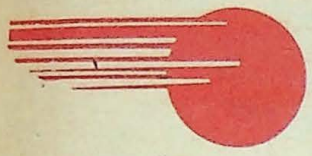


Ektelon Perrier Racquetball Championship in L.I.

18th Edition



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BPA "B" Doubles



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letters

Dear Editor:

For about the last eight months paddleball seems to have become a complete BUST.

The excitement has left us, like summer turning into winter. I remember a time when tournaments were eagerly awaited by players as well as by spectators. These tournaments were always talked about for days and sometimes even weeks later. I remember a time when paddleball players could tell you exactly the date and place of the next tournament. Now no one seems to care. The main questions are: *What has happened to all the excitement? Where has it all gone?*

I think I know the answer... I'll give you a hint. Do the names *Robert* and *Anthony* ring a bell (or, as they are better known, *The Castle Hill Kids*)?

During the winters of '79 and '80 the Castle Hill Kids won a total of four tournaments, and at each one of these tournaments the crowd participation was tremendous.

The *Wallbanger Tournament!* Who could forget this one? The two nights when they played the crowd was on their feet cheering. This started the trend of players bringing their own crowds. I know what you're thinking: who needs all these people screaming at the top of their lungs? You know who needs it: **PADDLEBALL**. This brought more and more people to tournaments. Another trend that was brought back (the reason I say brought back is because Andy Krosnick started it) was diving after balls. When Robert and Anthony did this the crowd was on their feet applauding their efforts.

During the last eight months the Castle Hill Kids have played in one major tournament. It was the A.P.A. They lost in the 3rd round. As I watched them play, they did not seem like the same two kids who paraded the courts in the winters of '79 and '80.

There was no yelling or cheering, there was nothing. It was like four players playing a game of paddle in a schoolyard. This is no good for paddleball.

To make a long story short, if I had just one wish I would wish that the Castle Hill Kids would bring back the excitement to the game like they once did. A Fan

Dear Editor:

I've never written to a newspaper before. I don't even play paddleball, but my husband does.

I enjoy your paper very much, especially Joe Lubelfeld's articles. His "Worm Turns" was a delight to read.

He has made the sport and the people who play it much more interesting for me.

What is he like and what is his background? Could you give us a profile on what he's done before this?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Agnes Morrell

(Ed. note: We asked J.L. to write his own profile. Here it is.)

Thank you, Anna (?). I'm touched by your interest and kind

words.

First of all, I have a lousy profile and I can't imagine why anyone would want it. My background isn't so hot either. That's why I make it a practice never to look back, only forward. "Look to tomorrow," I always say over and over. In fact, I say it so often you'd be surprised at how seldom I get invited to dinner.

This much I can tell you: I was a normal, average child who entered Harvard at the age of five. At six I studied Sanskrit so that I could have the pure joy of reading the Bhagavad-Gita in the original. At ten, bored with academia, I became interested in herpetology (the study of snakes) and from there it was only natural that I should move on to paddleball where I found an abundance of fine specimens.

Somewhere along the road to Damascus (watchout for the heavy topspin on this one) it dawned on me that God, or Nature, or The Force, or Whoever is running the show, must be laughing His head off at the insanity that goes on in this Human Comedy. I try (but don't always succeed) to see things from that perspective and consequently don't take myself or anybody else too seriously.

It's nice to know there's a kindred soul out there who takes kindly to my nonsense. As for me, I'm having a ball doing it. —J.L.

To The Editor:

I am writing to you about how all tournaments are basically for the older, mature players such as the Schwarzes and Rothfelds. I mean all tournaments are usually opens and are usually won by basically the same people.

I am a teenager and I think it's time for tournaments for the 18 and under group. For prizes you could have paddles, bicycles and clothing. This, I think, would draw more comers to the sport, at least people of my age. All of my friends think it's stupid to play paddleball because they think there is no future in it. It's even hard to get in the Budweiser tournaments because you have to be 18 or older.

They should have a tournament where all five boroughs compete. The winner from each borough would meet in a round-robin system and determine who the best 18 and under player is. I hope maybe you will be able to help me, or really, us! Concerned Teenager

Castle Hill Beach Club will soon be opening its doors for its 54th season. CMBC will be open weekends only starting April 19, and fully opening May 2. On the list of events for the coming season will be: June 20, a visit by the N.Y. Yankees, July 5th Handball Invitational, July 19th Paddleball Invitational, August WCBS play WABC in a charity softball game, and August 15th a swim meet. The Club features 38 handball courts, 3 racquetball courts, one tennis court and 2 softball fields. (See ad on back cover.)

Ektelon Introduces New Graphite CBK Racquets

Sophisticated aerospace technology, high-quality composite materials and years of intensive research and design have combined to produce the most revolutionary racquetball racquet ever introduced by Ektelon.

In engineering, design and performance, the new Graphite CBK and Graphite CBK Light represent the most powerful force in racquetball today. Featured in the Graphite CBK is an all new component construction, a new wishbone frame, new Sunburst stringing pattern and new "flared" grip handle.

"This entire project has been geared from day one to producing the finest racquet in the game today," announced Barry Marassi, Ektelon's national sales manager. "We believe we have discovered something very powerful and exciting in the new CBKs."

The Graphite CBK will be available in two weights—245 and 230 grams. Both will feature a graphite-carbon component in their frame construction for strength, rigidity and power at impact.

The wishbone frame (the throat piece is eliminated) creates an enlarged "sweet" spot. The Sunburst stringing pattern—with fewer strings of lighter gauge—increases energy transmission to the ball. In fact, many have found the new Graphite CBK has a more powerful "sound" at impact than any other racquet.



Like its predecessor, the 250G, it is made of laminations laid up completely by hand. This allows Ektelon to fine-tune every millimeter of the racquet frame for power and performance.

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"flared" grip sizes. The Graphite CBK Light sizes are small, extra small and super small.

Shipping on both racquets began in late February. Suggested approximate retail price for each is \$160.

carr's corner

by Tony Carr & Patricia Bagwell

The big, local event will take place at Pelham Racquetball and Health Club. It's the 1981 \$10,000 Natural Light and AMF Voit Westchester Open, being held March 26, 27, 28, and 29. There will be awards for all divisions of play. Bob Anderson, tournament director, wants to encourage the amateur player, who is the true supporter of the sport, to enter. To do this he's offering prizes that will

draw us in: first prize is an AM/FM stereo; second, and LCD watch; third, dinner for two at a local eatery; and fourth, a Voit racquetball bag.

Last year's tournament drew entrants from as far away as Nevada, California and Hawaii. This year's is being extended an extra day to accommodate the larger turnout expected.

I remember covering the tournament last year and spending three

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The B.P.A. wishes to say hello to its new members: Larry Stenhouse, Jeharo Ogiendo, Thomas Martinez, Marty Wolpin, Eugene Morales, Alberto Laracuente, Sam Duen, Frank Luyando, Carlos Ayala, Bob Luca, Robert Desantis, Luis Tosado, Ray Gaston, Stuart Werner, Luis Otero, and D. Sweet. Welcome to the B.P.A.

The B.P.A. will have a Paddleball Weekend at the Concord Hotel, June 26. For information call Murray, (212) 543-5122.

Racquetball Fifth Avenue

Racquetball Fifth Avenue's newest addition to its instructional staff is Sandy Snyder. She is a racquetball player newly imported from Colorado. She is available for weekday lessons and will be teaching weekend clinics. Come on in and meet Sandy.

Bob Feldman from Racquetball Fifth Avenue played second in the Masters Division of the Ektelon-Perrier Racquetball championships. Another member, Stephen Rubin, placed well in the Men's C Division. Stephen will also be playing in the upcoming AARA Junior Tournament in March.

The Runners Meet, a club for distance runners in New York City, will have a nutritionalist speaker at Racquetball Fifth Avenue, March 1st, Sunday evening at 6 pm. This is one of the many speakers the

Runners Meet will be featuring throughout the year. Refreshments are available and the Racquetball will be open as well. All runners are welcome.

Jeff Haber has relocated to the wine country of sunny California. We don't know exactly what he's doing out there but rumor has it he has purple feet.

The Prospect Park Y has undergone a major transformation. The facilities have been refurbished and a strong women's program has pushed membership to new heights. It's the best recreation and fitness center for the money in the city.

Paddleball player Tony Delano recently competed in the Golden

Gloves Heavyweight Novice Division at Madison Sq. Garden. Good luck in your boxing career, Tony!

Marcraft has announced a new light M-1 paddle to be introduced about the first of April. The unique feature of this M-1 is its weight—just 15 ounces!

After years of research and months's of testing, Marcraft will be marketing a new paddleball. It will be sold two per can. Champion player Bob Schwarz has tested the ball, and results have been more than favorable.

Phil and Diana Neubia wish to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Raason S. Neubia, 8 lbs., 7 oz., on Oct. 23, 1981.

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Women's B winner Randy Friedman



Brian Kelly Line Backer, N.Y. Giants, played in Mens B

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CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLE
OUT NEW YORK'S
RACQUETBALL BEST

After four days of single elimination racquetball competition in the Ektelon/Perrier Championships, 14 players have emerged out of the 600 who took part in the tournament. Four of them will represent New York at the Ektelon/Perrier National Finals in Los Angeles in April.

The tournament, hosted by Centre Court Racquetball Club, was one of 16 sponsored by Ektelon and Perrier across the country. Division winners from each tournament will participate in the National Finals to determine the overall national amateur champions.

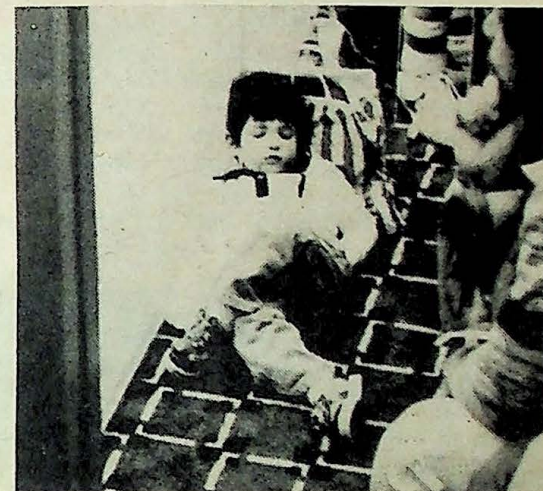
NATIONAL TOURNAMENT NEWS

This year's tournament was four days in length and ran over a weekend. Other regional sites were: Houston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles/Orange County, Kansas City, Denver, Detroit, Miami, Boston, Atlanta, San Francisco, Chicago, Baltimore, Phoenix, Columbus, Ohio and Minneapolis.

First and second place finishers in all regional divisions received digital watches, while quarter-finalists and above were awarded special commemorative award plates. In addition, all entrants to the 1981 Ektelon/Perrier Championships received a complimentary Ektelon/Perrier racquetball bag.



Craig Schoenhaus Mens "B" Winner Receives his award from Bob Joyce of Ektelon



A Between Match Snooze



Rubin Gonzales and Jim Cascio



Artie Diemar

NEW YORK METRO

RESULTS

DIVISION

Men's Open—Rubin Gonzales, 28, Staten Is., N.Y. d. Jim Cascio, 17, Bayshore, L.I., 21-8, 21-5.

Women's Open—Cindy Baxter, 26, Lewistown, Pa. d. Molly O'Brien, 25, Philadelphia, Pa., 13-21, 21-11, 11-0.

Men's Seniors (35+)—Conrad Schmidt, New York City d. Pat Columbo, 47, Scarsdale, N.Y., 21-3, 20-21, 11-9.

Women's Seniors (35+)—Carol Andresen, 38, Deer Park, N.Y., d. Eliza Williams, Brooklyn, N.Y., 21-12, 6-21, 11-9.

The four winners listed above will fly to Los Angeles at the sponsor's expense for the Ektelon/Perrier National Finals, April 30-May 3.

