding Masters singles play."

Competition will definitely be held in Masters doubles as well as open singles and doubles.

The tournament chairman also announced the makeup of several committees which have been formed to facilitate the tournament's operations.

In addition to Venable and A. J. Kozar (honorary chairman), other tournament committee members are Chuck Leve, Bob Church, Gil Champagne, Ray Depue, and Ben Plotnicki.

Jack Rice, assistant to the director of maintenance and operations at UTK, will chair the finance committee with Walter Combs and Ray Depue serving as members.

Frank D. Rosato, an instructor and doctoral candidate in physical education at UTK, will serve as chairman of the facilities committee with John Mullin, John McCabe and Walter Combs as members.

Jo Hobson, assistant professor in the UTK School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, is chairman of the hospitality committee with Richard Windgard and Steve Little members.

John McCabe, a doctoral candidate in physical education at UTK, is chairman of the housing committee with J. Allen Stanley and John Mullin members; Dennis Wilson, another doctoral candidate, is chairman of the program committee, assisted by Frank Rosato.

John Mullin, doctoral candidate, is officiating committee chairman with Frank Rosato and John McCabe members; Gil Champagne, Knoxville businessman, is chairman of the publicity committee with Steve Little and Louis Gwin members.

McCabe, chairman of the housing committee, said that tournament participants could make reservations directly with two motels located within five blocks of the tournament site.

The Sheraton Campus Inn, which will serve as tournament headquarters, offers rates of \$12 a day for a single; \$16 for two people in a room with double beds; \$18 for two people in a room with twin beds; \$21 for a room housing three people; and \$24 for a room for four people.

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Ray Bayer Wins Great Lakes Y Paddleball Tourney

Ray Bayer, Saginaw, won the open singles title at the 1972 YMCA Great Lakes Regional Paddleball Tournament at the Flint Y. Bayer took a surprisingly easy 21-14, 21-10 victory over Chuck Berry, Battle Creek, representing the Kalamazoo Y.

Berry had been playing well in both singles and doubles competition and had been expected to make a stronger bid for the singles crown. He was the second seed, while Bayer was seeded fifth.

In open doubles, one of the more familiar names in paddleball — Rod Grambeau — ended up in the winner's circle again. Grambeau, a professor at the University of Michigan, teamed with his son, Rod Jr., to defeat Flint's George Skaff and Dave Jeffes, 21-15, 21-15, in a match that was much closer than the score indicated.

The Grambeaus almost were upset in a quarter-finals match when they fell behind, 11-1, in the crucial third game against Spike Pearson and Harold Branstner, of Flint. But the Grambeaus flurried to pull out the game and match.

In Masters doubles competition, Lee Middleton and 62-year-old Erv Sill, both of Flint, defeated Bob Eastabrook and Tom Haertel, Bay City, 20-21, 21-18, 21-11. Sill, who describes himself as a "nonpracticing dentist," rarely gets into such fast company. He did play in the National Championships in Flint in 1971, but generally he plays only in house tournaments at the Flint YMCA. He

quit his dentistry practice in late 1969 and now is in investments. Despite his age, Sill holds his own against the best of Flint's paddleballers.

Tournament Director Tom Ballantyne was especially pleased with the turnout. There were 76 participants, with nearly two dozen of them entered in singles and doubles. "It was the largest entry ever for the regional and everything worked smoothly," he said. "Our committee worked very hard to make it worth while."

Sometimes, while reading *Handball*, we feel as though nobody plays paddleball except Flint. We had a tournament in Flint March 17-19 with 76 players in 100 entries. This was the YMCA Regional (Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia). This is the big event for Y players, as they do not have a National tournament. Thirty players were from Flint and others came from as far as Toledo, Ohio and Kalamazoo, Michigan. This would indicate that there are other players, but they either don't have any tournaments or they don't tell *Handball* about them.

We would like to relate what has happened in the Flint program since the Nationals here last February (71). In 1971's Nationals a Flint player winning even a match was most unusual, except we did have the winning team in the Masters Consolation. (All of the consolation teams were Flint teams having lost in the first round.) Because of this



RAY BAYER

we started a program of tournaments. We wanted to see if we could develop more player interest, ability, etc. The results were:

April '71 (Doubles), winners: Dave Johnson-Lee Middleton; September '71 (Doubles), Charles Lambert-Harold Branstner; November '71 (Doubles), George Skaff-Dave Jeffes; November '71 (Singles), George Skaff; December '71 (Doubles), Pete Greenwald-Mike Merrill; January '72 (Doubles), Lee Middleton-Russ Titus; February '72 (Doubles), George Skaff-Dave Jeffes.

The quality of play has improved significantly, which is evident to those who watched and played. Flint's two singles entries in the Y Regional Tourney finished third and fourth (Valenciano and Pete Greenwald), and since not all of our players entered we aren't certain these were our two best singles players.

Flint entered five teams in open doubles — all of whom won at least their first match. Two of Flint teams met in semi-finals (George Skaff & Dave Jeffes beat Valenciano and Bill Terry). One team (Harold Branstner and Spike Pearson) took the winners (Rod Grambeau, Sr. and Jr.) to three games and lost after leading 11-1 in the third game. Flint won the Masters Doubles and the Consolation.

The Bay City District Doubles was won by a Flint team (Valenciano and Russ Titus). Valenciano and George Skaff will be one of our better entries in the "State" at Kalamazoo, and they will be tough for anybody. We expect to have about a dozen entries in the state tournament in Kalamazoo and to at least make our presence known.

HENRY DE WYK
TOM BALLANTYNE



FATHER-SON DUO, Rod Grambeau Sr. (second from right) and Rod, Jr. (second from left) accept their open doubles first place trophies from Tom Ballantyne (l.) and Henry DeWyk.

President's Annual Report

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my talks with Agajanian and others interested in Pro-Am matches I feel I should listen. Maybe we won't have to sweep things under the rug.

You know, one day we may all have some new ideas about what constitutes an amateur. Nevertheless, Jack Kelly and I are going to talk about working together and a new amateur code. And I am going to listen. Then I am going to tell you all about it, and whatever YOU think is best for all of us — for racquetball and for our future — that's what we will do. But we'll do it only if it is the overwhelming wish of our membership.

We can't afford to have any enemies when we are knocking on the door of the Olympics. If this sport is to prosper, we must set great goals — and the Olympics is the greatest. I have Avery Brundage's approval for handball for the Winter Olympics in 1976, and now I intend to suggest racquetball as well.

I can't tell you what the requirements will be, and it is possible that racquetball is still a little young. But handball has already received Brundage's approval and can meet his requirements. I'll try JUST as hard for racquetball.

That's why I am not going to be here for the finals on Sunday. But I would like you to know that I'd rather be here than anywhere else in the world. After what happened to Dr. Muchleisen in the Haber match, I feel sorry for anyone who plays him in this tournament. But you should know that the seminar with the AAU may be of vital importance to all of us.

The reason Mr. Kelly called was because he had received an invitation we sent out to all the minor amateur sports to sit down and talk about an omnibus organization — so that we could share in the television spoils. Individually, we are helpless, but collectively, we could put a show on the Wide World of Sports. I am getting sick and tired of taking a secondary position to bowling, boxing, and other sports that don't do a thing for our young people. The time has come when we should exert the leadership and showmanship that will make every American boy want to be a part of our amateur program.

The AAU has the same idea in mind and that's why they asked us to join them at the seminar. That's what we are going to do — just as long as the end result will mean progress for racquetball. So please forgive me for missing the finals. I'll be playing in a different kind of finals in New York.

You know, as I look out over this audience tonight, I marvel at the thought of how far we have come. I can remember a year ago when we had barely 150 entries in all brackets combined, and we have almost 100 in open singles alone, here in Memphis.

I recall the years in St. Louis — and they were good years — when our initial tournaments were strong, but not overly populated. We had the upper echelon of racquetball then, but they did not number very high. This year we were able to seed 32 players! Why, most of us weren't sure if we'd even get a draw of 32 way back then.

I say "way back then" because we've come a long way since those years. We have thrown off the chains of infancy — and the fact that we are, indeed, growing up is proved beyond a doubt by just looking around. Over 300 entries! Who would have believed we would reach such a lofty plateau in only 4 years?

You know, it pleases me to sit back and gloat a little. Larry Lederman, sitting here at this table, has been in there pitching since the true beginning — in Milwaukee in '68.

Do you know that it took USHA over 10 years to become self-sustaining? For 10 long years we struggled, annually



THAT'S BETTER . . . IRA prez Bob Kendler has a chuckle at the International Championships, while waiting to deliver his annual address.

losing money, scraping to hold tournaments, and surviving on personal contributions. In a much less time, the IRA has reached the point of self-sufficiency. But don't misunderstand! We may be self-sufficient, but we are not affluent by any stretch of imagination.

We could survive alone — out in the cold — if we had to, but it would be rough! In order to free ourselves from growing pains, we must push harder for more and better programs to insure the future of this game. I am referring to a juniors program, an inter-collegiate program, additional tournaments for women — and I think it's time we talk about starting Masters at 35 and Golden Masters at 45. But all of this will cost money — a lot more money.

When I mentioned that dues are wholly INADEQUATE I SHOULD HAVE ADDED THAT the IRA is supported by your purchase of our products. We survive on royalties; and if you aren't aware of it, our royalties made up over 3/4 of IRA's total income for fiscal year 1971. We NEED your support, we LIVE on your support. The Seamless ball sales for 1971 were over three times those of the prior year, and it's this money that will enable us to stage these new tournaments.

Now I'm not going to stand here and tell you that our racquet is the best in the game. I am not blind. I see the Ektelon, the Bandido, the Dayton — all of them. This nation has thrived on competition, and the IRA will do likewise. The Sportcraft people, at our urging, have developed a new racquet that we feel is an excellent product. We don't ask you to throw away your favorite racquet to jump on the Sportcraft bandwagon, but we would like you to try it. Hit with it for a few weeks. If you like it, let us know. If not, please write and tell me what improvements you would recommend so I can forward your comments to Sportcraft. This racquet has been thoroughly tested, but your personal stamp of approval is the most important.

Another product we have upgraded is our racquetball glove. You know, there is one thing I just can't understand about some of you racquetball players. I've watched innumerable matches — and have noticed that a great majority of you players do not wear a glove. If a guy's hand doesn't sweat, fine. But most of you are constantly rubbing your palms and fingers on the wall, your clothing, or your rac-

quet. Or blowing on your hands — trying to dry them and maintain a firm grip. Why not TRY a glove?

Oh, I know — you lose the "feel" of the racquet. Do you know why Rod Laver uses a glove for tennis, why Jack Nicklaus wears one for golf, and Don Carter for bowling? They wear gloves to improve their grip, and I wouldn't be surprised to see all of the top players start wearing them for racquetball.

I can see by the expression on many of your faces, that pain was just inflicted by mention of HANDBALL as the title of our magazine. I have been besieged by letters from irate racquetball players — and I've run into a few more here at this tournament — all of whom question the change from ACE to HANDBALL almost a year ago.

The story begins with the fact that we were not recruiting nearly enough subscriptions to cover the cost of printing ACE. The ensuing decision was to branch out and send a mailing to schools, libraries, and universities around the nation — in an effort to raise our circulation. What we needed was a name that would readily identify the court sports. ACE means nothing to the average person — unless he's a card player — or lives in that part of the country where ACE is a girlie magazine. We needed a name that would quickly identify our sports. And we couldn't come up with one. God knows we tried; but, faced with ACE or another name, we finally decided to go with HANDBALL.

We reasoned that anybody who has played racquetball or paddleball will certainly know about handball, but the reverse does not necessarily hold true. We also reasoned that, at the time, we had 12,000 handball members — and only about 800 racquetball or paddleball subscribers.

But I made a pledge to Chuck Leve, our executive secretary, that we will change the name when the racquetball membership increases or when some enterprising person comes up with a clever name.

In the meantime, the racquetball section of HANDBALL Magazine will continue to grow as news of the sport grows. When I spoke to you almost a year ago in Salt Lake City, the racquetball section of the magazine was averaging less than 10 pages per issue.

It now averages over 24 pages, and I think you'll agree that it's brighter, more informative, and better written than ever before. We include instructional articles with each issue, something we feel is very important. We give you tournament information and results, and will continue to do so — whether the name is HANDBALL, RACQUETBALL, COURT SPORTS, or whatever we choose to call it. Let us not forget that we're all in the same court — in an effort to increase health, character and life.

The program I'm most excited about is the Juniors. This should develop into the pride and joy of racquetball — and with good reason. We all know that racquetball is easier than handball to learn well. Kids pick up the game faster, it is more appealing, and the development of skill is faster. Our junior racquetball tournaments SHOULD be filled with tremendous play — and they WILL be.

When I see youngsters like Serot and Hilecher playing with their high level of skill, I am even more eager to develop a junior program of tournaments for these kids. In that way we would be insuring top competition for the years ahead.

One of the most important aspects of IRA's growth has been the increased competition thru increased tournaments. I'm sure you'll agree that the competition here in our 4th International tournament is far more intense than in previous events. That's because more tournaments have made better players.

No matter how successful our game is now, it can always be improved. We will enlarge our tournament base. We now have an invitational singles and doubles, and we will

soon award the the first National Masters doubles invitational.

The people in New Castle, Pennsylvania, did such a fine job on their Masters singles invitational this year — that we have decided to work with them in 1973.

So you see, we have our core — our open and Masters — but now we want to take in everybody, including the juniors, inter-collegiates, and Golden Masters. This also includes the ladies — and I hope they'll excuse me for waiting this long before mentioning them. I am overjoyed that the ladies have turned out for the Internationals in such surprising and charming numbers. We have enough to maintain a womens doubles bracket, which we will make an annual affair. We had womens brackets in all but two of our divisional tournaments this year, and we anticipate all five catering to the gals next year.

Speaking of divisionals, this was our most successful year, every one was great — from San Diego, California, to Albany, New York. We had over 100 entries in 3 of the 5 tourneys; and we were genuinely delighted with such a GREAT turnout (which incidentally, we didn't anticipate). In a few cases, some of the play was forced to alternate facilities to make room for the many matches.

It seems nowadays that a 4-court facility is not enough for a racquetball tournament. Even 6 courts is cutting it pretty close. I look for the day when our tournaments will be held at multiple court facilities — like Memphis State, or Texas, or the University of Illinois with their 23 courts. You heard me correctly — 23 courts! And they are filled from 9 to 9 every single day. That's what warms my heart!

Regarding the divisionals, I have received numerous letters from both men and women wondering why we don't give ALL the winners of divisionals free trips to the International tournament. We DO give the open singles and open doubles champs a trip — and that's it. It's a point well taken, and I sympathize with the Masters and ladies who feel slighted. The same question comes up at the International tournament — where the Host Committee pays the way for the previous year's open singles semi-finalists — and open doubles finalists. Why not the Masters and ladies?

The answer is — we don't have the income. Pure and simple. We would like to send ALL the winners, ALL the seeds, in ALL the brackets — but we can't. We had to make a decision, and it was determined that we would send the open winners; because they are the heart of the tournament. They are the players who sell tickets; they are the stars; and in most cases, they are the young — the just-starting-out-in-life adult — the ones who NEED this financial aid the most.

The Masters are older, and have income. The young ladies, are usually more secure than the young men. But the open players are the workers, the providers, and the least affluent, and we feel it is our duty to assist those who need it most. I know there are exceptions to all generalizations, but until the day comes when we can send ALL the top players, the open champions win our practical consideration.

I would also like to comment on the importance of what we are accomplishing at this meeting. First — the rule changes, though not earth-shattering, will improve the game by making it easier to play and easier to referee. Second, your Nominating Committee has come up with a representative group of men and women who are outstanding. And I would like to compliment the committee who arranged for the product display booths. It's an excellent idea that should be continued in the future.

The Memphis Racquetball Association has done a very impressive job in preparing for this tournament. DeWitt Shy, our tournament chairman, did a fantastic organizational job. Smitty Schippers has survived the two toughest
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Rubenstein Sweeps In Illinois Tournaments; Singles Over Blaess, Doubles With Padula

Ron Rubenstein, fresh off his second place finish in the International tournament, made it a clean sweep of the Illinois racquetball championships by breezing his way to the open singles title March 10-11-12. Ruby defeated Fred Blaess, IRA's Central Area Commissioner 21-4, 21-6 in the finals.

Ron had won the state doubles crown five weeks earlier with partner Jerry Padula, 21-9, 21-18 over the defending state champs, Blaess and Tim Plum. Thus Rubenstein becomes the first person to repeat state championships in Illinois, having won the inaugural state singles tournament in 1971.

The singles and doubles tournaments were held separately this year because of the tremendous interest shown in 1971 and the anticipated high number of entries. Seventy-four players participated in the doubles tournament and 86 entered the singles. Brackets were open and Masters in doubles and A, B, and Masters in singles.

The B bracket proved to be the most popular with 52 players competing there. Tony Christopher, Chicago, won the B title, defeating Bill Koenig, Chicago, 7-21, 21-14, 21-14. Clyde Senters, Hoffman Estates took third place 21-16, 18-21, 21-6 over Shelby Clar, Northbrook.

The real story of the singles tournament again this year was the complete domination by Rubenstein. He blasted his way to the finals having trouble in only one match. Fritz Regner, Lake Forest fell first 21-6, 21-2, then Don Watts, Arlington Heights, 21-11, 21-15, the most Ruby was extended the entire tourney. Sonny Marcus, Northbrook fell in the semi-finals 21-10, 21-6 setting the stage for the Rubenstein-Blaess match.

On the other side of the bracket Blaess knocked off Aurora's Ron Foster 21-9, 21-5, then Don Webb, Urbana 21-10, 21-14 and finally Chicago's Jerry Padula 21-18, 21-9 in the semi's.

In the finals Rubenstein's overall game was just too much for Blaess to cope with. Ron's great control and powerful forehand and backhand had Fred in deep court for most of the match.

Marcus took third place over Padula, who forfeited.

In Masters singles Sam Carl, Chicago defeated Bob Troyer, Lake Bluff 21-18, 21-18 for the championship. The match was the most interesting of the finals with both games in doubt much of the way. Neither man was really expected to reach the finals, Troyer being fourth seeded and Carl sixth.

But Troyer knocked off top-seeded Dr. Phil Dziuk, Champaign 21-18, 21-11 in



IN A PHOTO TAKEN THROUGH the peep hole in the back wall door, Tim Plum (l.) takes the ball off the back wall while Jerry Padula takes a look. Padula and Ron Rubenstein won the open doubles.

the semi's while Carl did the same to Al Hanke, Lake Forest 21-13, 21-4. Hanke was the second seed.

Dziuk captured third place over Hanke 9-21, 21-6, 21-11.

The doubles tournament saw Rubenstein-Padula defeat Webb and Jack Reznick, Champaign, in the semi-finals while Plum-Blaess won the semi-final match over Marcus and Carl.

The finals, as expected, found Plum-Blaess playing everything to southpaw Padula in the obvious attempt to keep Rubenstein out of the play. The strategy was carried out well in game one but it wasn't effective as Padula got the hot hand and continually drilled forehand kills into the left corner. Ruby-Padula won 21-9.

Plum sparked his team in the second game digging many of Padula's kill attempts by literally diving into the floor for tremendous "gets." But the superior shooting of Rubenstein-Padula finally salvaged the match 21-18.

The Masters doubles championship was won by Jim DiVito and Wally Rivera, Chicago who defeated Howie Hoogesteger and Nick Wasylik, Lake Forest.

Consolation open doubles went to Troyer and Bill Barnes while consolation Masters was taken by Ken Thiel and Jack Weil, Northbrook.

The tourney was IRA-sanctioned and the Illinois and International Racquetball Associations wish to extend their thanks to the following people for their special contributions: Ken Thiel, Executive Director of the North Suburban YMCA (Northbrook) for the use of his facility for the state doubles tournament; Nick Wasylik, Athletic Director at Lake Forest College for the use of his facility

for the state singles tournament; Faulds Orchard, Al Hanke, Bob Troyer, Ron Solomon, Chuck Leve, Fred Blaess, Sonny Marcus, Betty Plum, Barb Blaess, JoAnn Marcus, Lee Duda and Art Michaely. And an extra-special thank you to Tim Plum, whose organizational work made the state singles the best racquetball tournament ever in the state of Illinois.

Lincoln, Neb.

Mike Riedon continued his string of local victories in Lincoln, Nebraska in late January by defeating Terry Elgethon for the Lincoln city-wide racquetball singles championship.

Riedon then teamed with Elgethon to beat Gale Williams and Bob Gildea in the doubles bracket.

All matches were held at the Lincoln YMCA, with its five new courts including one glass exhibition court.

