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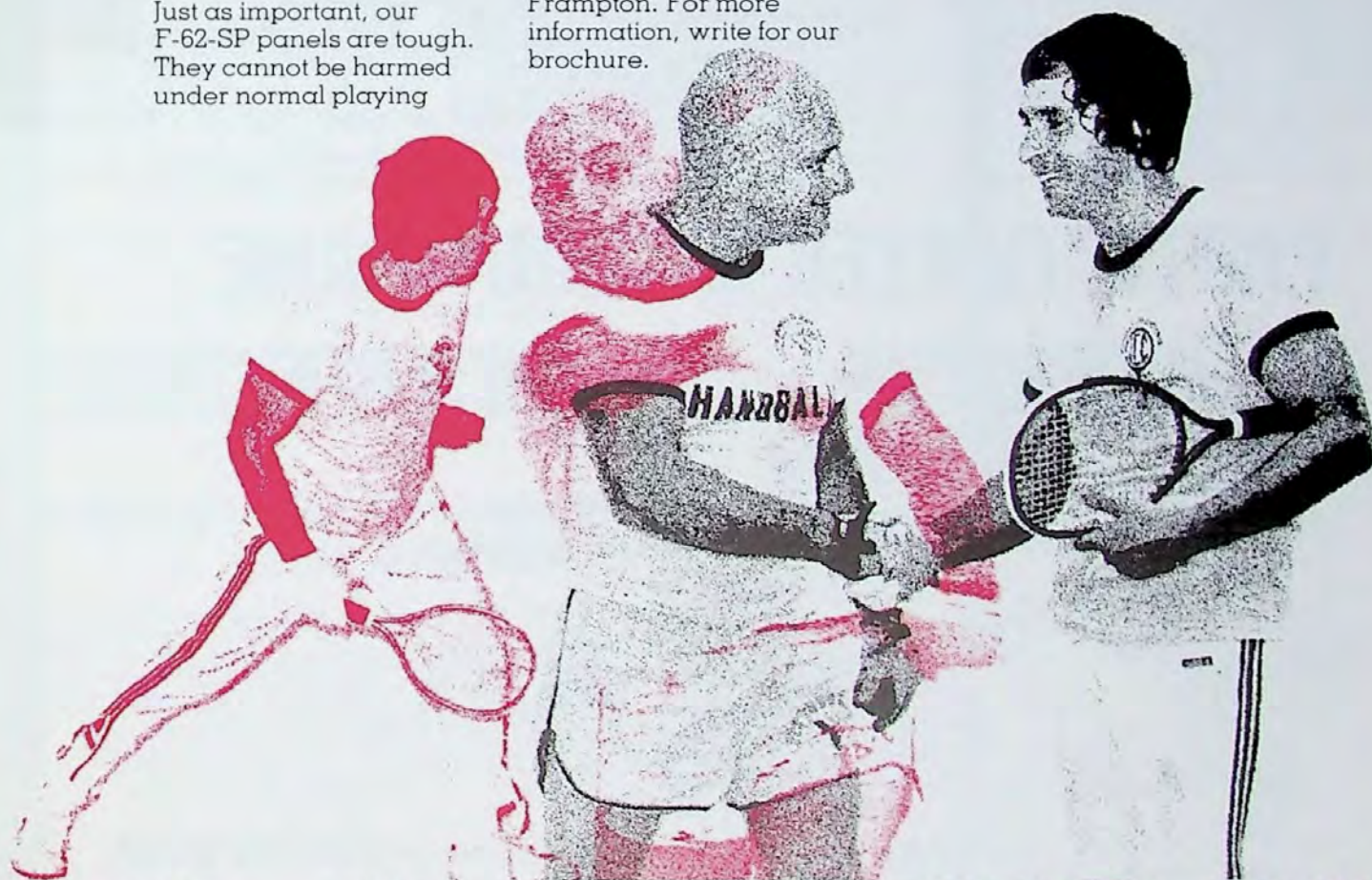
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We have a great Association. Let's keep it strong. Many happy roll outs!

Robert Stauffer
West Point, N.Y.

[Editor's note: Racquetball apologizes and invites Author Stauffer to submit additional manuscripts, for which we promise no oversights.]

• I don't have to tell you the marvelous growth and interest that has developed in the sport of racquetball. St. Louis is really on the move in construction of racquetball facilities. Four racquetball clubs have opened this fall, with five under construction or to be completed in the near future. Best wishes.

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Marion College
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• This past weekend I was fortunate to be invited to referee the National IRA Masters Invitational Doubles in New Castle, Pa. I must admit that it has been a long time since I have enjoyed such a weekend. The skill, hospitality, sportsmanship and fellowship experienced in New Castle is what this sport of racquetball is all about. As long as men of such character and genuineness are associated with our sport, the only way is up. The hospitality put on by Sammy and his committee is in a class of its own. This tournament should be the shining example for all IRA tournaments and I hope that the IRA gives it the publicity it so justly deserves.

Luke St. Onge,
Pennsylvania State Chairman

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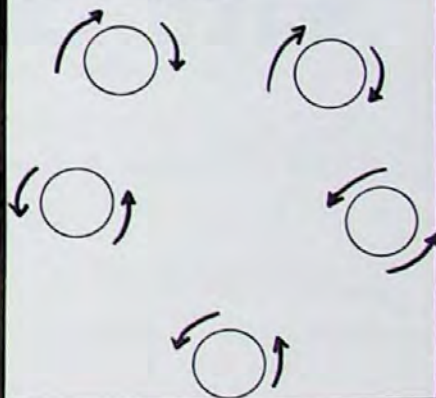
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"It was a very good year" says IRA executive director Myron Roderick, and the photo montage on our cover depicts the range of action that went into that vintage year 1974. It takes the stars and the hackers as well to make a sport grow, and it takes lots of effort behind the scenes, too.

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Dear Racquetball Members:

By the time you have received this magazine, I hope you will have had a very Merry Christmas, and that the prospects for a Happy New Year are bright indeed.

I would like to look back on what 1974 has meant as far as IRA is concerned. Some of the highlights, I feel, were the '74 Championships both in Singles and Doubles. We had great play, great participation and great fun.

Here at IRA headquarters we're very happy that membership almost doubled in 1974 and we hope that we can do the same for 1975.

We initiated the Hall of Fame and inducted two outstanding persons, and are looking forward to the induction of more outstanding people in 1975.

One of the highlights as far as I am concerned was the State and Regional National Convention held in St. Louis. I believe this is a positive move in developing a strong organization. Another thing I am excited about is the formation of the U.S. Court Club Association which will involve clubs and owners from all over the United States and will help promote and develop racquetball.

One of the areas we started in 1974 is pro racquetball. We have had three pro tournaments up to now and I think they all have been very successful. When we finish this year with the pro circuit, we will need to sit down and analyze its advantages and disadvantages. I feel our pro circuit will continue to get bigger and better each year.

I want to congratulate all of you who have built new facilities and if there is anything that I can do to help, let me know.

Looking ahead to 1975, I feel that IRA must look closely at its organization and make some changes to deal with the growth of the sport. Also I think one of the areas we must become more efficient in is promotion, and we are looking into the idea of hiring a full-time national promotional firm to assist us.

There are so many things we can do to improve our organization, and we need all of your ideas on how we can do these things for the best advantage of racquetball.



Sincerely yours,

Myron Roderick
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SELLARS-WALKER TAKE MASTER'S

Dr. William Sellars and Richard Walker, both of Dallas, captured the IRA Masters Invitational Racquetball Championships held at the New Castle YMCA Nov. 22-24.

New Castle's Sam Caiazza and his partner Gene Grapes of Irwin, Pa., finished in the runners-up spot while Dr. John Doyle and Dr. Bailey Prichard of Memphis, Tenn., finished third.

Sellars and Walker finished with 54.0 points followed by Caiazza-Grapes 51.8, Doyle-Prichard 50.8, Dixon-Zelson 48.2, Bechard-Dzuik 45.8, Leech-Failla 45.8, Cutshall-Erickson 40.2, Brunner-Howard 38.2, Rizzo-Lapierra 31.2 and Troyer-Hanke 29.8.

Sellars and Walker also were given the Early Bird Trophy. They arrived a week early only to find out that the tournament would be the following week.

Defending champions Joe Zelson

of St. Louis and Earl Dixon of Indianapolis, Ind., took an early lead.

Caiazza and Grapes were tied with the leaders going into the fourth round of play and held a 15 point lead over John Leech of Cleveland and Sofio Failla of Newington, Conn., but ended up losing the match 27-25.

The New Castle Racquetball Association committee called the action the best doubles tournament ever held there. The top six places were not decided until the final matches Sunday.

William J. Fray, tournament chairman, thanked Len Perretti, Spider DeVitto, James L. Scarazzo, Luke St. Onge, Nick Marsh, Tom Bush, Guy Natale, Jim Fagan, Vince Donati, Dick Sampson, John Kline, Bob Phillips, Keith and Mona Stewart, Hart Hass, Tony Cialella, Tom Wood and Ricky DiCaprio for their assistance during the tournament.

Tourney highlights: Although Sellars and Walker won the Early Bird trophy, they did a turn-about later when they had to be called for a 5 p.m. match. They slept in . . . John Leech and Sofio Failla pulled the biggest upsets. They beat Sellars and Walker 27-14 and in the next match beat Grapes and Caiazza 27-25 after being down 15-0 . . . Doyles and Prichard lost two of their three matches, then won six straight to finish third . . .

A new point system was used in the tournament. Twenty-seven points was match. Teams received one point for every five points scored and one point for each winning match . . . Don Erickson played the trumpet with the band at the tournament banquet. Adding to the merriment was the performance of Joe Zelson and Sam Caiazza doing the Racquetball Skip dance for the players . . .

Winners and runners-up at New Castle are pictured at left. L to R are Gene Grapes and Sam Caiazza, runners-up, and the Richard Walker-Dr. William Sellars team, winners. Below: Joe Zelson and Caiazza ham it up.



With Garfinkel at Memphis

Steve Strandemo became the second pro winner in the IRA's third pro tourney when he defeated Jerry Hilecher 21-14, 21-9 in the finals at Memphis State University.

Charlie Brumfield had won the first two, but was upset in the quarters by Col. Davey Bledsoe 21-5, 21-14.

The second of two big upsets came when Bill Schmidtke, present national champion, was defeated by Charlie Garfinkel 21-19, 21-13 in the round of 16.

Strandemo played a super tournament, and was devastating in the final. As we have said before, he is perhaps the most intense, most dedicated player in racquetball. (He even works harder at staying in shape than Danny Hilecher.)

As for the running of the tournament, we have to thank DeWitt Shy, Schmitt Schippers and Ron Leon. Even though their three names sound like a bankrupt law firm, they did a super job. In fact, DeWitt is getting a reputation for being a super referee. In close decisions, he has the fans raise their hands, to see if it was yes or no.

The man we really have to thank the most is Bill Tanner, sponsor of the tournament, who started playing just a few months ago.

Tanner said, "I'm happy that I'm able to help this great game. The

WINNERS AT A GLANCE

Pro: Steve Strandemo over Jerry Hilecher.

Open Amateur: John Hennen over Steve Smith.

Senior: Charlie Garfinkel over Don Rigazio.

Masters: Glenn Turpin over Alex Guerry.

Women's Singles: Peggy Steding over Sarah Green.



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main thing that I saw was what the game could do. I've lost 25 pounds and I haven't played it long. In 30 minutes to an hour, you get a great workout. In golf, you are out there 4 or 5 hours. I like to compete, and enjoy competition. This is one on one. You don't need a lot of people.

"I want to get my kids interested in racquetball. If they get physically conditioned, they'll take care of their bodies. Sports helps you to get ahead. There are many fine people here. They are real gentlemen.

"I'm interested in building court complexes. We need glass courts with TV exposure. It has to be done to get the game going. In 7-10 years, the game will be out of sight. I'm going to build to have the largest and best tourney in the country."

If you have ever met this dynamic person, you know that he will.

Back to the finals.

As fierce a competitor as Strandemo is, he is really mellowing. He actually was seen smiling during a point.

Steve is playing just as hard as ever, but he isn't becoming as upset with himself as in the past. It has greatly helped his concentration. No one can stay with Steve unless he is physically fit, and even then it will be a titanic struggle.

Steve said that he owes his success to only one person. Phil Tyne, who

helped train the Olympic team, has put him on a fantastic conditioning program. We'll talk about that later.

As for the match with Hilecher, here is what Steve had to say:

"I played smart racquetball. It was not classical, but I did the job. I could have been more offensive minded, and I got a little careless at 12-7. That can be suicide against Jerry. He came back to 14-15. I bore down, made some good shots, and won the game 21-14. In the second game, I was shooting and passing well.

"My basic plan was to keep the ceiling ball deep to the left corner, and not to let Jerry get hot with his forehand. He is devastating with it, and all you can do is just keep playing your game."

Steve is the most improved player in racquetball.

Jerry Hilecher was understandably disappointed after losing to Strandemo.

"I was mis-hitting his ceiling balls," Jerry said. "The balls sometimes seemed to float. His backhand was strong, and he's hard to shoot against. Steve is always near you. This means that you really have to roll the ball out to get the point.

"Strandemo is totally dedicated to racquetball. He is so mentally tough and physically strong. I stayed at Steve's house prior to the Nationals for three weeks last spring. He would

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Bledsoe Upsets Brumfield in Quarters

be up at 7 to run 3 miles, and would run at least 7 more a day. I worked out, too. It was constant activity. Steve is just unreal.

"If I had to play the match over, I don't know what I would do. I feel that my forehand is on, it is as good as anyone's in the game. I'm trying to serve, shoot, and then end the rally. I can shoot as well as anyone off the back wall.

"It's tough for anyone to pass me on my forehand. I rarely get jammed on it, but my backhand is another story.

"My conditioning, backhand, and ceiling balls need a lot of work."

The first upset of the tourney occurred when George Rudysz, 1972 IRA doubles champion with Mike Luciw, defeated Bill Thurman in the round of 32.

It was a very erratic match.

For one reason or another, George has been away from top-notch racquetball for almost a year and a half. When he was in shape, he was perhaps the game's best doubles player. His awesome power and quick wrist were the perfect attributes for doubles. At 24, George should snap back easily.

George's remarks were interesting.

"The game has changed greatly. There is an enormous variety of overhead shots. There are fewer ceiling balls than before. Everyone is in shape. I know how far away I am from winning. I know what I've got to do. It's frustrating to lose to someone that you feel you should beat. Players are too tough to take a lay-off from the game now. You have to run besides playing."

Another upset was Tom McKie's three-game win over Randy Stafford, 17-21, 21-18, 21-17. Tom is the doubles partner of Luther Bernstein. Tom's backhand is much improved, and he played a steady game. Randy has had shoulder problems, and didn't play as well as he has.

Bernstein lost to Bill Dunn in a good match, 21-18, 21-14.

In the round of 16, the tourney's first major upset occurred when Schmidtke was defeated by this reporter, 21-19, 21-13. Bill is the villain who gave me the name "Big Bird." My retort has been, "Schmidtke's success will never go to his clothes."

As for the match itself, Schmidtke is continuing in the slump that plagued him on the pro tour.

Bill said, "I feel a lot of pressure. I'm just not playing my game. I'm

not killing, and I want to play well. It's a letdown after the Nationals. Everyone is after you. If you don't get set, or get into position to shoot, you won't win. I'm expected to do well, but I'm not putting the ball away like I want."

As for me, I've just withdrawn \$5,000 from the bank to buy all of the January Racquetball Magazines so I can wallpaper our two bedrooms.

I had a sound game plan. I have seen Bill Dunn almost beat Schmidtke twice. Bill would keep hitting ceiling ball after ceiling ball to Schmidtke's backhand, until Schmidtke would initiate the shooting. Schmidtke doesn't like to play long rallies of ceiling balls. Sooner or later he will shoot.

If he is on, you might as well forget it. Against me, his shots were coming up a little. I was hot, and I rekindled everything. It's the best I've played lately, but I'm not surprised. I've been playing well, and I knew that I had a chance. It's my best win since I last beat Brumfield.

Myron Roderick defeated Dr. Bud Muehleisen 21-10, 21-11. Myron is continuing his fine play. He is in

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but he's playing better . . .

'em All in Tanner

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To come into its own, every sport must reach young talent and put that talent on the road to success.

Little league baseball and Pop Warner football are examples.

Racquetball is well on its way in interest building among the young at YMCAs, Jewish community centers and private clubs across the country, and one of the youngest stars-in-the-making is 10-year-old Hart Shelby Johnson of St. Paul, Minn., who participated in the recent IRA Doubles Tournament at Minneapolis.

Collecting trophies is old hat to this youngster, who got his start in sports by learning to swim at the age of 4. Encouragement from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Johnson, has helped, of course.

Hart began to teach himself racquetball about two years ago at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center.

When they saw his interest, some of the staff members began to help

him with his technique, and he took the coaching eagerly, smoothing out his game for competition.

Hart won the grade school and junior high school tournament at the JCC in early 1973, then went on to Class C play at King's Court in Roseville, Minn., where he is a member.

He played in the IRA Central Region Tournament at The Court House, Minneapolis, in March of 1974, where he was the junior division consolation winner.

Later that month, Hart entered the Milwaukee Pro-Am Open only to lose both matches, but he came right back in the big October Minneapolis tourney to place third in junior doubles with Gary Mercu of Minneapolis.

The Highland Park Elementary School fifth grader is a comer in racquetball but he's showing promise in a number of other sports as well.

Here's a brief rundown on the 65 pounder who stands 4 feet, 6 inches and wields the racquet left handed:

—He's currently on the JCC swim team, swimming competitively against AAU teams and private clubs. In the August Inter-City Club meet, Hart placed fifth in diving, third in breaststroke, and first in breaststroke in his age bracket.

—When he was in second grade he became the youngest member of the JCC 100 Mile Club. He has run over 200 miles to date.

—Hart played T-Ball for one year. Since he was 8 years old he has played baseball in the Little League division for 10-12 year olds. He is his team's leadoff hitter and plays first base. He led his team in batting the last two years. His average in 1973 was .781 and in 1974 was .640.

—Hart has played in basketball leagues at the JCC since second grade. He was on the all-star team last year. This year he played guard in both the third and fourth grade leagues and in the fifth and sixth grade leagues as well. He was captain and leading scorer of the third and fourth grade league and his team won the championship.

—He also is the youngest member of a traveling basketball team called the Gold Medal Kids, ages 10-13, sponsored by the Gold Medal Bever-



Hart Johnson says he owes a lot to such stars as Steve Strandemo (above). Strandemo and Bill Schmidtke, among others, have taught Hart the basics. He's an all-around athlete, and a winner at swimming, too.

Watch 'em G(r)o(w)!

age Co. of St. Paul. They performed at local college games and played other Twin City teams.

—His biggest thrill was winning the Second Annual Maccabiad (Athletic and Talent competitions) at the JCC in December, 1973. Although you could combine your ath-

Hart Johnson is the Jim Thorpe of St. Paul Youth

letic and talent points to win, Hart won first place by using only athletic points. He won these points in swimming, track events, basket shooting, etc. Over 100 children from grades 3-6 competed.

The promising young Mr. Johnson was the only 10-year-old on his baseball team, the Cardinals, in major league play. He was one of five 10-year-olds drafted by all the major league teams, one per team.

He also was the No. 1 draft pick of the five, and was voted his team's "Rookie of the Year."

Hart credits his progress in racquetball to diligent practice and to the help he has received from Steve Strandemo, Bill Schmidtke and Ron Strom—three of the best racquetmen around.

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To all Racquetball Members:

It doesn't seem possible that another year has passed already and we are looking forward to 1975. I wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

I think racquetball is going to grow and achieve more success in 1975 than we have ever had in the past. I am very happy to be a part of this growth.

It has been a pleasure for me to serve this year as president of the International Racquetball Association and I am looking forward to serving in 1975. I want each member to let me know if there is anything I can do to help in any way.

Let's work together for the betterment of racquetball in 1975.

Sincerely yours,
DeWitt Shy

Regionals Set

Regional tournament dates and regulations have been announced by IRA executive director Myron Roderick.

Dates are Feb. 28, March 1-2.

Qualification

There will be no qualifying in any division. The winner in the open singles will be paid full fare from his or her home town to St. Louis and return for national competition. Winner in all other single divisions will be paid one-half fare from home town to St. Louis and return.

Division

Singles will be offered in Open, Women's Singles and Doubles, Junior, Senior, Masters and Golden Masters. A new division has been added for professionals. You may enter only *one* event. Pro contract players will not be eligible for the Open Division.

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Division, you can not play in regional competition.

Entry

Entries must be postmarked no later than 10 days prior to the start of the tournament (February 18, 1975). No late entries will be accepted and entry fee must accompany the entry blank for the entry to be complete.

Entry blanks will be mailed to each player in each regional through the International office, six weeks prior to the regional tournament.

It is recommended that a player play in his own regional tournament unless another regional tournament is closer to his home. In such cases travel cost and convenience will determine appropriateness.

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The age you qualify by is based on the first day of the International tournament, which is May 23.

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2. *Northwest*—Eastern Washington College, Spokane, Wash., Pat Whitehill.

3. *North*—Court House, Minneapolis, Minn., Bill Schmidtke.

4. *Southwest*—Muehleisen Courts, Inc., Oklahoma City, Okla., Myron Roderick.

5. *Midwest*—Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Earl Defour.

6. *South*—Nashville YMCA, Nashville, Tenn., Kent Rea.

7. *Mid-Atlantic*—Richmond, Va. YMCA, Richmond, Va., Bill Buckman.

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"I carried him!" Tim Grapes said after he and his father, Gene Grapes, both of Irwin, Pa., won the Open Doubles title in the Fifth Annual Peter Cornell Memorial Tournament in Richmond, Va. Gene's comment? "About time, I've been carrying him for 18 years!" Runner-up team of Luther Green of Raleigh, N.C., and John Hipsher of Louisville, Ky., scored 14 and 16 against hard-hitting lefthander Tim and his shot-maker father.

Porco Looks at Racquetball Boom

By KEN PORCO
National Commissioner

It's grand to travel around this great country of ours and meet all the many new friendly folks playing racquetball. We are in the midst of another successful tournament season and I've had the good fortune to attend many of these events in the various locales.

In every city, large numbers of new racquetball players are curious to find out just where their skills lie. Invariably, men and women alike will stand in awe of the top players and ask me if they will ever be that good themselves. My stock answer is that these players did not become good overnight and that practice and desire help a great deal.

However, the vast majority of players participate because the game is still just a lot of fun for them. These men, women and children are the life blood of our organization and the ones who make playing racquetball attractive to the masses.

Don't think for one minute that the top pros or amateurs have a monopoly on racquetball interest. I still get my biggest kick watching a couple of

new players flailing away, getting a good workout and having fun.

As you may well imagine there are literally hundreds of new players starting to play racquetball every week. Court construction on every level (clubs, Y's, Centers, churches, apartments and private businesses) has skyrocketed almost unbelievably. There are hundreds of these new facilities being built or being planned at this very moment.