Other Finals Include:

Men's Doubles—Art Diemar, 27, Bronx, N.Y., and Jim Cascio, 17, Bayshore, L.I. d. Jim Winterden and Don Alvarez, both of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Men's "B"—Craig Schoenhaus, 18, Oceanside, L.I., d. Arthur Klein, 33, Old Bridge, N.J., 10-21, 21-5, 11-0.

Men's "C"—Bill Pettas, 35, Oceanside, N.Y., d. Jake Hurwitz, 21-7, 21-8.

Men's Novice—Bruce Horowitz, 25, New Rochelle, N.Y. d. Paul Orlando, 21-10, 21-9.

Men's Masters (45+)—Joe Rizzo, 51, Glen Cove, N.Y., d. Robert Feldman, Nesconset, N.Y. 21-6, 17-21, 11-10.

Women's Doubles—Helene Burden and Robin Bellini d. Mary Ann Cluess and Karen Borga 21-15, 21-5.

Women's "B"—Randy Friedman, 15, Scarsdale, N.Y., d. Madeline Badillo, Staten Island, N.Y., 21-17, 21-16.

Women's "C"—Vera Frierson, 23, N.Y., N.Y., d. Ellen Shoeger, 21-17, 21-20.

Women's Novice—Grace Gilbride, 17, Brooklyn, N.Y., d. Denise Ryan, 21-10, 21-3.

NJRA/NATURAL LIGHT OPEN Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1

"N-J-R-A" Spells Success

Ginsberg and O'Brien Capture the Open Titles

Almost 500 entrants from six states played in the 1981 Natural Light/NJRA Open Tournament on January 30, 31 and February 1. The Open players played for \$1,300 in cash prizes.

The tournament was directed by the NJRA Directors, and the major sponsors were Natural Light Beer, Penn Racquetball, Foot-Joy and Carrera.

The tournament was the first of the NJRA 1981 Grand Prix. Racquetball East was the host club. The NJRA would like to thank Tony Latronica, the manager, for all his help in running the tournament. Between the competition and the prizes the tournament offered, we feel the weekend was a great success.

RESULTS

Men's Open—1st Round (32)—Jim Cascio d. Dolwain Green, Willie Wang d. Ron NaHaas, Charles Horton d. Thor Kolemäinen, John Peterson d. Mike Smit, Art Diemar d. Rick Englander, Jim Young d. Jon Vaccaro, Gary Valinoti d. Mike Miksza, Eric Foley d. Lonnie Allgood, Rom Ranker d. David Simonette, Greg Levine d. Don Alvarez, Stan Danzig d. Mike Diamond, Ray Capitanelli d. Rick Platas, Steve Ginsberg d. Steve Elia, Helemer Gonzalez d. Larry Marshall, Glenn Sorrentino d. Ken Eagle, Rubin Gonzales d. Barry Sherman. **2nd Round (16)**—Cascio d. Wang, Horton d. Peterson, Diemar d. Young, Foley d. Valinoti, Levine d. Ranker, Capitanelli d. Danzig, Ginsberg d.

Gonzales, Gonzalez d. Sorrentino. **Quarters**—Cascio d. Horton, Foley d. Diemar, Capitanelli d. Levine, Ginsberg d. Gonzales. **Semis**—Cascio d. Foley, Ginsberg d. Capitanelli. **Finals**—Ginsberg d. Cascio. **Third Place**—Foley.

Men's A—Quarters—Mike Diamond d. Ron NaHaas, Kevin Quarantello d. Peter Wong, Don Alvarez d. Dolwain Green, David Simonette d. Doug Bloxom. **Semis**—Alvarez d. Simonette, Diamond d. Quarantello. **Finals**—Alvarez d. Diamond. **Third Place**—Quarantello.

Men's B—Quarters—Jan Gladstone d. Bryan O'Neil, Mike Jones d. Dave Portelli, Peter Farceschi d. Richard Schroder, Charles Schirm d. Marco Sitren. **Semis**—Farceschi d. Schrim, Jones d. Gladstone. **Finals**—Farceschi d. Jones. **Third Place**—Gladstone.

Men's C—Quarters—Jim Thalheimer d. Mike Huppert, Niel Duggan d. Mike Vanmore, Warren Searles d. Steve Zambo, Tim Vogelsong d. Tim Powers. **Semis**—Duggan d. Thalheimer, Vogel-

song d. Searles. **Finals**—Duggan d. Vogelsong. **Third Place**—Searles.

Men's Novice—Quarters—Jon Denley d. Art Lopez, Jack Siegel d. George Jones, Bob Truckenmiller d. Jim Salvato, Alan Marcus d. Dave Shea. **Semis**—Denley d. Siegel, Marcus d. Truckenmiller. **Finals**—Denley d. Marcus. **Third Place**—Siegel.

Men's Veteran Open—Quarters—Russ Montague d. Alan Huie, John Dorsheimer d. Pat Clark, Bill Welaj d. Stan Danzig, Billy Johns d. Fred Letter. **Semis**—Montague d. Dorshimer, Welaj d. Stan Danzig, Billy Johns d. Fred Letter. **Semis**—Montague d. Dorshimer, Welaj d. Johns. **Finals**—Montague d. Welaj. **Third Place**—Johns.

Men's Seniors—Quarters—Fred Letter d. Bob Goodwin, Peter Prucha d. Charles Horton, Gary Saretsky d. Mel Fine, Sam Munson d. J. Torres. **Semis**—Letter d. Prucha, Saretsky d. Munson. **Finals**—Letter d. Saretsky. **Third Place**—Munson.

Men's Masters—Semis—Pete Talbot d. Nick Farkowh, Shelly Nadelman d. Roberto Madan. **Finals**—Nadelman d. Talbot. **Third Place**—Madan.

Open Men's Doubles—Quarters—Ken Eagle-Mike Smit d. Tom Ranker-Eric Foley, Mark Berwick-John Sergeantanis d. Greg Levine-Doug Bloxom, Lonnie Allgood-Billy Johns d. Rick Platas-Paul Deluca, Russ Montague-Jimmy Young d. Barry Sherman-Glen Sorrentino. **Semis**—Berwick-Sergeantanis d. Eagle-Smit, Montague-Young d. Allgood-Johns. **Finals**—Berwick-Sergeantanis d. Montague-Young. **Third Place**—Allgood-Johns.

Men's B Doubles—Quarters—Mike Jones-Ron Forman d. Jim LaSala-Ronnie Valinotti, Kevin Quarantello-Pat O'Conner d. Mike Russin-Ed Pachtman, Tony Latronica-Larry Kahn d. Bob Mainenti-Dave Portelli, Vince Media-Mike Patterson d. Ed Russo-Tim Powers. **Semis**—Latronica-Kahn d. Media-Patterson, Quarantello-O'Conner d. Jones-Forman. **Finals**—Latronica-Kahn d. Quarantello-O'Conner. **Third Place**—Jones-Forman.

Boys 17 & Under—Quarters—Larry Marshall d. Steven Rubin, Joe Billheimer d. Frank Salvato, Raj Keswani d. Vaccaro, Peter Wong d. David Ng. **Semis**—Billheimer d. Marshall, Wong d. Vaccaro. **Finals**—Billheimer d. Wong.

Third Place—Marshall.

Boys 14 & Under—Quarters—Peter Appel d. Nolan Glantz, Mark Heckman d. John Zierman, Joe Cline d. Seth Kurland, Richard Vazzano d. Leonard Scharffenberger. **Semis**—Heckman d. Appel, Cline d. Vazzano. **Finals**—Heckman d. Cline. **Third Place**—Appel.

Women's Open—Quarters—Davis d. Pallas, Dorsheimer d. Kennedy, O'Brien d. Soticle, Taylor d. Marchini. **Semis**—Dorsheimer d. Davis, O'Brien d. Taylor. **Finals**—O'Brien d. Dorsheimer. **Third Place**—Taylor.

Women's B—Quarters—Palmer d. McKenzie, Campi d. Sudol, Desrosiers d. Wong, Yard d. Gofus. **Semis**—Palmer d. Campi, Yard d. Desrosiers. **Finals**—Yard d. Palmer. **Third Place**—Campi.

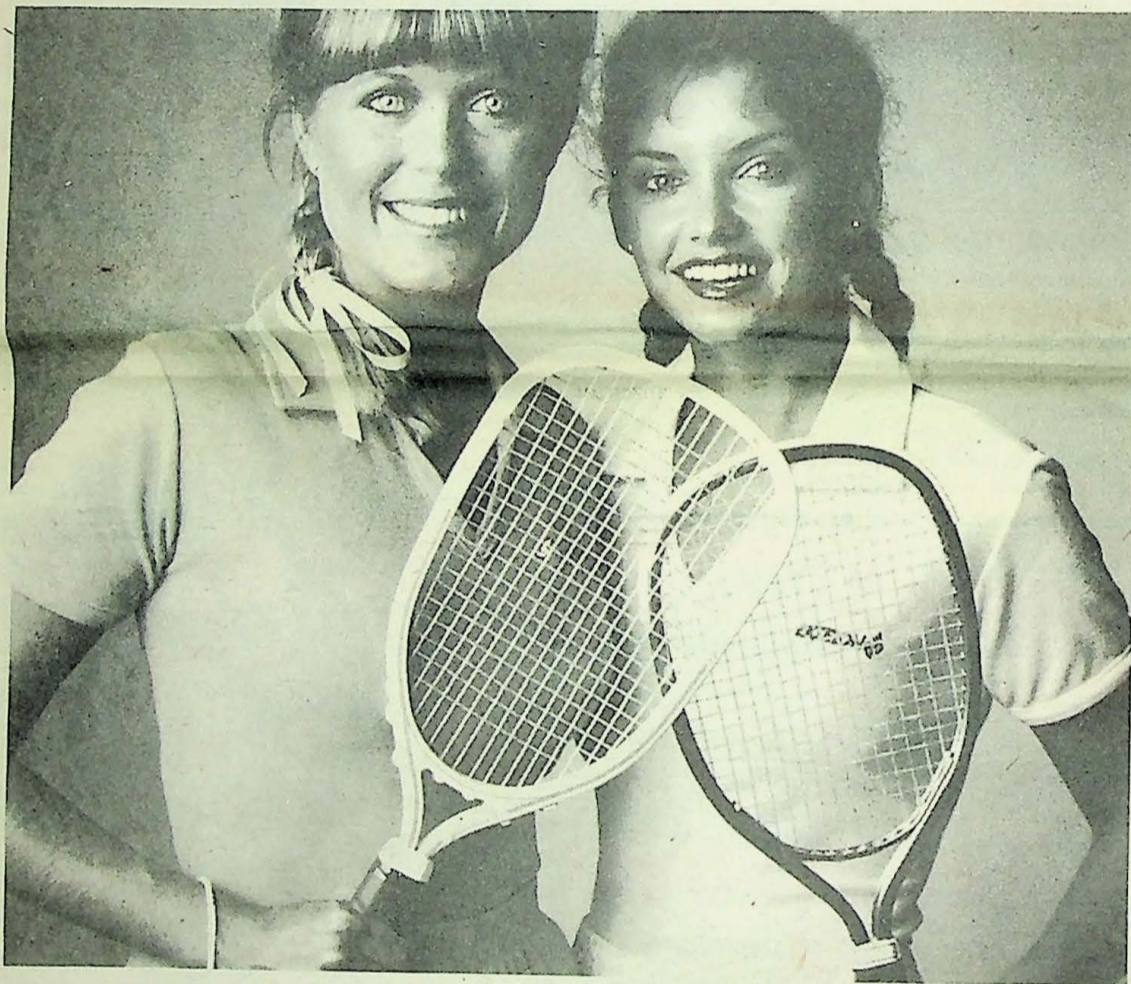
Women's C—Quarters—Forte d. Delgado, Paese d. Munson, Sudol d. Erdman, Bennardello d. Urabel. **Semis**—Sudol d. Bennardello, Paese d. Forte. **Finals**—Paese d. Sudol. **Third Place**—Bennardello.

