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L.I. AARA Championships
August 26-28, 1983 Sportset Racquet Ball Club 40 Maple Avenue Rockville Center, N.Y. 11570

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September 16-18, Irondequit Club Rochester, N.Y.

Fall Players Shootout
September 23-25, Pointset Racquet Ball Club Bayshore, N.Y. 11706 (516) 968-8668

Columbus Day Weekend Shootout
October 7-9, 21st Point Club McKowan Road Albany, N.Y. 12203 (518) 489-3276

Royal Tournament Fall Classic
October 14, 15, 16, 1983 Suffolk County, N.Y. (516) 732-5500

Natural Light Classic
October 28-30, Allsport Racquet Ball Club Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Mindy's Open Racquet Ball Tournament
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February 17-19, 1984, Allsport Racquet Club

N.Y. State AARA Regional Championships
April 6, 7, 8, 1984, Site to be determined.

American Professional Racquetball Organization's Annual Convention Set

The American Professional Racquetball Organization has officially announced its annual convention for September 16-18 (Friday-Sunday) at the Charlie Club in Palatine, Illinois. It will be jointly conducted with the International Racquet Sports Association trade show. Therefore both organizations will have quite interesting and entertaining speakers to choose from. The conventioneers will have the benefit of hearing speeches from either the convention or trade. This first coordination of ideas will be extremely valuable to owners, managers, program directors, teachers or desk staff. With the structure of the weekend as it is established, it will be beneficial for any employee of the club.

This years APRO's convention will reflect its new direction as an organization. It is becoming more of a managerial-program director-teacher organization than a pure teacher organization. The industry has changed immensely so APRO has changed also to satisfy the changing times.

Therefore at the convention, Barry Ptaskin, managerial consultant, will expound on the aspects of manager proficiency: Jean Sauser will discuss her evolution from desk staff to teacher to touring pro to manager/owner to consultant: Dr. David Birnbaum, director of a sports medicine clinic, will show new techniques in the field; Art Shay will talk about his many books and epcapades in the racquetball world. T.J. Suk will give a Tae Kwon Do-Judo demonstration and show how it can be effective for clubs: and many other profitable topics. These are but a few of the speakers for the weekend.

If interested please write or call the AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL RACQUETBALL ORGANIZATION 720 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Il. 60035 (312) 432-0240

From the Editor

Here it is, midsummer 1983. So many things going on in the paddleball-racquetball world. Five major paddleball tournaments have come to an end with Budweiser continuing throughout the summer. The A.A.R.A. Junior Nationals are history now with both the racquetball and paddleball rankings completed.

The A.A.R.A. already has a comprehensive list of tournaments for the new season, but it seems that the paddleball people don't plan as far in advance! We haven't received any paddleball events at press time to include in our calendar. One thing I'd like you to take note of is the upcoming ONE-WALL RACQUETBALL tournament in October sponsored by this paper and Paddle Sports Health Club. Additional sponsors to be announced.

We are happy to have Charlie "The Gar" Garfinkel join our staff of writers which includes such notables as Joe Lube, Jim Winterton, Dr. Rachlin, Bobby Schwarz and Pat Bagwell. From time to time we will be bringing you articles and stories written by a variety of sports personalities.

So enjoy the rest of the summer—see you in the fall!

Editor

The American Professional RB Organization Expands It's Services and Direction

President Charles L. Sheftel started a new trend for the American Professional Racquetball Organization. The clinics will now stress **not only** teacher skills relating to drills, psychology of teaching, and teaching techniques; **but** also certain aspects of advertising, marketing strategies, programming for all levels and ages, and management skills relating to the "whole club" concept.

This will now be the standard for all APRO clinics throughout the United States. This idea was previously discussed with IRSA's executive director, John McCarthy; who thought this would be useful and very necessary for the racquetball industry.

Mr. Sheftel says, "We realize that the pure racquetball teacher is a rare breed now, because of the changing times in racquetball. Therefore, we have expanded our functions to include management, advertising, marketing, programming, and teaching techniques."

Now teachers, desk staff, program directors, managers and owners will benefit from the clinics, conventions, and other new functions of the APRO. The APRO clinics and annual convention will give the industry a very much needed boost.

For more information write or call the AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL RACQUETBALL ORGANIZATION, 720 Central Ave., Highland Park, Il. 60035 (312) 432-0240.

ONE WALL RACQUETBALL COMES TO N.Y.

Racquetsport Player together with Paddle Sports Health Club will be bringing this exciting game to the N.Y metropolitan area in late September. "We expect to attract both the Paddleball and Racquetball players" said the events promoter George McFadden! "We are looking to exceed the 100 plus players that participated in 1980 in Central Park."

Divisions in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles broken down into Open, "B" Amateur, and "C" Novice will attract players in a large range of ages and skills.

Trophies will be awarded in all divisions with cash awards in the Open only.

For an application and more info send SASE to Paddle Sports Health Club 80-50 Pitkin Ave, Ozone Park, N.Y. call (212) 738-3535.

Let's Clean Up The Game

by Charlie Garfinkel
(member of the Ektelon Advisory Staff)

About three months ago I was playing in a tournament in Albany, New York. One of the competitors was not only losing, he was swearing and stomping around the court, after practically every point.

Although his opponent and some spectators were laughing at his outbursts, juniors who were watching must have been somewhat confused. They had to be thinking, "why are they letting this player get away with this terrible behavior?"

Probably, it was partly due to the fact that his opponent seemed to be more amused, than abused by his antics, the referee didn't even give him a warning.

However, as the score became closer, and the one player continued his antics, the player who had been leading, started to become more and more aggravated. Suffice to say that he wound up losing the match. And, if you're wondering what division this poor sportsmanship occurred in, it wasn't in the Open, A, or even B division. It occurred in the Masters Division. The player who was having the tirades was a 47 year old competitor. Surely, one would have thought that he had matured a little at this age.

At the other end of the spectrum, I played in the Catalina Nationals in Chicago in early June. (The fact that I won my 11th National Championship isn't revelant to the article, so I won't mention it.)

In the pro division, a player who is ranked in the top 8 nationally continually berated the referee, swore on occasion, banged his racquet on the wall, and had numerous technicals called against him. Of course he lost. Even worse, his appalling behavior had to be witnessed by many spectators, many of which were youngsters who worshipped him.

And, as if this wasn't bad enough, another match was even worse. In this, a top eastern pro was involved in a fiasco with a top west coast professional. After considerable pushing and verbal abuse by both players, both of these so called professionals literally fell on the floor, and were pummelling each other.

The aforementioned, unfortunately, aren't isolated incidents. However, this is what is happening in our great game of racquetball. What can we do to insure good sportsmanship and return more stability to the game?

First, we must have capable and more experienced referees; referees who can control matches. Second, a penalty system should be strictly adhered to such as the following:

A. 1st violation-A warning will be given.

B. 2nd violation-A technical will be called.

C. 3rd violation-The player will be defaulted.

Too strict, you say. I hardly think so. I guarantee that the players who are the chronic bad actors will start cleaning up their act, especially if they're professionals. If they don't, suspend them from the game. We don't need them!

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AARA JUNIOR NATIONALS

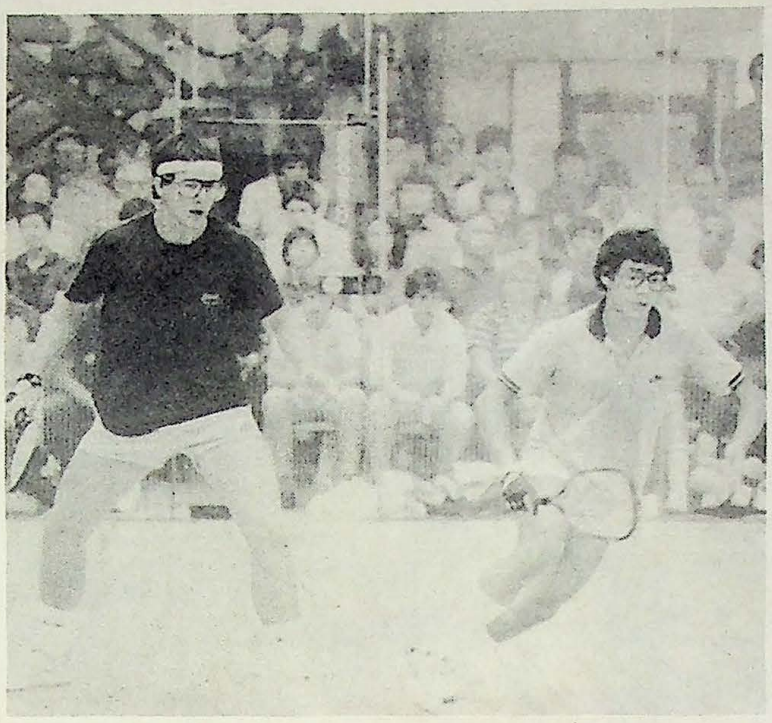
Championships-June 1983

Photos By Alan

18 AND UNDER
RAY NAVARRO OF EL PASO TEXAS DEF. ANDY ROBERTS OF MEMPHIS TN. (15-7), (15-10)

TINA RASMUSSEN OF JACKSONVILLE OR. DEF. BECKY RUSH (15-9), (12-15), (15-8)

Top Junior racquetball players from around the country displayed their skills at All Sport Racquetball Club, the host of the 1983 AARA Junior Racquetball Championships. The five day tournament featured nearly 500 boys and girls aged 8 to 18 competing for 24 national singles and doubles titles. The event was sponsored by D.P. Leach, Penn Athletic Products Company and The Pepsi Corp. The winners of the 18 and under Boys and Girls division received berths on the U.S. National Team. The National Team will compete among eleven other countries at the Central America Games in Costa Rica in October. The youngsters had a great time Tuesday night when All Sport featured a Junior Carnival for the players. Although it rained, the kids were warm and dry under the huge tent pitched in the parking lot. Many top local players were among the competitors. This way an opportunity for them to play against players from all over the country. It was said that all fifty states were represented at the tournament. AARA Junior Nationals Nolan Glantz of Crompond, N.Y. won two titles in the 12 and under division in both singles and doubles. Pete Chardovoyne of Shrub Oak, N.Y. won third place in the 18 and under. Robin Levine and Elaine Mardas won the 14 and under doubles.



Andy Roberts—Ray Navarro

Local Juniors Make Excellent Showing In Nationals

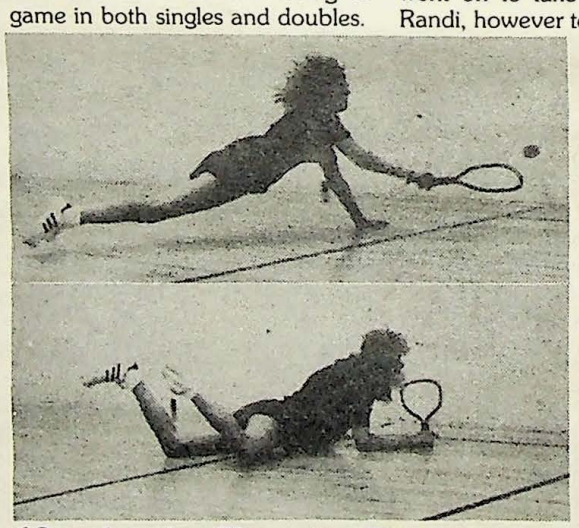
by Maxwell Glantz

The 1983 AARA Junior National championships was held from June 25th thru June 29th in Fishkill, New York at the Allsport II Fitness and Racquetball Club. Over 400 budding racquetball stars and *their relatives and friends from across the country converged on* Fishkill from as far away as Hawaii. A good time was had by all at what was a very well run tournament with most matches getting off on time. The tournament was in the capable hands of Luke St. Onge and Paul Henrickson of AARA assisted by New York's own Al Seittleman and also the Allsport staff headed by Jim Burns.

