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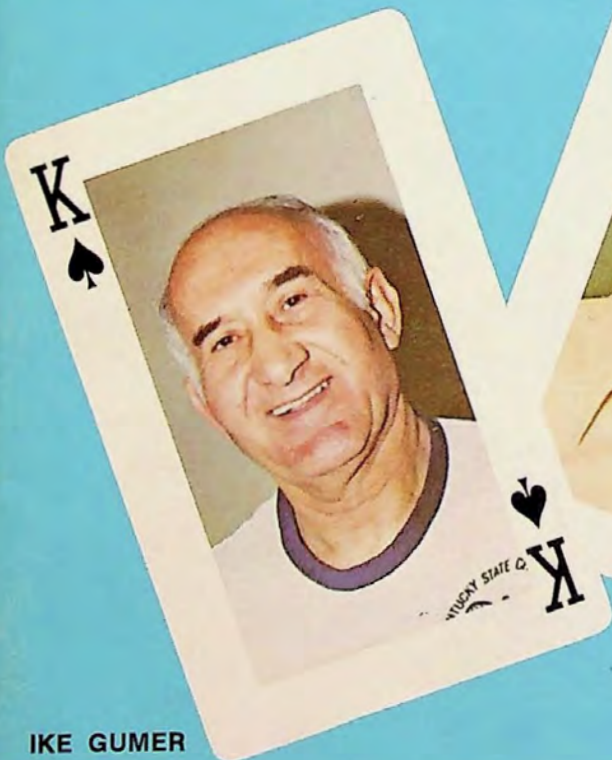
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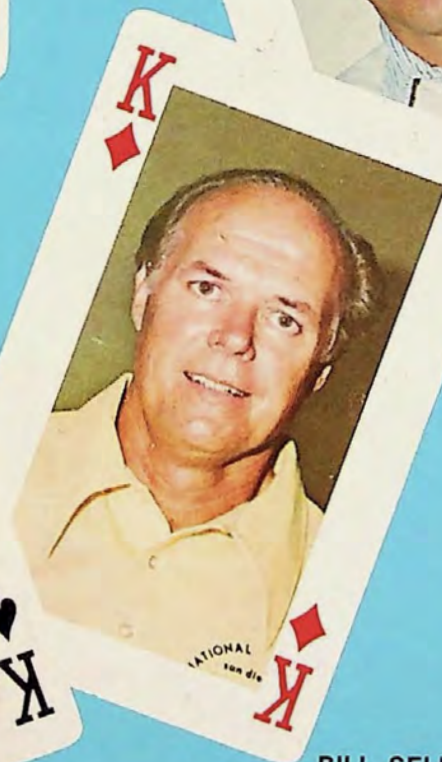
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The President Reports . . .



Internationals Take the Cake!

By DeWitt Shy

President, International Racquetball Association

Those of you who didn't make it to the Internationals in San Diego really missed a great time and even greater racquetball competition. There's nothing like the Internationals . . . the biggest tournament of them all brings out the best in the players.

The sixth annual IRA International Championships attracted 206 contestants in the six singles divisions—72 in Open Singles—plus eight women's doubles teams. And the competition was so strong that only one of the top-seeded singles players, Peggy Steding, went home with a championship trophy.

But before I get too carried away reminiscing about tournament play, let's take care of some first things, first. The LeBaron Hotel was a good choice as tournament headquarters . . . plenty big . . . half a dozen places to eat . . . three places for entertainment, etc.

As for the tournament arrangements, Dr. Bud Muehleisen did a super job. The hospitality was absolutely great . . . every time you went down the hospitality line, you felt like you were looking at the finalists of the Miss America contest. The food was excellent, but the service was better. Bud's cute wife, Cindy, really outdid herself.

The court facility, Brown's Racquetball-Handball Club, just opened up about three days before our tournament. Ten courts, one of them glass wall (one side), and we kept them full, too, with 288 matches in four days. Also worthy of note was the 6x6 whirlpool, three feet deep and 107 degrees.

Things started popping in a hurry, with Trey Sayes from Salt Lake City upsetting sixth-seeded Mike Zeitman of Louisville in the round of 32. Trey promptly was brought out of the clouds by Wayne Bowes, the first Canadian ever to reach the International quarterfinals.

The most disappointed player at the tournament, however, had to be Steve Strandemo, who—after winning the first



These large cakes were specially decorated by Mrs. Barbara Fischer to honor the International Racquetball Championships and provided one of the highlights of the hospitality area, where her daughter Susan was a hostess.



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SOMETHING NEW

Individual tournament results are collected in a new section, "The Scoreboard," starting on Page 50. We'll print all results submitted, if typewritten in the same format as those printed in this issue. The preferred style is that of the Playboy tournament on Page 51.



Executive Director Myron Roderick joins the fans while JoAnn Roderick and Bob Dellinger keep the courts full.

game from Bill Schmidtke, 21-19—developed a painful leg cramp in the middle of the second game. He probably should have defaulted, but he played it out, losing 21-19, 21-10.

Schmidtke's play was the highlight of the tournament. His semifinal match with Brumfield had everyone on the edge of his seat (and had people standing six deep upstairs, too). Bill shot everything he could get his racquet on and his percentage of kills was too much for Brumfield. So Brum's bid for three straight championships went down the drain, 21-10, 20-21, 21-18.

The battle of Steves was a cliff-hanger, too, with Serot squeaking by Keeley in three games, 20-21, 21-17-21-4.

The semis were so terrific it was impossible for the finals between Schmidtke and Serot to be any better. However, it was another terrific match with Schmidtke doing what he does best—killing—and Serot making impossible retrieves one after another. Schmidtke won in three, 21-16, 8-21, 21-13.

In fact, Schmidtke played six matches in the tournament and the last four of them went three games. But Bill has always been a clutch player and now he has a brand new championship to go with the one he won in 1971.

The Senior Singles saw Dr. Bill King of Memphis play a near-perfect match to beat the No. 1 seed, Charlie Garfinkel, in two, 20 and 19, only to get drummed by Muehleisen in the semis, 10 and 15. Bud went on to win the title by beating Mark Wayne in the finals, 18 and 11.

Peggy Steding was just too much for the other gals, giving up less than eight points per game during the tournament. She beat Jan Campbell in the semis, 10 and 13, and Jan Pasternak in the finals, 8 and 6. Then she teamed up again with Ann Gorski and they took women's doubles again, 15 and 16 over Campbell and Kathy Williams.

The Masters was a dogfight with Richard Walker beating No. 1 seed John Halverson in the semifinals, 18 and 16, then losing in the finals to his Dallas doubles partner, Dr. Bill Sellars, 8-21, 21-8, 21-10. Sellars was second to Muehleisen last year, when the Masters was 40-over.

The Golden Masters was as tough a division as any, with likeable Ike Gumer from Louisville beating "youngster" Alex Guerry of Chattanooga, 17-21, 21-12, 21-6. Ike is 60 and had five years' experience on young Alex.

The Juniors were a terrific group and we're all so glad we put this 18-under division into the Internationals. Jerry Zuckerman from St. Louis outlasted top seed Steve Trent from San Diego, 17-21, 21-3, 21-18. But Jerry will graduate from the division next year and Steve will be back for another try.

Executive Director Myron Roderick did an excellent job of guiding the whole operation—particularly the membership meeting on Saturday morning where some 125 were on hand.

Myron had plaques for the outgoing Board members: Larry Lederman from Milwaukee, our traveling am-



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1973 Man of the Year



bassador for so many years; Gerry Lapierre of Cleveland; Bob McInerney of Coronado, Calif., who was a very strong voice in making the IRA what it is today; and our Canadian Director, Bob Challenger, who had resigned. Our thanks to Larry, Gerry and both Bobs for your time and effort and your good judgment in very trying times.

New Board members are Hal Price from Phoenix, Ivan Bruner from Madison, Wis., Bill Dunn from Union City, Calif., and—elected from the floor—our first woman Director, Peggy Steding from Odessa, Texas. Taking over the Canadian position is affable John Chambers of West Vancouver. We are delighted to have you all on the Board and we appreciate all of you expressing the desire to give the IRA your full support.

Everyone at the tournament was pleased with the schedule and the way it was run. The man most responsible was Myron's man-Friday from the wrestling federation, Bob Dellinger, whom most of us met for the first time. When I asked Board member Smith Schippers, who probably has run

more racquetball tournaments than anyone, how things were going, he said, "Bob had everything set up to perfection. All matches in all seven divisions were charted with times and (after the first day) with specific courts. After the first day, we actually ran ahead of schedule most of the time." Good work, Bob.

Also helping Bob, beside workhorse Smitty, was pretty JoAnn Roderick, wife of—but no resemblance to—Myron Roderick. Much help, too, from the volunteer referees (288 matches, remember) and from Phil Ivaldy who worked hard getting refs lined up.

Inducted to the Racquetball Hall of Fame, which Myron set up with the Citizens Savings Hall in Los Angeles, were two most deserving men: Joe Sobek, who started the game of racquetball and who flew all the way out from Greenwich, Conn., and gave a most interesting and stirring talk about the beginnings of the sport; and Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who has been in racquetball since its inception and who was our first International champion in 1969 and has contributed more to the game than anyone I know.

Thanks, Joe, for coming out to our meeting and congratulations to both of you!

The male athlete and female athlete of the year (1973) were really easy choices, Charlie Brumfield and Peggy Steding . . . no contest. Congratulations!

I personally was honored with the Man of the Year award. After prompting the other "awardees" they should make brief comments. When I received mine, I choked . . . I couldn't get it to the front wall . . . I couldn't say a word.

So let me say it here. There is nothing—no award or compliment I've ever received—that means as much to me as this. My thanks to the members and to the Board. My goal now is to be back on the court in 1978—God willing.

All in all, it was the greatest tournament we've ever had and I'm looking forward to the International Doubles in October at Minneapolis.

Brand-new Brown's Racquetball-Handball Club was the site of the 1974 International Championships.



Now You Know Why . . .



Bill Schmidtke

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Bill Schmidtke: "Great clutch player, tough under pressure, best three-gamer in the sport." You've seen it all before, dozens of times.

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"International Singles Champion, 1974."

Bill Schmidtke, the 32-year-old veteran from Minneapolis, shot down the best racquetball players in the world during a spectacular weekend in San Diego to win the Open Singles crown in the sixth annual IRA Internationals.

Again. He won in 1971, too, but that was B. C.—Before Charlie Brumfield took command of the scene for a two-year reign.

"This one means more to me," Schmidtke said, "because I beat the best players. I didn't have an easy draw. I didn't have an easy draw in '71 either, but Brumfield was beaten in an early round and some people thought it was a fluke that I won without having to play him."

This one was no fluke.

Despite his past credentials, Schmidtke was almost an "outsider" among

the top challengers to Brumfield, who hoped to be the first three-time champion ever.

He wasn't from San Diego. He wasn't even named Steve. He was seeded fourth. He had to play six tough matches, not a pushover in the bunch. The last four matches went overtime.

But he won all of them.

"I went into the tournament believing I could win it," Schmidtke said. "But I was loose, really relaxed, no pressure at all."

Schmidtke's victory parade started with two-game decisions over Californians Phil Ivaldy, 8 and 19, and Ron Starkman, 16 and 15. Then he let the first game against Dave Charlson of San Diego get away, 20-21, 21-17, 21-12, and the over time series was under way.

In the quarterfinals it was Steve Strandemo, 19-21, 21-19, 21-10. When Strandemo pulled up lame at the close of the second game, it was all over.

Then the big one, Brumfield. A fast start for Schmidtke and the first game was his, 21-10. But when Bill served three match points at 20-all only to lose the second game, heads nodded wisely.

"Charlie will get him now," they said. But Charlie didn't. 21-18.

Now it was the 18-year-old whiz kid from San Diego by way of St. Louis, left-hander Steve Serot. All week long, the headlines had been Serot's. By nightfall, the newspapers would have to learn to spell Schmidtke.

Three games, of course, 21-16, 8-21, 21-13.

When did Schmidtke actually feel he would win it all?

The Top Eight . . .

Charlie Brumfield	Brumfield				
Bill Thurman	21-12 12-21				
	21-11	Schmidtke			
Bill Schmidtke		21-10 20-21			
Steve Strandemo	Schmidtke	21-18			
	19-21 21-19				
	21-10				
Steve Serot	Serot				
Jerry Hilecher	21-7 21-12	Serot			
		20-21 21-17			
Steve Keeley	Keeley	21-4			
Wayne Bowes	21-8 21-18				

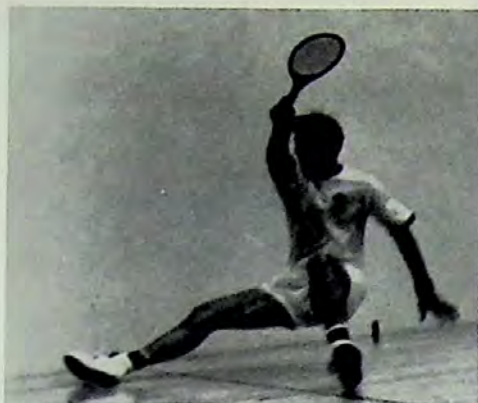
Schmidtke
21-16
8-21
21-13

Third Place: Keeley def. Brumfield, 15-21, 21-9, 21-11

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Steve
Serot



Brumfield drives, Schmidtke drives, Brumfield drives . . . that's the way they play this game.

"Probably after I beat Brumfield, I was confident I could beat Serot, even though I lost to him at Houston the only time I played him."

Strategy? Bill kept it simple and unchanging.

"Basically, I tried to get a real good drive serve in, get a weak return shot from whoever I was playing. That seemed to be the most effective. Then shoot the ball whenever I got the shot."

Shoot practically everything, right?

"Right, shoot or drive. The basic things were to get a good serve and then

shoot or drive. Pass, establish control and drive."

Against Charlson, Bill had a 20-17 lead in the first game, then let it get away. "He got hot and shot some I didn't expect. I made some mistakes. Then he was ahead of me through most of the second game, but I started shooting real good and from then on it was all downhill."

The Strandemo match took a sudden turn after Steve won the first game at 19 and was playing the second one close. "I was ahead of him, I don't remember the exact score, 17-15 or 17-16, and he pulled a muscle in his leg. I don't know just what happened. But I took that one, 21-19, and he just wasn't able to play after that. I sort of let up, but he was hurting."

Then came the "spectacular" with Brumfield. Well, almost. With the crowd six to 10 deep around the glass, all some people could do was listen to the score. Right off the bat, 5-0, 9-0, 11-0. Boy, Charlie's really pouring it on! Oh, Schmidtke's ahead? Oh.

"I was getting a good serve, then. He was giving me a weak return. I was killing the ball well and serving good and driving fast shots and passing well. It was a pretty good control game and it was keeping him off balance."

It went to 20-5 and Schmidtke closed it out, 21-10.



Brumfield wins Game Two.

The second game see-sawed to 17-all, 18-all, 19-all and finally 20-all. Three times Schmidtke served match point. Three times it was side out. Finally Brumfield hit a winner. Now what?

"Really, I didn't have any particular reaction. The only thing I wanted to do there was, if I was going to lose the game, at least I was going to make him earn it. It did take a lot out of him. He was awfully tired at the end of the second game, probably more than I was. We both wanted it, but he needed it more than I did."

"I wanted to make him work. Even if I



Steve Keeley shoots one, then heads for a sprawl.



wasn't going to win it, I was still going to play my same game and hit basically the same shots, dive for the ball and give him my best effort."

Schmidtke again led early in the third, but Brumfield ran off four straight to tie it at 14. Then, as the serve changed hands 10 times, Schmidtke slowly pulled in front again, 17-14. Only to have Charlie narrow it to 17-16.

"I think one of the things that surprised everybody was the consistency of my backhand through most of the game. I was killing the ball well with it and I was passing good to the right. I passed him there once and then killed a couple and got up to 20-16.

Brumfield won a couple, then Schmidtke regained the serve.

"The one I won on was a drive shot. I played to drive it by him on the right and it caught the side wall about the service line. It came off and he tried to get it, but skipped it in just short."

How did Bill counter Charlie's favorite game of controlling the middle? "Well, I think I played most of the time behind him because of his control game, but I killed real well from half-court on back. If I am behind the guy, I pass a lot and kill a lot and I think that was the key to it. If I didn't kill in the right-hand corner, I would drive it left and get him out of there.

On the Go . . .

"He was giving me some setups off the back wall and I was shooting some pinch shots from deep."

Brumfield had no excuses. "You win some, you lose some, and some are rained out."

(He was right on all three. One court was closed down almost half of Friday's session because of a leaky roof.)

The championship was billed as a shooter's match and it was.

"Pass and kill," smiled Schmidtke. "With Serot, the whole thing is to shoot before he does. That seems to be the thing . . . to drive and pass and shoot. Again, the first game with Serot, my serve was excellent. He'd give me a weak return and I'd just shoot it. 21-16. I had pretty good control that first game.

"The second game, I lost control. Rather than trying to shoot the ball, I tried to volley ceiling balls with him and my ceiling balls were coming to his backhand—that's the right side—at half and three-quarter court and he was killing them with his backhand. So I just lost control and I couldn't recover at all. He was shooting real well and just rolling everything out that I left up. 8-21.

Bill gave the railbirds a scare in the second game when he took a hard spill while trailing 12-3. He lay still for long moments, clutching his right hip. But he



got up, succumbed gracefully in the second game and came out with new strategy in the third.

"The thing that I did that third game was drive his ceiling ball. I took an overhead drive and drove it to his backhand and he would set me up off that or skip it in. Pretty much the last half of that game I remember I kept him in back court. 'I thought I'd win when I came back to 13-all,' said Schmidtke, 'because I knew he was thinking about losing. And when I said something to him back there, I said 'Here's where it gets crucial.' I think that helped a little.'

Schmidtke, loose and animated throughout the match, talked frequently to the intense Serot, who appeared not to hear.

"I was just so frustrated," said Serot, who called time trailing 13-15 to try to regain his composure. "I was missing all the easy shots and I just fell apart."

From 13-all, Schmidtke ran eight straight points to the championship.

"He lost his cool a little. He was shooting low percentage shots and skipping a lot of them in. I drove the ball left and right and that overhead drive to his backhand was the difference.

"I think this was the toughest tournament of all of them. Even though I won it, I think it was the toughest tournament I have ever played.

. . . With Serot

In the lower half of the bracket, Serot sailed past four opponents and into the semifinals without losing a game. In fact, his opponents were in double figures only twice as he dispatched John Groff of Canada, 21-9, 21-8; Davey Bledsoe of Tennessee, 13 and 5; Bob Lund of Oregon, 8 and 6; and then St. Louis rival Jerry Hilecher, 21-7, 21-12, in the quarterfinals.

That left it up to Keeley to stop the parade, and for a while it looked as though he would. Keeley, too, had been impressive in the earlier rounds with four straight two-game victories, capped by a 21-8, 21-18 quarterfinal decision over the onrushing Canadian, Wayne Bowes.

The muscular Keeley, pacing himself well, upset Serot's timing in the first game and pounded out a 21-20 victory. Keeley then built up a 17-12 lead in the second before Serot went wild.

Serot, diving for incredible saves as he always does, ripped off nine straight points—each punctuated by a shout a little louder than the last—to square the match with a 21-17 second game.

Serot had the momentum now and opened the third game with a run of five. Keeley had shot it all in the second game and didn't have anything left. Serot ran nine more and it was over swiftly, 21-4.

"I couldn't get any momentum going at first," Serot said later. "My kind of game



Keeley shows the strain of a tough match.



Wayne Bowes moves to cover a Keeley drive.



Brumfield relaxes on a weight-lifting bench.



Luther Bernstein receives consolation trophy.



Brumfield and Thurman in a rough-and-tumble.



Dave Charlson gets ready to drive one home.

Bill Schmidtke gets the big prize from IRA President DeWitt Shy while Steve Serot settles for second. Steve Keeley, below left, was third. Below right, Serot dives for one more against Jerry Hilecher.



is score-five-in-a-row, but Keeley was walking around a lot in the first game, fiddling with his racquet and taking a lot of time."

So the third place match turned out to be a replay of the 1973 finals, Brumfield vs. Keeley. Many people had expected such a rematch, but for all the marbles again. This time, the incentive wasn't there, two great players but definitely a third place match. Still, it went three before Keeley pulled it out, 15-21, 21-9, 21-11.

The 72-man Open Singles bracket was established with 16 seeded players and another flight of 16 drawing for positions

17 through 32. The rest of the places were filled by a blind draw.

The major upset of the first round saw No. 15 Tom Kutas of Cincinnati, runner-up in the East Regional, sidelined by James Santino of Lansing, Mich., 12-21, 21-14, 21-13.

Only two others of the top 32 were beaten in this round: Bob Martin of San Diego by Roland Treat of Stillwater, Okla., 12 and 12; and John Hennen of Chattanooga by Al Portune of Pasadena, 15-21, 21-18, 21-8. Hennen went to the finals of consolations before losing again.

But two of the top eight seeds were eliminated in the round of 32.

First to go was No. 8 Paul Lawrence of San Diego, who lost a glass-court skirmish to Jay Jones of Manhattan Beach, 21-18, 14-21, 21-10.

Then came what probably ranked as the big upset of the Open bracket. Young Trey Sayes, who has just moved to the west coast from Salt Lake City, ushered out sixth-ranked Mike Zeitman of Louisville, 21-12, 17-21, 21-17.

Canadian champion Bowes, on his way to becoming the first Canadian ever to reach the quarterfinals, handled young Craig McCoy with surprising ease, 8 and 13.

Other second round matches of note saw Paul Ikier of Minneapolis dispose of San Diego's Charlie Drake, 19 and 9; Charlson turn back Intercollegiate champion Randy Stafford of Tennessee, 20-21, 21-4, 21-16; and Bob Lund take out Santino in a 21-19, 18-21, 21-17 marathon.

All the Cinderella chariots turned back to pumpkins in the round of 16, however.

Brumfield downed Ikier, 4 and 16; No. 9 Bill Thurman stopped Jones, 9 and 14; Strandemo ousted Dan Alder, 13 and 12; Hilecher handled Bill Dunn, 19 and 7; Keeley trimmed Gordon Kelly, 4 and 12; Bowes took care of Sayes, 14 and 13.

So the quarterfinals had only one player who hadn't been seeded among the top nine—Bowes.

Brumfield and Thurman took the glass court for the feature of the quarters and it was a rough-and-tumble affair with so much physical contact that both players drew frequent reprimands from the referee, Zeitman. Brumfield prevailed in the three-gamer, 21-12, 12-21, 21-11.

Schmidtke's clash with Strandemo followed, only to come to an early end with Steve going lame. Serot and Keeley won in the lower half, as expected, to set up their semifinal duel.

Volatile little Luther Bernstein of Dallas was the class of the consolation bracket, sweeping to the trophy with five victories.

Bernstein had put up a tremendous fight against Charlie Drake in the first round before bowing, 10-21, 21-17, 21-7.

He came back with a pair of easy 31-pointers, then took Don Crawford of Canada and Dale Sutton of San Diego in two-gamers, allowing less than 10 points per game average.

Hennen came up through the lower half and had an extra match on his way to the finals. His toughest test was from Mike Romano of Massachusetts in the semifinals, 16 and 12.

Bernstein started out the consolation finals like a whirlwind, banging home almost everything he touched and scooting in front 17-5. He closed out the first game at 11, then settled down to win a long second, 21-18, for the honors.



