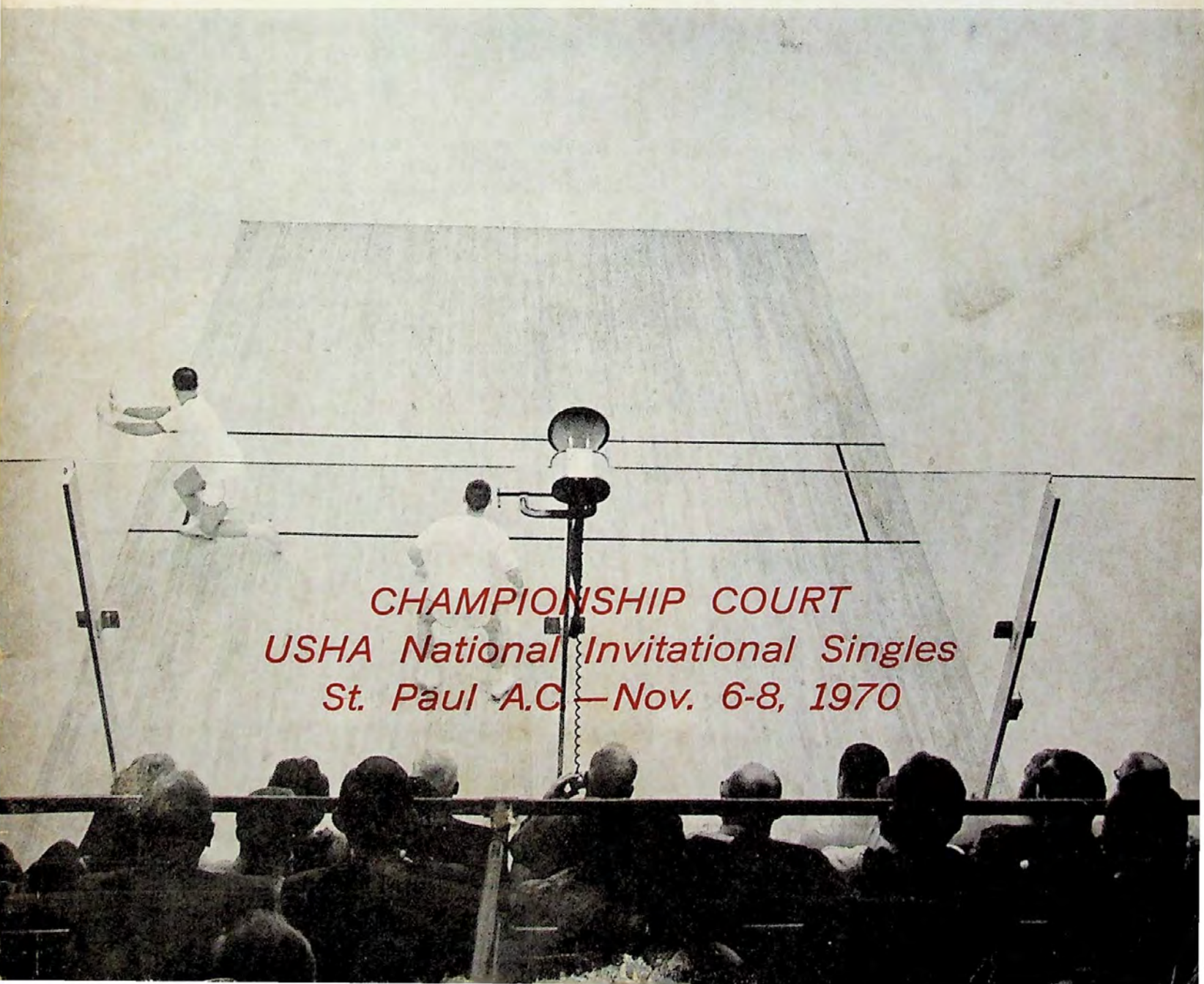


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IN THIS ISSUE . . .

As you receive this issue we will be running off the annual outdoor three-wall shindig in Detroit, a gala event that is actually the kickoff for the 1970-71 season. At the Palmer Park courts will gather the talent-heavy New Yorkers, confident of returning East with the bulk of the honors; an eager and challenging bunch from Chicago; the large host entry list with an advantage of acclimation to the cinder block courts.

What happens on our calendar will be two spanking new additions. The Masters Doubles National Invitational at Birmingham, Alabama, JCC, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and The second Annual National Invitational Singles at the St. Paul A.C., Nov. 6-8.

As an added attraction to the Masters doubles we have a separate bracket of play — the GOLDEN Masters — in which all players must be over 50 years of age. To avoid any "dilution" of these doubles events NO singles play is included. At some future date, probably in conjunction with the open invitational singles we hope to add a Masters singles competition.

We are sure many handball centers will be interested in the new product advertised for the first time in ACE. See page 13 for a description and picture of the portable and practical "Tournament Scoreboard." This installation should be a must for tournament-conscious facilities and we know the first order will be for our 21st national championships next March 27-April 3 in Memphis.

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News of Summer tournaments — from Santa Barbara, Seattle, Florida, the first Jack Gillespie Invitational in Memphis . . . the scope of handballdom.

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And, in the world of racquetball we publish the completed draft of IRA official rules, a thorough job done through the leadership of National Rules Chairman Chuck Hazama, physical director at the Rochester, Minnesota, YMCA.

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Hope you had a good Summer . . . and, with every good wish for a healthy, killshooting season ahead!

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BEST OF 'EM ALL . . . Billy Yambrick, national YMCA titlist, who has enjoyed a fine career, Yambrick has also contributed much to the promotion of the game through clinic-exhibitions.

Club Boasts 50 Years of Championship Caliber Players—Haedge to Yambrick

The St. Paul Athletic Club boasts one of the finest handball histories of any organization in the nation.

Handball got its baptism at the Club in 1918 and the first home grown national champion was crowned in 1921 — Dr. Carl Haedge.

The first and only national tournament to date was hosted in 1926, with Maynard Laswell of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, the winner.

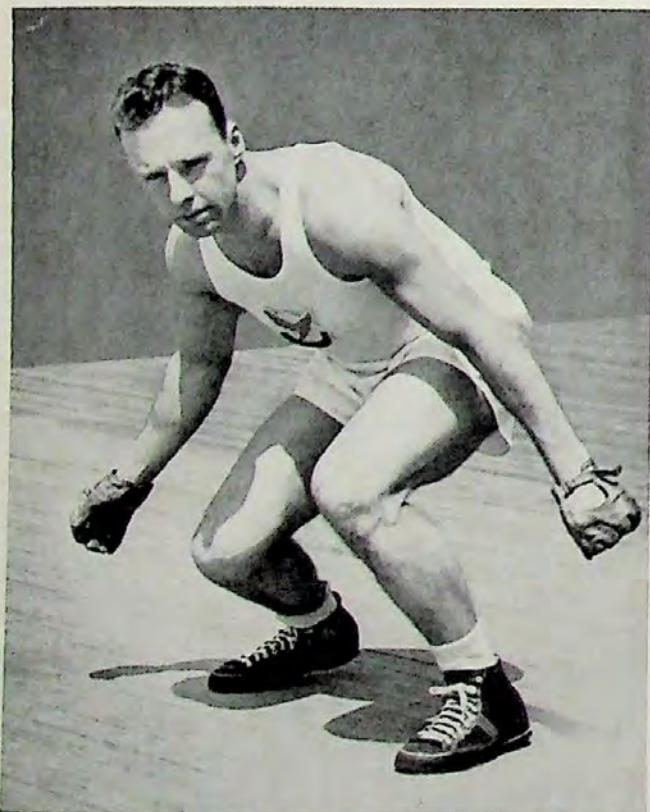
For many years the St. Paul A.C. hosted the Northwest tournament with such greats as Billy Baier, Joe Platak, Bob Kendler, Ken Schneider, Bob Quinn and many other out-of-towners participating.

The 1920's at the Club were dominated by Ed Pennig. In the 1930's it was the brilliant talents of Worth Read and John McGowan.

In the 1940's and early 1950's it was Paul Turner and George DiRe as top players.

Coming into the limelight in the 1960s: Billy Yambrick, Terry Muck, Paul Schulz, Bob Pinski, Dr. Gary Rohrer.

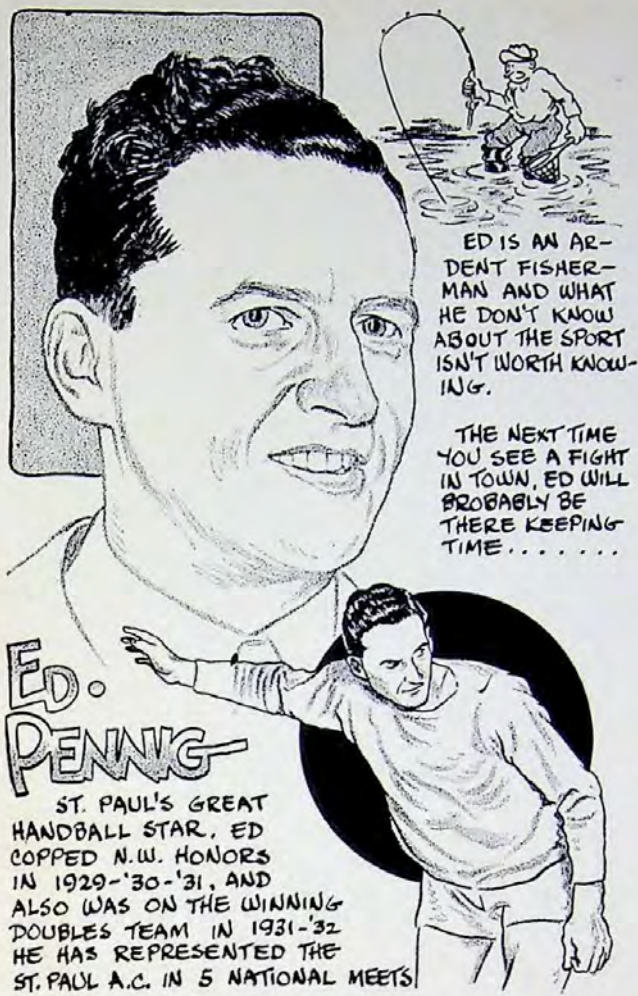
Originally the courts were the "big barns" but in 1948 they were standardized to the modern, popular 20x40, and spectator space added in the championship court (see cover) to seat 120 persons.



RANKED FOREMOST IN 40'S . . . Paul Turner, was a second placer in 1945 National Y, and a 13-time winner in the Northwest tournament. Still an excellent player and avid instructor in Club youth program.



COMING ON FAST . . . Terry Muck, who has yet to reach his full potential, at 21 already ranked in coveted Top Eight of handballdom. An ex-pro baseballer, Terry is now a divinity student.



St. Paul Athletic Club



HANDBALL'S NO. 1 STYLIST . . . The late George DiRe first gained headlines while representing the St. Paul A.C., then enjoyed a very successful career, both in business as Bob Kendler's right hand man at Community Builders, and as a member of the powerhouse Chicago Town Club team. George had flawless form and was especially effective in doubles.



CURRENTLY RANKED PLAYERS . . . Paul Schulz and Dr. Gary Rohrer receive awards for winning recent North Central Area championship from a congenial old time handball buff of the St. Paul A.C., Worth Read.



WORLD FAMED BOXER . . . Tommy Gibbons (r) was avid player at the St. Paul A.C. during the 40's, pictured here with his partner, Cliff Tillander. Tommy is still active at the A.C., still cavorts about the courts.



Gillespie Honored in Memphis Invitational

Memphis was the scene of the Jack Gillespie Invitational Tournament. In addition to players participating from various parts of the country, time-out was taken by Mr. Bob Kendler, dean of the U.S. Handball Association to visit during the tournament. Dr. Claude Benham dominated the Open Singles Tournament with his brilliant and overpowering game.

Dr. Benham did not lose a game, and was only extended in one match by the outstanding play of young Joel Galpren from Miami Beach. A great deal of interest was generated in the semi-finals

match when Jeff Barnes, University of Texas, defeated his mentor, Pete Tyson, to reach the finals against Dr. Benham.

Brewer Kitchings, a 16-year-old youngster from Birmingham, the youngest entrant in the open singles, showed excellent form and great potential.

In the open doubles, as in the singles, Dr. Benham and his partner, Bob Woodhouse, both from Norfolk, Virginia, dominated the doubles play winning the championship without losing a game. The young doubles team from Memphis, Jim McKee and Dr. Ed. Wiener, played excellent handball to

reach the finals before losing to Benham and Woodhouse. The number two seeded team of Ernie Ortiz and Walt Skutar were upset by the team of McKee and Wiener. The Masters singles created an unusual amount of interest. Ralph Kaufman, Miami Beach, seeded number 2, defeated Fred DeNuccio, Norfolk, Va., seeded number 1, in a brilliantly played three-game match. Kaufman displayed excellent kills with both hands, plus sound court strategy. Jack Gillespie, in whose honor the tournament was being held, was defeated by the veteran Danny Kallman in the quarter-finals in



SAME AS 'MAN BITES DOG' . . . Student protege knocks off the coach! Pete Tyson, (l) coach and handball instructor at the University of Texas, gags it up with his varsity team member, Jeff Barnes. Barnes posted a fine win over Ernie Ortiz in quarters, then eliminated Tyson before losing to Dr. Claude Benham in finals.



'YOUTHFUL MASTERS' . . . En route to the Gillespie Invite Masters singles win, Miami Beach's Ralph Kaufman (r) defeated Capt. John Cuffari, Memphis city champ, in the semi-finals. Kaufman was South divisional Masters singles winner last season. Kaufman, seeded No. 2, won over top-seeded Fred DeNuccio, Norfolk, Va., in the finals.

To
JACK GILLESPIE

Inspired leader of southern handball,
honored pillar of national handball,
crusader for good sportsmanship,
this TESTIMONIAL given
in grateful recognition of the countless
sacrifices, which in his great contributions
has been his impelling force in a long and
distinguished career that few men achieve
and all men may well envy.

The Memphis Handball Association
and
The United States Handball Association
are honored to make this presentation on
July 18, 1970



a hard-fought, three-game match. If a vote had been held for the most colorful player in the tournament, it would probably have been a split decision between the veterans Kaufman and DeNuccio, who displayed wiles, tricks and theatrics that would put Tallullah Bankhead to shame—what a show!

The tournament committee was composed of Joe Clements, president of the Memphis Handball Association, Ed Ro-

tenberry, Frank Snyder and Dave Saxon — all doing a great job. Clements, in addition to running the show, worked up the following schedule:

Friday — 4 p.m. — took wife to maternity section of hospital.

4:30 p.m. — back at YMCA greeting players.

4:40 p.m. — Phone call — back to hospital.

4:55 p.m. — daughter born — name "Hindra".

5:15 p.m. — back to YMCA.