The predictions of many people back in 1968 at the formation of the IRA weren't even close to what is now happening with our sport. We are beginning to get more publicity from all the sources imaginable. We also are doing a little more in the way of promotion, which is proving most helpful.

Major companies are showing interest in sponsoring the amateur as well as the professional programs of our association. Manufacturers of racquetball equipment and racquetball related-equipment now consider the sport to be worthy of major marketing and advertising.

All in all racquetball is bulging at the seams and much more is yet to come.

Trying to keep up with all these new developments is not an easy task, but so far the IRA home office and board of directors have met the challenge and the results have been nothing but positive. The two newest major programs initiated by the IRA are the State and Regional Convention and the Professional Tour. If you read your last Racquetball magazine you already know just how successful these two programs have been and should continue to be. Regional commissioners and state chairmen are taking a more active role in relating the needs of the membership and spearheading racquetball activities in their areas.

In every issue of Racquetball you are urged to let your voice be heard. I would like to urge you again. Let the IRA know what you are thinking, activities you are planning, criticisms you might have and any suggestions that you think might help make racquetball the best participation sport.

If you have any doubt about the growth of racquetball, you should have been at the IRA's second professional tournament in San Carlos, just outside San Francisco, at the beautiful Supreme Court II.

The only doubt I had was that I would ever get there.

Buffalo had only 30 inches of snow the day of the tournament, and I was stranded at the airport for 12½ hours. It was so cold I had to bodily remove three Eskimos from my seat on the airplane.

As for the tournament, there were more than 175 participants in all classifications of the competition. In the C Singles alone, there were 51 entries.

In the pro finals, Charlie Brumfield defeated Steve Strandemo 21-18, 21-7.

Charlie was down 6-0 in the first game when an avoidable hinder was called on Strandemo. It seemed to change the match around. Charlie started shooting the eyes out of the ball. He caught Strandemo late in the first game, and went on to win 21-7.

The second game was all Brumfield as he started to mix up his shots with beautiful passes off both sides to completely befuddle Strandemo.

That is the wonderful part of the IRA tourneys. They give the pros a chance to compete for prize money, and the feeling that all their conditioning and training programs are paying off. In fact, for some of the pros, racquetball is becoming a way of life.

As we have said in earlier articles Brumfield is playing like the old Brumfield. Despite this, he was lucky to beat Myron Roderick in the quarters. As well as Charlie is playing, he still has his lapses. This he has to watch out for.

Charlie has won only \$3,000 for two weekends of play. He's trying to convince IRA there should be a tournament every weekend. We don't think headquarters will go for it.

In the first round action (round of 16), Dave Charlson should have defeated Steve Strandemo. Dave is IRA open doubles champion with Steve.

Strandemo won the first game 21-12, and tried to shoot much more than he usually does in game two. He was missing, and Charlson got hot. So hot in fact, that he had Strandemo 19-12, and 20-18 in the third. Strandemo hung on to win 21-12, 10-21, 21-20 in the tourney's most ex-

citing match.

Charlson said, "I played well. I was even putting my backhands away. I was down 11-0 in the first game when I started to shoot. Things were going great until 19-12 in the third. The walls were wet, and I was just scrambling.

"Steve played well, and it was a clean match.

"My backhand and defense are better. My forehand has always been good. I'm switching my grip on my backhand now, and my timing is better.

"I think Steve is still favoring his leg a little, but at least I won't be labeled strictly a doubles player from now on."

Jerry Hilecher, who was playing much better than he had in Louisville, defeated Lou Concha 21-14, 21-6. Jerry's forehand was devastating, and he never let Lou get set. It is amazing how much power Jerry gets from his slight build. Not that Jerry is thin, but even though the door to the court was locked, he slipped in through the crack.

Another interesting match, was Craig McCoy's win over Ken Porco. Ken, a former three-sport athlete at Louisville and one-time pro football

Pro Crown at San



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player, is perhaps the strongest player in the game. In fact, as a kid, he couldn't get any shots for childhood diseases. There was no needle that could be injected into his arm.

As for the match, Ken's pinch shots, control, and court coverage, plus McCoy's errors, earned Porco the first game at 21-12.

McCoy started shooting and making fewer errors and won the last two games handily.

Charlie Brumfield defeated Jim Trent 21-6, 21-5 with great shooting and court position. Trent, a fine player, seemed a little intimidated, and wasn't shooting as well as he could.

Dr. Bud Muehleisen, national senior champion, had his hands full in downing Bruce Russell, ranked 10th in the Seniors. Dr. Bud won 8-21, 21-8, 21-14.

Russell's forecourt game was tremendous in game one, and Dr. Bud just couldn't get it untracked. He started shooting better, and controlled the play the last two games.

Russell had an interesting remark.

He said, "The thrust of the game and the pace of the game by the top players is so fast that even though

your game plan is sound, it really doesn't matter."

One of Dr. Bud's former patients was at the matches. I asked him if Bud was a good dentist. The man replied, "He's great, except he has a wierd practice." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Well, I went in for a complete exam, and he found a small cavity. Dr. Bud said, 'Take your shirt and undershirt off, and go out into the waiting room.' The patient said 'I went out and sat down. The man next to me was stark naked. I remarked 'Can you believe that all I have is a small cavity?' The man replied, 'What are you complaining about, I'm just here from Western Union.' Wierd! Weird!"

Bill Thurman had his hands full with young Steve Dunn before winning 21-20, 12-21, 21-10. Dunn is one of the top badminton players in the country, and he has great speed, stamina, and an uncanny overhead shot. He is seriously contemplating taking up racquetball full time. This could be bad news for a lot of players. Being a badminton player, he may soon be flying high, and his game may no longer be "for the birds."

Bill Schmidtke defeated Len Stream 21-15, 21-12. Bill thought he played quite well, but it was evident to many that he is not playing up to his national championship form.

In the final match of the first round, Myron Roderick upset Bill Dunn 21-10, 21-11. There is only one problem. Even though Bill is ranked No. 9 in the U.S., any match that Myron wins is not an upset. He is playing the best racquetball of his life. He is the Ken Rosewell of racquetball.

Myron is five feet four inches tall but weighs 160 pounds. He looks like a fire hydrant with arms and legs.

A three time national intercollegiate wrestling champion, Roderick is in tremendous shape, has a devastating forehand pinch shot from anywhere, and a consistent ceiling game. Up front, he literally rekills any shot that doesn't roll out.

Myron's game plan is one beginners, intermediates, and advanced players alike should follow.

"I try for good court position until I get my shot. I'll keep the ceiling ball deep to my opponent's backhand,

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Carlos to Brum



Far left: It's check writing time in the pay-for-play aspect of racquetball and IRA executive director Myron Roderick glances up from the pleasant task as Craig McCoy (left), and pro singles titlist Charlie Brumfield await the spoils. Center: Ralph Smith, president of Sports Unlimited and a congenial sponsor, is flanked by women's singles runner-up Jan Campbell and the greatest player in the distaff ranks, Peggy Steding, who came through as expected for the title. Pro winner Brumfield and his finals opponent, Steve Strandemo, take to the refreshments and find them as smooth as the play. The outstanding tournament was played at San Carlos, Calif.

By Charlie Garfinkel

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San Carlos Pro to Brumfield

and won't take any unnecessary chances when I'm not serving."

This leads us into the quarters. How many times have you seen Charlie Brumfield down 12-0, or 10-3? Never, once perhaps? What would you say if you saw Charlie down 12-0 in one game, to be followed by 10-3 in the following game?

Myron Roderick was unbelievable. After losing a routine 21-9 game, he had Charlie 12-0 in the second, winning 21-15. He was ahead 10-3 in the third, only to lose it by 21-17.

Brumfield said before the match that Myron could beat all the pros except himself and a couple of others. "I will not mention any others."

After the match, Charlie said, "I was trying to pass Myron. He is shooting and re-killling so well, you practically have to roll it out." After game one, Charlie's shots were coming up. Roderick put everything away. Charlie barely hung on to win.

Bill Schmidtke has been having his share of hard luck. He lost to Bill Thurman 21-18, 6-21, 21-19. Only in game two did he look like the national champ that he is. In fact, Bill even had his new red flannel shirt with his blue levis on. They went beautifully with his two year old chartreuse sneakers. The shirt actually had 18 holes in it, but it was "new" for Bill. He told someone that

it was his golfing shirt.

O.K. All right. Enough nasty remarks about Schmidtke. He is probably our most modest national champion ever.

Schmidtke said, "I shouldn't have served hard at the end. Thurman hit two beauties off the backwall on my serve. Also, there seemed to be so many interruptions that my momentum was constantly being broken. I'm shooting beter, but not as well as I have. Thurman was tough, and he could go all the way. It will be interesting to see."

Bill said, "Boy, I'm really tired. I tried to shoot at every opportunity. I stuck basically to a z serve. I'd go for the shot. First left, then right. Wanted to shoot where I could. I went in confident. I was playing at

home. I'm more consistent, and my temperament is much better. I feel my game is really there. I wasn't mentally prepared in Louisville, but Stafford did play well."

Jerry Hilecher defeated Craig McCoy 21-18, 21-11. Hilecher said, "I just wanted to keep my serve deep to McCoy's backhand. I wanted defensive returns, and I didn't want to let him shoot. I tried to pass him when I could. He was adjusting, and tried to open the lanes up."

"At the University of Missouri, there are no courts at all. I run a lot before a tourney. It's tough my first match, especially if it is a difficult match. I really just practice on weekends."

In the last article, we noted how



Below: Ken Porco, senior division winner (left), Ralph Smith (center), racquetball consultant, and Myron Roderick, IRA executive director, were on hand at San Carlos, where Roderick lost in the senior singles finals to Porco. Right: A relaxed Al Rossi of San Francisco naps between matches, while others make good vibes in the hospitality room.



well McCoy played. He didn't approach that level in this tourney. Will the "Real McCoy" please step forward?

McCoy said, "These walls were so fast that shots wouldn't stay down when I was shooting. Jerry was shooting his forehand well. When his forehand is on, he is really great. I've played better, but give Jerry credit for playing so well."

In the final quarterfinal match, Steve Strandemo overwhelmed Dr. Bud Muehleisen. The scores were 21-5, 21-7. He never let Bud get started. He was shooting and passing with abandon.

Let's continue with Strandemo. In the semis, he badly beat a tired Thurman 21-4, 21-10 by his same shooting and passing game. As Steve walked off the court, he was heard to say, "Steve, you were super. You really played well." One thing we like is modesty.

Steve said, "I have to change so I'm not on the court for an hour and a half. I have to stop hustling and diving so much and put more finesse into my game. (Steve is so serious that he may even have his moustache trimmed.) I've gone through some hard times trying to apply finesse. When I play as well as I did against Bud and Thurman, it gives me a renewed confidence in my game and strategy."

"I have to gear it to how hard I am playing. I want to put the other player on defense more, rather than me. I'm trying to create more offense. I know I'm not where I want to end up as far as a good diversified attack is concerned. I hope to do as well as I can. No matter how I do, I just want to play well."

"After this tourney, I'm going on a training program with a fellow who trained the U.S. athletes in the Olympics. I'll be doing weight-lifting, explosive spurts, beach work, and other drills. I've never had a challenge like this. It will help me get my leg back in shape."

In the other semifinal, Brumfield defeated Hilecher 21-3, 21-13 with another great display of racquetball.

In the playoff for third, Hilecher defeated Thurman 17-21, 21-7, 21-13 in a sometimes brilliant, sometimes erratic match.

Charlie Brumfield has won the first two pro tourneys. He had a real struggle with Roderick in the quart-

ers. Who will win the third pro tourney at Memphis State?

In the Men's Amateur Open, Steve Dunn defeated his brother Bill 21-19, 12-21, 21-15. It was a good match "relatively speaking."

In the Women's Singles, Peggy Steding defeated Jan Campbell 21-17, 21-20, after these two had accumulated the highest point total in a round robin with Jan Pasternak (two-time national champion) and Bette Weed, another high-ranking player.

The second game should have been won by Campbell. She was shooting and retrieving beautifully. She was ahead right up to the end.

Jan said, "I lost, but I really feel that I can extend Peggy now, and maybe beat her. I've never played better."

Jan Pasternak said before the Steding-Campbell match, "I guess Peggy just overpowers us. She doesn't get up tight. She has her own game. She hits everything before it gets to the back wall. She keeps you off guard. Right now, she's just too good."

"I feel if I get myself in top shape I could beat her. Then again, I might only score eight. After playing Peggy, I'm just not interested. I go in to win, my attitude is good, but she just plays too well."

Campbell's second game may have given the girls some hope.

In the Senior Singles Ken Porco defeated Myron Roderick 21-4, 21-15. Of course, Myron was so exhausted from our semifinals, which saw me ahead 21-19, 15-7 before losing in three, he was not his usual bulldog self against Ken in the finals. But Porco did play awfully well in the finals.

In his quarterfinal match, he slammed into the wall and was out for a few minutes. We are happy to report that the wall has just returned from Cedars of Lebanon Hospital and is as good as new.

Tournament tidbits:

Thanks to Bill Dunn and his wife Barbara, who really worked like a dog scheduling matches and assigning them. She did such a fantastic job that the first round for 1975 already has been played. We'd also like to thank Mark Wayne and his wife Elsie, Len and Sue Stream, and Deryck Clay.

Thanks, too, to Bob Kraut, who

With Garfinkel at San Carlos

never appeared sour throughout the tourney, Don Jackson, Gina Espata, and Lash Stevenson.

Mark Wayne was given an award that was rescinded. It seems that he had two freshmen who had failed everything in high school. Mark told the dean of his college that they got

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a 97 on the first test that he gave them. The dean couldn't believe it, and gave Mark a \$1,000 bonus. However, it was rescinded when he found out that one boy received a 48, and the other a 49, for a total of 97. Good try, Mark!

A novice player was watching Bill Schmidtke hit his picture-perfect forehand. He asked Bill if he changed when he hit his backhand. Dapper Bill replied, "No, I wear the same clothes."

One of the younger players was practically in tears. He had just received his report card. He said, "Our teacher seats us according to our average. There are 35 seats and I sit in the 34th." I said, "At least, you're not 35th." "I know, but I'm embarrassed, because my father sits right behind me."

Have you noticed names such as Bruce Russell, Dave Charlson, Steve Dunn, and Myron Roderick standing out in this article? Do you remember the names of Randy Stafford, Ron Strom, John Hennen, and Marty Hogan from the last magazine? They have all done fantastically well in the IRA pro tourneys. Why not enter as many IRA tournaments as you can. Even if you are not a pro, you can still play in the pro. Or, you may play in many of the numerous amateur events. You have nothing to lose, and you may be pleasantly surprised.

That's all folks! ! See you in Memphis.

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Utah Association Sets Goal For Year

The Utah Racquetball Association (URA) has elected its new officers for the year and is now organizing this year's activities.

Elected were Trey Sayes, president; Ron Mills, vice-president; Janell Marriott, secretary, and Wayne Player, treasurer.

The new officers have several goals they hope will promote the growth of the sport in Utah.

"We think these goals will create new and greater enthusiasm among racquetball players and also increase the quality of play," Sayes said.

"Racquetball is definitely one of the nation's fastest growing indoor sports—ask any handball player—and if we as racquetball players and as a state organization are to progress, we must be willing to implement and support new policies."

The goals of the URA:

- To be responsive to the needs of members throughout the state.

- To improve the communication within the URA; between the board and the members and among members themselves.

- To conduct developmental clinics in order to improve quality of play.

- To promote greater participation in the women's and juniors' programs.

- To conduct several types of tournaments. The state championships will be three-day tournaments.

- To increase membership in the URA, and the IRA.

- To publicize our tournaments and their results in local papers and in Racquetball magazine.

These objectives should make racquetball in Utah a more viable and exciting game for all participants, Sayes emphasized.

The membership fee in the URA will be \$5 for one year. Three dollars of this fee will go to our parent organization, the International Racquetball Association (IRA), and includes a year's subscription to the IRA magazine and entry to all IRA-sanctioned tournaments such as the Western Regionals, the Nationals and in our state championships in both singles and doubles.

Two dollars will go into the URA treasury for clinics, URA tournaments and all URA publications.

Tourneys Planned

Peter F. Crummey, new Massachusetts state racquetball chairman, says he favors tournaments "with lots of divisions, so that everyone has a shot at a trophy."

Crummey, one of racquetball's best ambassadors of good will, is stationed at Ft. Devens with an U.S. Army Green Berets unit.

The new state chairman also plans to publish rankings after state tournaments, and to restrict state-level play in Massachusetts to state residents.

"We'll have other tournaments for the stronger traveling players no one wants to play in the second round."

Crummey also plans consolation play in all Massachusetts tournaments.

Clinics Set Up

Three clinics have been announced by the Utah Racquetball Association under Pres. Trey Sayes.

Dates are Nov. 23 at Utah State University, Logan; Dec. 14 at the Deseret Gym, Salt Lake City, and Jan. 25, 1976, at Brigham Young University, Provo.

Marsocci Wins 'Going Away' in Nittany Lion Open

The third annual Nittany Lion Open Racquetball tournament at Penn State University attracted over 50 entries from a seven state area.

The tournament was held over two days with events in open singles, doubles, and women's round robin. When the smoke cleared the two top seeds, Mike Luciw (New Britain, Conn.) and Leo Marsocci (Rochester, N.Y.), faced each other in the finals, with Marsocci winning going away at 17-21, 21-20, 21-11. This was the first time that Leo has beaten Mike in tournament play.

Meanwhile, Willie Wang (Newark, Del.) defeated Tom Cutler (Maryland) for third place. Special note should be taken that the boys from Maryland have made tremendous strides over the past year and if they continue will be in major contention at the Regionals.

Luciw and Marsocci defeated Grapes and Shattner (Penn.) 21-11, 21-18 to win the doubles final. Luke St. Onge and Dick Snyder (Penn.) defaulted to Tom Whipple and John Sullivan (Maryland) because of total exhaustion on Snyder's part. Dick, who at day's end looked like a wounded chicken, left the court after losing to Grapes and Shattner. Dick had played six matches in ten hours, all going three games.

In consolation singles, Bob Stouffer (West Point, N.Y.) defeated Mike Levine (Penn.) 21-18, 21-17.

In consolation doubles, Joe Aguglia (Rochester, N.Y.) and Sanford Forte (Maryland) defeated the Penn State team of Andy Atwater and Jere Willey 21-14, 21-18.

The women's round robin was well played with tremendous progress shown in skill over last year. Maxine Miller won first place, with Michele Stover taking second. Betsy Hanly was third.

As the tournament came to a close, Maryland State Chairman Tom Whipple challenged the State of Pennsylvania to an eight-man team match to be played prior to the regionals.

Have you renewed

your  membership?

Michels Triumphs

Fred Michels of Louisville, who holds No. 3 ranking in Kentucky, defeated Jim Marsh of Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, 21-12, 21-11, to win the Class A Open Singles competition of the Third Annual Eastern Kentucky Racquetball Tournament held at the Morehead University facilities Dec. 6, 7, and 8.

Tom Shivel of Ashland defeated Marshall Norton of Berea 19-21, 21-17, 21-15 to capture third place after Michels defeated Shivel 21-18, 21-12, and Marsh defeated Norton 17-21, 21-14, 21-19 in the semifinals.

In Class B competition, Dick Ernst of Frankfort defeated Jim Daopoulos of Lexington 21-4, 13-21, 21-19 for the championship, while Bill Wells of Murray defeated Rick Wenning of Ashland 19-21, 21-17, 21-20 to capture third place.

The tournament was sponsored by the Ashland Racquetball Association, which is affiliated both with the Ashland YMCA and the Kentucky Racquetball Association. The Ladies Division of this tournament is scheduled in Ashland at the YMCA facilities during the weekend of Jan. 10, 11, and 12.

Salt Lake Players Dominate Intermountain

Salt Lake players took home nearly all the trophies at the conclusion of the first annual Intermountain Racquetball Championship Nov. 17.

The three-day tournament, hosted by the Fountain of Youth Athletic Club, attracted entries from five Rocky Mountain states, competing in five divisions.

The men's open division title was won by Trey Sayes of Salt Lake City, who went three games with another Salt Laker, Ron Mills. Marilyn Tanaka, a Utah State student, defeated Jewel Doxey, Salt Lake City, to win the women's division.

In other events, Sayes and his brother, Morgan, lost to the doubles team of Ron Mills and Grant Mills in a close three-game final. A Phoenix man, Paul Darnell, defeated John Clift of Salt Lake City to take home the men's B first-place trophy.

The men's C final featured two Salt Lakers with Jerry Wellington defeating Vince Brown in two games.

Tournament directors Bill Lindsay and Paul Boman said they were pleased with the success of the tournament and said they would definitely plan on hosting again.



Eau Claire YMCA doubles winners Sheryl Richardson (second from right) and Sue Carow (far right) pose with runners-up Diane Ertle (left) and Sandy Melms. Singles winner Ev Dillin is below.



Seven States In Eau Claire Women's Open

The Eau Claire, Wis., YMCA held its first Women's Open Racquetball Tournament recently, attracting women from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Ev Dillin, Elk River, Minn., won the singles championship by defeating Sue Carow, Glenview, Ill., in the finals 21-17, 21-17. In the semifinals,

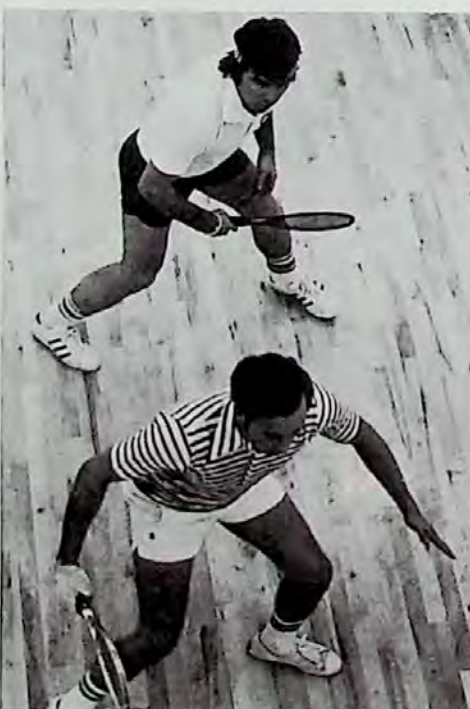
Dillin defeated Sheryl Richardson, Bloomington, Ind., 21-6, 21-10, and Sue Carow overpowered Terry Seaborg, Hopkins, Minn., 21-3, 21-1.

Nancy Cato, Elk River, Minn., took the consolation championship by defeating Jody Saccamano, Fort Wayne, Ind., 21-20, 11-21, 21-13.

The doubles championship title went to the team of Richardson and Carow when they defeated Sandy Melms and Diane Ertle, Sheboygan, Wis., 21-9, 21-3. Melms-Ertle defeated Mary Berseth and Rose LaPoint, Eau Claire, in the semifinals 21-8, 21-9, and Richardson-Carow beat Cato-Dillin 21-17, 21-16.

In the consolation bracket, Suzanne Lyle and Teresa Darland, Louisville, Ky., took the championship when they defeated Eau Claire's Pat Greig and Connie Griffith 21-12, 21-15.

