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ON THE COVER

Jack Gillespie, host chairman for our 21st National USHA Four-Wall Championships at Memphis State University, March 27-April 3, turns over first reserved ticket to Dr. Cecil Humphreys, president of the university. Pair are pictured in the championship, glass side-walled court that will be the scene for most of the key matches from the quarter-finals on down to the finish wire.

In 1965 we were fortunate in staging our national championships at a college facility. The University of Texas had completed a 13-court facility addition, including a central "showcase" championship court with glass on the side walls and back wall from the 5-foot height level. More than 1200 spectators viewed the final singles match between Jimmy Jacobs and Dave Graybill. It was a week-long parade of seeing handball under ideal conditions.

Now, we have the extreme pleasure of inaugurating the nine-court facility that is a part of the Memphis State University multi-million dollar sports complex. USHA President Bob Kendler worked closely with the planners for these courts, and together with Gillespie, made sure that the championship court would have the best possible conditions for both players and spectators.

It was comparatively easy to "sell" Memphis State University on the inclusion of a "glass" spectator court because President Humphreys is vitally interested in sports, physical conditioning, and handball as an ideal fun-way to involve so many undergraduates. Dr. Humphreys was a varsity football standout at the University of Tennessee and fully understands the need for an after-school-years competitive sport — a lifetime sport such as handball.

Our national tournament exposure at Memphis State University will stimulate hundreds of their students in this game. They will see the advanced skills of handball, and realize what a challenge this game can offer. They will have the opportunity of watching Haber's amazing control of his shots; Pfeifer's cannon balls; Russo's fly shots; Graybill's court coverage; doubles teamwork; finesse of the Masters . . . the full three-ringed thrills and magic of four-wall.

For a full eight days handball's "world series" — the classic — will command center stage in Memphis. Not since 1938 has a national handball championship been staged in that city, and in the ensuing 30-odd years handball and Memphis have grown up, literally. The caliber of play and number of entrants in 1938 was infinitesimal compared to what we present today. It is completely reasonable that with the tremendous number of new courts since World War II that we have so many more players, and with the innovation of "true national" USHA tournaments plus hundreds of invitationals that the supply of tournament-type performers has been multiplied tenfold.

Handball will continue to prosper in the years to come, and we can now look to the colleges to provide the "grass roots" for the champions of tomorrow.

Memphis — and your great city University — we salute you. Thank you so much for having us.

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HENRY LOEB
MAYOR

City of Memphis Tennessee

March 27 - April 3, 1971



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Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Participants and Guests:

Welcome to Memphis - - - the City Beautiful - - - the City of
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the National Four Wall Championships of the United States
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well known and are making every effort to assure you of an
outstanding tournament. We believe you will agree with us,
that Memphis State University has the finest, and most up-to-
date, facilities in the country.

Again, welcome to Memphis, best wishes, and I look forward
to seeing some of the matches, and to greeting you personally.

Yours truly,

Henry Loeb

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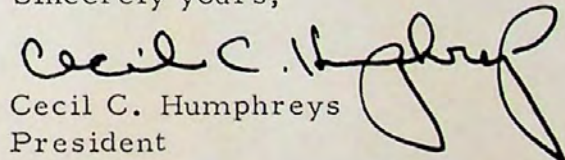
Dear USHA Member

Memphis State University is looking with great anticipation toward the National Four-Wall Championships of the U. S. Handball Association. We have what I believe are among the nation's finest facilities for competition, and the Memphis Handball Association is laying the groundwork for an outstanding tournament.

Memphis State University is one of the South's fastest growing institutions of higher learning. We have an excellent academic standing, and we also believe strongly in the values of athletic competition. We are in a region that is noted for its attitude of hospitality, and I can assure that heritage extends deep into the foundations of this University. We shall make every effort to assure our tournament guests of a pleasant and rewarding visit.

I look forward to greeting you personally during the championships.

Sincerely yours,


Cecil C. Humphreys
President

Our Memphis Hosts . . .

University President Gives Active Support

Memphis State University President Cecil C. Humphreys has given his full support and endorsement to our 21st National USHA Four-Wall Championships. It is rare indeed when we find the head of a large university taking such an interest in our sport; but more important, to expend the effort to assure us of a highly successful undertaking.

Dr. Humphreys attended the University of Tennessee and met requirements for his Ph. D. degree at New York University with a dissertation on the subject, "Financial Support for Higher Education by the State of Tennessee, 1930-1952." This work was the result of four years of research and has been of great value in determining financial support in the state.

Dr. Humphreys combined his academic honors with varsity athletic ability and was an end on the Vols football team and was selected by Sports Illustrated on their Silver Anniversary All-American Team — 1960.

His other honors include: Selected by Greater Memphis State, Inc., as "Educator of the Year" — 1962; Selected by Tennessee Optometric Association as "Vision's Man of the Year" — 1962; selected by Inter-University Committee on Israel as one of a group of American educators and clergymen to tour Israel and Italy during the Summer of 1963; Received Third Annual Community Salesman's Award of the Memphis State Executive Club — 1964. A host of other awards have followed, including recipient of Americanism Award in 1966 that is given by National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; induction into Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, 1969; One of ten most influential citizens of the City of Memphis, Commercial Appeal survey, Sept., 1970. (According to the six-month study, Dr. Humphreys ranked second as having the most respected opinion by other leaders and as having the greatest amount of personal influence. He was rated third in having the capabilities for best solving a major city problem.)

Since he first became associated with Memphis State in 1937 (became its president in 1960), enrollment has increased from less than 1,000 to over 18,400 students.

Dr. Humphreys was married to the former Miss Florence Van Natta of Memphis in 1949. They have two sons, Robert Hunter Humphreys, 20, and Cecil C. Humphreys Jr., 16. We are happy to report that Robert is playing handball.



PRESIDENT CECIL HUMPHREYS



LIGE TURMAN (left)
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for the United States Handball
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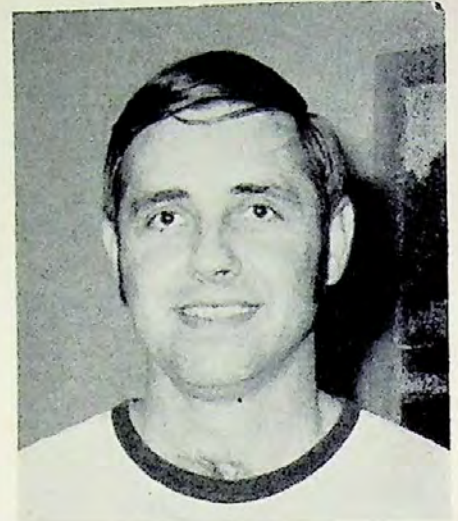
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"I thought architects were tough", laments Chairman Jack Gillespie. "But, Dan Whalen, superintendent of construction, really wore us down."



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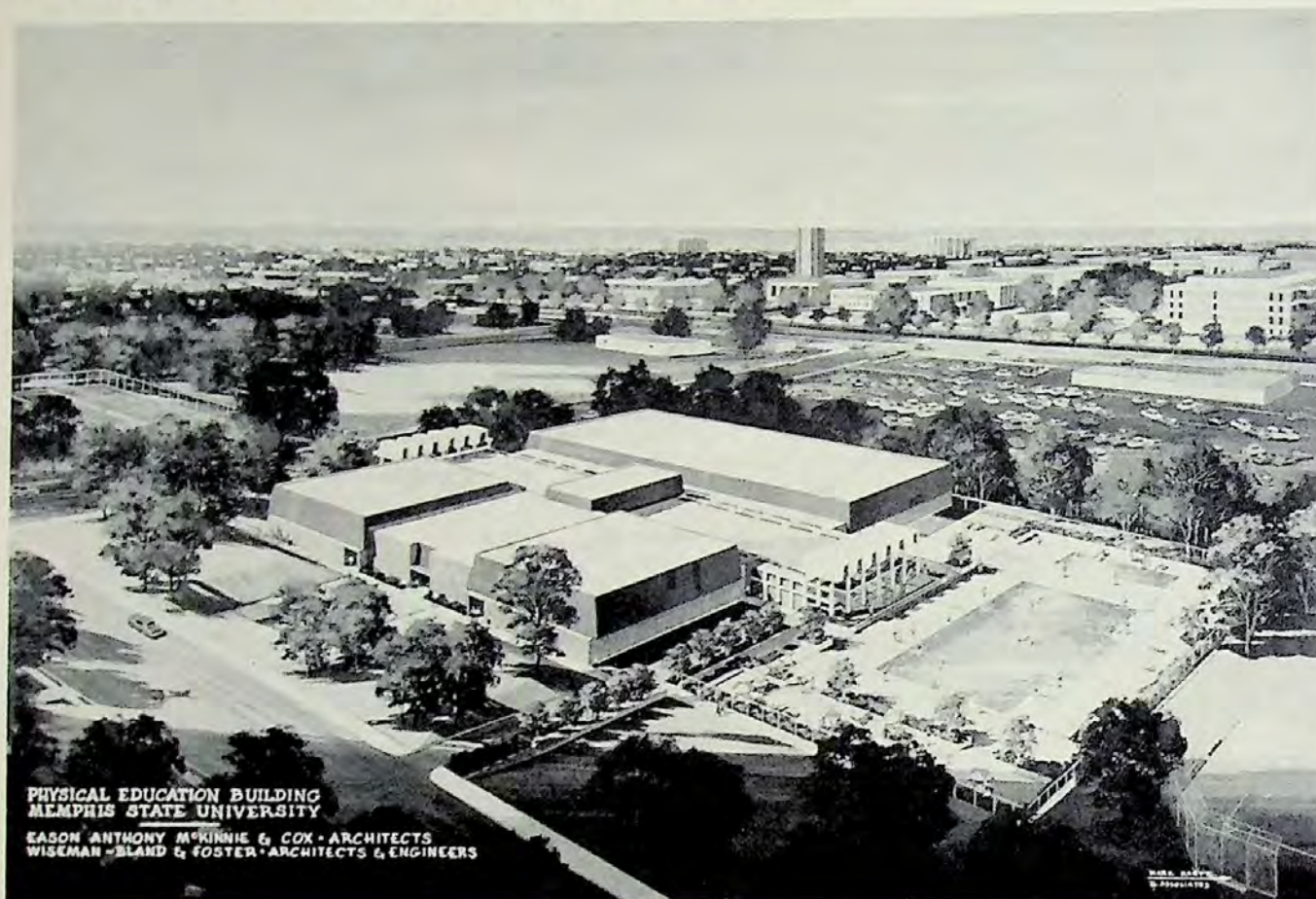
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GOOD EVENING by ROBERT JOHNSON

Physical Education and Recreation Building
at Memphis State University — Finest in the Country



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE IT around here, I said with awe, after seeing the almost-finished new Physical Education and Recreation Building at Memphis State. "There's nothing like it anywhere in the country," replied Ralph Hatley, chairman of MSU's Health, Phys Ed and Recreation Department, with pride. Dr. C. C. Humphreys, president, and Bert Merrill, director of Physical Plant and Planning, agreed that it is probably the finest facility of its kind in the country today.

It's important to know, Dr. Humphreys said, that the \$2.7 million complex will be entirely paid for by students themselves, through their student fees, self-liquidating over 35 years. The huge structure, of pre-form concrete exterior with a distinctive titanalloy roof, has an Olympic-size swimming pool inside, and another outside, and it not only will provide recreation for students, but almost every student who is physically able will learn to swim as a byproduct of his college years.

An Olympic-size pool is 50 meters long, 25 yards wide. They will provide setting for water sports on a scale not previously possible in the South. Each pool has its own separate diving well, and there is an area for spectator seating, which will be needed when Memphis State fields its first swimming team, as it will in a year or so.

In fact, Memphis State already has a swimming team "in layaway." Dick Fadgen, who made Memphis Athletic Club a Southern aquatic power, is now an instructor in MSU's phys ed department and has about 60 swimmers in a special

swimming club using the old Kennedy Hospital pool, for which they pay \$15 a month, in a year-round program. It also pays for itself.

SWIMMING IS JUST ONE of many activities for the building. The pools themselves will also be used for lifesaving classes, learning to scuba dive, water polo. The community as a whole will be involved, through city-wide meets, and intersectional competition.

The new building will be formally dedicated with a major sports event which will get national coverage, United States Handball Association Championships, to be held March 27-April 3. This will be the public's first opportunity to see the building, which will still not be completed.

"We are emphasizing lifetime participation sports in our two-year physical education program," Cecil told me. "We want students to learn and enjoy activities they can follow after they finish school, to help them keep fit as well as for recreation. This is especially important as more people get more leisure time." The emphasis is on what might be called "lifetime sports" — swimming, handball, tennis, racquet ball, volley ball, golf, archery, dance, gymnastics, conditioning.

This building, along with university Center, will also be a major center of fun and social activity throughout the students' college years. Dr. Humphreys himself turned inventor for one feature. There are 3,000 student lockers. The lockers have open steelwork fronts, for ventilation, a need which anyone who has spent much time in gyms will understand, and the doors to the lockers hinge at the top, and the

door automatically falls down when not held open., so open doors won't be an obstacle.

Thinking back on one problem which has been bothersome to anyone who has ever had to store a wet bathing suit, Cecil came up with an idea borrowed from drycleaning firms. It's a ventilated drying room, and each class or group of swimmers will put their wet suits on racks conveyed to the drying room by an endless chain.

There are nine handball courts, all built to top specifications since they'll have to endure millions of poundings from handballs and racquet balls. The pride, which played a major part in bringing the National Handball Championships here after invitation of Jack Gillespie and Memphis Handball Association, is a glass-enclosed court, which will permit a spectator gallery to see the action. There are just a few comparable in the country.

In addition, as Ralph Hatley pointed out, the court can be used for demonstrations in karate, wrestling and other activities where space requirement are small.

Two vast gyms each can be used for basketball, many badminton courts, several volleyball games simultaneously.

many shuffleboard matches, gymnastics, intramural sports at which about 400 could be seated. The gyms are so good acoustically that one can speak in a normal tone and be heard from one end to another.

Colors are modern and attractive. Dressing rooms are royal blue. Bert Merrill said they try to keep up with other buildings. The titanalloy roof, he said, is comparatively new. It's a metal now used where copper was before it became so expensive.

Nearby are new intramural fields for softball, touch football, flying kites or soaking up the sun. Fourteen new all-weather tennis courts will be built on the old football practice field on Southern, and remainder of the field will be used for parking, which with another new lot will bring parking to about 6,000 spaces. Much emphasis is put on landscaping, and Dr. Jim Staley, who has a Ph.D. in horticulture from U-T, is in charge. The campus of tomorrow will be beautiful.

The new building is just a small part of what is going on at Memphis State, and I'll tell more in a few days. The campus is growing like a miracle.

Memphis State University—Story of Growth

In 1912, with an enrollment of 200, Memphis State University was located on an 80-acre rectangle two miles east of the city limits. Next month, as an estimated 18,000 students jam the 1,108 acre campus, the University enters its 59th session.

Vast and far-ranging developments have been made by MSU since opening its doors on Sept. 15, 1912, as West Tennessee State Normal School.

In 1925, the institution became a senior college and its name changed to West Tennessee State Teachers College. In 1941, the school's liberal arts curriculum was enlarged and the name became synonymous with the growth—Memphis State College.

On July 1, 1957, by action of the Tennessee legislature, Memphis State University became a reality.

When registration began last August, 750 full-time faculty members, 49 per cent having doctoral degrees, were on hand to guide the growing student population through the most important four years of its life. The business of educating these students, who represent a cross section of the United States as well as a wide variety of foreign countries, began Sept. 3.

MSU has enjoyed a rapid advancement while contributing to the cultural, educational and economic well-being of the Mid-South.

Currently, Memphis State is engaged in a \$16 million construction program, coming on the heels of a \$28.5 million program in the '60s which doubled the value and scope of the campus. The present value is set at \$61 million.

Numerous construction projects have been completed, including a \$1.9 million married students' apartment complex. A \$2.1 million psychology building and a \$2.4 million engineering complex will be ready for the Fall classes.

The Married Student Complex, composed of 126 one and two-bedroom townhouse apartments and a small swimming pool, was built on the old Kennedy Hospital property, a 147-acre tract three-fourths of a mile south of the main campus.

The Psychology Building comprises four stories and is located northeast of the Panhellenic Building. It features a large auditorium, animal experimentation laboratories and a research and training clinic for child activity research complete with one-way observation windows.

Located at Central and Normal at the northeast corner of the present campus, the three-story Herff College of Engineering Building will house a library and auditorium as well as special laboratories for the study of mechanics, electronics, microwaves, and pulse and digital circuits in its more than 100,000 square feet of floor space. A portion of the cost of this facility was absorbed by federal grants.

A Business Administration Complex, consisting of a four-story office building and a connecting three-story classroom structure, is under construction at the corner of Central and Patterson. The \$2.4 million project was recently completed. Features include two 300-seat lecture halls and four 100-seat auditoriums. The project comprises 120,000 square feet.

The Edward J. Meeman Communications Building, a three-story building costing one million dollars, is scheduled for completion in July, 1971. Located north of the Industrial Technology building on the main campus, it will include a large auditorium and a number of well-equipped laboratories.

The late Mr. Meeman, former editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar and conservation editor for Scripps-Howard Newspapers, bequeathed \$200,000 to Memphis State for use in constructing the journalism building.

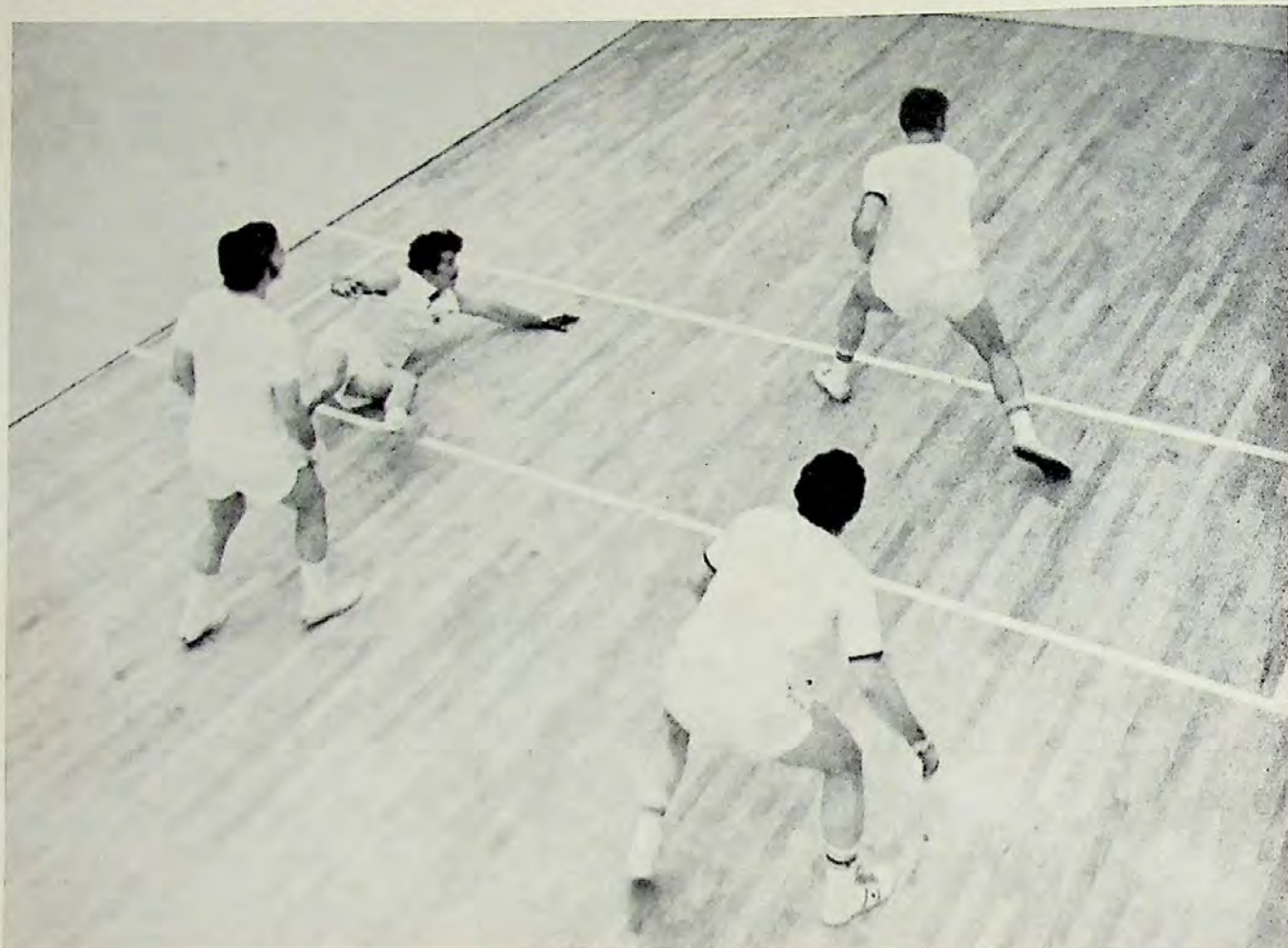
A three-story facility to house the mathematics and modern languages departments is being built south of the School of Law. This \$1.75 million project, scheduled for completion by March, 1971, will feature specialized laboratories for the separate areas. A federal grant will be utilized in addition to the funds appropriated by the State of Tennessee.

By far the most ambitious project is the physical education building which will be located between Southern and Spottswood adjacent to Echles. The \$2.7 million, one-story building will feature two Olympic-size pools, two gymnasiums, nine handball courts and separate rooms for wrestling, karate and weight lifting. This is the site for the 21st National U.S. Handball Association championships.

Varsity practice fields and a one-story athletic dressing facility have been constructed on the old Kennedy Hospital property at a cost of \$1 million. This project features 20,000 square feet of locker room space, a 19,000 square foot indoor practice area, four football practice fields, a baseball field

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Haber-Ardito Outclass Field at Denver



Paul Haber emulated golfdom's Arnie Palmer in throwing off the wraps of a four-month non-winning drought . . . disdaining the bubbly stuff . . . to play at a peak performance with able assistance from Don Ardito to win the first USHA National Invitational doubles at the Denver Central YMCA. The three-day blue ribbon event, Feb. 19-21, brought together a "Sweet Sixteen" of the nation's best talent. Haber-Ardito, the Chicago team that was seeded fourth, had no easy route to the crown, eliminating No. 1 seeded Lou Russo and Marty Decatur in the semis, 21-8, 21-13, and then withstanding the "bomber" pair of Mel Sandland, Long Beach, and Gordy Pfeifer, Tacoma, 21-18, 21-18 in the finals.

The innovation of a "true national doubles competition" had been discussed for several years and proved to be an outstanding success. An orchid and our full appreciation must go to Les Shumate, "Mr. Handball of the Rockies", for selling the event to his Denver constituents, and heading up a hard-working committee in staging and financing the classic.

There were standing-room-only crowds for most of the matches that afforded on-lookers with a full menu of national championship level play from start to finish. With quarter-finals and semi-finals both played on the second day, Saturday, it proved to be a test of stamina as well as skills.

Flexibility was the order of the opening

round of play due to several late arrivals. The schedule commenced at 3 p.m. and eight matches later the clock stood at 12:45 a.m. Simie Fein, Milwaukee, due to play at 8 p.m. with Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wisc., had a rough time indeed in finally getting a flight out of Chicago. His original flight out of Milwaukee was fogged in and he was bussed to O'Hare

FRONTCOURT ACTION . . . Mel Sandland, shown sprawling after digging up Haber kill attempt, slipped it into right corner where alert Don Ardito pounces on it and puts it away with good left. Gordie Pfeifer is stranded in deep right court.

Field in Chicago. However, a chain reaction truck and car accident on the inbound highway turned a one-hour drive into more than three hours. So the Fein-Neveau match against a patiently-waiting Dave Graybill, Phoenix, and Buzz Shumate, Denver, finally got underway at 11 p.m. It then turned into a "ding dong" three-gamer with Graybill-Shumate coming off a first game 21-17 loss to outlast and outplay their opponents.

Upset of the first day was the ousting of No. 5 seeded Pat Kirby and Lou Kramberg of New York by Bob Koenig, Chicago, and Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul. Kirby was definitely flat and emerged with the full-fledged flu bug. Southpaw Rohrer was steady and shooting well and got the proper right court support by Koenig.

Bob Lindsay, now of El Paso, had a

last-minute teamup with Bob Brown, Denver, and they couldn't jell their wares. Sandland and Pfeifer trounced them in this first test.

Many courtsiders figured that the Bill Yambrick-Terry Muck, St. Paul, against Phil Elbert-Denny Hofflander, Chicago, would be the best of the first round confrontations. But, Elbert and Hofflander, playing smoothly and aggressively, never let the Twin City pair get started.

The other openers went pretty much to the form charts. Russo and Decatur found a game pair opposing them in vet Don Carlsen and Lee Wretling, Denver, but the serve and shoot New Yorkers soon found the proper range. Haber and Ardito breezed to a win over San Francisco's Mike Kelly and Mike Dunne; Fred Lewis, Miami-N.Y., and Steve Lott, the current day "Whiz Kids", gave another Denver team, Dan Barney and Larry Wood, the blastoff tactics; and No. 2 seeded Stuffy Singer and Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles, loosened up with a win over Ernie Ortiz, Tampa, and Paul Katz, Orlando.

The real fireworks commenced Saturday. Unfortunately, the Graybill-Shumate team had been scheduled to open festivities at 10 a.m. With a bit of "psychological warfare", the match was stalled off to 11:10 a.m. Graybill was on hand early, chafing at the bit after a romp through a heavy night and morning snowfall . . . something missing from his Phoenix haunts . . . but Buzz wanted a bit more rest and got it. Then emerged a Pier 6 battle with Russo and Decatur. The top-rated fly shooters from the East rushed out to an impressive 21-6 first game win but with Shumate starting to find the bottom board with his known left hand shots and Graybill digging brilliantly the match was squared, 21-15. The match bounced back and forth in the third game. It was tied at 18-18 on a right corner kill by Decatur, and it was Marty who accounted for the deciding three tallies — a straight front wall kill, a left corner kill with his right, and then the big No. 21 point on an ace to the left.

Haber and Ardito took on the surprising Koenig and Rohrer and this one went three games also. After a one-sided 21-11 first game win, Haber and Ardito faltered and went down 21-12, but rushed back to again post a 21-11 advantage. With a lefthand-righthand opposition, Haber wisely brought the ball to the middle and kept the foe from shooting effectively.

Probably the best match of the quarter-finals was the Sandland-Pfeifer three-game win over Lewis and Lott. The kids took the first game, 21-14, fighting power with power, then lost 21-15, set-



FIRST WITH THE MOSTEST . . . Joe Ardito (c) is one proud pop as he makes championship national invitational doubles awards to son, Don, and Paul Haber. It was a "Pick-A-Partner" triumph in the true sense of the word with Don capably complementing Haber's brilliant left court mastery with steadiness and the ability to go offense when necessary.

Photos by SCOTT DAISLEY

ting the stage for a real thrilling deciding battle. This was another of those see-saw affairs, with a result that could have gone either way. It ended 21-19, with possibly the edge being the untiring right whip of Pfeifer's.

Singer and August hardly had their feathers ruffled and in their 21-9, 21-5 win over Elbert and Hofflander, had most of the onlookers giving them the "tournament team to beat" tab. They were constantly gaining the offensive and with Sandland-Pfeifer subjected to a long, torrid three-gamer, seemingly had the edge for their later-in-the-day meeting.

The semis turned out to be anticlimatic. Russo and Decatur were never in it with the Haber war cry of "Super . . . Super" rubbing salt into the wounds. Russo was visibly leg weary while Marty seemed to have lost some of his earlier sharpness with the wear and tear. Ardito, on the other hand, was thriving on the Haber encouragement and confidence buildup.

The windup of the day was one of frustration for the Singer-August combine. Sandland's big "regular" hop serve to August in right court gained innumerable weak returns, and with Pfeifer pounding in kills with that amazingly tireless right it was "Katy Bar the Door".

This set the stage for Sunday. After a consolation victory by Yambrick and Muck over Fein and Neveau, 21-5, 21-18,

there was lull occasioned by a "no show" third place playoff by Singer-August. Stuffy begged off with a knee that was acting up and Russo-Decatur were content not having to play it off.

We offer ACE magazine's first play by play of a championship doubles match on page 14. The box score and word portrayal shows the heights Haber reached in this one. His every action was measured with absolute control. Sandland's seven aces in the first game kept that contest from being one-sided. The West Coast team actually played better ball in the second game with the same score outcome but with less aces because Haber took over the Sandland serve and delivered the needed around the walls or ceiling returns. Once again Ardito chipped in nobly and when Pfeifer tried to shoot from deep court along the right his efforts were thwarted by Don if these shots came up at all, and many key attempts did. Sandland, brilliant in his digging and with the big serve kept things interesting but he was the one who erred at several strategic points in the match, and when Haber went down the middle with a reverse that Pfeifer had to take with his left or Sandland with his right it really spelled the difference.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: The hosts provided all players with the sparkling nylon knit Broderick jackets, and Wally Ris, the company rep., gave (to page 19)

Doubles Play-By-Play . . .

Full Rundown of National Invite Doubles Finals

FIRST GAME—

HABER-ARDITO	0 2 5 3 1 10—21
SANDLAND-PFEIFER	4 3 2 5 4 —18

Errors—Haber (5)-Ardito (2); Sandland (7) Pfeifer (4).
 Kills—Haber (6)-Ardito (3); Sandland (4)-Pfeifer (4).
 Passes—Haber (1)-Ardito (2); Sandland (1)-Pfeifer (1).
 Aces—Haber (2)-Ardito (1); Sandland (7)-Pfeifer (1).

Referee—Bob Lindsay.

Note: Just what does a condensed box score show, and what is missing? Errors, of course have a bearing on the outcome of any game and in this first game we see 11 errors for Sandland-Pfeifer as against 7 for Haber-Ardito. It is apparent that the seven Sandland aces kept his team within striking distance.

What the box scores does not show is the complete control of the volley by Haber-Ardito, counteracting the aces by keeping Sandland-Pfeifer moving to back court and setting up shots and retaining the offensive.

The toss was won by Haber-Ardito and Don served first. Haber missed with a right hand shot. Sandland-Pfeifer went in and tallied four points. Pfeifer got an ace to the right, then erred with his left. Sandland followed with an ace to the right, and a serve and shoot front wall kill, and No. 4 came on a Pfeifer straight right hand kill, then they were put out on an Ardito kill off Sandland's serve.

Haber aces to the left for 1-4, and one more point was gained on a Sandland left hand error and then Sandland passed to the left. The score went to 7-2 on a Pfeifer ace to the right, a Pfeifer right corner kill and an error by Haber off the back wall. Errors by Sandland and Pfeifer put the side out.

The game was knotted at 7-7 on two straight passes by Ardito—one to the left and one soft hook to the right. Haber followed with a left corner kill, and a Sandland left hand error. Sandland killed off Ardito's serve. Haber posted No. 7 on an ace to the left before a Pfeifer pass to the left put them out. It was 9-7 as Sandland scored on two straight aces to the right. Sandland missed as he got a weak return on a third serve and then Pfeifer went out as Ardito killed off his serve.

Haber-Ardito took a 10-9 lead. Haber killed in the left corner. Ardito counted an ace to the left. Pfeifer bombed in a straight kill and then Haber scored on an ace to the right and then he missed.

In the fourth inning the Sandland-Pfeifer team moved to a 14-10 lead. Pfeifer killed off the back wall, then lost the serve as Sandland missed with his left. Sandland went in and counted two aces to the right, followed with a straight kill. Haber missed with his left . . . another Sandland error put the side out.

Haber-Sandland could score only one point to go 11-14. Ardito erred and then Haber put a right hand kill into the left corner, then he missed on a right hand.

Then, Sandland-Pfeifer opened to a commanding 18-11 lead. Sandland drilled one in from the back wall, then was put out when Pfeifer missed with his right. Sandland went in and scored on a left corner kill. Pfeifer counted on straight kill, and Sandland aces to the right. Ardito picked up a Pfeifer kill attempt and flattened it to quash any further damage.

