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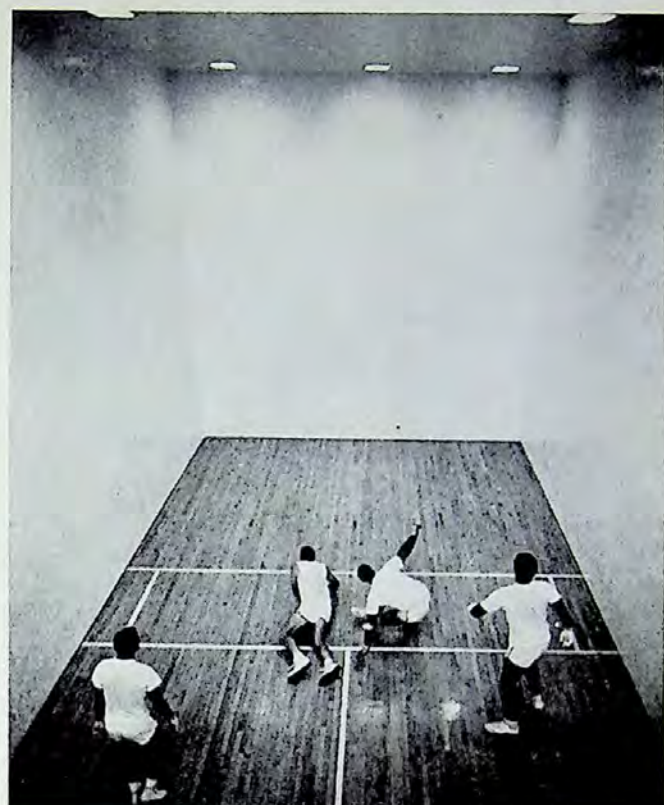
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IN THIS ISSUE . . .

ON THE COVER — Championship court for the 20th Anniversary USHA National Four-wall Championships at the Los Angeles Athletic Club will have a full glass back wall and the 190-plus spectators will have the full view as pictured in the action in the upper right.

This is our third national tournament visit to the famed LAAC and we join in a milestone celebration — 20 years of progress for the Players' Fraternity . . . 90 years for Southern California's oldest Club, the true home of champions in many sports.

Every indication points toward a turnout that will easily smash all previous attendance and entry records. This is a year that many of our members have planned ahead, to enjoy warm sunshine, hospitality unsurpassed anywhere, and what promises to be the toughest competition in our history.

Handball under glass will be available with two more of the original 25x50's cut down to our popular standard 20x40. Club Handball Commissioner and this year's host chairman, Rod Rodriguez, personally handled the work on these courts and you can be sure everything was done right.

As a souvenir offering to our ACE membership we trace through the first ten years of USHA history, bringing back some rich memories of exciting tournaments and developments in the 1951-60 era. There were two real big ones at the LAAC, first in 1955 and then in 1959. Then there was the network NBC-TV showing of the 1964 finals from the Jack Srenco Memorial court in the St. Louis JCCA.

To further celebrate No. 20 we name our "Player of the Generation".

Full details on the four USHA divisional tournaments all held Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

LAAC's testimonial for George Brotemarkle, officially welcoming him into the Helms Handball Hall of Fame.

Racquetballers — your divisional entry blanks for Houston, Madison (Wisconsin), San Diego, New Britain (Connecticut) — and then for the Second Annual IRA championships at the St. Louis JCCA, April 15-19.

Added to this — records, rules, National Junior roundup, Mardia Gras, Akron Open, Old Hickory, Central USHA, Southern California Masters singles with 54 entrants.

Yes, there's something for all handballers in our 1970 Yearbook!

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RONALD REAGAN
GOVERNOR

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I am happy to welcome the 20th National Handball Championships to the State of California. My personal greetings are extended to all of you participants, especially those of you from out of state. The Los Angeles Athletic Club, the site of your competition, is the city's oldest athletic club.

Sincerely,



Ronald Reagan
RONALD REAGAN
Governor

LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB

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FRANK G. HATHAWAY
PRESIDENT

February 12, 1970

To Participants and Visitors -
NATIONAL HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

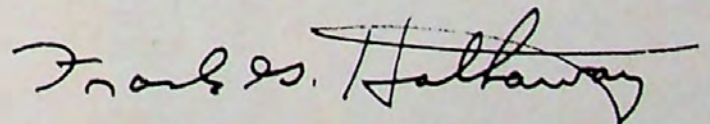
It gives me a great deal of personal
pleasure to welcome you again to the
Los Angeles Athletic Club.

We are extremely proud to host the
20th U. S. H. A. Championships during the
Club's 90th year.

All of us look forward to making your
visit a memorable one and we encourage you
to take advantage of the many events planned
for the championship week.

Good luck to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank G. Hathaway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "H" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Frank G. Hathaway

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Members of the California Bicentennial Celebration Commission join me in welcoming players who will participate in the current National Four Wall Handball Tournament here in California during this, the 200th anniversary of the founding of our Golden State.

The Commission salutes the host Los Angeles Athletic Club on its 90th anniversary, and we extend our thanks for the club's participation in our big Bicentennial birthday party.

We hope that participants in the tournament will find the time to visit other areas of our great state during their visit here.

Kindest personal regards,

Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke, Chairman
California Bicentennial
Celebration Commission





SAM YORTY
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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the National Four Wall Handball Tournament will be staged at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, March 15-21; and

WHEREAS, the Tournament is being held in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary of the famed Athletic Club; and

WHEREAS, some 450 to 500 members of the United States Handball Association from across the nation will compete in each division; and

WHEREAS, Handball is becoming an increasingly popular sport, with an estimated 7 million players in the nation today; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is proud to be host city to this major sporting competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Yorty, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, do hereby proclaim the week of March 15, 1970, NATIONAL HANDBALL WEEK in the City of Los Angeles, in recognition of this outstanding "world series" of handball event.



Sam Yorty
MAYOR

Los Angeles Athletic Club Officials



FRANK HATHAWAY, President

Frank G. Hathaway was born and raised in the City of Los Angeles, and has resided in Encino since 1955. He attended the University of Southern California and has a degree with honors in Business Administration.

During World War II he served in the Army Air Force as pilot. His tour of duty was in the South Pacific—with service through five campaigns. Rank — First Lieutenant. After completing his service, he was a member of the Air Reserve and the California Air National Guard until 1950.

He joined the Los Angeles Athletic Club in 1946, and became President and General Manager of the organization in 1949. The Los Angeles Athletic Club also owns and operates the Riviera Country Club, and has other interests including oil, agriculture and real estate.

In civic life, he served as a Director of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1949, 1950 and 1951. He was a Vice President of the Junior Chamber in 1952 and 1953. In 1953 he received the organization's highest award, the Durward Howes Award for Distinguished Service, which is presented annually to the young man deemed by his associates to have contributed the most to Southern California during the year.

Mr. Hathaway was a member of the 1956 Los Angeles County Grand Jury, and Chairman of the Jury's Audit Committee. He has been a member of the Past Grand Juror's Association of Los Angeles County since 1957, and was elected President of this organization in 1959 and served two years.

In 1961 he assisted in the founding of the National Club Association and has done volunteer work for this organization in all parts of the country. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of this organization from 1961 to 1965, as a Director 1965, 1966, 1968 and 1969, and as President 1967-68.

Mr. Hathaway was appointed and has been serving on the Los Angeles Police Commission since January 1964, and as President 1967-68.

Among his other organizations and interests:

Vice President and Director The Waikikian Ltd. (hotel), Honolulu, Hawaii; Vice President, California Yacht Club; Life Member, National Rifle Association; Director, Central City Association of Los Angeles; Director, So. California Committee for Olympic Games; Trustee, Southwest Museum; Member, Rotary Club of Los Angeles; Founding Member, Cultural Heritage Foundation, Inc. (Los Angeles); Director, Los Angeles Beautiful.

He is married to the former Jo Ellen Robbins who is also a third generation Californian, and the couple have six children. His favorite sport is outdoor activity of all kinds — fishing, hunting, boating, and camping with his family.



ROD RODRIGUEZ, Handball Commissioner

Rod Rodriguez typifies handball's "Fountain of Youth". Architect of the upper echelon, daily handballer at 51, he is indeed — busy man. Rod has been handball commissioner of the Los Angeles Athletic Club for a decade, doubling in brass as architect-in-resident. He is, without a doubt the most knowledgeable man around on court construction and amongst his outstanding efforts is the six-court facility at the University of California at Irvine.

Graduate of Southern California University, Rod formerly was handball head at the Hollywood A.C.

As chairman of our 20th Anniversary National Champions Rod Rodriguez will do the big job, including the remodeling of the remaining two big "barn" courts at the LAAC, streamlining them to standard, complete with glass back walls.

No one in his sane mind wants to get rough with Richard "Duke" Llewellyn, director of athletics for the Los Angeles Athletic Club and Allied Clubs since 1956. While in the Army in World War II, Duke was heavyweight boxing champion for the 9th Service Command and since then has been a physical fitness buff.

Duke was born in Hamilton, Bermuda, West Indies, and came to the United States when he was 3 years old. He was graduated from the University of Southern California and participated in a variety of sports, including varsity boxing (Pacific Coast Conference light heavy and heavyweight titles).

After World War II he was football and basketball coach at Banning high school, and played several years of professional football with the Los Angeles

Bulldogs and Hollywood Rangers of the Pacific Coast league and with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-American Conference.

Later he became Director of Athletics for the Los Angeles City Parks and Recreation Department. Duke was in charge of all Municipal Sports in the City. He served one year as president of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation and a year as president of the National Public Parks Tennis Association.

For six years Duke has been a special advisor to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and a member of Governor Reagan's Advisory Board on Physical Fitness. For the past three years he has also been a member of the staff, Physical Education Workshop for the State of California.

LAAC TO HONOR PRESIDENT KENDLER

The first Modern Centurion Award of the Los Angeles Athletic Club will be awarded to Robert W. Kendler, Sr., during the United States Handball Association National Championships in March, according to an announcement made by Frank G. Hathaway, president of the Club. The Modern Centurion takes as its symbol the Roman Centurion — leader of 100 men. The person selected to receive the award has led his fellows into sports or athletics — never for personal gain.

"Mr. Kendler exemplifies the qualities of leadership, humaness, inspiration and great character that we honor with the Modern Centurion Award," Hathaway said. *"He is truly known as 'Mr. Handball,' and has given years of his time and life to the furtherance of the sport. By example he has inspired others to participate with him."*

Recipients of the Modern Centurion Award will be honored by the placing of a life size bronze bust in the L.A.A.C. Hall of Centurions, for so long as the Club shall exist. This is the most prestigious award given by the Club. It will be given infrequently, as suitable candidates may be found.



PRE NATIONALS TOURNAMENT MEETING AT LAAC . . . top, from left — Ed Kelly, Pacific Coast Club handball chairman and USHA West Area Commissioner (now mending nicely after surgery); Marty Singer, Southern California Handball Association commissioner; Doug McDonald, LAAC committee member; Ken Vils, public relations committee; Rod Rodriguez, LAAC handball commissioner and tournament chairman. Bottom, from left — Al Gracio, tournament floor manager; Mort Leve, USHA executive secretary; Richard "Duke" Llewellyn, LAAC director of athletics; Judge Joseph Shane, USHA national commissioner; Joseph Dipirro, LAAC committee member.



DUKE LLEWELLYN

Big Week Schedule

Official registration will commence Friday afternoon, March 13, at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. With an anticipated record entry in all events some preliminary round play will probably be necessary Saturday in open singles.

Sunday, March 15, is the official opening round date for singles. Downtown Los Angeles hotel and motel facilities have been listed on the invitation applications. There are also rooms available at the Pacific Coast Club in Long Beach (about 22 miles drive — including full Club privileges), and for those looking for a group rate we would suggest the Rossmore House, 445 N. Rossmore ave., Hollywood. Hillard Bear is executive director. Rates — \$60 a week for two . . . or \$10 a day. This is located about 20 minutes by bus or car from downtown Los Angeles.

Monday, March 16, is opening round for Masters singles, Masters doubles, and open doubles. This will be a busy day indeed for Al Gracio, our floor manager.

Competition will continue on through the week with finals scheduled for Saturday, March 21.

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Los Angeles A.C. Rich in Handball 'Lore'



Frank Garbutt, who was first to really stimulate handball while head of the Los Angeles A.C., headlined Bill "Murder Ball" Ranft, first national singles titlist (shown at top in various poses). That's Carroll Van Court at lower right, famed teacher of the game, author of instructional booklets and coach at the Club for more than 40 years.

When the 20th USHA national championships take place at the Los Angeles Athletic Club March 15-21 they will be returning to the scene of the first official national championships, inaugurated in 1919.

On that long ago occasion when handball received its first American recognition as an accredited competitive sport, it seemed peculiarly fitting that the locale of this inaugural championships should be the LAAC, where under the leadership of Frank A. Garbutt, president of the club and an ardent sportsman, handball had been a red hot sport since the turn of the century.

"Murder Ball" Bill Ranft of the host club won the singles crown in this first tournament and teamed with Joe Lacey to cop the doubles also. The following year found the LAAC once more the host club and again claiming both championships with Max Gold, singles winner, and George Klawiter and George Retzer, doubles kings.

The fabulous Maynard Laswell wore the LAAC colors while winning the 1924, '25 and '26 singles titles, and the doubles teams of Joe Gordon and Joe Goldsmith in 1940, and Gordon and Harold Smith in 1942 and 1943 took national honors as representatives of the Pacific Coast Club of Long Beach, then an LAAC allied club.

Jacobs LACC's Best . . .

Probably the finest player ever to represent the Los Angeles Athletic Club was Jim Jacobs, who headlined the 1955 event by winning his first USHA singles national championship. At 24, Jim was installed as pre-tournament favorite though he had finished third the year before in Chicago. His rapid improvement and steadiness were most apparent to those close to the national picture, and

with defending titlist, Vic Hershkowitz, reaching 37, the obvious "Youth Must Be Served" theme was in the offing.

With the official blessing of LAAC President Frank Hathaway and the energies of Chairman Danny Phillips the 1955 championships were the best attended up to that time.

The total entry was a record breaking 251, an increase of 19 over the previous mark established in 1954. Ken Schneider and Sam Haber retained Chicago's seven year hold on the title, and Jacobs brought the singles crown to the LAAC. The Club gained more honors as Joe Shane and Alex Boisseree dethroned teammates George Brotemarkle and Bart Hackney in the Masters doubles.

It was Danny Phillips again doing yeoman work as chairman of the 1959 second visit of the USHA nationals, ably



KNOCKING AT THE DOOR . . . (Top) — Both Bill Yambrick (shooting) and Dr. Steve August figure largely in the open singles contention; (right) — always one of the best is Marty Decatur, who is capable of knocking off any top seed, shown against Champ Paul Haber.



Washington A.C. in Seattle has the power but must go defense more and gain more stability against the Top Eight if he is to be a serious threat.

Marty Decatur has been playing more singles in the tournaments and can acquit himself strongly against any of the current day field.

In total, there are many heir apparents to the Haber throne. It is definitely not a case of ability gaps in the singles field. Where in the 50s and early 60s we had just two or three real champ caliber players like Jim Jacobs, Johnny Sloan, Vic Hershkowitz, and Oscar Obert, we now have a full Top Eight component.

And there are several others who could readily assert themselves if they get into top condition — Lou Russo, Denny Hofflander, Dave Graybill.

This does promise to be a wide open fight for the 20th anniversary singles championship.

As always the doubles field is not confirmed now and "pick-a-partner" teams could toss any early prognostications to the four winds. There are such questions as — Will Decatur play doubles, and with who? Jacobs? Lindsay and Pete Tyson won it in 1966 at Salt Lake City. Will they pair up again? Matt Kelly and Mel Sandland, with another year of experience, are in the running. We can't push aside the defending championship team of Russo and Lou Kramberg. Simie Fein of Milwaukee, pairing with Neveau, are a strong team. They hold a fine credit over Carl and Ruby Obert. Will Haber go back to a try at the "Slam" and play with Paul Morlos?

On the basis of their marvelous showing at the New Orleans Mardi Gras tournament the team of power hitting Steve Lott, 20, and Fred Lewis, 22, New York-Miami Beach, must figure in the open doubles. These youngsters, both of whom have gained invaluable tournament experience despite their tender years, should be very interesting to watch. They both have wicked serves that can pick up many points without ensuing volleys.

With so many more strong singles players it now appears foolhardy for any player to try the "Slam" singles-doubles route. It is no longer a case of breezing through to the semi-final round before a Haber or Singer is hard pressed, and the resultant wear and tear on the arms and legs would prove an iron man stunt indeed if any individual were to achieve the two-way championship.

Even a veteran standout like Ken Schneider feels it impractical to play with a young and brilliant player like Don Ardito in the open doubles because of the daily grind. "We hit our peak in winning the Central open doubles", Ken pointed out, "but I find playing against these whip armed kids on a daily basis in such a nationals would find me completely arm weary. I'll be content to go after the Masters doubles again." We're sure Bob Brady, who went to the finals of the West Division open doubles with Mike Kelly, would agree, and he, too, will be in the Masters.

So again, the open doubles may lack many of the stars and we'll look forward to a national invitational doubles staged

1969 Finish

Singles—

- 1—Paul Haber
- 2—Bill Yambrick
- 3—Stuffy Singer
- 4—Jim Jacobs
- 5-8—Benham, August, Lindsay, Fusselman.

Doubles—

- 1—Russo-Kramberg
- 2—Kelly-Sandland
- 3—Roberson-Tyson
- 4—R. Obert-O. Obert

Masters Singles—

- 1—John Scapis
- 2—Ted Yeaman
- 3—Tom Ciasulli
- 4—Oscar Villareal

Masters Doubles—

- 1—Schneider-Lewis
- 2—Grant-Blakely
- 3—Brady-O'Shea
- 4—Brotmarkle-Feivou

on its own merits as the real test to determine the best team around.

Southern California abounds with Masters singles players as witness their 54-player record entry in the SCHS tournament this season. Dick Weisman was the class of that one and it is problematical whether or not he will go in the Masters singles or the Masters doubles. Dick is plagued with an assortment of physical ills that may crop up at any time. Howie Wyrsh was the winner in San Francisco and he'll figure heavily in this bracket of play, with Dr. John Scapis of Detroit as
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M.C. ROD RODRIGUEZ . . . presents George Brotemarkle with silver serving platter, honoring him for his selection into Helms Handball Hall of Fame.

A special Helms Handball Hall of Fame dinner was held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Jan. 21, honoring the most recent recipient, George Brotemarkle.

George becomes the 20th member of the exclusive group and the first to be honored as both a player and as a contributor.

Players: Joe Platak, Al Banuet, Sam Atcheson, Maynard Laswell, Angelo Trullo, George Quam, Vic Hershkowitz, Gus Lewis, Frank Coyle, Ken Schneider, Bob Brady.

Contributors: Frank Garbutt, Bob Kendler, Charles O'Connell, Al Schaufelberger, Les Shumate, George Lee, Hy-men Goldstein, Joe Shane.

Rod Rodriguez, handball commissioner of the Los Angeles A.C., acted as chair-

man. Frank Hathaway, Club president, gave the keynote address. He was followed by Duke Llewellyn, Club athletic director; Bart Hackney, who won the national Masters with George in 1954; Bill Feivou, who teamed up with Brotemarkle to win three times—1957, 1959, and 1960; Pierce "Caddy" Works, George's basketball coach at U.C.L.A.; Marty Singer, president of the Southern California Handball Association; Bill Schroeder, executive director of Helm's Hall of Fame; Judge Joe Shane, national commissioner of United States Handball Association.

Judge Shane followed by presenting USHA President Bob Kendler's prepared speech. Bob was unable to attend because of pressing business commitments.

LAAC Honors 'Hall of Famer' Brotemarkle

By ROBERT KENDLER

Mr. Chairman, friends of handball, and friends of George Brotemarkle. No man, who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of the place in which he lives, is left long without proper reward.

I know all of you intended this Testimonial Dinner as a fitting reward to one who has continued to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of handball. If I know George Brotemarkle, no rewards are in order. He has long since found his own in another's good. How else can you explain over 20 years of dedication to handballers throughout the land, who little know and less care, wherefrom cometh the good leadership and the expert judgment that has guided this ship of ours through many stormy seas? How else can you explain the total physical and financial involvement of one with more pressing demands and more profitable opportunities.

I would be hard put to tell you why George Brotemarkle has, as much as any other one of us, given of himself that handball might endure. It would be equally hard for me to explain how he justifies the time away from his family, his office and his friends, here in this wonderful center of Handball. Yet, without his sacrifice, our Association would not now be as prosperous — handball would not be as prominent.

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger — it is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has. Handball's prosperity has come out of the generosity of men like George Brotemarkle, because of what he is and not because of what he has. He has shared the riches of his character with Handballers, and all of us in the USHA join with you in this most appropriate demonstration of our affection for him.

Seeing the kind of man you honor, I see the kind of men you are. Even though men are cast from many molds, only a few are tall in mind, in spirit, and in love of fellow man. The tendency to forget, to fail to pay homage to the unsung

heroes of amateur sport, is a peculiarity of human behavior. We look into the sky and bring the mysteries of other words into the range of our vision without a thought as to the maker of the telescope.

George was one of the makers of handball. George was one of our founders. George was one of our champions. George is one of our workers. George is one of our leaders. George is one of handball's best friend. George is certainly one of mine.

You know, it does not take great men to do great things, it takes only consecrated men. George is not only a consecrated man, he is a great man's, great man. And no great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but a biography of great men. Handball's biography will be brightened by the records of the only two officers who remain of the organizers, George Brotemarkle, and some guy named Kendler.

George Brotemarkle is the "complete" handballer. There are many outstanding players, content to derive from the game the pleasures of competition and physical well-being, but do nothing to contribute to its perpetuation or promotion. For about ten years, George worked hard to establish the Handball Perpetuation Trust. Only Joe Shane and I know what an enormous amount of work George devoted to making Handball both self-sufficient and self-perpetuating. At his own expense, he carried through the tedious negotiations with the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. I consider this the most significant step our Association has ever taken. Generations yet unborn will be blessed by the good thinking of our far-sighted treasurer.

George has been, and still is, a top level tournament performer, and in addition, serves our Association as a national officer, one of our pioneers who has given two decades of faithful and tireless service. Each year George stands guard over our financial reports, demanding that a clear, concise report be given at our National Convention. He is always ready to guide our budget operation, suggest ways of unifying our records. There are no secrets in this National Players'

Fraternity. George makes sure of that. In the Helms Handball Hall of Fame we have two categories in Handball, players and contributors. When George Brotemarkle was chosen a year ago he was given the singular honor of qualifying in both departments. This was the first time a man has been given this award with such credits.

—A graduate of Belmont High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

—A certified public accountant by profession.

—Involved in athletics all his life.

—At U.C.L.A. he earned three letters each in handball and basketball.

—In 1935 — the year before the Olympics first played basketball — was a member of America's basketball team playing the Japanese team in Japan.

—Won the Southern California YMCA handball singles title in 1935 and 1936.

—Won the Southern California Juniors title in both the singles and doubles in 1937.

—Won the National Juniors title in singles in Dallas in 1939.

—Has played in every national tournament from 1939 through 1969—except while in service in the U.S. Army, in which he entered as a first lieutenant and came out as a lieutenant colonel.

In a period of seven years, won the Southern California open singles once and open doubles five times.

—Began play in the Master's tournament 1952 and (a) has been either first, second or third in Master's play for past 15 years; and during this period was — (b) four times national champion in Master's play — once with Bart Hackney and three times with Bill Feivou.

—In his professional capacity as a C.P.A. he devoted countless hours in having the United States Handball Association declared a tax free corporation by the U.S. Government.

—Elected and inducted in 1969 into Helms Hall of Fame for Handball.

As no true work since the world began was ever wasted, so no true life since the world began has ever failed. Since George Brotemarkle has dedicated himself to the true work of the Association, it follows that his true life has not failed. The financial position of the Association is a symbol of his wisdom; his wise counsel, and his excellent judgment. Since we are the most successful organization in handball, it follows that its true light comes from the life-long devotion of George Brotemarkle, who deserves not only a token of our esteem, but all the adoration you are capable of. I always think of these lines when I stand beside a tall man like George.

"For the whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men and their story is not graven only on stone over their native earth, but lives on far away without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives."

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God Bless You.



MAKES IT OFFICIAL . . . Judge Joe Shane (l), USHA National Commissioner, and William "Bill" Schroeder (r), head of Helms Hall of Fame, present Handball Fame certificate to George Brotemarkle at special Los Angeles A.C. testimonial banquet.

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JACK GILLESPIE, President

from the
KILLSHOT
ROOM
by Mort Leve

Pat Kirby has won just about every big tournament around except the USHA nationals. On the basis of this season's performances the former Irish champ, now living back in New York, looms as the N. 1 threat to Paul Haber's crown.

Haber doesn't share that opinion, figures a physically sound Stuffy Singer as his major threat. "Glass seems to bother Pat," Haber says, "and they tell me the championship court at the Los Angeles A.C. will have a full glass backwall."

I think Haber remembers well the brilliant spurt Singer had against him at the national invite in Birmingham when Stuffy rushed out to a 14-1 lead, only to do a complete reversal and lose.

Stuffy's inability to maintain continuity of championship momentum is a real puzzle. Dr. Steve August, now playing out of Southern California, has played a lot of ball against Singer in the past few months and observes, "I don't know just how to describe it but Stuffy seems to lose interest, gets bored or something. Maybe he just can't maintain the complete concentration that is needed to go all the way."

We watched Stuffy in a quarter-final match of the West Division at San Francisco's Olympic Club against Cliff McCorkle, college senior from Reno. At times Cliff looked like the aggressor with Stuffy setting up too many shots for the lefthander. Maybe Stuffy likes to live dangerously but the best winning formula is to get on and off the court as fast as possible.

August has boosted his stock immeasurably by improved performances this campaign and could prove most troublesome at the LAAC.

Much of what will transpire at Los Angeles is dependent on the draw. Haber is the No. 1 seed, Bill Yambrick is No. 2 at the opposite end. Of all the top drawer players Yambrick has not played up to his usual standards this season and cannot be given pre-tournament rating over a Dr. Claude Benham, August, Kirby, or Singer—and, the man that sits on top of the hill, Haber.

So, No. 3 seed, Singer, goes into the bottom bracket with Yambrick and immediately gets the nod. Jim Jacobs, who collapsed physically against Yambrick at Austin in the semis, and defaulted in the second round of the more recent national invitational against Benham, has a No. 4 seed coming but isn't expected to enter

singles. If he does not enter the pairings committee has the leeway to "place" a stronger entry in that slot. That could well be a Marty Decatur, who did not compete last year.

Results of the divisional tournaments were not conclusive because some key players did not participate. In the West Gordie Pfeifer was not at his best after being sidelined with a rib cage injury for more than a month. Bob Bourbeau was down with the flu. Dave Graybil did not enter. It was strictly an August-Singer confrontation, one of several this season.

At Tulsa in the Central, Bob Lindsay was a "non show", throwing out the No. 2 seed and leaving the draw strictly Haber against the fast-improving Terry Muck. Terry is obviously still not ready to cope with a Haber, although the match went three games.