The women's racquetball club in Eau Claire, the "Swingers," and the "Racquetees," provided the man and woman power necessary to put on such a successful tournament. Ek-telon gave racquets and T-shirts for a drawing at the hospitality room provided by Left Guard Steak House. T-shirts were given by Randall's Food Stores. Tournament chairperson was Judie Ohm, and tournament director was Eileen Joslin, Women and Girls' director of the Eau Claire YMCA.



Ron Mills (bottom) taking ball off rear wall during men's open finals against Trey Sayes in the first Intermountain Racquetball Championships recently. Sayes, Utah state chairman, won the title.

Time to Renew

Don't forget to renew your membership in the International Racquetball Association for 1975. When you renew yours, get one new member among your friends for 1975.



Freeman Rallies

The first annual Wynfield Invitational Singles tournament was held Nov. 8 at the Wynfield Racquetball Club in York, Pa.

The host club invited eight Pennsylvania players to participate in double elimination.

Top-seeded Larry Freeman, Harrisburg, had to fight his way through the losers bracket after losing to second seeded Dick Synder in the third round to win in the finals, 31-17, 31-22. Third-seeded Luke St. Onge (State College) was upset by Larry Zimmerman, 31-29, in a match that neither player seemed to want to win.

Rod Merrill (Wynfield Club) took third after losing to Freeman in the semis, 31-23.

Snyder overpowered every opponent including Freeman on his way to the finals only to lose two straight to Freeman.

The Wynfield club boasts six indoor tennis courts, squash, racquetball, and a large gallery for viewing all sports.

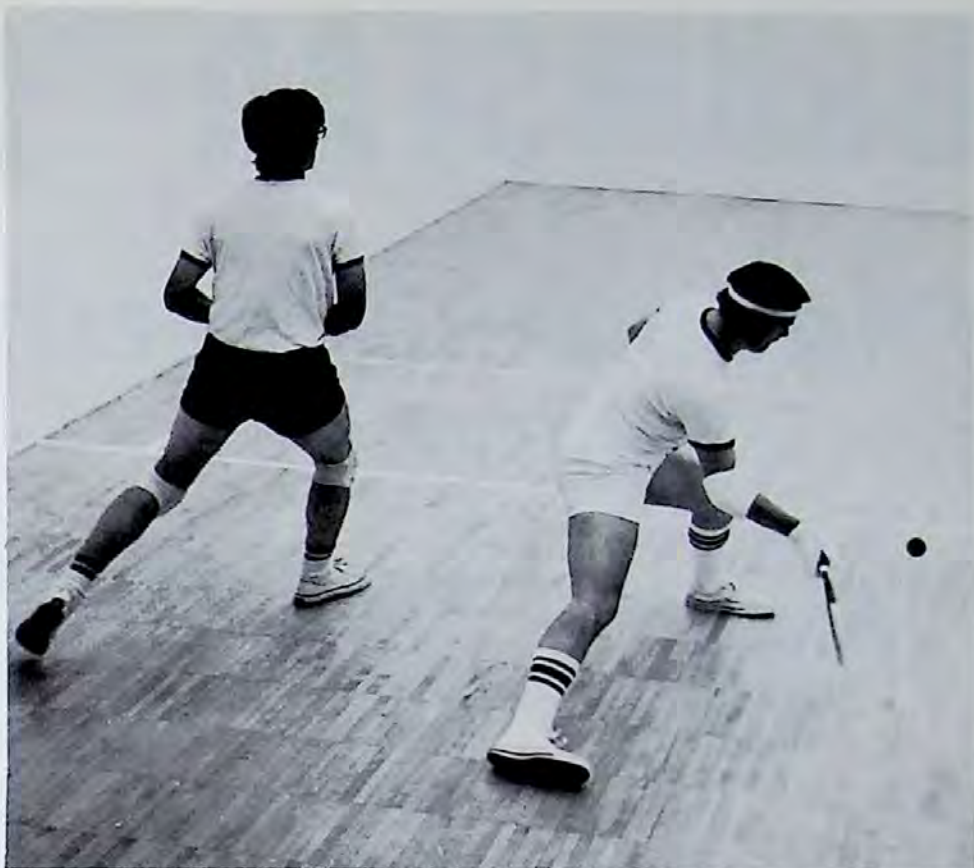
League Formed

South Carolina's racquetball association has formed an eight-team league for 1975, with upper state and lower state divisions to cut travel costs and the possibility of a state team tournament next spring.

In addition, tentative plans call for a state doubles tournament during April or May.

In league competition, players will be ranked from 1 to 4 and played in that order. An individual match will consist of two singles games with the total points scored in each game going to the team total. Each team is scheduled once a month in its division, with records maintained by Gerald Griffin of Francis Marion College, Florence, S.C. 29501.

Upper State contacts are Charlie White, Clemson; Hal Harrigan, Greenville YMCA; Dr. Ruth Reid, Furman, and John Jennings, Spartanburg YMCA. Lower State contacts are Bob Alford, Fort Jackson; J. J. Britton, Sumter YMCA; Gerald Griffin, Florence YMCA, and Ken Lester, Columbia.



Jim Jordan, former Samford University tennis star (right), drives the ball against Dr. Ben Dowdey in their finals match at Birmingham, Ala. Jordan won, 14-21, 21-9, 21-13.

Jordan Gets Birmingham Crown

Jim Jordan, former tennis star at Samford University, is Birmingham's singles racquetball champion.

Jordan beat Dr. Ben Dowdey in the finals of the Birmingham Racquetball Association city champion-

ship Nov. 4 at the downtown YMCA. Jordan won 14-21, 21-9, 21-13.

Jerry O'Neal and his nephew, Richard O'Neal, won the doubles finals over Jordan and David Johnson 21-18, 21-17.

Winner of the B singles competition was Jack Owens, who beat out Chip Fellars 20-21, 21-14, 21-17.

The A singles consolation was won by Bob Shields over Bill Hotze, 21-7, 21-13.

The B singles consolation prize was won by George Murphy, who took Doug Sligh 21-5, 21-7.

Junior Action

The Boise Family YMCA has just held its fourth junior racquetball tournament to encourage the learning of the game by young players.

John Egerman beat Robert Wold 31-26, to win first place, while Mike Cilugia beat John Cilugia 31-28 to take third place.

Because of the limited court time, one game to 31 was scheduled instead of the usual three games.

Many Boise players have been coaching these youngsters for the past year, instructing them on court rules and strokes. Further tournaments are planned every two months.

"We believe that someday through such Y-sponsored programs, the Boise Family YMCA will have some excellent players," said Nick Hansen of the Y.

Roderick Slated

Myron Roderick, IRA executive director, will assist with a recreation camp at Storm Meadows Athletic Club, Steamboat Springs, Colo., next summer.

The camp features both handball and racquetball, and Roderick will help with demonstrations and instruction during the week of July 20-27.

Tim Schliebe is director of athletics at the club.

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IRA Singles Set for May 23-26

The International Single Championships will be played May 23-26 at the West Port Racquetball Club, 2388 Chaffee Rd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

This is a new 11-court facility with carpeted men's and women's locker rooms, saunas, whirlpool baths and exercise rooms. The club also has an attractive lounge with food and beverage facilities and an excellent game room.

Director Ron Loepker said he is looking forward to hosting the IRA championships.

Entry blanks and complete tournament details will be in the March issue of the magazine.

"If you have any questions be sure and contact us at the IRA office, and put down on your calendar the dates of May 23, 24, 25, 26 for a great time and great racquetball," said Myron Roderick, executive director.



GRIFFIN (LEFT) AND WHITE

White Tops Action In South Carolina

Charley White of Greenville whipped Gerald Griffin of Florence 21-1, 21-3 in the finals of the South Carolina State Racquetball Tournament at Marion College Nov. 15-17.

Bob Gahagan of Florence won the consolation title by trimming Bob Freeman of Florence 21-6, 21-19.

Gahagan beat Cliff Malpass of Greenville 15-21, 21-19, 21-20 and Freeman stopped Davie Wardlaw of Greenville 21-16, 20-21, 21-15 in consolation semifinal moaches.

Some 28 members of the S. C. Chapter of the International Racquetball Association competed for the title in the three-day event, the first of its kind ever held in the state.

White made it to the finals, winning his division with victories of 21-2, 21-3, over Larry Bradley, 21-5, 21-14 over Paul Bonaca, and a win of 21-4, 21-7 over Bob Alford of Fort Jackson in the semi-final while Griffin

took the matches in his division with two close wins of 15-21, 21-20, 21-6 over Claude Cliton II 14-21, 21-17, 21-18 over Ken Lester before whipping J. J. Brittan of Sumter 21-15, 21-12 in the semifinal.

White will go on to Richmond, Va. on Feb. 28 for regional competition.

W. Va. Gets Going

Kevin Becker, West Virginia's newly appointed state chairman, is trying to get the ball rolling on racquetball in his state.

His primary goals are to find out where racquetball is being played in West Virginia and to increase International Racquetball Association growth and membership.

A state tournament is in the planning stages but no definite date has been set, although early February is most probable.

74 Compete At Shreveport As McKie Wins

The Shreveport Racquetball Association hosted the first Shreveport Open with 74 participants vying for the No. 1 spot in Open, B, and C classes.

Open singles was won by one of the Southwest's finest gentlemen, Tom McKie of Richardson, Tex. Tom outgunned the always dangerous Pete Wright of Fort Worth in a three-game duel that went 21-10, 20-21, 21-12. At the same time on Court 2, Roland Treat of Stillwater, Okla., was being outlasted by Mike Carr of Lake Charles, La., in a match that could have been in the finals in any tournament. Mike captured the 3rd-place trophy with games of 21-18, 17-21, and 21-20.

Class B turned out many excellent matches by the 44 entries with Dennis Johnson of Barksdale Air Force base proving that youth helps as he defeated a tired tournament chairman, Chuck Croft, 21-11, 21-9. Third in Class B went to Armon Cortez of Houston on an injury default by Doug Moreau of Baton Rouge.

Class C saw David Mathews of Oklahoma City defeat hometown rival Jerry Myers, 21-9, 21-6. Third place went to Arnold Davis of Dallas over Andy Hodge of Shreveport, a 15-year-old, 21-11, 11-21, 21-18.

Three young ladies competed against the otherwise all male draw and proved that girls can play good racquetball, too. Miss Shannon Sweeney won a B preliminary round over Driskell Horton of Shreveport, 31-14, but lost in the Round of 32. For Class C, Miss Elizabeth Huff of San Antonio lost a close first-round match to Paul Van Arsdale, 31-29, and Miss Janice Segall of Austin lost to Andy Hodge, 31-12.

The Open Doubles crown went to the always tough team of Pete Wright and Richard Walker of Fort Worth and Dallas over Luther Bernstein and Tom McKie, Dallas, 12-21, 21-17, 21-6.

The B Doubles saw Jerry Brazil and Jim Smith of Dallas defeating all comers in the 18-team flight of B teams. Brazil and Smith defeated Jerry Myers and Jim McPherson of Oklahoma City, 21-12, 21-11.

For other results see Scoreboard, page 36.

Official IRA Intercollegiate Rules

RULE ONE—MATRICULATION

No one shall participate in any intercollegiate racquetball contest unless he is a bona fide matriculated student at an accredited university or college (not business college, trade school, etc.) and is regularly enrolled and doing full work as defined by the regulations of the institution at which he is enrolled.

RULE TWO—PARTICIPATION

1. Participation in intercollegiate racquetball shall be limited to four varsity years over a period of five consecutive college years counting from the date of matriculation.

2. In the event of a student's regular attendance being interrupted by military service in any of the armed forces, his period of eligibility shall be five years exclusive of his period of military service, except for the years in which, during his military service, he may have represented an educational institution.

3. Freshmen are eligible for varsity competition in racquetball. Women are eligible.

4. Transfer students or graduates from a junior college may continue their racquetball competition without complying with the one-year residence rule. Total years of competition shall not exceed four years.

5. No professional racquetball player shall be permitted to compete in any intercollegiate tournament. However, in accord with intercollegiate legislation of 1974, professionalism in any other sport shall not preclude competition in racquetball as long as the player maintains amateur standing in the sport of racquetball.

RULE THREE—TOURNAMENTS

1. Eligibility of participants shall be verified prior to the tournament by letter from the Office of the Dean of Admissions or Registrar to the tournament director, with the school seal affixed.

2. Teams shall consist of four players from the same institution; teams cannot comprise players from different schools in the same system (example, University of Texas-Austin, Arlington and El Paso campuses). Members of a doubles team must be from the same institution.

3. A team of four shall consist of one player in Class A Singles, one player in Class B Singles and one doubles team. No player may compete in more than one event.

4. Scoring shall be as follows:
Placement—The champion of each event shall receive 10 points, runner-up 7 points, third place 4 points, fourth place 2 points.

Advancement—A player shall receive two points for each match won, except that no advancement points shall be awarded to the winner of the championship finals, or the third place match. A forfeit or an injury default shall be considered a match won. One point shall be awarded to a player receiving a bye, if he wins his next match.

MEN AND WOMEN

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The recent Pro-Am at Memphis was so well run you really couldn't tell the difference between the pros and the amateurs off the court.

The one time that a novice player did show his unfamiliarity with the game occurred during the Roderick-Porco Senior Singles final, which I refereed. I solemnly announced that it would be best 4 out of 7 games. After Myron lost the first game, one of the players asked me if I thought he could come back and beat Kenny in the fifth or sixth game. I had to explain that I was only kidding.

Another thing that was really interesting were the remarks of some of the players.

Bill Austin, Class C Champion and former San Francisco 49er defensive back, had this to say: "I've been playing two years. The game is a lot of fun. To me, it's a great challenge. Athletes can adjust to the game pretty

C-player now, he would like to turn pro some day. He has been stimulated by the IRA tourneys. He feels he can tell how hard and how much he has to work to achieve his goals by watching the pros at the tourneys.

Vince also said that it is the first sport he has ever played. He sees the benefits in his conditioning, mental health, and attitude.

His schedule may seem exhausting, but that is the only way to get better.

It also was mentioned that Racquetball magazine has helped many players. The instructional articles are written by top players. They know what they are talking about. "How to Use the Sweat Spot Effectively" by Steve Strandemo is a classic. "How to Use the Veteran's Hinder to Your Advantage" by Dr. Bud Muehleisen is another

GARFINKEL'S VIEWS

quickly. Competition is great. With the pros in the tourney, it gives us more incentive, seeing the best. I know how much I have to work to improve. The game is growing by leaps and bounds. Not as much pressure as football. There is just as much competitive spirit, though.

"I play racquetball 4-5 times a week, and run 2-3 miles three times a week. Racquetball is better than running for conditioning. I got started playing racquetball to get ready for football. It is a colorful game and I enjoy it tremendously.

"The game is a lot of fun. That is what is great about it. You can play in the IRA tourneys and enjoy yourself. You don't have to worry about being cut, or being put on waivers because of a subpar performance. You can enter as many IRA tournaments as you want. The more you enter, the better you'll do."

Bill went on, "Athletes can adjust quickly. You don't have to be a great athlete to play racquetball. The bounce of the ball gives even the rank novice a chance to enjoy himself. It is a great sense of satisfaction to keep the ball in play, shot after shot.

"Racquetball can be played well into your 70s and even 80s. We had men in their 60s competing in the IRA Golden Masters last year.

As far as the game being colorful, what could be better than seeing Charlie Brumfield screaming at the referee, a Class C player staring at his racquet in disbelief, or Steve Strandemo looking for a sweat spot.

Vince Love, another C player, said, "About a year ago, I joined the IRA. I read the magazine. It helped me a lot. Racquetball is a great challenge. I like to compete. There's nothing better than competing.

"I can not only play, but I get a chance to see the top pros play. I can pick up some pointers this way.

"This is really the first sport I've ever played. It's also the first competition I've ever been in. I want to keep improving. I hope to even play pro some day.

"Right now I'm playing twice a day. I practice at 6 a.m. for an hour. I usually play 2 to 3 hours at night every day except Sunday."

It is interesting to note that even though Vince is a

classic. Bill Schmidtke's "Do Clothes Affect Your Game?" is a masterpiece.

Bill Thurman's "How Holding a Job Can Ruin Your Game" is another all-time great. Perhaps the classic of all time, is Charlie Brumfield's "How to Become Humble in 2,000 Easy Lessons."

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Joe Barr, another C Player and no relation to Candy, said: "I'm a member of a club. I saw the regionals, and I now play five times a week. It doesn't matter whether the pros play or not. The big thing is to compete and get more members to play. It keeps me in top shape. The game is just going out of sight. Everywhere they are building like crazy. The game is fantastic. The Thurman-Schmidtke match was the best I've ever seen."

Joe mentioned how fast racquetball is growing. It is growing so fast that it's incredible. Supreme Court II has 10 courts as does Supreme Court I. Supreme Court I also has 600 members since last January. Presently, two other Supreme Court Clubs will be going up. One will have 12 courts. The other will have 10. Need we say more.

Back east in Buffalo, the soon-to-be-completed Four Wall Courts will have six courts in what will be one of the most beautiful facilities in the United States. The new Jewish Center has three new courts, and the Northeast YMCA has two new courts.

New racquet companies are appearing, more IRA tournaments are being set up all over the country, and people are just plain enjoying themselves.

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GARFINKEL

Racquetball's Prolific Writer

Waxes Eloquent On His Obsession

Where else can you win a regional tournament and have your round trip fare paid to the Nationals? Your entry fee is more than paid back in IRA tournaments by the souvenir T-shirts, hospitality rooms, and supply of balls, not to mention the use of the facilities.

Also, racquetball is taking over in the colleges. Racquetball courts are being built at more and more universities. Younger players are coming out of the woodwork. Excuse me, but I have to step on Marty Hogan.

Even though the game is booming, it is in the "embryonic stage." This is a direct quote from Mark Wayne. You know Mark Wayne. He looks like Clark Kent (alias Superman). In fact, Mark resembles Clark Kent so much he changes his clothes in the telephone booth rather than in the locker room.

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In closing, we'd like to relate Ron Leon's remarks on how to run a tournament. Ron said, "You need a series of soldiers. You should have a meeting of 10 really interested racquetball players. Have them delegated to sell tickets.

"You should have 20 or 30 guys to call up all in the association to buy tickets.

"You should organize 90 days before the tourney. You can get money. It depends on the area.

"Everyone was supposed to be working together. Schippers, Shy, and I really did it all.

"It's like pulling teeth to get everyone involved. Two to three people wind up doing it.

"You should have referees ready and trained for the



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tournament. Matches should be pre-arranged. I've had to take four days off from work."

As you can see, running a tournament takes a lot of time and hard work.

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We used a pre-fabricated panel for the court wall construction. The panel is extremely durable (much to the delight of our handballers who were skeptical of the damage racquets might do to the walls) and easily maintained, while preserving true bounce in both handball and racquetball.

Once the courts were completed, we needed to fill them. We kept our advertising to a minimum and directed our promotional efforts towards personal contact. This produced the needed activity.

Anyone in the court club business will realize that racquetball is the growth sport. The Supreme Court has made its decision unanimously in favor of racquetball.

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SAN FRANCISCO SUPREME COURT

Some Solutions to Your Problems?

By MAJOR PETER F. CRUMMEY

You now have something to shoot for at the national level. If you qualify via any of the IRA regional tournaments, you may apply to me on a case-by-case basis for financial support in sending you to the national singles tournament. The only thing required of you will be the ability to play at that level, and a letter from the region in which you play stating your final standing, and that this standing allows you to play in the IRA National Open singles tournament.

Send your application (no format, just answer who, what, when, where, we know why) and the IRA letter to: Major Peter F. Crumme, 84C Walnut St., Fort Devens, Mass. 01433. Phone information: 617-772-4354, home, and 617-796-2174, office, Military Autovon 256-2174, Military Commissioner to IRA.

We have found at Ft. Devens that clinics given by top-name players have had multiple rewards. The caliber of play and interest have increased substantially as a result.

We were able to have such clinics only after we were organized, and therefore were able to obtain the funds from Special Services to pay for them.

Two things are required for clinics in your area: (1) contact your state chairman for a list of the top players, and (2) ask your Special Services officer to set aside some funds for such events.

Wrist-strap replacement: My wrist strap has broken on a num-



ber of occasions. By using a pair of Kelly hemostatic forceps, straight tipped, which can be purchased at any medical supply house for \$2 or \$3, the strap can be replaced. One end of the broken strap is held with the forceps and guided down through the pin on top of the handle.

Referee-space problem: Have completely enclosed courts? Want a tournament and have no referee space? I think we may have a solution. We had this problem for the New England Military Tournament at Ft. Devens, Mass., and solved it.

How? By constructing a platform chair sturdy enough to support a referee (see photos). The



air vent screens in the back wall were removed so that supporting braces could be built through the opening. Mike Romano, one of the best players in the East, refereed both the semifinal and final matches. He recommended the chair highly for complete and unobstructed viewing.

Mike arrived at his perch by way of a long ladder. Or, if you're super, you can go Brumfield style and just leap up.

One other point should be brought out. We found it absolutely necessary to issue a lap-safety strap.

Credits: Chair design and construction, SFC Joe Guyton. The idea originated with the writer.

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SASKATOON O'KEEFE INVITATIONAL

OPEN SINGLES

First Round: Wayne Bowes-Bye, Robin Tabb def. Ken Wilson 21-9, 21-6; Rick Ulrich def. Bill Brown 4-21, 21-18, 21-16; Logan Tait def. Rob Napper 21-14, 19-21, 21-16; Tim Filuk-Bye, Bruce Stewart def. Ted Napper 21-8, 19-21, 21-10; Ken Loughheed-default; Bob Daku-Bye.

Quarterfinals: Bowes def. Tabb 21-2, 21-4, Tait def. Ulrich 20-21, 21-10, 21-1; Filuk def. Stewart 21-9, 21-8; Daku def. Loughheed 21-11, 21-3.

Semifinals: Bowes def. Tait 21-17, 21-17; Daku def. Filuk 11-21, 21-4, 21-16.

Finals: Bowes def. Daku 21-6, 18-21, 21-9.

B SINGLES

Semifinals: Gordon Irvine def. Ken Loughheed 31-21; Bill Brown def. Ted Napper 31-28.

Finals: Irvine def. Brown 21-8, 18-21, 21-15.

C SINGLES

Semifinals: Nick Stadnyk def. Bill Young 21-9, 21-10; John McCallum def. Paul Henderson 21-11, 5-21, 21-10.

Finals: Stadnyk def. McCallum 21-18, 21-10.

OPEN DOUBLES

Semifinals: Logan Tait and Tim Filuk def. Robin Tabb and Rob Napper 21-10, 21-9; Wayne Bowes and Bob Daku def. Ray Lambert and Bruce Stewart 21-1, 21-5.

Finals: Bowes-Daku def. Tait-Filuk 16-21, 21-9, 21-12.

A-C DOUBLES

Semifinals: Tim Filuk and Lynn De La Gorgendiere def. Wayne Bowes and Ken Morton 31-16; Robin Tabb and Nick Stadnyk def. Logan Tait and Ken Lozinsky 31-19.