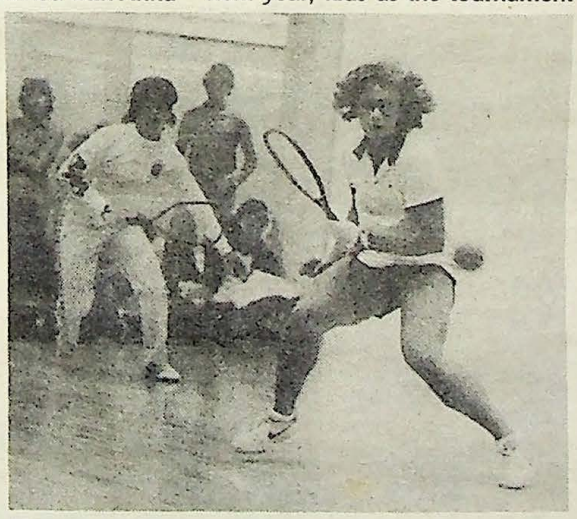
Our New York and other metropolitan area players made a great showing. New York is in the running for the team trophy with the final points going through a close recount at press time. Olympic style gold, silver and bronze medals were given to the victors in singles and doubles championships. Our local standouts included the following:

- Pete Chardavoyne of Westchester took the bronze medal in both singles and doubles in the boys 18 and under division. Pete teamed up at the last minute with our own Steve Rubin of Brooklyn who substituted for Pete's original partner who didn't show-up.
- Tommy Montalbano of Long Island teamed with Hugh Klein of Pennsylvania to take the gold medals in the tough boys 18 and under doubles division. They beat Doug Ganin and his partner Jim Leone of Ohio in a hard fought tie-breaker final.
- David Cardillo of Westchester lost a heart-breaker 15-8, 8-15, 16-14 in the round of 16 of the boys 18 and under singles.
- Joe Corso of Long Island made it to the quarter-finals in the boys 16 and under division. He also lost in the quarters of the doubles playing with Joe Timminia of Long Island.
- Todd Kohout of New Jersey took David Simonette of Maryland to a close tie-breaker before settling for the silver medal in the boys 14 and under division. Todd reached the finals without losing a game. Todd teamed with Tim Doyle of Buffalo to take the boys 14 and under doubles division gold medals beating Simonette and his partner Rich Vazzano of New Jersey in the finals.
- Nolan Glantz of Westchester completely dominated the boys 12 and under division without losing a game in both singles and doubles. Nolan went through the singles draw with no one getting more than 8 points off him in a game and won the finals over John Gillooly of Massachusetts 15-1, 15-3. He teamed with Duane Legill of Arizona, a last minute substitute for Nolan's original partner who got injured to take the gold in doubles.
- Chris Conte of New York lost in a close tie-breaker in the semi-finals of the boys 10 and under division. Chris teamed with Mike Meyer of New York to take second in doubles losing to Bryan Hogan of Connecticut who played with Kevin Daly of Massachusetts. Billy Austin of Fishkill teamed with Brett Bougan of New Mexico for doubles but lost in the quarters.
- Exciting Sudsy Monchik of Brooklyn dominated the boys 8 and under no-bounce division without losing a game. He beat Kullen Dickinson of New York 11-2, 11-3 in the semi-finals and Craig Czyz of Florida in the finals 11-5, 11-6.
- Randi Friedman of Westchester lost in the quarter-finals of the girls 18 and under division to a tough Trina Rasmussen of Oregon who went on to take the gold medal. Randi, however teamed with Anna Calderon of Brooklyn and took the silver medals in the doubles draw.
- Robin Levine of Fishkill took the bronze medal in the girls 14 and under division losing to her doubles partner Elaine Mardas of Ohio in the semi-finals. However, Robin and Elaine took home the gold medals in the doubles division beating Angela Wyble of Colorado and Paula Russler of South Dakota in the finals.
- The girls 12 and under division proved very tough with Cindy Doyle of Buffalo, Jackie Charboneau of New York and Heather Adler of Connecticut all losing in the quarter finals. However, Cindy and Heather teamed up take the silver medals in the doubles draw.
- The girls 10 and under division was also difficult with Sarah Nesbitt of New York and Tammy Adler of Connecticut losing in the quarters. However, Sarah and Tammy did make it to the semi-finals in the doubles.
- In the girls 8 and under no-bounce division Dayna Crawford of Fishkill put up a valiant fight only to lose a tough 11-10, 11-8 decision in the quarters to Hayden May of California. Eileen Long of New York lost in the semi-finals to another California girl, Jill Butler.

All in all a great showing by us Easterners in a great tournament. Start making your travel plans for next year, kids as the tournament will be in Flint, Michigan. See you all there.



18 and under Champion Tina Rasmussen shows her winning form and determination.



Young players from from across the U.S. show their skill.

Boys 18 & Under QUARTER FINALS: Ray Navarro, TX d. Doug Ganin, OH 11-15, 15-10, 15-5; Chuck Teets, MI d. Egan Inoue, HI 15-9, 5-15, 15-10; Andy Roberts, TN d. Haigh Klein, PA 15-11, 5-15, 15-4; Peter Chardavoyne, NY d. Mike Gustasen, CA 15-2, 15-14, SEMI FINALS: Navarro d. Teets; Robert d. Chardavoyne, FINALS: Navarro d. Robert 15-7, 15-10 Third: Chardovoyne d. Teets 15-1, 15-3, **Boys 16 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Cliff Swain, MA d. Edmund Fuentes, TX 15-2, 15-8; David Garcia, CA d. Joe Corso, NY 15-4, 15-12; Chris Cole, MI d. Charlie Nichols, FL, 7-15, 15-14, 15-8; Mike Lowe, CA d. Erik Hanson, CA, 7-15, 15-2, 15-12, SEMI-FINALS: Swain d. Garcia 15-4, 15-5, Lowe D. Cole 9-15, 15-1, 15-4, FINALS: Swain d. Lowe 15-8, 15-4, Third: Cole d. Garcia 15-8, 15-8, **Boys 14 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: David Simionette, MD d. Scott Pekovich, MT, 15-4, 15-0, Oscar Gonzalez, FL d. Hugh Diddy, IA 1015, 15-7, 15-8, Todd Kohout, NJ d. Carlos Lazoya, TX 15-7, 15-4, James Lorello, FL d. Henry Martinez, NV, 15-7, 15-10, SEMI-FINALS: Simonette d. Gonzales 13-15, 15-3, 15-12, Kohout d. Lorello, FINALS: Simonette d. Kohout 13-15, 15-3, 15-12, Third: Lorello d. Gonzales, **Boys 12 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Brian Jorgenson, PA d. Justine Cochrane, CA 15-13, 15-12, John Gilooly, MA d. Mike Locker, MN, 15-10, 14-15, 15-3, Nolan Glantz, NY d. Mike Altman, FL, 15-8, 15-7, Duane Legill, AZ d. Brad Nelson, NE 15-5, 15-11, SEMI-FINALS: Gilooly d. Jorgenson 15-5, 12-15, 15-10, Glantz d. Legill 15-2, 15-6, FINALS: Glantz d. Gilooly 15-1, 15-3, Third: Legill d. Jorgensen 15-5, 15-5, **Boys 10 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Chris Conte, NY d. Bryon Hogan, CT 1-15, 15-7, 15-6, Ariel Labra, CA d. Lenny Spacek, OH 12-15, 15-9, 15-1, John Ellis, CA d. Craig O'Connel, CA 15-1, 15-1, Ivan Labra, CA d. David Friedman, MD 15-11, 15-8, SEMI-FINALS: A Labra d. Conte 8-15, 15-10, 15-8, Ellis d. I. Labra, 15-7, 15-6, FINALS: Ellis d. A Labra 14-15, 15-1, 15-4 Third: Conte d. I Labra 0-15, 15-9, 17-15, **Boys 8 & Under No Bounce**QUARTER FINALS: Kullen Dickinson, NY d. Craig Rappaport, PA, 7-11, 11-8, 11-7, Sudsy Monchik, NY d. Jason Eaton, NH 11-2, 11-0, Craig Gyz, FL d. Billy Pierce, MA, 11-5, 11-3, John Xynidis, FL. d. Brian Cannon, MI, 11-3, 11-0, SEMI-FINALS: Monchik d. Dickinson 11-2, 11-3, Cyz d. Xynidis 11-3, 5-11, 11-8 FINALS: Monchik d. Cyz 11-5, 11-6 Third: Xynidis d. Dickinson 11-6, 11-2, **Girls 18 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Mara Drexler, CA d. Debbie Wilbur, NH 15-12, 15-8, Trina Rosmussen, OR d. Randi Friedman, NY 15-14, 15-10, Mo Nard, CA d. Teresa Beresford, VA 15-8, 9-15, 15-1, Becky Rush, AR d. Brenda Young, NM, 15-14, 8-15, 15-8, SEMI-FINALS: Ramussen d. Drexler 6-15, 15-9, 16-14, Rush d. Nard 15-4, 15-3, FINALS: Rasmussen d. Rush 15-9, 12-15, 15-18 Third: Drexler d. Nard 15-2, 15-6, **Girls 16 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Dorothy Vali, NY d. Lyndia Kuchaventhe, FL 15-2, 15-14, Lisa Anthony, CA d. Jule Grimber, FL. 15-2, 5-15, 16-14, Michell Morrow, CA Kerry Niggemayer, OH 15-5, 15-1, Shelly Lee, PA d. Michelle Gilbertie, CA 15-6, 15-2, SEMI-FINALS: Vali d. Anthony 15-12, 15-7, Morrow d. Lee 15-6, 15-8, FINALS: Morrow d. Vali 15-4, 15-7, Third: Anthony d. Lee 15-12, 15-1, **Girls 14 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Elaine Mardas, OH d. Kim Goodwin, SD 15-6, 15-7, Robin Levine, NY d. Renee Ramirez, TX 15-2, 15-8, Janet Burke, MA d. Paula Russler, SD 15-14, 15-3, Chris Upson, PA, d. Kelly Rulls, CA 15-8, 15-9, SEMI-FINALS: Mardas d. Levine 15-6, 15-7, Upson d. Burke 15-7, 15-7, FINALS: Mardas d. Upson 15-13, 15-4 Third: Levine d. Burke 15-3, 15-10, **Girls 12 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Heather Adler, CT d. Tonya Withrow, IN 15-1, 15-1, Kim Pinola, PA d. Michelle Gilman, OR 15-10, 15-14, Stefanie Pinola, PA d. Cindy Doyle, NY 6-15, 15-6, 15-7, Alma Fuentes, TX, d. Jackie Charboneau, NY 9-15, 15-11, 15-7, SEMI-FINALS: Pinola d. Adler 15-8, 15-9, S. Pinola d. Fuentes 15-6, 15-9, FINALS: K. Pinola d. S. Pinola Third: Adler d. Fuentes 12-15, 15-7, 15-12, **Girls 10 & Under** QUARTER FINALS: Angie Pellegrino, NV d. Tara Flowers, MI 15-2, 15-1, Candice Con-

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AARA UP-DATE

The AARA is busy planning next year's calendar. The efforts of Chuck Werzer in Buffalo must be acknowledge with a full line of tournaments in the Buffalo/Rochester area. The addition of this hotbed of racquetball can only help the New York Chapter of the AARA grow and develop. Mike Janiak is starting to develop a player's association in Syracuse. Anyone in the area willing to offer assistance should contact him directly. Steve Malofsky and Neil Shapiro are busy wrapping up next year's intercollegiate schedule and coordinating the racquetball activity in the Albany area.