Open—Top Half

1-Charlie Brumfield, San Diego	Brumfield		
O. J. Lucero, Colorado Springs	21-0 21-3	Brumfield	
Tom McKie, Richardson, Texas	21-4 21-5		
Dennis Fonseca, Hartford, Conn.	McKie		
	21-6 21-9		
16-Charles Drake, San Diego	Drake	Brumfield	
Luther Bernstein, Dallas	10-21 21-17	21-4 21-16	
	21-7		
Paul Ikier, Minneapolis	Ikier		
**Paul Lazure, San Diego	15-21 21-10	21-19 21-9	
	21-5		
8-Paul Lawrence, San Diego	Lawrence	Brumfield	
Jim Cullen, Memphis	21-10 21-10	21-12 12-21	
		21-11	
Jay Jones, Manhattan Beach, Cal. ...	Jones	Jones	
Leonard Stream, San Mateo, Cal.	21-5 21-14	21-18 14-21	
		21-10	
9-Bill Thurman, Hayward, Cal.	Thurman	Thurman	
Donald Crawford, Edmonton, Alta. ...	21-11 21-5	21-9 21-14	
Pete Wright, Fort Worth	P. Wright	20-21 21-5	
**Stan Wright, San Diego	21-19 21-14	21-13	

**Preliminary Round

Paul Lazure, San Diego, def. Duane Gettman, Yorba Linda, Cal., 21-12, 21-15
 Stan Wright, San Diego, def. Dan Crawford, Tustin, Cal., 21-10, 21-4

4-Bill Schmidtke, Minneapolis	Schmidtke		
Phil Ivaldy, Century City, Cal.	21-8 21-19	Schmidtke	
Ron Starkman, Costa Mesa, Cal.	21-16 21-15		
Dale Sutton, San Diego	Starkman		
	21-7 21-7		
13-Randy Stafford, Knoxville, Tenn. ...	Stafford	Schmidtke	
Mike Chaet, Los Angeles	21-4 21-11	20-21 21-17	
		21-12	
Dave Charlson, San Diego	Charlson	Charlson	
**Roger Ehren, Long Beach, Cal.	21-8 21-10	20-21 21-4	
		21-16	
5-Save Strandemo, St. Cloud, Minn. ...	Strandemo	Schmidtke	
Jerome Winsberg, New Orleans	21-7 21-3	19-21 21-19	
		21-10	
Bob McAllister, Long Beach, Cal. ...	McAllister	Strandemo	
Arch Johnston, Boulder, Colo.	21-15 14-21	21-8 21-3	
	21-14		
12-Dan Alder, Ocean Beach, Cal.	Alder	Strandemo	
Morgan Sayes, Logan, Utah	21-8 21-14	21-13 21-12	
Roger Souders, San Diego	Souders	Alder	
**Joe Gibbs, Manchester, Mo.	21-6 21-6	14-21 21-13	
		21-20	

**Preliminary Round

Roger Ehren, Long Beach, Cal., def. Tom Wong, Los Angeles, 21-11, 17-21, 21-17
 Joe Gibbs, Manchester, Mo., def. John Rundles, Albuquerque, 18-21, 21-13, 21-12

Open—Lower Half

2-Steve Serot, St. Louis	Serot				
John Groff, Edmonton, Alta.	21-9 21-8	Serot	21-13 21-5		
Davey Bledsoe, Knoxville, Tenn.	Bledsoe			Serot	21-8 21-6
Bill Fearing, Newport Beach, Cal. ...	21-3 21-12				
15-Tom Kutas, Cincinnati	Santino				
James Santino, Lansing, Mich.	12-21 21-14	Lund	21-19 18-21		
	21-13		21-17		
Robert Lund, Portland, Ore.	Lund				
**Gary Mazaroff, Albuquerque	21-13 21-18				
7-Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis	Hilecher			Serot	21-7 21-12
Alan Kent, La Mesa, Cal.	21-17 21-11	Hilecher	21-19 21-9		
Bob Martin, San Diego	Treat			Hilecher	21-19 21-7
Roland Treat, Stillwater, Okla.	21-12 21-12				
10-William Dunn, Union City, Cal.	Dunn				
Ken Creese, San Diego	21-5 21-13	Dunn	21-14 21-20		
John Hennen, Chattanooga, Tenn.	Portune				
**Al Portune, Pasadena, Cal.	15-21 21-18				
	21-8				

**Preliminary Round

Gary Mazaroff, Albuquerque, def. Bill Crafton, San Diego, 21-6, 21-9
 Al Portune, Pasadena, Cal., def. Joe Ogilvie, San Diego, 21-19, 21-9

3-Steve Keeley, San Diego	Keeley				
Rick Bryson, Huntington Beach, Cal. ...	21-6 21-7	Keeley	21-5 21-10		
Steve Smith, Memphis	Smith			Keeley	21-4 21-12
Michael Romano, Fitchburg, Mass.	20-21 21-17				
	21-17				
14-Gordon Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mich. ...	Kelly				
Scott McComas, Los Angeles	21-12 21-12	Kelly	21-13 7-21		
Mark Deutsch, Phoenix	Deutsch		21-14		
**George Geronisin, Tustin, Cal.	21-5 21-17				
6-Mike Zeitman, Louisville	Zeitman			Keeley	21-8 21-18
Dave Messer, San Diego	21-19 21-13	T. Sayes	21-12 17-21		
			21-17		
Trey Sayes, Salt Lake City	T. Sayes			Bowes	21-14 21-13
Mark Susson, Balboa, Cal.	21-7 21-11				
11-Craig McCoy, Riverside, Cal.	McCoy				
Pat Moran, San Diego	21-0 21-10	Bowes	21-8 21-13		
Wayne Bowes, Lethbridge, Alta.	Bowes				
**Chuck Campanella, San Diego	20-21 21-10				
	21-8				

**Preliminary Round

George Geronisin, Tustin, Cal., def. Clyde Shearer, San Diego, 21-17, 21-19
 Chuck Campanella, San Diego, def. Virgil Williams, Los Angeles, 21-19, 21-18

Victim's Viewpoint

He Ought To Be Easy But Isn't

By Dave Charlson

The first time I saw Bill Schmidtke play was during the Invitational Singles in San Diego in 1971. At that time he was probably 15 pounds overweight and didn't look much like a National Champion. After watching him play, and at the time thinking that I was a pretty good player, I figured to myself that I could beat him—no sweat."

During the next International Championships held in Memphis in 1972, I finally got my chance to play Schmidtke. But it turned out that this was the real Bill Schmidtke who showed up, instead of the facsimile I saw in San Diego. After losing 15 or so pounds, he looked fit and was ready to play. Claiming "foul," I tried to get the draw changed—but to no avail.

Still, I figured I could give him a good game but unfortunately our match was assigned to the glass spectator court at Memphis State. During the warmup period, as the spectators began filing in on both sides of the glass enclosed arena in anticipation of a slaughter, I began to feel the big green apple welling in my throat. At 11-0 in the first game, all I could think about was receiving the donut. But after a stirring comeback on my part, I lost by a respectable 21-14 score.

Now that I had gotten over my nervousness, I figured I had him. When the score reached 16-2 in favor of Schmidtke, I was trying to figure out why I was still nervous. Luckily, he gave me a couple of courtesy points so I could somewhat respectfully crawl off the court only having been beaten 21-10 in the second game.

All this set the stage for our rematch at the 1974 In-



Author Dave Charlson uses fancy footwork to cleverly avoid hitting a backhand.

ternationals in San Diego. We met in the round of 16. Joking with Bill before the game, I told him I was going to enforce the color rule and make him have to change his uniform to a white or pastel color. He told me I could do that but it would be the difference between me scoring a couple of points or getting the donut.

Game one naturally began with Bill wearing whatever he wanted to. I was nip and tuck for awhile, but eventually I gained the lead, 18-16. Four forehands later I found myself down 20-18. Regaining the serve, I proceeded to tie the game at 20-20. Then, wonder of wonders, I hit a backhand kill to win the game!

That started my downfall. I figured if I could hit one backhand kill I could hit another and another, so I came out shooting backhands in the second game. With Bill playing tougher and my backhand shots picking up splinters as they rolled in rather than out, all chances of me winning in two straight games went down the drain, 21-17.

Game three started great for me. I had Bill 8-4 with the serve, when my ceiling balls began to rain stucco down on top of me. With his backhand starting to get hot and his forehand getting even hotter, he proceeded to blow me off the court 21-12.

When one hears the participants say that Bill is one of the best three-game players around, believe me they know what they are talking about. Either that, or he's the worst two-game player around.

New Rankings Based on Internationals

The following IRA individual rankings have been prepared by the seedings committee on the basis of the International Singles Championships and will be modified in the future to reflect complete tournament results for the year.

OPEN SINGLES

- 1—Bill Schmidtke, Minneapolis
- 2—Steve Serot, San Diego
- 3—Steve Keeley, San Diego
- 4—Charles Brumfield, San Diego
- 5—Steve Strandemo, San Diego
- 6—Bill Thurman, Redwood City
- 7—Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis
- 8—Wayne Bowes, Lethbridge, Alta.
- 9—Bill Dunn, 10—Dave Charlson, 11—Dan Alder, 12—Trey Sayes, 13—Gordon Kelly, 14—Jay Jones, 15—Paul Ikier, 16—Bob Lund.
- HM—Paul Lawrence, Roger Souders,

Randy Stafford, Pete Wright, Mike Zeitman.

SENIOR SINGLES

- 1—Bud Muehleisen, 2—Mark Wayne, 3—Bill King, 4—Howard Ringwood, 5—Charlie Garfinkel, 6—Myron Roderick, 7—Deryck Clay, 8—Ken Porco.
- 9—George Morfitt, 10—Bruce Russell, 11—Jim Trent, 12—Bob McNamara, 13—Lou Concha, 14—Gerard Lapierre, 15—Peter James, 16—Don Griffin.

MASTERS SINGLES

- 1—Bill Sellars, 2—Richard Walker, 3—John Halverson, 4—Gene Grapes, 5—Jim White, 6—Al Rossi, 7—Bill Schultz, 8—Carl Loveday, HM—Hal Price, Rick Warner.

GOLDEN MASTERS SINGLES

- 1—Ike Gumer, 2—Alex Guerry, 3—Jackson Bowling, 4—Stan Berney, 5—Ray Crowley, 6—Jack Duncan, 7—Cal Murphy, 8—Ben Wirkus.

JUNIOR SINGLES

- 1—Jerry Zuckerman, 2—Steve Trent, 3—Marty Hogan, 4—Kevin Meyer, 5—Richard Wagner, 6—Hank Marcus, 7—James Doyle, 8—Dean Nichopoulos, HM—Harold Sensor.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

- 1—Peggy Steding, 2—Jan Pasternak, 3—Jan Campbell, 4—Kathy Williams, 5—Jennifer Harding, 6—Suzanne Carow, 7—Jean Sauter, 8—Kimberly Miller, 9—Janell Marriott, 10—Bette Weed, 11—Linda Siau, 12—Evie Morguelan, 13—Kathy Schillo, 14—Betty Johnson, 15—Sue LaLonde, 16—Ruth Knudsen.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

- 1—Steding-Gorski, 2—Williams-Campbell, 3—Miller-Pasternak, 4—Weed-Marriott, 5—Harding-LaLonde, 6—Pond-Siau, 7—Guerry-Fryar, 8—McGowan-Keenam.



Peggy Steding

Super Duper Tex . . .

Being Young Is No Excuse

"I believe these gals are getting younger every year," said Peggy Steding.

"Don't you believe it," chimed in the youngsters in question, Jan Pasternak and Jan Campbell. "It's Peggy who's getting younger."

Maybe that's a testimonial for racquetball—all of them are getting younger. But a decade or so difference in age had no effect on the scores as "Super-Tex" from Odessa blasted her way to a second consecutive Women's Singles championship.

Pasternak, a two-time champion herself (1971-72), made it close for a while in the finals. But only for a while.

The score was 8-8 when Peggy won the serve. Suddenly it was 18-8. Pasternak served once. Side out. Peggy served. 21-8. Then 21-6 and it was all over.

In eight games, Peggy had allowed her opponents 63 points, just under eight points a game.

After a first round bye, Peggy faced Betty Johnson of Ocean Beach, Calif. It was 21-5, 21-9. Then came Suzanne Carow of Glenview, Ill., 21-10, 21-2.

Campbell in the semifinals looked like a real challenge. "She's a good one," said Peggy, "might be too much for me." Jan did reach double figures twice, but it was 21-10, 21-13.

Without doubt, Peggy Steding is an amazing player. Last year, no one had heard of her and she exploded into the IRA Championships like a bomb, leaving shock waves in all directions.

This year, everyone had heard of her. She was No. 1 seed—the only No. 1 seed in the tournament who won a championship. But hearing about her and playing her are different stories.

"There's no way you can get ready to play Peggy," said one of the 27 women in the field. "You hope you draw her early enough to get into consolations or late enough to play for third . . . or better still, not at all."

Lounging at courtside, she's friendly to

all concerned, modest about her own skills, particularly one to encourage junior players. She's ready to referee and help keep things running smoothly.

Warming up and between points, she is totally relaxed. But once the ball bounces, look out. Her concentration buzzes like an electric current. Her serves come snaking off the side wall, spinning crazily and sometimes impossible to handle. She looks ready to kill every single shot and often it seems as though she does kill every shot.

One of the top Open players watched her destroy an opponent and walked away shaking his head. "Just another routine crush."

Peggy has been playing racquetball only 3½ years. She taught herself how to play and has learned everything on her own. The 1973 Internationals marked the first time she ever had gone off to a racquetball tournament, but since then she has won the IRA singles and doubles twice and the Canadian singles once.



Jan Pasternak



Jan Campbell

Racquetball, however, is not her only sport . . . far from it. She won four state tennis championships in 1955-56 while attending Odessa Junior College and was unbeaten for two years.

Sports Illustrated once ran her picture among "Faces in the Crowd" after she fast-pitched her softball team to an 18-0 record with seven shutouts. She averaged 16 points a game one basketball season, with a high of 46, as that team, too, had an 18-0 record.

Pasternak had to earn her way to the finals with a difficult three-game victory over third-seeded Kathy Williams of Hazel Park, Mich., 9-21, 21-17, 21-15.

Campbell came back to defeat Williams for third, 10 and 5.

Bette Weed of El Cajon captured consolations, 15 and 6, over Ruth Knudsen of Bountiful, Utah. Weed, seeded seventh, had been upset in the round of 16 by Jennifer Harding of Portland, 21-10 in the third.

The only other early upsets saw Linda Siau of Riverside outlast No. 5 Evie Morguelan of Louisville, 21-10 in the third, and Jean Sauser of Morton Grove, Ill., sideline No. 6 Kimberly Miller of San Diego, 21-18 in the third, both in the round of 16.

Women's

1-Peggy Steding, Odessa, Texas	Steding				
Bye					
Ruth Knudsen, Bountiful, Utah ...	Johnson	Steding	21-5	21-9	
Betty Johnson, Ocean Beach, Cal.]	21-11 21-11				
8-Janell Marriott, Salt Lake City .	Marriott	Steding	21-10	21-2	
Janet Lawrence, San Diego	21-12 21-6				
Suzanne Carow, Glenview, Ill. ...	Carow	Carow	21-20	15-21	
Barbara McGowan, San Diego	19-21 21-6		21-8		
	21-1				
4-Jan Campbell, San Diego	Campbell	Steding	21-10	21-13	
Bye					
Lois Dowd, Winnetka, Ill.	Noguchi	Campbell	21-4	21-3	
Donna Noguchi, Huntington Beach .	Forfeit				
5-Evie Morguelan, Louisville	Morguelan ...	Campbell	21-7	21-7	
Bye					
Jan DeWolf, Encinitas, Cal.	Siau	Siau	15-21	21-15	Steding
Linda Siau, Riverside, Cal.	13-21 21-11		21-10		21-8
	21-3				21-6
2-Jan Pasternak, Tempe, Ariz.	Pasternak ...				
Bye		Pasternak ...	21-2	21-8	
Sue LaLonde, Vancouver, Wash. ...	LaLonde				
Micki Pearson, San Diego	Forfeit	Pasternak ...	21-14	21-17	
7-Bette Weed, El Cajon, Cal.	Weed				
Susan Montes, Honolulu	Forfeit	Harding	19-21	21-14	
Jennifer Harding, Portland, Ore.]	Harding		21-10		
Lisa Ornstein, Los Angeles	21-15 21-16				
3-Kathy Williams, Hazel Park, Mich.	Williams	Pasternak	9-21	21-17	
Bye			21-15		
Lucy Fryar, Chattanooga, Tenn. ..	Schrillo	Williams	21-12	21-11	
Kathy Schrillo, West Los Angeles]	21-8 21-16				
6-Kimberly Miller, San Diego	Miller	Williams	21-4	21-7	
Carmenza Pond, Riverside, Cal. ...	21-3 21-10	Sauser			
Shannon Sweeney, Fort Worth	Sauser		21-15	9-21	
Jean Sauser, Morton Grove, Ill. .	21-11 21-11		21-18		

Third Place: Campbell def. Williams, 21-10, 21-5



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Dear Racquetball Friends:

I would like to report to the members who were not present at the International Championships in San Diego. It was the finest tournament that I have attended since I have been associated with Racquetball. I believe the play in all divisions was exceptional and the semifinals and the finals in the Open were the most fantastic racquetball playing I have ever seen.

I want to congratulate everybody who played in the Championships.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who was the tournament director, and so many people who helped to put on such a successful tournament. People don't realize how important it is and how many people it takes to put on a top-notch tournament of this size. I would also like to thank Brown's Racquetball Club for their great hospitality in letting us use their facility for the Championships.

I can tell you our future of racquetball is going to get better and better and one reason for this is the fine play that we had in the Junior Division in San Diego.

Our membership meeting was a very productive and active meeting with 108 members present and we had very lively discussions and I felt the meeting was very open to everybody.

I would like to congratulate our two Hall of Fame inductees, Bud Muehleisen and Joe Sobek. Both of them gave very impressive speeches concerning what racquetball had meant to them.

I believe the future of racquetball is in the hands of each one of you members as well as in the hands of the state chairmen, regional commissioners, Board of Directors and, of course, the Executive Director. As long as we work together for the betterment of racquetball we are going to see great strides in our organization.

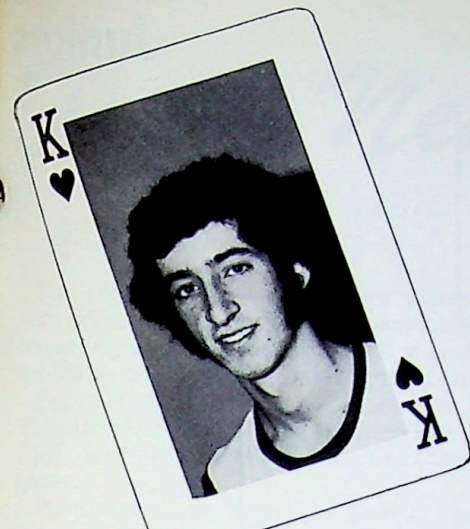
I hope every one of you is having a very pleasant summer and I am looking forward to seeing all of you around the racquetball circuit.

Sincerely yours,

Myron Roderick
Executive Director



The Future Is Now . . .



Jerry Zuckerman

Let's Hear It For the Kids!

Jerry Zuckerman, a tall, lean shooter from St. Louis, rallied from a first-game loss and outstroked Steve Trent of San Diego to become the first International 18-under Junior Singles.

"Those kids are amazing," said Dr. Bill King of Memphis, the national junior commissioner who refereed the final match. "Their ability is great and their sportsmanship is superb. A performance like this gives you real faith in the future of racquetball."

Throughout the tournament, the 16 youngsters from nine states put on a terrific display of slam-bang play and all-out hustle.

"Boy, oh boy," said one observer, "those kids shoot anything that moves!"

The first game of the finals was typical, the 15-year-old Trent pulling away at the finish for a 21-17 victory.

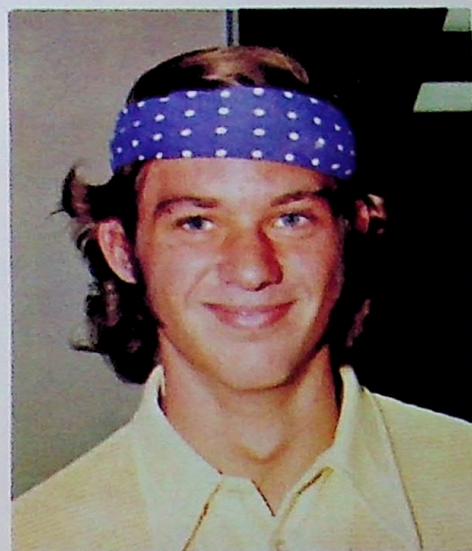
Trent was seeded No. 1, Zuckerman No. 2, and each had advanced to the finals with a trio of two-game sweeps.

But in the second game, the 18-year-old Zuckerman put it all together. He could do no wrong. His kills rolled out, his ceiling balls hugged the wall and his serves dropped in the corners. It was 21-3 and a whole new ball game.

The third game was all you'd expect of a championship match, and when the smoke cleared it was Zuckerman by a 21-18 score.

Marty Hogan of St. Louis, beaten by Zuckerman in the semis, came back to take third place with a 21-17, 21-13 victory over Kevin Meyer of Houston.

Hogan and Meyer had been involved in all of the three-gamers in championship play. Meyer ousted Dean Nichopoulos of Memphis, the No. 4 seed, in the first



Steve Trent

round, 21-15 in the third, and then trimmed Hank Marcus of Portland, 21-11 in the third. The Texas youngster finally was sidelined by Trent, 12 and 5, in the semifinals.

Hogan came from far back in the second and third games to upset third-ranked Richie Wagner of Paterson, N.J., 18-21, 21-17, 21-19, in the quarters, then fell to his St. Louis rival, Zuckerman, 14 and 9.

Nichopoulos took consolation honors, 21-5, 21-6, over Carl Loveday Jr. of El Cajon.

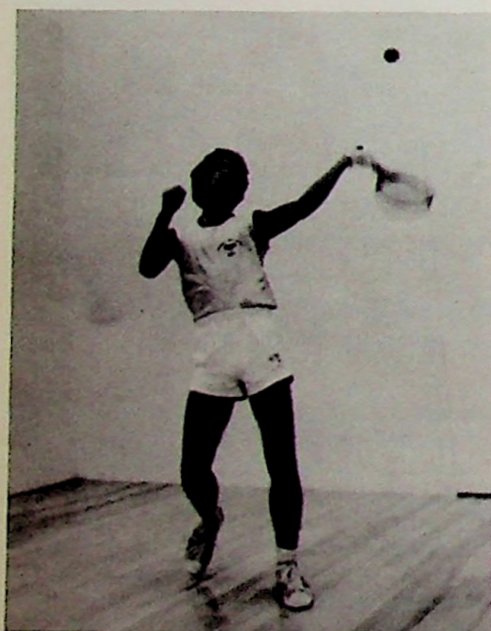
Brian Swartz of Vancouver, B. C., got a good look at the Loveday brothers in the consolations. Swartz defeated Robert in three games, then lost to Carl, 21-18 in the third game.

The play of the juniors was a highlight of the tournament. From left, with trophies, Jerry Zuckerman, Steve Trent, Marty Hogan and Kevin Meyer.