Racquetball continues to gain interest in Lincoln and the city tournaments drew good participation while heavy play continues at the University of Nebraska and Elks Club.

Akron, Ohio . . .

Don Nelson, Branch Director at the Cuyahoga Falls YMCA in Akron, Ohio, defeated defending Akron City Champion Dr. Arts Franklin 21-19, 21-19 to win the 2nd Annual 1972 City Racquetball Singles Championships.

A total of 20 entries were entered from local Akron YMCAs and the Akron Jewish Center.

Nelson also won the 1972 Akron Central Y House Racquetball Singles Championships.



NORMAN CHAMBERS (L.) flashes his victory smile after capturing top honors in the Cornell Open. With Chambers is Jack Chelucci, runner-up in open singles.



CORNELL DOUBLES CHAMPS . . . Bill Buckman (l.) and Tim Miller pose with their rewards after winning the open doubles title at the Cornell Open.

Chambers, Miller-Buckman Cop Cornell Titles

Top-seeded Norman Chambers made it back-to-back victories in the Peter H. Cornell Memorial Open racquetball tournament by capturing the top prize in the '72 edition, February 25-27. Chambers, from Raleigh, N.C., defeated Jack Chelucci, New Castle, Delaware 21-8, 21-17 for the title.

Chelucci, the third seed, had been expected to give Chambers a better battle but it was not to be this weekend. Norm was at the top of his game, having place second in the IRA Southern Divisional in January.

In the semi-finals Chambers ousted Richard Talbot, Newport News, Virginia, 21-15, 21-11 while Chelucci defeated Bill Morecock, Norfolk, 21-6, 21-13. Morecock then won third place over Talbot 21-11, 21-19.

In open doubles, Chambers bid for a sweep of the finals was thwarted as Tim Miller and Bill Buckman, Richmond, defeated Chambers and Doye Sherrill, Raleigh, 21-20, 21-11 for the title.

The first game was nip-and-tuck the entire way with Miller-Buckman down 18-20. But they regained the serve and tallied the needed three points, with game point coming on an ace serve by Miller.

Game two was not as close as Chambers seemed to tire after playing a three game semi-final match one hour before the start of the finals.

That semi-final win for Chambers-Sherrill was over Bob Schattner and Alan Miller, a pick-up team from Baltimore and Pittsburgh. Scores were 15-21, 21-4, 21-19. In the other semi, Miller-Buckman topped Robert Siegel-Marc Auerbach, Atlanta, 21-13, 21-11.

Siegel-Auerbach captured third place 21-18, 21-2.

In Masters doubles Ray Gordon, Richmond teamed with Al Schattner, Pittsburgh and won the title 21-15, 21-19 over L. T. Wadsworth and Stan Simon, Raleigh. Gordon and Schattner were playing together for the first time and acted like they had been partners for years in the thrilling two-game match.

Herb Penry, Greensboro, and J. H. Mills, High Point, N.C., took third place over John Massad-Andy Roupas, Richmond, 21-4, 21-3.

A total of 61 entrants made up the tournament which ran quite well. Dates for the '73 Cornell Open will soon be set.

BILL BUCKMAN

Bob Kendler's Annual President's Report

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days as floor manager with great assistance from Sid Semel. Your world-famous "southern hospitality" has been just beautiful — almost as beautiful as the lovely hostesses who have been working behind the counters to make everybody happy. The wives here deserve more orchids than we can afford and I hope their "thoughtless" husbands thank them for every one of us. They were super.

I cannot close without thanking the wonderful people of Memphis State University for the unselfish and generous welcome they have extended to us during this tournament. Lige Turman and Lee Peoples of the Physical Education Department have had their daily routines scrambled beyond imagination in order to accommodate our tournament, and the job these two men have done, calls for our most sincere thanks.

Dr. Cecil Humphrey, president of Memphis State University, is one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met. His contribution of this splendid facility for our tournament

clearly indicates the trust and interest he has — for us and our game.

It isn't until you ASK people to do something for you, that you really find out who your friends are. IRA has found out — as USHA did last year — that we truly have many good friends in Memphis.

Finally, may I say that — over the years — I have been accorded some most undeserved honors. Some have touched me very deeply — but none more than the trophy that was awarded in San Diego. It was called the "Bob Kendler Spirit of Racquetball Award," and I want you to know it was the most beautiful thing that ever happened to me.

One great philosopher put it this way:

He that loses wealth, loses much;
He that loses friends, loses more;
But he that loses SPIRIT, loses all!

Thank you.

BOB KENDLER

Rule Changes

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ordination with the IRA representative at the tournament.

The proposed rule change clears up the foggy rule on draw and seeds, placing the responsibility in the hands of the IRA Executive Secretary, the man who travels to all major tournaments

RULE 5.5 (b) . . . Players can participate in TWO events in a divisional tournament.

The rule allowing play in more than one event was lifted for the past year's divisional tournaments, and is now being officially recognized.

RULE 5.5 (c) . . . Winners of open singles and open doubles of divisional tournaments will receive round trip air coach tickets to the IRA International tournament. Remuneration will be made AFTER ARRIVAL, ENTRY AND PLAY OF AT LEAST ONE MATCH. (1) Doubles teams winning divisional championships must remain intact and compete as such in the International tournament to qualify for this award.

The proposed rule change is just to safeguard the IRA investment by making sure that the players, no matter how remote the possibility, do not collect their money and leave.

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Paddleball Add . . .

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the Sheraton Campus Inn, 1706 Cumberland Ave., Knoxville or phoning 615-524-4681.

The University Inn, approximately five blocks from the tournament site, offers a room for one person at \$12; a room for two for \$12, with twin beds; a room for three people for \$15; and a room for four at \$18.

Reservations can be made by writing Mrs. Sanford at the University Inn, 17th and Clinch Ave., Knoxville or phoning 615-546-5974.

McCabe said that University Housing would also be available for the economically minded participant at \$4 per day. Arrangements can be made for this dormitory housing by writing McCabe at the University of Tennessee School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Knoxville 37916.

All participants should be ready to play at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 4.

First Chicago Open Slated For Late May

The first annual Chicago Park District-University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus Open racquetball tournament will be the evenings of May 22-26. The tourney will be singles only, open to anybody. The entry fee of \$5 must accompany the entry.

Tournament chairman is Edmund L. Kelly; tournament director is James DiVito. All matches will be played at the U. of Illinois Circle Campus, Roosevelt and Morgan, Chicago.

The tournament is almost identical to the Chicago Park District Handball tourney held a few months ago. DiVito, a long time area standout in racquetball, ran that event, and indications are that this one will be just as good.

Expected to lead the way in entries are state singles champ Ron Rubenstein and state runner-up Fred Blaess. Also expected to do well is Tim Plum, who ran the Illinois singles tourney, Jerry Padula, Plum's conqueror, and Master's champ Sam Carl.

DiVito also hoped that the tourney would draw some of the fine Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio players.

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Anzalone Over Rubenstein In Cleveland Open

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O'Malley, 21-12, 21-12. In the other semi-final, Rubenstein completely dominated top-seeded Garfinkel, 21-12, 21-5.

Play resumed with the doubles finals 9:30 Sunday morning and with the score 1-0, in favor of Garfinkel and Wurzer, tragedy struck. Garfinkel dove for a Vecchio shot in the right corner, hitting the wall with his head and shoulder. With Garfinkel unable to move his right arm, Wurzer tried to play his two opponents single-handedly, with Garfinkel only serving with his left hand and getting out of the way of play.

Wurzer built up a score of 10-2, but then it was too much for him to overcome as Vecchio and Salvador emerged the champions 21-12, 21-6. It was later

learned that Garfinkel had a shoulder separation which required surgery and kept him out of the Internationals.

Now for the readers — let me tell you about the finest, most exciting racquetball match that this writer has ever witnessed.

With a gallery of 100 people, everyone was simply awed by the talent these two young men displayed. Ron Rubenstein is a player of great talent and finesse, and has all the shots there are, but it was the day for the 5'5", 140 lb. powerhouse, Mike Anzalone. Mike's power and quickness was just too much for Ron to handle this Sunday morning. Mike's powerful backhand was something to behold, with continual roll-out

kill shots from everywhere in the court. Whenever Ron had a chance at the ball, he knew just what to do with it, always keeping the game close. But "Little Mike" did not give him enough chances.

Thus, Mike Anzalone is the Greater Cleveland Open champion, winning 21-16, 21-18. The audience loved it, and showed their appreciation by continual applause for the talent displayed by both men.

Our hats off to Bob Vandever and Leonard Buttitta and their committee for an excellently run tournament. Every participant, and every spectator left this tournament well-pleased.

Thank you all. See you soon.

JERRY PACE

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OPEN BRACKETS

Year	Site	Singles Champ	City	Doubles Champs	City
1969	St. Louis	Bud Muchleisen	San Diego	Zeitman-Hyman	Louisville
1970	St. Louis	Craig Finger	Ann Arbor	Yellin-Wallace	New Britain
1971	Salt Lake City	Bill Schmidtke	Port Edwards, WI	Zeitman-Porco	Louisville
1972	Memphis	Charles Brumfield	San Diego	Rudysz-Luciw	New Britain

MASTER'S BRACKETS

Year	Site	Singles Champ	City	Doubles Champs	City
1969	St. Louis	Marlowe Phillips	St. Louis	Phillips-Harris	St. Louis
1970	St. Louis	Glenn Turpin	Memphis	Phillips-Zelson	St. Louis
1971	Salt Lake City	Giles Coors	Memphis	Cutshall-Erickson	Sioux Falls
1972	Memphis	Bud Muchleisen	San Diego	Phillips-Zelson	St. Louis

WOMEN'S BRACKETS

Year	Site	Singles Champ	City	Doubles Champs	City
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Books, Films Ready Soon

At last! Soon there will be educational material available for teaching and instructing racquetball, from the beginner to the advanced.

Two books are at the moment being worked on with publication expected within a few months. One is being written by Dr. Bud Muchleisen, the San Diego dentist who was the first IRA national champ. Dr. Muchleisen won the Masters singles title this year in Memphis.

The other publication is being written by Professor Jack Reznick of the School of Physical Education, University of Illinois. Reznick is a long time handball and racquetball player and presently teaches both games at the U. of I.

Also on the educational agenda are two films pertaining to racquetball. The first is the long-awaited hands against the racquet (Haber vs. Muchleisen) match held last January in Memphis. This film, property of the Memphis Racquetball Association, is soon to be released. Information on how to obtain or rent a copy will be published in the June issue of Handball Magazine.

Soon to be available is the official film of the 1972 International tournament, held in Memphis. The film will be finished within the next two months and copies will be available from IRA.

Oklahoma City . . .

Dear Chuck:

First I would like to extend my compliments to you and the Memphis Racquetball Association for a superb tournament. Speaking as a participant, it was a totally enjoyable experience win or lose, and I had a little of both.

I have a couple of problems I hope you can resolve. I have recently been elected President of the Oklahoma City Racquetball Association and I am currently in the process of renovating the entire program. We now have 138 members of the Central Branch YMCA playing racquetball, but in the past there has been no real effort towards unification of organization. I have arranged an agreement to sell only the Seamless 558 ball at the Y and will do my best to solicit business for other products that enhance our National Association. I plan to establish our local dues at \$5.00 annually. Thus \$3 will go to National for the individual's membership and \$2 will remain in our organization.

We now have three courts at the Central Branch Y which we share with the handball players. Last week I submitted a proposal jointly with the president of the Handball Club to build three new courts. One court would be glass with a gallery capacity of 300. With the additional playing space we plan to host an Invitational Tournament next fall, and possibly the State Tournament next spring.

HAL CLIFFORD
Oklahoma City, OK

Poco, Evans Winners In Kentucky State Open

Top-seeded Ken Porco defeated his doubles partner, Bill Evans, to take the first annual Kentucky State singles racquetball crown. Porco and Evans, both from the Louisville JCC then teamed up to capture the doubles title over Alan Hyman and Don Rigazio.

Porco's singles victory came on the heels of a tough semi-final match against Hyman, also of Louisville. Porco won it 21-15, 20-21, 21-9. The victory over Evans was 21-13, 21-11. Evans defeated Rigazio in his semi-final 21-13, 21-12.

The doubles triumph for Porco-Evans, 21-15, 20-21, 21-9, avenged the loss they absorbed by Rigazio-Hyman in the third place playoffs in the International tournament in Memphis this year. Both teams reached the semi-finals there.

Hyman won third place in singles and the Bruce Kranz-Fred Michels team captured third place in doubles over Ike Gumer and Herm Abramovitz.

The tournament was held March 10-11-12 at the Louisville Downtown Branch YMCA. Forty-nine entries participated.



WINONA CHAMPS (l. to r.) . . . Dr. Ev Eiken, A consolation; Gordon Kelly, second place open; Dr. Curt Rohrer 1st place open; Marilyn Schwartz, women's champ; Barb Tenneson, Minneapolis, women's runner up; Dr. Charles Schafer, third place open.

Orange County . . .

Bill Fearing, playing out of the Balboa Bay Club, won the first racquetball tournament held in Orange County (California) February 19. Fearing defeated 17-year-old Mark Sussom, also of the Balboa Club 31-23 for the title.

In the novice division Jerry Northwood, Newport Beach, representing the Orange Coast YMCA, defeated Lance Wanger, Fullerton, 31-24 for the crown.

The tournament was hosted by the Orange Coast YMCA of Newport Beach with players coming from the Balboa Bay Club, Newport Beach Athletic Club, Mission Viejo Recreation Club, Cote de Caza and the Orange Coast YMCA.

It was a one day tournament with 31 point games being played and scoring both ways. Monthly tournaments are being scheduled in Orange County to promote racquetball for both men and women.

BILL BROWN

Chabot . . .

August 11-12-13 will be the dates of the second annual Chabot Open Racquetball tournament. The tourney is sponsored by the Chabot Racquetball Club (Hayward, California).

Events will be open singles, open doubles, B singles, Masters singles and women's singles. An entry blank will appear in the June issue of *Handball Magazine*.

Rohrer Tops Men in Winona; Schwartz Takes Women's Title

Dr. Curt Rohrer, Winona, Minnesota, won the Mid-American racquetball tournament February 11-12-13 at the Winona YMCA. Rohrer, brother of Gary Rohrer the third ranking handball player nationally, bested Gordon Kelly, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the finals 9-21, 21-14, 21-18.

Rohrer had defeated Don Webb, Urbana, Illinois, in his semi-final match while Kelly eliminated Dr. Charles Schafer. Schafer won third place over Webb 21-12, 12-21, 21-7.

Marilyn Schwartz, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, won the women's bracket defeat-

ing Minneapolis' Barb Tenneson 21-18, 19-21, 21-9 in the finals.

Henry Krause, Racine, Wisconsin, captured the Masters title 21-16, 15-21, 21-13 over John Bandrup, Rochester, Minnesota.

In A consolation (second round losers) Dr. Ev Eiken, Winona, topped Tom Lang, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 21-19, 21-14 for the title. Mike Gorman, Rochester, defeated Bill Branta, Appleton, Wisconsin, 9-21, 21-11, 21-19 for the B consolation (first round losers) title.

Thirty-six entries were on hand with players covering seven states.

Notes Of The Open Singles

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Muehleisen, chose to play it safe in Masters singles . . . Ken Porco, number four in 1971, also chose the doubles only route . . . Bob McInerney, injured back.

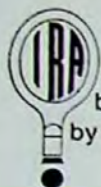
Surprises . . . Hilecher's rout of eighth seeded Howie Ringwood in the round of 16, 21-13, 21-3. When in doubt, shoot; San Diego's Bob Martin defeating Harold Turley a top 16 finisher in 1971, and then giving Mike Anzalone, the number five seed, a run for his money in the round of 16.

Reverse surprises . . . Disappointing showings by Norm Chambers against

Brumfield and Dick Cuneo against Schmidtke. Both are fine players who should have done better. Also, Milwaukee's Dan Trost, the tourney sleeper, didn't awaken until eliminated by Cliff Dawson . . . And St. Louis' Artie Albert trying again to play the giant killer and almost doing so against Bill Thurman.

Youngest entry ever . . . 12-year-old George Coors, son of Memphian Giles Coors, defending Masters singles champ. Little Georgie managed just one point in his first match.

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Toronto . . .

The finals of the Toronto A Tournament were concluded on Feb. 27 at the YMHA, in Toronto. Mickey Unroth, last year's champion played Bob Thoms for all the marbles this year. Unroth was top choice going into this game and there was a few eyebrows raised when Bob defeated him 21-15, 21-16.

Previous to the match Thoms felt he was going to win this year. His condition and reflexes were good and he felt he was controlling the ball well. Control was the name of the game in the finals. Soft serve close to the right side wall, weak return by Mickey with his off hand. Whenever Unroth had a chance with his left hand his percentage of kills were poor. As the game progressed Bob was just oozing confidence and didn't vary too far from his game plan. Congratulations Bob on a well played game and it just goes to show — Life begins at 40.

The City B finals were played the same day with Norm Churly and John Choma entertaining everyone. Choma, a real road runner, and sometimes hot shooter, started real strong. When the game was real young, 4-4, both players were obviously feeling the pressure, perspiring and breathing very hard. At 10-12 Choma looked to be the more controlled player with at least half of his score coming from his left hand. Norm was shooting the corners well enough but John was outguessing him and making excellent retrieves to put Norm on the defense. Final score 21-17 for Choma.

Second game John continued right where he left off and lead 17-7, at one time. Churly finally came to life and was able to close the score. John 20, Norm 16. Choma was in to serve half a dozen times, but those tremendous gets were starting to tell. I think John let up a bit for a breather at 17-7 and never regained his rhythm. Score 20-21.

Third game was a complete reverse of the second. Norm with an early lead, 10-2 then 17-9. Norm, probably tired, let up a little and then a big drive by John to close the gap. Finally Norm gained 20 points but being hard pressed by John with 16 big ones. Churly in and out many times but just couldn't seem to get the magic no. 21. John tied the score and was serving, he blew an easy return with an overhand left. Norm serving everything he has, down the left side, a good return by John, two or three hard rallies, a nice set up to John's left front corner, left hand miss and one big sigh of relief from new B champ, Norm Churly.

There is always a winner and a loser, but in this match there were two winners: Norm Churly and the spectators who came to watch. Hard one to lose.
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Canadian Nationals... Singles — Kirby; Doubles... Neveau-Fein Over Lewis-Lott Edmonton Hosts Biggest Championship Event



MASTER FINALISTS . . . (l to r) — Bruce Collins, president of Canadian Handball Association, does the honors; Norm Morehouse and Harold McClean, Toronto, champions; Dan Callahan, "import" from Bellingham, Wash., and Wally Craig, Vancouver, runnersup; John Moulden, Edmonton committeeman.

By SKIP SMILEY

The biggest, best, boldest, 1972 Canadian National Handball Championships were staged March 16-18 in Edmonton, Alberta. With a record entry of 197 entries, all matches were played on the seven courts of the University of Alberta, with the final matches being played on glass back walled courts. Junior matches were played at the Central YMCA, except for finals, which were played at the U. of A.

Off the record entries, players came from big centers across the nation including Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, New York, Montreal, Miami, St. Paul, Milwaukee, and even some smaller areas such as Bradenton, Fla., McLeod, Wash., Regina, and Okatooks, Alberta, all combined to make this a top-flight competition.

The MacDonald Hotel was the scene of all the off-court action, with the "Hinder Haven" hospitality room being the center of attraction. There were many a crotch ball served there. The wind-up banquet was held at the Royal Glenora Club with approximately 300 in attendance. M.C. for the evening was well known radio and sports announcer, Wes Montgomery, who provided a number of laughs for not only the local heroes, but also the out of town guests. Good food and drink were had by all. As Edmonton is the "Klondike City" of the north, it was only fitting that the entertainment be supplied by the "Klondike Players," with many a good looking player, 36-24-36 . . . Pat Kirby, Brooklyn, N.Y., was presented the Knight of the Garter, by a lovely Miss, and promptly turned both her and the crowd, into Leprachans, with his shenanigans on this evening of March 17.

Special presentations of the evening went to Mike Monk, Montreal, as the

Outstanding Sportsman of the tourney, and to Bruce Collins, Edmonton, for the many years of faithful and dedicated service to not only the local Alberta scene, but also as president of the Canadian Handball Association. Bruce has been instrumental in bringing the Canadian Opens in both this 1972 year, but also back in 1968, and I am certain again in the very near future.

Kirby started fast and rolled to a 4-point lead. Terry moved Kirby to back court position, and Kirby put three straight into the floor. When he was hitting with his whip he was very effective and ran Terry to 10-3 on a good ceiling shot. There were a number of hand-outs and then Muck began to run side wall corner and brought the score up to 7-11.