In New York, the Eastern division lacked Decatur, Carl Obert, Kent Fusselman . . . and Jacobs was not in there. So it was Lou Russo, still not as well conditioned as he should be against the dominating Pat Kirby.

In the Southern sector Benham still presides with no questions asked. The Norfolk YMCA rep, on his better days, is capable of beating anyone but must put together a full week of such play and at the mid-30 age level this is not easy.

There's no one on a white charger to come riding out of the West as we see it

this year. Haber figures to go into the 20th anniversary number favored to win his fourth title.

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FROM THE CUFF . . . There were three ex-pro baseballers in the Central at Tulsa. Wayne Graham, now playing out of Austin, who played high level minor league baseball for almost a decade; Terry Muck, who quit in his second season as an Atlanta Brave farmhand to enter a seminary; Gordon Morgan, another good minor leaguer, who is now baseball coach of the state championship Will Rodgers high school in Tulsa.

Four story office building in San Diego will have a lower level athletic club to include two handball-racquetball courts. Members will be known as Olympians. Fifty playing members will be admitted for \$1,500 each, 15 non-players each paying \$1,000. Membership is by invitation only and the roster already is half filled. Footballer Lance Alworth is on the board of directors, as is Dr. Bud Muchleisen, current IRA singles champion.

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Fourth Annual Salina Midwestern tourney being held Feb. 20-22. Bill Yambrick will compete and also conduct a clinic.

An inquiry from Greenville, S.C. "We have been hearing rumors that an official change in scoring might be upcoming . . . we are referring to the awarding of a point to the defensive team or player that knocks the other side out of the serve box." NO . . . although for "quickie tournaments" the everything counts scoring is recommended. Some day we would like to see a change whereby a player must win by two points if the score is knotted at 20-20.

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From Sports Illustrated SCORECARD: "And for Blood—At a training-table meal at the University of Rochester, Basketball Coach Lyle Brown was discussing card and table games. Trying to remember the name of the old Chinese game mah-jongg, he asked, "What's the name of that game that little old ladies in Brooklyn like to play in the afternoon?" One of his players answered, "HANDBALL."

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Professor Ben Plotnicki of the University of Tennessee physical education department, has confirmed the hosting of the 1971 National USHA Intercollegiate championships in Knoxville.

The University is holding the South Intercollegiate division Feb. 20-22 this season on the YMCA courts and plan to send players to the nationals at Lake Forest College, Ill., March 6-8.

CENTRAL DIVISION AT TULSA S.E. YMCA

Singles—Haber Beats Muck Doubles—Fein-Neveau Over Schulz-Rohrer



TRIP TO NATIONALS . . . Wisconsin's Ray Neveau (Oshkosh) and Simie Fein (Milwaukee) beat out strong seeded open doubles teams to win first USHA Central Division crown and the special prize of a trip to the 20th national championships. H. C. Horkey makes the presentation.

Tulsa's Southeast YMCA, the family-type suburban facility that has gained tremendous memberships throughout the country, hosted a successful Central USHA Division tournament over the Jan. 30-Feb. 1 weekend.

Paul Haber, national singles champ, tuning up for defense of his title at Los Angeles, beat former national inter-collegiate winner, Terry Muck, St. Paul, 21-17, 10-21, 21-14, in the open singles bracket. A full 32-player field was set up but No. 2 seed Bob Lindsay, now living in El Paso, was a "no show."

Wayne Graham, an ex-pro baseball player, picked up the slack in the bottom bracket, lost to Muck in the semis. Graham, who played third base and outfield in the AAA high minors, now plays out of Austin, Texas.

Haber's semi-final round opponent was Jack McDonald. This match occasioned a "rumble" by Haber on referee calls

and a threatened walk out. However, Joe Ardito, national tournament coordinator and acting as floor manager, smoothed out the situation and the match was completed with Haber winning in three games.

Simie Fein, Milwaukee, and Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, outclassed a strong doubles field, defeating St. Paul's Paul Schulz and Dr. Gary Rohrer for the title, 21-18, 21-17. The Fein-Neveau team thus win a trip to Los Angeles and should be one of the better seeded teams in the big one. They disposed of a fine St. Louis team in Bill McGreevy Jr. and George Alexander in the semis, 21-5, 21-20, while Schulz and Rohrer knocked out Andy Upatnieks and Bob Koenig, Chicago.

Senior Bill McGreevy, 57, used his court know-how to win the Masters singles, going the three-game route in both the semis and finals.

McGreevy beat Tom Kennedy, Salina,

Kansas, for the championship, 18-21, 21-14, 21-6. Jack Wright, Oklahoma City, was the third place winner over Valdes, Tulsa, 6-21, 21-4, 21-16.

Joe Ardito, who doubled as floor manager-coordinator and Masters doubles standout, won this bracket with Chuck Emmert, both of Chicago, over Jean McCoy and Don Greer, Tulsa, 21-14, 21-16. Joe Klueger and Chester Simms, Tulsa, took third place over another Tulsa team of Fred Keys and Ray Crowley, 21-6, 21-13.

OPEN SINGLES — QUARTERFINALS — Paul Haber, Chicago, def. John Power, La Grange, Ill., 21-5, 21-6; Jack McDonald, Chicago, def. Frank Dow, Tulsa, 21-11, 21-8; Terry Muck, St. Paul, def. Gordon Morgan, Tulsa, 21-3, 21-3, 21-3; Wayne Graham, Austin, def. Larry Wood, Bartlesville, Okla., 21-13, 16-21, 21-12.

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HABER IN THREE . . . Terry Muck (1), the speedy little scrapper from St. Paul's A.C., pressed national defending champ Paul Haber, Chicago's Leaning Tower YMCA, to three but couldn't sustain a scoring drive. Again, it's Mr. Horkey doing the honors.



AND IN THE MASTERS DOUBLES . . . Gordon Morgan (1) host committeeman, tenders trophies to: (1 to r) — Chuck Emmert, Chicago Union League Club; Joe Ardito, Evanston (Ill.) YMCA, winners: Tulsans Jean McCoy and Don Greer, runnersup.



IN THE RUNNING . . . Hard-working host committeemen Fred Keys and Ray Crowley found time to participate in Masters doubles and wound up third. TV Sportcaster Mack Creager, KOTV, who gave fine publicity exposure to tournament.

Southern California Dominates West Division Tourney

Singer Wins Over August . . . Sandland-Bart Take Doubles . . . Aguilar-Simon Masters Doubles . . . Wyrsh Masters Singles 'Outsider' . . .

By MARTIN JUDNICH

One hundred fifty five of the finest players of the West competed in the USHA's West Division championships at the San Francisco Olympic Club, Jan. 30-Feb. 1. San Francisco Bay Area handball aficionados jammed the galleries to be thrilled throughout the event by many games of high quality in competition consisting of:

Open Singles—64 players; Open Doubles—17 teams; Masters Singles—27 players; Masters Doubles—15 teams.

The fancy hardware was proudly claimed by:

OPEN SINGLES:—1st—Stuffy Singer, Hollywood YMCA; 2nd—Dr. Steve August, Hollywood YMCA; 3rd—Gordon Pfeifer, Washington Athletic Club; 4th—Mitch Covington, Fresno YMCA.

OPEN DOUBLES:—1st—Mel Sandland, Pacific Coast Club—John Bart, Hollywood YMCA; 2nd—Bob Brady—Mike Kelly, Olympic Club; 3rd—Harry Packer—Gabe Enriquez, Los Angeles Athletic Club; 4th—Len Rosen—Hank Rinehard, Hollywood YMCA.

MASTERS SINGLES:—1st—Howard Wyrsh, South End Club of S.F.; 2nd—Dick Langdon, S.F. Central YMCA; 3rd—Rudy Stadlberger, South End Club; 4th—Bill Badham, Los Angeles Athletic Club.

MASTERS DOUBLES:—1st—Arnold Aguilar—Irv Simon, Hollywood YMCA; 2nd—Stanley Clawson—Frank Elias, S.F. Central YMCA; 3rd—Jeff Capell—Kevin O'Shea, Olympic Club; 4th—Bob McGuire—Bill Keays, Olympic Club.

Singer Edges Dr. August

Stuffy Singer, USHA's 1968 national singles champion (at St. Louis) had to be superb in the finals to defeat a slightly-favored Dr. Steve August, 21-7, 7-21 and 21-18. In the quarter-finals, Singer met surprising competition from Cliff McCorkle, Reno, YMCA, an improved

left-hander. McCorkle, reportedly works out frequently with Bob Bourbeau who entered the Divisional, was seeded fourth, but phoned in sick and was withdrawn at the last moment. Mitch Covington, Fresno YMCA, shocked Tom Fleming, who was moved to fourth seed to replace Bourbeau, and played well in losing in the semi-finals to Singer: 21-11, 21-9.

August was very impressive and appeared sharper than in the 1969 Nationals at Texas. August measured Gordon Pfeifer, Washington Athletic Club in the semi-finals: 21-14 and 21-14, in a fierce battle between two deadly bombers.

In Los Angeles, you may expect to find the names of Singer, August, Pfeifer and Bourbeau in and/or very near to the top eight players, with a good possibility that Singer or August may emerge as the USHA's 1970 National Singles champion.

Sandland-Bart In Doubles

Mel Sandland-John Bart, a well-oiled machine (five times Western regional champions) won the Open Doubles from Bob Brady-Mike Kelly, Olympic Club, in a thrilling finals, 21-15 and 21-19, with the home towners cheering for the Olympians. The legendary Brady (at 46) is considered by many to be the best left side doubles player in Masters division; but with a generation gap handicap and swollen right knuckles played the right side with young Kelly. Brady and Kelly are fantastic retrievers and outstanding all-around handballers; but Sandland and Bart were able to roll out a few more kills to win a bitterly-fought and exciting match to take the title. Sandland, a potent, hustling, husky left-hander, pulverizes the bottom cards and corners with amazing consistency; and Bart, a giant, covered the tricky right side effectively, where he frequently and unexpectedly terminated wild rallies with

deadly kills or forced Kelly or Brady backwards with well-placed, hard passing drives to set up Sandland for the payoff shots.

Top-seeded Harry Packer-Gabe Enriquez, LAAC captured consolation third place from Len Rosen-Hank Rinehard, Hollywood YMCA, third seeded, 21-19, 12-21 and 21-18. Two other outstanding teams were: Jerry Cooke, Sacramento Elks, and Hal Solin, South End Club, who lost in three to Sandland-Bart; and Mort Goffstein-Jeff Capell, Jr., San Jose YMCA. The Pacific Coast will be strongly represented in the open doubles in Los Angeles at the nationals by teams from the Division and many others who were unable to make the San Francisco scene.

Wyrsh—Life After 40

Colorful, fighting and well-conditioned Howard Wyrsh, South End Club, romped through his competitions and Dick Langdon, S.F. Central YMCA, in the finals, 21-13 and a forfeit for the second game due to injury to Langdon's elbow. Langdon played brilliantly in the first game to run up a commanding lead of 13 to 3; but Wyrsh found the range and started drilling his low serves, hard and twisting, into the deep right corner, with a long series of Aces and setups, to collect 21 points before Langdon made another point. The barrage left Langdon completely exhausted, coupled with an aggravated elbow. Wyrsh won all of his previous matches in tigerish fashion, in two straight: Art Haras, Pacific Coast Club, 5 and 13; Norm Schade, Reno, 10 and 2; and Bill Badham, LAAC, 2 and 3.

Rudy Stadlberger, another outstanding South Ender, was ousted by Langdon in the semi-finals, 21-3 and 21-12; but took third from Bill Badham, 21-17, 21-14.

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Pat Kirby Over Lou Russo in Eastern Divisional

By WILLIAM KENNEDY

When the USHA is offering plane tickets to the nationals to winners of the East Division tournaments in the future, it might just as well purchase one in the name of Pat Kirby.

For the third time in the four-year history of Eastern handball championships, Kirby earned himself a free ride to the nationals by winning the open singles tournament held at New York's West Side YMCA. The Irish ironman won the singles in Newark, N.J. in 1967; then he captured the regional doubles in 1968 at West Side, and after failing to compete in last year's tourney, he regained the singles crown on Feb. 1 with a 21-18, 15-21, 21-10 triumph over Lou Russo Jr.

Kirby's brilliant play stole the tournament show as he defeated the highly regarded Russo in the finals. Bottom board shooting with both hands and remarkable endurance was displayed by the Irish whip-artist who now represents the Brooklyn Union Temple Athletic Club. In the rubber of the finals it was Kirby's stamina which prevailed as his methodical gunning defeated a weary Russo.

National doubles champion Lou Kramberg, playing for the first time with John Brinn, raced through the doubles field without losing a game as the pair defeated Jerry Klarman and Cyril Vincent, West Side, 21-16, 21-14, for the doubles title.

Brinn and Kramberg, representing the 92nd St. YMHA, simply overpowered their opponents as they blasted hard serves and passing shots by the West Side duo. It took them only seven innings to win the first game and just five serves each in the second contest.

The Jack Marks Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to Kirby, a unique presentation because a tournament winner is rarely cited for his sportsmanship. However, Kirby has a national reputation for his excellent deportment on the court and the tournament committee felt his sportsmanship should at last be recognized with an official award.

In reaching the finals, Kirby eliminated Tom Champagne, Cambridge, Mass. in the second round, 21-8, 21-7 and then ousted Murray Sklar, West Side, 21-7, 21-3 in the third round. After defeating Rich Greenwald, West Side, 21-16, 21-16, in the quarter finals, he conquered 21-year-old Randy Essel, Cleveland, Ohio, 17-21, 21-9, 21-12 in the semi finals.

Russo was undefeated in gaining the

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PAT KIRBY — ready for big one

Barnes-Yevelson-Adelman New National Junior Champs

Jeff Barnes, product of Birmingham, Ala., and a freshman at the University of Texas, was the headline performer at the 14th Annual USHA National Juniors championships held at the St. Louis JCCA, ably supported by two host products — Ted Yevelson and Steve Adelman.

Barnes, in his first national tournament try, proved to be the class of the under-19 bracket, knocking off the 4th, 1st and 2nd seeds in that order en route to the championship. The well-poised, bespectacled 18-year-old, obviously schooled in the basics by Professor Pete Tyson, went through the 28-player field in a veritable breeze without losing a game. This semi-final win over the 1968 under-17 winner, Gary Straus, was accomplished with surprising ease, 21-11, 21-5, and then Jeff had the unique honor of finishing his chores with a final round win

over the other Straus twin, Mitchell, 21-13, 21-10. The Straus boys, 17, will have one more chance at the under-19 title next year.

Unseeded Ted Yevelson, well-tabbed the "Bantam Rooster" by his JCCA gang, was unseeded, and had been an under-16 consolation winner in 1968. His tremendous improvement was evident as he beat both the winner and runnerup of the 1968 under-16 class. He had no easy road to victory as he pulled the upsets one after another — first eliminating No. 3 seed, Abel Leon, New York; then No. 2 seed, Ken Ginty, also New York, and then pre-tournament favorite, Rick Christian, a Stuffy Singer protege from Van Nuys, California.

Yevelson is an all-out scrapper, who gives himself a rousing pep talk after every play, which can be disconcerting to the opponent. Tournament officials, searching in the rules, could find nothing

Appropriate picture for under-19 champ Jeff Barnes was not forthcoming. Our apologies and we'll make it up to the U. of Texas frosh star.

that could deter such Casius Clay tactics. The Yevelson rooting section, headed up by Mom and Dad, also lend their vocal and fist shaking support . . . and it appeared Ted would look for his signals from his Dad, either on defense or offense.

The Yevelson-Christian championship match was probably the most exciting of the three-day tournament. Ted won the opener, 21-16, had an 18-12 lead in the second, but faltered and Rick came strong to win 21-19. The third game was see-saw all the way. At 20-20 with Yevelson in serve a Christian return was ruled good by Referee Mike Dau. It was one of those rough ones that have to be judged by sound rather than bottom board and it looked like Rick would then go in and win the match as Yevelson was visibly upset. But, the pint-sized St. Louis

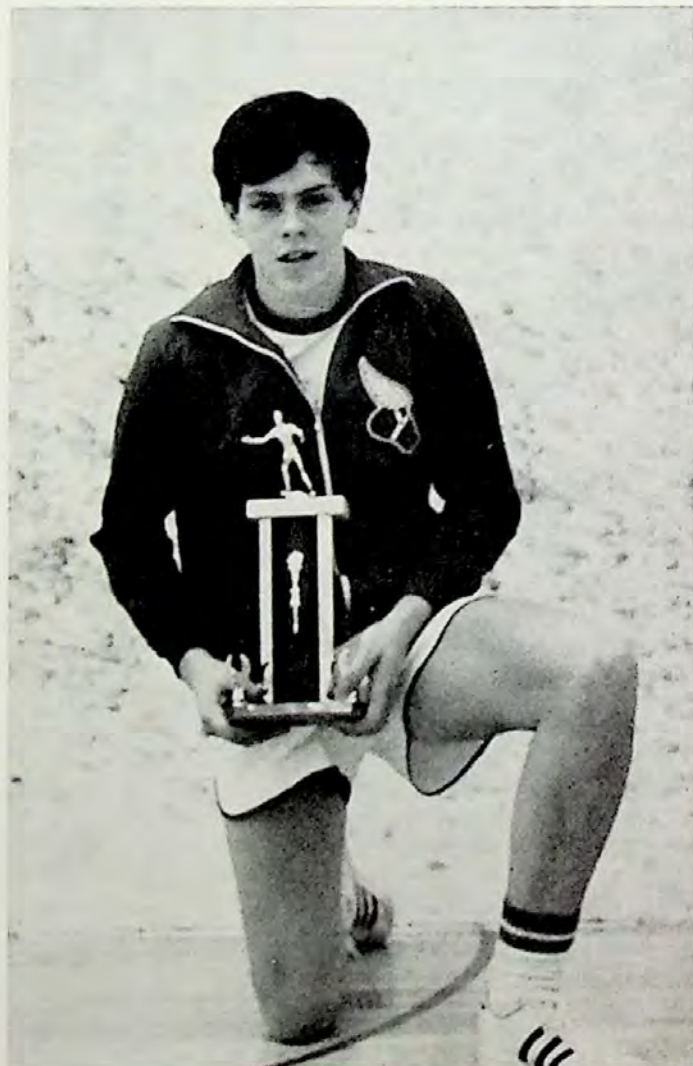
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RICK CHRISTIAN
Future Lake Forester?

MEET RICK CHRISTIAN . . . 16-year-old Mid Valley YMCA member, Jr. Leader, Volunteer Lifeguard and USHA National Junior Champion for 16 years of age and under which was won in late 1968 at Lake Forest College, Chicago, Illinois. Rick was runnerup last December in the juniors for under 17 years which was held in St. Louis. Rick has been a member of the Mid Valley YMCA, Van Nuys, Calif., for several years, but has been playing handball for only two years. Rick is in the 11th grade and enjoys playing other sports such as baseball. Currently, Rick is working on a scholarship for Lake Forest College, which he plans to attend upon graduation from high school.

Bud Cosby



KEN GINTY
Going to be Top Junior

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT . .

Once again it is enlightening to find a continuing growth in number of facilities and players throughout the country. All this leads up to better tournaments, excellent courts, and more and more top drawer talent.

With the influx of so many players we must be constantly on the alert to give them the best possible introduction to our great game. We cannot tolerate or encourage "Handball Bums". As an amateur pastime no player should expect, or attempt to make his living out of the game. There are limits to expense allowances at the increasing number of invitationals. If the sponsors of such weekend tournaments continue to "lure" the better players with "under the table" allowances they will destroy open play.

Some of these invitationals have disintegrated into weekend soirees with handball performances suffering as a result. The players look forward more to partying than the competition and this can develop into a real cancer. It also rubs off on players who are competing in such tournaments for the first time and they go home wondering what this game is all about.

I, for one, feel good hospitality can be accomplished on a sane, moderate basis. In a short, three-day tournament the theme should be "Play Handball", and not nighttime guzzling.

The Olympic Club set a fine example during our West Divisional tournament, providing a rooftop hospitality room with plenty of good food and beverages during the daytime hours. The awards banquet, held at the nearby Elks Club, provided a fine dinner and the camaraderie that is part and parcel of our USHA get togethers.

No undue allowances are given at USHA-sanctioned tournaments. If we have to rely on money to bring in the seeded players then we're defeating our fraternalistic ideals.

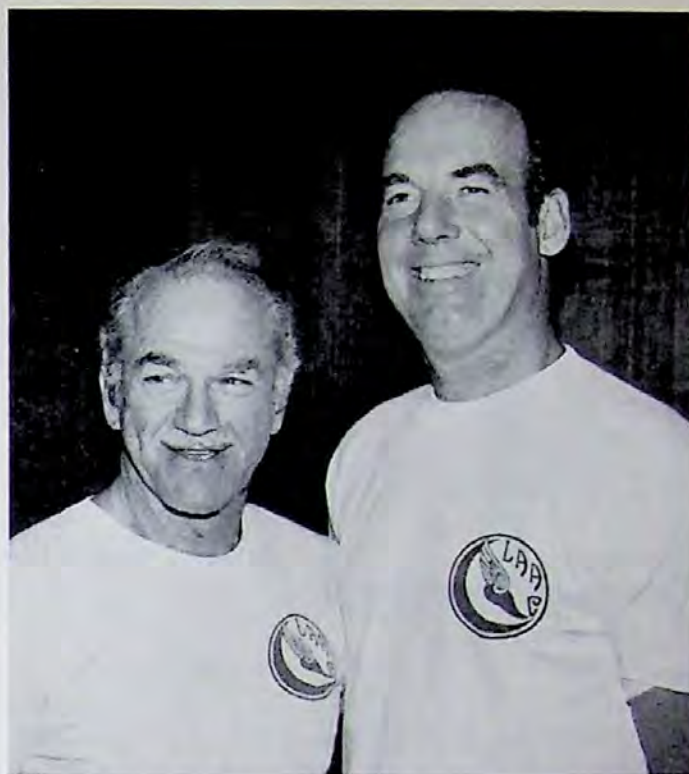
Let's not spoil the wonderful Junior talent that will be our champions of tomorrow. The Jeff Barnes, Straus', Lotts, Yees, and the many other youngsters who have shown the potential to go on to big things in the game should not be contaminated by a few who seek personal gain at any price.

Perhaps some day in the future there will be professional handball, backed in the main by TV coverage revenue. At that time outstanding players may be able to make enough money out of the game to devote their full time. However, until that time comes keep handball on its proper prospective—as an ideal physical outlet and fun way to fitness.

To those who qualify for the title of "Handball Bum", I suggest that in trying to earn a living, you devote more time to more profitable pursuits. Handball certainly owes no man anything. Rather, it is we who should put back some measure of ourselves for the bountiful dividends we receive from the game.

JOE SHANE
National Commissioner

THE LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB welcomes the ladies of the UNITED STATES HANDBALL ASSOCIATION to the 20th Annual Handball Championships, March 15-21, 1970.



CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL . . . Judge Joe Shane, our national commissioner, with his new Masters' doubles partner, Evelle Younger, Los Angeles County district attorney. Mr. Younger is chairman of President Nixon's task force on crime and law enforcement, and an announced candidate for the office of California's attorney general.

Women at Nationals

We have planned the following program for your entertainment, and we invite your participation:

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Monday, March 16: Tour of Universal Studio.

Tuesday, March 17: Luncheon at Los Angeles Harbor with tour of Ports of Call Village and Harbor area.

Wednesday, March 18: Tour of Farmers' Market during mid-day. Dinner with entertainment and tour of Olvera Street.

Friday, March 20: Awards Banquet.

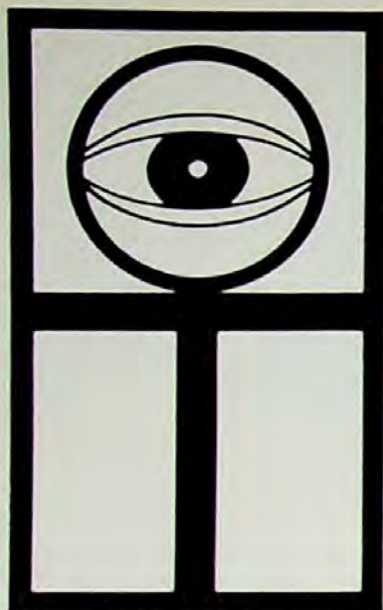
OPTIONAL TOURS from Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 21:

Disneyland. T.V. Studios. Heritage tour of old Los Angeles. Movie Stars' homes. Shopping tours in Beverly Hills and Century City.

Note: Tournament discount prices will be charged for the Planned Events and the Optional Tours.

We look forward to a week of fun and friendship. We hope you will join us in the program we have planned for you.

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OBSERVATION TOWER

by BOB DAVIDSON, *National Juniors Chairman*

Confirmation has been received from Dr. Alexander Tudor, director of health and physical education for the YM-YMHA of Greater Miami, Fla., for the hosting of the 15th Annual National USHA Junior Four-wall championships, Dec. 27-30.

Junior Chairman Bob Davidson met with Dr. Tudor following the most recent Juniors, outlining the tournament procedures. Davidson is now working on housing and food at the University of Miami in nearby Coral Gables, and will enlist the aid of the Miami Beach Handball Association.

The Miami YMHA has two outdoor four-wall courts with partial ceilings. USHA held a national intercollegiate tournament there in 1963, and the national juniors in 1967.

We had another successful National Junior tourney at the St. Louis JCCA. There was a record number of players and on the whole a greatly-improved crop of handballers. They came from all parts of the country, plus Marc Oughton of Vancouver, B.C., and Gilbert Munoz of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who took home a trophy in the consolation bracket.

Fast learner is Jeff Barnes, who took the under 19 age bracket in two over New York's Mitchell Straus. I met Jeff in Birmingham last year, discussed handball with him, explained our training methods — lo and behold — we now saw a very fine player. Jeff is at the University of Texas, where he has the fortune of being under the tutelage of Coach Pete Tyson. I expect Jeff to be the school's top player before the year is out.

The under 17 division was won by "Fiery Ted" Yevelson of the J. He did it the hard way, beating Abel Leon in three, Ken Ginty in three, in the finals, Rick

Christian, product of Van Nuys, California, last year's under 16 winner, lost to Ted in a down-to-the-wire three.

There was an all-St. Louis finale in the under-15. I predict that the winner, Steve Adelman, will be the top player in St. Louis in two to three years if he continues to play handball. This boy is a natural athlete, has the swings and moves, and seems to have a good knowledge of the method of play. I've been told that he has been playing the game less than a year.

If that is so, he's a natural and has a fine career ahead of him in handball. He beat "Hard Ball" Billy Goldstein in three

games for the crown. Billy is the son of Al Goldstein and grand nephew of our former national commissioner, Hymie Goldstein.

Billy certainly has improved since last year, hitting the ball harder, has good moves, gets to the ball quickly and kills fairly well. He has a bad habit of playing the walls too much while his opponent is in front court with him. He should take his shot and then pass, whenever he can, so that he gets his opponent in back court. This type of thinking should go for every player. Steve was serving a high lob to Bill's left. Bill should have taken

this type of serve and punched the ball to the ceiling. He lost a lot of points by letting the ball bounce to the floor. Goldstein used too much natural left hand swings. The better player uses all kinds of swings, depending on the shot at the moment. Getting into an awkward position to use a natural swing at all times is wrong. Bill's passing shots were well placed but weren't hit hard enough to be effective. He has a tendency to get too far off the short line after serving. He should stay at the short line until forced out of there. Take the ball on the fly whenever possible . . . don't lose position. Bill's ceiling shot was hit well but it came off the side wall too often. This shot should be placed about a foot from the wall at his stage of career.