5:30 p.m. — singles match.

7:00 p.m. — back to hospital — kissed wife.

8 p.m. — back to YMCA.

8:30 p.m. — doubles match.

10 p.m. — commenced to dispose of 13 cans of cold suds.



YOUTHFUL ELEMENT . . . (l to r) — Joel Galpren, Miami Beach product, 1965 USHA National Junior winner, made impressive showing though losing to Dr. Claude Benham; 16-year-old Brewer Kitchings, Birmingham, continues rapid development.



RICHLY DESERVED . . . USHA President Bob Kendler presents plaque to Jack Gillespie, honoring the Memphis player-administrator for his many contributions to the game's welfare. Jack will be major domo of the 1971 nationals.

JACK GILLESPIE INVITATIONAL RESULTS: SINGLES—Quarter-finals: Benham def. Galpern, 21-7, 21-19; Salome def. Littrell, 21-14, 21-11; Barnes def. Ortiz, 20-21, 21-15, 21-14; Tyson def. McKee, 21-16, 21-5.

Semi-finals: Benham def. Salome, 21-13, 21-5; Barnes def. Tyson, 21-15, 21-19.

Finals: Benham def. Barnes, 21-6, 21-3.

DOUBLES—Quarter-finals: Benham-Woodhouse def. Clements-Snyder, 21-14, 21-5; Williams-Hunt def. Kitchings-Rieves, 21-14, 21-7; McKee-Wiener def. Johnston-Camp, 21-10, 21-15; Ortiz-Skutnar def. Gilley-Polk, 21-17, 10-21, 21-14.

Semi-finals: Benham-Woodhouse def. Williams-Hunt, 21-3, 21-12; McKee-Wiener def. Ortiz-Skutnar, 21-17, 19-21, 21-7.

Finals: Benham-Woodhouse def. McKee-Wiener, 21-15, 21-16.

MASTERS SINGLES—Quarter-finals: DeNuccio def. Rando, 2-8, 21-10; Kallman def. Gillespie, 16-21, 21-14, 21-19; Cuffari over Tanner (default); Kaufman def. Vigliano, 21-3, 21-9.

Semi-finals: DeNuccio def. Kallman, 21-5, 21-14; Kaufman def. Cuffari, 21-10, 6-21, 21-8.

Finals: Kaufman def. DeNuccio, 21-15, 19-21, 21-20.

Jeff Barnes, returning from a successful Memphis invitational tourney, copped the JCC Class A Championship in three games from Danny Kallman 21-5, 20-21, 21-11.

In the Memphis Invitational, Jeff lost to Dr. Claude Benham in the finals after defeating Ernie Ortiz and Pete Tyson, two ranked players.

Barnes, a student at the University of Texas, won the 1969 USHA National Junior (under 19) championship and is rated one of the top four players on the University of Texas handball team. Texas, under Coach Tyson, won the National Intercollegiate title in 1970.

In the A and B doubles the team of Perry Lee Jaffe-Karl Friedman defeated Barnes and Dr. Morton Goldfarb to gain the finals. They defeated Nathan Miller-Edward Leader, 21-6, 21-4 to win.

In the Class C division, Mark Friedman defeated Danny Michaels 21-10, 21-14.

From: Memphis PRESS SCIMITAR... 'Good Evening', by Robert Johnson 'Mr. Handball,' a Tireless Promoter of the Sport, Visits Memphis

Handball players are a breed apart, a close-knit group covering a broad spectrum of occupations and economics, and what they lack in numbers they make up for in the fervor of their devotion to the game and preaching to anyone who will listen about the virtues of handball as a way of life and health.

To handballers, Bob Kendler, a Chicagoan who made a fortune in the construction business, is "Mr. Handball." He is president of the United States Handball Association, travels the country tirelessly promoting the sport. He came to Memphis at his own expense last year to confer with Dr. Cecil Humphreys about making the Memphis State handball complex in the school's new Physical Education Building second to none. The courts will be the scene of next year's National Championship.

This weekend Bob came to Memphis again, to attend the first Jack Gillespie Invitational tournament. The trip was not without excitement. They had taken off from O'Hare Airport when an engine exploded and tore a hole in the plane's fuselage and they had to turn back. All precautions had been taken and an impressive array of fire-fighting equipment was lined up awaiting their landing.

They landed without mishap, and the fire chief of Chicago was waiting at the ramp when Bob walked down. "Hey, Bob, how about a game of handball?" he said.

Bob told me the story at a poolside buffet of Memphis handball buffs honoring Jack Gillespie at the fine Whitehaven home of Ed Rotenberry. Ed, President Joe Clements of Memphis Handball Association, Frank Snyder, former Memphis State basketball star, John Cameron and Dave Saxon of Treadwell & Harry got the Jack Gillespie Invitational up while Jack was on a 10-day sailing trip in the Bahamas. What Bob is to handball nationally, Jack is to handball locally, and it is significant that Bob got Jack as one of seven directors of the national association who will take over when he retires.

That probably won't be soon. At 65, he is trim, looks 15 years younger, plays at least every other day. He and Walter Streuli, who still plays regularly in his 60s, swapped yarns about great bygone matches, and Bob said that Sam Atcheson of Memphis, who dominated the game as national champion eight years in the '30s, could hold his own with the best players today, even though he played a comparatively soft



YEARS OF HANDBALL LORE . . . (l to r) Walt Streuli, long-time Memphis standout player and promoter; USHA President Bob Kendler; Sam Atcheson, all-time great, pride of Memphis handball history.

game in contrast with today's hard driving top players.

It was an enjoyable evening. John Cameron and wife Ina picked me up, and I had a chance to visit with John Cuffari and wife Marlene and Leonard Darley, who bunked next to me for more months than either of us wanted, in the Army on Oahu.

For a man in the over-30 class, Jack Gillespie has a free-flow life style which the younger generation might envy. He is unconventional to say the least. He commented on my Daytona Beach vacation that he'd had his family there in June, loves the place.

"Did you ever notice that people who like the sun and water are gentle, peace-loving people?" he asked. Well, it's true." He just returned from his third sailing trip in the Bahamas, spearfishing in free dives, without scuba equipment. There were 10 men aboard, and the captain won't allow any newspapers or magazines aboard. I told Jack I'd go crazy if I didn't have something to read. He said books are allowed, but you stay so busy there isn't much time to read. Among other things, he landed a 15-pound lobster and started a goatee. On him, it looks good.

Gentle, peace-loving people? Well, I'll tell you Jack can be mean as the dickens on a handball court. Just plain mean.

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Oct. 30–Nov. 1, 1970

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() Please pair me up as I do not have a partner.

from the
KILLSHOT
ROOM
by Mort Leve

This is the time of the year when the tournament scheduling commences to take shape. Starting from the top we have the 21st National four-wall at the new nine-court facility of Memphis State University, March 27-April 3, 1971.

Divisionals will be set for the last weekend in February or early March. The St. Louis JCCA has requested the Central division, and as always they assure an outstanding event.

Out West the boys in the Pacific Northwest have requested their own regional-type tournament because of distances involved if they were to remain with California, Arizona et al. Therefore, the West division is slated for Fresno and a Northwest regional is being offered to Portland. The NW would cover: British Columbia, Alaska, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and Oregon.

Charlotte, North Carolina, is being given an option as to whether or not they want a second consecutive South division. With the superb Y there and accompanying A-1 leadership under Harry Welch, this is an ideal locale for this tournament.

Lou Russo, our recently-installed four-wall East Area commissioner, is probing into possible sites. New York City's West Side YMCA held it this past season and it was a good one, though it did not draw enough players from the overall area.

The answer in the East might be a split-off as we are having in the West. This would appeal to the boys from such locales as Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh.

We're trying to finalize plans for the National Juniors in Miami, Florida, Dec. 28-30. Flamingo Park on the Beach still hasn't broken ground on two additional courts but everyone is hopeful. The original idea was to hold the tournament at the YMHA in Southwest Miami with housing and food available at nearby University of Miami in Coral Gables. We'll have more on this in the October ACE.

Tennessee appears to be on handball's "Hit Parade" for the 1970-71 season; the new courts at Memphis State University for the big nationals, accompanied by the USHA National Intercollegiates at ten new courts cross State at the Uni-

versity of Tennessee (Knoxville). Professor Ben Plotnicki will hold both the nationals and the South division there. Mike Dau will hold the Central intercollegiate division at his Lake Forest College courts.

And, we have the FIRST National USHA Invitational Nationals at Birmingham's JCC, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. This is strictly a doubles competition with two brackets — the conventional Masters doubles with one partner over 40, the other over 45, and the innovated "GOLD-EN" Masters doubles with teams over the 50-age level. It was decided not to include Masters singles because this would dilute the level of doubles play too much. Sy Barnes is the head man behind this tournament and the boys in Birmingham promise a real fine weekend for the veterans.

The St. Paul Athletic Club has been working on the Second National USHA Invitational singles for months. The committee, headed up by Neal Nordlund, tendered invitations to 16 top-seeded players from the 1970 USHA nationals and will have several key alternates on tap. Full information is carried on page 4.

We're awaiting word from Pete Tyson on the FIRST National Invitational doubles, planned for the University of Texas (Austin) 13-court facility. Probably the tournament will be scheduled for mid-January.

Every effort is being made to coordinate our USHA-sanctioned tournaments with the ever-increasing independent in-

Maine Tourney Hosted at Pease AFB

The Seacoast Handball Tournament, hosted by the Pease AFB, Maine, wound up two weeks of singles and doubles competition in mid-July. Awards were presented by the base commander, Col. Scoggan, at a banquet held at the NCO club.

Local area players did well competing with participants from New York, Massachusetts, Maine, Durham, Hampton, Rye, and Nashua in New Hampshire. First place honors in both singles and doubles events went to Pease AFB players.

Albert Zigler and Donald Hallager won the doubles over the strong Portsmouth team of Gerry Giles and Joe Navelski. The Portsmouth team took the champs to a thrilling three-game match before losing in the deciding game, 21-18. Third place went to the Nashua entry of Andy Stergion and Jim Teeple. Finishing fourth by defeating Woody Noel and Jim Goumas from Nashua, were Jim Judge and Cliff Taylor, Portsmouth.

The singles was an exciting spectator-packed four-day affair. Most of the matches went the full three game limit. When all the tired, bruised and battered participants finally settled down at the banquet table the order was: Donald Hallager, Pease AFB (1); Fred Thompson, Williamstown, Mass. (2); Jim Goumas, Nashua (3); Tom Wright (4).

Last year's Seacoast Area handball tournament was hosted at the University of New Hampshire. The Nashua group announced an invitational next Winter to celebrate the opening of their two new courts.

From: Albert Zigler Jr., organizer of the 1970 Seacoast Area handball tournament — "We here in the New England area (don't tell the Bostonians) do not have the best of facilities to play handball but we feel that is secondary. Most of us are USHA members and we are getting others to join because we believe in the Fraternity of the game. It gives us a chance to share with one another. We hope to have more courts soon. Most of all — thank you for your depth, your leadership and your inspiration."

invitationals so that the players will not be confronted with conflict in dates.

Meanwhile, we are still open for bids on: USHA National Contenders, East Division, Intercollegiate divisions—East and West.

And, we're thinking ahead to 1972. The Washington Athletic Club in Seattle with a multi-million dollar addition, wants us back for the nationals. Our last one there in 1963 ranks with the top three or four in the history of the event.

Lewis Repeats Singles; Galpern-Dr. Baxley Doubles

Flamingo Parkers Dominate Florida State Championships



DOUBLES FINALISTS . . . (l to r) — Joel Galpern and Dr. Dom Baxley winners of Florida State with runnersup, Bob Fival and Paul Katz, class of Orlando.

Fred Lewis, who divides his handball play between Florida and New York, repeated as Florida State singles champ, in the June competition held at the Ft. Lauderdale YMCA. Fred, also reigning USHA national intercollegiate A titlist, and runnerup in the USHA national doubles with Steve Lott, beat Orlando's Tom Kelly. Ernie Ortiz, Tampa was third and Rich Robitaille, Merritt Island, fourth.

It was another Flamingo Park product, Joel Galpern, winning the doubles

with Dr. Dom Baxley, beating the Orlando team of Bob Fival and Paul Katz.

Dick Finch and Bill Warshauer, Ft. Lauderdale, defeated Hyman Butler and Richard Dolan of West Palm Beach in the Masters doubles.

In the consolation playoff for first and second round losers, Dal Deevers, Ft. Lauderdale, beat Glen Allen, Clearwater. Tournament Chairman Dick Finch expresses his appreciation to Dal Deevers, George Fisher and Jim Wasserman for their competent refereeing.



AGAIN WINNER . . . Fred Lewis (r), current national USHA intercollegiate champ, repeats as winner of Florida State tourney, beating Tom Kelly, Orlando.

USHA NATIONAL JUNIORS . . .

Plans are now being finalized to hold the annual USHA National Juniors tournament in Miami, Florida, next Dec. 28-30. The YMHA in Southwest Miami will be the focal point with housing and food arranged at nearby University of Miami in Coral Gables. There may be some key matches arranged at the Flamingo Park courts in Miami Beach, through coordination with their handball association. Final details will be carried in the October ACE.

game when Stadlberger developed muscle spasms and nausea caused by severe dehydration.

Meanwhile, Cooke-Miller had it slightly easier against the tough Salt Lake duo of Bob Mendenhall and Dick Clissold. The slam bang play of Miller coupled with the big hops served up by Cooke confused the Utes in the first game and it was no contest — 21-6. Things tightened up in the second and it was anybody's game before the eventual champs won out 21-17.

Norm Schade handled the managerial duties during the three days of play and also refereed 43 matches. (Or was it 44?) Anyway, it was real yoemanlike work. Norm did not fare well on the playing end as he and his partner — Lou Brewer — were upset in the first round by Mendenhall-Clissold.

Morrey Distributing Co. co-sponsored the tournament along with the Reno YMCA. Transistor radios were the prizes for the lucky winners and each contestant received two packets containing drink and gaming coupons courtesy of the Reno Chamber of Commerce. The 1971 edition of the Blackjack Tournament will be held June 17-19.

Bourbeau Over Ryan in 3rd Annual Reno Black Jack

Bob Bourbeau dominated the singles in the Third Annual Reno Blackjack tournament, breezing through a good field without the loss of a game. Gary Ryan, who had humbled Bourbeau three weeks earlier at San Francisco, was the final victim — 21-13 21-18. Actually, it was closer than the scores indicate as both players gave an all-out effort and Ryan's cracking serves kept Bourbeau and his hometown fans on edge throughout the match. Ryan entered the contest a little the worse for wear as Reno's Cliff McCorkle extended him in a tough three-game match earlier in the day while Bourbeau was crushing Mitch Covington, Fresno, 21-10, 21-2.