At 11-18, Haber-Ardito went in and made the decisive 10 points. Sandland got hit by a Pfeifer caroming shot for No. 12. Sandland erred with his right (13), Haber put one in the



VICTORY IS SWEET . . . Paul Haber turns his arms upward after shooting in left hand kill off back wall to win first USHA National Invitational doubles championship with Don Ardito. Mel Sandland shows dejection at short line after a real close match.

right corner with his right (14). Ardito missed with a right. Haber serving. Ardito kill into right corner off back wall (15), around the walls shot by Ardito that was too hard to handle (16), Haber kill off the back wall (17), a right hand Haber shot around the walls also too hard to handle (18), right corner kill by Haber (19), Error by Sandland with his left off the serve (20), a right corner kill by Ardito (21).

SECOND GAME

SANDLAND-PFEIFER	3 0 0 4 0 1 2 5 3—18
HABER-ARDITO	1 3 2 7 0 1 0 4 3—21

Errors—Sandland (6)-Pfeifer (5); Haber (4)-Ardito (3).
 Kills—Sandland (6)-Pfeifer (9); Haber (9)-Ardito (1).
 Passes—Sandland (1)-Pfeifer (1); Haber (3)-Ardito (0).
 Aces—Sandland (1)-Pfeifer (3); Haber (2)-Ardito (2).

NOTE: In this game with an exact 21-18 score as in the first game we find a radical difference in aces. Haber justifiably moved to center court and took the Sandland big hook services to the right and handled them superbly—defensively, going to ceiling or around the walls. Again, the margin of errors tell a story with the number of Sandland-Pfeifer kills keeping them right in the battle. Haber had some fine success with a reverse serve down the middle that had Pfeifer using his left hand, and Sandland his right, gaining weak returns.

Again, Sandland-Pfeifer drew first blood. They made three points on a Sandland pass to the right, a right hand Haber miss, and a Pfeifer ace to the right before Haber stopped them with a right corner kill with his right. Haber-Ardito could only muster one point when Pfeifer missed with his right off a ceiling return. Pfeifer put Ardito out on a kill off the back wall, and Sandland passed to the right to put Haber out. It was a scoreless second inning for Sandland-Pfeifer. Sandland got hit by a ball and the Pfeifer erred with his right. It was 4-3 Haber-Ardito on a Haber left corner kill, both with his right and then a Sandland left hand error.

Pfeifer put Ardito out on a right corner kill, and Haber missed with his left.

Another blanko for Sandland-Pfeifer. A perfectly placed Haber ceiling shot to the left was too hard to handle, and he followed with one to the right that got the same result. It was 6-3 on a Haber ace to the left and a right hand Haber kill off the back wall. Pfeifer passed to the left and then Haber missed with a right to put the side out.

Sandland-Pfeifer finally got back on the boards with four points to take a 7-6 lead. Sandland got a setup and glued it into the left corner, and Pfeifer got a weak return off his serve and killed off the back wall. Haber passed Sandland with his right. Sandland got a serve and shot into the left corner, and No. 7 came on an Ardito left hand error. Haber got the side out on a ceiling to the right that couldn't be handled by Pfeifer.

The lead was short-lived as Haber-Ardito bounced back with seven tallies. Haber connected with his right off the back wall, and Sandland erred off Ardito's serve. Sandland then put Don out on a kill off a ceiling shot. Pfeifer erred with his right, and Haber counted an ACE down the middle that trickled off Pfeifer's left hand. Haber then killed off the back wall with his left, killed with a fly right hand into the right corner and No. 13 came on a Sandland left hand error off the serve. Pfeifer put in a straight right hand kill to choke off the rally.

It was 8-13 on a Pfeifer ace to the right. Haber killed with his right to put him out and Sandland missed with his left without scoring. One point pulled the score to 14-8 and a Haber right hand pass to the right. Pfeifer killed and then Sandland killed off a ceiling return.

Sandland-Pfeifer made it 10-14. Pfeifer was unable to score as Sandland missed with his left. Pfeifer countered with a right corner kill with his right and a kill off the back wall with his right. Haber put them out with a right hand straight

kill. Sandland-Pfeifer bounced back strong to muffle Haber Ardito. Sandland put in a left corner kill with his left, and then an avoidable hinder (yes, one was called!) on Haber in which Referee Lindsay reasoned he didn't move sufficiently, put the side out.

Sandland-Pfeifer took advantage and took a 15-14 lead. Pfeifer was put out when he served and then missed a fat one with his right. Sandland got (11) on a Haber error off the back wall on his serve. A Pfeifer back wall kill (12), right hand Ardito error (13), Sandland right corner kill (14), Sandland ace to the right (15). Ardito put one around the walls that took a bad bounce around the deep side wall-back wall to put them out.

The lead didn't last through the Haber-Ardito half of the inning. They went to 18-15.

Ardito counted on two ace serves . . . a soft hook to the left and then a fast hook to the left, and then he made it (17) on a ceiling shot that was too hard to handle. Pfeifer killed to put him out and Haber scored once as Sandland missed with his left off the back wall. Haber then floored his serve as he was distracted by a feminine voice in the gallery. His concentration is so profound that such a noise can cause this to happen.

Pfeifer couldn't count on his serve with Haber passing to the left with his right. Sandland went in to serve and scored three times. Ardito erred with his right off the serve, then an ace to the right and a right hand Pfeifer kill off the back wall. Haber put them out with a right corner kill with his right.

The last three points for game, match and championship came on a Pfeifer error with his right (1), an Ardito right corner kill with his right (20). Sandland stalled off the win by putting Ardito out on a pass to the right. Then Harber came through with a bottom board left hand kill off the back wall into the left corner (21).

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from the KILLSHOT ROOM by Mort Leve

It's Haber Against the Field . . .

Those of us who saw Paul Haber win the first national USHA invitational doubles in Denver are agreed that he will be a real tough man to beat at Memphis in the singles if he retains his "hunger" for the victory. And, in talking with Paul, he wants to keep handball's No. 1 prize—the national four-wall singles.

Haber's training regime leading up to our open nationals is one of hours of play daily, against all comers, under any type of conditions. He literally plays his way to razor-sharp control of his shots, and that in essence, is his success story. When Paul doesn't have the real desire or top condition he can be beaten for then his ceiling shots will not drop tantalizingly dead into either the left or right corners of the back wall . . . his kill attempts off the back wall will come up too high, and he will not be able to dig 'em up and come back with strong shots.

There are top flight players who combine play with various other conditioning devices such as running the track, some weight lifting, calisthenics, close watch on the diet . . . but some of the boys like Haber think action in the court is the best means of readying for the week-long grind.

Along with the control game Haber has taught himself smooth motions with both arms that won't take as much out as players who constantly strive to throw hooks. Haber seldom resorts to putting "stuff" on the ball during a volley but will come up with a big hop serve if he thinks it's necessary.

The "feather touch" to the ceiling is not physical wearing and it also gives the "pause that refreshes" in time consumption. And, it is the foolhardy opponent who starts trading those ceiling shots.

Four-wall is a "thinking man's" game. A player must be both mentally and physically ready for a week-long national test in which he must go against seven or eight opponents. The first couple of matches might be "boat races" but then no quarter can be given. The best course of action is in and out of the court as fast as possible . . . don't let up on the momentum.

When Haber plays hours on end leading up to the nationals he never gives his opponent a "lull". He's out to admin-

ister a "doughnut" if possible. Whatever points are scored against him must be earned.

Of the current crop of opponents? Pat Kirby, who wins the weekend invitationals impressively and many exhibitions . . . will he be able to sustain the needed concentration through the week? Stuffy Singer, who must maintain a steady tempo. Lou Russo, who must be physically able to go at a harder pace. Dave Graybill, the one who also thrives on week-long play . . . might be this year's "sleeper". Bob Lindsay, another welcomed returnee, who can cause upsets. Terry Muck, hasn't come along as fast as we had expected. Billy Yambrick, has he changed his thinking and tactics? Gordie Pfeifer . . . bombs away, and who knows? Dr. Steve August, could put together a big string. Dennis Hofflander, all the tools but not enough big play and condition for this year. Dr. Claude Benham, a tough guy to beat but coming off a so-so major circuit of play. Ray Neveau, good for a couple of big wins and maybe more.

It's Haber against the field, and as the boys in the back room would put it . . . Haber, even odds to take it all against the entire entry. And, there won't be many who will take the field. Injury, of course, could be a telling factor.

Many of our members probably saw Jim Jacobs on the Johnny Carson TV show the night of Feb. 25. Jim was introduced along with Burt Lancaster, movie star, in relation to the Frazier-Clay fight. Burt was to do the color commenting on the live theater screen setup and was "educated" by Jim on the previous fight films of both fighters. Jim showed clips of several highlights of these heavyweights and was quite poised in his commentaries accompanying. However, Lancaster, in talking about Jacobs' handball exploits stated that Jim had recently defeated the national champion, who was "20 years his junior." Jacobs just turned 41, Haber is 34. Jacobs shrugged off the win by modestly stating that how could he lose, "on his home court, home referee, his hometown fans . . . it would be like Clay (he politely calls him Muhamed Ali) fighting Frazier in a Muslim mosque."

It was humorous to note that Bob Hope and Jerry Lewis had to wait impatiently in the wings while the fight talk held center stage until the last half hour of the show.

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Another request for extended age tournaments. Former doubles champ Joe Goldsmith, writing from Long Beach: "How about a tournament for over 65?"

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NATIONAL INVITATIONAL MASTERS SINGLES PLAN

While in Knoxville for the national intercollegiate I got a long distance call from Alex Guerry of Chattanooga. Alex has long been an advocate of additional age classifications for Masters play and has been instrumental in getting this accomplished in tennis. Now, Alex wants to sponsor and host the first USHA National Invitational Masters singles in two brackets of play — under 40, and under 50. This would complete a full schedule of national invitational events for the 1971-72 season: Singles, Doubles, Masters doubles, Golden Masters doubles, Masters singles, Golden Masters singles. (see his letter, page 24).

Sy Barnes will again host the Masters and Golden Masters doubles at Birmingham, Alabama, in late October or early November. Sites for the singles and doubles will be announced soon.

Further discussions on the Masters singles events will be on the agenda of the national convention meeting at Memphis, Tuesday, March 30.

FIRST NATIONAL INVITATIONAL DOUBLES



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3	SIMIE FEIN, Milwaukee-RAY NEVEAU, Oshkosh, Wisconsin	21-13, 21-9	RUSSO-DECATUR		
4	DAVE GRAYBILL, Phoenix-BUZZ SHUMATE, Denver	GRAYBILL-SHUMATE	21-6, 15-21, 21-18		
5	PAT KIRBY-LOU KRAMBERG, New York	17-21, 21-10, 21-14		HABER-ARDITO	
6	BOB KOENIG, Chicago-DR. GARY ROHRER, St. Paul	KOENIG-ROHRER		21-8, 21-13	
7	MIKE KELLY-MIKE DUNNE, San Francisco	21-14, 21-13	HABER-ARDITO		
8	PAUL HABER-DON ARDITO, Chicago	HABER-ARDITO	21-11, 12-21, 21-11		
9	FRED LEWIS, Miami Beach-STEVE LOTT, New York	21-7, 21-9			
10	DAN BARNEY, Colorado Springs-LARRY WOOD, Denver	LEWIS-LOTT			
11	BOB LINDSAY, El Paso-BOB BROWN, Denver	21-4, 21-9	SANDLAND-PFEIFER	THIRD PLACE--	
12	MEL SANDLAND, Long Beach-GORDIE PFEIFER, Tacoma	SANDLAND-PFEIFER	14-21, 21-15, 21-19	RUSSO-DECATUR (Default)	
13	BILL YAMBRICK-TERRY MUCK, St. Paul	21-12, 21-6		SANDLAND-PFEIFER	
14	PHIL ELBERT-DENNIS HOFFLANDER, Chicago	ELBERT-HOFFLANDER		21-11, 21-12	
15	ERNIE ORTIZ, Tampa-PAUL KATZ, Orlando	21-9, 21-16	SINGER-AUGUST		
16	STUFFY SINGER-DR. STEVE AUGUST, Los Angeles	SINGER-AUGUST	21-9, 21-5		
		21-13, 21-16			HABER-ARDITO 21-18, 21-18

NATIONAL INVITATIONAL CONSOLATION
DOUBLES . . . QUARTER FINALS — Fein-Neveau
def. Carlsen-Wrettlind, 21-13, 21-20; Kelly-Dunne def.
Kirby-Kramberg (default); Lindsay-Brown def. Bar-
ney-Wood, 21-13, 21-8; Yambrick-Muck def. Ortiz-

Katz, 21-16, 10-21, 21-8. SEMI-FINALS: Fein-Neveau
def. Kelly-Dunne, 21-15, 16-21, 21-15; Yambrick-Muck
def. Lindsay-Brown, 21-16, 10-21, 21-8. FINALS: Yam-
brick-Muck def. Fein-Neveau, 21-5, 21-18.



OBSERVATION TOWER

By FRED LEWIS

(pinchhitting for Bob Davidson)

The First USHA National Invitational Doubles tournament brought together for the first time the super stars of handball in the doubles play only. They were led by none other than the fabulous Paul Haber, teaming with Don Ardito, Chicago, and cutting through the 16-team field like a lawn mower. This had to be one of Paul's sweetest victories. Up to this point he had not had a very good season. He told me he had lost his incentive to win and had nothing to prove. But it was obvious to all who witnessed the great event at the Denver YMCA that Paul Haber had regained his appetite for victory.

The tournament started off with a real bang when Pat Kirby and Lou Kramberg, New York, were dumped in the first round by Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, and Bob Koenig, Chicago. Kirby was suffering from the flu and it was apparent that he was not up to par. However, we cannot take anything away from Rohrer and Koenig. They came up with some beautiful crotch serves and kill shots that won the match. They proved that the win was no fluke by taking Haber and Ardito to three games before losing in the quarters.

Another first round highlight was the match between the teams of Simie Fein and Ray Neveau versus Dave Graybill and Buzz Shumate. This match did not begin until 10:30 p.m. Friday evening and did not end till 12:45 a.m., Saturday morning. Graybill and Shumate were the winners 17-21, 21-10, and 21-14. After a few hours sleep the victors had the unenviable task of tackling the No. 1 seeded team of Lou Russo Jr. and Marty Decatur. Russo-Decatur won the first game 21-6. In the 2nd game Shumate came to life and put in some of his patented kills. Graybill covered the shortline like a gazelle, coming up with some unbelievable returns which helped them win the second game, 21-15. The third game looked like Russo and Decatur all the way as they shot out to 15-6 lead. However, Buzz and Dave fought back and took the lead 18-17. At this point they were put out and Marty proceeded to do what I have seen him do so many times in clutch situations. He served an ace to tie the score, then hit two kill shots at points 19 and 20, then

very dramatically ended the game with a crotch serve that rolled off the left side wall. In my opinion this was the best match of the tournament.

In the semis Haber and Ardito upset Russo and Decatur in a real shocker.

Marty and Lou made a tactical error by playing Ardito. They tried to keep everything on the right wall and Donnie creamed them. Meanwhile, Paul was keeping Russo deep in the left hand corner. With this ceiling strategy Russo was unable to do what he does best -- shoot on the fly. Toward the end of the second game they started to make some points playing Paul but it was just too little, too late. In the final analysis, I would say that Don played the best ball of his career and Haber gained some measure of revenge for the beating he took from Russo and Decatur in the Detroit three wall in 1969.

Meanwhile, on the bottom portion of the draw, Mel Sandland and Gordie Pfeifer surprised everyone but themselves by reaching the finals. They defeated Steve Lott and me in the quarters. They went on to win easily over Stuffy Singer and Steve August in the semis. The strategy in our match was to isolate Gordie on the right side and work on Mel. This worked well as we won 21-14 in the 1st game.

In the second game this strategy was upset when Gordie took over and scored several points on bullet-like serves. These serves set up kill shots for him. The third game was nip and tuck all the way with the final outcome 21-19. It was obvious that all four participants were tired and it seemed natural that a well-rested Singer-August team would have a cake walk in the semis. This was not to be the case, however. With Pfeifer getting stronger as the match progressed and



BATTLE OF THE WEST COAST . . . Mel Sandland has Dr. Steve August out of position and readies a bullet into the right front wall. Pfeifer-Sandland had surprisingly strong upperhand over favored August-Singer duo in this semi final match of national invitational.

Sandland playing like his life depended on it. Singer-August succumbed, 21-11, 21-12. August was unable to handle Mel's hooks and Stuffy failed to shoot with any type of consistency.

In the finals Haber was at his super best. Down 11-18 in the first game Haber-Ardito rolled to a 21-18 win. In the second game Haber-Ardito started fast and despite a late rally by Pfeifer-Sandland, Haber-Ardito won 21-18. In both games Paul showed the spectators what a complete handball player he really is. He relied on his great ceiling game to gain setups for himself and his partner. The crowd was amazed at Paul's uncanny retrieving ability. One shot that stands out in my mind is a ball that Paul took behind his back at point blank range from Pfeifer's cannon. To me, this looked like the same Paul Haber I saw win at Austin in '69 and at L.A. in '70. If he goes into serious training between now and March 27, it will again be Haber at Memphis.

I would like to thank Les Shumate for meeting me and some of the other players at the airport. Les, "Mr. Handball of the Rockies," certainly is to be congratulated for staging this handball spectacle at his Denver Y. Les received a great deal of help from co-chairman Lee Wretlind, Larry Wood, Bob Brown, Don Carlson, John Gillingham, Hank Grady and especially Hank's very pretty daughter, Linda.

ON THE BEACH: — We are in the semi-finals of the handicap doubles tournament at Flamingo Park. Jim "The Ox"



STRONG RUNNERUP . . . USHA National Invitational Host Chairman Les Shumate does honors to second place finishers Gordie Pfeifer (l) and Mel Sandland. Hard hitting West Coasters showed extremely well throughout the tournament and should be real threat at Memphis should they pair up again.

Westdyke and Mike (keep out your left) Grant will meet Murray Marcus and Jack Kaufman in one match while Roy Gelber and Gil O'Malley will take on Billy "The Kid" Haas and Hughie Campbell.

It was a clean sweep for the Miami Beach Handball Association at the Florida State Three-Wall doubles championships at Merritt Isle. Haas and Fred Lewis used their experience to overcome Jim Westdyke and Ray Gelber, also of Miami Beach 21-12 and 21-5. Joel Galpern, the Kentucky State Champ teamed up with young Tom Veal to take third place. Rich Robitaille is to be congratu-

lated for running a fine tournament.

Miami Beach expects a big turnout for the nationals at Memphis. The National Invitational Masters champs Murray Marcus and Billy Haas could go all the way in the 40-45 bracket. This is a very classy team that combines Marcus shooting with Haas power and finesse. Also I expect Ralph Kaufman to be among the top contenders in the Masters singles. Ralph is the #2 man around Flamingo Park and one of the smartest ball players around. We also expect to see Joel Galpern, Roy Gelber, Mike Monroy, Irwin Christie and Tom Veal at Memphis.

Invitational Doubles

(from page 13)

each team a full uniform, introducing the new official USHA uniforms that are now available to the membership.

Bob Kendler came on in to the tournament despite a nagging flu bug . . . and Comish Joe Shane was a start to finish ringsider . . . Airline pilots, Hank Grady and Skip Harrison put in a lot of man hours with ticket sales, Y hospitality room and various other tasks . . . Lee Wretlind was an able lieutenant to Les Shumate. We usurped use of physical director John Gillingham's office but he relinquished good-naturedly and gave every assistance.

The "Pick-A-Partner" format proved once and for all that it is not necessary to play together for any length of time to perform strongly in such a level of play. The finalists brought that out vividly, having teamed up especially for this one.

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West Intercollegiate Divisional...

Portland State Sweeps All Events...

An unusually strong collegiate contingent from Portland State walked off with all the individual titles as well as the team trophy at the Western Collegiate Regionals held at Washington State University, Feb. 19-21.

Tournament tested John Ritchie, recognized as one of the top players in the Pacific Northwest waltzed to the A singles title without the loss of a game. He was not forced to extend himself until the championship match against Roger Madsen, Washington State University. Ritchie won the first game with relative ease 21-10, but Madsen came out "shooting" the second game and forged to a 17-12 lead. Just as the partisan overflow crowd began clapping for an upset, the ambidextrous Ritchie changed the game tempo by using a variety of lob and three-wall serves and then turned on the power with fly kills and pass shots to take the second game 21-17 and with it the A title.

Doug Willey, a "Ritchie protege" upset top-seeded Steve Mills from WSU for the B singles title. Both final games were carbon copies of one another. Mills took early leads of 12-2 in the first game and 14-5 in the second but Willey came on strong in both games to win 21-15, 21-16.

The doubles title went to the strong Portland State duo of Dennis Schalk and Gene Hughes who defeated WSU's Dave McGarry and Mike Bishop. Although definitely overmatched McGarry and Bishop kept making fantastic "gets" on seemingly flat kills and by sheer hustle extended Schalk and Hughes before succumbing to the veteran pair 21-10, 21-19.

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS — Ritchie at 27 who learned his handball "early" and is getting his education "late" would be given a good chance to win the National Collegiate Tournament. A former Oregon State singles titlist he also won the 1968 Northwest doubles championship with Dennis Schalk.

All contestants were enthused and impressed with the fine facilities at Washington State University. The eight new courts were more than ample for a smooth operation headed by tournament chairman Bob Stephens.

Orchids to faculty members Gary Bowman, Harold Sorenson, Randy Hamm, Bob Doorninck, Bob Stephens and Jud Heathcote who ably handled the officiating chores.

Dennis Schalk, doubles titlist, recently won the Oregon State doubles championship with partner Tony Stramiello.

Two, among many showing definite future potential were Tom Fitzwater and Doug Campbell from University of California at Irvine who garnered the third place trophies in A and B singles.

The WSU Handball Club is hoping to host the tournament again next year with plans to make it bigger and better.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS — A Singles: — *Quarter Finals:* John Ritchie (Portland State) Def. Bob DeVleming (WSU) 21-3, 21-6; Gary Ordish (Western Montana) Def. Dan Agopsowicz (Seattle U.) 21-15, 21-5; Roger Madsen (WSU) Def. Gene Kolczinski (WSU) 21-2, 21-4; Tom Fitzwater (Cal-Irvine) Def. Al Chaparro (Portland University) 21-14, 14-21, 21-5.

Semi-Finals: Ritchie (Portland State) Def. Ordish (Western Montana) 21-7, 21-4; Madsen (WSU) Def. Fitzwater (Cal-Irvine) 21-7, 7-21, 21-15.

Finals: John Ritchie (Portland State) Def. Roger Madsen (WSU) 21-10, 21-17.

3rd Place: Tom Fitzwater (Cal-Irvine) Def. Gary Ordish (Western Montana) 21-3, 21-7.

Consolation: Al Chaparro (Portland Univ.) Def. Bob DeVleming (WSU) 21-3, 21-9.

DOUBLES — Semi-Finals: Dennis Schalk and Gene Hughes (Portland State) Def. Blake Sevalstad and Mike Dellwo (Western Mont.) 21-6, 21-8. Dave McGarry and Mike Bishop (WSU) Def. Bob Vanina and Randy Santo (Seattle Univ.) 21-20, 21-20.

Finals: Schalk and Hughes (Portland State) Def. McGarry and Bishop (WSU) 21-10, 21-19.

B SINGLES — First Round: Steve Mills (WSU) Def. Greg Race (Yakima Valley Coll) 21-0, 21-3; John Graves (WSU) Def. Terry Olson (West. Mont.) 21-5, 21-10; Doug Womach (Eastern Wash.) Def. Mike Foster (WSU) 21-5, 21-5; Pat Smith (Seattle Univ.) Def. Gene Edmonds (Central Wash.) 21-8, 21-20; Doug Willey (Portland State) Def. Steve Vantassle (Yakima Valley Coll) 21-4, 21-5; Dale Scott (WSU) Def. Greg Moser (Central Wash.) 21-5, 21-3; Jack Rhodes (West. Mont.) Def. Larry Fockler (WSU) 21-11, 21-10; Doug Campbell (Cal-Irvine) Def. Dave Benoit (Whitman) 21-14, 21-12.

Quarter Finals: Mills Def. Graves 21-5, 21-10; Womach Def. Smith 21-8, 21-20; Willey Def. Scott 21-9, 21-12; Campbell Def. Rhodes 21-17, 21-9.

Semi-Finals: Mills Def. Womach 21-4, 21-8; Willey Def. Campbell 21-8, 14-21, 21-15.

Finals: Doug Willey (Portland State)

Jud Heathcote, Washington State University handball coach, will again chairman the West Intercollegiate division next year. "We feel that there will be wider representation next year with more time to prepare and spread the word of this competition," Heathcote writes. "We also expect an upswing of the caliber of play here with such fine facilities to work with."

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1962—"The Beginning". First tournament together in USHA nationals at Houston. Beat Oscar and Ruby Obert for championship.



1963—Pauline Davidson gives out the trophies. USHA National tournament was held at Washington A. C. in Seattle.



1964—Jacobs played and won USHA National singles at St. Louis. Decatur got married opening day of tournament and did not enter. Team won New York A.C. invitational and beat (who else?) the Obert brothers. Charlie O'Connell (l), Joe Ingrassia (r).



1965—USHA at Austin. Jacobs-Decatur got the title back, beating 1964 winners from Chicago—Johnny Sloan and Phil Elbert.



In 1966 they didn't play as a team because Jacobs had back troubles. Decatur was third in singles. 1967 at San Francisco proved toughest of all. Jacobs sprained ankle in semis against Pat Kirby and Lou Kramberg. Jim had it tightly taped and injected so he could play the next day against the Oberts. Jacobs: "Marty took over and won the match while I cheered him on."



The championship trophies at the nationals in St. Louis in 1968 were awarded by USHA President Bob Kendler. Decatur is shown with his trickling "wound" from the right knee, result of an all-out dig effort.



We played a different Obert team in 1968—Carl (r) and Oscar, and kept our title. St. Louis spacious JCCA again provided stage for USHA national classic. St. Louis is termed "good luck" town by Jacobs. He won his second national singles at the old YMHA there in 1956; repeated in singles at the JCCA in 1964.

One of handball's finest records is the decade of doubles victories by Marty Decatur and Jim Jacobs in USHA nationals, New York A.C. invitationals, and exhibitions—all without defeat—and ONLY ONE game loss. That one loss came in 1967 in San Francisco when Jacobs, hobbled with a bad ankle, couldn't navigate well enough in the first game and they lost to the Oberts. However, they bounced back to win the match and title. Unfortunately, Jacobs' play is now limited to "one shot" matches and he was unable to enter the first national invitational USHA doubles held in Denver in February.



Jacobs-Decatur passed up the 1969 USHA doubles as Marty wanted to give the singles an all-out try. Again in '70 they passed it up but two months later won the New York A.C. Invitational against Carl and Ruby Obert. Carl and Ruby had won the USHA doubles. "In our minds they had something that belonged to us." (Jacobs)



1971—Marked the tenth year of partnership. Big smiles indicated tough match exhibition win over Pat Kirby and Paul Haber. At left Al Stein and Jim (Ball Four) Bouton, and Lou Kramberg at right.



January 27, 1971

Evie darling:

I guess I might as well face up to it because I am guilty of not having acknowledged the beautiful gift you sent me for the Christmas tree. First let me say that the three ornaments are all beautiful and the large one is so lovely, unique and delicate that everyone singles it out and makes the remark, "How beautiful it is."

The old tree, which is the large one, is still up in the sunroom, but we put a new tree up in the front hall -- all white with gorgeous ornaments on it and it is one of the best we have ever had. We are a two tree outfit now. All three of your ornaments are right in front in very prominent places and they helped to make the tree as lovely as it is.

I have one little excuse, I got Bob's letter saying you were sending them but evidently the boxes got mixed up with other ornament boxes and I didn't find them until just a day or two before Christmas. That's when I should have written you, but I have been sick for about a month now and that is making me pretty tardy on a lot of things. Anyway please accept my apology and I am most happy for the ornaments.

Love to you both, and my best as always,

Harold

Mrs. Robert Kendler
4101 Dempster Street
Skokie, Illinois

NOTE: This letter was written just six weeks before Harold Lloyd passed away. His love of the game and appearances at the national tournaments down through the years was only limited by his tireless travel schedule. Those who came in personal contact with this wonderful man were always impressed by his modesty and real insight of the game. USHA President Bob Kendler's eulogy on the back cover sums up in total what Harold Lloyd meant to handball and The Players' Fraternity.

Appreciate Irv...

Dear Bob:

I was most amazed and surprised to see you come out of the storm from Chicago to attend my farewell dinner. Needless to say it was a great honor to me and to the Brownsville Handball Club.

Sportsmanship is defined as a combination of athletic

proWess, teamwork, generosity of spirit and cooperation. All who attended learned that lesson from your inspiring words and thoughts. They also expressed a desire to see your talk in print in ACE magazine.

Those of us at Brownsville who are involved in handball will always continue to cooperate with USHA and sponsor handball wherever we may migrate throughout the country.

Please extend Reba's and my best wishes to Evie for a speedy recovery.

Irving S. Ehrlich
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Masters Singles — Over 50?

I have just returned from a meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. One of the highlights was the special recognition of a friend of mine, who during 1970 won the National Championships on clay courts, grass courts, and indoor courts for men 70 years of age and older. This was the first year that the USLTA had held a National Championship for the 70 and over group, and it was very successful, with 28 men competing in the major singles tournament.

I remember well a discussion with you nearly ten years ago about the desirability of having handball tournaments for older age groups. At the time of our discussion the oldest age group recognized by the Tennis Association was 45 and older. When I was recommending older age groups to you for handball, I was doing the same in tennis. In 1963 I was able to persuade the USLTA to start a new national event for men 55 and older.

The 55 and over in tennis has become tremendously popular, with the draw generally being more than sixty-four players. With this event having done so well, it was not long before other USLTA people pioneered the inauguration of a 60 and over national event, then a 65 and over, and now for the first time a 70 and over.

I began playing tennis in grammar school and handball in college, and I have continued to play and enjoy both games, both socially and competitively, ever since. I am now 53 and in some ways get more enjoyment from tennis and handball than ever before.

Our handball reservations are for 45 minute periods. In tennis a normal singles game takes about an hour and a quarter. I find 45 minutes of handball generally more physically taxing than an hour and a quarter of tennis, unless the tennis court is quite slow and my opponent quite steady. Tournament play, however, becomes a different matter. A close handball game will generally take about an hour, I find, but it can run to an hour and a half. A normal tennis match is about an hour and a quarter, but a long three-setter can go two hours and a half or longer. In tennis the contestants also often have to contend with the hot sun, and 90+ degree temperature is enervating.

In summary, while handball and tennis are different and while handball is more strenuous per minute than tennis, matches in the two sports are quite comparable, in my opinion, in the amount of physical endurance and resources they require.

I wouldn't suggest that handball is ready yet for the much older age groups like tennis. But I do strongly suggest that a 50 and over singles division be tried. I believe you would find this a popular event among many players who would like to keep up their competitive handball later in life, but who find it too difficult to compete in the present Masters age division.

What would you and Bob think of initiating this new age division in 1972?

ALEX GUERRY
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Israel Seeks Handball . . .

Dear Mr. Leve:

On the night of Feb. 17 on the "Voice of America" program we heard your answer to a question about handball playing in the U.S.A. We feel that this game would be a great asset to the youth of Israel, who are particularly sport conscious. We feel that your organization, the United States Handball Association, could make a great contribution to Israel by having one of your associates teach and organize teams. We know that one of your star players, Jack Gordon, is contemplating settlement in Israel. This could be a great opportunity for your Association to give Gordon the possibility to develop the sport in this country.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration of the matter.

N. LEON FREIDLESS
285 Hayarkon St.
Tel Aviv, Israel

Note: Should Jack Gordon make the move to Israel we'll give him an official "ambassadorship", and do whatever possible to cooperate.

