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By Alan Shetzer

The 1979-80 Pro Racquetball Season will be an interesting one. Excluding Marty Hogan, who is heads and tails better than anyone, there are no other dominant players.

The old guys are in trouble..... Keeley, Serot, Strandemo, Zeitman, Jones, Bledsoe, even Brumfield. New guys are coming and coming fast and the existing structures (see ranking elsewhere) will be substantially changed by next years Nationals.

The transformation would even be quicker if the current qualifying system were changed to a more equitable one. Qualifiers will roll into Lombard, Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. These players will then have to play at least two and probably three hard matches Thursday morning. Four matches in 24 hours is just too physically grueling. The qualifying event could be spread out over the length of the tournament and those qualifying



Robert W. Kendler

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'For Quality Tournaments' Triple-S New Owner of 'R. T.'

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to announce that RACQUETBALL TODAY has been purchased by Triple-S Promotions (S/S/S), or, for all practical purposes, Al Shetzer, Phil Simborg and Tom Street.

We are firmly convinced that because of the combination of our personal talents, our close affiliation with USRA/NRC, our many personal contacts and friendships with top racquetball personalities around the country, and most of all, our direct friendship and involvement with the players in Illinois who have supported us throughout the years, that we will be able to provide Illinois with a high quality of tournaments and events, and a newspaper that will be unrivaled anywhere else in the country.

WE HEREBY PLEDGE TO YOU, the players, to put your interests and welfare above all other considerations, both in the content of this paper and in the running of our tournaments. Won't you help us? Give us your ideas, constructive criticism, moral support, patience, and loyalty.

Al Shetzer
Phil Simborg
Tom Street Publishers

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, we formed Triple-S to promote sanctioned racquetball tournaments in Illinois. The three of us have already been promoting racquetball thru our volunteer work in the Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA), and will continue to do so **WHOLEHEARTEDLY**, but due to a variety of factors, we found it necessary to form a private corporation to ensure the **PLAYERS** of a reasonable number of fair, high quality sanctioned tournaments. We also realized the necessity of providing racquetball news and information thru a newspaper that was **not** controlled by a direct competitor, and hence our involvement with RACQUETBALL TODAY.



JAN DIENGOTT

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We, the publishers of this newspaper, are proud to introduce our new Editor, Ms. Jan Diengott. In addition to her responsibilities as Editor of this paper, Ms. Diengott is a regular columnist for the Star Newspapers. Her "By-Line to Beauty" column has appeared regularly for the past seven years and subject range from the latest in fashion to one that appeared back in 1976 on, what else, but racquetball!

THOUGH NOT A RACQUETBALL REGULAR, Jan is an adept tennis player and may soon find herself one of the many converts. We were extremely impressed not only with Jan's writing and athletic abilities, but her ability to communicate with people, and have therefore put her totally in charge of the makeup and promotion of the paper, as well as the production and content.

Jan was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and grew up in Kansas City and Denver. She was graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree with specialty in teaching high school-level social sciences and physical education.

After college Jan flew for a short time as a stewardess for United Air Lines and then became a stewardess instructor, then, the Head Appearance Counselor. In the latter capacity she set up bases at each stewardess residence in various cities for grooming standards and training in appearance.

Throughout school and her career, Jan has modeled professionally doing runaway, catalog, and television work. In her free time she enjoys jazz dancing, tennis, racquetball, and activities involving her two children, Andy 10, and Aimee, 9.

Ms. Diengott lives in South-Suburban Flossmoor and will office out of the RACQUETBALL TODAY headquarters in Posen, IL. She brings to the paper not only her personal ideas as to how a truly high quality paper should be put together and run, and has been assured the complete control and cooperation of the publishers.

WE WELCOME Ms. Diengott to the paper and to the exciting world of racquetball.

The Publishers

Racquetball Today Takes on New Look

The first thing Al, Phil and Tom asked me to do upon hiring me was to read through the past issues of RACQUETBALL TODAY and give them my impressions and ideas on the paper. I thought you might be interested . . .

On the positive side - I thought the writers were generally excellent. It was obvious that they know their subjects well, took great pains to do research, and most of them have a real flair for putting their thoughts down on paper in an interesting manner. You'll see that we have continued to use most of the same writers

Also on the positive side, the paper had a sense of humor, human interest, and good, fun articles. Racquetball is, after all, played for fun and enjoyment as well as for exercise and competition, and it's important that one does not get too serious or lose one's sense of humor and perspective. As you will see by articles such as those by Tom Grobmisi, we are not afraid to poke a little fun at ourselves and the racquetball community in total.

On the negative side - the paper did lack continuity and organization (which is understandable from a relatively new publication). Tournament results and scheduling were often incomplete or spotty; there was no regular pattern to the layout of the paper; and the distribution of the paper itself was erratic. Further, the physical layout of the paper needed improvement.

RACQUETBALL TODAY, under its new ownership and directorship, will have a different look. We are going to wider columns and larger print size to make the paper easier on the eyes. I've instituted procedures for club owners and tournament promoters to get us their "Tour of the Courts" information and tournament results on time. Through the ISRA we are getting more updated and accurate schedules and we are revising our procedures to see that the paper comes out on time and is distributed properly. Shortly, we'll be adding some new and exciting writers.

Most importantly, we are going to be super-sensitive to reader feedback and remain flexible in our approach. What we do need is your ideas and your help. We need "workers" who will help us coordinate information that comes in about tournaments and events. We need people to help cover tournaments, take pictures, do interviews and write articles. If you have talent, interest, ideas or all three, let us know . . . **we need you.**

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Letters

Dear Racquetball Today;

I think your paper is great! You really report racquetball news, most of your articles are really interesting, and you have the good taste to put in some good, clean humor which is fun to read. People take racquetball too seriously - it's just a game and you should be able to laugh about it!

My sister has a pet duck. It makes a lot of noise. I think Tom Grobmisi is really, really funny! Please don't print this.

Sincerely,
Art Mitty - Aurora

Dear Editor;

What the #?& do I have to do to get one of my letters published in you &#?ing paper? I've written you four times with ideas on racquetball and you've treated me like +&#*.

Anyway, I just wanted you to know that I think it's really great that you people were finally able to get the pro's to Chicago. If the people of Chicago want to see top level racquetball they've got to earn it by buying tickets and entering the tournament. If we can show "the big shots" that they can make more money by having tournaments here, they'll have more tournaments here.

Ah, © *¶&, you won't print this anyway.

Joe [as in Blow?]

Discover Dope at Top Tournament

By Tom Grobmisi

It was Friday evening, the beginning of a major racquetball tournament last month, and as I entered the men's locker room to dress for my first match I immediately saw him standing in the corner: Henry Tillman, one of the biggest dopes I've ever known in my entire life!

"What are you doing here?" he asked me as I stood there with my racquetball bag in one hand and tournament-information sheet in the other. Unable to stop myself, I replied, "Oh, I just thought I'd catch up on a little reading."

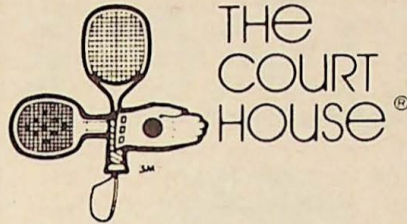
Of course, that went right over poor Henry's head, and he went on to explain how HE was there for the racquetball tournament. It was then and there that I realized that I loved Henry! That I loved all racquetball players! That I loved just being part of the game and playing with all different kinds of people!

I put my arm around Henry's shoulders and said, "Good luck Henry...hope you win." Henry smiled. It made me feel good.

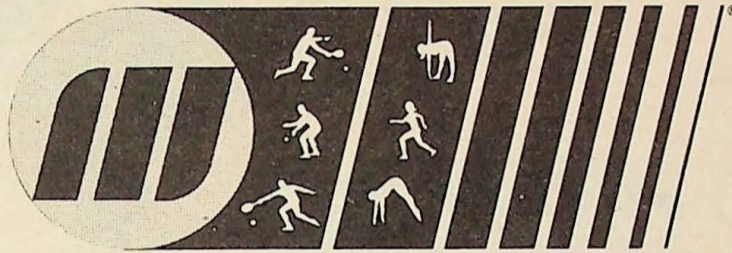
I went on to lose my first match. That made me real mad. I'll never be nice to Henry again.

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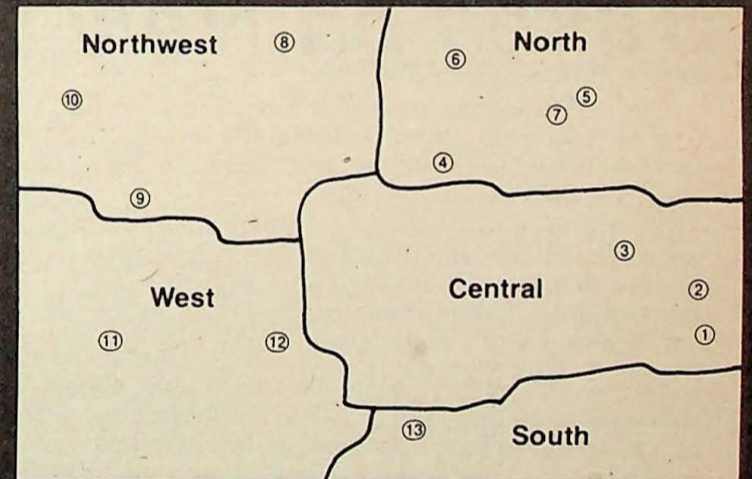
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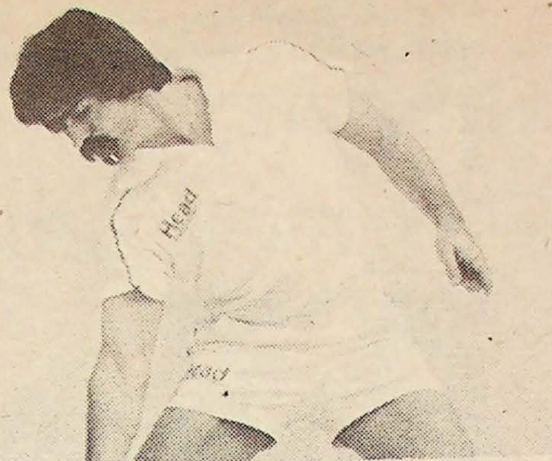
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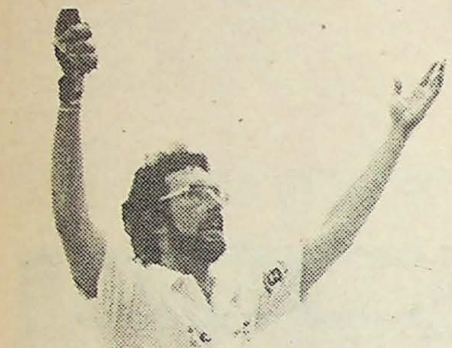
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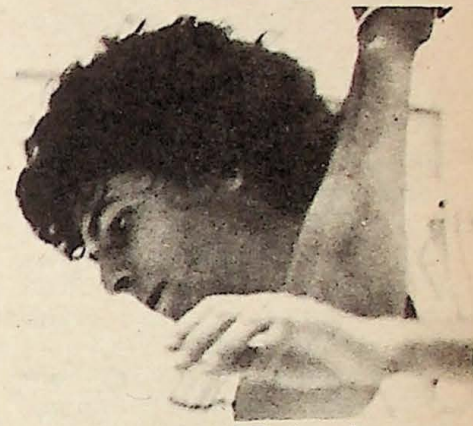
4 Richard Wagner



8 Charlie Brumfield



3 Mike Yellen



10 David Fleetwood

Pro's Coming

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should be placed in the following month's tournament.