The reason I am writing so much on the Goldstein boy is because he was smart enough to realize I could help him, just by watching him play, and so, bring to his attention these points. I expect him to correct these problems by next year. Out of all the players who attended he was one of the very few who really wanted to learn. One of his real weaknesses he has is getting mad at himself and thus beating himself. You must give your all . . . let the other guy beat you, don't throw the game away.

Rick Christian is taller and stronger than a year ago. He played well but lost the championship with his left hand slop kill attempts to the left corner.

"Showboat" Abel Leon, in the under 17 bracket, has the potential of being a top player, but can't keep up the pace. He goes great for five or six points, then loses his concentration and goes back to a slow pace of pushing his opponent from side to side and then losing out by giving a setup. He has loads of equipment but no sustained drive.

Mitchell Straus did well in this tourney but was a little too slow in picking up the low ones. His shooting was better this year.

Gilbert Munoz of Puerto Rico is a good retriever, hits a ball well, but can't shoot and has no ceiling game. There is no ceiling on the small courts he plays on in the Y in San Juan.

Ken Ginty, now 16 years of age, is a six-footer, looks strong, is a righthander with a powerful off hand. He beat Yevelson in the first game but ran out of gas in the second and third games. Kenny has improved defensively but hasn't done what we asked him to do in regard to shooting properly.

Steve Smith of St. Louis looked the winner in his semi final match against Mitchell Straus but pulled up with a bad knee and Mitchell got away with his kills to the right corner. Steve gets everything back but most of the returns are setups. His serve is poor. I suggest, at his stage, to find some serves that will get him easy returns or aces. He is a strong boy and



NORTH AND SOUTH . . . Al Sitkoff, (l) representing St. Paul A.C., made creditable showing, as did Gilbert Muniz, of San Juan, Puerto Rico's YMCA (salvaged consolation under-19 win).



SOMETHING FOR DAD TO BE PROUD ABOUT . . . Steve Adelman, winning the under-15 national juniors, showed fine come-from-behind determination, and should give St. Louis many future titles.

shouldn't save himself for later. He has a good kill to the right corner, but hits too many side walls while his opponent is up front.

Marc Oughton of Vancouver doesn't meet the ball solidly because his point of contact is poor and he takes his eye off the ball too quickly.

Brewer Kitchings of Birmingham has a good back wall game. He doesn't hit the ball hard enough. He says that's because he hasn't got the weight and is fairly small for 16, but in my opinion he doesn't put his body behind his stroke. His is mostly a wrist and elbow swing. Brewer is going to be a good player because he loves the game and will dedicate himself to improving.

Al Chaparro of San Francisco has a glaring weakness. On service to his left hand his return is always low. He'll never get into the winner's circle with this type of return.

Bob Brady of San Francisco has improved quite a bit over last year. It seems the Bay Area boys want to kill with their lefts before they learn control. I've seen this type of thinking with 90 per cent of these youngsters at this tournament.

Just a hint, learn to use the opposite hand defensively as a youngster and in a couple of years you will find shots to put away with your left that will be point getters. Practice left hand kills when you are way ahead of your opponent.

Mario Schembari of Chicago looked good, hits the ball hard, has a good left, but doesn't bend low enough when shooting. His average wasn't there to give him the big win. Mario has now been in four Junior nationals.

Powerhouse Barry Goldstein of St. Louis is really hitting the ball these days and is greatly improved over last year and is good for at least three more years of Junior play.

Vern Roberts Jr. of Cincinnati is a

fine player, good volleyer, but the bigger the setup, the bigger the miss. This means that he takes his eye off the ball too quickly. His point of contact is very poor. His father still plays a strong game and has tried to help his boy. He should concentrate on that all important point of contact.

Bill Baraban of Kansas City in his second tournament year is improving, has lots of competitive desire, but doesn't put the ball away enough.

Another from K.C. — Ture Peterson — good stamina but doesn't get low enough on his kill shots. Ken Mazon, accompanied by his Dad in the K.C. group, just doesn't keep his eye on the ball long enough and misses too many. As usual it's his point of contact, meeting the ball too far in back of his right leg and thus carries the ball, instead of hitting the ball.

Robert Clarke of Southern California volleys too much, is also trying to hook the ball every chance he gets. His point of contact is very bad. It is better to get control rather than try to get points with hooks.

Gary Fairhead of Des Plaines, Ill., hits hard, but doesn't shoot when he has the setup.

Ronald Larsen, big strong left hander, with great power in that hand, shoots while backing up and overshoots with his off hand . . . two glaring weaknesses. Al Sitkoff of St. Paul is a big, strong right-hander and will improve with enough play, has a solid game.

Peter Colichidas of San Francisco, in defeating Jeff Buwalda of Chicago, showed a marked improvement over last year.

Jack McEnerney of New York, in his first, and last, Juniors, did very well for a boy who has had only a couple of months under my tutelage. He has played mostly one-wall. I think he has a good

career ahead of him in all phases of the game.

Ken Horvath of South Bend, Indiana, looked good beating Kevin Foster of St. Louis. Randall Marco, Van Nuys, Calif., handled Jeff Pierson, Des Moines.

Bill Scheckel of Chicago took three games to beat Nathan Reiz of K.C. in a fine first round match.

Rudolph Jones, San Antonio, took William Chapin in two tough games . . . Mike McDonough, Boston's South bunch, lost a heart breaker to fellow Irishman, Bob Brady . . . Des Moines' Bob Burnett showed a solid game although he lost to Schembari . . . Bob Ginsburg of the host entry, took Brady in three . . . has a good game but likes to change up too much. Bob Kilcoyne of Dolton, Ill., lost two tough ones to Mark Dahlberg of St. Paul . . . James Benincasa of Las Vegas, after losing to Leon in three went on to win the consolation . . . has to get a smoother swing in order to improve . . . his father, an ex-New York player, was mighty proud of the trophy.

Mike Dau, Lake Forest College coach, put on a good clinic, and yours truly followed. Let me repeat myself and maybe my theories will get across to you players, young or old:

(1) Knowing your point of contact is a must for your future improvement. Meet the ball around the center of your body. If you meet the ball on the outside of your right leg, you are carrying the ball. If you meet the ball around center of body you are hitting the ball. This is where your power is.

(2) Keep your eye on the ball until it is almost in your hand. Most of you are looking at your opponent or looking to where you want the ball to go. This is why you miss or set up a shot.

(3) Learn to use your weak hand defensively before you shoot with it. There is
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plenty of time to shoot with your off hand. I saw too many matches that were lost by using the weak hand when the strong hand could have been used.

(4) Learn to punch with your weak hand to the ceiling or bring the ball up and around to your opponent's hand. A punch with the strong hand to the ceiling is a good weapon. When trapped by a hard hit ball a punch along the walls, low and hard, is a good offensive or defensive shot.

(5) 90 per cent of the boys in this tourney didn't make use of the ceiling shot. This is a great weapon to use at the proper time. It gets you out of a lot of trouble.

(6) I certainly didn't see may good serves. Develop lots of serves. It's important to get a weak return. The three-wall or "Scotch Toss" serve has many variations. Try them all until you get the ones that are effective for you.

(7) Why get off the short line after you serve? If you set it up your opponent will shoot. If you give your opponent a tough serve you should be ready to shoot on the fly. Unless he forces you off the short line try and stay there.

(8) Develop your fly shot. It is a great weapon. Most of you let the ball bounce so that it takes you to the back wall. This isn't smart at all as you must now return from deep court. Practice the fly shot, it pays off.

(9) Get back quickly when you are retrieving a ceiling shot.

(10) When shooting for the kill, keep the ball as low as you can and swing away. Don't aim for the "bottom board." In time, you will kill without aiming. If you are a stand up hitter you should aim your kills to the corners. That's the safest way to get a good average. Don't change up when shooting. It is a bad habit and it cost Rick Christian a championship in the under 17 age bracket.

Phil Smith, director of the JCCA health club, did a bang up job as coordinator. His committee kept things going

smoothly. The hospitality room was headed up by Ruth Adelman, Steve's proud mother.

With Al Goldstein as a partner, I was a winner. Without him I lost. Mort Leve and Phil Smith had their usual battle on the court.

We are definitely going to have the next Juniors in Miami, Florida, at the YMHA. This has been OK'd by Al Tudor director of athletics. Al was pleased to act as host. We had a Junior tourney at this Club a few years ago.

With the help of Fred Lewis, our current national intercollegiate champion, we went to the University of Miami and spoke to Don Hart about housing and food there for the Juniors. Don said it would be no problem. He would set the boys up at the fraternity houses and feed them at the University cafeteria. We will also have our awards dinner at the University.

In case of large entries the Flamingo Park courts will be used the first two days. As these are outdoor four-wall courts provisions will be made at the Ft. Lauderdale YMCA in case of rain. And, financial-wise, we will have the backing of Dr. Maury Fox, official medico for all the Flamingo Park boys.

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AT FLAMINGO . . . Bob Lewis is in charge of four-wall in the A-B doubles and Lou Soodak in charge of one-wall . . . trophies for first three place.

Visitors from Castle Hill . . . Ruth and Lou Russo Sr. . . Marion and Harry Price . . . Ben Herman and wife, Rose . . . every day we see Ed "Pix" Hirsch, 71 years young, and Lou Miller, also a colt at 71, playing paddleball singles. Lou also plays handball singles with anyone. Pauline is playing handball every day. She's got her usual golden tan.

I'd like my friends throughout the country to know that I'm feeling fine and moving better on the court . . . playing every day, 3 to 4 games of doubles . . . hope to see you all in Los Angeles in March.



JUNIOR REGISTRATION . . . Ruth Adelman takes care of the many details, including hospitality room, with three of the host entries: (l to r) — Barry Goldstein, Billy Goldstein, and Ted Yevelson.



THE CHAMP AND HIS 'COACH' . . . Ted Yevelson came from the unseeded ranks to win the under-17 national juniors, with his proud pop, Bernie Yevelson.

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Benham Adds Win Credit in Old Hickory Invite

Dr. Claude Benham, the "Fierce, Fighting, Terrier," from Norfolk, Va. continued to serve notice that he is to be reckoned with for the National USHA Championship at Los Angeles Athletic Club.

This time it was from the 8th Annual Old Hickory Tournament in Nashville, where he defeated Bill Yambrick, 10-21, 21-11, 21-7. Two weeks previous he had come within two kill shots at the fantastic Birmingham Invitational, of defeating Paul Haber, the reigning champ. The next week he defeated Paul in an exhibition match at Lake Forest, Ill. Many feel that Dr. Benham is still improving and that doesn't sound encouraging for Haber.

Yambrick controlled the first game of the finals with his superb volleying and kill shooting including several left handed gems. However, Bill tightened up in the second game as the doctor found the range with his right corner kills. Yambrick never gained the advantage again as Benham continuously retrieved Bill's best shots and consistently powered kills along the right wall from mid and back court.

Pete Tyson, who lost two tough games to Yambrick in the semifinals commented with amazement at Benham's ability to retrieve Yambrick's variety of shots. Besides playing in the singles Tyson gave an instruction clinic on Handball Strategy. The value of Pete's advice might be estimated by those who seek it. Yambrick asked several questions and Pete asked some of Bill making for a most stimulating clinic.

Lloyd Wood and Jack Pirrie, Nashville, regained the doubles crown after a second place finish last year. Dave Ewert and Jerry Uritsky won their semifinals in two straight after falling behind 0-15 in the second game. However, they could not overcome the experience of the master "Woodie," and the power of Pirrie, a large 6'3" and 230 pounds who still moves like a cat.

There were a total of 47 singles players and 19 doubles teams entered. Steve Morris, at 17, certainly is a star of the future. Frank Snyder and Kent Gieselman of Memphis, Dan Littrell of Knoxville, Mike Gubin of St. Louis, Hobert Shelley of Chattanooga, Mike Parnell of Louisville, presently at Purdue showed exceptional talent. Joel Levy of Louisville returned after several years absence to show an impressive game. "Most Handsome Player" and consolation first place trophies went to Sol Barth. He attributes his success to a Haber training program.



POINT OF CONTACT . . . Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Va., YMCA star, demonstrates perfect shooting form from short line position—knees flexed, down low, shooting hand parallel to floor, ball out from the body and swinging into it for the maximum power. Benham will be shooting for the big prize in Los Angeles.



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Larry Wood Regains Denver King-of-the-Hill

Larry Wood regained his USHA singles title by a superb performance before a packed gallery at the Central YMCA, defeating Bob Brown, 21-14, 21-17. Brown held the Rocky Mountain crown during the previous '64 and '69 seasons.

The Class B Singles championship match was won by Stan Salz. Salz played steady, and strong placement game forced his opponent, Dick Busse, into a defensive game — the score, 21-13, 21-9.

Class C Singles finals saw Mike Hardy, the son of John Hardy, win from Jim Pershing, 21-12, 21-0. Mike has a very promising future in handball, as he is only 19, and now moves up into the Class B Competition.

Class A Open Doubles results — Larry Wood and Dan Barney again proved their superiority over a strong field by defeating the brother team of Harvey and Stan Salz in the finals, 21-11 and 21-9. Wood and Barney have won the doubles here in Denver and in Omaha many times in the past eight years.

Class B champions were Pete Barrett and Mike Hardy. Their final match with Drum and Donahue went three games — 21-14, 17-21 and 21-18. Class C doubles was won by George Esterbrook and B. Ticman over Bob Qualls and Jack Gray, 21-8 and 21-13. Master Doubles —

Don Carlsen and Mike Sotack were forced into three games to win the Masters doubles title from John Hardy and Bill Moriarity — 9-21, 21-14, 21-9.

Larry Wood and Bob Brown again fought their way through a tough singles entry list in the Rocky Mountain Regional A to wind up in the finals, and meet in the glass court at the Central Y before a packed gallery. Wood was the winner.

Wood got out to an early lead with his strong hook serves to Brown's left. Brown was definitely tight for the first part of the game and by the time he loosened up, Larry's strong kill game and accurate shooting enabled him to win 21-8.

The second game was just the reverse, with Brown killing well with both hands, and Larry was on the defense, trying to match his front wall game with Bob's, caused Larry to make more errors. Brown won this one 21-4.

The third game was evidence of Wood's experience and ability to adjust, and change his style of game. Larry started using more passing shots and keeping Brown in the back-court, forcing him into more errors, and also giving Larry more set-ups. The final score was 21-16, with Wood in complete control of this final game.

Class B Singles, was won by John Falk over Dick Drum 21-16, and 21-8. John is definitely on the way to becoming one of our future champions. He is only 19 and will be entered in the intercollegiate tournament this spring. There were 32 entered in B.

Class C singles, with an entry list of 45 players, was won by Dave Bishop over Cadet Jim Sweeder of the Air Force Academy. This match was a two-hour thriller, with both players evenly matched and the outcome uncertain until the last few minutes. There were more young players under 20 competing in Class C this year than any of the past years, and their quality of play, was much improved. Major Bob Oaks of the Air Force Academy entered four of his big handball squad, and they all made the quarter-finals. Sweeder won from his teammate, Winterberger, in the semis to gain the finals.

Starting in February the Air Force Academy, Denver Central JCC and the Denver Athletic Club will start a league, with matches to be scheduled every two weeks. Two singles players and two doubles teams will represent each club, and standings will be published each month. Later on the Colorado State University, Wyoming University and others.

LES SHUMATE

Washington, D. C.

Ed Meadows, one of handball's most enthusiastic supporters, is back in this area, and will chairman the first handball tournament at the Arlington YMCA — Cherry Blossom Festival Open Doubles, April 10-12.

Deadline for entries: March 27. Fee: \$5 per player. A feature of the event will be close circuit TV, provided by Meadows, with each team given some tape time for later playback on TV.

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BELLINGHAM BELLES . . . (l to r) — Dr. Ross Ellis tournament chairman, Bob Wilson, who was also runner up in doubles; his partner Mel Brown; consolation doubles winner Bill Ide; consolation singles winner, Dennis Harrison; Dick De Golier, manager of tourney sponsor, Shakey's Pizza. Front — (l to r) — doubles champs — Gordie Pfeifer and Bob Farguhar.

Ken Schneider-Don Ardito Win Central Doubles

Saturday, Jan. 17 — Don Ardito and Ken Schneider with a combination of youthful brilliance and veteran court savvy jelled brilliantly with the blue chips neatly stacked in the finals of the Central USHA open doubles at the Oak Park, Ill., YMCA, to decisively beat national singles champ Paul Haber, and his partner, Jim Annoreno, 21-13, 21-5.

It was a real tough tournament for this newly-formed winning team. "I thought, by teaming with Don, Papa Joe would set up an easy draw for us but we had to battle all the way through the week," Schneider stated. The Dennis Hofflander-Rich Drabik team provided plenty of fireworks in the quarters before going down in three games, and then the No. 1 seeded Tony D'Andrea and Jim DiCiccio, showing good ball control, also went the long, three-game route in the semis before they stubbornly bowed out.

Ardito played the left side, displayed a fine off hand — coping real well with Haber's famed "feather" ceiling shots, while Schneider disheartened Paul with several key digs of tough right corner shots. It was simply one of those exhibitions of polished performance that refused any challenges. Haber used the "I" formation in a futile effort to get back in the match but couldn't play "singles" against two polished opponents.

The night before Haber had pulled out the match against Andy Upatneiks and Phil Elbert, mainly with crotch ace serves to the left. Upatneiks-Elbert had a 17-14 lead in the third game but couldn't keep the momentum going. The first game was fairly one-sided with Haber allowing Annoreno more action on the right and Jim performed real well. The team got far behind in the second and gave up the game at 3-18. Losing 0-8 in the third, Haber put on a dazzling exhibition to tie it and then the game see-sawed until the spurt from 14-17 to the win.

Neither last year's first or second place teams were intact for this one. Schneider had won with Gus Lewis in 1969 over Phil Elbert and Johnny Sloan. Lewis, sidelined much of this early season with back woes, finally decided to test himself and paired with Bud Christiansen, who was once tabbed a "Windy City Whiz Kid," contemporary of Phil Collins and Johnny Sloan. Sloan was not in this one, making a move to Honolulu a month previous. Elbert signed on with Andy Upatneiks, who can pulverize the pellet but runs into lack of consistency at times.



AFTER THE BALL (GAME) WAS OVER . . . (l to r)—Happy Joe Ardito, his son, Don; Ken Schneider, Paul Haber, Jim Annoreno, and "Beauty Ben" Costello. This was the story of two fine ball players refusing to let the national singles champ keep them from a sound game plan.

—Photo by Don Cecconi

This was Denny Hofflander's first serious effort in four-wall in more than two months and he showed to good advantage. However, he'll have to seriously condition himself if he is to live up to the national potential he displayed before his Vietnam service.

It was a well-earned Ardito-Schneider championship. For almost two months they have worked together — Ken prodding Don to fire him up, arranging tough practice matches throughout the city. Even Joe Ardito was skeptical of their chances in mid-tournament but after the finals he was one happy man, exuding, "They finally played up to their talents. There's no one who would have beaten them on that day."

Haber graciously took the blame after the finals, ingratiating himself to ring-siders who earlier in the week were mumbling a bit about his court-side antics. Annoreno had the tough "Artful Dodger" role, that in reality, leaves nothing to be gained. It is akin to being a "clown prince." It is not easy to play such a secondary role and then be expected to perform steadily when the few opportunities arise.

There were 38 teams entered in the annual play, going for the traditional trophies plus the Bob Kendler Community Builders' trip to the nationals.

One of the better matches of the week was the quarter-final loss of Tom Brownfield and Bob Koenig to D'Andrea-DiCiccio, 21-20, 21-20. The No. 1 seeded Duncan Y team lost in the semis, salvaged third place by default over Upatneiks-Elbert.

Scores from the quarter-finals: Tony D'Andrea-Jim DiCiccio, Duncan Y, def. Tom Brownfield, Duncan Y-Bob Koenig, Northwest Suburban Y, 21-20, 21-20; Don Ardito, Irving Park Y-Ken Schneider, Evanston Y, def. Dennis Hofflander-Rich Drabik, 111th St. Y; Andy Upatneiks, Lake Shore Club-Phil Elbert, Illinois A.C., def. Jim Cosentino-Ken Eby, 111th St. Y, 21-5, 21-16; Paul Haber, Leaning Tower Y-Jim Annoreno, Evanston Y, def. Elihu Blanks-Len Hunt, Hyde Park Y, 21-1, 21-17.

Semi-finals: Ardito-Schneider def. Haber-Annoreno, 21-13, 21-5.

TOURNAMENT NOTES: As always full support was forthcoming from Bob Turner, Oak Park Y physical director . . . Sloan, back in Chicago to clean up moving details, took in the finals and cut up ol' touches afterwards with your reporter, ex-footballer Tony Pasquesi; Joan and Phil Elbert, Upatneiks and his "center page spread" companion.

Both semi-final matches were long and weary and despite Winter breezes outside, the court and gallery clime was more like a sauna. It took more than five hours to run off the two matches.

Joe Ardito and his sidekick Ben Costello were their usual tireless workers along with Wally Knorowski. Anita Schneider giving her usual exuberant vocal support. Mary Haber is a very quiet observer, keeping the emotions contained.

Need for more gallery was vividly displayed . . . the spectators were crammed sardine-like in the small three row balcony area.

Suburban Y to Host Biggest Y Championships

By JIM BROSAN

Chicago has hosted few championships in the last decade. Not since the Bears won the NFL crown in 1963 has a major title match been held in the nation's second largest city. Even the minor sports, from hockey to curling to tiddlywinks, have avoided Chicago when the chips were down for the Big Game.

Let it be noted then that a group of dedicated YMCA handball players is challenging the notion that their town is no place for a champ to show his stuff. On April 19, at the Northwest Suburban YMCA in Des Plaines, Illinois, the 1970 ships will be initiated. For a week the National Y 4-wall Handball championship of kill shots and the sight hop-serves will tickle the senses of the most astute fans in handball.

It's the first time the YMCA Nationals have been set for the Chicago area. It will be the biggest 'Y' nationals in history, offering the best players in the country a chance to shine in a showcase event. The YMCA has long been a vital part of handball, instrumental in furthering development of the sport. The YMCA championships should rank equally with other national titles. Chicagoans plan to prove that this area deserves its reputation as the Heartland of Handball.

For its 44th annual event the Y Nationals will spotlight last year's winners at Minneapolis: Senior Singles champ, Gordon Pfeifer; Senior Doubles champs, Stuffy Singer and Dick Weisman; and Master's Doubles champs, Jim Tagney and Steve Subak.

Challenging them will be a field twice as large as that which attended the '69 tournament. Bill Yambrick, two-time 'Y' champ, will try to regain his crown from Pfeifer. But Bill will have plenty of competition. Most of the top 20 singles players in the country have shown interest in the 'Y' title. Chicago is a most convenient site for a tournament to draw the best players from coast to coast.

Paul Haber will play out of the Leaning Tower YMCA (in suburban Niles, not Italian Pisa). Ray Neveau and Simie Fein will be down from Wisconsin. Ken Schneider and Gus Lewis may try for an umpteenth title in the Masters. And the host Y will probably suit up several pairs of veterans, oldies but goodies, who know that handball is a splendid way to work up a thirst. Chicago is noted for its many watering places where a sweaty player can go all out for relaxation after the



LARGEST YMCA MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD . . . Northwest Suburban Y in Des Plaines, Ill., will have eight courts available for the upcoming National YMCA Championships in what promises to be the biggest and best gathering to date. Suburban Chicago facility has world's largest membership and has just added two courts, including one with glass for adequate gallery.

day and night's matches.

The local tournament committee includes a full-time banker working on finances, a full-time writer working on publicity, a hotel manager and a restaurateur working on hospitality, and a lot of full-time handball players working on their pass shots, working off winter weight, and working up enthusiasm in the community.

Northwest Suburban Y's executive director, Chuck McClellan, has added a glass-walled spectator court to his ultra-modern facility. There will be 8 courts available for tournament play throughout

the week. Each contestant will be presented with a pair of uniquely designed uniform shorts as well as special hospitality privileges. Excellent accommodations will complement the superior competition.

USHA prexy, Bob Kendler, has assured the committee of his full support. USHA headquarters are just 20 minutes from the N.W. Suburban YMCA. God willing, a mood of mutual interest will prevail so that a smooth and efficient tournament organization can offer a memorable Handball Week for players from in- or out-of-town.

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The Calgary YMCA handball Club held its first annual tournament Dec. 1-6 with 45 competitors entering the six events.

From this tournament two items became apparent, the first is that our young (22) A single's champion, Chris Ripplinger, is going to be heard from in future Provincial and national tournaments. At the present time, he is only lacking good tournament experience to further develop his game, which in turn will give him the necessary composure that is so evident with championship players.

In this tournament he utilized both hands very effectively in combination of pass and kill shots and went through the tournament in straight games. The other important item was the emergence of a number of younger players progressing to the semi-finals and finals in B and C categories. With further competition, it is hoped that a number of top flight players will be forthcoming in the future years.

Following the finals matches, the annual meeting was held. A new executive board was elected which consists of Allan Day — president, Terry Clark — vice-president, Rod Hardy — secretary, Chris Ripplinger — treasurer.

The Calgary Club will be hosting the Alberta Open Feb. 19-21.

1970 Club Champions — A Singles: Chris Ripplinger def. Ian Patterson 21-6, 21-8.

A Doubles: Jack Macauley-Rich Robertson def. Chris Ripplinger-Bob Matsune 21-18, 21-11.

B Singles: Jim Westerman def. Fred Barnes 21-16, 21-9.

B Doubles: Allan Day-Fred Barnes def. Alex Recsky-Bob Lucas 21-8, 21-15.

C Singles: Murry Luft, def. Chuck Holder 21-13, 19-21, 21-7.

C Doubles: Murry Luft-Terry Clark def. Andy Anderson-G. Deleandro 18-21, 21-19, 21-9.

Rod Hardy

CANADIAN NATIONALS

MARCH 5-7, 1970

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Entry Blanks — Bill Surphlis,

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Mickey Unroth and Harry Teperman once again proved to be the top team in Toronto, defeating Ray Reno and Harold McClean 21-17, 21-7 in the city A doubles held at the YMHA.

Harry as usual, very steady on the right, kept Ray and Harold in deep court. To the delight of the gallery, Mickey, with his uncanny ability to roll the ball out from any position on the court dominated the match.

In the semis Harry and Mickey beat Barry Leech and Stan Kray in two. Ray and Harold topped Bill Allen and Brent Hall the short route.

The same week Barry Leech showed fine form defeating Ray Reno 21-7 and 21-8 for the West End Y Club singles.

Barry, finally playing the ball he was capable of five years ago, trounced Ray. Hard driving shots to the right front wall and roll outs kept Reno from getting started. Barry has developed a good serve to the left court, and uses the scotch toss to his advantage. One major fault he has is playing his left hand against his opponent's right. Once he learns to control the ball back to the weak side — look out!

FIRSTS FOR 1969 AND 1970 —

1—The Edmonton Y held its first turkey tournament which will be held annually.