YES! I Care!!!

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Thought I am very new to the Association I feel I must reply to your Feb. editorial, "Are You One Who Cares?" YES, you had better believe I care. I'm not a card carrying type person normally but I wouldn't be caught dead without my USHA membership card.

I guess I am very naive but I would have just thought all the top players supported the Association. I did, however, wonder when I saw a few pictures in ACE of some of the top players wearing brand "X" gloves.

ACE products are just like the "Pro Line" equipment in golf compared to store bought equipment. I have always insisted on the Saranac glove. I was in Vietnam at the time I first received ACE and I wrote my parents and told them that I needed some Saranac gloves and that I would take nothing else. After a futile look in the stores in the D.C. area they finally wrote Saranac and from that time on I have always had an ample supply of the finest gloves made.

Here at Ft. Bragg I try to sell ACE and the USHA to everyone who plays. I offer to order gloves for anyone who is interested in using the best there is. Unfortunately the Army supplies gloves here for free but they're of a cheaper line.

I guess I'm sort of really gung-ho and I'll probably suffer some disillusionment at the upcoming nationals. However, I'm sure that meeting you and Mr. Leve will make my week's leave in Memphis as memorable as Saturday's final match.

So, Mr. Kendler, I do care. I do have pride in myself and in the USHA, and I hope to make a worthwhile contribution to the Association, not only as a player, but also as a supporter and administrator.

LTC. PHILIP A. ARNOLD
Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Oldtimer Reminisces . . .

Note: This is a letter sent by former national singles champion George Nelson (1927) to Ed Pennig of St. Paul, whose memoirs on national handball in the 20s and 30s was featured in the Dec. ACE.

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Hi! Ed, long time no see:

I have just completed reading your most interesting article on the 20th, which brought back fond memories.

You made mention of Griffin's Spook Ball. The local YMCA courts, on which Hobelman and I played, are 19' wide, 38½' long, and 19' high. Our ceilings are made of metal grating to allow heat to come down in the courts in the cold winter time. So we could not play any ceiling balls. Hobe and I did very well considering this drawback.

In 1926, in St. Paul, I was eliminated by Dr. Friedenberg in the quarter finals. I had four attacks of diarrhea before I played him at 11 a.m. — and beat him 21 to 6 in the first game, and my strength was gone. I believe I would have won that tournament. I won in 1927 as you know. In 1928 Griffin beat me in the finals after taking a 20-minute rest between the second and third game. I stiffened up like a board, and could not get started. In 1929, he beat me in the semis on the big N.Y. courts. In 1930, I lost in the finals to the Great Al Banuet, and he did the same in 1931 in Minneapolis. I agree with you that Al was the greatest of all.

I did not compete in '32 and '33. In 1934, I regained the Y title in Washington, D.C., beating John Enzevick, from Cleveland, in the finals. In Dec., 1934, I wrenched the cartilage in my left knee, and only played two games before I went to Memphis to defend my title. I beat Jack Srenco in the quarters, and Geo. DiRi in the semis. In this match I wrenched my knee again, but managed to hold on to win. I lost to Sam Atcheson the next day. The following month, I lost to Joe Platak, and that was my last tournament.

I played handball for 55 years, and was advised by my eye doctor to quit in March 1968. In May I had cataract removed from my right eye, and in November, one from my left eye. I had hemorrhaged in this latter eye. My vision is only 20/80. However, I am thankful I can see.

I exercise every morning to keep in shape. Go to the Y twice a week for steam baths, and occasionally go on the court, by myself, and just bounce and hit the ball. Cannot play, because my judgment is off.

I retired from work in April, 1965. Am now working part time so as to keep myself occupied. Hobelman passed away about 4 years ago from heart attack.

Well Ed, again I will repeat how much I enjoyed your article. I sincerely trust you and yours are enjoying the best of health and success. Give my regards to George Quam and the other old timers.

GEORGE NELSON
Baltimore, Md.

I was 71 Feb. 22. Have had a great deal of fun with my "Hop Ball".

National Intercollegiates—Texas & Lake Forest Wes Yee—A Singles... Dick Staley—B Singles Joe Hero Jr.-Terry Hankins Repeat Doubles

University of Texas and Lake Forest College (Ill.) dominated the team honors in the 19th USHA National Intercollegiate championships held March 5-7 at the new 10-court facility of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Joe Hero and Terry Hankins repeated as doubles winners for Coach Pete Tyson's Longhorns over Lake Forest's Willie Yee and Steve Jamron, 21-12, 21-11. Lake Forest's Wes Yee became the new Class A singles champion, defeating the Texans' Jeff Barnes, 21-6, 21-17. Dick Staley, representing Florissant Community College in suburban St. Louis, defeated Stu Rothstein, University of Colorado, for the Class B singles title, 21-5, 21-5.

Because of a misunderstanding of the point system it was decided to declare a co-championship on team honors. Up to last year no points were given for a bye; at Lake Forest College in 1970 several school entrants were given points for byes, although they had no bearing on the ultimate overall team point leader. Going into the final Sunday of play a two-point award for Wes Yee on a first round bye (there were 15 entrants in this bracket so No. 1 seed Wes was given the bye) would have given Lake Forest a one-point margin over Texas, contingent on Texas winning the doubles, Lake Forest the singles in the finals. If no points were given the bye then Texas would win team honors with a doubles-singles final split. A compromise was finally agreed upon and one point was given the bye. As was forecast Texas took the doubles and Lake Forest the singles.

As is often the case we learn from the frailties of the verbal rulings and a full set of detailed procedures for national collegiate play are now being drawn up.

Overall there were seven teams entered. University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus, had originally filed for a full four-man team but one man was forced to withdraw. There were 15 in A singles, 17 in B singles.

Wes Yee, the Bronx native, with incredible power for a 135-pound frame, went through the tournament without a game loss. He was pressed at the onset of his first semi final game against another Bronx player, John Paveletz, John Baruch College (City of N.Y.), but broke through after some torrid volleys to win 21-16. He had an easier time in the second game, 21-11. Paveletz went on to win third place from Steve Smith, Michigan, 21-10, 21-16.

Jeff Barnes, the Birmingham, Alabama, product, and our former National Junior under-19 winner in 1969, moved up from his freshman B singles position last year for Texas, and did an outstanding job in ending up runnerup. Jeff had no easy bracket, playing Roy Gelber, U. of Florida and a Flamingo Park regular, in the second round. Roy, who has accumulated some rich experience from the boys at Flamingo, looked very sharp with his two-handed ability in winning the first game from Jeff, 21-16, but snagged after that and just wasn't the same performer in losing the deciding two games.

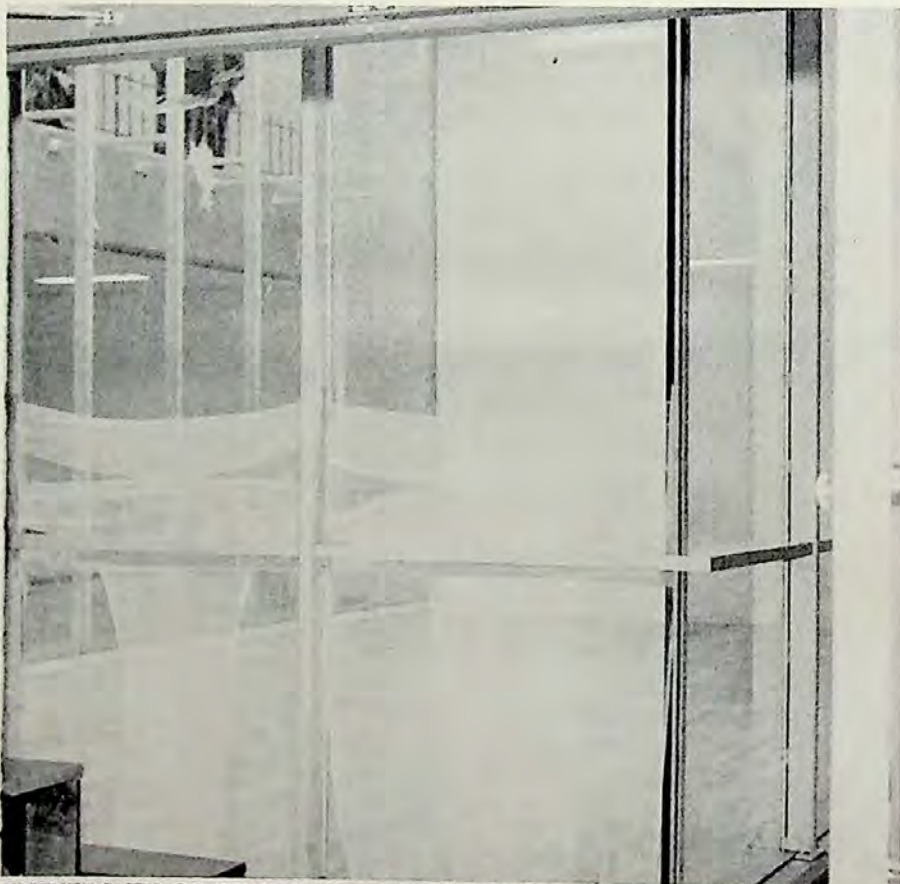
Barnes then met Steve Smith, a St. Louis JCCA youth product, and now a freshman at the University of Michigan. Jeff was at his best in stopping Steve,

using his left offensively and keeping a fast tempo.

Against Yee it was a story of "too much serve". The three-sided glass court was readied on Saturday afternoon for the semis in doubles, and on Sunday for the final events. Both the Texas and Lake Forest players have had experience "un-

der glass" so weren't too concerned. Yee had his low, power serve working to both left and right. In the first game he gained seven clean aces, and two more that were borderline between ace and error. This does not take into account some weak returns off his serve that readily became a "serve and shoot" routine. In retrospect Barnes might have been more defensive off serves he did return but it was evident the serves were his big hang-up.

In the second game Yee, for some reason, changed to lobs and cross courts along with the power serve, and Barnes got into the ball game. He came up to a 17-16 lead and it looked like he might square the match. Although there might be many who scoff at the shooting off hand, Barnes did keep in the game through this medium. Barnes lost the serve at 17-16 on a left hand Yee kill into the right corner. Yee couldn't score as Barnes got the serve back on a right hand straight kill. Barnes then made a



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE GLASS COURT . . . View from downstairs section behind back wall. Mesh material was placed up to about the 6 foot height level on back wall to afford better view of ball. Initial play on court gained much favorable comment, both as ideal from spectator standpoint and from proper lighting balance which allowed good pickup of ball in bounces from glass to glass. 1/2" plexiglass was used throughout.

crucial right hand error on a setup, but bounced back to keep Yee from scoring with a left hand kill into the right corner. Wes then put Jeff out on a right hand kill off the back wall and went in and took a lead to 20-17 on an ace to the left, a fly right hand, right corner kill, a pass to the right with his right hand off a weak return on his serve, and then another ace to the left. Barnes was fortunate to catch a crotch on the volley and get the serve back, but another left hand error stopped his bid to get back into the game, and then Wes got the 21st point, game and match on his sixth ace of the game, again to the left.

The doubles finale was a matter of too much ability shown by the Texans' Joe Hero and Terry Hankins as they repeated their victory of last year. Willie Yee and Steve Jamron, the Lake Foresters' team, had shown well in turning back the West Point team of Joe Branam and Frank Rosato in the semis, 21-17, 21-13, played on the glass court. Willie Yee's control from the left side, coupled with Jamron's strong "Scotch Toss" serve, were just too much for the Army team. Texas meanwhile had little difficulty eliminating Washington State's Michael Bishop and David McGarry.

The team of Hero and Hankins is about as good a collegiate duo as we have ever seen and should continue to improve their play.

Wes Yee has the natural ability to become a ranking open national player but as his coach, Mike Dau, puts it, *"Wes just doesn't play enough right now. He's a good student and just can't give it the time. Actually none of our team members play more than three times a week, usually an hour and a half at a time"*.

Dick Staley looked like he could have held his own with much of the Class A players as he took the B crown. Actually the only one who gave him a tussle was the Texans' representative, Wayne Lee. Lee bounced back from a disheartening 20-21 first game loss to win 21-8, and then battled down to a 21-18 third game loss.

Stu Rothstein, compact little Colorado player, won a big one over Lake Forest's Dave Smith, parlaying an erratic performance by Dave with good all around ability. However Stu apparently came up with right arm trouble and wasn't the same player in the finals. He couldn't cope with Staley or the glass. Smith salvaged third place over Bruce Ashby, Maryland, 20-21, 21-8, 21-12.

Army took third place in the doubles with a 21-15, 21-18 win over Washington State.

Consolation winners: Doubles — University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, def. Navy, 21-4, 21-4. A singles — Roger Madsen, Washington State, def. Gordon



CLASS A NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATES . . . Dr. Ben Plotnicki, University of Tennessee host chairman, presents trophies to Wes Yee (center), Lake Forest College, new Class A champ, after he had defeated Jeff Barnes, University of Texas, in the finals.

Focht, San Antonio College, 21-13, 21-18. B singles — Steve Mills, Washington State, def. Gary Winterberger, Air Force Academy, 21-14, 21-8.

NOTES OF THE TOURNAMENT: Andy Kozar, head of the physical education dept. at the University of Tennessee and a former all-American fullback for the Vols, had words of praise for the tournament host, Dr. Ben Plotnicki . . .

"This has been a real labor of love for Ben, getting these courts built and ready for the tournament. He has spent countless hours working on this and this wonderful facility should be a tribute to his labors." Incidentally, Andy is one of the leaders of the paddleball sport and will chairman their national championships at Tennessee early next year.

Fine support was given the tournament

At 11:45 a.m. Saturday, March 6, Mike Dau, Pete Tyson, Mort Leve, and the writer stepped into the University of Tennessee's three-wall, floor to ceiling, plexiglass court and tested it for the first time. Even though not completely finished, the court was declared suitable for play. It has been nip and tuck, touch and go, as to whether or not the court would be ready for any kind of play during the 1971 Intercollegiate Tournament. The workmen had worked overtime but at times it appeared extremely doubtful that any 1971 tournament matches would be played on the glass.

At noon on Saturday, Coaches Mike Dau, Lake Forest, and Pete Tyson, University of Texas, conducted an excellent clinic for handball enthusiasts who enjoyed better and easier viewing due to the glass.

The first match played on the plexiglass court between Chris Feudo of Army and Gordon Focht of San Antonio College was an historical event for handball at the University of Tennessee. This

by the Knoxville Y Handball Club's Bob Aiken and Don Littrell . . . Ben had support also from John Scott, Tom Pannell, Richard Saunders, George Mooney (heads up Mooney Broadcasting Co.), Bob Woodruff, athletic director; Dr. Earl Gamer, faculty chairman of the athletic board and current president of the NCAA . . . and not to overlook the patient labors of Ben's son, John, and his most capable secretary, Mrs. Barbara Godfrey.

Sid Semel acted as floor manager, driving some 11 hours from Norfolk, Va., to act in behalf of the USHA, and doing a fine job as usual. I won't mention that Sid was also a morale booster to your reporter, losing seven out of eight games, but I guess he was working too hard.

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A Singles Consolation match which had been moved from one of the ten regular courts to the glass court was won by Gordon Focht in three-game match, 12-21, 21-10, 21-13. In spite of the lack of opportunity to practice on the glass, the players adjusted beautifully to it and encountered no problems.

Two doubles semi-final matches followed on Saturday and four matches were played on Sunday.

The estimated crowd of 250 attending the finals on Sunday had an excellent view of all the action on the court from both the ground and deck levels and responded frequently to the fine play of the young collegians.

For us at Tennessee it was a real pleasure to work with this talented group of young handball players and with the USHA officials and we were happy to have had them with us on the University of Tennessee campus.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the Knoxville Handball Club for their unselfish help in officiating during the tournament.

BEN A. PLOTNICKI



USHA's GRATITUDE . . . USHA President Bob Kendler presents Irv Ehrlich with symbolic silver bowl. Ugo Bon-tempo, master of ceremonies for farewell dinner, beams approval.

Mr. Chairman and all you friends of One-Wall and "Mr. One-Wall" — thank you for letting me share with you this wonderful moment with a wonderful guy. I think Kevin was a little mixed up when he phoned and said Irv would be honored if I came in. I am the one that is honored. Many of my trips are a chore but not this one. In spite of my flight problems, this trip is a personal pleasure and it will always be one of my treasured handball memories, just as Irv will always be one of my dearest handball friends. You flatter me by including me in his personal party. I think if I lived in Brooklyn, Irv and I would have grown up together as pals, because he's my kind of guy. I would love him as a buddy, as a handball partner, and yes, even as a business partner. With Irv's money and my luck we would have wound up owning all of Brooklyn. Who knows?

What is there for me to say to you who have seen it all? Watching this wonderful man work in the wonderful world of handball must have been an inspiration and the humility that characterizes his entire life must have been a revelation. If we had his energy and enthusiasm nationally, as you do locally, I think we would have a better Association. Nevertheless, Irv's contribution to the national structure of handball is an important one and we count him as a pillar of our Fraternity.

You want to know what my personal opinion of Irv is? If handball was a religion, — Irv would be an apostle. If handball was Masonic, — Irv would be a Thirty Third. If handball was Catholic, Irv would be a Cardinal. If handball was a Kingdom, Irv would be a Knight.

It's unfortunate that we don't have an honor high enough for one of Irv's stature. His has been an illustrious career, worthy of handball's most distinguished award. It certainly can be said that out of our activity came more than handball champions, — also come handball immortals. I don't know what the word Ehrlich conjures up in your mind but in mine, it is immortality.

I did a little research and with only limited records of his achievements, I can count 15 National USHA tournaments with five and six separate brackets of competition in each. That adds up to about 80 separate tournaments on a national scale. Irv has processed, directed, and scheduled

Through Sleet and Storm . . .

USHA President Bob Kendler Balked by Weather Finally Arrives at Ehrlich Farewell Dinner to Pay Just Honors

almost 10,000 entries — from the teenagers to the Masters. The number of hours he has spent in this labor of love would stagger the imagination. I didn't count the monetary cost because I don't want Irv's wife, or mine either, to learn the high cost of handball. I don't know anyone with a record like Irv's, — or anyone that's even close. His achievements may never be equalled and his name will never be stricken from the masthead of the Association he has helped to build. Like Schaufelberger, like Goldstein, like Shane, — the name Ehrlich is a big one, — because Ehrlich is a giver, not a taker.

Strangely enough, his only reward has been a Title. Webster's defines the word Title as Champion. It couldn't be more appropriate in Irv's case . . . CHAMPION COMMISSIONER. And, because we thought he was a champion we made him Commissioner. To me, Title is a five letter word that describes a man who worked so hard and so long in the ranks that he became the leader so he could work still harder and still longer. For more than 15 years he has been one of the most dedicated men in USHA history. He worked harder and longer than almost anyone else, and all without benefit of gold or glory. His sacrifice in time and toil must have been monumental. One can only assume that his love for kids and handball circumvented every conceivable obstacle. No one knows better than I what these obstacles are. But Irv Ehrlich is woven of a fabric that made him immune to all these obstructions. I am indeed fortunate to have had his devotion, his inspiration, his strength. *So are you.*

Never in all these years have I failed to appreciate that Irv Ehrlich, and some others around the country brought us our success and our image. Ironically, I get all the glory that belongs to them. Every one of these men have sterling qualities that distinguished them above all their contemporaries. With Irv it is his complete self-reliance, — his total leadership. Never once has he ever presented the National Office with a local problem. When you run five or six divisional tournaments a year, along with two "grass root" nationals in the Junior and Intercollegiate, plus three invitational nationals, plus 3-wall and 4-wall nationals — you thank God every night for guys like Irv. You know what, — I do thank God every night — for handball and all our IRV'S — and I do it on my knees!

Knowing Irv. — I don't suppose he ever told anyone he had a Title. Did you know I gave him total jurisdiction over one-wall and never regretted my decision? My only disappointment is his indifference to honor and his untimely retirement. We needed him in the past and we'll need him in the future. We'll always need him. I am comforted by the thought that the moon over Miami will soon bear Mr. Ehrlich's resemblance and handball down there will have the rebirth it so sorely needs.

I always wonder when one of these inevitable changes occur, how will we make it without him? Frankly, I am haunted by this thought. Nevertheless, I have faith in Irv's

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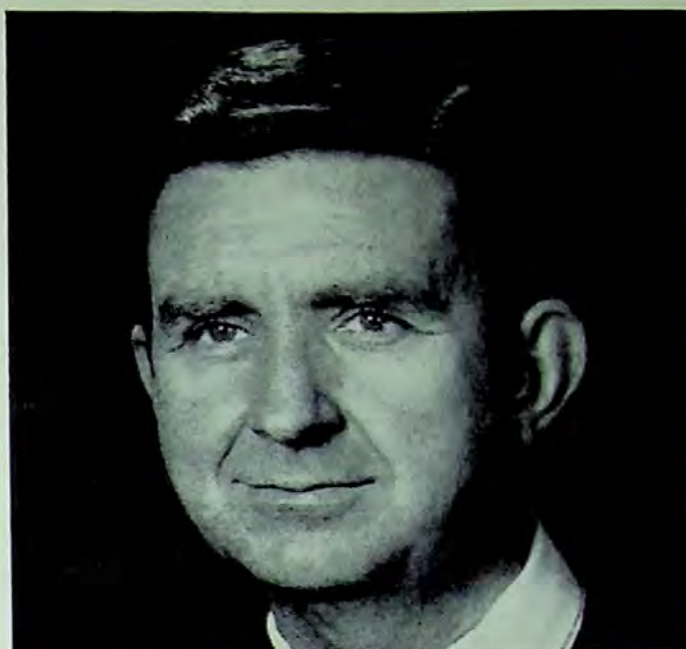
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Elder Marion D. Hanks is one of the General Authorities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Dr. Hanks has been prominent in civic affairs, particularly in the field of youth development. He served for several years as a member of the United States President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness. He has been a speaker and consultant at youth conferences throughout the United States and in foreign countries, and was a participant in the White House Conferences on Children and Youth in 1960 and 1970.

He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Utah. He was very active in high school, college, Y.M.C.A. and A.A.U. athletics, and is presently an active handball, squash, and racquetball player.

Among his civic services, Elder Hanks was the first chairman of the Utah Committee on Children and Youth, a board member of the national "Operation Fitness" program, member of the Board of Weber College and of the College of Southern Utah. Currently he serves on the Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University and the Church Board of Education, and is a member of the Executive Committee of both. He is a member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the National Explorer Committee.

Honored for his leadership of youth, Elder Hanks counts his most important recognition that which has come from youth. Students of various universities have given him such awards as the AMS Exemplary Manhood Award, honorary membership in Phi Eta Sigma Honor Fraternity, in Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, and among the Young Men, the Blue Key Distinguished Service Award, and the LDSSA Pursuit of Excellence Award. Recently he received the first Distinguished Alumni Award from his high school. He has also been honored with the Distinguished Service Award of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Elder Hanks has served as a board member of the Salvation Army, Community Chest, United Fund, Cancer Society and other community activities.

He has been for many years a teacher, and served for a number of years in the leadership of Temple Square. He and his family spent several years in England and Europe in church leadership there. He served for three years as supervisor of the Asian and Hawaii missions, and is currently supervisor of the Eastern American missions of his church.



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February 23, 1971

Greetings to the Delegates of the
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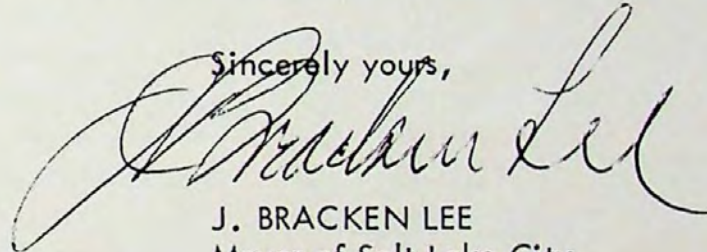
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RACQUETBALL ROOM BY Chuck Leve

It's here! Time again for the International Championships and you won't want to miss this one. If it's hospitality, catering, or red carpet treatment that you want, then you'll want to be in Salt Lake City April 21-24 for the third annual IRA Championships.

It seems like just yesterday that young Craig Finger toppled the three top-seeded players from the quarter-finals on to snatch the IRA Open Singles title in St. Louis.

Finger eliminated number three seed Ken Porco 21-20, 21-20 in a thrilling nail-biter in the quarters. Defending champ Dr. Bud Muchleisen fell 21-17, 21-12 in the semis and Finger walked away with the biggest trophy after a 21-14, 11-21, 21-10 win over Charlie Brumfield.

You never can tell who will emerge from the pack after four grueling days to capture the crown. You never can tell who might be "off" his game on a particular day against a particular opponent. And you cannot tell who will improve with the pressure or who will let it take its toll.

And it is the question marks which make the tournaments, especially the International, so enticing.

The 1971 tourney should be no exception. Some highly-ranked players will be upset early. It always happens. Other less-touted participants will "find" their game and make life miserable for all their opponents. Who will it be in 1971?

Will Finger blast his way through the entire field again? Why not? He has the shots, the quickness, aggressiveness, stamina; all the tools. But he is number one, and everybody is shooting for him.

Can Dr. Muchleisen regain his championship form of 1969? Some say he already has and his record on the tournament trail this year is unequalled. "Muehlie" has been preparing himself for the BIG ONE. It could be his.

What about Charlie Brumfield? Last year's singles runner-up and recent Invitational doubles champ with Muchleisen, has always been in the elite of racquetball. Charlie knows the game, has the shots and is a great competitor.

There are others, perhaps half a dozen, perhaps more, who can be given serious consideration for the title. Paul Lawrence, Finger's doubles partner and third ranked, has a devastating back hand to go with his rangy coverage of the court and cat-like reactions. But will he be consistent?

Chicago's Ron Rubenstein has spent a year working on his game, aiming for the title. A superb athlete, with tremendous power, Ron could emerge on top after the smoke clears. Many feel he can do it, but Ron has yet to beat the "big

boys."

And you can't count out Porco, whose battles with Finger in last year's quarter-finals were nip and tuck all the way. Any time you lose 21-20, 21-20 to the champ, you know that things could have gone your way.

Don't rule out Louisville's rapidly-improving Mike Zeitman, Porco's doubles partner and a fine player. Or Bubba Levy, Don Ribisl, Bill Schmidtke. You just never know who it might be. And that's the fun of it all. We can sit back and relax, chew the fat, and imagine who will win it. It's the players who have to sweat it out.

One thing is for sure. The man who makes it through the sweaty quagmire of bodies, pressure, and welts to emerge on top of the heap, will be a true champion.

OFF THE BACKWALL—Once again my thanks to all the wonderful people who made my stay at the National Paddleball Association Championships a pleasurable one.

Henry deWyk, physical director of the host Flint, Michigan YMCA was outstanding in his dedication to the tourney. Henry's secretary, Mrs. Bea Walker did an excellent job with reservations, registration and paper work. And Steve Smith, in his inimitable fashion, held down the registration table.

Tom Ballantyne kept things running smoothly and on schedule with his work assigning matches to courts and referees to matches. Bob Bellairs and Jim Phillips stocked the hospitality room, which was great despite their choice of beverage.

There were many other devoted people who helped make this a fine tournament and to all those who might not have been mentioned, and again to those who have, thank you.

N. Y. Paddleball

The one-wall paddle doubles tournament was held at the Rugby Y.M.H.A. located on the corner of Remsen and Church Avenues, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the Sundays, Feb. 14 and 21, 1971. This game is played with the black handball and wooden paddle.

There are two paddle courts built in the gym. The walls are made up of boards about 24" in width. The ball rebounds quickly and makes for a fast game. The best paddle ball players in the city play on these courts all through the winter.

The doubles team of Henry Bader and Paul Frommer won the championship of the Rugby "Y". They defeated Fred Mandelson and Ronnie Hirsch by the score of 21-14 and 21-12. The first game was close until the midpoint when the experienced Bader and Frommer pulled ahead to win. The second game was a duplication of the first.

Fred Mandelson and Ronnie Hirsch, the college duo, defeated Ira Landaw and Howard Weinberg in a hard fought semi-final round by the score of 15-12 and 15-12.

Bader and Frommer defeated Murray Goldstein and Alan Cutler in the semi-final by the score of 15-13 and 15-9.

In the quarter finals: Hirsch and Mandelson defeated Steve Mayer and Marty Trachtenberg 8-15, 15-4 and 15-13; Bader and Frommer beat Steve Shield and Lloyd Deutch 15-11 and 15-8. Goldstein and Cutler triumphed over Archie Lipton and Bob Weinberger 15-12, 11-15, 15-13. Landaw and H. Weinberg won over Steve Fried and Al Weinberg, 15-10, 15-12.

In the first round: Mandelson and Hirsch defeated Ben Harris and Murray Farber 15-11, 15-9. Lipton and Weinberger defeated Lenny Rubel and Mario DeStefano 15-1, 15-6. Shield and Deutch trounced Phil Silver and Ronnie Richman 15-8, 15-6. Other teams drew byes in the first round.

FRANK HARBER

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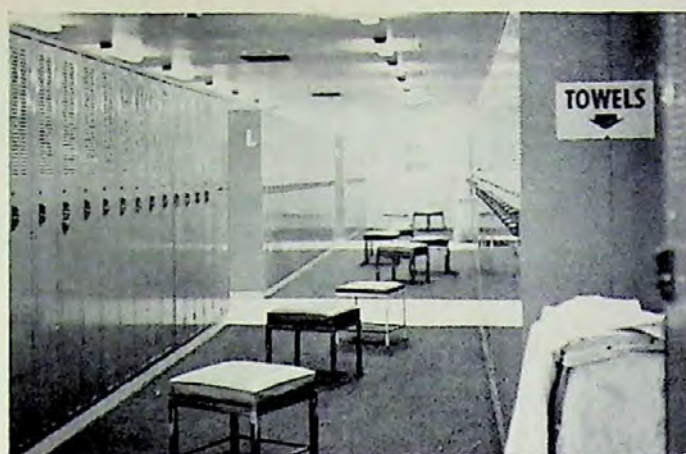
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UPPER HALLWAY VIEW of the corridor overlooking the nine handball and one squash court at the spacious Deseret Gymnasium. Seven of the courts will be in use for the IRA International Championships.



LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES, and then some . . . here is a partial look at the Men's Locker room at the Deseret Gym. There are plenty of lockers for men and women; just another reason for a truly first class tournament.

Expect 150 Entries At International Tourney

A record 150 participants are expected to invade Salt Lake City April 21-24 for the third annual IRA International Championships at the Deseret Gymnasium.

Every top player in the nation will be there to try his hand at capturing the

title as "Best Racquetball Player In The World."

"We are counting on 150 entries," said IRA Executive secretary Chuck Leve, "but I wouldn't be surprised if we hit 200. This is going to be a truly great tournament."

The tourney is co-sponsored by IRA and the Utah Racquetball Association. Wayne Player, IRA Western Area Commissioner has a capable tournament director in Jack G. Edwards running the show.

There are 120 reserved seats on sale, but Edwards has commented that interested person should get their orders in quickly if they want a seat. There will also be general admission on all four days of the tournament.

IRA President Robert Kendler will be on hand for the tourney, as will National Commissioner Larry Lederman, Executive Secretary Chuck Leve and National Executive Co-ordinator Gerry Papierre.

"The people in Salt Lake City have always given us a tremendous tournament," said Kendler, who took his USHA National tournament there in 1966. "And with the growth racquetball has experienced in the past year, we expect just a fantastic tourney."

Pictured on this page are some of the important faces you will be seeing in Salt Lake City. They are in part, the people responsible for the smooth running of the tournament and when you get a chance, thank them. They deserve it.



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STEVE KEELEY

Unseeded Steve Keeley labeled himself the "David" of paddleball last month as he slew three "Goliaths" en route to the open singles championship at the National Paddleball Association national tournament at the Flint, Mich. YMCA.