1-Steve Trent, San Diego	Trent				
Jeff Reynolds, El Cajon, Cal.	21-5 21-9	Trent	21-13 21-6		
8-Mark Buckley, Orland Park, Ill. .	Sensor			Trent	21-12 21-5
Harold Sensor, Riverside, Cal. ...	21-9 21-3				
4-Dean Nichopoulos, Memphis	Meyer				
Kevin Meyer, Houston	21-10 9-21	Meyer	10-21 21-15		
	21-15		21-11		
5-Hank Marcus, Portland, Ore.	Marcus				
Don Salvador, Cleveland	21-14 21-12				
2-Jerry Zuckerman, St. Louis	Zuckerman ...			Zuckerman	17-21
Robert Loveday, El Cajon, Cal. ...	21-5 21-11	Zuckerman ...	21-13 21-17		21-3
7-James Doyle, San Diego	Doyle			Zuckerman ...	21-18
Brian Swartz, Vancouver, B.C.	21-6 21-16				
3-Richard Wagner, Paterson, N.J. ...	Wagner				
Carl Loveday Jr., El Cajon, Cal.]	21-5 21-16	Hogan	18-21 21-17		
6-Marty Hogan, St. Louis	Hogan		21-19		
Mark Sandler, Houston	21-16 21-7				

Third Place: Hogan def. Meyer, 21-17, 21-13



Jerry Zuckerman
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Four New Directors Chosen

Four new IRA Directors were elected, several awards were presented for outstanding service to racquetball and a comprehensive rule on uniforms was adopted during the annual general membership meeting June 8 in San Diego.

Peggy Steding of Odessa, Texas, Ivan Bruner of Madison, Wis., Dr. Hal Price of Phoenix and Bill Dunn of Union City, Calif., were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms.

Plaques were presented by DeWitt Shy, IRA president, to out-going directors Gerry Lapiere, Bob McInerney, Larry Lederman and Bob Challenger. Shy expressed his appreciation and that of the Board and the membership for their service to the sport and each responded that they would continue to help promote and further the IRA.

Shy then became the recipient of a major award when he was presented a plaque as Man of the Year for 1973.

"DeWitt has been a very outstanding leader for us during the time of change," said Executive Director Myron Roderick, "and without him it would have been impossible to make the change as smooth and as successful as it has been."

Peggy Steding, who won the women's singles and doubles titles in 1973, was presented the Woman Athlete of the Year award and Charlie Brumfield, International Singles and Doubles champion a year ago, was presented a plaque as Male Athlete of the Year.



IVAN BRUNER

Madison, Wis.

49, single, two sons. Operates Ivan Bruner Construction Co., which builds houses, multiple-family units and commercial buildings, also Ivan Bruner Investments dealing with management and ownership of apartments.

Started with paddleball 12 years ago, switched to racquetball in 1970. Also enjoys basketball, softball and jogging. "Carried" Bill Schmidtke to Wisconsin doubles title in 1970.



WILLIAM R. DUNN

Union City, Calif.

31, married to Barbara Jean. Math instructor at Chabot CC, Hayward, Calif., assistant basketball coach seven years. Graduate UCLA masters's from Cal-Hayward. Likes music, camping, bass fishing.

Played racquetball for 3½ years. Fourth in 1973 Open Doubles with Bill Thurman. Currently ranks ninth in Open Singles. Past two years has won 10 titles in singles and doubles, second 11 times, third 10 times.



HALFORD R. PRICE

Phoenix, Ariz.

48, married to Virginia, two daughters. Doctor of Medicine, family practice in Phoenix 17 years. U.S.A. Medical Corps 1945-46, graduate Loma Linda Univ. medical school 1956, Who's Who in the West 1969-74, president of Seventh Day Adventist Missionary Foundation, 1968-74.

Avid racquetball player last eight years, Arizona state chairman 1973-74. Ranks in top ten nationally in Masters Singles.



PEGGY STEDING

Odessa, Texas

Mrs. George H. Steding, with one son, 14. Housewife and year-around tennis instructor. Two-time IRA International Women's Singles and Doubles champion.

Taught herself to play racquetball 3½ years ago. Also accomplished star in tennis, softball, basketball.

The IRA then had the honor to induct the first two members of the newly established Citizens Savings Hall of Fame for Racquetball, the former Helms Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen of San Diego, the first International Singles champion in 1969 and winner of many various national championships since, was inducted as a contestant.

It was a great pleasure for the Directors and members to meet Joe Sobek, who flew all the way in from Greenwich, Conn., to be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a contributor. It was through the efforts of Joe Sobek that the sport of racquetball was established, and every racquetball enthusiast owes him a great deal of gratitude.

Both men made impressive speeches in expressing their appreciation for their selection to the Hall of Fame.

The Executive Director presented the financial report for 1973, as follows:

1973 RECEIPTS

Royalties	\$ 91,491.36
Membership	10,279.50
Advertising	4,247.59
Sale of publications	3,305.08
Sale of supplies	209.07
Tournament income	226.00
Miscellaneous	509.34
Total	\$110,267.94

1973 EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 12,029.59
Professional fees	2,600.00
Depreciation	55.40
Dues and subscriptions	53.00
Legal and accounting	7,561.76
Rent	900.00
Payroll taxes	1,153.58
Awards and trophies	1,031.25
Duplicating	581.84
Magazine production	21,983.44
Mailing service	849.39
Office supplies	2,189.40
Postage	6,084.12
Membership supplies	906.56
Supplies for resale	6,354.63
Telephone	2,554.46
Tournament expense	14,065.17
Travel	5,020.59
Miscellaneous	1,036.66
Tax adjustment	193.52
Total	86,817.32
Net income	23,450.62
Total	110,267.94

Roderick also reported that membership in the IRA has grown from 3,000 to about 5,200 during the past year and stated that this figure could be doubled if everyone continues to work hard at the local level.

Information for Racquetball Magazine has been coming in well the last two issues and Roderick stressed to the membership to keep sending in articles. Anything of interest to the membership will be printed in the magazine.

Doubles to Minneapolis

A change in the site of the International Doubles Championships Oct. 11-13, 1974, was made to the Supreme Court in Minneapolis. The change was necessary, Roderick said, because it was learned that the Executive Club in Cleveland—originally scheduled to host the 1974 event—has 22-foot ceilings instead of the standard 20-foot ceilings.

The Executive Director summarized briefly the seven-hour meeting of the Board of Directors which took place earlier in the week. Minutes of the Directors meeting appear elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

National Commissioner Ken Porco reported on the revised plan for 10 regional tournaments the first weekend in March. Eight regionals will be held in the United States and two in Canada. A player may compete in only one regional, but may make his own choice of which one. The Board felt this would ease travel problems for some players who live closer to an "outside" regional than to the tournament in their own region.

Porco stressed that anyone interested in holding one of the IRA Regionals or one of the IRA Invitationals in 1975 get in touch with him in Louisville during the next month so the calendar for the coming year can be finalized. In bidding for one of the tournaments, a complete evaluation of the facility where the meet is to be held should be prepared, along with full information on motels, transportation and other accommodations.

The Board of Directors report on T-shirts and uniforms was presented to the membership by Charlie Brumfield and considerable discussion followed concerning what the IRA should regulate or not regulate. There was some feeling among the members that we should open up the rule to where we could put anything on the front or back of the uniform as long as it was not obscene.

The Board made a recommendation with the feeling it should try to keep the sport of racquetball neat and orderly in dress as well as in conduct of the game.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Scott Deeds of California and seconded by V. Z. Lawton of Oklahoma. The rule was voted by a large margin and will be followed in all IRA-sanctioned tournaments. The rule reads:

"The basic body of the uniform must be of a light or bright color so as not to blend in with the black ball when it passes close to the body of the player. The uniform trim and shoes may be of any color. The front of the pants and shirt may contain a decal not measuring over five inches in any dimension. The decal may contain a club insignia or commercial advertising of any kind.

Names Only on the Back

"The back of the uniform must be completely unadorned except that a player's name may be placed in one horizontal line across a shirt in letters not over three inches high. Doubles teams should wear similar color to ease problems of referee identification. Warmup suits not worn in actual play may be of any color and may have any insignia anywhere."

Ken Porco presented the report of the nominating committee for elections to the Board of Directors. Each year, three or four directors will be elected because all Directors and officers rotate off the Board after three-year terms.

There were four vacancies on the Board for this election, replacements for Lapierre, McInerney and Lederman—whose terms expired—and for Roderick—who resigned from the Board to become Executive Director.

Bob Challenger had resigned as Canadian Director because of travel problems, but the Canadian Racquetball Association selects its own representative and had named John W. Chambers of West Vancouver, B. C., to serve the remainder of Challenger's term. Chambers was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Rules for the annual election call for a nominating committee of five Directors selected by the President to research the prospects and submit a candidate for each open position. The membership then may make as many additional nominations from the floor as it chooses.

Each member then may vote for four candidates. To win the election, a nominee must have a majority of votes cast. If four do not receive a majority, the two highest ranking candidates are voted on again until one has a majority.

The four nominees submitted by the committee were Ivan Bruner, Dr. Hal Price, Bill Dunn and Dr. Vince Cutshall of South Dakota.

Nominated from the floor were Mike Zeitman, Jim Trent, Bette Weed, Joe Zelson, Steve Serot, Jerry Hilecher, Peggy Steding and Steve Strandemo.

In the first round of voting, the results were: Dunn 98, Bruner 64, Price 56, Cutshall 38, Steding 38, Zeitman 35, Weed 30, Strandemo 25, Trent 19, Zelson 18, Serot 17, Hilecher 9—with Dunn, Bruner and Price elected by majority. A second vote was held between Cutshall and Steding, with Mrs. Steding being elected by a majority.

Closing remarks to the meeting were presented by Dr. Bud Muehleisen, who discussed the remaining sessions of the International Singles Championships and thanked all the people who have helped him and his committees make this one of the finest IRA tournaments ever held.

The meeting was adjourned after one hour, 45 minutes.

Just a Routine Month . . .

The Dentist Pulls Another



Bud Muehleisen

Bud Muehleisen is the first racquetball player to win IRA International Singles championships in three different age groups.

"Yeah," grumbled one of his latest victims, "and if you wait a couple of years he'll make it in four."

All in all, it was quite a week for the stylish southpaw, who swept to the championship of the brand new 35-over Senior Singles without the loss of a game. He allowed his five opponents an average of 9.5 points per contest.

Muehleisen entered the 46-man field as the No. 4 choice, but the seedings fell apart on Friday afternoon and he wound up facing seventh-ranked Mark Wayne in the finals. Wayne put up a good struggle in the first game, but the 21-18, 21-11 outcome left no real doubt.

The part-time San Diego dentist really became a full-time racquetball man during the month climaxed by the tournament.

First, he was tournament director in full charge of all the many details involved in production of the meet. Also, as an IRA Director, he spent seven hours Tuesday in the annual Board meeting.

The principal honor came Saturday morning when he was inducted, along with Joe Sobek, as one of two charter



Mark Wayne

members of the Racquetball Hall of Fame. The selection recognized Bud as the first IRA Open Singles champion (1969) and the only two-time 40-over Masters Singles champion (1972-73).

Despite the distractions, Dr. Bud displayed great consistency in his play throughout the tournament.

His chief weapon was pin-point accuracy with nearly every shot. As a case in point, look at his 21-10, 21-15 victory over Bill King of Memphis in the semifinals. Five straight times Dr. Bud hit his unusual overhead smash—a throwback to tennis days and a shot you don't see all that often in racquetball. Five straight times he drilled it off the front wall within an inch or two of the floor, leaving King handcuffed.

"There's not much you can do except say 'Nice shot, Bud' and hope he misses the next one," King declared. "And when he keeps it up, there isn't anything you can do."

King, the No. 8 seed, provided one of the big victories of the entire tournament when he turned back top-ranked Charlie Garfinkel of Buffalo, N.Y., in the quarterfinals, 21-20, 21-19. You can't get a whole lot closer in two games, and each was a see-saw struggle right down to the wire.

The seedings also fell apart in the lower half of the bracket, with No. 6 Howie Ringwood of Salt Lake City advancing to the semis, where he became a three game victim of Wayne, 21-13, 12-21, 21-13.

Thursday's early rounds gave no real hint of things to come. Gerry Lapierre of



The classic backhand



Muehleisen vs. King



The Wayne serve

Cleveland provided most of the highlights with a pair of three-game victories which sent him to the round of 16 against Muehleisen. That ended 21-4, 21-7.

First favorite to fall Friday, in the round of 16, was second-seeded Ken Porco of Louisville, the Senior Invitation champion. Severely hobbled by an injury, Porco couldn't keep up with husky Lou Concha of San Francisco and bowed out, 21-20, 21-18.

Deryck Clay, the No. 5 seed from Portola Valley, had a tough three-gamer with Bruce Russell of San Diego, but the biggest scare was survived by Ringwood, 21-20 in the third over classy Canadian George Morfitt of West Vancouver.

Wayne, who had started with a 21-18, 21-14 conquest of East Canada champion Murdock Cranston of Halifax, advanced past Jim Trent of San Diego, 21-11, 21-12. Seven of the top eight—Porco excluded—advanced to the quarters.

Myron Roderick, who had been going in all directions to meet his duties as IRA Executive Director, never could get his game together against Ringwood in the quarterfinals, and the No. 3 seed from Stillwater, Okla., went down quickly, 12 and 12.

The same court promptly produced the next major upset, King over Garfinkel. Meanwhile, Muehleisen was disposing of Clay, 21-6, 21-14, and Wayne was sending Concha to the sidelines, 8 and 11.

That set up the semifinals, King vs. Muehleisen and Wayne vs. Ringwood. After his loss to Wayne in the semis, Ringwood was called home by a family emergency and had to default his third place match to King.

Dr. Peter James of Bellingham, Wash., won the consolation title over Don Griffin of Phoenix, 11-21, 21-10, 21-10. In his first outing, James was one of Lapierre's three-game victims. Then he had to skin past Jerry Northwood of Newport Beach, 31-30 in the first round of consolations.

Griffin, who was dropped into consolations by Tom Carlyon of La Mesa, also had a stinger in his first consolation match, 31-29 over Ted Thee of Escondido.



King drives on Dr. Bud.



Bill King watches as Charlie Garfinkel sights in on a backhand.

Consolation Scoreboard

OPEN SINGLES

Preliminary: Hennen def. Ogilvie, 31-16.
First Round: Lucero def. Fonseca, 31-18; Bernstein def. Gettman, 31-4; Stream def. Cullen, 31-19; Don Crawford def. Dan Crawford, 31-16; Sutton def. Ivaldy, 31-28; Chaet def. Wong, 31-24; Johnston def. Winsberg, 31-18; M. Sayes def. Rundles, 31-16; Fearing def. Groff, 31-14; Kutas def. Crafton, 31-4; Kent def. Al Shelby, 31-15; Hennen def. Creese, 31-20; Romano def. Bryson, 31-26; Shearer def. McComas, 31-25; Susson def. Messer, 31-18; Moran forfeit from Williams.

Second Round: Bernstein def. Lucero, 31-11; Don Crawford def. Stream, 31-21; Sutton def. Chaet, 31-29; M. Sayes def. Johnston, 31-27; Fearing def. Kutas, 31-7; Hennen def. Kent, 31-10; Romano def. Shearer, 31-9; Moran def. Susson, 31-30.

Quarterfinals: Bernstein def. Don Crawford, 21-11, 21-8; Sutton def. M. Sayes, 21-8, 21-20; Hennen def. Fearing, 21-9, 21-8; Romano def. Moran, 21-18, 21-13.

Semifinals: Bernstein def. Sutton, 21-12, 21-6; Hennen def. Romano, 21-16, 21-12.

Finals: Bernstein def. Hennen, 21-11, 21-18.

SENIOR SINGLES

Preliminary: James def. Northwood, 31-30.

First Round: Mooney forfeit from Chambers; Wellborn forfeit from Travers; James def. Armstrong, 31-8; Weckerly def. Lippe, 31-13; Peterson forfeit from Kaplan; Griffin def. Thee, 31-29; Avila def. Ohleman, 31-18; Keeler def. Conn, 31-22.

Quarterfinals: Mooney def. Wellborn, 21-3, 21-10; James def. Weckerly, 21-17, 21-13; Griffin def. Peterson, 21-3, 21-14; Avila def. Keeler, 31-30.

Semifinals: James def. Mooney, 21-12, 21-17; Griffin def. Avila, 21-16, 21-11.

Finals: James def. Griffin, 11-21, 21-10, 21-10.

MASTERS SINGLES

First Round: Kobernick def. Milgrim, 31-27; Nichopoulos forfeit from Fleitz; Holland def. Deeds, 31-10; Schinagle def. Farrell, 31-7; Van Fossen def. Turner, 31-

26; Swartz def. Pearl, 31-5; Barlow def. Judson, 31-22; Perelman forfeit from Press.

Quarterfinals: Nichopoulos def. Kobernick, 31-17; Holland def. Schinagle, 31-27; Swartz def. Van Fossen, 31-17; Perelman def. Barlow, 31-22.

Semifinals: Nichopoulos def. Holland, 21-19, 21-16; Swartz def. Perelman, 21-6, 21-9.

Finals: Swartz def. Nichopoulos, 21-19, 19-21, 21-15.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: McGowan forfeit from Lawrence; Morguelan def. DeWolf, 31-17; Weed def. Ornstein, 31-15; Pond forfeit from Sweeney.

Quarterfinals: Knudsen def. McGowan, 31-21; Noguchi forfeit from Morguelan; Weed def. LaLonde, 31-27; Fryar def. Pond, 21-15, 21-19.

Semifinals: Knudsen def. Noguchi, 21-18, 21-14; Weed def. Fryar, 21-6, 21-6.

Finals: Weed def. Knudsen, 21-15, 21-6.

JUNIOR SINGLES

First Round: Buckley def. Reynolds, 21-12, 21-7; Nichopoulos forfeit from Salvador; Swartz def. R. Loveday, 16-21, 21-14, 21-4; C. Loveday def. Sandler, 21-13, 21-19.

Semifinals: Nichopoulos def. Buckley, 21-15, 21-3; C. Loveday def. Swartz, 21-17, 8-21, 21-18.

Finals: Nichopoulos def. C. Loveday, 21-5, 21-6.

GOLDEN MASTERS SINGLES

First Round: Green def. Lohr, 31-20; Spaulding def. Scott, 31-23.

Semifinals: Green def. Lederman, 21-12, 21-13; Spaulding forfeit from Shoss.

Finals: Green def. Spaulding, 21-12, 21-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Harding-LaLonde def. McGowan-Keenam, 21-14, default; Pond-Siau def. Guerry-Fryar, 21-17, 17-21, 21-15.

Finals: Harding-LaLonde def. Pond-Siau, 21-17, 21-7.

Seniors

1-Charlie Garfinkel, Buffalo, NY ...	Garfinkel ...			
**Ronald Botchan, Granada Hills ...	21-12 21-1	Garfinkel ...		
John Mooney, Colorado Springs	McInerney ...	21-11 21-9		
Bob McInerney, Coronado, Cal.	4-21 21-9 21-5		King	
8-William King, Memphis	King		21-20 21-19	
**Logan Tate, Lethbridge, Alta. ...	21-5 21-12	King		
Bob McNamara, Minneapolis	McNamara	21-11 21-10		
**Ron Salvador, Cleveland	21-15 21-5			Muehleisen ...
4-Bud Muehleisen, La Mesa, Cal.	Muehleisen ..			21-10 21-15
**Bill Armstrong, Palos Verdes ...	21-2 21-8	Muehleisen ..		
Peter James, Bellingham, Wash. ...	Lapierre	21-4 21-7		
**Gerry Lapierre, Cleveland	21-11 11-21 21-17		Muehleisen ..	
5-Deryck Clay, Portola Valley, Cal. ...	Clay		21-6 21-14	
**Richard Kunze, San Diego	21-11 21-4	Clay		
Bruce Russell, San Diego	Russell	21-18 20-21 21-16		
**Allen Weckerly, San Diego	21-10 21-11			
**Preliminary Round				
Botchan def. John Chambers, West Vancouver, B.C.,	21-14, 21-11			
Tate def. Art Travers, Newport Beach, Cal.,	21-5, 21-13			
Salvador def. Tom Wellborn, La Mesa, Cal.,	21-15, 21-3			
Armstrong won by forfeit from Dan Little, Chicago				
Lapierre def. Jerry Northwood, Newport Beach, Cal.,	21-16, 8-21, 21-14			Muehleisen
Kunze def. Ernest Lippe, San Diego, 21-7, 11-21,	21-15			21-18
Weckerly won by forfeit from Shelly Clar, Chicago				21-11

2-Ken Porco, Louisville	Porco			
**Joe Bannan, El Cajon, Cal.	21-10 21-8	Concha		
Bob Peterson, Boise, Idaho	Concha	21-20 21-18		
Lou Concha, San Francisco	21-17 16-21 21-18		Wayne	
7-Mark Wayne, Fremont, Cal.	Wayne		21-8 21-11	
**Murdock Cranston, Halifax, N.S. ...	21-18 21-14	Wayne		
James Trent, San Diego	Trent	21-11 21-12		
**Tom Carlyon, La Mesa, Cal.	21-20 21-18			Wayne
3-Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Okla. ...	Roderick			21-13 12-21 21-13
**Obed Oas, Omaha	21-12 21-4	Roderick		
Ron Haisting, Phoenix	Smith	21-4 21-11		
**Tevie Smith, Richmond, B.C.	Forfeit		Ringwood	
6-Howard Ringwood, Salt Lake City ...	Ringwood		21-12 21-12	
**P. F. Colombo, Scarsdale, NY ...	21-13 21-16	Ringwood		
George Morfitt, W.Vancouver, B.C. ...	Morfitt	21-12 13-21 21-20		
**V. Z. Lawton, Norman, Okla.	21-9 21-17			

**Preliminary Round
 Bannan def. Barry Kaplan, Phoenix, 16-21, 21-12, 21-15
 Cranston def. Ted Thee, Escondido, Cal., 21-3, 21-17
 Carlyon def. Donald Griffin, Phoenix, 21-10, 21-8
 Oas def. Chuck Ohleman, Los Angeles, 21-17, 21-11
 Smith def. Jerry Avila, San Clemente, Cal., 21-16, 21-17
 Colombo def. Ronald Keeler, San Diego, 21-9, 21-3
 Lawton def. Bryan Conn, El Cajon, Cal., 21-12, 21-6

Third Place:
 King default
 from Ringwood



Bill Sellars

Lone Star Spectacular . . .

'Back Home' Doesn't Count

The eyes of Texas were on the Masters Singles as long-time Dallas doubles partners Richard Walker and Dr. Bill Sellars hooked up in the 45-over finals.

"At home, I've beaten him 20 out of the last 27 times," Walker pointed out before the title match.

Also, Walker had knocked off top-seeded John Halverson of San Diego, the Masters Invitation champion, in the semifinals for his fourth straight two-game victory. And Sellars had had to go "forever" to get past Gene Grapes of Irwin, Pa., in a grueling Saturday night semi.

So, you'd have to go with Walker, right? Particularly after he wins the first game of the finals, 21-8, right?

Wrong. Sellars wins, 8-21, 21-8, 21-10. Maybe it was the California climate, or something.

For a close-up view of the championship match, see the accompanying article by an anonymous observer who prefers to be known only as "Old South." He lets the players tell it like it was—or like they thought it was.

The early rounds in the field of 35 entries produced nothing in the way of surprises. The top seven seeds advanced to the quarterfinals and only No. 6 Al Rossi of San Francisco had to go overtime, 16-21, 21-15, 21-10, over Hal Price of Phoenix.

Eighth-ranked Rick Warner of Salt Lake City hooked up in a long battle with Bill Schultz of Milwaukee, the first national paddle racquets champion and placed in the No. 9 spot in the bracket. Schultz pulled it out 21-17, 17-21, 21-20 and that close a match between two players of relatively equal rank hardly could be called an upset.

Halverson took Schultz, 13 and 6, in the quarters and Walker downed No. 5 Carl Loveday of El Cajon, 16 and 4. Sellars defeated No. 7 Jim White of Milwaukee, 15 and 8, and Grapes disposed of Rossi, 7 and 17. So, the seedings held, 1-4 and 2-3.