Women's Novice—Quarters—Harleman d. Forte, Ryan d. Natoli, Neff d. Skorupski, Jacobwitz d. Freeman. **Semis**—Harleman d. Ryan, Jacobwitz d. Neff. **Finals**—Harleman d. Jacobwitz. **Third Place**—Ryan.

Women's Veteran Open—Quarters—Gessley d. Munson, Scharffenberger d. Vannore, Skorupski d. Neff, Zatz d. Pinus. **Semis**—Zatz d. Skorupski, Gessley d. Scharffenberger. **Finals**—Gessley d. Zatz. **Third Place**—Scharffenberger.

Women's Open Doubles—Quarters—O'Brien-Kennedy d. Armstrong-Iaconetti, Struthers-Enderlien d. Desrosiers-McKenzie, Marchini-Kimmerling d. Sloan-Burden, Cascio-Montalbano d. Borga-Cluess. **Semis**—O'Brien-Kennedy d. Struthers-Enderlein, Marchini-Kimmerling d. Cascio-Montalbano. **Finals**—O'Brien-Kennedy d. Marchini-Kimmerling.

Open Mixed Doubles—Quarters—Diemar, Montalbano d. Berwick-Rudycz, Clifford-Kimmerling d. Borrero-Pallas, Dorschimer-Dorschimer d. Alberti-Freedman, Englander-Englander d. Mannino-Amondo. **Semis**—Diemar-Montalbano d. Clifford-Kimmerling, Englander-Englander d. Dorschimer-Dorschimer. **Finals**—Diemar-Montalbano d. Englander-Englander. **Third Place**—Clifford-Kimmerling.



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Jimmy Cascio, 17-year-old racquetball star from Long Island.

What A Racquet!

by Lesley A. Cymrot

Gramercy Tennis and Racquet Club is running another of its series of Saturday night racquetball tournaments. These tournaments are limited to 16 players and are completed in one evening. Six trophies are given for each tournament. Everyone gets to play at least two matches (there is a consolation tournament for losers of the first round) and gets to meet other players of the same level. The competition is fierce, but the ambience is friendly and a great deal of fun is had by all.

In the men's B tournament, the winner was Christopher Loomis. Chris played a steady game and his formidable backhand winners discouraged most of his opponents. The runner-up was Andy Aran, who was also steady, but who couldn't counter Chris' fine service and terrific backhand. The semi-finalists were Kevin O'Sullivan and Howard Fillit. The winner of the consolation tournament was Frank Hefler, who defeated Jim Daniels. Frank played beautifully and is an excellent competitor.

The winner of the men's A tournament was Al Franken. Al played a beautiful game, and his win may be attributed to his great desire. He was willing to dive for shots that other players might have given up on. He played full tilt for every point, and it paid off. The runner-up was Bob Schwartz, the senior citizen of the group, who was tenacious but could not beat Al. Bob made great use of ace bandages in his game and beat

everyone up to the final round. The winner of the consolation tournament was Warren Wexler, always a fine player. He beat Dennis Raveneau, who hits winners off his backhand with ease. These A players were all excellent and the tournament was a great success.

Gramercy has also started racquetball leagues. There is a men's lunch league. A new series of leagues will be starting: Early bird league, March 11 at 7 a.m. 7 weeks: \$49. Lunchtime league: March 17th at 12:30, for 7 weeks: \$49. These leagues are limited to 8 players and are very popular. If you can't make your game on the specific day it is scheduled, you can change your game to any other day of the week that is convenient.

Racquetball is certainly taking off in New York, as can be seen at the Gramercy Tennis and Racquetball Club. More and more people are getting into the game and enjoying themselves. In February and March, Hunter College and Baruch College once again start their continuing education racquetball courses at Gramercy and a whole new bunch of people become racquetball enthusiasts. If you're already a racquetball player, you will understand why. If not, you should start. Either way, give Gramercy a call for tournaments, leagues, other players who are looking for games or just for their brochure of low rates for an excellent facility. Call: (212) 691-0110.



DAN BARBONE

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"DOUBLES SHOOTOUT" AT COURT-SPORTS I

The weekend of Jan. 30 and 31 "Doubles Shootout" was held at Court Sports I in Elmsford, N.Y. All participants of this doubles tournament were given collared shirts and served a free buffet and beer for the weekend. 70 doubles teams competed in four divisions of play.

The results of the tournament are as follows:

A/B MIXED DOUBLES

1. Jaime Decarvallo & Rene Cronin.

2. Adam Santiago & Barbara Gingrich.

Semis: Rene Meneses & Roseann Farano; Joe Devito and Cathy Burns.

A/B MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Rene Meneses & George Bordorf.

2. Joe Devito & Jim Schlichting.
Semis: Adam Santiago & Jim Schlichting; Stan Fidler & Beni Ercole.

Conso: Decarvalles & Redinger.

C/NOVICE MIXED DOUBLES

1. Joe Pergola & Lori Hirsch.
2. Gary Thomas & Shirley Dechento.

Semis: Guy Suchy & Lee Saroken; Fran Spatafore & Frank Spatafore.

Conso: Ercole & Ragazzo.

C/NOVICE MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Danny Barbone & Joe Digugliemo.
2. Bob Balog & Bob Galia.

Semis: Nick Mangini & Pam Stern; Ken Ercole & Frank Bosco.
Conso: Fisk & Russo.



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Westchester Open, March 26, 27, 28, 29

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, March 15, 1981

Awards: Awards will be presented to the first four places and first place consolation. Hospitality and tournament shirt will be provided to each entrant. Hospitality by Ridgewood Quality Products.

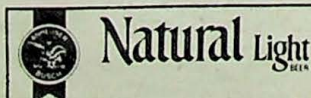
Awards For All Divisions Of Play: 1st Prize, AM-FM Stereo, 8 Track Turntable and Twin Speakers. 2nd Prize, L.C.D. Watch. 3rd Prize, Dinner for two at one of the following restaurants: Seashore, Sammy's, City Island Crab Shanty, or Vincent DiOrio's Place for Steak and Ribs, New Rochelle. 4th Prize, Voit Racquet Ball Bag.

Men's Divisions

Men's Open; Men's B; Men's C; Men's Novice; Men's Senior (35);
Men's Open Doubles; Men's BC Doubles

Women's Divisions

Women's Open; Women's B; Women's C; Women's Novice;
Women's Open Doubles; Women's BC Doubles



U.S. Paddle Tennis Assn.

The USPTA (P for Paddle) put on a clinic/exhibition at the new East Orange, N.J. paddle tennis courts managed by former tennis great Althea Gibson.

Julio Rodriguez and Jim Peterson of the Parade Grounds Courts in Brooklyn played against John Hart and Pete Mason of the Manhattan Paddle Tennis Association in the men's exhibition, and Sharon Hall teamed with Alisa Kugel in the women's against Althea Gibson (formerly paddle tennis national champion, who hadn't played for 20 years) teamed with 13-year-old Ricky Zappel who substituted for Althea's partner who had twisted an ankle during the warmup. The other 12-year-olds put on a great juniors exhibition.



Clark and Borga Capture Open Titles in the New Jersey State Championships

Doug Clark of Clark's Courts in Cherry Hill and Karen Borga of Toms River captured the Open division titles. Almost 400 entrants from all corners of the state took part in the 1980 USRA/NJRA New Jersey State Racquetball Championships on October 10-12, at Hopewell Valley Racquetball and Health Club in Pennington, New Jersey.

The tournament was directed by Tom Bonanne and Lonnie Allgood. The major sponsors were Head Racquetball and Hopewell Valley Racquetball Club.

The tournament offered the players who finished first, second or third in their division prizes that ranged from a TV set and sweat-suits for the Open players to Head racquets and racquetball shoes for third place finishers.

Between the competition and prizes the tournament offered, we feel the weekend was a great success.

RESULTS

Men's Open—Round of 16—Doug Clark d. Al Horne, Mike Miksza d. Rich Katz, Gary Hartman d. Lonnie Allgood, Greg Levine d. Stan Danzig, John Bierman d. Rick Platas, Bob Francavilla d. Bill Ramirez, Jim Turner d. Rocco Mazzo, Bill Lynch d. Willie Wang, Ray Capitanelli d. Rick Englander. Quarters—Clark d. Miksza, Levine d. Hartman, Bierman d. Francavilla, Capitanelli d. Turner. Semis—Clark d. Levine, Capitanelli d. Bierman. Finals—Clark d. Capitanelli. Third Place—Tie—Levine, Bierman.

Men's B—Quarters—Demarco d. Shawn, Klein d. Petrini, Greenberg d. Buonocore, Katz d. Munson. Semis—Klein d. Demarco, Greenberg d. Katz. Finals—Klein d. Greenberg. Third Place—Katz.

Men's C—Quarters—Demianovich d. Maineniti, Sitren d. Mirnov, Solomon d. Berson, Vaccaro d. Bauer. Semis—Sitren d. Demianovich, Solomon d. Vaccaro. Finals—Solomon d. Sitren. Third Place—Vaccaro.

Men's Novice—Berson d. Caldera, Ousouljoglou d. Denley, Hook d. Hoitsma, Matejek d. Ginsberg. Semis—Hook d. Matejek, Ousouljoglou d. Berson. Finals—Ousouljoglou d. Hook. Third Place—Berson.

Men's Veteran Open—Quarters—Elia d. Berwick, Danzig d. Letter, Wang d. Welaz, Booker d. Nurczyk. Semis—Elia d. Danzig, Wang d. Booker. Finals—Wang d. Elia. Third Place—Danzig.

Men's Seniors—Quarters—Letter d. Prucha, Kohout d. Munson, Wilson d. Lingle, Sergentanis d. Barreto. Semis—Letter d. Kohout, Wilson d. Sergentanis. Finals—Letter d. Wilson. Third Place—Kohout.

Boy's 17 & Under—Billhimer d. Mazzo, Marshall d. Schaffner, Rooney d. Summers, Keswani d. Jackson. Semis—Marshall d. Billhimer, Keswani d. Rooney. Finals—Marshall d. Keswani.

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enjoyable days talking to the contestants.

Racquetball breaks down all the barriers. Players who were out to kill on the courts became friends when they socialized off the court. The pro's matches were especially memorable: Victor Neiderhoffer, Reuben Gonzalez, Artie Dieman, newcomer Diana Nayad. Our local favorites did us proud, too: Debbie Pallas, Gene Alberti, Karen Kemmerling, Richie DeVito, and all the novice players who gave it their best shot.

The weekend of January 9-11 proved to be a rewarding one for Richie DeVito. Richie, who played out of PRHC, took First Place in Men's B Singles at the Eastern Air-

lines AARA Connecticut Open. The tournament was held at the Downtown Racquet Club in New Haven. Richie, one of the better southpaws around, stretched the opening round against Wayne Bruno to an exciting tie-breaker. While down 10-14, Richie bounced back to a 16-14 victory, winning the match. In the quarter-finals, he defeated Dave Simonetti, the threetime national champ in the 13 and under age group by scores of 15-13, 15-5. In the semi-finals he defeated Steve Squires 15-6, 5-15, and 15-7. Still going strong, Richie went into the finals and defeated Ray O'Hara, 15-14, 15-8. Congratulations, Richie! Welcome to Madeline, Richie's pretty wife, to racquet ball. She is a member of Pelham's women's team, and shows great enthusiasm for the game.

That dynamic duo, Mike Acquino and Gene Alberti, are tuning up for the New York State Open at the end of February. They say they will be tough, and after seeing them play, I believe it. Just the expression on Gene's face is enough to scare any opponent!

One of Ed Shipp's crew (telephone company league) sailed to victory in the Open Division at BQE's Club Final Palm Tree Tournament on the weekend of Jan 31st.

Bob Hintelmann, one of the mainstays of the telephone company crew, defeated Lenny Sabatino in the finals to win BQE's Open Division 21-18, 21-14. Bob is known to consume mass quantities of Genessee ale while training for tournaments and after winning, too. Congrats to you, Bob.