We would also like to welcome Jim Barysh back to the Junior Program. After a year of absence, Jim has agreed to work with the Juniors in the Northeast in addition to his duties as National Commissioner of High School Racquetball. Anyone having information on high school and junior racquetball teams or activities should contact Jim. We're glad to have Jim back, he makes an excellent addition to the Regional Board of Directors.

Al Seitelman Wins John Halverson Award

Al Seitelman of East Northport, New York received the John Halverson Award which is given each year to the individual in the United States who has contributed the most to the sport of racquetball. "Big Al's" credentials go on and on, but just for starters, Al is Region II Director, State Director for New York, Region II Junior Director and serves on the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors as Vice President.

Commissioners Column

by Al Seitelman (AARA Regional Commissioner)

I have just returned from the Junior National Championships held at Allsport Racquetball Club and would like to report that the future of the game is in good hands. Over 450 Juniors from all over the country gathered to do battle. The sportsmanship demonstrated on the court and comraderie off the court was heartening and bears good news for our sport's continued development.

The strong showing by the New York Team also served notice to the country that we are a force to be reckoned with at the national level. We won at least ten [10] medals with four [4] golds at press time. Look for further details on our Junior winners. Congratulations to our team.

The Junior Team efforts was matched by the exellant showing of the Adults at the National Singles Championships in Houston.

The following people won medals at the U.S. National singles: **Robin Saracini**-Bronze-WB, **Teri Getarz**-Bronze-W 25+, **Helene Burden**-Silver-W 30+☆ **Jim Cascio**-Silver-Men's Open, **Ken Teape**-4th Place-M 25+, **Charlie Garfinkle**-Silver-M 40+, **Tony SaSala**-4th Place-M 45.

U.S. National Intercollegiate Championships

Racquet Club of Memphis
April 8, 9, 10, 1983

Sponsored by Lite Beer from MILLER, PENN ATHLETICS CO., and D.P. LEACH

Memphis State University dominated the 11th Annual Intercollegiate Championships, winning its seventh consecutive title during the three-day event. Illinois finished second and Cortland State, New York, took a strong third in the combined men and women's competition.

Memphis State took first in the men's competition, with Memphis State's number two team taking second and Central Michigan's tying with Binghampton, New York for third. M.S.U. won the women's team competition convincingly with Illinois finishing second and Cortland, New York, taking third.

Jack Newman, M.S.U., repeated as National Men's Intercollegiate Champion winning over Paul Bakken, Bethel University, MN., 21-14, 21-12. Jack now qualifies for the 1983 U.S. National Team. Lance Gilliam of the University of Texas took third over Jeff Larson, Lewis and Clark University, located Portland, Oregon.

Kathy Gluvna, M.S.U., took No. 1 Women's Singles over Mo Nard of Cal. State 21-16, 21-11, while Marcia Yamashiro, Cal. State at Fresno, defeated Carole George, University of California at Santa Cruz.

In Men's No. 2 Singles, M.S.U.,'s Brian Deighan defeated M.S.U.'s Richard Smith 21-7, 21-4. Dave Trautman, Bethel, defeated Kelly Price, Cal. State, for third.

Top-seeded Tim Hansen/Bubba Gautier, Santa Fe College, defeated M.S.U.'s Doubles Team of Brian Sheldon/Jim Jeffers 17-21, 21-10, 11-7, while Pete Taunton/Paul Taunton, St. Cloud, MN., defeated M.S.U.'s Peter Wong/Keith Blackmon 21-12, 21-8.

In Women's Doubles M.S.U.'s Lisa Faquin/Renee Trammel defeated the Illinois team of Vickie Carr and Lisa Meister 21-12, 21-15. Maureen Downey/Wendy Gannon, Cortland, defeated Glenda Sawichi/ Ann O'Neill, Providence, for third.

Over 200 players from 42 universities competed for $8,000 in scholarships donated by Lite Beer from Miller.

Tyrone Racquetball Club of St. Petersburg, Florida Selected As U.S. National Doubles Site

The Tyrone Racquetball Club of St. Petersburg, Florida was selected by the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors as the site of the 1983 U.S. Nationals Doubles Championships to be held October 27-30, 1983. The Tyrone Racquetball Club, under the management and ownership of Carl Nicks, boast 14 championship courts plus a full athletic facility. The Gold Coast of Florida promises to host a National Doubles Championship long to be remembered. *Look to this space for details on plane fares etc.*

LITE BEER FROM MILLER SELECTED AS OFFICIAL BEER

Lite Beer from Miller has been selected once again as the Official Beer of the 1983 U.S. National Doubles Championships. For the third straight year Lite Beer has sponsored the Doubles Championships and this sponsorship indicates even more strongly Lite's commitment to the future of racquetball and the amateur player.

DP Leach to Sponsor National Doubles

DP Leach will once again be designated as the "Official Racquet" of the U.S. National Doubles Championships to be held at Tyrone Racquetball Club in St. Petersburg, Florida October 27-30, 1983.

This is further evidence of Leach's continued support of the grassroots player in racquetball today.

Penn Ball Selected for 1983 U.S. National Doubles

The Penn Ultra Blue Ball was selected as the official ball of the 1983 U.S. National Doubles by the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors. The U.S. National Doubles Championships are slated for October 27-30 at the Tyrone Racquetball Club in St. Petersburg, Florida. Penn was selected as the premier ball on the market for its playability and longevity.

Three Candidates Elected To Board

Three out of five outstanding candidates were elected to the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors for three-year terms. With the constitutional changes made last year a current Board Member is permitted to succeed himself/herself for a single term. Incumbent President Paul Henrickson of Massachusetts was elected for a second term and will continue to serve as President. Jim Austin of Houston, Texas was also elected for a second term, continuing to serve as National Rules Commissioner. Clint Koble of Gillette, Wyoming was awarded third position over Jon Denley of New Jersey and Kirk Howe of California. Al Seitelman was elected Vice President of the A.A.R.A. at the annual meeting. He will serve a two year term.

CINDY BAXTER WINS FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cindy Baxter of Lewistown, Pennsylvania was selected as the A.A.R.A. Female Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. Cindy was Open runner-up in 1982 and represented the U.S.A. in the American Regional Games as well as winning numerous local and state titles.

LARRY FOX NAMED ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Larry Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio was named Male Athlete of the Year by the A.A.R.A. Board of Directors. Larry was Open runner-up in 1982 and qualified for the U.S. National Team. Larry also was the Asian Open winner, capturing the title in Tokyo.

JUNIOR NATIONALS...

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way, PA d. Angie Lee, PA 15-4, 15-7, Erika Willhite, OH d. Jenny Lee, PA 12-15, 15-9, 15-6, Debbie Stapleton, IN d. Tammy Adler, CT 15-8, 15-7, SEMI-FINALS: Pellegrino d. Conway 15-3, 15-7, Willhite d. Stapleton 15-4, 15-6, FINALS: Willhite d. Pellegrino 15-3, 15-9 Third: Conway d. Stapleton 15-14, 15-9, **Girls 8 & Under No Bounce** QUARTER FINALS:Kelly Fisher, OR bye, Hayden May, CA d. Dayna Crawford, NY, 11-10, 11-8, Eileen Long, NY d. Tyese Maggio, MA forfeit, Jill Butler, CA d. Candice Barr 11-3, 10-11, 11-9, SEMI-FINALS: Fisher d. May 11-0, 11-4, Butler d. Long 11-1, 11-4, FINALS: Fisher d. Butler 11-4, 11-1 THIRD: May d. Long 11-1, 11-0, **Boys 18 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Negrete/Brechon d. Sparks/Morey 15-3, 12-15, 15-8, Klein/Montalbano d. Winter/Scheider 15-8, 15-6, Chardovoyne/Rubin d. Inoue/Inoue 15-7, 15-8, Ganin/Leone d. Navarro/Plazak 9-15, 15-14, 15-10, SEMI-FINALS: Klein/Montalbano d. Negrete/Brechon 15-4, 12-15, 15-8, Ganin/Leone d. Chardovoyne/Rubin 15-7, 13-15, 15-4, FINALS: Klein/Montalbano d. Ganin/Leone 15-4, 5-15, 15-12, **Boys 14 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Hangas/Pekovich d. Anderson/Anan 15-3, 15-10, Doyle/Kohout d. Brandenberg/Zile 15-7, 15-11, Simonette/Vazzano d. Polsky/Friedman 15-11, 15-13, Gonzalez/Lorello d. Fukhomer/Jorgenson 15-9, 15-13, SEMI-FINALS: Doyle/Kohout d. Hangas/Pekovich 7-15, 15-5, 15-6, Simonette/Vazz d. Gonzalez/Lorello 8-15, 15-8, 15-7, FINALS: Doyle/Kohout d. Simonette/Vazzaro 15-8, 15-8, **Boys 12 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Russell/Ellis d. Thorne/Travis 15-4, 15-7, Locker/Nelson, d. Cone/Dold 15-7, 15-10, Glantz/Legill d. Howard/Turner 15-7, 15-0, Gilooly/Delaney d. Altman/Miragliotta 15-1, 15-11, SEMI-FINALS: Laken/Nelson d. Russell/Ellis 15-8, 15-13, Glantz/Legill d. Gilooly/Delaney 15-12, 15-10, FINALS: Glantz/Legill d. Locker/Nelson 15-9, 15-4, **Boys 10 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Daly/Hogan d. Austin/Begen 15-3, 15-1; Fisher/Jeffrey d. Covell/Graham 15-13, 15-8, Conte/Meyer d. Labra/Labra 15-11, 15-11, Xynidis/Grellechki d. Secondiam/O'Connel 15-8, 15-10, SEMI-FINALS: Daly/Hogan d. Fisher/Jeffrey 15-9, 15-14, Conte/Meyer d. Xynidis/Grellecki 15-1, 15-6, FINALS: Daly/Hogan d. Conte/Meyer 15-12, 15-3

Girls 18 & Under Doubles QUARTER FINALS: Nard/Drexler, Bye, Johnsen/Rush d. O'Connell/Clark 15-10, 15-8, Ginsberg/Winter d. Grinderson/Vali 15-9, 15-3, Calderon/Friedman d. Young/Lee 10-15, 15-8, 15-12, SEMI-FINALS: Nard/Drexler d. Johnsen/Rush 15-3, 15-7, Calderon/Friedman d. Ginsberg/Winter 8-15, 15-6, 15-10, FINALS: Nard/Drexler d. Calderon/Friedman 15-11, 15-9, **Girls 14 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Mardas/Levine bye, Afford/Afford d. Goodwin/Johnson 15-1, 15-11, Anthony/Kamyck bye, Wyble/Russler bye, SEMI-FINALS: Mardas/Levine d. Afford/Afford 15-1, 15-7, Wyble/Russler d. Anthony/Kamyck 14-15, 15-4, 15-5, FINALS: Mardas/Levine d. Wyble/Russler, **Girls 12 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Adler/Doyle bye, Gilman/Reid d. Lesure/Withra 15-6, 15-7, Pinola/Pinola d. Charboneau/Beck 15-8, 15-4, Stapleton/Stapleton bye, SEMI-FINALS: Adler/Doyle d. Gilman/Reid 15-6, 10-15, 15-12, Pinola/Pinola d. Stapleton/Stapleton forfeit, FINALS: Pinola/Pinola d. Adler/Doyle, **Girls 10 & Under Doubles** QUARTER FINALS: Capelos/Dunm bye, Adler/Nesbitt d. Conway/Fisher 15-8, 11-15, 16-14, Willhite/Stapleton, bye, Lee/Lee bye, SEMI-FINALS: Copelas/Dum d. Adler/Nesbitt 8-15, 15-12, 16-14, Lee/Lee d. Willhite/Stapleton, 15-3, 11-15, 15-0, FINALS: Lee/Lee d. Copelas/Dumn.