Kirby continued to control the front court and kept Terry on the defensive at all times. With strong kill shots to both corners, Kirby ran straight to 15-9. This is when Muck began to take over. He caught Kirby and ran both walls and two flight kills. Kirby ran to 18 with a number of good left right corner kills. Muck then came to life again, and caught Kirby flat-footed with a hook reverse that Terry could not believe himself, 15-18. Kirby began to worry and took a time out and also decided that it was time to dispose of his lucky or should we say unlucky garter and get down to some serious ball. Too late, Terry was strong and had Kirby moving both walls and ran to 18-18. Kirby came back, but pushed it to 20-18 and then trying for corner kill, put it into the floor. Muck ran to 20-20 and then ran Kirby left wall, right wall and passed the ball down left for the 21st point.

Terry through the first game didn't give Kirby too much in the way of room and same was true for the second game.



CANADIAN CLOSED DOUBLES FINALISTS . . . (l to r) — Bill Cooksley, Vancouver, and Jack Seed, Edmonton, winners; Ken Shearer, tournament host chairman; Ron Billig, Edmonton, and Ed Boone, Vancouver, runnersup. Closed winners are determined on last to be eliminated from open bracket.

2-2 and Muck was warned again by head referee, Harold McClean, Toronto. A number of long rallies brought the score to 6-2 and Kirby then again ran it to 8-3 with effective kill shots to both corners. Muck ached for a couple of points and then floored it with the score 5-8. Kirby then began to keep Muck in the back corner and with weak returns on Kirby's service, managed to run to 14-5. Muck then ran a couple of points and caught Kirby moving up front and passed him on left wall, 9-16. Kirby took a needed timeout but came back and ran to 18-10. Muck time out. Kirby then on reverse side wall ran to 21-10.

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U.S.A. JUNIOR FINALISTS . . . Bob Sherman, Bradenton, Fla., won the 31-Junior bracket, over Bruce Ellis, Bellingham. Guy in the middle is Mort the Sport. Sherman also got the "furthest traveler" honor, hands down.

At the start of the third game, Muck seemed to injure his knee on the floor and it tended to slow him down somewhat. Kirby ran to 5-0 on effective left, right kills with both hands, to 8-0. Muck with a burst of speed and some effective ball control ran to 8-5 before he was put out by the Irish whip. Kirby ran to 13-5 and then took a time out. This seemed to do him a world of good as he continued to hammer the ball well and ran Muck right to 19-5, before Terry retrieved and then scored on a left corner crotch, 6-19. Kirby then with the serve just took the ball game away from a very tired and exhausted Muck, 21-6.

Kirby on the way to the final with Muck, defeated Dinty Moor of Edmonton, 21-4 and 21-3 with Kirby showing far too much power for Dinty. He also defeated Bob Wilson from Vancouver 21-9 and 21-7, and started it all by taking Don Warnholtz in two.

Muck reached the finals of the Canadian Open, by defeating Rick Christian, USHA National Junior champ, who was up from Los Angeles 21-18 and 21-4, after Rick had stubbed his thumb finger into the floor and strained it. Muck also defeated Mel Brown, Vancouver, 21-8 and 21-14, as well as Pat Dunn, Winnipeg, 21-10, 21-14.

In the upset of the tournament, Dinty Moor, Edmonton, defeated Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, 21-15 and 21-20 and the top-seeded player was the gentleman that he is and stayed around to help with the officiating as well as generally being an ambassador to the game of handball. Moor then went on to defeat Gillio Maoine, Montreal, 21-4 and 21-10, for the right to meet Kirby.

Christian, who was a late replacement for the seeded Dr. Steve August, managed to defeat Barry Leech, Toronto, who was the defending "closed Canadian" singles champion, 21-10 and 21-16 with Leech taking a thriller 21-20.

Thus Pat Kirby is the 1972 Canadian National Open Champion. In the first game of the Open Doubles, which pitted Simie Fein, Milwaukee-Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wis., against the younger but equally experienced Steve Lott, New York, and Fred Lewis, Miami Beach. Lott and Lewis picked the time to get back at their arch rivals, and ran them straight 11-0 on some fine work by Steve Lott with Neveau still not having found the range. Once Ray did find the range, however, he began to crunch the ball and the bottom board began to holler "HELP." 8-16. Lewis came back and with perfectly placed serves and ran to 18-11. Neveau then corner killed and with Fein doing the retrieving and Neveau the killing ran to 14-19, but it wasn't enough as the final score indicated, 21-14.

It was said that between the first and second games, that Neveau actually walked up to front court and with hands and knees, actually felt and depressed the very bottom board, just to make certain that his kill shots to come in the second game, were to stay killed. Lott and Lewis serve, 1-1. Neveau turned it on with three straight kills, 4-1. Another three with Fein adding soft corner kills as well as a pass by Lewis, 6-1. Lewis took a time out to repair a "stone bruise" to his right hand. With Simie killing off the back wall, 10-3. Lewis then went to work, and with cannon-like low serves to both Fein and Neveau, ran to 6-13. Neveau made a dazzling recovery on his knees to flatten a right corner kill, 16-7. Fein slid one past Lott on the right wall, 18-7. Lott put Neveau into back corner accompanied by a great thunder and shake of the glass, put the ball into the floor, 12-19. A volley of passes and good retrieving, brought it to 20-14, and with a Neveau kill to the left corner, 21-14.

The third game started slowly with each taking care not to press one or the other. Lott served three straight aces to Fein and pressed the ball hard to Neveau into deep left corner, 6-2. Fein then went to work with good combination of serve and left hand kills to tie at 6-6, and then ran to 10-7 with Lewis missing with left hand kills. Lott and Lewis time out. Fein then came back with two excellently-placed corner kills, Neveau with excellent power, 14-7. Lewis then passed Neveau 8-14. Lewis then passed Neveau 11-15, and a perfect serve by Lott, 12-15. Fein's ceiling crotch ran it to 17-12 and then Fein and Neveau took a time out. Neveau with a left hand left corner kill, 18-14. Then a Lewis bullet hit Fein just below the left eye and dropped him. It seemed that it was a serious injury, but after a short time out, the powerhouse team came back and ran 19-16. Lott and Lewis could not come back, and on a Neveau front wall, side wall serve, Lewis missed with the left hand for game and match, 21-16. Simie Fein and Ray Neveau, become the 1972 Canadian National Handball doubles champions, and added to their AAU and USHA current national championships.

To reach the finals, Fein and Neveau passed Ed Boone and Bill Cooksley, Vancouver, 21-9 and 21-7, and with a win over Walter Kondrosky and Gord Hoving, Edmonton, by scores of 21-12 and 21-15.

Lott and Lewis defeated Ron Billig and Jack Seed, Edmonton, 21-4 and 21-9, as well as a doubles team from Montreal, Al Ponton and Marcel Caya, 21-10 and 21-8.



CANADIAN SINGLES . . . Ken Shearer, tournament host chairman, presents New York's Pat Kirby with championship trophy. Runnerup Terry Muck, after all-out three game effort, looks on a bit disappointed at the left.

In the Canadian Closed Singles, which is contested for by any Canadian handballer that is defeated by an American handballer, Mel Brown dethroned the reigning Champ, Barry Leech, Toronto, by playing and defeating Dinty Moor, Edmonton, 21-10, 15-21, and 21-12. This match was the highlight of the tourney, as both are arch rivals, and gave all. Brown, who looks like he would collapse after the first five points, continued on, with kills from both hands, and had Moor held in the back court most of the time. When Moor did come alive in the second game, he had the partisan crowd on their feet with some excellent retrieving, and perfectly executed pass shots. To get to meet Moor, Brown defeated Leech in a marathon match that went 2½ hours that even exhausted the crowd. Eight a.m. is too early to play handball even for a non-participant. Moor had previously defeated Bob Wilson, Vancouver, 21-18 and 21-14.

In the Canadian Closed Doubles, we had Ron Billig and Jack Seed, of Edmonton, bring down Ed Boone and Bill Cooksley, Vancouver, 21-19 in a bitterly-fought first game, that saw both Billig and Cooksley "corking" the ball for good points. The second game showed 21-12 with Seed leading the way with good serves, and good returns from close in.

In the Canadian Open Masters section, Harold McClean and Norm Morehouse, Toronto, defeated Wally Craig and Dan Callahan, Craig from Vancouver, and Callahan from Bellingham, Wash., by scores of 21-14 and 21-12. Who says that the oldies but goodies don't play strong ball. I am certain that "life and handball really do begin at 40."

McClean and Morehouse had defeated Jack Alton and Rod Pantages, Vancouver, 21-18 and 21-14, while Craig and Callahan had taken Dixon and Laing, Edmonton, 21-18 and 21-4.

In the Canadian Junior Singles Com- (to page 59)

Mel Brown Wins Calgary Open

Once again the Calgary Central YMCA Handball Club hosted an exciting and top-notch tournament. Over 74 competitors from Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Great Falls, Montana; and Calgary were on hand for this event.

The caliber of players, the number of title holders, and tournament extras, made this three-day affair a highlight from the opening serve, until the last point to wind up the events.

The games were played on four courts: two at the University of Calgary, and two at the Central Y, with players allowed to play in two divisions, singles and doubles. This caused some problems, in that many had to play four matches on Friday, and in some instances were stretched to the limit. Nonetheless, it was the expected favorites who went away with the trophies.

In the feature event, it was Mel Brown, Vancouver, defeating his double's partner, Bob Wilson, 21-17, 21-18. This was somewhat of an upset as Wilson was sporting the Alberta Open Singles crown, plus the B.C. Closed title, which he won a week earlier. Brown seemed to have the golden touch going for him throughout the game, as it was a consistent left hand, and accurate right that kept him in front. Brown defeated Rod Pantages, also Vancouver, in the semis, while Wilson upset Tom Quilling, Great Falls, 21-19, 2-21, 21-6 to advance to championship match.

Then in the doubles event, Wilson and Brown, both Vancouver, teamed up and won over Bob Zadick and Quilling, Great Falls, 21-20, 21-18. Wilson and Brown went three games in the semis, before disposing of club mates Don Kulch and Barry Reid, 21-13, 2-21, 21-12.

On the other half of the draw Quilling and Zadick beat Dinty Moor and Ray Jauch, Edmonton, 21-17, 21-11 in a game that was dominated by kill shots.

Wilson and Brown demonstrated throughout the tournament what has made them one of Canada's best double's teams, and that was court coverage, knowing where the other man was, and

a game plan that was executed to the letter.

In the Master's event, Rod Pantages and Dalt Elton, Vancouver, bombed Montana State great, Jim Ritter and his partner, Marvin Smith, 21-3, 21-11 in a lack-luster game. Pantages was fly killing, Ritter couldn't get untracked and before you knew it, it was "lights out."

The Junior title went to Tom Cole, Great Falls, who defeated Les Homenuk, Edmonton, in two. It was a matter of experience and strength to carry him through the draw, and he could be a comer!

The Consolation winners were Bud Venables and Bob Bruno, Vancouver, on the doubles side, and Mel Perkins, Regina, in the singles.

Special Thanks — There were a number of extras associated with this tournament which included a press conference, hospitality suite and unique trophies for the winners and runners-up. The press conference was held at the Calgary Inn, which was home base for this tournament. Delta Petroleum were the sponsors of this event. Then, Carling Breweries sponsored a Heidelberg hospitality suite, complete with Miss Heidelberg. Carlings also donated their special "beer stein" trophies which were awarded to all champions, and suitably decalated sets of glasses for the runner-ups. Once again, the Beachcomber Restaurant was the site of the tournament banquet, complete with Polynesian Smorgasbord and stage show.

A special thank you is extended to all those who helped in staging this event, and to all of those who assisted in refereeing and transporting out of town players to the University of Calgary courts. The Central Y Tournament Committee will be planning their '72-'73 tournament season very soon, and any readers requesting tournament information should contact the Calgary Central Y Handball Club, 332 — 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

S. C. FISHER, Physical Director,
Calgary Central YMCA

Teenage Tournament

The West End Y held the Toronto City Teenage Handball Tournament. It was broken into two groups, 15 and under and 16-19. The younger group championship was won by Brian MacDonald defeating Philip Sabourin 31-16. Each of these games were up to 31 pts. The older division proved very interesting as two lefties played off in the final, Garry Vassos and Manuel Gregory. At this point Manuel had too much ability for

the ever hustling Garry and proved to be top Junior. Manuel is one of these athletes who has a natural ability to play well at almost any sport, but, unfortunately, shows so little desire. On the other hand Garry shows a lot of desire and displayed a cut off game that I haven't seen, in a player as young as Vassos. Keep up the good work Garry. To Manuel, congratulations and hope to see you in Edmonton.

HAROLD MC CLEAN

Montreal . . .

The Northwestern (N.D.G.) Y.M.C.A. had 14 strong teams entered for their Open Doubles and it proved to be an exciting tournament. The semi-finals saw Sandy Rassenti and Barry Gemmel against his brother Nick Rassenti and Ed. Kalil. On the other side it was Bob Dillon-Lou Fishman against Gilio Maioni-Mike Monk.

Rassenti and Gemmel won their match rather easily, 21-4 and 21-13 while Dillon and Fishman defeated Maioni and Monk in two hard fought games, 21-16, 21-18.

This set the stage for a great final between Rassenti and Gemmel against Dillon and Fishman. Dillon kept up the tremendous tempo in the finals that he'd had throughout the tourney and because of it, he and Lou defeated Sandy and Barry 21-12, 15-21 and 21-14.

MIKE MONK

B. Championship

George Sauve came through with a fine performance to win the club B championship. In the final match against Danny Berckowski, George was extended three games. With the score 20-16 in the 3rd game Sauve was held pointless four occasions while Danny was gaining. Finally, on the fifth time in Sauve scored the winning point. Those 21-20 games are sure hard on the spectators. A well played game by both competitors. Congratulations George, nice comeback.

ED MAZUR

Hamilton, Ontario . . .

The Ontario Handball Championships hosted in Hamilton, Ontario, this year was run by George Patios and a relatively small committee. George and his committee did a very good job in making the tournament the success it was and a special thanks to that crew is due from all the handball players.

Hammy Tournament

The Annual "Hammy" Tournament was played at the W.E.Y. on Saturday, Jan. 8. It proved to be a lot of fun for all and very exciting for the younger teenagers, who had their first chance to play with their idols. Ron Sibbald, a former Canadian Champion won the tournament with his partner Alex Zukovs (age 16) by defeating Barrie Leech (former Cdn. champ) and his partner Jim Gallagher (age 60).

ED MAZUR

Muck-O'Connor Repeat Open Doubles Title Win



CARNIVAL DOUBLES . . . (l to r) — Al Orensteen, tournament chairman; Dan O'Connor, Terry Muck, Al O'Neill, president Midway YMCA Hinder Club.

Terry Muck and Dan O'Connor (Midway Y) successfully defended their title in the Open Division of the 1972 St. Paul Winter Carnival Doubles. Thirty-two teams, representing most of the clubs and several colleges of the Twin Cities' area participated in the tournament hosted the past 16 years by the Midway YMCA as a regular Winter Carnival event.

In the finals the Muck-O'Connor duo defeated a former Carnival champion team, Dr. Gary Rohrer and Paul Schulz (St. Paul AC), 21-17, 21-17. The match was featured by the kind of spectacular play rarely seen except in the top national tournaments. Muck and Rohrer were at their sensational killing best while receiving strong support from their respective partners: O'Connor, who displayed the form which led his coach, the late Al Warren, to predict a national contender role for him in the tradition of Warren's other proteges, Yambrick and Muck; and Schulz, who, in the course of the week-long tournament proved that he is making a good recov-

ery from the shoulder injury which has reduced his effectiveness since he won the USHA Consolation in 1970.

Third place in the Open Division went to Dr. Kent Pike and Earl Hacking (Minneapolis AC) who downed Ron Adams and John Loretz (Midway Y) 21-19, 21-5. Dr. Pike, a resident in orthopedic surgery, was nominated "Most Improved Player" in the tournament. The Consolation title was won by Jerry Sandin and Chuck Wolterstorf (Downtown Y), defeating Bernie Krenner and Ron Linden (Midway Y) 21-10, 19-21, 21-16.

In the Masters Division the 1970 National YMCA runnerup team of Neal Nordlund and Jack Hickman (Downtown Y) took first place defeating Virg Mylan and Bob Hurd (Minneapolis Y) 21-2, 21-8. In the first game of the finals, Nordlund collided with the wall and had to be rushed to the hospital for emergency suturing of his eyebrow. The opposing team graciously waived the time limit on injury timeouts allowing the match to resume after about two hours. On his return, Nordlund imme-

diately fly-killed three balls with his offhand, prompting a jaded galleryite to observe that "Nordlund is still in a daze."

Third place in the Masters was won by Dr. Ernie Duwell and George Fleck (Downtown Y) downing John ("Mr. Connie") Mohan and Floyd Foslien (Midway Y) 21-13, 21-17. This was an unaccustomed role for Mohan, playing in the winner's bracket, since he is widely celebrated as the holder of more consolation titles than any player in the history of handball. When queried by a reporter covering the match as to how he happened to miss the consolation bracket, Mohan stated, "My motto has always been: 'Sportsmanship rather than trophies always pays.'"

The Masters consolation trophy was won by Ed O'Neill and Bob Bergstrom (Downtown Y), defeating Dave Martin and Glen Gilbertson (Decathlon Club) 21-11, 13-21, 21-11.

AL ORENSTEEN



CENTRAL DOUBLES . . . Annual tournament held this year at Evanston (Ill.) YMCA. Missing from picture is Paul Haber, who missed final round play (with Buddy Perelman) for the first time within memory. (l to r)—Bob Koenig, co-winner; Burt Dinkin, runnerup from Milwaukee; Joe Ardito, Illinois Handball Association president and tournament chairman; Joe's pride and joy, co-winner Don Ardito; Perelman, from Horwich JCC; Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee runner-up. Koenig and Ardito won a big one from Haber-Perelman in semis, 21-20, 21-17.

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Chicago . . .

NW Suburban Y Wins Metro 'B'

After three years of finishing either second or third, the NORTHWEST SUBURBAN Y of Des Plaines, finally snared the big prize and won the coveted, Metro "B" League Team Championship.

Competing against 17 other Chicagoland Ys in a tough 12 week schedule, the Des Plaines' team easily captured their division crown, and then won their first play-off match against the DUNCAN Y by sweeping the entire set — doubles and, all three singles. The NORTHWEST doubles team of Jim Cashmore/Bob Peters won a grueling 3 game match from DUNCAN'S Joe Roberts/Dr. Gordon Lang, 19-21, 21-7, 21-3. NORTHWEST also won the three singles matches — Jerry Rosenberg over Ruben Badillo, 21-17, 17-21, 21-10. Roy DeMeyer over Dr. Leo Heinkoff, 4-21, 21-5, default; and, Jim Newman over Augie Chavez by default.

NORTHWEST then entered the play-off finals against the 111th STREET Y and again emerged victorious, this time winning three of the four matches. Again doubles were the key, and again Jim Cashmore teamed with team captain Bob Peters to defeat a stubborn 111th team of Fred Pospishil/Bill Kooistra. Jim Cashmore demonstrated fine left side court control with excellent shooting and superior digging, while Bob Jeters complemented Jim's play with a steady right side game, turning many of their opponents bottom board efforts into timely counter-kills. NORTHWEST then continued the pressure and won two of the remaining three singles matches: Jerry Rosenberg, Northwest's #1 Single, and Roy DeMeyer #2 over two very tough 111th opponents, while a strong, tenacious Bud Clarke was 111th's only winner over Northwest's, Ed McMahon.

The West Suburban YMCA in La-Grange, Illinois, was host for the annual Chicagoland YMCA B Singles Handball Tournament. Number 3 seeded Jim Cashmore of the Northwest Suburban Y in Des Plaines, bested a 64 man field in the six day event, by defeating a determined, but weary Jim Harris of the Irving Park Y in Chicago, by scores of 21-11, 21-12.

Young Cashmore, only 25, was never extended on his way to the title until his semi-final "barn-burner" match against number 1 seeded Tony Paris of the Duncan Y in Chicago. This three game, two and one half hour marathon was played like a top-flight national match, with both players extending themselves, making impossible saves and gets,



OFF-SEASON CONDITIONING . . . Chris Chambliss (center), 1971 American League Rookie of the Year with the Cleveland Indians, works out at Wichita YMCA. At left is Eddie Southard, young hopeful who made all-star teams at Sarasota, Fla., and Reno will play for the Wichita Aeros this season; is also a professional boxer and has won 10 bouts, all but one was a K.O. (all in Mexico). Eddie says handball has really helped his boxing. At right is our USHA District Commissioner Lyle Boydston, an everyday performer.

digging, shooting and running in the likes of a Haber or Kirby. When the smoke had cleared, Cashmore emerged a tired victor by scores of, 13-21, 21-16, 21-14.