Saturday afternoon, the picture changed. Down on court seven, Walker

faced Halverson, who had beaten him in the Invitation two months earlier, 31-18. Word filtered back that an upset was in the making as the red-haired Texan swept to a 17-5 lead in the first game.

"I was using a hard, low serve," Walker said, "and it was going just where I wanted it. I couldn't keep hitting it all the time, but it gave me the early lead." Halverson made a game comeback, but fell short, 21-18, 21-16.

Sellars and Grapes, seeded second and third, figured for a long, tough match. Sellars had won 31-29 in the Invitation and this one was best-of-three.

Well, they did finish before midnight, but it took 2½ hours and they were the only players in the club for the last hour. "Let 'em play forever," Walker said, enjoying it immensely.

Finally, it was Sellars, 21-20, 14-21, 21-16. The marathon took its toll on Grapes. "I wanted that one," he said. "Now I have to play Halverson tomorrow." Halverson took third place, 21-10, 21-8.

And, of course, Sellars couldn't possibly be at full speed for the finals. Could he?

Phil Swartz of Vancouver outlasted George Nichopoulos of Memphis for the



Richard Walker

consolation championship, 21-19, 19-21, 21-15. Each was cheered on by his son, who had played well in the junior divisions.

An Earwitness Account

By "Old South"

The Scene: It's five minutes before the Masters Singles finals, Sunday afternoon. On Saturday, Dr. Bill Sellars had a 2½-hour, three-game semifinal with Gene Grapes. Richard Walker did not show disappointment at this development. Our observer corners Walker at the water fountain.

South: "Well, how do you see your match with Sellars?"

Walker: "I'm playing well. If you notice, none of my matches has gone three games and the average number of points my opponent has gotten is less

than 11 a game. Sellars is tired from yesterday's unfortunate slugfest and I doubt if he can physically make a game of it. I see it about 21-10."

At the other end of the hall, our expert checks in with Sellars.

South: "How do you feel?"

Sellars: "OK, I guess. It will probably take me three games to beat him and I'll be tired as hell when it's over."

First game goes to Walker, 21-8. Referee calls two minutes.

South: (To Walker) "How did it go?"

Walker: "Well, he's awful tired and I

Masters

1-John Halverson, San Diego	Halverson ...		
Harold Milgrim, Los Angeles	21-0 21-1	Halverson ...	
		21-3 21-9	
Smith Schippers, Memphis	Schippers ...		
Jerry Kobernick, San Diego	21-10 21-20		
		Halverson ...	
		21-13 21-6	
8-Rick Warner, Salt Lake City	Warner		
John Fleitz, Rolling Hills, Cal. ..	21-4 21-6	Schultz	
		21-17 17-21	
Bill Schultz, Milwaukee	Schultz	21-20	
George Nichopoulos, Memphis	21-11 21-2		
			Walker
			21-18 21-16
4-Richard Walker, Dallas	Walker		
Cameron Deeds, Long Beach, Cal. ..	21-5 21-5	Walker	
		21-5 21-17	
George Holland, La Mesa, Cal.	Carroll		
Bill Carroll, Fountain Valley, Cal.	21-18 21-7		
		Walker	
		21-16 21-4	
5-Carl Loveday, El Cajon, Cal.	Loveday		
**Robert Newton, San Diego	21-2 21-3	Loveday	
		21-16 21-6	
G. E. Farrell, Salina, Kan.	Hilecher		
Dan Hilecher, St. Louis	21-1 21-1		
			Sellars
			8-21
			21-8
			21-10

**Preliminary Round

Newton def. Marvin Schinagle, Beachwood, Ohio, 21-17, 18-21, 21-17

2-Bill Sellars, Dallas	Sellars		
**Brud Turner, Cleveland	21-7 21-5	Sellars	
		21-1 21-10	
Al Chamberlain, Escondido, Cal. ...	Chamberlain .		
Don Van Fossen, St. Louis	21-13 17-21 21-13		Sellars
			21-15 21-8
7-Jim White, Milwaukee	White		
Philip Swartz, Vancouver, B.C. ...	21-1 21-7	White	
		21-4 21-12	
Gene MacDonald, San Diego	MacDonald ...		
Ray Pearl, Cleveland	21-4 21-3		
			Sellars
3-Gene Grapes, Irwin, Pa.	Grapes		21-20 14-21
**Richard Rech, Milwaukee	21-4 21-9		21-16
		Grapes	
Ivan Bruner, Madison, Wis.	Bruner	21-9 21-14	
Bob Barlow, San Diego	21-2 21-6		Grapes
			21-7 21-17
6-Alfred Rossi, San Francisco	Rossi		
Ben Press, San Diego	21-10 21-6	Rossi	
		16-21 21-15 21-10	
Hal Price, Phoenix	Price		
David Perelman, Euclid, Ohio	21-7 21-5		
			Third Place:

Turner won by forfeit from Jim Scott, San Diego
Rech def. Graham Judson, El Cajon, Cal., 21-18, 21-7

Third Place:
Halverson
def. Grapes
21-10 21-8

Old South . . .

doubt if it will be much of a game . . . maybe 5 or 6 instead of 8 this time . . . strictly routine."

South: (To Sellars) "That game was pretty rough, Bill, how do you feel?"

Sellars: "I've got him now."

South: "You what?"

Sellars: "I've got him . . . I've got his number."



Richard Walker

South: "Were my eyes deceiving me or wasn't that you that I saw just got blown off the court? Now you tell me that you've got him."

Sellars: "That game's history. Didn't you see the last two serves I hit him? The Z-serve . . . he looked like it came from outer space . . . couldn't handle it at all."

Second game goes to Sellars, also 21-8.

South: (To Walker) "What a turnabout, Richard. What happened?"

Walker: "This should be a lesson to every player. You cannot let yourself relax, not for one point, not for one second. You know it's hard to keep your concentration and to keep forcing yourself to keep the pressure on where you've just won a game, 21-8. And that Z-serve . . . you can't relax . . . sometimes you have to hit it quick. Also, going through my mind is that I've beaten Bill 20 out of the last 27 times. This game I'll drown him."

South: (To Sellars) "Bill, you really surprised me. That serve did bother him a little, but I noticed you had a devil of a time with those last points. I got the impression you got awful tired on that last do-or-die stand."

Sellars: "It's all over now. It's all



Walker drives to Sellars.

over, strictly a mop-up operation. He's in a fog."

South: "But Bill, doesn't he normally beat you in Dallas?"

Sellars: "Well, I guess so, but this is different. This is for all the chips. I'm not out there for exercise today."

Final score—Sellars 21, Walker 10.

Moral: Racquetball is a funny game. It's different at the Internationals than anywhere else. At Dallas, I've got to pick Walker . . . he's still 20 out of 28.

September Meeting Eyed

State Chairmen Map Convention Plans

Representatives from 15 states attended a breakfast meeting for state chairmen June 9 in San Diego.

Executive Director Myron Roderick pointed out the primary purpose of this discussion was to help establish an agenda to be used at a national conference of IRA state chairmen in September.

One of the principal discussions centered on whether to have one general nationwide convention at a central site such as Chicago, or to try to have about four regional conferences where the same topics would be discussed and travel would be reduced for many state chairmen.

Pros and cons were presented for both situations and it was not determined at a central site such as Chicago, or to try to have about four regional conferences where the same topics would be discussed and travel would be reduced for many state chairmen.

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Additional discussions centered on the following topics:

—Better communication throughout each state and better communication

between the states and the national office. Newsletters for both levels were discussed.

—How to increase IRA membership and how to provide improved service to the membership.

—Qualifications for an ideal state chairmanship, including time, telephones, office and communications available.

—It was pointed out to the state officials that any communication they would like to send out to members in their states or areas of more than one state can be sent through the national office, which would handle addressing and mailing through the central membership list.

—Tournament guidelines, including how many tournaments and classes of competition would be established.

—Guidelines for writing articles for the magazine should be sent out to all concerned. Typewritten copy, double-spaced, is preferred but not mandatory. First names and home towns should be included for all players mentioned in an article or on a bracket.

—Similar guidelines for pictures should be established. Except for major IRA Championships, all pictures should be clear, sharp black-and-white prints.

—Another important area of discussion

to be dealt with on the state level was referees. Classification of officials, uniforms, patches and other areas should be covered.

—Detailed guidelines on forming overall state organizations, from the state chairman right on down, will be perhaps the most important item for discussion.

The format of the International Racquetball Association is moving toward the ideal structure as follows:

The IRA is governed by the Board of Directors, working through the Executive Director, and then to the National Commissioner. The National Commissioner, in turn, would work through the regional commissioners and those commissioners through the state chairmen in each region. The state chairman then would coordinate all activities through the state organization to meet the needs of each and every racquetball player in the world.

In adjourning the meeting, Roderick called on all state chairmen across the country to send in any ideas or topics they would like placed on the agenda for discussion at the national convention.

"We want an outstanding state program in each state," Roderick said. "Be sure to let us know how we can help."



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1968 Tourney Was the Springboard

It Had to Start Somewhere

The International Racquetball Association held its first official international championships in 1969, but the sport had begun to emerge on the national sports scene a year earlier.

You might well say that the National Paddle Racquets Tournament held in 1968 at Milwaukee served as the springboard from which racquetball and the IRA leaped into prominence.

Back in the 1950's there were people playing a game called paddleball, and—under the influence of Joe Sobek—others were taking up a game called paddle racquets. The paddleball players were playing with a solid paddle and the paddle racquets players were using a gut-strung racquet.

Paddleball was more prominent, being played in YMCA's, athletic clubs, colleges and universities throughout the United States. The game of paddle racquets was spreading from its starting point in the New England states.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, paddleball became extremely popular and several national tournaments were held—true national tournaments including players from all over the country. Paddle racquets players were mainly playing for fun and held a few tournaments in the New England states. But in the 1960's, the latter sport began to spread rapidly, infiltrating the paddleball ranks.

Many of the top racquetball players of today, were nationally ranked stars in paddleball, including Bill Schmidtke, Bud Muehleisen, Bill Schultz, Paul Nelson, Diz Kronenberg, Craig Finger, Jim Lawrence and Dan Wood.

By 1967, the game of paddle racquets began to challenge paddleball as the most popular game in many communities. There was real life being shown among the top-notch paddle racquets players, not only in New England, but now in places like Louisville and other major metropolitan areas.

One day, Larry Lederman, athletic



Bill Schmidtke was second, then, to Bill Schultz.

director of the Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee, decided it was time to hold "a big tournament." By now, many were debating which was the better game. So why not get all these top players together and organize one great game, deciding whether to play with the solid paddle or the strung racquet?

Lederman and his directors and athletic community of the JCC decided to tackle this job. They formed a tournament committee of members of their club and athletes in the various court sports—persons who over the years put on major tournaments and some national events.

Lederman convinced just about all the top players of paddleball to give up their game for a while and take up this game of paddle racquets for one huge tournament; find out who would be the real national champion; then sit down together and decide on a national committee for the sport.

A list of the top paddleball players in the country was developed and most of them agreed to set aside their paddles to take up racquets for this tournament. Lederman also sent invitations to every YMCA, athletic club, JCC, college or university known to have courts, urging them to send their top players to the tournament.

And what a tournament it was! Huge signs welcoming everyone to this first National Paddle Racquets Tournament.



Doubles champions Jim White, left, and Sammie Fein.

The news media was there. They had a sale on seats, of which there were many more buyers than seats. Tremendous food, hospitality hours, parties, made it one of the outstanding tournaments in the country. Players came from all over to make it truly a national championship.

Bill Schultz of Madison, Wis., a former national paddleball champion, became the first National Paddle Racquets king after a fine match in the finals with a young fellow named Bill Schmidtke. You may have heard of him since.

Jim White and Sammie Fein of Milwaukee were crowned doubles champions.

Meetings were held throughout the tournament and after its close. Every player, along with athletic directors and prominent sports-minded businessmen, took part in discussing the future of this sport. The conclusion was that this was the beginning of a great new sport called paddle racquets and it needed an organizational structure.

Bob Kendler was there and he was impressed with the excitement of the tournament. As he spoke to the group, he declared that this certainly was the beginning of a new organization and that this first national tournament would be followed by another.

A year brought changes. By 1969, the name of the game was racquetball. The organization had gone from national to international. The pink ball used in the first championships had been changed to an accepted black ball. But the seedings committee followed the results of the 1968 tournament in drawing the brackets.

Thus was born the International Racquetball Association, and with it the IRA Championships. But the roots were planted in the National Paddle Racquets tournament of 1968. And to the sponsors of that event, all racquetball owes recognition and a resounding vote of thanks.



Tournament committeemen, from left, Mort Luck, Larry Lederman, Chairman Ben Libowsky, Tom Sanicola and Larry Gardner.



He's Just a 'Kid' Himself



"I can handle these 55-year-old kids anytime," said Ike Gumer. "They need to get a little experience."

Then the stubby 60-year-old from Louisville proceeded to prove it by sweeping to the first championship of the 55-over Golden Masters Singles.

Despite being "just a kid" by Gumer's standards, lean, agile Alex Guerry of Chattanooga put up a good fight in the finals, winning the first game at 17 before going down, 21-12, 21-6.

Gumer recovered from a bad spill, banging his head against the side wall as he went down. Later, he displayed an egg-sized lump on his head but shrugged

it off as no problem.

The field of 14 entries represented nine states and Canada, but the finals wound up as a rematch of the Southern Regional, and with the same result.

Gumer advanced by trimming a pair of Californians, Cal Murphy of San Diego, 16 and 8, and Stan Berney of Escondido, 6 and 19.

Guerry had a much tougher road. Seeded fourth, he upset top-ranked Jackson Bowling of Kenmore, N.Y., 7-21, 21-15, 21-17, in a long, drawn-out semifinal struggle.

Bowling and Guerry drew special praise for their performance. The

referee of that match marched right up to the official table and declared, "Never, in any tournament anywhere, have I called a match for two finer gentlemen." Now that, folks, is an award in itself.

Guerry had scored two earlier victories over Don Green of Hayward, Calif., 10 and 8 in one of those closer-than-the-score-shows matches, and over Ben Wirkus of Fond du Lac, Wis., 9 and 8.

Bowling took third place over Berney, 4 and 13, and Green came back to win consolation honors with three decisive scores, downing C. A. Spaulding of Manchester, Mo., 12 and 5, in the finals.

Golden M

1-Jackson Bowling, Kenmore, NY	Bowling	21-14	21-16
Bye			
8-Larry Lederman, Milwaukee	Crowley	21-15	21-16
Ray Crowley, Tulsa			
4-Alex Guerry, Chattanooga, Tenn.	Guerry	21-10	21-8
Don Green, Hayward, Cal.			
5-Ben Wirkus, Fond du Lac, Wis.	Wirkus	21-10	21-9
Edward Lohr, Portland, Ore.			
2-I. R. Gumer, Louisville	Gumer	21-16	21-8
Bye			
7-David Shoss, Dallas	Murphy	21-9	21-8
Cal Murphy, San Diego			
3-Stanley Berney, Escondido, Cal.	Berney	21-3	21-8
Jim Scott, San Diego			
6-Jack Duncan, Vancouver, B.C.	Duncan	21-8	21-11
C. A. Spaulding, Manchester, Mo.			

Third Place: Bowling def. Berney, 21-4, 21-13

Directors Touch on Many Topics...

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES Annual Meeting—June 4, 1974

The meeting of the IRA Board of Directors was called to order by DeWitt Shy, President, at 10 a.m. on June 4, 1974, at the LeBaron Hotel in San Diego, Calif.

First item on the agenda was the Financial Report for 1973, along with the Budget Report for 1974, as follows:

1973 RECEIPTS

Royalties	\$ 91,491.36
Membership	10,279.50
Advertising	4,247.59
Sale of publications	3,305.08
Sale of supplies	209.07
Tournament income	226.00
Miscellaneous	509.34
Total	\$110,267.94

1973 EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 12,029.59
Professional fees	2,600.00
Depreciation	55.40
Dues and subscriptions	53.00
Legal and accounting	7,561.76
Rent	900.00
Payroll taxes	1,153.58
Awards and trophies	1,031.25
Duplicating	581.84
Magazine production	21,983.44
Mailing service	849.39
Office supplies	2,189.40
Postage	6,084.12
Membership supplies	906.56
Supplies for resale	6,354.63
Telephone	2,554.46
Tournament expense	14,065.17
Travel	5,020.59
Miscellaneous	1,036.66
Tax adjustment	193.52
Total	\$6,817.32
Net income	23,450.62
Total	\$110,267.94

1974 INCOME

Royalties	\$ 95,000.00
Membership	10,000.00
Advertising	10,000.00
Sale of publications	1,000.00
Sale of supplies	5,000.00
Tournament income	12,000.00
Total	\$133,000.00

1974 EXPENDITURES

Magazine	\$ 24,000.00
Executive director salary	18,000.00
Magazine salary	3,000.00
Secretary salary	6,000.00
Rent	2,400.00
Telephone	4,000.00
Postage	6,000.00
Taxes	1,500.00
Membership supplies	1,000.00
Office supplies	3,000.00
Supplies for resale	3,000.00
Mailing service	1,000.00
Tournaments	20,000.00
Travel	5,000.00
Dues and subscriptions	50.00
Photography	500.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Awards and trophies	3,500.00
Duplicating	600.00
Office equipment	1,500.00
Depreciation	100.00
Audit	1,500.00
Total	106,850.00
Net income	26,150.00
Total	133,000.00

Equipment contracts that have been approved were next on the agenda. Agreements have been signed with Seamco, Trenway and Sportcraft. Contracts that are out and being considered are: Voit, World Courts, Powerlock, R2 and Ektelon. Of course, we welcome any manufacturer who is interested in helping to promote the International Racquetball Association.

Guidelines and a committee for approval of equipment were discussed in the meeting. Guidelines should be set up for manufacturers to approve equipment and merchandise of the IRA. It was felt that a committee should be appointed to be presented the facts concerning the item to be approved. The Board felt this should be done through the Executive Director, working with and through the manufacturing people in the market, setting up guidelines to meet our standards.

It was pointed out that anything the Board approves should be of good quality, something the members would have confidence in when they go down to purchase an item that the IRA has approved, given studies and research and put their stamp of approval on. So the Executive Director will set up a committee to form these guidelines as far as approval is concerned on all items.

It was recommended by the Executive Director, Myron Roderick, that he would like for the IRA records to be audited each year for his own protection and that of the members. A motion was made by DeWitt Shy, seconded by Larry Lederman, that we would have a certified audit for the year 1974. The motion carried unanimously.

Pro racquetball was discussed but was tabled for more research and decisions to be made by the Board of Directors at a later date. It was pointed out that if the IRA does get into pro racquetball, such a move would have to be justified from the standpoint that the money spent would promote and develop racquetball in all areas. This item was discussed at great length but was tabled. When a decision is made there will be a full report to the IRA membership.

The idea of a celebrity tournament was discussed. There has been some research done on this and it was the feeling of the Board that if a celebrity tournament could be held it would help get some TV coverage and publicity that would not be possible without some of the top celebrities involved. Several celebrities were mentioned who play racquetball and might be interested, among them Elvis Presley, Sammy Davis Jr., world champion chess player Bobby Fischer, etc. The Executive Director was given permission to go ahead and pursue this area.

The site of the International Doubles was changed to Minneapolis, Minn., because it was discovered that the Executive Club in Cleveland has 22-foot ceilings. The dates will be the same, October 11-13, 1974. There will be five classes involved—Junior, Open, Senior, Masters and Golden Masters.

The International Singles Championships for 1975 will be held the first weekend in April with the regionals set for the first weekend in March. Other dates were discussed for the National Invitation

tournaments with some dates and sites confirmed, as follows:

- 1—International Singles, April 3-6, 1975, site open.
- 2—Regionals, Feb. 28-March 2, 1975, sites open.
- 3—International Doubles, Oct. 11-13, 1974, Minneapolis.
- 4—Open Invitation Singles, Jan. 10-12, 1975, Louisville.
- 5—Open Invitation Doubles, dates and site open.
- 6—Senior Invitation Singles, Dec. 6-7, 1974, site open.
- 7—Senior Invitation Doubles, Feb. 1-3, 1975, San Diego.
- 8—Masters Invitation Singles, dates open, Dallas.
- 9—Masters Invitation Doubles, Nov. 15-17, 1974, New Castle, Pa.
- 10—Women's Invitation Singles and Doubles, dates and site open.
- 11—Golden Masters Invitation Doubles, dates and site open.
- 12—National Intercollegiate, March 29-31, 1975, Memphis.

It was discussed how qualifications were set up this year for the Internationals and a proposed new breakdown of regionals was presented to the Board by the Executive Director, having eight regions in the United States instead of five, plus the two in Canada. A motion was made by Charlie Brumfield, seconded by John Chambers of Canada and passed by the Board that the regional setup be accepted as presented by the Executive Director. The new regional breakdown is as follows:

Region 1—California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii.

Region 2—Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska.

Region 3—North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin.

Region 4—Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas.

Region 5—Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio.

Region 6—Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, Puerto Rico.

Region 7—Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Kentucky, North Carolina.

Region 8—New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania.

Region 9—East Canada, no change.

Region 10—West Canada, no change.

Qualification from each region was the next item on the agenda and a motion was made by Bob McInerney and seconded by Larry Lederman that we qualify as we did this year in Open Singles only. Since we will have 10 regions instead of seven, if we qualify the same numbers as this year we will have more of the qualifying people there than we had at the present tournament. It was also discussed that in the future the tournament could be large enough that we may have to qualify in other divisions. The motion was passed.

Another recommendation was made by the Executive Director that all regionals be held on the first weekend in March and that you can go to any regional that you

care to, to qualify. The reason for this is that some persons live on the border of two states that separates regions and could go maybe a hundred miles to be in one regional which wasn't theirs, or go five hundred miles to their own regional. It was felt because of time and expense it would be better to qualify in whatever regional was close. There would be a deadline of probably 10 days before the regional for entries. Also the recommendation was made that you enter only one event. You have to make a choice as to which event you want to qualify in. The motion was made by Bud Muehleisen and seconded by Gerry Lapierre and passed unanimously.

It was recommended that we keep the same pay to the individual winners as we did this year, if the IRA can afford it and it appears that they will be able to. It was felt there need not be a motion for this but accept it as a policy of the past.

Ken Porco was appointed along with Smith Schippers to come up with some guidelines and functions of the regional commissioners.

Hall of Fame requirements were set up and accepted as presented by the Executive Director. They are printed following this report.

The next item discussed was officiating and it was agreed that we need to set up some guidelines to improve our officiating. The Board agreed to expand the rules committee to at least three members, with Bud Muehleisen as chairman. Bob McInerney moved that the President be empowered to appoint two members not necessarily from the Board in addition to the chairman and this motion was seconded by Larry Lederman. The motion carried unanimously. Mention was made that each state could have an officiating clinic and that the IRA check into a video tape that states could have to explain exactly how officiating should be done.

The T-shirt rule was brought up and the feeling of the Board was primarily that the T-shirt rule should be "neat and clean and be an asset to the game of racquetball." The rule that the Board recommended to the membership is as follows: The basic body of the uniform must be of a light or bright color so as not to blend in with the black ball when it passes close to the body of the player. The uniform trim may be of any color. The front of the pants and shirt may contain a decal measuring not over five inches in any dimension. The decal may contain a club insignia or commercial advertising of any kind. The back of the uniform must be completely unadorned except that a player's name may be placed in one horizontal line across a shirt in letters not over three inches high. Doubles teams should wear similar color to ease problems of referee identification. Warmup suits not worn in actual play may be of any color and may have insignias anywhere.