Yellen, McKay Win Ektelon Championship Pro Titles

Gonzalez Wins Two Amatuer Titles

For Mike Yellen it was another bright day in a brilliant season. For Heather McKay it was a chance to defend her Ektelon title and win every game in the process. Both players captured their respective pro crowns at the Ektelon Racquetball Championships in Anaheim, California.

While Yellen and Mckay were dominating the pro finals, **Ruben Gonzalez,** the amateur player, was dominating just about everything else. Gonzalez had come back to the Ektelon Championships to defend his Men's Open Championship titles (1981, 1982). And , having turned 30 years old and thus qualifying in the Men's Veteran Division, he added a second title for good measure.

Yellen met Rich Wagner in the final round in Anaheim's Sports Gallery and, although Wagner gave the crowd an entertaining afternoon, he folded under Yellen's determined consistency. Yellen defeated Wagner in four games 11-10, 11-6, 9-11, 11-8. In the first game Wagner was in control until Yellen came back from a 7-2 deficit to capture the first game and easily take the second. Wagner came back to wind a close third game but Yellen regained his dominance to take the fourth and final game and claim his first national championship.

Wagner was dismayed at his loss but he had scored a major victory in a well-attended semifinal round against Marty Hogan. Wagner, who had not beaten Hogan in nearly four years, rejoiced the day before after upsetting the "King of Racquetball" 11-9, 11-1, 6-11, 6-11, 11-4. His pleasure from this victory even spilled over into the final awards ceremony where he and Ektelon's Bob McTear mentioned the big win. At the brief mention of the Wagner-Hogan victory, the packed house at the Sports Gallery exploded with applause for Wagner. For him it was a personal victory.

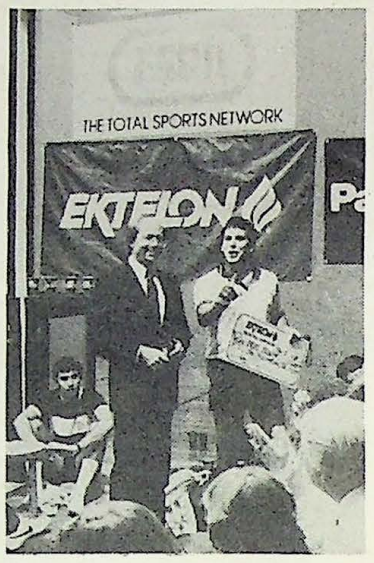
To get to the finals, Yellen defeated Peter Britos, 11-5, 11-3, 11-8, Doug Cohen 11-5, 11-1, 11-6, Gregg Peck 6-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7, 11-6 and, defending champion, Dave Peck 2-11, 11-6, 11-10, 5-11, 11-10. This tournament, plus his wins in Toronto and New Haven, give Yellen his best season ever.

In addition to Wagner's semifinal victory over Hogan he defeated Mark Martino 8-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-4, and fourth-ranked Bret Harnett 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 7-11, 11-8 to move into the final round.

In the women's pro action, defending Ektelon Champion Heather McKay, came back to regain her title for another year and did just that. She defeated Laura Martino, the fifth seeded rising star from Fountain Valley, California 21-14, 21-17, 21-7 to take the women's pro championship. McKay did not lose one game throughout the tournament.

Although the crowd at Anaheim's Sports Gallery was clearly favoring Martino, she was unable to handle McKay's serve. McKay had been working on the serve for the past six weeks in anticipation of the Ektelon Championships. "Heather played well. I had lots of opportunities but the major thing was how well Heather was serving," said Martino.

As a lead-in to the pro finals excitement a 30-year-old New Yorker quietly did something never before accomplished at The Ektelon Championships. Ruben Gonzalez, from Staten Island, New York, won two national championships in the same day, one immediately following the other. **"It's now or never," said Gonzalez.**



Mike Yellen now stands alone at the top of pro racquetball having followed up his national championship victory at the Ektelon finals.

Originally, Gonzalez's plan was to win everything he could possibly win at The Ektelon Racquetball Championships. That plan was altered slightly when he was ousted from the pro division in the quarterfinals by Rich Wagner. Wagner beat Gonzalez in a spectacular tie-breaker 11-10, 9-11, 5-11, 11-3, 11-8. Gonzalez, though, competing in the Men's Open defeated Dave Blackford of Denver, Jack Newman of Chicago and finally the hometown favorite Mark Martino of Fountain Valley, California.

At the same time that Gonzalez was plowing his way through the men's open he was also having a field day in the Men's Veterans Division. There, Gonzalez received a bye in the first round, defeated Steve Chase in the second round and, finally, Jay Schwartz in the finals. The toughest point for Gonzalez was perhaps finishing his match against Schwartz shortly after 12:00 noon then moving right into the next finals with Martino at 12:30 p.m.

If he had survived until the finals of the Men's Pro Division as well, he would have only had one hour to recoup from the Men's Open match before playing. He would need the endurance of a triathlete in order to compete in all three divisions.

The only amateur event that Gonzalez could not enter was the Women's Open national finals. This year Cindy Baxter of Lewistown, Pennsylvania won this national title. She defeated Kippi Bishop 15-8, 14-15, 15-3 to take the title and the $1,000 cash prize.

All in all, it was a tournament of upsets and tough competition. With the defeats of Adams, Peck, Hogan, Wright, Hilecher, and Harnett, much sooner than expected, the tournament offered several amateur players, such as Gonzalez, Jack Newman and Poe-Barrett, the opportunity to rise in the ranks and play in more intense matches near the end of the tournament.

For the fourth consecutive year, the professional finals of The Ektelon Championships were videotaped by ESPN for broadcast later in the summer.

A.A.R.A. Junior Regional Tournament

Woodbridge Racquet Club and Fitness Center Woodbridge, New Jersey May 7th & 8th

Directors: Warren Searles Jr., Allan Seitelman

Boys 18 and Under "A" Division 1. Peter Chardovoyne-Shrub Oak, N.Y., 2. Garr Thompson-Geneva, N.Y., 3. Steve Rubin-Brooklyn, N.Y., 4. Tom Montalbano-Brentwood, N.Y.

Boys 18 and Under "B" Division 1. Howard Millian-Coram, N.Y., 2. Matt Licht-Brooklyn, N.Y., 3. Steve Elvin-Butler, N.J., 4. Mark Cavallaro-Armonk, N.Y., **Boys 16 and Under "A" Division** 1. Joe Cline-Warren, N.J., 2. Todd Kohout-Wayne, N.J., 3. Joe Corso-Wantaugh, N.Y., 4. Peter Appel-Mattawan, N.J., **Boys 16 and Under "B" Division** 1. Brian Tollin-Coram, N.Y., 2. Rich Forte-Staten Island, N.Y., 3. Scott Liparrelli-Coram, N.Y., 4. Tommy Cappa-Brooklyn, N.Y., **Boys 14 and Under "A" Division** 1. Todd Kohout-Wayne, N.J., 2. John Miller-Elmwood Park, N.J., 3. Pierre Dubrin-Fort Lee, N.J., 4. Jeff Pitegoff-Wappinger Falls, N.Y., **Boys 14 and Under "B" Division** 1. Pierre Dubrin-Fort Lee, N.J., 2. Mike Marcus- Brooklyn, N.Y., 3. Paul Luciano-New Rochele, N.Y., 4. Dave Pitegoff-Wappinger Falls, N.Y., **Boys 12 and Under "A" Division** 1. Nolan Glantz-Crompond, N.Y., 2. Eric Crawford-Wappinger Falls, N.Y., 3. Scott Travis-Bethel, Conn., 4. Ricky Millian-Coram, N.Y., **Boys 12 and Under "B" Division** 1. Bob Cirillo-Katonah, N.Y., 2. Rich Benderoth-Coram, N.Y., 3. Joe Labbadia-Farmingville, N.Y., 4. Jason Adamski-Upper Saddle River, N.J., **Boys 10 and Under "A" Division** 1. "Sudsy" Monchik-Staten Island, N.Y., 2. Joey McGee-Rocky Point, N.Y., 3. Jason Mannino-Brooklyn, N.Y., **Boys 10 and Under "B" Division** 1. Billy Austin Jr.-Pleasant Valley, N.Y., 2. Larry Eiben-Holbrook, N.Y., 3. Kullen Dickinson-Rochester, N.Y., 4. Brett Shipman-Hohokus, N.J., **Girls 16 and Under** 1. Robin Levine-Fishkill, N.Y., 2. Chris Pfau-Marlton, N.J., 3. Chris Maloney-Soundbrook, N.J., 4. Sue Craddock-Port Jeff Station, N.Y., **Girls 12 and Under (Round Robin)** 1. Heather Adler-Waterbury, Conn., 2. Jackie Charbonneau-South Beach, N.Y., 3. Melissa Mandel-Centereach, N.Y., **Girls 10 and Under (Round Robin)** 1. Sarah Nesbitt-Hilton, N.Y., 2. Tammy Adler-Waterbury, Conn., 3. Claudia Murphy-Bound Brook, N.J., **Boys 8 and Under "No Bounce"** 1. "Sudsy" Monchik-Staten Island, N.Y., 2. Jason Mannino-Brooklyn, N.Y., 3. Kullen Dickenson-Rochester, N.Y., 4. Billy DeFranc-Lake Ronkonkomo, N.Y., **Girls 18 and Under** 1. Robin Levine-Fishkill, N.Y., 2. Anna Calderone-Brooklyn, N.Y., 3. Randy Friedman-Scarsdale, N.Y., 4. Chris Pfau-Marlton, N.J., **Boys 18 and Under Doubles** 1. P. Chardovoyne-Shrub Oak, N.Y./K. Lee-Bronx, N.Y., 2. J. Corso-Wantaugh, N.Y./T. Montalbano-Brentwood, N.Y., 3. S. Rubin-Brooklyn, N.Y./J. Cline, 4. P. Norris-Seldon, N.Y./M. Maffia-Seldon, N.Y., **Boys 12 and Under Doubles (Round Robin)** 1. N. Glantz-Crompond, N.Y./S. Travis-Bethel, Conn., 2. R. Millian-Coram, N.Y./E. Crawford-Wappinger Falls, N.Y., 3. C. Nadelman-East Brunswick, N.J./M. Talbot-Hackettstown, N.J.