Many of the fans were concerned that Cashmore would not be able to bounce back with a similar effort in the championship match against Jim Harris. This concern disappeared once Jim Cashmore took a commanding lead of 11-2 at the outset of the final match against Harris.

Third place went to Dr. Gordon Lang of the Duncan Y over fellow Duncan team-mate, Tony Paris, by default. Tony obviously drained after his tough match against Cashmore, along with a heavy work schedule, could not make the consolation match.

Charles Stokes, executive director, Bob Brown, Athletic Director, and the tournament committee headed by Don Judy and Fred Ballentine, are commended for coordinating this, most successful tournament.

BOB PETERS

Larry Davis Wins Illinois District

Larry Davis, representing the Galesburg YMCA, won the District 3 handball championship in Moline this past weekend by defeating Dom Davis of East Moline in the finals.

The victory gained Davis a berth in the state tournament scheduled to be held the first week of April in Springfield.

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Canadian Nationals . . .

(from page 53)

petition, Jim Sherman, Bradenton, Fla., defeated Bruce Ellis, Bellingham, Wash., 21-20 and 21-9. Sherman won his semi-final match against Ron Fulton, St. John's, New Brunswick, while Ellis had defeated Tom Cole, Great Falls, Mont., one of the favorites to win. The Junior competition was excellently played with 31 entrants, and the boys were all allowed into the final matches at no charge. Let's keep this Junior program alive.

In the Consolation Singles, Gary Gracey, Vancouver, defeated Ron Mruss, Winnipeg, 21-15 and 21-12. Gracey had previously defeated George Sauve, Toronto, 21-10, 21-8 with the second going to Sauve, 21-18. Mruss had taken his fellow Winnipegger, Brian Deckert, 21-10, 21-11. In the Consolation Doubles, Ken Shearer and Bill Fallow, Edmonton, defeated Mel Lyle and Allen Day, Calgary, 21-14, 21-19. Shearer and Fallow had taken Ed Walsh and Ray Jauch 21-11 and 21--. while Lyle and Day defeated Jim Paley and Phil Gordon, Edmonton, 21-20, 21-15.

In the Consolation Masters, we had Walter Paley and Fred Harris, Winnipeg, defeating Jim Boland and Ken Konkol, 21-6 and 21-4.

In Junior Consolation Singles, Mike Archer, New Westminster, took Marcel Croisetiere, Montreal, 21-12 and 21-20.

I think that it goes without saying that not only was the play of the handballers of quality, but also that each and every one of the competitors were treated to the finest hospitality ever presented by John, but wait until next year.

Toronto . . .

(from page 51)

March 4, 1972 at West End Y, Toronto, the A Doubles finals pitted Ray Reno-Stan Kray against Carl Mana and Stan Bargman.

First game was a complete wipe out. Ray and Kray were just too sharp, result 21-5.

Second game Mana and Bargman started to play as a team and doing their share of the killing, especially Bargman, in the right corner.

Third game was a see-saw battle up to the score of 16-16. Stan Kray coming through with a couple, Ray backing him up with a couple, the odd error by Bargman or Mana and that was the ball game. Big win for a couple of guys in their 40's. Congratulations Stan Kray and Ray Reno.

Quebec City

The 1973 Canadian nationals have been awarded to Quebec City, picturesque center of the Quebec province and famed for its warm hospitality. Dates for the championships will be announced shortly. CHA President Bruce Collins will remain at the helm at least another year — by unanimous request.

A salute to the Edmonton Handball Association. Names could be mentioned, but as in any Association and in this one particularly, there are many who do not play handball. But for the love of the game and the togetherness of a group of guys, they made this tournament an overwhelming success. Thanks one and all.

Regina, Sask. . . .

The Regina Handball Club has been very active with a variety of tournaments. In November, the team of Mel Perkins and Art McAvoy won the Handicap Doubles Tournament by defeating Jack See and Bill Woodward in three games. Seed and Woodward advanced to the final by defeating the dynamic duo of Jack Potter and Ed "Hammer" Rollin in three games while Perkins and McAvoy defeated Bob Todd and Nick Laturnus in two games.

In December, Jack Potter and Ron Riffel defeated Bill Powell and Les Robinson to win the Annual Turkey Tournament. More recently, Mel Perkins won the Y.M.C.A. singles championship by defeating Jim Ray 21-13, 21-14 in the final. Ray defeated Art McAvoy 14-21, 21-2, 21-7, while Perkins defeated Jack Potter 21-10, 21-17 in semi-final games.

The B-division was won by Barry Mang over Pat McAvoy by scores 14-21, 21-15, 21-7.

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Concentration 'Key' to Winning Handball

There are some simple tips in handball that you may be overlooking in your efforts to play a better game.

When we say you must concentrate wholly on the play you may reply, "I know all about that," but are you doing it? Believe it or not, you have to work at total concentration, it doesn't come easy. In the middle of a hot volley does your mind wander to a high level business meeting you might have later?

In other words forget all "your cares and worries" when you get into the court and enjoy the sheer joys of competition. Sports Illustrated was quoted just a couple of weeks ago as saying, "Competition . . . is the lifeblood of sport, not victory alone." Yes, if you buckle down to the task at hand, do your best, win or lose you have given it your best shot and the exhilarated feeling of the competition should more than compensate if you happened not to get 21 first.

One of the main weaknesses of some players is to get mad at themselves for making an error and by not snapping back and forgetting it they will blow two or three more before righting their ship again. Forget about a misplay or

a poorly selected shot that might afford the opponent a setup.

When you get up against a power hitting player you must adjust. You must speed the reflexes, shorten your stroke somewhat and play deeper in court than you normally would do to adjust properly. Again, you can't find yourself returning the ball flatfooted or facing the front wall because you haven't been able to react fast enough.

Against the sluggers, unless you can match power with power, you must slow up the pace and throw them off stride. The dynamite slinger likes to work fast . . . you can change that pace easily by nonchalantly going to return position, and taking your time in service . . . and, most important, go to the lob serve frequently, the ceiling, around the walls, and try to keep your shots off the back wall for Mr. Bomber.

It is a case of concentrating during the volleys, relaxing immediately afterwards. Don't recall the bad games of yesterday or last week, or last month. Don't let yourself down. And, whether you're playing No. 1 or a bottom-of-the-ladder player, play your hardest. Get in the habit of the winning, concentrated

momentum . . . and you'll be surprised the number of times 21 comes up!

It would appear almost impossible to maintain real concentration in the court without following the ball — AT ALL TIMES. Don't stand around flatfooted, turn your back after serving, and then expect to move smoothly to position for the volley.

You could have total concentration and completely ignore your opponent. So intent are you on following that ball that you cannot look at your foe. Ideally you should "see" your opponent only twice — when you enter the court together and when you shake hands after the match is over.

Can you picture a top tennis star — like Billie Jean King who will literally look at a ball for five minutes at night, wiping everything else out of her mind . . . by doing this she claims she can watch the ball that much better in competition the next day.

What is your *modus operandi*, honest? Do you watch the opponent execute his stroke or do you watch the ball only?

We will quote — "Concentration is only achieved by consciously working on it."
MORT LEVE

Lincoln (Nebraska) Developing Into 'Major League' Court Center University Also Plans New Facility

There was plenty of handball action in early 1972 in Lincoln, Nebraska, as three local tournaments were held and Terry Muck, a ranking United States Handball Association player, came to town and easily won the first Runza Drive-Inns Open.

In the Class A singles, Muck, using a strong serve and hustle, defeated John Roth, Lincoln, 21-6 and 21-4.

All tournaments were played at the new handball courts at the Lincoln, Nebraska, YMCA. The Runza finals drew over 250 people in the main glass exhibition court.

In the Runza doubles, Curt Creed and Ron Wenger, Wichita defeated Larry Wood and Lyle Blue, Denver.

The tournament committee, headed by Don Everett, who sponsored the Runza, held a tournament banquet at the Lincoln Elks and over 200 attended including handballers from St. Paul, Denver, Wichita, Sioux Falls, Ames, Sioux

City and Omaha.

Lee Scherer, administrative assistant to the mayor of Lincoln and a local handballer, presented Muck with a key to the city of Lincoln. All tournament players also were given honorary citizenship cards signed by Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf.

Muck had no trouble during any of his Lincoln matches and made a favorable impression on the crowd and local handball players with his outstanding shots and sportsmanship.

In other handball action, Roth and Everett defeated Smokey Stover and Wayne Kubert to win the Lincoln city-wide doubles tourney while Dr. Harry Tolly beat Stover in the singles.

A new city-wide handball-racquetball committee, headed by Lee Scherer, is now making plans for more tournaments, instrumental classes, additional local courts and a travelling team.

U. Texas Invite . . .

Eddie Bellochio, Dallas, won the annual University of Texas invitational singles tournament held March 17-19. Bellochio beat Houston's No. 1 man, Dick Cramer, 21-9, 21-7. Joel Galpern, graduate student at Texas, again paired with 17-year-old Barry Goldstein (they took third place in the USHA divisional in Tulsa) and they beat Boris Orlin and Frank Price, Houston, 21-4, 17-21, 21-13. Galpern and Goldstein had won a big one in the semis beating Dick Roberson and Pete Tyson, 10-21, 21-11, 21-10, and in the quarters eliminated Dallasites Ed Schall and Paul Albright, 21-11, 21-12.

Alvis Grant won the Masters singles, breezing through the field.

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Gary Rohrer Headlines Stockton (Cal.) Tourney

The Stockton Handball Club held its "1st" Open Handball Tournament on the weekend of Feb. 25-27, at the Stockton YMCA. The tournament, which drew 125 players in three divisions — open singles, open doubles, and masters singles — was an overwhelming success in every way imaginable.

The SHC has held several inter-club tournaments on a much smaller scale in the past but never one of such magnitude. There were problems and crises encountered before and during the tournament, but with the help and cooperation of everyone involved, everything eventually was "ironed-out" and the tournament moved on to its successful conclusion. Club members who especially worked hard to make the tournament a success were the following: Andy Rapacz, tournament chairman and club president; Tim Cassidy, finance chairman and floor manager; Tony Lizarraga, hospitality chairman; Jim Oliver, Referee Chairman; Bruce Powell, refreshment center; Nick Patron, trophies and awards; Sam Quitiquit, programs; John King and Amerigo Giovanni, posters and signs; Craig Stein, referee at-large, Carl Agbulos, bleacher chairman and crowd control; Harold Petersen, Stockton YMCA physical director; and Jack Tone, player contact coordinator. A special "thanks" also must be extended to all the wives, particularly Mmes. Tim Cassidy, Andy Rapacz, Carl Agbulos and Bruce Powell. Because of the efforts of the aforementioned people, our very "1st Open" far surpassed all expectations.

CLUB HISTORY: Before the club was founded, the status of handball in the area had been in somewhat a "confused and frustrated state." There had existed at the time, only one dimly lit court of non-regulation size (including "warped floors" and numerous "court

hinders") — hardly sufficient to serve the number of "ready and eager" handball "enthusiasts" in the area.

In 1967 the antiquated court was replaced by three new air-conditioned courts of regulation size. This marked the rise in popularity of handball in Stockton and gave greater impetus to more play.

There still existed, however, disorganization and confusion amongst the players. The one person who was instrumental in forming the present club and giving it direction was Amerigo Giovanni. Andy Rapacz, the club's present president, succeeded Amerigo and has greatly expanded the club's activities by organizing our present "1st Open."

The Stockton Handball Club has successfully staged several inter-club tournaments including the annual club singles and doubles tournament, handicap tournaments, and an annual Thanksgiving Day Tournament. Something new added to the club's activity agenda last year was the "Home-and-Home" series with the famous South End Rowing Club of San Francisco.

TOURNAMENT SIDELIGHTS: Because of the large number of entrants, the SHC introduced a new and distinctive format for scoring early round matches leading up to the semi-finals and finals. The format called for the best 2-out of-3 games to "16" instead of the one-game to "42" or "31" as is the case in most tournaments nowadays. The idea was a rousing success as most players, even though losing in early rounds, felt that this procedure was more fair, realistic and "more like handball" than the single game of "31" or "42." This new and innovative idea for scoring made such an impression on S.E.R.C. Commissioner Al Masyk that he felt his club would use it for their Memorial Day

Tournament.

TOURNAMENT NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS: In an awesome display of championship handball talent, Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, showed just why he is one of the top-ranked players in the nation by completely dominating the open singles field and then teaming with Bud Miller, Modesto, to capture the open doubles title.

Rohrer, finishing number three in last year's "big one," was never really pushed or extended in the singles division. In the quarter-finals, Rohrer defeated Ed Coleman, (SERC) 21-6, 21-9; Jay Kent (SERC) 21-11, 21-14 in the semi-finals and finally Mitch Covington (Fresno YMCA) in the finals 21-4, 21-14. The battle for third place was won by John Bohlig (Berkeley YMCA) over Ed Coleman.

In the open doubles field it was again all Rohrer as he teamed with the very capable right-side partner, Bud Miller, Modesto SOS Club, to easily defeat the team of Gary Ryan and Howie Wyrsh, both of the SERC 21-5, 21-7. One of the most exciting and gruelling matches was in the semi-finals between Rohrer-Miller and the Western Regionals Doubles Champs of Mike Kelly and Mike Dunne of S.F.'s Olympic Club. Both teams made "unbelievable gets" and "fantastic shots" that drew "oohs and aahs" from the gallery. The team of Rohrer-Miller finally winning out in a 3-gamer 21-19, 14-21, 21-17. Kelly and Dunne edged-out the team of Mark Haskell and Rudy Stadlberger for third place.

The tournament's big surprise came in the Masters field as Howie Wyrsh turned in a stunning upset by defeating 1971 National Masters Champ Rudy Stadlberger (SERC) in a close two-gamer 21-18, 21-19. Bob Little (SERC) took 3rd place in the Masters division.



CENTRAL CONTENDERS . . . Playoff for third place in USHA Central Contenders held at Northwest Suburban YMCA (Des Plaines, Ill.) (l to r) — Lou Romanos, who worked overtime during week-long tournament as referee; Fred Kummer, 4th place; Chairman Joe Ardito; Ed Beirne, vet Chicago fireman, 3rd place; Roy DeMeyer of the host Y committee.

Buhl Club 'Shows Off' New Courts

From: The Herald, Sharon, Pa.

NOTE: Pat Kirby traveled to the Buhl Club in this city to put on an exhibition-clinic. The Club now has two new glass-back-walled courts (as pictured). An early May confrontation is planned between Kirby and Paul Haber — Best out of Five!

Pat Kirby, the genial Irishman, showed Sharon, Pa., handball fans, why he holds the AAU and Canadian National singles championships.

Kirby defeated F. H. Buhl Club champion Jack Godfrey 21 to 11 and 21-19 in a special match at the Club before a highly partisan crowd.

The local ace Godfrey gave a superb performance by taking an early lead in both games, forcing the champion to use all of his shots to secure victory.

In the second game Godfrey jumped off to a 17-3 lead with dazzling serves to the corners while utilizing an aggressive style on the long volleys.

Both players received heavy applause throughout and Kirby complimented Godfrey several times after spectacular shots. In the end, however, Kirby's experience was the deciding factor. The second game was "one of the best I've ever seen" was a comment heard several times at the conclusion of the exhibition.

Commenting on the courts, Kirby said they were "beautiful, dry and fast."

Following the competition Kirby, who resides in New York, said he plays mostly on weekends in tournament play like the one he just completed in Youngstown. He recommends that the average handballer play on the courts at least every other day.

A doubles match between the teams of Kirby and Godfrey and Kent Fusselman and Bill Willing had to be stopped when Willing injured his foot while going after a Godfrey serve.

HANDBALL 'FAMILY' — Pat Kirby, World Handball champion, second from right, poses with the officials for the handball exhibition and clinic held at the F. H. Buhl Club, Sharon, Pa. Left to right, Paul Achre, co-chairman; Tony Knott, executive director of the F. H. Buhl Club; Jack Godfrey, F. H. Buhl Club Handball Champion, who participated in a singles set with Kirby; Kirby, and Don Godfrey, co-chairmen.



FULL VIEW FROM BEHIND BACK WALLS . . . Portable stands placed behind back walls of Buhl Club (Sharon, Pa.) additional courts. Pat Kirby highlight of exhibition-clinic there recently.

A final singles game between Fusselman of Warren, Ohio and Kirby ended in defeat to the tiring Kirby, 21-20.

Kirby also displayed his fist shot and kill shot, comparing his style to that of Paul Haber.

The clinic and competition marks the second year the Valley Handball Association has been able to attract the top handball player for an exhibition. The proceeds will go towards retiring the debt on the two new handball courts.

SHORTS...

Bill Hegberg of Crestwood Lodge in Aspen, Colorado, reports planning of two courts at Aspen Athletic Club . . . new YMCA in Topeka with three courts and of shells for two more in near future. Forbes AFB, 5 miles south of Topeka, has two large courts. Y has a challenge court open every day . . . call Max Gaither, John Casson, Gary McNeice, or Major Bruce Mosley . . . anytime.

Straight Arrow, Inc. has a single court facility in Kent, Wash.

Larry Goldstein, student of the game and avid booster, sent us a big box of buttons he had made up in Kansas City — "Happiness is . . . A FLAT ROLL OUT." They have gone over big wherever we handed them out — both

racquetball and handball. Thanks a million, Larry. Work out on those roll outs.

84-year-old Joe Schwartz active for 63 years for handball in the Middle Atlantic Association, was honored recently at the Philadelphia Athletic Club. He was presented with a gold watch engraved, "Philadelphia's Mr. Handball", and a plaque inscribed: "To Mister Handball, Joe Schwartz, for his dedication to the game of handball for over 60 years."

After the presentations at the testimonial, Schwartz remarked: "I love handball. Tonight proves I was not wasting my time. I have been repaid a thousand-fold."

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West Intercollegiate . . . Washington State Team Winner



INDIVIDUAL WINNERS . . . Western USHA Intercollegiate championships held in Pullman, Wash. (l to r) — Randy Santo and Bob Vanina, Seattle University; doubles winners; Mel Elvebak, Washington State U., B singles; Bill Peoples, University of Montana, A singles.

Wash. state u. captures western collegiate Zderick of the University of Montana Washington State University (Pull-21-13, 18-21, 21-16 to win the B singles man), took advantage of its home court title. Elvebak won the first game by taking to win the team trophy in the Westerning the offense and killing well with USHA Intercollegiate Handball Cham-both hands. In the second game Zderick pionships, narrowly edging the Univer-took the game to Elvebak and won 21-16. The tournament being 18, but Elvebak regained his touch to held at WSU for the second year was win the third: deciding game 21-16.

well represented with participants enter- Bob Vanina and Randy Santo, Seating from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, the University, won the doubles title and Montana, and California.

a great deal of revenge by defeating Bill Peoples, University of Montana, Mike Bishop — Dave McGarry of WSU won the A Singles title by defeating Jay 21-13, 21-16. In last year's tournament Bilyeu, Fresno City College, 17-21, 21-16 the highly touted Vanina and Santo lost 9, 21-17. Bilyeu was leading the third to Bishop and McGarry 21-20, 21-20 in game 16-10 and appeared to be in com-the semi-finals, but this year the command, but a super effort by Peoples al-sistent play and scoring of Santo and lowed Bilyeu only one more point while the power, hard serves, and back wall he went on to score the victory. Peoples kills of Vanina were too much for Bishop had to defeat Steve Mills 21-17, 21-18 and McGarry.

of WSU in the semi-final match to advance into the finals. Bilyeu defeated A special thanks should be given to Tom Fitzwater, University of California the WSU Handball Club, the co-tournament at Irvine, 21-10, 21-14, in the semi-finalsment directors, Joe MacLean and Bob advancing into the finals.

Stephens and to Harold Sorenson, head Mel Elvebak, of WSU, living up to officials, for making this a successful his #1 seed, defeated #2 seed Tom tournament.

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Phoenix . . .

The 1972 Class C Championship tournament was held the week of February 28. Dick Logan was a surprise winner over Doc (ran out of gas) Licosati. Dick now moves into the Class B league and has also been appointed 1972 Roadrunner Handball Commissioner to replace Marty Kroman, who has been inactive due to recent abdominal surgery.

The double elimination tourney had several fine matches, one of which saw Larry Wetter defeat Greg Hernandez. Greg played the entire tournament with a very painful hand injury and is to be commended for his competitive spirit. Harry Wrede learned about time outs from Doc Licosati. Every time Harry got hot, Doc called a time out and Harry is still trying to figure out how he lost the match.