Keeley upset Craig Finger, the number two seed, 21-13, 21-20 for the title. He also defeated defending champ Charlie Brumfield 21-8, 10-21, 21-18 in the semi-finals and fourth-seeded Paul Lawrence, 21-13, 21-13 in the quarters.

Keeley, a 22-year-old Michigan State University senior, seemed to get better as the tournament, and pressure, wore on.

Finger, the top-ranking racquetball player, had little trouble reaching the finals, eliminating Bob McNamara, 21-4, 21-1 in the semi-finals, and Rod Grambeau, Jr. in the quarters, 21-11, 21-11.

The championship match was a beauty, as Keeley jumped out to an early lead in the first game and came from behind in game two.

Finger was not sharp early in the match. He was having his troubles shooting, and you can't leave Keeley anything good or he'll bury, as he proved throughout the tournament.

Steve jumped to an 8-0 lead and he never lost the edge, forcing Finger to play catch-up paddleball the entire game. At 9-1 Finger rallied for three points in the fifth inning, but three in the sixth and two more in the seventh gave Keeley a commanding 14-4 advantage.

Keeley was especially effective with his passing game and this seemed to be the difference. Steve had nine passes against only two for Craig. Kills and errors were about even.

With the score 19-8 Finger ran five straight points and he seemed to be developing some momentum. The crowd came alive feeling that Finger was about to make his move. But at that point Keeley called time out and upon returning, Finger erred on a backhand on the first volley.

"Charlie Brumfield likes to call it a 'veteran's time-out'" said Keeley. "I wanted to break Craig's momentum, slow him down."

Keeley then picked up point 20 in the twelfth inning, was put out, regained the service and grabbed game point on a backhand, front wall, left side wall kill.

Game two was tight the whole way. Keeley broke a 4-4 tie with six points in the sixth inning but Finger, using his lob to the deep left corner effectively,



DEFENDING Champ Charlie Brumfield harasses Keeley during time-out of their semi-final match. Keeley won in shocking upset.

scored three in both the eighth and ninth to tie at 10-all.

Keeley tallied four in the eleventh to lead 16-12 but Finger came back with a backhand left corner kill, a right corner kill and a pass after two tremendous gets in a great volley. Keeley made it 18-15 on a backhand kill and Finger error but Craig got the serve back with a backhand, left corner kill.

Finger scored once in the 14th and after a scoreless 15th he rallied. Point 17 came on a left side pass, an 18-all tie on a left side pass, an 18-all tie on a left corner, backhand kill, and 19 on the same shot. Craig killed into the right corner with his backhand for a 20-18 lead. Then came the "gutsy" shot of the tournament.

Finger served game point, a drive into the deep left corner, almost a perfect serve. But Keeley waited on the ball and with his backhand, coolly rolled the ball out with his return. He then took over service and scored 19 on a Finger skip, 20 on an overhead kill and match point on a backhand kill into the right corner after a long volley.

Box scores:

GAME #1

Keeley 3 2 0 3 1 3 2 0 0 3 2 1 1—21
Finger 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 2 2 0 5 0 x—13

Kills: Finger 17, Keeley 16. Passes: Keeley 9, Finger 2. Aces: Keeley 1, Finger 0. Errors: Finger 7, Keeley 6.

GAME #2

Finger 1 0 0 2 1 0 0 3 3 1 1 1 2 1 0 4—20
Keeley 0 0 2 2 0 6 0 0 0 2 4 0 2 0 0 3—21

Kills: Finger 23, Keeley 16. Passes: Keeley 8, Finger 4. Aces: none. Errors: Finger 10, Keeley 6.

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SINGLES SEMI-FINAL action shows Bob McNamara (r.) going into back court to retrieve lob shot by Craig Finger. Finger, the eventual runner-up, won the match, 21-4, 21-1.

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The singles semi-finals matched Finger against Bob McNamara and Keeley versus top-seeded Charlie Brumfield.

Finger was hot from the go against Mac, shooting form all over the court. And Mac was having difficulty connecting on his opportunities.

"He shot Bob's eyes out," said brother Bernie McNamara.

The final score was 21-4 as Mac just could not cope with Craig's fantastic shooting game.

"I think that the game may be passing us by," said Bernie. "Our style of hustle, pass and drive is no longer good enough."

The second game was a carbon copy of the first, with Finger winning, 21-1.

On the other side of the draw Keeley and Brumfield engaged in a classic duel, perhaps the best match of the tournament. Keeley was just off his upset win over Paul Lawrence in the quarters and Brumfield did not expect to be meeting the East Lansing youngster.

The first game was all Keeley, 21-8. He played well, shooting and killing. Brumfield appeared to give up at about 15-8.

Charlie charged into the second game putting the "psyche" on Keeley. From the go Charlie was constantly talking, yelling or screaming encouragement to himself, Keeley and the crowd. He did everything in his power to upset the eventual champ, including maximum time-outs and after that, intentional long serves.

Brumfield raced to an 8-0 lead and was never headed in the second game. Keeley came back to 10-16 but Charlie then ran out, forcing game three.

At this point the crowd was definitely pro-Keeley, although Brumfield had been giving them quite a show.

Brumfield took an early third game lead and increased it to 16-9 before Keeley caught him at 17. Steve was just not missing and Brumfield appeared to be tiring. So tired was he that on every serve the entire game he purposely served long to give himself more time.

However, Keeley seemed just as tired and the long serve strategy did not really affect the tiredness aspect of play. It seemed just another "psyche" attempt by Brumfield.

"Steve moves and shoots well," said Charlie, "and he is deceptively quick. I was upset that the crowd felt my actions were unsportsmanlike. But I felt that Keeley was as good or better an athlete than me and I needed to do everything possible to win. And he still beat me."

Final score, 21-18.

The singles quarter-finals saw Brumfield at his best, in defeating Grand Rapids' Don Stanton 21-4, 21-9. Charlie put together good hustle with devastating backhand kills off the back wall.

Stanton put up a game fight but he just couldn't cope with Brumfield who was in command the whole way.

Keeley, meanwhile, was using hard, power passes down the left side to upset Lawrence, the Michigan State Singles Champ, 21-13, 21-13.



CHARLIE BRUMFIELD REACTING to the crowd's reaction during his semi-final match with Steve Keeley. Brumfield used all the "psyche" methods he knew in his futile attempt to beat Keeley.

Lawrence seemed tight and off his game, missing many shots. But Keeley played very well, shooting and passing.

"You just didn't seem like the regular Paul Lawrence out there," Keeley told Paul after the match.

Happy Keeley Discusses Triumph

Steve Keeley took it all in stride. At least he tried to. But it was very difficult for him to hide the fact that he was the happiest man in the world. On February 21 Steve was, and he deserved to be.

Unseeded and unranked Steve plowed right through the heart of the National Paddleball Association's top players on his way to the top. And he didn't mind talking about it.

"I was worried about Finger," said Keeley. "You know he's got the toughest lob in the game. Always puts you on defense. I knew I'd have to overcome that." He did 21-13, 21-20 for the title.

"It may surprise you," he said, "but I felt the most pressure in the quarter-finals against Lawrence. He had beaten me so consistently in the past, both practice and tournaments." Lawrence fell, 21-13, 21-13.

"I had more confidence against Brumfield," said the new title-holder. "Even though Charlie was defending champ. I think it was because I had never played him. And he was expecting to meet Lawrence instead of me and that had to upset him."

One of the highlights of the tournament was the attempted "psyche" tactics that Brumfield used against Keeley.

"He told me after I won the first

game, that I'd have to beat him and his mouth in the second game," said Keeley. "I will admit that his antics were effective." Brumfield took game two, 21-10.

"I was just glad that I had enough to left to beat him in the third game," said Steve. Brumfield later admitted that he was "too tired to talk" during the third game.

Hours after the tournament people were still buzzing about Keeley's backhand kill off the backwall that put Finger out on Craig's game point in the second game. Steve then ran three points for the victory.

"It was just one of those things that you don't think about," said Keeley. "You just do it. I suppose if I would have thought about, I never would have shot the ball. But I just reacted."

Where has Steve Keeley been hiding himself? Why has he not done better in past years?

"This was only my second national tournament," said the East Lansing native. "Last year I lost to Dr. Bud Muelheisen in the second round. The match went three games and I think the scores were 11-21, 21-14, 21-13. He was just too smart for me."

This year Steve Keeley was too smart for everybody else.

National Paddleball Association Elects New Officers

NEW OFFICERS:

The NPA annual convention elected the following members to the Board of Directors:

President—Robert W. Kendler
National Commissioner—Dale Riker
Vice Commissioner—Bob McNamara
Treasurer—Chuck Leve

Secretary—Jim Phillips
Members at Large—Charlie Brumfield, Hilding Hagen, John Bauman, Craig Finger and Paul Lawrence.



BRIGHT NEW STAR . . . Young Rod Grambeau, Jr. son of NPA past commissioner, and a fine-up-and-coming player. Rod made it to the quarter-finals in singles, losing 21-11, 21-11 to Craig Finger. Poppa Rod, Sr. won the Master's doubles title with Steve Galletti.



WHAT A CREW?! . . . In case you couldn't tell, the above were the "Big Wheels" at the NPA national tournament: NPA secretary Jim Phillips (l.), newly-elected national commissioner Dale Riker (with eyes closed), outgoing vice president John Bauman (back), and outgoing national commissioner Rod Grambeau, Sr.



THE CHAMP DETHRONED . . . A dejected Charlie Brumfield slowly lifts his tired body from the hard wood after his semi-final loss to eventual champ Steve Keeley. Brumfield was also eliminated in the doubles semi-finals as he and his partner, Charlie Drake, lost to Finger and Lawrence, 21-9, 21-12.



IT WAS A TOUGH TOURNEY for Minneapolis' Bob McNamara. Mac took it on the chin from Craig Finger in the singles semi-finals and also dropped with broth Bernie his doubles quarter-final match against Keeley and Andy Homa. It marked the first time in NPA history that McNamara has not made the finals in either bracket.

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OPEN DOUBLES

1	BOB MC NAMARA--BERNIE MC NAMARA, Minneapolis				
2	BYE	BOB MC NAMARA--BERNIE MAC.			
3	PETER GREENWALD--LARRY SAXE, Flint, MI		MC NAMARA'S		
4	ROD GRAMBEAU, JR.--CHARLIE BERRY, Ann Arbor	GRAMBEAU, JR.--BERRY	21-2, 21-11		
5	JERRY ZERBE --MAX CALHOUN, Flint	21-20, 21-16			
6	DENNY HANSON--DAVID HERSTAD, Fargo, ND	ZERBE--CALHOUN		KEELEY--HOMA	
7	BYE	21-16, 21-14		21-13, 21-16	
8	STEVE KEELEY--ANDY HOMA, East Lansing	KEELEY--HOMA	21-9, 21-8		
9	BOB JOHNSON--LYN BEEKMAN, Flint	JOHNSON--BEEKMAN			MIKLES--OLSON
10	RICHARD HAMLIN, Omaha--JERRY MORGAN, Flint	21-2, 21-4	JOHNSON--BEEKMAN		21-19, 21-9
11	DR. JOHN HARRIS, Port Huron, MI--BOB JOHNSON, Detroit	HARRIS--JOHNSON	21-7, 21-4		
12	MIKE MERRILL--RENARD VALENCIANO, Flint	21-16, 21-12		MIKLES--OLSON	
13	LEW HEKHUIS--MAX KRIENIN, East Lansing	TATERSALL--JONES		21-19, 21-12	
14	GAIL JONES--DICK TATERSALL, Toledo, OH	21-20, 20-21, 21-16	MIKLES--OLSON		
15	BYE	MIKLES--OLSON	21-4, 21-2		
16	GALE MIKLES--HERB OLSON, East Lansing	HAGEN--OLSON			
17	HILDING HAGEN--DENIS OLSON, Fargo				
18	BYE				
19	FLOYD GALLOGLY--PAT ELBERT, Waterloo, IA	GALLOGLY--ELBERT	21-12, 18-21, 21-10		
20	LEWIS REGNIER--ALAN STUDER, Toledo	21-3, 21-10		FINGER--LAWRENCE	
21	MITEA--PROCTOR, Melvindale, MI	WILSON--HALE		21-20, 11-21, 21-9	
22	MAX HALE--JOHN WILLSON, Kalamazoo, MI	(Forfeit)	FINGER--LAWRENCE		
23	RUSS TITUS--HAROLD BRANSTNER, Flint	FINGER--LAWRENCE	21-13, 21-7		
24	CRAIG FINGER--A. PAUL LAWRENCE, Ann Arbor	21-7, 18-21, 21-10			FINGER--LAWRENCE
25	DAN MC LAUGHLIN, Ann Arbor--ED BARTER, Walled Lake, MI	MC LAUGHLIN--BARTER			21-9, 21-12
26	BYE				
27	LEONARD BALOORI--DON EDWARDS, East Lansing	JOHNSTON--WESTFALL	21-20, 21-19		
28	ROBERT WESTFALL--DON JOHNSTON, Ann Arbor	21-18, 21-20		BRUMFIELD--DRAKE	
29	TOM SMITH--LEE MIDDLETON, Flint	SMITH--MIDDLETON		21-12, 21-9	
30	ANDY DOYLE, Rochester, NY--BRO. ROGER BERG, Monroe, MI	21-17, 21-10	BRUMFIELD--DRAKE		
31	BYE	BRUMFIELD--DRAKE	21-5, 21-8		
32	CHARLIE BRUMFIELD--CHARLES DRAKE, San Diego				

FINGER--LAWRENCE
21-20, 16-21, 21-4

Finger-Lawrence Take NPA Doubles Crown

Craig Finger and Paul Lawrence gained some measure of satisfaction by taking the NPA Open doubles championship in Flint, Michigan. Both Finger and Lawrence were stymied in bids for the singles title by young Steve Keeley.

Craig and Paul defeated the East Lansing team of Herb Olson and Gale Mikles 21-20, 16-21, 21-4 for the championship, coming from a 13-20 deficit in the first game to eek out a victory.

En route to the finals Mikles-Olson defeated Keeley-Andy Homa, 21-19, 21-9 and Lawrence-Finger topped Charlie Brumfield-Charlie Drake, San Diego, 21-9, 21-12.

The first game of the championship match was a struggle for both teams. Finger-Lawrence jumped to an early 4-2 lead and the score moved both ways for five innings until Mikles-Olson tallied six points in the fifth for a 12-7 edge, which they built to 15-8 with three more in the sixth.

Finger-Lawrence were still struggling to gain their top form, especially Lawrence who was a disappointed upset victim to Keeley in the singles quarter-finals.

But Mikles and Olson poured it on, and reached 20 with a Mikles kill to the right side wall, front wall. Then the Ann Arbor boys went to work. Three scores in their half of the ninth made it 20-16 and after shutting out Mikles-Olson in the tenth Craig and Paul ran the needed five points for a 21-20 win.

The second game featured hot and cold performances by both teams as Mikles-Olson came out on top 21-16.

Singles Add

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Finger met young Rod Grambeau, Jr. in his quarter-final match and again the veteran tourney-goer was too tough for the youngster. Rod, Jr. is an improving player and this was his first national tournament. But Craig was too much for him and had too many shots.

Finger used his famous lob and passes effectively and had Grambeau talking to himself throughout the match. Scores were 21-4, 21-11.

The final quarter-final match had McNamara meeting Charlie Berry, Grambeau's doubles partner from Battle Creek, Mich.

The first game made it look like a mismatch as Bob threatened to blast Berry right off the court. Mac took the game 21-8. But Charlie came back and traded two-handed backhands with Mac in the second game and emerged with a 21-10 win, setting up the third game.

After a tie at 5—all in game three Mac's experience and consistency paid off and he ran out to a 21-10 triumph.

Herb and Gale took advantage of Finger-Lawrence lapses with fine shooting of their own for a 9-0 advantage after three innings.

Trailing 11-3 it was Finger-Lawrence's turn to pour it on and they did by scoring 11 straight points in the fifth inning, to take a 14-11 lead. Mikles and Olson would not fold, however, and scored two in their half of the fifth and two more in the sixth to regain the lead 15-14. Craig and Paul made it 16-15 with two points but then Gale and Herb ran out with six straight for the 21-16 margin.

Game three was a pictured book display of perfect paddleball by Finger and Lawrence. They were devastating, especially Lawrence on the left side.

Down 2-0 early in the third game. Craig and Paul erupted for 16 straight points over two innings. Lawrence was like a human octopus retrieving blasts down the left wall and firing bullets cross-court for passes. He was finally playing the way the crowd knew he could.

Final score was 21-4 and Mikles and Olson did not play poorly. They were just overwhelmed.

"I guess we really put it together," said Finger. "You know it has always bothered us that we have so much difficulty winning in doubles. We're both good singles players but until this tournament we never could put it together in doubles."

"So this time we switched sides, with Paul playing the left. It worked out well

In the doubles semi-final between Mikles-Olson and Keeley-Homa it was another come from behind game. Keeley-Homa had an 18-6 lead before Gale and Herb ran 11 consecutive points to go ahead 18-17. From there they went out, 21-19 in the first game.

The wear and tear of playing both singles and doubles seemed to get to Keeley in the second game and Mikles and Olson breezed to a 21-9 win.

In the other bracket Brumfield and Drake tried to stop the Finger-Lawrence express, but to no avail. Craig and Paul effectively kept the ball away from Brumfield and were content to volley Lawrence's backhand against Drakes natural left handed forehand on the left side.

The volleys became repetitious as Brumfield and Finger could have stepped out for coffee on the right side and not have been missed. In the end it was Paul's strong backhand that won it for he and Finger. Scores were 21-9, 21-12.

Box scores:

GAME #1

Mikles-Olson .1 1 3 1 6 3 1 1 3 0—20
Finger-

Lawrence .2 2 1 2 1 1 1 3 3 5—21

GAME #2

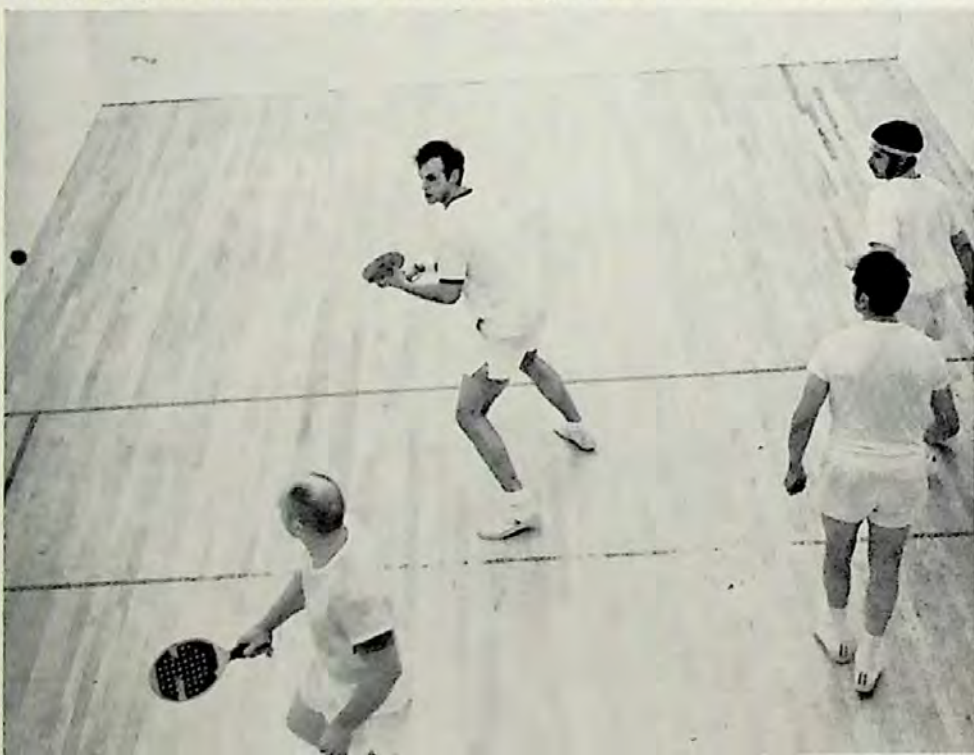
Finger-
Lawrence0 0 0 3 (11) 0 2—16

Mikles-Olson1 3 5 2 2 2 6—21

GAME #3

Mikles-Olson2 0 0 1 0 1—4

Finger-Lawrence ...1 3 0 (10) 6 1—21



ACTION DURING THE OPEN doubles championship match shows Gale Mikles (1) about to return a backhand, as Paul Lawrence moves into left side position. Others pictured are Herb Olson, Mikles partner, and Craig Finger.

Grambeau-Galletti Take Paddleball Master's

As usual, the Master's doubles competition saw the most brutal and physical matches of the NPA tournament. When the smoke had cleared Rod Grambeau, Sr. and Steve Galletti, found themselves at "kings of the hill" with a 21-16, 19-21, 21-9 victory over Hilding Hagen and Glen Melvey, Fargo, N.D.

The match lasted an amazing two hours and 15 minutes as the winners, both of whom are associate professors at the University of Michigan, just wore down their foes.

Grambeau-Galletti reached the finals with a tough 18-21, 21-13, 21-10 triumph over second-seeded Diz Kronenberg and Bill Pire, Eau Claire, Wisc. Hagen-Melvey ousted top-seeded Nick Caramelas and Charles Austin, Green Bay, 21-20, 21-11.

The first game in the championship match started like a rout. Grambeau-Galletti picked up five quick points in the first inning and added eight more in the fourth for a 16-5 early lead.

But Hagen-Melvey came back, riding the back wall kills of Hagen. They tallied three times in the fifth and added three more in the sixth to cut the lead to 16-11. But Grambeau-Galletti scored three times in their half of the sixth for a 19-11 advantage.

The Fargo team hung in, scoring three more in the seventh and twice in the eighth, making the score 19-16 and Grambeau-Galletti took a time out.

Upon return, Hagen-Melvey were put

out and Grambeau-Galletti racked up the necessary two points, game point coming on a Grambeau overhead side-wall, front wall kill.

Rod and Steve let the second game get away. Again it looked like a romp in their favor as they raced to a 10-2 advantage. But Melvey's solid play on the right side and the devastating kills by Hagen on the left began to cut into the lead.

Four points in the sixth inning put Hagen-Melvey down by four at 12-8 and later 14-10. Here Grambeau-Galletti picked up three more points as Grambeau killed into the front wall for 15, Melvey was passed for 16 and a Hagen error made 17. But Melvey killed into the right corner for one down and Grambeau erred for sideout.

Hagen came back with three kills off the back wall and Melvey added a pass and a kill for five points in the eighth to narrow the gap to 17-15.

Grambeau made it 19-15 with two forehand kills into the left corner, but two Hagen kills made it sideout. Then the Fargo boys went out, after Grambeau killed for one down.

Melvey connected on two kill shots into the right corner for 16 and 17 and Grambeau skipped one in for 18. Hagen killed off the back wall for 19 and drove a pass shot past Grambeau for 20. Game point came on a pass right up the middle.

The third game was anti-climatic as

Grambeau-Galletti built a big lead and never let up. They led 12-3 after four innings and 19-5 after seven. Hagen passed Grambeau for their sixth point, but nobody scored in the eighth.

In the ninth Galletti hit a side-wall, front-wall kill for point 20, and after three points by Hagen-Melvey, Grambeau killed for match point.

RESULTS: (FIRST ROUND): Harold Branstner-Dr. Sill, Flint, def. Riker-Bellairs, 21-16, 21-19; Erv Saultman-Jim Phillips, Flint, def. John Reinhart-Dr. Bob Pinchard, Green Bay, WI, (forfeit); Hagen-Melvey def. Jim Smith-Rev. Walt Taylor, Flint, 21-4, 21-13; Grambeau-Galletti def. Lee Middleton-William Brandon, Flint, 21-2, 21-14; Don Stanton-Jim Glerum, Grand Rapids, def. Lee Middleton-William Brandon, Flint, 21-17, 21-14; Tom Ballantyne-Chuck Lambert, Flint, def. Lew Hekhuis-Tom Niemeyer, East Lansing, (forfeit).

SECOND ROUND: Caramelas-Austin def. Branstner-Sill, 21-17, 21-6; Hagen-Melvey def. Saultman-Phillips, 21-7, 21-15; Grambeau-Galletti def. Stanton-Glerum, 21-5, 21-5; Kronenberg-Pire def. Ballantyne-Lambert, 21-2, 21-8.

SEMI-FINALS: Hagen-Melvey def. Caramelas-Austin, 21-20, 21-11; Grambeau-Galletti def. Kronenberg-Pire, 18-21, 21-13, 21-10.

FINALS: Grambeau-Galletti def. Hagen-Melvey, 21-16, 19-21, 21-9.

Dr. Bob Pinchard Passes Away

The entire National Paddleball Association and the national tournament committee was shocked and deeply saddened at the untimely death of Dr. Bob Pinchard. Dr. Pinchard, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, suffered an apparent heart attack prior to the third game of his first Master's double match.

He and his partner, NPA veteran John Reinhart, also of Green Bay, were involved in a thrilling match with Jim Phillips and Erv Saultman, Flint when Pinchard complained of a "pulled muscle in his chest" toward the end of the second game.

"In between games we were resting and sipping some Gatorade," said Reinhart, "and Bob continued to remark about the pain in his chest. I told him that if it bothered him too much then we could forfeit and play the next day in the consolation round, if he felt up to it. But Bob said he wanted to give it a try. He truly felt we could win that third game."

But Pinchard never made it to the court, collapsing in the hallway just outside the door. He was carried into the training room a short distance away and immediately given oxygen and external heart massage, while the Flint rescue squad was called.

"I have reassured Bob's family that everything pos-

sible was done for him both here at the YMCA and the hospital," said Reinhart who traveled with the rescue squad to the hospital. "Henry deWyk, Dave Johnsen and many other people gave fast, professional aid at once."

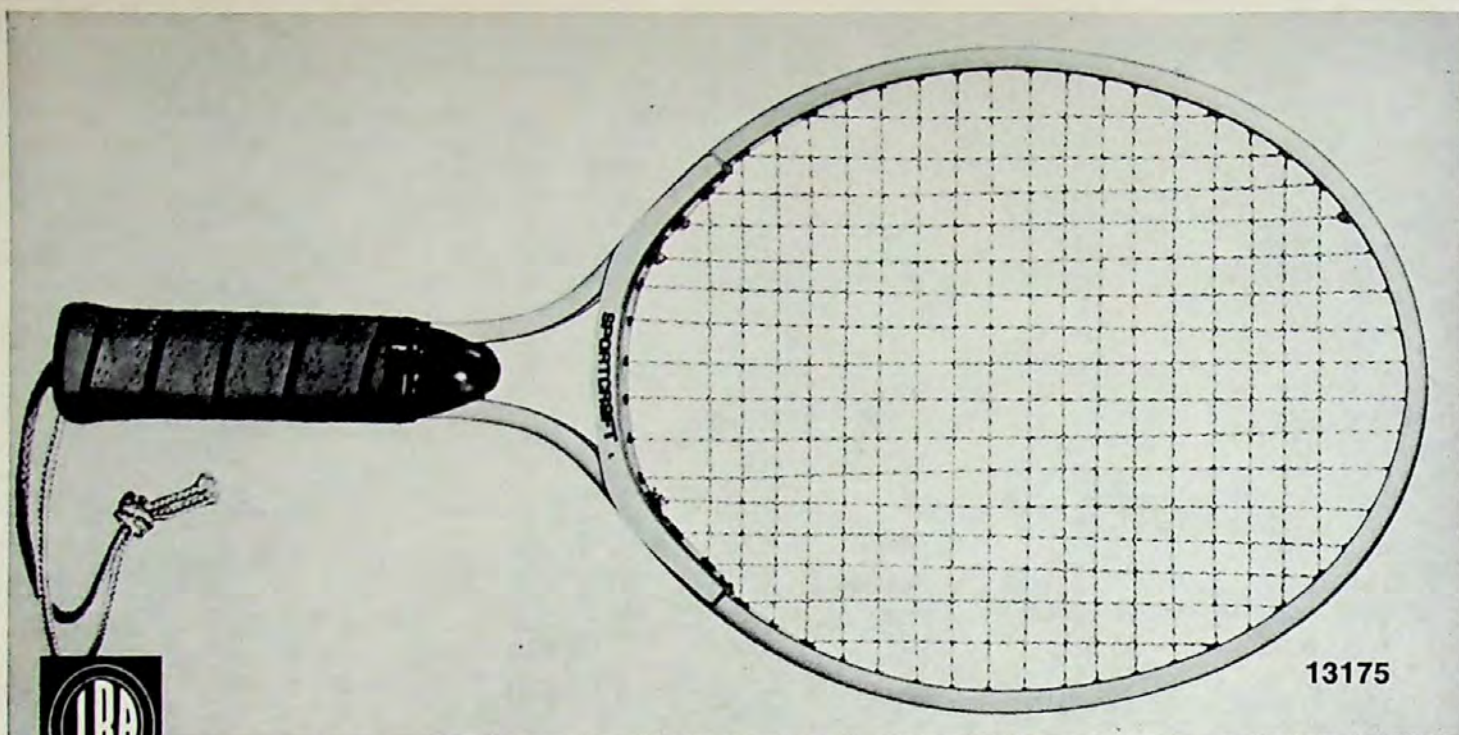
The tournament was the first national competition that the 45-year-old Dr. Pinchard had ever entered. It was believed that the mental stress due to the added pressure of national tournament play may have contributed. Another item was that Pinchard was a previous heart attack victim, but for some reason he did not let it be known to anyone connected with the tourney, not even his partner.

Pinchard, a chiropractor, is survived by his wife and three children.

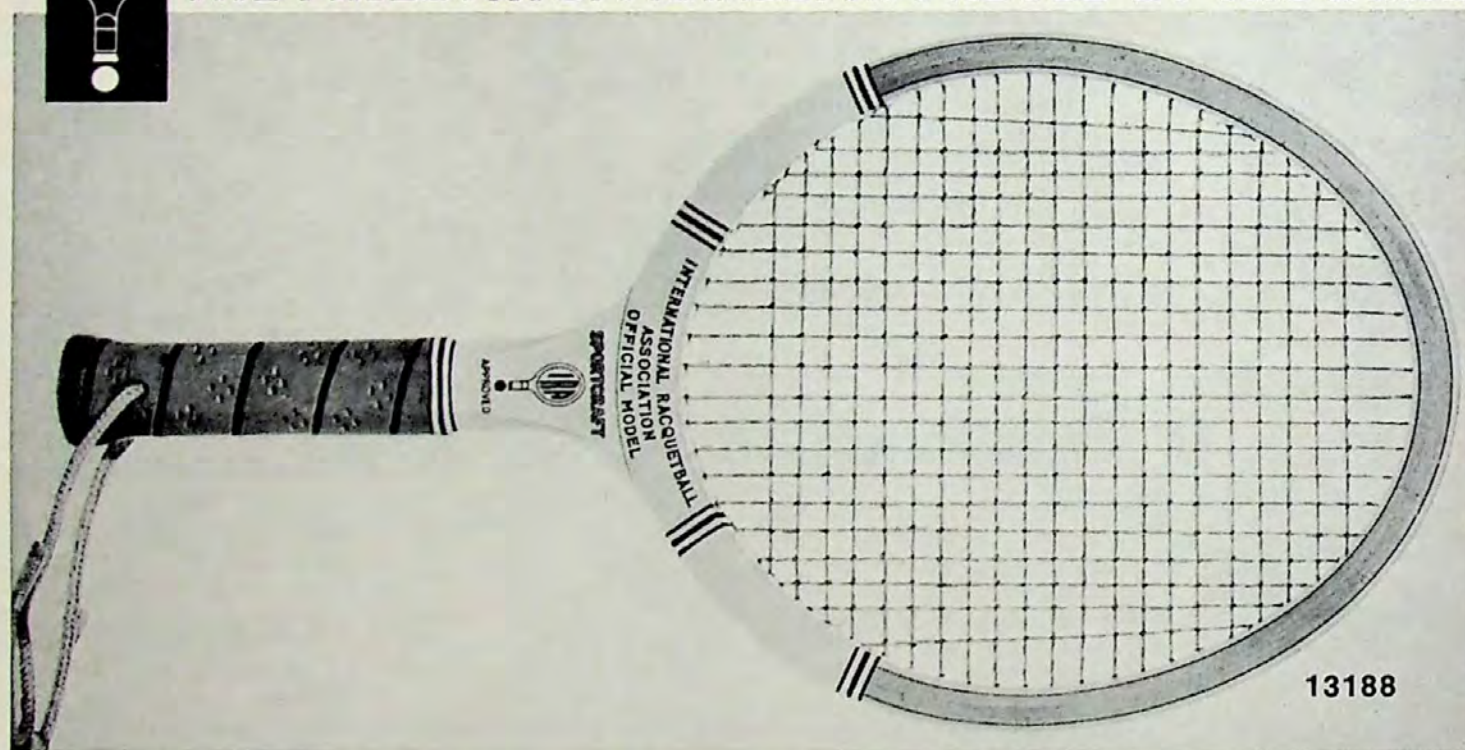
"He was the kindest, most co-operative kind of guy you'd ever want to meet," said Reinhart. "He was really enthused about this tournament and meeting all the people involved."