Finals: Filuk-De La Gorgendiere def. Tabb-Stadnyk 21-20, 21-20.

Eastern Kentucky

Quarterfinals: Michels def. Ernst 21-3, 21-11; Shivel def. Wells 21-10, 21-9; Norton def. Emmett 19-21, 21-12, 21-6; Marsh def. Daopoulos 21-3, 21-18.

Semifinals: Michels def. Shivel 21-18, 21-12; Marsh def. Norton 17-21, 21-14, 21-19.

Finals: Michels def. Marsh 21-12, 21-11. Third Place: Shivel def. Norton 19-21, 21-17, 21-15.

CLASS B

Second Round: T. Ray def. Vance 31-25; Brown def. Hancock 31-15; Detjen def. Cannon 31-9; Wenning def. Powers 31-12; Davis def. Gleason 31-22; Baumann def. Mitchell 31-10; Sorg def. Russell 31-29; Teraslinna Bye.

Third Round: Brown def. T. Ray 31-14; Wenning def. Detjen 31-29; Baumann def. Davis 31-24; Sorg def. Teraslinna 31-23.

Quarterfinals: Daopoulos def. Brown 31-22; Wenning def. Emmett 31-22; Wells def. Baumann 31-22; Ernst def. Sorg 31-16.

Semifinals: Daopoulos def. Wenning 21-18, 16-21, 21-4; Ernst def. Wells 21-4, 21-4.

Finals: Ernst def. Daopoulos 21-4, 13-21, 21-19. Third Place: Wells def. Wenning 19-21, 21-17, 21-20.

New Orleans

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Stafford def. Bobbit, 21-4, 21-9; Winsberg def. Moreau, 21-16, 21-9; Ycaza def. Shoenfeld, 21-9, 21-8; Michell def. Marshall, 21-14, 12-21, 21-14.

Semifinals: Stafford def. Winsberg, 21-4, 9-21, 21-11; Ycaza def. Michell, 15-21, 21-18, 21-10.

Finals: Stafford def. Ycaza, 21-10, 21-5; Michell def. Winsberg, 21-20, 21-6. Consolation: Johnson def. Karem, 21-12, 21-13.

OPEN DOUBLES

Opening Round: Joe Ycaza-Dan Mattingly

def. Steve Plotkin-Walker Allen, 21-14, 21-9; David Marshall-Doug Moreau def. Milton Rebenneck-Otto Shoenfeld, 21-4, 21-11; Peter Michell-Jerry Winsberg def. Don Mayfield-Gene Ferris, 21-8, 21-5; Larry Bobbit-Steve Ohnimus def. Errol Savoie-Bruce Thompson, 21-10, 21-18.

Semifinals: Marshall-Moreau def. Ycaza-Mattingly, 21-16, 21-19; Michell-Winsberg def. Bobbit-Ohnimus, 21-19, 21-7.

Finals: Michell-Winsberg def. Marshall-Moreau, 21-19, 10-21, 21-20. Third: Ycaza-Mattingly def. Bobbit-Ohnimus, 21-12, 21-9. Consolation: Rebenneck-Schoenfeld def. Savoie-Thompson, 17-21, 21-14, 21-18.

SENIORS

Opening Round: Milton Rebenneck def. George Woodward, 21-2, 21-12; Don Keon def. Rod Ursin, 21-12, 21-19; John Mansato def. Don Keon, 21-10, 21-14; Steve Plotkin def. Joe Almerico, 21-12, 21-9; Jerry Gardner def. Gene Ferris, 21-12, 18-21, 21-20.

Semifinals: Rebenneck def. Mansato, 21-10, 21-2; Plotkin def. Gardner, 21-9, 21-11.

Finals: Rebenneck def. Plotkin, 21-1, 21-8. Third: Mansato def. Gardner, 21-18, 21-9. Consolation: Woodward def. Ursin, 21-4, 21-13.

Placings: Randy Stafford, Knoxville, first; Joe Ycaza, Atlanta, second; David Marshall, Baton Rouge, third; Jerry Winsberg, New Orleans, fourth; Doug Moreau, Baton Rouge, fifth; Peter Michell, New Orleans, sixth; Otto Shoenfeld, New Orleans, seventh; Larry Bobbit, Lafayette, eighth.

Wichita

Air Capital Women's Open (Wichita)

OPEN SINGLES

Semifinals: Sandy McPherson def. Linda Schulte, 21-9, 21-6; Sharon Brundage def. Dixie Wilson, 20-21, 21-6, 21-18.

Finals: McPherson def. Brundage, 21-6, 21-4. Third: Wilson def. Schulte, 18-21, 21-11, 21-10. Consolation: Alice Hodges def. Pat Alpers, 21-8, 21-17.

NOVICE SINGLES

Semifinals: Deb Winkelman def. Bernie Laskey, 21-6, 21-7; Jane Holt def. Jodie Walker, 21-14, 9-21, 21-16.

Finals: Holt def. Winkelman, 21-14, 21-17. Third: Walker def. Laskey, 21-2, 21-9. Consolation: Patty Campbell def. Patty Naab.

WICHITA OPEN

OPEN SINGLES

Semifinals: Kent Taylor def. Phil Adrian, 21-1, 21-11; Barry Whipple def. Wayne Campbell, 21-18, 21-17.

Finals: Taylor def. Whipple, 21-10, 21-6. Third: Campbell def. Adrian, 21-15, 21-7. Consolation: Gary Steele def. Chuck Melson, 19-21, 21-16, 21-19.

NOVICE SINGLES

Semifinals: Blake Anderson def. Wilton Anderson, 21-10, 19-21, 21-1; J. O. Frederick def. Don Hayworth, 21-6, 21-3.

Finals: Frederick def. B. Anderson, 17-21, 21-14, 21-17. Third: W. Anderson def. Hayworth, 21-4, 21-19. Consolation: Steve Pharr def. Charles Brandt, 21-18, 21-10.

MASTER ROUND ROBIN

Ed Brown, 230 pts., first; Andy Small, 189, second; Lee Baldwin, 184, third.

Intermountain

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MEN'S OPEN

Quarterfinals: R. Mills def. R. Sakanawa, 21-16, 21-15; C. Kunz def. M. Sayes, 21-18, 21-16; T. Sayes def. D. Kartchner, 21-8, 21-4; J. Mansfield def. G. Mills, 20-21, 21-19, 21-10.

Semifinals: T. Sayes def. Mansfield, 21-13, 21-0; R. Mills def. Kunz, 9-21, 21-3, 21-3.

Finals: Sayes def. Mills, 21-13, 18-21, 21-11.

MEN'S B

Quarterfinals: P. Darnall def. V. Brown, 21-15, 21-17; Clift def. Fairbanks, 21-8, 21-9; Boman def. Evans, 21-10, 21-13; Marriott def. Prevost, 21-18, 21-19.

Semifinals: Darnall def. Marriott, 21-8, 21-20; Clift def. Boman, 21-10, 21-4.

Finals: Darnall def. Clift, 21-16, 21-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Mills-Mills def. Darnall-Tirrells, 18-21, 21-6, 21-19; Sayes-Sayes def. Mooney-Creagh, 21-12, 21-20; Prestwich-Ipson def. Dahl-Dahl, forfeit; Sakanawa-Clift def. Mansfield-Boman, 21-19, 21-10.

Semifinals: Sayes-Sayes def. Prestwich-Ipson, 21-7, 21-9; Mills-Mills def. Clift-Sakanawa, 21-16, 21-19.

Finals: Mills-Mills def. Sayes-Sayes, 21-16, 12-21, 21-18.

MEN'S C

Quarterfinals: Olmstead def. Sorenson, 21-10, 21-10; Wellington def. Rodgers, 21-16, 21-6; Farnsworth def. Wilde, 13-21, 21-11, 21-13; Brown def. Harmon, 21-16, 16-21, 21-13.

Semifinals: Wellington def. Olmstead, 21-11, 21-7; Brown def. Farnsworth, 15-21, 21-20, 21-15.

Finals: Wellington def. Brown, 21-10, 21-13.

WOMEN'S

Quarterfinals: Watts def. Jensen, 21-12, 19-21, 21-19; Tanaka def. Strach, 21-9, 21-15; Line def. Walton, 21-19, 10-21, 21-5; Doxey def. Halliday, 17-21, 21-18, 21-7.

Semifinals: Tanaka def. Watts, 21-6, 21-6; Doxey def. Kline, 21-10, 21-14.

Finals: Tanaka def. Doxey, 21-13, 18-21, 21-15.

Wheeling Open

Second Round: Haller def. Becker; Spaar def. King; Casto def. Wilson; Albaugh def. Julius; M. Coyne def. Dietz; Fast def. Dixon; Ehler def. Callow; Keller def. Negley.

Quarterfinals: Haller def. Spaar, 15-3, 15-4; Casto def. Albaugh, 15-11, 15-13; Fast def. Coyne, 15-6, 15-3; Ehler def. Keller, 15-7, 15-10.

Semifinals: Haller def. Casto, 21-15, 21-11; Fast def. Ehler, 21-20, 21-18.

Finals: Fast def. Haller, 21-14, 21-2. Third: Ehler def. Casto, 15-11, 6-15, 15-13.

Masters Inv.

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ROUND ROBIN DOUBLES

First Round: Cutshall-Erickson def. Howard-Bruner, 27-24; Sellars-Walker def. Doyle-Prichard, 27-21; Caiazza-Grapes def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-14; Dixon-Zelson def. Leech-Failla, 27-7; Dzuik-Bechard def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-11.

Second Round: Caiazza-Grapes def. Doyle-

Prichard, 27-20; Leech-Failla over Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-5; Dixon-Zelson def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-15; Sellars-Walker def. Dzuik-Bechard, 27-15; Howard-Bruner def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-10.

Third Round: Leech-Failla def. Sellars-Walker, 27-14; Doyle-Prichard def. Howard-Bruner, 27-19; Grapes-Caiazza def. Dzuik-Bechard, 27-15; Troyer-Hanke def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-23; Dixon-Zelson def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-13.

Fourth Round: Dixon-Zelson def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-11; Dzuik-Bechard def. Bruner Howard, 27-12; Cutshall-Erickson def. Doyle-Prichard, 27-21; Leech-Failla def. Caiazza-Grapes, 27-25; Sellars-Walker def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-18.

Fifth Round: Leech-Failla def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-26; Doyle-Prichard def. Dixon-Zelson, 27-26; Dzuik-Bechard def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-16; Sellars-Walker def. Caiazza-Grapes, 27-10; Howard-Bruner def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-7.

Sixth Round: Leech-Failla def. Howard-Bruner, 27-12; Doyle-Prichard def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-24; Sellars-Walker def. Dixon-Zelson, 27-12; Dzuik-Bechard def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-21; Caiazza-Grapes def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-17.

Seventh Round: Cutshall-Erickson def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-6; Sellars-Walker def. Howard-Bruner, 27-12; Caiazza-Grapes def. Dixon-Zelson, 27-20; Leech-Failla def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-16; Doyle-Prichard def. Dzuik-Bechard, 27-21.

Eighth Round: Sellars-Walker def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-9; Dixon-Zelson def. Dzuik-Bechard, 27-18; Rizzo-Lapierre def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-16; Doyle-Prichard def. Leech-Failla, 27-24; Grapes-Caiazza def. Bruner-Howard, 27-16.

Ninth Round: Caiazza-Grapes def. Cutshall-Erickson, 27-11; Doyle-Prichard def. Rizzo-Lapierre, 27-22; Sellars-Walker def. Troyer-Hanke, 27-10; Dzuik-Bechard def. Leech-Failla, 27-6; Bruner-Howard def. Dixon-Zelson, 27-23.

Big Sky Open

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Ray Oram def. Terry Spear, Curly Thornton def. Walt Taylor, Mike Hoonan def. Bill Larry, Gary Nygaard def. Terry Reed.

Semifinals: Oram def. Thornton, 21-11, 21-9; Nygaard def. Hoonan, 21-12, 21-6.

Finals: Oram (Spokane) def. Nygaard (Missoula), 18-21, 21-9, 21-19. Consolation: Dave Carley def. Mike Dalton.

LADIES' OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Jeanette Crnich def. Jan Dee May, Janeen Erchart def. Colleen Peoples, Jamie Abbott def. Dell Keys, Darlene Minemyer def. Valda Fortney.

Semifinals: Crnich def. Peoples, 21-4, 21-9; Abbott def. Minemyer, 21-10, 21-12.

Finals: Abbott (Great Falls) def. Crnich (Missoula), 21-16, 21-18. Consolation: Dell Keys def. Valda Fortney.

MEN'S B SINGLES

Quarterfinals: John Boyle def. Leroy Christenson, Rick Maxey def. John Keys, Jerry Sepich def. Tom Bauer, Bob Cooper def. Dave Chalfaut.

Semifinals: Maxey def. Boyle, Cooper def. Sepich.

Finals: Maxey (Couer d'Alene) def. Cooper (Boise). Consolation: Greg Von Eschen def. Harley Lewis.

MEN'S C SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Dave Retter def. Jay Wilson, Mike McGinley def. Carl Thompson, Matt

Dalton def. Roger Hazell, Tom Hoff def. Greg Boland.

Semifinals: Retter def. McGinley, Dalton def. Hoff.

Finals: Retter (Spokane) def. Dalton (Glasgow). Consolation: Neil McCormick def. Emmett Boland.

LADIES' B SINGLES

Semifinals: Judy Miller def. Colleen Peoples, Pat Nygaard def. Sharon Ellis.

Finals: Judy Miller (Missoula) def. Pat Nygaard (Missoula). Consolation: Colleen Peoples def. Terry Shoquist.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semifinals: Joe Scott-Dave Carley def. Mike Dalton-Jim Lind, Terry Spear-John Boyle def. Bill Lang-Jim Farrell.

Finals: Scott-Carley (Boise) def. Spear-Boyle (Missoula).

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semifinals: Jeanette Crnich-Janeen Etchart def. Dell Keys-Colleen Peoples, Darlene Minemyer-Judy Miller def. Sharon Ellis-Valda Fortney.

Finals: Crnich-Etchart (Missoula) def. Minemyer-Miller (Missoula).

Shreveport

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SHREVEPORT OPEN OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Pete Wright, Fort Worth, def. Eric Campbell, Austin, 21-12, 21-9; Mike Carr, Lake Charles, def. Richard Walker, Dallas, 16-21, 21-8, 21-8; Roland Treat, Stillwater, def. Luther Bernstein, Dallas, 21-19, 18-21, 21-8; Tom McKie, Richardson, Tex., def. Bob Lampley, San Antonio, 21-12, 17-21, 21-14.

Semifinals: Wright def. Carr, 21-16, 21-12; McKie def. Treat, 21-12, 21-10.

Finals: McKie def. Wright, 21-10, 20-21, 21-10; (3rd) Carr def. Treat, 21-18, 17-21, 21-20. Consolation: Dan Groves, Dallas, def. Steve Levy, Galveston, 21-10, 10-21, 21-3.

CLASS B

Second Round: Grover Booker def. Jerry Brazil, 21-9, 21-14; Joe Cortez def. John Jameson, 8-21, 21-19, 21-20; Chuck Croft def. Fred Buillo, 21-18, 19-21, 21-20; Jim Smith def. George Hall, 21-8, 21-20; Doug Moreau def. Brad Walker, 21-19, 14-21, 21-9; Ed Barziza def. Ralph Sturgeons, 21-8, 21-11; Errol Savoian def. Jerry Shirley, 12-21, 21-20, 21-15; Dennis Johnson def. Ron Meek, 21-3, 21-19.

Quarterfinals: Cortez def. Booker, 14-21, 21-18, 21-9; Croft def. Smith, 21-4, 21-9; Moreau def. Barziza, 21-8, 21-11; Johnson def. Savoian, 21-3, 21-19.

Semifinals: Croft def. Cortez, 21-19, 21-18; Johnson def. Moreau, 17-21, 21-11, 21-14.

Finals: Johnson def. Croft, 21-11, 21-5; (3rd) Cortez by default. Consolation: Jim Dyer def. Steve Montoya, 21-16, 21-10.

CLASS C

Quarterfinals: Arnold Davis def. Ted O'Rourke, 21-3, 21-4; David Mathews def. Jimmie Hamiter, 21-6, 21-14; Andy Hodge def. Paul Van Arsdale, 20-21, 21-15, 21-10; Jerry Myers def. Robert Smitherman, 21-5, 21-13.

Semifinals: Mathews def. Davis, 21-11, 21-9; Myers def. Hodge, 21-11, 21-14.

Finals: Mathews def. Myers, 21-9, 21-6; (3rd) Davis def. Hodge, 21-11, 11-21, 21-18. Consolation: Al Childs def. Blake Walker, 21-3, 21-6.

Cal. Open

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Carson def. Keeley, 21-13, 19-21, 21-20; Wetzel def. Susson, 21-17, 21-15; Davidson def. Kossler, 21-12, 21-7; Wallace def. Crown, 21-8, 21-9.

Semifinals: Wetzel def. Carson, 16-21, 21-18, 21-6; Wallace def. Davidson, 21-20, 21-4.

Finals: Wallace def. Wetzel, 5-21, 21-19, 21-11. Consolations: Wagoner def. Waidelich, 21-12, 21-20, 21-20.

WOMEN'S

Quarterfinals: Koppel def. Miller, 15-3, 15-10; Martin def. Evan Horn, 15-9, 15-0; Gick def. Bowen, 15-4, 15-13; Crown def. Ralphs, 15-2, 15-5.

Semifinals: Koppel def. Martin, 15-6, 15-5; Crown def. Gick, 15-10, 15-11.

Finals: Koppel def. Crown, 15-6, 3-15, 15-11. Consolations: Russavage def. Brown, 8-15, 15-13, 15-7.

SENIOR

Quarterfinals: Brubaker def. Emerick, 21-3, 21-14; Northwood def. Pratt, 21-9, 21-3; Carroll def. Bible, 14-21, 21-20, 21-20; Killam def. Reyes, 21-10, 21-9.

Semifinals: Northwood def. Brubaker, 13-21, 21-14, 21-10; Carroll def. Killam, 21-17, 13-21, 21-11.

Finals: Carroll def. Northwood, 21-12, 19-21, 21-14. Consolations: Spruill def. Scott.

B CLASS

Quarterfinals: Morrison def. Holland, 21-15, 21-10; Kahn def. Arias, 21-10, 21-8; Ross def. Bowen, 21-15, 21-16; D'Amico def. Rossman, 21-18, 21-12; Roldan def. Lewis, 21-11, 21-9; Whitney def. McGovern, 21-11, 21-20; Long def. Darden, 21-8, 21-15; Wong def. Page, 21-4, 21-9.

Semifinals: Kahn def. Morrison, 21-10, 21-8; D'Amico def. Ross, 19-21, 21-7, 21-12; Roldan def. Whitney, 21-11, 21-20; Wong def. Long, 21-5, 19-21, 21-7.

Finals: Kahn def. D'Amico, 21-16, 21-3; Roldan def. Wong, 21-19, 21-14. Consolations: White, first; Carroll, second; Rippetone, third.

L.A. Open

(Story in November Issue)

OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Keeley def. McCoy, 21-16, 21-16; Dunn def. Charlson, 21-18, 20-21, 21-16; Thurman def. Alder, 21-15, 21-16; Strandemo def. Zeitman, 21-17, 21-14.

Semifinals: Keeley def. Dunn, 21-17, 21-10; Strandemo def. Thurman, 21-3, 18-21, 21-10.

Finals: Keeley def. Strandemo, 19-21, 21-11, 21-13. Third: Thurman, 21-16, 21-14.

OPEN DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Brumfield-McCoy def. Trent-Rossi, 21-2, 21-2; Alder-Keeley def. Thurman-Stream, 21-12, 3-21, 21-14; Zeitman-Serot def. Austin-Vior, 21-5, 21-1; Dunn-Charlson def. Ivaldy-Berman, 21-6, 21-16.

Semifinals: Brumfield-McCoy def. Alder-Keeley, 21-17, 21-18; Serot-Zeitman def. Dunn-Charlson, 11-21, 21-6, 21-13.

Finals: Serot-Zeitman def. Brumfield-McCoy, 21-9, 21-17. Third—Dunn-Charlson, 21-17, 21-18.

WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Steding def. Pond, 21-5, 21-3;



McCarthy def. Noguchi, 21-4, 21-12; Weed def. Ornstein, 21-7, 21-12; Marriott def. Schirillo, 21-13, 21-16.

Semifinals: Steding def. McCarthy, 21-4, 21-5; Marriott def. Weed, 10-21, 21-11, 21-1.

Finals: Steding def. Marriott, 21-6, 21-9. Third: McCarthy, 21-14, 21-15.

WOMEN'S NOVICE

Quarterfinals: Clement def. Morris, 21-9, 21-4; Lorenzen def. Lewis, 21-10, 21-16; Bradfield def. Cross, 21-9, 21-10; Topley def. Linke (forfeit).

Semifinals: Clemens def. Lorenzen, 21-8, 21-9; Topley def. Bradfield, 21-17, 20-21, 21-19.

Finals: Clemens def. Topley, 21-15, 21-18. Third: Bradfield, 21-15, 21-18.

OPEN MASTERS SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Muehleisen def. Engle, 21-6, 21-10; Trent def. Moore, 21-12, 21-6; Wayne def. Boichan, 19-21, 21-11, 21-10; Roderick def. Concha, 21-7, 21-5.

Semifinals: Muehleisen def. Trent, 12-21, 21-9, 21-2; Roderick def. Wayne, 21-3, 21-3.

Finals: Muehleisen def. Roderick, 5-21, 21-9, 21-19. Third: Wayne.

OPEN MASTERS DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Muehleisen-Roderick def. Botchan-Nix, 21-17, 21-9; Green-Wagoner def. Ivaldy-Steding, 7-21, 21-15, 21-19; Griffin-Concha def. Rossi-Trent, 21-12, 5-21, 21-16; Zehntner-Moore, def. Wayne-Sparkman, 21-16, 11-21, 21-9.

Semifinals: Roderick-Muehleisen def. Green-Wagoner, 21-12, 21-14; Zehntner-Moore def. Griffin-Concha, 21-16, 21-17.

Finals: Muehleisen-Roderick def. Zehntner-Moore, 21-2, 21-2. Third: Not played.

SUPER MASTER SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Stanley Berney def. Tom McEachern, 21-4, 21-1; Boisseree def. Al Portune, forfeit; Geo. Holland def. Sid Sokolow, 21-4, 21-6; Bill Carroll def. Jeff Asher, 21-12, 21-11.

Semifinals: Berney def. Boisseree, 21-20, 19-21, 21-16; Holland def. Carroll, 21-16, 21-12.

Finals: Berney def. Holland, 21-19, 13-21, 21-19. Third: Boisseree.

SUPER MASTER DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Loveday-Berney, Bye; Saylen-

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PRO-AM

Consolation: Garfinkel def. M. Michels, 31-13; Bledsoe def. Rive, 31-7; Ernst def. Hogan by default; Thurman def. Lazure, 31-12; Bledsoe def. Garfinkel, 31-21; Thurman def. Ernst,

31-15. Thurman def. Bledsoe, 16-21, 21-12, 21-13.