Other highlights of the singles competition included Kevin Sheehy's upset of Joel Levy 5-21, 21-20, 21-16 and Covington's defeat of Luis Marquez 10-

21, 21-16, 21-5. McCorkle took third place over Covington 31-5.

Jerry Cooke, representing the Sacramento Elks, and Bud Miller of Modesto's Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club, proved themselves best of an interesting doubles entry. However, it was no picnic as Denver's Don Carlsen and Salt Lake's Bill Geurts made it a three-game finals before bowing 16-21, 21-13, 21-14.

The Carlsen-Geurts team had themselves a real donnybrook in the semifinals against the San Francisco pair of Rudy Stradlberger and Frank Elias. After winning a marathon first game 21-20, Carlsen-Geurts dropped the second 16-21 and appeared in real trouble as Carlsen was obviously tiring from the rigors of a tough match and the intense heat. However, things came to an abrupt halt at the start of the third

Fies 'Class' of King County Open

The White Center Park and Recreational Complex in south suburban Seattle has just completed its most resoundingly successful handball season since opening its new handball building in 1964. The two courts with full glass back walls and seating for over 100 are busy day and night with local buffs and many out-of-town handballers that come in for a weekend of fun and strong competition.

This year, in April, Jim Wuori defeated Norb Banack for the Novice title, Bud Sennott defeated Big Bruce Keller in three hard games for the Class C title, and then Dr. Rich Seims blasted his way to the Class B title with a big win over the heavily-favored Highline High School Track and Gymnastics coach, Bob Sarver, 21-9, 21-20. Sarver finally got going in the second game, but too late, and Seims' kill shot never cooled off.

In early May, the Highline Exchange Club sponsored a highly successful "Invitational" tournament that was won by Liam Brinn over Bob Bunch in a tense finale, 21-19, 21-19. Brinn is the brother of John Brinn who played so well with Lou Kramberg in the Eastern Divisional and in the Nationals. Liam married a local girl while in the service and we are very happy to have him playing in the White Center handball "family."

We concluded the tournament season with the "KING COUNTY OPEN" and it was all Mike Fies. He so overpowered everyone that only Lea McMillan, Tacoma, got a game from him and was quickly crushed in the deciding third game when Fies turned on the power. This is the second year in a row and the third time in the last 4 years that Fies won the County Open Singles, and this year he added the doubles, with Ed Altman, for a complete sweep. Only Gordie Pfeifer, who was out with an injury this year, has won both singles and doubles, that in 1968, before Fies did it this year.

This year as in the past, Howard Blue



SHOOTING TO WIN . . . Mike Fies shooting kill with winning form to take both singles and doubles (with Ed Altman) in King County Open — White Center Courts, Seattle.



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did a great job as tournament chairman. He spent untold hours with the towels, pop, score sheets, last minute arrangements and a myriad of other responsibilities. This year he was greatly assisted by a group of enthusiastic handballers — a tip of the hat to Bill Mahurin, John Fotheringham, Ken McNeill, Tom Berg, Roy Velling and Rich Seims, and an-

other to Seims as the newly elected Handball Club President.

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Stu Cochran was a handsome, personable young fellow when I first met him at the Town Club some 15 years ago. He had been a radio broadcaster in downstate Illinois and was just starting to move up the competitive radio-TV sales ladder with a national media company here in Chicago.

As Stu rose in advertising sales stature he continued to play and love handball. After the Town Club closed he switched his court play to the Lawson YMCA and I continued to see him from time to time. Later he moved to Northbrook and became a vice president of the national Blair Advertising Co.

Tough luck with injuries seemed to dog Stu. He jammed a middle finger against the wall at the Town Club one day . . . the finger did not mend right, and even with a steel pin it remained swollen and stiff. So, Stu, figuring it was too much of a handicap, had it amputated. Two large tatoos on his arms that he got while a young Marine were removed in a painful flap-type operation. Then, a bit later he smashed up a car and was on the critical list for some time.

But, through it all he continued to bounce back with the resiliency of the Spalding ACE—until early this Summer when we learned he had suddenly passed away in Milwaukee after a heart attack — at the age of 41.

Then, just a week later, his 16-year-old son, Stu Jr., slammed a Volkswagen into a tree on a very foggy night . . . the car burst into flames and there was a tragic second death in the family.

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Nick Martinez, the troubador from St. Louis and Chicago, now is firmly entrenched in New Mexico . . . Star Route, Box 104, Tijeras, New Mexico, 87059. "We are very happy here in New Mexico. We live at 7500 feet altitude, take care of five horses, have dogs, rabbits, etc., and are very serene and comfortable in a colorful, rural atmosphere. We are half an hour from Albuquerque and I play handball a couple of times a week and am in great shape from hiking, horseback riding, hunting. We are expecting a baby in October. Regards to everyone."

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Construction being completed on two standard courts at the West Palm Beach, Florida, YMCA . . . also three standard courts being built in a nearby suburb and a new athletic club with one court.

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The Sportsman's Club, Northern New Jersey's first privately-owned handball-and-squash center, held its Grand Opening last May, with a crowd of more than 400 persons thronging the new club's lounge and locker room, spilling over into the courts.

"They were standing bumper to bumper in the lounge," said Robert Leckie, the historian and novelist who built the club to satisfy his own passion for handball. "In fact, some of the ladies complained about getting cigarette burns on the backs of their dresses. But I must say that they were very tidy guests. They cleaned up everything."

One of the features of the Opening was an exhibition handball match between two top New Jersey players: Don Wernes, runner-up in the Jersey State singles championship this year, and Bob Sutherlin of the Montclair Y team. Wernes also played a later exhibition with Bill Kennedy, Montclair captain and Jersey correspondent for ACE. Both matches were part of the Sportsman's program of bringing top handball and squash players to the Jefferson facility. The club's squash players have already been treated to an exhibition by Ed Hahn, two-time national champion in 1950 and 1951, and its handball aficionados will next enjoy matches between New Jersey's top courtsters and teams from neighboring states.

The club's spacious lounge with glass viewing windows above the courts makes exhibitions especially attractive. Spectators are able to sit at the tables and enjoy a drink or a cup of coffee while watching the action.

Court construction peculiar to the Sportsman also seems to be a success. Because of costs, Leckie decided to sheath both his squash and handball courts in 4 x 8 sheets of 3/4-inch plywood with a masonite surface, and to make his floors of concrete topped with white asphalt tile. Many oldtime handballers shook their heads at this radical departure, to say nothing of the horror of squash players. Yet, veterans of both sports have given the Sportsman courts high marks, and it may be that their example may help to cut handball court construction costs, and thus help the sport to spread.

Meanwhile, membership in the Sportsman's Club has grown rapidly. After only two months of operation, Leckie has already achieved 75 per cent of his goal of 200 members. Most of these are

handball players, many of whom are also racquetball enthusiasts. Apparently, the "gut" sport is catching on in New Jersey, especially among the ladies. "Ladies Day" is now a Monday and Thursday morning fixture at the Sportsman, and most of the members' wives prefer racquetball to all other sports.

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From Bob Davidson: Richie Greenwald won the West Side (N.Y.) YMCA house tourney by beating Livingston Baker in three.

Six new handball courts being built at Utah State University at Logan, in word received from Dale Brown, assistant basketball coach. "Interest here is keen."

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We were happy to note that Ray Nagel, University of Iowa football coach, gave it the same all-out effort he gives on the handball court in regaining his post for the coming season. His players really went to bat for him.

Dr. Dick Snow is completing plans for a court in St. John, New Brunswick. Ted MacLean, maritime commissioner for handball, sent on the plans for advice and comment. The proposed back wall with glass was planned with what were originally glass doors for stores. We suggested not to use them as there would be hinders, and instead go to a moderately priced glass.

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Paul Reger writes in the Houston Post: "In the seven years he has been an astronaut, Alan L. Bean, one of our two newest men on the moon, claims the most dangerous thing he's done is play a spirited game of HANDBALL in the astronaut gym."

"While waiting for his chance to fly, Bean spent more time than most playing handball and is one of the better players of the popular spacemen's court. 'It's darn dangerous on that small court,' he says."

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Geisha Houses of America Inc. — New Orleans operation, located at the Rault Center, 1111 Gravier St., — starting to build two courts. "We will be building these courts on the 17th floor, which is actually the roof of this particular building." USHA spec. book was rushed to them.



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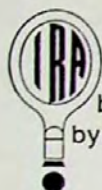
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Racquetball Tip: Work on Serve

"A serve is commenced by bouncing the ball to the floor in the service zone, and on the first bounce the ball is struck by the server's racquet so that it hits the front wall . . ."

— IRA rule 4.1(d)

The serve in racquetball is much more than the terse wording in the IRA rules. It can be a weapon of victory, a psychological lift for the server, and never should be taken as merely putting the ball in play.

If a flaw exists in your opponent's game (and if one doesn't then you are in trouble) your serve should take immediate advantage of it, or maneuver your opponent into making your next shot one that will force the play to his weakness. The types of serves you can use are limited only by the number of legal combination of wall caroms.

When playing to a righthanded opponent's backhand, one of the most effective serves is the driving cross court "V" serve. The server stands near the right side wall and hits a hard, low shot to the deep left corner. Unless your opponent can react fast enough for a fly return he will be forced to backhand the serve. If his return should be good, often your next shot should be a hard pass down the right side.

Another good weapon to use from the service box on the opponent's backhand is the cross-court corner serve, a variation of the "V" serve. When serving the cross court the server should stand on the left half of the service zone. His serve need not be particularly hard but it should be high in the right corner of the front wall. The carom will take the ball deep into the left corner of the court and will be a tough return for the weak-backhanded opponent, unless he returns on the fly. An occasional hard, low driving serve down the right side should discourage your opponent from creeping up to take your serves to his backhand early.

Another effective but difficult to master serve to the backhand is the lob serve down the left side wall. The server stands on the left side of the service zone and hits a high, soft shot, being careful not to hit the ceiling on the rebound from the front wall (fault). The ball should carry deep into the left corner of the court along the left side wall. CAUTION: If this serve is not executed correctly it may result in an easy return for your opponent.



BOB HOLLOWAY, avid handball player, recently conducted a paddleball tournament at Pershing High School in San Diego. Good sportsmanship was the highlight of the tourney which was won by Bob Moreau (third from right), who bested Bob Ellis (second from left). Others pictured (l. to r.) are Kevin Doherty, 3rd place, Richard Breaux, 4th, and Chuck Muench, 5th.

Gerry Lapierre's Thumbnail Sketches of Racquetball Play

NASHVILLE: Managed to play a few games with Frank Burkholder in one of the two courts upstairs at the downtown YMCA, which has recently been air conditioned. This was accomplished by installing a room type air conditioner unit on the balcony of each court, and sealing the opened area with a clear vinyl plastic sheet — does the job in the most practical way when funds are limited. I am happy to report that the front wall of the handball court downstairs is completely repaired — counted a total of six patches. For all the new readers to our travelogue(?) we always mentioned this court as a means of throwing a backhanded curve to those who have been using the excuse that racquetball will damage a court. In all fairness to the Nashville group, this particular court was built by the handballers themselves. Also, within the last year, there has been a tremendous amount of cooperation between the two groups at the YMCA here.

KNOXVILLE: Received a cook's tour of the new University of Tennessee phys. ed. building by Andy Kozar, chairman of the department for men's physical education. Included in the new building will be 11 standard handball courts with one glass court seating 360 spectators. Andy is very enthusiastic about the facility and took time out from his book writing chores to show us around. The USHA National Intercollegiate handball tourney will be held here in 1971.

ASHEVILLE: Bryon Himmon, physical director of the YMCA, escorted us around the new facility. Included are 2 single wall indoor and 2 three-wall outdoor courts. The outdoor courts are patterned after the Frontennis game introduced in the 1968 Olympics by Mexico. It consists of a front, back, and side wall. Admittedly, this type of court makes it interesting for the local racquetballers, but I personally feel, it is a total waste. The membership here will be the first to disagree and say that it is better than nothing. However, I feel it is an injustice to the players since they will never be able to compete in tourney play without a definite handicap.

HICKORY, N.C.: The Lake Hickory Country Club is most unique in many aspects. A complete health facility is available to its members including a

court which measures 46.8' long and 22.6' wide. Needless to say the racquetballers are frustrated somewhat because of the court situation. However, Jack Lyles, health director, stated that everything possible is being done to rectify the situation; including the installation of a glass back wall. Had a most enjoyable time holding an informal clinic here. We also witnessed a win by the club's soft pitch baseball team prior to our clinic. After which, we were treated to a medium rare sirloin and liquid refreshments, while discussing the various aspects of the game to the membership. Our sincere appreciation to Jack and the management of the club for their interest and generosity on my behalf and the IRA.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.: Had a most congenial conversation with Harry Welch, physical director of the Central YMCA. Harry stated that the athletic committee voted not to allow racquetball to be played in the courts.

GREENSBORO, N.C.: Spent a most enjoyable time at the YMCA playing with Van (carrot top) Gunter, physical director, and Brad Faircloth, one of the members. I believe they were somewhat shell-shocked at our game, but this did not deter their ability to laugh in face of disaster. Both of them, you might say, are characters on and off the courts. The facility has 3 standard courts and are being used both by racquetballers and handballers. One word of caution to those of you who may have the opportunity to visit this facility — never ask Van for directions to any local spot: He will get you there — but by the way of Alaska???

RALEIGH, N.C.: Spent the weekend here and managed to play a few games with our area commissioner, "Wild Bill" Wilson, and Stan Simon, Ed Whitehurst and L. T. Wadsworth. After play Friday evening, Bill and Ed were joined by their lovely wives and we went to eat at Jung's Far East Restaurant. Jim Jung is an avid handballer, who manages to play almost every day — gets him in shape to handle the large crowds at the well known eatery.

CHARLESTON, S. C.: The George Street YMCA has two standard courts and handball is predominant but there are a few who do play our game.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.: Got together with George Jones and the group at the Y for a few games. George is interested in hosting the South division tourney next year. He will not only receive the help of all the racquetballers, but handballers as well. George is even planning to include a women's division. I personally feel the group will do an outstanding job, if successful in their bid for the tourney.

LOUISVILLE: Even though Summer is in full swing, always managed to find a few "never say die" in the courts at the JCC. Ike (The Judge) Gomer and Herman Abromovitz are probably the two most active — you could say that one could set his watch to their daily appearance. Ken Porco, our South Area commissioner, was in Pittsburgh so we were unable to compare notes. The Judge is spreading rumors, good naturedly, about the reason for Ken's absence — but I am not telling.

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Being somewhat of a racquetball fanatic, my one ambition is to have a court of my own: It's the thought that counts and at this stage in my life, the only way I will ever achieve my goal is to accidentally stumble over a million or two — tax free that is. I heard of a small group in San Diego who combined forces and built one for their private use. But I never heard of a court in a home, let alone one's back yard. That is, until I visited St. Cloud, Minnesota, and played with Jerry Helgensen.