Veteran National Paddleball Association tourney-goers remarked that it was the first time that a participant had passed away at an NPA tourney.

"And at least Bob didn't go out a loser," said Reinhart. "We were one game apiece in the match when he was felled."



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IRA LETTERS . . .

No Chabot Tourney . . .

Dear Chuck:

Thanks for your reply to my letter. In view of the fact that no national tournament will be held this year, I think we will pass on holding a regional intercollegiate tourney here at Chabot. We would hold an open tournament at that time, but the Modesto tournament is the weekend before. There seems to be little sense in having two similar tournaments so close together. Perhaps we will host an open tournament around Christmas next year.

We continue our interest in racquetball here at Chabot and hope that in the future we can hold a meaningful intercollegiate tournament.

BRUCE WERNER
Chabot College
Hayward, CA

Southern Cal. Assn. . . .

Dear Chuck:

It is interesting that you should ask about our racquetball program. With only three courts, we are playing men's and women's team matches involving 45 to 75 players.

Presently, it is our hope to organize a Southern California Association for racquetball. Park Newport Apartments has ok'd my involvement in organizing such an association and the local Southern California Squash Racquet Association has agreed to help.

We have corresponded with all known racquetball players in the area and have had a good response from colleges, private clubs and public organizations. Our first meeting was March 6, 1971, for formation and brunch. Would it be possible for I.R.A. to lend either sanction or recognition to our efforts?

Thank you for responding so quickly . . . more to come.

WILLIAM MISNER
Health Club Director
Park Newport Apts.
Newport Beach, CA.

"Bud" In Portland . . .

Dear Chuck:

On Saturday, February 27th, Dr. Bud Muchleisen left sunny San Diego at 6:30 a.m. and arrived three hours later to find Portland, Oregon blanketed with 6 to 7 inches of snow. Luckily the plane landed and Portland racquetball players enjoyed three hours of instruction and play from Bud.

Over 70 spectators attended the clinic at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The comments were all favorable and everyone agreed that their game will be greatly improved by watching and listening to Bud. Bud has to be one of the finest individuals plus the best racquetball player in the country. In other words our eyes were opened to a new world of racquetball play.

I recommend that other cities invite Bud to their city's Y.M.C.A. or Club for a clinic exhibition; as I am sure that they will have the same reaction as Portland racquetballers.

SANDY WEINSTEIN
Portland Racquetball Association
Portland, OR

Overseas Racquetball . . .

Enclosed is my membership fees to IRA and subscription to ACE.

As you might already know, racquetball is quite a popular sport among Air Force athletics. On this small base here in Germany we have two courts that are in continuous use from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. We have about 50 active players and host a few tournaments each year.

Racquetball was hardly heard of around base gymnasiums up until about five years ago. But in this short time it has become one of our most popular sports, thanks in part to the efforts IRA has put forward.

Keep up the good work.

JOHN C. PRIVETT
Tsgt USAF
Hahn AB Germany

Divisional Finances . . .

Dear Chuck:

Here is the 1971 IRA Mid-East Divisional Financial Budget. I think many people would be interested in the breakdown:

Income—Entries, \$600; tickets, \$23. Total: \$623.

Expenses—Trophies, \$96; towels, \$4 (not counting loss of towels); t-shirts, \$157.61; balls, \$40; hospitality room, \$108; banquet, \$75; telephone calls, \$15; publicity, \$35; postage, \$22.60; part-time help, \$36; social hours, \$18.05. Total: \$608.26.

Therefore, \$15.74 gain. Not figured in is cost of lights, heat, extra time of maintenance and time spent by two tournament chairmen.

DON NELSON
Physical Director
Akron Central YMCA
Akron, OH

Lauds Lapierre . . .

Dear Mr. Leve:

I have no words to describe the great contribution to our racquetball program which was made by Gerry Lapierre during his one day visit to our Jewish Community Center on Sunday, February 14.

I am sure that this is not the first time that you received a letter such as this one regarding Gerry.

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Walt And Jim: Paddleball's Most Unusual Team

Jim Smith lost his left arm in an auto accident when he was 12-years-old. Jim is 42 now, and he is not bitter.

Reverend Walter Taylor lost the speed from his active legs about six years ago. But the 64-year-old paddleballer is also philosophical about his handicap.

Together, Smith and Taylor make up one of paddleball's most unusual doubles teams. And they don't mind talking about it.

Smith (actually D. Jim) has been playing paddleball for nine years. The Fenton, Michigan resident admits that he had to overcome a few obstacles as he first entered the court.

"Yes, there were a few things I had to learn," said Smith, "about a one-armed man playing paddle ball. Mostly it came down to power and balance."

Both are essential in paddleball and both gave Jim a rough time in the beginning.

"To get power into your shot you have to put your whole body into the shot," he explained. "And that extra power that I tried for brought me to the balance problem."

"It takes time to develop the knack for balance, especially with the paddle. You know, you're running hard to retrieve a shot and then you've got to catch yourself quickly."

A strong family man, Jim spends much of his free time in athletic endeavors with his wife and three children, including the paddleball court.

Jim and the family also ski, golf, swim and play tennis together.

"I feel very strongly that you should keep your body in good physical condition," he said. "It brings you closer to your loved ones, and it is a great way to let out your business aggressions."

Jim, an insurance man, plays paddleball about three or four times per week, including every Wednesday afternoon for the past eight years. But he still remembers his initial attempts.

"The hardest thing for me about playing with one arm," he explained, "was getting over the initial shyness about my body. It was quite a thing for me to even step onto the court. And I usually don't wear a shirt when I play, which didn't help matters."

Taylor, Smith's partner, learned his court sense by hitting a small, hard rubber ball with both hands and gloves. For 47 years Taylor played handball, until 1965.

"The ol' legs just couldn't take it any more," said the Reverend. "They just wore out to the point where I couldn't keep up with the younger players."



FENTON, MICHIGAN'S D. JIM SMITH serving to his doubles partner Reverend Walter Taylor as they warm up prior to their Master's doubles match at the National Paddleball Association's National tournament.

So Walter took up paddleball in order to give himself the same competitive spirit with a little less stress. And Walt claims that the transition was not too difficult.

"Actually handball and paddleball are quite similar," he said, "although the paddleball is a slower bouncing ball and the timing is different. But you can use all the handball shots effectively in paddleball."

Of course Walt had to learn the backhand shot from scratch, a feat that might have discouraged a lesser man.

"I spent six weeks practicing that backhand," he said. "All I would do is use it; backhand, backhand, backhand. And once you get the knack, you keep it."

Taylor has developed that backhand to the point where he plays left side on almost any doubles team. He is a marvel to watch as he hustles deep into back court, sets up and whips that backhand viciously around.

In fact, he developed his game so well that he wrote a book, *The Art of Paddleball*, for the beginner, which he gave to up and coming young players.

So how did a one-armed man and a grandfather of five end up as a doubles

team? Not easily, my friend.

"Actually Jim is mainly a singles player," said Taylor, "although we have played some together. But we really don't work well together. However, for the tournament we decided to give it a try in Master's doubles."

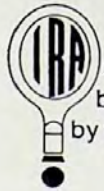
And did they give it an effort! Big Jim, the lanky righty covering the front court as the bald-headed Taylor scurried around the back court, his legs churning like a 25-year-old. I wish I could tell you that the two of them overcame their handicaps and went on to the Master's doubles championship. Unfortunately not. In fact they lost their very first match 21-4, 21-13 to the eventual runners-up, Hilding Hagen and Glen Melvey.

But the "dynamic duo" took the loss philosophically, even lightly, in a way that made you think that they were just happy to be playing the game. And they are.

So next time you're around the Flint, Michigan YMCA look up Walt and Jim for a game. And don't let a handicap or two fool you. Better men than you have learned their paddleball lesson from these two.

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Lawrence, Vecchio-Anzalone Take Titles

Seventy-four players participated in the Mid-East IRA Divisional tournament at the Akron Central YMCA, February 26-28. And to no one's surprise, Paul Lawrence, Ann Arbor, Mich., took the open singles title and trip to the IRA Internationals. Lawrence defeated Cleveland's Barry Bonchek in the finals 21-3, 21-5 in a display of overpowering racquetball.

Mike Anzalone and Angelo Vecchio, Cleveland, took the open doubles title and other IRA prize by defeating the tough Indianapolis team of Fred Blaess and Jim Knauer, 21-5, 20-21, 21-14. Anzalone and Vecchio were IRA National semi-finalists in 1970 and the top-rated Cleveland doubles tandem.

In Master's singles, number one seeded Herb Polk, Cleveland, defeated Len Buttitta, Cleveland, 21-12, 21-8 for the title. Polk is the former Cleveland singles champion, while Buttitta was a semi-finalist in the 1970 IRA Nationals in Master's singles.

"We felt we had an excellent tournament," said Co-chairman Don Nelson. "We enjoyed hosting it very much." Nelson is also physical director of the host Akron YMCA.

Lawrence, fresh from his doubles championship (with Craig Finger) at the National Paddleball Association championships one week prior to this tourney, was never extended to three games. The third-ranking IRA player appeared to be in top form.

On his way to the championship Lawrence bested Mike Kanitz, Columbus, Ohio, 21-3, 21-5; Lowell Elzey, Fort Wayne, Ind., 21-2, 21-6; Stan Altman, Cleveland, 21-1, 21-14; and finally Bonchek.

Bonchek eliminated Richard Levin, Oberlin, Ohio in the first round, 21-13, 21-3; Maury Kastner, Cleveland, 21-10, 21-6; Paul Ruben, Cincinnati, 21-10, 21-16; and Richard Eston, Cleveland, 21-16, 21-9 before falling to Lawrence.

Altman took third place over Eston by default.

Twelve doubles teams vied for the crown in that bracket before the Anzalone-Vecchio duo emerged on top. Along the way the champs defeated Ed Kaufman-Paul Pieper, Cleveland, 21-4, 21-10; and Allen Schaltner-Allen Miller, Pittsburgh, 21-5, 21-16. Blaess and Knauer eliminated Steve Keeley-Ed Barter, East Lansing, Michigan, 21-10, 21-19; and the second-seeded duo Gene Grapes-John Gardini, Pittsburgh, 21-16, 21-8. Gardini and Grapes have been Pennsylvania State Doubles Champs for four consecutive

years.

Grapes and Gardini took third place from Schaltner-Miller, 21-18, 21-12.

The Master's singles bracket also had 12 entries with the top-seeded Polk dominating. He beat Ed Van Dusen, New Castle, Pa., 21-6, 21-8; and Frank Or-

tega, Cleveland 21-16, 16-21, 21-0 before meeting Buttitta.

Buttitta defeated Nate Ross, Akron, 21-8, 21-11; third-seeded Sam Caiazza, New Castle, 21-13, 21-19; and second-seeded Dr. Aris Franklin, Akron, 21-2, 15-21, 21-13.

Chelucci Tops In New England

Jack Chelucci, the pride of Wilmington, Delaware, won the singles title at the New England IRA divisional tournament February 12-14 at the University of Vermont. Chelucci defeated UV student and tournament co-chairman Jeff Willis 21-7, 21-10 for the championship. The victory entitles Chelucci to a free trip to the IRA International Championships April 21-24 in Salt Lake City.

In open doubles competition, the New Britain, Conn. team of George Rudysz and Mike Luciw took the title and free trip by ousting Chuck Wurzer and Char-

lie Garfinkel, Buffalo, NY, 21-17, 21-15, in the finals.

The Master's singles bracket was won by Hal Greig, of the UV athletic department with a 21-14, 21-8 victory over David McNamara, Fitchburg, Mass.

The tournament attracted a disappointing 33 entries, 17 in open singles, and eight each in open doubles and Master's singles. IRA National Executive Co-ordinator Gerry Lapierre was on hand to referee the final matches.

Chelucci had few problems with the young Willis in the singles championships. Willis was hampered by a slightly pulled leg muscle and the results of having to go a tough three-game match against Myron Freidman in the semi-finals. But Chelucci displayed why he is one of the East's top racquetballers by his control of the game and beautiful display of shots.

En route to the finals Chelucci defeated Paul Rheinhardt 21-17, 21-8, Maurice Keroack, 21-5, 21-4, and Bob Fairbanks in the semi's 21-13, 21-15. Willis bested Lawrence Veladota, 21-3, 21-4, Fred Rizzo, 21-13, 21-8, and the tough Freidman, 21-12, 20-21, 21-10 in an hour and one-half match.

Freidman took third place honors over Fairbanks, 21-6, 21-8.

The open doubles championship was the best match of the tournament. Rudysz and Luciw displayed the form and teamwork that makes many East coasters predict the national championship for them. The match was highlighted by fast-paced action and booming shots that many spectators had a hard time following.

Greig had little trouble in the Master's singles bracket, stopping Joe "The Joker" Maurice in the first round 21-4, 21-7. McNamara reached the finals by eliminating Robert Nichols, 21-6, 21-8. Maurice then took the third place Master's singles from Nichols, 21-8, 21-12.

Iowa Tourney

The Davenport, Iowa YM-YWCA hosted the Second Annual State YMCA Racquetball Doubles Championships, January 29 and 30th. Fifteen teams competed in the single elimination, consolation bracket tournament.

Deane Bradfield and Bob Sheldon, representing the Waterloo "Y", took top honors by beating Dick Bishop and Jerry Hilderbrand, Keokuk 14-21, 21-20, 21-10 in the final match played Saturday evening, January 30th. The teams of Stan Heth-John Powers and Charles Morse-Dick Walters, both of Davenport placed third and fourth in the tournament.

Chad Sims and Charles Croft of Davenport won the consolation finals over a Clinton team of Sullens and Roethemel 21-12, 21-7.

The defending State Championship team of Dick Bishop and Bill Logan, Keokuk did not return to defend its title this year due to an injury to Logan's right hand. Bishop would have been the recipient of the outstanding player award had one been offered. He demonstrated several times his terrific backhand and mobility in the court.

—JOHN BROOKS

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On The Racquetball Road With Gerry Lapierre



SYRACUSE, NY: Mel Besdin, athletic director of the Jewish Community Center went all out for our clinic. The interest in the game is relatively new here and the group in attendance was keenly concerned as to the proper way of playing the game. They were surprised to learn that you could not switch hands; that the thong must be secured to the wrist; and what constituted a hinder call. My thanks to Mel and the group in Syracuse for their hospitality and interest.

ALBANY, NY: John Mohan, physical director of the YMCA, pulled out all the stops for our visit. Invites were sent to all the surrounding facilities which included Schenectady, Johnstown, Troy and Pittsfield, Mass. My sincere appreciation to John on behalf of IRA. His hope is that a racquetball league could be established in the area.

BURLINGTON, VERMONT. We arrived Saturday for the finals of the Eastern Regional tourney. Jeff Willis went all out for the visiting combatants. Many familiar faces were present including a strong contingent from Wilmington Delaware and New Britain, Conn. Others present were from Paterson, NJ, Albany and Buffalo.

The gymnasium at the University was not only hosting our tourney, but also a swim meet and a basketball game at the same time — a little diversion to keep the spectators occupied.

WORCESTER, MASS.: My arrival at the JCC could not have been better timed. I walked into Uri Lipzin's office while he was on the phone trying to locate my whereabouts.

Uri did a double take upon mentioning my name to the other party on the phone when I exclaimed: "Here I am"! He heaved a sigh of relief and went into the details of the situation regarding the clinic. Seems Les Sadowsky had taken ill and Richard Sandman, from the Y, volunteered to take his place in the exhibition matches. Uri has been spearheading

the racquetball activities at the Center.

Recently the first house tournament was started with 56 entries in A, B & Novice singles and doubles. Other than Rich, who should receive a special thanks for filling in, Gel Slovan, Howie Benjamin and Stan Garroway also took part in the exhibition matches. Our thanks to Uri and the group for their hospitality and interest.

NEW CANAAN, CONN: Bob Laundry, Associate General Secretary of the YMCA, has been an all out advocate of the gut game and his membership has really responded. Although the weather left much to be desired, the turnout was impressive and it included men and women, as well as the younger set.

Among the challengers was George W. Druliner, National Sales Manager of Seamless, who surprisingly put his squash talents to good use in making those front court kill shots — (I like the way they try to sneak in a ringer on me). My thanks to the group and especially to Bob Laundry for his generosity and hospitality.

CEDARHURST, NY. The Five Towns Sports Center recently built one handball and one squash court at the center. According to the management, this is the first step in what is to be a series of inexpensive courts to be built throughout the area. The main problem, as everyone realizes, is the quality and cost of courts. There are a few groups who are attempting to decrease the cost by using different materials and not reduce the quality of play. Only time will tell how successful they will be — at least its a step, hopefully, in the right direction. We hope they are all successful.

PATTERSON, NJ. Stopped at the YMCA to play a few games with Fred Rizzo, who attended the Vermont regional. While there, we were introduced to Bob Cornly, program executive, who stated they will be hosting an invitational sometime in May. The courts at the cen-

ter are going into a renovation stage which will include the replacement of the present lighting system to a modern flush ceiling system.

ROCHESTER, NY: I always enjoy my visit to Rochester, especially when I am invited to Norman 'Speed Merchant' Frank's home where his wife Delores surprises yours truly with her culinary artistry, and this time was no exception. Since my arrival was in the late evening, our lovely hostess favored us with pastries and cake which were par excellence — and Norm old fellow, the icing was just right.

Monday noon, we engaged in friendly combat on the court at the YMCA. Norm had a squash match that afternoon for the local championship. Tell your gang, the boy is all right — racquetball in the morning and squash in the afternoon. Too bad he doesn't know anything about icing on a cake.

Had the opportunity to meet and talk with Bob Orozco, physical director, and he stated that plans are in the mill for some new courts and also, they are making a controlled effort to introduce the gut game to the membership.

Merrill Greenstein, director of physical health and education of the YMHA, indicated that it won't be long before the ground breaking ceremonies will be taking place at the new site. We are keeping our fingers crossed for Merrill — just think! All those new courts in little ole Rochester.

AKRON, OHIO: The Akron YMCA did a first rate job of hosting our Mid-East Regional and the plaudits must go to Don Nelson, physical director, who has been very successful in hosting handball tournaments every year. We are indebted to Don for his hospitality — I am sure that everyone who attended the tourney would be in complete agreement.

DETROIT, MI: After a few games of friendly combat, Bill Kennedy, along with Bob Pappas and Lenny Meldman (handballers no less) and yours truly went over to Joe Muer's for dinner and then to the Detroit Athletic Club to see the annual Masters double handball tourney.

Lenny is an old handballer from way back and the anecdotes which he related about the old pros were amusing to say the least. He is the type that when he hears the sound of a ball hitting the walls, he runs to the court for fear he might miss something.

Paterson, N.J. YMCA Planning Open Tourney

The Paterson, New Jersey YMCA will be the site of the first annual Paterson Open four-wall racquetball tournament. Dates are May 7-9, 1971.

The tournament is sanctioned by the International Racquetball Association and sponsored by Joe and Mike Maurice, of Paterson.

"We have received numerous comments indicating wide interest in this event," said tournament committeeman Russ Harbourne. "We anticipate a large turnout, with many of the top players from the Eastern half of the nation expected."

Play will be conducted in open singles, open doubles and Master's singles. Players may enter two events as long as one of them is doubles.

Participants must be IRA members (1971) and players may join IRA at the tournament site. Two dollars a year covers membership and subscription to ACE Magazine.

Paterson is no stranger to racquetball tournaments, having hosted the first Eastern Regional IRA tournament three years ago. Then, as now, Fred Rizzo was instrumental in making the tournament a success.

A banquet will be held Saturday evening, May 8th for all contestants. Wives and other guests will be charged \$3.00.

The tournament will have a \$5.00 entry fee per event per player. Entry deadline is April 10, so don't delay.

Rizzo, the tournament chairman, is counting on 50 and perhaps more entries. The Paterson Y has four courts.

The Maurice brothers, who are taking

in the cost of the tournament are members of the Paterson Y and are former handballers. But their prime interest is in promoting the racquetball game and keeping the flame on racquetball interest.

Participants are urged to make early lodging accommodations. Best spots to stay: Marriott Motor Hotel, phone 201-

843-9500; Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 201-845-7800; Suburban Motor Lodge, 201-791-2100.

The Y is located at 128 Ward St., Paterson, NJ, 07507. Checks should be made payable to Fred Rizzo, who can be conducted at the Y, 201-684-2320 in the health club.

Evanston YMCA To Host Illinois St. Racquetball Tourney

The first annual Illinois State Racquetball Tournament will be held April 9-10-11 at the Evanston, Illinois YMCA.

Play will be conducted in open singles and open doubles. Entry fee will be \$3.00 per player, per event. Players may participate in both singles and doubles.

The tournament is being sponsored by the International Racquetball Association and all entrants must be members (1971) of IRA. Players can sign up for IRA membership at the tournament site: \$2.00 per year covers membership and subscription to ACE Magazine.

IRA Executive Secretary Chuck Leve is the tournament co-chairman, along with Evanston Y Physical Director Dick Stotz.

There has been much discussion recently in Illinois, especially the Chicago area, about state rankings and it is felt that the outcome of the tournament will determine exactly who stands where.

Souvenir t-shirts are being planned on

and an interest from downstate Illinois has already been voiced. Predictions on size of the entries have not come forth, as this is the first such tournament in Illinois history. But Leve indicated that he would be disappointed with less than 40 entries.

For more information, contact Chuck Leve at IRA headquarters, 4101 Dempster St., Skokie, Ill. 60076.

Atta Boy, Bill!

Congratulations to Bill Schmidtke on his recent victory in the first Wausau, Wisc. YMCA Racquetball Open Singles Tournament.

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Jim Austin Wins Galveston YMCA Tournament

Jim Austin, playing out of the Houston, Tex. YMCA took the singles title at the fourth annual South Texas Invitational Racquetball Tournament, hosted by the Galveston, Tex. YMCA.

Austin defeated Bill Sellars, Dallas YMCA 21-12, 21-13 for the title.

Walter King, Dallas YMCA won the B singles bracket with a 21-5, 21-3 victory over Ernie Barratt, Galveston YMCA. Jerry Tucker took consolation A singles

and John Cortez grabbed the B consolation singles title.

In doubles action, the Dallas YMCA team of Bill Sellars and Tom Farris bested Galveston's Don Greaney and Ormand Farine 17-21, 21-19, 21-3 for the championship. Al Johnston and Carroll Stith, Houston YMCA, took consolation doubles honors.

Joe Szurek and Dick Williamson, Galveston YMCA defeated Wally Gill and Bill Holly, Victoria YMCA for the Mas-

ter's doubles crown, 21-12, 21-17.

The tournament was held February 19-21 and was highlighted by a shrimp boil Saturday night. Over 100 pounds of shrimp was boiled and eaten by the participants and their guests.

Among those putting in their share of work were chairmen John Unbehagen, and Jim Yarbrough; "hospitalityites" John Knust, Joy Unbehagen, Wanda Tucker, Nan Salzman and Ann Mattern.

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1970	St. Louis	Craig Finger	Ann Arbor	Yellin-Wallace	New Britain
1971	Salt Lake City	??	??	??	??

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	Randy Turpin	Memphis	Phillips-Zelson	St. Louis
1971	Salt Lake City	??	??	??	??

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Year	Site	Singles Champ	City	Runner-up	City
1970	St. Louis	Fran Cohen	St. Louis	Kim Hill	Los Angeles
1971	Salt Lake City	??	??	??	??

Muehleisen-Brumfield Repeat As Champions In National Invitational Doubles Tournament

The San Diego, California team of Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Charlie Brumfield blasted their way to the 2nd Annual National Invitational Doubles Championship last month at the Louisville, Ky. JCC. The champs did not lose a game en route to defending their title.

It was a star-studded line-up that invaded the JCC with the top doubles teams in the nation competing for the crown.

Muehleisen and Brumfield defeated third-seeded Mike Zeitman-Ken Porco, Louisville, for the title, 21-13, 21-15.

Two big upsets came early in the tourney. Louisville's Ike Gumer and Herman Abramovitz, Louisville, knocked off Marlowe and Jay Phillips, St. Louis, 21-6, 8-21, 21-19, in the first round.

In the second round, the Madison, Wisc. team of Bill Schmidtke and Paul Nelson upset second-seeded Bob Yellin and Don Wallace, New Britain, Conn., in a thrilling three game match, 21-19, 20-21, 21-14. Game two was 20-20 for three innings before Wallace-Yellin forced game three. The New Britainites are defending IRA national doubles champs.

Other quarter-final action saw the first, third and fourth seeded teams advance along with Schmidtke and Nelson. Muehleisen-Brumfield defeated Paul Rubin-Mark Hiudt, Cincinnati, 21-11, 21-2; fourth-seeded Alan Hyman-Don Rigazio, Louisville bested Paul Lawrence-Craig Finger, Ann Arbor, Mich., 21-13, 21-9; and third-seeded Zeiman-Porco were victorious over Gumer-Abramovitz, 21-7, 21-2.

The semi-finals saw Muehleisen-Brumfield defeat Hyman-Rigazio, 21-7, 21-11, while Zeitman-Porco took Schmidtke-Nelson 21-13, 21-11, setting the stage

for the championship match.

In the final Muehleisen-Brumfield again showed their championship form en route to victory. With Dr. Bud on the left and bearded Charlie on the right they blasted to the title in two straight games.

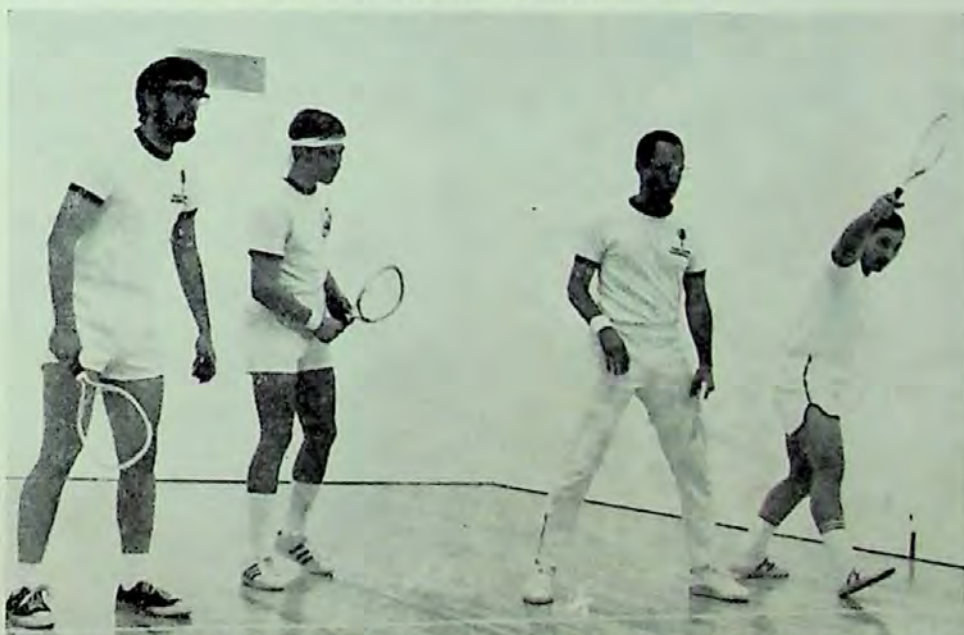
Play early in the games was close but the champions never let up and put together a string of points to show their backs to the runners-up.

Schmidtke-Nelson took third place honors over Hyman-Rigazio, 21-17, 21-14.

Tournament chairman Andy Hyman

and JCC assistant physical director Ken Porco expressed deep satisfaction with the tournament as did the players.

Special thanks must go to the tournament committee whose members did such an outstanding job: Jim Townsend, Bruce Krantz, Phillip Yoffee, Corinne Gumer, Flo Abramovitz, Peggy Gilbert, Helen Mae Hyman, Jerry Gilbert, Don Rigazio, Irv Zeitman, Al Stoler, Lee Goren, Don Karem, Harry Kletter, Billy Simon, Al Spivak and I. M. Wabner, Mark Townsend, David Gilbert, Eric Gilbert and Bob Marks.



ACTION DURING THE NATIONAL Invitational Doubles Tournament finals shows (l to r) Charlie Brumfield, Mike Zeitman, Dr. Bud Muehleisen, and Ken Porco. Brumfield and Muehleisen defeated Zeitman and Porco in the Louisville, Ky. tourney 21-13, 21-15. It was the second straight N.I.D. tournament championship for the San Diego, Calif. team and primes them for the upcoming IRA International Championships, April 21-24.

Ron Haisting Wins Northern Mid-American

Ron Haisting from Madison, Wisc. won the YMCA Northern Mid-America Regional Racquetball Tournament, held at the Winona, Minn. YMCA February 27-28. Haisting defeated Bill Clark, Oshkosh, Wisc. 21-14, 21-12 for the title. Chet Howard, Madison, defeated John Rude, Sioux Falls, S.D. for third place.

A field of 30 was to start play February 27 at 9 a.m. However, because of an unscheduled snow storm, seven of the entrants were not able to make it in on time. Despite the cancellation, competition remained excellent and the tournament had many close and well played matches.

Eight players were seeded for the tournament. Top seed went to Paul Nelson, last years regional champ from Madison, Wisconsin. Following Nelson in second seed was 1970's runner-up John Rude from Sioux Falls, So. Dakota. Following in order were Curt Rohrer, Winona, Minnesota, Bill Nelson, Port Edward, Wisconsin, Dan Gemoll, Madison, Bill Colclough, Winona, John Brandrup, Rochester and Bill Branta, Appleton.

The determining factor of this year's tournament was youth and a lot of new challengers making their bid for the top position. None of the eight seeded players reached the semi-finals.

All eyes were being cast on a young 20-year-old gentleman from Oshkosh, Wisconsin who hit the ball very hard and very accurately. He was seemingly labeled the kid from Oshkosh ready to take on all comers. Bill Clark's 2nd round win over last year's champ Paul Nelson proved to be the biggest upset. However, in the final match Ron Haisting had complete control of the match. Experience and tournament savvy proved to be too much for Clark. Haisting used a mixture of pass shots and corner kill shots to easily defeat his challenger.

Future racquetball tourneys you are bound to hear a lot more about Ron Haisting and the young challenger from Oshkosh, Bill Clark. However, along with the many new faces coming up, followers of racquetball will still be hearing from veterans like Paul Nelson from Madison and John Rude from Sioux Falls.

Third place went to Chet Howard from Madison, a young 46-year-old racquetball enthusiast. Many years of experience plus being in tremendous condition helped him win third place honors.

The consolation title went to Mark Hegg of Sioux Falls. Another young challenger, Mark dropped his first match to Don Gemoll, a hard hitting right hander from Madison. After his opening

defeat, Hegg came back to defeat Bill Colclough 21-7, 20-21, 21-5. This match moved him into the consolation finals where he defeated Curt Rohrer 21-9, 21-15.