Fourth Annual Lite Beer Columbus Day Weekend Shootout To Be Held At 21st Point Club October 7, 8, 9, 1983.

21st Point Club on Mckown Road, off Western Avenue, Albany, New York (518) 489-3276 has announced that its Fourth Annual Columbus Day Weekend Shootout Racquetball Tournament will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 7, 8, and 9, 1983. As in years past, the tournament will attract players from all over the United States as well as Canada and will have one of the most competitive draws in all of the Mens and Womens Divisions in any tournament held during the tournament year. Preparations are now being made and final arrangements completed so that the official tournament applications will be ready sometime during the middle of July for this event. For those of you who are entering this on your tournament calendar the information should be as follows: Fourth Annual Lite Beer Columbus Day Weekend Shootout Racquetball Tournament. 21st Point Club, McKown Road, off Western Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12203 (518) 489-3276. Tournament Director: Vincent M. Wolanin. Floor Manager: Mike Daniels.

Should you have any further questions, please direct these to either the Tournament Director or Floor Manager for this event.

The New York State Police Olympics was held in Buffalo, New York June 15-19. The Metrofit Athletic Club in Pelham (formerly the Pelham Racquetball & Health Club) was well represented with gold and silver medal winners: Bob Steffens and Bob Dall gold medal winners in Men's Masters Doubles, Dan Malloy and John O'Malley also gold medal winners in the Open Doubles Division. In Singles, Tom Dillon won the gold medal in the Open Division. Bob Steffens won the gold medal in the Masters, and Dan Malloy won the silver medal in the Master's Division.

Over 70 of New York States "Finest" played in the racquetball tournament which was organized by Ed Mueller.

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DP/Leach Catalina Series Pro/Am Championship

Rueben Gonzalez of N.Y. Succumbs to Yellen in the finals (11-6) (11-10) (11-3)

Red-hot Mike Yellen's third consecutive tournament victory, an 11-6, 11-10, 11-3 thumping of unseeded Rueben Gonzales, in the $40,000 DP Leach/Catalina Series Pro/Am Racquetball Championship (May 30-June 4) at the Charlie Club in Palatine, IL, has allowed Yellen to surpass Marty Hogan as pro racquetball's top money-winner and put him within striking distance of the claim to the sports "number-one player" accolade.

Once again, Yellen's patient and consistent control/power game proved to be the winning ticket for the $10,000 first prize in Palatine. The triumph boosted Yellen's season earnings to $37,750...$6,550 ahead of second-place Hogan who found suburban Chicago to be his Waterloo for the second time in as many years. In a tournament peppered with upsets and surprises, Hogan fell to ultimate champion Yellen in a marathon semifinal match witnessed by a jam-packed gallery at the Charlie Club, who sensed that they were watching what amounted to the title match.

The crowd's feeling was justified, because the lower half of the tournament bracket was significantly weakened by the startling elimination of defending champion Dave Peck in the first round. Tied at two games apiece with Mark Martino of Los Angeles, but trailing 10-7 in the decisive fifth game, number two seed Peck's frustration level reached a possible all-time high, causing him to unleash a series of unmentionable utterances in the direction of referee Dan Bertolucci, who slapped Peck with a string of technical fouls that increased Martino's margin to 10-0. When the "T's" failed to restore order, Bertolucci forfeited Peck out of the match.

Peck's early exit advanced Martino, who then lost to Santa Barbara's Steve Lerner in the second round. Meanwhile the finals-bound Gonzales got past Gary Merritt of Houston, and John Egerman, then beat Lerner in the quarterfinals to move into a semifinal match against sixth-seed Gregg Peck. The younger Peck had played very well to that point in ousting Ben Koltun, Rich Wagner and even third-seed Bret Harnett, but had trouble with the relentless Gonzales, 11-8, 6-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-8, thereby missing a golden opportunity to reach the final.

Meanwhile, Yellen defeated Steve Mondry, Jerry Price, and fifth-seed Jerry Hilecher, before encountering Hogan. Hogan eliminated Peter Britos, Jack Newman and eighth-seed Don Thomas en route to the semis.

Yellen and Hogan, racquetball's titans, were armed with the knowledge that Rueben Gonzales had already gained the final and dueled for more than 3 1/2 hours on the Charlie Club's court No. 15 for the right to meet him.

Yellen startled Hogan in the first game with an 11-0 pasting, causing Hogan to respond with an 11-6 win in game two. The pivotal third game went to Yellen, 11-9, but again Hogan came back strong in the fourth, 11-4. With the capacity gallery buzzing about the spectacular rallies, lengthy delays and inconsistent officiating which dotted the first four games, the combatants took the floor for the deciding contest. As has been the case throughout the tournament, Yellen consistently seemed the more precise shotmaker. This ability broke and 8-8 deadlock and propelled Yellen into the final against Gonzales.

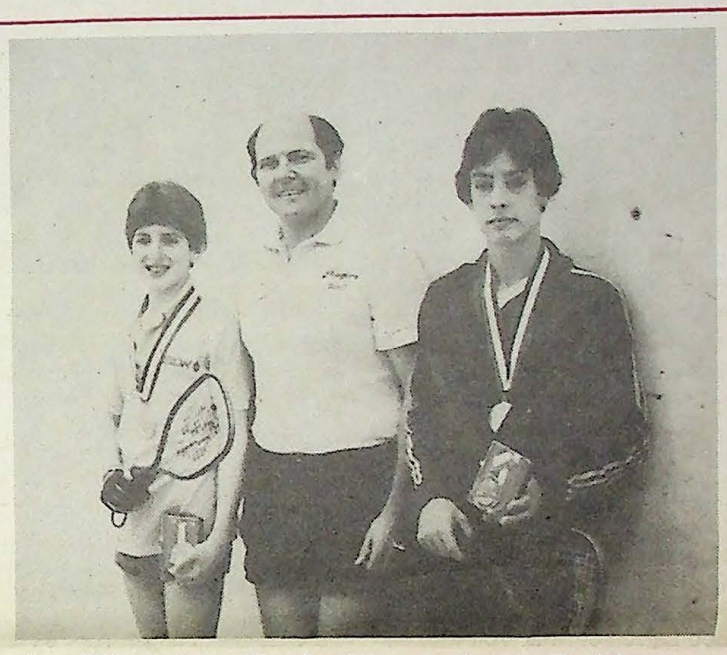
And, though Gonzales had scratched his way back from a number of difficult predicaments during the tournament, Yellen proved too much for the native of New York's Spanish Harlem. After playing a patient control game at the start of the match, Yellen started to go directly for the kill shot at about the midway point of the second game. Gonzales actually served for the second game at 10-9, but Yellen gained a side-out and then tied the game on a Gonzales skip. The rally for Yellen's first attempt at game-point was interrupted by a Yellen hinderance, which Gonzales thought to be avoidable. Instead, Yellen served again and later ended a brief rally with a shot that died in the deep left corner.

Demoralized, Gonzales would serve only eight times in the third game before succumbing to Yellen, 11-3. Nonetheless, Gonzales pocketed $5000 and jumped to seventh place in the point standings on the strength of his second-place showing.

21st Point Club Flag Day Open Championships

June 10, 11, 12, 1983 Albany, New York

Men's Open Vincent Wolanin def. Tom Czaplicki 15-10, 14-15, 15-10, **Men's Open Doubles** Vincent Wolanin def. Paul Lecuyer, Tom Czaplicki def. Dan Ryan, **Men's B** Mike Brown def. Art Goedeke 15-6, 15-12, **Men's C** Bill McCarthy def. Peter Stapf 15-3, 15-11, **Men's Novice** John Anzola def. Jim Gardner 15-13, 15-10, **Women's C** Chris Charton def. Connie Beals, 15-2, 15-12, **Mixed Doubles** Paul & Donna def. Arden & Margaret, Lecuyer def. Pieper, 11-15, 15-10, 15-7, 3rd place Dave Beals 3rd place Dennis Panicali, 3rd place Keith McCarty, 3rd place Arden Pieper, 3rd place Jim Carr, 3rd place Margaret Pieper, 3rd place John Getchell, 3rd Place Becky Ellenwood, Consolation Scott Ross, Consolation Tim Thackrah, Consolation Bob Marcus, Consolation Ruth Malphrus.



Jim Winterton, flanked by students Todd Kahout and Nolan Glantz, has coached seven national champions holding 14 national titles between them! Jim is considered the premiere RB coach on the East Coast.

4th Annual Westchester Open

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The Westchester Open, once again proved to be one of the premier events of the East, attracting players from the Tri-state area and beyond.

In the New Open Division. The crowd was a major factor, as the "Court 2 Crew," led by Dave Catena, spurred Tom Montalbano to take the 2nd game from Eric Foley after losing the first. Eric remained undaunted, however, and stayed tough enough to take the tie breaker. The 1st place plaque, and the $500. Tom's efforts earned him 2nd place and $200. Pete Chardovoyne defeated Tab Mak for third.

The open doubles found Tom & Eric teamed up to defeat John Peterson and Ron Digiacomo in a tie breaker. Which I am sure John & Ron would prefer to forget. Semi-finalists were Artie Diemar and Charlie Horton and Ken Teape and Don Costeleigh.

The women's open was a round robin in which Tina Petroy defeated Ann Calderon. Third place went to Randy Friedman.

Other division winners were a follows:

Men's B—1st Jay Ryan, 2nd Douglas Burns, Men's C—1st Brian Glass, 2nd Neal Katz, Men's Novice—1st Aaron Vogel, 2nd Vinny Golia, Men's Veterans—1st Mark McCarthy, 2nd Brian McDermott, Men's Seniors—1st Jack Nocera (Always a favorite), 2nd Mark Berwich, New B/C Doubles—1st Dan Molloy/Frank Ciociola, 2nd Bob Silvestri/Joe Leskody, Women's B—1st, Chris Maloney, 2nd Robin Saraceni, Women's C—1st Shelly Aldridge, 2nd Linda Dougherty, Women's Novice—1st Hilary Adler, 2nd Lisa Gaertner, Women's B/C Doubles—1st Robin Saraceni/Christine Davila, 2nd Pamela Filasky/Dianna Cuocco.

AARA LITE NYC CHAMPIONSHIP

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The AARA Lite NYC Championships co-sponsored by Voit is rapidly progressing towards the NYC Finals which will be held August 12-14, 1983 at BQE Racquetball Club. The last two tournaments preceeding the Finals are the Manhattan Championships July 16, 17 at 92nd Street YM-YWHA and the Brooklyn Borough Championships July 22-24 at Narrows Racquetball. All the contestants will receive complimentary sweat suits. Cable T.V. will broadcast the event. Spectators are welcome to witness the matches as well as meet such guest celebrities as Mayor Koch!! All the players have proven their mettle by qualifying at local and borough championship sites.