Who are these new guys? Mike Yellen, Ben Koltun, Dave Peck and David Fleetwood, Lindsay Myers, started the movement towards the end of last season. Watch for Bobby Bolan, Scott Hawkins, John Egerman, Larry Meyers.....

The change in the Women's ranks will not be as fast. Three of the qualifiers at the Nationals were new this year. There are not many good young women players coming thru the ranks. The best newcomer, Heather McKaye is pushing 35 but will probably challenge for the number one spot as soon as she learns the game. (Ms. McKaye is the world's best female squash player).

Who will win at Lombard?....I wouldn't bet against Hogan and Wright. Wagner, Yellen and Peck will come close but Brumfield will surprise everyone and make the finals.

Wright will regain her form and should walk away with the crown, pressed by Harding, Marriott and McKay.

The Top players look like this:

1 MARTY HOGAN, St. Louis, 1-22-58, right handed, 1978 and 79 National Championship. Hogan is the game's premier player. His offensive method of play, the so called serve and shoot style, has become *the* way to play. His shots have been timed at 142 mph. Besides the power he can kill from anywhere on the court, forehand and backhand, and must be considered the odds on favorite in any tournament. When he's on his game

he is awesome. His only fault seems to be lack of concentration. -either he is so far ahead that he relaxes, or he doesn't come ready to play and must come from behind. Only player with the ability to turn it on at will.

2 JERRY HILECHER, St. Louis, 7-20-54...right handed, sponsored by Ektelon. One of the original serve and shooters, Hilecher became famous for his power serves. Still one of the feared power players because his backhand has developed the consistency of his forehand. Has ability to top the best, and his retrieving takes a back seat to no one. One of the game's best divers. Consistent game produced solidly number two ranking after years of bouncing around top eight. Has proven he can top all but Hogan. Plays best under pressure. A referee's nightmare.

3 MIKE YELLEN, Detroit, 2-3-60... right handed, sponsored by Ektelon, 1979 Rookie-of-the-Year winner who finished fast taking 3rd in the nationals. Plays a control game with plenty of wide angle passing shots and only percentage shooting. Became a major factor last season and fast finishes moved his ranking high. Although young, one of the tour's smartest players.

4 RICHARD WAGNER, Paterson, NJ. 2-11-56... right handed, sponsored by Leach. Wagner likes to play the serve and shoot game, but lacks a consistent first serve to really take advantage. He makes up for it, though, with his retrieving ability - likes to play a running game. Best shot is back wall forehand kill. He's come a long way in the past few years, with backhand only question. Will shoot forehand to front right corner along with deceiving cross court pass.

STEVE STRANDEMO, San Diego, 3-4-48...right handed, sponsored by Head. A control player all the way, Strandemo shocked the tour by capturing the 1978 season's opener in St. Louis, dumping Hogan in the 16's, McCoy in the quarters, Wagner in the semi's and Hilecher in the finals. big win and a boost for the control game.

DAVID PECK, El Paso, TX. 11-21-56... right handed, sponsored by Wilson. Burly rookie who broke into prominence with semi-final finish in February's Coors Classic followed two months later with another semi-final at the Robert W. Kendler Classic. Has devastating power and serves to complement his booming forehand kills. Confidence can only improve his game.

BEN KOLTUN, St. Louis, 2-3-58... Right handed, sponsored by Leach. The first National juniors champion (1975) has improved each season to his current rank. He's a serve and shoot player, with a hedge toward control. Main strong points are quickness and ability to shoot off balance. Pet shots include backhand wide pinch and back wall forehand kill. Tough serves which include best deception on tour. Likes to cut off power drives on the fly. Difficult draws last season probably kept ranking from being higher. Stamina problems in tie-breaker seem to be behind him.

8 CHARLIE BRUMFIELD, San Diego, 6-9-48...Right handed, sponsored by Leach, 1975, 1976 National Championship. When winning his titles (two amateur National championships in the pre-professional days) Brumfield set the standard of play in the control method. i.e., placement first, power second. he's known as a mastermind on the

court who can think his way out of as many situations as he can shoot his way out. At 30 he usually gives away 8-10 years each time out. Crowd pleaser, but recent illness could affect his performance. Was strong finalist last year but would need to reach way back to come on this time.

9 CRAIG MCCOY, Riverside, CA. 2-20-57... Left handed, sponsored by Leach. This smooth southpaw made big strides. Has the power and control to play even the best. Excellent variety of hard serves, especially Z's. Biggest problem still concentration, which has plagued his career. Has all the physical tools but seems lazy at times, trying to make it look easy. If he ever works hard, it will be hard to beat him.

10 DAVEY BLEDSOE, Kingsport, TN. 3-5-51... Right handed, sponsored by Wilson. A power player and 1977 National Champ. The championship burden is off his shoulders and his game has picked up because of it. The intensity and forehand corner kills are back. Speed and quick hands still his strong points, - it's almost impossible to pass him cross court. Major weakness a tendency to be too aggressive on serve return - causing free points for opponent when backhand is off.

10 DAVID FLEETWOOD, Memphis, TN. 4-22-57... Right handed, sponsored by Ektelon. A young serve and shooter who has come out of the pack to emerge as the tour's number 10 ranked player. Superb second half of last season, led by vastly improved backhand and surge of confidence. Quickness and natural ability should lead to great future with forehand shooting providing the base of repertoire.

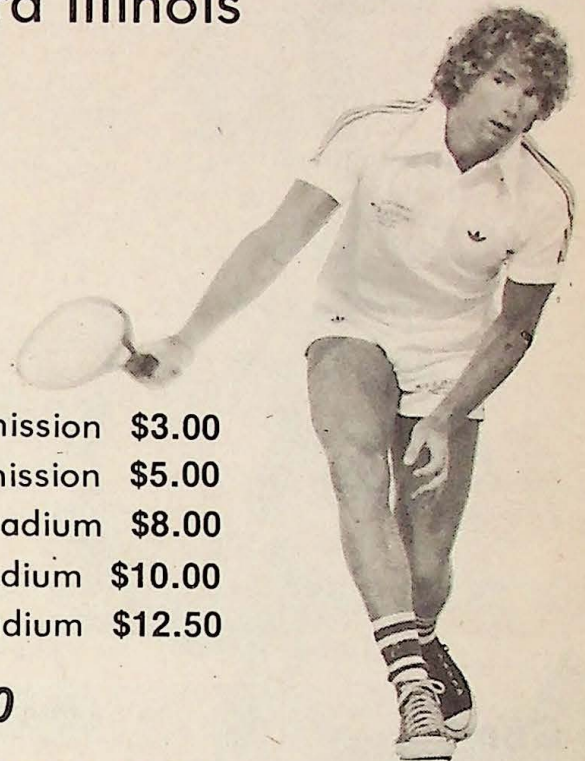
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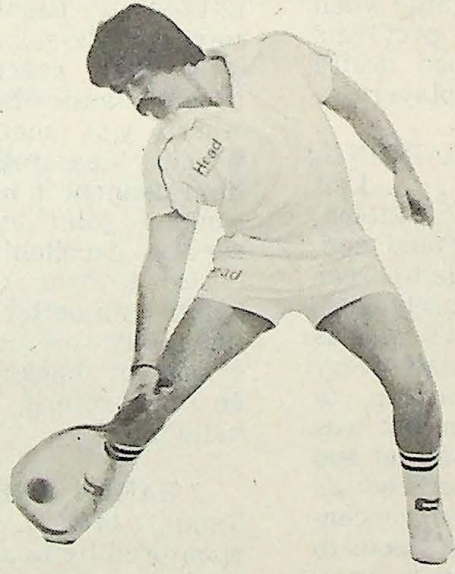
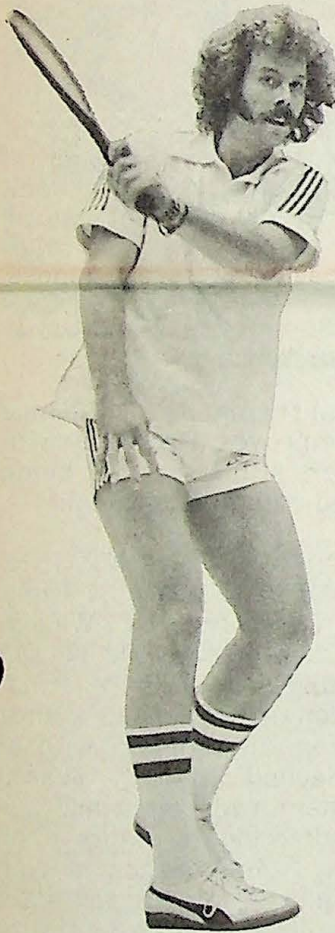


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September 27	Pro Round of 32 & 16	General Admission	\$5.00
September 28	Quarter Finals	Stadium	\$8.00
September 29	Semi-Finals	Stadium	\$10.00
September 30	Finals	Stadium	\$12.50

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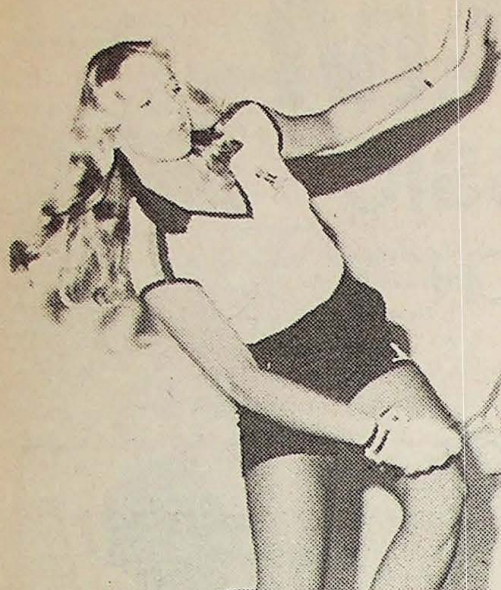
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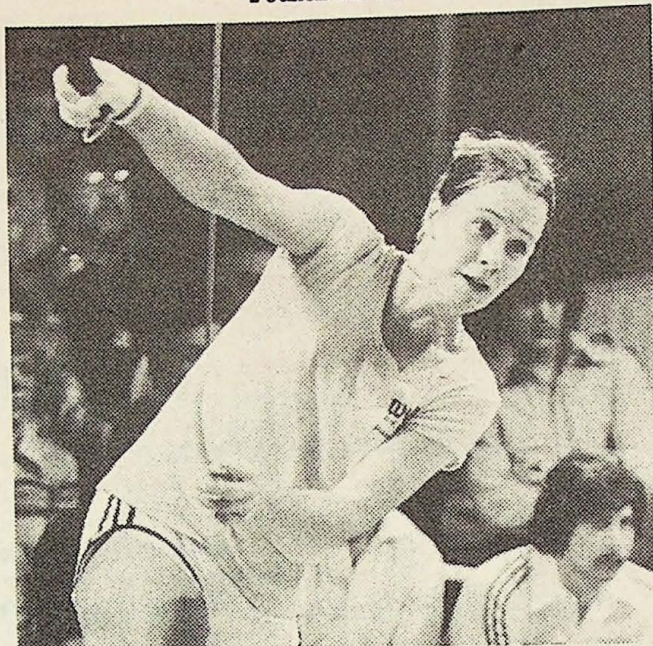
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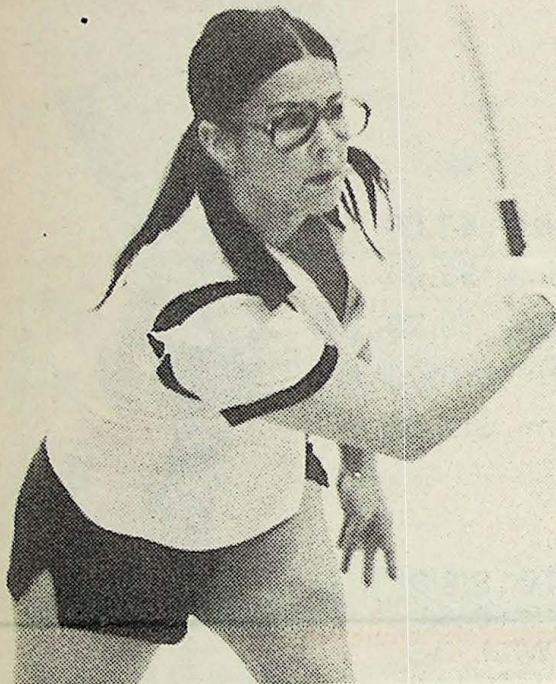
1 Shannon Wright