Little known (but getting more popular) Pelham Tennis and Rac-

quetball Center is offering special rates so people will come in and get acquainted. Weekdays, walk-on rates are \$5.00 per hour from 7AM to 4PM. On weekends, walk-on rates are \$6.00 per hour from 7AM to 10PM. Definitely the cheapest in our area. They're also offering all kinds of special rates to lure in the regular players. Call 1-914-738-1637 for more information.

We'd like to wish Sam Borrero good luck in his new job as pro instructor at the Jefferson Valley Racquetball Club. Sam has a string of tournament victories to his credit, and is a soft-spoken, polite ambassador of racquetball. The level of play at Jefferson Valley will definitely improve with Sam there.

We'd like to give special mention to those two tough assistant coaches of PRHC's League teams. Every Sunday Jerry Ende and Emilia Mozian put the team members through their paces. They have a comprehensive schedule that includes sprints, running, practicing with the ball machine, and practice games. Pelham is really in the running to win the wallbanger trophy for 1981.

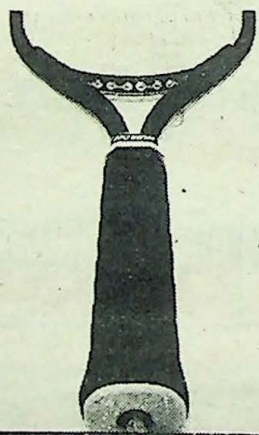
I heard a story at Pelham about the Animal: he played in a tournament at Providence, Rhode Island. His poor sweat-soaked opponent came off the court and said, "I heard you hit the ball, but I never saw it."

In the Reader's Digest there's a section about the "Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Met." Mine is Tony Serna, paddleball player extraordinaire, small of stature but large in intestinal fortitude and heart. He dwells in Co-op City in the north Bronx where he's known as the Pied Piper where the children all play to his tune. Without benefit of any monetary help from anyone, Mr. Serna makes up teams in basketball, baseball and paddleball, supplies uniforms, equipment and trophies. On Mr. Serna's team, every child is a winner. All he asks is that each child participate. He takes his teams all over the metropolitan area at his own expense. And now he's trying to get racquetball into his repertoire. Tony's not a millionaire but he sure treats his kids as if he were. There should be more Tony Sernas in this world.

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Wide-Angle Passing Shots

by Mike Yellen

(Editor's Note: Mike Yellen, 20, of Southfield, Michigan, is the No. 2 ranked pro on the racquetball tour and two-time National finalist. He is also a member of the Ektelon Professional Advisory Staff.)

I am a firm believer in hitting passing shots and wearing my opponent down until his legs feel as though he is trudging through sludge. No one can survive the exercise he gets being on the wrong side of a good passing game and you can usually mop the guy up with a large sponge by the time the tiebreaker rolls around.

There are some players, though, who you just can't seem to get the ball past. These are guys like Rich Wagner who moves around the court like he was shot from a gun or guys with rubber arms like my Ektelon teammate Charlie Garfinkel whose forearms will stretch an extra foot or so, or Charlie Brumfield who seems to know where the ball is going before you hit it.

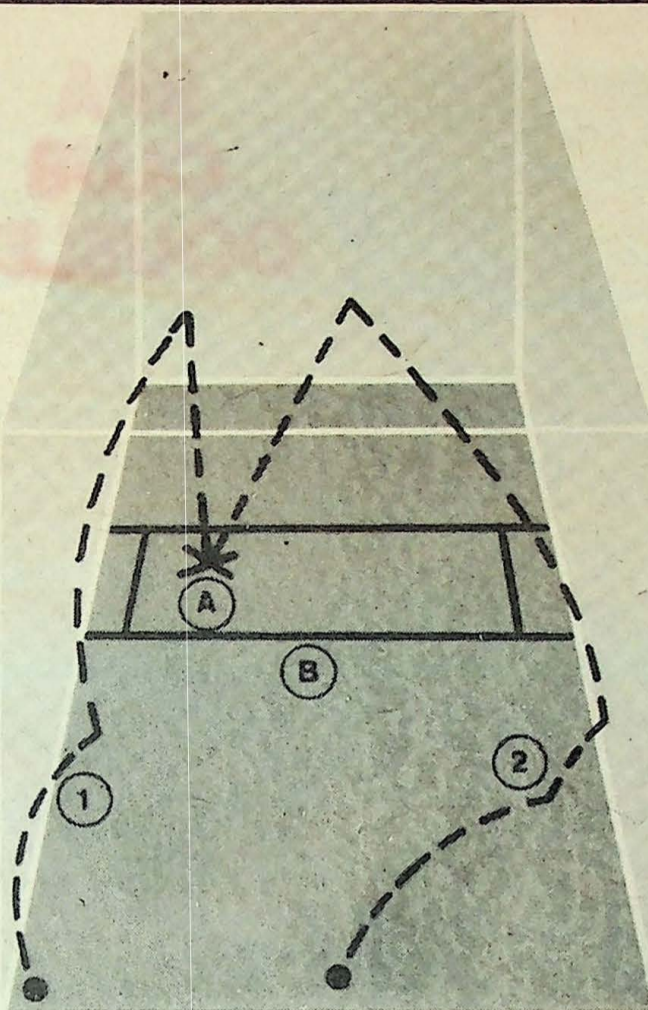
They all fall into the general category of "good retrievers" and,

against these kinds of players, a normal passing shot may not work. But, I see no reason to change what is, basically, a good game strategy so what I usually do is simply to wide-angle passes.

A potential point winner, the pass drives for the corner fast and low, straight from the front wall. At the very least, it should take your opponent scurrying into the backcourt, off balance and trying to hit the ball toward the front wall while moving in the opposite direction.

The circumstances under which you should hit a wide-angle pass are identical to those for the normal pass. For example, never hit a pass when your opponent is in backcourt because that is where the ball will land. It is not even a good idea to hit a pass any time your opponent is behind you. Pinch it into a front corner instead.

However, if both you and your opponent are together in midcourt or forecourt, pass the ball by him. Anytime your opponent is in front of you, you are in a particularly good position to pass the ball because you have a better view of him.



Unfortunately, that is no guarantee that he won't dig it out. That's where the couple of extra inches that a wide-angle pass gives you can make a big difference.

If the normal pass is a straight fast ball from front wall to rear corner, the wide-angle pass is a curve ball and, like baseball's curve pitch, the wide-angle pass is just a little harder to execute.

Instead of aiming the shot straight for one of the rear corners, angle it so that the ball comes off the front wall and strikes the side wall about the same distance from the front wall as your opponent. Keep it low on the front wall and the ball may even crack out on the side wall. Otherwise, it will still rebound behind your opponent and into the backcourt.

As in the case of the normal pass, your opponent will be chasing the wide-angle into the backcourt while trying to get a shot off to the front wall.

To be sure, you will find it difficult to put the ball at the correct point on the side wall. The angle of contact with the front wall will always be changing as you move around court and you can expect a certain degree of error, the ball landing too far forward or too far behind your opponent.

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BPA CLUB DOUBLES

by Murray Kirschner

The BPA Club Doubles were concluded at the Bronx Indoor Courts on January 10 when the exciting duo of southpaw Walt Dillard and Tom Pender defeated Ralph Capagrasso and David Fryd, 15-10/6-14, to win the championship. Third place went to Marty Walpin and Marv Hecht and fourth place to Laurence and Co-saries. That's all for now...



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Queens Duo Wins Castle Hill Paddleball Tournament

Walter Dillard and Tom Pender, of St. Albans, Queens, won the Castle Hill Winter "B" Doubles Paddleball Tournament and first prize of \$400 plus trophies.

The tournament was the first of its kind sponsored by the Castle Hill Beach Club of the Bronx and its president, Bruce Eggleston, and was held in cooperation with Sy Lane's Bronx Indoor Paddleball on January 17, 24 and 31.

Dillard-Pender won in straight games by identical scores of 15-31, in the two-out-of-three, 15-point finals, defeating Walter Pawliw, of Whitestone, Queens, and Peter Bruhnke, of Amity Harbor, Long Island.

Eighty teams from all over the city and Long Island participated in the tournament, which awarded a total of \$1,540 in cash prizes. Second place was worth \$200, and third and fourth, \$150 each. The next 12 teams also received cash prizes.

Supervision of the referees, rules and the pairing of the teams was handled by Andy Krosnick, former American Paddleball Association National Doubles Champion and a co-founder of the Paddleball Players Association.

The two final games were virtually carbon copies of each other, in that the lead see-sawed several times. In the first game, the score was tied at 11, before Dillard-



Photo by Alan

Pender pulled away to win. The second game was tied at 13. Both matches were hard-fought affairs, filled with exciting volleys, with the outcomes very much in doubt almost to the very end.

The semi-finals were 25-point games. Pawliw and Bruhnke were opposed by Cito Aviles and Camello Soto, of Brooklyn. The Brooklynites ran up an 8-1 lead, but then gave up points until the game was tied at 12, 14, and 15.

However, Pawliw-Bruhnke took the lead after this, moving to a commanding 24-18 position. Aviles-Soto refused to quit, though, and inched up to within one point of the leaders, before finally losing out 25-23.

Dillard-Pender faced Jerry Valencia and Richard Serra, of the Bronx, in the semis. They started off strong, racing to 15-4 and 20-7 leads, before Valencia-Serra challenged. The score reached 22-19, when Dillard-Pender made their final drive to wrap up the game 25-19.

Following are the results of the tournament:

Quarter Finals

Pawliw-Bruhnke, Ramel Sherman (Bx.)-Rex Naddeo (Bklyn)-21-5.

Aviles-Soto, Tony Giannotti-Lee Demitriou (Bx.)-21-12.

Dillard-Pender, Mike Guigliano-Sal Grasso (Maspeth, L.I.)-21-5.

Valencia-Serra, Roger Mueller-Joe Mele (Hicksville, L.I.)-21-4.

Semi Finals

Dillard-Pender, Valencia-Serra-25-19.

Pawliw-Bruhnke, Aviles-Soto-25-23.

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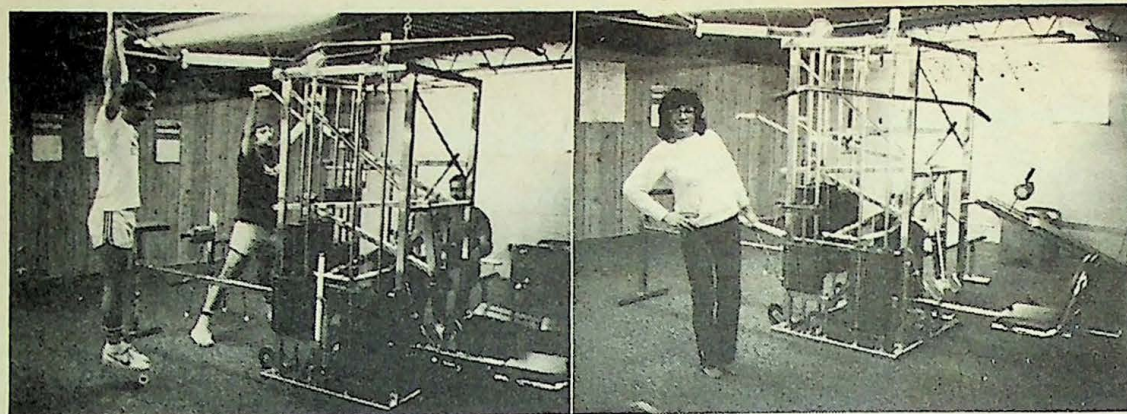
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The club features 5 spacious courts; complete locker, shower and sauna facilities for both men and women; TV, lounge, game room with ping pong and bumper pool; and a 15 station Universal fitness machine. The club invites all its members to use the Universal at any time, to work on their own personal fitness program. The Universal is ideal for the ladies to shape up for summer.

A unique feature of the club is its Free Play Time policy. Monday through Friday, members can play absolutely free from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday night from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. is also absolutely free. Club members may also use the club's other facilities at any time without charge.