AMATEUR SINGLES

Consolation: O'Neal def. VanFozzen, 31-10; Brown def. Sorg, 31-8. O'Neal def. Brubaker, 31-24; Livers def. Mayhall by default; Brown def. Russell, 31-19; Stephens def. Shivel, 31-18. O'Neal def. Livers, 31-12; Stephens def. Brown 31-8. Stephens def. O'Neal, 21-11, 21-19.

WOMEN'S

Consolation: Guth def. Jordan, 31-11; Darland def. Richardson 31-27; Darland def. Guth 31-21.

Tanner Pro-Am

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Tanner, 21-4, 21-1; Mike Ray def. M. VanFossen, 21-12, 21-12; Bill Tanner, Jr. won by forfeit from Perry Farmore; Larry Liles def. Lenny Kaplan, 21-14, 21-9; Carl Hetsel def. Wm. Hall, 21-9, 21-5; Jim Cullen def. Stuart Smith, 21-9, 21-10; Ken Hendricks def. Ron Stephens, 21-12, 13-21, 21-17; David Fleetwood def. Pete Tashie, 19-21, 21-7, 21-17; John Dunlap def. Wm. Tanner, Sr. by forfeit; Jerry Fondren def. Jim Lane, 18-21, 21-12, 21-14; Jim Phillips won by forfeit from Phil Howard.

Second Round: Chandler def. Pearlman, 18-21, 21-17, 21-5; Leon def. Meek, 20-21, 21-4, 21-20; Varner def. Graber, 21-17, 21-14; Ray def. Tanner, 21-9, 21-10; Liles def. Hetsel, 21-4, 21-8; Cullen def. Hendricks, 21-13, 21-5; Fleetwood def. Dunlap, 21-18, 14-21, 21-20; Fondren def. Phillips, 21-9, 21-13.

Quarterfinals: Leon def. Chandler, 21-12, 21-18; Ray def. Varner, 21-10, 21-12; Cullen def. Liles, 13-21, 21-9, 21-12; Fondren def. Fleetwood, 21-14, 21-14.

Semifinals: Ray def. Leon, 21-13, 21-20; Cullen def. Fondren, 21-11, 21-15.

Finals: Cullen def. Ray, 21-17, 21-6. Third: Fondren def. Leon, 21-5, 21-9.

AMATEUR "B" CONSOLATION

First Round: Pearlman def. M. Clark, 31-23; F. Woodward won by forfeit from S. Cohen; St. Clair won by forfeit from T. Tanner; J. Murphy won by forfeit from P. Farmer; L. Kaplan def. W. Hall, 31-4; W. Lucius def. S. Smith, 31-30; Hilecher def. P. Tashie, 31-25; J. Dunlap won by forfeit from J. Lane.

Quarterfinals: Pearlman won by forfeit from Woodward; Murphy def. St. Clair 31-24; Kaplan def. Lucius, 31-10; Hilecher def. Dunlap, 31-30.

Semifinals: Murphy def. Pearlman, 31-30; Kaplan def. Hilecher, 31-20.

Finals: Kaplan def. Murphy, 21-8, 21-8.



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SENIOR SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Roderick def. Trent, 21-10, 15-21, 21-15; Garfinkel def. Clay, 21-14, 21-10; Wayne def. Concha, 21-15, 21-16; Porco def. Russell, 21-6, 21-16.

Semifinals: Roderick def. Garfinkel, 19-21, 21-17, 21-6; Porco def. Wayne, 10-21, 21-7, 21-11.

Finals: Porco def. Roderick, 21-4, 21-15. Consolation: Wayne def. Garfinkel, 21-1, 21-1.

MASTER SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Rossi def. Yoxall, 21-7, 21-9; Bugel def. Berney, 9-12, 21-12, 21-22; Dabney def. Wagoner, 21-14, 7-21, 21-19; MacDonald def. Herrill, 21-4, 21-3.

Semifinals: Rossi def. Bugel, 21-16, 21-7; MacDonald def. Dabney, 20-21, 21-5, 21-5.

Finals: Rossi def. MacDonald, 21-11, 21-13.

MASTER SINGLES CONSOLATION

(Double Elimination for 3rd Place)

Quarterfinals: Barney def. MacBride, 31-22; Yoxall def. Dirks, 31-9.

Semifinals: Berney def. Berney 31-28, Bugel def. Yoxall, 31-9.

Finals: Bugel def. Berney, 31-26.

OPEN SINGLES

(1st two rounds are 2 out of 3 to 15)

Quarterfinals: B. Dunn def. Trent, 21-10, 21-14; Concha by default; Garfinkel def. Russell, 21-12, 17-21, 21-17; S. Dunn def. Fearing, 21-18, 21-15.

Semifinals: B. Dunn def. Concha, 21-2, 21-9; S. Dunn def. Garfinkel, 21-14, 21-9.

Finals: S. Dunn def. B. Dunn, 21-19, 12-21, 21-15. Third Place: Garfinkel, 31-17.

B SINGLES

(1st two rounds are 2 out of 3 to 15)

Quarterfinals: Gurnoe def. Clar, 21-14, 21-15; McClanahan def. Campbell, 21-17, 14-21, 21-11; Strube def. Jensen, 21-18, 7-21, 21-15; Gibbs def. Jacoski, 21-18, 15-21, 21-13; Chandler def. Fowler, 21-0, 21-18; Drysdale def. Sills, 16-21, 21-17, 21-18; Garcia def. Gerber, 21-15, 21-19; Bloom def. Kraut, 21-9, 13-21, 21-9.

Semifinals: McClanahan def. Gurnoe, 15-21, 21-14, 21-14; Gibbs def. Strube, 21-19, 21-15; Drysdale def. Chandler, 21-9, 20-21, 21-6; Garcia def. Bloom, 21-16, 21-20.

Finals: Gibbs def. Drysdale, 21-18, 21-11; Third Place: McClanahan.

B SINGLES CONSOLATION

(1 game to 31)

Quarterfinals: Wiley def. Scott (forfeit); Jensen def. Rogers (default); Sills def. Chalisoux, 31-7; Wolfe def. Gardner (forfeit).

Semifinals: Jensen def. Scott, 31-30; Sills def. Wolfe, 31-7.

Finals: Sills def. Jensen, 31-23.

B DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Gibbs-Chandler def. Keenan-Kuandal, 21-8, 21-19; Jensen-Mjehorich def. Griffin-Maxon, 11-21, 21-10, 21-12; Berkey-Keith def. Fields-Barr, 21-6, 21-3; Bloom-Scott def. Trubey-Thompson, 11-21, 21-10, 21-14.

Semifinals: Gibbs-Chandler def. Jensen-Mjehorich, 21-10, 21-6; Berkey-Keith def. Bloom-Scott, 21-10, 21-10.

Finals: Berkey-Keith def. Gibbs-Chandler, 21-12, 21-12. Third: Jensen-Mjehorich.

WOMEN'S B SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Moore def. Ornstein, 21-17;

21-7; O'Neil def. Kuandal, 21-16, 21-10; Hooks def. Bray, 21-8, 17-21, 21-7; Simons def. Roesler, 21-10, 21-16.

Semifinals: O'Neil def. Moore, 21-16, 21-14; Hooks def. Simons, 21-19, 21-8.

Finals: Hooks def. O'Neil, 12-21, 21-14, 21-7. Third: Simon def. Moore 21-7, 21-14.

C FINALS

Round of 16: Nix def. Pool, 14-21, 21-2, 21-3; Ohleman def. Crown, 21-12, 21-15; Davidson def. Gilbert, 21-16, 21-3; Sawtelle def. White, 21-10, 21-18; Marks def. Schonert, 21-12, 21-20; Scheinbaum def. Stovall, 21-3, 21-7; Rogers def. Lily, 21-11, 21-17; Rosvall def. Portune, 21-13, 21-8.

Quarterfinals: Ohleman def. Nix, 21-11, 21-10; Davidson def. Sawtelle, 21-18, 21-15; Scheinbaum def. Marks, 21-10, 21-12; Rogers def. Rosvall, 21-8, 21-5.

Semifinals: Ohleman def. Davidson, 7-21, 21-4, 21-20; Scheinbaum def. Rogers, 21-6, 21-8.

Finals: Ohleman def. Scheinbaum, 21-19, 21-18.

WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Invitational Round-Robin

First Round: Steding def. Pasternak, 21-8, 21-2; Campbell def. Weed, 21-12, 21-18.

Second Round: Steding def. Campbell, 21-1, 21-5; Pasternak def. Weed, 21-13, 21-12.

Third Round: Steding def. Weed, 21-4, 21-4; Campbell def. Pasternak, 21-8, 18-21.

Fourth Round: Steding def. Campbell 21-7, 21-20.

Placings: 1st—Steding; 2nd—Campbell; 3rd—Pasternak; 4th—Weed.

WOMEN'S NOVICE SINGLES

First Round: Lucero, Chestnut, McIntosh, Kottler, Angel, bye; Bunkley def. Tepley 21-7, 21-5; Hickling def. McDonald 17-21, 21-7, 21-10; Oeschger def. Pickett 21-6, 21-4.

Quarterfinals: Lucero def. Bunkley 21-17, 16-21, 21-9; McIntosh def. Chestnut 21-10, 21-16; Kotler def. Hickling 21-11, 21-5; Oeschger def. Angel 21-6, 21-4.

Semifinals: McIntosh def. Lucero 21-2, 21-9; Kotler def. Oeschger 21-19, 21-13.

Finals: McIntosh def. Kotler 11-21, 21-5, 21-5. Third: Lucero def. Oeschger 31-28.

SINGLES

Round of 16: Fowler def. Jackson 21-13, 21-16; Baruck def. Engles 21-6, 14-21, 21-13; Austin def. Gowen 21-7, 21-6; Bolger def. Johnson 21-9, 21-18; Barr def. Donithorne 21-11, 21-16; Mjehorich def. Wies 21-8, 21-16; Kuandal def. Pearlman 21-14, 21-7.

Quarterfinals: Baruck def. Fowler 21-12, 21-15; Austin def. Bolger 21-6, 21-11; Barr def. Love 21-16, 21-6; Kuandal def. Mjehorich 21-16, 21-17.

Semifinals: Austin def. Baruck 21-2, 14-21, 21-18; Kuandal def. Barr 21-9, 21-7.

Finals: Austin def. Kuandal 11-21, 21-1, 21-3. Third: Baruck def. Barr 21-10, 21-20. Consolation: Maxwell def. Barr 31-19.

L. A. Open

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Kimble def. Carroll-Deeds, 21-20, 21-12; Morrow-Manderson def. Suttle-Sherwood, 21-18, 21-17; Green-Holland def. Gates-Bolssere, 21-19, 21-13.

Semifinals: Saylen-Kimble def. Loveday-Berney, 21-13, 14-21, 21-20; Green-Holland def. Morrow-Manderson, 21-8, 21-8.

Finals: Saylen-Kimble def. Green-Holland, 31-2. Third: Loveday-Berney, 21-15, 21-16.

B SINGLES

Round of 16: Portune def. Sakaniwa, 21-13, 21-20; DeSaracho def. Stevenson, 21-15, 14-21, 21-12; Bryson def. Wright, 21-19, 19-21, 21-8; Naylor def. Wong, 21-6, 21-11; Emerick def. Berman, 16-21, 21-15, 21-18; Gayner def. McComas, 21-18, 21-17; Shelby def. Cormier, 21-7, 20-21, 21-7; Stevens def. Grijalva, 21-14, 21-6.

Quarterfinals: Portune def. DeSaracho, 21-6, 21-18; Bryson def. Naylor, 21-4, 21-10; Gaynor def. Emerick, 21-8, 21-6; Stevens def. Shelby, 21-9, 21-16.

Semifinals: Portune def. Bryson, 21-14, 21-15; Stevens def. Gayner, 21-19, 12-21, 21-9.

Finals: Stevens def. Portune, 21-8, 9-21, 21-19. Third: Gayner (forfeit).

B DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Gayner-Brandt def. Berman-Ivaldy, 21-16, 21-14; Bryson-Ehren def. Steding-Chaet, 21-17, 21-12; Marrs-Alvarez def. McComas-Wong, 16-21, 21-16, 21-18; Grijalva-Wright def. Wagoner-Papachristos, 13-21, 21-5, 21-19.

Semifinals: Bryson-Ehren def. Gayner-Brandt, 21-17, 21-16; Grijalva-Wright def. Marrs-Alvarez, 11-21, 21-11, 21-12.

Finals: Bryson-Ehren def. Grijalva-Wright, 20-21, 21-17, 21-12. Third: Gayner-Brandt (forfeit).

C SINGLES

Quarterfinals: Nix def. Pool, 14-21, 21-2, 21-3; Ohleman def. Crown, 21-12, 21-15; Davidson def. Gilbert, 21-16, 21-13; Sawtelle def. White, 21-10, 21-18; Marks def. Schonert, 21-12, 21-20; Scheinbaum def. Stovall, 21-3, 21-7; Rogers def. Lily, 21-11, 8-21, 21-17; Rosvall def. Portune, 21-13, 21-8.

Semifinals: Ohleman def. Nix 21-11, 21-10; Davidson def. Sawtelle, 21-18, 21-15; Scheinbaum def. Marks, 21-10, 21-12; Rogers def. Rosvall, 21-18, 21-15.

Finals: Ohleman def. Scheinbaum, 21-19, 21-18. Third: Davidson, 21-15, 21-17.

C DOUBLES

Quarterfinals: Bowers-Gilbert def. Miller-Lilly, 21-20, 5-21, 21-10; White-Crown def. Green-Papachristos, 18-21, 21-10, 21-13; Rosvall-Cubitt def. Ellis-Krasny, 21-13, 21-10; Rusnick-Gibson def. Marriott-Sakaniwa.

Semifinals: Bowers-Gilbert def. White-Crown, 21-17, 21-18; Rusnick-Gibson def. Rosvall-Cubitt, 21-18, 21-19.

Finals: Rusnick-Gibson def. Bowers-Gilbert, 21-10, 21-14. Third: Cubitt-Rosvall, 21-15, 21-16.

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Touring the Clubs

Racquetball Magazine 'Looks In' On Some New Facilities

If you happen to be in St. Louis and don't take advantage of the hospitality and play at the Spaulding Racquetball Club, you've missed a real treat.

Charles A. "Chuck" Spaulding opened his club about two years before anyone else really believed that racquetball would become what it is today. His theory was that this is a family sport, one that could be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of age or sex.

He believed that if you gave the players a beautiful building (in and out) furnished with colorful carpet-

By MARLOW PHILLIPS

ing, paneled walls and drapes together with well lighted and air conditioned courts, you couldn't miss! And that's exactly what he built.

But even with all this his concept on how to treat people is really what he owes his success to.

Today Chuck can brag that he has one of the finest clubs in the midwest with a capacity membership and a waiting list of several hundred.

I talked with Chuck in his office several days ago and between phone calls and his hand shakes with mem-

bers who came to play, or say "hello," I was able to piece together a little information on how he does it.

He has laid down two fundamental rules to all his employees which he sees that they follow to the letter: Courtesy and Smile.

I've played in courts from L.A. to Boston and found that none tries to please its members as much as the staff does here.

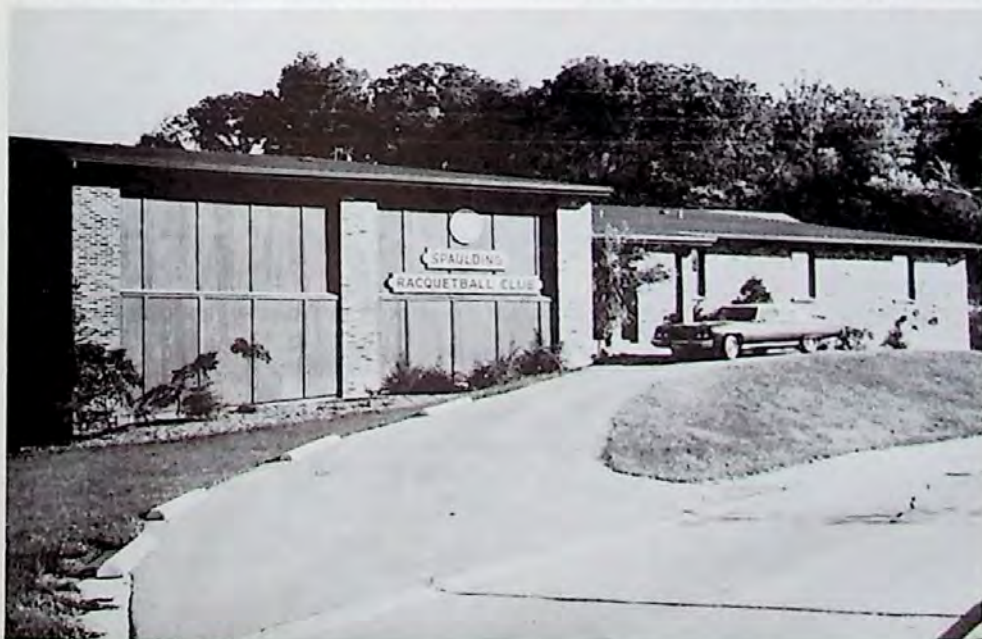
Last summer the first Missouri Open was held at Spaulding's Club in which players from nine states entered. Steve Serot defeated Jerry Hilecher 21-13, 21-6 in the finals. This was one match where the scores didn't indicate the excitement of the play.

Chris Ackerman breezed through the women's division beating Bea Frank in the finals. Bea upset Nancy Zelson in the semi-finals in one of the most exciting games of the entire tournament.

Ben Kolton of St. Louis won Class B by default over Kent Taylor of Wichita, Kan. (We're going to hear the name Ben Kolton a lot in the coming years. He's a fine young player with a lot of court sense that you don't see often, and already is showing great promise of being right up there with the best.)

So, if you happen to be in the St. Louis area and have your racquet packed in your suitcase, stop in at Spaulding's and I'm sure you'll really enjoy a couple of hours well spent.

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SPAULDING RACQUETBALL CLUB, ST. LOUIS

West Port

Construction is nearing completion on a new racquetball facility in the suburban St. Louis area.

The West Port Racquetball Club will be an 11-court facility located at Chaffee and Adie Roads in the West Port Industrial Complex.

Ron Loepker, manager of the club, stated that along with the 11 championship quality courts, the club also will have exercise rooms, lounge area with bar, carpeted men's and women's locker rooms, saunas and a free day nursery for women players. There also will be one court with a glass backwall for exhibitions and tournament play.

Loepker also indicated that there will be a membership fee and hourly court rates at the club, which is scheduled to open in late January.

Tumwater

At press time, the Tumwater Valley Racquet Club was scheduled to open at Tumwater, Wash., under the leadership of Ed Odegard, president-general manager.

The \$750,000 facility will promote both racquetball and handball, with the emphasis on racquetball. The complex includes one of Washington's finest golf courses, two indoor swimming pools (owned by Olympia Brewery), four outdoor and three indoor tennis courts, an indoor running track and other facilities.

Membership is limited to 75 players per court, Odegard said. Final membership will include 600 racquetball and 225 tennis players.

The new complex meets a real need for the growing interest in racquetball, Odegard said, as only two courts are available at the YMCA and five at Evergreen College, where students keep those courts active.

Odegard expects interest to build rapidly once the complex has its grand opening with demonstrations and clinics to follow.

The staff at the new Spaulding Racquetball Club in St. Louis gets together for the photographer just outside the new facilities. Front row, left to right, are Linda Allison, Chris Simmons and Carma Lange. Back row: Scott Bemis, Dave Spaulding and Doug Luedecker. Charles A. Spaulding's theory is that racquetball is a family sport as well as a great pro-amateur attraction and that its rapid growth is assured.

Another new facility drawing rave notices is the \$350,000 La Mirada Racquet Club at 15052 Rosecrans Ave., La Mirada, Calif., scheduled for completion this month.

Facilities include six racquetball-handball courts, two tennis courts, a multi-purpose activity room, pro

La Mirada

shop, snack bar, child care room, game room, lounge, laundry, saunas and Jacuzzi pools.

The club is limited to the first 150 members signing up, and will provide free racquetball instruction.

Fred Katz is general manager of the La Mirada Mall in which the club will be located, while George Hunter is president and general manager of the La Mirada Racquet Club. Bill Fearing serves as club pro.



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3-Wall a Success

The Second Annual California State Singles Outdoor 3-Wall Championships, held at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, were again a huge success.

At first the weather was threatening, but beautiful blue skies accompanied the tournament.

More than 200 spectators viewed the two-day event, with 98 players entered.

Champions were crowned in four events—Open, B, Senior and Women's. More than a third of the contests went three games with about a dozen of them being one-point victories.

The highlight of the tournament was, perhaps, Jim Carson's 21-20 third-game victory over Steve Keeley in the quarterfinals. The loss sent Steve home on the first day of a two day event—a rare happening.

The next big outdoor 3-wall event will be the California State Doubles Tournament with the same four divisions. This will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2, 1975. Entry blanks will be mailed in a month or so.

VII Corps Action

In the first Army VII Corps racquetball championships ever held in Europe, Lt. Kaaradel defeated SFC Neil Spaulding 21-17, 21-4 for the title after four regional playoffs.

The top four players and top two senior players from each region descended on Munich Dec. 6 and 7 for the championships, with 23 open singles and eight seniors in the single elimination brackets.

In the semifinals, Kaardel defeated SP4 Tagney in a one-and-a-half hour upper-bracket battle, 21-12, 14-21, 21-14, while in the lower bracket Spaulding was conquering Capt. Dixey 21-8, 21-14.

Schmidtke Wins It

U.S. players dominated the second annual Canadian-American Racquetball Tournament recently when Bill Schmidtke took the men's open from Paul Ikier, fellow Minnesotan, 21-19, 21-9, and Kay McDonald, Fargo, N.D., defeated M. Hill 21-9, 21-12 in the women's open.

M. Hegg of Sioux Falls, S.D., took the lower bracket in open singles over Ron Strom, Minneapolis, 21-16, 21-14. Ralph Stillman, Minneapolis, won the senior singles and Schmidtke took the doubles.



Red River Title Goes To Strom

Ron Strom of Minneapolis downed John Rude of Sioux Falls, S.D., 21-7, 21-7 Nov. 10 at the Fargo-Moorhead YMCA to win a second straight men's open singles title in the sixth annual Red River Racquetball Tournament.

Strom and Rude then combined to topple Grand Forks duo of Alex Cooley and Jim Moreland 21-11, 21-16 for the open doubles crown.

Fargo's Kay McDonald stopped Ginny Tennant of St. Cloud, Minn., 21-6, 21-9 in the women's open singles final. Karen Hill and Margaret Hill of Nisswa, Minn., upended McDonald and Robyn Williams of Fargo 21-10, 21-18 for the women's open doubles title.

Dave Herstad of Minneapolis trimmed Glenn Melvey of Fargo 21-19, 21-14 in the men's senior singles final.