9 Linda Prefontaine



7 Sarah Green



6 Rita Hoff



10 Peggy Steding



8 Jean Sauser



4 Jennifer Harding

1 SHANNON WRIGHT, Las Vegas, Nev., 9-11-56 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Wilson. Power player serve and shoot after two year apprenticeship in the control style. Biggest booster is desire to win. Can shoot from anywhere and tends to dominate opponents. Head and shoulders above the rest. If in shape is almost unbeatable. Simply the best there is.

2 JANELL MARRIOTT, Salt Lake City, Utah, 12-13-52 . . . Power player with big serve. Likes to shoot forehand and showed marked improvement in overall game toward end of 77-78 season. Is only player to seriously threaten Wright. Has overcome inability to win close matches and should continue to improve. Finally entered the winner's circle late in the season and renewed confidence makes her more than ordinary threat. Still must be on best game to challenge Wright.

3 MARCI GREER, San Diego, Calif., 3-21-55 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Ektelon. One of the new breed serve and shooters, whose game has come a long way in a short period of time. Took second place last year in two early stops. Needs to crank up the big forehand kills and drive

serves that mark her game when on. Tender right knee problems seem behind her. Good desire and one of more vocal players.

4 JENNIFER HARDING, Portland, Ore., 7-6-51 . . . Left handed, sponsored by Ektelon. Combination of power and control; likes to shoot the left corner with her forehand. Rarely goes out earlier than semi's and is true threat to reach finals every time out. Was runner-up to Wright in '78 Nationals, but was never in match. Has had up and down season. Keeps her cool as well as any player and concentration one of her allies. Needs to kill with her backhand to truly threaten.

4 KARIN WALTON, San Clement, Calif., 5-2-56 . . . Right handed, second year on tour, sponsored by Leach, career pro victories — none. Plays good overall game, combining serve and shoot with control. Concentration biggest asset — rarely gets shook. Was '77 National Amateur champ and upset winner at the '79 Nationals. Seems to lack the quickness in court coverage of some of her opponents, but surely has the game to go far. Plays well under pressure.

6 RITA HOFF, St. Louis, Mo.,

12-15-50 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Ektelon. Power player who finally reached the finals, (Coors Classic) but like so many others, was unable to stop the Wright steamroller. Consistent improvement in last year has her ranking solid top eight. Good serves, excellent intensity and desire to win. Court coverage better with better physical condition. Only serious problem is inconsistent backhand, primarily on serve return. Wants the forehand kill.

7 SARAH GREEN, Memphis, Tenn., 1-14-57 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Leach. Primarily a control player who, like Sauser, has come on strong in the second half of the season. A former top four ranked player, her re-entry into the top eight signals she may not be through yet. Biggest problem is lack of aggressiveness both in nature and shot selection. Good stamina but has trouble with power players.

8 JEAN SAUSER, Portland, Ore., 9-23-50 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Ektelon. Control player learning to mix it up with as much power as possible. Good second half boosted ranking to top six and confidence level never higher. Extremely active and vocal on the court, but relaxation

ability improving as confidence in shots improves. Problems with hard hitters still there, but being minimized with good control.

9 LINDA PREFONTAINE, Eugene, Ore., 11-5-53 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Wilson. Just finished her rookie season after taking second in '78 Amateur Nationals. Been year's most outstanding newcomer without doubt. Second half of season boosted her to top eight and has great dedication to improve on that. Plays combination of control and power, but biggest asset is brains coupled with intensity. Lacks experience but rapidly gaining.

10 PEGGY STEDING, Odesa, Tex., 4-17-36 . . . Right handed, sponsored by Vittert, career pro victories — 14 including National Championships in 1975, 1976. Former champ slipped out of top eight for first time in career as the woes of passing years spread doubt on her professional future. Power still is her game, but the zip in the wrist and legs just not what it used to be. Fly shooting has suffered with abundance of glass walls. Still smart as ever with knowledge of all the shots and situations. Won the title in '75 and '76 and was second in '77.

Choosing Your Tournament

By Bob Smendrick

For Chicago, Amateur racquetball tournaments have arrived! One need only look at the tournament schedule in this paper to see that there's a tournament almost every weekend, and one thing is for sure: if you play in all of them, you'll be dead inside of three months! Therefore, it is necessary to pick and choose which tournament to enter. Unfortunately, many people simply enter the tournament closest to where they

live. Certainly, proximity and accessibility should be considered, but there are some other things I think you should look at in planning your tournament participation.

IS THE TOURNAMENT SANCTIONED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION? Presently, in Illinois, the 3000 member ISRA is the only effective sanctioning body. When a tournament is sanctioned you are assured that the tournament promoters have

agreed to provide certain prizes, hospitality, and most important, safeguards for player's rights. The ISRA provides computerized player rankings, protection against "sandbaggers," physical materials to help control the tournament, direct advice and help in setting up the tournament to see that it runs smoothly and fairly, and help at the tournament to see that there is good officiating and supervision for the protection of player's rights. If the tournament is unsanctioned, you are totally at the promoter's mercy in these areas, and even if the

promoter has good intentions, he seldom has the personnel and materials to carry them out.

WHO IS THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR? Who is promoting the tournament? Have you ever heard of them before? Are they experienced? Ask your friends, club pro, or the more experienced players if they know anything about the promoters. Do they know how to run a tournament and if so, do they have a reputation for being fair and honest?

WHERE IS THE TOURNAMENT BEING HELD? Is the club set up

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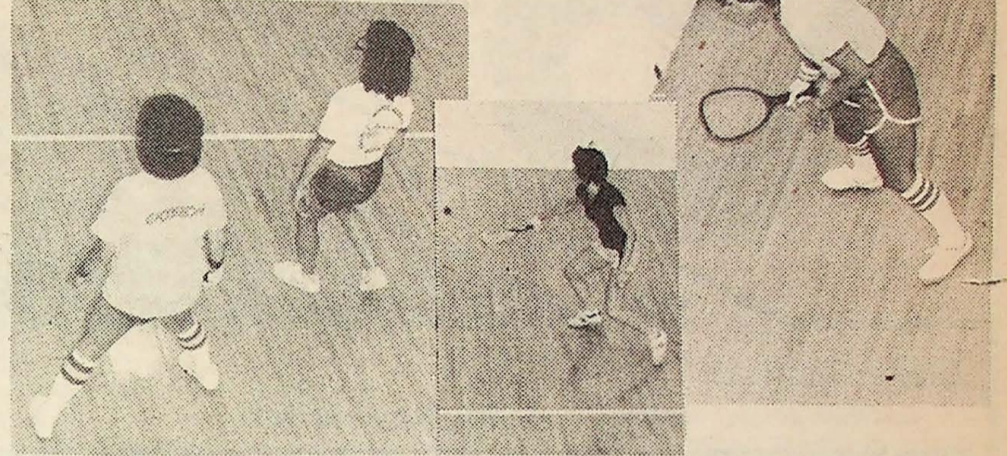
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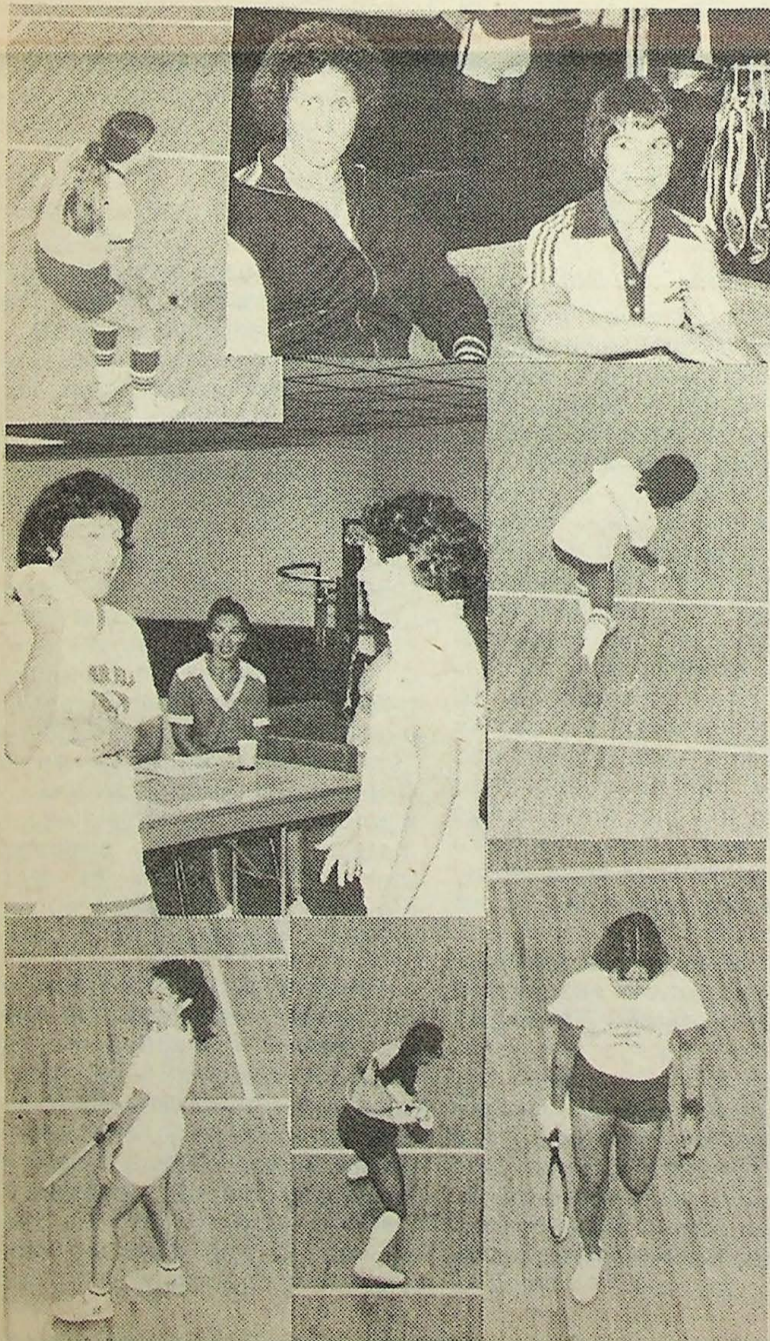


Keebler Elf and friend Diane Gabrisko

KEEBLER WOMEN'S OPEN RESULTS
 Open: 1st—Glenda Young; 2nd—Sue Carow; Cons.—Sue Prishing
 A: 1st—Coleen Shields; 2nd—Linda Schwartz; Cons.—Nola Ward
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 C: 1st—Sue Varichak; 2nd—Pam Targon; Cons.—Lou Ann Wilson
 D: 1st—Nancy Schutz; 2nd—Linda Shafer; Cons.—Randy Cohan
 Novice: 1st—Barb Chamberlain; 2nd—Kelly Swanson; Cons.—Mary DeLorenzo
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Keebler Women's Open Scores Huge Success



The 4th Annual Keebler Women's Open, the largest women's only sanctioned tournament, was held recently at the Northbrook Court House where a record number of 223 women participated. Competition level was judged high and intense.