The club is open 7 days a week, Monday through Friday from

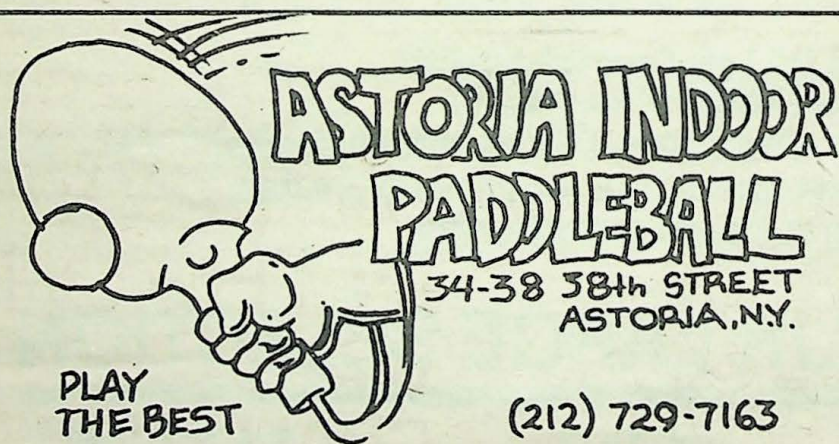
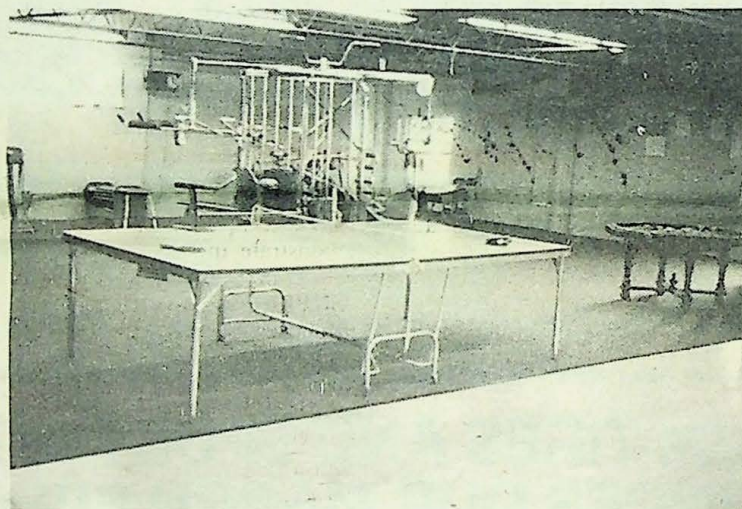
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight; Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight; and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The club is now featuring a Special Mid-Winter Membership package: Any two people may join for only \$60—that's \$30 each—for a full 12-month membership. Still not convinced? Take a \$20 3-month trial membership. You may then renew your membership at a substantial savings for next

year.

The club still has many prime time hours available for season bookings. This year's members will, of course, have first chance at booking the hours of their choice for next winter's season. Don't be left out in the cold next year! Join Southshore and get first crack at booking season time next year.

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Wide-Angle Shots

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If you are going to make a mistake in your shot placement, though, it is better to choose the second alternative. If the ball strikes the side wall too far forward, it will angle toward the middle of the court, giving your opponent a good chance to cut it off.

If hit farther back on the side wall, there won't be that much harm done as long as the ball isn't also left up so that it comes off the back wall too. That would give him time to run it down.

Unquestionably, this shot will take some practice. Get on the court alone and just hit the shot from a variety of spots to a pre-selected point on the side wall.

Don't expect to pick it up right away.

From the standpoint of game strategy, begin with your normal passing shots since those are easier to master. If you find, though, that your opponent is able to move over and cut them off, widen the angle.

Don't forget to mix your shots to balance your attack. Don't go to a pass or a wide-angle pass every time a passing situation presents itself or your opponent will begin to anticipate your shots. Throw in a down-the-line pass, a ceiling ball or whatever shot is appropriate. If your opponent is falling back to cover the pass, a pinch or kill will keep him honest.

Learn to adapt. Remember, your brain is the most effective weapon you have on the court.

5 Racquetball Courts To Open This Summer At Grand Central

Racquetball gear will soon be as common a sight in Grand Central Terminal as pinstriped suits and briefcases.

Grand Central Racquetball Inc., a new company, will build Manhattan's largest private racquetball club in the 10,000-square-foot attic of Grand Central Terminal's east wing. Construction will begin in February for an August opening.

According to Steven Gordon, president, the five-court club will be Manhattan's largest facility devoted exclusively to racquetball. The space, leased from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, has been used in the past for tennis courts, a dance school, an artist's studio and a television studio for CBS.

Philip Tusa, interior designer and president of Philip Tusa Design, Inc., New York, says the club is designed to enhance the terminal's Beaux Arts architecture. "The only major structural change to the terminal will be the raising of

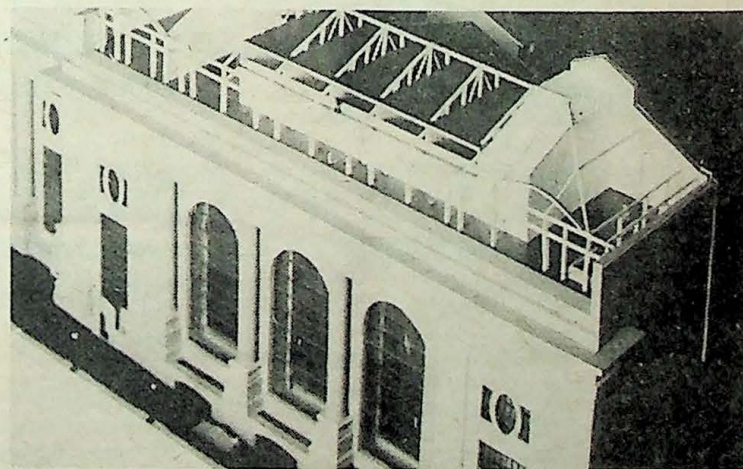
observation.

Bruce Soloff, vice president, is also a partner in the venture. Consulting structural engineer is Dr. Lev Zetlin. Jack Stone Engineers is the consulting mechanical engineering firm.

Grand Central's location will attract racquetball players from all over greater New York, as well as the immediate area's business community," Mr. Gordon observed. He said the club's hours—7 AM to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday, with reduced hours on weekends—have been scheduled to accommodate business people and commuters. The club will also be open weekends for private parties.

Charter memberships will be available through May 1. Special corporate membership benefits will also be offered.

Racquetball is the fastest growing racquet sport in the United States. An estimated 10,000,000 persons play, up from 76,500 in



Architectural model for Grand Central Racquetball Club. The club will be located in the attic above the east wing of Grand Central Terminal. Interior Designer: Philip Tusa, Philip Tusa Design Inc.

a cross beam to 20 feet to create the necessary height for playing courts."

A loft area for lounging will be constructed above the courts, affording a spectacular view of the Pan Am building through the terminal's existing skylights. One court will also have a glass wall for

1970. The game originated in Greenwich, Conn., during World War II. The rules are similar to squash in that the ball can be bounced off the court's four walls, in addition to the ceiling. The game is played with a short, strung, racquet and a soft rubber ball. Scoring and play resemble handball.

Have A Nice Day

Joe Lubelfeld

I'm losing my faith in horoscopes. Recently my astrological chart said "You will be pleasantly surprised today and meet an old friend."

I did. I saw a roach in the sink.

But there are other more reliable signs that it would be foolish to ignore.

Take this morning, for instance. Following a life-long tradition that started at a very early age, I woke up famished. First I checked to see if all parts of my body were moving, then proceeded to slip out of bed like a letter out of an envelope.

I made a beeline to the kitchen and on the refrigerator I found a note my wife left me that said "Dear Al..."

I'd better explain that. For some obscure reason she has been calling me "Al" since the first day we met in the Museum of Modern Art under the painting "Nude Descending a Staircase." Her story is that Lubelfeld was always a cinch for her to pronounce; it's "Joe" that gives her trouble. So she solved the problem by calling me "Al."

I was suave, debonair and a man of the world, even in those days. I remember sidling up to her under that descending nude and in my most urbane, romantic, Cary Grant manner whispered in her ear, "Excuse me, Miss, could you tell me where the paddleball courts are?" What girl could resist that opening gambit?

Actually, it was on our second date, which ended up with coffee and rice pudding at her place, that I fell madly in love with her and her rice pudding simultaneously. I didn't find out till years later that this sweet, shy, innocent art lover made her rice pudding with a liberal sprinkling of hashish.

But that's another story for another time.

Getting back to the note, it said, "Dear All, went jogging—be back Tues. Take cereal, have a bagel, and don't forget your vitamins—the two green ones, that cute zebra-striped one and the two that look like fish eyes. Love, Doris."

Very funny. Why couldn't I marry a normal woman like everybody else, instead of one who is always charging around the countryside. She knows I'm helpless in the kitchen and can't boil water unless conditions are favorable.

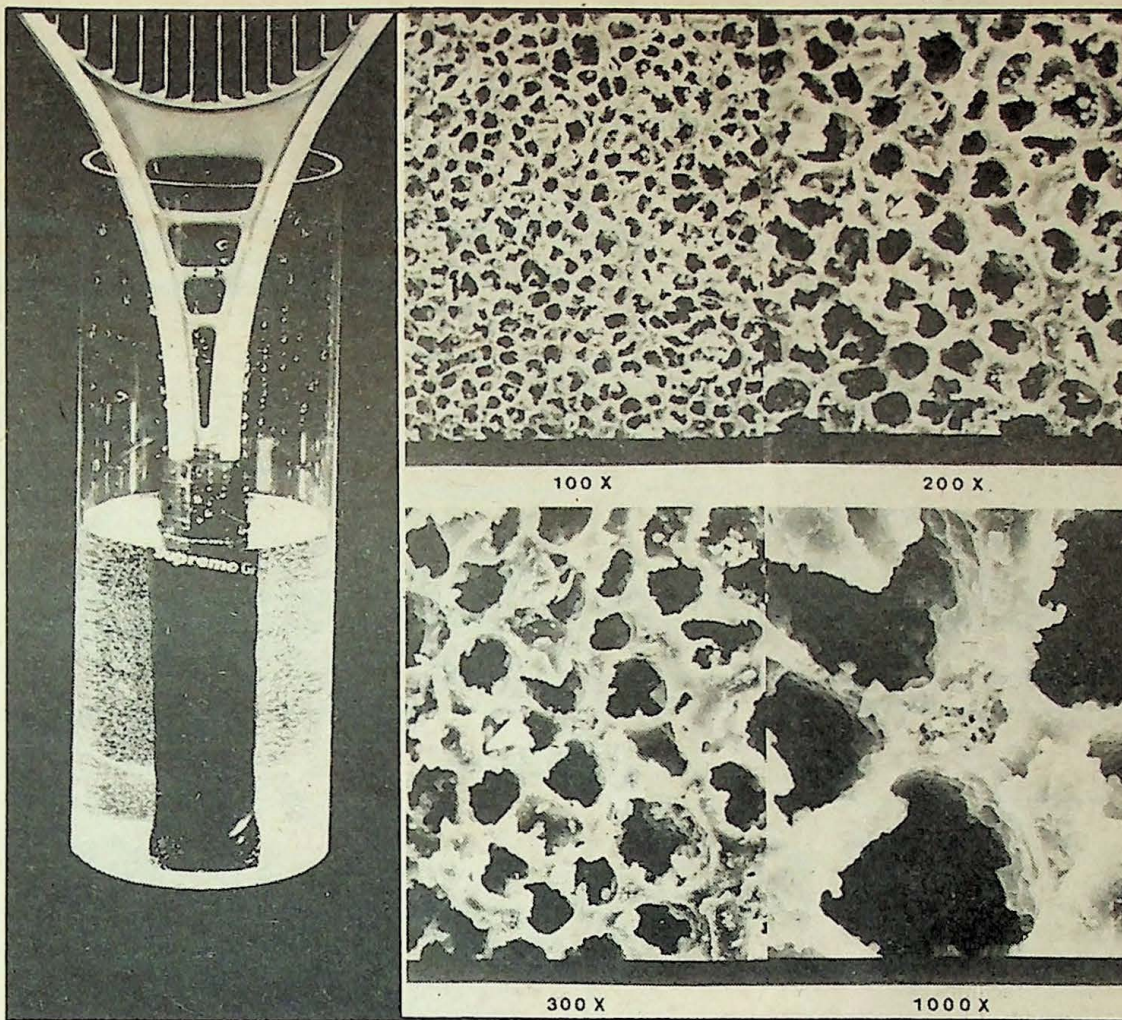
Right there was a sure sign I should have heeded; I should've slipped right back into the envelope and stayed in bed till Tues.