As more racquetball tournaments become history, enthusiasm for this sport

continues to grow. Completion of one tournament only generates conversation and plans for the next scheduled tourney. In the field of activity and competition, racquetball is definitely making its presence known as a sport for people of all ages to take part.



SINGLES CHAMP RON HAISTING is all smiles as he accepts congratulations and the first place trophy from Tournament Chairman Tom Dobbins, Winona, Minn. YMCA Physical Director. Haisting captured the title with 21-14, 21-12 victories over Bill Clark. (third from left). Also pictured are (l to r) Curt Rohrer, consolation runner-up and Chet Howard, winner of open singles third place.



FOUR OF THE FACES EVERYBODY IS sure to have seen at the recent IRA Western Divisional tournament are (l - r): Ken Sacknitz, Frank Damrell, Jr., Frank Dickason, and Ernest LaCoste. LaCoste is IRA's district commissioner and along with the nucleus shown above, handled a first-rate tournament.

Irv Ehrlich and Brownsville Handball Club President Norman Butler greet the new National USHA One-Wall committee: (1 to r)—Kevin Kilgallen, Butler, Ehrlich, Ugo Bontempo. Standing (1 to r)—Marvin Greenberg, Morris Levitsky.

Photos by JEFFREY MITTLER



concern and I know he has provided for uninterrupted one-wall progress. His committee of four — Marv Greenberg, Ugo Bontempo, Kevin Kilgallen, and Morris Levitsky — have all been tireless and most competent aides through the years. They now face a great challenge and a great opportunity. The challenge is to EQUAL Irv's success. The OPPORTUNITY is to EXCEED it!

Do you want to reward Irv? Build ONE-WALL. Give yourselves to the Kids. Cultivate the crop Irv planted. Water it. Nurture it. When Harvest Time comes the ripe fruit will be, to Irv, a rich reward for years of tilling. You will have our complete support, just as Irv did. Our only requirement will be strict adherence to Irv's policies, Irv's principles and Irv's practices. We will expect you to rule by inspiration and not by regulation; demonstration, not discipline. Example, not excess, must be the cornerstone of the Association you foster.

Have any of you noticed how kindly we handled Paul Haber? We started from the premise that we could heal him. We have never given up. No matter what he did, we never dignified it with reprisal. Our conviction was that he would one day be the man he was capable of being. In spite of unbecoming conduct, we never lost faith that the good in him was stronger than the bad. This is the way we want you to do it. This is the way Irv did it. Irv's forbearance and forgiveness made all the problems that came his way dissolve into nothingness. We should never make a bad decision lest we trigger a bad character that might alter the whole course of a boy's life.

Your true work is building more than one-wall. It's building boys. Call it the miracle of the little black ball. Through it we can reduce crime, encourage brotherhood, increase health, build character, provide opportunity and generally expand a boy's horizon to a whole new world he might never see otherwise. Can you think of a more rewarding occupation?

I wonder if you realize how important Brooklyn is to us. We feel this is the incubator for some of the finest handball talent in the world. Out of one-wall comes great four-wall. A one-waller can never deny his origin for it stamps him with a wicked serve and a devastating kill. To me, this is ultimate handball, — the kind that belongs in the Olympics.

Now I want you to do something about the Olympics. Confidentially, we think the door has been opened to us. At this moment it appears we will make our debut in the Winter Games of 1976 at the University of Colorado. A \$5 million dollar athletic facility is now under construction with ten courts and glass in two of them. The exhibition court will seat 1000 with absolutely no obstructions. Guess who designed them?

The international requirements are now being studied at our office and our wonderful friend, Avery Brundage, is helping us every step of the way. Right now you should be getting boys started with the goal of the Olympics before them. Don't be surprised if one of your kids go on to International fame as the first Olympic Handball Champion. I don't know any other place in the country that has more talent and if you fellows are as smart as I think you are, you'll start a five-year plan for developing a super player. I better not say any more about this or Irv will forget about Ft. Lauderdale and his wife will kill me.

Can you imagine anything that would give Irv greater satisfaction than one of his kids winding up on world wide television, an international hero? Why don't you fellows dedicate yourselves to the proposition that you are going to get this one for Irv! If you do, I promise you we'll bust New York wide open with the biggest Night of Stars ever held for handball.

I for one, would like to bust New York wide open. It's hard for me to believe that the first city in America is the last city in four-wall handball. Why a town that does everything for every pro sport and nothing for handball, makes me wonder. When New York builds a handball center, with a great exhibition court, we'll fill every seat and handball will be seen in every home. That goes for Southern Florida, too, Mr. Ehrlich.

I think I should tell you that all this Olympic hope stems from the fact that Mr. Brundage was a devoted handball addict and a championship player for many years. It was his favorite sport. You know who else loved *handball above all*? Abraham Lincoln! I just discovered he was notified of his nomination as the Republican Candidate in the middle

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EHRlich TRIBUTE

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of a handball match in Springfield, Illinois. I have it from unimpeachable authority that he was as nutty about handball as Irv Ehrlich, if that's possible. Dave Condon, the sports editor of the Chicago Tribune wrote it this way: "Lincoln freed the slaves, — Kendler freed the handball players. — Handball did something to both." The whole Lincoln legend appears in the February ACE magazine together with a superb illustration of Lincoln playing fives, — which was the early name for the game.

Now, what does this mean to us? We certainly never had a more illustrious player. Could any person add more stature to our sport, give us more prestige, — than Mr. Lincoln? If handball was the chemical that triggered Mr. Lincoln's right thinking, — if handball was the therapy that cleared his mind for great decisions, — if handball gave him the strength to stand for freedom and equality in the face of insurmountable adversity, — if handball then, as now, demonstrated that there is no race or religion, — that equality is measured by man's sportsmanship and not by his station, — then my friends, — handball's influence for good will never be matched in all the history of sports. I like to think of handball as a crusade, — and that every one of us are warriors, — and that every boy we win for Handball we lose for crime. I would like the whole world to know that we are engaged in a struggle with the moral decay of our youth and we hope handball will bring with it healthier minds, — stronger bodies and purer souls. If all of this sounds far-fetched to you, — come talk to me privately and I will give you the quiet side of handball with example after example of the good handball does without any fanfare. If the truth were known, — we care for our kids and to this day, not one has been denied help through grant-in-aids. Two of your own boys now attend Lake Forest College. That's why we call ourselves a Fraternity, — we

heal as well as develop, — we inspire as well as honor, — the men behind our Fraternity are united in their philosophy that is more than a sport — more than a workout, — it is an influence for good. All of the ramifications of handball should be put to the highest and best possible use. We shouldn't even stop at the Olympics, — we should go on to be a healing moral force for all the activists, — the revolutionaries, — the dissidents. Let them fight their battles in a handball court, — let the killers kill balls, let the fights be for 21, not for overthrow. I think handball brings out the good in people, — that's why I think there should be more handball. Say, do you people think I am being carried away?

If you do, — I forgive you. But one day, as future generations look back in history, — I hope they will say, — "This our Fathers did for us." In Brooklyn, I hope they will say, — "This Irv Ehrlich did for us." He deserves much more, — a lot more than a title. He deserves the love and adoration of handball players from coast to coast and I am recording this testimonial in the history of the Association that future generations will be reminded of their debt to all the Ehrlichs!

Now, if you fellows can get Irv to sit still for a proper picture, — one that highlights not only his great determination, — his tireless effort, — his complete dedication, — and his beautiful bride, I will thank you. We want this for the society page of ACE! She deserves just as much acclaim as he does. You can be absolutely sure if my wife was well, — she would have been here too, Irv, — but illness rules out her presence. But she told me to say to your handball widows that there could be worse things than handball — although she can't really name any. She sends her love to all of you and particularly to Reba.

I would like to finish on the same note that I started. It is not titles that reflect honor on men, — but men on their titles. Brother Irving Ehrlich, — you have honored your title and the United States Handball Association. God Bless You as you have blessed all of us.

USHA NORTHWEST DIVISIONAL...

Pfeifer Singles Powerhouse; Skogstead-McMillan Take Doubles

March 4-6, the Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon, hosted the 38th Annual Northwest Tournament in combination with the USHA Northwest Divisional. An all-time high of 166 entries were received with representatives from everyone of 5 states, and two provinces of Canada. A breakdown of entries: 66 in the open singles, 24 in Master singles, 18 open doubles teams, and 20 Masters doubles teams.

To handle the task of playing 18 matches in the first round, two courts were enlisted from Oregon Athletic Club for two full days, six courts from Portland State University (whose team won the USHA College West Division tournament prior to the Northwest) for one evening, plus the 4 courts at the Multnomah Club. With the aid of the other member courts our first round was over at midnight.

In the singles, the list was narrowed down to the quarter finals with scores as follows: Jack Scrivens defeated Don Noble 21-10, 21-12; John Ritchie defeated Norm Gray 21-11, 21-14; Ken

McQueen defeated L. Benoit 21-9, 21-15; Les Pratt defeated R. Patricelli 21-10, 8-21, 21-7; Gordie Pfeifer defeated Father Piro 21-7, 21-1; Traynham defeated Lund 21-6, 21-3; John Foster defeated Quelling 21-9, 21-4; Jim D'Rourke defeated Bob Jones 21-3, 21-3. Quarter finals: John Ritchie defeated Jack Scrivens 21-19, 13-21, 21-16; McQueen defeated Pratt 21-20, 21-14; Pfeifer defeated Traynham 21-9, 21-2; Foster defeated O'Rourke 21-9, 21-12.

Semi-finals: John Ritchie had to forfeit to Ken McQueen because of injury. This was a tough break for John, as he had played well to this point. Gordie Pfeifer had a tough match with John Foster with the match being tougher than the scores indicate 21-9, 21-12. Finals: Pfeifer wasted no time in getting his big guns going as he jumped on a slightly nervous Ken McQueen, winning the first game 21-0, the second game was 21-6, Gordie's national exposure to tournament play and competition was obvious throughout the tournament. Gordie's "Jack Kramer style" of play was

a joy to watch from the spectator standpoint.

The Open doubles play got under way with 18 teams being narrowed to the semi-final round with Keogh-Smith over Brown-Sell 21-14, 21-18; Schoning-Johnson over Bone-Gilmore 21-5, 21-16; Stramiello and Schalk over Simpson-Soriano 21-17, 21-12; Skogstead-McMillan over Aguirre-Kohn 21-15, 21-14. Semi-finals: Schoning-Johnson over Keogh-Smith 21-12, 21-18; Skogstead-McMillan over Stramiello-Schalk 21-19, 21-14. Finals: Skogstead-McMillan defeated Schoning-Johnson 21-19, 7-21, 21-8 in an exciting match with the final edge being youth. Schoning and Johnson both giving years to Skogstead and McMillan.

Masters Singles: The 24 participants narrowed to eight with John Beahm over Bud Conger 21-17, 21-12. Jim Ritter forfeited to Des Charouhas after running into the wall. Frank Rauch def. Boutwell 21-6, 21-11; Allan Lippman def. George Balch 21-7, 21-11. Semi-

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Central USHA Divisional . . .

Gary Rohrer Singles; London-Goldstein Doubles



Dr. Gary Rohrer, the determined young St. Paul dentist, was the class of the Central USHA Division singles held Feb. 4-7 at the St. Louis JCCA. Gary, with his deft southpaw corner kills, good court coverage and a fine off hand, didn't lose a game en route to the title. He wound up beating the host's hopeful, Aaron Fenster, 21-9, 21-11.

Many of the "big names" were missing from this year's tournament but it didn't deter from the fine weekend of a well-run tournament and outstanding hospitality. The JCCA "youth movement" got into the singles and showed well. Ted Yevelson, under-17 national junior titlist, lost to veteran St. Louis Y player, Fred Calcaterra, in the third round, 9-21, 21-10, 21-16. Calcaterra then had to go three games with 16-year-old Barry Goldstein before subduing him, 21-17, 14-21, 21-14. Dan Krueger was beaten by Rohrer in the quarter-finals, 21-10, 21-2.

Steve Schneider played a real strong tournament before being knocked out by Fenster in the semis in three. Dick Staley, who won the B national intercollegiate singles, representing Florissant Community College, Mo., beat George Gutierrez in the third round, then lost to Fenster, 21-15, 21-8 in the quarters.

Calcaterra wound up third with a 21-17, 21-6 win over Schneider.

A pair of eligible Masters, both now 45, Dr. Stan London and Al Goldstein, had an undefeated game string in winning the open doubles, and loom as a threat in their first national Masters doubles. London and Goldstein beat young Bill McGreevy Jr. and Dick Standfield, St. Louis, 21-5, 21-13, after having eliminated Chicago's Jim Annoreno and Frank Larkin in the semis, 21-11, 21-11. McGreevy and Standfield had to go the route in eliminating another Chicago team, Bob Koenig and Brian

Falknor. An eye injury to Annoreno kept the third place match from taking place.

Jack Briscoe, St. Louis, and Lou DeLuna, Kansas City, had another "no game" loss in the Masters doubles. They wound up beating Bill McGreevy Sr. and Mike Carnaghi, 21-3, 21-4 in the finals. Briscoe and DeLuna defeated Don Kienlen, Joliet, and Chuck Emmert, Elgin, in the semis, 21-17, 21-12, while McGreevy and Carnaghi whipped another St. Louis team, Bob Korhring and Earl Carrol, in two.

Dr. Cecil Lloyd came up from Shreveport and made it another dentist victory. Lloyd, after losing the first game of the finals to Gene Kuehner, No. 1 seeded from St. Louis, 21-20, came back strong to take the match, 21-7, 21-1. Lloyd had stopped Nate Dubman, St. Louis, in the finals, 21-5, 21-9, while Kuehner eliminated Val Vogel, New Orleans, in two.

Michigan . . .

Saginaw YMCA hosted its first open tourney with Gene Sheets, physical director, holding it to 16 entries in both singles and doubles. Detroit Bob Plater, former Saginawian, won the singles; Saginaw's Bob Landeryou, second; Bob Boyle, Livonia, third. Doubles went to Flint duo of Pat Doyle and Bob Benson; Gene Sheets and Don Sanderson, Saginaw, second; Ron Lott and Andy Messenger, Lansing, third.

There are now four standard courts at Saginaw.

Veteran Cy DeMeulemeester parlayed excellent conditioning and brilliant handball to win an interesting new event — "Tournament of Champions." Sixteen players, all titlists, 2nd or 3rd place finishers last year in club and Michigan Handball Association tournaments were picked to compete at the Detroit Northeastern YMCA.

DeMeulemeester (he has been 39 for about three years now) said he runs sprints on the days he doesn't play handball. He needed this to beat Warren's Ed Novak in the quarters. Dick Sheldon

moved up to second, fine shooter but seems to lack conditioning. He had good wins over Herb Molk and Chuck Thornton.

Detroit Highland Park Y hosted the MHA B singles with 64 entries. Young George DeBay won this one, followed by Don June, Dr. Murray Feldman and Maurice Tyler.

DeMeulemeester teamed with Novak to win the MHA Metropolitan doubles at the Detroit Downtown Y with their biggest win coming in the quarters over Bob Boyle and Bruce Miller, 21-20, 21-20. Herb Molk and Ray Kunkel (the 3-wall national surpiser) wound up second. Dave Rott, perhaps the best player in the big courts and his long-time, able partner, Hank Palombo, wound up third.

Livonia Y and Schoolcraft College co-hosted the Metropolitan A singles with a strong 42-player field. There are six fine new regulation-sized courts in the Schoolcraft field house. Ken Crespi, 33, and after a mere 2½ years of handball, won the championship, beating Ed Rugienius, Highland Park Y. Norm Fredericks Jr., Livonia, won third place over Vince Magi.

North Dakota . . .

Top men on the Grand Forks Y ladder totem pole . . . A — Neil Reuter; B — Dick Lein; C — Larry Dusek . . . each received a fine award through the courtesy of Ray Bostrom and the Coca Cola Bottling Co. Jim Marback gets thanks for organizing and running the ladder.

Manitoba Handball Association played a challenge match at Grand Forks . . . Ron Ten Haken and Rich Equinoa proved the class for the hosts. After the matches players and their wives gathered at Ken Brandt's home for hospitality and a handball movie. Fargo-Moorhead Y team next on the agenda.

Grand Forks open doubles March 20-21, in three classes plus Masters.

Dates to remember: April 3-4: Grand Forks Open singles; April 13-17: North Central doubles, St. Paul Downtown YMCA; April 23-25: North Dakota Open doubles at Grand Forks; May 14-16: North Dakota Open singles at Fargo Y.

Brinn Takes Singles; Kirby-Kramberg Doubles

By BILL KENNEDY

To many observers it must have appeared as though St. Patrick's Day was celebrated Feb. 7 at the West Side YMCA in New York. Three of the four first place winners in the Eastern Regional Tournament were natives of Ireland, despite the fact that two wore the six-pointed star of the 92nd Street YMHA on their T-shirts.

Jim Fitzpatrick, the amiable Irishman from the Yonkers (N.Y.) YMCA, scored the upset of the tournament when he defeated Tom Ciasulli, Orange (N.J.) YMCA in the masters singles final. Then John Brinn, one of the 92nd St. Irishmen, captured the open singles from George Maier, White Plains (N.Y.) YMCA. The third Irishman, Pat Kirby, teamed with Lou Kramberg to give 92nd St. its second title as they knocked off Rich Greenwald and Joe Danilczyk in open doubles.

More than 120 players were in the three divisions to make it the largest regional tournament in the five years the Easterns have been held. Livingston Baker headed the committee which produced the best tournament ever held at West Side.

OPEN SINGLES — Brinn, 29, three times Westchester County champion, won his first major singles title. A year ago he teamed with Kramberg to take the regional doubles and place third in the national doubles.

However, Brinn's triumph was slightly tarnished by the absence of Lou Russo, who played through the first four rounds and then withdrew from the tournament after reaching the semifinals. Topping a field of 59 players from five states, Brinn eliminated Craig Work, Harvard, Mass. 21-7, 21-14; Harvey Poppel, Paterson (N.J.) YMCA 21-18, 21-2, and Brendan O'Boyle, Yonkers, 21-11, 21-9. Then he disposed of Tom Kurowski, Eastern District (N.Y.) YMCA 21-7, 21-5 in the semi finals.

Maier dumped William Codd, West Side, 21-10, 21-14; Robert Reeh, Willow Grove, Pa., 21-14, 21-19 and in the quarterfinals eliminated Ed Woerner, Plainfield (N.J.) YMCA, 21-14, 21-14. He advanced to the finals when Russo defaulted.

The championship match was virtually all Brinn. The southpaw scored on 10 kill shots, five aces, and five pass shots to win the first game, 21-11. In the second contest, the 44-year-old Maier, who was runnerup in the 1967 Easterns, put up a struggle before submitting to defeat.

Brinn killed eight shots, passed three times and served three aces, combined with seven Maier errors in gaining a 21-17 win. Maier passed Brinn five times, killed five shots, and forced seven errors for his points.

1st GAME

Maier 2 0 0 2 1 3 3 0 0 0 0-11
Brinn 3 0 1 3 1 0 2 2 2 2 5-21

2nd GAME

Brinn 2 3 3 2 4 0 0 0 3 0 4-21
Maier 2 1 0 2 0 3 3 3 2 1 0-17

OPEN DOUBLES — Kirby and Kramberg, who said they were tuning up for the National Invitational Doubles Tournament in Denver, ran away from the doubles field. It was Kramberg's third Eastern doubles crown, and Kirby's second along with two Eastern singles titles.

"We haven't decided yet whether or not we'll play together in the Memphis Nationals," Kramberg said. "It depends on how we do in Denver."

The pair raced through Tom Natale and Art Reyer, Brooklyn Union Temple, 21-5, 21-13 and Jon Cole and Murray Sklas, West Side, 21-11, 21-6 to reach the semifinals. There they routed Pat O'Keefe and Ken Ginty, New York Athletic Club, 21-11, 21-6. The field consisted of 23 teams.

In the meantime Greenwald and Danilczyk, playing in a tournament together for the first time, were contested in nearly every match. They edged John and Mike O'Mahoney, Newark (N.J.) YM-YWCA, 21-18, 21-19, and then nipped Fred Munsch and John Paveletz, New York A.C., 21-19, 21-17. In the semifinals another New York A.C. team fell to Greenwald and Danilczyk when Harry Hyde and Jack Walsh were defeated 21-20, 21-13. Ginty and O'Keefe took third place with a 21-18, 20-21, 21-5 triumph.

Kirby and Kramberg pulled out the opening game of the finals to a 21-11 victory on Kirby kills. The 92nd Streeters scored on 12 kills, one ace, one pass and seven errors. Trailing, 17-7, the pair scored 10 points in three innings and blanked their foes.

In the second contest Kirby and Kramberg coasted to a 21-6 win as both Kirby and Kramberg flattened the ball at will, 13 times for points along with three aces, one pass and four opponents' errors.

1st GAME

Kirby-Kramberg
3 5 2 0 1 0 0 4 5 1—21

Greenwald-Danilczyk
0 2 3 3 4 4 1 0 0 0—17

2nd GAME

Greenwald-Danilczyk
1 0 1 0 2 1 1 0—6
Kirby-Kramberg
2 1 3 3 5 2 3 2—21

MASTERS SINGLES — Fitzpatrick, who became 40 in September, combined his fiercely competitive spirit and one break to win the masters event. He topped Tom Bria, Jersey City (N.J.) YMCA 21-18, 21-12 in the first round and gained a quarterfinal default win. That default had to help Fitzpatrick because it enabled him to play just one match on Saturday while Ciasulli was involved in two.

In the semifinals Fitz outlasted ageless veteran Bill Gluck, White Plains, 20-21, 21-1, 21-12. Ciasulli, in the meantime, was punishing opponents and himself in the endurance contests which have made him famous. The New Jersey player beat Munroe Seifer, 92nd St., 21-12, 21-17, and Al Singer, New York, 21-12, 21-16, before eliminating highly rated Cy Vincent, West Side, 21-8, 21-15 in the semifinals.

Fitzpatrick came out shooting in the finals and it proved to be the winning formula. He rolled the ball to a decisive 21-7 triumph in the first game and kept the momentum going in the second, jumping to a 12-0 lead. Then the wily Ciasulli's tournament experience began to pay off as the defending national champ began to wear Fitzpatrick down. The score was 17-13 and Ciasulli was very much alive if he would get Fitz out once more, but Jimmy rose to the occasion and tallied three quick points.

Ciasulli closed the gap to 20-16, but Fitz' rolled one out and became the first Eastern Regional Masters singles champ in USHA history.

After the match a weary but delighted Fitzpatrick quipped, "Irishmen don't get tired," as he watched his countryman Brinn whip Maier.

"Tommy is a helluva man to play. You have to kill the ball all the time," Fitzpatrick said, "and I knew that was the only way I could beat him. I'm definitely going to Memphis to take a crack at the National championship."

The regional title was not new to Fitzpatrick, who teamed with Jack Weintraub in 1969 to win the doubles title in Rochester, N.Y.

More than 60 people attended the Saturday night banquet at the West Side Y, where Weintraub was awarded the Jack Marks Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship. Weintraub, officiated numerous matches in addition to being an open singles quarterfinalist.

Jimmy Jacobs was the guest speaker at the banquet answering dozens of questions on handball and boxing. He returned Sunday to officiate the singles finale.

'Fives' Played in Early 1800's?

By MIKE CASS

NOTE: Mike Cass is a prominent Chicago patent attorney and has been delving into handball history as a sideline hobby for many years. Previously he submitted material on early patents for "out-of-this-world" balls and gloves.

Martin Judnich's inspiring research into the earliest handball courts in the United States (Feb. 1971, ACE) encourages me to renew my earlier literary jaunts into investigation of memorable facts about our sport. For instance, it is a matter of historical record that the sport of handball may have originated with Greek women which would explain, in part, why ours is such a refined and elegant sport. It is reported that Romans of stature and influence played a kind of handball in the vicinity of their baths, which would explain why ours is such a clean sport. It is further noted in the literature that French monks devised a type of handball known as "court tennis" played in the monastery courts, which would explain why we have such devout and religious enthusiasts for the sport as well as so many handball court lawyers.

In England, the game of handball was known as the sport of "FIVES" and that the game of FIVES can be played in accordance with the rules of Eton or Rugby, which explains the cultured status of our sport. Finally, in Ireland the game is known as "handball" first played in courts associated with saloons or pubs; but this is not a startling fact since we are also familiar with the training regime of our USHA national singles champion.

It is the sport of FIVES which is very interesting because courts for playing this game were known to exist in the United States in the early 1800's. I ran across a reference to such a court at a fancy finishing school for English boys in Vermont and/or Connecticut during this early period of the Nineteenth Century. In view of Bob Kendler's discovery that Abe Lincoln played FIVES after receiving the news of his presidential nomination in Springfield, Illinois on May 17, 1860, it is clear that courts for playing the game of FIVES were available in the United States earlier than that time. This would mean that handball courts for playing the game of FIVES were constructed in the United States prior to the time any handball courts were constructed in San Francisco. I hope this is not a "killshot" to Marty Judnich's effort to establish the first handball court in the United States as erected

in San Francisco. In fact, I am tracing a reference to a so-called handball court reputedly in the city of Milwaukee in 1856.

In any event, since the game of FIVES is a handball game, a court for playing FIVES would be a handball court. I would like to describe such a court and provide official rules for playing the game of FIVES according to Rugby at a later date.

Further, in my meanderings, I ran across Mr. Ben Shahn, a well-known and highly regarded artist and photographer of current stature. Ben Shahn was the subject of an article in Saturday Review of Nov. 7, 1970 and is the subject of a book by Margaret I. Weiss entitled *Ben Shahn, Photographer*. Ben Shahn traveled widely during the mid-1930's through Manhattan's lower East Side using his camera very effectively to paint a picture of the times. The result of his acumen is represented by the attached print entitled "Handball", the original painting being in the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Ben Shahn took many photographs of handball players in the slum playgrounds of New York and used these photographs to paint the one-wall handball scene shown here. It is nice to know that the sport of handball is so wonderfully represented by Ben Shahn's painting in the Museum of Modern Art, thereby raising our game to the stature of American culture.

At this time, it would be fair to state that one-wall handball is truly an American-developed sport since I have not run across any earlier reference to such a game anywhere else in the world.

I might also point out that in my club, (Bernard Horwich JCC, Chicago, Illinois) we also have coined a new word for a particularly effective killshot this word being KNAYTCH-shot, the "K" being pronounced. By definition, this is a soft shot into the left or right-front side wall corner which rebounds straight up a very short height and collapses thereafter ignominiously to the floor without being hit by the opposing player. As you can see, this is not a conventional killshot which usually is delivered into the same right or left-hand corner with speed and power, thereafter to roll out flat. Instructions on how to deliver a so-called KNAYTCH-shot are available from this author upon request. So long for now.



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Doc Benham Over Rowe in Maryland Open

Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk YMCA, dominated the 1971 Maryland Open Singles Championship and lived up to his number one seeding with a convincing 21-9, 21-2 victory over 29-year-old Jay Rowe, Richmond, Va., YMCA. The former Little All-American quarterback from Columbia displayed not only the power in his arm but fine placements and kill shots to defeat the gamely-battling Rowe who has two good hands but was kept off balance by Benham's skill and court sense.

The 1971 Maryland Open consisted of a pre-tourney round on Monday and Tuesday preceding the tourney in which the top 16 players from Maryland, D.C., and Delaware areas 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.

NOTE: Ed Meadows, Mike Klesius, Stan Newborn and Don Konz entered main draw. *Major upset* was Konz defeating Frank Tavares, who was seeded No. 3 in the pre-tourney draw and was the 1970 Maryland State Singles Champion and 1971 Old Dominion Masters Singles Champion.

A star-studded cast entered the main draw Saturday night.

Dr. Claude Benham (Norfolk YMCA) South USHA Division Singles Champion; *Jay Rowe* (Richmond, Va., YMCA) 1970 Dominion Singles Champion; *Stan Newborn* (Wilmington, Del. YMCA) Delaware State Singles Champion; *Max Gaither* (Norfolk YMCA) U.S. Navy Champion; *Dennis Zocco* (Reading, Pa. YMCA) 1970 Mid-Atlantic Singles Champion; *Al McCulloch* (Arlington, Va. YMCA) 1970 Old Dominion Doubles Champion; *Lloyd Woods* (Arlington, Va. YMCA) 1970 Old Dominion Doubles Champion.

Quarter-finals — Benham def. Weeber, (21-1, 21-1); Woods def. Klesius, (5-21, 21-17, 21-16); Rowe def. Newborn (21-14, 21-19); McCulloch def. Konz (21-18, 21-14).

Semi-finals — Benham def. Woods (21-9, 21-2); Rowe def. McCulloch (21-17, 9-21, 21-8).

Finals — Benham def. Rowe (21-9, 21-2).

Credit for the tourney's success should go to: Gibbs Howard, tourney chairman; Abe Himmelstein, chief official; Dan



MARYLAND OPEN SINGLES . . . (l to r) — Gibbs Howard, chairman; Lloyd Woods, third place; Dr. Claude Benham, winner; Jay Rowe, second; Ed Jones, league chairman. Tournament had unique qualifying bracket leading up to final rounds of play.

Takeoka, floor manager, Towson Y; Mel Gutin, floor manager JCC; Tourney Referees such as: Walter Schaeffer, Ed Jones, Bob Lawrence, Jim Watt, Jerry Markoff, Duke Goldberg.

The outstanding ultra-modern Baltimore JCC's new health club opened its facilities by hosting the tournament players and the three renovated handball courts all under the capable direction of Gerald Luschak, director of health and physical education, played a large part in the success of the tourney. Players were hosted at the Towson YMCA and JCC.

Third place in the tourney went to Lloyd Woods of the Norfolk YMCA and fourth place to Al McCulloch of the Arlington, Va. YMCA. A special trophy to the outstanding player from the Maryland-D.C.-Delaware League was presented to Mike Klesius of the Arlington, Va. YMCA.

Watch for the following young players to rise to new heights in the handball world — Jay Rowe, Richmond, Va.; Wayne Collier, Richmond, Va.; Dennis Zocco, Reading, Pa.; Don Konz, Arlington, Va.; Mike Klesius, Arlington, Va.

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Buzz Shumate had little trouble in winning the Class A singles, and pairing with Lee Wrentlind, also walked through the doubles without losing a game.

Class A. First Round — Lyle Blue def. Lee Graff 8-21, 21-14, 21-4; Cliff Kass def. G. Osur 21-6, 8-21, 21-7. H. Wasserman def. Harvey Salz forfeit. George Kress def. Bill Boyle 21-10, 21-10.

Second Round — Buzz Shumate def. Hank Zoller 21-7, 21-2; Blue def. Herb Plews, 21-15, 21-12. Kass def. Dick Busse 21-14, 5-21, 21-5; John Hardy def. Stan Salz forfeit, Lee Wrentlind def. Mike Marrese, 21-17, 21-14; Joe Yeary def. Wasserman 21-5, 21-5. George Kress def. Spangler, forfeit; Larry Wood def. R. Powell, 21-10, 21-10.

Quarter finals — Shumate def. Blue 21-8, 21-9; Kass def. Hardy, 12-21, 21-17, 21-14; Wrentlind def. Yeary, 21-7, 21-14; Wood def. Kress 11-21, 21-10, 21-8.

Semi-finals — Shumate def. Cliff Kass, forfeit; Wrentlind def. Larry Wood, 21-20, 21-18.

Finals — Shumate def. Wrentlind, 21-9, 21-5.

Class B Singles — Quarter-finals — Dave Drum def. Bob Austin 21-3, 21-13; Skip Harrison def. Tom Rand 21-16, 13-21, 21-19; Mel Straus def. Bill Shainholt, 21-19, 21-9; Pete Barrett def. Paul Coffee, 21-12, 21-20.

Semis — Drum def. Harrison 6-21, 21-16, 21-20; Barrett def. Straus, 21-13,

21-19.

Finals — Frum def. Barrett 21-8, 21-16.

Class C Singles — There were 50 players entered. The outstanding play of several of the varsity players from the U.S. Air Force Academy was the feature of this Tournament. Cadet Jim Sweeder displayed his best form and top condition to battle through several tough matches to win the Championship from his teammate, Dean Dorsey, 21-12, 21-13.