The Open division final was closely watched for it matched Glenda Young, the reigning two-time Illinois state champion against her perennial rival, Sue Carow, the USRA's national women's senior division titleholder. Young, who has defeated Carow in the finals of the Illinois state tournament the past two years, made it three in a row with a 21-13, 21-10 win.

Bev Franks, who dominated Illinois women's racquetball until Young moved to Chicago, served notice that she was a competitor to be reckoned with in future senior events, defeating Illinois state senior division titleholder, Hope Schwartz, 21-16, 18-21; 11-6. Kelly Swanson took second place in the Novice division, losing to Barbara Chamberlain of Evanston, 21-12, 21-19. Pam Prina took third in the Open division.

"We're quite pleased with the results of the Open," said Michael Aarons, Group Product Manager for the Keebler Company. "We plan to sponsor the tournament again next year, perhaps taking it to other cities if the interest warrants it," he continued.



ISRA

ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION

NEWS



RACQUETBALL NEWS
FROM THROUGHOUT ILLINOIS

Diane Gabrisko

Editor — ISRA Newsletter

Dear ISRA Member:

The 1979-80 season is off to a good start.

On August 23rd, a new constitution was adopted which completely re-vamped our old constitution. (Major changes listed elsewhere).

THE CHANGES will aid the running of the association, allow the players greater participation and voice in the day to day running of things.

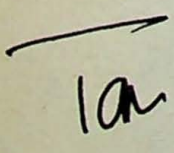
The merger of the Chicagoland Racquetball League and the Metropolitan League into one, under our guidance, will improve competition in all brackets, cut traveling time and allow players of all skill levels to compete.

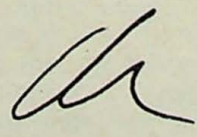
We have been working hard with tournament directors and have lined up numerous sanctioned events for you to play in. The tournament director of every tournament listed on our schedule had cleared his date with the tournament committee to avoid conflicting with others.

We will not list tournaments that have not cleared their date and ask that you do not support any event not listed on the schedule. Conflicting tournaments only hurt the player; the draw is split and instead of having two tournaments to play in, you get only one.

The first stop of the N.R.C. Pro Tournament will be held September 26 through the 30th. The refereeing committee is working on assignments for all matches. Please contact Phil Simborg if you want to volunteer your help.

Our annual meeting will be held at the Louis Zahn Data Service, 1920 George Street, Melrose Park, Illinois.


Thomas R. Street
President


Alan M. Shetzer
Secretary-Treasurer

From the Editor . . .

ISRA keeps growing! And because of this, it's getting more and more difficult to keep the members informed about the Association, committee meetings, programs, clinics, changes in procedures and rules, and the countless happenings in Illinois racquetball. Printing and mailing the ISRA newsletter separately to a membership of over 3,000 is costly. Fortunately, the publishers of Racquetball Today have donated space in this paper.

It is our hope that this newsletter will assist the officers and directors of ISRA in communicating with the membership, and give the members an opportunity to voice their opinions and suggestions. If you have a question or comment, or if you wish to volunteer your time to the Illinois State Racquetball Association, please write to me at P. O. Box D, Posen, Illinois 60469. We want to hear from you!

ISRA Adopts New By-Laws

By Diane Gabrisko

A meeting of the Illinois State Racquetball Association was held at Killshot Thursday night, August 23rd., for the purpose of adopting a new set of By-Laws for the association. According to President, Tom Street, "The original By-Laws were drafted when we had less than 200 members and there just a handful of tournaments a year. Now that we have over 3000 members, and there are racquetball tournaments, leagues and events going on constantly we found it necessary to approach the promotion and control of the sport in a more realistic and practical way." Mr. Street appointed Phil Simborg to Chair the By-Laws Committee, and the committee's recommendations were accepted by the membership with a few minor revisions.

The basic changes in the structure and working of the Association were summarized by Mr. Simborg as follows:

- 1) The day to day operation and control of the Association was put into the hands of the officers and Board of Directors. Officers and Board members are elected by the membership to serve 2-year terms.
- 2) The officers have been expanded to take in four "Zone Vice

Presidents, each representing their respective areas of the State (North, Central, South and West). The coordination of the officers is left to the President, and his assistant, the Executive Vice President.

- 3) Due to the enormous scope of activities in racquetball in Illinois, the basic trust of the Association is away from running and promoting tournaments and events itself, but instead, the Association will use its efforts to educate the players; set up guidelines for the protection of player's rights in tournaments, leagues, etc.; set up procedures to help eliminate conflicts; set up a Grievance committee to hear complaints about the individuals, promoters, and private corporations that may be guilty of abusing players' rights and to take necessary action to prevent future abuses.

Officials of the USRA have often written and stated that the ISRA is its finest, most active, and most efficient state affiliate, and the reason for this, according to Mr. Street, is "due to the enormous efforts of the officers, board members, and committee chairmen; and we have simply revised the By-Laws to make it easier for those willing to work to do their job."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ISRA FROM TERRY FANCHER, NATIONAL COORDINATOR, USRA.

When people are speaking of amateur racquetball associations, the one most mentioned is the ILLINOIS STATE RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION. The ISRA represents what a USRA affiliate should be, and organized body working with the national association in a cooperative manner to strengthen the sport. Much of the success of the ISRA can be credited to the relentless efforts of state chairmen Tom Street and Alan Shetzer, whose organizational ability and expertise in promotion and tournament management have led to countless accomplishments in the field of racquetball.

Just over three years ago, the ISRA hosted the first Midwest State Chairmen's Meeting. This led to the formation of the USRA and the state affiliate program. Since then, the ISRA has initiated programs which have ultimately been adopted by the USRA. Seamco and Leach Industries were acquired as sponsors, and because of ISRA support, complimentary balls and shirts were provided for all sanctioned tournaments. The ISRA was the major consultant for the new plastic USRA state affiliate membership which is now computerized. The computer services of Zahn Data Service were also acquired as a direct result of the ISRA membership listings.

The Illinois State Racquetball Association, under the direction of Tom Street and Alan Shetzer, hosted the largest individual state racquetball championships in the history of racquetball in 1978. The use of walkie-talkies initiated a communications system later used at professional events to help tournaments run smoothly and efficiently. The development of the Illinois State Referees Committee also the first of its kind, has led to more consistency in rules and refereeing, a substantial benefit to all racquetball players. In addition, the ISRA Constitution and By-Laws have been a model for numerous state charters. The growing ISRA membership, now in excess of 3000, accounts for one-tenth of the membership of the USRA.

Due to the tremendous amount of personal effort and involvement of Tom Street and Alan Shetzer, the very best and most prosperous USRA affiliate exists right here in the Midwest. If the new elections for ISRA officers produces any new names in leadership, what the membership should realize is that the true pioneers of organized amateur racquetball have been at work right here in their own back yard. The leadership of Tom and Al, combined with the energetic and dedicated assistance of the various committees, has made for a tremendous opportunity for participation, competition and good fun. ISRA stands as an example of what can ultimately be achieved. The Illinois State Racquetball Association is the undisputed model of excellence in volunteer racquetball associations.

About Those Visors

The following article, written by Terry Fancher, entitled, "Referee Committee Helps Solve Problems," appeared in the August 1979, issue of **NATIONAL RACQUETBALL**, and is reprinted with permission of the publisher.

The problem that creates most animosity among players in racquetball relates to refereeing. This applies especially to tournament matches, but - as pointed out quite accurately in Phil Simborg's article in this section - the majority of the matches in racquetball are played without an official presiding. Therefore this situation regarding rules of the game and their application has become a major topic of discussion.

To help get rid of this dilemma the Illinois State Racquetball Association, under the direction of Tom Street and Alan Shetzer, appointed a true devotee of the rules to head up a committee to tackle this problem. Phil Simborg, who had helped draft some rule changes for the United States Handball Association while a student at the University of Texas, is chairman of the new committee and has made remarkable progress in one short year.

Beginning with some able volunteers from the general membership Simborg called several meetings to organize, educate, and create a general understanding of the rules so this nucleus of workers could supervise the vast number of matches at sanctioned ISRA tournaments. The plan was to always have capable people to make rule interpretations to take some of the burden off of the tournament director and generally assist the quality of refereeing for all players in these events.

The committee members took a multiple choice examination, dealing specifically with the rules in terms of general as well as exact knowledge. Many were surprised to find that they did not know as much as they thought they knew about the rules. After the exam all answers were explained and discussed in detail and the entire rule book was dissected. The USRA even discovered some mistakes and contradictions to be corrected in future printings of the rule book.

To distinguish themselves and become recognize at tournaments the referee committeemen had colorful visors designed with the ISRA insignia. In this way all participants can find a person with the ISRA visor for an official, on-the-spot ruling. After matches referees who were tentative in their calls, or who needed some friendly critiquing, were free to discuss certain topics with officials. Also signs repeating the interpretation of troublesome rules or common misinterpretations were posted at the floor manager's desk for all to see at each event.

The person who attended the

most tournaments and spent the most time instructing people was none other than Phil Simborg. Every week you could observe him discussing rules and interpretations with countless people. The end result is that Illinois has a more educated referee and player who can not only protect himself to some degree from incorrect calls, but who can also teach others what he or she knows instead of sulking after a loss and claiming "there were too many bad calls!"

Dear Terry;

On behalf of the ISRA's Referees Committee, please accept my thanks for your complimentary remarks and for the recognition of our efforts. What you did not mention in your article is that your personal involvement, along with Dan Bertolucci's help, was one of the main motivating factors that got the committee going in the first place. We, in Illinois, appreciate your efforts, and that of the entire USRA, on behalf of amateur racquetball.