2—The first Masters single tournament was held — won by Robert Laing — trophy donated by John Kempo.

3—Juniors were sponsored and their fares paid to the Canadian Nationals.

4—John Kempo, after ten years, finally won the City B title to become one of the first players to achieve the distinction of becoming an A and Masters player in the same year.

To date, eight tournaments which include a Junior Tournament have been held in Edmonton. For the first time, Edmonton has been experimenting with three-day tournaments commencing Thursday and concluding Saturday afternoon. These quickie tournaments have been extremely successful and seem to generate far more enthusiasm than the tournaments which drag over a period of two to three weeks.

CITY TOURNAMENTS — Masters — Saul Schwartz and Dave Kushner over Bob Dixon and John Kempo.

Winner A — Gordon Hovind and Walter Kondrosky over Ron Billig and Larry Haines.

Winners B — Chuck Beerless and Norm Yellowlees over Martin Cummings and Jim Paley.

Winners C — John Hilsen and Don Clark over Roger Borchert and Marty McKay.

Saskatchewan Open — March 19-21 at Regina.

Western Canadian Open — April 2-4 — Edmonton. This tournament may be held as part of the Alberta Winter Games sponsored by the Alberta branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. It is hoped that games will be held at the University of Alberta and that the handball tournament will take place in the new courts. There will be eight new handball courts ready for this tournament, two of which will have glass rear walls.

JUNIOR REPORT: Ken Shearer has been instrumental in organizing approximately 45 juniors, aged 13-20 who meet three times weekly and are becoming very competent at the game. The group is divided into two groups — 13 and under; 14-20. Recently, a tournament was held and the 13 and under champ was Donnie Homenuk. Roger Borchert out-classed all competitors in the 14-20 age group. The Edmonton Handball Association will sponsor one junior for the Calgary Tournament and the YMCA will sponsor a second.

CANADIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 5-7, 1970

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Sponsored by

UNITED STATES HANDBALL ASSOCIATION

ELIGIBILITY:	Players eligible to enter Canada's first National Junior Tournament must be under 21 as of January 1, 1970.
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE:	Participant will receive travel assistance for Swing-Air transportation to Vancouver. "Swing-Air" is ½ fare on a standby basis if the person is under 22 years of age.
ENTRY DEADLINE	Entries of Provincial Junior Champions should be mailed no later than Feb. 25, to: Mr. J. Condie, 955 Burrard Street, Vancouver 1, B.C.
ACCOMMODATION:	Participants will be housed, courtesy of the United States Handball Association, at the Vancouver Central Y.M.C.A.
ENTRY FEE:	\$5.00 per person.

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Mail entry to: Mr. J. Condie, 955 Burrard Street, Vancouver 1, B.C.

'Memorable Jottings' of Eastern Handball

By MAX LODAW

Paul Schem, who was the athletic director of the old Broad Channel Bathing Park in Queens, has retired after teaching 35 years in Hempstead, Nassau schools. In the 1930's Schem coached handball teams at Hempstead High. During the World War II years he instructed officer's training classes at Hofstra University. Paul, in the 50's and 60's, was principal of Jackson schools in Hempstead. At the Broad Channel club he played many singles games with Phil Grant, erstwhile president of Bushwick Masonic Lodge of Brooklyn.

Bob Beiersdorfer, all the years manager of Broad Channel, now directs the spacious Castle Hill Pool, outdoor handball mecca of the Bronx. This is where Lou Lubin, now of Miami, teamed in four-wall doubles with Hall of Fame baseballer Hank Greenberg. Lubin won the New York Met one-wall singles in 1932 and teamed with Sam Haber to win the 1958 USHA "World Series" Masters doubles in Chicago.

Performing adroitly as recreation staff ward leaders at the Northport Veterans Administration hospital in Suffolk, Long Island, are Sam Stein and Joe Palmieri, who conduct handball and other sports sessions for patients. One of the handball standouts is David Aaronowitz. Four-wallers Jim Bell of West Side Y, Manhattan, and Bill Maddox, Bronx Union Y, are hospitalized at this facility.

John O'Rourke, the Freeport, Nassau, boxing promoter, played Irish handball as a youth in County Cavan. Al Borthwick, for 50 years superintendent of Trinity Club in Brooklyn, now resides in Levittown, Nassau. Borthwick calls Bill Sakmann the greatest of all the Trinity champions. Sakmann, who also played four wall at the Chrysler building in Manhattan, won the Detroit national invitation four-wall singles title in 1917, and with Eddie Groden, his Trinity partner, took the doubles.

Maynard Hoffmann of the National A.C., Brooklyn, who a few years ago was president of the Ridgewood, Brooklyn-Queens Civic Association, now lives with his wife, Lida, in Lakewood, New Jersey. Cliff Egensteiner of Middle Village, Queens, was National A.C. prexy, with Jess Hoffman as chairman of the handball committee. Harold Hanft (now in Ft. Lauderdale) and Tony Raccaniello were the National's top one-wallers.

Prior to World War II the following were handball chairmen: Philip Levy and Murray Pargh, Trinity; Edward Wilson,

Prospect Park Y; Freddy Kniffen, Bedford Y; Barney Goldstein (now Miami Beach) and Fred Riessen, Brooklyn Central Y; Edward Brown, Brooklyn Navy Y; Fred Rothe and Dr. William Bagnall, New York A.C.; Roy Greenfield, Bensonhurst JCC; the late Arthur Wehrmann, Metropolitan AAU; Mike Howard, Grand Street Boy's Association; Irving Sheiber, East Flatbush JCC; Edward Thomas, Brooklyn Edison Club; Jerry Murphy, Downtown A.C., Manhattan; Artie Sieman, New York Port Authority; the late Lt. Jim Demilt, New York City Police Dept.; the late Arthur Kaiser, New York City Fire Dept.; Harold Bruck, brother of Richard, City A.C., Manhattan; Bernard Deutsch, West Side Y; John Hemmer, McBurney 23rd St. Y; Joe McGreal, Columbus Council, Knights of Columbus; Ernie Aaron, Union Temple; Denny Judge, Crescent-Hamilton Club; Sam Buxbaum, Wall Street League; Max Cohen, Paterson, N.J., YMHA; Ed Ederle, Newark Central Y; Sidney Katz, Elizabeth, N.J., Y; Percy Braunstein, Jamaica JCC; Leo Kagan, Richmond Hill, Queens, JCC; Edward Sutherland, Flushing Y; Jack Conway, Eastern District Y.

Handball directors included: Charles Dennis, New York Hippodrome; Ben Stohlzenberg, Scoville Beach Club; Michael Rosenberg, Brooklyn Park Dept.; Sol Levy, Williamsburgh YMHA; Bob Cubbon and Rene Kern, Brooklyn Central Y; Jack Brittain, Downtown A.C.; Lorin Mitchell, Prospect Park Y; Jimmy Kemp, City A.C.; John Hizer, Greenpoint Y; Freddy Seelbach, Highland Park Y; the late Herbert Dean, Jamaica Y; Al Borthwick, Trinity Club; Vic LuPau, Flushing Y; John Murray, Queens Lodge of Elks; George Fisher, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; the late Frank Egan, Crescent-Hamilton Club; John Thompson and Ivan Hoffman, Brooklyn Navy Y; Bill Phillips and Howard Anderson, Bedford Y; John Zimnoch, now of St. Petersburg, Union Temple; Jimmy Moskowitz and the late Sammy Schoenfeld, Brooklyn JCC; Al Steain, 92nd St. YMHA; Harry Goodman, Bensonhurst JCH; Jules Bender, H.E.S. of Brownsville; Jules Corpuel, Temple Beth El of Brooklyn; Murray Sachs, Ocean Parkway JCC; Arthur Wunderlich, Avenue R Temple, Brooklyn; George Friedman, East Midwood JCC of Brooklyn; Jim McNieve, Columbus Knights; John McCardell, West Side Y; Mike Ryan, Phil Casey's Irish Court of Brooklyn; Lt. Colonel Manny Klauser, Ravenhall A.C.; Paul Schem, Broad

Channel A.C.; George Davis, Castle Hill; Daniel Onerato, Steeplechase; Claire Bee and the late Jerry Drobos, Manhattan Beach; Allie Wolff and Wally Schaffer, Brighton Beach; Jack Seaman, Oriental Beach; Charley Wilson, Oceantide; Murray Wunderlich, Ostend Beach Club of Far Rockaway; Robert Johnson, Cypress Hills Pool, Brooklyn; Manny Jacobs, Parkway Baths; Charley Berman, Faragut Pool of Brooklyn; Ben Vitale, Washington Baths.

In 1940 Police Lieutenant Henry Herz annexed the Municipal one-wall singles tourney, sponsored by Mayor LaGuardia's Sports Committee, by defeating Fireman Bill Lauro in the finals at Central Park. Herz and Leo Manka, his Bedford Y teammate, were 1934 national AAU four-wall titlists.

The Brooklyn Beach courts of Parkway, Ravenhall, Steeplechase, Scoville, Washington and Oceantide have given way, mostly to new housing projects. On the site of Steeplechase, Coney Island, a large public playground with a battery of one-wall parapets is under construction. Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, is now a city-owned play-center with two sets of one-wall courts.

The first championship I covered was the New York State one-wall singles in 1930 at Trinity Club for the old Brooklyn Citizen, whose assistant sports editor, Lee Scott, is now road secretary for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Ben Yedlin of Riverhead, Long Island, won that tournament by vanquishing Jack Seaman. The following year Harold Grossman of Trinity gained the State award by conquering Irving Jacobs, former national champ, at Union Temple. Incidentally, the four-wall kingpin at Union Temple was Sam Berlowitz. The 1931 national one-wall diadem was won by Seymour Alexander, who beat Yedlin in the final round at the Level Club, West 73rd St., Manhattan. Yedlin and Seaman combined to sweep the doubles. In 1932 Dave Margolis, now of McBurney Y, won the U.S. one-wall singles over a star-studded field at Madison Square Garden.

Ready To Open . . .

Robert Leckie reports that his Sportsman's Club, first private recreational court facility of its kind in Northern New Jersey, is now ready for action. It is located on Tierney Road, a new street off the southbound lane of Route 15 near Tierney's Corner. Facilities include two standard four wall courts and two squash courts.

Famed English Essayist's Handball Irish Obit

Note: We are indebted to Dr. Stanley Rapaport of Casselberry, Florida, for "digging up" William Hazlitt's "On the Death of John Cavanagh. Hazlitt is the famed English essayist (1778-1830) and this is taken from his book, "Table Talk." Previously we used a portion of it along with an ACE cover reproduction of a one-wall painting (Sept. 1955). Dr. Rapaport writes, "I feel it succinctly epitomizes the basic philosophy of handball." We heartily concur.

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"Died at his house in Burbage-street, St. Giles's, John Cavanagh the famous hand-fives-player. When a person dies, who does any one thing better than any one else in the world, which so many others are trying to do well, it leaves a gap in society. It is not likely that any one will now see the game of fives played in its perfection for many years to come — for Cavanagh is dead, and has not left his peer behind him.

It may be said that there are things of more importance than striking a ball against a wall — there are things indeed which make more noise and do as little good, such as making war and peace, making speeches and answering them, making verses and blotting them; making money and throwing it away. But the game of fives is what no one despises who has ever played at it. It is the finest exercise for the body, and the best relaxation for the mind.

The Roman poet said that "Care mounted behind the horseman and stuck to his skirts." But this remark would not have applied to the fives-player. He who takes to playing at fives is twice young. He feels neither the past nor future "in the instant." Debts, taxes, "domestic treason, foreign levy, nothing can touch him further." He has no other wish, no other thought, from the moment the game begins, but that of striking the ball, of placing it, of *making it*! This Cavanagh was sure to do. Whenever he touched the ball, there was an end of the chase. His eye was certain, his hand fatal, his presence of mind complete. He could do what he pleased, and he always knew exactly what to do. He saw the whole game, and played it; took instant advantage of his adversary's weakness, and recovered the balls, as if by a miracle and from sudden thought, that every one gave for lost. He had equal power and skill, quickness and judgment. He could either out-wit his antagonist by finesse, or beat him by main strength. Sometimes, when he seemed preparing to send the ball with the full swing of his arm, he would by a slight turn of his wrist drop it within an inch of the line. In general, the ball came from his hand, as if from a racket, in a straight horizontal line; so that it was in vain to attempt to overtake or stop it.

As it was said of a great orator that he never was at a loss for a word, and for the properest word, so Cavanagh always could tell the degree of force necessary to be given to a ball, and the precise direction in which it should be sent. He did his work with the greatest ease; never took more mains than was necessary; and while others were fagging themselves to death, was as cool and collected as if he had just entered the court. His style of play was as remarkable as his power of execution. He had no affection, no trifling.

He did not throw away the game to show off an attitude, or try an experiment. He was a fine, sensible, manly player, who did what he could, but that was more than any one else could even affect to do. His blows were undecided and ineffectual — lumbering like Mr. Wordsworth's epic poetry, nor wavering like Mr. Coleridge's lyric prose, nor short of the mark like Mr. Brougham's speeches, nor wide of it like

Mr. Canning's wit, nor foul like the *Quarterly*, not *let* balls like the *Edinburgh Review*. Cobbett and Junius together would have made a Cavanagh. He was the best *up-hill* player in the world; even when his adversary was fourteen, he would play on the same or better, and as he never flung away the game through carelessness and conceit, he never gave it up through laziness or want of heart. The only peculiarity of his play was that he never *volleyed*, but let the balls hop; but if they rose an inch from the ground, he never missed having them. There was not only nobody equal, but nobody second to him. It is supposed that he could give any other player half the game, or beat him with his left hand.

His service was tremendous. He once played Woodward and Meredith together (two of the best players in England) in the Fives-court, St. Martin's-street, and made seven and twenty aces following by services alone — a thing unheard of. He another time played Peru, who was considered a first-rate fives-player, a match of the best out of five games, and in the three first games, which of course decided the match, Peru got only one ace. Cavanagh was an Irishman by birth, and a house-painter by profession. He had once laid aside his working-dress, and walked up, in his smartest clothes, to the Rosemary Branch to have an afternoon's pleasure. A person accosted him, and asked him if he would have a game. So they agreed to play for half-a-crown a game, and a bottle of cider.

The first game began — it was seven, eight, ten, thirteen, fourteen, all. Cavanagh won it. The next was the same. They played on, and each game was hardly contested. "There," said the unconscious fives-player, "there was a stroke that Cavanagh could not take: I never played better in my life, and yet I can't win a game. I don't know how it is." However, they played on, Cavanagh winning every game, and the bystanders drinking the cider, and laughing all the time. In the twelfth game, when Cavanagh was only four, and the stranger thirteen, a person came in, and said, "What! are you here, Cavanagh?" The words were no sooner pronounced than the astonished player let the ball drop from his hand, and saying, "What! have I been breaking my heart all this time to beat Cavanagh?" refused to make another effort. "And yet, I give you my word," said Cavanagh, telling the story with some triumph, "I played all the while with my clenched fist." —

He used frequently to play matches at Copenhagen-house for wagers and dinners. The wall against which they play is the same that supports the kitchen-chimney, and when the wall resounded louder than usual, the cooks exclaimed, "Those are the Irishman's balls," and the joints trembled on the spit! — Goldsmith consoled himself that there were places where he too was admired: and Cavanagh was the admiration of all the fives-courts, where he ever played. Mr. Powell, when he played matches in the Court in St. Martin's-street, used to fill his gallery at half a crown a head, with amateurs and admirers of talent in whatever department it is shown. He could not have shown himself in any ground in England, but he would have been immediately surrounded with inquisitive gazers, trying to find out in what part of his frame his unrivalled skill lay, as politicians wonder to see the balance of Europe suspended in Lord Castlereagh's face, and admire the trophies of the British Navy lurking under Mr. Croker's hanging brow.

Now Cavanagh was as good-looking a man as the Noble
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NATIONAL CHAMPION RECORDS

FOUR-WALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—1919-1950

Year	Held In	Single Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1919	Los Angeles	Bill Ranft	Los Angeles	Ranft-Lacey	Los Angeles
1920	Los Angeles	Max Gold	Los Angeles	Klawiter-Retzer	Los Angeles
1921	Detroit	Carl Haedge	St. Paul	Spiegel-Asselin	Detroit
1922	Milwaukee	Art Shinnery	Milwaukee	Laswell-Gold	Los Angeles
1923	St. Paul	Joe Murray	San Francisco	Bathey-Serrenberg	Detroit
1924	Los Angeles	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillan-Donovan	San Francisco
1925	Cleveland	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1926	St. Paul	Maynard Laswell	Los Angeles	McMillan-Donovan	San Francisco
1927	Detroit	George Nelson	Baltimore	Kamman-Dworman	Detroit
1928	Cleveland	Joe Griffin	Detroit	Kamman-Schaufelberger	Detroit
1929	New York	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-McMillan	San Francisco
1930	St. Louis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Banuet-Paynter	San Francisco
1931	Minneapolis	Al Banuet	San Francisco	Bathey-Dworman	Detroit
1932	New York	Angelo Trullio	New York	Trullio-Laswell	New York
1933	Chicago	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Goudreau-Eidsvick	Cleveland
1934	New York	Sam Atcheson	Memphis	Herz-Manka	New York
1935	Washington	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1936	Los Angeles	Joe Platak	Chicago	Berry-Gordon	Los Angeles
1937	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Platak-Weiller	Chicago
1938	Memphis	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1939	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1940	Detroit	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1941	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1942	San Francisco	Jack Clements	San Francisco	Gordon Goldsmith	Los Angeles
1943	San Francisco	Joe Platak	Chicago	Gordon-Smith	Los Angeles
1944	Chicago	Frank Coyle	New York	Platak-Quinn	Chicago
1945	Chicago	Joe Platak	Chicago	Atcheson-Detwiller	Memphis
1946	San Francisco	Angelo Trullio	New York	Coyle-Lintz	New York
1947	St. Louis	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Haber-Samson	New York
1948	Chicago	Gus Lewis	Los Angeles	Gluckler-Pahl	New York
1949	New York	Vic Hershkowitz	New York	Lewis-Haber	Chicago
1950	Chicago	Ken Schneider	Chicago	Coyle-Baier	Chicago

WINNERS OF NATIONAL SENIOR FOUR-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1951	Chicago	Walter Plekan	Buffalo	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1953	Houston	Bob Brady	San Francisco	Haber-Dreyfus	Chicago-St. Louis
1954	Chicago	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1955	Los Angeles	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1956	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Haber-Schneider	Chicago
1957	Dallas	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1958	Chicago	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1959	Los Angeles	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Collins	Chicago
1960	San Francisco	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Weisman	Los Angeles
1961	Denver	John Sloan	Chicago	Sloan-Hershowitz	Chicago-Brooklyn
1962	Houston	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1963	Seattle	Oscar Obert	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	Chicago
1964	St. Louis	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Sloan-Elbert	New York
1965	Austin	Jimmy Jacobs	New York	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1966	Salt Lake City	Paul Haber	San Jose	Tyson-Lindsay	Austin
1967	San Francisco	Paul Haber	San Francisco	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1968	St. Louis	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Jacobs-Decatur	New York
1969	Austin	Paul Haber	Chicago	Russo-Kramberg	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL MASTERS TOURNAMENT

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City	Singles	City
1952	Detroit	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1953	Houston	Laser-Kendler	Chicago		
1954	Chicago	Brotmarkle-Hackney	Los Angeles		
1955	Los Angeles	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1956	St. Louis	Shane-Boisseree	Los Angeles		
1957	Dallas	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1958	Chicago	Lubin-Haber	Miami-San Jose		
1959	Los Angeles	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1960	San Francisco	Brotmarkle-Feivou	Los Angeles		
1961	Denver	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1962	Houston	Coyle-Lewis	San Diego-Chicago		
1963	Seattle	Brady-Keays	San Francisco		
1964	St. Louis	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1965	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1966	Salt Lake City	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1967	San Francisco	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago		
1968	St. Louis	Brady-McGuire	San Francisco	Vic Hershkowitz	New York
1969	Austin	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago	Dr. John Scopis	Detroit

WINNERS OF NATIONAL THREE-WALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1950	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Not Held	New York
1951	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Gluckler-Lehrer	Chicago
1952	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Coyle-Baier	Chicago
1953	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Dressler-Collins	Chicago
1954	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Haber-Baier	Chicago
1955	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Los Angeles	Lewis-Collins	Chicago
1956	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Hershkowitz-Dreyfus	Brooklyn-St. Louis
1957	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1958	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Sloan-Brady	Chicago-San Francisco
1959	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1960	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1961	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	C. Danilczyk-J. Danilczyk	New York
1962	Detroit	Oscar Obert	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York-Chicago
1963	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York
1964	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1965	Detroit	Carl Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1966	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York
1967	Detroit	Carl Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1968	Detroit	Marty Decatur	New York	Decatur-Russo	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL THREE-WALL MASTERS TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City
1959	Detroit	Coyle-Lewis	Chicago
1960	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1961	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1962	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1963	Detroit	Hershkovitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1964	Detroit	Dreyfus-McGreevy	St. Louis
1965	Detroit	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago
1966	Detroit	Schneider-Lewis	Chicago
1967	Detroit	Scopis-August	Detroit
1968	Detroit	Gluck-Maier	New York
1969	Detroit	Scopis-Golden	Detroit

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1959	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1960	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1961	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Ken Davidoff	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	O. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	Norvid-J. Danilczyk	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Oscar Obert	New York	Ulrich-Holmes	Brooklyn
1966	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	J. Danilczyk-Reyer	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	C. Obert-R. Obert	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Steve Sandler	New York	Russo-Wisotsky	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL MASTERS TOURNAMENTS

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1960	Brooklyn	Rosenblat-Valenstein	Brooklyn
1961	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1962	Brooklyn	Valenstein-Selbst	Brooklyn
1963	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1964	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-Silverstein	New York
1965	Brooklyn	Goldstein-Dayboch	New York
1966	Brooklyn	Potofsky-Selbst	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Russell-Selbst	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Hershkovitz-C. Danilczyk	New York
1969	Brooklyn	Schifter-Goldstein	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL INVITATIONAL SINGLES TOP SIXTEEN CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN

1969	Birmingham	Paul Haber	Chicago	Lou Russo	New York
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WINNERS OF NATIONAL ONE-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1961	Brooklyn	Winfield Ballance	Brooklyn
1962	Brooklyn	Louis Russo	New York
1963	Brooklyn	Harry Spurdis	Brooklyn
1964	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1965	Brooklyn	Walter Ulbrich	Brooklyn
1966	Brooklyn	Luis Rodriguez	New York
1967	Brooklyn	Wes Yee	New York
1968	Brooklyn	Mark Levine	New York
1969	Birmingham	Mark Levine	New York

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL JUNIOR SINGLES

Year	Held In	Winners	City
1956	Chicago	(Under 19) Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1957	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1958	Aurora	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1959	Chicago	Lance Zepp	Buffalo
1960	Aurora	Louis Russo	New York
1961	Aurora	Steve August	Detroit
1962	New York	Louis Russo	New York
1963	Austin, Texas	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1964	San Diego	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago
1965	Miami	Joel Galpern	Miami Beach
1966	Salt Lake City	Larry August	Detroit
1967	Tulsa	Tom Kopaytic	Milwaukee
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Steve Lott	New York
1969	St. Louis	Jeff Barnes	Birmingham
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	(under 16) Rick Christian	Van Nuys, Calif.
1966	Salt Lake City	(under 17) Wes Yee	New York
1967	Tulsa	Mitchell Straus	New York
1968	Lake Forest, Ill.	Gary Straus	New York
1969	St. Louis	Ted Yvelson	St. Louis
1969	St. Louis	(under 15) Steve Adelman	St. Louis

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENDERS

Year	Held In	Singles Winners	City	Doubles Winners	City
1964	Milwaukee	Dave Graybill	Phoenix	Fein-White	Milwaukee
1965	Benton Harbor	Stuffy Singer	Los Angeles	Gordon-McDonald	Chicago
1966	St. Louis	Dennis Hofflander	Chicago	Brownfield-Perez	Chicago
1967	Denver	Bill Yambrick	St. Paul	Carlsen-Barney	Denver
1968	Seattle	Dr. Claude Benham	Norfolk, Va.	Haber-Morlos	Milwaukee-L.A.

WINNERS OF NATIONAL FOUR-WALL CONTENDERS MASTERS

Year	Held In	Doubles Winners	City
1967	Denver	Weisman-Torgove	Los Angeles-Denver
1968	Seattle	Schoning-Inglesby	Portland

Kirby Wins Mardi Gras Singles . . .

Lott-Lewis 'Kids' Doubles Win Spotlights

By MANUEL SALA

The Fifth Mardi Gras Invitational Handball tournament was another smashing success, filled with great play and many surprises. Pat Kirby returned after an absence of three years to become the first player to win the singles title twice. Kirby served notice that he will be one of the favorites at the March USHA National Championships in Los Angeles. Pat, always a favorite in New Orleans, never looked better as he fought his way to the throne by eliminating Ernie Wyatt, Oklahoma City; Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul; Dr. Steve August, Los Angeles, and fellow New Yorker, Marty Decatur.

On the first day all the matches went according to form. Top seed, Billy Yambrick, struggled to a first round win over Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport, 21-9, 21-14, and Gary Rohrer had an easier time than expected against Jack Walsh, New York, 21-9, 21-15. August downed Jim Taylor of Green Bay Packer and New Orleans Saints football fame 21-4, 21-4. This was Taylor's first tournament match and it should be pointed out that he gave a very creditable account of himself against one of the top players in the game. Other first round winners were Kirby over Wyatt 21-6, 21-6; Stuffy Singer over Mike Gubin, St. Louis, 21-1, 21-8; Lou Russo over J. B. Blanchard, New Orleans A.C. 21-4, 21-15; Terry Muck over Dave Flettrich, New Orleans A.C., 21-8, 21-2; and Marty Decatur over Dr. Jim Tanner, Birmingham, 21-5, 21-1.

The first match of the second round provided the first upset as August bumped Yambrick 21-17 in a hard fought first game than blasted his way home 21-7 in the second. Yambrick played a retrieving game and in the end August would get a shot for the kill which he consistently put away. August kept Yambrick on the defense throughout the entire match. Rohrer stayed even with Kirby for the first 12 points of their first game. Then the ultimate champ ran away to win 21-12. In the second game Rohrer gave a 110 per cent effort to "gut" out a 21-20 win. But Kirby fired back in the third game, lowering the boom 21-3. The stylish Singer, and Russo, holder of all three national doubles titles, battled down to the wire in their first game before Russo could pull it out 21-18. Singer's all around play proved too much for the kill conscious Russo in the next two games as Singer won 21-7, 21-13. Decatur had a tiger by the tail in Muck. Although Decatur won in two 21-17, 21-18 either game could have gone either way. Muck's blinding speed and two handed

kills kept the spectators glued to the rail. Decatur had to pull out all the stops to win. The difference in the end appeared to be the big serve.