Class A Doubles — Quarter-finals — Larry Wood-Dan Barney def. Dick Busse-Lee Graff, 21-13, 21-15; Mike Marrese-John Hardy def. Lyle Blue-Pete Barrett, 21-15, 19-21, 21-14; Harvey Salz-Stan Salz def. Don Carlsen-Bob Price, 21-18, 21-18; Lee Wrentlind-Buzz Shumate def. Cliff Kass-Chuck Wafer, 2-3, 21-17.

Semi-finals — Wood-Barney def. Hardy-Marrese, 21-3, 21-9; Wrentlind-Buzz Shumate def. Salz-Salz, forfeit.

Finals — Wrentlind-Shumate def. Wood-Barney, 21-20, 21-18.

Class B Doubles — Major Dave Drum of the U.S. Marines after winning the Class B. Singles two weeks prior, teamed with Mel Mossman to win all of their matches without the loss of a single game. Their teamwork and their accurate passes and kill shots proved to be too much for their competition.

Semi-finals — Dave Drum-Mel Mossman def. Jerry Donahue-Bob Qualls, 21-14, 21-6; Terry Rand-Piper def. Harrison-Coffee, 21-20, 21-16.

Finals — Drum-Mossman def. Rand-Piper 21-20, 21-6.

Class C Doubles — The fourth seeded team of Steve Price-Gary McAllister also won all of their matches without the loss of a game and proved to be the best balanced team.

Second round: Frank Kostro & Jim Thorell lost to C. Winn & Bill Cliff 17-21, 21-18, 21-17. G. Medill & Norm Royce def. F. Hewlett & Den Stahl 21-9, 21-10, Rick Schliebe & Doug Duren bys. Price & McAllister def. Liske & Miller 21-5, 21-15, Tom Hendricks & Jim Kosmiski def. Frank Sugar & C. Sutley 21-11, 21-17, Orrok & DeGrathy def. Colburn & Hawlin 21-16, 21-6, Vasques & Brown def. Schramm & Vince Shryack 21-18, 21-8. Veraldi & LaGuardia won by forfeit from Bogges & Gallegos.

Quarter-finals: Winn & Cliff def. Medill & Royce 21-19, 21-17, Price & McAllister def. Schliebe & Duren 21-9, 21-14, Orrok & DeGrathy def. Hendricks & Kosmiski 21-20, 21-19, Vasquez & Brown def. Veraldi & LaGuardia 21-17, 16-21, 21-12.

Semi-finals: Price-McAllister def. Winn-Cliff 21-15, 21-10; Orrok-DeGrathy def. Vasquez-Brown 14-21, 21-14, 21-6.

Finals: Price-McAllister def. Orrok-DeGrathy 21-11, 21-11.

2nd New York A. C. Invite May 13-16

The Second Annual New York Athletic Club Invitational tournament will be held May 13-16. Competition will be limited to 16 in singles; 16 doubles teams, and 8 Masters doubles teams. Play will start in open doubles at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 13. Open singles and Masters doubles will start on Friday, at 4 p.m.

Three standard 20x40, air conditioned courts will be utilized for the events. Instead of the customary trophy awards there will be: Singer TV sets, cassette tape recorders, clock radios and a portable stereo phonograph. A hospitality room will be set up; a reception-dance the night of May 15, and an opening breakfast, May 14.

Entry fee (limited to one event only)—\$10 per man. Applicants can write: Joe Ingrassia, c/o Athletic Office, New York Athletic Club, 180 Central Park S., New York, NY 10009. Make checks payable to: New York A.C. Handball Killers Club. Entries close May 1. Housing information is also available upon request.

Bill Yambrick, St. Paul, is defending single titlist; Jim Jacobs and Marty Decatur, doubles.

Tampa . . .

Not since the discovery of the "Fountain of Youth" by Ponce De Leon, has there been such excitement in the "handball" world here in Tampa.

John Givens, an Ernie Ortiz protege, was unanimously acclaimed the "player of the year" during our recent Class "A" City Open Tournament held at the Tampa YMCA.

The 23 year old USF Graduate student upset the heavily favored, second seeded, tournament-wise veteran, Carl Feddler in the quarter final round of play — 11-21, 21-16, 21-17. A standing room crowd openly shouted their approval as the youngster was simply terrific in his execution of rally ending accurate kills during crowd pleasing volleys. Givens proved it was no fluke, as in the semi-finals, he soundly drubbed the 57 year old veteran, Sam Messina 21-8, 21-18. Messina had stopped "dead-kill" Lee Meister 21-10, 21-11 earlier in the tournament.

However, alas — as always, "class will

tell" — and the bubble burst! Top seeded, and City Champion for three consecutive years, Ernie Ortiz — after disposing of Joe Masturzo 21-7, 21-8, and Ben Burnett 21-9, 21-14 — proved that all the hustle in the world is a poor substitute against one in superb condition and cool under pressure! Ortiz literally ran the legs off Givens in their first game, winning 21-14, and waltzed to an easy second game victory — and another crown — 21-8.

The caliber of play is improving and next month our City B Tournament has the appearance of a thriller in the making.

Yes, we are truly indebted to Ernie Ortiz who has upgraded the quality of play in Tampa by continually promoting clinics and exhibitions with top-national ranked players — and often takes time to instruct the newer players on the basics of the game!

SAM MESSINA
Handball Chairman
Tampa, YMSA

Sioux Falls Hinder Club, Singles-Doubles

Last year's champion Perry Swalley defeated Paul Connelly 21-9, 21-19 to win the Sioux Falls Hinder Club championship for the second time, Jan. 8-10. Swalley's hop serves and control down each side wall proved the difference in the match. Paul was down 10-17 in the second game and came on with a fine rally, but it fell short with Perry winning.

Paul defeated #2 seed Jim Ricketts in the semi-finals 15-21, 21-4, 21-18. Jim was battling the flu while playing and didn't have the stamina to go the three-game route. Paul won by forfeit over Tom McKeon earlier in the day, and Jim defeated Ed Hoganson earlier in the day to gain the semi-finals. Perry defeated Jim McGovern 21-19, 21-16 to reach the finals. In the quarter finals Perry defeated Jim Dardis 21-19, 16-21, 21-12 and McGovern defeated Jack Hoogendoorn 21-9, 21-13.

Third place was won by Jim McGovern by forfeit from Jim Ricketts and Dr. Art Hinman defeated Chuck Stadfeld 18-21, 21-9, 21-16 for consolation honors.

Perry Swalley and Jim Ricketts teamed up to win the Hinder Club doubles championship Jan. 22-24, defeating Paul Connelly and Dr. Ade Sponberg in a three game match 21-13, 15-21, 21-13. Ade and Paul both shot the ball very well while winning the second game, but hook serves forced off balance returns in the third game and Swalley and Ricketts took advantage of the set-ups.

Connelly-Sponberg defeated McGovern-Hinman 21-16, 21-16 and Swalley-Ricketts defeated Jack Hoogendoorn-Rev. Harold Fitch 21-2, 21-8 to reach the finals.

The father-son team of Bob Stevenson and Rich Stevenson defeated Chuck Stadfeld-Sick Muchow 17-21, 21-12, 21-7 to win the consolation honors.

Perry Swalley and Jim Ricketts dominated the South Dakota State singles and doubles tournament. Swalley defeated Ricketts in the singles finals 21-11, 21-6. Using a fine ACE serve to the left side that hit the crack and rolled out, he controlled the front court and the match from start to finish. Ricketts reached the finals with a victory over Paul Connelly of Sioux Falls 21-9, 21-14. Perry defeated Jim McGovern, also from Sioux Falls, 21-11, 21-8. Much credit should go to McGovern, as he was playing in the tournament with a severely sprained ankle.

In the doubles Swalley-Ricketts teamed up to win the championship defeating

McGovern-Dr. Art Hinman (Sioux Falls) 21-6 21-12. McGovern-Hinman were kept off balance the entire match with ceiling shots and difficult serves. Swalley-Ricketts controlled the front court, and when the set-up came, either player put it away. Swalley-Ricketts defeated John Mertz-Ed Williams (both from Aberdeen, South Dakota) 21-3, 21-13 to gain the finals. McGovern-Hinman defeated Norm Scott-Frank Lochbridge (Aberdeen) 21-12, 21-8 in the semis.

Contestants came from Aberdeen, Huron, Mitchell, and Sioux Falls to participate. It was great fun, and we are all looking forward to next year's tournament.

JIM RICKETTS

Siouxland Invite at YMCA April 16-17

The 14th Siouxland Invitational singles will be held April 16-17 at the Sioux City, Iowa, YMCA. All entries must be received on or before 6 p.m., Friday, April 9. This tournament consists of 16 players. The Sioux City YMCA handball tournament committee reserves the right to determine who participates in this tournament. Entry information: Physical Director, YMCA, 722 Nebraska, Sioux City, Iowa 51101. \$5 entry fee per player.

Aberdeen, S.D. . . .

There were three flights of the 2nd Annual Hub City singles championships, held at the Aberdeen, South Dakota, YMCA, Jan. 28-30.

Ed Williams def. Stan Siegel, 21-4, 21-9 in the first flight; Arnold Mathews def. John Forseth, 21-13, 3-21, 21-16 in the second flight. And, in the third flight, Tim Schleibe def. John Lantgen, 17-21, 21-4, 21-13.

Chairmen were: John Wertz and Ed Williams. Next year's tournament is scheduled for Jan. 26-28, 1972.

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St. Paul Winter Carnival Doubles

The newly-formed doubles duo of Terry Muck and Danny O'Connor took the title of the Fifteenth Annual St. Paul Winter Carnival doubles held at the Midway YMCA, Feb. 1-6. In the finals they defeated another Midway YMCA team, John Loretz and Nick Evangelista, 21-2, 21-13. Last year's winning team of Paul Schulz and Dr. Gary Rohrer was unable to defend their title because of a severe injury to Schulz's shoulder.

Third place was won on a default by Gene Richards and Jerry Jacobs, representing the St. Paul A.C. The Consolation titlists were Mickey Dobbins and Garry Tessman of the Midway YMCA, defeating the Downtown YMCA team of Jerry Sandin and Chuck Wolterstorf, 21-11, 21-20.

An added feature of the Tournament format this year was a Masters' Division. The winners were Neal Nordlund and Jack Hickman of the Downtown YMCA, defeating Jim Tagney and Virgil Mylan, Minneapolis YMCA, 21-19, 21-19. Nordlund and Hickman were the runnersup two years ago in the Masters doubles of the national YMCA tournament. Consolation winners of the Winter Carnival Masters were Ozzie Trooien and Dr. Ernie Duwell, Downtown YMCA, downing Jack Gibbons and Jim Marshall, Midway YMCA 21-13, 21-18.

Wisconsin . . .

Bill Nelson, general secretary of the Port Edwards YMCA and top grade handballer, issued the first State mimeo "YMCA Handball News" (also covers racquetball).

Just prior to the Memphis classic the Wisconsin State USHA doubles at the Milwaukee Central Y — March 21-27.

Oshkosh Y conducted Masters singles . . . Frank Radigan, Wausau, defeated Jerry Cronin, Milwaukee.

Second Annual Tri-Rivers singles held in LaCrosse. Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, winner over Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee . . . Bill Nelson, 3rd, Hank Maly, 4th . . . John Schaaf, winner of consolation.

New rule in YMCA allows Y secretaries to participate in Y State and area tournaments.

Nelson winner of the 4th Annual Woodson Y in Wausau . . . Orley Brown, runnerup . . . Scott Kapus, 3rd . . . Tom Biebel, 4th. Don Dix, winner of consolation.

Nelson also winner of South Wood County hosted State Y singles, beating Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, for honors 21-13, 21-4 . . . Scott Kapus, third; Orley Brown, fourth. Duke Frenzel, consolation winner.

Seattle's Washington A.C.

Sponsors Youth Handball

During the fall of 1970 the Washington Athletic Club sponsored a youth handball program. Boys from the age of 10 to 17 were participants. A total of 30 boys were involved in the program. The organization and instruction of the program was the responsibility of Des Charouhas. Charouhas was ably assisted in the instructional phase of the program by Slim Wintermute, Mickey Walker, Jack Cotter, and Dick Aguirre. Classes met for a period of 2 hours each Saturday morning for a period of 10 weeks. Boys were divided into two groups according to age and ability. The younger group met at 9 a.m. each Saturday with the older boys starting at 10 a.m. An indication of the success of the program was the fact that class attendance did not drop below 26 during the 10 lesson sessions.

Further classes now have been scheduled.

The broad general objectives of the program were to introduce the activity of handball and fit the program to the interest and needs of the individual so that handball would be a meaningful and rewarding experience. Handball was a new experience for the majority of the boys. It immediately became apparent that neither group was ready to use the regulation handball. By using the regulation handball it would mean continued failure in basic fundamentals. We wanted each player to experience success on the handball court if it meant modifying equipment and rules. I believe it is extremely important that the individuals feel that they are making progress and are succeeding.

The Spalding Hi-Bounce "pinky" was used in both classes throughout the ten lessons. Students were encouraged to play and practice on their own time using both the pinky and the regulation handball. Many now have developed competence with the black ball. In fact, two boys



OUTSTANDING YOUTH PROGRAM . . . Jack Cotter displays proper form to group of youngsters at Washington Athletic Club courts in Seattle. 30 Boys, aged 10-17 participated in 10-week program each Saturday morning.

played in the club's Class C tournament.

Each lesson was broken down into three component parts.

1. Introduction, explanation and demonstration of a basic fundamental skill.

2. Individual practice of the skill introduced.

3. Use of the skill in a competitive situation.

Each week the previous skill is reviewed and a new skill is introduced. At the conclusion of the 10 lessons a double elimination tournament was held in singles.

Individual winners are: Singles (10-13 years) — 1st — Brian Elvins; 2nd — John Davies.

Singles (14-17 years) — 1st — Mike Walker; 2nd — Rex McDowell.

Those who participated in the program were: Pat Doud, Dennis Browns, Tim Nixon, Don Walker, John Davies, Tom Fogard, Joe Comick, Karl Hoover, Tom King, Joe Walters, Steve Vincent, Karl Vincent, Dan Bishop, Barklay Barnett, Kevin Davis court, Rich Davis court, Stewart Skelton, Brian Elvins, Shane Dohoney, Kevin McMurray, Lee Kirk, Tom Cochran, Brian Dixon, Mike Walker, Bob Davies, Steve Fogard, Mark McDowell, Rex McDowell, Mike Bishop, Tom Charouhas.

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PITTSBURGH . . .

The Greater Pittsburgh Open Doubles Championship was held at the Golden Triangle YMCA Feb. 5-6. There were 25 doubles team entered. This was one of the largest turn-outs in many years. Woody McDaniel and John Means bested Frank Altmar and William Sepsy 21-18, 1-0 (forfeit) for the championship.

Tall Corn

Annual Tall Corn tournament is scheduled for April 30-May 2 at the Des Moines YMCA.

Canton A.C. Tourney of Champions . . .

Drews Over Fusselman; Willing-Harris Take Doubles



The Canton Athletic Club of the Downtown Canton YMCA hosted the Tenth "Tournament Of Champions", Feb. 12-14 bringing together the top handball talent from Ohio and Pennsylvania. The one court was in constant play and when the smoke cleared from the State's top shooters, Al Drews, Cleveland, defeated Kent Fusselman, Warren, the defending two-year singles champion, 21-17, 21-19. "Fuss" was hard pressed by Randy Essel, Cleveland, in the semi-finals 10-21, 21-13, 21-18. Drews defeated Len Tomszak, Erie, 21-10, 21-16, also in the semi-finals.

Bill Willing and Russ Harris, Canton, defended their doubles title by beating Vince Flowers and Ron Zach of Erie, 21-19, 21-12. Willing and Harris tripped George Fenton and Gene Fowler, Warren, 21-15, 21-11 in the semi finals while Flowers and Zach beat last year's runners-up Tony Felice and Frank Pecora, Cleveland, 21-17, 21-5.

Over 100 patrons were impressed with the 12 singles and 11 doubles entrants invited by special invitation with "Canton Hospitality" consisting of nylon warm-up jackets, t-shirts, gym bags, refreshments, social banquet, complimentary overnight accommodations and watches presented to winners and runners-up, courtesy of Rogers Jewelry of Canton.

RUSSELL HARRIS

CANTON AWARDS . . . (l to r) — Local heroes — Russ Harris and Bill Willing, who won the doubles; Lou Antonnucci of Rogers Jewelers, award donors; Al Drews, Cleveland, with big singles win over Warren's Kent Fusselman.



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Lincoln, Neb . . .

The first city-wide handball and racquetball tournament proved highly successful, March 6-7, at the new Central YMCA with five new courts in Lincoln, Nebraska.

There were 164 entries in the doubles tournament which had Class AA, A, B and novice in both handball and racquetball. C. W. Nixon, veteran racquetball player, served as tourney chairman.

When the dust, or let's say perspiration, had settled, Ben Uyesato and Smokey Stover defeated Tom Novak and Dale Adams, former Nebraska University football stars, 21-18, 15-21 and 21-18 to win the Class AA handball trophy. Dr. Harry Tolly and Larry Thorn finished third.

In Class AA racquetball, Bob Reynolds, former Nebraska All-American football player, and his partner, Bill Brown, defeated Mike Rierden and Terry Elgenthun, 21-16, 21-17. The team of Gale Williams and Tom Rutz was third.

The two-day doubles tournament was the first scheduled by the newly-formed Lincoln Handball and Racquetball Association headed by George Easley, a Lincoln businessman and handball player.

In the Class AA handball finals, played on the new glass enclosed court with some 75 people watching, Stover and Uyesato used hustle and kill shots to defeat Novak and Adams, always-tough handballers who have played in many Nebraska tournaments.

This first Lincoln city-wide tournament attracted players from all parts of the city and a trophy presentation night was later held at the Lincoln Elks Club.

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and track, and a weight room, file room, training room and shower room.

Other projects are: a utilities extension, \$735,000; second utilities extension, on the south campus, \$188,000; three-building fraternity house complex, \$869,000; \$2 million engineering technology building; data control center, \$125,000; and a \$1.2 million men's residence hall.

Another project, the life sciences building, is in the design stage. At an expected cost of \$2 million, the structure is scheduled for completion in November, 1971.

MSU students can pursue many fields of study in four undergraduate colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the Herff College of Engineering, and the College of Education. In addition the University offers advanced study in several fields. The School of Law has a three-year graduate program, and the Department of Nursing offers a two-year undergraduate program.

In all, the University offers more than 75 major areas of study leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees, including the doctor of philosophy degree in psychology, history, and chemistry and beginning in the Fall of 1971, biology. It will be the only institution of higher learning in the State of Tennessee to offer the doctorate in biology. The doctor of education degree is also offered.

Two new programs recently approved by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission are a bachelor of science degree in medical record library science, with the University working in cooperation with Baptist Memorial Hospital; and a bachelor's degree in vocational home economics teacher education.

MSU's Department of Nursing received full accreditation from the National League for Nursing in June. Offering a two-year program for the associate of arts degree in nursing, the department provides graduates with endorsement as registered nurses in Tennessee. With the new accreditation, graduates should more easily obtain endorsement in any state. Other recent accreditations at MSU were the Speech and Hearing Center, by the American Speech and Hearing Association in January, and the College of Business Administration, by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business in May.

Two recent grants boosted MSU's research and study grants for the year to almost \$2 million. A \$90,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration for a program of management counseling to small businesses and research related to community development was awarded for use in 45 counties in Central and West Tennessee. A \$47,741 grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for 1971-72 will be used to provide advanced training at the graduate level for persons who have completed a bachelor of science requirement in medical technology or who have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and certification in medical technology. Completion of the Allied Health Professions Traineeship Program prepares participants to serve in administrative or supervisory capacities in schools of medical technology and also qualifies them to teach in the para-medical sciences at the college level.

Hundreds of Memphis youngsters got the opportunity to enjoy the athletic facilities of Memphis State last Summer through an activity program developed by the campus National Intercollegiate Athletic Association and funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity. Four days each week the youngsters came to MSU for two-hour sessions that in-

cluded such activities as softball, flag ball, archery, volleyball, basketball, badminton, exercises, modern dance, rope jump, talent shows, bowling and swimming. There were also periods devoted to good grooming and cheerleading. Each youngster was given a physical examination before being permitted to join the program and, after his acceptance, was outfitted with gym clothes. There were an average of 130 youths at each two-hour session and there were two such sessions each day.

A recent major development at MSU has been notification that the University and the University of Mississippi jointly are receiving a Manpower Research Institutional Grant from the Department of Labor totalling \$262,500. The funds will be used for badly needed manpower research and the education of manpower specialists for the Mid-South region. Both universities plan to develop graduate degree programs in the field of manpower and to establish an internship program with the City of Memphis as well as other cities in the area. Heavy emphasis also will be placed on research, especially those research activities which will help improve the utilization of the region's human resources.

Administrative changes included the announcement that Dr. Jess Parrish, vice president for student affairs became president of the new Shelby County State Community College. Succeeding Dr. Parrish is Dr. John D. Jones, former dean of student affairs at Arkansas A & M College in Monticello, Ark.

Two officials in the Office of Admissions and Records at MSU were promoted following the recent retirement of Robert P. Clark, who served MSU for 36 years. Dr. John Y. Eubank, associate dean of admissions under Mr. Clark, became dean and Dr. Julius B. Roberson, former assistant director of admissions, became director.

Among events of interest to the community such as theatre productions, operas and lecture series, are the number of nationally-known personalities visiting the campus. Since the first of the year two men who have held the post of chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have had speaking engagements here—Dr. Paul McCracken, who is holding the post during the Richard M. Nixon administration, and Dr. Walter Heller, who served Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

Others have included Paul McDaniell, principal author of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1969; Dr. Christian Anderson, one of the nation's leading nuclear scientists and assistant director of the Brookhaven Nuclear Research Laboratory; Dr. John N. Findlay, internationally-known philosopher; Dr. Allen Metzgar, noted authority on youth abuse of drugs and medical director of the Haight-Asbury drug clinic in San Francisco; Sen. Howard Baker and Rep. William Brock. Transportation Secretary John Volpe visited the campus in May when he addressed the Third Annual Mid-South Transportation Conference.

Thirty non-credit courses, ranging from ceramics to human relations, were offered this fall by the Division of Continuing Studies. Refresher courses and seminars geared for professional people are also available. These programs were developed by the office of Conferences and Institutes.

The programs, offered by MSU, including non-credit courses and conferences; the large number of faculty and staff (1,851); and the large payroll, \$12,900,000, continue to make MSU a vital part of the growing Memphis and Mid-South community.

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25th Anniversary Dallas A. C. Invitational Kirby—Singles; Lewis-Lott—Doubles

Pat Kirby, the "Weekend Warrior" supreme, added another invitational feather to his St. Patrick's Day bonnet with the 25th Dallas A.C. win over Lou Russo, 21-18, 21-12. Kirby, seeded No. 3, defeated St. Paul's Terry Muck in the semis, 21-11, 21-19, while Russo went the three-game route against fourth-seeded, Ed Bellochio, Dallas, 14-21, 21-8, 21-14.

Missing from the singles scene was Buzz Shumate, now a Denver resident, who practically owned the smaller Dallas A.C. courts, and had been a many time winner of this oldest invitational.

Fred Lewis, Miami Beach, and Steve Lott, New York, national runners up at L.A., captured the doubles over the veteran Alvis Grant, Dallas, and Pete Tyson, the University of Texas (Austin) handball teacher-coach, 21-7, 21-7. Back after several years absence was Phil Collins, the former national doubles champ with Johnny Sloan. Collins paired with Chicago's Rich Drabik, and they lost in the semis to Grant-Tyson, 21-7, 21-16. Collins showed flashes of his old prowess and will be a Masters doubles factor to reckon with in the Memphis nationals. Lott and Lewis eliminated Ken Persenaire and Frank Price of Houston in the semis, 21-5, 21-9.

The grand ol' champ of them all, Vic Hershkowitz, was another returnee of former years, and the 52-year-old New Yorker, paired with Norm Forson, to win the Masters doubles over Tim Ballantyne and Jerry Sampson, Houston, 21-12, 21-18. Hershkowitz-Forson stopped Bill Cady and Joe LeSage, Shreveport, in the semis, 21-13, 21-11, while Ballantyne and Sampson were defeating Paul Quigley, Kansas City, and John O'Sullivan, St. Louis, 21-7, 21-16.

In consolation play Jerry York and Shelby Stanley, Corpus Christi, defeated Bob Spann and Scott Spann, Corpus Christi, 21-20, 11-21, 21-11. Jim Espey, Tulsa, won the consolation singles over Bob Roberts, Dallas, 21-13, 21-17.

SINGLES—First Round—Lou Russo, New York, def. Rudy Garcia, Waco, 21-11, 21-7; Ozzie Burke, Bryant, Texas, def. Tom Blakeley, Dallas, 21-18, 21-7; Jeff Barnes, Austin, def. Jim Espey, Tulsa, 21-13, 7-21, 21-13; Ed Bellochio, Dallas, def. Tom Saunders, Ft. Sill, Okla., 21-18, 21-13; Pat Kirby, New York, def. Rick Saks, Dallas, 17-21, 21-14, 21-13; Wayne Graham, Austin, def. Ed Woelfel, St. Louis, 21-15, 21-5; Dick Cramer, Houston, def. Bob Roberts, Dallas, 13-21, 21-11, 21-11; Terry Muck, St. Paul, def. Smiley Glover, Corpus Christi, 21-10, 21-4.

Quarter-finals: Russo def. Burke, 21-8,



DOUBLES FINALISTS . . . Paul Albright, aide to "General" George Lee in the successful running of the 25th "oldest and best" Dallas Athletic Club invitational, presents sterling silver platters to open doubles finalists. At top are runners up (l to r) — Pete Tyson, U. of Texas coach (abandoned the crew cut for the 'mod'); Albright; Alvis Grant, of the host club, who has added the mustachio. Below — (l to r) — Champs — Steve Lott, New York; Fred Lewis, Miami Beach.

21-8; Bellochio def. Barnes, 21-14, 21-12; Kirby def. Graham, 21-7, 21-7; Muck def. Cramer, 21-14, 21-13.

DOUBLES—First Round — Alvis Grant, Dallas, Pete Tyson, Austin, def. J. York-S. Stanley, San Antonio, 21-7, 21-9; J. Hunt-M. Kilbury, Little Rock, def. L. Lewter-T. Cronin, Lubbock, 21-3, 21-6; Robert Blakely-Dan Galvin, Dallas, def. C. Lloyd-D. Montgomery, Shreveport, 21-12, 21-11; Phil Collins-Rich Drabik, Chicago, def. Joe Hero Jr.-Terry Hankins, Austin, 21-15, 21-10; Ken Persenaire-Frank Price, Houston, def. S. Al-

bright-S. Ruiz, Austin, 21-12, 21-2; Dick Roberson, Austin-P. Albright, Dallas, def. H. Heck-B. McLain, Little Rock, 21-3, 21-5; E. Schall-E. Swain, Dallas, def. Jim Harp-Jim Moore, Dallas, 21-16, 21-15; Fred Lewis, Miami Beach-Steve Lott, New York, def. E. Schall-E. Swain, Dallas, 21-9, 21-8.

Quarter-finals: Grant-Tyson def. Hunt-Kilbury, 21-16, 21-11; Collins-Drabik, def. Blakely-Galvin, 21-13, 20-21, 21-15; Persenaire-Price def. Roberson-Albright, 16-21, 21-11, 21-11; Lott-Lewis def. Schall-Swain, 21-4, 21-12.

INTERCOLLEGIATES . . .

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DOUBLES—Joe Hero-Terry Hankins, Texas, def. Dean Dorsey-James Stobie, Air Force Academy, 21-10, 21-7; Michael Bishop-David McGarry, Washington State, def. Ted Jackowski-Paul Matic, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, 21-10, 21-15; Steve Mirakian-David Albright, Army, def. Joe Branam-Frank Rosato, University of Tennessee, 21-13, 21-4; Willie Yee-Steve Jamron, Lake Forest College, def. David Chaney-Perry Taylor Jr., Nav, 21-5, 21-2.

SEMI-FINALS: Hero-Hankins def. Bishop-McGarry, 21-5, 21-12; Yee-Jamron def. Mirakian-Albright, 21-17, 21-13.

Finals: Hero-Hankins def. Yee-Jamron, 21-12, 21-11.

THIRD PLACE: Branam-Rosato def. Bishop-McGarry, 21-15, 21-18.

B SINGLES—Preliminary: Bob Thompson, Tulane, def. Art Johnson, Navy, 21-5, 21-7; Gary Loiben, Texas, def. Ben Smith, Army, 21-10, 21-8.

FIRST ROUND—Dave Smith, Lake Forest, def. Thompson, 21-18, 21-10; John Plotnicki, Tennessee, def. Mike Roark, Army, 21-16, 21-14; Stu Rothstein, Colorado, def. Gary Winterberger, Air Force Academy, 21-16, 21-4; Steve Morris, Tennessee, def. Richard Massa, Navy, 21-17, 21-7; Wayne Lee, Texas, def. Steve Mills, Washington State, 21-17, 21-8; Richard Daley, Florissant Community College (Mo.) def. D. Pinnell, E. Carolina (default); R. Bardell, Penn State, def. Mike Garrity, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, 21-12, 21-10; Bruce Ashby, Maryland, def. Loiben, 21-11, 21-11.

QUARTER-FINALS: Smith def. Plotnicki, 21-14, 21-11; Rothstein def. Morris, 21-1, 21-10; Staley def. Lee, 21-20, 8-21, 21-18; Ashby def. Bardell, 21-5, 21-6.

SEMI-FINALS: Rothstein def. Smith, 21-5, 21-11; Staley def. Ashby, 21-8, 21-5.

Finals: Staley def. Rothstein, 21-5, 21-5.

THIRD PLACE: Smith def. Ashby, 20-21, 21-8, 21-12.

A SINGLES—Wes Yee, Lake Forest College (bye); Ed Lowrence, Tennessee, def. Ronald Spratt, Navy, 21-10, 21-15; Ozzie Burke, Texas A & M, def. Roger Madsen, Washington State, 21-18, 21-13; John Paveletz, John Baruch College (City of N.Y.), def. A. Privitzer, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus, default; Jay Bilyeu, Fresno City College, def. J. Sweder, Air Force Academy, 13-21, 21-3, 21-4; Steve Smith, Michigan, def. Gordon Focht, San Antonio College, 21-10, 21-4; Roy Gelber, U. of Florida, def. Christopher Feudo, Army, 21-11, 21-3; Jeff Barnes, Texas, def. Nathan

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONS

1953 University of Illinois, Chicago

1954 University of Detroit

1955 University of Texas

1956 University of Texas

1957 University of Texas

1958 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Notre Dame

1959 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

1960 University of Texas

1961 Michigan State

1962 University of Minnesota

1963 University of Texas

1964 University of Texas

1965 University of Texas

1966 University of Texas

1967 University of Texas

1968 University of Texas

1969 University of Miami (Fla.)

1970 University of Texas

1971 Lake Forest College — University of Texas

Evanston, Ill. (YMCA)

Chicago, Ill. (Town Club)

Chicago, Ill. (Town Club)

YMHA, St. Louis, Mo.

Chicago, Ill. (Town Club)

Chicago, Ill. (Town Club)

Houston, Tex. (YMCA)

Boulder, Colo. (Univ. Colo.)

Lafayette Ind. (Purdue Univ.)

Cincinnati, Ohio (Univ. Cincinnati)

Miami, Fla. (Westbrook Country Club)

Austin, Tex. (Univ. Tex.)

Austin, Tex. (Univ. Tex.)

Houston, Tex. (Houston A.C.)

Univ. Park, Penn. (Penn St.)

St. Louis, Mo. (J.C.C.A.)

Austin, Tex. (Univ. Tex.)