Phil Simborg

Referee Meeting Held

A meeting of the ISRA's Referee Committee was held Thursday, August 24th, at Killshot, Ltd. in Bloomingdale. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

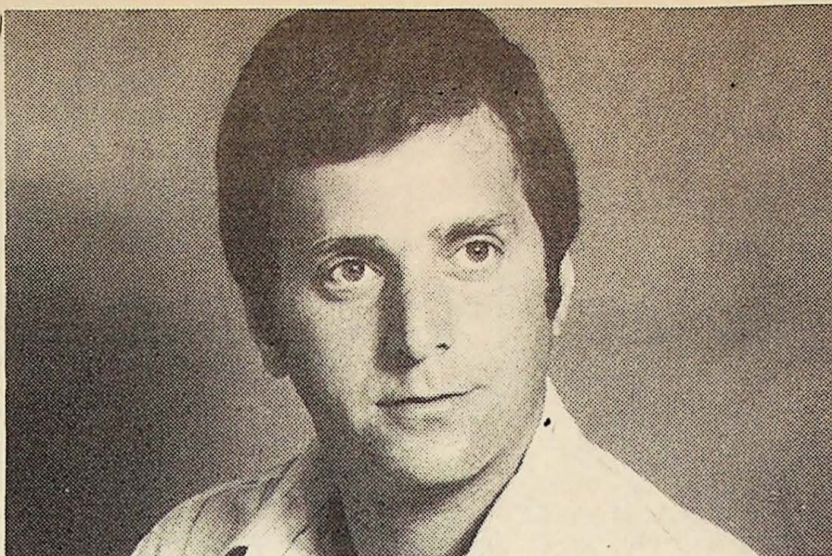
Committee Chairman Phil Simborg brought up many topics for discussion including the new rules adopted by the USRA. The Committee agreed to adopt and use the new rules, taking care not to be too strict until the players have had a chance to get used to the changes. Further, the committee voted to limit warmup time to 10 minutes from the time the players are assigned a court. Players taking longer than 10 minutes will be subject to receiving technicals (requiring them to begin the first game with a negative score), and flagrant violators will be forfeited by the tournament director or an official.

Dan Bertolucci was on hand to discuss the USRA's changes and plans for the rules. Dan complimented the ISRA Referee Committee on what it has accomplished, and stated that both the committee and the ISRA organization "serve as a model for the rest of the country, and Phil, Tom and Al, and the rest of the committee and volunteers are to be commended for their fine service."

John R. Greene was appointed Co-Chairman of the committee and will work with Phil Simborg to continue the committee's work.

Referee's Corner

By Phil Simborg



New USRA Rules

BY PHIL SIMBORG

The United State Racquetball Association has announced six rule changes that will **immediately affect players** in all ISRA/USRA Sanctioned tournaments. For your reference, following is a description of those changes along with a statement as to how they will be applied and enforced here in Illinois.

1. *Forfeiture time reduced from 20 to 10 minutes.* If a player is scheduled to be in the court playing his match at a given time, he should be in the building and reporting to the control desk **at least 30 minutes** before his match-time. Therefore, if he is 10 minutes late, he is actually 40 minutes later than he should be, and there is no reason he shouldn't be forfeited, both out of consideration for his opponent and in order to see that the tournament runs smoothly. This rule will be **strictly enforced** after the first round of the first few tournaments, and we will see that signs are posted to remind players of this change.

2. *Glove changes.* (Like all other timeouts for the change or adjustment of equipment) **will be charged against the player as a regular timeout.** This rule has already been enforced in Illinois for the past 12 months and has now been adopted nationally.

3. *Players may not call timeouts after the referee calls the score.* The USRA's reasoning is that as the calling of the score begins, the service preparation for the next rally, the server and receiver are *entitled* to begin planning their strategy and concentration without being interrupted by the call of "time-out." Again we will put up notices of this rule change to alert the players, and begin enforcing the rule strictly after the first round, or at least after one warning has been issued.

4. *Linesmen, as well as the referee, shall be empowered to call footfaults.* This rule has been adopted primarily for professional play, as it does not properly apply unless the match is played in a court with two glass sidewalls (where the linesmen have a better view of the service zone). For all practical purposes, we will not apply this rule in Illinois, though when we do have an important amateur match on a proper court (Aurora YMCA or the

Glass Court in Lombard), at the option of the tournament director, we may well try it. When the footfault is called, there can be no appeal. (It is logical, in my opinion, to also use linesmen to call short serves, and we may also experiment with that here in Illinois).

5. The wording of the rules regarding player's uniform has been made stronger. This change, like others, has already been in effect in Illinois. Basically, the players are requested to wear "light or bright colors" so that as not to distract from the visibility of the ball. Further, if a player shows up wearing a black shirt and the ball being used is black, the referee or other official will require the player to change.

As I stated, this rule is already in effect, but has seldom been enforced. Part of the problem is that there are many different color balls used, and the addition of many-colored outfits and shirts has been most welcomed by the players. However, all ISRA/USRA amateur sanctioned tournaments presently use the black Seamco ball, so we will expect players **not to wear black or other very dark colors.**

6. The last change is the most complicated: *The receiver will not be allowed to strike a return of serve on the fly in front of the receiver's five foot restraining line.* This restriction, added to the other rules already in effect for return of the serve, leaves the following to be applied that *will cost the receiver the point if violated:*

a) The receiver(s) may not cross the receiving lines (those little 3" hash marks on the side walls) until the server **strikes the ball.** (This means that not part of the receiver's body or equipment may be over the line).

b) The receiver may cross the line after the ball is struck, but he must then wait for the ball to bounce before hitting it.

c) The receiver is allowed to hit the ball on the fly if the ball is beyond the receiving line.

d) In making the service return, no part of the receiver's body or equipment may pass over the short line (back line of the service zone).

These six rule changes have been announced by USRA National Commissioner, Joe Ardito, and are

in effect at all ISRA/USRA sanctioned tournaments. I personally have been working with and communicating with the USRA regarding these and other changes, and I believe there are many other changes which should also be adopted, many of which we have already adopted here in Illinois by action taken by the ISRA's Referee Committee. Further, I am not totally favor of all of the above changes.

Fortunately, we have a very close working-relationship with the USRA in that Terry Fancher and Dan Bertolucci are both active members of the ISRA's Referee Committee. The committee will be discussing these and other rules in detail and will be passing on ideas and recommendations to the USRA. If you have any comments or suggestions, you are welcomed to pass them on to the committee by contacting me c/o RACQUETBALL TODAY, or by attending our meetings personally.

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Alan Cantor Only Cared About Victory

By Tom Grobmisi

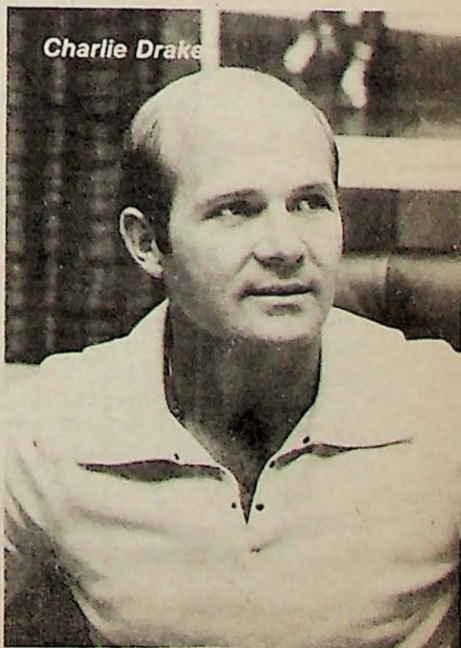
Alan Cantor was a selfish pig. he went to racquetball tournaments regularly, and he was really a fierce competitor, but he'd do anything to win. People hated him and hated to get on the court with him. He didn't care. He became known as a complainer, cheater and trouble-maker.

He never called a double-bounce on himself, and if the ref made an error in his favor he just smiled. When there were spectators around, they always cheered for his opponents. But Alan Cantor just didn't care. he only wanted to win.

Last month, Alan Cantor died, and nobody cared.

REFEREE'S CLINICS

Members of the ISRA's Referee Committee are available, without charge, to provide clinics on the rules of the game for groups, leagues, or racquetball clubs. Also provided are rule books, additional guidebooks for refereeing, and on-court demonstrations. For information, contact Phil Simborg, ISRA Referee Committee Chairman, at (312) 371-2150.





How to Avoid Eye Injuries

By Jerrold Shapiro, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Racquetball is the most rapidly growing participation sport in America. It is popular because it is an excellent total conditioner and because the satisfaction of hitting the ball comes early, even to the less talented. But with this growth there has also been an increase in the number of injuries, some fairly serious. **Eye injuries are particularly hazardous, as permanent visual impairment can result.**

The other day after a game I got into a conversation about racquetball safety with my local court manager. He said he knew there are dangers but that he felt fairly safe. "I'm experienced -- been playing 4 times a week for 5 or 6 years; I stay in shape, play conservatively with people I don't know, and I wear glasses with plastic lenses." As I listened, I realized he had several common misconceptions which I had shared until recently when I reviewed the statistics on racquetball injuries.

A report from California State University notes several points: injuries stem from the ball, the racquet, the wall, fast action in a confined space, inexperience and lack of court etiquette, and just plain carelessness. Trauma, including eye trauma, and stress injuries, are the major categories causing disability.

In a report from Harvard, it was noted that several of the serious eye injuries resulted when a ball was hit in anger after a point was scored and play was presumed dead. Warm up periods when more than one ball was in play also accounted for a number of eye injuries. The game of "cut throat" which limits maneuvering for usual court positions also had a higher injury rate. Experience level had no correlation with serious eye injuries. A, B and C players had similar chance of injury. Street

glasses offered no protection. In fact, 3 or the 4 injuries resulting in permanent visual impairment were in people wearing street wear glasses.

What can we do about these statistics? The most significant safety measure would be widespread use of eye protection. **EVERYONE** needs eyeguards! Street glasses are not enough; and contact lenses appear to be neither protective nor hazardous, though soft contacts stay in place better than hard ones.

What should you look for in eyeguards? First, the lenses should meet the strength and breakage resistance criteria to be classified as "industrial safety lenses." These lenses are 3mm. thick at their thinnest point and are hardened glass or plastic. Glass has the disadvantage of losing this strength if deeply scratched; exposing the player to possible eye laceration if the glass breaks. Any competent optician can make safety lenses like these.

Second, the sports frame should have several safety features. It should be nylon. It should have a steep posterior lip to prevent the lens from being driven into the eye. If hit directly, the lens pops out away from the eye. In addition, the side pieces should rotate 180 degrees. This helps protect the player from injury from a rigid broken frame. When struck, the frame opens at the hinge, falling harmlessly to the floor.

Some players object to the limitation of peripheral vision with these frames. Teaching pros tell me it forces most players to keep their eye on the ball and actually helps concentration.

In summary, play by the rules, observe court etiquette, get a good pair of sports glasses, and **WEAR THEM!!!**

It's Not Fun . . . It's Tennis

By Al Shetzer

I spent last weekend at The Meadows Club in Rolling Meadows. It wasn't unusual, I usually spend weekends there with my family.

This week was different though, the club was hosting the Carte Blanc \$200,000 Tennis Legends Tournament. A six stop tournament for senior tennis players. Some great names were scheduled to play...Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Tom Ocher, Fred Stolle, Marty Reissen, to name a few.