Consolation winners were Denis Olson of Fargo, men's open singles; St. Cloud's duo of Jack Strommen and Al Rieter, men's open doubles; Margaret Hill, women's open singles; Tennant and Kathy Mueller of St. Cloud, women's open doubles, and Fargo's Lee Stewart, men's senior singles.



They Win in Military

The New England Military Racquetball Championships Dec. 6-8 at Ft. Devens, Mass., was won by Major Peter F. Crummey, second from right. Others pictured (left to right) are Richard Blais, Hanscom Air Force Base, consolation winner; Daniel Giordano, Hanscom, second; Mike Romano, chief referee, Fitchberg, Mass., Crummey, and Capt. Allen Lundburg, Hanscom, third.

Chase Takes Iowa Open Singles Title

Winner of the open singles competition at the Iowa State Racquetball Tournament Nov. 22-24 was Steve Chase, Keokuk, who defeated Bernie Nielson in the finals after winning a hard-fought battle from newcomer Charles Drewes, Ames, 20-21, 21-13, 21-20 in the semis.

In the other semifinal action, Nielson defeated the Cedar Rapids Open winner, Helmut Braun.

Kathy Williams, Detroit, ranked nationally, won the women's division with little trouble. Consolation honors went to Vicki Lucas.

Other results: B Bracket—Fred Loweritz, Detroit, defeated Arch Allison, Marshalltown, Ia., for the crown; Open Consolation—Floyd Gallogly, Waterloo, defeated Mitch Roth, Ames. No B consolation or doubles results were available at press time.

Tournament director was Mitch Roth.

Stulik is Chairman

New state chairman of the Arizona Racquetball Association is Ronald S. Stulik, succeeding Dr. Hal Price.

Dr. Price, now on the IRA national board, asked to be relieved of his duties because of the pressure of other commitments. He will be available to the ASRA in an advisory capacity.

New secretary-treasurer of the ASRA is Keith Talley, 2221 W. Charleston Ave., Phoenix 85023.

Stulik says a 10-week, 10-man racquetball league has gone over so well that he is starting another one.



RON STROM



SCHAFER AND HOFF

Winona to Strom

Ron Strom of Minneapolis won the Men's Open Division of the fourth annual Winona Agency-YMCA Racquetball Tournament Dec. 6-8. Steve Singer, Minneapolis, was second, and Tom Gonsor, Eau Claire, Wisc., took the consolation title.

Other winners: Men's Senior—Dr. Charles Schafer, Winona, Minn., first; Jerry Hoff, Wausau, Wisc., second, and Ralph Stillman, Minneapolis, consolation; Women's—Barb Tennesen, Minneapolis, first; Mary Ann Bayliss, Minneapolis, second, and Ev Dillin, consolation; Doubles—Steve Singer-Mike Beugen, Minneapolis, first; Don Bechtold-Mike Gorman, Rochester, Minn., second, and Bill Harper-Tom Gonsor, Eau Claire, consolation.

Wirkus Wins Again In Janesville

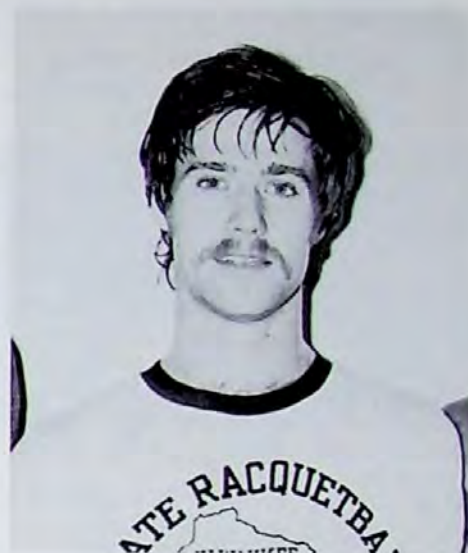
For the second straight year, Joe Wirkus, Wisconsin's reigning champion, captured the Janesville YMCA Fall Open held Oct. 25-27.

Thirty-two of Wisconsin's best participated in the singles event, with Wirkus topping Bob Schultz of Madison, Wis., in the singles 21-12, 21-9. Enroute to the title, Joe lost only one game. His biggest challenge was in the quarterfinals when he came up against his nationally ranked doubles partner, Galen Johnson of Green Bay.

Johnson dominated the first game, besting Wirkus 21-15. In the second game, Wirkus had to overcome a 10-point deficit with a come-from-behind win, 21-19. Wirkus won the third game, 21-17.

Third place went to Tom Wirkus of Fond du Lac over Jerry Hoff from Eau Claire, Wis. In consolation, it was Madison's Brad Armstrong over Bob Keenan, Milwaukee.

The tourney committee of Ron Fish, Don Nickerson, Bill Stout and Tom Murray did an excellent job for the third straight year. Helen Murray provided the hospitality for the three-day event.



JOE WIRKUS

LETTERS POLICY

All letters to the editor should be double spaced, preferably typewritten to insure accuracy, and limited to 300 words. Letters should deal with substantive matters such as issues rather than personalities.



Marathon for Membership

Pictured above are the youth racquetball players at the Cuyahoga Falls YMCA in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. From Friday, Nov. 29 to Sunday, Dec. 1, the boys played 54 hours non-stop, raising \$1,400 for the YMCA annual membership campaign.



Fast Takes Wheeling

Jay Fast defeated Mike Haller 21-14, 21-2 to capture first place honors in the Wheeling Open racquetball tourney, while Ed Ehler defeated Billy Casto 15-11, 6-15, 15-13 to take third place. It was agreed that Ehler and Casto play to 15 due to time limitations.

Fast eliminated Ehler in semifinal action 21-20, 21-18, while Haller was victorious over Casto 21-15, 21-11.

A total of 24 entries from Wheeling and the surrounding area competed in Wheeling's second tournament of the year.

The tournament was held at the Wheeling (West Virginia) YMCA and was sponsored by Sleddco Gift Center. Assisting in the tournament were Tim Berger, physical director at the YMCA, and Kevin Becker, West Virginia state chairman.

Cowboy Open

Over 100 players from Oklahoma and surrounding states are expected to compete in the fourth annual Cowboy Open Racquetball Tournament in Stillwater Jan. 9-12.

A special division open only to Oklahoma State University students, faculty and staff, and Stillwater players who have not competed in tournament play outside of past Cowboy Opens, has been set up to be played prior to Cowboy Open action.

Singles classes in the regular tournament will include Open (A-tournament players), Class B, Intercollegiate (students), Novice, Master's (over 40), and Women's. Cowboy Open main division play will include Open, B, Master's, and Women's and Doubles.

Bowes Over Daku in Three At Saskatoon

The Third Annual O'Keefe Invitational Racquetball Tournament was held at the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, YMCA on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 and 2, co-sponsored by the court games committee of the Saskatoon YMCA and Carling-O'Keefe Brewing Co. Ltd.

Fifty-eight entries were received from out of town (Lethridge, Edmonton and Regina) and local players, all set to do battle in Open, B and C Singles, Open Doubles and A-C Doubles, where an A player teams up with a local C player in a division organized to help C players with some instruction combined with a low-key tournament atmosphere.

In open singles competition, four players from Lethridge were seeded to reach the semifinals. All four were true to form with Wayne Bowes defeating Robin Tarr of Saskatoon 21-2, 21-4, Logan Tait defeating Rick Ulrich of Edmonton 20-21, 21-10, 21-1; Tim Filuk defeating Bruce Stewart of Saskatoon 21-9, 21-8; and Robin Daku defeating Ken Longheed of Saskatoon 21-11, 21-3.

In the semifinals, Bowes beat Tait 21-17, 21-17, while Daku beat Filuk 11-21, 21-14, 21-16. Bowes then beat Daku in the finals by a score of 21-6, 18-21, 21-9. In the consolation finals, Rob Napper, late of Saskatoon but

since moved to Regina, beat Tabb 19-21, 21-10, 21-9.

In B singles play, Gordon Irvine defeated Bill Brown 21-8, 18-21, 21-15 in the final and Tim Tarala defeated Ted Napper 21-3, 21-10 in the consolation final. All four are from Saskatoon.

In the C singles, Nick Stadnyk defeated John McCallum 21-18, 21-10 in the final and Dick Gilmour beat Ken Lozinsky 21-9, 21-6 in the consolation final. Again all four are from Saskatoon.

In the open doubles event, the final was again an all Lethridge affair with Bowes and Daku emerging victorious over Tait and Filuk 16-21, 21-9, 21-12. In the consolation final Tabb and Napper defeated Ulrich and Ken Wilson of Edmonton 21-4, 21-12.

The A-C doubles was a single elimination event with all matches one game to 31 points except the final, in which Tim Filuk teamed up with Lynn De La Gorgendiere, Saskatoon's top female player, to defeat Robin Tabb and Nick Stadnyk 21-20, 21-20.

A successful tournament came to a close with a presentation banquet at the O'Keefe Breweries hospitality room and a party and dance at a nearby hotel.

All Stafford

Randy Stafford of Knoxville, Tenn., captured the open singles championship in the New Orleans Labor Day competition by defeating Joe Ycaza, Atlanta, 21-10, 21-5.

Not until the semis was Stafford pressed hard, where Jerry Winsberg of New Orleans extended him to three games, 21-4, 9-21, 21-11, but even here the issue was not long in doubt.

The open doubles crown went to Peter Michell and Winsberg when they downed David Marshall and Doug Moreau 21-19, 10-21, 21-20 in a real hair raiser.

The seniors crown was captured by Milton Rebenneck, winner over Steve Plotkin 21-1, 21-8.

Joining Stafford at the top of the rankings were Ycaza, Marshall, Winsberg and Moreau.

Tournament officials called the event one of the most successful in the game's history in picturesque New Orleans, where the popularity of racquetball is keeping pace with national growth.

See Scoreboard for other results.

Letters

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Castle and at least 70 others I have been to, New Castle is a 1st, and I mean not only the tournament but Sam Caiazza and all the wonderful people involved.

I'm sure I speak for all the players. God Bless New Castle, for there should be more places like this today.

John Leech
Rocky River, Ohio

- The Utah Racquetball Association is affiliating with IRA. We presently are conducting a membership drive for both IRA and the Utah Racquetball Association. You should receive shortly a list of new IRA members and their addresses for the year 1975.

The Intermountain Racquetball Championship tournament has the potential of being one of the largest tourneys in the west.

Trey Sayes
Salt Lake City, Utah

Have you renewed

your  membership?

Roderick, King 1-2 in Senior Singles

Playing his home courts to near perfection, Myron Roderick took the IRA Senior Invitational round-robin singles tournament in Stillwater Dec. 6 and 7.

A strong field competed for the title, although two players expected—Jim Trent and Bud Muehleisen—could not attend the tourney.

Seven invited players were on hand and to round out the number, Carl Provence of Stillwater was added. Competition started Friday evening and ended at noon Sunday.

Top three point getters were Roderick, with 64.4; Dr. Bill King, 55.6, and Charlie Garfinkel, 49.6. Ken Porco, Bruce Russell, Mark Wayne, Don Rigazio and Provence finished after the top three in that order.

Roderick went through the tournament undefeated, winning seven matches, with King losing only to Myron and to Ken Porco. Garfinkel lost also to King and Roderick. The witty Garfinkel always has something to say, but after Roderick beat him 31-2, it was the quietest Charlie had been for a long time.

Saturday evening the participants

had a get together at Myron Roderick's home featuring chicken and barbeque ribs. There was a lot of discussion concerning racquetball and what can be done to increase interest

as well as numbers in IRA membership.

As far as tournament play was concerned, there were some upsets as well as some very outstanding play.



These smiling faces made up the field in the Senior Invitational Singles. Front row, left to right, are Myron Roderick, Bill King, Don Rigazio and Ken Porco. Back row: Bruce Russell, Mark Wayne, Charlie Garfinkel and Carl Provence.

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super shape, and just wore Dr. Bud down. Bud has been hurting, but the the fatigue factor has been setting in more and more lately.

Craig McCoy defeated Johnny Hennen 21-13, 21-9. It seemed that Johnny had trouble adjusting to another left hander, and his backhand was not working well. Craig played a steady, but not spectacular, game.

When asked how he was playing since Louisville, Hennen remarked, "I'm flailing too much. I'm playing well, but I have to improve my backhand."

Johnny had a shirt on that must have had at least 300 flowers on it. I don't want to say it was realistic looking, but Johnny was seen watering it at least five times during the tournament.

Bill Dunn, the poor man's Brumfield, defeated Ken Porco 21-7, 21-10. We've never seen Bill shoot better, and Ken never got going.

Jerry Hilecher had defeated Kenny Wong in a hard struggle in the round of 32, 21-18, 21-15. Jerry had to take two final exams at the University of Missouri on Friday. He drove two hours to St. Louis, then flew to Memphis and played Kenny almost immediately. He should have lost the first game, but hung on, and then won the second game.

In the round of 16 he met Tom McKie. Let's let Tom tell us about it:

"I was shooting well, and hitting my backhand just super. I won the first game 21-13. It's the best I've ever played. I was ahead 16-12 in the second game, then Jerry got hot. He won 21-16, 21-3.

"I wasn't getting any shots. I felt great after beating Stafford, and I would have loved to have beaten Jerry. He just played too well, once he got going."

Charlie Brumfield defeated Jim Austin 21-10, 21-2. Even though he won handily, he was not moving well.

The usually confident Brumfield said, "I was sluggish against Jimmy, and I wasn't moving well. He is just out of shape."

Could this actually be Brumfield talking?

Charlie continued, "Bledsoe will be tough. It will depend on how well I am hitting."

Austin reached the quarterfinals in 1971, and went three games with National Champion Craig Finger. He, like Rudysz, has not played much.

Austin said, "Being away so long, my confidence and consistency are poor. I'm not thinking as much out there, and my swing is not natural. I've lost confidence in my backhand. I don't know whether to shoot, or wait a second to go on defense. It throws my timing off. Charlie is not shooting as well as he used to. Unfortunately, neither was I."

Rudysz's and Austin's remarks were interesting: If you want to play well, you have to make sacrifices. Take Bill Thurman, for instance. He has cut his work load in half to concentrate on racquetball.

Mike Zeitman, who resembles a starting guard for the old House of David basketball team, won the first game from Steve Strandemo 21-17. Mike is in good shape. The difference is that Strandemo is in super shape. Steve just wore Mike out in the next two 21-12, 21-3.

Strandemo said, "Zeitman was hot for a game and a half. I tried to

weather the storm. At 12-12 in the second, I could sense that he was tired. I ran him and passed as much as I could. Then my shots started to come.

"I've worked hard, and I feel that no one is in better shape than I am. I can get the ball, and I am really hitting it now.

"Phil Tyne has helped me immensely. We work out two hours a day three or four days a week at the beach. We mark off points at 7 to 8 foot intervals in the sand. I sprint from point to point as hard as I can go. We also work on weights, side jumps and sprints.

"Having someone to work with really helps. It keeps the incentive going. Anything that I've done in racquetball I owe to Phil."

Davey Bledsoe, in a confederate uniform, would look like a soldier right out of "Gone With the Wind." In a racquetball uniform, he merely looks like one of the best players in the game. George Rudysz would say that he shot everything in sight. In fact, DeWitt Shy was almost wounded in the gallery.

Rudysz, after losing 21-6, 21-9 to Bledsoe, said, "I feel Bledsoe has a shot against Brumfield, if he keeps playing as well as he has."



Master singles winner Glenn Turpin (left) and Alex Guerry, runner-up. On opposite page, Geddes Self, tournament chairman (right), visits with senior singles winner Charlie Garfinkel (center) and runner-up Don Rigazio. Far right: Tournament sponsor Bill Tanner, racquetball enthusiast.

Bledsoe remarked, "I'm serving better. I'm keeping them off the back wall. I'm forcing good returns, and I'm going to the ceiling when I'm in trouble. If I play like I did against George, I'll beat Brumfield. I can't leave shots up against Charlie. I feel that I am ready."

He was ready! The stage for the top upset of the tournament was about to take place in the quarterfinals. Bledsoe started out serving hard and low. He passed Brumfield when he was expecting the shot, and shot when Charlie thought he would pass. At 13-14, the Brumfield stall campaign started. Debating with the referee, wiping up imaginary sweat spots, and constant talking to Bledsoe did not help.

Bledsoe was playing like a man possessed. Davey reached 20-5 with as great a display of racquetball as ever witnessed anywhere. He was rolling them out, hitting great overhead shots, hitting super pinches, and making incredible gets. Davey won game one 21-5.

In the second game, Bledsoe again jumped out front. At 14-10, Charlie missed an easy backhand. He looked at the shot in disbelief. Bledsoe regained his composure to win the game and the match by the scores of 21-5, 21-14.

After the match, the 22-year-old Memphis star said, "I served hard and low. I passed when he came up. It's the best I've ever played. I finally played like I do in practice. I was patient on my ceiling balls. My

overheads and pinch shots were super.

"I'm playing five times a week. I play an hour or two each time. I get on the court and hit a lot by myself. I'm determined to improve even more. I want to practice what I'll do in the match. I'm not worried about winning or losing in practice. I just want to work on my game."

Davey's last statement is an excellent point. So many players are worried about losing, or worried about what someone will say that they don't work on what they should.

Davey is about 6 feet one and weighs about 155 pounds. Not only does he move like a greyhound, but he carries a bus schedule in his pocket. He has the desire. He needs more experience.

Brumfield was realistic.

"I have to lose once in a while. As for Bledsoe, there is no way he can win the tourney. Winning over me is psychologically too strenuous. He doesn't have the experience either. I wasn't shooting, and I wasn't driving well. I don't think he can keep up the pace. He would have beaten anyone today. I'll play the rematch in Zaire for ten million, and Muhammad Ali can referee."

Myron Roderick lost to Bill Dunn by the strange scores of 21-7, 15-21,

21-11. Myron was ahead 9-0 in the third game, and was outscored 21-2 the rest of the way.

Dunn said, "In the first game I was serving hard to the left side. Myron was giving me easy returns. I put everything away. My concentration went astray in the second game, and Myron got hot. He kept it up, and went ahead 9-0 in the third.

"Bill Thurman told me to settle down. Myron made some easy errors. I got a couple of lucky serves. He started pressing, and I was shooting. Soon it was all over.

"It helps to have someone upstairs who really knows your game and can help you. I owe Thurman a lot."

In the next quarterfinal, Jerry Hilecher defeated Craig McCoy 21-19, 21-7. McCoy has not played well since Louisville. He had no comment.

Hilecher said, "He's one player that I try to slow down. When he's hot, he's hot. I was shooting my forehand extremely well, and kept McCoy on the move."

An interesting note is that Jerry's dad is at almost every tourney that Jerry plays. "My father is the super spectator," Jerry said. "I think it's good to have someone cheering for you, and my folks are really in-

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Bledsoe Upsets Brumfield In Quarters

terested in what I am doing. It's nice to know that you have someone rooting for you.

"I don't think Danny Hilecher roots for me though." Last year in Houston, he was screaming about Jerry's draw. He said, "Why can't Jerry play someone easy like Garfinkel."

In the final quarterfinal match, Steve Strandemo defeated Charlie Garfinkel 21-13, 21-20 in a match that should have gone three.

Garfinkel was winded at 10-7 in game two, after an exhausting rally. At 16-12 for Garfinkel, Strandemo got hot and went ahead 20-16. But Garfinkel was not done. He tied at 20-20, and had a setup five feet from the left front wall. He went for his favorite pinch shot. The ball stayed up a little, and Strandemo rekindled. He served, and after a short rally, won the game and the match.

In the semifinals, Strandemo was devastating against Bill Dunn. He never did let Bill get started as he defeated him 21-8, 21-9. The match started out looking like the Ceiling Ball Invitational. The whole pattern of the match was ceiling ball after ceiling ball. Whenever Dunn hit one short, Strandemo would pass or shoot. He rarely made an error.

In the other semifinals, Brumfield proved his theory correct. Hilecher beat Bledsoe 19-21, 21-15, 21-15. The first game was a super, super, game. Both players hung on to win. In game two, Bledsoe made a few more errors. Game three was a nail biter. It went to 15-15, and this is where Brumfield's remarks showed. Bledsoe made four unforced errors at 15-15. This, coupled with two super Hilecher shots, gave the match to Jerry.

Jerry said, "I was lucky to win. Bledsoe needs more experience, and I felt that he was a little tired. He is a great shooter, and if he keeps his cool, he will be tough in every tournament."

In the playoff for third, Bill Dunn destroyed Davey Bledsoe 21-8, 21-3. Dunn was down 6-0 in the first game, and then outscored Davey 42-5.

Dunn said, "Let's face it. Bledsoe was down mentally, and he was just not ready to play. I played well, and did shoot super. Bledsoe played as if two leftover cannon balls from the Civil War were attached to his legs."

That's why Bill Dunn is so well

liked. He could have said that he just overwhelmed Davey, but he gave us the true picture.

In the Men's Amateur Singles, Johnny Hennen (Attila the Hun's brother), defeated Steve Smith 17-21, 21-17, 21-8.

Hennen said, "We both played well, and both hustled. I passed him well, and the ball was lively. That was good for me."

Smith concurred. "I've got to build myself up, and get in shape. I've got to be more physical."

In the Senior Singles, Charlie Garfinkel defeated Don Rigazio in a hard-fought match 20-21, 21-19, 21-16. But the match that attracted a great deal of attention was his match in the semifinals against National Women's Champion Peggy Steding.

Gar won 21-14, 21-18, but there was more to it than that.

In the Women's Singles, Peggy overwhelmed Sarah Green 21-3, 21-1.

In the Master Singles, Glenn Turpin defeated Alex Guerry 21-3, 21-1.

In closing we'd like to thank the following Memphis folks: Gary and Randy Stephens and Paul Bomarita for refereeing; Bill Murphy, school athletic director; Leigh Thurman, Geddes Self, Dean Nichopoulos, and Lee Peoples, for running the complex.

PRO-AM SINGLES CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: Smith won by injury default from Stafford; Jordan def. Rhodes, 31-13; Bernstein def. Garber, 31-10; Lampley def. Payne, 31-17.

Semifinals: Smith def. Jordan, 31-19; Bernstein def. Lampley, 31-12.

Finals: Smith def. Bernstein, 21-12, 21-19.

OPEN AMATEUR SINGLES

First Round: D'Amore won by forfeit from Bledsoe; Thoni def. Brubaker, 21-9, 21-9; Smith def. O'Neal, 21-16, 21-10; Fondren def. Nieves, 21-19, 12-21, 21-8; Hennen def. Chandler, 21-6, 21-12; Jordan def. Garber, 21-17, 21-14; Bernstein def. Cullen, 21-11, 21-11; Cannon def. Shore, 21-10, 21-14.

Quarterfinals: Thoni def. D'Amore, 21-8, 21-12; Smith def. Fondren, 21-11, 21-11; Hennen def. Jordan, 21-11, 19-21, 21-10; Bernstein def. Cannon, 21-7, 21-13.

Semifinals: Smith def. Thoni, 21-16, 14-21, 21-8; Hennen def. Bernstein, 21-8, 21-10.

Finals: Smith def. Hennen, 17-21, 21-17, 21-8. Third: Bernstein def. Thoni, 21-19, 21-1.