It all goes back a couple of years when Jerry, with great pressure from his lovely wife, Ann, consented to build a new home. However, the stipulation was that he would include in the plans one standard size court. That's right: one 20' x 20' x 40' court. If you think that this didn't start a staunch support of lobbyists against Jerry's crazy, mixed-up idea, you have another think coming, sports fans. Even his father rallied to the support of Ann by enlisting his son's friends to try to talk him out of this "idiotic" plan.

But like the rock of Gibraltar, Jerry continued to press his demands on his unrelenting wife, regardless of the avalanche of criticisms from well-meaning friends. Through a diplomatic maneuver, which would have drawn plaudits from the greatest statesmen, he received an unconditional surrender from Ann, including a portion of space in the laundry room, no less.

As you drive up to the Helgensen's residence, there is no outward indication that a court actually exists. It is located at one end of the spacious home with the court floor one level below the main floor. It is equipped with a year round air conditioning and heating system and (to page IRA-3)



RACQUETBALL

ROOM BY Chuck Leve

As 1970 moves into the back stretch, the observation from our corner is that things are moving, and in an upward direction. With the '70 nationals barely off our lips, '71 looks like it should be a banner year.

Membership is up, ball sales are up, racquet sales are up, and we would like to thank all of our members for so heartily supporting IRA. And please, keep up the good work.

Right now IRA's main concerns are, one, pushing for even more memberships and second, to make available to all members a standardized set of rules. We are working from within to spur memberships, and our hope is that all IRA members will work from the outside, to add their friends (and enemies) of the court to the IRA fold. To aid you in this respect, we hope you will take advantage of our special sign-up offer and all new members will receive the balance of 1970 free as well as being covered entirely for 1971.

The rules situation is more complex. Rules Committee chairman, Chuck Hazama, of the Rochester, MN, YMCA, and his men are in the process of formulating a final draft. But it seems that as soon as one problem is solved, another crops up.

The latest rule hassle concerns the size of the official racquet. Our present rules indicate, "The official racquet will have a maximum length head of 11 inches and a width of 9 inches. The handle will not exceed 7 inches. The total length and width may not exceed a total of 27 inches."

The problem is centered around the system of measurement. Do we measure the racquet from the outer edges, or just the strung portion? Outer edges would seem reasonable, but there are so many different materials of varying thickness that can be used to construct a racquet, that a problem exists.

If we interpret our 9 inch width to mean the strung portion of the racquet, then most of the racquets used in the last nationals were unnecessarily small in width, sometimes an inch to 1½ inches short. So standards must be set, and they are being worked out most competently by Mr. Hazama.

And to answer the many inquiries we have had about publication of our rule

book, it should be available by the end of September.

We just received a new shipment of tournament draw sheets, and they are available to any group sponsoring a racquetball tourney. Just drop us a line about your event and we will be happy to send you as many sheets as you desire (one sheet contains singles and doubles draws). Please enclose 25 cents per sheet to cover mailing and handling.

Dates and sites for the 1971 divisional tournaments are now being decided, and they will be published in the October issue of ACE.

Racquetball is growing, there is no doubt about that, and letters from around the country bear out that boast: "I would like to take this opportunity," writes Sandy Weinstein, chairman of the Portland, Ore., JCC, "to let you and other players know that there are three main centers for racquetball here in Portland . . . Portland has many racquetball players and the number is growing."

And this item from the opposite end of the country: "There is a great deal of interest in IRA among our members," says Steve Walker, Physical Director of the Clearwater, Fla., YMCA, "and among our directors as well. We would like to receive further information about IRA and IRA-sanctioned tournaments."

So . . . Let's keep the ball rolling.

Schmidtke 'Slams' In Wisconsin IRA

Bill Schmidtke and his Madison YMCA won everything in the annual Wisconsin IRA tournament held at the Jewish Community Center in Milwaukee last month.

Schmidtke defeated Bill Schultz, Madison, 17-21, 21-16, and 21-15 to win the singles crown and then teamed with Ivan Bruner to turn back teammates Schultz and Fred Zitzer, 12-21, 21-18, and 21-14. Simie Fein, representing the Milwaukee JCC, placed third in the singles and Ralph Schwartz and Sax Morgan won third in the doubles.

Lapierre

(From IRA 2)

is in excellent shape. There is also a locker room with shower facilities and sauna. The back wall of the court has two observation windows from which one can watch the combatants while availing of the refreshments that can be found in any playroom area.

The court received several appropriate titles from a group of femmes from Fargo, North Dakota, who had accepted an invitation to challenge the localites in team play. Eight gals arrived to do combat and team events were conducted in the morning with a round robin in the afternoon, followed by dinner with Jerry acting as chef — just think, one man with all those gals. In appreciation the contingent from Fargo sent Ann towels embroidered with the following: "Ann's Paddle Palace, Helgensen's Health Haven and St. Cloud's Hospitality Center."

The local gals meet every Tuesday in friendly combat and just recently a couples tourney was held. Ten couples participated with the best man paired with the least skilled woman and each team playing ten minutes in a round robin. As you may have guessed by now, the so called dissenters of "Jerry's Folley" have quietly faded away. The Helgensen's brood consist of three sons and one daughter. Jerry points with pride to the play of his sons on the court — may be a junior champion in the family.

For the followers of the University of Minnesota Gophers, Jerry and Bob McNamara (mentioned in previous issues) were co-captains of the 1954 football team. Jerry feels that the gut game is more interesting and, along with his partner Bill Greaves, may have serious designs on our next International. My thanks to the Helgensens for their graciousness and hospitality during my visit to St. Cloud's Hospitality Center.

Joe Zelson's 'Back To Living' Via Racquetball

"Joe, you have to quit." That's the advice once given to the 1970 IRA Doubles Champion, Joe Zelson. One wouldn't expect a heart attack to strike a person who plays basketball, racquetball, tennis, and has an active job. However, that's what happened in January 1965, when Joe was 36 years old.

After a 25-day stay in the hospital, 14 days at home, and 14 days in Florida, Joe went back to work for half days only. In consultation with his doctor, Mike Karl, it was decided that for one year Joe had to quit exercise. After that

"terrible year," the two agreed on golf.

In 1967, with the help of JCCA Health Club Director Phil Smith, Joe enjoyed(?) a program of light isometrics and golf. After a short period of isometrics, Dr. Karl agreed to "some racquetball." Once or twice a week just isn't enough racquetball, and as one thing leads to another, within a short period, Joe was playing racquetball five or six times a week, a program he still enjoys after three years.

What caused the heart attack? Experts claim that several factors can be

responsible. Smoking and tension play a major role. Both factors were believed to be involved in Joe's case. Joe



JOE ZELSON

Garfinkel-Wurzer Win N. Y. State

National contender Charley Garfinkel and his partner, Chuck Wurzer, both of Buffalo, N.Y., added another prize to their trophy cases when they teamed up to take the First New York State Invitational Racquetball Tournament, June 12-13.

Garfinkel and Wurzer defeated Jerry Pace and Len Buttitta, Cleveland, 16-21, 21-7, 21-2, in the finals.

Garfinkel, who currently holds the Buffalo squash, racquetball and tennis singles championships, and Wurzer, defensive back for the Lackawanna Lancer football team, represent the Buffalo Athletic Club in the tourney.

On their way to the finals, Garfinkel and Wurzer defeated Norb Baschnagel and Bill Monkallah (Buffalo Athletic Club), 21-8, 21-17; and the Al Mahoney-Bill McLaughlin Buffalo YMCA team,

21-6, 21-7.

Pace and Buttitta reached the finals with victories over Bob Cohen-Bruce Greenburg (Jewish Center of Buffalo), 21-13, 6-21, 21-10; and Dr. Bucky Colarusso-Paul Smaldone (BAC), 21-4, 13-21, 21-5.

In the consolation finals Mahoney-McLaughlin bested Bowling-Low (BAC).

For Garfinkel, the tournament was another stepping stone for the 1971 IRA nationals in Salt Lake City. This past year he was ousted in the third round by defending champ Dr. Bud Muehleisen.

Bill Naples, chairman of the New York tourney, was highly impressed with the Garfinkel-Wurzer victory, and writes: "Wurzer and Garfinkel will be competing in the nationals in Salt Lake City, and are sure to give everyone a run for their money."

eliminated smoking and reduced tension by working at his job eight hours a day instead of the 10 or 12 hours that insurance planners can put in.

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OFFICIAL IRA FOUR-WALL RULES

PART I. THE GAME

Rule 1. 1-Types of Games. Racquetball may be played by two or four players. When played by two it is called "singles;" and when played by four, "doubles."

Rule 1. 2-Description. Racquetball, as the name implies, is a competitive game in which a racquet is used to serve and return the ball.

Rule 1. 3-Objective. The objective is to win each volley by serving or returning the ball so the opponent is unable to keep the ball in play. A serve or volley is won when a side is unable to return the ball before it touches the floor twice.

Rule 1. 4-Points and Outs. Points are scored only by the serving side when it serves an ace or wins a volley. When the serving side loses a volley it loses the serve. Losing the serve is called an "out" in singles, and a "hand-out" in doubles.

Rule 1. 5-Game. A game is won by the side first scoring 21 points.

Rule 1. 6-Match. A match is won by the side first winning two games.

PART II. COURT AND EQUIPMENT

Rule 2. 1-Court. The specifications for the standard four-wall racquetball court are:

(a) **Dimension.** The dimensions shall be 20 feet wide, 20 feet high, and 40 feet long, with back wall at least 12 feet high.

(b) **Lines and Zones.** Racquetball courts shall be divided and marked on the floors with 1½ inch wide red or white lines as follows:

(1) **Short Line.** The short line is midway between and is parallel with the front and back walls dividing the court into equal front and back courts.

(2) **Service Line.** The service line is parallel with and located 5 feet in front of the short line.

(3) **Service Zone.** The service zone is the space between the outer edges of the short and service lines.

(4) **Service Boxes.** A service box is located at each end of the service zone by lines 18 inches from and parallel with each side wall.

(5) **Receiving Lines.** Five feet back of the short line, vertical lines shall be marked on each side wall extending 3 inches from the floor. See rule 4.7(a).

Rule 2. 2-Ball Specifications. The specifications for the standard racquetball are:

(a) **Official Ball.** IRA's official ball is the black Seamless 558. The ball shall be 2¼ inches in diameter; weight approximately 1.40 ounces with the bounce at 65-70 inches from 100 inch drop at a temperature of 76 degrees F.

Rule 2. 3-Ball Selection. A new ball shall be selected by the referee for use in each match in all tournaments. During a game the referee may, at his discretion or at the request of both players or teams, select another ball. Balls that are not round or which bounce erratically shall not be used. The Seamless 558 ball is official for all IRA sanctioned tournaments.

Rule 2. 4-Racquet. The official racquet will have a maximum head length of 11 inches and a width of 9 inches. These measurements are computed from the outer edge of the racquet head rims. The handle may not exceed 7 inches in length. Total length and width of the racquet may not exceed a total of 27 inches.

(a) The racquet must include a thong so that it may be securely wrapped on the player's wrist.

(b) The racquet frame may be made of any material, as long as it conforms to the above specifications.

(c) The strings of the racquet must be gut, monofilament, or nylon, but cannot be of steel or metal.

Rule 2. 5-Uniform. All parts of the uniform, consisting of a shirt, shorts, socks and shoes, shall be clean and white. Warmup shirts and pants, if worn in actual match play, shall also be white but may be any color if not used in actual match play. Only club insignia and/or name of club or racquetball organization may be on the uniform. Players may not play without shirts.

PART III. OFFICIATING

Rule 3. 1-Tournaments. All tournaments shall be managed by a committee or chairman, who shall designate the officials.

Rule 3. 2-Officials. The officials shall include a referee and a scorer. Additional assistants and record keepers may be designated as desired.

Rule 3. 3-Qualifications. Since the quality of the officiating often determines the success of each tournament, all officials shall be experienced or trained, and shall be thoroughly familiar with these rules and with the local playing conditions.

Rule 3. 4-Rule Briefing. Before all tournaments, all officials and players shall be briefed on rules and on local court hindrances or other regulations.

Rule 3. 5-Referees. (a) **Pre-Match Duties.** Before each match commences, it shall be the duty of the referee to:

(1) Check on adequacy of preparation of the court with respect to cleanliness, lighting and temperature, and upon location of locker rooms, drinking fountains, etc.

(2) Check on availability and suitability of all materials necessary for the match and as balls, towels, score cards and pencils.

(3) Check readiness and qualifications of assisting officials.

(4) Explain court regulations to players and inspect the compliance of racquets with rules.

(5) Remind players to have an adequate supply of extra racquets and uniforms.

(6) Introduce players, toss coin, and signal start of first game.

(b) **Decisions.** During games the referee shall decide all questions that may arise in accordance with these rules. If there is body contact on the back swing, the player should call it quickly. This is the only call a player may make. On all questions involving judgment and on all questions not covered by these rules, the decision of the referee is final.

(c) **Protests.** Any decision not involving the judgment of the referee may on protest be decided by the chairman, if present, or his delegated representative.

(d) **Forfeitures.** A match may be forfeited by the referee when:

(1) Any player refuses to abide by the referees decision, or engages in unsportsmanlike conduct.

(2) After warning any player leaves the court without permission of the referee either during a game or between the first and second games.

(3) Any player for a singles match, or any team for a doubles match fails to report to play. Normally, 20 minutes from the scheduled game time will be allowed before forfeiture. The tournament chairman may permit a longer delay if circumstances warrant such a decision.

(4) If both players for a singles, or both teams for doubles fail to appear to play for consolation matches or other play-offs, they shall forfeit their ratings for future tournaments, and forfeit any trophies, medals, or awards.

Rule 3. 6-Scorers. The scorer shall keep a record of the progress of the game in the manner prescribed by the committee or chairman. As a minimum the progress record shall include the order of serves, outs, and points. The referee or scorer shall announce the score before each serve.

Rule 3. 7-Record Keepers. In addition to the scorer, the committee may designate additional persons to keep more detailed records for statistical purposes of the progress of the game.

PART IV. PLAY REGULATIONS

Rule 4. 1-Serve-Generally. (a) *Order.* The player or side winning the toss becomes the first server and starts the first game, and the third game, if any.

(b) *Start.* Games are started by the referee calling "play ball."

(c) *Place.* The server may serve from any place in the service zone. No part of either foot may extend beyond either line of the service zone. Stepping on the line (but not beyond it) is permitted. Server must remain in the service zone until the served ball passes short line. Violations are called "foot faults."

(d) *Manner.* A serve is commenced by bouncing the ball to the floor in the service zone, and on the first bounce the ball is struck by the server's racquet so that it hits the front wall and on the rebound hits the floor back of the short line, either with or without touching one of the side walls.

(e) *Readiness.* Serves shall not be made until the receiving side is ready, or the referee has called play ball.