SHORTS — Bill Wheeler and Walt Peters in serious training for the Police Olympics. Bill and Walt lost to a fine L.A.P.D. doubles team in '71 and copped the Silver Medals — this year they want the Gold Medals . . . Doc Sachs at age 68 still giving the youngsters "the treatment." . . . Swede (The Undefeated) Hanson still claiming Hal Dack and Paul Ridley are jobbing him in their daily cut throat games . . . Sam (Slim) Tracht in great shape and playing excellent handball . . . Art Kaufmann, surprising a lot of his cronies with his new-found court strategy and control.

MARTY KLOMAN

Trip Flexibility . . .

USHA has been very flexible on sending divisional players to the nationals, and we do not say winners as there are times when we will send the runnerup if the winner already has the trip. When Paul Haber agreed to go to Tulsa he told us he would want the runnerup to get the trip if he won. Of course, he put it bluntly, "I already have a trip so give it to the players I will beat in the singles and doubles finals."

At Tulsa we therefore substituted Muck, and then took Joel Galpern and Barry Goldstein as doubles third placers, and young potential.

Dr. Claude Benham won the South divisional at Knoxville and he announced he would not go to the nationals so Randy Essel, runnerup and now playing out of Birmingham gets a trip.

There is one thing that is always prevalent in these many travels: Handballers are great guys! They like good hospitality with their competition, and they've been getting it wherever I went. There's gripes coming our way . . . cracked balls, get more instructional material in the magazine, availability of the knit shots . . . and we're going to remedy each and every problem. Rest assured.

MORT LEVE

Fort Knox, Ky. . . .

Bill Lefler took his second post handball title in three months, as he powered his way to a straight game 21-11, 21-12 victory over Pat Quinlan in the first Fort Knox Top 16 Tournament. The two finalists treated a full gallery to well over an hour of top-flight handball, with Lefler's steady two-handed play overcoming the speed of his opponent.

Pat Patton took third place in a tight match by outlasting Terry Hardy 21-17, 21-16. Consolation honors went to Mike Nolan 21-8, 21-10 over runner-up John Moravec.

This three-day tournament was restricted to the best 16 post handballers based on ladder challenge play. The condensed schedule was an innovation to many of our boys, but thoroughly enjoyed by all. An awards social hour and banquet was staged for the competitors and their "handball widows" following the finals on Sunday.

Four post players tried their luck this year in the Kentucky state championships, but found the transition from wooden 23x46 to masonry 20x40 courts too tough to handle. (Not to mention a corps of really tough opponents). Patton, top post player to compete, managed a couple of wins before being decisively dumped by Gary Daniels, Louisville, 14 and 12. Don McBee had one win before bowing out, however, Hardy and Randy House went down in first round play. The tournament was won by Louisville policeman Frank Long, for his fifth state title in the past eight years. Long bombed young Jerry Watts 21-7, 21-4, in the finals.

New Orleans . . .

Joe Hero Sr. and Val Vogel won the JCC Inaugural tourney for the city championship held March 8-12. Hero and Vogel defeated Vito Longo and Pat Ford, 21-1, 21-16. J. B. Blanchard and Darryl Berger took third place over Bob Paulson and Rudy Lambert, 21-8, 21-18.

Ralph Villars, top man around the Crescent City for two decades, won the open singles over J. B. Blanchard, 21-19, 21-4. Jim Pelletier won third place over George Frentzos on default.

The annual Mardi Gras Invitational lured Marty Decatur and Jim Jacobs from New York for the March 24-26 weekend and there wasn't the usual high plateau competition available. One of the crowd favorites was the father-son team, and both national titlists — Mike Lloyd, 15, Shreveport, and his Dad, Dr. Cecil Lloyd. Mike won the USHA National Juniors under 15 at Miami last December and Pop was a Masters doubles winner with Alvis Grant in the AAU nationals.

Colorado . . .

Buzz Shumate again ruled the roost in the Denver Central Y tournament going through without a game loss in the 104-player field and beating Bob Brown, 21-4, 21-7 in the finals.

Malcolm Mossman was Class B winner over Jerry Donahue, 21-17, 18-21, 21-20. This moves Mossman up to A action for future competition.

Monte Huber, former Colorado University football star, was C Class winner over Tom Hendricks, 21-10, 21-7.

Ten entries came from the U.S. Air Force Academy in nearby Colorado Springs. Included was Capt. Joel Levy, native of Louisville, who lost to Shumate in the quarters, 21-13, 21-16. In other quarter matches: Lee Wretling def. Jack Shaw, 21-8, 21-9; Bill Moyle def. Lyle Blue, 21-6, 14-21, 21-4; Bob Brown def. Lee Graff, 21-3, 21-10.

In the semis Shumate def. Moyle 21-3, 21-17; Brown def. Wretling, 21-18, 21-19.

B Class — Semis: Jerry Donahue def. Frank Kostro, 21-17, 21-13; Malcolm Mossman def. Bob Turner, 21-10, 21-17.

C Class — Semis: Monte Huber def. B. Mayfield, 21-12, 21-13; Tom Hendricks def. B. McLain, 21-17, 21-16.

In the doubles held in late January Shumate paired with Kostro to beat Larry Wood and Pete Barrett, 21-4, 21-11. G. Medill and Bob Turner def. Major Morando and Major Sherman of the Air Force Academy in the B Class, 21-18, 17-21, 21-16. Cadets Martin and Mooney of the Academy defeated Sturman and Riffenberg in the C Class, 21-19, 21-18. This their third time out and they have shown continual improvement under the coaching of Major Morando.

Florida . . .

St. Petersburg YMCA held a Florida State Class A & B tournament, Feb. 25-27. We have only two handball courts and with 36 entries the courts were really hopping.

Rich Robitaille, Merritt Island, almost pulled the upset of the tournament when he defeated the Bay Area Champion Ernie Ortiz in the first game 21-20. Ortiz won the second game 21-12. Rich had Ernie down 20-19 in the third game but could not get the final point and Ernie finally won 21-20.

Ernie went on to defeat Carl Feddler, Tampa, in the finals 21-13, 21-7.

John Lankford, Clearwater, defeated Doug Easton also of Clearwater in the Class B finals 21-15, 21-13.

The galleries were packed throughout the three-day tournament and we look for bigger and better tournaments in the future.

KEN RICHMAN
Program Director



DENVER DOUBLES . . . Les Shumate (l) Rocky Mountain Area USHA Commissioner, congratulates Frank Kostro (center), and his son, Buzz, winning Denver Y doubles tournament.

North Dakota . . .

Dave Rubin is singles champion of greater Grand Forks again — for the 5th straight year. In the City Singles tournament held at the YMCA on March 24-26, Dave bested Neil Reuter 16-21, 21-11, 21-15 in the Class A bracket. Dave and Neil are also co-holders of the North Dakota doubles championship, and Dave holds the State singles crown. He will be defending the latter in the North Dakota Open Singles, coming up April 28-30 in Fargo.

In the semis of the just-completed City Singles, Rubin beat Ron Ten Haken in three games, while Reuter beat Tom Devine in two. Dave David took Class A Consolation honors, winning out over Pete Purnish.

The tourney also saw the first known Masters singles bracket in Grand Forks history, with eight entrants, lots of excitement, and only one injury. In the finals, Tom Clifford beat Jim Carlson for the top spot 21-16, 15-21, 21-10. Tom, 51, is perhaps the only University president (U. of North Dakota) who also continues to win handball tournaments. Ken Koch took the Consolation slot.

Chuck Gray bested Ed White for the Class B championship, 7-21, 21-13, 21-19; both men playing Class A ball all the way. Bob Eelkema snared Consolation honors by downing Tom Polovitz.

CHUCK BOLEY

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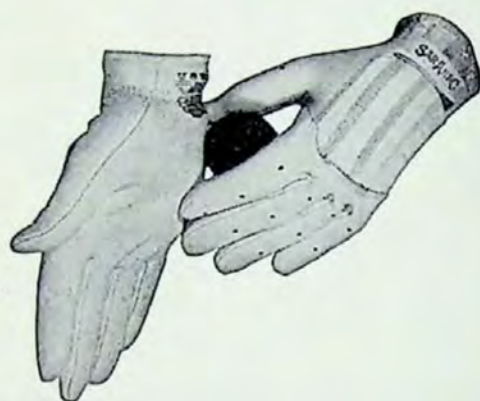


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Poor Losers... Bad Winners

Handballers Should Learn 'Gamesmanship'

By DON FLICKSTEIN

Have two handball players ever opposed one another in top flight mental and physical condition? If you've ever spoken to players after a game you'd realize the answer is a resounding no! "I couldn't see the ball right, I haven't played for three months," and "My left hand has a bone bruise" are only some of a million and one excuses heard after a game.

"What's worse than that occurs when the loser of a game comes out with "Aah, I just got over a cold," and the winner invariably counters with, "Yeah, but I only got three hours of sleep last night." Why can't two players be gentlemen and readily admit they both played well, but the victor deserved the laurels. As Shakespeare might have said, "What egos these mortals be."

Let's give credit where credit is due. As I write these words after being eliminated from the USHA one-wall tournament in Brooklyn, my mind keeps wandering back to the game. In asking myself what I could have done to avoid defeat, I keep coming up with the same answer — nothing! I was in good condition after a full Summer's worth of tough competition; my serve was sharp and I was hitting the ball hard. My opponent, however, was serving better, hitting harder, and running faster. He was by far the better man and he beat me soundly while I was in my top form.

But how many times have we all played the excuse maker? A player gets hot and rolls out seven or eight kill shots only to hear his opponent say, "Yeah, but I kept giving you hangers." Does it ever dawn on this individual that his opponent's serve might just have been too strong on that day? Of course not! He was not returning the ball well either because his wife had some unkind words for him as he left his house or because he didn't eat his Wheaties for breakfast.

Naturally we must accept the validity of some excuses. But why should a player go into a game if he is prepared to rationalize every missed shot he makes and every good shot his rival makes. Two suggestions for this type of player with the legitimate excuse (and aren't they all legitimate) seem apropos: (1) If

you have an excuse, don't play, (2) If you have an excuse and do play, keep your mouth shut about whatever the problem is and let the winner enjoy his victory. For a perfect example of this rare, non-excuse type of handball play, come to Sea Breeze Park in Coney Island to watch Marty "The Farmer" Cushman play his rough and tumble games. After losing he will always admit that he was outplayed and that his strategy will have to be changed. Never will he disparage his opponent's triumph. And when he himself wins he will not lend an ear to excuses. He justly feels that if his opposition played poorly it was because of his own fine ball handling.

Yet there is another excuse maker known to all as "the bad winner." Whether he is on the winning end of a 21-2 or 21-20 score, our bad winner will confess "not feeling right." I was in the

sun too long and my brain was scorched; My foot fell asleep; I've got this lousy hang-nail . . ." There is no end to these absurd remarks. It takes a special individual to proclaim himself, in his own subtle manner, incapable of erring.

But if we each regard our own "perfect play on the court in a different way, we might give our winner the credit due him, yet "save face" for ourselves. Here's what I mean. When I'm on a handball court I feel there are very few tactical errors I make. I am, unquestionably, proud of my game. Consequently any competitor who sends me to an early shower has, in my estimation, eliminated a good man. I must give him credit for playing well. Why should I or anyone else make excuses?

Of course we might argue that it's human nature — but if that isn't the flimsiest of all excuses I don't know what is! ! !



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'I Plan to Beat Haber'—Dr. Steve August

Los Angeles Times' Feature on Handball Boom

From: Los Angeles Times,
Feb. 17, 1972

BY RON RAPOPORT

"Listen," said Steve August, "could we go out on the court while we talk? Otherwise, somebody will see the empty court and try to take it over."

It is said that Southern California leads the nation in the number of four-wall handball courts. Obviously, there still are not enough.

Baseball players never invite you to talk in center field for fear of losing their space for shagging flies.

And football players don't make you dodge blockers and tacklers during interviews.

But to interview August a reporter had to press himself against a wall while taking notes to avoid being hit by a piece of rubber going 100 m.p.h., so the No. 2-ranked player wouldn't miss his allotted practice time.

"People outside the game have trouble figuring out what motivates handball players," said August as he warmed up with national USHA junior champion Rick Christian for a practice match at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

"Three days a week, for instance, I get up at 6 a.m., call the Hollywood Y; have them put me on hold till 6:30 when the locker desk is manned and then I reserve a court for the following day. Sometimes, people actually go down there at 6:30 to beat me and I can't even get a court."

"It gets in your blood," agreed Christian. "Once you play, you can't quit."

There are probably as many reasons for playing handball as there are handball players.

"I dropped 45 pounds in a year and a half," says one regular at the Athletic Club, "and I still drink as much beer as ever."

Rod Rodriguez, an architect who has designed many courts and who as commissioner of handball at the club oversees scheduling on its six courts, says that the game attracts players of relatively high levels of education.

"They have a lot of self-pride and competitive natures," he said. "And a lot of them are little fellows who can't compete in other sports. Championship players are seldom bigger than 5-10 and 175 or 180 pounds. Great big men aren't champions. They're not built close to the ground and the game is."

Rodriguez points to Lou Russo, currently the No. 4 player in the country,

who is 5-6.

There are about 180 four-wall handball courts in Los Angeles County, a big increase over only three or four years ago. But even so, the 6,000 handball regulars in the area have to plan far ahead to play.

"We have 210 players daily," said Rodriguez. "And there are 250 regulars, fellows you see every week."

"There are twice as many handball players in the country in the last four or five years," said a attorney Joseph Shane, commissioner of the U.S. Handball Assn., "maybe 5 million when you count schoolkids, firemen and the rest."

"Last year in the national tournament we had 600 entries and had to start at 7 a.m. and continue to 1 a.m."

The most popular version is four-wall handball although three-wall is big in Detroit and one-wall is popular in New York.

The four-wall game is played on a court 40 feet long, and 20 feet high and wide. The server, whose opening shot has to make its initial bounce off the front wall in the back half of the court, is the only player who can score. He loses the serve when he can't return his opponent's shot. The first player to score 21 points wins the game and two games win a match.

The ball, a relatively hard, hollow-centered rubber sphere, is 1 3/8 inches in diameter and weighs 2.3 ounces. It begins to lose its bounce after several games, but in competition no changes are allowed.

This year, the week-long championships will be held in Seattle in April. August, a 28-year-old doctor, is the Athletic Club's hope to end the reign of Paul Haber, the bad boy of handball who has held the four-wall title five of the last six years.

"I plan on beating him in Seattle," said August matter-of-factly. "I've beaten him three times in exhibition. Paul's game has not farther to go up and will, I hope, go down. My game, I hope, will improve."

The defeat of Haber, who has gained much attention because of his penchant for training on beer for championship matches, is something of a crusade among USHA moguls, who prefer a more gentlemanly image for the sport.

August is a wiry, dark-haired former intercollegiate champion at the University of Michigan. He now works with a Los Angeles physician but enters UCLA soon to become an eye surgeon. He lost to the 35-year-old Haber in the finals

of last year's championships, but doesn't join the condemnation of the champion. At least not entirely.

"He's one of the all-time great handball players," says August. "How much drinking and running around he does has no relevance to what he does on the court. But what he does on the court is relevant."

"He carries some of his outside behavior onto the court picking fights with referees, for instance — and it becomes contagious. The crowd, the referee, the other players become involved and do things they wouldn't otherwise do."

"It becomes distasteful. The crowd gets boisterous and rowdy. That's OK on a baseball field where you have a lot of room, but it's upsetting on a handball court. I feel a strong association with the game and what I see then I don't want to be associated with."

August does, however, admire Haber's ability to keep his cool while those about him are losing theirs.

"A large percentage of handball has to do with your emotional state," he says. "Whether you got caught in traffic driving to the court, how you feel about yourself and your opponent, all kinds of things."

The difference in the top four or five players in a weeklong tournament (which the national championship is) is the man who will not let the pressures of day-to-day competition bother him. That's Haber's forte. He absolutely never gets rattled on the court.

"The higher the tension, the more excited the crowd, the more controversial a referee's decision, he will stay nice and calm."

Some call Haber a full-time player, a professional among amateurs, who largely supports himself on tournament expense money and side bets. All the time he spends playing doesn't hurt his game either, according to August.

Also: "Haber has been playing virtually since he was a baby. I've never seen a game like this — and I've played them all — where it takes so long to gain proficiency."

This last factor is one that keeps men playing handball when others their age are in rocking chairs. Knowledge of the game and a little carefully applied placement strategy can go a long way toward evening up a match.

"You have to learn how to think," says Rodriguez. "It takes at least six to eight years to become efficient, not a champion but just on a par with the better players."

"My father is 53," says August, "and

he's been playing for 30 years. He still plays three or four times a week."

"We've got guys playing here who are in their 70s," says Rodriguez. "There's one guy here all the time who's 63 and he's a hell of a handball player. People go on playing all their lives."

The great equalizer in the game is the kill shot, the one off the front wall just above the floor line that is virtually impossible to return. "There's nothing you can do but look at it and kiss it goodbye," says Rodriguez.

"A player has several things to do in two or three seconds," he adds. "He has to see where the ball is coming to him, position himself, see where his opponent is, hit the ball and position himself for his opponent's shot."

The game can become dangerous at times and ruptured Achilles tendons, along with pulled muscles in backs, arms and shoulders, are common. The ball is virtually a missile and about 10% of the players, Rodriguez estimates, wear eye guards. Gloves are worn routinely and are helpful in putting spin on a ball to make it bounce at unexpected angles.

It is doubtful the game will ever become a big spectator draw because of the problem of seating. Even the new glass-walled courts can accommodate only about 300 onlookers.

Junior Champion Christian, his face framed by a straw-blond Jesus Christ Superstar hairdo, took a break in his warmups. Soon, he would be thoroughly trounced by the more-experienced August, but would be glad he had played nonetheless.

"Everybody wants to play somebody better than he is," the slender 18-year-old Pierce College student said. "It's the only way you're going to improve."

"You don't have anybody who doesn't have the desire to improve," said August. "And very seldom do you run across somebody who says, 'I used to play handball.'"

Not Rodriguez, certainly. The fact that his job as handball commissioner at the Athletic Club is an unpaid one draws little sympathy.

"After all," somebody said as August and Christian, at last free of their interloper, battled on the court below, "he gets to play handball whenever he wants to."

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National Masters Singles Prove Court Life After 40 AND 50

From: Chattanooga News-Free Press, Feb. 23, 1972.

BY TOM SNOW

Take a man with white hair who is looking forward to retirement in a few years and match him with another man who is mostly bald and could probably retire if he wanted to. What game would you guess they might be playing on a sunny Saturday afternoon? Most would probably guess golf or some sedentary sport in which physical activity is kept to a minimum, but it would be a rare individual indeed who would come even close to the right answer.

The sport was handball. The place, Chattanooga's Central YMCA. The event, the National Masters and Golden Masters Handball Tournament, which drew enthusiasts from as far as California and New York.

The two men were Wendell Corwin and Des Smith, who did not win the championship in their division and are therefore rather typical of the men who play handball just for the fun of it. They also represented two rather different approaches to the sport, which should help those who are unfamiliar with handball to understand a bit more about a game that is new to many Southerners.

Corwin is 62. He looks like he's probably a grandfather several times over, with wavy white hair and a grandfatherly smile to match. He gives the impression of being a wise old fox, and indeed he is, especially in handball. He started playing the game back in 1933, and he has continued to participate in the sport virtually uninterrupted since that time. He was a locker clerk at the Milwaukee YMCA while attending Marquette University (where he was a member of the basketball team), and he decided that if so many people there at the "Y" seemed to be enjoying the sport so much, he ought to give it a try himself. It's obvious that he liked what he found inside that handball court — a challenge.

Wendell Corwin says he'll probably retire in a year or so from his job with the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department. He's been there for 38 years, and since he's now 62, he could elect to retire now if he wanted to. But he's not about to retire from handball. "It's a sport that you can continue for years," he says, and from the way he plays, it's obvious that he plans to do so.

The man whom we met in the con-

solation semifinals match last Saturday afternoon was a "kid" of only 54, Des Smith. He took up the sport of handball only a few years ago at the age of 45, and therefore he had to rely more on his speed and stamina than on his knowledge of the game to provide a challenge to the old gray fox, Corwin. Smith was on the University of Wisconsin basketball team and subsequently played pro ball with the team that is now the Atlanta Hawks. He's a diamond broker who also calls Milwaukee his home, although he flew up from a 10 day vacation in the Bahamas just to compete in the tournament.

Since he started playing handball comparatively late in life, he has found the game to be the most challenging of all the sports he has attempted through the years. "To really get good you have to start young," he says, "although I've never come up against a game like handball."