The next item on the agenda was eye protection and it was felt by the Board that we should recommend that everyone wear eye protection to prevent eye injury. The Board did not feel that we should make it a required item at this time. We do recommend to the membership if at all possible have some type of eye protection when you play.

Club membership was discussed and the Board recommended that the Executive Director set up some type of club cer-



tificate with a \$5 fee for a club to become a member of the IRA.

A report was presented from the National Court Clubs Association held in Steamboat Springs, Colo. The IRA was represented by Ken Porco and Myron Roderick. They reported there were some good things about the convention, but as a whole it was very poorly organized and did not meet the needs of most of the people who attended. It was felt by both members that it had a lot of possibilities to offer people in racquetball and a committee was set up consisting of Ken Porco and Myron Roderick to look into the possibilities of improving this organization or starting one through the IRA.

The next item discussed was the National Sporting Goods Convention that will be held in Houston, Texas, in January and the Board recommended that the IRA have a booth at the convention telling people about the service and membership as well as the organization of the IRA. DeWitt Shy appointed Ken Porco and Myron Roderick a committee of two to give a report on holding an IRA Seminar of Court Construction and Court Management.

Myron Roderick reported that the IRA office has been moved to Suite 9, 2324 W. 7th, Wicklow Professional Center, and he is working full time for the IRA and if at any time he can do anything for the Board or the membership, he is anxious to do it.

Ken Porco was chairman of the nominating committee and the committee recommended to the Board, four people to present to the membership as the new board members to replace the four going off the present board. The names recommended were Bill Dunn, Hal Price, Ivan Bruner and Vince Cutshall. There was a lot of research done by the committee of five on location of members, age and experience in racquetball.

Membership price was discussed and the Executive Director recommended that the membership price for one year for three dollars and three years for seven dollars, stay as is.

The cost of the magazine was discussed and it costs us about fifty cents a copy now

to print 6,500. The paid advertising as well as the free advertising to the approved beneficial manufacturers are coming fairly close to paying for the magazine and the Board recommended to the Executive Director to try and get more advertising if at all possible.

Myron Roderick reported to the board that the membership when he took over as Executive Director was about 3,100 and today we have about 5,400 members. He feels that this can double without any problem if we form strong state organizations to get memberships.

The magazine improvement was discussed and the Board felt that we must always try to report as much news as possible about all tournaments that are taking place, no matter how large or small, but felt that we need to class our magazine up with more color pictures and more instructional articles. This is our area of communication so we can let the members know what is happening throughout the U.S. and Canada in racquetball and we want to do as good a job as we possibly can. Myron Roderick pointed out to the Board that the first couple of issues had a lack of articles sent in but the last few issues have been great and feels the membership will continue to contribute a great deal of information and pictures to the magazine.

A discussion was held on the national ranking of players in all classes and the Board felt this would be an interesting thing to do and that we would rank the players in all classes pertaining to the results of the International Championships in 1974 and then revise this every two or four months to the results that are taking place during the year. The Board felt this would present interest in a position as well as help the seeding committee on all the national tournaments.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on June 4. Motion was made to adjourn by DeWitt Shy and seconded by Larry Lederman. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron Roderick
Executive Director

Selection Procedures

Set For Hall of Fame

THE HONORS COMMITTEE

1. The Honors Committee shall be a standing committee of the International Racquetball Association.
2. The Honors Committee shall comprise ten (10) voting members and a non-voting chairman.
3. The non-voting chairman of The Honors Committee shall be appointed for a three year term.
4. The voting members of The Honors Committee shall be appointed for three years with terms staggered so that some will expire each year. Each member may serve for three years only.
5. Members of The Honors Committee shall not be elected to the Hall of Fame. This does not apply to the non-voting chairman.
6. Membership on the Honors Committee shall include representatives of the following organizations:
 - 3—IRA Board of Directors
 - 3—State Chairmen
 - 1—Regional Commissioners
 - 3—At Large
7. Names of members of The Honors Committee shall not be made public. The name of the non-voting chairman may be released.
8. Members of The Honors Committee shall be expected to attend the annual enshrinement ceremonies at the Hall of Fame as often as possible.

COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. The duty of each member of The Honors Committee shall be to evaluate carefully the credentials of the candidates as submitted by the chairman. It is not necessary to know the candidate personally, nor to know anything about him in addition to the information submitted for each candidate.
2. Each committee member shall utilize the ballot forms provided with each nomination to register his vote for each candidate presented.
3. The vote on each candidate should be registered and sent to the chairman without delay.
4. Each committee member should register his vote independently of all other committee members.
5. No committee member may divulge his vote to anyone or to any candidate.
6. The names of the nominees presented annually will not be made public. Only the names elected will be released at the discretion of and only by the Executive Director of the International Racquetball Association.
7. The complete final results of the annual voting will be presented by the chairman of the committee to a CPA for



The first Racquetball Hall of Fame inductees, Joe Sobek and Bud Muehleisen (below), received their certificates from President DeWitt Shy at the membership meeting in San Diego.

verification and the complete certified list will be retained permanently in the files of the International Racquetball Association.

8. All nomination forms and information thereon are confidential and may not be divulged to anyone.

9. All inquiries on filing, nominations and results should be referred to the Executive Director of the International Racquetball Association.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

1. A candidate may be elected as a:
 - a. Contestant—at any time after consistent outstanding contributions to the sport of racquetball.
 - b. Contributor—at any time after consistent outstanding contributions to the sport of racquetball.
2. A candidate, having been elected to the above categories, may be nominated and submitted again at a later date in another category.
3. A worthy candidate must be representative of:
 - a. unquestioned moral character; and
 - b. demonstrated outstanding leadership ability; and
 - c. high type of citizenship; and
 - d. national or international recognition.
4. Factors of race, religion, creed, politics, geographic location, shall never be considered while evaluating any candidate for election.
5. To be elected, a candidate must receive seventy (70) per cent of the affirmative vote of The Honors Committee. For a 10-man committee, 7 affirmative votes are required for election.
6. While The Honors Committee is not required to elect a candidate annually, when no nominee is elected, the names of the four candidates receiving the most votes will be circulated immediately to the committee one more time, listed in order of votes received.
7. A nominee is eligible for a maximum of five elections.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for presentation of duly processed nomination forms and the completed file will be December 15, annually.
2. Any person may recommend candidates by:
 - a. obtaining the official nomination form from the International Racquetball Association; and
 - b. completely processing the form with fully documented information required; and
 - c. obtaining letters from at least three Racquetball people as character reference and support of the nomination; and
 - d. sending the entire file before the above deadline to the International Racquetball Association, Box 1016, Stillwater, Okla. 74074.
3. All original nomination forms and the complete file of supporting materials will be retained in the files of the International Racquetball Association.

Peggy Steding and Ann Gorski won three straight two-game matches and successfully defended their Women's Doubles championship. There were eight doubles teams in the field, including three players who did not compete in singles.

The second straight doubles crown for Peggy and Ann allowed the Odessa, Texas, sensation to repeat her 1973 "double play" and become the only player ever to sweep IRA singles and doubles twice.

The women's bracket was the only doubles competition at the San Diego tournament.

Peggy and Ann disposed of Kathy Williams of Hazel Park, Mich., and Jan Campbell of San Diego in the finals, 21-15, 21-16. Gorski entered from San Diego this year after playing out of Milwaukee in '73.

Earlier, Steding-Gorski had allowed less than 10 points a game in defeating Barbara McGowan and Penny Keenam of San Diego in the first round and Bette Weed of El Cajon and Janell Marriott of Salt Lake City in the semifinals.



Peggy Steding and Ann Gorski repeated as IRA women's doubles champs by defeating Jan Campbell (left, below) and Kathy Williams.

Ann Helps Peggy Double in Doubles

1-Peggy Steding-Ann Gorski	Steding-Gorski ...	
Barbara McGowan-Penny Keenam ..	21-9 21-7	
		Steding-Gorski
4-Bette Weed-Janell Marriott	Weed-Marriott	21-13 21-10
Jennifer Harding-Sue LaLonde ..	21-19 21-10	
		Steding-Gorski
2-Kimberly Miller-Jan Pasternak .	Miller-Pasternak .	21-15
Millie Guerri-Lucy Fryar	21-6 21-5	21-16
		Williams-Campbell .
3-Kathy Williams-Jan Campbell ...	Williams-Campbell	15-21 21-11
Carmenta Pond-Linda Siau	21-8 21-1	21-5

Third Place: Miller-Pasternak def. Weed-Marriott, 21-11, 20-21, 21-10



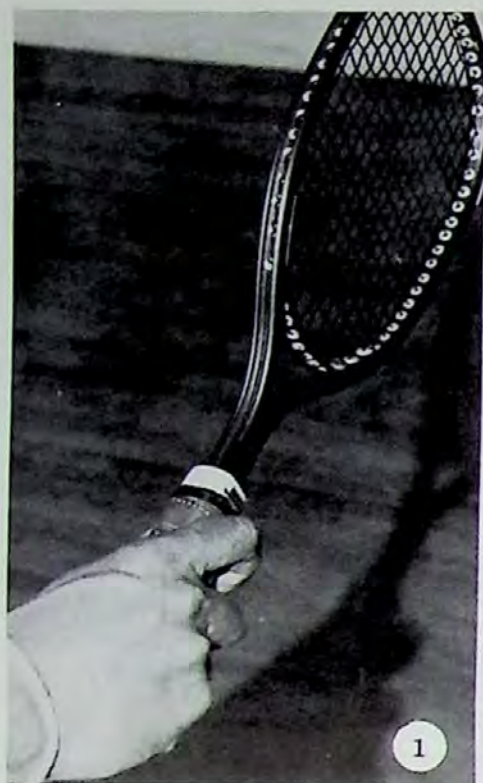
Williams and Campbell reached the finals with a three-game, comeback victory over Kimberly Miller of San Diego and Jan Pasternak of Tempe, Ariz., 15-21, 21-11, 21-5.

Miller and Pasternak won third place, 21-11, 20-21, 21-10, over Weed and Marriott.

Jennifer Harding of Portland and Sue LaLonde of Vancouver, Wash., won the consolation championship over Carmenta Pond and Linda Siau of Riverside, 21-17, 21-7.

If Pond and Siau didn't have much left in the consolation finals, it may have been because they were involved in the longest match of the entire tournament Saturday afternoon. They needed three full hours to defeat the Tennessee duo of Lucy Fryar and Millie Guerri, 21-17, 17-21, 21-15.

Don't Be Afraid Of Your Backhand



By Charlie Garfinkel
Photos by Paul Brodnicki

How many beginners and average players would rather hit a forehand than a backhand? I would venture to say nine out of 10. There are three main reasons for a poor backhand:

- 1—Improper grip
- 2—Poor stroke technique
- 3—Not watching the ball

Actually, the incorrect backswing for the beginner is the correct backswing for the advanced player. We'll get to that later.



First, let us show you the proper grip. We have three full view shots of the grip.

In Picture 1, we show you how the hand rests on the racket. Pictures 2 and 3 show more closely how your hand should be on the racket. The grips are the same, except in Picture 2 the thumb is up the back of the racket, while in Picture 3 it is wrapped around the grip.

The reason for the thumb up the back is that some players feel this gives them more support. Also, the slightly spread fingers give more flexibility when hitting the ball.



Notice the arrow in Picture 3. The big knuckle of the thumb is directly on top of the right bevel in the picture. You should use this as a guideline for the backhand grip. When you turn your racket over, it should look like Picture 1.

How do you find the proper grip size? The thumb and fourth finger should be fairly close as in Picture 3. As a general rule, there shouldn't be more than a half-inch between the two fingers. However, use the racket with the grip size that feels most comfortable to you.

Now . . . back to the stroke itself. Most manuals and books show the backhand beginning as in Picture 4. Notice how high up the racket is. I feel that this is one of the main reasons the beginner or average player has so much difficulty with the backhand.

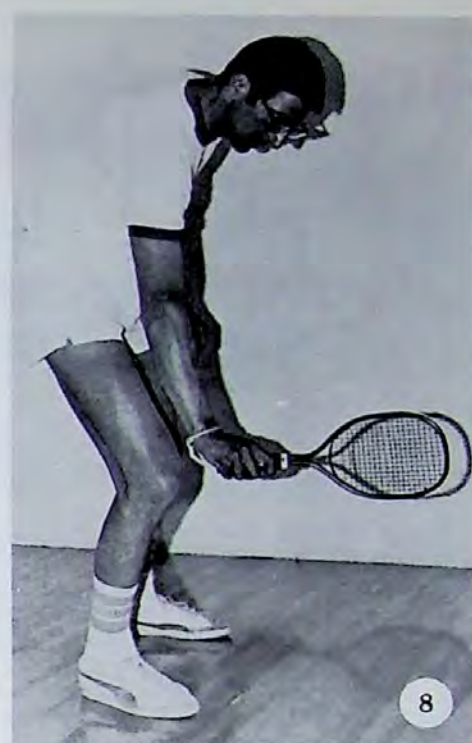
As you can see in Picture 5, the racket is turned almost sideways at the point of contact. This does not give you a solid swing. You also want to get down as low as possible when taking the backhand drive. In Picture 6, you can see that it is a poor follow-through. This actually causes you to be off balance momentarily.

Why do the top players use this swing then? They can control the swing and feel that they can get more power from starting higher. Also, their point of contact is as it appears in Picture 8, with the proper follow-through as shown in Picture 9.

This may be true for the advanced player, but not for the beginner or average player.

Now I will show you in Pictures 7, 8 and 9 how the easier backhand can be hit.

Notice that I have the racket just slightly tilted in Picture 7 as I start my



swing. I'm also standing sideways (this is important). As I make my point of contact, my knees are bent, my eyes are on the ball and the racquet is slightly in front of me. In Picture 9, please notice the follow-through.

You must finish over your right shoulder (if right-handed) to get a good, clean stroke with the proper feel and power.

How do you practice the stroke? Throw the ball off the side wall near the short line. Practice hitting straight down the line with backhands. As the grip and stroke feel better, keep moving back.

You will have to hit many backhands to get the stroke down, but you will be pleased with the results.

Make sure you hit the ball in front of you and that you follow through over your right shoulder.

I know you'll say it is hard to get a court to practice on. If you really want to improve, you can get a court at 7 a.m. without any problems. I know, as that is when I practice.

How do you practice switching from forehand to backhand? Stand up at the short line and alternate forehand and backhand shots, side-to-side. Do this slowly at first, so you can get used to the grip change. As you get the feel of changing, you can gradually move back in the court.

As you master the backhand further, you can then proceed to the ceiling ball and other shots. This will be discussed at a later date.

Before I review the backhand, I'd like to give you a brief story as to why I feel that this swing is very effective.

Two years ago, I fractured my shoulder, necessitating a pin in it for

seven weeks. (My wife was sorry it wasn't my tongue.) I started hitting the same day that the pin was taken out.

I had great difficulty with my forehand. (Most people say I had it before I was hurt.) I could hit a backhand, but not as hard as I used to. I therefore lowered the start of my swing. I was amazed at the accuracy and control that I could master.

I have also noticed from watching and talking to players their frustrations with the backhand. I feel that I have helped quite a few players with the backhands using this technique.

In closing, I am going to list the five main things to do when hitting your backhand. They are:

- 1—Watch the ball.
- 2—Bring the racquet almost straight back.
- 3—Stay low, have the racquet slightly in front of you and your knees bent on contact.
- 4—Follow through over the right shoulder.
- 5—Practice. Practice. Practice.



Southern Illinois U Organizes Club

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale racquetball players recently formed their own University Racquetball Club. During their first month in operation, they boast 66 members—all from the ranks of the SIU students, faculty and staff.

An intraschool tournament schedule has been drawn up through May, 1975. Competition shall take place at four levels (A, B, C, and Women's). Presently club members also are hoping to get the

opportunity to compete against other Illinois clubs, as well as organizations in their near four-state area.

The SIU Club has a number of outstanding players among its ranks, including Walt Ellis, Ronald York, Barry Blonde, Barbara Robinson and Robert "Doc" Spackman. The club possesses a number of fine potential racquetball players who have even begun to look toward the 1975 National Intercollegiates at Memphis State.

inside racquetball

chapter 5 DEFENSIVE SHOTS

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The job of the defensive player is to stop his opponent from scoring. In racquetball, as in other sports, the best way to do this is by learning and mastering the basic shots of the game.

Control of front court is essential for a good defensive racquetball player. You can move forward to cover kill attempts, to either side to get pass shots, and back for balls off the back wall. If your opponent is occupying front court, you want to remove him and make him take his shots from back court.

The basic defensive shots—ceiling ball, lob ball, Z ball, and around-the-wall ball—are used to get your opponent out of front court. If properly executed, defensive shots will prevent your opponent from making his kill shots from front court.

CEILING BALL

The use of the ceiling ball (Diagram 24) has increased considerably with the manufacture of more uniform and more live balls. Some of the top players in racquetball today use it to get themselves out of trouble during a rally.

The forehand ceiling ball is hit most often with the overhand stroke, head-high, and about one foot in front of the player's body. The ball must be hit firmly and high onto the ceiling, about 2-5 feet in front of the front wall. It then will come off the ceiling, angle down to hit the floor back of the short line, and bounce up and back to the back corner of the court.

If the ceiling ball is hit with the backhand stroke, the ball should be hit shoulder-high (not head-high), and the arm should be extended about one foot from the body at the point of contact with the ball.

The ceiling ball must be undercut—hit with the racquet head angled slightly down toward the floor (closed)—or it won't spin correctly. To understand how the ceiling ball spin works, take the ball or any round object and hold it between your thumb and index finger in your right hand. Rotate the ball to the left (counterclockwise). This motion is called bottom spin, and it results when you undercut the ball. Now rotate the ball to

the right (clockwise). This motion is called top spin, and it results from the ball's hitting the ceiling and the front wall. Reverse, or top spin, makes the ball travel farther into back court after it hits the floor.

The good ceiling ball must be hit with the proper undercutting motion and the correct amount of power, and it must strike the ceiling 2-5 feet from the front wall. Also, the player should strive to make his ceiling ball a wallpaper ball—a ball that hugs the side wall as it travels down toward the short line and hits the floor.

Most beginning racquetball players hit the ceiling ball too hard. This is a natural mistake because a player wants the ball to travel a long distance—starting from back court and returning to deep court. Yet the ceiling ball shouldn't be hit as hard as possible because there is no direct relationship between the force of the hit and the distance the ball travels to the back wall. Also, hitting the ball as hard as possible is extremely tiring. If

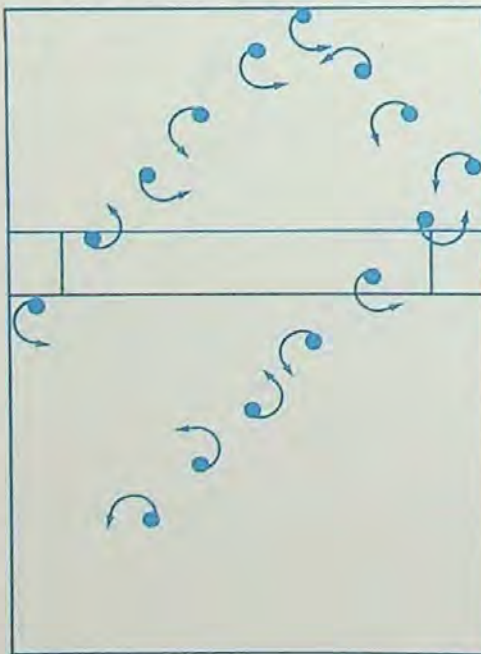


DIAGRAM 24. Bottom spin of the ceiling ball

the ball is hit to spin properly, there is no need to blast it.

One of the most outstanding ceiling ball players today is Steve Keeley. Steve often uses the ceiling ball to rescue himself in a tough rally. "The player always should try to hit the ceiling ball 2-5 feet from the front wall," advises Keeley. "If your ball strays too far from this range, you'll have to hit it much harder to make it bounce deep to back court."

A variation of the ceiling ball is the front-wall-first ceiling ball (Diagram 25).

The player stands in front court and hits the ball with almost an underhand stroke. The ball should be hit to a point high on the front wall. The momentum of the ball will make it angle upward, hit the ceiling, and rebound to the floor near the short line.

The front-wall-first ceiling ball should be hit from front court only. If hit from back court, the top spin, resulting from the ball's impact with the ceiling, won't allow the ball to carry deep enough into back court, and it will be a very easy setup for your opponent.

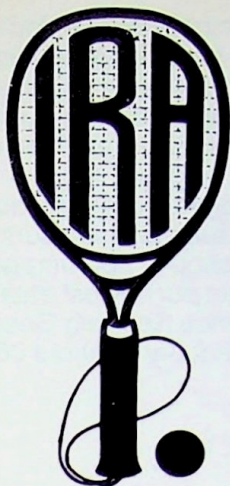
A properly executed ceiling ball will make your opponent rush to get into deep court for the return. If your opponent does manage to return your ceiling shot, his return most likely will be another ceiling ball. It usually will not be a kill shot.

Since a ceiling ball is easier to stroke than a hard-hit kill shot, you've nothing to lose by trying a ceiling ball when the opportunity presents itself.

Give yourself plenty of practice hours to learn the defensive ceiling ball. Concentrate especially on the amount of power you use to hit the ball. If you hit the ceiling ball too hard, it may come off the back wall instead of dropping into deep court. If you hit the ball too softly or strike the side wall near the short line, the ball will not carry deep enough and may provide your opponent with a mid-court setup.

LOB BALL

The lob (Diagram 26), when properly hit, is a tough shot for most opponents to



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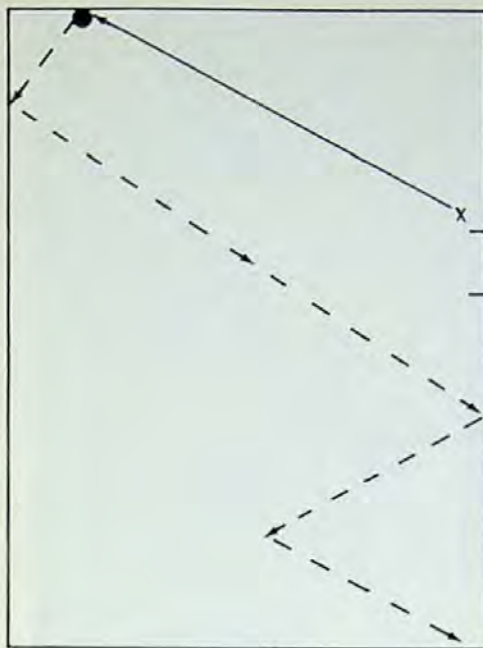


DIAGRAM 25. The ceiling ball (front wall first)

handle. Like the offensive drop shot, the lob has become less popular among many players because of the improved ball, which has made the lob more difficult to control. Players who formerly used the lob extensively are now using ceiling balls. Even champion Charlie Brumfield admits, "I use the lob only if I can't hit anything else."

In the defensive lob shot the player must use his basic forehand or backhand stroke to hit the ball softly and firmly. The ball should be struck at a point just off the foot that is closest to the front wall and at the apex (highest point) of its bounce, just before it begins to drop to the floor. The greater the height at which you hit the lob, the softer you will have to hit the ball to get it to hit high on the front wall.

A properly executed lob ball will angle toward the side wall and die in deep back court. If your lob attempts consistently hit the back wall and give your opponent a setup, you are stroking the ball too hard. Use a light, short, and firm stroke, not a long, lazy swing or jab.