Rule 4. 2-Serve-In Doubles. (a) *Server.* At the beginning of each game in doubles, each side shall inform the referee of the order of service, which order shall be followed throughout the game. Only the first server serves the first time up and continues to serve first throughout the game. When the first server is out—the side is out. Thereafter both players on each side shall serve until a hand-out occurs. It is not necessary for the server to alternate serves to their opponents.

(b) *Partner's Position.* On each serve, the server's partner shall stand erect with his back to the side wall and with both feet on the floor within the service box until the served ball passes the short line. Violations are called "foot faults."

Rule 4. 3-Defective Serves. Defective serves are of three types resulting in penalties as follows:

(a) *Dead Ball Serve.* A dead ball serve results in no penalty and the server is given another serve without cancelling a prior illegal serve.

(b) *Fault Serve.* Two fault serves results in a hand-out.

(c) *Out Serves.* An out serve results in a hand-out. For details see Rule 4.6.

Rule 4. 4-Dead Ball Serves. Dead ball serves do not cancel any previous illegal serve. They occur when an otherwise legal serve:

(a) *Hits Partner.* Hits the server's partner on the fly on the rebound from the front wall while the server's partner is in the service box. Any serve that touches the floor before hitting the partner in the box is a short.

(b) *Screen Balls.* Passes too close to the server or the server's partner to obstruct the view of the returning side. Any serve passing behind the server's partner and the side wall is an automatic screen.

(c) *Court Hinders.* Hits any part of the court that under local rules is a dead ball.

Rule 4. 5-Fault Serves. The following serves are faults and any two in succession results in a handout:

(a) *Foot Faults.* A foot faults results:

(1) When the server leaves the service zone before the served ball passes the short line.

(2) When the server's partner leaves the service box before the served ball passes the short line.

(b) *Short Serve.* A short serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and on the rebound hits the floor in front of the back edge of the short line either with or without touching one side wall; or

(c) *Two-Side Serve.* A two-side serve is any ball served that first hits the front wall and on the rebound hits two side walls on the fly.

(d) *Ceiling Serve.* A ceiling serve is any served ball that touches the ceiling after hitting the front wall either with or without touching one side wall.

(e) *Long Serve.* A long serve is any served ball that first hits the front wall and rebounds to the back wall before touching the floor.

(f) *Out of Court Serve.* Any ball going out of the court on the serve.

Rule 4.6. — Out serves. Any one of the following serves results in a handout:

(a) *Bounces.* Bouncing the ball more than three times while in the service zone before striking the ball. A bounce is a drop or throw to the floor, followed by a catch. The ball may not be bounced anywhere but on the floor within the service zone. Accidental dropping of the ball counts as one bounce.

(b) *Missed Ball.* Any attempt to strike the ball on the first bounce that results either in a total miss or in touching any part of the server's body other than his racquet.

(c) *Non-front Serve.* Any served ball that strikes the server's partner, or the ceiling, floor or side wall, before striking the front wall.

(d) *Touched Serve.* Any served ball that on the rebound from the front wall touches the server, or touches the server's partner while any part of his body is out of the service box, or the server's partner while any part of his body is out of the service box, or the server's partner intentionally catches the served ball on the fly.

(e) *Out-of-Order Serve.* In doubles, when either partner serves out of order.

(f) *Crotch Serve.* If the served ball hits the crotch in the front wall it is considered the same as hitting the floor and is an out. A crotch serve into the back wall is good and in play.

Rule 4. 7-Return of Serve. (a) *Receiving Position.* The receiver or receivers must stand at least 5 feet back of the short line, as indicated by the 3 inch verticle line on each side wall, and cannot return the ball until it passes the short line. Any infraction results in a point for the server.

(b) *Defective Serve.* To eliminate any misunderstanding, the receiving side should not catch or touch a defectively served ball until called by the referee or it has touched the floor the second time.

(c) *Fly Return.* In making a fly return the receiver must end up with both feet back of the service zone. A violation by a receiver results in a point for the server.

(d) *Legal Return.* After the ball is legally served, one of the players on the receiving side must strike the ball with his racquet either on the fly or after the first bounce and before the ball touches the floor the second time to return the ball to the front wall either directly or after touching one or both side walls, the back wall or the ceiling, or any combination of those surfaces. A returned ball may not touch the floor before touching the front wall. (1) It is legal to return the ball by striking the ball into the back wall first, then hitting the front wall on the fly or after hitting the side wall or ceiling.

(e) *Failure to Return.* The failure to return a serve results in a point for the server.

Rule 4. 3-Changes of Serve. (a) *Hand-out.* A server is entitled to continue serving until:

(1) *Out Serve.* He makes an out serve under Rule 4.6 or

(2) *Fault Serves.* He makes two fault serves in succession under Rule 4.5, or

(3) *Hits Partner.* He hits his partner with an attempted return before the ball touches the floor the second time.

(4) *Return Failure.* He or his partner fails to keep the ball in play by returning it as required by Rule 4. 7(d).

(5) *Avoidable Hinder.* He or his partner commits an avoidable hinder under Rule 4.11.

(b) *Side-out* (1) *In Singles.* In singles, retiring the server retires the side.

(2) *In Doubles.* In doubles, the side is retired when both partners have been put out, except on the first serve as provided in Rule 4.2 (a).

(c) *Effect.* When the server or the side loses the serve, the server or serving side shall become the receiver; and the receiving side, the server; and so alternately in all subsequent services of the game.

Rule 4. 9-Volleys. Each legal return after the serve is called a volley. Play during volleys shall be according to the following rules:

(a) *One or both Hands.* Only the head of the racquet may be used at any time to return the ball. The ball must be hit with the racquet in one or both hands. Switching hands to hit a ball is out. The use of any portion of the body is an out.

(b) *One Touch.* In attempting returns, the ball may be touched only once by one player on returning side. In doubles both partners may swing at, but only one, may hit the ball. Each violation of (a) or (b) results in a handout or point.

(c) *Return Attempts.* (1) *In Singles.* In singles if a player swings at but misses the ball in play, the player may repeat his attempts to return the ball until it touches the floor the second time.

(2) *In Doubles.* In doubles if one player swings at but misses the ball, both he and his partner may make further attempts to return the ball until it touches the floor the second time. Both partners on a side are entitled to an attempt to return the ball.

(3) *Hinders.* In singles or doubles, if a player swings at but misses the ball in play, and in his, or his partner's attempt again to play the ball there is an unintentional interference by an opponent it shall be a hinder. (See Rule 4. 10).

(d) *Touching Ball.* Except as provided in Rule 4. 10(a) (2), any touching of a ball before it touches the floor the second time by a player other than the one making a return is a point or out against the offending player.

(e) *Out of Court Ball.* (1) *After Return.* Any ball returned to the front wall which on the rebound or on the first bounce goes into the gallery or through any opening in a side wall shall be declared dead and the serve replayed.

(2) *No Return.* Any ball not returned to the front wall, but which caroms off a player's racquet into the gallery or into any opening in a side wall either with or without touching the ceiling, side or back wall, shall be an out or point against the players failing to make the return.

(f) *Dry Ball.* During the game and particularly on service every effort should be made to keep the ball dry. Deliberately wetting shall result in an out. The ball may be inspected by the referee at any time during a game.

(g) *Broken Ball.* If there is any suspicion that a ball has broken on the serve or during a volley, play shall continue until the end of the volley. The referee or any player may

request the ball be examined. If the referee decides the ball is broken or otherwise defective, a new ball shall be put into play and the point replayed.

(h) *Play Stoppage.* (1) If a player loses a shoe or other equipment, or foreign objects enter the court, or any other outside interference occurs, the referee shall stop the play. (2) If a player loses control of his racquet, time should be called after the point has been decided, providing the racquet does not strike an opponent or interfere with ensuing play.

Rule 4. 10-Dead Ball Hinders. Hinders are of two types — "dead ball" and "avoidable." Dead ball hinders as described in this rule results in the point being replayed. Avoidable hinders are described in Rule 4.11.

(a) *Situations.* When called by the referee, the following are dead ball hinders:

(1) *Court Hinders.* Hits any part of the court which under local rules is a dead ball.

(2) *Hitting Opponent.* Any returned ball that touches an opponent on the fly before it returns to the front wall.

(3) *Body Contact.* Any body contact with an opponent that interferes with seeing or returning the ball.

(4) *Screen Ball.* Any ball rebounding from the front wall close to the body of a player on the side which just returned the ball, to interfere with or prevent the returning side from seeing the ball. See rule 4.4 (b).

(5) *Straddle Ball.* A ball passing between the legs of a player on the side which just returned the ball, if there is no fair chance to see or return the ball.

(6) *Other Interference.* Any other unintentional interference which prevents an opponent from having a fair chance to see or return the ball.

(b) *Effect.* A call by the referee of a "hinder" stops the play and voids any situation following, such as the ball hitting a player. No player is authorized to call a hinder, except on the back swing and such a call must be made immediately as provided in Rule 3.5 (b).

(c) *Avoidance.* While making an attempt to return the ball, a player is entitled to a fair chance to see and return the ball. It is the duty of the side that has just served or returned the ball to move so that the receiving side may go straight to the ball and not be required to go around an opponent. The referee should be liberal in calling hinders to discourage any practice of playing the ball where an adversary cannot see it until too late. It is no excuse that the ball is "killed," unless in the opinion of the referee he couldn't return the ball. Hinders should be called without a claim by a player, especially in close plays and on game points.

(d) *In Doubles.* In doubles, both players on a side are entitled to a fair and unobstructed chance at the ball and either one is entitled to a hinder even though it naturally would be his partner's ball and even though his partner may have attempted to play the ball or that he may already have missed it. It is not a hinder when one player hinders his partner.

Rule 4. 11-Avoidable Hinders. An avoidable hinder results in an "out" or a point depending upon whether the offender was serving or receiving.

(a) *Failure to Move.* Does not move sufficiently to allow opponent his shot.

(b) *Blocking.* Moves into a position effecting a block, on the opponent about to return the ball, or, in doubles, one partner moves in front of an opponent as his partner is returning the ball, or

(c) *Moving into Ball.* Moves in the way and is struck by the ball just played by his opponent.

(d) *Pushing*. Deliberately pushing or shoving an opponent during a volley.

Rule 4. 12-Rest Periods. (a) *Delays*. Deliberate delay exceeding ten seconds by server, or receiver shall result in an out or point against the offender.

(b) *During Game*. During a game each player in singles, or each side in doubles, either while serving or receiving may request a "time out" for a towel, wiping glasses, change or adjustment. Each "time out" shall not exceed 30 seconds. No more than three "time outs" in a game shall be granted each singles players or each team in doubles.

(c) *Injury*. No time out shall be charged to a player who is injured during play. An injured player shall not be allowed more than a total of fifteen minutes of rest. If the injured player is not able to resume play after total rests of 15 minutes the match shall be awarded to the opponent or opponents. On any further injury to same player, the Commissioner, if present, or committee, after considering any available medical opinion shall determine whether the injured player will be allowed to continue.

(d) *Between Games*. A two minute rest period is allowed between the first and second games, at which times the players should NOT leave the court, without approval of the referee. A ten minute rest period is allowed between the second and third games, at which time players may leave the court.

(e) *Postponed Games*. Any games postponed by referee due to weather elements shall be resumed with the same score as when postponed.

Rule 4. 13-Masters. Forty will be minimum age for all competition in singles. In doubles, one participant — 40 minimum, the second must be 45 years of age.

PART V. TOURNAMENTS

Rule 5. 1-Draws. If possible, the singles draw shall be made at least two days before the tournament commences. The seeding method of drawing shall be approved by the committee or chairman.

Rule 5. 2-Scheduling (a) *Preliminary Matches*. If one or more contestants are entered in both singles and doubles, they may be required to play both singles and doubles on the same day or night with little rest between matches. This is a risk assumed on entering both singles and doubles. If possible the schedule should provide at least a one hour rest period between all matches.

(b) *Final Matches*. Where one or more players have reached the finals in both singles and doubles, it is recommended that the doubles match be played on the day preceding the singles. This would assume more rest between the final matches. If both final matches must be played on the same day or night, the following procedure is recommended:

(1) The singles match be played first.

(2) A rest period of not less than ONE HOUR be allowed between the finals in singles and doubles.

Rule 5. 3-Notice of Matches. After the first round of matches, it is the responsibility of each player to check the posted schedules to determine the time and place of each subsequent match. If any change is made in the schedule after posting, it shall be the duty of the committee or chairman to notify the players of the change.

Rule 5. 4-Third Place. In championship tournaments: national, state, district, etc., the loser in the semi-finals must play for third place or lose his ranking for the next year unless he is unable to compete because of injury or illness. See Rule 3.5 (d) (4).

Rule 5. 5-IRA Divisional Tournaments. Starting in 1969-70 the United States was divided into four divisions. A map

defining the boundary lines of each division will be defined and made available to IRA "Divisional Directors" who will sponsor tournaments.

(a) Only players residing in the area defined can participate in a division tournament.

(b) Players can participate in only one event in a division tournament.

(c) Winners of singles (not Masters singles or doubles) of divisional tournaments will receive round trip air coach tickets to the IRA national tourney. Remuneration will be made after arrival at the nationals.

(d) An IRA national officer will be in attendance at each divisional tournament and will coordinate with the host chairman.

Awards: No individual award in IRA-sanctioned tournaments should exceed value of more than \$25.

Tournament Management: In all IRA-sanctioned tournaments the tournament chairman and/or the national IRA official in attendance may decide on a change of courts after the completion of any tournament game if such a change will accommodate better spectator conditions.

Tournament Conduct: In all IRA-sanctioned tournaments the referee is empowered to default a match if an individual player or team conducts itself to the detriment of the tournament and the game.

Amateur Definition: We hold as eligible for racquetball tournaments anyone except those who engage in, or promote racquetball for a profit.

Pick-A-Partner: The essence of the "Players' Fraternity" has been to allow players to come to tournaments and select a partner, if necessary, regardless what organization or city he might represent.