Kirby Over Dr. August

In the semi-finals Kirby downed a brilliant August in the first game 21-20. Although trailing 18-21 Kirby never seemed ruffled as he ended the game with three straight kills. Kirby can never be accused of being gunshy. Kirby continued to use the Z serve to August's left and occasionally drove a blistering serve down the right side for an ace. He kept August on the move with his patented "Irish Whip" with both hands giving August a minimum of right hand shots. Kirby saw an early 9-0 lead wiped out in the second game as August knotted the count 9-9. But from this point Kirby pulled steadily away to win 21-13. The greatest singles match of the tourney was the semi-finals match between Decatur and Singer. This grueling encounter lasted a little over three hours. In the first game Singer appeared to be coasting to a win as he built a comfortable 16-5 lead. Decatur showing tremendous determination, refused to concede. Fighting an uphill battle he finally tied the score at 20-all. The last point was scored after one of those sensational volleys that the average handball buff seldom ever witnesses. Decatur going for broke ended the game with a kill to the right corner.

The second game was nip and tuck all the way. Singer moved Marty around with both ceiling and high around the wall shots. Singer salvaged the game, scoring a 21-19 win. Stuffy blasted out at the start of the deciding game by taking a 13-3 advantage. This turned out to be a repeat of the first outing, Decatur fighting from behind, catching Singer at the wire, and in another fantastic volley putting the ball away for game and match 21-19.

In the finals, Decatur looked flat against Kirby. He was not bottom-boarding his kills and his low hard serve was consistently short. By comparison, Kirby seemed fresh throughout the match. Kirby's tactics were the same as against August, Z serve to the left mixed with a few blasts straight down the right. Decatur gave another supreme effort but the outcome seemed never in doubt after they reached midway through the first game. Kirby's variety of shots at different speeds left everyone spellbound.

FIRST GAME:

Decatur 1 1 3 2 0 2 0 1 2 1 0 0 3 - 16

Kirby 2 1 5 0 2 1 1 0 1 4 1 2 1 - 21

SECOND GAME:

Kirby

3 0 1 2 3 1 1 2 1 1 2 0 0 2 2 - 21

Decatur

0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 5 1 1 x - 11

New York "Kids" Arrive

In the first round of doubles there were no surprises as all the favorites won in straight games. McGreevy-Alexander, St. Louis, defeated Nuckley-McPherson, New Orleans A.C., 21-7, 21-3; Price-Persenaire, Houston, defeated Vogel-Sala, New Orleans A.C., 21-16, 21-15; Fusselman-Fenton, Warren, Ohio, defeated Terrell-Powe, Jackson, Miss. 21-10, 21-9; Haber-Annoreno, Chicago, defeated Mattingly-Frentzos, New Orleans "Y", 21-6, 21-12; Sandland-Kelly of Long Beach defeated James-Dr. Slack, Keesler Air Force, Miss. 21-3, 21-8; Upatnieks-Koenig, Chicago, defeated Stevens-Morgan, Jackson, Miss., 21-17, 21-20; Lewis-Lott, Miami and New York, defeated Villars-Foto, New Orleans, A.C., 21-10, 21-16; and Lindsay-Tyson, Amarillo and Austin defeated Potter-York, Houston, 21-12, 21-7.

Opening the second round Frank Price and Ken Persenaire pulled the first upset by unseating the defending champions, Bill McGreevy-George Alexander. Price-Persenaire came from behind 18-20 in the first game to win 21-20. The defending champs roared back like lions to crush their opponents 21-4, but they went out like lambs losing the deciding game 21-1. Paul Haber-Jim Annoreno dropped the first game 17-21 to Kent Fusselman-George Fenton but Haber, who elected to play doubles rather than defend his 1969 Mardi Gras singles championship, took control in the next two games winning 21-14, 21-14. Andy Upatnieks-Bob Koenig gave Mel Sandland and Matt Kelly a good fight for three games before losing 21-11, 6-21, 21-10. The young team of Fred Lewis and Steve Lott dropped a bomb by ousting the 1966 National USHA Champions, Bob Lindsay and Pete Tyson. The cinderella team lost the first game to the favorites 14-21. Midway through the second game the youngsters caught fire and won the game going away 21-13. In the third game with the score 2-3 against his team Fred Lewis had an amazing hot streak as he ran 15 straight points, breaking the game wide open. The final score, 21-6.

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Sharon, Pa., Buhl Club Will Have Five Standard Courts

By ABE RUDBERG
President, Buhl Directors

Handball is taking on a greater dimension at the F. H. Buhl Club, Sharon, Pa. The new dimension is the result of a concerted effort by the handball players to finance the building of three new courts.

When completed, the Sharon Buhl Club will have five handball courts.

Construction on the new courts has begun and completion date is targeted for 60 days from the beginning of construction.

Handball players are a special breed of humanity.

They Will Pay the Bills

The Buhl Club handballers fit into this category very nicely. They are footing the financial bill for the three new courts now being installed, and they are doing it willingly and yes, even eagerly, to relieve the pressure on the present two courts.

The Buhl Club found itself unable to meet the financial demand for building the new courts, so the handballers stepped in, and raised the necessary funds, soliciting pledges from their own members.

They are eagerly awaiting the completion of their "impossible dream," started something like a year ago when it became apparent financial help was necessary.

Financial Program Complete Success

The financial program has been termed by officials a "complete success," with members pledging the entire amount necessary for building the courts.

Handball has a history of increased activity at the club. Started 50 years ago on one court, stuck in the back of the Buhl Club, out of everyone's way, handball has progressed and increased in popularity, keeping stride with the increased popularity of the sport throughout the nation.

The first Buhl Club court had a low ceiling and rounded corners on the back wall. One could watch the play by climbing a ladder onto a platform which held four people.

Bruising Competition Featured Play

Play was featured by bruising competition by fellows like Bill Brosie, Al Isenberg, Howard Gilmore, George Seech, Mickey Mihalko, and M. "Morey" Morisue.

During the formative years, play increased slowly. During the early 1940s, approximately 25-30 players took part. Leo C. Winger reigned as the club champion.

Some of these early 1940 participants are still active in the handball players association. They include Winger, Jim Baldwin, Amedeo DiNardo, Bob Lilly, Jim Fekete, Abe Rudberg, Don Godfrey, Jack Godfrey, Henry Evans, Bob Wiley, Frank Sherwood, Mickey Mihalko, and Emerson Perrine.

There are others, too, who participated in the fierce action and have continued their interest in the sport.

Popularity Continued to Rise

Handball popularity continued its rise through the 1950s and the first grumblings about the need of more courts were heard. It was extremely difficult to obtain playing time on the court during the "rush" hours.

It was apparent that new and better facilities were needed.

Through the efforts of Henry Evans, Leo C. Winger and a few other dedicated players, two more courts were installed at a nominal cost, and the old "dungeon" abandoned to the weightlifters.

Spectator Space Also Increased

Spectator space was also increased, thus making it possible for about 40 persons to watch the spirited matches. The addition of the courts was completed about 1960, opening the way for increased competition and more players.

The addition of the new courts brought immediate action, the number of players increasing to nearly 100 in the first couple of years. Their number has increased steadily since, and, at present, about 150 active players take part in the competition.

More players are eager to enroll, but the number has been limited because of the limited facilities at the club. Not being able to obtain courts has discouraged many others.

Lack of Playing Facilities

Grumbling about the lack of playing facilities increased over the past couple of years and the need for more courts was pointed out time and again.

The handball players formed a committee headed by James Black and Harley Gilliland to investigate the possibilities of building new courts.

The Buhl Club was expanding its facilities with a new indoor swimming pool and gymnasium at a cost of \$729,000. This expansion program provided space for new courts in the old gymnasium area of the Buhl Club.

Raised the Necessary Funds

Handball players began developing ideas, plans, and finally drawings of new handball courts. All was moving well until finances were brought up. The Buhl Club directors pointed out money was not available at the present time for the new courts.

The handball players then elected to begin a campaign to raise the necessary money for the courts. They pledged the financial support necessary, totaling \$33,500 for the new courts.

When the new courts are completed, it is estimated 150 players will be able to participate in the sport on a regular basis.

The handball committee has worked long and hard and extends its gratitude to all who have made it possible to complete the "impossible dream."

Fusselman Repeats Youngstown Singles

Kent Fusselman exercises a type of ownership when it comes to the popular Youngstown YMCA singles 4-wall championship. For four years running the "Warren Whiz" has traveled to Youngstown to dominate the action and return home a winner. Fusselman defeated perennial runnerup, Jack Godfrey, 21-15, 21-7, in the final round. The annual championship was held Dec. 12-13.

Fusselman eliminated Al Pomponio 21-13, 21-12 in semi action, while Godfrey disposed Chuck Sammarone (a name to watch) 21-15, 21-8.

Tournament officials were pleased with a turn-out of 38 despite severe snow conditions. "Denny" Ruble, Y physical director, was cited by the handball committee for a fine job of organization and running of the tournament.

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Dick Weisman Wins So. Calif. 54-player Masters Singles

By MARTY SINGER
President, Southern California
Handball Association

Dick Weisman, of the host Encino Health Club, ran roughshod over the largest field ever to play in a Master's singles tournament.

Fifty-four — that's right — 54 (no misprint) players over 40 participated in our SCHA competition at the Encino Health Club, Jan. 10-16.

A "well" Weisman blew through the group like they were novices. A trick knee, bad back, and pinched neck nerve all behaved nicely throughout the week. However, had the action lasted one more day this story probably would have a different ending. Dick's left knee had blown to unbelievable proportions by the end of the final game. No player scored more than 14 points in any game against Weisman and only Irv Simon, Hollywood Y, could score as many as 26 in two games (semi finals).

Marv Gurian, Pasadena Y, was the final round opponent and although he gave it the big effort he couldn't press Weisman seriously, losing 21-10, 21-14.

This was Dick's big week and we have never seen him perform better . . . he was truly a master. Never has there been a more physical and closely-fought tourney. The form charts meant nothing and the seeds were being uprooted in early rounds. The attitude of the players seemed to be, "We don't care what your name is, or how good you were last year. How good are you today?"

The upsets started in the second round when a newcomer to the tournament trail, Bob Hendley, Riverside Y, ingloriously dumped LAAC's Bill Feivou, long an outstanding vet in this area and No. 2 seed, Bob literally ran Feivou into the ground, reminding me of Dr. Claude Benham; a big league back wall game and an explosive right hand. If he could get to the ball with his right he would shoot. He doesn't have the knowledge of the court that the good Dr. Benham has, but physically and off the back wall he was most impressive. In fact, he shot so much, that we are sure that when Bob Davidson sees him, he'll claim him as "one of my boys."

Upsets continued so that by the quarter finals only two seeded players were left — Weisman, No. 3, and Simon, No. 7. Along the way, Ted Seidman, Hollywood Y, eliminated No. 5 Vito Maggi-

pinto, national Fire Department Masters doubles champ and many time singles titlist of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Dick Datome, also Hollywood Y, made a splendid come-from-behind run, down 2-13, to collar Bill Badham, LAAC, who just a month previous, had won our State Master singles.

Marv Gurian, Pasadena Y, played his usual strong running game to down No. 8 Al Rothenberg, Pacific Coast Club in three tough ones. Nick Alex, Pomona Y, played a heady and strong game to defeat No. 1 Alex Boisseree. Dick played exceptionally well, although we must say that Boisseree had a bone bruise on his left hand that dropped him far below his usual game. Nick must have left most of his strength with Alex because he fell an easy victim to Gurian the next day.

Another upset deserves a paragraph of its own. It is about one of the nicest guys and hardest workers in the Southern California area. He participates and helps administrate in all our tournaments. He, along with Byron Ishkanian and Stan Mendes of Santa Barbara are responsible for the success of the Semana Nautica 4th of July tournament. In just two years these guys took a small local tournament and developed it into a capacity draw of 164 players. This hero is Ted Hilgenstuhler, Hollywood Y. Ted defeated Charlie Johnson, No. 6 seed, of the Los Angeles Fire Department, 20-21, 21-19, 21-19. When the draw was made Ted bewailed his fate, crying, "Charlie Johnson again. He beat me twice in the interclub and in the State. Why can't I be bracketed to lose to someone else?" The games were fantastic, Johnson running and retrieving like a 20-year-old and Ted shooting with both hands as though his very life hinged on the success of each shot. Never did more than two points separate the players and at no time was it possible to predict a winner. Needless to say, the next day Hilgenstuhler went down the drain to Weisman — but who cared.

The tournament was one of the most interesting ones we've ever witnessed and personal appreciation and thanks go to Joe Froman, Encino Health Club manager for his hospitality; Al Gracio, floor manager, who makes it all look so simple; Club handball commissioner, Syd Fields; and guys like Milt Sachson, Al Gold, Ruby Libman for the hours they gave us as referees.

McGreevy Jr. Wins K.C.

The twenty-third annual "Handball-esta" was held at the KCAC, Dec. 5-7. More than 50 handball players participated, representing such cities as Des Moines, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Dallas, and Atlanta.

Twenty-year-old Bill McGreevy Jr., of St. Louis took the singles crown over a tiring Aaron Fenster, also of St. Louis, 8-21, 21-10, 21-1. One of the best matches in singles was McGreevy's semi-final win over Dick Stanfield, St. Louis, 21-20 in the third game. Ed Babich, Kansas City, defeated Stanfield for third place 21-10, 21-11. McGreevy displayed an overpowering assortment of shots and should be heard from in the near future in national singles competition.

The perennial doubles champions — Dr. Stan London-Al Goldstein, St. Louis, retained their crown with a three-game win over George Alexander-Gene Kuehner, St. Louis, 16-21, 21-1, 21-13. It appeared early that an upset might occur but London-Goldstein were a bit steadier and their shooting percentage was better.

This is the second year in which competition has been held in Masters doubles. Bill McGreevy Sr.-Sid Kleg, St. Louis, repeated as champions with a 21-12, 21-18 win over Chuck Harris-Sol Urdang, Kansas City.

The "Handballesta," always held the first weekend in December, was enjoyed by all. After the matches Saturday a party was held for contestants, sponsors, and their ladies. Paul Quigley, Paul Quirk, and John Gilmore recited handball stories to all who would listen.

Sioux City Invite

The Sioux City, Iowa YMCA Hinder Club has scheduled a 13th Siouxland Invitational for April 3-5, 1970.

The Invitational is limited to a 16-man field with the city champion being the only one allowed from Sioux City to participate in this tournament. The Hinder Club will reserve the right, as in previous years, to choose whom the feel are the top 15 out-of-town contestants that have entered to participate. The following is a list of the champions for the past 12 years:

1958 — Dick Landon, Minneapolis; 1959 — Paul Nissen, Cedar Rapids; 1960 — John Gregory, Omaha; 1961 — Jim Madden, Omaha; 1962 — Bob Brown, Sioux Falls; 1963 — Bill Yambrick, St. Paul; 1964 — Bill Yambrick, St. Paul; 1965 — Bill Yambrick, St. Paul; 1966 — Gary Rohrer, St. Paul; 1967 — Paul Schulz, St. Paul; 1968 — Terry Muck, St. Paul; 1969 — Gary Rohrer, St. Paul.

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F. J. LUCIA

From the Stove Pipe . . .

Dear Mort:

I want to commend and congratulate you and ACE for your fine magazine. Our many customers enjoy it and read each issue with interest.

We had a lad, Sam Caiazza, who played in your international racquetball tournament last year and he praised the host city of St. Louis and the committee. He also enjoys ACE and we encourage others to read its entire contents. Keep up the good work on a job well done — by ACE — good writers — and editors.

Yours in sports,

Pete "Figo" Carvella

NOTE: "Figo" has some imposing titles: Racquetball commissioner, promoter, Pittsburgh Pirates' scout . . . Kids Inc. publicity director . . . proprietor of Central Barber Shop . . . all sports headquarters at 19 S. Jefferson St., New Castle, Pa.

Recognize Benham . . .

Dear Mort:

Ace magazine came and it is good to know that you all finally realize who Claude Benham is.

Sidney Smel
Norfolk, Va.

World-Wide Fraternity . . .

Dear Bob:

I have just devoured the Oct. issue of ACE, sent to me from home, and now find that I cannot delay any longer in commending you and your efforts in promoting the sport and all that it stands for. I have been in the Army since Sept., 1968, and in Germany for the past 8 months.

I can honestly say that handball has enabled me to make the Army a meaningful experience. Since last Sept. I have played handball in Georgia (Fort Gordon and Atlanta), Indiana, Ohio, New York, California, Boston, and Germany. I can go anywhere in the world (as evidenced by the letter you published from Vietnam) and make friends immediately. One of the most rewarding periods of my life came as a result of being stationed in Indiana for four months.

Through handball I was introduced to Vince Desmond and his wife, Judy. Throughout my stay in Indianapolis they provided me with a home and we traveled to various courts in Indiana — playing in tournaments in South Bend (beautiful YMCA and a model for those planning building programs), Indianapolis, and Columbus. I even managed to visit Notre Dame, Kokomo, the Speedway in Indianapolis, with this fine couple and their family as well as to be introduced to frog legs — which became my favorite meal. I was accepted as a friend by the members of the Businessmen's Club at the YMCA, which boasts such members as Ray Elliott, Judge Frank Harlor, Ben Delancy, Fred Dorman and Vince Desmond. All are avid handballers and fine men.

At a fine USHA tournament I competed with and enjoyed a fine banquet meal with Larry August (who won a trip to the nationals) Commissioner Dave Roth, Randy Essel, Bruce McCormick and the members and staff of the host Columbus, Ohio, YMCA.

I learned the game while a student in Boston, where I lived and taught school for four years. My first instructor was Mike Silver, whose son Marty is our hope for national status. Marty and I have driven many miles in order to play in tournaments all over the New England States and New York. I have had hundreds of games with fine players such as those who played Paul Haber during his Boston appearance, Richie Dahill, Jimbo Daly, Jim Concannon, Mike Sheeran, Sal Paterna, etc. I consider them my friends in more than just handball and you could not wish for finer friends or handball partners. "L" St. and the Boston Y are home to me. My current handball wardrobe consists of shirts from both and I wear them proudly wherever I play. I enjoyed the letters concerning Paul Haber's visit to Boston very much.

Ironically enough, I received my magazine the same day that the current Sports Illustrated arrived, with its story about Paul. He must really be something — hope to see him play. I saw and played in a USHA Regional tournament in New Jersey two years ago and the winners were Pat Kirby in the singles and Jim Jacobs and Lou Kramberg in the

doubles. I would love to see Paul and Pat or any combination of Jacobs, Kirby, or Haber play singles.

The handball situation here in Germany is rather sad in terms of playing on decent courts. The Army is missing a fine opportunity by not providing better athletic facilities for the men stationed here. I drive to Heidelberg or Sembach Air Force Base to play and both require a 40 minute drive. Heidelberg has one court and Sembach two, with racquetball and handball popular at both locations. I understand that there is a Yee of the New York Yee family who is assigned handball duty and has even managed to build a court in Baumholder, Germany. He is the current European Army champ — sorry that I have not been able to play him.

I am presently awaiting direct commission orders that will send me back to the States as an officer in the Medical Service Corps. I hope to be playing at home before Xmas. Apparently I will be scheduled to attend an 8-week school in Texas and I am looking forward to playing there, as well as any place I may be stationed. The life of beer and schnitzel has taken its toll and I am counting on my favorite sport to return to playing shape soon.

Once again, let me thank you on behalf of the many players who feel that you have done a tremendous job and to whom you are "Mr. Handball." I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you when I return and to be in next October's issue of ACE by virtue of having participated in the Detroit tournament or one of the many other USHA-sponsored tournaments. My best to you and your family during the holidays and I wish you continued success and many enjoyable handball games.

Gerry Lozeau
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Regina, Sask.

After a week of activity, some upsets, a few squeakers, and the occasional marathon game, the winner of the annual singles was Stan Fisher. Fisher was the No. 1 seed in the 31 player tournament, and the defending champion. The semi-finals — Fisher over Jack Potter, 21-20, 21-15; Jack Seed over Jim Ray, 21-16, 19-21, 21-8. It was undoubtedly the largest entry to date for this particular tournament. The entry list was exactly 50% of the club's membership. Not bad for only two courts that have to be shared with the racquetball players and the squash players.

Players are running in the gym, lifting a few weights, playing a lot of singles — doubles, and shooting with both barrels when in the court. The enthusiasm is even breaking into the official's corner with more and more ladder games being officiated.

In memory of M. K. "Andy" Anderson

Ray Mangold

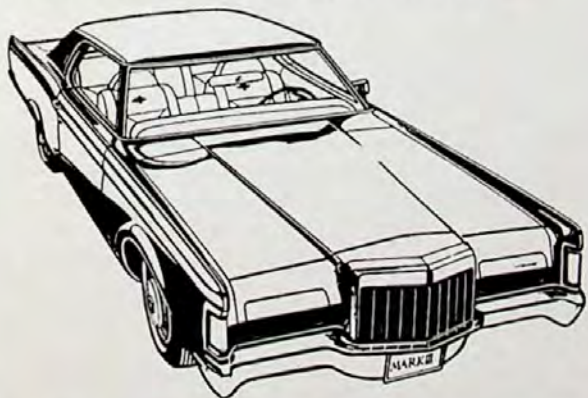
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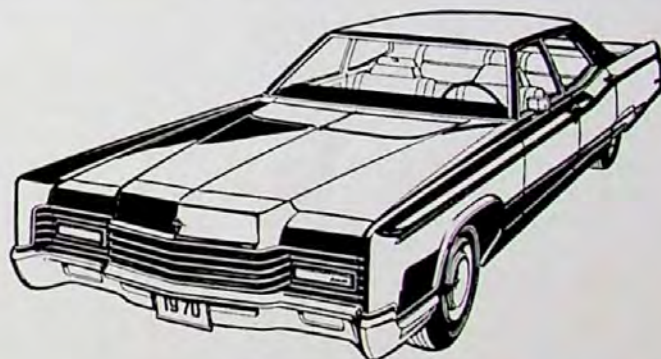
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Mardi Gras

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In the semi-finals Haber-Annoreno once again lost the first game, this time it was 16-21 against Price-Persenaire. Haber came through for a second time by taking command, carrying his team to victory 21-6, 21-10. In the other semi-finals match the "Kids", Lewis-Lott, added the scalps of Sandland-Kelly to their collection. Sandland-Kelly were the second place winners at the 1969 National USHA tournament. This was a great accomplishment for the two youngsters. But Sandland-Kelly did not roll over and play dead. It took three hours of "blood and sweat" before Lewis-Lott could claim the victory, 21-15, 19-21, 21-20.

The doubles finals proved to be anticlimatic as Lewis-Lott dominated Haber-Annoreno from the start. It was obvious that Lewis-Lott were hungry for the title and would not choke after coming so far. Haber at times lost his composure while the winners stayed cool throughout the entire match. Lewis-Lott won the first game 21-10, then routed Haber-Annoreno in the second 21-4.

FIRST GAME:

Haber-Annoreno	0 0 0 4 3 2 0 1-10
Lewis-Lott	0 1 2 4 2 0 6 6-21

SECOND GAME:

Lewis-Lott	5 3 8 1 4-21
Haber-Annoreno	0 1 0 3 x-4

All in all the final results in the 1970 Mardi Gras Tournament must be considered as an accolade for New York, the 92nd Street YMHA, and Bob Davidson. Kirby, Decatur, Lewis and Lott either play for the YMHA or have represented this club in the past. All have received the benefit of Davidson's coaching. Fred Lewis and Steve Lott, particularly, were high in their praise for Bob's analysis of the game and for the help he has given them.

The consolation winners were Dr. Cecil Lloyd in singles and Barnes-Galpern of the University of Texas, a substitute doubles team. Lloyd defeated Jim Taylor, Jackie Walsh and Mike Gubin. Barnes-Galpern whipped Nuckley-McPherson, Terrell-Powe, and Stevens-Morgan.

Loop Films

Athletic Institute of Chicago, sponsored by national sporting goods manufacturers to promote sports, recently completed a handball instructional film, produced at the University of Texas. Paul Haber and Pete Tyson were the headliners in this "loop" film production. This type of film affords stop action and is very practical in the teaching of the sport. Further information on its availability will be given in the next issue of ACE.



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TOLEDO HOSTS FIRST LICHTENWAGNER MEMORIAL

Toledo Central YMCA hosted the First Lichtenwagner Tournament Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in memory of one of Toledo's most loyal and ardent handball enthusiasts. Frank, who was 68 and a retired District Fire Chief, passed away in the handball court after an upset victory in the first game of his class B league match. A former class A player, Frank had offered faithful support to any handball activities held in the Toledo area, including and serving on the championship committee for the 1965 YMCA Nationals.

This tournament was deemed a success by Chairman Val Daiga as 22 singles entries and nine doubles teams from Dayton, Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Findlay, Toledo, Erie, and Toronto made appearances. A two-hour officials' clinic was conducted the week of the tourney by George Miller, Sr., to review, refresh, and coordinate the interpretation of rules so as to offer the best officiating possible. As a result all matches were played as scheduled and no delays were encountered due to lack of officials.

In singles play George Miller, Jr., Toledo, defeated Bruce McCormick, Dayton, in a three-game masterpiece 21-11, 3-21, 21-17. In the first game Miller gained an early lead only to have McCormick even it up at seven all. As play continued the score moved to 13-11. At this point Miller displayed an awesome barrage of shots from all over the court. Killing and passing everything that came near, he ran out the game at 21-11.

The second game, however was all McCormick. Bruce consistently moved the ball around the court, forcing Miller into mistakes. In an effort to win two, George began to shoot too hard and too close and thus allowed McCormick to gain an insurmountable lead. At 16-3, Miller in a stage of near exhaustion, appeared to give up to the well-conditioned McCormick. Bruce eventually won 21-3.

After the rest the third game was to be a real donnybrook. McCormick broke on top, but Miller evened the score at 8-8. The lead see-sawed back and forth to 11-11, when Miller again shot several bombs, complemented by some mistakes by McCormick to gain a 20-13 advantage. The effort had taken its toll, however and again McCormick shot back into contention, this time on Miller's mistakes, at 20-17. After a tough decision on a Miller kill shot (whether or not it had skipped in) the game ended on a fine corner kill shot 21-17. Both players had exerted a total physical effort and each had displayed a fine variety of skills.

In gaining a final round berth Miller had defeated Tom Lawrence, Findlay, (21-6), (21-10), John O'Shochi, Cleveland, (21-13), (21-9) and Barry Leech, Toronto, (21-7), (21-19). McCormick disposed of Don Harpster, Toledo, (21-6), (21-13), Cal Christensen, Toledo, (21-6), (21-8), and Frank Cox, Cleveland, (21-17), (21-10).

In doubles Vern Roberts, Sr., and George Coleman, Cincinnati, nipped
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a photograph and blueprints of the two Handball courts presently under construction here in Bogota (at Colegio Nueva Granada, a private bi-national High School).

These will be the only courts in the country and I feel it is quite an occasion; since my college days (R.P.I. '52) I have tried unsuccessfully to start a Handball Club in Bogota. Finally C.N.G. has taken the step, which undoubtedly will benefit many of their students (and incidentally some of us parents!).

The courts adjoin 2½ tennis courts; thus, the north wall will be used for tennis practice. Construction is quite solid and follows your standard size specs. There will be a small vestier with showers, etc. in front, and a gallery on the second floor. Clay (solid and hollow) tile has been used, with mortar wall finish and wooden floor, plus a hung horizontal ceiling.

Even though the courts belong to C.N.G., I am sure a game can be arranged for any U.S.H.A. members that visit Bogota; we certainly need their advice and hints: as far as I know, we will have to "play it by ear" until the boys learn the rules and rudimentary principles; how about giving us a push, Bob?