Indeed, handball may have never come up against a man like Des Smith. One afternoon when he was unable to find a free court on which to play in Milwaukee, he decided then and there to build some of his own. In partnership with several friends he has recently completed a half-million dollar six air conditioned playing facility, a sauna bath and a restaurant.

The final outcome of this matchup of "the old gray fox" and "the kid" ended with speed overcoming experience, but the real story was that these two men were out there playing at all. The average male of even 54 years would have been home with his feet propped up watching a sports event on TV, and the average 62 year old gentleman would probably be content to revel in his achievements of years long past. But there they were, straining for and often making shots that seemed beyond human ability, especially human beings who had supposedly passed their prime in the world of sports.

It would seem that these two men were "aged to perfection," however, and whether they won or lost, it was obvious that they were getting more out of life by remaining active in a sport that requires a great deal of activity. They each approached it a bit differently, but the end result was the same — they're both in great health, and "the kid" had better watch out — the "old gray fox" is looking forward to a rematch.

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KILLSHOT ROOM

(from page 38)

The Central Division was next in line — at Tulsa's fine Thornton YMCA, March 9-12. Haber went both ways and pulled the "Slam." We had the open doubles national champs, too, in the person of Neveau and Simie Fein. However, Simie was hampered with a sore right hand and wasn't at his best. But, Haber was at his peak performance in playing four matches on Saturday, and then polishing off two for wins on Sunday. Burt Dinkin gave him real steady support on the right. Tulsa is one of my favorite stopping points. We had one of our better National Juniors there, and a divisional two years ago. There's so many fine gentlemen (and ladies most assuredly there) like Don Greer and his Fern; Jim Gilbert, Fred Keys, and so many others. They do things right.

We had promised Bruce Collins, president of the Canadian Handball Association, that we would attend his nationals held in Edmonton, and this followed in March. I won't tell you about my Masters doubles play but suffice to say I couldn't give Stan Kray any help whatsoever and we lost.

The red carpet treatment was out in Edmonton with a stamp of approval for Crown Royal. All participants were given spanking white jackets with the big maple leaf emblem in red. The seven courts at the University of Alberta provided an ideal setting. With two back-walled glass courts there was fine spectator viewing. It was an all-American finale with Kirby beating Muck, and the "Kids" Fred Lewis and Steve Lott failing once again to overtake Neveau and Fein. Fein was in better fettle all the way around this time out. Collins is doing a real job with the CHA and they talked him into staying on as president. There were 31 Junior entries and that phase is building up.

Then, it was on to Norfolk, Virginia, to see how Sid Semel operates in his home town. Sid, working with George Pfeiffer, Lloyd Wood, David Kazzie, Dr. Claude Benham, and Bill Moulton. The glass back wall of one of the three produced a major league tournament. new courts at the Y were jam packed, and there were some terrific matches . . . such as the Benham win over Neveau, the Haber win over Benham, Kirby's win over Russo, and then the big finale with Haber over Kirby in three. Lott and Lewis notched a national win in good style, and it was a strong George Maier-Jim Fitzpatrick Masters doubles championship team. Bob Kendler came in for the semi matches and banquet . . . newspaper coverage was excellent.

Goldstein Brothers Carry On Family Handball Court Heritage

**From: St. Louis Post-Dispatch,
By Jerry Stack, Feb. 6, 1972.**

Note: Foremost of the St. Louis JCCA "young bloods" are the Goldstein brothers, Barry, 17, and Billy, 16. Sons of Al Goldstein, who has piled up an imposing number of doubles wins with Dr. Stan London, and grand-nephew of our former national commissioner, Hymie Goldstein, the boys battled it out in the B championships, then fast-improving Barry moved into A class and surprised all by adding that honor. At our USHA National Juniors last December in Miami, Barry was selected "most improved" and received the Dr. Maury Fox award.

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Let it be said that handball is a family affair. It can bring out the father in the father, the mother in the mother and the son in the son. And it can pit brother against brother.

"Just remember," someone was saying to Barry Goldstein, "brotherly love comes before the game."

The game was the one played Saturday afternoon at the Jewish Community Center Association. It was for the Class B-1 handball championship. And it was between Barry Goldstein and his brother Billy.

That Barry was in the final was to be expected. The 17-year-old Ladue senior was there last year and he was top-seeded this time. That Billy was there was surprising. The 16-year-old Ladue junior was unseeded. He knocked off three seeded players in gaining the final round.

That the two were there together was cause for pride and grief among the elder Goldsteins. Carla Goldstein, the mother, was in a dither. Al Goldstein, the father, was aware of his wife's plight. "She's a little shook," he said. "She doesn't know which way to go."

Her first approach was to give each son a kiss for good luck. Billy accepted the kiss graciously. Barry became embarrassed and shied away from his mother. Left with little choice, Mrs. Goldstein then took the paperback book she had been holding and gave her eldest son a motherly swat on the behind.

"If you don't see me when they're playing," Mrs. Goldstein said, "it'll be because I'll be hiding in the lounge."

She was kidding. She only hid for part of the match.

Barry won the first game, 21-4. Billy won the second, 21-20. Barry won the third game and the championship, 21-14. It looked as though the final game might go down to the wire, too. "If it's 20-20, I'll jump in that swim pool," Mrs. Goldstein said, not indicating whether she meant the outdoor pool, or indoor pool.

"C'mon Billy," she yelled. "C'mon Barry. C'mon now Billy."

Al Goldstein gave his wife a husbandly, "Carla, be quiet."

Mrs. Goldstein then gave her husband a wifely stare of helplessness. "They learn this from their mother," she said.

It's the father, though, who is the handball champ. "They began playing when they were 11 and 12," he said. "And they won the novice tournament here when they were 13 and 14. They liked it better than Khoury League."

Recently, the two brothers won honors in the Junior Nationals. Barry placed third in the 19-and-under category and Billy was fourth in the 17-and-under division.

The idea of playing each other in the final was unappealing to the brothers, though they play each other once a week.

Billy was more aware of the fact that he was playing his brother than just another opponent. "I'm glad it's over," he said.

When it was over, the two shook hands and said "nice game." So much for the post-game chit-chat.

"He was tougher than I thought," Barry said.

Al Goldstein was glad that Barry won because "Barry's got everything to lose and nothing to gain. And I tell you, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Barry wins the A tourney, too."

Would there be any chance of the father meeting his son in the A tourney?

"No," Al Goldstein said as he smiled. "I got in the Masters."

Which shows that father knows best.

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Wes Yee Again 'A' Champ

University of Texas ekes out one-point team margin over Lake Forest in team honors on basis of Gene Craft B singles; Barnes-Hankins in doubles

REPEAT CHAMP . . . General Jack Wagstaff, commanding officer of the 5th Army Headquarters at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., presents Lake Forest College's Wes Yee with his second successive national intercollegiate A singles trophy.

University of Texas won the team national USHA-sponsored and sanctioned National Intercollegiate championship in the 20th annual event staged at Lake Forest College (Ill.) Coach Pete Tyson's Longhorns, who were tied with Lake Forest College last year at Knoxville, won by just one point, over the all-senior Lake Forest, 19-18. University of Kansas wound up third with 7 points. A record number of 89 entries competed in the three events.

Wes Yee, Lake Forest, repeated as Class A singles titlist, beating Ken Ginty, Manhattan College, 21-11, 21-18. Wes' second A victory ties him with other two-time winners — Bob Perez, Roosevelt University of Chicago; Bill Yambrick, University of Minnesota; Bob Lindsay, University of Texas; Terry Muck, Bethel College, St. Paul; Fred Lewis, University of Miami.

Texas won both the doubles and B singles to gain the point advantage. Joe Hero Jr., who switched from the winning doubles combine of 1971 with Terry Hankins, gained 4 points in A singles for Texas before getting eliminated by Bill Peoples, University of Montana. Peoples had a tough draw, and had previously knocked out fourth-seeded Steve Smith, Michigan, lost to Wes Yee in the semis, gained third place over Jerry Yee, City College of New York.

Jeff Barnes, runnerup in A singles last year, played doubles with Hankins and they had a veritable "breeze" to the crown, winning the finale over Bob Vanina and Randy Santo, Seattle, 21-1, 21-11. It was a record tying third national doubles victory for Hankins, Ed Koshner of Washington U., St. Louis, won three times, twice with Stan Goldstein, once with Jerry Korn.

Actually it was "rookie" freshman Gene Craft, native of West Palm Beach, Fla., who pulled out the team victory for Texas. Craft was last to finish in the final round and had to beat Ron Wenger, Kansas University, 21-11, 21-7. Craft seeded third, picked up 6 points

on his five match wins. Don Ginsburg, University of Missouri, took B third place over Lake Forest's No. 1 seeded Dave Smith.

William Yee and Steve Jamron, Lake Forest, runnersup a year ago in doubles, took third place this year, beating Mike Bishop and Dave McGarry, Washington State.

Consolation honors: A singles — Steve Mills, Washington State; B singles — Gary Loiben, University of Texas. Doubles — Mike Gerrity-Dave Krantz, Chicago Circle.

Full team standings: University of Texas, 19; Lake Forest College, 18; University of Kansas, 7; Washington State University, 5; Air Force Academy, 4; Chicago Circle, 4; University of Tennessee, 3; Memphis State University, 2; University of Indiana, 1; West Point, 1.

A SINGLES (25 entries) — Quarterfinals: Wes Yee, Lake Forest, def. Mike Gardner, Kansas, 21-6, 21-6; Bill Peoples, Montana, def. Joe Hero Jr., Texas, 21-19, 21-18; Ken Ginty, Manhattan, def. Steve Lott, Bronx Community College, 21-19, 21-17; Jerry Yee, City College of New York, def. John Paveletz, Baruch College, 21-20, 21-8.

Semi-finals: W. Yee def. Peoples, 21-13, 21-18; Ginty def. J. Yee, 21-3, 21-0.

Finals: W. Yee def. Ginty, 21-11, 21-18.

Third place: Peoples def. J. Yee, 21-3, 14-21, 21-11.

B SINGLES (32 entries) — Quarterfinals: Dave Smith, Lake Forest, def. Dean Dorsey, Air Force Academy, 21-19, 3-21, 21-16; Ron Wenger, Kansas, def. Hank Costello, Circle Campus, 21-8, 21-9; Gene Craft, Texas, def. John Raphael, Lake Forest, 21-3, 21-10; Don Ginsburg, Missouri, def. Scott Johnson, Penn State, 21-8, 21-16.

Semi-finals: Wenger def. Smith, 21-15, 21-8; Craft def. Ginsburg, 21-14, 21-6.

Finals: Craft def. Wenger, 21-11, 21-7.

Third place: Ginsburg def. Smith, 4-21, 21-16, 21-11.



PETE TYSON
U. of Texas Coach

DOUBLES: (16 teams) — Quarterfinals: Jeff Barnes-Terry Hankins, Texas, def. Ed Freund-Doug Timmerberg, West Point, 21-12, 21-6; Mike Bishop-Dave McGarry, Washington State, def. Tony Jackowski-Schembari, DePaul, 21-9, 7-21, 21-14; Steve Vanina-Randy Santo, Seattle, def. Guy Tarvin-John Miller, Iowa State, 21-6, 21-7; William Yee-Steve Jamron, Lake Forest, def. Mike Beck-Platt Hill, Dennison, 21-3, 21-8.

Semi-finals: Barnes-Hankins def. Bishop-McGarry, 21-9, 21-2; Vanina-Santo def. Wm. Yee-Jamron, 21-14, 14-21, 21-7.

Finals: Barnes-Hankins def. Vanina-Santo, 21-1, 21-11.

Third place: Wm. Yee-Jamron def. Bishop-McGarry, 21-12, 21-14.

CONSOLATION — A Singles: Steve Mills, Washington State, def. Gary Winterberger, Air Force Academy, 31-28.

B Singles: Gary Loiben, Texas, def. Nate Reiz, Kansas, 31-7.

Doubles: Mike Gerrity-Dave Krantz, Chicago Circle, def. Scott Sturman-Ron Riffenberg, Air Force Academy, 31-27.

Dennis Yanta served tirelessly and patiently as floor manager and did an



outstanding job. Mike Dau, Lake Forest College coach, coordinated as host chairman, and with an unexpected 89 entries had a real jig saw puzzle to crowd regular and consolation matches on three courts over the weekend dates of March 3-5.

There are no doubts that we can no longer hold the national intercollegiate championships with less than twice that many courts. The University of Illinois, with 23 courts, will provide an ideal setting in 1973.

Proposed rules changes: Allowance of one point for a B singles third place; two points each for third placers in A singles and doubles. NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: Boys were housed at nearby Ft. Sheridan through the courtesy of General Jack Wagstaff. USHA hosted the Saturday night buffet banquet at Highwood's Scornavacca's Restaurant, and the boys had all the chicken and spaghetti they could down. USHA President Bob Kendler spoke to the gathering and spoke of these collegians as the real "grass roots" of handball; lauded Mike Dau for his tremendous contributions to collegiate handball. Ben Loiben was ever available as tournament referee, as was Phil Smith of the St. Louis JCCA, who had vital interests in the play of his sons, Steve of Michigan, Dave of Lake Forest. USHA also had Mort Leve and Joe Ardito on hand to assist with the draw, referee, and or-

ganize the banquet . . . Wally Ris of Broderick, swim fame and the Southern California Handball Association, was most impressed by the caliber of play.

If we had to pick "Player of the Tournament" it would be Montana's champ, Bill Peoples. Here's a boy who is a real comer and has the tenacity to spell championship.

USHA, as a special award, is sending Wes Yee to the open nationals in Seattle. Wes, as a two-time A singles winner, showed well in the recent Central USHA singles, being eliminated in the quarter-finals. With a heavy classroom schedule his court time has been limited but with final examinations out of the way hopes to get into top form for Seattle.

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Bill Peoples continues to show strong development. He was an entrant in the USHA Pacific Northwest Divisional at Vancouver, V.C., and wound up third in the open singles. Continued exposure to the better tournaments will certainly make this determined young man a national ranked player in the future.

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Lake Forest Coach Mike Dau reports, although he will lose his entire "starting foursome" in graduation, he expects a nucleus of seven good players entering next Fall. "Although none of them will be as strong as Wes Yee, we will have the makings of a well balanced team that will include Vern Roberts Jr. of Cincinnati."

ABOVE — After the final matches of the record 89-player entry national intercollegiate. Back row — (l to r) — Nick Wasylik, Lake Forest College Athletic Director; Mike Dau, Lake Forest College handball coach; General Jack Wagstaff, commanding officer of 5th Army, who graciously afforded sleeping accommodations at nearby Ft. Sheridan; Pete Tyson, U. of Texas Coach. Bottom — (l to r) — Ken Ginty, Manhattan College, A singles runnerup; Bob Kendler, USHA president; Wes Yee, who successfully defended his A singles championship for Lake Forest College. BELOW — U. of Texas championship doubles team: (l to r) — Jeff Barnes, who was A singles runnerup last year; Terry Hankins, who won his third title.



Outstanding Sportsman Greller Passes Away

From: Chicago Tribune, March 22, 1972

David Condon's Column

Note: Sam Greller was also very much interested in Chicago area handball, having played at the old J.P.I., and later at Bob Kendler's Town Club in the late 40s and 50s. He served on the Town Club's Board of Governors and was well known to all the active players.

SAM GRELLER, one of our town's great sportsmen, was buried Monday. And his rabbi told it as it was: "Here was a man with spirit, with wit, with kindness. He was a creative man who stimulated other people. All around him felt Sam Greller's warmth and vitality. There was nothing he wouldn't do for a friend."

Because Sam had so many friends, he had a full-time job doing favors. But Sam seemed unaware that there were only 24 hours in a day, so somehow he found time to do so many other things. He was particularly interested in youth, and at 70 was younger in heart than many he worked with in a career that stretched from the Jewish People's Institute to the Illinois Athletic Club to Mayor Daley's Youth Foundation.

Swimming was Sam's favorite sport. He started swimming at the age of 6 and eventually became the city's grammar school champion. Sam swam with the best, including Norman Ross, Perry McGillivray, and Johnny (Tarzan) Weismuller.

At the Illinois Athletic Club, Sam also coached the best who would be Adolph Kiefer, Ralph Budelman, Bill Kooistra, Harold Dash, and Jerry Miller. He also coached some obese old souls like Condon, because one of his self-appointed tasks was to worry about the health of all of his friends.

Greller at one time prided himself as a marathon swimmer. He liked to recall the time he entered a Lake Ontario marathon with intent of winning \$25,000 first prize, but was among dozens dropping out of competition because of frigid waters.

"Only three finished," Greller remembered, "and they were all Eskimos. The best I ever got in a marathon race was \$750. The cold waters convinced me it was better to swim in athletic club pools."

"I always had loved water polo, so I concentrated on that. I was an alternate on the 1924 United States Olympic team and they wanted me to ask my father to pay my own expenses. Imagine me going to a Jewish tailor and asking for \$500 to go to a swimming meet?"

"I stayed home in '24, but in 1928 I made the Olympic team. After that, I was always a water polo nut. Our I.A.C. teams won several national championships." Modestly, Greller neglected to mention that he had coached those teams.

If he bragged at all, Sam bragged about the men who had impressed him. Like Bill Bachrach, the legendary I.A.C. swimming coach. Or Mike McDermott, perennial champion of the Mississippi marathon.

Of course, Sam also bragged of the men who swam for him. Like Jerry Miller, who only a few years ago did 666 miles in a year's splashing in the C.A.A. pool. And Mike Howlett.

Everyone was Greller's friend, but not all reciprocated the friendship after Greller grew older and his sports trophy business was folded. Howlett, tho, was among those who never forgot.

On Sam's suit, when he was buried, was a green-and-white shamrock-bedecked "Howlett For Secretary of State" button. It was placed there by his widow, Go. On the casket was the multicolored five-circle Olympics symbol that Greller loved so much. When Howlett learned of Sam's death, Mike said:

"There was a man totally dedicated to the Olympics. Not long ago he sat down and rattled off the names of almost 70 Chicago area boys and gals who had swum in the Olympics."

When Greller was doubling as swimming coach at the Jewish Peoples' Institute, he rang in Howlett as a team member. "But I'll get caught, protested Howlett when first approached. 'I'm Irish and from St. Mel.'"

Greller said: "At the J.P.I., you're Max Goldberg."

Greller once entered Howlett in a 100 yard free style race and was overjoyed when it appeared Mike had shaved seconds off the world mark. Unfortunately, the course was measured and found to be only 80 yards.

To perpetuate Sam Greller's memory, friends may contribute to the United States Olympic Association.

Sam's death, ironically, did not stem from complications following a recent 12½ hour session with open heart surgeons. I guess that Sam had such a big heart the surgeons needed the 12½ hours. Now, I hope that they'll give him a tombstone as big as his heart, so it can bear the rabbi's words as an epitaph:

"There was nothing he wouldn't do for a friend."



FIRST MINNESOTA OPEN DOUBLES . . . John Loretz (1) and Paul Schulz, St. Paul, captured the first Minnesota Open doubles championship held at the Minneapolis Athletic Club. At right—A.C. chairman and national YMCA chairman, Steve Subak. Loretz-Schulz defeated Rollie Weigman-Kent Pike, Minneapolis, 8-21, 21-15, 21-14. With the score tied at 14-all in the third game Loretz served four aces to take the commanding lead and put the game out of reach. Tournament was set up by Twin City Handball Association, replacing the North Central Open, to offer a true State winner in both singles and doubles.