OPEN AMATEUR SINGLES CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: Lane-by: Burbaker won by forfeit from Hill; G. Stephens def. Varner, 31-12; Neal won by forfeit from Hendricks.

Semifinals: Lane won by forfeit from Brubaker; G. Stephens won by forfeit from Neal.

Finals: Stephens won by injury forfeit from Lane.

SENIOR SINGLES

First Round: Garfinkel def. J. Hallard, 21-9, 21-15; DeBoo def. B. Hotze, 21-14, 21-19; P. Steding def. J. B. Skinner, 21-6, 21-8; E. Ellett def. J. Graber, 21-13, 13-21, 21-10; R. Leon def. T. Cannon, 15-21, 21-20, 21-19; D. Epstein def. D. Trostel, 21-7, 21-17; D. Rigazio def. Duckworth, 21-4, 21-12; S. Kirschner def. B. Roy, 21-14, 12-21, 21-3.

Quarterfinals: Garfinkel def. DeBoo, 21-14, 21-19; Steding def. Ellett, 21-7, 21-13; Epstein def. Leon, 13-21, 21-19, 21-12; Rigazio def. Kirschner, 21-11, 21-20.

Semifinals: Garfinkel def. Steding, 21-14, 21-18; Rigazio def. Epstein, 21-5, 21-5.

Finals: Garfinkel def. Rigazio, 20-21, 21-9, 21-16. Third: Steding def. Epstein, 21-5, 21-5.

SENIOR SINGLES CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: J. Hallard def. B. Roy, 31-21; T. Cannon def. J. Graber, 31-22; D. Duckworth def. B. Hotze, 31-24; Trostel def. J. B. Skinner, 31-23; Cannon def. Duckworth.

Semifinals: Cannon def. Hallard, 31-22; Duckworth def. Trostel, 31-14.

Finals: Cannon def. Duckworth, 21-16, 21-11.

MASTERS SINGLES

First Round: Turpin-by: G. Nichopoulos def. D. Hilecher, 21-16, 21-16; Van Fossen def. J. Doyle, 21-17, 21-18; R. Fox def. J. Cannon, 21-3, 21-17; A. Guerry-by: M. Tait def. W. Hotze, 21-12, 21-5; Schippers-by: B. Prichard def. C. Luther, 21-1, 21-4.

Quarterfinals: Turpin def. Nichopoulos, 21-8, 21-12; Fox def. VanFossen, 21-15, 21-18; Guerry def. Tait, 21-13, 21-15; Schippers def. Prichard, 21-15, 6-21, 21-16.

Semifinals: Turpin def. Fox, 21-9, 21-6; Guerry def. Schippers, 9-21, 21-7, 21-17.

Finals: Turpin def. Guerry, 21-1, 21-3. Third: Schippers def. Fox, 21-8, 21-16.

MASTERS SINGLES CONSOLATION

Quarterfinals: D. Hilecher-by: J. Doyle won by forfeit from J. Cannon; Hotze-by: Luther-by.

Semifinals: Doyle def. D. Hilecher, 31-22; Hotze won by forfeit from Luther.

Finals: Doyle def. Hotze, 21-4, 21-9.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Steding-by: Segall-by: Vetter-by: L. Fryar def. D. Palazold, 21-0, 21-1; Ackerman-by: C. Jordan def. E. LaRoche, 21-14, 16-21, 21-14; Ferguson-by: S. Green def. B. DuPree, 21-19, 21-5.

Quarterfinals: Steding def. Segall, 21-3, 21-0; Fryar won by forfeit from Vetter; Jordan won by forfeit from Ackerman; Green def. Ferguson, 21-3, 21-1.

Semifinals: Steding def. Fryar, 21-3, 21-4; Green def. Jordan, 21-0, 21-2.

Finals: Steding def. Green, 21-2, 21-2. Third: Fryar def. Jordan, 21-3, 21-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES CONSOLATION

First Round: Segall def. LaRoche, 31-4.

Semifinals: DePree def. Palazold, 31-17; Segall def. Ferguson, 31-28.

Finals: DuPree def. Segall, 21-14, 9-21, 21-19.

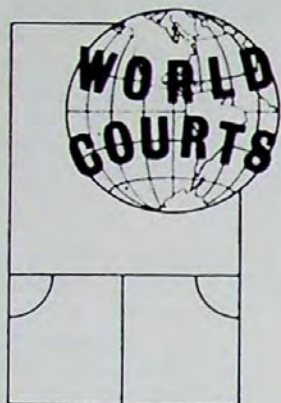
AMATEUR "B" SINGLES

First Round: Chandler def. Jack Fulton, 21-9, 21-12; Robert Pearlman def. Mike Clark, 18-21, 21-12, 21-16; Ron Leon def. Frank Woodward, 21-18, 21-12; Meek won by forfeit from Wayne Thompson; Jerrod Graber def. Mike St. Clair, 21-2, 21-11; Terry Varner def. Timmy

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Calendar for Upcoming Racquetball

JANUARY

6-11: Utah Hackers (Class C and below), Trey Sayes.

9-12: Cowboy Open, Stillwater, Okla. Contact Myron Roderick.

10-12: Woodson YMCA Open, Wausau, Wis. (S&D) Limit 32 players, 8 doubles teams. Jerry Hoff, 3001 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, Wis. 54401.

11-12: Eastern Kentucky Open (women's singles), Ashland Area YMCA. Contact Sharon Lowe, Ashland, Ky.

11-13: IRA Women's Invitation Singles, San Diego, Calif.

13-18: Milwaukee City Women's Doubles. (A&B) Jewish Community Center, Milwaukee, Wis.

17-18: Kentucky State Intercollegiate, Berea College. Contact Leigh Jones.

17-19: 1st Annual Massachusetts IRA Closed State Singles (Open, Seniors, Masters, B & C and Consolation). Worcester YMCA, Shrewsbury Squash & Tennis Club.

17-19: Illinois State Doubles, Buehler YMCA, Palatine, Ill. Contact Robt. J. Troyer.

18: Co-ed Doubles, Orange Coast College Racquetball Club, Costa Mesa, Calif. Three wall.

18-19: Waterloo, Iowa, IRA Doubles.

23-25: Wisconsin State Men's Singles. (Open, Seniors, Masters) Western Racquet Club, Green Bay, Wis.

23-26: Arizona State Singles, Phoenix YMCA. Keith Talley, 2221 W. Charleston, Phoenix 85023.

24-26: Pennsylvania State Racquetball Championships, New Castle YMCA, Joe Jackman, 202 Mission Meade, New Castle, or Guy Natale.

24-26: IRA Masters Invitation Singles, Dallas.

25: Clinic, Brigham Young U., Provo.

Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Kentucky State Singles Championships (Closed), Louisville Athletic Club. Contact Ken Porco. Brackets: Open, B, Seniors, Masters and Womens.

FEBRUARY

1-2: Calif. State Doubles (Open, B, Women's), Costa Mesa. Three wall. Contact Barry Wallace.

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

6-8: Utah State Singles Championships. (Open, B, C, Juniors, Women). Trey Sayes.

7-9: Midwestern Open, IBA member-

Open, B, C, Master's, Women's Open, Women's Novice Divisions. Lansing, Mich., YMCA, 301 W. Lenawee, Larry Scramlin.

7-9: Wisconsin State Women's Singles. (A&B) Milwaukee Handball-Racquetball Club, Milwaukee, Wis.

7-9: State Closed IRA Doubles Championships (Open, Seniors, B and Consolations; must live in Mass.) Sites: Fitchberg, Mass., YMCA, Fort Devens, Mass, Riggs Gym.

13-16: First annual IRA Pro-Am Celebrity, Dallas.

14-16: Illinois State Singles, The Court House, Schaumburg.

14-16: Kentucky State Doubles Championships (Closed), University of Kentucky in Lexington. Brackets: Open, B, Masters, Seniors, Women's. Contact Jim Daopolous.

28-March 2: IRA Regional Championships at 10 sites. See page 15.

Feb. 28-March 1: Iowa YMCA Doubles, Place TBA.

TBA: Western New York Class B Singles and Doubles. Four wall.

TBA: Last week in Feb., Arizona State Doubles, Phoenix YMCA. Ronald S. Stulik, 8302 E. Columbus, Scottsdale 85251.

TBA: West Virginia State Championships, Wheeling, W. Va.

MARCH

1-2: State Doubles. Open, Class B, Women's. Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif.

14-15: Utah Mixed Doubles. Trey Sayes.

14-15: Burlington, Iowa YMCA Singles.

14-16: Ektelon Pro-Am, Houston, Tex. Contact Jim Austin.

21-22: Iowa State Championships, Keokuk, Jerry Lucas.

21-23: River City Open, Louisville Athletic Club. Contact Ken Porco.

21-23: New England IRA Open Singles Championships (Open, Seniors, Masters, and B), Northeastern University, Boston. Peter F. Crummey, 84-C Walnut St., Ft. Devens, Mass. 01433. Consolations will be played.

21-23: IRA Intercollegiate Championships, Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.

28-30: Indiana State Singles Championships, Indiana University (A, B, Senior, Women's Open). Brian Parrott, 915 Eigenmann, Bloomington 47401.

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TBA: Williamsport, Pa., YMCA Open.

TBA: River City Open, Louisville. Contact Ken Porco.

TBA: Massachusetts Closed Military Singles (Open and B), Hanscom AFB, Mass.

APRIL

11-12: Iowa State Seniors, Keokuk, Jerry Lucas.

11-12: Iowa YMCA B Doubles. Place TBA.

14-18: Western New York Class B Masters Singles, Buffalo Athletic Club, Buffalo, N.Y.

18-20: Wisconsin State Junior Singles, 18-Under. Milwaukee Athletic Club.

21-25: Western New York Class A Masters Singles, Buffalo Athletic Club.

TBA: South Super 16, site to be announced.

25-27: New England Open Invitational Singles. 16 man field. Place TBA.

TBA: Pennsylvania YMCA Championships, Greater Scranton YMCA. Contact Loyd Capnell.

TBA: Western New York Class A and Class B Women's Singles. Four wall courts.

TBA: Utah Cache Valley Open. Trey Sayes.

MAY

3-4: Intermediate Singles, Senior, Class B, C and Women's Divisions. Orange Coast College Racquetball Club, Costa Mesa, Calif. Three wall.

8-10: Utah State Doubles Championships (Open, B, C, Seniors). Trey Sayes.

12-15: Western New York Class A Junior Singles, Buffalo Jewish Center, Amherst, N.Y.

23-26: Seventh annual IRA International Singles Championships. (Open, Junior, Senior, Masters, Golden Masters, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles) St. Louis.

JUNE

20-22: National Singles and Doubles. Open and B Singles and Doubles, Senior Singles, Open Women's Singles. Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif. Three wall.

JULY

15-18: Fifth annual Klondike Open Championships, Edmonton, Alberta.

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Know Your Spins— And How To Use Them

During the course of giving lessons at the Supreme Court in Sunnyvale, Calif., I often am asked: "What effect does spin have on the ball?" This inquiry is usually proposed by a tennis player since spin is such an integral part of success in the game of tennis.

There are two elements that work against spin having as important a role in racquetball as it does in tennis.

For one thing the racquetball compresses so much more. To see how much compression has to do with this, try putting spin on a handball with a racquet. Mark Wayne, one of the top senior players and a pretty fair handball player, can hop a handball all over the court using a racquet. There is much less compression. The handball tends to maintain its spin until it hits the floor while the racquetball loses much of its spin when it strikes the front wall. More about this will be mentioned later.

The other element involved is that the racquetball usually will hit at least two playing surfaces before a player strikes the ball again. Each surface the ball contacts tends to reduce the amount of spin on the ball.

Despite all of this, spin can play an important part in racquetball.

For most players, having played tennis before playing racquetball is a mixed blessing. While the racquetball backhand is a very natural shot for anyone who has played tennis, the forehand is a "Pandora's Box!"

In terms of this article, the problem the tennis player has in hitting the forehand is with "top" spin, sometimes called over spin. Of all the spins possible in racquetball, this is the worst. How many times have you seen a player hit what appears to be a perfect kill shot only to have the ball bounce up for a plum. Quite often this happens because of top spin.

Let's analyze this further (see illustration 1). Top spin is such that

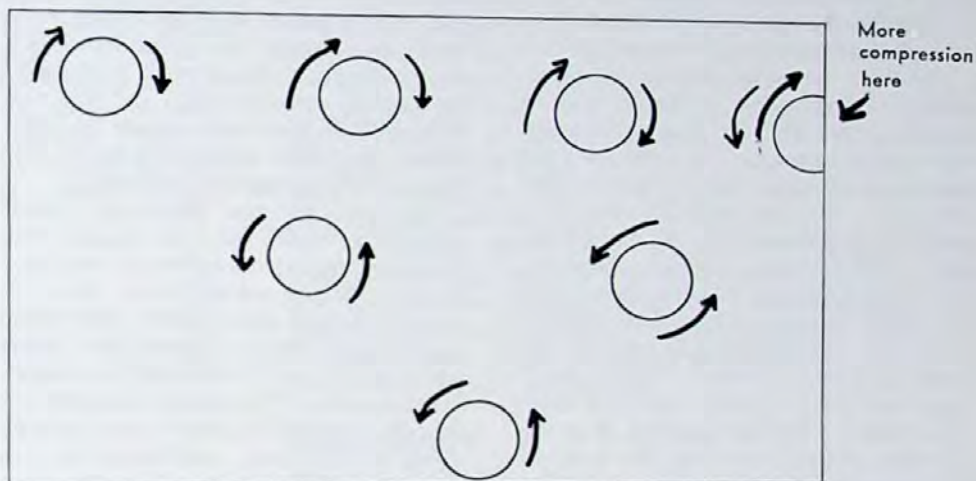


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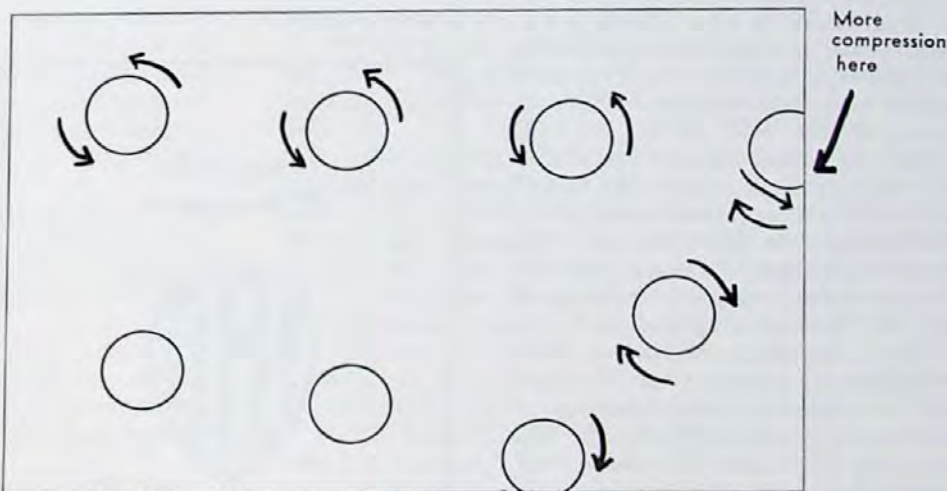


ILLUSTRATION NO. 2

when the ball hits the front wall it does not compress evenly. Because of the spin there is more compression at the top of the ball. This gives more rebound to this part of the ball

so that it comes off the front wall with top spin. As the ball strikes the floor, the lower part of the ball is

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slowed down because of the contact with the floor; but the top of the ball still have over spin. The net result of this is an increase in forward momentum with the over spin being maintained, causing the ball to pop up.

Another instance where top spin defeats the purpose of the shot is in the passing shot. In tennis the over spin helps to propel the ball past an opponent as well as to keep the ball inbounds. In racquetball, one also wants to hit the ball by his opponent. But, unlike tennis, the ball can reach the back wall and rebound back into the field of play. The ideal passing shot will "die" before it reaches the back wall or, at worst, barely reach the back wall. Hitting the ball with over spin makes the passing shot extremely difficult to keep the ball off of the back wall.

A type of spin that allows a player more control of the ball is the back spin. Let's analyze what the ball will do off the front wall (see illustration 2).

Once again, when the ball contacts the front wall, the compression is not even. There is more compression on the bottom part of the ball. This will impart back spin to the ball as it comes off the wall. When the ball strikes the floor, the bottom of the ball will not bite, much like a golf ball striking a green and backing up. This action will leave the ball with almost no spin while causing the reduction to the forward momentum of the ball. The ball tends to "die."

This is especially important when trying to hit a passing shot. The back spin has much to do with keeping the ball from reaching the back wall. The ball will bite into the side wall, causing it to slow down more quickly than usual. Side spin must be avoided, in this instance, since this will cause the ball to bounce into the side wall too soon, leaving an easy shot for your opponent.

There are some shots where the proper spin plays a crucial role. One of the more important shots is the ceiling ball. A player should strike

the ball in such a manner so as to cause back spin. If hit properly, the ball will come off the front wall with over spin causing the ball to bounce higher and deeper. Once again, side spin must be avoided for the same reason as mentioned above in the discussion of the passing shot. This exasperating spin usually occurs when the player makes contact with the ball too far behind his front foot.

For a more detailed look at the ceiling ball, see Steve Keeley's excellent instructional article in the February, 1972, issue of *Handball-Racquetball*.

On kill shots, a combination of back spin and side spin will make the ball both die and hop into the side ball. A z-ball is more effective with back spin while an around-the-wall ball is usually struck with over spin. A z-serve can be made to bite the side wall in the back corner or slide along the wall depending upon the type of spin imparted to the ball.

As one can see, there are many situations where the type of spin can have an important effect on the success or failure of different shots. A player should experiment with various spins in order to determine if the spin, or lack of it, will help him to hit a better shot. The latest racquetballs on the market contain more rubber than in the past, and some of you may have noticed that the ball seems to be reacting differently. Much of this has to do with the increased effect that spin is having on the ball due to less compression.

This makes the question presented in the opening paragraph of this article even more difficult to answer.

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Referee's Corner

By DR. BUD MUEHLEISEN
National Rules Chairman

Question: What recourse do I have if I do not like a particular ball my opponent has selected to play with in a tournament match?

Answer: You may request the referee to determine whether or not the ball is acceptable in its bounce and flight under the standards set forth by the tournament committee. (Rule 2.3.)

Question: What recourse do I have if I feel the referee is being unfair in his decisions?

Answer: You may: (1) ask for a clarification of a particular ruling and/or (2) ask for a protest to the tournament chairman regarding a rule or any decision *not* involving the "judgment" of the referee. (Rule 3.5(6)(b),(c).)

Question: While in the service zone, am I allowed to bounce the ball off the side wall as a pre-serve "ritual"?

Answer: Such a bounce would result in a hand or side-out, as "the ball may not be bounced anywhere but on the floor within the service zone." (Rule 4.6(a). Note also that the ball may not be bounced more than 3 times while in the service zone.

Question: May I step on the red line while serving?

Answer: Yes. Stepping on the line is permitted. However, no part of either foot may extend beyond either line of the service zone until the served ball passes the short line. A violation of this is called a "foot fault." Any two foot faults results in a hand or side-out. (Rule 4.1(b) and Rule 4.5(a).)

If you have questions about any aspect of racquetball, just write to Dr. Bud Muehleisen, 933 Loren Dr., La Mesa, Calif. 92041, and he will respond in a subsequent Referee's Corner column. Dr. Muehleisen is recognized as one of the game's best informed players, and is a member of the Racquetball Hall of Fame. Referee's Corner is expected to be a regular feature of Racquetball magazine.—The editors.

chapter 6 MIND AND BODY

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Once a player has developed a mastery of racquetball skills, he should work on learning to think clearly under pressure and on keeping his body in good physical condition. He may have a thorough understanding of the rules and an arsenal of all the shots, yet be unable to play the game skillfully. His body must respond when it should. In other words, a player will find it difficult to win without correct strategy—and the proper mental attitude.

MENTAL ATTITUDE

Many books have been written about a player's "desire to win," a quality that, if present, separates the "good" player from the "outstanding" player. Though there are various definitions of desire, it is generally agreed that a player's mental attitude about himself and the game plays a large part in determining if he will play to win or if he will hand the game to his opponent.

The effect that a player's mental attitude can have on the outcome often is demonstrated in tournament play, when two players of equal or near-equal ability meet. Time and again, the player who comes out on top is the player who keeps his confidence in his ability to win.

There are two theories about the proper way to prepare yourself mentally. The first says concentrate on practicing, and then play the way you practice. The second says use the pressure of the game itself, and make it work to your advantage. Neither viewpoint is "more correct" than the other, and most players probably get mentally prepared both in their practice sessions and during the game.

Playing the way you practice is an idea Vince Lombardi stressed when coaching his Green Bay Packers. The players practiced long and hard on football fundamentals and gradually convinced themselves that they could out-execute and outlast any team they played.

To play good racquetball, you also must practice long and hard so you know in your mind that you have a better mastery of the game's skill than your opponent does. Knowing you're good, and believing it, will lead you to victory.

Some players hold themselves back during the early games of a tournament; they let the pressure of the game bring them to their peak ability. By the middle of the tournament these players really begin to play their best, often hitting what they thought were "impossible" shots in earlier matches.

Yet sometimes players who usually are quite at ease about their ability to perform will become tense and nervous before a game. If this happens to you, remember that a little nervousness—or pregame tension—actually can im-

prove your performance if you control it. A mildly nervous state will prepare your muscles to react quickly and keep your mind active and busy with thoughts about how you can counter your opponent's strengths.

If you feel your nervousness getting out of hand, begin to think of all the hours you've put in practicing and preparing. On the other hand, if you begin the game completely relaxed and with no feelings of tension, the game may be over and lost before you wake up!

Above all, never worry about losing a game. This kind of negative thinking will undermine your confidence and simply give you something else to think about. When you're out there shooting on the court, you've got enough to think about. If you play your best, you'll have nothing to be sorry about—win or lose.

STRATEGY

The game of racquetball is won by the player who has *center-court control*. By dominating mid-court, a player can keep his opponent moving deep left and deep right for the returns. Also, the player who controls center court can hit the ball to the front wall from a distance of only about 20 feet (mid-court), a shot that doesn't take as much power or require as much accuracy as a shot hit from almost 40 feet (back court).

While center court is the ideal position for the offensive player, the defensive player tries to cover the court, working constantly to move his opponent out of the center position.

Another part of strategy relates to the fact that all players have certain playing habits, favorite shots, and patterns of executing those shots. If you can learn to anticipate your opponent's shot before he hits it, you'll have an advantage that will help you cover and return the ball.

For example, if you know that in a certain situation your opponent usually attempts a cross-court pass, you should move into back court quickly before the pass goes by you. As the defensive player, you're primarily concerned with being in the best position to retrieve the ball.

The skilled player always tries to hit a shot that he feels his opponent can't retrieve. Thus, he hits a series of shots, with each shot calculated to move his opponent slightly more out of position to retrieve the final shot that will win the volley.