ONE-WALL AND THREE-WALL RULES

Basically racquetball rules for one-wall, three-wall and four-wall are the same with the following exceptions:

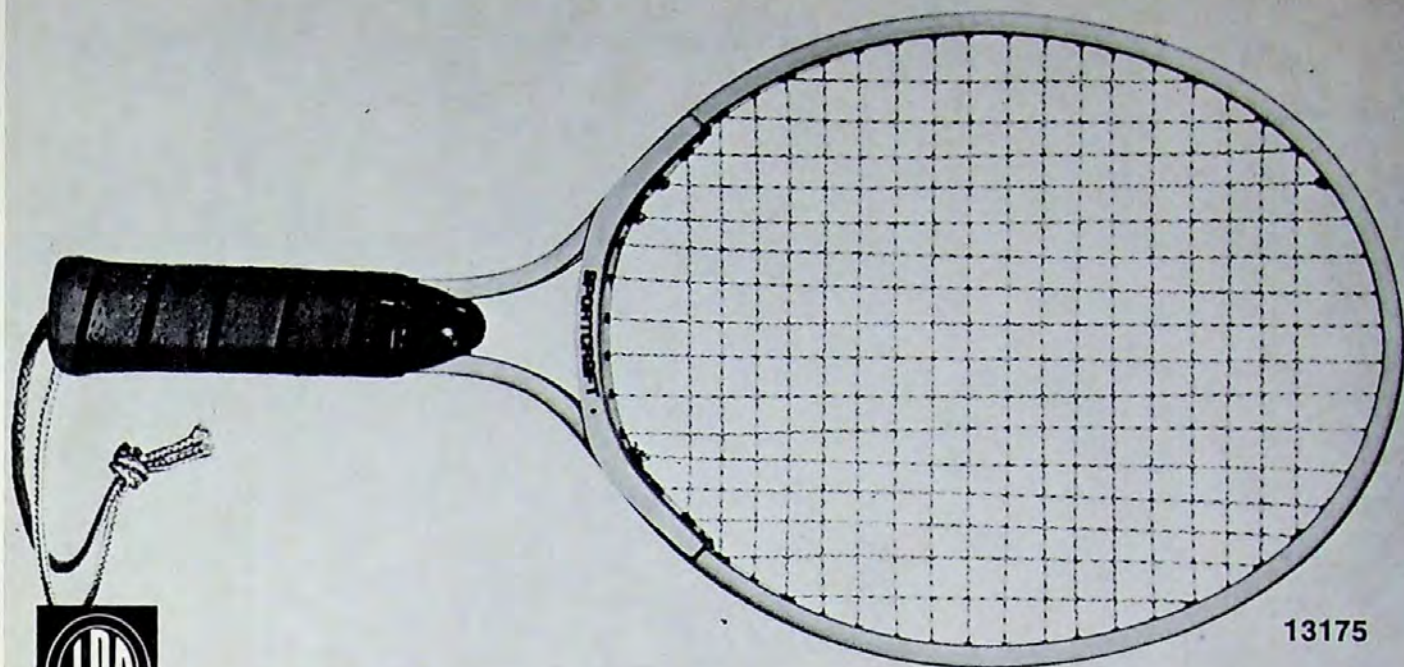
ONE-WALL — Court Size — Wall shall be 20 ft. in width and 16 ft. high, floor 20 ft. in width and 34 ft. from the wall to the back edge of the long line. There should be a minimum of 3 feet beyond the long line and 6 feet outside each side line. There should be minimum of six feet outside each side line and behind the long line to permit movement area for the players.

Short Line — Back edge 16 feet from the wall. **Service Markers** — Lines at least 6 inches long parallel to and midway between the long and short lines, extending in from the side lines. The imaginary extension and joining of these lines indicates the service line. Lines are 1½ inches in width. **Service Zone** — floor area inside and including the short, side and service lines. **Receiving Zone** — floor area in back of short line bounded by and including the long and side lines.

THREE-WALL — Serve — A serve that goes beyond the side walls on the fly is player or side out. A serve that goes beyond the long line on a fly but within the side walls is the same as a "short."

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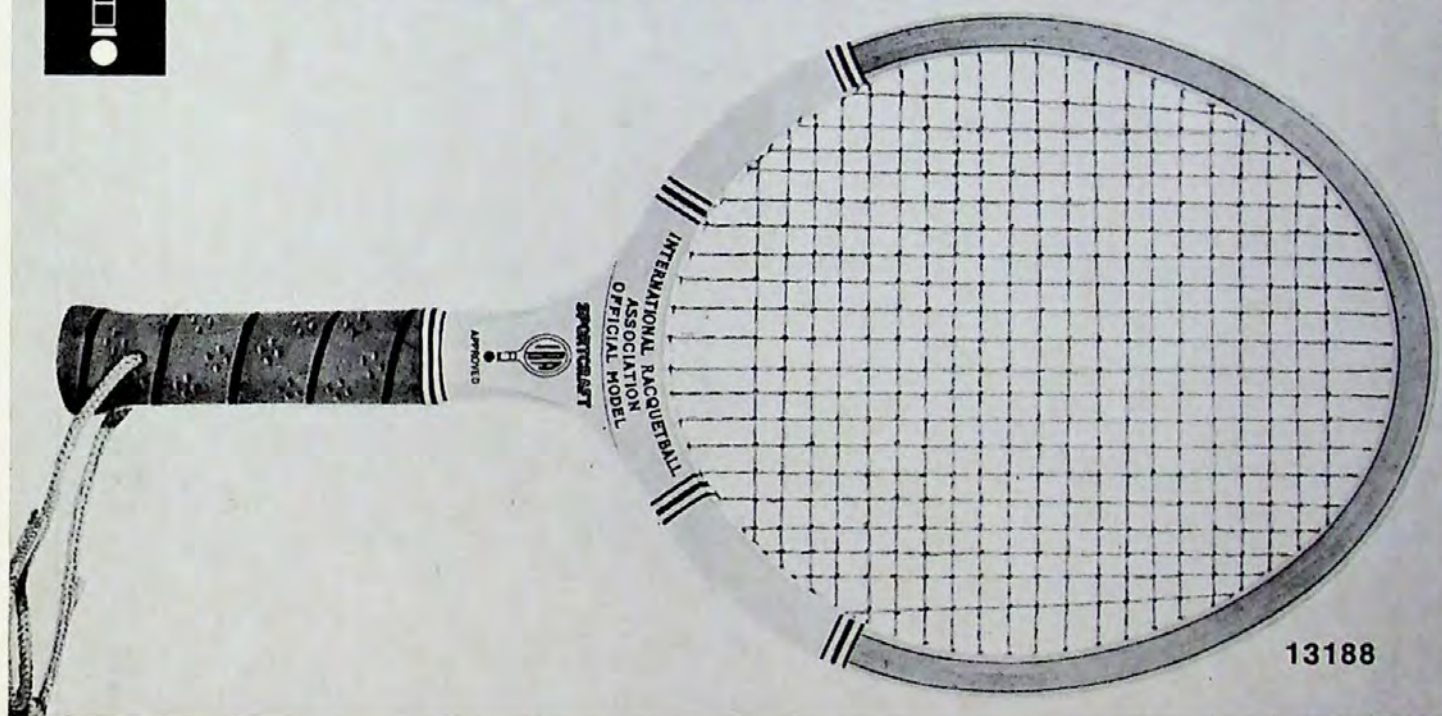
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Joe Ardito, president of The Illinois Handball Association, has announced the four-wall tournament schedule for the 1970-71 season.

The Contenders, once known as the novice and spawning grounds for such nationally-ranked players as Johnny Sloan, Phil Collins, Phil Elbert, Andy Upatnieks, Don Ardito, Denny Hofflander, Bob Perez, Tom Brownfield, and Jack McDonald, will again be hosted by the world's largest membership YMCA—Northwest Suburban—Nov. 15-21.

Masters doubles will return for a second straight year at the North Suburban YMCA (Northbrook), Dec. 13-19. Tony Tennerelli and Nunzio "Red" Mugavero of the Duncan Y are defending champions.

Open doubles will be played at the Evanston YMCA, Jan. 24-30.

And, the final event will be the open singles at either the Oak Park YMCA or the West Suburban YMCA (La-Grange), March 7-13.

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Charlotte YMCA Setup Gains Game Interest

The Jack Spiers Handball League has just completed a most successful spring season of seven weeks play. Eight teams of six players each battled down the home stretch with six of the teams fighting for the top spot with only 29 points between the top and bottom teams. The "Hawks" captained by Bob Greene finally nosed out the "Wildcats" captained by Bob Wylie by a score of 1105 to 1092. Ed Houser of the Hawks won his regular match and then substituted for a teammate and won that match also, to insure a Hawks victory. Trophies will be presented to each player on the winning team and of course they will meet the winner of the fall season in the "super handbowl."

The League is in its third season and has been a real benefit in developing interest in handball in Charlotte and in improving the ability of the many players in the League. The unique scoring system makes the play a real team effort and every player, the good and the poor, is of equal importance.

Here is a step forward for Charlotte Handball, thanks to the interest of a Charlotte handball player. We believe other readers of Ace can use this method of air conditioning, because of its low initial cost—less than \$1,000. A standard house unit of 2½ top capacity was installed in the exterior wall of one of the courts in a position that would not interfere with



WINNING TEAM IN CHARLOTTE LEAGUE . . . (l to r) — Ed Houser, Max Alexander, Handball Chairman Bob Gore, Team Captain Bob Greene, Don Milkie, Bill Chater, and Bill Wade (not pictured).

play near the back wall and about 16' high. This type of individual unit is the answer at low cost to air conditioning single courts. The individual unit for each court results in better efficiency,

lower initial and operating costs, better temperature control, fewer shut downs and service troubles. Only one court is affected if a shut down does occur.

JACK SPIERS

Charlotte YMCA Has Successful July Jamboree

The novel Charlotte, North Carolina, YMCA Holiday Handball Jamboree was held on four Mondays during the month of July. Courts were reserved from 5 to 8 p.m., with no matches allowed to begin after 8 p.m.

Theme song: Getting to Know You.

Format: First four players signing up will take over one court each. All others signing up will form a line behind the court of his choice and become a challenger at that court.

One 11 point game will be played.

The winner and the loser will post their scores on talley sheets at each court. The winners stays on the court for the next challenger. The loser goes to the back of the line at any court he chooses and awaits his chance to challenge on that court. This action is repeated until time is called by Physical Director Harry Welch.

The object is to play as many different opponents as possible and pile up as

many points as possible. "Keep playing as long as opponents are available and your strength is adequate." If no challenger is available at one court, the winner on that court may become a challenger at another court.

Less skillful players by playing more opponents may win top prize. Entry Fee: \$1 for all four nights.

Prizes: High point winner each night — pair of handball gloves.

Door prize each night — t-shirt and shorts.

Grand prize for wife or girl friend (if unmarried) at end of four weeks for the highest number of points for the Jamboree.

A player may enter any time during the four weeks and play the remaining nights. There should be no handball strangers after the Jamboree.

Results at Charlotte: 41 players participated. It gave the less talented players a chance to play the best. Response

SHORTS . . .

Queen's University will unveil four handball courts this Fall — Kingston, Ontario, Canada . . . Jack Hardy of San Antonio, Texas; "I want to let you know that as a p.e. instructor in Austin, a friend and I started successfully a group of dedicated one-wall players at St. Stephens High School. Prior to our efforts the students didn't even know what handball was. Now, boys forsake their dates to go down to the gym to play handball. I am very proud that I could enrich their lives with this wonderful sport."

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SHORT SHOTS . . .

George Lee, athletic director of the Dallas Athletic Club, and chairman of handball's oldest and "best" (ask him) invitational, announces No. 25 Silver Anniversary tournament coming up, Feb. 12-14, 1971. "We are already planning to make it big."

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Youngstown, Ohio, YMCA adding one court with glass in back wall, making a total of five . . . University of Oregon at Eugene planning nine four-wall courts . . . Brainerd, Minnesota, finishing addition of two courts. Bob Holbrook, YMCA program director: "We are introducing handball into a community where very few members have played or even heard of the game."

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Jack Spiers of Charlotte and Ft. Lauderdale, one of our newest Lifetime members: "Hit it high, hit it low. Hit it fast, hit it slow. Hit to the right, hit to the left. Run your opponent out of breath."

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A recent survey was made by the Sport Research and Development Group — a research and analysis plan to increase the popularity of handball on a national basis. The Group wishes to express thanks to each of the USHA members for their wonderful cooperation in answering the questionnaires.

Anyone who wishes to voice an opinion on how the popularity of handball can be achieved write to: Sport Research and Development Group, Box 275, East Northport, NY 11731.



PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA SINGLES . . . Back row (l to r) — Dr. Walter Chen, Stan Jontz, winner of Chen Cup. Front row (l to r) — Dick Freeman, Dale McEwan, Ray Michaud. (Missing from picture — Dr. Arne Ahlen) . . . although located some 500 miles from nearest handball center in Vancouver a group of do-it-yourselfers got a court constructed at the local YMCA . . . membership is now around 90. Dr. Chen donated a beautiful trophy for an annual wrapup tournament. Jontz was active player in Vancouver and spearheaded drive for court.



THE ROLLS ROYCE WAY . . . Pictured in front of Bob Kendler's Community Builders (also national headquarters office for USHA and IRA) . . . President Bob is entrusted with care of moviedom-TV Forrest Tucker's swanky Rolls Royce . . . with Bob (at his left) are: Mort Leve and Joe Ardito. On subsequent trip to Evanston Y for tri-weekly doubles session the car promptly developed clutch trouble.



NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM RETAINS WESTMORELAND CUP — WASHINGTON, D.C. . . . General Lewis W. Walt, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps receives The Westmoreland Interservice Handball Cup from Colonel John L. Kleinhans, captain of the Navy-Marine Corps handball team. The Cup is awarded annually to the winners of a tournament conducted by the Pentagon Athletic Center. This is the second consecutive year the Navy-Marine Corps Team has captured this coveted award from teams from the Army and the Air Force. Members of the team pictured (left to right) are LtCol John Greenwood USMC, LtCol Paul A. Wilson USMC (behind Gen. Walt), Cdr W. A. Lynch USN, Cdr Robert Fraser USN, Capt E. E. Schaufelberger USN, Maj Jim Caton USMC, LtCol Frank Peterson USMC and Maj Don Morris USMC. Team members not present when the photo was taken are: Maj Eddie Meadows USMCR, Lt John Teunis USNR and LtCdr Lew Yarborough USNR.

Mid-America Calendar . . .

Don Nelson of the Akron Central YMCA submitted the 1970-71 Ohio area handball tournament schedule:

Oct. 23-24 — Robert Faber Open doubles, Cleveland.

Oct. 30-Nov. 1 — Hollander-Horrod Open, Rochester, N.Y.; singles & doubles.

Nov. 6-8 — Julius Ross Open, Cleveland, singles & doubles.

Nov. 13-15 — Cincinnati Open, singles only.

Nov. 13-15 — Golden Horseshoe, Hamilton, Ontario, singles, doubles, Masters doubles.

Nov. 27-29 — Dayton Open, singles & doubles.

Dec. 4-6 — Old Hickory, Nashville, singles & doubles.

Dec. 11-13 — Youngstown Open, singles only.

Dec. 18-20 — Columbus Open, singles & doubles.

Jan. 15-17 — Akron Open, singles, doubles, Masters doubles.

Jan. 29-31 — Lichtenwagner Memorial, Toledo, singles & doubles.

Feb. 12-14 — Canton Invitational, singles & doubles.

Feb. 26-28 — USHA East Division, site to be announced.

March 5-7 — Pittsburgh Open, singles & doubles.

April 23-24 — Great Laker, Erie, singles & doubles.