ANTONIO PAEZ - RESTREPO
Bogota, Colombia

Vietnam Exhibition???

I can't tell you how much I enjoy reading ACE, and to top it all off it looks like you have found me some competition in Vietnam. If you could pass my name to Jim Costello (Oct. issue) I will be looking for him in our court at Cam Ranh Bay (standard size court). I fly the C-130 out of Cam Ranh and he can reach me at 130 operations. My home station is Clark AB in the Philippines, with about half of my time being spent in Vietnam.

We have two standard size courts at Clark and I have played in two standard size courts at Tan Son Nhut (Saigon). MACV (Saigon) has four courts (about 36 feet) without a ceiling. Danang and Nha Trang also have courts as many other bases do. I will try to check out the courts on my next shuttle.

Finally, getting to the main reason I am writing: How about a clinic for the troops in this part of the world? Bill Yambrick writes: "I will be available for clinics in the East or Southeast". How far Southeast, Bill? We have had the Davis Cup team, football players, basketball stars, baseball stars and I even saw Miss America at Cam Ranh a few months ago, but never Paul Haber, or Bill Yambrick. Yet, we have more personnel participating in handball than any other single sport. The troops all love the sport and we could sure use some pointers.

The past four years I had the opportunity to play handball in the Lincoln, Nebraska YMCA and briefly at the Nashville YMCA when learning to fly the C-130 (won a turkey tournament in Nashville) and I found the level of competition so superior in the YMCA's I would hope a series of clinics would improve our game. How about it??? We would love to meet OUR stars.

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Benham Again Over Lewis in South; Wood-McCullock Capture Open Doubles

The USHA South Division tournament played on the Charlotte, N.C. Central YMCA's fine courts Jan. 20-Feb. 1 attracted 97 players, including 53 entries in singles.

Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Va., defeated USHA National Intercollegiate champion Fred Lewis, Miami, 21-8, 21-5 for the singles title. Benham defeated Jay Rowe, Richmond, 21-12, 21-13 to gain the finals. Lewis, playing superbly, eliminated Ernie Ortiz, 21-11, 21-1 to set the state for what looked like a real humdinger of a finals.

Dr. Benham has been amazing the galleries with his flat right hand kills for three days but the spectators were wondering if he could continue his phenomenal accuracy against the young and talented Lewis. Benham didn't keep the gallery in suspense very long. He won the toss and immediately made two right hand corner kills in the first inning and kept the pressure on Lewis in the first game to win handily, 21-8.

In the second game Benham was even more devastating. He repeatedly made flat right hand kills from the front court and back court as well as from the back wall. Whenever Lewis would challenge him up front he would drive the ball past him. Benham kept Lewis off balance continuously and forced him into numerous errors. Lewis eventually became tired and frustrated and the hot shooting Benham roared to a convincing 21-5 win.

In giving his personal view for the unexpected easy win over Lewis, Dr. Benham said, "I just got the jump on Fred and kept applying the pressure. On another day he could get the jump on me and the results could be entirely different."

Ernie Ortiz defeated Georgia's Joe Salome, 21-12, 21-2 to salvage third place honors.



VETS SHOW UP YOUTH . . . Though of Masters age eligibility, Al McCullock and Lloyd Wood of Washington, D.C., outclassed open doubles field in USHA South Division. Committeeman Sloan presents the hardware and gives his congratulations.



PRESENT AND PAST SOUTH CHAMPS . . . (l to r) — USHA District Commissioner Otis Skipper, Winston-Salem; Howell Lemacks, Charleston, S.C.; Dr. Claude Benham, current division winner; Eddie Sloan of the host Charlotte committee; Fred Lewis, Miami, runnerup.

The open doubles produced the finest doubles action ever seen in this area with several matches going the three-game route. The most exciting and longest match of the tourney was the semi-final doubles match between Tom Kelly-Paul Katz, Orlando and Hal Lackey, High Point, N.C., Carolina's singles champion, and Dick Miller, Greensboro, N.C. The first game lasted slightly over one hour and both teams played brilliantly with Lackey-Miller finally winning 21-16. The second game was a replica of the first with Lackey-Miller maintaining a slight lead and both teams going all out. Long volleys and sharp shooting by each team, lery on edge but the L & M boys finally

particularly by Katz, had the large gal-won out, 21-18.

Lackey Injury . . .

The final doubles match between Lackey-Miller and Lloyd Wood-Al McCullock was just getting underway with Lackey-Miller leading in the first game 5-4. Lackey, attempting to return a shot down the left side, slipped and fell to the floor, obviously in great pain. Dr. Benham examined his leg and said he could not continue which gave the championship to Wood-McCullock. Lackey was taken to the hospital where it was de-
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MASTERS DOUBLES FINALISTS . . . (l to r) — Al Clark, Charlotte; Percy Steele, Charleston; Bob Luchte, Charleston; Frank Leonard, Charlotte. Clark and Leonard won the top prize in the short two-game route, working real well together.

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Handball Activity—So. Dakota

The Sioux Falls Hinder Club has just completed its annual singles and doubles tournament.

In the singles, the outcome held true to the seedings. No. 1 Perry Swalley defeated No. 2 Jim Ricketts in the finals 21-14, 21-17. Neither player had lost a game coming into the finals. It was a typical match with each man making some excellent saves and making some fine bottom-board shots. Swalley's fine left hand along with ball control proved to be the difference in the match.

Quarter-final results: Swalley def. Jim Dardis (default), Bob Agnew def. Paul Connelly, 21-12, 6-21, 21-6; Tom McKeon def. Jim McGovern, 21-16, 21-18; Ricketts def. Ade Sponberg, 21-10, 21-20.

Semi-finals: Swalley def. Agnew, 21-9, 21-2; Ricketts def. McKeon, 21-3, 21-5.

A third place was won by Bob Agnew over Tom McKeon. Bob is also a high school senior at O'Gorman High.

In the doubles, it again was the No. 1 seed Perry Swalley and his son, Kurt (Kurt is a senior at Lincoln High School) meeting Jim Ricketts and Jim McGovern, seeded No. 2. Each team was undefeated coming into the finals. The Swalleys won the championship 21-10, 12-21, 21-19. Throughout the entire match passing shots and sure kills by both teams ended the long volleys. At 19 serving 20, a fine kill into the front right corner by Kurt forced a side out.

After a long volley, and a hinder, a fine passing shot along the right wall, also by Kurt, gave the Swalley's the game and match 21-19.

Quarter-finals: Swalley-Swalley def. Chuck Stadtfeld-Dick Muchow, 21-3, 21-6; Connelly-Gentry Stanley def. Agnew-Roger-Simmons, 21-12, 8-21, 21-20; Bob Stevenson-Hinman def. Sponberg-Ken Slinde, 21-18, 13-21, 21-10; McGovern-Ricketts def. Mark Cavanaugh-Harry Knott, 21-6, 21-3.

Semi-finals: Swalley-Swalley def. Connelly-Stanley, 21-9, 21-13; McGovern-Ricketts def. Stevenson-Hinman, 21-4, 21-12.

Third place was won by Connelly-Stanley on default.

Consolation honors in doubles went to Agnew-Simmons, who defeated Paulson-Rockafellow, 12-21, 21-17, 21-4.

It was a tournament enjoyed by all, and we would like to have you mark your calendars for the Golden Pheasant Invitational Handball Tournament. The tournament will be April 10-12 at the Sioux Falls YMCA. Previous champion is Bill Yambrick, who defeated Terry Muck in a real thriller, 21-15, 12-21, 21-18.

For information concerning the tournament, please contact Jim Ricketts at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57101.

Jim Ricketts
Tournament Chairman

Godfrey Winner In Niagara Falls

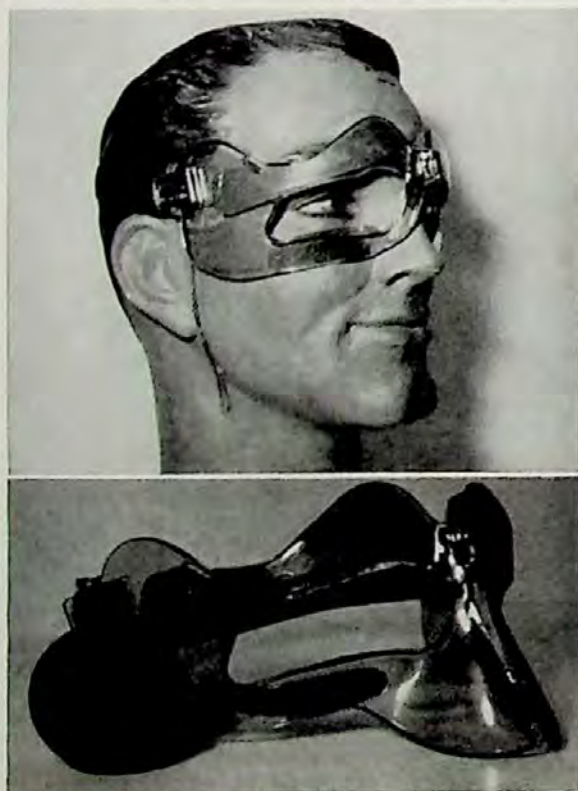
Jack Godfrey beat Barry Leech two straight 21-7, 21-20 at the YMCA in Niagara Falls, N.Y. In the first game Jack jumped into an early lead and never looked back . . . complete control over Leech, who couldn't seem to get a rally going. Second game, Leech in trouble all the way, finally at score 20-14 for Godfrey, Leech put on a strong drive. Score 20-18, Jack obviously very tired had used his three time outs. Serves changed three or four times, Barry tied the score 20-20. Finally Godfrey passed Leech to gain the serve after a long rally in which Barry made fine pick-ups to keep the ball in play. Godfrey was not to be denied and a good clean kill ended the match. Of the two Barry had the condition and Godfrey the control.

In the semis Godfrey beat John Filsinger, Buffalo, while Barry eliminated Gary Sauer, Buffalo.

Doubles taken by the team of Al Rutes of Hamilton and Harold McClean, Toronto, 21-7, 21-14 over Ron Sibbald and Bill Allen, Toronto. McClean on the right side was content to ceiling the ball and generally keep opponents in deep court. Rutes very quickly moved in and controlled the game up front.

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Philippine Handball Uses Novel 'Glove'

The article on handball gloves in a recent issue of ACE prompts us to write about the "glove" used by Filipino players in Manila in their version of handball. We were introduced to Philippine handball during our stay in Manila in 1965-66.

The Philippine game is one-wall, played against a wooden (usually indoors) or concrete (usually outdoors) wall, just like it is in many areas in the States. From here on, though, the differences really begin to mount up.

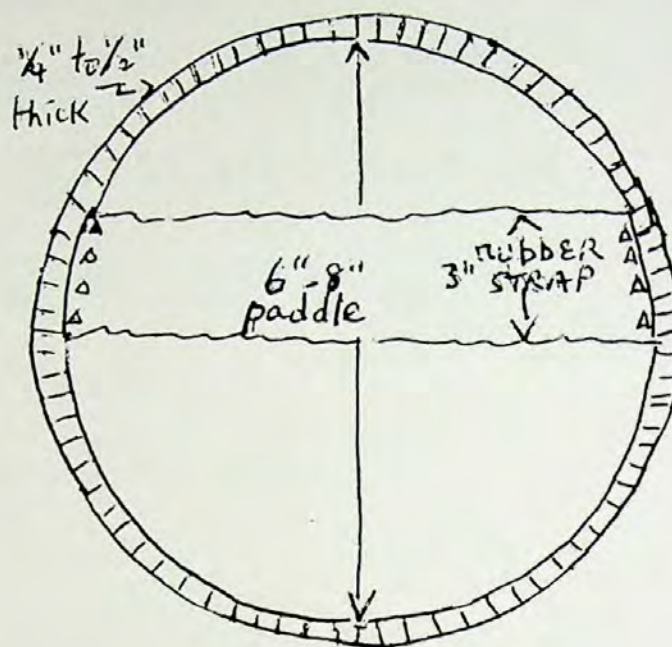
The "gloves" consist of a completely circular disc of Philippine mahogany hardwood from 6 to 8 inches in diameter and $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick, the exact size and weight depending on the individual player's taste. A thick rubber strap, generally cut from an old inner tube, about 3" wide, is riveted by metal fasteners on to the wooden paddle. Some of the fancier models have ornamented brass tacks to nail the rubber strap on the paddle.

When the "glove" is finished, it looks like the figure on the sketch. The "glove" is worn on the hand by sliding the fingers forward under the rubber strap until they barely protrude beyond the front end of the paddle. There is a "glove" for each hand but no difference in its size or shape for the left or right.

If you are beginning to think that all this is strange, wait until you hear about the handball. This was another big surprise for us. The Manila handball was made from a tennis ball from which all of the fuzzy nap had been removed first by a sharp knife, and then by rubbing the ball on a roughened material (concrete) until the underlying rubber surface was completely smooth and bare. The ball, at this stage, looked very much like the old New York punchball.

Dick Bray (now a Houston handballer) tells the story of a Filipino coming out to the courts one day dressed to play, but carrying a small, black physician's bag. Before starting his game, the gentleman pulls out a scalpel from his kit and peels his ball clean. Then, from his bag this character withdraws a hypodermic needle and injects a few cc's of air into the rubber ball. It turns out he was a brain surgeon. Some of you live-ball artists might try this gimmick instead of warming the handballs on the steam radiator.

We understand that the game originally was introduced by Americans to Manila and gradually modified by the Filipinos to its present style. At one time,



the Filipinos told us, the game was played with the typical U.S. little black handball, but the supply of these was so uncertain that the switch was made to the present type of ball. We played at the Manila YMCA, where there were some 8 courts, but some of the fire-houses in the city also had courts.

The jazzed-up tennis ball really came off the mahogany paddle and zipped along the cement floors we played on. Most of the Filipinos hit the ball stiff-armed, but many could kill and place it easily. Dick and I were able to hit with

a naturally bent-elbow swing, and even learned to hop the ball. In a couple of months or so we were able to give even to best of the Filipinos a run for their money in doubles.

While it certainly wasn't the four-wall game of the States, Filipino-style handball did give us a tremendous workout in the hot, muggy Manila weather, and we enjoyed the competition against our Filipino friends.

Harry Anisgard
New Orleans Athletic Club



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Hazlitt (from page 35)

Lord, and much better looking than the Right Hon. Secretary. He had a clear, open countenance, and did not look sideways or down, like Mr. Murray the bookseller. He was a young fellow of sense, humor, and courage. He once had a quarrel with a waterman at Hungerford-stairs, and, they say, served him out in great style. In a word, there are hundreds at this day, who cannot mention his name without admiration, as the best fives-player that perhaps ever lived (the greatest excellence of which they have any notion) — and the noisy shout of the ring happily stood him in stead of the unheard voice of posterity! — The only person who seems to have excelled as much in another way as Cavanagh did in his, was the late John Davies, the racket-player. It was remarked of him that he did not seem to follow the ball, but the ball seemed to follow him.

Give him a foot of wall, and he was sure to make the ball. The four best racket-players of that day were Jack Spines, Jem. Harding, Armitage, and Church. Davies could give any one of these two hands a time, that is, half the game, and each of these, at their best, could give the best player now in London the same odds. Such are the gradations in all exertions of human skill and art. He once played four capital players together, and beat them.

He was also a first-rate tennis-player, and an excellent fives-player. In the Fleet or King's Bench, he would have stood against Powell, who was reckoned the best open-ground player of his time. This last-mentioned player is at present the keeper of the Fives-court, and we might recommend to him for a motto over his door — "Who enters here, forgets himself, his country, and his friends." And the best of it is, that by the calculation of the odds, none of the three are worth remembering! — Cavanagh died from the bursting of a blood-vessel, which preventing him from playing for the last two or three years. This, he was often heard to say, he thought hard upon him. He was fast recovering, however, when he was suddenly carried off to the regret of all who knew him. As Mr. Peel made it a qualification of the present Speaker, Mr. Manners Sutton, that he was an excellent moral character, so Jack Cavanagh was a zealous Catholic, and could not be persuaded to eat meat on a Friday, the day on which he died. We have paid this willing tribute to his memory.

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Jim is a native Easterner, moved West and attended high school in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of the Texas Academy of Art in Houston, and has taken supplementary courses in photography, advertising and graphic arts production.

Handball-wise, Jim is a frustrated "House B" player, so busy of late that he hasn't played in a couple of months. (Jim: that's heresy . . . no mortal man can be that tied up).

Ambition? "My primary aim, strangely enough, is to be a political cartoonist and political writer." And, since moving to Reno has gotten some political cartoons published and has written a column on taxes and the small businessman.

The switch from Los Angeles to Reno was made to escape the traffic, smog, hub-bub of city existence for the God's Country, with its clean air, lakes and summer-winter outdoor life.

This 35-year-old, with a lovely wife, three children and a 115-pound Tyrannus Rex that passes for a dog named Bruto, knows which way he's going. We of the official family are happy to have him abroad.



TEXAS FANFARE . . . Pete Tyson and Bob Lindsay (at left) take home tankard (for cokes) prize at Amarillo doubles; at right are runnersup — Jack Price and Ken Persenaire of Houston.

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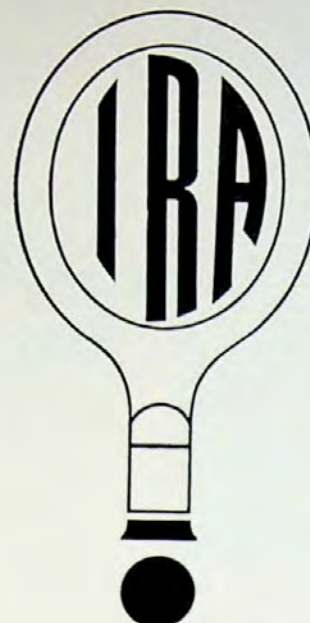
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MADISON'S (Wisconsin) BEST . . . Young Bill Schmidtke is considered No. 1 Madison and also Wisconsin singles racquetball exponent. Bill is honing his game and aiming at the IRA championship award in the second classic scheduled for the St. Louis JCCA, April 15-19.

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South Division

(from page 48)

terminated he had suffered a ruptured achilles tendon. He was operated on Monday at the Memorial Hospital in High Point. His doctor said it would be quite some time, maybe a year, before he would be able to play handball again.

Sol Barth-Ken Gregor defeated a weary Kelly-Katz for third place honors.

Charlotte's Frank Leonard and Al Clark upset the No. 1 seeded Masters doubles team of Howell Lemacks-Bill Olandt, Charleston, S.C. in the semis 21-16, 21-16 and defeated the Charleston team of Percy Steele-Bob Luchte 21-12, 21-7 in the finals. Leonard's retrieving ability and Clark's power and kill shots were too much for the South Carolinians. Earl Allen-Hugh Heidenreich won third place by forfeit from the Lemacks-Olandt team.

Chairman Bob Gore and the local committee were hosts to about 175 at a banquet at the City Club Saturday night. Perrin Anderson was M.C. and introduced the speaker, first man in the world to run a sub 4-minute mile indoors, Jim Beatty, former Olympian, and Sullivan award winner. Jim, a native of Charlotte, is presently seen on ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports as commentator. Beatty, a very personable, articulate and interesting speaker, told the enthusiastic group stories of his track experience and about some of the sports stars he knew and competed against.

Physical Director, Harry Welch and the local committee did an outstanding job in hosting this event.

Sid Semel, USHA Southeast Division commissioner, was on hand and very ably and effectively supervised the officiating as well as refereeing the final matches.

Otis Skipper

USHA District Commissioner

Edmonton, Alberta . . .

To beat a champion they say you have to also be a champion.

Gord Hovind of the YMCA eliminated perennial champion Dinty Moor in the semi-finals and became the city singles handball king.

Hovind defeated Phil Gordon of the YMCA 21-8, 11-21 and 21-8 in a best-of-three final series at Central YMCA to win the A division title.

Hovind and Gordon had met with Moor in earlier years but failed to get any farther.

Ken Shearer, Central YMCA physical education director, called the elimination of Moor an exciting upset.

Bob Laing of YMCA captured the masters division, for players over 40, with wins of 21-14 and 21-12 over Bob Dixon

Wood-Barney Retain Denver Doubles Title

Don Carlsen and Bob Brown won the first game 21-20, after having Larry Wood and Dan Barney down by 17-4, with some strong passing shots, and corner kills they built up the commanding lead. At this point Wood and Barney changed their game to passing and ceiling shots, and regained the offensive. They almost succeeded in pulling it out but a left hand corner kill by Brown ended it at 21-20.

The second game saw Larry and Dan's excellent team-work and strong offense, win for them 21-14. The loose teamwork of Don and Bob was also their downfall in the third and deciding game, as Larry and Dan continued their well balanced defense and offense, forcing their opponents to err frequently, Wood and Barney winning the third game, 21-12.

NOTES:

This year we have had another big increase in entries, and so many new players, that even the large number of new standard courts, can't handle them all. There were 99 in our singles, and over 100 in the last doubles.

Courts are now being included in several large bachelor apartment complexes being built here, and also an office building for the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., for the use of their employees. Finally the University of Colorado has plans for a big field house, in which they plan to have 11 courts. Will keep in close touch

with them to see if we can't convince them to have at least one glass court for a big spectator area.

Progress is being made in the construction of the six outdoor standard 3-wall, and 6 single-wall concrete courts near the Central High School in Aurora, a suburb of Denver. They will be ready in the early summer, and are designed for lots of bleacher seats.

One of the reasons for the great increase in interest and players has been the large number of people who have witnessed our clinics we have given the past several months, at the D.A.C., the Air Force Academy, the JCC and the Boulder YMCA. Will soon have another one at the Colorado State College in Ft. Collins. Its name will soon be changed to Northern Colorado University.

I usually spend a half hour with the Clinic; then have Larry Wood and Bob Brown, or Don Carlsen, or Wretland give a singles exhibition. Then a doubles with Wood and Barney playing Carlsen and Brown or Wretland. A question period then show the handball movie, which goes over great.

We are also starting our Mountain States USHA League soon too, with four clubs, and will later add four more, with home and home matches at least twice a month.

Les Shumate

SCHULZ-ROHRER WIN 'CARNIVAL'

Successfully defending their title, Paul Schulz and Dr. Gary Rohrer of the St. Paul A.C. defeated Terry Muck and Nick Evangelista of the Midway YMCA in the finals of the 14th Annual St. Paul Winter Carnival Doubles, 21-11, 13-21, 21-12.

Held at the Midway YMCA, Feb. 2-7, 38 teams representing nine clubs and colleges participated in the event.

Third place was taken by Jim Taguey and Rolie Weigman of the Minneapolis Y, defeating Wayne Stewart and Bob Hurd, also from the Minneapolis Y, 21-10, 21-11.

In the Consolation bracket, old pro, John Mohan, teamed up with youthful Fred Gergen of the Midway Y to defeat the St. Paul A.C. team of Gordy Gutzman and Neil Nordland, 21-20, 21-12.

Mohan now claims a world record for consolation titles. In a handball career spanning 27 years, he has accumulated a total of 51 consolation titles, including both singles and doubles.

of YMCA.

If you think you've heard the name Gord Hovind around somewhere before; you're right.

Hovind, the city singles handball champion, made a nuisance of himself at the city doubles championship at Central YMCA.

He combined with Walter Kondrosky to defeat the favorites Larry Haines and Ron Billig by scores of 21-19, 18-21 and 21-12 and win the title.

In the B division Chuck Peerless and Norm Yellowlees of YMCA won two straight, 21-10 and 21-15 over Martin Cummings and Jim Payley of the YMCA.

John Nilsen and Don Clark of Royal Glenora won the C division defeating Roger Borchert and Marty McKay of YMCA 21-8 and 21-18.

Sol Schwartz and Dave Kushner of YMCA downed Bob Dixon and John Kempo of the YMCA 21-11, 18-21 and 21-17 to capture the masters division.



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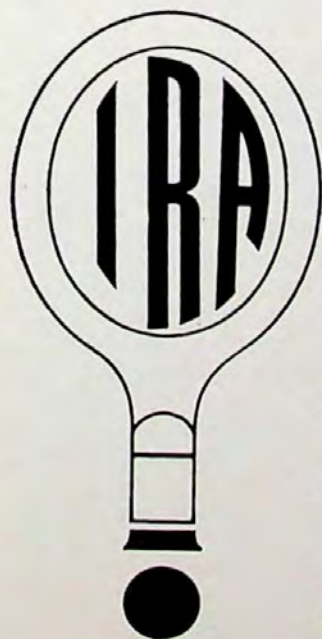
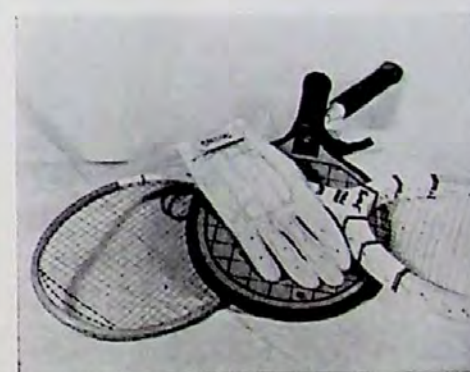
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'Scout' Gerry Lapierre Adds Reports On Racquetball Activity

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.: Building #3474 at the Redstone Arsenal, officially designated "Workout Facility" with two standard courts where racquetball and handball are played by the base personnel. Sgt. Dean Jones of the Special Services office invited yours truly to a few friendly games. I also had the opportunity to play Major Sam Wharton of the British Army. He is here on a three-year tour of duty and will return next Fall. We hope the major will take a couple of racquets back and introduce the game in England.

KNOXVILLE: While at the YMCA I had the opportunity to play and talk with Andy Kozar of the University of Tennessee. Andy, along with Earl Risky and Rod Grambeau of the University of Michigan, co-authored the "Beginning Paddleball" booklet, a Wadsworth publication. It was Risky (also first USHA national intercollegiate handball chairman) who originated the wood paddleball game in 1930. Andy is an excellent player in racquetball and is interested in all aspects of it. After our clinic at the Y we conferred with Giles Champagne, Dr. Ray Depue and Tom Green, physical director, and formalized the South tournament to be held there. The downtown Y has added two courts and now total five.

COLUMBIA, S.C.: Stopped at the downtown YMCA and had a long conversation with Vic Lutz, physical director. Vic is sympathetic to our cause and he stated there are approximately six members playing racquetball. There are three courts in constant use.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.: The Spruce street YMCA does not lack enthusiasm for our game. Bill Hutchins, physical director, stated the problem is lack of courts. They have two courts, smaller than squash courts. It's great for front court play but when the players have an opportunity to play on a standard court they are at a definite disadvantage. Bill also mentioned that they hope to build four standard courts in the near future. The facility is unique in that they furnish the players with balls and racquets—how about that for progress?

GREENSBORO, N.C.: The YMCA is a modern facility with three courts. Phil Crockett, physical director, who plays our game, stated that racquetball is very popular amongst the membership. The JCC here, according to Phil, is another hotbed for our game. Unfortunately, my business commitments would not allow me to stop there—next time.