Many top racquetball players hit the lob with the face of the racquet slightly open. These players feel that the slightly upward angle of the racquet face helps control the ball by taking a little off—slowing the ball down—and insuring that the ball will drop softly into back court.

When learning the defensive lob shot, many players find it helpful to review the footwork used in the basic forehand and backhand strokes. Just because the lob shot requires that you "baby" your full hitting power slightly, this doesn't mean that you should "baby" your footwork.

Brumfield uses the lob as a change of pace shot. "Most advanced racquetball is played at a slam-bang rate of speed," says Charlie. "If in a fast, tense game you can manage to hit a high, soft lob at

your opponent, he may be so surprised that he will rush his shot and hit an ineffective return."

Charlie adds: "I use the lob to force my opponent to make a shot. Hitting a slow lob gives me more time to get in a good position to cover my opponent's return. And, because I'm in an ideal place, the pressure is really on my opponent to hit a good shot and not make any errors."

Z BALL

The Z ball (Diagram 27) is one of the most difficult shots to hit and to return in racquetball. It is one of the newest shots in the game and, if mastered, will give your opponent fits on the court.

You can shoot the Z ball from almost any point on the court (as long as you are standing off-center), hitting the ball with great power and firmness into the opposite corner of the front wall and letting your stroking arm follow through fully across your midsection. The ball should angle sharply to the side wall and rebound deep to the opposite side wall in back court. The last wall that the ball hits reverses its spin so that it rebounds in a direction parallel to the back wall, making it a back wall wallpaper ball.

Your opponent will find it extremely difficult to return a Z ball. First, he must get into deep court quickly if he is to have any chance of a return. Even if he gets there in time, he will find it nearly impossible to get his racquet face squarely into the ball for a solid return. If he does make a return, it probably will be a ceiling return and not a kill. Second, your opponent probably will try to hit a Z ball out of the air from a mid-court position before it can reach the last wall. Because a properly hit Z ball travels high in the air as it zooms cross-court, your opponent will be forced to hit the ball out of the air in an awkward overhand manner that may result in a weak return.

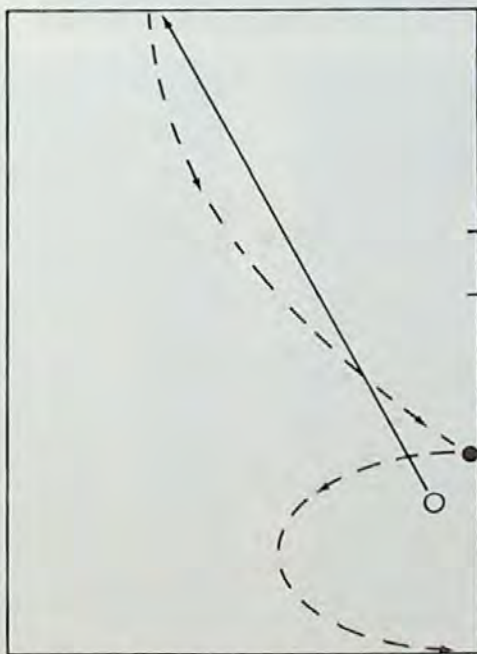


DIAGRAM 26. The lob ball

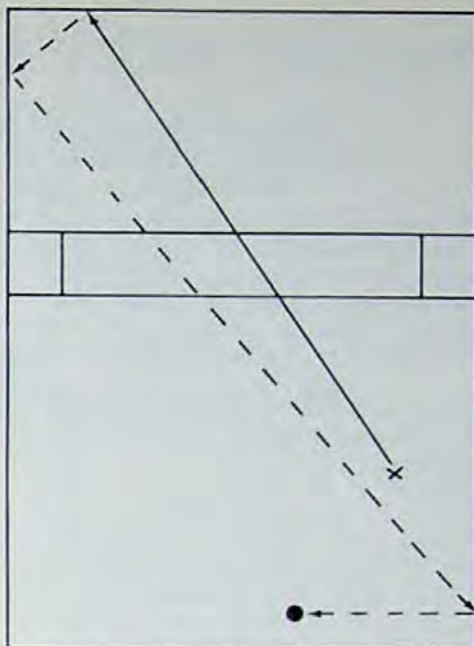


DIAGRAM 27. The forehand Z ball.

In the 1972 International Singles Championship match between Charlie Brumfield and Ron Rubenstein, Brumfield used the Z ball extensively, forcing Rubenstein to deep court, where he was rushed into making weak returns. "He drove me crazy with those Z balls," said Rubenstein. "There was absolutely nothing I could do with them. The Z ball got me off balance and in deep court, and all I could do was flick the ball to the front wall."

AROUND-THE-WALL

The around-the-wall ball is hit from deep court to the opposite side wall and then to the front wall and should rebound into the deep cross-court corner. The around-the-wall ball should not be hit as hard as the Z ball.

This effective defensive ball will move your opponent out of center court. The around-the-wall ball usually doesn't react as wildly as the Z ball because it hits two, not three, walls. Also, the around-the-wall ball will not travel as high as the Z ball when it bounds cross-court, so your opponent may be able to take the ball out of the air more easily. "Also, adds Brumfield, 'The around-the-wall ball is a tough shot to hit deep enough and still keep off the back wall.'"

A good racquetball player knows both his offensive and defensive shots. Simply being a roadrunner—a player who prolongs a volley by using only defensive shots and who causes his opponent to run a lot—will not make you a top-notch or well-rounded player. You may be a satisfactory player, but you'll never be an outstanding player—one who uses offensive and defensive shots with equal ability.

Gordon Kelly Captures Portland's Rose Festival

Michigan's Gordon Kelly was the class of the tournament as he won the Rose Festival in Portland, Ore., by defeating Bill Fearing of California, 21-2, 21-14.

Kelly's victim in the semifinals was Pete Lubisich of Portland, 21-14, 20-21, 21-13.

A throng of 217 sweaty players consumed almost 200 gallons of punch, pop and beer during the event.

Surprise of the tournament was Jeff Smith of Vancouver, Wash., who defeated Tony Krause of Sunnyvale, Calif., in a gruelling two-hour match, 21-20, 20-21, 21-15, then unleashed a great display of rollout kills to down Portland's Bob Lund, 21-10, 21-15. In the semis, Fearing was too much, 21-13, 13-21, 21-7.

The novice and C divisions contained over 80 entries and were largely responsible for the success of the tournament. John Mason of Seattle narrowly

defeated Portland's Mike Haden, 19 and 18, in C, while Tacoma's Rhett Kirk throttled Bellingham's Bill Baker, 10 and 20, in the novice.

Beauty and the Beast were matched in the B finals. Ron Bennink came from behind in both games to defeat Portland's Jennifer Harding, 16 and 18.

The most exciting match of the finals came in senior singles, where Phil Brown defeated fellow Portlander Ed Bause, 19-21, 21-16, 21-18. The match was a continuous see-saw battle and referee Tevie Smith did an excellent job keeping it under control. Both Phil and Ed are great comeback artists, leading to a true cliff-hanger.

Special thanks to Paul Thompson of the JCC and Mel Fox of the Multnomah AC for their help in the use of their facilities. Also, a hearty thanks to Harvey Fuson for his 25-hour days in making things go.



Kelly takes a turn as ref.



Jeff Smith surprises Lund.



Tony Krause vs. Hank Marcus



John Mistkawi "squashes" one.

Wright Nips Bledsoe For 'Holiday in Dixie'

By Chuck Croft

Pete Wright of Fort Worth defeated Davey Bledsoe of Knoxville, Tenn., 21-20, 21-9, to win the open singles championship of the first annual Holiday in Dixie Open at Shreveport, La., YMCA.

Wright and Richard Walker of Dallas captured open doubles by defeating Tom McKie of Richardson, Tex., and Luther Bernstein of Dallas for the second time in two months, 21-13, 12-21, 21-16.

The tournament drew a total of 41 players from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee. All players were placed in the open bracket, with first round losers going to B Con-

solation and second round losers going to A Consolation.

The quarterfinals matched the eight seeded players head-to-head. The only upset of the quarters came when Bernstein, No. 7, came from way down in both the first and third games to upset No. 2 Steve Smith of Memphis, 21-20, 16-21, 21-20.

Wright downed Eric Campbell of Dallas, 10 and 15; Walker stopped Roland Treat of Stillwater, Okla., 20 and 15; and Bledsoe turned back McKie, 18 and 8.

Bernstein bowed to Bledsoe in the semifinals, but came back to beat Walker for third place, 15 and 13.

The finals started off as a real barn-burner with the lead changing hands several times. But in the second game, Wright's kill shots started to produce a series of rollouts as he sailed to victory.

Tony Kobussen of Little Rock defeated Chuck Croft of Shreveport, 15 and 16, in A Consolation, with Bob Blake of Little Rock third. Mike Connolly of Bossier City AFB, La., defeated C. P. Herrington of Shreveport in B Consolation, 21-19, 5-21, 21-8, with Nelson Fort of Shreveport third.

All players were guests at a Saturday night barbecue where everyone enjoyed food and fellowship. Lucky Luther Bernstein won an Ektelon Rogue racquet given as a door prize. Since Shreveport has just started playing racquetball, it can be proud of its first tournament and is thankful to the fine players attending.

RACQUETBALL



Charlie Drake joins Keeley for doubles title.

Daffy Open Is 'Owned' By Keeley

By Sid Williams

Steve Keeley successfully defended his open singles championship in the second annual Daffy Open at Tacoma, Wash., then completed his domination of the open class by teaming with Charlie Drake for the doubles crown.

Keeley defeated Bill Thurman, 21-11, 21-15, in the singles finals, but the scores do not reflect the skill, rallies or sportsmanship demonstrated by both players. The viewers showed their appreciation many times during the match.

Third place went to hard-hitting Bob Lund of Portland over Gentleman Bill Dunn of Chabot, 21-16, 21-19. Combined consolation was won by Jeff Smith of Portland over Dick Reinhard of Gig Harbor, 31-30.

Open doubles again saw Keeley and Thurman—with their partners—fighting

it out for first place, Keeley and Drake winning it, 21-16, 21-19, over Thurman and Al Rossi. Thurman's partner, Rossi, was plagued with a severe wrist injury which prevented him from playing at his best.

Dunn and Tony Krause won third place over the "vocal" Lou Concha-Dave Charlson duo, 21-14, 11-21, 21-16. Doubles consolation went by forfeit to Tevie Smith and Howie Rankin over Wayne Smyth and Bill Condratow.

Women's singles saw Peggy Steding do her thing as only she can. No one went more than two games with her and she allowed only 11 points in three matches, nine of them in the finals, 21-2, 21-7 over Jennifer Harding of Beaverton, Ore. Jennifer never really got started in this match.

Third place went to Wendy Warner of

Bellingham over Diane Clairmont of Vancouver, B. C., 12 and 14. This was one of the best matches of the tournament with both women demonstrating kills, pass and ceiling shots that drew much applause. Connie Hughes of Portland won consolations over Vicki Panzeri, 31-18.

B singles was a tough class of players from game one until the finals, which saw "Steady" Peggy Steding and "The Ripper" John Van Riper battling for the No. 1 spot. Peggy, suffering from leg cramps, made a gallant effort after losing game one, 21-17 and winning game two, 21-13, lost game three, 21-5. "The Ripper" proved to be the most improved player we had seen since he won "C" class at last year's first Daffy Open. Third place was another tough battle, pitting the dapper Ian McKenzie of



Women's champ and B runner-up, Peggy Steding gets two trophies from Sid Williams.



Canadian junior Brian Swartz, 14, won Class C title over big Pat Whitehill.

Vancouver, B. C. against Terry Freidlander of Mercer Island. Amid kill shots galore and long tough rallies, Freidlander won 21-19, 21-17.

C singles drew more competitors than any other class of play. The future of racquetball lies within this class of players. Brian Swartz, at age 14, is one of the best examples of a future "A" class player. He has the poise, knowledge and ability to be one of the great players of tomorrow. The finals ended up as "David vs. Goliath." Swartz at approximately 5 feet tall and weighing about 100 pounds from Vancouver, B. C., found himself up against Dr. Pat Whitehill, about 6-4 and weighing between 210 and 220 from Spokane, a very tough man to hit pass shots by. So young Swartz started hitting kill shots and won two straight games, 21-13, 21-20. Everyone watching acknowledged their performance with applause. Third place went to John Jackson of Edmonton, Alta., over Steve Bell from Troutdale, Ore., 14-21, 21-7, 21-15.

The "old guys" in Masters class also

proved to have some talent for racquetball. Dr. Peter James of Bellingham, Wash., had little trouble defeating Ed Gause of Portland, Ore., in game one, 21-8. Gause, a late starter, really came back in games two and three to win, 21-2, 21-10. Al Rossi forfeited the third place match to Sid Williams of Tacoma, due to a very bad wrist injury. Masters consolation was won by Jack Ireland of Portland, Ore., over Rhett Kirk of Tacoma, 31-18.

The second Daffy Open might not even have taken place but for the reorganizational ability of Steve Murata. Steve will soon be leaving our ranks to go to dental school in Portland, Ore. The Muratas will be an asset to any community. Steve also received the annual Sportsmanship Award.

We also must thank each entrant for his and her patience, cooperation and help during this tournament. Without your assistance, it would have been impossible.

The WRA banquet was a success with plenty of food and drink for everyone,



Bill Thurman was runner-up in both singles and doubles.

live music provided by Magnum.

Tevie Smith deserves many thanks for the thankless job of Chief Referee. Judy and Al Metz for their taxi service, Judy Williams for handling the many things I could not, Don Strong for getting the balls here on time, Wick's Trophies for creating another unique "Daffy Open" trophy, Myron Roderick for all his help and special thanks to Art Redford, Parks Weaver, Ron and Jeanie Antley and Louise Hamilton. And, last but not most important thanks of all, to you, the players for coming to the second Daffy Open.

McCoy Wins At Manhattan

Craig McCoy and Jay Jones continued their close rivalry in the A singles finals of the Los Angeles-Manhattan Beach tournament, with McCoy winning a hard-hitting, run and shoot triumph, 21-19, 21-17.

The Manhattan Athletic Club drew over 160 entries including Paul Rubin and handball great Paul Haber, but the real star of the event was provided by the six brand new regulation courts unveiled by the club. "Interest is growing everyday in this area," said manager Gio Castronovo. "We were collecting new members in the middle of the tournament."

Fred Stellabotte, president of the facility, eventually would like to hold tournaments every four months.

In the semifinals, McCoy split the first two games with Rubin, who then had to drop out before the third game with a leg injury. Rubin, formerly nationally ranked, recently moved from Cincinnati and will play out of the Manhattan AC.

Unusual in the A doubles was the experiment of putting an A and C player on each team. Jones and Max Wojcik won over McCoy and Mark Reyes, 8 and 12.

Calendar

AUGUST

1-3: "World" Racquetball Championships, Eastern Washington State College, Spokane, Wash. (Open, B, C, women's senior, masters singles; open and senior doubles.)

29-Sept. 2: Third annual Los Angeles Open Labor Day Tournament, Los Angeles Athletic Club. (Open, 35-over masters, 50-over super masters, B, C, women's, women's novice singles; open, masters, super masters, B, C doubles.) Entry fee \$15 first event, \$10 second event and women's novice. Deadline, noon August 23. Hotel reservations, Los Angeles Hilton. Director—Mike Chaet, Los Angeles Athletic Club, 431 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90014.

30-Sept. 2: Labor Day Tournament, Jefferson Court Club, Metairie, Louisiana. (Open, junior, women's, B, masters singles and doubles.) \$10 per player per event, limit two events. Directors—Mike Williams, Les Cabin, Peter Michell, Jefferson Court Club, 2720 Metairie Lawn Dr., Metairie, La. 70001, telephone 504-834-2103.

SEPTEMBER

5-7: Whitemarsh Pepsi-Cola Racquetball Classic, Whitemarsh Club, Whitemarsh, Md. Director—Tom Whipple, 911 North Hampton Dr., Silver Spring, Md. 20903.

20-22: Lone Star Open, Centre Tennis Club, Richardson, Texas. (Open, B, senior singles; open, B doubles.) \$10 first event, \$5 second event. Deadline September 16. Hotel reservations, Ramada Inn NE Dallas. Director—Tom McKie, Centre Tennis Club, 900 St. Paul, Richardson, Texas 75080, telephone 214-234-5000.

OCTOBER

11-13: IRA International Doubles Championships, The Court House, Minneapolis, Minn. (Doubles only, open, 18-under junior, 35-over senior, 45-over masters, 55-over golden masters.) See entry blank in this magazine for full details.

11-13: Women's Open, Eau Claire YMCA, Eau Claire, Wis. (S&D) Eileen Joslin, Women's Director, Eau Claire YMCA, 700 Graham Ave., Eau Claire, Wis. 54701.

NOVEMBER

7-10: Canadian National Championships, Cote de Liesse Racquet Club, Montreal. Ivan Velan, Cote de Liesse Racquet Club, 8305 Cote de Liesse Rd., Montreal, Que. H4T 1G5. For full information on any Canadian tournament, write CRA, 10325-114 St. No. 22, Edmonton, Alta. T5K 1S2.

15-17: IRA Masters Invitation Doubles, New Castle, Pa.

DECEMBER

6-7: IRA Senior Invitation Singles, site to be announced.

6-8: Third annual Illini Open, IMPE Building, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill. (Open, 35-over senior, 45-over masters, women's singles.) Trophies 1-2-3-consolation. Entry fee \$12, one event only. Director—Don Webb, 280 Natural Resources, Urbana, Ill. 61801.

JANUARY

10-12: IRA Open Invitation Singles, Louisville Athletic Club, Louisville, Ky.

FEBRUARY

1-3: IRA Senior Invitation Doubles, San Diego, Calif.

28-March 2: IRA Regional Championships, 10 sites to be announced.

MARCH

29-31: IRA Intercollegiate, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.

APRIL

3-6: IRA International Singles Championships, site to be announced.

In Two Games?

Throwing his normal three-game pattern to the winds, Bill Schmidtke won the Minnesota state championship with four straight two-game victories, the last over doubles partner Ron Strom, 21-16, 21-16, in Rochester.

Schmidtke and Strom won the doubles, 13 and 8, over Larry Neilson and Dick Bryan. Strom is from St. Cloud, the other three from Minneapolis.

The tournament was sponsored by the Kahler Hotel and was capped by a Saturday night banquet there attended by more than 100 players and wives. Highlights included magnificent cuisine, free beer and no speeches.

Because of the limited number of courts available, games to 15 were used in early rounds of doubles to help control the schedule. Tournament directors Fred Banfield and Mike Gorman reported the prospect of four more courts in Rochester will help that city's chances of hosting the state meet again.

Other state champions crowned were Bob McNamara of Minneapolis in senior singles, Malin Greenberg and Norman Goldetsky of Minneapolis in senior doubles, and Warren Claridge of Mankato in masters singles.



Schmidtke takes the trophy from runner-up Ron Strom. Below, seniors Bob Adam and Bob McNamara, flanked by tourney directors Fred Banfield, left, and Mike Gorman.



Injury Costly

The Jewish Community Center of Detroit sponsored the first Annual Masters Invitation Racquetball Tournament. Sixteen players made up the draw, representing various clubs from the surrounding area.

Although players had to be 40 years of age or over to qualify for the Masters Tournament, the age rule was waived in the case of Kathy Williams, a nationally ranked female player from Oakland University as the tourney chairman and director felt it would add an interesting touch to the men's tournament. Unfortunately, Miss Williams was off her game and, added to a recent back injury, was knocked out in the first round by Manny Nosan.

The two top-seeded players in the tournament were Paul Monforton of the Downtown YMCA and Jerry Miller of the Jewish Community Center. The draw worked out perfectly as Monforton was to meet Miller in the finals. However, Monforton pulled up with a severe leg injury after his semifinal match. The finals were postponed one week to give Monforton an opportunity to get the leg in shape to play, but it wouldn't respond and Miller won by default. Fred Wiegand defeated Bill Kennedy in three games to capture third place.



Jerry Miller

Team Festival

A spectacular 16-team invitational racquetball tournament composed of the 32 best players in Wisconsin made up the annual JCC-Carpet Faire Invitational in Milwaukee.

After an all-day session of games, Dan Trost and Burt Dinkin, Milwaukee, won the championship by defeating Bill Harper, Eau Claire, and Larry Altman, Milwaukee, 31-30.

Gerald Hoff, Wausau, and Larry Lederman, Milwaukee, won third place by beating Joe Carini and Howard Spector, Milwaukee, 31-20. Dan Davis and Bill Keenan, Milwaukee, won consolation over Simie Fein, Milwaukee, and Ivan Brunner, Madison, 31-21.

Sponsor for this second annual tournament was Tom Guarniere of Carpet Faire, Inc. who along with Rocky Felger managed some novel ideas for a sociable day which included the wives. Players were invited from the entire area of Wisconsin, games were set for 31 points, hospitality flowed throughout the day, and then a "Food orgy" dinner after the tournament for husband and wives (which was free) made the day complete. First and second place awards were stereo-radio combinations, third place and consolation received desk clocks and pen sets.



Triple Crown

Leo Marsocci has taken a liking to the Central YMCA courts in Rochester, N.Y., having won three tournaments there.

Leo, who moved to Rochester from California in 1972, first disposed of Steve Nicandri, 21-5, 21-18, in the Class A tourney.

The Central Y then sponsored an Invitational tournament, Marsocci defeating Joe Tarantino of Niagara Falls, 21-14, 17-21, 21-11. Joe Aguglia took third place. Ken Chivers served as tournament director.

In the finals for the third time, at the Rochester Metropolitan tournament, Leo scored a 21-7, 21-8 victory over Aguglia. Jim Winterton was third.

Marsocci also won the Jewish Community Center Class A tourney by beating Sam Poletta, 21-14, 16-21, 21-12.

Ashland Area

Under sponsorship of the Ashland area YMCA and Ashland Racquetball Association has been formed and affiliated with the Kentucky state chapter of the IRA.

Joe Sisler is president, Charlie Meddings vice president, Richard Neubeck secretary-treasurer and Art Emmons and Bill Workman executive committee members at large, along with Bill Emnett and Tom Shivel of the KRA.

Films have been shown at monthly meetings and an Ashland area YMCA tournament has been held with Rick Wenning taking open singles by defeating Emnett, 20-21, 21-11, 21-19.

Wenning upset No. 1 seed Shivel in the semifinals, 17 and 7, while Emnett defeated Don Detjen, 21-18, 3-21, 21-12. Shivel downed Detjen for third. Detjen teamed up with Workman to win open doubles over Emnett and Shivel, 11 and 8.

Nebraska, Too

Dennis Hanson of Omaha won the Nebraska State Open Championship by defeating Obed Oas, also of Omaha, 21-5, 21-15.

Hanson, also the current North Dakota state champ, defeated Rod Beckman in the semis, while Oas beat Dick Hamlin. Keith Wawrzniak disposed of Dan Garvey, both of Omaha, 21-20, 21-15, to win Class A consolation.

Ycaza Sweeps

Joe Ycaza, one of the most improved players in the country this year, swept to singles and doubles championships in the first Georgia state tournament at the Park Plateau Athletic Club in Atlanta.

Ycaza defeated Marc Auerbach in the singles finals, 21-7, 20-21, 21-6, then teamed with Frank Johnson for a 21-16, 21-4 doubles victory over Auerbach and Hal Krafchick.

Jim Bishop, an Atlanta tennis pro, took third in singles over Johnson, 21-20, 8-21, 21-18. Jim Bishop and John Bishop were third in doubles, 20 and 14, over Jim Baskin and Gil Meyer.

Baskin of Fort Gordon won the evenly matched B singles division over Jim Hilliard of Athens, 18-21, 21-20, 21-19. John Bishop was third, winning by default from Warren French.