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Irish Tourist Board announces potential of arranging a group of people to participate in the "World" Handball Championships, scheduled for Dublin, Oct. 5-10. This special tour would incorporate participation in the tournament for those who are involved together with an independent program for those not playing. The tour would include visits to places of historic interest, entertainment, with a real Irish flavor, touring by luxury motorcoach. For further information: Maurice E. Dunne, Irish Tourist Board, 135 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL. 60603. Tel. No. 726-9356.

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Alex Boisseree, veteran Southern California standout tournament player and former USHA Masters doubles titlist, is now on a one-year assignment in Paris, France. "Just getting my bearings and if I don't get killed in this Parisian traffic before my term is up I may yet get to play a little handball." Alex' address: 4-10 Rue Duplex, 8th Floor, Apt. F, 75 Paris, XV eme, France.

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Paul Jones, architect, reports completion of two standard courts at new Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. USHA hdqs. worked closely with his office in the planning following info. received from Raleigh Blakely.

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John Birdsell: "We have a very active group of handballers here at Ft. Holabird (Md.) playing every day during lunch hour. If anyone comes by Ft. Holabird and wants a game all they need do is go to the gym and ask how the players are contacted."



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Add Invitational . . .

Dear Mort:

The Wichita, Kansas, Handball Club is planning a big invitational handball tournament this Fall.

We have just completed two new handball courts, and have a seating capacity of 400. The back wall in each of the two new courts is glass and air-conditioned, and we feel that we have two very fine courts. And, of course, with our other two courts which are also very fine, but without sufficient seating capacity, we feel capable of holding a top-rank handball tournament.

Our club is very active and interested in sponsoring a good tournament. We would like to bring in four or five, or more top-caliber players such as Yambrick, etc.

I have talked with Pete Tyson, and he is of course interested in attending our tournament. He also feels he would be able to get some of his boys to attend, plus his old national doubles partner, Bob Lindsay.

We would like to clear a couple of possible dates with you when we may hold this, and not be conflicting with any other USHA sanctioned tournaments. The dates we would like to clear are October 10 and 17. We would like to have one of these two dates. It would mean we would start our tournament the Friday before that date — either the 9th or the 16th, and go through Sunday.

We would also like to extend our invitation to you to attend this tournament. It would be a dedication for our new courts, and we would be most pleased to have you in attendance.

Dick Hoffman
Associate Executive Director
Central Branch YMCA
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Enjoys ACE . . .

Dear Mort:

I have enjoyed your rapidly improving magazine since 1967 when Mike Lachman, my uncle, sold me the first subscription. The quality of "Ace's" writing, pictures and features is now very professional. The people who are involved in the game of handball should be proud of its spokesman.

Eugene B. Paul
Southfield, Michigan 48075

European Duty . . .

Sirs:

I recently took a 10-day leave and spent most of it at Torrejon Air Base, Madrid, Spain. My stay there consisted of daily workouts on the court with two of their outstanding players — Jack Shaw, a base champion and European tournament player and Frank Gallivan, the principal of the Madrid American High School, who has been prominent in handball circles in the overseas teaching program for the past 7 to 8 years. Their handball attitude and the friendly greeting you come to expect of all handballers was outstanding and made for an excellent vacation.

The interest in handball and the presence of more fine players in the past year is very encouraging. Local tournaments and clubs are very much evident in Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Munich, and Hanau, Germany. One of the big complaints has been the trouble in procuring ACE balls. It is often faster to have a friend mail some from home. Several of us have recently bought Saranac gloves and have been greatly impressed and pleased with the quick service and friendly correspondence of the plant in Littleton, New Hampshire. As I am a Bostonian it is heartening and a pleasure for me to credit this to the fact the company is an old New England firm with a fine business tradition.

Lt. Gerry Lozeau
Hanau, Germany

Vet From St. Louis . . .

Dear Mort:

I have played handball since 1930 at the age of 9 years.

That comes to 40 years by my calculation. This was one-wall in the school-yard where the teacher, an athletically-inclined fellow, painted a couple of stripes on the wall of the school and the brick yard.

In 1931 I found that the fire house, two blocks from our school, where the firemen had rigged a court behind the Firehouse #45, St. Louis.

In 1935 I located an advanced-type four-wall court at the #1 firehouse on McNair St. I began to play as a partner to a fireman, Capt. Joseph Wetzel, who at that time was St. Louis city champ. He retired last year.

Today, I play twice a week at the St. Louis JCCA, where the best players in the city congregate.

Your magazine is the finest sports literature written. The principles you prescribe and the doctrines you follow and preach are the kind I want my 10-year-old to know and follow.

Merrill P. Haverstick
Creve Coeur, Mo.

N. Dakota Correction . . .

Sirs:

Gentlemen, purely in the spirit of good will and handball history I would like to correct your recent article on page 18 of the June ACE regarding your comment about the first North Dakota State tourney. I won the State tournament singles championship in 1941 as may be attested by the enclosed polaroid shots of the trophies presented. I then teamed with Raoul Murphy to win the doubles. The war came along shortly thereafter to interrupt our handball careers.

Actually Fargo, during the years 1936 to 1941, was a hotbed of handball. Unfortunately we did not have a regulation size court, doing our playing in one court 20 x 30 feet with an 8 foot ceiling and in another larger court about 4 feet short of regulation in length. In 1940 we built a regulation court and that was where I won the championship in a very hotly contested tournament. In those days we really wiped out the Grand Forks players.

Fargo had some great handball players about this time; one was Grant Davidson a totally ambidextrous athlete weighing 160 lbs. of solid muscle. Grant soloed the annual high school exhibitions on the high bar and was potentially a world's champion in handball until falling three stories out of a window he was washing.

Our handball group scheduled Joe Platak, Paul Turner and Stanley Hitz for various exhibitions at which there were packed houses in the limited room. We hired Rudy Harris as physical director and your archives no doubt will show that Rudy and Al Anfenson were indeed a great doubles team that could play with any of today's teams.

I am still playing handball at 52 and last year was runner-up in the masters tournament at Reno, Nevada. Keep up the good work.

Lawrence Gregory
Route 1, Box 888
Lincoln, California

ABE The Player . . .

In addition to his other virtues all please note that, according to Ruth Painter Randall in her book entitled *Mary Lincoln — Biography of a Marriage*, (Little, Brown, 1963, p. 86) Abraham Lincoln's favorite sport was handball.

"A second son, Edward Baker Lincoln, was born March 10, (1846) in the home on Eighth Street (in Springfield, Illinois). He was named for Edward D. Baker, who belonged to Lincoln's intimate circle of close friends, a handsome and personable man and a fellow Whig. Baker was a good companion at Lincoln's favorite sport, playing fives, a simple game now called handball. With partners choosing sides there was lively competition as well as fine physical exercise and Lincoln loved it."

Ken Anderson
Neenah, Wisconsin

One-Wall Paddle . . .

Dear Sir:

At the present time, the wooden paddles used for paddle handball are not made for this sport. The paddles are made for platform paddle tennis.

The Marcraft paddle manufacturers should manufacture a paddle just for handball. In New York City, we need a paddle constructed for paddle one wall handball for use with the black handball used by handball players.

The Marcraft paddle with the holes is not good for this game. We need a solid perfectly balanced racquet.

The racquets with the aluminum around the edges are too dangerous to play with because when a player is accidentally hit with the paddle, he is cut up. Also the aluminum soon gets loose from the racquet and the latter can't be used any longer.

The racquets with the rubber on the edges also do not stand up as the rubber soon gets loose and comes off.

In the Marcraft literature, they display a solid racquet for one wall handball but I have never seen it in the stores. I am wondering whether Marcraft ever manufactured this racquet.

A racquet constructed for handball courts should have live wood and no holes.

Francis Harber
1076 Eastern Pkwy.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Handball Above All . . .

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter praising the crew on Flight 465 of July 18.

I am extremely grateful that a more serious situation was averted. I do hope that the experience was not too disconcerting.

The aircraft has been repaired and thoroughly checked by our maintenance people in close cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration.

I am particularly pleased to have your evaluation of our people. Copies of your fine letter have been sent to Captain M. R. McMurray, First Officer Joseph Cassidy, and Stewardesses Darlene Kenner, Cynthia Elswick, and Deborah Hoffer with a note expressing my appreciation, too, for so ably representing Delta.

Please accept my sincere apology for any discomfort or temporary anxiety caused you by this unusual incident.

W. T. Beebe, President
Delta Air Lines

Note: Bob had just taken off from O'Hare Field in Chicago to attend the Jack Gillespie Invitational weekend tournament being held in Memphis when an engine blew, causing some structural damage and an emergency landing return. Bob took his shoes off and assumed his best "blocking position."

Memphis Invite . . .

Dear Bob:

For you to take the time and trouble to be the keynote speaker of the "Gillespie Invitational Tournament" was a wonderful surprise.

The tournament committee, Joe Clements, Ed Rotenberry, Frank Synder, and Dave Saxon, kept your invitation a secret until the last minute.

Thanks for coming (and thank the good Lord that you survived the plane incident).

Jack W. Gillespie
Memphis, TN

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Wants Canada Promotion . . .

Sirs:

As a Canadian I love the game and would like to see it promoted here in Canada (Toronto to begin with) more extensively than it has . . . but that takes \$\$\$\$. I suppose the YMCA and the YMHA are the only mediums in which we can advance and illustrate a game that can give spectators and players years of exhilaration and stimulation.

I've had an idea to get the game aired or exposed or whatever you want to suggest, in the borough where I work, but it hasn't gotten off the ground as yet. I'm all for more outdoor 3-wall and 1-wall courts to arouse the general public to what thrills the game offers to both youngsters and the older players, along with professional type outdoor exhibitions like those that have been played in Detroit.

Mike O'Donnell
Toronto, Ont., Canada

Entry Fee . . .

Dear Mr. Leve:

In the June ACE, I noticed that the entry fee for the Detroit three-wall tournament had increased to ten dollars/man/event. This is not the first such entry fee of ten dollars/man/event as I have observed others. Being as succinct as possible I would like to be advised as to the rationale behind an entry fee such as this.

Departing from the direct interrogative aspect of this letter, I should like to express several points of my own. In charging ten dollars/man/event are the tournament directors assuming that this individual will consume twice as much beverage during the tournament, or eat two banquets, or receive two shirts, or in fact double all his activities during that five day period? It seems that if an additional charge is to be imposed for participating in more than one event it should be on the order of several dollars.

In conclusion, I realize that it becomes more expensive each year to conduct such tournaments on a large scale, and I sympathize with the tournament directors. However, consider the plight of an amateur athlete who must pay room and board and travel expenses plus entry fees. Obviously the conditions are becoming more prohibitive each year. I suggest therefore that tournament directors consider the majority of the players participating in these tournaments and attempt to eliminate this incipient rise in the amount of tournament fees. I suggest that this be done in the best interest of amateur handball.

Richard A. Mostardi, Ph. D.
The University of Akron
Akron, OH 44304

NOTE: Like everything else (except the cost of membership-subscription in USHA) rising prices are inevitable. All the host wants is a break-even operation and it thus becomes necessary to get the needed additional income.



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, OPEN SINGLES . . . (l to r) — Alan Clark and his pretty frau; Don Littrell and his wife, Sue. Littrell, representing the Knoxville YMCA, defeated Clark, Birmingham City champion, in open singles, 8-21, 21-19, 21-11. Clark was the winner last year in the first Montgomery Open tournament. Atlanta team of Sol Barth and Kim Gregor defeated the Jaffe brothers of Birmingham in the open doubles. Pat Rookis, Birmingham, was only repeat winner, defeating teammate Duncan Moon in the masters singles.

SQUIBS . . .

Dr. Robert Maletich, Springfield, Ill., recent visitor to Chi. town, and we arranged a handball session with yours truly at the Evanston Y. The good doctor, a specialist in gynecology, and as I notched the win, my newest claim is that of national champ of the gynecologist set!

Manuel Sala of New Orleans tells me Tom Fears, Saints' pro football coach, and ex-Packer star, Jim Taylor, handball regulars at the A.C. Taylor has progressed rapidly in ability and is now knocking on the "A" doors.

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Washington Athletic Club (Seattle) will sponsor a youth handball program next season . . . Saturday morning instructions will begin Sept. 12 . . . planning includes house tournaments, local area tournaments with YMCA and colleges, topped by an awards banquet. Long range planning includes development of top junior players to send to USHA National Juniors.

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McClean Upset

Toronto A Winner

Toronto City A tournament finished May 15 with an upset win by Harold McClean of West End Y.

Bob Thoms of Broadview came into the finals with an impressive showing over Ray Reno, beating him two straight. McClean had his hands full squeaking by Barry Leech via the distance 14-21, 21-6, 21-16. In the third game Barry had a good lead of 9-2, then lost the rhythm and blew the game to an obviously tired McClean.

The finals played at West End started out to be a fine match with Thoms making excellent retrieves and cross corner kills. McClean, soft serving down the left side, capitalized on most weak returns with fine corner kills or hard pass shots down the right side for a 21-17 win. The second game was all McClean, who just couldn't do anything wrong, whereas Bob was constantly setting him up with soft serves — score: 21-6.

I have come in second many times in this tournament but never could think big enough to win. It is one of my most rewarding wins, finally, and if I am ever in a singles tournament again I need a head shrinker.

In winning the tournament two breaks played important factors. First, postponement from Saturday to Wednesday because Thoms had to go out of town. Secondly, the insistence of Pat Kirby to end the volley as quick as possible by shooting more. Stan Bargman needling me into going for the kill shots helped too. I will certainly have to mention Bill Allen, city chairman, who talked me into the tournament.

Without a doubt I am very happy and proud to be the winner this year.

Carl Manna did the refereeing and did an excellent job.

Harold McClean

Mark It Down!

Nat'ls — March 11-13

at MONTREAL

McMillan Over McQueen in Seafair

Lea McMillan, veteran rep. from the Tacoma Elks, topped a 63-player singles field and beat Ken McQueen, Oregon Athletic Club (Portland). Gordie Pfeifer and Max Soriano, Washington A.C., Seattle, took the doubles over Bud Simpson and Frank Aguirre, also Olympic Club.

Facilities of the Seattle University with five new courts, the YMCA, and the Washington A.C. were utilized.

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Dan Callahan, national referees chairman, reports: "Have received several pieces of mail re. refereeing, mainly routine. Am still doing work to improve training aids."

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Northwest dates for Bellingham: Shakey's Invitational, Nov. 23-25; Northwest Area YMCA Sports Festival, March, 1971; Blossomtime (14th annual), May 21-23.

Jack Dorsky 3rd Invite in Birmingham Sept. 5-7

The Third Annual Jack Dorsky Invitational Doubles tournament will be held at the Birmingham JCC, Sept. 5-7 (Labor Day Weekend).