Instead, like a good Cherman, I followed orders and poured myself a bowl of those Munchie Crunchies that explode in your mouth like firecrackers. After a couple of spoonfuls I nearly choked to death on a miniature dinosaur. I coughed the beast up in the nick of time. I then read the small print on the box which said "Please finish this box before Mar 1973. Contents may rust." Now they tell me.

I pushed the bowl aside and tried the bagel. It weighed about ten lbs. and lifting it nearly gave me a hernia. No human could eat it and continue to live. My wife must have been keeping it around to drive nails in the wall. Or to rub out those stubborn rings around my collars.

Half starved now, I went down to Double Dominick's, a local bistro I go to occasionally when I feel adventurous. You can tell right away it's a class place where you're about to have a gastronomic experience when they give you three napkins so the grease won't get

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No-Slip Grip

A racquet grip that reduces slippage when wet has been made possible by space-age poly technology. The product, marketed under the name SUPREME GRIP, is a poromeric that feels like suede but has many times the moisture absorption of leather. The wetter it gets, the better your grip. The material also reduces torque and the blisters caused by slippage.

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removes sweat rapidly, and high traction-producing surface area—100 square inches per square inch of material.

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SUPREME GRIP is made by John Boyle & Company, Inc. and distributed nationally through tennis shops by Ashaway Line & Twine Mfg. Company. Suggested retail price is \$8.00 installed on your racquet.

paddleball

by Bobby Schwarz

Quite often, a paddleball player will ask me to give him some tips on how he should play in a tournament, or how he should play against a current opponent. I usually respond rather rapidly with a string of impromptu answers that had just popped into my head; or I point out obvious weaknesses that exist in an opposing player. Actually, the best answer to this question is the most obvious answer. Just play your game.

Any serious paddleball player plays a few times each week, and he plays to win each and every game. I'm sure this player is not always wondering, "What should I do in this game?"; or "Should I play a safe or aggressive game today?"; or "How do I beat this player?"

Excessive thinking, planning, and questioning are extremely detrimental to a player's performance. This pondering can only lead to overly-cautious and tentative play, and to a frustrating loss in a match. Each player has his own style of play, which he alone

excels at. It is ludicrous for a person to practice and play a certain way throughout the year, and then subconsciously be afraid to play this way in a tournament.

I have watched good paddleball players compete in a tournament, and these players forget how good they can play. They either try too hard, or play much too safe; or they do either too much or too little or something else. If they would just go out there and play, and do what they do best, their performance would improve dramatically. Good shots would present themselves; points would be made; and their opponents would soon know that these players must be taken very seriously.

So, as I said before, my advice is simple. Try to realize that you have already developed your style of play and strategies; and you know which shots you can and cannot make. You practice all year long. Don't start from the beginning when you compete in a tournament. Play your game, exactly as it is played. You'll be surprised who you can beat.

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Dear Bobby Schwarz,

Dear Bobby Schwarz,

In your article last month on "unsportsman-like conduct on the court" you brought out a good point. It's my opinion, however, that to deal with these negative behaviors we need a more pragmatic and functional approach—one which can implement a more immediate course of action. In effect, what I am saying is deal with each violation of the rules the second it occurs.

To have violators "pay" after the games have been played is not fair to the many conscientious players who endure abuses throughout a game. Abuses that may ultimately become a factor in determining who wins.

Other faults I see with fines are: 1) to forfeit any sum of money from an already small purse would be a crime; 2) it would be difficult to collect the money from offenders and what happens to this money if collected? and 3) it lacks provisions to preserve the rights of the "other" players while play is in progress.

As I mentioned before, my view is based on an immediate course of action, "On the Spot Remedies." This is important, and should not be undermined.

We both know that players who display a distasteful conduct also pose a menace to Paddleball as a whole. With what I am suggesting, you can eliminate, on the spot, any

unwarranted conduct. You can eliminate any effect that a volatile player may incur on their opponents. Plus, you spare the many fans from witnessing an undesirable spectacle.

Now, here is how I propose to achieve an immediate course of action. On the first infraction, play stops immediately and a "fair war-

you realize that in most other sports, players are ejected when it is warranted.

I also propose that a skilled and organized officiating staff with the authority to implement these rules be established. Paddleball does not have this, and it's time it did!

This is the only way we can effectively deal with this problem and

are not administered often enough.)

My purpose in writing the article was to bring forth another alternative for dealing with undesirable behavior during a tournament. By no means am I suggesting to forget about the options an official has right now. Of course, an official should deal with the problem immediately, so that spectators and other Paddleball players realize that tournaments are run in an orderly fashion. However, an organization might still consider levying a fine against any player whose behavior was particularly abusive during a tournament. The fine could be deducted from a player's winnings (if any) in that tournament; or the player would have to pay the fine within a specified period of time. If the player decided not to pay the fine, then the organization would bar him from all future tournaments. The monies collected from fines could be put to good use by any reputable Paddleball organization. This total of cash would certainly be nominal, but it could be used to enhance future tournament purses.

I also hope that Paddleball players will soon have professional officials, and an organization governing these officials. We seem to agree on just about every aspect of dealing with abusive behavior, except one. I still feel that an occasional fine would be good for keeping players in line. I don't agree that "to forfeit any sum of money from an already small purse would be a crime."

Yours truly,
Bobby S-C-H-W-A-R-Z

P.S. Dear Joe Lubefeld: Do you think anyone will ever spell my name right?

"...a skilled and organized officiating staff with the authority to implement these rules..."

ning" is issued. On a second infraction, play stops and a loss of a point or points ensued. With the third infraction, play stops and the offender is ejected from the game, thereby forfeiting the game.

This is not so far-fetched when

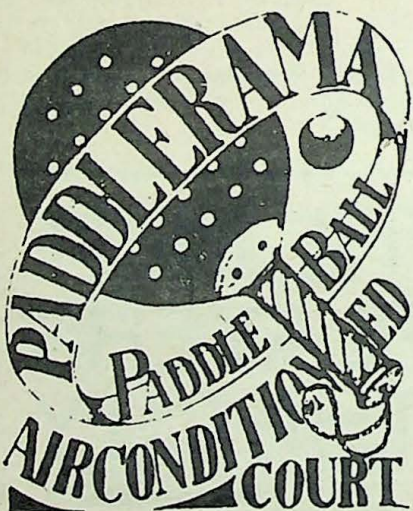
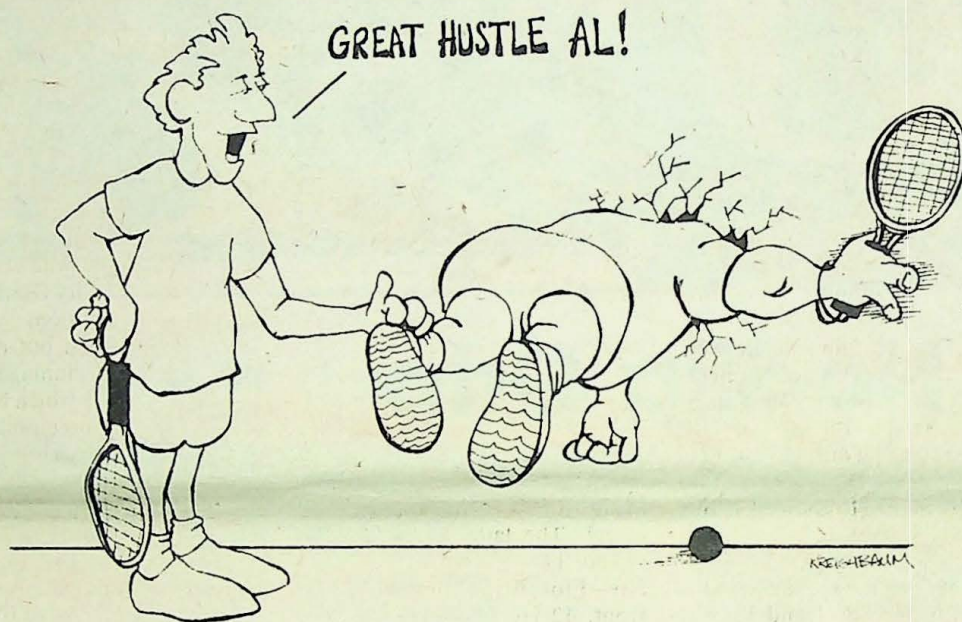
preserve the right of players and fans alike. I hope rules like these may ultimately lead toward, as you mentioned, establishing a seriousness in Paddleball and thus develop a more prestigious atmosphere.

Sincerely,
George Nieves

Dear George:

Thank you for taking the time to both read and comment on my article. Please understand that I wholeheartedly agree with your views about "immediate action" and "on the spot remedies" for dealing with distasteful conduct. I would also like to remind you that both the APA and the PPA rules certainly agree with you, also.

Any worthwhile tournament should have officials who either issue fair warnings, or deduct points, or eject players from a tournament, when a situation warrants any of these choices. I did not mention any of these choices of an official in my article because these possible punishments are already firmly established in the rules. (Perhaps I should have mentioned them because these punishments



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Have A Nice Day (Continued from page 11)

through to your clothes.

I ordered Gratin de Volaille Pavillon and nearly got thrown out of the joint for using foul language. So I switched to Eggs Benedict that even Benedict himself wouldn't have eaten. I capped it off with rancid coffee and rancid toast, both of which had seen better days, and that was a long time ago.

The cramps came quicky this time. They started while I was paying the check and telling the cashier from my doubled over position to please send my compliments to the chef.

"Have a nice day," she said, smiling amiably, as if there was nothing unusual in seeing a customer curled up on the floor like a pretzel.

I barely made it home in time. I have now spent the last four hours either in or very near the bath-

room. Have a nice day, indeed.

The coup de grace came a little while ago when Alan B., the merciless editor of this hallowed rag, called me on the phone. Where was my column? Did I realize that today was the deadline? If I didn't get it in now the paper would have to go to press without it. I tried to explain that I had bigger problems at the moment, like running low on toilet paper, but he was a block of granite.

"You mean to say you're going to let those five people down!" he said.

"What five people?" I asked, falling into his trap.

"Why, the five people who look forward to your articles, that's what five people."

"Really? That many read it? I always figured it was one or two—maybe three, tops. Why did you wait till I was at death's door

before telling me I had such a large following?"

"I didn't want you to get a swelled head. You'd only be foolish enough to ask for more money, which of course you're not going to get."

That made a difference. I couldn't disappoint a mob like that; I had obligations.

So I told him to kill some time and suggested he go down to Double Dominick's and have a bite to eat. Meanwhile, with a thousand butterflies dancing a wild tarantella in my stomach, I got busy scribbling these lines to let my gang of five know why I will not have a column in this issue.

Oops, here it comes again! You must excuse me now, I have to run. Have a nice day—all five of you.

Editor's Note: This just may be the last column Joe writes for us. If you want to continue to read his work, send him a few words of encouragement.

squash

Lockett Cup, Gold Racquet, and N.Y. State Champions Crowned

While action quieted down on the WPSA front during the post-Boodles early-December lull, the weeks prior to Christmas were characterized by a series of old-line invitational and traditional, regional tournaments.