For further details contact: Allan Seitelman, 218 Bellmore Avenue, East Northport, New York 11731, (516) 261-3257. The following are the results at some of the Qualifier and Borough Championship Tournaments:

Narrows Qualifying Tournament

MEN'S A 1. Hank Grassi Jr., 2. Russ Mannino, 3. Steven Rubin, 4. Matt Licht, **B** 1. Ed Scola, 2. Frank Luchetta, 3. Joe Mastase, 4. Marcelo Devega, **C** 1. John Grado, 2. Michael Payne, 3. Phil Adamo, 4. Michael Marcus, **NOVICE** 1. Rovert Leo, Jr., 2. Louis Treblia, 3. Richard Asaro, 4. Robert D'Amico, **35+** 1. Don Costleigh Sr., 2. Carl Scalzo, 3. Richard Corso, 4. Alkei Manuel, **12 & Under** 1. Sudsie Monchik, 2. Jason Mannino, 3. David Bronzo 4. Vinnie D'Amato, **LADY A** 1. Anna Calderow, 2. Grace Grill, 3. Debbie Monchik, 4. Lisa Correia, **B** 1. Denise Gellis, 2. Lynne Withers, 3. Diane Forastier, 4. Lisa Correia, **C** 1. Elaine Putonti, 2. Loretta Finnerty, 3. Sarah Mannino, 4. Luann Malgeri, **NOVICE** 1. Loretta Finnerty, 2. Luann Malgeri, 3. Rosemarie Rosati, 4. Diane Gerona.

Staten Island Borough Championships

Courts of Appeal

MEN'S B 1. Bill Wolfe, 2. Arthur Ringer, 3. Mort Wasserman, 4. Ed Micciulli, **MEN'S C** 1. Randy Crom, 2. Stu Gluck, 3. Eric Schiefner, 4. Tommy Cappa, **MEN'S NOVICE** 1. Gene Blair, 2. Peter Tamao, 3. Charlie Henry, 4. Robert Grell, **MEN'S 35+** 1. Allen Monshik, 2. Bill Sieple, 3. R. Asaro, 4. Frank Bennadello, **MEN'S 45+** 1. Nick Farkouh, 2. Ray DeRise, 3. Charles Henry, 4. Bob Cuthman, **WOMEN'S B** 1. Debbie Monchik, 2. Stella Bennadello, 3. Cathy LoVerde, 4. Angela Henry.

BQE Queens Championship

MEN'S A 1. Kaufman, 2. Koller, 3. Hill, 4. Schwelke, **MEN'S B** 1. Seymour, 2. Peck, 3. Testasecca, 4. Bogovic, **MEN'S C** 1. Sanchez, 2. Taylor, 3. Biunno, 4. Horowitz,

MEN'S NOVICE 1. Spivack, 2. Desrosiers, 3. Starkind, 4. Kerim, **MEN'S 35+** 1. Wyman, 2. Sabatino, 3. Cavallaro, 4. Ledo, **MEN'S 45+** 1. Shapiro, 2. Strassler, 3. Lebowitz, 4. Napolitano, **WOMEN'S B** 1. Mutchnick, 2. Peros, 3. Golero, 4. Fiore, **WOMEN'S C** 1. Orlando, 2. Schultz, 3. Inker, 4. McGovern, **WOMEN'S NOVICE** 1. Jordan, 2. Heller, 3. Pinola, 4. Levine, **MEN'S A DOUBLES** Hill/Figueroa, **MEN'S B DOUBLES** Ledo Jr./Strassler, **MEN'S C DOUBLES** Russo/Catapano.

Bronx Championships /Metrofit RB Club

MEN'S A 1. Peter Chardavoyne, 2. Charlie Horton, 3. Mike Clifford, **MEN'S B** 1. Nolan Glantz, 2. Rich Gonsiglio, 3. Guy Suchy, 4. Michael Hawler, **MEN'S C** 1. Frank Farina, 2. David Bellaflores, 3. Papo Rodrigeuz, 4. Felix Aponte, **MEN'S NOVICE** 1. Danny Carlin, 2. Chris Hlavatovic, 3. Paul Luciano, 4. Mike Triolo, **MEN'S 35+** 1. John La Spina, 2. Tomm Dillon, 3. Mark Daigle, 4. Louis Faiella, **MEN'S 45+** 1. Joe Rizzo, 2. Rene' Memses, 3. Bob Dall, 4. Bert Shaw, **MEN'S Open Doubles** 1. Peter Chardavoyne, Charlie Horton, 2. Mike Clifford, Gene Alberti, 3. George Shapiro, Ira Shapiro, **MEN'S B Doubles** 1. Nolan Glantz, Rich Consiglio, 2. Bob Dall, Tom Dillon, **MEN'S C Doubles** 1. Steven Westerkon, Papo Rodriquez

WENDY'S PADDLE BATTLE

Schwarz/Poris take $2,000 Top Prize

by RSP Staff

The biggest indoor paddleball tournament ever, the 1983 Wendy's Paddle Battle, with almost 400 players competing for $3,500 in prize money, came to an abrupt conclusion on June 4th, as paddleball great Bobby Schwarz and his partner, powerful Barry Poris, soundly trounced his nemesis Michael Melendez, and his partner, Carmelo Soto, by scores 21-5, 21-7 to walk off with the $2,000 top prize.

This exceptionally well done tournament was sponsored by Wendy's of Brooklyn, with AMF Voit as contributing ball sponsor. A disappointing crowd of 200 witnessed the finals, about the same number that showed up to watch the preliminary rounds. That did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players as many of then went out of their way to compliment tournament director, Howie Hammer, and his associate, George McFadden, for the overall quality of the tournament. Teams received advance notice of their playing time and each round was finished within 3 1/2 hours. Every game was refereed by an experienced official and all players received a Wendy's Hot and Juicy tournament tee shirt. Trophies and prize money were presented by Wendy's of Brooklyn President, Herb Goldberg, and by Bob Larsen of AMF Voit who flew in from California for the finals.

The B Amateur Finals were closely contested as Brian Deneroff and Paul DeFilippi turned back Steve Smith and Louis Martinez, 15-3, 13-15, 11-8, in an exciting match.

In consolation matches Steve Rothfeld was forced to forfeit to Don Ciaffone and Marvin Hecht when his partner, Barry Sheiber, was unable to play. Steve showed class and professionalism when he agreed to play an exhibition match against Don and Marvin with Cliff Lang as his partner and pulled out an exciting 25-22 victory.

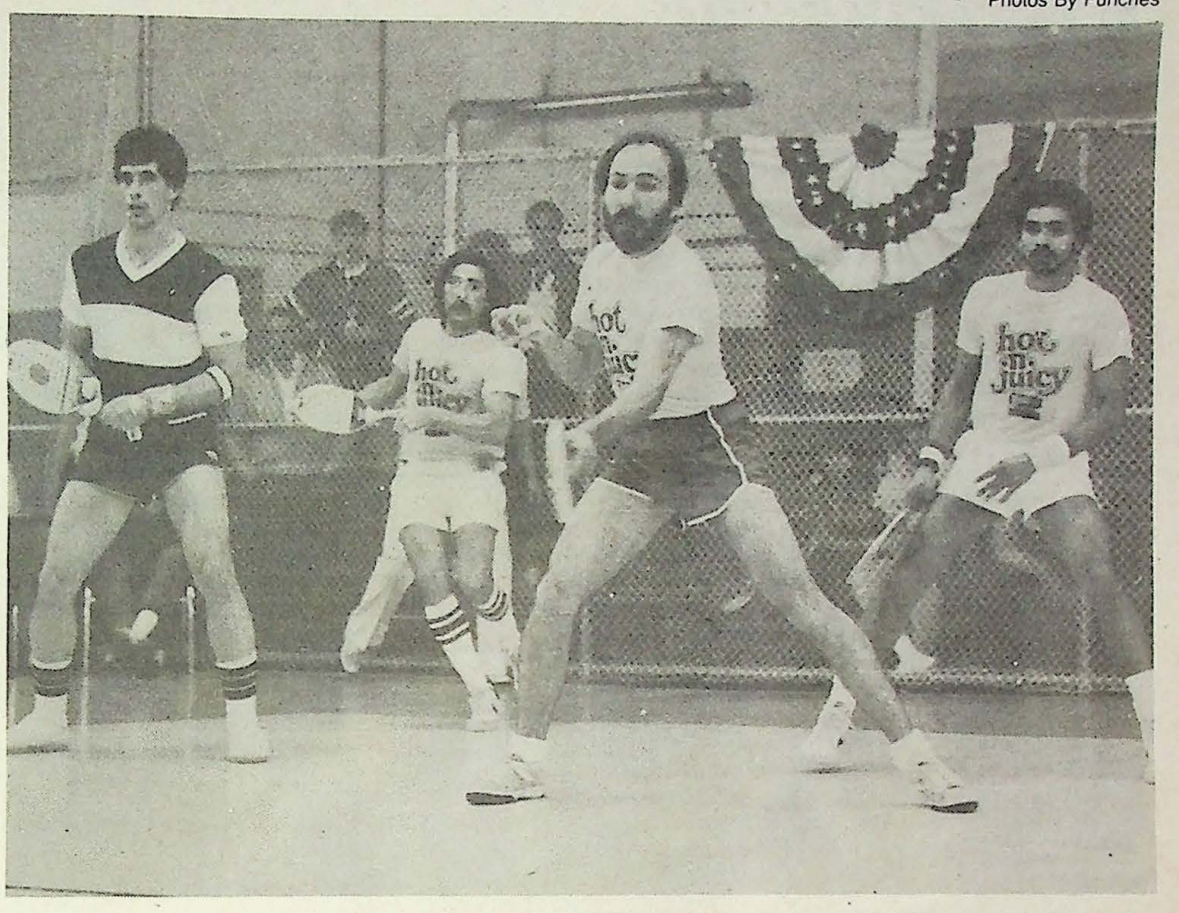
In the B Amateur Division Jimmy Hoey and Chris Wanfried won the consolation match over Walter Silcott and Funches by a score of 21-10.

The tournament was off to a rousing start on May 14-15 as 330 amateur players competed at George McFadden's Paddle Sports Health Club in Ozone Park. There were two rounds of play each day with over 80 players in each round. The final two teams in each round returned for the quarter finals and semi-finals on May 22nd.

The top professional players started play in the A Open Division on May 21 at Take One Paddleball Center in Brooklyn. The favorites all advanced as expected to the following days' semi-final round, when the tournament's major surprise took place. Mike Melendez and Carmelo Soto, a relatively new team, took on perennial finalists and champions Steve Rothfeld and Barry Sheiber. After splitting the first two games of the match, the younger team of Melendez and Soto came out absolutely smoking to run away with the tie-breaker 11-1. It should be noted that Rothfeld was hampered somewhat by a hamstring pull.

In the finals it appeared that Melendez was unable to adjust to the strict officiating of Howie Hammer. In this tournament a new rule was applied which allowed teams to make up to three block calls which are not granted by the referee. After that any block call which is not granted costs the offending team loss of serve or loss of point. Both teams used up their three ungranted block calls before they scored ten points. While Schwarz and Poris were able to adjust their game and called only two additional blocks, both of which were granted, Melendez and Soto did not call another block the rest of the game, and their play disintegrated as they appeared unsure of themselves. To complicate matters further Melendez was assessed a penalty point for unsportmanlike conduct when he argued vehemently when Schwarz was awarded a block call, and then, a second penalty point for unsportmanlike conduct when he accused the referee of prejudice. Melendez' temper got the best of him so he was ineffective the rest of the match. After the loss he refused to stay for the awards presentation and stalked out without thanking his partner or the sponsors. All in all, it was an exciting and well run event.