Write or call the Birmingham Jewish Community Center, P.O. Box 7377, Birmingham, Alabama. Tel. No. — 879-0411, for entry blanks and additional information. An entry fee of \$3 per player will be charged.

On Sunday night, Sept. 6, Jack Dorsky will host a party for the entrants at the JCC.



FLORIDA STATE MASTERS . . . (l to r)—Hyman Butler and Rich Dolan congratulate Dick Finch and Bill Warshauer upon taking them "into camp" in finals of Florida State Masters doubles at Ft. Lauderdale's YMCA.

Footballers 'Find' Handball Carryover

by BILL KENNEDY

Football is playing an active part in the North Jersey YMCA Four-Wall Handball League, where six of its top players are actively involved in both sports.

Don Wernes, Montclair's best player and state singles runnerup this year, has become head football coach at East Rutherford High School, switching to that post after four years as head coach at Kearny High. Wernes, a former fullback with the Newark Bears of the Atlantic Coast Football League, retired as a pro player six years ago. Since he has concentrated on handball, Wernes has won the Montclair house championship six consecutive times.

Jim Furey, first singles player for Newark is head coach at Rutherford High School and doubles as defensive coordinator of the Jersey Jays, a professional team in the Atlantic Coast League. Furey was an all-American center at Kansas State and played professionally in the Canadian Football League and with the former New York Titans of the American Football League. Since he gave up football and has concentrated on handball Furey has reduced his weight by 15 pounds, while reaching quarterfinals in singles and semifinals in two state tournaments.

Lou Borrelli, who is Furey's doubles partner and the number two singles player at Newark, is an assistant coach at Upsala College in East Orange. As an undergraduate at Upsala, Borrelli was an end and place kicker. He, too, has pared 15 pounds from his frame since becoming a handball player.

Al Kluck, part of the Plainfield team's youth movement, was recently named head coach at Berkeley Heights High School. Kluck, a southpaw, has played doubles for the Plainfield squad for three years.

Frank Muelheuser, one of Montclair's best doubles players, has been retired from football as a player for many years. However, he is one of the East's top collegiate football officials. As a New Jersey scholastic player, Muelheuser was an All-State fullback at Bloomfield High and continued to excel in the sport at Colgate and in the pros with the Boston Yanks and New York Bulldogs. Muelheuser claims that handball keeps him in shape for officiating and saves him from what would otherwise be a bulging waistline.

Perhaps the most active footballer in the league is John Pepe who plays third singles for Plainfield. At 35 John says, "Most guys would have enough sense to retire." However, Pepe still plays flankerback for the Plainfield Red Oaks, New Jersey's amateur champions.

172 Players in Santa Barbara Semana Nautica Tourney

Santa Barbara's third annual Semana Nautica handball tournament was another huge success as a record number of 172 players provided packed galleries with some thrilling matches over the July Fourth weekend.

Some favorites toppled and there were numerous close games during the four-day meet. But for the most part, the top-seeded players and teams came through in four divisions of play.

The winners:

Open Singles: Harold Price, Hollywood Y.

Open Doubles: Hank Rinehardt and John Bart, Hollywood Y.

Masters Singles: Frank Elias, San Francisco Y.

Masters Doubles: Lee Linden and Earl Russell, Los Angeles A.C.

Price, plagued recently by a sore elbow, powerhoused his way to the championship without losing a game. He defeated Milt Cornell, Pacific Coast Club, in the semis, 21-9, 21-15 and the fast-rising Lou Marquez, San Bernardino, 21-10, 21-15 in the finals. Len Rosen, Hollywood, finished fourth in the 72-player field.

Other open singles players making a strong showing were Gary Ryan, San Francisco; Don Butler, Van Nuys; Jim Swingley, Hollywood; Jerry Conine, San Bernardino; Ron Moormeister, Encino Health Club, Larry Beals, Hollywood; Ron Cole, Van Nuys and Mel Schwartz, San Jose.

The open doubles provided the most spectacular handball as top-seeded Rinehardt and Bart proved steadier and stronger than the rest of the 22-team field.

Sharp-shooting southpaw Cliff McCorkle, Reno, teamed with scrappy Jim O'Brien, San Francisco, to defeat national YMCA doubles champion Stuffy Singer and his partner, Milt Chortkoff, Hollywood, in the semis, 21-11, 21-16. Rinehardt-Bart, after defeating the San Francisco combo of Mike Kelly and Rudy Stadlberger in the semis, 21-13, 21-5, had to go three hard-fought games with McCorkle-O'Brien before winning out, 17-21, 21-15, 21-15.

Elias provided the biggest upset of the tournament by defeating the previous two-time winner Dick Weisman, Encino Health Club, in the Masters singles finals, 21-19, 21-0. Ted Hilgenstuhler, Hollywood, finished third, with Bob Henley another strong San Bernardino entry, fourth.

In the Masters doubles, Linden and Russell defeated Irv Simon and Ray Davidow, Hollywood, in the finals, 21-18, 21-10. Third place went to Joe Galante and George Polynis, Bakersfield, over Stan Perisich and Frank Vaiarello, also of Bakersfield.

Galante, former Pacific Coast open champion, absent from the tournament grind for the past seven years, displayed fine form in all his matches and was warmly welcomed back to the scene by a number of players.

Another highlight was the strong showing by a number of Santa Barbara's local players in several events. An inspired and vastly improved Pat McCambridge came within one point of pulling the upset of the tournament when he defeated defending champion Cornell 21-7 and lost the second game 21-20 before running out of gas in the third.

Del Mora, just turned 40, upset third-

seeded Bill Davis, San Jose 21-10, 21-16 in the Master's singles and showed that in the future he will be able to hold his own with any player in this division. Stan Mendes, in the same division, put up a battle against classy Bill Badham, LAAC, before bowing 21-9, 21-20.

Byron Ishkanian, again with the help of an outstanding group of Santa Barbara players and wives, served as tournament host. Without Ishkanian and Stan Mendes, it is doubtful if this tournament would have ever come into being.

Al Gracio, floor manager par excellence throughout the country, kept things running smoothly on the four excellent courts. Why Al comes to Santa Barbara for all that work and grief is a wonder to the natives. Aiding Gracio with the refereeing chores were such perennial standbys as Syd Fields, Marty Singer, Al Gold and Milt Sachson, all true handball buffs from the Encino Club.

In 1968, the Santa Barbara Tournament started with 85 entries. Last year it increased to 145. It is now up to 172.

"We've probably reached the maximum we can handle in three days", Ishkanian commented. "We try to make everyone feel at home during their stay in Santa Barbara. And we certainly enjoy seeing the best handball players in action. After all, can you beat a singles final with two such fine athletes, gentlemen, sports and handballers as Harold Price and Lou Marquez. To me and the others that watched the match, that's what handball is all about. We hope to continue the tournament for many years to come".

Exactly how big the Santa Barbara Tournament will become, or what its full potential is, only time will tell.

—TED HILGENSTUHLER

West Division Set For Fresno

Judge Joseph Shane, USHA national commissioner, has confirmed plans for the 1971 West Division USHA championships at the Fresno YMCA. Dates will be announced.

A division of tournament scope will be made this coming season, allowing the Pacific Northwest area to conduct its own regional tournament. This change was made because of distance involved plus the saturation of handball population in California.

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Graybill Posts Big Win Over Muck In Houston

Dave Graybill posted an impressive win over St. Paul's Terry Muck in the finals of the 17th Annual Houston Invitational USHA tournament held over the July Fourth weekend. The hard-hitting Phoenix veteran took command of center court and aggressively forced the game, keeping Terry constantly on defense and unable to get his ball control game working. The 21-5, 21-5 scores indicate the take charge superiority Graybill commanded in this match. All play took place at the Central YMCA.

The night before Terry had taken an exciting three-game match from Bob Lindsay, now of El Paso. The singles tournament was broken down into five groups of 16 players each; thus there were no byes and no one had to play more than four matches. Wayne Graham of Austin, who lost to Graybill in the semis, won third place over Lindsay.

Dick Roberson and Pete Tyson, Austin, won the open doubles over Houston's Frank Price and Dutch Persenaire, 21-10, 21-4. The young team of Joey Hero (member of U. of Texas winning doubles team), New Orleans, and Mickey Sheppard, Houston, finished third.

A-Flight Singles — Dick Thompson, Houston, 21-12, 21-11 over Dick Cramer, Houston. Terry Rand, Houston (3).

Top B — Merlin Kilbury, Little Rock, 21-20, 19-21, 21-7 over Jim Sellers, Austin. Larry Fogarty, Houston (3).

Early B — Joe Wojtkiewicz, Shreveport, 21-9, 21-7 over David Watkins, Houston. John Coolidge, Houston (3).

B Special — Roy Elledge, Houston, 21-10, 12-21, 21-3 over Grant Pritchert, Houston. Walt Duemer, Houston (3).

Masters Singles — Alvis Grant, Dallas, 21-12, 21-19 over Frank Darr, Houston. Manual Sala, New Orleans (3).

Consolation Singles — Jim Riley, Houston 21-14, 21-14 over Grant St. Claire, Dallas. David Gregory, Seguin (3).

B-Doubles — Paul Albright and Sam Albright, Dallas, 21-7, 21-9 over Bob Paulson and Suds Sudderth, Houston. Pat Ford and Vito Longo, New Orleans (3).

Masters Doubles — Jim Harp and Jim Moore, Dallas, 21-20, 14-21, 21-13 over Joe Fuentes and Hal Snyder, Houston; Tim Ballantyne and Tom Hastings,

Houston (3).

Senior Doubles (Over 50) — Jake Looney and John Lomax, Houston, 21-10, 13-21, 21-8 over Doc Snyder and Ike Jones, Houston. Gene Henderson, Dallas, and Al Sheppard, Houston (3).

NOTES: The doubles were broken down into groups of eight, except for the Seniors which had only four entries. Thus, no one had to play over two matches a day, and the Seniors only one.

The party Saturday night featured a buffet that included Rib Eye Roast, Ham, Smoked Turkey Sausage, Venison Meat Balls and Cabrito. Music was supplied by Ivory Lee Orchestra. Over 200 players with their wives and dates attended. One of the highlights was the indoctrination into the Texas Handball Hall of Fame for Gene Henderson, Dallas, as a player, and John Lomax, Houston, as a contributor.

Reg Barnes paid us the biggest compliment by making the trip all the way from Toronto for the second year and played in our B-Special tournament.

SCOTT POTTER

Tournament Chairman



TEXAS HANDBALL HALL OF FAME AWARDS . . . Al Sheppard (left) USHA District Commissioner, presents Gene Henderson of Dallas A.C. with his well deserved plaque.



above — Jake Looney (l) makes the presentation to his long-time doubles partner, John Lomax, Houston. Awards are made annually and were instigated by George "General" Lee, athletic director of the Dallas A.C.

Jaffee Repeats as Scranton JCC Champ

Howard Jaffee repeated as singles four wall handball champion of the Scranton JCC by defeating Dave Santich, 21-2, 21-19.

In the first game Jaffee had Santich completely outclassed and baffled. Jaffee made 10 ace serves. The second game was a hard one with Santich leading at one time 14-6. Jaffee came back strong to win 21-19. There were many long rallies with Santich getting almost everything,

many seemed impossible.

Santich, a newcomer to the JCC provided the upset of the tournament by defeating one of the better handball players in the city, Jack Laboranti, 8-21, 21-15, and 21-11.

Jaffee reached the finals by beating Joe Walsh 21-10, 21-14 and Steinberg 21-16 and 21-14.

Murray Blume was the referee and Sam Hyman the scorer.

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I was driving with a friend discussing the unspeakable conduct of the mad dogs who call themselves revolutionaries. Violence had once again broken out here in Chicago, this time at one of the so-called Rock Festivals. It all seemed so unreal to me in an era that offers so many constructive things to do.

The conversation naturally drifted to the days of our youth. I suddenly realized how fortunate I was to have become a Y member at the age of 12, and I told my friend I was certain this kept me out of boyhood mischief.

In fact, being with the Y changed my whole life. Everything I ever did, it seems, involved the Y in one way or another. I really didn't have the time nor the energy for humbug at the end of a day that involved a hard workout.

Then my friend told me his story and it is a tale that deserves re-telling, because my Italian friend is very well known. In his youth he lived among the worst criminals in Chicago. A resolute mother defied all pressures and kept my friend free of every evil influence. The Y of course, was her secret weapon, and my friend found it worked as well for his boys as it had for him. This is the story as he tells it:

"We enrolled our boys at the minimum ages of eight years in all classes available at the Y. I had already been a member of the Men's Business Club for many years. I also served on the Board of Governors.

"My wife would drive the boys to the Y immediately after every school day. They would participate in supervised activities until 5 p.m., at which time I would be finishing up a game of handball and then I would drive them home.

"When our daughter became of age we enrolled her in the girls' section. With all of our children involved in the Y my wife and I became more active, serving in clubs and helping in activities. Our children served as junior leaders, assisting the staff, by supervising and teaching the younger boys and girls. And the kids all went to the Y Summer camp where they enjoyed themselves from dawn until dark.

"Once a month our family helped in programs designed to promote the Y by demonstrating all the Y activities for new and prospective members. The girls would put on a water ballet show and the boys would

demonstrate the various swimming strokes and put on diving exhibitions, topping them off with a comedy diving act. The spectators were always thrilled, but more importantly, the participants enjoyed it themselves. We also arranged competitive home and away junior leader swimming and gymnastic meets with other Y's. And the beautiful George Williams YMCA College Camp, on the shores of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, was made available to us for the final meet to crown the champion Y for the year.

"When our children reached 16 years old, they joined the adult membership of the Y. They were fortunate to have enjoyed the activities of the Y through their early years and thus, they adapted to the adult programs without interruption.

"I also organized a special handball and social club with about 40 youngsters from our Y. Being a handball enthusiast, I naturally wanted the boys to pick up THE game. I was able to get them into the courts on "off" hours, and it didn't take very long for them to become handball "bugs."

"We had weekly meetings at the Y with the boys, where we would have general discussions about their everyday activities and try and guide them through the critical adolescence period. Thank the Lord we were 100% successful. At this writing the "boys" are in their 30's and all but one are married and have families. They have all become law-abiding citizens. Most of them still belong to the Y and some of their children are members. They also have get-togethers as often as possible and have become lifelong friends."

What is interesting about this is that the 40 kids went to school together, played together and worked together. They all helped each other find good jobs, good wives and good homes.

Almost as though he was saying a prayer, my friend told me how grateful he was to the Y for the tremendous influence it had been in keeping these boys from revolt, drugs and crime. It was a remarkable testimonial for the Y, and more families should realize that *togetherness at home can be achieved through togetherness in recreation!*

Funny part of it was, here was Joe* and I, 40 years older than these kids, on our way to the Y for a workout. Maybe the Y was still keeping us out of mischief. Who knows!

Bob Kendler

*With apologies to Joe Ardito!

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