The novice bracket drew the most entries, 23. Jeff Small defeated Bobby Howell, 21-2, 21-19, for first. Jerry Schmidt won third over Scott Patterson, 18 and 12. Gil Meyer took A consolation over Frank Vaccarella.

As shown by the total entries, some from as far away as Macon and Augusta, racquetball is on the upswing in Georgia. Special thanks to Park Plateau for holding the event. Most agreed that the Plateau's two glass courts are the finest facility in the state.

Louisiana Champ

David Marshall of Baton Rouge won the first Louisiana State Open tournament by defeating Jim Dyer, also of Baton Rouge, 21-9, 21-8, in the finals.

Marshall reached the championship round by beating Zeno Yeates, Dan Mattingly and then Peter Michell, 4-21, 21-18, 21-20 in the semifinals.

The tournament was held at the newly opened Jefferson Court Club in New Orleans and tournament directors Jerry Winsberg and Michell, state co-chairmen, were assisted by manager Les Calvin and owner Mike Williams in conducting a very successful tourney.



David Marshall is congratulated by state chairmen Peter Michell, left, and Jerry Winsberg.



Georgia winners, from left, front—Marc Auerbach, 2nd; champion Joe Ycaza; Jerry Schmidt, 3rd novice; back—Hal Krafchick, 2nd doubles; Jeff Small, novice champ; Bobby Howell, 2nd novice.

Entries from Lafayette, Baton Rouge, Chalmette, Metairie and Houston, as well as New Orleans, gave the matches a regional flair.

In the doubles, Michell and Winsberg outlasted an experienced team of Lou Bravo and Milton Rebenneck, 21-12, 19-21, 21-15.

Ken Berke captured the B championship, 21-6, 21-1, over Bobby Karem.

The tournament was covered by local television and an exhibition match between city champion Peter Michell and local TV sportscaster Rod Luck was the highlight of the opening ceremonies. Enthusiasm for racquetball was at a high point during the tournament.

Edmonton Elects

Ron Pawlowski is president of the newly organized Edmonton Racquetball Association and a full slate of officers has been elected.

Sandy Shenton is vice president; Marilyn Rankin, secretary; Ian Archibald, treasurer; John Van Riper, U of Alberta representative; Percy Bell, NAIT representative; John Kempo, Central Y and Royal Glenora; and Stu Bastedo, West Y.

Both the Canadian Racquetball Association and the Alberta Racquetball Association were started in Edmonton in past years, but because of the rapid growth of the sport in Canada, officers of those groups could not concentrate solely on Edmonton.

The new city association was organized to promote the sport locally by staging tournaments and clinics and to provide a voice in the design of a major new stadium which may have racquetball facilities, as well as a new Kinsmen racquet sports facility.

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RACQUETBALL



But Nobody Won a Bunny

Charlie Brumfield receives his trophy from Playboy Club sponsor Burt Taylor, but his attention seems to wander.

By Phil Ivaldy

Charlie Brumfield gained a strong center-court position in the third game and out-controlled Steve Serot to win the Los Angeles Playboy Club Invitational at the Century West Club.

The scores were 21-18, 14-21, 21-11, and play was of such caliber that 200 spectators gave each player a standing ovation at the end of each game.

Serot didn't go home empty-handed, however. He teamed with Ron Starkman to win the doubles title, 21-9, 16-21, 21-12, over Bud Muehleisen and Steve Keeley.

In the singles finals, Serot pulled out 3-0 and maintained the lead for seven more points. From 10-10, Brumfield began shooting, a backhand rollout followed by two right-hand fly kills. At 20-18, Charlie played a high ceiling shot off the back wall into the left corner for a pinch rollout.

In game two, Steve was hitting more kill shots, especially off the back wall. Brumfield would pass Serot on the left only to have Serot quickly set up for an electrifying backhand kill into the right corner.

Brumfield played a strong center-court position in the third game and kept his pass shots from coming off the back wall. Serot was scrambling and unable to set up for his kills. Showing his game at its best, Brumfield maintained control and selected his kill shots to close it out.

Charlie reached the finals with a 21-16, 21-11 victory over Steve Strandemo, sending Steve on many tours with his control. Serot outshot Keeley, 21-14, in game one only to see Keeley produce some surprising backhand cross-corner kills to win game two, 21-18. Serot began making 40-foot kills to win, 21-14.

Highlights of early rounds saw Roger Souders outlast Len Stream, 21-19 in the third, and lead Brumfield 20-19 in the first before falling, 20 and 4. Souders was shooting from the hip and grooved a string of kills from 12-18. Strandemo kept crashing the glass backwall for spectacular saves and held off Bill Thurman, 21-11, 8-21, 21-20, in the quarters.

Serot and Starkman knocked off Brumfield and Dunn, 21-13, 15-21, 21-6, in the doubles semis with Serot dominating play and Starkman showing his talent at covering the right corner. Starkman's ability to re-kill right corner shots became the difference.

Muehleisen and Keeley also had to go three to get past Souders and Dave Charlson, 19-21, 21-20, 21-14. Souders and Charlson led 19-18 in the second when Charlson was hit in the eye by an attempted Z-shot from Bud. Even then, it took another 15 minutes to pull out the middle game. Bud and Steve took charge in the third on Keeley's kills down the right alley and Muehleisen's overheads

and assorted change-of-pace balls.

The finals saw Serot and Starkman play a patient game while Bud and Steve were not hitting their kills. In game two, Muehleisen and Keeley began to run Serot and pass Starkman. But the third game saw Serot run off a string of devastating kills from 9-9.

The tournament drew an outstanding field of players to the beautiful Century West Club and benefited from a fine sponsor, the Los Angeles Playboy Club, which took an active interest and provided personalized T-shirts and super trophies.

The Class A division featured some of the fine young players in the game with Steve Trent winning over Trey Sayes and Jay Jones placing third. A "contenders division" was open to all players who have not placed in a B bracket. Roger Ehren won over Rick Bryson.



Bunny Casey presents doubles trophies to Bud Muehleisen. Steve Keeley and champions Ron Starkman and Steve Serot.



A weekend highlight was an exhibition match by Bette Weed, left, and Jan Campbell.



One for the Bear

Bob Bear defeated Ron Pawlowski, 21-10, 21-13, to win the open singles championship of the Edmonton City tournament at the Royal Glenora Club. Jack Groff took consolations over Ken Phillips, 21-14, 21-14.

Neil Dempsey downed John Fabian, 21-14, 21-12, in B singles, with consolations to Ro Riley over Don Rencz. Walter Ceroici won C singles over Peter Klavora, 21-13, 13-21, 21-12, with consolation to Al Gordichuk over John Bourne.

Jan Sage captured women's singles over Ellie Bell, 5-21, 21-20, 21-12, consolation to Marj Swan over Gailene Shearer. Lindsay Robinson downed Tanya Klavora in women's novice, 21-9, 21-11, consolation to Janice Crockett over Joyce Wallace.

Maryland's First

Maryland's first state IRA tournament was held at the Towson YMCA in Baltimore with Art St. Martin of the host Y winning the championship over Tom Whipple of University of Maryland.

St. Martin won 21-7, 21-11, in the finals and allowed his opponents only 7.3 points per game throughout the tournament.

Garry Zipper, a youngster from the JCC in Baltimore, defeated Tom Cutler of the university, 21-15, 19-21, 21-7, for third.

A field of 29 entries from all over Maryland competed in this first state tournament. Don Potter, tournament director, conducted a well organized three-day meet, with a committee comprising Dr. Ben Lipira, Dr. Earl Magruder, St. Martin and Jerry Tucker. A buffet dinner was provided Saturday night for all players and guests.



Maryland champion Art St. Martin is flanked by runner-up Tom Whipple, left, and Gary Zipper, 3rd.



Arizona winners, from left, front—champions Mike Aubrey and Stan Weinstein; back—Ron Hastings, 2nd; Les Riell, 3rd; Don Griffin, 2nd.

Arizona Doubles

Mike Aubrey and Stan Weinstein defeated Don Griffin and Ron Hastings 21-16, 21-10, to win the Arizona State Open Doubles Championships at the Phoenix downtown YMCA. Third place was captured by Barry Kaplan and Les Riell.

The team of Tom O'Toole and Jim Spear edged out Steve Hirko and Don Thomas, 21-20, 20-21, 21-20, to take the Class B title and the duo of Randy Roberts and Paul Ramirez claimed the Class C crown.

Seventy entrants made up the opening field for the three-division competition. The B and C divisions were combined into one tourney, with first and second round losers moving from B division into C division.

Columbus City

Gene Erwine of Zanesville defeated Al Shaffer of Marion, 21-20, 21-10, to win the open championship of the second annual Columbus, Ohio, city tournament at the Central YMCA.

Erwine downed Dr. John Norton in the semis, 21-18, 20-21, 21-18, and Shaffer turned back the Columbus YMCA champion, Don Schiefer, 21-20, 21-10.

Bruno Ottavi, Great Lakes regional YMCA representative, downed Art Payne of Columbus in the masters finals, 21-12, 21-5. Ottavi eliminated Jim Schneider of Ashland Chemical, 10 and 8, and Payne sidelined Bill White of Columbus, 21-16, 20-21, 21-11, in the semifinals.

Wright in Dallas

Pete Wright held off Richard Walker, 21-15, 21-16, in the A singles finals to win the Dallas Open Metro tournament at the Downtown YMCA.

Wright and Walker then teamed to win A doubles, 19 and 11, over Luther Bernstein and Mike McKee, with Wright dominating the front line and Walker killing off the back wall.

Some of the best matches were in the early rounds. Eric Campbell of Austin pushed Walker to 21-18 in the third game of a two-hour struggle. Bernstein rallied with eight straight points in the third game against Virgil Thurman to win the first round encounter, 3-21, 21-12, 21-18.

Ron Dick of Fort Worth was devastating through the B ranks, using his racquet as a missile-launcher and never giving ground in his football coaching shoes.

Racquets Four

The new Racquets Four tennis and racquetball facility was host to the third Indiana Open Doubles tournament, which saw Earl Dixon and John Ohlheiser live up to their top seed with a 21-11, 16-21, 21-14 victory in the finals.

The new athletic complex four miles south of Indianapolis features four regulation courts, eight tennis courts, lounge, swimming pool, workout room, saunas and whirlpool.

Racquets Four manager Rowland Leverenz was pleased with a turnout of 25 teams from all over Indiana. The club provided food, refreshments, trophies and a fine atmosphere for comfort and relaxation.

Dixon and Ohlheiser defeated Jim and John Knauer, the second-ranked team, as the double pair of right and left-handers gave a great show of balance and teamwork. This accounted for Earl's



Doubles champs in New Castle, Pa., are Len Perretti, left, and Guy Natale, over Larry Myers and Steve Grenneck.

third state doubles crown to add to six singles titles.

The major upset saw Charles Solomon and Dr. Lloyd Delman knock off third-ranked Mike Smart and Les Brown. Tom Garner and Dean Cameris from Indiana U lost two hard-fought games to the Knauers in the semifinals. In the closing minutes, Cameris suffered a back muscle separation and had to spend five days in the hospital. However, he's back on the courts now at full strength.

The consolation match was most interesting, as the only woman competitor, Camille McCarthy, teamed with Rosenberg of Indianapolis to overcome Bruce Lowe and Stevens in three games.

Great Lakes

Kim and Clark Pittman, representing the Mansfield YMCA, won the Great Lakes Regional Open Doubles at the Toledo Central YMCA, by defeating Fred Leverenz and Tom Carpenter of Detroit, 21-12, 21-15.

Twelve teams were entered in the tournament, representing Cleveland, Adrian, Findley, Mansfield, Detroit and Toledo. The states of Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia make up the Great Lakes Region of the YMCA. Competition is open to all members in the three-state area.

Wisconsin Elects

The Wisconsin State Racquetball Association has organized with the election of officers and plans to establish a statewide program for all clubs, YMCAs and other organizations to establish an annual calendar at the beginning of each season.

Richard Wisniewski is state chairman, with Dan Trost vice chairman and treasurer, Hal Raether the ladies chairman, Bob Keenan the secretary and Joe Wirkus, Gary Brooks and Tom Gonser officers at large.

Chase Rolls On

Steve Chase won his second and third Iowa tournaments of the year when he captured the Ames Open with a 21-7, 21-8 victory over Bernie Nielsen, then followed in the Southeast Iowa Invitational at Burlington with a 21-7, 21-9 conquest of Cesar Farell.

In the Cedar Valley Invitational at Charles City, the champion was Bob Sheldon, 21-15, 21-19 over John Detrich.

All the tournaments have been conducted extremely well. Ike Crase of Ames and Craig Cullins and Bill Kelly of Burlington all did fine jobs.



Mike St. Clair just can't wait for the new Muehleisen Courts in El Cajon, Calif.

LA Has Plans

The Los Angeles Athletic Club, which will hold its third annual Labor Day tournament August 29-September 2, also is interested in conducting an invitational doubles meet around the first of December.

Any players or teams interested in such an event may write to Phil Ivaldy or Mike Chaet at the Los Angeles AC, 431 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90014.

Deadline for the Labor Day tournament is noon, August 23. Events are open singles and doubles, masters singles and doubles, 50-over "super masters" singles and doubles, women's singles, women's novice singles, and Classes B and C singles and doubles. For details and entry blanks, write to the above address.

New Chairman

Tom Whipple, a senior at the University of Maryland, is the new state chairman for Maryland and immediately has set goals to (1) improve IRA membership in the state, (2) organize three major tournaments for the Maryland-Delaware-Virginia area, and (3) to set up the Maryland Racquetball Association as a sound unit of the IRA.

A newsletter is being prepared for present members to distribute information on coming events. One plan is to establish a Maryland state team for interstate competition.

As a player, Whipple has been competing five years and placed fourth in the 1974 Intercollegiate after losing to Pete Wright of Texas Christian in the semifinals.

Florida Teams

Four teams of four players each competed in Clearwater YMCA's first Florida State Team tournament, with the host club coming out on top.

George Rudysz, 1972 International Doubles champion and Clearwater's first nationally ranked player, defeated Hugh

Durham, Florida state singles champion from Tallahassee, 21-13, in the feature match and helped Clearwater amass 240 team points.

Matches consisted of one 21-point game. Fort Lauderdale placed second with 218 points. Tallahassee and Orlando completed the field.

Another top match saw promising newcomer Ken Hendricks of Fort Lauderdale down Frank Blackard of Orlando, 21-10. Rudysz and Mike Fatolitis of Clearwater, Bill Branta of Fort Lauderdale and Clive Longden of Tallahassee showed excellent ability in winning the maximum points for their teams.

After the singles round, the players paired up for doubles and Clearwater defeated Fort Lauderdale, 84-67, with winning performances from Rudysz-Fatolitis and Herb Frank-Guy Warner.

Chagrin Wins

The Chagrin Court Club of Woodmere, Ohio, won its second straight Northern Ohio league championship at the Chagrin Club, defeating the Western Division Champions, Brooklyn YMCA, 9-3.

The rotating trophy will remain at the Chagrin Court Club for the next season. Each member of the Chagrin Court Club received an imitation pewter beer mug. Each division winner received a plaque with each team member's name on it and in addition each division champion will receive a T-shirt.

It was an excellent afternoon of racquetball and the Chagrin Court Club with Gerry Lapierre as host, provided a champagne toast for all participants and an excellent buffet.

Several other members of the league assisting in the refereeing of the games were Jack Soble and Marshall Mallie of the Jewish Community Center, Cleveland; and Maury Kastner and Ron Krasnicki of the Chagrin Court Club.

Chagrin won the Eastern Division with a 110-40 record followed by JCC at 107-43, Mansfield YMCA at 79-71 and North Canton YMCA at 52-98. Brooklyn's record was 105-45, followed by Executive Club at 66-66, Central YMCA at 48-72 and Lorain YMCA at 9-138.



Daffy Open

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Crawford def. Altman, 21-2, 21-16; Rankin def. Weaver, 21-7, 21-11; James def. Marcus, 21-20, 21-18; Groff def. Smyth, 21-18, 16-21, 21-5; Van Riper def. Moore, 21-14, 21-18; Lee def. J. Smith, 21-17, 21-15.

Second Round: Keeley def. Condratow, 21-11, 21-10; Charlson def. Crawford, 21-18, 21-17; Lubisch def. Concha, 21-10, 21-11; Dunn def. Rankin, 21-20, 12-21, 21-4; Drake def. James; Lund def. Groff, 21-8, 21-19; Van Riper def. Krause, 21-13, 21-10; Thurman def. Lee, 21-13, 21-11.

Quarterfinals: Keeley def. Charlson; Dunn def. Lubisch; Lund def. Drake, 21-5, 21-11; Thurman def. Van Riper, 21-6, 21-13.

Semifinals: Keeley def. Dunn, 21-5, 21-17; Thurman def. Lund, 21-11, 21-17.

Finals: Keeley def. Thurman, 21-11, 21-15. Third: Lund def. Dunn, 21-16, 21-19. Combined Consolation: J. Smith def. Rinehard, 31-30.

CLASS B SINGLES

Quarterfinals: McKenzie def. Pierce, 21-20, 21-19; Van Riper def. T. Smith, 21-8, 21-12; Freidlander def. D. Smith, 21-8, 21-18; Steding def. Gilbert, 21-9, 21-20.

Semifinals: Van Riper def. McKenzie, 21-14, 21-8; Steding def. Freidlander, 21-8, 21-9.

Finals: Van Riper def. Steding, 21-17, 13-21, 21-5. Third: Freidlander def. McKenzie, 21-19, 21-17.

CLASS C SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Bell def. Suta, 21-13, 21-20; Swartz def. Grossman, 21-7, 21-12; Whitehill def. Gies, 21-3, 21-17; Jackson def. Mason, 21-9, 19-21, 21-12.

Semifinals: Swartz def. Bell, 21-6, 21-19; Whitehill def. Jackson, 21-17, 10-21, 21-17.

Finals: Swartz def. Whitehill, 21-13, 21-20. Third: Jackson def. Bell, 14-21, 21-7, 21-15.

MASTERS SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Rossi def. Graham, 21-9, 21-9; James def. P. Swartz, 21-5, 21-11; Gause def. Beuhler, 21-16, 21-14; Williams def. Watson, 21-14, 21-13.

Semifinals: James def. Rossi, 21-18, 21-12; Gause def. Williams, 12-21, 21-16, 21-5.

Finals: Gause def. James, 8-21, 21-2, 21-10. Third: Williams forfeit from Rossi. Consolation: Ireland def. Kirk, 31-18.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Steding def. Panzeri, 21-0 21-1; Clairmont def. Hart, 21-5, 21-16; Warner def. Highmiller, 21-5, 21-4; Harding def. Martin, 21-2, 21-2.

Semifinals: Steding def. Clairmont, 21-0, 21-1; Harding def. Warner, 21-7, 21-8.

Finals: Steding def. Harding, 21-2, 21-7. Third: Warner def. Clairmont, 21-12, 21-14. Consolation: Hughes def. Panzeri, 31-18.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Keeley-Drake def. McCourt-Clemons, 21-12, 21-10; Concha-Charlson def. Lund-Marcus, 21-4, 21-3; Thurman-Rossi def. Altman-Smith, 21-14, 21-11; Dunn-Krause def. Gause-Lubisch, 21-17, 21-19.

Semifinals: Keeley-Drake def. Concha-Charlson, 21-12, 21-18; Thurman-Rossi def. Dunn-Krause, 14-21, 21-20, 21-11.

Finals: Keeley-Drake def. Thurman-Rossi, 21-5, 21-18. Third: Dunn-Krause def. Concha-Charlson, 21-14, 11-21, 21-16. Consolation: T. Smith-Rankin forfeit from W. Smyth-Condratow.

Louisiana

CLASS A SINGLES

First Round: Keith Maillet def. Errol Savoie, 21-14, 21-9; Dan Mattingly def. John Leo, 21-12, 20-21, 21-14; Jim Dyer def. Cliff Zeairs, 21-16, 21-9; Doug Moreau def. Mike Tucker, 21-14, 21-6; Larry Bobbit def. Don Keon, 21-4, 21-16.

Quarterfinals: Michell def. Maillet, 21-14, 21-11; David Marshall def. Mattingly, default; Dyer def. Jerome Winsberg, 21-18, 21-11; Moreau def. Bobbit, 21-19, 21-14.

Semifinals: Marshall def. Michell, 4-21, 21-16, 21-20; Dyer def. Moreau, 21-19, 21-14.

Finals: Marshall def. Dyer, 21-9, 21-8. Third: Moreau def. Michell, 21-11, 21-14. Consolation: Zeairs def. Yeates, 21-2, 13-21, 21-19.

CLASS B SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Prensky def. Brockhoff, 21-12, 11-21, 21-15; Berke def. Todd, 21-14, 21-12; Karem def. Morgan, 21-14, 21-16; Thompson def. Mayfield, 21-11, 21-18.

Semifinals: Berke def. Prensky, 21-12, 12-21, 21-11; Karem def. Thompson, 21-14, 21-19.

Finals: Berke def. Karem, 21-6, 21-1. Third: Prensky def. Thompson, 21-10, 21-5. Consolation: Campbell def. Duplass, 21-14, 21-15.

DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Michell-Winsberg def. Mayfield-Plouthin, 21-12, 21-15; Bobbit-Maillet def. Morgan-Morgan, 21-12, 21-10; Rebenneck-Bravo def. Moreau-Dyer, 21-12, 21-19; Mattingly-Doyle def. Marshall-Savoie, 21-19, 21-18.

Semifinals: Michell-Winsberg def. Bobbit-Maillet, 21-17, 21-11; Rebenneck-Bravo def. Mattingly-Doyle, 21-19, 21-19.

Finals: Michell-Winsberg def. Rebenneck-Bravo, 21-12, 19-21, 21-15. Third: Mattingly-Doyle def. Bobbit-Maillet, 21-12, 21-16. Consolation: Mayfield-Plouthin def. Calvin-Gonzales, 21-12, 21-11.

Iowa

CEDAR VALLEY INVITATIONAL

First Round: Nichols def. Crooks, 21-15, 21-4; Hart def. Brown, 12-21, 21-12, 21-19; Sheldon def. Morley, 21-3, 21-5.

Quarterfinals: Detrich def. Nichols, 21-8, 21-10; Holthus def. Hart, 21-7, 21-12; Icenogle def. Trotman, 21-12, 21-10; Sheldon def. McCulley, 21-14, 21-7.

Semifinals: Detrich def. Holthus, 21-17, 21-11; Sheldon def. Icenogle, 21-7, 21-6.

Finals: Sheldon def. Detrich, 21-15, 21-19. Third: Icenogle def. Holthus, 21-15, 21-16. Consolation: McCulley def. Nichols, 21-10, 21-5.

AMES OPEN

First Round: Chase def. Norine, 21-13, 21-1; Nau def. Stewart, 21-13, 21-11; Roth def. Farrell, 21-18, 21-15; Braun def. Wood, 18-21, 21-11, 21-16; Nielson def. Cook, 21-10, 21-13; Adamson def. LeGrand, 21-16, 21-7; Hansen def. Crase, 21-7, 21-11; Lucas def. Murdoch, 21-11, 21-16.

Quarterfinals: Chase def. Nau, 21-16, 21-7; Braun def. Roth, 21-14, 21-18; Nielson def. Adamson, 21-4, 21-1; Hansen def. Lucas, 21-15, 21-5.

Semifinals: Chase def. Braun, 21-12, 21-13; Nielson def. Hansen, 21-13, 21-18.