Perhaps the most prestigious of these was the New York State Open championship, which was won by Rob Dinerman. Dinerman played with great poise and confidence on his "home" courts at the Uptown Racquet Club, and emphatically broke-out of his early-season slump by charging through a quartet of matches with the loss

of but a single game to capture his first State title. Dinerman, who recently turned pro after attaining a USSRA national ranking of No. 3 for 1979-80, defeated Kevan Pickens in straight sets in the finals. Pickens' path to that stage had been keyed by a tight four-game upset over Peter Talbert in the quarters, followed by a more routine four-gamer in the semis over Tom Rumpfer.

New York relinquished its Lockett Cup championship to Philadelphia in the early-December Tri-City Lockett Cup competition. The host city traditionally has the advantage in this event, and the Philadelphians stocked their seven-man lineup with shotmakers who took advantage of the cold courts at the Merion Cricket Club. This was the first Cup triumph in many years for Philadelphia in this event, which is usually won by either New York or Boston, winners of the counterpart Tri-City Doubles Ketcham Cup competition.

Gil Mateer burst out of an extended slump in winning the Gold Racquets tourney which his father Diehl had won three times during the latter's illustrious career. Mateer defeated two former preschool teammates, John Botzger and Joe Swain, in the semis and finals. These victories must have been especially sweet for Mateer, who had been losing to these two archrivals in recent years.

In January the WPSA tour heated up again during a six-week stretch extending through mid-February which featured the WPSA Championships in Toronto and the U.S. Professional title in Detroit.

platform tennis

LONG ISLAND INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS — DEC. 6-7, 1980

QUARTERFINALS

Eagan & Nycum d. Anderson & MacDonald, 7-6, 6-4; Allison & Kleinert d. Kelsey & Redpath, 6-3, 6-4; Figlar & Smith d. McCready & Scudder, 6-1, 6-1; Butterfield & Parton d. Knauer & Richter, 6-2, 6-3.

SEMIFINALS

Allison & Kleinert d. Eagan & Nycum, 6-2, 6-3; Figlar & Smith d. Butterfield & Parton, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.

FINALS

Kleinert, 7-5, 6-2.

RESULTS OF SHORT HILLS INVITATIONAL RANKING TOURNAMENT, JAN. 24, 25 1981, SHORT HILLS, N.J. 07078

QUARTERFINALS

Baird & Maier d. Kinney & Wachob, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; Griffin & Smith d. Crane & Tully, 7-5, 6-2; Fleitman & Russell d. Ayres & Rogers, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; Fitzgibbon & Irvine d. Allison & Kleinert, 6-2, 6-1.

SEMIFINALS

Baird & Maier d. Griffin & Smith, 6-2, 6-4; Fitzgibbon & Ir-

vine d. Fleitman & Russell, 6-4, 6-1.

FINALS

Baird & Maier d. Fitzgibbon & Russell, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.

RESULTS OF MANUFACTURERS HAN-OVER RYE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB, JAN. 10, 11, 1981

SEMIFINALS

Fitzgibbon & Irvine d. Russell & Fleitman, 6-4, 6-1; Baird & Maier d. Crane & Tully, 6-1, 6-4.

FINALS

Fitzgibbon & Irvine d. Baird & Maier, 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S FINALS

Fulton & Wolf d. Daunic & Lurie, 6-1, 6-2.

APTA RESULTS OF CANOE BROOK INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT, JAN. 21-22 CANOE BROOK C.C., N.J.

SEMIFINALS

Hackenberg & Hilton d. Daunic & Lurie, 6-4, 6-4; Fulton & Krieger d. Knight & Raney, 6-1, 7-6.

FINALS

Hackenberg & Hilton d. Fulton & Krieger, 6-1, 6-3.

CASTLE HILL-BRONX INDOOR PADDLEBALL INVITATIONAL

David Fryd and Ralph Capogrosso won the Castle Hill-Bronx Indoor Paddleball Invitational Tournament, the finals of which were held on Saturday, February 21, by defeating Whitey Faber and Bop Fiorentino in two close games, 21-18 and 21-16.

Sixteen teams in all were entered in the tournament. Four of these were finalists of the Castle Hill Winter "B" Paddleball Tournament, held several weeks earlier, who were invited to compete in this Class A event.

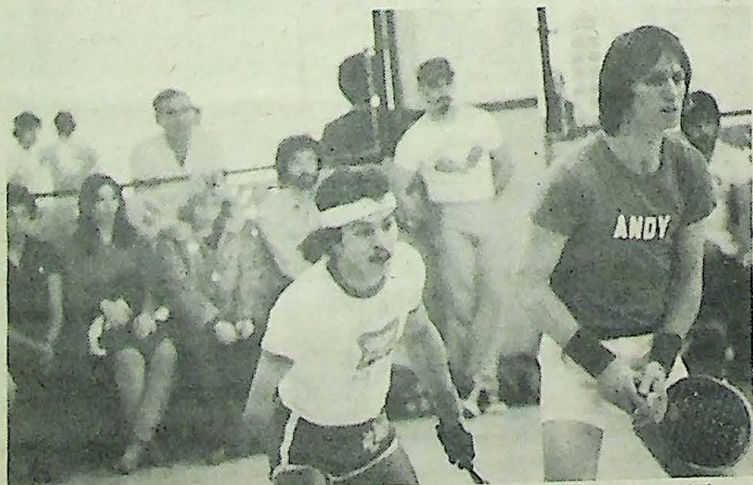
First place was worth \$250 to the winning team; second, \$130; and third and fourth, \$60 each.

In the first finals game, Fryd-Capogrosso were ahead 13-6, when Faber-Fiorentino rallied to tie the score at 13, and then go on to win, 21-18. The second game was also

close until Fryd-Capogrosso began to tire, finally going down to defeat, 21-16.

Action throughout the tournament was spectacular. In the second round, Faber-Fiorentino defeated Mendy Korman and Mike Eaton, 21-19, after the game was tied at 19.

Perhaps the most exciting game of the tournament and the longest was between Bob Chielli and Tony Fiorentino and Don Chiaffone and Mike Melendez in the second round. The latter two were ahead 11-4, before Chielli-Fiorentino pulled in front, 12-11. The game was tied at 18, and remained there for some time as both teams changed serves again and again but failed to score. The lead seesawed thereafter until Chielli-Fiorentino won, 23-21.



Pete Rosario

Andy Krosnick

Pete Rosario and his partner, Tony Martinez, were the only team able to defeat Bob Schwarz and Andy Krosnick at Bronx Indoor Paddleball. (Nine other teams tried.)

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EDDIE

By Howard Thaler

It's a shame. Pick up any sports magazine, and what do you see? Stories about the superstars. Bjorn Borg, Julius Erving, Peter Rose. A few famous men hog most of the attention, and there's not much left for anyone else. In an effort to even things out a little, this story is about Eddie. He'll never make headlines in a national sports magazine, and you'll never come across him in the newspapers, but in his own unique way, he's as colorful as any superstar.

Eddie's a paddleball player. He loves the game, and hardly ever misses a Sunday. At about 7:30 A.M. he marches down from the parking lot to the courts, carrying a large, overstuffed bag. When he gets to the courts, he flops the bag down on the cement, and goes into his dress routine. He reaches into it's murky depths and pulls out a knee brace, an elbow brace, and an ace bandage. He puts one brace on his right elbow, the other on his left knee, and wraps

the bandage tightly around his calf. Most likely, there's no need for any of this. He's probably just trying to con opponents into thinking that they're playing against a crippled old man, when in reality, beneath all those braces and bandages, there lurks a man-eating shark. Next, he sets green sunglasses firmly on his face. Then comes the finishing touch. From the bag's dark interior he roots out a floppy yellow hat, which he squashes down on top of his skull. Then, and only then, is he ready to play ball. To walk out on the court any sooner, without all this stuff in place, would be unthinkable to Eddie. It would be like playing naked.

Once he gets on the court, he's hell on wheels. At age fifty-two, he doesn't look at all like an athlete. In fact, he looks more like a little round Buddha. But he can certainly play paddleball. I once watched him play a game of singles against Mitch, a seventeen-year-old track star. Eddie stood in the center of the court,

dominating the game by slashing low shots into the corners, while Mitch darted back and forth like a jackrabbit on a string. Occasionally, just to break the monotony, Eddie lofted a sweet, tantalizing lob, and watch Mitch backpedal frantically, flailing at it with all his might, but managing only to stir up lots of dust. After Eddie demolished and demoralized the poor boy, 21-6, Mitch walked off and leaned panting against the fence, struggling to catch his breath. Eddie went over and put his arm around him. "The trouble with you, kid, is that you're much too young for this game," he said, a sly grin on his face. "This is an old man's game. Wait another thirty, forty years, when you're old and decrepit like me. Then you'll be ready for it."

He's a tough competitor, no doubt about it. Harold and Eddie are good friends, and a few months ago they played against each other in a tournament. When I asked Harold what it was like, he flinched. "What a disaster!" he said. "Before we even got to the third point, that character Eddie had already given me heartburn, gas, and a burning sensation that lasted the rest of the day. He argued about everything. He told the linesman

that he was blind, he told the referee that he was drunk, and he called me a cheat. He nearly drove us all stark-raving lunatic insane. It was excruciating. He's a good friend of mine off the court, but believe me, I'd rather go to the dentist, and get my teeth drilled, than play against him in a tournament."

"Wow. That's a pretty strong statement."

Harold thought about it for a moment. "Let me rephrase it slightly. I'd rather drive someone else to the dentist, to get their teeth drilled, than play against Eddie in a tournament."

I grinned, and Harold was silent for a while, but I could tell his mind was working overtime. Suddenly, he chuckled. "To be absolutely truthful and accurate about it I'd rather drive Eddie to the dentist, to get his teeth drilled, than play against him in a tournament. That's the best idea I've had all day, come to think of it. I'd even offer to give that turkey any novocaine till he got down on his knees and begged for it."

Besides being competitive and argumentative, Eddie also has a reputation for being frugal. Very frugal. In the dozen years he's been playing with us, he's just about never bought a ball. Years ago, when he first broke in with us, he developed a neat little trick that he'd pull every time we needed a new ball. "Okay, don't worry, I got a ball we can use," he'd call out, and reach into his bag and grub up an old, decrepit, scuffed-up ball, and bounce it a few times. "Here, try this, and

see if you like it." We'd hit it around a few times, and of course chuck it back and say, "Thanks anyway, Eddie, but it's really no good." Somebody else would throw in a new ball, and we'd resume our game. The first few times he pulled this on us, it worked, but then, one Sunday, we broke a ball, and Eddie went into his act. He pulled out the same old ball, and Harold suddenly realized what Eddie was up to. "For God's sake, put that silly thing away. That's the same ball you tried to inflict on us last week. If it wasn't any good then, what makes you think it's gonna be any good now?"

"Yea, Harold's right," Bill said, also catching on. "Stop pretending that you're trying to help out. If you really want to help us, you should go out and buy a new ball, instead of dredging up the same old ball every week."

Eddie sputtered and cursed, and called us an ungrateful pack of hyenas, but that was the last time he tried to pull that trick on us.

Many years passed, and Eddie never bought a ball. We all figured that he never would. But then, one Sunday a couple of years ago, a ball broke, and Eddie called out, "Wait a minute, I got a ball we can use." He went to his bag, took out a can of balls, and popped the top. "Here you go," he said. "Brand new." There was a long silence, as we all stared at him in disbelief. Then, Harold cried, "Hallelujah!" and clapped his hands. We all broke into applause. "Hey, Eddie

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Clark & Borga

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Third Place—Billhimer.

Boys 15 & Under—Quarters—Vaccaro d. Vazzano, Kohout d. Steiner, Cirillo d. Pierce, Solomon d. Salvato. Semis—Solomon d. Cirillo, Vaccaro d. Kohout. Finals—Vaccaro d. Solomon. Third Place—Kohout.

Men's Masters—Quarters—Talbot d. McGill, Iwaskow d. Koerner, Harper d. Nadelman, O'Hea d. Christmas. Semis—Talbot d. Iwaskow, Harper d. O'Hea. Finals—Talbot d. Harper. Third Place—Iwaskow.