RALEIGH, N.C.: Jock Thomas, physical director at the YMCA, tells me the game here is very strong and the four courts are in constant use. Additional courts are needed, and hopefully four more will be built in the near future. "Wild Bill" Wilson, our area commissioner, helped Jock round up the members for a clinic. The plan of the day was "play ball," lasting from 10 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon—seems to me I only had two time outs. Bill is one of those players, who switched hands for many years, and as far as he can remember back, never lost control of the racquet. Since the thong rule has been installed he claims that this has cost him at least 7½ points a game. However, he feels that his problem would be solved by influencing the rules committee to amend the rule so the thong could be worn around the NECK. This would allow him to switch hands and guarantee the safety factor that appears necessary. Personally, I believe there is something wrong with the idea, but could not bring myself to talk him out of it. I suppose this is what happens when a Yankee invades the deep South and marries the loveliest gal in the Carolinas.

ATLANTA: The Atlantic Athletic Club downtown has many members who are avid players of our game. Buzz McGriff, physical director, was kind enough to play a few games with me. Unfortunately, the courts lack more than a foot from being standard. It doesn't really change the game much.

CHATTANOOGA: Had a most enjoyable time holding a clinic at the YMCA. It is a modern facility with four standard courts. The exhibition games were played in the glass court and the attendance was surprisingly good. Most of the racquetballers from the area were in attendance, including the gals who have the use of the courts during the morning hours. My appreciation to George Jones, Jim Reilly, Wally Davies and Bill Edwards for their efforts in our behalf—the refreshments were great, men. I also wish to thank Teck Penland, physical director, for his assistance and for letting us play on the glass court.

NASHVILLE: Exchanged notes with Ralph Reynolds, physical director at the Downtown YMCA. Checked the condition of the glass court—unfortunately I did not remember the location of the last hole on the front wall but it had two unpainted areas that have been repaired since my last visit. Murray Severance, our district commissioner, is completely recovered from his foot operation and is playing with his usual skill. Frank

Burkholder is hitting the ball harder, and has his sights on the next internationals. Held an informal clinic at the JCC. Its two courts being used constantly. Paul Aaron, physical director, has plans for building 3-wall outdoor courts at the new summer facility. Eventually, a center will be built at the new site to replace the present one.

LOUISVILLE: The members of the JCC are anxiously awaiting the opening of two courts, giving them a total of four. To officially dedicate the courts the Center has decided to hold a doubles tournament. Ken Porco, physical director, and South Area commissioner, stated that the intention of the tourney is to draw the best players available on a 16-team invitational basis. The tournament was scheduled for Feb. 14-15 and he has received acceptances from our singles champ Dr. Bud Muehleisen and Charley Brumfield of San Diego; Anzalone-Viechio, Cleveland; and their own champion combine of Zeitman and Hyman.

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS: On my return to Dayton I found letters requesting information relative to local and state tournaments in various areas. Everywhere I have traveled since our first Internationals the one point we stressed is information on local racquetball activities. We ask that results of tournaments should be sent to Mort Leve as soon as possible. We even encourage the sending of black and white glossy photos of winners, etc. After all, a picture speaks a thousand words and I am sure the fellows would like to see their handsome faces published in an international magazine. (Don't neglect to send in the femme player pictures)

MEMPHIS: Checked in with Dale Almond, director of athletics and intramurals at the University of Tennessee Medical Units. They have a new facility with four new courts with Tartan floors and we were interested to see what effect it would have in our game. Found very little difference in the play other than it was much easier on the legs. It seems like the greatest innovation in courts that has come down the pike in a long time. I would like to see a lighter color, however, since the light does not reflect off the floor, it makes the ground area a little darker than the wooden ones. I wish to thank Henry Morgan, our opponent on the courts, for taking time to assist us in our evaluation of the court.

With the help of Cecil Penner, executive director of the Stratton Branch YMCA; Smith Schippers and Charles Daly, we conducted a clinic and the turn-

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At this time, we want to personally extend our invitation to each and every one of you to again enjoy our facilities and hospitality, as we hope you did in 1969. We are endeavoring to go all out to provide a great spectacular.

'SCOUT' GERRY

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out was tremendous. The contingent who went to St. Louis last April took an active part in the exhibition play. Among the combatants were Jack Doyle, Giles Coors, DeWitt Shy, Bob Williams and Smitty Schippers. We used the glass court and the bleachers were almost filled to capacity. It was a reflection on not only the men responsible for the clinic but the interest of the people in Memphis. My thanks to all for a most enjoyable visit.

CLEVELAND: The Central YMCA held their Third Annual Greater Cleveland tournament. The response was most surprising. There were representatives from nine of the local athletic facilities and

from six other cities, including Buffalo. Chuck White emerged as the new champion and everyone is waiting for the State YMCA tournament to see whether he will be able to duplicate the feat. The perennial champ, Mike Anzalone, was unable to play and therefore, there are many who are waiting to see if Chuck can duplicate his victory.

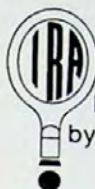
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.: The YMCA is in the middle of a renovation and building of four courts. Renewed acquaintances with Bob Yelling, who attended our first International and played three games of doubles with his group. Hopefully, the courts will be available for the divisional tournament in February.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.: This was our first opportunity to meet the group and found some keen interest in our game. Our

clinic was well attended and we thank the group for their attendance. Ken Young, physical director of the Y, unfortunately came down with the bug and we were not able to get him on the court for exhibition play.

OTTAWA, CANADA: While spending the holidays visiting the relatives and taking part in the festivities of the day, we had an opportunity to spend a day at the Jewish Community Centre to hold a clinic. The city was well represented with members from the YMCA, University and the Government in attendance. There is a lot of work to be done by the group and hopefully we were able to impart some fine points of how the game should be played. My thanks to all, especially to Ed Rosenthal, program director, for his efforts on our behalf.

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If you want a barrel of laughs and fun, and—a real fine workout—take on one of the racquet boys at your court headquarters. He'll scoff at such a challenge but the results will be most surprising.

I've enjoyed this competition more than a few times and it gives me a pseudo superiority feeling of attainment. It gives some salve to the wounds of the racquetball invasion of our beloved four walls.

The first time I ever saw this type of action was down at Flamingo Park in Miami Beach. The late Bob Haas took on the reigning state paddleball (that's what it was called then) and it afforded Bob the kind of workout he needed for there was no one else around who could press him in handball. Bob came out the winner, but not without a battle and he got his workout.

If you really want the test let the racquetballer switch hands with his weapon if he wants. Then, you don't have the obvious advantage of shooting everything to his backhand.

Control is the answer to the handballer's edge and Haber is control personified. It is most difficult to dig a ball out of the back wall corners with a racquet.

Dangerous? Yes, it has some measure of combat possibilities. Make sure your kissing cousin is able to hold on to the racquet, and don't try to crowd him at any time. Give plenty of room and count on the percentage of your foe hitting the ball too hard, allowing you to take the ball off the back wall. Go to the hard ceiling shot as a weapon that would backfire in straight handball play, because he has to back peddle and then twist the racquet to bring it off the back wall. He can't bottom board, except by accident. His best shots are low, hard corner shots or low hard pass shots if he catches you on one side. If they're not low enough you again have the back wall advantage.

Serve? With the allowance of switch of hands, you use a reverse to his unnatural hand, trying always to get that ball low in the corner. Even if it has a "handle" it will be effective if low.

Stamina-wise, you've got to expend more movement than your racquet buddy. However, you don't have to maintain a short court position as much as the legitimate game.

Try it some time, but if you need

Ben Press, tennis-racquetball major domo at the Kona Kai Club in San Diego, is hopeful of lining up a novel exhibition challenge between current IRA national singles titlist, Dr. Bud Muehleisen, playing against the winner of the upcoming 20th annual USHA national singles.

The match would take place at the Kona Kai court with Muehleisen using his racquet against the hands of the 1970 winner. The Spalding ACE handball would be used.

The Kona Kai Club has been a staunch supporter of both USHA and IRA, holding National Juniors and our West Division IRA tournament the past two years. It also staged a special exhibition between Stuffy Singer and Dave Graybill.

More details will be forthcoming after the completion of the USHA Nationals in March.

Incidentally, Press reports that a group in San Diego has near future plans for a 10-court private facility.

some hem stitching don't say we didn't warn you. And, please, play it safe and wear an eye guard!



NEW CLUB NO. 1 — Bill Ramsay and Larry Johnson, former Gopher hockey players, meet Bill Goldsworthy, current star of the NHL Minnesota North Stars. Johnson and Ramsay presented "Goldie" with the first membership in the new "Kings Court Paddle and Handball Club," awarded to members of the North Stars achieving the hat trick. The Kings Court, presently under construction at 7001 Cahill Road, Edina, Minnesota, plans to open for play March 1. Johnson and Ramsay are part owners.



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Ladies Get Racquetball 'Serve' at St. Louis JCCA

By BOBBI LINKEMER

The handball players at the St. Louis JCCA have a complaint: they are finding it almost impossible to get a court, these days. Not only must they cope with the competition from their age-old adversaries, the racquetball players; but now they say, a new dimension has been added to their problem. The ladies have invaded!

At almost any hour of the day, the handball guys lament, there are women around, waving racquets and signing up for OUR courts. And though most of the men readily admit that the ladies do add a decorative touch to the handball corridor (in their black tights and bright colored shirts) they still maintain that their presence has definitely triggered a controversy.

No one, it seems, is ambivalent in his views on this matter. SOMEONE has an opinion, and usually a strong one, including the ladies in question. With this in mind, ACE sent an impartial observer to dig out the facts and present them to our readers. Our reporter interviewed everyone she could pin down, in order to give you a total and unbiased prospective on a situation which seems typical of a new trend that is sweeping the country.

Racquetball, as a sport, is certainly not new to St. Louis, though it didn't catch on here until some ten years after it had become popular in New York. It was introduced here in 1955 by Bernie Kristall, getting its foothold at the old YMHA before it moved to the JCCA and its present home. It was only a matter of time before the ladies discovered and took it to their hearts.

Women Found Outlet

"A small group of young athletically inclined women, who weren't satisfied with jogging and exercising, spurred on by a few leaders like Fran Cohen, Goldie Hogan and Joan Zuckerman, began to pick up the torch," recalls Phil Smith, health club director, providing your reporter with the needed background material on lady racquetball players.

Phil has lots of ideas on this subject. He thinks the greatest thing that ever happened to women is the discovery of a sport that was made to order for them. It provides everything essential that a physical outlet is supposed to provide, and women need this outlet as much as men do. "Besides the health feature," Phil maintains, "it acts as a battery recharge mentally. It's difficult to worry about other problems when you're totally immersed in an active sport. It's also physically challenging and emotionally relieving, which are the same things men seek in a sport!"

The morning hours are the best times to catch the feminine crowd around the courts. Luring them away from the game long enough to ask even a few brief questions, was like pulling teeth. However, once they were induced to talk about their favorite subject, there was no stopping them. They tackled each question with enthusiasm and answered with complete candor. Here are just a few of their comments on the subject of why they play and what they derive from racquetball.

"I play because it makes me a part of my family scene. My husband and my sons play handball, and I have a greater appreciation of their game and how they feel, now that I'm playing too. Also it's given me a sport I can play with my boys, and my girls too, although they're just beginners," says Carla Goldstein, an avid player whose family is always well represented around the courts.

Rather than anything . . . mmm



WOW! Look at that followthrough. Not only are the ladies taking over court time, but the teenagers and even sub-teenagers as well. Here's a little schoolgirl displaying faultless form, utilizing a squash court in the introductory stage.



NEVER TOO YOUNG . . . These six and seven-year-old sisters get into the court and bang that IRA black 558 around with carefree abandon. It is hard to understand how they can wield racquets almost as big as they are.

"I think it's wonderful, the best! It's good exercise. I'd rather do this than anything else," admits Bernice House, in a statement faintly reminiscent of a few we've heard from the men around here.

Radine Robbins, one of the top players, plays "for the exercise and for the fun of it. Also to get rid of my frustrations," she adds. "Instead of hitting my kids, I hit the ball."

That thought was echoed by others, including Ruth Adelman. "When I get on that court," she says, "I just forget about everything else. It's a great tension reliever. Come to think of it, I haven't yelled at my kids since I started playing!"

The gals who play anywhere from occasionally to daily, represent various ages and backgrounds. Some are working girls who get in a game whenever they can manage it; other are housewives, who wouldn't dream of beginning a day any other way. All of them admit that the workout on the court in the morning helps them to get through the day with more pep and energy than they would have had without it. Sound familiar guys?

Speaking of the men, who demanded equal time, here it is. Our reporter asked all of them one pointed question: "How do you feel about women racquetball players — on or off the courts?" Here are a few of their replies.

Oh Well . . . Let 'Em Live

Rich Linkemer, a frequently-quoted handball addict, thinks it's great for anyone who can participate in a sport to do so. "When I can't get a court, I'm aggravated at the moment," he confides, "But I do feel that the girls have as much right to the courts as I do."

Al Goldstein, a long time player and a member of that sports-minded family we mentioned earlier, agrees. "I don't find any difference between men and women playing racquetball," he says "The women are more able to see how a man feels about a sport when they're involved in a similar sport. It increases their understanding."

The opposite point of view was emphatically offered by Ben Fixman, who believes the courts should be free during prime hours for the men who work. "I think the women should be confined to certain hours during the day, and we should start considering what the majority wants!" states Fixman.

A relative newcomer to the JCCA courts, Howard Hurwitz, answered our question with one of his own, which summed up the feelings of a great many people. "Why shouldn't a housewife get an hour's worth of exercise if she wants to? She pays her dues and she has a right to the courts!"

Women's Division Planned

Though opinions were aired on both sides, the controversy has by no means been settled. As a matter of fact the future status of women in racquetball, may even add more fuel to the fire. For instance, in pioneering St. Louis, where ladies tournaments have been held in the past, there is some talk of dividing the players in categories according to skill in the upcoming tournament here. The big news, of course is the fact that the ladies will have their own division in the IRA world series this coming April.

It seems only fair to conclude, gentlemen, that not only is racquetball here to stay, but you had better get used to having the feminine set around now and in the future. They have found their sport and from the looks of things, they are going to be making their very decorative presence felt from now on!

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Instructional . . .

Bill Schultz of Madison YMCA Offers Racquetball Tips

Note: Bill Schultz is General Secretary of the Madison, Wisc. YMCA, and winner of the 1962 National Open paddleball and the 1968 National Open racquetball titles.

HINTS TO BE A WINNER — You should be aware of some fundamental FACTS if you expect to perfect your game of racquetball . . . If there is repetition in some of the items already prepared, the repetition will ONLY RE-EMPHASIZE the points and make them more permanent in your mind . . .

1. A good player will practice and work hard on his game.

2. Keep your eye on the ball.

3. Keep on your toes and always expect your opponent to return your shot.

4. Pivot before you move toward the ball.

5. Develop a relaxed swing with good wrist action.

6. Don't crowd the ball and wait until it drops to knee level for the kill shot.

7. Watch where your opponent is and then hit the ball WHERE HE ISN'T.

8. Try to get your opponent to move before hitting the ball. Use the feint. Don't telegraph your shot. Keep him guessing.

9. Get the center position of the court at all times to control the game.

10. The wrist must always be cocked and flexible. The ball must be hit deliberately and accurately.

11. Don't chase the ball. Go where the ball is going to end up.

12. You must be in such physical condition as to always maintain a fast pace.

13. Develop several different types of serves (the slow lob, the fast low, the cross-court) and mix them up during a game.

14. Don't hurry your serve — take your time and THINK.

15. Always be in a state of readiness for the next shot.

16. Always try to hit the ball so as to maneuver the opponent out of position and then ready yourself and get position for the point-winning shot.

17. Watch for the opponent's fundamental weaknesses which will cue you in to the proper tactics to use against him.

18. THINK in your racquetball game. When your opponent is slow, speed up

the game by volleying; when he is fast, slow the game by high shots, soft corner shots, etc. Keep the ball close to the wall if it looks like your opponent prefers the open court and shys away from the wall.

19. Don't let your opponent crowd you. Take a hinder.

20. Many times, use the theory that if you return the ball back to an opponent fast enough and quick enough, he will not be set for a return shot.

21. Concentrate on the shot being played. Build up a tactical position several shots in advance. When the time is RIGHT, get set for the point maker.

22. Remember — racquetball is a LOT OF HUSTLE and a LOT OF SKILL. When you play enough, you know by instinct the shot your opponent will be forced to make most of the time, and you move RAPIDLY to the spot as the ball is hit.

23. Don't anticipate the opponent's shot before the shot is hit or you will find yourself "WAY OUT IN LEFT FIELD" with the ball going to the RIGHT FIELD.

24. Avoid errors and keep the ball in play. Follow this piece of advice and you will have accomplished a great deal.

25. Keep the opponent in the rear of the court, and don't go for a point maker (kill shot) unless you are in perfect position.

26. Watch the opponent's racket out of the corner of your eye, but don't turn your body out of position.

27. Have the desire to EXCEL and the DETERMINATION TO WIN. Study the game. Control your emotional excitement.

28. FINALLY — always warm up before play. A great many sprains, pulled muscles and soreness result from neglect of the warm-up period. You can warm up in or out of the court. Simple twisting and turning exercises, stretching exercises, jogging, a run around a gym, a few pushups, and deep squats for a few minutes is absolutely necessary.

"AND — THE BEST WAY TO TRAIN FOR RACQUETBALL IS TO PLAY RACQUETBALL . . .

Chicago . . .

A combination handball, paddleracquet tournament was held at the club November 24 by the Twenty-One Club of the Chicago Athletic Association. The Twenty-One Club includes all racquetball and handball players. Because of the large turnout, it was necessary that doubles be played in both sports. Hopefully, with the addition of new courts, the problem of crowded tournaments and the inability to get courts at noon and evening will be alleviated.

Bill Maddux and Dan Gibbs won the handball section with Jim Stiggelman and Pat Sullivan, second. George Baker and Al Siegel took the paddleracquet competition with Dan Geever and Dale Wright close behind in second place.

Jan. 2 was designated New Year Tournament (Round Robin class) which will run into February. On February 9 the Valentine Dinner Tournament, which is a one night single elimination was held. Club Champ banquet date is still pending and will be announced as soon as possible. The handball and racquetball interest has shown a steady increase and, hopefully, when the new, expanded facilities are built with galleries, we'll see even more members participate in these two fine sports.

George Baker is the captain of our Chicago Handball League team. The Chicago Handball League B plays on Wednesday nights and gives our club intercity competition between the Duncan YMCA, Evanston YMCA, Horwich JCC, Lake Shore Club and Union League Club.

LITTLE ROCK: John Parker, physical director of the YMCA, gave us a cook's tour of the facility and then challenged us to a few games of racquetball. He stated the interest is on the increase and wanted to know about the latest developments.

Gerard Lapierre

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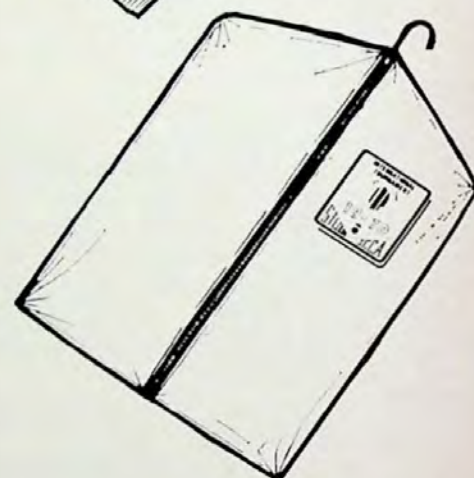
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Shumate Repeats In Dallas A.C. Invite

Buzz Shumate, with his strong two-handed shooting game in the smaller Dallas A.C. court, posted another victory over a highly rated performer — Bill Yambrick — in the 24th renewal of handball's oldest invitational competition. Buzz went the three-game distance in beating the experienced No. 2 nationally-ranked Yambrick, 21-14, 18-21, 21-9. Shumate boasts scalps over such personages as Jim Jacobs, Dave Graybill and Stuffie Singer. Wayne Graham, Austin, took third place over Ed Bellochio, Dallas, default.

Pete Tyson teamed with Alvis Grant to win the open doubles over Frank Price and Ken Persenaire, Houston, 21-7, 21-10. Chicagoans Ken Eby and Jim Cosentino took third place over Hershel Forster and Dan Galvin, 21-17, 21-20.

In an all-Dallas A.C. Masters doubles, Jim Moore and Paul Albright defeated Nick Roberts and Jim Harp, 20-21, 21-15, 21-15.

As usual the red carpet hospitality treatment was given all the visiting firemen.

"General George" Lee, athletic director of the DAC, is already thinking ahead for what promises to be the biggest and best yet in 1971 — the 25th anniversary celebration Invitational. Plans are to bring in more top players and make it a real bang-up affair.

Lake Forest College Wins Central Intercollegiate Crown

Lake Forest College welcomed 37 entries from 11 schools, hosting the USHA Central Intercollegiate tournament for the second year in a row. The 37 entries and five teams was a marked increase over the 16 entries and two teams in 1969.

The Lake Forest team, led by the "Bronx Bombers," Wes and Willie Yee, once again dominated the tournament, placing finalists in four of the six events, winning three.

Team results: Lake Forest College	15
University of Illinois—Chicago Circle	5
Iowa State University	4
Purdue University	3
George Williams College	1

Individual results: A Singles — 1st place — Wes Yee, Lake Forest; 2nd place — Leo Kilcoyne, Loyola; 3rd place — Mario Schembari, Wright J.C.; consolation — 1st place — Dave Permuter-Merrimac J.C.; 2nd place — Frank Socha — George Williams.

1st place B Singles — Don Ginsberg, Merrimac J.C.; 2nd place — Dave Smith, Lake Forest; 3rd place — Marc Schwartz, Northwestern; Consolation — 1st place — John Raphael, Lake Forest.

1st place doubles — William Yee/Randy Johnson, Lake Forest; 2nd place — Mike Oliva/Ted Jackowski, Univ. of Ill., Chicago Circle; 3rd place — Gary Fairhead/Steve Seigal, Purdue; Consolation 1st — Mike Gerrity/Abe Privitzer, Univ. of Ill., Chicago; 2nd — Bill Barnes/Mike Kavkewitz, Lake Forest.

Schools represented but did not enter a full team were Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola (Ill.), Merrimac J.C. (Mo.), Northwestern (Ill.), Winona State College (Minn.), and Wright J.C. (Ill.).

On hand to assist Lake Forest USHA Athletic Director, Nick Wasylik, in presenting the awards was USHA President Bob Kendler. In a brief address to players and spectators, Bob expressed great satisfaction with the growth and direction of intercollegiate handball. He was especially proud of the fact that 12 of "his boys," former USHA Juniors participants were entered in the tournament.

Lake Forest College will also host the National Intercollegiate Tournament, March 6-8.

Upatnieks Central USHA Winner

Andy Upatnieks, representing the Lake Shore Club of Chicago, takes over as No. 1 singles rep. in the Chicagoland area, with a fine win over the 58-player field in the annual Central USHA open singles. This year's play was held at the Evanston YMCA. Andy not only won the first place trophy but also Bob Kendler's special Community Builders' award of a trip to the nationals in Los Angeles.

Andy beat Zeke Zaletel, the muscular and experienced performer from the Joliet YMCA, 21-11, 21-20, in the final round. At 20-20 in that second game Zeke poised to serve, bounced the ball and stroked it ingloriously into the floor! Andy eagerly took over the serve, won the point — game and match.

Don Ardito, Irving Park YMCA, fresh from the open doubles title win with Ken Schneider, gave Upatnieks his stiffest test in the semis. Don didn't give Andy a chance to warm up in the first game of the match, breezing to a 21-3 win. Upatnieks blasted away to a 21-11 second game comeback, and then the third game was a rip snorter with the game

knotted at 17-17. It was then a case of Ardito missing on a couple of fine opportunities and Andy just nipping the bottom board to spell the difference, 21-17.

Meanwhile, in the upper bracket, Bob Koenig, North Suburban YMCA, knocked out No. 1 seeded Phil Elbert (finished second last year to Jim Leahy), 21-11, 21-16. Koenig powered passes and kept Elbert from setting for kills. This was a surprising turn of events as Koenig had experienced real trouble in eliminating Cy Abata, Duncan YMCA, in the previous round — going the distance — 20-21, 21-18, 21-16, while Elbert stopped Jim Annoreno of the host Y, keeping him off balance with the cross court serve, 21-15, 21-8.

Then Zaletel, looking his best, eliminated Koenig in the semis, 21-5, 21-18. He had beaten Tony D'Andrea prior to that, 21-7, 21-4.

Frank "Journeyman" Larkin, of the Evanston Y, played one of his better matches against Brian Falknor, Northwest Suburban Y, and this season's Contenders winner . . . the match went three

games with Larkin faltering in the final game.

Falknor then played a good first game against Upatnieks, losing 21-18, but seemed to lack the concentration and drive in the second and finally gave up the ghost with Andy winning, going away, 21-10.

Jack McDonald, one of the pre-tourney seeds, dropped out at the last hour with a bad hand.

NOTES: Koenig took third place over Ardito by default . . . Joel Swartzman, up and coming Evanston Y powerhouse, stumbled against Zaletel, 21-17, 21-12. Joel has to learn when to go defense and try to shoot too much from deep court with his opponent commanding that short line. Hiles Stout, Peoria Y, was an entry but couldn't make his second round match against Elbert. Once again it was Joe Ardito, Ben Costello, and Wally Knorowski doing overtime duty, organizing and refereeing. Mesdames Ardito and Costello took care of the cold cuts and soft drinks department on the opening Sunday.

Tampa, Fla. . . .

I wish to report on the latest happenings in the "world of handball" at the Tampa YMCA.

For the third consecutive year, Ernie Ortiz has won our Class A singles crown. There really is very little competition for him in the Bay Area, and we are certainly grateful for the time he gives to our lesser players.

Action was hot and heavy in some of the matches played, so let me report as follows: Quarter Finals: Ortiz def. Lee Meister 21-13, 21-1; Bernie Oppenheim def. Joshua Reece, 21-11, 21-17; Ben Burnett def. Tom Wilson, 2-20, 9-21, 21-16; Carl Feddler def. Ron Gonzales 21-3, 19-21, 21-11. Semi-finals: Ortiz def. Oppenheim forfeit; Feddler def. Burnett 18-21, 21-8, 21-11. Finals: Ortiz def. Feddler 21-5, 21-12.

Before signing off, let me also inform that our one-court is in full use from the time the Y opens till it closes. Plans for more courts are being discussed now. Enthusiasm is at its peak!!

Sam Messina

Handball Chairman, Tampa YMCA

St. Petersburg, Fla. . . .

The St. Petersburg YMCA had a wonderful Christmas Turkey Handball tournament and the spirit was evident.

John Hamilton, top seeded player, won by defeating Phil Hitchcock 21-9, 21-16.

However, neither of the finalists found the route to the championship an easy one. Hamilton, for example, was forced to three sets to defeat Elliott Gassner in the semi-finals 21-15, 18-21, 21-16, and Hitchcock fought his way into the championship set with a 21-14, 21-20 decision over Frank Lindeen.

Gassner defeated Lindeen for third place in a preliminary to the championship match 21-14, 18-21, 21-17.

Three turkeys were presented to the top three finishers by Frank Keglovich, a YMCA booster, and each in turn, passed them on for distribution to needy families for the Holiday meal.

Ken Richman

Physical Director

Book Review . . .