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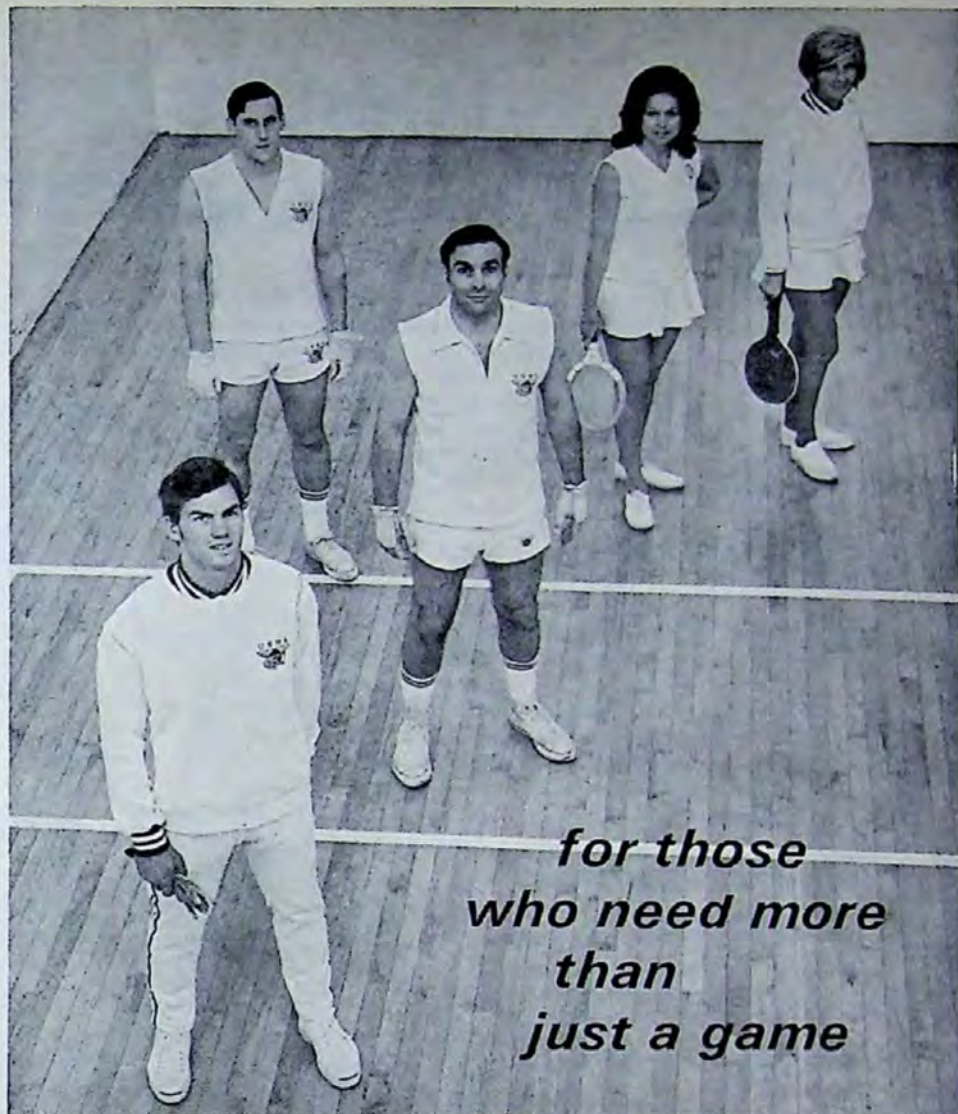
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The new four-court facility of the Center hosted over 300 players competing in the Oregon State Singles and Doubles Championships which ended with new champions.

The doubles A class saw both the top seeds fall in the semis. The defending champions, Tony Stramiello-Dennis Schalk, found that Dick Brouwer and Chuck Gray were "ready," and were defeated in three games. The Brouwer-Gray duo showed that as past champions they could still put it all together.

The lower bracket seed found the going just as tough. Less Pratt and Ben Sickenger were turned back by the hard serving and sharp shooting of Jack Scrivens and Terry Ball. The finals proved to be as unique as Scrivens and Ball won a hard fought first game (21-15), but found that Gray's serves were too tough. The few they got back were neatly fly killed by Brouwer, and it was a game each, second game score (21-4). Turnabout is fair play as Ball found the range at the outset of game three and was finally put out of his first serve, sporting a 14-0 lead. Scrivens-Ball never lost the momentum and won the big prize, 21-5.

Third place went to Pratt-Sickenger. The consolation was won by a fine young team, Gib Gilmore and Jerry Bone.

B Class showed that many young players are fast approaching the A ranks. Here the one and two seeds prevailed to the finals. Jerry Lyons and Bob (2nd seed) found the steady Chuck Bell and the sharp-shooting aggressive Ron Almadova too much in the finals, (21-7, 21-18). Bell and Almadova defeated a strong fireman team Tom Hogue and Pat Morrison 21-10, 21-20. Lyons and Olson got by a good young duo Bob Lund and Fred Garrison 21-10, 21-15. Lund and Garrison placed third. Ron Bennick and John Deering won the Consolation.

Alan Lippman and Rick Stoinoff captured the Masters by outlasting Howard Soumie and Wes Knapp 21-18, 19-21, 21-16. Lippman-Stoinoff beat the second seed Lee Shinn-Mike Fager in the semis 21-7, 21-16. Soumie-Knapp bested Ted Yeamans and Frank Bagan 21-18, 21-12. Shinn and Fager won third place from Yeamans-Bagan 21-4, 14-21, 21-9. Don Losli and Phil Ringle won the Consolation.

In A singles the semi-finals were certainly a high point in competition with all four matches going three games. In the semi-finals Jack Scrivens met the top seed Ken McQueen (bothered by an injury to his elbow three weeks before) and had the needed endurance to take

the match in two games, 21-19, 21-20. Second seed Tony Stramiello was "up" for the match with Howard Soumie and show his way through 21-11, 21-15 to meet Scrivens in the finals.

In two hours and three games Stramiello emerged as the champion but not without a tremendous effort, 21-20, 7-21, 21-12.

Third place was won by Howard Soumie 21-20, 21-17 and Consolation by Ben Sickenger 21-20 and 21-14.

In Class B hard hitting Bob Olson overpowered the smooth shooting Lloyd Vanderpool to take the Championship 21-14, 21-11. Bob Lund again salvaged third by defeating Ron Almadova 18-21, 21-14, 21-14. Consolation was won by the fire department's Tom Hogue, who defeated Gary Kahn 21-16, 21-18.

In Class C, the field of 128 narrowed to a showdown between Frank McCormack and Bobby James. McCormack proved very strong and swept the match in two games 21-4, 21-11. Third and fourth place was a battle between Warren Schleip and Don Hellison with Schleip taking the match in two games 21-16, 21-14. Consolation was taken by Birnbaum defeating Stewart 21-12, 21-15.

In Masters Singles, Al Lippman came back in the third game to beat Ted Yeamans 21-18, 14-21, 21-7. Third place was won by Lee Shinn over Bill Schlauch 21-13, 21-19. Consolation, and the longest match of the tournament, (2 hours 57 minutes) Howard Benton defeated Don Losli, 12-21, 21-17, 21-17.

Not enough credit can be given to those people who contributed to make this tournament possible. A warm thanks to those people who donated so much time and effort, especially Bob-Betty Bill Simon, Jerry Madorsky, Chuck Bell, Ron Almadova, and Mary-Ken McQueen.

The highlight of this year's tournament was definitely the recognition at champs and reminisced about their past the banquet of many of the old-time successes; Lyle Hurt, Mike Smith, John Carney, Herman De Vault, English Rosenberg, Sol Siegel, Rudy Weiss and Frank Ribach. Each one had one more short moment of glory which he surely deserved.

The Sportsman's Award was presented to Chuck Bell. Chuck had not only been a great sport on the court, but gave 150% of his time off the court to assure a smooth run tourney.

BOB LUND

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Steve August 'Top Man' at Mel Gorham's Open

Dr. Steve August posted the singles' win in Mel Gorham's first California State Open Championships, March 22-26. August after a surprisingly rough three-game semi final win over stubborn Harold Price, polished off another L.A. top notcher, Harry Packer, 21-3, 21-3, in the finals. August blasted too many aces at Packer for the lefthander to arouse any semblance of competition.

Second-seeded Jim Triplett and Skip McDowell, representing the Atlantis Club of Whittier, won the doubles in three games over Jerry Connine, Riverside YMCA, and Jim O'Brien, San Francisco.

The tournament commenced with the local San Diego players in singles competing for positions against the out-of-towners schedule starting Friday. There were 65 matches played on the 6-court facility Friday.

Jack Hulick, Pomona, won the B singles over San Diego's only finalist, Ken Comina. Hulick has two good hands and should progress in tournament stature.

David Mathy, Riverside, won the C singles over Lee Klaus, Marina Del Rey.

Unfortunately a default was necessary in the Masters singles finals. The match was awarded to Alex Boisseree, L.A., over Ted Hilgenstuhler, Hollywood. Ted got fouled up on the time of his match and showed up almost two hours late.

In addition to awarding the open singles and doubles winners, a round trip to the USHA nationals in Seattle, Mel Gorham agreed to donate all gate proceeds and program income to the San Diego County Probation Department to assist in plans for six three-wall courts at the Juvenile Hall.

A special tribute should be given Mel and his staff for the wonderful hospitality. Mrs. Mel Gorham and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Bob Gorham saved the long days by putting on a delicious buffet three days running for the players and their families. And, Mel hosted a fantastic cocktail party Saturday night. It was great fun and done in first class tradition. Thanks so much, from a lot of handball players, for a great tournament and the red carpet treatment . . . we'll be back.

WARREN HAZZARD

Noted in the last issue of *HANDBALL Magazine* that Mel Gorham of San Diego is planning handball-racquetball complexes throughout the country. I hope he considers seriously the New York Metro area as we are really in need of such a complex. In fact if there were included one-wall courts in such a complex I'm sure Metro New York could handle more than one club on this order.

KEN SMOLACK

NATIONAL CHAMPION RECORDS

FOUR-WALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—1919-1950

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1919	Los Angeles	Bill Ranft	Los Angeles	Ranft-Lacey	Los Angeles
1920	Los Angeles	Max Gold	Los Angeles	Klawiter-Retzer	Los Angeles
1921	Detroit	Carl Haedge	St. Paul	Spiegel-Asselin	Detroit
1922	Milwaukee	Art Shinnars	Milwaukee	Laswell-Gold	Los Angeles
1923	St. Paul	Joe Murray	San Francisco	Bathery-Serrenberg	Detroit
1924	Los Angeles	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillin-Donovan	San Francisco
1925	Cleveland	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1926	St. Paul	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillan-Donovan	San Francisco
1927	Detroit	George Nelson	Baltimore	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1928	Cleveland	Joe Griffin	Detroit	Kamman-Schaeferberger	Detroit
1929	New York	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-McMillan	San Francisco
1930	St. Louis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-Paynter	San Francisco
1931	Minneapolis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Bathery-Dworman	Detroit
1932	New York	Angelo Trullio	New York	Trullio-Laswell	New York
1933	Chicago	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Goudreau-Eidswick	Cleveland
1934	New York	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Herz-Manaka	New York
1935	Washington	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1936	Los Angeles	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1937	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Platak-Weiller	Chicago
1938	Memphis	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1939	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1940	Detroit	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1941	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1942	San Francisco	Jack Clements	San Francisco	Gordon-Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1943	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Smith	Los Angeles
1944	Chicago	Frank Coyle	New York	Platak-Quinn	Chicago
1945	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Atcheson-Detwiller	Memphis
1946	San Francisco	Angelo Trullio	New York	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1947	St. Louis	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Haber-Samson	New York
1948	Chicago	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Glucker-Pahl	New York
1949	New York	Vic Hershkowitz	New York	Lewis-Haber	Chicago
1950	Chicago	Ken Schneider	Chicago	Coyle-Baier	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1951	Chicago	Walter Plekan	Buffalo	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1953	Houston	Bob Brady	San Francisco	Haber-Dreyfus	Chicago-St. Louis
1954	Chicago	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1955	Los Angeles	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1956	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1957	Dallas	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1958	Chicago	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1959	Los Angeles	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1960	San Francisco	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Weisman	Los Angeles
1961	Denver	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Hershowitz	Chicago-Brooklyn
1962	Houston	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1963	Seattle	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	Chicago
1964	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Sloan-Elbert	New York
1965	Austin	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1966	Salt Lake City	Paul Haber	San Jose	Tyson-Lindsay	Austin
1967	San Francisco	Paul Haber	San Francisco	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1968	St. Louis	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1969	Austin	Paul Haber	Chicago	Russo-Kramberg	New York
1970	Los Angeles	Paul Haber	Chicago	R. Obert-C. Obert	New York
1971	Memphis	Paul Haber	Chicago	Neveau-Fein	Oshkosh-Milwaukee

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City	Singles	City
1952	Detroit	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1953	Houston	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1954	Chicago	Brotmarkle-Hackney	Los Angeles		
1955	Los Angeles	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1956	St. Louis	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1957	Dallas	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1958	Chicago	Lubin-Haber	Miami-San Jose		
1959	Los Angeles	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1960	San Francisco	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1961	Denver	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1962	Houston	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1963	Seattle	Brady-Keays	San Francisco		
1964	St. Louis	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1965	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1966	Salt Lake City	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1967	San Francisco	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1968	St. Louis	Brady-McGuire	San Francisco		
1969	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1970	Los Angeles	Brady-Keays	San Francisco		
1971	Memphis	Aguilar-Simon	Los Angeles		

WINNERS OF NATIONAL THREE-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City	Masters Winners	City
1950	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Gluckler-Lehrer	New York		
1951	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago		
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Dressler-Collins	Chicago		
1953	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Baier	Chicago		
1954	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Lewis-Collins	Brooklyn-St. Louis		
1955	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Los Angeles	Lewis-Collins	New York		
1956	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Hershkowitz-Dreyfus	Chicago-San Francisco		
1957	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York		
1958	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Sloan-Brady	New York		
1959	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York		
1960	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York-Chicago		
1961	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	C. Danilczyk-J. Danilczyk	New York		
1962	Detroit	Oscar Obert	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York		
1963	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York		
1964	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York		
1965	Detroit	Carl Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York		
1966	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York		
1967	Detroit	Carl Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York		
1968	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York		
1969	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York		
1970	Detroit	Dr. Steve August	Los Angeles	Haber-Upatnieks	Chicago		
1971	Detroit	Lou Russo	New York	Haber-Upatnieks	Chicago		

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1959	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1960	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1961	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Ken Davidoff	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	Norvid-J. Danilczyk	New York
1966	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Ulrich-Holmes	Brooklyn
1967	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	C. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1970	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Russo-Wisotsky	New York
1971	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Sandler-Weber	New York
				Reyer-Ulrich	New York

WINNERS OF ONE-WALL MASTERS TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1960	Brooklyn	Rosenblat-Valenstein	Brooklyn
1961	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Valenstein-Selbst	Brooklyn
1963	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Goldstein-Dayboch	New York
1966	Brooklyn	Potofsky-Selbst	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Russell-Selbst	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-C. Danilczyk	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Schifter-Goldstein	New York
1970	Brooklyn	Rothman-J. Danilczyk	New York
1971	Brooklyn		

WINNERS OF NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SINGLES TOP SIXTEEN

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1969	Birmingham	Paul Haber	Chicago
1970	St. Paul	Dr. Steve August	Los Angeles
1971	Birmingham	Paul Haber	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL INVITATIONAL DOUBLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1971	Denver	Haber-D. Ardito	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1961	Brooklyn	Winfield Ballance	Brooklyn
1962	Brooklyn	Louis Russo	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Harry Spurdis	Brooklyn
1964	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1965	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1966	Brooklyn	Luis Rodriguez	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Wes Yee	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Mark Levine	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Mark Levine	New York
1970	Brooklyn	Marcel Goldfarb	Brooklyn
1971	Brooklyn	Ken Ginty	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1956	Chicago	(Under 19)	Buffalo
1957	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1958	Aurora	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1959	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1960	Aurora	Louis Russo	New York
1961	Aurora	Steve August	Detroit
1962	New York	Lou Russo	New York
1963	Austin, Texas	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1964	San Diego	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1965	Miami	Joel Galpern	Miami Beach
1966	Salt Lake City	Larry August	Detroit
1967	Tulsa	Tom Kopaytic	Milwaukee
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Steve Lott	New York
1969	St. Louis	Jeff Barnes	Birmingham
1970	Miami	Ken Ginty	New York
1971	Miami	Rick Christian	Van Nuys, Calif.
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	(under 16)	Van Nuys, Calif.
1966	Salt Lake City	(under 17)	New York
1967	Tulsa	Wes Yee	New York
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Mitchell Straus	New York
1969	St. Louis	Gary Straus	St. Louis
1970	Miami	Ted Yvelson	St. Louis
1971	Miami	Ted Yvelson	St. Louis
1969	St. Louis	Nati Alvarado	Juarez, Mexico
1970	Miami	(under 15)	St. Louis
1971	Miami	Steve Adelman	St. Louis
		Steve Adelman	Shreveport
		Mike Lloyd	

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENDERS

Year	Held In	Single Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1964	Milwaukee	Dave Graybill	Phoenix	Fein-White	Milwaukee
1965	Benton Harbor	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Gordon-McDonald	Chicago
1966	St. Louis	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago	Brownfield-Perez	Chicago
1967	Denver	Bill Yambrick	St. Paul	Carlsen-Barney	Denver
1968	Seattle	Dr. Claude Benham	Norfolk, Va.	Haber-Morlos	Milwaukee-L.A.
1969	Birmingham	Pat Kirby	New York	M. Kelly-Sandland	Long Beach

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENDERS MASTERS

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City
1967	Denver	Weisman-Torgove	Los Angeles- Denver
1968	Seattle	Schoning-Inglesby	Portland
1969	Birmingham	Costello-J. Ardito	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL INVITATIONAL MASTERS DOUBLES

Year	Held In	Age 40-45	Over 50 (Golden)
1970	Birmingham	Haas-Marcus, Miami	Brotemarkle-Feivou, Los Angeles
1971	Birmingham	Elbert-Schneider, Chicago	Brotemarkle-Feivou, Los Angeles

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL INVITATIONAL MASTERS SINGLES

Year	Held In	Over 40	Over 50
1972	Chattanooga	Phil Elbert, Chicago	Bill Feivou, Los Angeles

Jack Hickman Wins Minnesota Masters

Jack Hickman won the Minnesota Masters Singles title in the tournament held Jan. 17-22, at the St. Paul Downtown YMCA, beating Bob Englund 12-21, 21-9, 21-14. Hickman, representing the Downtown Y, moved to the finals with victories over Jim Marshall (forfeit), Irv Hinch (21-2, 21-14), Willis Wood (21-17, 21-19), and Don Cameron (21-6, 21-2). The battle between Wood and Hickman in the quarter-finals was an exciting and hotly contested match. Ex-footballer Wood proved to be a "great getter" but his failure to kill the ball made the difference as Hickman came on to win.

Bob Englund, representing the Minneapolis Y, came into the finals with victories over Phil Spiegler (21-12, 21-16), Oz Trooien (21-9, 21-15), Ron Adams (21-11, 21-11), and Floyd Foslien (21-9, 21-19).

The final match started with Bob Englund jumping to a big lead with strong serves and pin point shooting. Hickman seemed unable to cope with Bob's serves as he missed or gave weak returns. Jack hung in the game to eke out 12 points as Bob waltzed to victory. It looked like Englund would win in two games. In a complete reversal of form Jack came out charging as he went to high wrap-around shots and hard drives down the side walls. Bob seemed to lose the fine edge on his serves and lost 21-9. In the deciding game both players responded to the challenge with Jack pulling away after the game was tied at 12-all to win.

There were a number of upsets this year as top seeds Steve Subak, Oz Trooien and Neal Nordlund fell by the wayside. The age limit was lowered from 45 to 40 for the first time so this may have been a factor. Third-seeded Floyd Foslien came on to nail down third place. John Mohan celebrated his entrance into the Masters Singles by winning the consolation trophy from Art Arnold (21-16, 21-14).

We wish to thank the Downtown YMCA for their fine hospitality. Tournament director Neal Nordlund kept things running smoothly. Jerry Sandin headed up the referees and expresses thanks to Ron Adams, Chuck Wolterstorff, Tom Driscoll, Roland White, Steve Subak, Jack Hickman, Nordlund, and Matt Testa for their help. Also, Physical Director Franz Moch was "Johnny on the spot" replenishing towels, supplying balls, tabulating scores, etc. Many thanks to all who helped and participated.

JACK HICKMAN

Chattanooga Will Again Host National Invite Masters Singles

Executive Committee of the Chattanooga Handball Club has agreed unanimously to take the option of holding the Second Annual USHA National Invitational Masters and Golden Masters singles in 1973. The initial venture, highly successful, was held last February. Dates will be announced later.

A host National Tournament Committee will concentrate solely on planning for this event. Alex Guerry — registration correspondence; Ed Ellett will serve as tournament coordinator including the tournament draw; Coyel Ricketts will coordinate the tournament printed program, and Joe Timberlake will be responsible for hospitality rooms, refreshments and food.

Bob Gary has been the contact between the Chattanooga organization and USHA headquarters.

Completing the 1972-73 Invitational Masters singles and doubles schedule—The Milwaukee Handball Club (in suburban Wauwatosa) will host the third annual USHA Invitational Masters and Golden Masters doubles in late October.

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Vote For a Tennis 'Seed' . . .

Dear Mort:

Just an opinion on the preferred seeding method for tournaments. Would like to go on record as definitely favoring the tennis seed for those smaller tournaments, in which a valid ranking of players can be made.

We have run several tournaments using the old handball seed method and using the tennis seed. This latter method was far superior in producing good competition throughout the early rounds, and on bringing the finalists in against each other in comparable physical condition.

The best players, if they are truly the best, should not require an added advantage over their less capable opponents by playing a much easier schedule on their way to the finals. To my way of thinking, seeding should make the play as equitable as possible throughout the tournament, rather than setting the stage for a final day show-down between Number 1 and Number 2.