Men's Golden Masters—Quarters—Goldstein d. Goffus, Madam d. Eristavi, Travers d. Koliba, Bennet d. Reeves. Semis—Madam d. Goldstein, Bennett d. Travers. Finals—Madam d. Bennett. Third Place—Travers.

Men's Open Doubles—Quarters—Elia-Elia d. Booker-Ramirez, Sherman-Berwick d. Allgood-Platas, Bierman-Horne d. Vanore-Munson, Capitanelli-Sergentanis d. Bloxom-Wilson. Semis—Elia-Elia d. Sherman-Berwick, Bierman-Horne d. Capitanelli-Sergentanis. Finals—Bierman-Horne d. Elia-Elia. Third Place—Capitanelli-Sergentanis.

Women's Open—Quarters—Borga d. Thomas, Struthers d. Englander, Nickerson d. Swayze, Manchini d. Goffus. Semis—Borga d. Struthers, Nickerson d. Marchini. Finals—Borga d. Nickerson. Third Place—Marchini.

Women's B—Quarters—Lacey d. Gambuto, McKenzie d. Vavolo, Desrosiers d. Dowd, Goffus d. Tur. Semis—Lacey d. McKenzie, Goffus d. Desrosiers. Finals—

Lacey d. Goffus. Third Place—Desrosiers, McKenzie.

Women's C—Bottger d. Walker, Dowd d. Thompson, Nurczyk d. Pincus, Vavolo d. Gentile. Semis—Vavolo d. Nurczyk, Dowd d. Bottger. Finals—Vavolo d. Dowd. Third Place—Nurczyk.

Women's Novice—Brittle d. Nathanson, Austad d. Cataldi, Birdsall d. Pilling, Traponese d. Coen. Semis—Austad d. Brittle, Birdsall d. Traponese. Finals—Austad d. Birdsall. Third Place—Brittle.

Women's Veteran Open—Quarters—Lacey d. Watts, Gessely d. Gentile, Rose d. Vanore, Donahue d. Koerner. Semis—Lacey d. Gessely, Rose d. Donahue. Finals—Lacey d. Rose. Third Place—Gessely.

Women's Open Doubles—Semis—Nickerson-Bednarski d. Thomas-Gessely, Scott-Borga d. Desrosiers-McKenzie. Finals—Nickerson-Bednarski d. Scott-Borga. Third Place—Thomas-Gessely.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre

By Mike Keenan

The Battle of the Teams was held at Take Two Paddleball Center on St. Valentine's Day. The tournament was titled by both teams as the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Captain of the Bay 8 Street team Caesar Polichetti and Captain Ron Riggins of Spring Creek chose the best available players for their teams.

Sponsors Ed Pino and Sal Garguilo of Take Two Paddleball Center provided refreshments and the use of their excellent facility.

Spring Creekers, sparked by winning ten consecutive games in the women's singles competition, rolled on to a 27-14 victory.

All the games were close and there was plenty of action for the fans as well as the players. One of the many highlights of the evening was the match between Caesar Polichetti and Joe Williams. The crowd was on its feet cheering every play as both players made tremendous gets and put aways. The game was fought down to the last point with Joe Williams coming from behind to win 21-19.

During intermission all the players were treated to an exhibition by national paddleball champions Bobby Schwarz and Steve

Rothfeld against two of Spring Creek's best.

In one match Larry Poole, S.C.A.F. No. 1 men's singles player, faced national doubles champion Steve Rothfeld. Larry surprised the crowd by getting right into his game and winning an impressive 21-5 victory.

National paddleball single champion Bobby Schwarz was matched against 1978-79 Brooklyn paddleball champion Joe Williams. Bobby played a flawless game against an excellent opponent, and quickly took an early lead. With Bobby leading, Joe switched strategy and went to a hard, low serve and started to rally. Bobby was not going to be outdone. After getting Joe down, Bobby started his own rally and quickly ended the game. Bobby's shot selection and play during the match was an excellent display of his national championship ability.

All the players involved in this tournament should be very proud of what we have accomplished. How often do you see 75 paddleball players put together?

On behalf of Spring Creek and Bay 8 Street players, we wish to express our appreciation to Ed Pino and Sal Garguilo of Take Two Paddleball Center for their support in the promotion of paddleball.

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EDDIE

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bought a ball! Eddie bought a ball!" When people sitting along the fence waiting to play heard this, they also broke into laughter and applause. Then players on adjacent courts got wind of it, and they stopped their games and joined the general uproar. "Hallelujah!" they cried. "Happy days are here again!" An incredible scene: Sunday morning, 8 A.M., with action on all courts suspended as over thirty men cheered.

The ruckus died down after awhile, and we started hitting Eddie's ball around. On closer inspection, we noticed that it was covered with strange silver slime. "Hey, this thing's been in the can so long, the paint's rubbed off on it," Harold said. He lifted it up to the light, then hit it some more. It wobbled all over the place. "Hey Eddie, this ball's no damn good," he cried, and threw it back. "Let's see the other one." It was cockeyed, and as heavy and dead as a little black rock. "Where the hell did you get these balls?" Harold yelled, throwing the second one back. "They're terrible. I bet somebody paid you to take them off his hands. Or else you must have found them in the bushes, where they'd been lying for the past few years."

"I went out and bought them!" Eddie cried, indignant. He looked at the balls mournfully, and shook his head. "What a shame. It just don't pay!"

"Well, that does it!" Harold snorted. "Now Eddie's not gonna buy another ball for the next twelve years." We all laughed, but the funny thing is that he may have spoken the truth. It's been over three years since this incident, and Eddie's never brought down a ball. So he's well on his way to proving Harold right. Only nine more years to go.

Garden State Open Results

Jim Cascio of New York and Molly O'Brien of Highpoint, PA, took home the Open Division titles. Three hundred people from five states took part in the first Garden State Open held at Hopewell Valley Racquetball Club on January 16, 17 and 18.

The tournament was directed by Tom Bonanne and Lonnie Allgood. The major sponsors were AMF-Voit and Hopewell Valley Racquetball Club.

RESULTS:

Men's Open—Quarters—Jim Cascio d. Lonnie Allgood, Greg Levine d. Scot Ryan, Art Kiemar d. Don Defillipis, John Peterson d. Dennis Goodman. Semis—Cascio d. Levine, Diemar d. Peterson. Finals—Cascio d. Diemar. Third place—Levine.

Men's B—Quarters—Ed Trezza d. Wayne Gannotti, Joe Borcich d. Doug Bloxom, Dolwain Green d. Jim Gladstone, Todd Clemens d. Tony Latronisa. Semis—Clemens d. Green, Trezza d. Borcich. Finals—Clemens d. Trezza. Third place—Green.

Men's C—Quarters—Kimon Ousouljoglou d. Jay Mayfield, Jack Cortese d. Jim Thalheimer, Rich Vigue d. Robert Pila, Joel Ruwet d. Richard Boos. Semis—Ruwet d. Vigue, Cortese d. Ousouljoglou. Finals—Cortese d. Ruwet. Third place—Ousouljoglou.

Men's Novice—Quarters—Charles Gould d. Jamie Martinez, James Mortimer d. Dave Blankenbush, Ed Caldeira d. Jim Salvato, Arnie Boccafoglia d. Chip Cregar. Semis—Mortimer d. Gould, Boccafoglia d. Caldeira. Finals—Boccafoglia d. Mortimer. Third place—Caldeira.

Men's Veteran Open—Semis—Bill Welaj d. Billy Johns, Phil Zucker d. Horace Marucci. Finals—Welaj d. Zucker. Third place—

Ryan Babiak.

Men's Seniors—Quarters—Scott Ryan d. Frank Town, Joe Borcich d. Peter Prucha, Ray Jean d. Joe Capzillo, Sam Munson d. Tony Bauer. Semis—Ryan d. Borcich, Jean d. Munson. Finals—Jean d. Ryan. Third place—Munson.

Men's Masters—Semis—Dick Hanlon d. Bill O'Hea, Roberto Madam d. Robert Koerner. Finals—Dick Hanlon d. Roberto Madam. Third place—O'Hea.

Men's Open Doubles—Finals—Greg Levine-Doug Bloxom d. Lonnie Allgood-Rick Englander. Third place—Sherman-Sorrentino.

Men's B Doubles—Quarters—Durney-Disabatino d. Stemp-Harder, Southwick-Summers d. Boos-Carrol, Knight-Green d. Cortese-Babiak, Kahn-Latronisa d. Thomas-Nastase. Semis—Durney-Disabatino d. Southwick-Summers, Knight-Green d. Kahn-Latronisa. Finals—Durney-Disabatino d. Knight-Green. Third place—Kahn-Latronisa.

Boys Juniors 17 and Under—Quarters—Rocco Mazzo d. Marc Cotugno, Carey Appel d. Jim Salvato, Tim Summers d. John Curran, Raj Keswani d. Frank Salvato. Semis—Mazzo d. Appel, Keswani d. Summers. Finals—Mazzo d. Keswani. Third place—Appel.

Women's Open—Semis—Molly O'Brien d. Mary Ann Cluess, Linda Kennedy d. Lia Marchini. Finals—O'Brien d. Kennedy. Third place—Marchini.

Women's B—Quarters—Carol Campi d. Cathy Cascio, Lynn Kulp d. Debby Wong, Carrie Montalbano d. Debbie Yoder, Linda Stickney d. Carol Nestle. Semis—Campi d. Kulp, Montalbano d. Stickney. Finals—Montalbano d. Campi. Third place—Stickney.

Women's C—Quarters—Debby Wong d. Debbie Yoder, Donna Chisholm d. Pam Dodd, Nancy

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Paddleball

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Platform Tennis

Men's & Women's National Championship March 28 and 29, Montclair Golf Club, West Orange, N.J.

Racquetball

Seamco Classic/Pro Am Racquetball Tournament at Randy Vatahas Play-Off Club in Beverly, Mass. (617) 927-0920. USRA-NRC Pro Stop. April 8 thru April 12.

Invitational Mixed Doubles, July '81 at Harbor Racquetball Club, Brooklyn, N.Y. (212) 836-2223. Two Divisions—"Pro" and "B"; also Junior Boys and Girls 15 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under.

Pepsi Pro Am Classic, April 23, 24, 25, 26. \$15,000 in Prize Money. Women's Pro Racquetball Association (WPRA) Pro Stop—\$10,000 Purse. Amateur Divisions—Trophies and prizes totalling \$2,500. Location: All Sport Fitness and Racquetball Club, 17 Old Main St., Fishkill, N.Y. 12524; (914) 896-5678.

USRA New England Regional Racquetball Tournament, April 2 thru 5 at the Lakewood Racquetball, 666 Lakewood Road, Waterbury, Conn. (203) 755-6699.

The \$10,000 Pelham Racquetball, Natural Light and AMF Voit Westchester Open, March 26, 27, 28, 29. 6 Pelham Parkway, Pelham Manor, N.Y. (914) 738-1800.

Griffin d. Winnie Forte, Gail Putvinski d. Cathy Gentile. Semis—Wong d. Chisholm, Putvinski d. Griffin. Finals—Wong d. Putvinski. Third place—Chisholm.

Women's Novice—Semis—Karen Rowcotsky d. Judy Wiczorek, Mary Russell d. Barbara Owens. Finals—Russell d. Rowcotsky. Third place—Wiczorek.

Open Mixed Doubles—Quarters—Lonnie Allgood-Linda Ken-

nedy d. Wayne Gannotti-Barbara Owens, Art Diemar-Carrie Montalbano d. Chisholm-Chisholm, Cascio-Sloan d. Johns-Russell, Clifford-Kimmerling d. Peterson-Marchini. Semis—Diemar-Montalbano d. Allgood-Kennedy, Cascio-Sloan d. Peterson-Marchini. Finals—Diemar-Montalbano d. Cascio-Sloan. Third place—tie—Allgood-Kennedy and Peterson-Marchini.

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