Having been to a lot of professional racquetball tournaments, but never to a professional tennis event, I couldn't help noticing the difference between this and a racquetball tournament.

The Meadows Club is probably one of the finest multiple facilities in the country, with racquetball, squash, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and swimming pools, outdoor running track, weight room and two restaurants; the appointments can only be labeled plush.

The tournament staff under the direction of Dave Coffey and Pat McKenna were all decked out in the same dress and each knew what job they were supposed to do.

With only a draw of eight, there was little confusion in scheduling and the entire tournament was played on one court.

What amazed me was the demeanor of both the crowd and the players. If you closed your eyes, you

wouldn't know you were at a professional sporting event.

The electric feeling you get sitting in a racquetball crowd was absent. People sleep in places with more noise than this crowd generated.

There were no "Brum's Bums" cheering section....no screaming or yelling when someone made a good shot only a few polite hand-claps and a couple of ooh's and aah's were all anyone could muster.

The players seemed about as low-keyed as the spectators. A questionable call by a linesman generated a raised eyebrow or a puzzled look. There was one call that summed things up pretty good. It occurred in the Cliff Drysdale - Roger Taylor match. - With the games tied and the server down 30-40, Taylor hit an overhead down the line for a winner and the game. The linesman called it "Out"...changed his mind and called it "In"...then the chair referee overrode him and replayed the point. Taylor politely questioned the call - shrugged his shoulders and went back to his position to play ball.

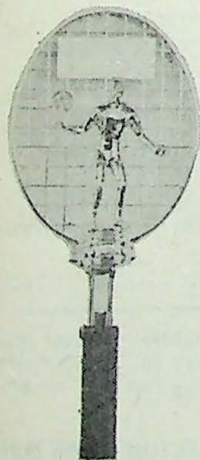
I remarked to the person next to me that had this been a racquetball match, with say Hogan and Hilecher playing, it probably would have taken ten minutes and two technicals to restart the match.

We have a long way to go in racquetball to match this if it is typical of most tennis tournaments, but would it be any fun?

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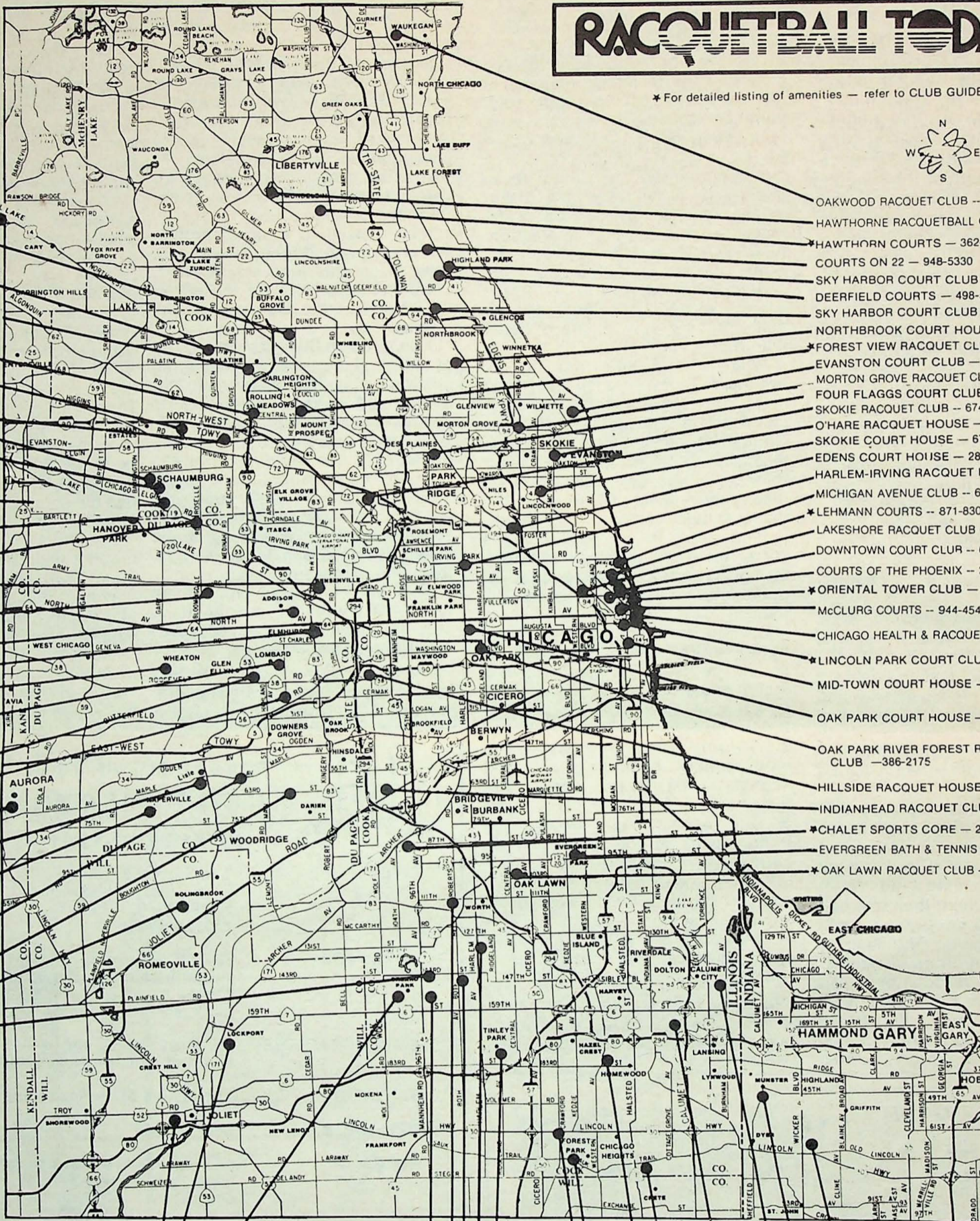
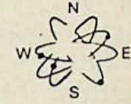
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BY Tom Grobmisi

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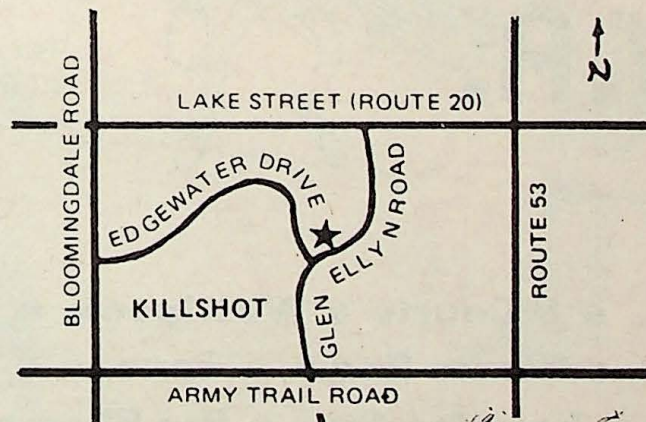
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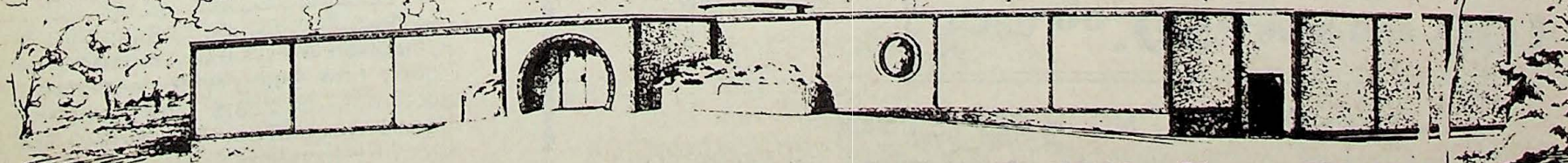
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Satire: A New Division

By Al Shetzer

The ISRA has announced, in what many are already calling a masterful public relations gesture, hundreds of new divisions in their state racquetball tournament.

"As it stands now, bubbled Al Shetzer of the ISRA, "we will have 408 divisions in our annual tournament next May. Our staff got together after last year's tournament and decided that the surest way to avoid any kind of criticism in the future is to award everyone who enters at least a second place trophy. So one of the first requirements of our new divisions is that no one division can have any more than two players."

Shetzer went on to detail some of the new divisions, to wit: an age category for every year of age from 15 to 75 (61 total divisions); an amateur and pro bracket for each age category (another 61 divisions); a division for every inch of height from 5'0" to 7'0" (25 divisions); a division for every pound of weight

from 100 to 300 pounds (201 divisions); a division for every profession as listed in the GRE exam (35 divisions); a division for players who don't want to play anyone not as good as they are (the Ric Dern Division); a division for every one of the world's major religions (9 divisions); a division for every political party (12 divisions); a division for comic racquetball writers (the Phil Simborg division); a division for Mason-Christian Science, home builder-remodelers who have made their millions the hard way (the Bob Kendler division); and a division for publishers of RACQUETBALL TODAY (the Tom Street division).

"We feel that although this only amounts to 408 divisions this year," Shetzer said, "in the next few years we can expand so that everyone in the state can be a racquetball champion whether they play the game or not. 'Course it's going to take money. You can't buy over 10 million trophies out of petty cash,

you know. But if we can rally the racquet and ball companies behind us, we think we can do it."

Player reaction to the new ISRA policies was enthusiastic, but there were some questions. John Lynch wanted to know who was going to divide up the prize money. Bertolucci complained about the draw in the 30-year-old dwarf division; he correctly assumed he would be seeded number one in this two-man division, but he didn't figure the other guy, no matter who he was, deserved to be ranked number two. Steve Sulli immediately asked for a late first round match, and Karen Minsky wondered if there was going to be a consolation round in her bracket.

Phil Simborg, referees chairman, commented: "I can really only see two problems with the whole mind-boggling concept. How about draw sheets, huh? You ever stop to think about what two-man drawsheets look like? They'd just look like a big oversize, left hand bracket. And another thing; think of the referees we'd need. Every match a final match, which means every match a pressure match.

The real blessing on the idea was bestowed by ISRA president Tom Street who intoned, "I've waited all my life for this day to come in racquetball. I can remember back in the days when the only divisions we had were the Amateur Singles title and the one I started, the Tam Club Championships, which I won 3 consecutive years, by the way. Now everyone in the state can know the joy I've known all these years, the joy of literally crushing the life out of a hapless opponent. This is indeed a great and glorious day for the game."

As testimonials to the greatness of the new idea continue to roll in, we must admit to one or two rabble-rousers who can't see what all the excitement is about. One guy actually had the gall to suggest a return to one, big open tournament that everyone can play in together. Can you imagine that, after all we've tried to do for the game? Honestly, some people!

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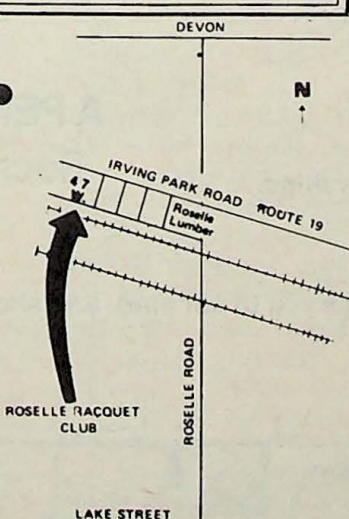
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- EVENTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER -

Men's and Women's Leagues starting September 10, 1979. Ladder Tournament Starting September 12, 1979. Club Party September 28, 1979.