"If I'm having any success in controlling the rally," says Charlie Brumfield, "I know exactly where my opponent is. And if I can get him retrieving in the back left or back right corners of the court, I know he can't recover quickly enough to regain center-court position before I hit my next shot. Then it's just a matter of hitting the ball to

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the side of the court opposite from where he's standing."

Many beginning racquetball players attempt to retrieve *every* ball their opponent hits. These players run about the court, constantly changing position, and eventually tire themselves out so they no longer can play their best. Keep in mind that total coverage of the court is the ideal defensive technique and that most players don't achieve it, even by using the technique of anticipation.

"If my opponent hits a shot from the right side of the court, down the line, and one inch high," says Brumfield, "I can't get it from back court. So I don't even *pretend* I can. I spend my time concentrating on the areas that I know will give me the strongest returns."

If you get into a losing streak during a game and your opponent has you off-balance, running all over the court, go for a few winners—kill shots. If you can manage to kill the ball successfully a few times, you'll feel more confident and give your opponent something to worry about. Unless you take the offensive, your opponent will keep the ball in play until you tire or make a mistake that will give him the point.

Don't forget that your opponent has his own game-winning strategy in mind. Any time you can force him to counter your kills with some difficult shooting of his own, you'll be putting him on the defensive and make him change his overall game plan. Show your opponent that you can move him about on the court, and show him that you're alert and ready to return any shot he can hit.

There are usually turning points in a game—certain rallies that, if won, will give one player a safe margin over his opponent. The player who grabs the lead can hit a bit more freely, and the player who trails is forced to play errorless racquetball. Show yourself and your opponent that you aren't the kind of player who chokes up at the crucial points of the game.

DOUBLES

In doubles play, each player is one-half of a team. Neither player can win the game or match without the other.

Playing doubles will help sharpen one's singles ability, because a player must hit more accurately in doubles. Frequent *corner shots* and V passes keep the player on his toes. While the shots are the same both in singles and doubles, the presence of four players on the court creates an entirely different playing situation. This must be taken into account in deciding how points can be made and how the opposing team's shots can best be covered.

Before the game, each team should decide the responsibilities each partner will have in covering the court. There are three primary methods of court coverage in doubles: *half-and-half*, *three quarters one-quarter*, and *I-formation*.

Half-and-half is the most common method of playing doubles. Each partner is responsible for one side of the court; that is, the backhand side player covers the left court, and the forehand side player covers the right court. The players may trade areas temporarily when one player is out of position and unable to cover his territory.

On their way to the 1972 International Doubles Championship, Mike Luciw and George Rudysz played half-and-half style racquetball. They always tried to keep themselves separated by an invisible line down the court, and neither of them often strayed beyond that line.

In three-quarters one-quarter coverage, each player has responsibility for an area marked off by an invisible line drawn from one front corner to the opposite back

court corner. This method enables a team with a particularly outstanding back-wall shooter to cover all shots that come off the back wall or a quick-retrieving player to cover most of the short shots.

The third way to play doubles is the *I-formation*—one partner in front court and one in deep court. The front court partner usually will not have to play as strenuously as the back-court partner.

When you use the *I-formation*, it is best to place a less-conditioned player in front court because he will tire less easily as the game progresses.

The back court partner in *I-formation* doubles is often an outstanding ceiling ball or deep court shooter. However, if the deep-court partner misses a kill shot, for example, his partner in front court must be fast enough to cover any re-kill attempts.

A good doubles team always tries to dominate center court. From this position, players can kill or pass; defensively, they can move back for back-wall shots or cover kill attempts made by their opponents.

Doubles players often use an isolation strategy in their game. Neither player hits the ball to the opponent who is having a hot streak, that is, hitting a successful series of shots. In isolation strategy, virtually every ball is hit to the partner of the "hot" player, thus isolating the better player from the volley. When you or your partner think the better player is convinced that you're not going to hit the ball to him, smash a hard drive shot at him. He often will be so surprised by this move that your side will pick up an easy point.

Another strategem that works well both in singles and doubles is to exploit your opponent's weak areas. If one opponent's backhand is weak, keep hitting him backhand shots. Or if you notice an opponent is not shooting particularly well, get in and cut off his pass shots, leaving him no choice but to use a shot that doesn't seem to be working.

Good doubles strategy involves working closely with your partner. Set up a method of communication so you will know who takes a shot if both of you have a chance at it. If your partner gets caught up front, in deep court, or anywhere out of position, cover defense for him or, on the offense, hit a lob or ceiling ball to give him more time to regain his position.

Keep your eyes on the ball no matter who is hitting it. If your partner should swing and miss the ball, you might be able to retrieve it. If you're looking elsewhere, you may miss such an opportunity.

PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

A good way to insure that you'll be able to control the play is to make sure your body is in excellent physical condition. Your opponent hardly will feel challenged if he sees you dragging about the court and consistently hitting weak returns after only a few volleys.

Practicing good eating habits will help you get in top condition. Make sure you eat balanced meals and don't fill up on junk food between meals. Foods high in sugar or starch tend to add weight that will slow you down on the court.

Eat sensible meals that combine lean meat, fresh fruit, and vegetables. Avoid greasy or fried foods; they will give you a queasy stomach on the court.

Top players always try to get enough sleep. Eight hours of sleep a night is considered an average amount for most people, but the amount varies for each individual. You'll probably want to get a bit more sleep the night before you have a particularly strenuous workout or several games in a row.

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In racquetball, as in any sport, the best players are the ones who train the hardest. Because these players are devoted to the game, they consciously sacrifice their spare time to get in shape and stay in shape.

Perhaps the toughest obstacle a racquetball player faces is fatigue—the point at which the body no longer responds to what the mind tells it to do. Needless to say, when you become fatigued in a game, you're in a dangerous situation, for no matter how well you can play your body will continue to respond slowly and ineffectively.

Improving your knowledge of game strategy and your playing skills are two ways to reduce the fatigue factor. Another way is to condition your body to withstand tremendous physical demands.

Running and jogging (slower-paced but constant running) are excellent ways to get in shape. This kind of exercise strengthens and firms your leg muscles, expands your lung capacity, and improves your blood circulation.

Many champion players begin their conditioning one month before a big tournament, jogging one or two miles daily to start. By the second week, a player begins to "push" himself, increasing his running distance and speed but being careful not to overextend himself. The final two weeks before the tournament are spent doing *buildups*—jogging steadily for 1/8 mile, sprinting 1/8 mile, jogging 1/8 mile, and so forth.

Most tournament players readily admit that doing buildups is not much fun. But they're quick to point out that buildups are essential if a player wants to avoid becoming exhausted early in the game.

Continuous practice is another way to get in shape. Paul Haber, five-time winner of the U.S. Handball Singles Championship, gets in shape for national tournaments by playing handball 5 or 6 hours daily or until he barely can lift his arms.

Very few racquetball players can practice as long as Haber practices his handball before tournaments, especially since racquetball courts are in high demand and oftentimes are shared with handball players.

A good rule of thumb is to work out as often and long

as you can. Remember, though, that simply practicing one hour a day a few times each week will not provide enough of a workout to reduce the factor of game fatigue. Use your practice sessions wisely, concentrating on your footwork and proper stroking motions, practicing more difficult shots, and improving your overall playing form.

While practicing alone is a good way to improve your playing skills, only by playing with others will you be able to assess your playing ability realistically and profit from the desire to improve that competition creates.

Many players find it helpful to play in small regional tournaments. Although the racquetball "tour"—prearranged competition in various cities—is much newer than the tours of tennis and golf, there are many independent tournaments that take place throughout the country. These smaller, approved tournaments are listed in *Racquetball*. Even if you don't feel you're up to competing in these tournaments right now, you still can attend and profit from watching more skilled players compete.

Champion players use these smaller "tune-up" tournaments to check up on their general physical condition and to determine whether their playing has any weak spots. With the knowledge gained from these competitions, players can increase their buildups or practice sessions to patch up any weak spots before they become difficult-to-break habits.

"If you have time only to run or to play racquetball but not to do both," says Steve Keeley, 1971 National Champion, "then by all means play. But without running to keep in shape, you'll never have the power that will win you crucial matches."

The combination of a properly conditioned body and a good mental attitude will be rewarded by the satisfaction you'll feel after winning a game. Then, too, if you're playing fundamentally correct racquetball—keeping your eyes on the ball, using the proper strokes, and choosing the right shot for a given situation—you'll be well on your way to becoming a champion competitor.

You may not win all the volleys of every game you play, but you'll be a consistently good player, and you'll strike fear in the heart of your opponent.

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STRANDEMO (RIGHT) AND DRAKE JOCKEY



STEVE KEELEY



The action is furious in "A" singles final play as Steve Strandemo (right) and Steve Keeley battle for the crown. Keeley won.



The Bud Muehleisen-Steve Strandemo team dominated doubles play. Strandemo congratulates "Dr. Bud" as Steve Keeley of Keeley & Drake looks on.

Keeley Tops Strandemo In Tight Canadian Dual

The fourth annual Canadian National Racquetball Tournament was played in Montreal Nov. 7-10, at the host Core de Liesse Racquet Club with help from the Northwestern YMCA and Snowdon YMHA facilities.

One hundred fifty entrants competed in A, B, C, Ladies, Senior and Masters singles, as well as Open and Senior doubles, representing all Canadian provinces except Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Fourteen states from the U.S. also were represented.

Many of the top names in the game were on hand, including Steve Keeley, Steve Strandemo, Bud Muehleisen, and Charlie Drake, San Diego; Myron Roderick, Stillwater, Okla.; Peggy Steding, Odessa, Tex.; Charlie Garfinkel, Buffalo, N.Y.; John Leech, Cleveland, and Canadians Wayne Bowes, Wes Hadikin, Bob Daku, George Morfitt, Herb Capozzi, Doug Bauld, Ellie Bell and Jody Fry.

Roderick Takes Seniors

Myron Roderick had to get up midway through the third of three

late movies just as Wyatt Earp and associates were moseying into the OK Corral. Aptly inspired, he proceeded from there to gun down the opposition without losing a game, finally "giant-killing" Garfinkel 21-7, 21-18 in the semis and Dr. Bud 21-17, 21-11 to capture the Open Senior singles title.

Keeley Versus Strandemo

In "A" singles play, Steve Keeley put on a masterful display of controlled power, sweeping the field without losing a game. He beat Wes Hadikin to reach the semifinals while Wayne Bowes, 8th place finisher in the IRA singles, defeated John Van Riper.

Charlie Drake posted a close victory over Ivan Velan 10-21, 21-13, 21-18 and Steve Strandemo was extended by Mike Luciw 18-21, 21-8, 21-5. Keeley took Bowes 21-8, 21-11, while Strandemo beat Drake 21-6, 21-2.

In the finals, after losing the first game 21-15, Strandemo made a tremendous comeback from 10-20 to tie the game at 20-20 and had two chances to win before Keeley won

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HERB CAPOZZI



GARFINKEL AND RODERICK



Wayne Bowes defeated Wes Hadikin to capture the closed men's singles in the fourth annual Canadian Nationals at Montreal recently. Canadian closed women's singles winner was Jody Fry, shown at right.



Big Show in Montreal

the match on a fine get and pass which Strandemo did not expect.

The match saw Keeley win repeatedly with backhand kills to the left corner and then Strandemo coming back with forehand kills on the right.

In the second game, Strandemo began to score with backhand kills of Keeley's lob serves, but Keeley's lead turned out to be too great to overcome.

Open doubles saw a strong field headed by Strandemo-Muehleisen, Keeley-Drake, Luciw-Romano, Bowes-Daku, Gregorio-Roderick and Hadikin-Velan, all of whom reached the quarterfinals along with Joe Tyree-Roger Ohnsorg and John Van Riper-Don Crawford. At this point, Strandemo-Muehleisen and Keeley-Drake advanced with relative ease over Tyree-Ohnsorg and Van Riper-Crawford while Bowes-Daku outlasted Gregorio-Roderick 21-12, 11-21, 21-12 when Gregorio skipped in a kill shot at match point. Hadikin-Velan held off the determined Luciw-Romano team 21-7, 21-18 as they were coming back in the second game.

Strandemo-Muehleisen reached the final over Bowes-Daku 21-12, 21-15 while Hadikin-Velan took the first game from Keeley-Drake 21-9 before losing 12 and 11 in a long match which held back a large gallery from the party on Saturday night.

In the finals, Strandemo's team applied pressure to Drake playing the left side and in spite of Keeley's fine court coverage, won 21-18, 21-10. Muehleisen was able to keep his opponents off balance with a fine ceiling game combined with a periodic overhead kill to the corner. This was backed up by superior forehand kills on the right side by Strandemo.

On the ladies' side, Peggy Steding continued her total domination of all challengers, never giving away more than five points in two games and defeating Jody Fry of Lethbridge in the finals.

In "B" singles Peggy was a contender as usual, losing in the quarterfinals to Denis Fonseca of Hartford, Conn. The same Canadians—John Robbins, Lindsey Myers and Keith Anderson—finished one-two-three in both open and closed events. Lindsey Myers of Vancouver won out over Keith Anderson, also of Vancouver,

in a tight battle in the semis while John Robbins of Edmonton took the measure of Fonseca 17-21, 21-8, 21-5. In the title event, Robbins lost the first game 8-21 before coming back strong taking the title 17 and 12.

"C" singles also saw a dual winner of open and closed in the person of Ron Kennedy of Edmonton, who ended up playing a lot of racquetball. He lost in the "B" category to eventual winner Robbins. Kennedy had a tough three-game semifinal win over Ron McNeill of St. John, New Brunswick, who won the "Most Wound-Up Player Award" for both wearing his watch during play and claiming his racquet was strung at 55 lbs. tension.

The sentimental favorite was 17-year-old John Moshides of Niagara Falls, N.Y., who weighs in at no more than 100 pounds with the barrel. John made it to the finals with a nerve-racking 21-17, 16-21, 21-20 win over Al Ross of Vancouver and then took Jerry McAllister 21-16, 21-11 in the semis only to lose to Kennedy 21-16, 12-21, 21-16.

Open singles winner Steve Keeley is congratulated by Jean-Paul Brisebois of Labatt Breweries, one of the tournament hosts. Below, left to right: Sid Schachter, Steve Keeley, Charlie Katz, Steve Strandemo, John Spencer, Charlie Drake, Jean-Paul Brisebois, Ivan Velan, Bud Muehleisen, Sim Eliasoph, John Leech (crouching), Dave Kozloff and Mike Romano.

Leech and Capozzi Win Masters

John Leech dominated the Open Masters singles division, never losing a game while defeating Herb Capozzi, Al Haider, Ken Wilson and finally Doug Cauld of Halifax. Bauld advanced with wins over Harvey Valiquette, owner of the Cataract Racquetball Club in Kingston; Marius Fortier of Quebec City, and Bud Leach, owner of Leach Industries, in the semifinals.

In the Canadian Closed, Herb Capozzi retained his top spot, defeating Al Haider and Ken Wilson, CRA treasurer, and then winning by default over Doug Bauld for the title. Bauld had to catch a plane but made an excellent showing in the tournament. Ken Wilson was third.

Senior Doubles was limited to Canadians. The Lethbridge team of Logan Tait-Tim Filuk overcame Al Haider and Roald Thompson of Re-

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Canadian Action

gina, Saskatchewan, 21-5, 21-8 in the top bracket while Howie Rankin, Tevie "Terrific" Smith won over Murdoch Cranston-Doug Bauld 21-9, 18-21, 21-15 in the bottom half. Tait-Filuk hung on in the final 21-5, 21-20 to best Rankin-Smith, while third place went to Haider-Thompson.

Tournament Sidelights: Overall, San Diego retained its U.S. "leading city" position, while in Canada that honor would now belong to Lethbridge, Alberta.

The tournament was national in scope for the first time with all provinces represented having at least five players, except for Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In light of this, plans were discussed to have a Canadian closed tournament at various locations in Canada with the Edmonton Klondike becoming the annual Canadian Open.

The party on Saturday night was highlighted by the impromptu appearance of Murdoch Cranston, who did a 10-minute impression of Dean

Martin's Mel Brooks, Fred Clairmont's dance choreography and repertoire, and the presentation to Lou Green, Racquet Club manager, of a magic bulb which "enabled him to see the light" regarding our game.

The tournament committee wants to thank all the participants for allowing us to host them and especially those who contributed to make the tournament possible—Cote de Liesse Racquet Club, Northwestern YMCA, Snowdon YMHA, Labatt Breweries, Vittert Sports, Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, S. Albert Oil Co., Pepsi Cola Co., Scott's Villa Du Poulet, Winnikoff Inc., Executive Coffee Service, and especially the International Racquetball Association.

Results in other Canadian Closed categories:

Women's Singles: Jody Fry def. Diane Clairmont, 21-9, 11-21, 21-9. Third: Lois Rea.

Men's Singles: Wayne Bowes def. Wes Hadikin, 21-6, 21-11. Third: Ivan Velan def. Bob Daku, 21-10, 7-21, 21-17.

Doubles: Bowes-Daku def. Hadikin-Velan, 21-

20, 13-21, 21-15.

Senior Singles: George Morfitt def. Tim Filuk, 21-17, 13-21, 21-15.

CONSOLATIONS

"A" Singles: Bill Contradow of Vancouver.
"B" Singles: Danny McCann of the host club.
"C" Singles: Paul Traver of Niagara Falls. **Senior Singles:** Hal Greig of Essex Junction, Vermont. **Masters Singles:** Sim Eliasoph also of the Cote de Liesse Racquet Club. **Ladies Singles:** Carol Cummings of Toronto.

Open Doubles: Myron Friedman and Steve Dubord of Maine. **Senior Doubles:** Bud MacKenzie and Roy Ferris of Vancouver.



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Manny Gregorio
Duncan Williams
Robert Speagle

"B" Singles

John Robbins
Lindsay Myers
Keith Anderson
Tom McIlveen
Ron Kennedy
Daniel McCann
Richard Beaulieu
Tevie Smith
Robert Eastman
John Klimsiak
George Thornhill
Lou Scheuer
Ray Paris

"C" Singles

Ron Kennedy
Al Ross
J. McAllister
Ronald McNeill
David Frasier
Hugh Calnes
Harry Moll
Nick Stadnyk
Dave Nichols
Dave Kozloff
Larry Kaplan
Jack Kay
Paul Henderson

Senior Singles

George Morfitt
Tim Filuk
Logan Tait
Howie Rankin
Roald Thompson
Murdoch Cranston
Tom McIlveen
Dale Pond
Stan Pisko
John Armstrong
Wayne Smith
Ronald McNeill

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Masters Singles

Herb Capozzi
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Ken Wilson
Al Haider
Norman Spector
Sim Eliasoph
Ivan Velan
Denise Valiquette
Phil Wiselberg
Marious Fortier
S. Shoham
M. Eichen

Women's Singles

Jody Fry
Diane Clairmont
Lois Rea
Monique Parent
Carol Cummings
Ellie Bell
Denise Valiquette
Anne Paris
Penny Velan
Judeen Hendrickson

Open Doubles

Bowes-Daku
Hadikin-Velan
Crawford-Van Riper
Contradow-Smyth
Myers-Williams
Caines-McAllister
Murray-McNeill
Sabourin-Moshenko
Schachter-Stupp
Scheuer-Eastman

Senior Doubles

Filuk-Tait
Rankin-Smith
Haider-Thompson
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But what about the player who cannot defeat an opponent who has beaten him in the past? Does this mean that he is not improving his skill or does it mean that his opponent is improving at a faster rate?

If there were a method to measure one's racquetball proficiency, the answer would be clear. Knowing that improvement is actually occurring might even prevent discouragement after constant defeat by bolstering a player with the hope that one day the tables will turn.

Although there are no standardized procedures to measure proficiency in racquetball, the following tests will provide you with tangible evidence of your progress in performing a particular racquetball skill. These tests currently are being used to measure the progress of students in racquetball classes at New Mexico State University and have demonstrated a high degree of accuracy based on round-robin tournament play.

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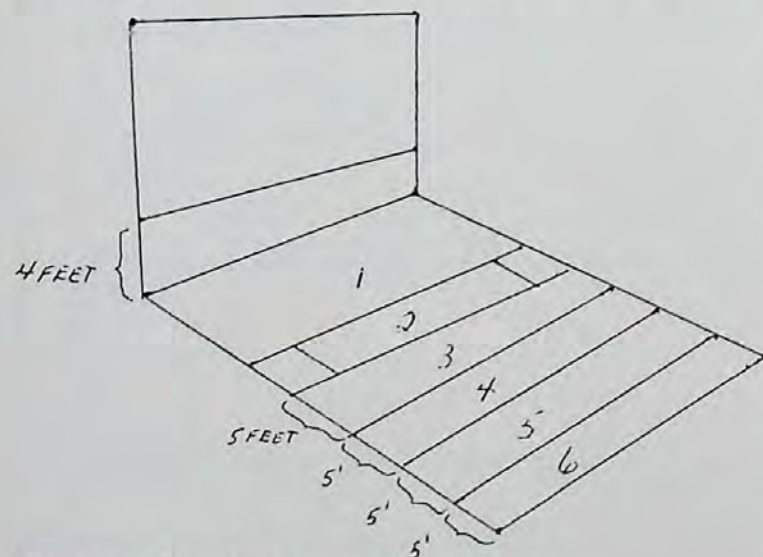


Diagram No. 1: Power Drive Test

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The 60-Second Rally Test

Procedure: The contestant begins by taking a position behind the short line. When the timer says "Go", the player drops the ball to the floor and hits it continuously for 60 seconds to the front wall. The ball must rebound far enough for the player to remain behind the short line. In case the ball fails to return, the player may step in front of the short line to strike it. However, he must return behind the short line for the next stroke. If the player misses the ball or it goes astray, the scorer hands the player another ball immediately and play is continued. A point is recorded each time the ball strikes the front wall when the player hits the ball from in back of the short line. The object is to score as many points as possible within the time period allotted. Three trials should be taken and the average of the three are recorded. During this test *both the forehand and backhand strokes* may be used.

The 60-Second Backhand Rally Test

Procedure: This test is similar to the 60-Second Rally Test except that points are recorded only when the ball is contacted with a backhand stroke behind the short line. (Administer like the 60-Second Rally Test.)

The Power Drive Test

Procedure: The floor of the racquetball court is divided into six areas from the front wall to the back wall as shown in No. 1. Each area is marked numerically according to difficulty with the easiest area numbered one and the hardest six. To start, the player stands in the service zone and lobs the ball up to the front wall approximately shoulder height. After the ball rebounds from the front wall, the player lets it bounce and then hits it. The ball after being hit must travel to the front wall and strike it below a line four feet above the floor. If the ball strikes the wall above the line a score of zero is recorded for that trial. Ten strokes are attempted with the forehand and ten from the backhand for each trial. Three trials are given and the average score recorded.

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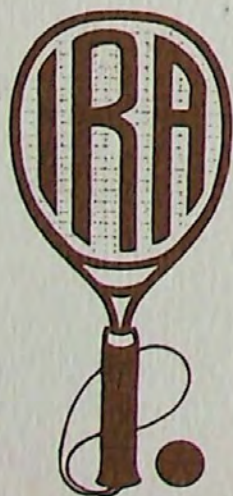
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