Photos By Funches



An abrupt finals! L to R Barry Poris, Carmello Soto, Bob Schwarz, Mike Melendez.

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REGULAR FEATURE

A TICKLISH PROBLEM

by Joe Lube

Once upon a time (how's that for a snappy opening) in Roanoke Virginia's City Hall, (the only building Sherman left standing) an event took place that changed my life forever.

I got married.

My bride was young, innocent, intelligent, beautiful and she carried a rose I gave her for the occasion between her teeth. Except for the last oddity there was never a clue that she would become, in time, a certified fanatic.

I don't mean a religious fanatic, or one of those housecleaning fanatics that so many women are. God no! In fact, it's been—let me think a minute?...about 11 years now since Doris last cleaned the apartment.

It was my mother who was a regular Mrs. Clean. As a kid, whenever I came home, she used to stand by the door and not let me in the house until I wiped my shoes off. Now it's my super who stands by the door and makes me wipe my shoes before I leave the apartment.

But don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining. I like living like a gypsy, with half my clothes in drawers and the other half on top of chairs and door knobs or wherever I left them last. I love disarray, and it's great fun walking from room to room watching the dust go billowing up behind you.

I feel the same way about our car. Like our apartment, dust puffs are everywhere, and now that it's summer, cobwebs are starting to form in all the corners. Shiny cars that gleam and sparkle simply don't send the blood coursing through my veins the way it does some people.

I admit this has caused some inconveniences, like when Doris and I get out of the car and have to stand on the sidewalk a moment and brush each other off; This invariably draws a small crowd of curious onlookers, and sometimes a few urchins stop to heckle and shout obscenities, but we're used to it now and Doris has become a good sport about it.

Anyway, as I was saying before I interrupted myself, what my wife has become a fanatic about is jogging. Neither rain nor gloom of night stops her from her appointed rounds. She is a woman possessed. Unless you have one in your family, you have no idea how dedicated these jogging freaks can be.

Sometimes she'll work late at the office and come home exhausted, barely able to move. I have to carry the poor thing into the kitchen and prop her up in front of the stove to make my dinner. It's a good thing I'm there to help her, otherwise she'd never be able to function.

But after dinner a transformation takes place; her eyes brighten; her shoulders snap back and she's like a new person, full of energy and ready for her nightly jaunt.

But the other night was the last straw. After our dinner the skies opened and a torrential rain came down. It was Niagra Falls in the Bronx. I could see she was a bit jumpy (I know all the signs) and she was wrestling with whether to go or not. She finally came to a decision and donned her jogging gear.

"Wait a minute" I said. "You're not thinking of going out in this downpour!"

"Yes I am" the mad jogger said calmly.

"You're crazy. You'll drown out there."

"I'm going anyway." She said with determination. Once and for all I decided to put my foot down and stop this madness. By the laws vested in me by the Commonwealth of Virginia I was her husband and could forbid it. In my most macho, imperious tone I said "By the laws vested in me by the Commonwealth of Virginia, I'm your husband and I forbid it!"

"Stop being a silly chauvinist" she said. "This is the Bronx, now, not Virginia. I'm going and that's all there is to it."

I stood by the door, spread-eagled, determined to be just as stubborn as she. "No, I'm not letting you go."

"Will you please get out of my way?" She insisted.

"No. I mean it." You can't even swim. You'll drown like a rat out there. Why don't you jog around the apartment and stir up some dust." I suggested as a sensible alternative, not budging from the door.

She came closer and we jockeyed for position. Soon we locked in a conjugal wrestling match, which she always wins because she doesn't fight fair. She knows all my ticklish spots and exploits all of them to the fullest. As we rolled on the floor, her fingers flying, I began to laugh hysterically, the tears rolling down my cheeks. While in this helpless condition she slipped out of my half-nelson, jumped up and pranced out into the deluge.

"Fanatic!" I screamed after her. "What will the neighbors think! When your mother calls I'll tell her where you are! I'll call the police and tell them a mad woman is running through the streets—YOU'LL BE ARRESTED!"

She was out of earshot now, already drenched but no doubt happy doing her thing.

In a strange sort of way that I can't explain I was secretly proud of her. As I got up off the floor, I though to myself, if only I had known way back in Roanoke what I know now, I would have had something done about my being so damned ticklish.

BUDWEISER CITYWIDE PADDLEBALL CLASSIC

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Melendez, Maldonado will be pressed to repeat

NEW YORK; June 29—The fifth annual $12,000 Budweiser Citywide Paddleball Tournament—easily the richest paddleball event in existence—kicked off last weekend at a dozen sites throughout all five boroughs.

More than 5,000 competitors, ranging in skill from pickup players to highly-ranked professionals, will play each weekend until champions in each category emerge at the Central Park finals, Sept. 10-11.

Among the top players will be three-time men's champion Mike Melendez, who is the top-ranked men's singles player in the country; Bobby Schwarz, who barely lost in the finals to Melendez in 1981 and 1982; and Anita Maldonado, who won the last two women's titles and who teamed with Debbie Armstrong to take last year's women's double crown. Melendez, Schwarz and Maldonado combined to win a total of $3,900 at the 1982 finals.

"After winning the tournament three times in a row, I'm sure everyone will be gunning for me this year," said Melendez. "As paddleball grows, the players get tougher, but I think I'm ready to go for four straight!"

Co-sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and the New York City Parks and Recreation Department, the tournament will offer competition in men's and women's division as follows: Men's—"A" singles and doubles, "B" singles and doubles; Women's—"A" singles and doubles, "B" singles and doubles. In addition, doubles action in "Mixed" and "Master's" categories will be held. Players in the "A" division are mostly professionals, with the "B" bracket comprised of mainly amateurs.

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"PPPA Official 1983 Pro-Paddleball Computer Ratings"

Ideal Score = 110

I. Men's Open Doubles As of June 26, 1983

		Points	Average
No. 1	Bobby Schwarz-Barry Poris	63	.573
No. 2	Robert Chielli-Anthony Fiorino	58	.527
No. 3	Mike Melendez-Fernando Frias	48	.436
No. 4	Ralph Capogrosso-Craig Ruiz	39	.355
No. 5	Rex Naddeo-Dave Schwager	17	.155
No. 6	David Fryd-Whitey Faber	16	.145
No. 7	Perry Lopez-Lorenzo Hernandez	14	.127
No. 8	Donnie Ciaffone-Ray Gaston	10	.091
No. 9	Mike Eaton-Walter Dillard	8	.073
No. 10	Donnie Ciaffone-Marvin Hecht	5	.045
(tie)	David Fryd-Jeff Haber	5	.045

Ideal Score = 80

II Mixed Open Doubles As of June 26, 1983

		Points	Average
No. 1	Bob Schwarz-Anita Maldonado	60	.750
No. 2	Barry Poris-Debbie Armstrong	42	.525
No. 3	Mike Melendez-Kathy Guinan	26	.325
No. 4	Robert Chielli-Toni Meliti	22	.275
No. 5	Donnie Ciaffone-Rochelle Martinez	18	.225
No. 6	Craig Ruiz-Lorraine Melendez	8	.100
(tie)	Anthony Fiorino-Debbie Rosenthal	8	.100
(tie)	Ray David-Tracy Prado	8	.100
(tie)	Herbi Franqui-Anita Maldonado	8	.100

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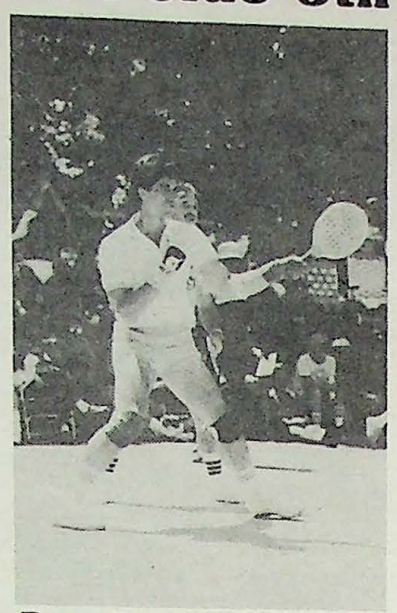
by Alan Belofsky

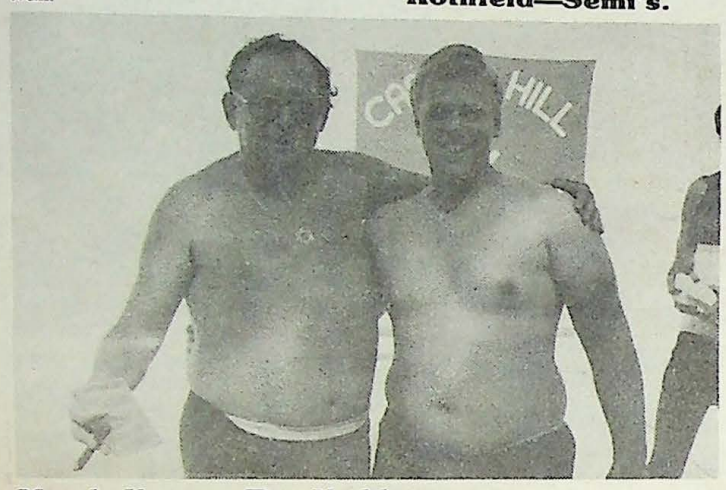
In a hard fought final match tainted by outbursts of anger and hostility, Barry and Steve squeaked past their young rivals to claim the first place crown. $2000.00

Under the auspices of Ray Gaston and company (PPPA), the tournament got off to a rousing start! The father and son team of John and Phil Reiatano edged past Dave (car wash) Schwager and partner "fat power" Rex Naddeo. The capacity crowd was a positive boost!

Mike (The Bear) Eaton and Joe Cisco took out PPPA rated John (Whitey) Faber and David Fryd. Ralph Capogrosso and Craig Ruiz lost a close game against Mike Melendez and Fernando Frias. Craig was all power but his opponents put everything back on the wall.



Barry Poris—Steve Rothfeld—Semi's.



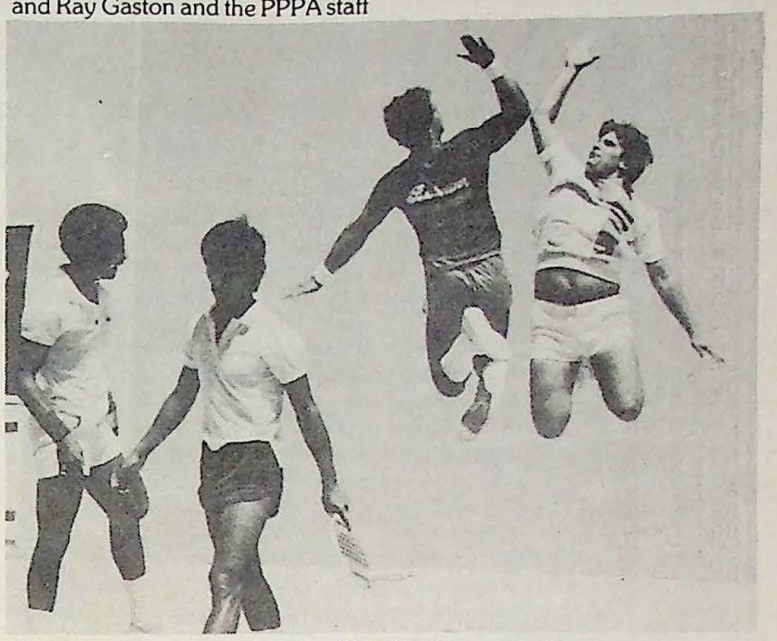
Mendy Korman/Rex Naddeo.