Choosing Tournament

(Continued from Page 7)

properly to handle a major tournament? There are only a few facilities in the Chicago area that are set up properly to handle a big tournament with enough parking, courts, viewing and exhibition area, lockers, and just open space. You really can't get your "money's worth" when there's no room to see the more exciting matches, or if you have to push and shove your way through the locker room, or if you have to play at 6:00 AM and again at midnight because they're trying to run a full tournament out of 8 courts. If its going to be a major, full draw tournament, the only places in the Chicago area that are presently can handle it in a comfortable manner are The Glass Court in Lombard, The Tinley Park Racquetball Club, Killshot, LTD., in Bloomingdale, The Downtown Court Club, and The Evergreen Bath and Tennis Club (sorry if I missed any).

IS THE TOURNAMENT A MAJOR TOURNAMENT? If you're only going to play in a few selected tournaments, you should try to make it to the big ones...they cost the same generally. Plus, you will be getting the best competition in any given class, and you'll get to watch the best racquetball. Presently, the "biggies" in Illinois are the ISRA State Singles, ISRA State Doubles, USRA Regionals, Midwest invitational, S&S Open, and, of course, any Pro Stops that come to the Chicago area. If you're not sure about a tournament, ask around and talk to the people who have been going to tournaments for a few years.

Perhaps the most important consideration is your reason for going to tournaments. I see two reasons... to have some good competition at you given level of play, and to have a good time being with people with common interests and watching good racquetball. These two factors, unfortunately, are not always present at all tournaments. You need to be selective...don't waste your time or your money!

RACQUETBALL TODAY

1979 - 1980 Tournament Schedule

* September 13, 14, & 15, 1979
2nd Annual Men's Open S.W. Shootout
Site: Tinley Park
Contact: Mike Bazzo

* September 21, 22, and 23, 1979
Happy Joe's Courtside Quad City Open
Site: Courtside, Moline, Ill.
Contact: Gary Whitaker
309-797-1966

* September 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30, 1979
Robert W. Kendler Classic Pro/Am
Site: The Glass Court, Lombard
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

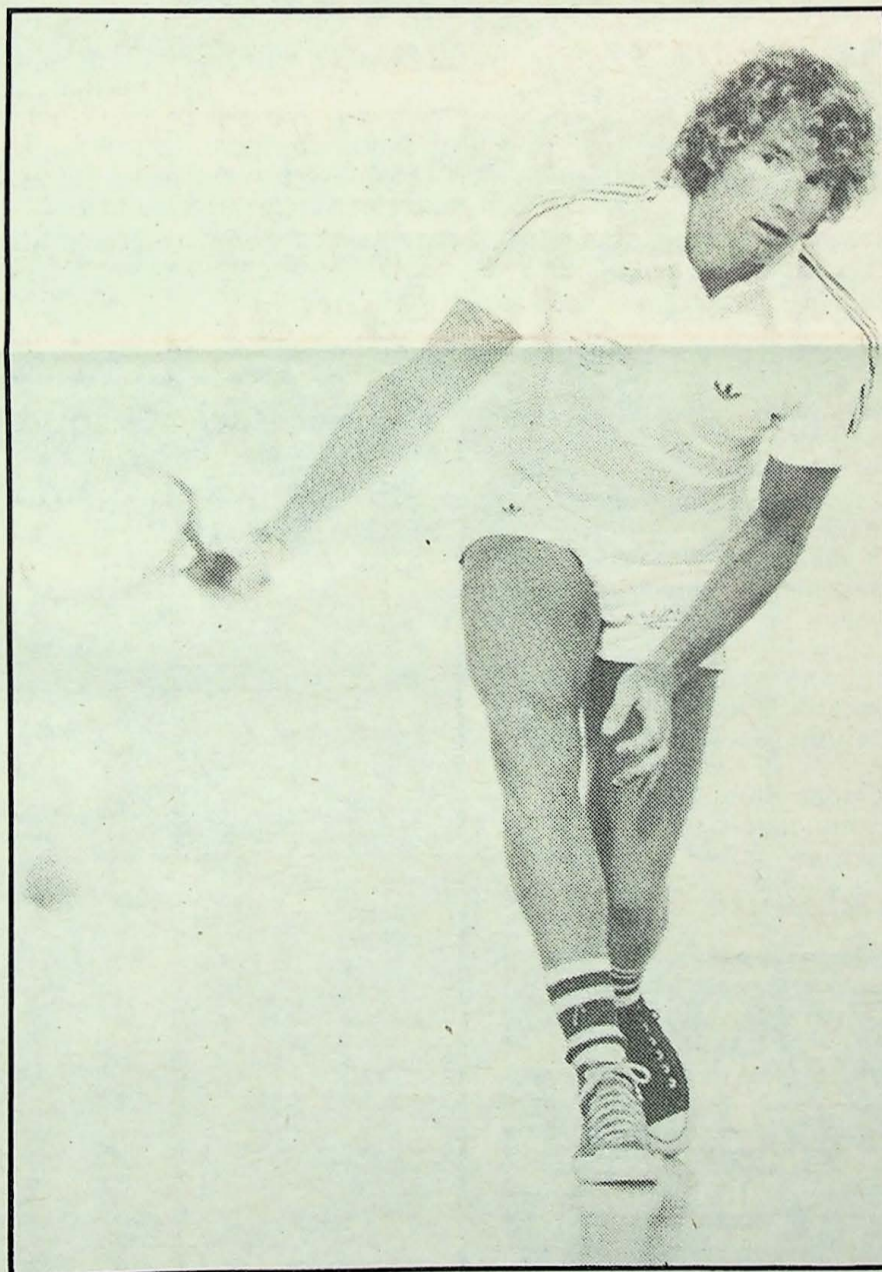
October 6 & 7, 1979
Metro Championship Player's
Membership Clinic
Site: The Glass Court
Lombard, Illinois
312-629-3390

* October 12, 13, & 14, 1979
Indian Trails 2nd Annual Summer Open
Site: Indian Trails R/B Club
Contact: John Grandley
312-755-5500

* October 26, 27, & 28, 1979
7th Midwest Invitational
Site: To be announced
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

* November 2, 3, & 4, 1979
Forestview Open
Site: Forestview Racquet club
Arlington Heights, Illinois
Contact: Jeff Wilke
312-640-2574

* November 9, 10, & 11, 1979
Dean Foods Pro/Am
Site: The Supreme Court
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Contact: Tom Wirkus
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Steve Keeley ranked #14 in Kendler Pro- Am.

* November 16, 17, & 18, 1979
"The Turkey Special"
Site: To be announced
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

* November 30, December 1 & 2, 1979
Star-Tribune Tournament of the Stars
Site: To be announced
Contact: Diane Williams
312-687-4800

* December 7, 8, & 9, 1979
Gemini Doubles Tournament
Site: Tinley Park
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

* December 14, 15, & 16, 1979
Winter Classic
Site: To be announced
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

* January 11, 12, & 13, 1980
Illini Open
University of Illinois
Contact: Donald Webb
217-328-3143

* January 18, 19, & 20, 1980
ISRA Team Championships
Site: To be announced
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2150

* January 25, 26, & 27, 1980
2nd Annual Courtside Open
Site: Courtside, Rockford, Ill.
Contact: Linda
815-877-9549

* February 16, 17, & 18, 1980
St. Valentine's Day Tournament
Site: Killshot, Ltd.
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* Denotes ISRA Sanctioned Tournament. To add tournaments or to get up to date information, contact Phil Simborg — 312-371-2150.

Omega Master II

by Peggy Gudbrandsen

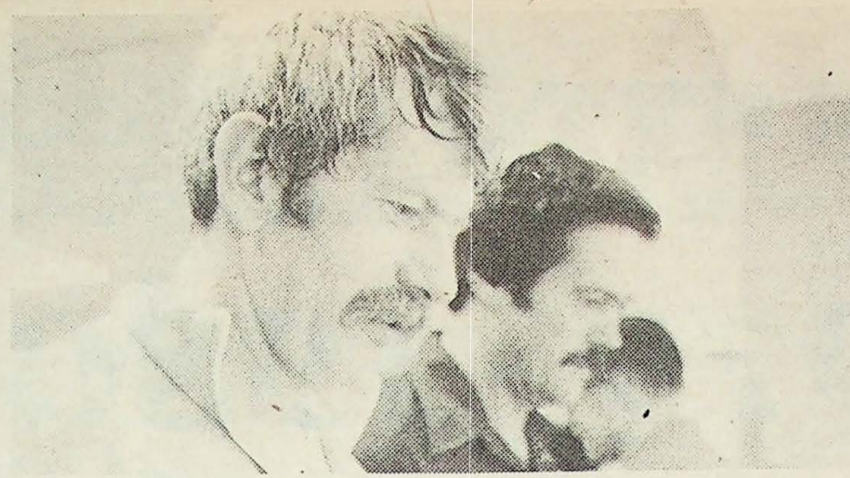
"Nicest Mustache" award went to Gib Kurtz, "Least Hair" to Dorsey Boulton, and "Nicest Physique" - would you believe - to Joe Sulli? Awards were made by the hip you staff (Liz Freeman, Amy Gudbrandsen, Pat Kelly, Chris Price, Roxanne Williams and Carol Wohlner) at the Omega Masters Tournament held at SkyHarbor, Highland Park, July 27, 28, and 29th.

High point of this three day round robin came Sunday afternoon in the final match between the two top players in their divisions - and oftentimes doubles partners - Ed Lammersfeld and Bob Troyer. The gallery oohed and aahed as each of these champions performed his specialty; Bob, his superb pinches, Ed, his dazzling Z-balls. Even though the washing machine devoured his laundry, Ed came home with victory in his pocket with a 21

to 19 win. Tony Lang was no. 3; Dan Day, no. 4; Al Ring, no. 5; Al Hanke, no. 6.

A nice addition to this year's tourney was a ten man stick of Golden Masters, and in case you think these guys were dragging their feet, not so; they came in on an average, second in their divisions. The older the faster!

Another first this year - Anheuser-Busch joined Omega Sport and Wyler's to make this a super event.



Play commenced Friday evening with four flights of ten players in a round robin format. By Saturday afternoon, each player had completed one 21 point match against the other nine in his flight. Sunday was devoted to play-offs, with the four no.1's playing each other, on down thru the no. 10's. Friday night ended with beer and pizza at SkyHarbor and after Saturday matches, the players and wives gathered for a barbeque at Gudbrandsens.

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News for next months edition must reach us by the 10th of the preceding month.

It Makes Me Mad; It Makes Me Sick

By Tom Grobmisi

Racquetball clubs that turn off the lights when your court time is up *make me mad.*

People who don't show up for their game *make me mad.*

The smell of *cigarette smoke* when I'm playing racquetball *makes me sick.*

Big, fat people who run faster than I do *make me mad.*

I can't stand people who hang around the club all day asking people if they "want to play a little cutthroat."

I can't stand having to supply a 17-digit number in order to reserve a stinken racquetball court.

Open players *make me sick.* What makes them think that they're entitled to special treatment just because they play better.