Also, here is one affirmative vote on the recent name change to HANDBALL. Co-existence is great, but let's keep first things first.

PAT PATTON
Fort Knox, Kentucky

Idaho Oasis . . .

Sirs:

Well, it finally happened! We have a handball court in North Idaho. Recently opened in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is "The Coeur d'Alene Athletic Club" located at 208 Coeur d'Alene Avenue.

Through the fine efforts and hard work of Hal Damiano, who himself is a well-known player around the Spokane area, we have a very modern club. The big attraction, of course, is the regulation handball court which is receiving lots of action. There is also exercise equipment, pool table, ping pong, TV, and sauna bath. Membership is growing steadily, so there is a possibility another handball court may be added in the future. Hopefully, we will be gaining new subscribers to HANDBALL.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM A. DLOUHY
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

P.S. "Hi" to the Grand Forks, North Dakota, Hinder Club of which I have been a member.

Tampa Booster . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

I wish to compliment you and USHA for the courage of printing the grievance letter forwarded by Ernie Ortiz.

I accompanied Ernie on his trip to Birmingham — and let me assure you that only because of his enthusiasm and love for HANDBALL — I considered the long drive. Since his arrival 5 years ago — he had been desirous I witness the play of the GIANTS in the sport.

Impressed I was with the competitiveness and skills of "Doc" Benham, Ray Neveau, Dave Graybill, Pat Kirby, Gordie Pfeifer, Terry Muck, Fred Lewis, etc., etc. . . yet — my greatest thrill was watching the Ernie/Terry Muck match. WOW, that 21-20 third game was electrifying. Why, I almost jumped into the court — for such was my excitement. With competition lacking in our immediate area — it was truly a tremendous feat.

Mr. Kendler, we appreciate HANDBALL'S AMBASSADOR in the Tampa Bay Area. He is a man's man — with deep sincere feelings and concern for others. Ernie promotes HANDBALL daily — and takes time to share his skills with ANYONE interested.

Please, just not accept my word for it — but ask others who have visited our beloved and great city — of the royal hospitality extended to them upon contacting Ernie when they arrive in Tampa.

Yes, I too feel USHA MUST arrive at a amiable solution if HANDBALL is to capture the viewing audience and prominence it seeks.

Lastly Mr. Kendler, let me extend to you and all HANDBALLERS — an invitation to be my guest at "THE PONDEROSA LOUNGE OF TAMPA" for a taste of my "SUPREME 'ACE' PIZZA!"

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Note: If Ray Neveau ever takes you up on this you'll be out of business!

Stay As You Are . . .

Dear Bob:

You told me when you left Billings that you would write a tribute to Lou Poppler. You certainly are a man of your word.

The column entitled "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself" on page 73 of the February Handball magazine is simply excellent. The committee joins me in thanking you for your gracious response to our invitation to Billings.

We've set the 1973 tournament for January 25th, 26th and 27th, and we certainly want you to consider returning to Billings for that event.

May God continue to give you the opportunity to be great.

BILL OSBORNE, C.L.U.
Billings, Mont.

Fond Memory . . .

Dear Mort:

It was with some shock that I read about Lou Poppler being wheel-chaired and the invitational tournament which was recently held in Billings, Montana, in his honor.

I had the memorable pleasure of knowing Lou in Billings back in about 1959 and 1960, when four-wall handball got off the ground there at the YMCA. Lou, I remember, was instrumental in helping to give birth to the Y courts. He was a tough, serious, hard-fighting but fair competitor when play got started. You were always sure of a spirited, enjoyable workout — win-or-lose — playing against Lou.

Illness may have grounded Lou now, but I know he'll be putting out with all the same energy and determination as he did hitting the little black ball.

HARRY W. ANISGARD
New Orleans, La.

Texas Valley Play . . .

Dear Bob:

This is our 2nd year of wintering in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas. Outside of a couple of short chilly periods we have enjoyed excellent weather, warm sunshiny days, and cool pleasant nights. Our first year here I could not locate a handball court but this year I went at it with determination and was informed they had a Court at the Elks Club in Mc Allen which is only five miles away from where we are residing. I am not an Elk but went over anyway. The manager told me I could play but would have to come in as some member's guest. This was O.K. with me as I figured I could find a member who played but during the course of our very pleasant conversation he told me about a Mr. Othal Brand who had built his own private handball court attached to his office building located in North Mc Allen. I called Mr. Brand that evening which was a Saturday. He said "Sure come over the following day, Sunday and he would arrange a game for me." He had a severely pulled muscle in his back and he still could not play. He had to rest it a few more days. I went over to his office and he and his wife met me at his offices. He took me back to the Court and "Brother what a beauty, what a set up." It is a beautiful regulation size Court with a glassed in gallery section, locker room, showers, the works. A real handballers dream. I did not play that day but a date was made for me Monday, I could hardly wait, arriving an hour early. And then another surprise, there are Good players down here: Jim Murphy, Mr. Brand's pilot, Chito Martinez, a power hitting youngster, Don Moore, a heady player, Claude Hill who hits as sharp a kill shot that I have ever seen and then a few days later Othal Brand who is a big powerfully built man over 6 feet 200 lbs. (no fat). He reminds me when he plays with Alex Boisseree only right handed. Mr. Brand who is around 55 has been playing only seven years but can and does give anyone a whale of a workout. Believe me if these fellows played top competition they could become top handball players. Along with being good handball players and sportsmen they are as fine a group of men it has ever been my good fortune to meet. Mr. Brand's firm Griffin and Brand is one of the largest if not the largest vegetable and fruit processing operation in the "Valley." He flies and ships fruits and vegetables all over the world. He is a prominent churchman (Baptist) a power in the community and if anyone wants anything such as heading up a fund drive, etc., it's "See Othal Brand." He and his wife Kay have raised 4 lovely children and believe me there isn't anyone bar-none who can make a better strawberry pie than Kay Brand, ask my wife Dorothy. As our winter sojourn nears an end I look forward, the good Lord willing, to next winter when I can again play on the "Dream Court" in Mc Allen, Texas. I understand it was Wayne Showers, vice president of Griffin and Brand who contacted Mort for the plans to build the Court. They were followed 100% to that I can attest. I probably could and should write more as there are other players but unfortunately I did not get to play all of them. May I close by saying "The wonders of handball never cease."

Yours until handballs quit bouncing.

BILL BINGER
Allegan, Michigan

Suggests Rule Revision . . .

A review of the rules concerning the hinder or the "block" should be made so that the referee, when making this call, shall also decide if the player serving shall have one or two chances on his re-serve. Here are typical instances where this will apply:

1. In the case of the serving side making a feeble return or "foul tip" during the rally which hits the opponent, only one serve shall be allowed. If it is the receiving side that makes the foul tip or feeble return which hits the opponent then two serves shall be permitted on the re-serve.
2. If the block (or hinder) occurs during a regular rally then only one serve shall be allowed, regardless of whom the block may be charged against (after all, the ball should be put back into play in an ordinary manner).
3. If the block (or hinder) is called where the shot may have been too difficult to return, the server shall receive two serves if it was his superior shot that was nullified; one serve if the serving side was recipient of the technical hinder. (Two serves only add insult to injury.)

Since the serve, in recent years, has become an evermore powerful offensive play, the purpose of modifying the service rule is to create a fair situation by eliminating the rewards for errors or penalizing good shots. It mitigates the gain a serving side presently can unjustly obtain after the ball has been put into play after a one-fault service when two chances at service after a hinder has been called is allowed.

Bernard E. Feuerstein
2 Lawson Ave.
East Rockaway, N.Y.

Note: We will ask Jim Jacobs and the rules committee to study this. The term "block" is an Eastern expression and is the same as the term "hinder."

Public Courts . . .

Sirs:

The Pontiac, Michigan area will soon be able to enjoy handball with the opening of three new courts at the Waterford Hill Sauna and Handball Courts in Waterford, Michigan. Since no courts exist between the Detroit YMCA and the Flint Y (approximately 70 miles north of Detroit), a real need in this area is being fulfilled.

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And after it's all over and you go your way — perhaps regaled in victory — perhaps bowed in defeat — somehow, just somehow, the fight will have been sweet.

Orange Wins 3rd Jersey Loop Title

By BILL KENNEDY

Captain Matty Boscaino led his Orange YMCA team to its third straight North Jersey Handball League title when a 19-match season was concluded March 17. Boscaino, who took over as captain of the Orange squad in the 1969-70 season, has a perfect record in guiding his team to championships.

Ed Purcell, New Jersey's second best singles player in 1971, was Orange's first singles player, while John Sabo, fourth in the state a year ago, played in the second singles spot. Boscaino held down the third singles position until Orange had gained an insurmountable lead in the standings, and then he inserted other members of the club into that spot.

In doubles Orange had outstanding players in M. M. "Greek" Matza, Les "Red" Barna, John Sabo Jr., John Marra Jr., and Mike and Dave Glickson. They were supported by Bob Shack, John Marra Sr., Joe Eichler, Dick Aslin, John Larsen, and Tony Acquardo.

Plainfield, under the capable direction of captain Joe Nevins, finished second for the second straight season. However, it took an 11-1 victory over third place Newark, captained by John Scola, in the season's final match to retain that position. Jersey City, under the leadership of Frank Nostrame for the first time, finished a respectable fourth. Cagey veteran captain Fred Romeo brought his Paterson team out of the cellar in the final round to cop fifth place and West Essex retained its sixth position under new captain Lou Borrelli, nosing out last place Montclair.

Several new players dotted the nine-man lineups during the season. West Essex came up with a top player in "rookie" Al Abrahams and doubles men Ira Davis and Gene Binda. Paterson had newcomers in Mike Grifone and Chuck Collins. Jersey City became the toughest doubles team in the league with Leo Simpson and Mike Grimes, while Newark imported first year players Ed Thomas and Jack Hickey. Plainfield got a strong right arm in Jim King and Montclair staggered through the season but showed hope with neophytes Carl Geck and Carmine DeGennaro. Orange stayed pat with an all veteran team.

Around the North Jersey League a cry went out to "break up Orange." Some Orange players have taken this seriously and have suggested that their talent loaded club be divided into "A" and "B" teams next year. This would en-

able the North Jersey loop, believed to be the oldest handball league in the nation, to become an eight-team circuit again. When the Sportsman's Club withdrew from the league in December, an unwieldy schedule for seven teams had to be implemented.

An eighth New Jersey team will be sought in the off season by league president Howard Heerwagen. Interested organizations should contact Heerwagen at 27 Lewis Drive, Springfield, N.J. 07081, or at the Newark YMCA.

The Newark club will sponsor the league's 19th annual dinner-dance April 15 at the Cobblestones Restaurant in West Caldwell. Bill Benenson is chairman.

FINAL STANDINGS

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Orange	150-78
Plainfield	129-99
Newark	124-104
Jersey City	120-108
Paterson	96-132
West Essex	94-134
Montclair	86-142

Sportsman's Club was 31-43 after 1st round.

When Bill Kennedy, our faithful scribe from New Jersey, questioned me how we could get Paul Haber, Neveau-Fein to a divisional tournament in Tulsa when they already had their national trip coming, we can give the answer quite easily. The hosts of any divisional or invitational must realize that in most cases the key performing players should be given transportation and some per diem allowance if they want to get them to the tournament. Why? Because (1) They deserve this consideration by past performances. (2) They get such allowances in the many independent invitations. (3) This is what makes a real tournament.

The purpose of a USHA divisional is not solely to give the winners of the open events a trip to the nationals. We are trying to uncover new talent and use it more or less as a showcase for the nationals. We don't want the tournament so "watered down" by the absence of "stars" that it becomes a second rate affair. From a financial standpoint the bringing in of the Habers and Kirbys will sell tickets at the gate . . . and believe me, no one should take a divisional unless there is a 150 or more gallery to make the necessary "nut."

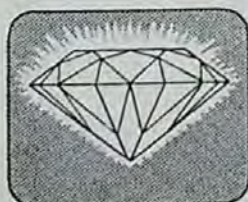


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Book Reviews . . .

LIVING TO BEAT HELL, by Joseph T. McGloin, S. J., Prentice-Hall, \$6.95.

LIVING TO BEAT HELL, by Joseph T. McGloin, S.J., Prentice-Hall, \$6.95. Note Father McGloin rightfully terms himself a hyphenated Jesuit—"Jesuit-writer". We were privileged to have a piece contributed by him in our Aug. 1971 issue, "Handball as Played in the 'Good Book'." We met Father McGloin last Summer on a visit to Seattle and will look forward to seeing him again at the nationals. He spent a decade as a teacher-counselor at Regis high school in Denver; spent several years of concentrated writing in the Twin Cities and found the Minneapolis Athletic Club a veritable heaven of handball. Once an ardent tennis player, Father McGloin now finds handball, "as a pursuit of sanity." Now, the good padre is chaplain at Marymount Military Academy in Tacoma. When Father McGloin dropped a note stating the book would soon be off the presses he hoped I would read more than the passages devoted to

handball. Truthfully, I started right at the beginning and found his work fascinating, extremely well written. Not being a religious person I might have been a bit wary at the onset but found much "meat" in the subject matter, and how much satisfaction a man can find in life as a servant of God.

The chapter on "sodality" struck me as being THE answer to many of today's problems of youth. The youngsters of today seek individuality and if their energies can be channeled toward service for others and learning how to live productive lives there will be little time for getting in trouble. Sodality is defined—fellowship, comradeship. In the Church it is a lay society for religious and charitable purposes.

I was particularly impressed with Father McGloin's ability to "manipulate", or should we say organize a huge convention gathering of these youths in Colora-

do Springs with real finesse, meaning for as little monetary expenditure as is possible. And, when he was able to add the necessary buses on Sunday to transport the youngsters from Denver to Colorado Springs it was only natural that it would be accomplished with transportation provided Cadets from the Air Force Academy to attend Protestant services in Denver. While these young men were attending services the buses were not kept idle.

Don Baumgart does an excellent job of illustrating this work.

In total, Father McGloin got me thinking. My reading habits have been mediocre. It's time we parents stopped to think a bit. This idea of making things easier for our kids than we had it is OK but the continued permissiveness allowed at home and in the schools is entirely unhealthy.

Thanks Father McGloin.

MORT LEVE

HANDBALL, by Thomas Yukic, W. B. Sanders Company, West Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19105. Saunders Physical Activities Series. Thomas Yukic is an associate professor, Chico State College, California.

In our Feb. issue of HANDBALL we reviewed (pages 55-56) a Handball booklet written by Richard C. Nelson & Harlan S. Berger of Penn State University. Perhaps we were over-critical of this work, looking at it from the tournament player level. These men replied, "You should realize that this book has been written primarily for beginning and intermediate level players."

And, now we have another college-orientated treatise, that is very thorough in scope. Rather, than delve again into criticisms, which are always of a constructive nature, we would state that Yukic covers all bases.

But, we would be remiss if we didn't discuss once again the totally wrong interpretations that are being made in these instructional booklets as regards following the ball. On page 16 of the Yukic booklet he states, "Should you be ahead of the ball while in the front court you must not turn around to see where the ball has gone or what your opponent may do with his return. There is imminent

danger that he may direct the ball toward you, and possibly your eyes or face may be on the collision course. Do not turn about and face the rear court. Instead, focus your eyes toward the front wall and utilize your peripheral vision and the sounds of your opponent's movements to keep track of the ball."

I don't care if the author is aiming toward the beginning player or not. It would be a real bad habit to fall into if this recommendation were followed, and can put the player in a vulnerable position, not only from the standpoint of not being able to anticipate or follow the ball . . . but, also most important, his inability to move properly if his opponent has to come toward him to retrieve and return the ball. Players who turn their backs on the play can be a danger to the opponent who moves quickly for the shot.

Let's face the fact that the one danger is getting hit in the eye. OK—if you want protection it is readily available in several good types of eye guards. We are not saying you must turn completely around

the follow but you must pivot at an angle to follow it . . . you can't see peripherally with your back turned and if you can anticipate by the sound of your opponent's movement, you're a marvel!

Now, that we've got that out of our system let's get to the positive side. The author covers the basic skills quite well. We don't like his term "overhead" for the shot that we would term "overhand" . . . for the stroke does not have to be made above the head . . . it can be made from shoulder high and above. The hard cross court serve is best executed from a shoulder high power swing, not from over the head. The "feather stroke" to the ceiling is over the head.

The "Full underhand stroke" as discussed would appear to be the Irish Whip.

Error charts, diagrams, and drawings do much to enhance the value of this booklet. For the college level we would give it a hearty stamp of approval.

Oh yes, the review of last issue failed to list the name of said reviewer. Then—and now—Mort the Sport.

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Dr. Harry J. Johnson of the Life Extension Institute offers a simple test to find out if you have become an alcoholic: stop drinking for seven days. He says that anyone who can give up booze for a week without feeling martyred from an endless craving is still a social drinker. If you can't give it up for a week, acknowledge your problem and see a physician.

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Color cover in the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch Magazine, March 19 . . . "HANDBALL, A popular Exerciser" with an accompanying feature story. Rev. Robert Keck and Mike Driscoll are the cover boys. John McNeely writes a fine story. Central Y with six courts go full blast from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. History of the game is outlined . . . then, "A big step for handball was taken in 1951 with the forming of the U.S. Handball Association. Robert W. Kendler of Chicago is credited virtually a one-man drive which led to the forming of the USHA." The late Merritt Bates is the only Columbus man to ever capture a national handball title . . . he took national Y crowns in 1928, 1930 and 1933. Rev. Keck is considered top city player now . . . moved from Des Moines, Iowa, where he was a state singles winner. Keck says, "I find handball a beneficial therapy in regard to my profession . . . a contrast to my profession." City Recreation Director Mel Dodge reports that the city will build three-wall and one-wall courts by 1973.

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Joe Hero writes from New Orleans . . . two new courts at the JCC. Mal Miller, physical director. Sent in membership for Jim Taylor, the former all-pro battering fullback with the Green Bay Packers. Taylor is playing regularly, "and moving up our ladder at the New Orleans A.C."

Joe considers Ralph Villars the strongest player in the area the past 25 years, two good hands, good serve and what makes him outstanding is that he consistently kills with two way hops when the setup comes. "If he developed fly kills and defensive game he could move into national rankings."

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You "swingers" who get to La Vegas. There are now two standard courts located at the Temple Beth Shalom Center, 1600 E. Oakley Blvd.

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A Man Should Be Ashamed To Die Unless He Has Won Some Victory For Humanity...

Whenever I get to thinking about life, I am overwhelmed with the feeling that all of us have a job to do — some victory to win for humanity. I am sure there is a purpose in each of our lives, and those of us who manage to achieve it should rejoice. Abraham Lincoln, for example, was destined to win a measure of freedom for humanity. Jesus Christ was destined to win love. Each of us, in our own way, can also win some victory, and to this end we should dedicate our lives.

Someone once told me my purpose in life was to leave handball a better game than I found it. If humanity profits by this achievement, we all will have won a victory. There is no reason why you can't share this victory with me. You could help the USHA promote tournaments, teach young people, inspire good sportsmanship, and above all — be a living example of handball's everlasting goal — by developing mind, body, and spirit. You might even consider making a contribution to the Handball Perpetuation Trust. Hundreds who cannot take an active part in the promotion of the game have given us the financial support we need to win our Victory for Humanity.

To win a really great victory, we are going to have to be different. Woolworth conceived the idea of the five and ten cent store. That was different. His fortune was measured by millions when he passed away. Ford determined to build a light inexpensive car for the masses. That was different. His reward came in the greatest automobile output in the world. Human progress has often depended on the courage of those who dared to be different.

The greatest victory you can win for handball is to stop the construction of old fashioned courts — courts without big, comfortable, clean galleries. The only way we will ever bring handball to millions is to emulate Woolworth and Ford. Be different. Don't do what has been done before. Let us profit from past mistakes by being different. Glass is different! So you see, there are many ways in which you can win your victory for humanity. Great or small, whatever you do will be never-ending — like a ripple on the sea.

When you make a \$100 contribution to the Handball Perpetuation Trust, you are building, with us, a structure that will endure for generations to come. Even though we are all mortals, we can live forever in the memory of handball.

Those of you who have been to my office have been greeted with this message which has been on my wall for the nearly fifty years I have been in business. I think it would be an equally fine inspiration for our handball business.

*"When we build, let us think that we build forever.
Let it not be for present delight nor for present use
alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will
thank us for. And let us think, as we lay stone on
stone, that a time is to come when these stones will
be held sacred because we have touched them. And
that men will say, as they look upon the wrought
substance of them:
See! This our Fathers did for us."*

BOB KENDLER

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