Lake Forest College

Univ. of Tennessee

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

A SINGLES

1953 Don Varner

U. Ill.-Navy Pier

1954 Mal Dorfmann

Univ. Penn.

1955 Bob Perez

DePaul Univ.

1956 Ray Elliott

Purdue Univ.

1957 Bob Perez

Roosevelt Univ.

1958 Bob Perez

Roosevelt Univ.

1959 Fernando Arias

Rensselaer Poly.

1960 Larry Wood

Univ. Colorado

1961 Bill Yambrick

Univ. Minnesota

1962 Bill Yambrick

Univ. Minnesota

1963 Steve August

Univ. Michigan

1964 Harold Price

Los Angeles State

1965 Bob Lindsay

Univ. Texas

1966 Bob Lindsay

Univ. Texas

1967 Terry Muck

Bethel College

(Minn.)

1968 Terry Muck

Bethel College

(Minn.)

1969 Fred Lewis

Univ. Miami (Fla.)

1970 Fred Lewis

Univ. Miami (Fla.)

1971 Wes Yee

Lake Forest

College (Ill.)

B SINGLES

Don Del Papa

Univ. Detroit

Don Milazzo

Univ. Detroit

Tom Mark

Notre Dame

Tom Mark

Notre Dame

Dick Beeler

Univ. Texas

Harry Poppel

Rensselaer Poly.

Dorman Wheeler

Univ. Texas

Paul Schulz

Univ. Minnesota

Jim Arnold

Univ. Michigan

Pete Hall

U.S.M.A.-West Point

Mickey Sheppard

Univ. Texas

Glen Vorwerk

Univ. Texas

Bill Squires

Univ. Texas

Jim Love

Univ. Texas

John Paveletz

Bronx Community

College (N.Y.)

Willie Yee

Lake Forest

College (Ill.)

Mike Darnell

Purdue

Dick Staley

Florissant Community

College (Mo.)

DOUBLES

Jerry Lask-Joe Barrett

Univ. Ill.-Navy Pier

Don Johnson-Jim Mathis

Texas A. & M.

Jack Davis-Bert Cos

Univ. Texas

Ed Koshner-Jerry Korn

Univ. St. Louis

Ed Koshner-Stan Goldstein

Washington Univ. (Mo.)

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Les Blakely-Pete Tyson

S.M.U.

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Terry Brenner-Ben Brown

Michigan State

Paul Schulz-Gary Rohrer

Univ. Minnesota

Ken Persenaire-Bob Roberts

Univ. Texas

Ken Persenaire-Art Landry

Univ. Texas

Mickey Sheppard-Matt Kelly

Univ. Texas

Mickey Sheppard-Ken David-

off, Univ. Texas

Bob Herman-Bill Squires

Univ. Texas

Ozzie Burke-Dan Kennerly

Texas A. & M.

Joel Galpern-Jackie Lewis

Univ. Miami (Fla.)

Joe Hero-Terry Hankins

Univ. Texas

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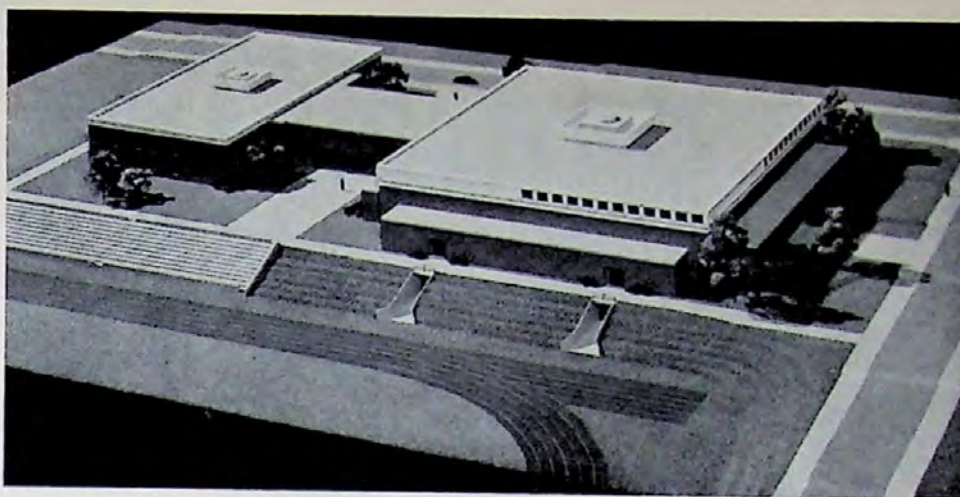
SEMI-FINALS: Yee def. Paveletz, 21-16, 21-11; Barnes def. Smith, 21-11, 21-16.

Finals: Yee def. Barnes, 21-6, 21-17.

THIRD PLACE: Paveletz def. Smith, 21-10, 21-16.



DOING THE WORK . . . Mrs. Barbara Godfrey, Ben Plotnicki's able secretary, did double duty in pre-tournament planning, and during the busy three-day competition. She could have used roller skates in her frantic rushes from office to courts and return. Here she hands out souvenir t-shirt.



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING . . . This is a model of what a big college sports facility should be. The 10-court addition should boom the Vols' handball-paddleball (Andy Kozar will take care of the paddleball promotions) program in the months to come. Adjacent to the building is a complete outdoor track facility. The three-sided plexiglass championship court should become the same type of showcase as the one at the University of Texas.

Sy Barnes drove in from Birmingham with his better half to watch his son Jeff in the semis and finals and get in a little action with Ben Loiben as his partner against losers Semel and Leve. Sy will again host the National Invitational Masters doubles and Golden Masters doubles in Birmingham next October. Loiben, coming in from Chicago, was an inter-

ested onlooker with his son Gary an individual Texas entrant, and pitching in with the refereeing chores.

The Saturday night traditional banquet was held in the physical education building with an "all-you-can-eat" buffet, limited talks, and a tap dance routine by the school's group.



CLASS B CHAMPIONSHIP . . . Dick Staley (1), representing Florissant Community College of suburban St. Louis, was the strong boy of the Class B intercollegiate singles. Dick beat Stu Rothstein, University of Colorado, in the finals.

TEAM STANDINGS

Texas	14
Lake Forest	14
Tennessee	3
Washington State	2
Army	2
Navy	0
Air Force Academy	0

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Since the founding of our Company in 1902, we at National Life and Accident have been serving the greater Memphis area. Today, four district offices, 115 Shield men strong, provide continuing service to the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County. We'd just like to say "thanks" to our many friends for making 1970 National Life's finest year yet in the Bluff City. We appreciate it.

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Memphis State University 1971 Football Schedule

7:30 p.m.	Sept. 11, 1971	West Texas State Univ.	Home
7:30 p.m.	Sept. 18, 1971	University of Mississippi	Home
7:30 p.m.	Oct. 2, 1971	U. of South Carolina	Home
7:30 p.m.	Oct. 9, 1971	U. of Louisville	Home
1:30 p.m.	Oct. 16, 1971	Utah State University	Away
7:30 p.m.	Oct. 23, 1971	U. of Southern Mississippi	Home
1:30 p.m.	Oct. 30, 1971	University of Cincinnati	Away
7:30 p.m.	Nov. 6, 1971	University of Houston	Home
1:30 p.m.	Nov. 13, 1971	North Texas State U.	Home
1:30 p.m.	Nov. 20, 1971	Kansas State University	Home

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Decade of Chicago JCC Handball

About 10 years ago the Bernard Horwich Jewish Community Center, housing three 20'x20'x40' handball courts, was completed in the West Rogers Park area of Chicago.

Since the closing in the late 1950's of the JPI on the old West side, this is the first and only JCC where handball can be played in Chicagoland. Despite a dearth of ranking players, hungry for handball news activities, this club was formed immediately under the able assistance of Eli Sutker and Sam Brahill, who served as its early presidents. These men were followed by many others, including Marvin Serota, Dick Laner, Ben Loiben, Mort Leve, Bernie Friedman, Ron Ross, and Bud Perelman, our current president.

Other officers now are: Vice-presidents Alan Loiben, Bernie Friedman, and Jack Miller; Secretary Mike Brooker; Treasurer Howard Bernstein. Sam Brahill, Bert Weiner, and Wes Berman are staff advisors. Membership numbers almost 100, all of whom are members of USHA and read ACE magazine avidly.

Præxy Bud Perelman has been a busy leader. With tournament chairman Al Loiben, they have completed many tournaments this season, including a Turkey Tourney, Divisional Singles and Doubles events, and a ladder, which will conclude on May 30. Leading the singles ladder presently in each division, are:

A — Jerry Epstein; Ben Loiben; Sam Malkin; Ron Martin.

B — Sam Malkin; Mike Cass; Mike Goldner; Ron Horowitz.

C — Jeff Serota; M. Berger; Larry

Sutker; Brad Schiff.

The winners of the Singles Divisional titles were:

A — Bernie Harris; Jerry Rosenthal; Herman Knell; Ben Loiben.

B — Sam Malkin; Mike Cass; Mike Goldner; Ron Horowitz.

C-D — Sid Pepper; Gil Rockoff; Phil Weisberg; Sam Fox.

The winners of the Doubles Divisional titles were:

A — Bud Perelman and Jerry Rosenthal; Ben Loiben and Dr. Marvin Willerman; Dr. Arnie Swerdlow and Dan Brodsky; Eli Sutker and Mort Greenberg.

B — Mike Goldner and Al Loiben; Irv Kay and Sid Pepper; Mike Marks and Ed Ruber; Jerry Kravitz and Jack Miller.

C-D — Rich Durlacher and Joe Ginsburg; Sam Fox and Howard Bernstein; Rabbi Raitzik and Gil Rockoff; Rich Farkas and Al Rudman.

Appropriate trophies will be awarded for these tournaments at our 84th Annual Awards Dinner Dance, a black tie optional gala, scheduled at the American Furniture Club on April 17, \$10.00 per plate. Chaired again by "Little Al" Rudman and Marv Serota, ably assisted by Herb Cohen, program, and many others, another sell-out crowd is anticipated.

Regular meetings are held one Sunday per month, usually preceded by a free brunch and concluded with an educational handball program. Past speakers, following house games, were Ken Schneider, Phil Collins, and Gus Lewis. USHA President Bob Kendler and aide Joe Ardito, frequent playing visitors, have reserved a table for our dinner dance. Mort

Leve has shown instructional movie films twice, the Jim Jacobs-Stuffy Singer clip, and the recent Paul Haber-Pete Tyson loop films, all being of national champions.

We conduct instructional clinics each week, and urge players to enter tournaments and leagues, regardless of their degree of skill, stressing experience and competition. Already Jeff Serota, Larry Sutker, Brad Schiff, and Young Green promise to surpass their dads Marvin, Eli, Haskel, and Phil. Have we missed any other father-son combinations? Member Gary Loiben, who participated in the Summer league conducted by Mike Dau at Lake Forest College in the Intercollegiate Singles and Open Doubles (with Pop) and reached the finals of both, already can trounce him. Gary, a member of Pete Tyson's squad at the University of Texas, just participated in the National Intercollegiate at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and watched his team defend their national championship on Dr. Plotnicki's 10 new courts, including an exhibition court having 3 walls of plexiglass, floor to ceiling. This leaves the likes of Sam Fox, Manny Weininger, Joe Belson, Harold Kahn, Manly, Seymour, and Victor Croft, Sam Brahill, Dave Weinberg (recovering from a spinal fusion after a 4th place finish with Ben in the 1969 National YMCA Master's doubles), and Ben Loiben to look to their memories, observe their grandchildren, or aspire to laurels in the Golden Master's Doubles presently scheduled at Memphis State College. Many of us will be there. Will you?

Golden Masters Nationals Will Test 'Sport-Tred'

Handball players and fans who are curious about the new synthetic surfaces will be interested to know that the USHA Nationals in Memphis March 27-April 3 will be played on both hard maple and a new type of customized synthetic surface called SPORT-TRED®.

Both are manufactured by Robbins Division of Cook Industries, the world's largest producer of athletic floors.

Most of the games will be played on Robbins' Lock-Tite®, the regular hard maple floors with which all players are familiar. But the Golden Masters Division finals will be played on Robbins' new synthetic Sport-Tred surface, where you can be sure both players and fans will watch with special interest to see if the synthetic floor gives the ball the "true bounce" claimed by the manufacturer

and how, if at all, it affects the behavior of the ball and speed of play.

Robbins' Lock-Tite is hard maple flooring milled with a continuous tongue, end-matched, laid over steel channels and anchored with heavy-duty steel clips. It is used in all nine of the courts in the new showplace Athletic Complex at Memphis State University, and in three of the six courts in the old Athletic Building at MSU.

The other three have SPORT-TRED, an entirely new type of surface among the synthetics. It is a solid vinyl plastisol that can be customized to permit easy changes in length, thickness and color.

Unlike other synthetic floors of laminated vinyls and filled urethanes, Sport-Tred won't fade, change color, shrink, absorb stains or show undue wear pat-

terns under normal use, the manufacturer says.

The flooring comes in three standard colors — tan, green and red — but is available in any color of the rainbow "at slight extra charge." Robbins reports that many users are ordering it in "their own distinctive school or club colors." It comes in four standard thicknesses — 1/8", 3/16", 1/4" or 3/8".

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Alberta, Canada . . .

Following is a report of the 1971 Alberta Open Handball Championships.

The scene for this year's Alberta Open was the capital city of the province — Edmonton — with all the action taking place at the new University of Alberta Physical Education Centre. This complex sports Canada's most recent and complete handball — squash facilities containing 7 squash courts and 7 handball courts. Four of these courts have complete glass backwalls and provide tremendous viewing for spectators. University officials in the person of Mr. Chuck Moser have been very co-operative in allowing the Alberta Handball Association use of its facilities and it is hoped that this will be the scene of the 1972 Canadian Nationals.

Entrants for the tourney came from Great Falls, Montana, Calgary, Vancouver, B.C., and Edmonton, with a total of 75 players taking part. In the Open Singles event defending champion Bob Wilson from Vancouver defeated local hero Dinty Moor 21-15, 16-21 and 21-11. The Open Doubles play saw Al Day and Chris Ripplinger from Calgary defeat Ed Boone and Bill Morrow from Vancouver 21-13, 21-10. In the Masters there was an all Edmonton final with a rivalry that dates back to the days of bathtub gin. It was by Bob Dixon and Bob Laing over Dave Kushner and Sol Schwartz 21-11, 21-12.

For the second time in the history of this tournament Junior players again played for the right to represent their Province at the Canadian Nationals in Montreal. Due to the recent rapid growth of junior talent in the province and North America the junior event is becoming a most challenging and enjoyable category for spectators. This year we were fortunate in having two youngsters travelling all the way from Great Falls, Montana, on their own, to participate in the Alberta Open. Their efforts were not in vain as Tom Cole from Great Falls defeated Wayne Whitlock of Calgary 21-17, 21-13, in the final match.

Also, to add to the busy schedule, consolation events were held with the following being winners in their respective divisions: Singles — Don Steele. Doubles — Don Stelle and Jim Westerman. Masters Doubles — John Kempo and Jim Thompson. Junior Singles — Adrian Bussoli.

Trophies and refreshments were provided by Molsons Canada Ltd., with a big thanks going out to Don Henderson, Brian Dickinson and Marv Roberts for their assistance.

Needless to say all visitors were treated with the traditional Edmonton hospitality and a good time was had by all.

Ken Shearer
Chairman
1971 Alberta Open

Explaining Rule . . .

Sirs:

As chairman of our local YMCA handball committee I need a confirmation that a rule we have (because of a slightly undersize court) is valid. It reads as follows: "A volleyed ball from the front wall to back wall to floor must be touched by the opponent before reaching the front wall." This may not happen on a full-size court but we have this occur quite often. Your interpretation or ruling will be appreciated.

TOM HAGENMAIER
Fostoria, OH.

NOTE: On such a volleyed ball the ball may be played AFTER reaching the front wall off the one bounce . . . BUT must be played on the fly off the front wall as there has already been one bounce.

East Divisional . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

I feel a public vote of thanks should go to the management of the Eastern Divisional, held at the West Side YMCA in New York.

Realizing the brief time to organize for this tournament it was an exceptional success. Everything went very smoothly.

Continuous refreshments were provided by Bobby Harbatkin and his father and were much appreciated. A great time was had by all at the Saturday evening banquet. Jim Jacobs was the guest speaker and with his comments made it an enlightening experience.

Special congratulations to Livingston Baker for the wonderful job he did in handling the ups and downs of such a big tournament. More gentlemen like Baker in our organization would do a lot for handball.

JIM FITZPATRICK

Dedicate Three Washington A. C. Courts

INVOCATION — Dedication of Sixth Floor Handball Courts, Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, Dec. 12, 1970. Rev. Francis J. Logan, S.J., (Father Logan).

Lord, we come before you today, thankfully, because our favorite sport, the "Sport of Competitive Athletes", has helped to bring us enjoyment, health, friendship, and enrichment of spirit.

We are thankful for those who have made these new courts possible, and for the benefits these courts will afford so many in the future.

We thank you in all humility, for we know that we are but a small minority of your children — those to whom you have given strength, skill, determination, and stamina to hit the strong serve, the careful ceiling ball, the hard passing shot, the roll out kill.

And, as we dedicate these new courts, aware that we who will compete here will leave one as victor, one vanquished, we ask of you the capacity to accept with good grace either the one or the other, every mindful that in our efforts to win, the qualities of fair play and sportsmanship should have the first place in our hearts and minds.

Finally, Our Father, we pray that our exercise here will teach us, and increase our love for you and for our fellow man — Amen.

Marty Singer Passes Away

By MORT LEVE

Handball lost a real stalwart when Marty Singer passed away, March 14. Marty, so familiar to several generations of players, to the J.P.I. gang of the World War II era in his native Chicago, and then as a pioneering administrator in Southern California, was as knowledgeable about the game as anyone we have ever come in contact.

During the past 20 years, along with the population explosion in the Los Angeles area, handball enjoyed a similar boom there. Marty was active in the Southern California Handball Association, probably the largest and most active group in the nation, and served as its popular president up to a year ago. Despite failing health, Marty covered all arenas of action — organizing, refereeing, counseling — always fair and considerate.

We knew Marty as a "square shooter". There was nothing phony about this big man. If he didn't like something he minced no words in making himself understood. He had the ability to handle his fellow handballers; placating, cajoling, leading. His was a busy program, handling various class league play along with the king-sized Southern California tournaments.



THE 1968 CHAMPIONSHIP . . . Marty was tremendously proud as he presented son, Stuff, with handball's No. 1 prize — the USHA national singles championship — for winning in 1968 at the St. Louis JCCA.

I enjoyed knowing Marty and considered him a good friend. I could always discuss USHA and the game in general — always respected his judgments and observations. At our nationals he always pitched in tirelessly as a most competent referee and was invaluable in giving of his tournament operation experience.

Marty's real self-satisfaction out of the game came through the championship accomplishments of his son, Stuff. As a man who had been indoctrinated into all sports as a youngster on the West Side of Chicago, Marty imparted this on to Stuff as he grew up in Los Angeles. Finally, after his fine high school team achievements, Stuff "found" handball and with the added exposure to Jim Jacobs at the Hollywood YMCA, soon became a national ranking performer.

It was wonderful to see Marty come rushing out of the stands at St. Louis in 1968 to help crown his pride and joy as national singles champion. All of us could feel the drama, the thrill of this father-son relationship, just as the closeness and pride was there for Stuff's wife, Sunny.

We offer our condolences to Marty's fine and loving wife, Olga, to Stuff and Sunny . . . and know Marty will be looking down with justifiable pride on the Memphis championship court during the Big Week, hoping for another victory for Stuff.

USHA Northwest...

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finals: John Beahm def. Des Charouhas 21-4, 21-7; Allan Lippman def. Frank Rauch 21-15, 21-10. Finals: Allan Lippman was at his peak game and was not to be denied as he won the final match 21-13, 21-7. In watching the two finalists play, it was hard to believe they were in the 40 and over bracket.

Masters Doubles: In semi-final action Lee Shinn and Mike Fajer def. Howard Soumie and Wes Knapp 21-18, 21-15; Rod Pantages and Jack Alton defeated Bernie Goble and McInroe 21-19, 18-21, 21-7. Finals: The finals was one of the most exciting matches of the tourney with 54 year-old Lee Shinn and Mike Fajer winning over Rod Pantages and Jack Alton 21-11, 19-21, 21-10. Sportsmanship, honor, and excellent play were all included in this match.

Consolation winners were: Open Singles — Doug Willey over Bob Cobean 15-21, 21-11, 21-4; Open Doubles — Brown and Wilson over Davis and Severud 21-5, 21-9; Masters Singles — Bob Vanderpool over Berman 21-15, 21-5; Masters Doubles — Frank Bagan and Stoinoff over Kulch and Voelkner 20-21, 21-13, 21-10.

Our Popular Sportsmanship Award winner was Stan Lovegrove of Portland's Milwaukie Elks Club.

During the course of the tournament, participants enjoyed a hospitality room where a baked bean buffet was served, cocktail hour, followed by the banquet, where there was an all-time high attendance of 192 and awards were presented, followed by live music, and a 1:30 a.m. breakfast was served.

The tournament was a great success and many thanks to all who made it possible and good luck to all the winners in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dick Brouwer, Chairman

New England...

Consistent winning is the name of the handball game for two Worcester, Mass., handball players, Warren Chase and Pete Carigla. Warren, who holds a PhD in Math and is a professor at Framingham State Teachers College and Pete, a physical education teacher in the Worcester School System — just happen to be the two best handball players in New England at the present time.

It was evident after the first round of the New England States Singles Championships, held at the Worcester Central YMCA Feb. 19-20, that Pete and Warren were once again the class of the tournament.

First National Champ...

Bill Ranft Passes Away at 81



A GENERATION AGO... Exhibitions and handball get-togethers/were highlights of the Southern California season in the 40's. Here pictured are: Bill "Murder Ball" Ranft, Harold Lloyd (who passed away March 8), and USHA's first national commissioner, the late Al Schaufelberger.

NOTE: The world of handball was saddened this past months with news of the passing of three nationally-known and dedicated men—Bill Ranft, Harold Lloyd, and Marty Singer. Ironically enough, all of these pioneers in the history of the game came from the Los Angeles area. Their loss is deeply felt.

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Bill "Murderball" Ranft got his nickname after winning the first nationally sanctioned singles tournament in 1919 because of his bullet-like kill shots. Bill also teamed up with Joe Lacey to give the Los Angeles A.C. the national doubles title as well.

Bill was a native of San Francisco and learned the game as a teen-ager at the famed Golden Gate Park courts. Later he represented the Olympic Club, then gained his national fame after moving to Los Angeles. He represented the Los Angeles Athletic Club in water polo, basketball, and track in addition to his leadership in the big courts.

Ranft was one of few champion players who gave back to the game. He tutored many young players and was instrumental in prepping the national champion "Baby Elephant" team of Joe Gordon and Andy Berry (1935-36). He formed the Harold Lloyd Handball Club at Mr. Lloyd's spacious Beverly Hills estate and it was here that the national finals were held in 1936.

Carroll Van Court, who was handball "pro" at the Los Angeles A.C. for 40 years, and who authored the "scientific" instructional booklet on the game, said of Ranft: "Ranft uses the stroke that should be used—the underhand stroke. His form is beautiful. He plays the proper game—and kills every chance he can. It is because of the stroke that he is able to kill such a terrific ball. It is because of the stroke that he is able to drive a low fast ball, and is able to make such uncanny, almost impossible gets in the back corners. It is because of the stroke that he can make the wonderful fly kill, which is the best shot in handball." Van Court added, "Bill is a very popular champion because he never stalls, never loafs, always plays a fair, clean, hard, brilliant game, and gives the best he has."

In later years, Bill was a "regular" at national tournaments, kept current on the game's developments and never lost his key interest.

This one is for you, Dad

Hofflander Wins Central USHA Singles

Denny Hofflander added the Central USHA singles to the previous doubles title he won this season with Jack McDonald, completely dominating a 76-player field in competition held at the Oak Park YMCA, spread out over a 9-day period, March 7-15. Seeded fourth, Hofflander never had more than six points scored against him in his ten-game march to the championship. Phil Elbert of the host Y got 5 and 6 in the semis, and then Denny stopped Don Ardito, Irving Park YMCA, 5 and 1 in the finals.

For Hofflander it proved he is ready for national play once again and should be a very interesting young man to watch in Memphis. He has the fast tempo, two handed game, coolness under fire, and if there is any shortcoming it would be his lack of more tournament action this season. As an apprentice electrician he just hasn't been able to devote more time to the game. The Vietnam veteran, who many thought would be a claimant for the national singles crown by this stage of his career might yet see that come about. At 25 Hofflander is a bright light in the horizon and the draw in the nationals may have a major bearing on his eventual finish.

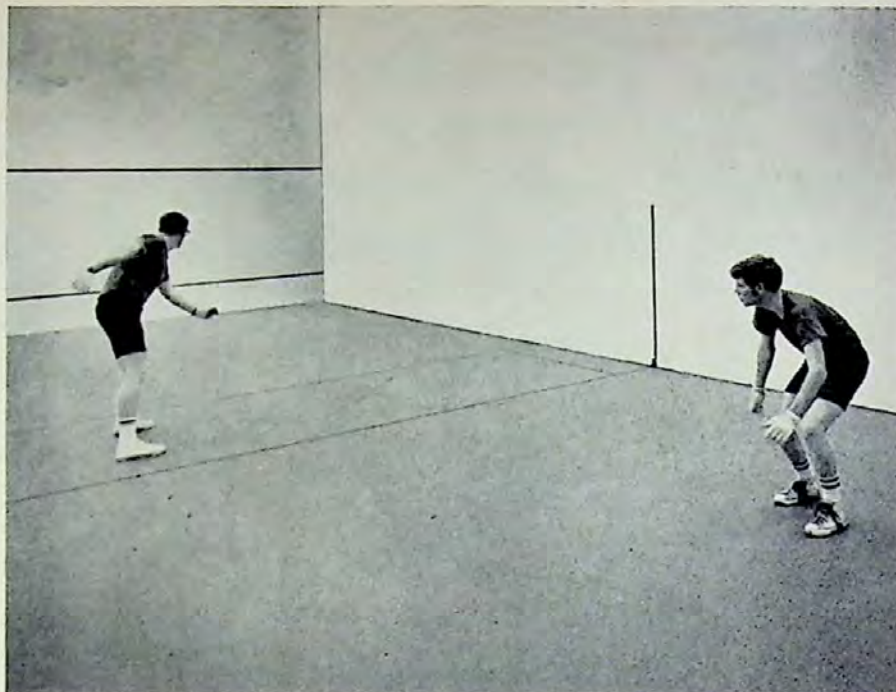
No. 1 seeded Zeke Zalatel, Joliet, was stopped by 39-year-old Elbert in the quarterfinals in a wear-down three game, 21-19, 6-21, 21-18, while Ardito, No. 2 seed, got a rest as Frank Larkin, Evanston YMCA, defaulted. Ardito then had to go the route before eliminating Bob Koenig, Northwest Suburban YMCA, 20-21, 21-15, 21-17, in the semis.

Joe Ardito, Illinois Handball Association president and chairman for the event, tabbed Stan Morris of Joliet as "most improved". Constant sessions against Zalatel have sharpened Morris' off hand and he made a very creditable showing, beating Vern McKinley, Evanston YMCA, in a hotly-contested three game (3rd game 21-20) and then stopping Elliott Ets Hokin, West Suburban YMCA, 21-17, 21-15. He was then given the Hofflander tournament.

Quarter-finals: Elbert def. Zalatel, 21-19, 6-21, 21-18; Hofflander def. Morris, 21-3, 21-4; Koenig def. D'Andrea, 21-20, 21-6; Ardito def. Larkin (Default):

Semi-finals: Hofflander def. Elbert, 21-5, 21-6; Ardito def. Koenig, 20-21, 21-15, 21-17.

Finals: Hofflander def. Ardito, 21-5, 21-1.



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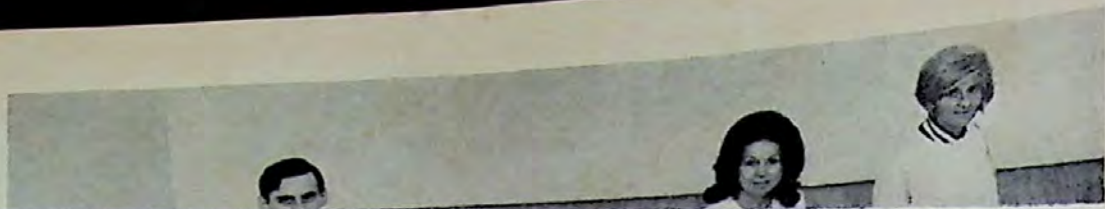
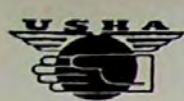
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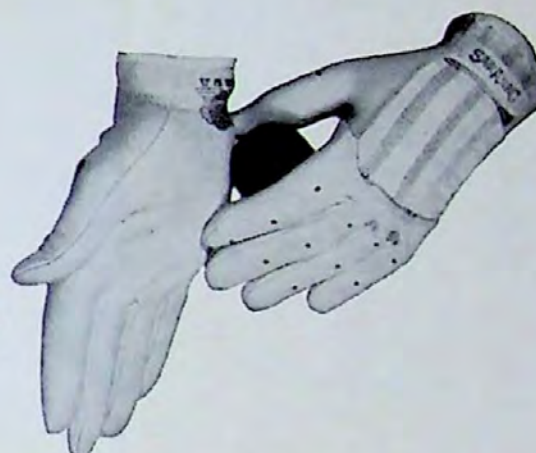
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This certainly would be Harold Lloyd's admonition to all of us who loved him, and now are saddened by his passing. His entire career brought happiness and laughter to millions of people and it is his life he would want you to recall, — not his death. On March 8, 1971, at the age of 77, he gave up his illustrious career as one of the greatest comedians of all time, — as a Shriner who rose to the exalted position of Imperial Potentate, — but more than all else, — as one of the pioneers of modern handball.

If you have enjoyed handball during the last 40 years, — you are indebted to Harold to some degree. During the Golden Age of Comedy, — the 20's and 30's, — he contributed heavily to handball. He sponsored Bill "Murder Ball" Ranft, — whose passing we also mourn at this time, — he supported Al Banuet and a host of other West Coast greats. His interest was so intense that he built a court with a huge gallery at his home in Beverly Hills. He built another at his studio and played with men like Charles Ruggles, David Butler and Ad Schaumer.

He even held the National Championship finals at his home in 1936 and became one of Joe Platak's greatest admirers. His generosity knew no bounds. When he couldn't personally entertain visiting players, Bill Ranft had the run of the place. In fact, Bill even formed the Harold Lloyd Handball Club and ran tournaments at the estate. Harold's hospitality could not be equalled, — and embraced hundreds of handball players and their wives during the Southern California tournaments.

I used to think Art Linkletter could sit in a handball gal-

lery longer than any fan I knew. Last year changed my mind. All day, every day, — as long as there were games, — Harold Lloyd was in the gallery. He never stopped asking questions and his enthusiasm was contagious. He wanted me to be sure to reserve a seat for him at Memphis.

He could have died the president of the United States Handball Association. All of us wanted him to be handball's leader. When the players called him during our organization meeting he nominated me. It was his wish that I be elected and it was his promise that he would always support me. He never failed. No matter what we ever asked, — he always obliged. Nothing diminished his interest in handball and its players. I am sure death won't either.

When we left his home last year, Evie decided to send him something personal in appreciation for all he had done for us. He seemed to be most proud of his collection of decorated eggs that ornamented his huge Christmas tree. Virtually every great movie star had presented him with some costly jeweled egg from every corner of the earth. So fabulous was this two-story tree that Life Magazine featured it and the Smithsonian Institute bid for it. Egg decorating just happens to be one of Evie's many talents. So her very best eggs were soon dispatched and Harold's reply is published in our letter section of this magazine. Read it. You will quickly see what a kind, sweet and considerate person he was. We know now why the reply was delayed, — but nowhere in it do you find despair. That's why I am sure he would say to all of us,

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