Semi's

Robert Chielli and Anthony Fiorino barely inched past Mike Melendez and Fernando Frias on the top end of the chart. If it weren't for Fernando being called out three times for taking illegal position, the results may have been different. On the other end of the chart it was the old rivals Barry and Steve vs. Bobby Schwarz and Barry Poris. They weren't five points into the match when Steve struck Bobby with a forehand shot in the leg, this together with Bobby not being awarded a block from referee Aubrey Nelson, took Bobby psychologically out of the match. At one point Barry and Steve ran off nine straight points! Now the part I dread most, the finals. It was a well rounded game, power, strategy, great gets! This was the Castle Hill Kids home courts. The crowd was with them 100%. This coupled with close calls and taunts by the spectators, may have been what triggered Steve off. After the kids hit their losing shot into the ground. Steve lost his composure and shouted obscenities at the crowd. Steve and Barry were awarded their trophy and the win, but the prize money for both first and second place was withheld until the CHBC management and the PPPA can decide if a monetary penalty is in order.

Both Bruce Eggleston of CHBC and Ray Gaston and the PPPA staff did an excellent job of putting together one of the richest tournaments in Paddleball, $4300.00 in prize money! but do the players deserve it?

Photos By Alan



Sweet Victory! Castle Hill Kids squeak past Melendez/Frias in the Semi's.

Update: Steve Rothfeld fined $1000.00, Anthony Fiorino fined $200.00 for unsportmanlike conduct.

THE SHHRILL OF IT ALL...

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I will admit that todays officials are at large inconsistent in their calls and some are not really that knowledgeable of the rules and also not aware of legalities and illegalities of certain moves. But its all we have to work with at this point.

These are the same people that officiate tournament after tournament and an experienced player should know or should adjust to each style rather than blowing up and screaming obscenities at the direction of an official. There is just no need for it.

A classic example of players adjusting is the recent Wendy's Open Finals.

Mike Melendez and Carmelo Soto vs. Bob Schwarz and Barry Poris. Howie Hammer officiating. Howie very rarely officiates and now here he is doing an important finals match with the biggest purse to date.

Howie is known for not acknowledging many block calls. Mike Melendez couldn't believe that he wasn't getting the calls he requested, and blew up at Howie and did not play his game at all. I don't think he considered his partner at all, whereas Bobby and Barry did not like that they themselves didn't receive block calls but adjusted to Howie's style and took advantage of the situation forcing the ball to Mike's side of the court, knowing there would be some error on Mike's part because his game was now controlled by Howie Hammer and not Mike Melendez.

Does paddleball need better officials? Yes. Do the officials we have now need clinics and films to review certain situations in a game? Yes.

Does paddleball need yelling and screaming? Yes, but only from the fans.

MT. VERNON PADDLEBALL...

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in the semis to Armstrong-Maldonado 21-11. The womens finals had Armstrong-Maldonado overpowering the Williams' to win the 1983 crown.

The Junior Veterans Singles held Sunday afternoon saw the temperature soar to 96 degrees. The 1982 champ and #1 seed Walter Dillard, #2 seed Louie Torres, #3 Seed Peter Varsick, #4 seed Aubrey Nelson all came to do battle. All four seeded players were eliminated in the first round. First-time entrants Richard Carlino defeated Dillard 15-6, George McIntyre defeated Torres 15-11, Varsik forfeited to Tony Giannotti, and Memorial Field's player LaMonte Davis defeated Nelson 15-6. Then three of these upset players lost in the next round.

The Veterans Singles surprised even the tournament director, Mike Patnik, who will consult with the horoscope prior to making up the draw for "84." The finals featured "love the heat" Anthony Giannotti vs. "keep your car clean" David Schwager. The two players were friends. The "heat" Giannotti wore and bore down and claimed the 1983 championship.

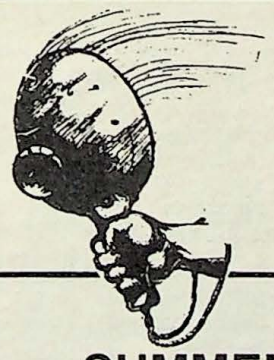
The highlight of the paddleball championship format is the Men's Doubles. First place cash award $250, second place $100. The 1982 defending champions and #1 seed are Robert Chielli and partner Anthony Fiorino. The other seeded teams are #2 Ralph Capogrosso-Craig Ruiz, #3 Barry Poris-Bobby Schwarz, and #4 Fernando Frias-Mike Melendez.

The preliminary rounds saw plenty of actionall games were 21 points. As the teams were eliminated the "final four" were the four seeds. Frias-Melendez in lack-luster semi secondly best best the highly-touted Capogrosso-Ruiz 21-9. The electricity was in the air in the draws other semi featuring "82" Champs Chielli-Fiorino versus first-time entrants Poris-Schwarz. The Professional Paddleball Players Alliance (both teams are member) rates Chielli-Fiorino #1 in 1981 and #2 in 1983. Meanwhile, the PPPA rates Poris-Schwarz #1 far in 1983... but this may be subject to change.

The finals featured Chielli-Fiorino versus Frias-Melendez in what many considered the best played "catch up" match of the Mens Doubles. There were great shots, greater gets and even a mild flare-up. Thats all the part of the "heat of the battle." The one admirable highlight is Frias-Melendez never gave up. They lost the 1st game, captured the second, and nearly caught up in the third game. The repeat champions, Robert Chielli and Anthony Fiorino.

The Mount Vernon Recreation Department wishes to thank its sponsors: Miller Brewing Company, Spalding, Inc., and Sportshed for their ongoing support.

Also thanks to our dedicated referees: Nick Battista, Freddy Galarza, Dan Levy, Jack Moriarty, Aubrey Nelson, & Mike Orta; and those volunteers who assisted the tournament director.



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Paddleball: Oh, The SHHRILL of It All

by Jeff Haber

How many times have you been at or involved in a tournament and an officials call is made, and from that call is a rising thunder from some players mouths and I'm sorry to say that this thunder has been coming from mainly the games elitest players.

Such actions you would expect from someone not aware of the rules of the game or from lack of experience in tournament play in not knowing the inconsistencies of todays paddleball officials.

The players that do the arguing and bickering are the same ones that have been doing it for years. The habitual criers complainers and abusers of officials have remained the downcast of this game.

An experienced player should know right off the bat that he's going to have calls go against him. But the minute one goes against him, he or she flies off the handle. And I have noticed that some of the women have become more mouthey than the men, but let's not get into that.

What's really amazing to me is that the players who argue the most and who make life miserable for some refs are never officiating themselves—Gee, I wonder why. Maybe because it's a damn tough job and no one is correct 100% of the time.

I also think its a question of ego when arguments come into play. Some of these players think they are so good they can't possibly make an error, and any ball that lands outside the lines is willed out by the officials.

How about players that walk off a court or give up after receiving a bad call from the official. This I think has to be the biggest insult to anyones self. It's the easiest thing in the world to do, to give up or just walk away.

If you get angry at a call, use up all time outs available to calm yourself down and direct that anger into positive or aggressive play and overcome your opponent.

Also, think of your partner who is out there with you playing his guts out and goes home disgusted because you decided to play king kong in the quarter finals.

Take for example Roberto Duran who has lost all respect not only as a boxer but as a man for calling it quits when he raised his arms and said "No Mas."

Under all conditions, you must hang in and try and take control of your emotions.

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Kiss 98.7 fm—Pepsi Challenge City Wide Championships

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Note: Individual Borough Champs received 1st, 2nd or 3rd place trophies plus "On-Air" mention.

City Champs:
1. Men's Singles—Ken Armwood (Manhattan), 2. Men's Doubles—Ken Armwood/George Garcia (Manhattan), 3. Women's Doubles—Susan Stephens/Barbara Lillard (Brooklyn), 4. Mixed Doubles—George Pagan/ Carmen Canda (Bronx)

Robin Washington, Ray Gaston at 98.7 KISS FM Brooklyn competition site.

"PPPA Shows True Organizational Form With City-Wide KISS FM-Pepsi Challenge

by Ray Gaston (July 11, 1983)

The Professional Paddleball Players Alliance ended all doubts of its true "organization" make-up by its systematic coordination of this summers historically inaugrual KISS FM/Pepsi Amateur City-Wide paddleball tournament.

Supervised play was held in all of the city's five boroughs. The categories were Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Women's Doubles.

The PPPA is proud of and wishes to again express it's gratitude to the thirty plus "pro-members" whose expert officiating made the success of the "extravaganza" possible.

Special thanks to borough coordinators Louie Tosado (Manhattan), William Pacheco (Bronx), Walter & Valerie Dillard (Queens), Tiny Klein (Brooklyn) and John Segreti (Staten Island).

Lastly, a super-thanks to the 600 plus city-wide KISS FM/ Paddleball listeners for their enthusiastic participation.

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Robert Chielli—Anthony Fiorino

Rene Herd, Won Chor, Walter Silcott, Ken Armwood

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The 8th Annual Mount Vernon Paddleball Championship at Memorial Field Stadium concluded June 25. Champions were crowned in four divisions: **Mixed Doubles, Junior Veterans Singles, Womens Doubles, and mens Doubles.**

The first division to underway was the Mixed Doubles. The 1982 Champins and #1 seeded Rochelle Martinez-Don Ciaffone were in the field of entrants to defend their crown. In the early rounds close contests were witnessed by: Lorraine Brown-Freddy Diaz def. Susan Stephens-John Powell 16-14, and Kathy Guinan-Mike Melendez def. Zalda Gonzales-Ray David (21-19).

The semi-finalists showcased the four seeded teams. In the #1 Martinez-Ciaffone vs. #3 Armstrong-Poris, extreme temperatures add hot vapors to the match. Barry Poris was allowed a 5 minute injury time-out due to leg cramps. Ciaffone's claim that Poris was accorded a greater time allotment which in effect threw off his teams aggressive tempo. When play resumed Armstrong-Poris rallied to reach the finals.

Anita Maldonado-Bobby Schwarz #2 had little difficulty in their semi's against Kathy Guinan-Mike Melendez as the score indicates. Their energy saving tactics afforded them greater physical stamina in the 90 degrees plus heat to a 2 game sweep in the finals. Mount Vernon congratulates our 1983 Champions Anita Maldonado-Bobby Schwarz. First prize of $200 was the cash award.

The Womens Doubles 1982 Champions D. Galloway-S. Washington did not defend their crown. The #1 seeding was bestowed upon Debbie Armstrong and partner Anita Maldonado. There were heated contests in the 1982 prelims again decided by close margins. The team of Cynthia Coles-Sandra Philips defeated Lorraine Brown-LaRita Miles 21-18 and downed in the quarter Marsha Philips-Myra Rosario 21-19. Jessica Williams-Maria Williams to reache the finals defeated 1982 upstarts Theresa Gillen-Angela Madden 21-18. Cleo Atonna and teammate Kathy Guinan defeated Bebe Bici-Valerie Evans 21-18 and lost

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