Racquetball clubs that give special concessions to open players **REALLY** *make me mad.*

Referees that call FOOTFAULTS *make me very angry.*

People who hit lots of ceiling shots *make me mad.*

Mixed doubles *sucks.*

I don't like to be told what I did wrong by someone who just beat me.

I hate co-ed whirlpools.

Little signs at racquetball clubs that ask me not to steal their towels, razors, and soap **MAKE ME WANT TO STEAL** their towels, razors, and soap.

Women who play better than I do *make me sick.*

Referees who don't know the rules *make me mad.*

People who leave their sweaty clothes on the floor in front of my locker *make me mad.*

I don't like people who have more than 3 racquetball gloves attached to their bag.

I'm sick of T-shirts.

Parents who coach their children *make me sick.* Parents that coach their kids during a match *make me angry.*

Racquetball clubs that *make me show identification* just to walk in then just back up *without* looking the door *make me mad.*

People who serve the ball and

make me mad.

I hate it when people tell me about their sore arm or bad leg and then go out and *murder me in the court.*

People who warm up and do exercises for 30 minutes before they play *make me sick.*

Tennis players *make me sick.*

People who write cute articles for racquetball papers *make me sick.*

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SECOND ANNUAL SHARPSHOOTERS WOMEN'S OPEN
October 12, 13, & 14, 1979

For: All amateur women racquetball players

Site: Tinley Park Racquetball Club
17500 Duvan Drive
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477 532-7900

Tournament Information:

- *Tournament committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and change players bracket.
- *Sanction - Illinois State Racquetball Assoc. USRA rules will apply.
- *Singles only: Four divisions
- *One entry per person.
- *Winners must referee the following match on their court. No referees on consolation matches.
- *Minimum of twelve entries to hold division
- *Ball supplied for every match.
- *Bring Locks.

Skill Level: Open
(32 players max. in each div.)
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Consolation: Entrants must sign up to play.

Dates & Times: October 12, 13, 14, 1979.
Times will be posted at the Club by October 10th.
PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR STARTING TIME. Be prepared to play by 6:00 P.M. Friday.

Entry Deadline: October 6, 6:00 P.M. No entry will be accepted without payment. Match forfeiture 15 min.

Entry Fee: \$17 per person. No refund after October 8th.
All participants receive souvenir black gold tournament shorts, hospitality, and free beer at the Second Grand Boogie Party to be held in their honor in the TPRC Discotheque, Saturday, October 13th.

Awards: Trophies for first four places. 1st place consolation.

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I also hereby acknowledge and agree to the limitation and conditions of all tournament rules. Furthermore, I hereby certify that I am fully qualified under said limitations and conditions.

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CLUB GUIDE

RIVIERA 400 HEALTH CLUB: 400 East Randolph (Lake Shore Drive). Climate controlled racquetball/handball courts, non-glare lighting and gallery viewing. **NO COURT FEES.** Landmark geodesic dome, swimming pool and whirlpool. Double tier sundeck with attended juicebar and private cabanachaise lounges available. Separate men and women's health clubs carpeted and attended. Saunas, steam room (men's), Roman Spa whirlpool (women's), universal gym, weightlifting, sunrooms. Professional massage and facial (appointment). Towels, soaps, and toiletries complimentary. Pro Shop, lessons, programs, laundry service. Executive Health Fitness Program, fitness classes, T.V. lounge. For individual or corporate memberships to this plush Spa. Call (312) 527-2525. Director: Gale Landers.

PRO RACQUETBALL AND FITNESS CENTER: 1055 Lake Avenue, Woodstock, IL. (815) 338-8222. 8 climate controlled racquetball/handball courts. Fully carpeted locker rooms including saunas and whirlpools. Nautilus Fitness Center for extensive exercise programs. Spacious lounge with championship court viewing. A place for everyone to see.

HAWTHORN COURTS: 200 Center Drive, Vernon Hills, IL. (NW corner of Hawthorn Shopping Center) 362-9330. Racquetball/handball on 8 regulation courts. Carpeted locker rooms for men and women, sauna, whirlpool, lounge with color TV, free attended nursery, pro shop, exercise facilities, group and private lessons. Open 7 days a week. Manager/Pro: Mike King.

SUPREME COURT: One Virginia Road, Crystal Lake, IL. (815) 455-3330. 10 air-conditioned racquetball courts, saunas, whirlpools, carpeted locker rooms, attended nursery, fully equipped pro shop. Manager/Pro: John Isaacson.

LINCOLN PARK COURT CLUB AT PIPER'S ALLEY: North Avenue and Wells Street, Chicago. 943-2266. 12 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts, men's and women's saunas and whirlpools, executive conference room, full service bar, exercise area, universal gym, free attended nursery. Cut rate parking with direct entrance to club.

OAK LAWN RACQUET CLUB: 10444 South Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL. 499-3626. 5 racquetball/handball courts, 8 tennis courts, saunas, whirlpools, exercise room, carpeted locker rooms, attended nursery, T.V. lounge.

KILLSHOT, LTD.: 321 Edgewater Drive, Bloomingdale, IL. 893-9575. 15 climate controlled racquetball/handball courts, fully carpeted locker rooms, large co-ed whirlpool, separate saunas, and massage rooms, extensive exercise room, fully equipped pro shop, attended nursery, spacious lounge with viewing gallery. Horseshoe-shaped bar with 2 way fireplace. Private and group lessons. General Manager/Head Pro: Don Jenkins. Manager/Pro: Sue Sulli.

CHARLIE CLUB: 2701 Black Road, Joliet, IL. (815) 729-4503, Open 24 hours, 7 days. Restaurant and Disco (open to public), 8 racquetball/handball courts, 2 indoor tennis courts with special "Sport Sod" fully equipped men's and women's exercise rooms with Nautilus, Universal and Paramount equipment. Indoor swimming pool and jogging track, one kilometer outdoor parcours; locker rooms include saunas, steam rooms, massage, showers, and private Swedish massage. Supervised nursery. Members over 18 years, Corporate memberships available.

ORIENTAL TOWER CLUB: 32 W. Randolph St., Chicago. 782-3199. Ten racquetball/handball courts with non-glare lighting and gallery viewing. Fully computerized environment and noise control system. Deluxe attended locker rooms with steam, sauna, and whirlpool. Separate exercise rooms featuring health training and weight control programs. Sprint track. Laundry service available. Plush social center. Private EXECUTIVE CLUB features messenger, answering and valet service, conference and game rooms. Corporate memberships available. Scheduled for summer opening.

SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB: 147th Street and 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, IL. 349-6947. 9 racquetball/handball courts (1 glass walled court for viewing). saunas, free attended nursery, exercise rooms, full length lockers, extensive bar and lounge. Private and group lessons available.

FOREST VIEW RACQUET CLUB: 800 East Falcon Drive, Arlington Heights, IL. 640-2574. 8 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts; 6 indoor tennis courts; 6 outdoor tennis courts. Separate saunas and whirlpools, men's and women's locker rooms, attended nursery. Manager/head pro: Jeff Wilke. Racquetball pros: Georgia Maskalunas, Scott Thurber.

FOREST GROVE SWIM & RACQUET CLUB: 1760 N. Hicks Rd., Palatine, IL. 991-4646. 4 racquetball/handball courts; 8 indoor and 8 outdoor tennis courts; swimming pool. Saunas, co-ed whirlpool, body shop, lessons and leagues. General Manager and Sports Director: Chuck Sheftel.

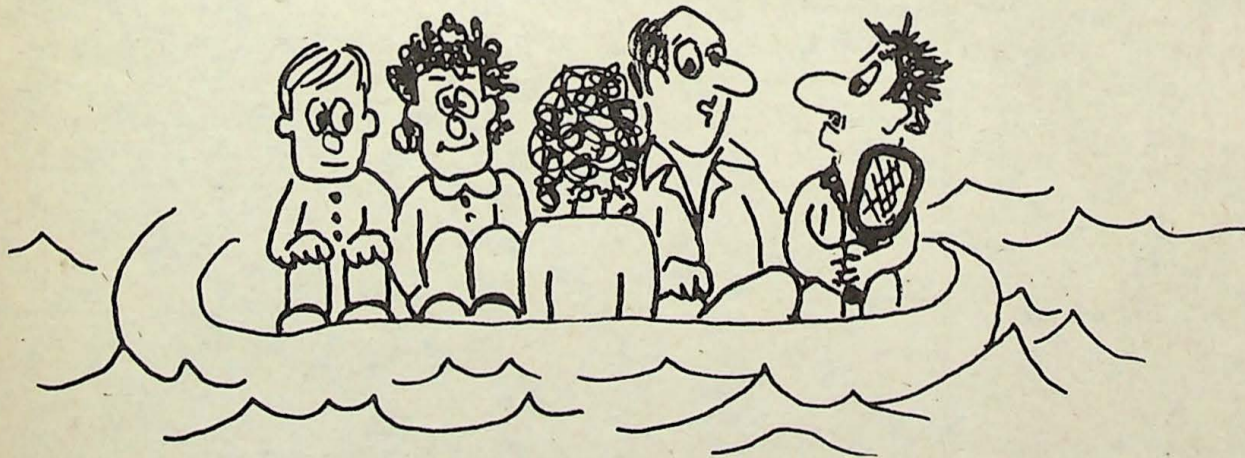
TINLEY PARK RACQUETBALL CLUB: 17500 Duval Drive, Tinley Park, IL. 532-7900. Open 7 days, 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. 15 regulation racquetball/handball courts with unique use of glass for uninterrupted playing and viewing. Luxurious health facilities including saunas, steambath, whirlpools, Universal exercise areas. Free attended nursery. Pro shop, racquet rental, complete lessons program. Temperature controlled for comfortable year-round play. Home of the plush Prime Time Lounge. Managed by Five Stars International Enterprises, Inc.

LEHMANN COURTS: 2700 N. Lehmann Court, Chicago, IL. 871-8300. 14 Racquetball/Handball courts, including 3 glass exhibition courts, year round enclosed running track, complete exercise room, cocktail lounge- health juice bar, complete nursery, and on-premise parking available. Manager: Marilyn Gallo, Head Pros/ Activities Directors: Judy Sawicki, Dave Milazzo.

CHALET SPORTS CORE: 8300 South Wolf Road, Willow Springs, IL. 246-4031. 9 racquetball/handball courts (1 with glass back wall). Free attended nursery, carpeted locker rooms with showers, saunas, exercise room, membership lounge, restaurant, and ice skating arena.

OLYMPIC RACQUETBALL CLUB: 9245 Calumet Ave., Munster, Indiana. (219) 836-2000 and (312) 895-2290. Ten deluxe concrete, hardwood floor racquetball/handball courts with non-glare lighting, air-conditioned and humidity controlled for comfortable year round play. Sauna, steam room and hydro-therapeutic whirlpool in each locker room, 1/5 mile running track, 15 station universal exercise machine, free attended children's playroom. Pro shop, racquet rental, group and private lessons with experienced instructors. Open 7 days a week.

HANOVER PARK RACQUET CLUB: 1919 Walnut, Hanover Park, IL. 837-6300. 4 racquetball/handball courts, 6 tennis courts, 3 platform tennis courts, saunas, co-ed whirlpool, nursery and playroom for infants and children. Manager: Rick Heroux, Racquetball Pro: Shar Klein.



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