Finals: Chase def. Nielson, 21-7, 21-8. Third: Hansen def. Braun, 20-21, 21-7, 21-12. Consolation: Farrell def. Cook, 21-20, 21-13.

SOUTHEAST IOWA INVITATIONAL

Quarterfinals: Farrell def. Hunter, 21-5, 11-21, 21-2; Hansen def. Braun, 21-9, 21-9; Lucas def. McCulley, 16-21, 21-4, 21-17; Chase def. Kelly, 21-4, 21-9.

Semifinals: Farrell def. Hansen, 21-19, 21-19; Chase def. Lucas, 21-12, 21-15.

Finals: Chase def. Farrell, 21-7, 21-9. Third: Lucas def. Hansen, 16-21, 21-11, 21-4. Consolation: Nau def. McCulley, 21-10, 8-21, 21-17.

Minnesota

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Bill Schmidtke def. Darryl Uphoff, 21-7, 21-7; Al Reiter def. John McConnell, 17-21, 21-3, 21-14; Steve Singer def. Jack Stroemmen, 21-20, 19-21, 21-16; Kevin Delaney def. Dave Winkle, 21-13, 21-10; Paul Ikier def. Barry Gerr, 21-8, 21-11; Mike Gorman def. Rich Neugren, 21-6, 21-15; Bob Adam Jr. def. Mike Buegen, 21-16, 21-11; Ron Strom def. Ted Lockett, 21-9, 21-3.

Quarterfinals: Schmidtke def. Reiter, 21-7, 21-9; Delaney def. Singer, 21-19, 19-21, 21-15; Ikier def. Gorman, 21-5, 21-12; Strom def. Adam, 21-6, 21-8.

Semifinals: Schmidtke def. Delaney, 21-17, 21-8; Strom def. Ikier, 21-14, 21-12.

Finals: Schmidtke def. Strom, 21-16, 21-16. Third: Delaney def. Ikier, 21-17, 21-10. Consolation: Dave Glander def. Dave Bechtold, 15-21, 21-14, 21-9.

SENIOR SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Bob Adam Jr. def. Bill Colclough, 21-6, 21-19; Bob Kleinschmidt def. George Sladky, 21-9, 19-21, 21-19; Charles Schaeffer def. Fred Banfield, 21-13, 21-11; Bob McNamara def. Wendell Oltum, 21-6, 21-6.

Semifinals: Adam def. Kleinschmidt, 21-10, 21-5; McNamara def. Schaeffer, 21-17, 21-16.

Finals: McNamara def. Adam, 14-21, 21-15, 21-11. Third: Schaeffer def. Kleinschmidt, injury default. Consolation: Ralph Stillman def. Gerald Cavanaugh, 17-21, 21-15, 21-10.



MASTERS SINGLES

Semifinals: Jack Whisnant def. Robert Olson, 21-17, 21-13; Warren Claridge def. Amos Rosenbloom, 21-10, 21-12.

Finals: Claridge def. Whisnant, 21-9, 21-15. Third: Rosenbloom def. Olson, forfeit. Consolation: Charles Pine def. Dave Van Heuklom, 21-9, 21-10.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Strom-Schmidtke def. Kit-Heson-Kleinschmidt, 15-1, 15-7; Ikier-Gerr def. McConnell-Miller, 15-13, 15-10; Gorman-Carpenter def. Peekham-Hall, 15-14, 15-7; Neilson-Bryan def. Singer-Buegen, 11-15, 15-4, 15-8.

Semifinals: Strom-Schmidtke def. Ikier-Gerr, 21-16, 21-17; Neilson-Bryan def. Gorman-Carpenter, 21-13, 21-8.

Finals: Strom-Schmidtke def. Neilson-Bryan, 21-13, 21-8. Third: Ikier-Gerr def. Gorman-Carpenter, 21-19, 21-19. Consolation: Don Bechtold-Dave Bechtold def. Adam Jr.-Adam Sr., 21-15, 21-14.

SENIOR DOUBLES

Semifinals: Greenberg-Goldetsky def. Banfield-Sladky, 16-21, 21-5, 21-10; Schaeffer-Colclough def. Cavanaugh-Mooney, 21-13, 21-17.

Finals: Greenberg-Goldetsky def. Schaeffer-Colclough, 21-17, 21-14. Third: Banfield-Sladky def. Cavanaugh-Mooney, 21-15, 17-21, 21-13. Consolation: Thaxton-Keyes def. Enderson-Brandup, 18-21, 21-20, 21-18.

Rose Festival

OPEN SINGLES

1—Gordon Kelly, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 2—Bill Fearing, Newport Beach, Calif.; 3—Peter Lubisich, Portland, Ore.; 4—Jeff Smith, Vancouver, Wash.; C—Tony Knause, Sunnyvale, Calif.; 2C—Henry Marcus, Portland, Ore.

B SINGLES

1—Ron Bennink; 2—Jennifer Harding; 3—Randy Somner; 4—Tevie Smith; C—Jim Pierce; 2C—Dave Cody.

C SINGLES

1—John Mason; 2—Mike Hardin; 3—Art Redford; 4—Dudley Goff; C—C. D. Byers; 2C—Ed Graves.

NOVICE SINGLES

1—Rhett Kirk; 2—Bill Baker; 3—Bob Reynolds; 4—Jerry Levey; C—Dennis McCarty; 2C—Howard Liebrich.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1—Shirley Edwards; 2—Jennifer Harding; 3—Sonja Sharp; 4—Cindy Marks; C—Joan Mosser; 2C—Betty Vanderpool.

SENIOR SINGLES

1—Phil Brown; 2—Ed Gause; 3—Sid Williams; 4—Sandy Weinstein; C—Dan Buehler; 2C—Tom Graham.

MASTERS SINGLES

1—Hal Mink; 2—Ed Lohr; 3—Nello Vanelli; 4—F. C. Hands; C—Herman DeVault; 2C—Jack Ireland.

DOUBLES

1—Tony Krause-Bob Lund; 2—Sid Williams—Steve Murata; 3—Peter Lubisich—Hank Marcus; 4—Bill Fearing—Sandy Weinstein; C—Dick Brouwer—Jim Pierce; 2C—Jeff Larson—Norvall Nelson.

Dallas Open

CLASS A SINGLES

Finals: Pete Wright def. Richard Walker, 21-15, 21-16. Third: Mike McKee forfeit from Luther Bernstein.

CLASS B SINGLES

Finals: Ron Dick def. Bruce Diamond, 21-20, 21-11. Third: Charles Croft forfeit from Don Grooves. Consolation: Jim Hamby def. Steve Montoya, 21-19, 21-16.

MASTERS SINGLES

Finals: E. L. Terry def. Harold Cooper, 21-18, 21-20.

CLASS A DOUBLES

Finals: Walker-Wright def. Bernstein-McKee, 21-19, 21-11.

CLASS B DOUBLES

Finals: Kolb-Grooves def. Croft-Dick, 21-19, 21-9.

Playboy

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Charlie Brumfield, bye; Roger Souders def. Len Stream, 21-8, 19-21, 21-19; Bill Thurman def. Craig McCoy, 21-19, 21-14; Steve Strandemo def. Lou Concha, 21-8, 21-9; Steve Keeley def. Deryck Clay, 21-14, 21-15; Bill Dunn def. Ron Starkman, 21-12, 21-14; Dave Charlson def. Mark Wayne, 21-20, 21-2; Steve Serot def. Jim Trent, 21-9, 21-6.

Quarterfinals: Brumfield def. Souders, 21-20, 21-4; Strandemo def. Thurman, 21-11, 8-21, 21-20; Keeley def. Dunn, 21-7, 21-13; Serot def. Charlson, 21-10, 21-15.

Semifinals: Brumfield def. Strandemo, 21-16, 21-11; Serot def. Keeley, 21-14, 18-21, 21-14.

Finals: Brumfield def. Serot, 21-18, 14-21, 21-11.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Brumfield-Dunn def. Concha-Sayes, 21-3, 21-7; Serot-Starkman def. Wayne-Stream, 21-11, 21-15; Charlson-Souders def. McCoy-Thurman, 21-17, 21-11; Muehleisen-Keeley def. Sussan-Strandemo, 21-15, 21-12.

Semifinals: Serot-Starkman def. Brumfield-Dunn, 21-13, 15-21, 21-6; Muehleisen-Keeley def. Charlson-Souders, 19-21, 21-20, 21-14.

Finals: Serot-Starkman def. Muehleisen-Keeley, 21-9, 16-21, 21-12.

CLASS A SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Jay Jones def. Roger Ehren, 21-9, 21-19; Steve Trent def. Pat Moran, 21-14, 21-14; Ken Creese def. Mark Sussan, 21-18, 21-15; Trey Sayes def. Rick DeSaracho, 21-3, 21-1.

Semifinals: Trent def. Jones, 9-21, 21-9, 21-13; Sayes def. Creese, 21-16, 21-20.

Finals: Trent def. Sayes, 14-21, 21-15, 21-15. Third: Jones def. Creese, 21-18, 21-18.

CLASS A DOUBLES

Semifinals: Creese-Moran def. Lazure-

Stevens, 21-8, 21-17. Jones-DeSaracho def. Ivaldy-Cormier, 21-15, 21-15.

Finals: Creese-Moran def. Jones-DeSaracho, 19-21, 21-15, 21-10.

CONTENDER SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Roger Ehren def. Steve Wood, 21-10, 21-7; Rick Bryson def. Sandy Morris, 21-11, 18-21, 21-13; Gene McDonald def. Mike Chaet, 21-10, 21-16; Bennet Rogers def. Al Chavez, 21-9, 21-7.

Semifinals: Ehren def. Bryson, 20-21, 21-12, 21-13; Rogers def. McDonald, 18-21, 21-14, 21-15.

Finals: Ehren def. Rogers, 21-18, 21-14. Third: McDonald forfeit from Bryson.

CONTENDER DOUBLES

Semifinals: Williams-Portune def. Sena-Rosvall, 21-14, 21-14; Ehren-Bryson def. Rusnick-Gibson, 21-17, 21-16.

Finals: Williams-Portune def. Ehren-Bryson, 21-8, 21-7.

Kentucky

ASHLAND AREA YMCA

First Round: Shivel def. Riggsby, 21-5, 21-9; Emmons def. Howell, forfeit; Wenning def. Murphy, 21-7, 21-11; Workman def. Brock, 21-10, 21-10; Detjen def. Neubeck, 21-9, 21-9; Vance def. Griffith, 21-8, 21-14; Boyles def. Lykins, 21-16, 21-12; Emmett def. Alexander, 21-11, 21-14.

Quarterfinals: Shivel def. Emmons, forfeit; Wenning def. Workman, 21-8, 21-16; Detjen def. Vance, 21-8, 21-16; Emmett def. Boyles, 21-5, 21-20.

Semifinals: Wenning def. Shivel, 21-17, 21-7; Emmett def. Detjen, 21-18, 3-21, 21-12.

Finals: Wenning def. Emmett, 20-21, 21-11, 21-19. Third: Shivel def. Detjen.

Doubles: Workman-Detjen def. Emmett-Shivel, 21-11, 21-8.

Manhattan Beach

CLASS A SINGLES

Finals: Craig McCoy def. Jay Jones, 21-19, 21-17. Third: McAllister.

CLASS A DOUBLES

Finals: Jay Jones-Max Wojcik def. Craig McCoy-Mark Reyes, 21-8, 21-12. Third: McAllister-Terrone.

CLASS B SINGLES

Finals: McComas def. Bloom, 21-19, 21-15. Third: DeSaracho.

CLASS B DOUBLES

Finals: McComas-Saylan def. Lilly-Miller, 21-5, 21-6. Third: Gayner-Brand.

MASTERS SINGLES

Finals: Rogers def. Kunze, 15-21, 21-13, 21-15. Third: Castle.

CLASS C SINGLES

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Letters . . .



Racquetball Booming

Dear Editor:

I have been a member of the International Racquetball Association for over a year now. It's great to see how much the sport has grown over this period of time. More and more people know the game as racquetball, rather than paddleball or paddle racquets.

In my area alone (Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y.), the growth has been encouraging. In Buffalo, we have a competitive league consisting of 11 teams covering metropolitan Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Teams average seven players and every week for approximately 10 weeks during the winter, the top three players per team compete against the top three from another team. At the end of the season, the best teams engage in playoffs with the winners receiving trophies. The competition is tough and it is a highly organized league.

I encourage other cities to begin something of this nature because it gives players a chance to compete against each other on a regular basis.

In Rochester, the popularity of the sport has increased tremendously. A recent article in the Democrat and Chronicle says it all for the boom of the sport. (The article by Bob Matthews is headed "Racquetball Booms as an Indoor Sport" and quotes Bob Orozco of the Central YMCA concerning racquetball growth.)

Joe Aguglia

Protect Teeth, Too

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Joe Zelson's article on eye protectors in the May issue of RACQUETBALL. I intend to purchase and try both the "Lunaire" and the "Brow Rest" goggles.

As a dentist who practices in one of the "hot beds" of racquetball, I have been concerned about the increasing number of dental injuries due to misplaced racquet swats. So I am recommending that players start wearing mouth guards, the type worn by football players and boxers, which can prevent extensive dental damage and not interfere in any way with their game.

These devices are obtainable at any sporting goods stores or can be individually fitted by dentists.

Enjoy your magazine and wish you and the IRA great success.

J. Thomas Gentry, DDS

Where Can I Play?

Dear Editor:

The RACQUETBALL magazine is great. What about including a list of the addresses of all racquetball courts and the name of a person to call for each one? This would enable any players when traveling to find a game.

Jon B. Shastid

Editor's Note:

The IRA currently is conducting a survey of court facilities across the country and will publish the results when there is sufficient response to be of value, hopefully in the autumn Handbook. We again plan to publish a list of all IRA members in the Handbook.

Thanks to Sponsors

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all my sponsors who helped make it possible for me to make it to the Internationals this year. They are Howard Linker, Bud Olson and Mick Gannon, all from Louisville.

Evie Morguelan

League Play Great

Dear Editor:

We are very excited about the racquetball league we have formed in the state of South Carolina. Initially we have four teams in our league, but I am sure when we organize during the winter of 1974 we will have additional teams playing.

At the present time, the Greenville YMCA under the leadership of Charlie White leads the league. Other teams are Florence YMCA, Sumter YMCA and Fort Jackson.

In each meet, four players (ranked in order) meet their corresponding numbers from the opposing team. An individual match consists of two single games, with each player's total points added toward the team total. For example, A-1 plays B-1, 16-21, 21-20. Team A gets 37 points, Team B 41. Add in the other three matches for the final team score.

We would welcome more teams next season.

Gerald Griffin



Flying away to a match in the South Carolina League are Florence YMCA players, from left, Bob Gahagan, Gerry Griffin, Bob Freeman and Bob Danner.

Anyone in Europe?

Dear Editor:

My name is Steve Collins and I'm presently in the Army stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. My job here consists of working in the gym at Campbell Bks. We have one paddlecourt in use now, with another to be constructed.

Recently we had an open singles paddleball tournament with Joe Mulieci—who works with me here in the gym—defeating me in the finals, 21-16, 21-18. We have a great interest in paddleball here. There were 31 entries.

As of now, the Army has no varsity sports program like the Air Force in Europe. The Air Force has a league which has been going great guns for the past few years. Is there any way we could have a tournament in Europe for the Americans stationed here?

I really think a tournament over here would be great. If anything could be worked out in any way, I will offer any assistance I can from my little office in Heidelberg.

Steve Collins

Editor's Note:

Anyone interested in getting up such a tournament can write to Steve Collins, 261-76-8976, Co. A (Campbell Gym), APO New York 09102.

Print More Results

Dear Editor:

I have an editorial comment concerning Racquetball. In reading the May issue, I was bothered by the "cuteness" of the headlines and the lack of tournament draw results. By the latter, I mean pairings and scores listed by rounds for the tournament as is done for the Supreme Court Open written up on page 12. This is excellent and a strong contrast to the potpourri found on pages 20-26. I would suggest that you request tournament directors to send this information to you already typed up in the style you would like. You could then include this with the writeup, or more simply, have a results section at the end of the magazine.

Harold F. Williamson

Editor's Note:

You have a point there, Harold, and we're passing it on to the readers, since they're the only reporters we have. We'll publish results of any and all tournaments (edited to reasonable length) and for style, see the Playboy Invitational scoreboard in this issue. But we're quite proud of the "Along the Racquetball Trail" section and would be happy to double or triple the number of short items we print there.

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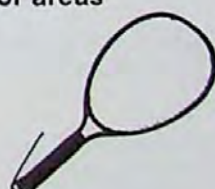
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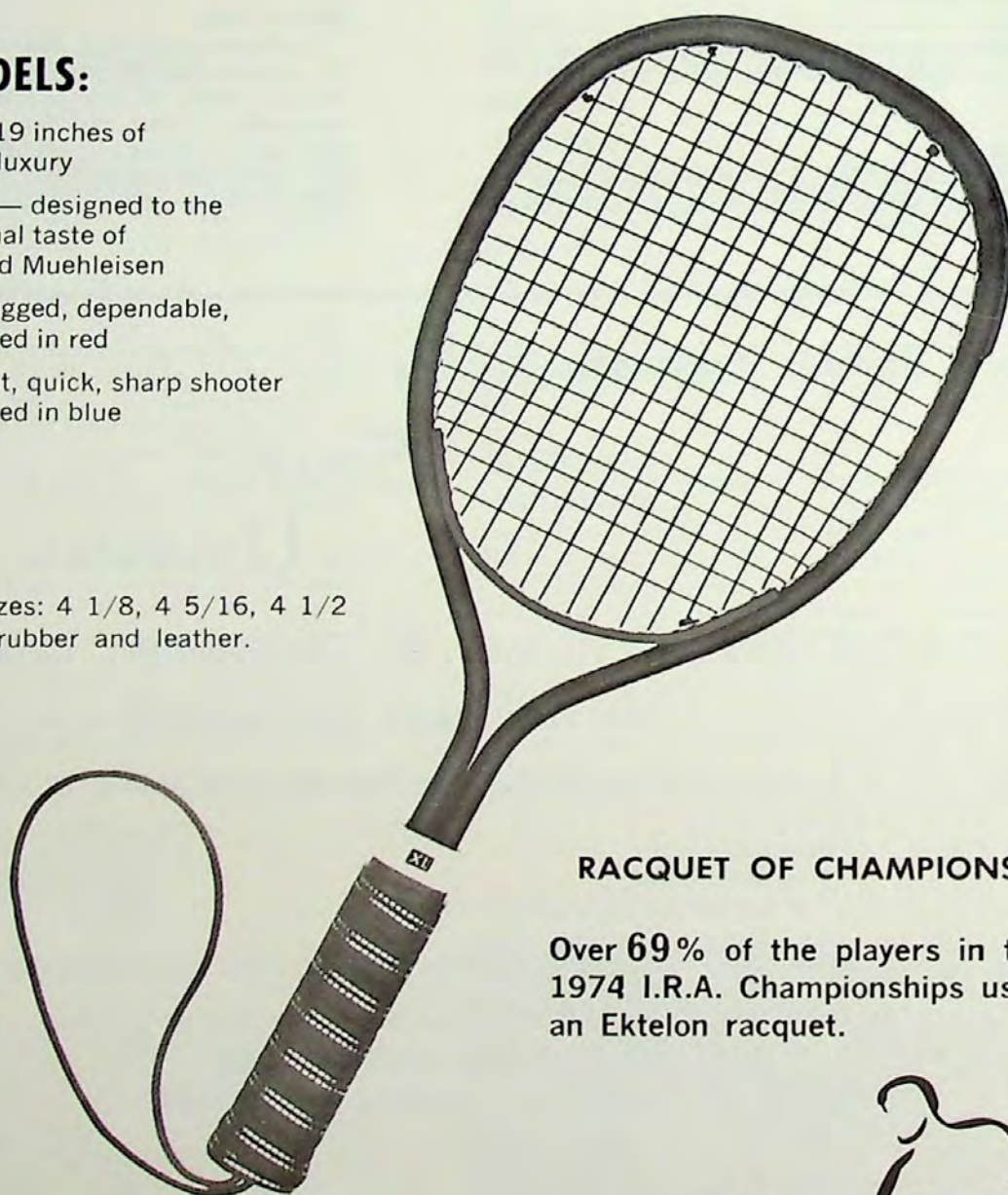
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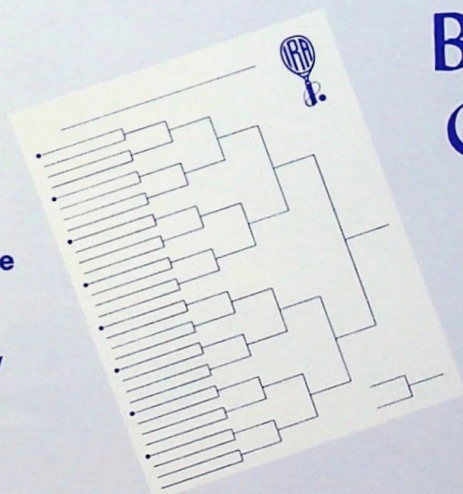
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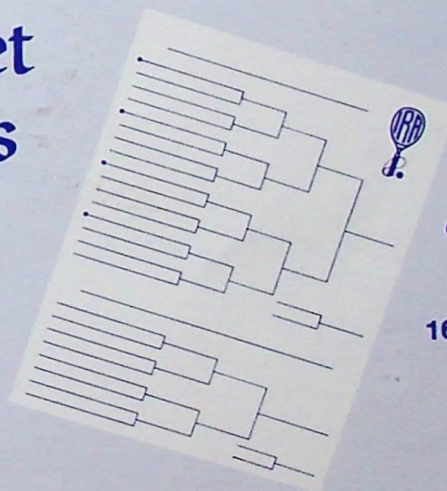
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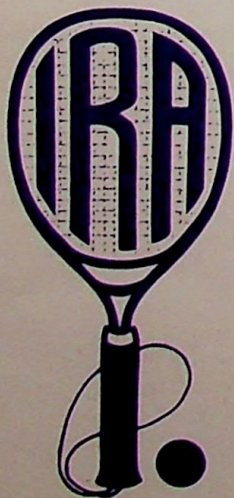
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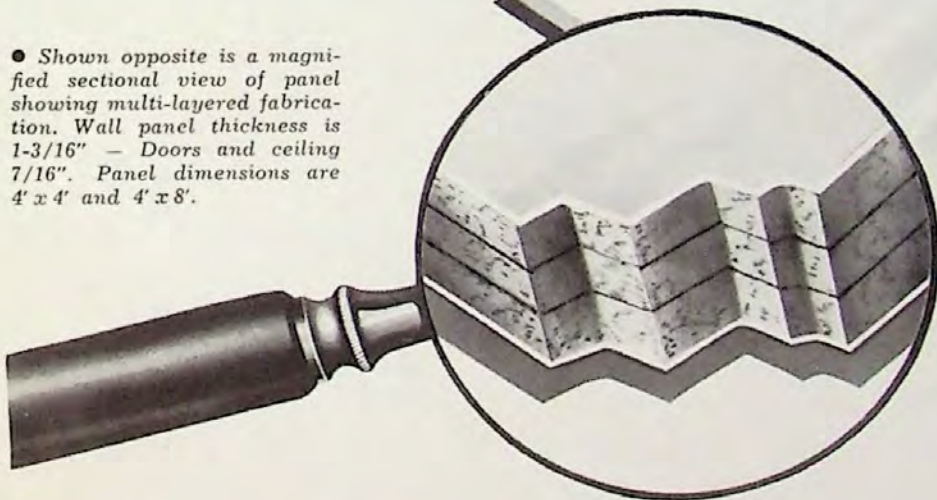


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