Latest instructional booklet on handball has come forth from the University of Tennessee as an addition to their physical education series. Ben Plotnicki, a real enthusiast who will conduct the South division intercollegiate, co-authored this very worthwhile text with Andrew Kozar — both of the university's school of health, physical education, and recreation.

Available through: Prof. Ben Plotnicki, Physical Education Dept., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. (\$1.50).

Elden Speermint

by Jim (JAY) Joelson



"Of course I'm happy about it honey, but you'll just have to wait until after the tournament".

Elliott Wins Indiana U. Open

Indiana University (Bloomington) conducted a very successful Sequiscentennial Handball tournament, Jan. 24-25. Ray Elliott, vet campaigner from Indianapolis, won the A singles with a 21-11, 21-9 win over Purdue University's Mike Darnell. Elliott had eliminated James Webster, Terre Haute, in the semis, 21-10, 18-21, 21-8, while Darnell also went the three-game route before eliminating No. 2 seeded Fred Dorman, Indianapolis, 21-20, 17-21, 21-8.

No. 1 seeded Judge Frank Harlor, Indianapolis, got unceremoniously dumped in the first round by Bill Courtney, Fort Wayne, 21-14, 21-8.

Webster and Bob Jencks, also Terre Haute, won the A doubles over Carl McKellar-Pierre Miller, Terre Haute on a default.

Ben Delaney, Indianapolis, won the Master singles, defeating Jake Aronson, South Bend, 21-14, 21-17.

The Masters doubles was won by Rivera-Hornberger, Ft. Wayne, over Aronson-Hagners, South Bend, 21-5, 21-9.

Vince Desmond, Indianapolis, was the B singles winner, over No. 1 seeded Lew Pratt, Bloomington, 21-4, 21-14.

Desmond teamed with Glass to win the B doubles over Leane-Pollen, Indianapolis, 21-15, 21-17.

Jay Dorman, Indianapolis, took the C singles over Dale Ferrier, Fort Wayne, 21-9, 21-17.

Akers-Shultz, No. 1 seeded, won the C doubles over Getman-Schornhorst, Bloomington, 21-4, 21-5.

KIRBY OVER BENHAM IN AKRON

The Sixth Annual Akron YMCA Open Handball Championships enticed a record 112 entries, representing 22 different Y's, from 5 states, and Canada. Titles in Singles, Open Doubles, and Masters Doubles were battled for in the three-day championships.

Pat Kirby, 92nd St. YMCA, New York, successfully defended his singles title by defeating Dr. Claude Benham, representing Norfolk, Va., YMCA, 13-21, 21-3, 21-15 in the finals. In reaching the final, Kirby defeated Bruce Wilson, Akron, 21-7, 21-4, Bill Roe, Columbus, 21-6, 21-18, and Terry Muck, St. Paul Athletic Club, 21-10, 18-21, 21-12. Dr. Benham defeated Randy Essall, Cleveland, 21-16, 21-8, Mike Raskiewicz, Reading, Pa., 21-6, 21-11, Len Tomczak, Erie, Pa., 21-7, 21-11, and Marty Decatur, 92nd St. YMHA, New York, 21-7, 21-11.

In open doubles play, the youthful team of Steve Lott, New York, and Joe Vasquez the world traveler from Ghana, West Africa, defeated Vince Flowers and Ron Zack 21-7, 21-9 to win the doubles championships. In the semi-finals game, Vasquez broke his middle finger on his

left hand, but despite this injury, managed to play well enough to win in the finals. To reach the finals, Lott and Vasquez defeated Walt Yeager and Dick Waldo, Cleveland, 21-8, 21-7, defeated Dave Andrews and Carl Cannavino, Erie, Pa., 21-9, 21-14, defeated "Goose" Panigutti, and Dick Argen, Cleveland, 16-21, 21-7, 21-16.

In the Masters Doubles play, Paul Trujillo and John Hamm, Cleveland, proved too much for their opponents by winning the championships over Pat Deighan and Ed Ryska, Mentor, Ohio, 21-3, 21-5. In reaching the finals, Trujillo and Hamm defeated Ralph Updegraf, and Al Conley, Canton, 21-4, 21-10, Bill Darulis, and Ira Pettit, Akron 21-6, 21-4, Noah Yannie, and Bruno Yannie, Cleveland, 21-15, 21-1.

The Akron YMCA Handball Committee, given leadership and direction from Dick Zaveson, Tournament Director, and Don Nelson, Physical Director did an excellent job in hosting this 1970 Championships. Our aim is to make Akron "a good place to come and play handball."

Kristopaitis Wins

Fred Muensch hosted Shakey's First Annual Handball Tournament Nov. 26, 28-29, at the Bellingham, Wash. YMCA.

Vic Kristopaitis, Vancouver, B.C. Athletic Club won the open singles in the field of 24 entries. Vic defeated Gary Hamel, New Westminster, B.C. Y, in the semis 21-6, 21-13, and came through with an impressive win over fireman Bud Miller of the home club 21-18, 21-6 in the finals. Third place went to Gary Hamel.

As expected, Gordie Pfeifer, Washington A.C., and his partner, Bob Farquhar, Tacoma Elks won the open doubles in the field of 26 players. However, not before Gordie and Bob had a couple of tough matches. In the semis they had two interesting games against Ed Boone and Bill Cooksley, Vancouver, B.C. Y, 21-13, 21-20; followed by the big win in the finals over Bel Brown and Bob Wilson, Vancouver, B.C. Y, 21-15, 21-17. Third place winners were Bob Bunch and Jim Miller, Washington A.C.

In the consolation open singles, Dennis Harrison, Seattle, won over Don Wiseman, Ellingham Y, 16-21, 21-17, 21-20, and doubles winners Bill Ide and Keronne, Tacoma Elks, over Frank Juriga and Lou La March, New Westminster Y, 21-17, 21-10.

South Boston Boasts Of Perennial Youth — Dilorenzo

When a veteran handball player reaches the age of 65 does he hang up his gloves?

"Not me," offers J. J. Dilorenzo, a champion in the Boston YMC Union courts in past years, as well as the famous L St., which Paul Haber has nicknamed "The Eighth Wonder Of The World."

J. J. has been playing in various competitions for the past 54 years, and says, "It's the greatest game in the world," as he removed his athletic gear from the trunk of his car and hustled inside for his daily noontime workout.

On the eve of his 65th birthday, Dilorenzo takes on all comers and more than often his opponents are in their early 20's.

In the past J. J. would often jump into his car and motor 500 miles or so to take on an opponent. The 40 trophies he proudly possesses is indicative of his success.

Some 30 years ago Dilorenzo, a resident of East Boston, whipped national champ Joe Platak in a three-game match. The well-conditioned J. J. offered to play Platak a couple more games the same day, but the offer was declined.

Another time J. J. drove to California to play Art Linkletter. "I played Art out there at the Hollywood YMCA in a Southern California championship tournament and beat him in a semi-final match," Dilorenzo recalled. J. J. took up handball when 11 years old: "Just whacking a rubber ball against a brick wall in a neighborhood school yard near my home in East Boston."

The personable J. J., a brother of George Dilorenzo, state representative from East Boston, has suffered his share of injuries in his career in the handball courts. "Thirty-five stitches in the right thigh," he further recalled. "I fell and split a muscle. Several bits of surgery were required, plus 13 months on crutches." J. J. has also suffered through broken ankles and bursitis. And the multiple shower baths over the years have cost him most of his hair.

Dilorenzo hails handball as a fine conditioner and an excellent way to lose weight. "Twenty five years ago I was seeded No. 2 in the junior nationals at Rochester, N.Y. I arrived weighing 163 pounds. Played nine opponents and weighed 140 after a consolation match."

J. J. plays handball two or three times a week in off hours from his job at the

state department of public works. He has his own formula for getting ready for big matches. "First, a heaping plate of Italian food," he said. "Then a two-pound broiled steak with mushrooms, a tomato salad with garlic, oil and vinegar." Then three large glasses of Italian wine, and an apple . . . and I eat the white part of the seeds. Finally," he concluded, "I smoke a good cigar."

J. J. was asked by Eddy Roberts, president of the LSHA, to comment on Paul Haber. Dilorenzo replied, "Well, I witnessed the exhibition matches that Paul appeared in at the L St. Bathhouse last summer, and was very impressed with the way he adjusted to their style of play. He was really great, and everyone was very pleased."

Bucky Rogers, vice president and tournament director of LSHA asked Jay. "How do you think you would have done against Haber years back?" "Well, I don't really know who would have won the handball match he said, but our preparation for the match would be somewhat the same, if you know what I mean."

L St. Handball Association
Edward T. Rull,
Executive Secretary

Lake Forest College Team Tour Promotes Game

Mike Dau's Theme: 'Have Coach, Will Travel'

The following is a thumbnail sketch of the second annual trip east taken by the Lake Forest College Handball Team. This trip is made possible by the proceeds from the L.F.C. annual "Exhibition of Champions," co-sponsored by the USHA.

Dec. 5 — First stop South Bend, Indiana, home of the fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Eight new courts located in a new multi-million dollar complex. Warmly received by Tom Kelly, assistant director of Interhall Athletics. Clinics drew approximately 100 interested handballers. Courts and student enthusiasm excellent, only missing ingredient qualified instruction.

Dec. 6 — University of Michigan (Ann Arbor). Handball program has grown considerably since our last visit. Club membership around 35 and operating with a small budget obtained through the efforts of Rod Grambeau, director of intramurals. Their number one player, Larry August, up to his neck in first year medical school studies. Dave Abelson, a former one-wall player, could develop into an excellent four wall player.

Dec. 9 — University of West Virginia. Clinic drew about 250 physical education students. Presently building standard four wall courts. Exhibition matches were played on one-wall courts. Dick Mull, intramural director, most appreciative of our visit. We will plan to visit again next year if the four wall courts are completed.

Dec. 11 — U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis). Clinic well attended, players very enthusiastic. There is no need to sell the carry-over value of handball to the physical-fitness-conscious military schools. The courts are not standard, approx. 34x16 with a low ceiling, a shooter's paradise. Hope to schedule Annapolis, West Point, and Coast Guard next year at a neutral site, conceivably at the Pentagon.

Dec. 12 — U.S. Military Academy (West Point). The Cadets have the best organized club of all the schools visited. Their program includes matches with the Air Force Academy, U. of Vermont, New York A.C., and other groups. Courts are over-sized but they have hopes of adding standard-size courts in the not too distant future.

Dec. 13 — U.S. Coast Guard Academy. A new athletic facility with five standard courts. Wire screen across gallery portal most unfortunate. Our visit was on a bad week-end but the small band of handball players attending the



AT U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY . . . Lake Forest team at top (l to r) — Dave Smith, Steve Jamron, William Yee, Wes Yee. Coast Guard Team at bottom (l to r)— John Smith, Rick Evers, Pete Barrett, Jay Carmichael.

clinic and participating in the matches were most enthusiastic. Nelson Nitchman, the intramural director, would like us to return next year and hopes that we can avoid playing on a weekend. Would be an excellent place for the Eastern Regional Intercollegiate.

SYNOPSIS — There is no problem selling the value of a varsity handball program. The fly in the ointment is generally a lack of qualified instructors, and also budgetary problems. The enthusiasm is there, the potential players with the continued prodding of the USHA.

POST SCRIPT — Jan. 16-17 — U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs). Unbelievable facilities. Nineteen courts, one being an exhibition court with a glass back wall. Major Jeff Davis the O.I.C. of the Handball Club a most gracious host. Would be an excellent site for an intercollegiate tournament. They tentatively plan to visit Lake Forest in February and will enter a team in the National Intercollegiate.

Jan. 21 — University of Illinois, Chi-

cago Circle Campus. Mike Olive and Ted Jackowski vastly improved since last year. Their Handball program continues to grow through the encouragement of Pete Berrafato, director of intramurals. They should be one of the favorites in the Central USHA Intercollegiate Tournament.

Jan. 23 — Iowa State University (at Lake Forest). A most enthusiastic group eager to learn as much as time would permit. Their sponsor, Lynn Reading, intramural director, could not attend with the Club. The following day they played at the Univ. Ill., Chicago Circle Campus. Plan to return for the Regional and National Tournament.

Team results: Lake Forest 3, Notre Dame 1; Lake Forest 5, University of Michigan 0; Lake Forest 2, University of West Virginia 2; Lake Forest 3, Navy 1; Lake Forest 5, Army 0; Lake Forest 4, U.S. Coast Guard Academy 0; Lake Forest 3, Air Force Academy 1; Lake Forest 2, U. of Illinois (Chicago) 1; Lake Forest 3, Iowa State U. 0.

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youngster, who gave away a year to his three top opponents, bounced back, took over the serve and won the final point.

The under-15 bracket proved lacking in number of players but not in quality. Californian Gary Stedman of Encino, couldn't get off the ground because of weather and had to cancel out, leaving Steven Ferguson of Des Moines as the only out of town. So, it proved to be a local battle and the finale was a whip snorting three-gamer with Steve Adelman coming from 11-18 in the second game over Billy Goldstein after losing the first, to win it, and then win the third going away, 21-12. Goldstein, one of two fine young prospect handballing sons of Al Goldstein, champ doubles partner of Dr. Stan London, seemed to lose both poise and momentum and couldn't get back into stride.

Jim Benincasa of Las Vegas, after losing a three-game first round under 17 match to Abel Leon, came back to win the consolation, defeating Ture Peterson of Kansas City in the finals, 21-10, 21-9.

Gilbert Muniz, who was the "furthest traveler," coming from San Juan, Puerto Rico, had lost his first round under-19 match to Al Chaparro, San Francisco, and then won the consolation over Al Sitkoff, St. Paul, 21-14, 21-7.

Tournament scores:

Under 15 — Mark Dubrow, St. Louis, over Gary Stedman, Encino, Calif., default; Steve Serot, St. Louis, def. Steven Ferguson, Des Moines, 21-7, 21-7.

Second round — Steve Adelman, St. Louis, def. Dubrow, 21-2, 21-4; Billy Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Serot, 21-3 14-21, 21-4.

Finals: Adelman def. Goldstein, 13-21 21-18, 21-12.

Under-17 — First round — Rick Christian, Van Nuys, Calif., def. John Marconet, St. Louis, 21-2, 21-3; Mark Dahlberg, St. Paul, def. Robert Kilcoyne, Dolton, Ill., 21-9, 21-20; Bill Baraban, Kansas City, def. Vern Roberts Jr., Cincinnati, 19-21, 21-13, 21-14; Barry Goldstein, St. Louis, def. Ken Mazon, Kansas City, 21-8, 21-16; Abel Leon, New York, def. James Benincasa, Las Vegas, 21-14, 13-21, 21-10; Ted Yvelson, St. Louis, def. Ture Peterson, Kansas City, 21-6 21-4; Brewer Kitchings, Birmingham, def. Jim London, St. Louis, 21-8, 21-7; Ken Ginty, New York, def. Jerry Livers, Kansas City, 21-5, 21-4.

Second round — Christian def. Dahlberg, 21-4, 21-11; Baraban def. Goldstein, 21-18, 11-21, 21-12; Yvelson def. Leon, 21-9, 21-18; Ginty def. Kitchings 21-11, 21-1.

Semi-finals — Christian, def. Baraban 21-7, 21-1; Yvelson def. Ginty, 10-21 21-11, 21-14.

Finals — Yvelson def. Christian, 21 16, 19-21, 21-20.

Third place — Ginty def. Baraban, 21-19, 21-17.

UNDER-19 — First round — Bill Scheckel, Chicago, def. Nathan Reiz, Kansas City, 21-12, 21-7; Ronald Larsen, Panorama City, Calif., def. Dennis Bresnahan, Chicago, 21-2, 21-7; Rudolph Jones, San Antonio, def. William Chapin, 21-7, 21-15.

Jeff Barnes, Birmingham, def. Al Sitkoff, St. Paul, 21-7, 21-4; Gary Fairhead, Des Plaines, Ill., def. Robert Clarke, Panorama City, Calif., 21-18, 21-3; Bob Brady, San Francisco, def. Mike McDonough, S. Boston, Mass., 21-19, 10-21, 21-8; Peter Colichidas, San Francisco, def. Jeffrey Buwalda, Chicago, 21-3, 21-2; Jack McElenany, New York, def. Marc Oughton, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, 21-8, 21-5; Al Chaparro, San Francisco, def. Gilbert Muniz, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 21-16, 21-14; Mario Schembari, Chicago, def. Bob Burnett, Des Moines, 21-12, 21-12; Kenneth Horvath, South Bend, Ind., def. Kevin Foster, St. Louis, 21-16, 21-10; Randall Marco, Van Nuys, Calif., def. Jeff Pierson, Des Moines, 21-12, 21-5.

Second round — Gary Straus, New York, def. Scheckel, 21-2, 21-8; Larsen def. Jones, 21-7, 21-2; Barnes def. Fairhead, 21-9, 21-10; Bob Ginsburg, St. Louis, def. Brady, 13-21, 21-9, 21-8; Steve Smith, St. Louis, def. Colichidas, 21-10, 21-12; McEnerny def. Chaparro, 21-14, 21-18; Schembari def. Horvath, 21-15, 21-17; Mitchell Straus, New York, def. Marco, 21-2, 21-8.

Quarter-finals — G. Straus def. Larsen, 21-5, 21-9; Barnes def. Ginsburg, 21-1, 21-16; Smith def. McEnerny, 21-15, 21-13; M. Straus def. Schembari, 21-14, 21-17.

Semi-finals — Barnes def. G. Straus, 21-11, 21-5; M. Straus def. Smith, 21-19, 17-21, 21-17.

Finals — Barnes def. M. Straus, 21-13, 21-10.

Third place — Smith (default).

This Junior edition proved one thing. St. Louis is undergoing a player renaissance. The group of 11 boys who participated in the three events from this city displayed real potential and we're sure two or three will be national tournament regulars in a few short years.

Steve Smith was disappointed when he was weakened by a virus bug . . . he went three games with Mitchell Straus but just didn't have the staying power. Meanwhile, his older brother, Dave, sophomore at Lake Forest College and member of the school's handball team, was hit with hepatitis but is now on the mend.

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Quotes — When Bob Davidson was informed he is now "ex-coach of the year," he tossed it off by saying, "I dropped those bums last Summer?" The New York boys, who had practically



THE AL GOLDSTEINS . . . Billy doesn't seem too happy with his second place trophy, but there's a lot of tournaments ahead for this determined young man.

ruled the roost in 1968 got the "doughnut" treatment this year. Should have "red shirted" the Straus twins . . . one of 'em now wants to write a book — "My wasted years as a teen-age handball phenom."

Champion under-15 Steve Adelman's mother, Ruth: During the final round match — "If Steve loses we will put him up for adoption."

All I could manage was split with Phil Smith, losing to Jules Gordon and Rich Linkemer . . . have to get 'em on my home grounds.

Incidentally the gals worked hard — headed by Mothers Yvelson and Adelman, with the registration desk and hospitality room in the JCCA . . . food was tops at the Ben Franklin motel where the boys had their housing . . . banquet was the usual theme of letting all the boys say a few words, introduced by Mort, with a few words forthcoming from Junior Chairman Bob Davidson, Phil Smith, health club director and man in motion.

Only thing bad about the tournament was the weather — icy, foggy, and snow, not necessarily in that order. But, next time out it will be in the warm climes of Florida at the Greater Miami YMHA . . . so plan now . . . Christmas time in the warm sunshine!



SO CONTINENTAL . . . Joannie Adler plants a "buss" on Hymie Goldstein's chin as a friendly gesture during the national juniors.

West Division

(from page 20)

It is amazing to this writer, that players over 40 years are able to perform for four or five consecutive days under grueling tournament conditions against the best of competition, especially when required to play two tough matches in one day. It requires outstanding physical condition and desire to survive (Wyrsh, for example); but for Langdon, a veteran of many nationals, it was asking too much after two Saturday matches. In L.A., Wyrsh, Langdon, Stadlberger and Badham will present formidable opposition and should make strong bids for the Masters singles.

Joe Shane, USHA National Commissioner, astutely recommended that Arnold Aguilar-Irv Simon, Hollywood YMCA, be seeded No. 1, and Stan Clawson-Frank Elias, S.F. Central YMCA be seeded No. 2. The results in the finals made Joe look like a genius: Aguilar-Simon won from Clawson-Elias, 21-4 and 21-16. But, Joe made a slight miscalculation in the Masters doubles because: Jeff Capell-Kevin O'Shea, O.C. (4th seeded) defeated third seeded Bob McGuire-Bill Keays, O.C., 21-16 and 21-16.

Commissioner Shane's overall seeding recommendations bordered on the uncanny. The top four seedings in each of the four events wound up in the semi-finals except in open singles. However, we forgive Joe because fourth seeded Bob Bourbeau reported in sick after the schedule was printed. With more experience Joe should improve.

The USHA's West Division was another huge success, comparable to previous National handball tournaments hosted by The Olympic Club in: 1939, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1957, 1960 and 1967. Many Olympians served on committees for such events and volunteered to aid in solving many complicated problems which must be expertly handled to as-

sure success. Al Schroth, O.C. Handball Commissioner and Mike de la Pena, Handball Coach, took no chances, they lined up a large committee early and wisely arranged to receive further help and guidance from (1) Joe Shane who flew in from L.A. in advance to assist in preparing the schedules; (2) Mort Leve, secretary, who flew in from Tulsa to catch our action; and (3) Al Gracio U.S.'s most efficient floor manager.

This division enjoyed all of the luxuries which normally prevail at USHA nationals, such as: Large entry list of many nationally prominent players; printed programs, schedules and handball stories; generous newspaper publicity, including TV coverage for the singles finals (Channel 4); hospitality room; special T-shirts for each participant; reserve seats for the fans; outstanding handball facilities on five standard courts; victory banquet, and many other features.

The Olympic Club and the USHA is grateful to the committee, including: W. Walter McCarthy, honorary chairman; Al Schroth, tournament chairman; Bob Hassing, tournament vice-chairman; Ray Arata Jr., secretary; Dick Siggins, registration and hospitality chairman; Jack Goodwin, master of ceremonies-entertainment-banquet; Jack Schroth, awards; Jeff Capell, Roy Leu, and Tony Garcia, tickets; Angelo Di Falco and Martin Judnich, publicity and public relations; Don Gordon, Kevin O'Shea and Bob McGuire, referees; Bob Brady and Bill Keays, door-entrance-seating chairmen; Dar Ahearn, Joe Hare, Jack Meyer, Al Seyranian, and Ed Dullea, program; Angelo Mazza, finance; Dean Colichidas, staff artist; John Halkett, O.C. general manager; John L. Payne, O.C. director of athletics; Mike de la Pena, handball coach; Mrs. Marge Brady, and other ladies, women's registration and hospitality chairman.

Marty Judnich

Central Division

(from page 19)

Semifinals — Haber def. McDonald, 21-9, 7-21, 21-2; Muck def. Graham, 21-14, 21-8.

McDonald won third place by default over Graham.

OPEN DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS — Simie Fein, Milwaukee-Ray Neveau, Oshkosh, Wisc., def. Dick Brackin-Pat Patton, Oklahoma City, 21-7, 21-7; Bill McGreevy Jr.-George Alexander, St. Louis, def. Ed Bellochio-Ed Schall, Dal-

Des Plaines, Ill.

N. W. Suburban Y

Twenty-five percent of the players competing in the recent Central USHA Masters were from the Northwest Suburban YMCA. Those competing were: Bernie Graham—Harry Keith; Rick Cashmore—Jim Newman; Aaron Rabin-koff—Roy DeMeyer; Marvin Hefner—Ron Magnuson, and Clarence Kitto—Joe Jackowicz.

On any Tuesday or Thursday evening at our Y you can see the over-40 age group play every game as hard and fast as any younger tournament player. The majority of these men can team together with some of the younger men, playing with sharpness and cunning that the years of experience have given them. The young players are most polite and complimentary. They are generally asking advice and, of course, are getting first-class knowledge from these stalwart oldsters.

The Northwest Suburban YMCA Annual Turkey Tournament, which is always a big event, started out with 126 signing up. The game was played with "ping pong" scoring — took two week-ends to complete, 31 points per game, and a number of games went to 31-30.

Brian Falknor and Irving Marshak were the winners, defeating Chuck Merriam and Bill Allen. In the loser's bracket, big bushy-haired—but handsome—Jim Brosnan and Ron Cook were the winners; beating out John Courtney and Dick Brede. The winners were scheduled to take home turkeys but, due to the many tournaments held during the month of November and December, General Secretary Chuck McClellan, "our leader", gave each of the men handball gloves and a T-shirt; all were happy.

Now the Northwest Suburban Inter-house tournaments begin. Doubles matches begin at 12 noon, with competition in three brackets: A, B, and C.

The C bracket has 64 entries, which is a mixed group of young, old, and beginners. With such a large entry, the Judging Committee simply could not seed anybody; which should prove somewhat of a thrilling final.

Clarence Kitto

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East Division Tournament



SINGLES FINALS AT WEST SIDE Y . . . Pat Kirby takes ball off back wall with that Irish Whip against Lou Russo. Kirby notched another big win and will now give it that all-out effort — handball's No. 1 prize at Los Angeles.

Notes of the Juniors

There were 18 cities represented in the Juniors, including entries from Puerto Rico and Vancouver, B.C. Only one player — Californian Gary Stedman — was unable to make his plane connections. Chicago sent seven entries, New York 5, and Kansas City 5. Seven entries from the state of California.

It was good to see Sy Wolf cavorting about the courts. At 67, he plays five times a week, and feels like ten million 1930 dollars . . . Hymie Goldstein, always 100 per cent cooperative and with the real interest in the kids. Our ex-national commissioner was particularly interested in two of his grand-nephews, Billy and Barry Goldstein. Billy came close to posting the first Goldstein national win . . . at 11-18, your reporter went over to Papa Al Goldstein and made him aware of this and probably put the hex on his boy.

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One thing vividly portrayed at the St. Louis JCCA is that racquetball is a youth "feeder" for handball. Under 17 winner Ted Yevelson learned the angles of the court with the racquet and is now a confirmed handballer. We saw youngsters of both sexes, as young as 7 or 8, batting racquetballs around on any court — be it a handball or squash court. One little girl was absolutely amazing with her coordination . . . the racquet looked bigger than her. Lake Forest College handball coach, Mike Dau, doing some "scouting," got a real chuckle when he saw a little girl return the ball to the front wall by whacking it into the back wall first as a last resort shot.

Nite of Stars . . .

Nite of Stars exhibition at Union Temple, Brooklyn, Dec. 6, honoring Marty "The Farmer" Cushman . . .

Result: Mark Levine and Andy Grosz def. Gary and Mitchell Straus, 25-5; Vic Hershkowitz and Charlie Danilezyk def. Nat Schifter and Al Goldstein, 25-22; Marty Cushman def. Ronnie Berkowitz, 25-10; Carl and Ruby Obert def. Artie Reyer and Joel Wisotsky, 25-15; Steve Sandler def. Kenny Gamble, 25-8; Norman Ray and Steve Sandler def. Joe Danilezyk and Dave Norvid, 25-3.

Sam Silvers served as master of ceremonies. Irving "The Mayor" Rosenblatt, chairman; Vic Hershkowitz, co-chairman.

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Latest word from our "Mr. One Wall" — Irv Ehrlich. He's building a home in Ft. Lauderdale and grooming a successor to take over the annual one-wall nationals at the Brownsville Boys Club.



CRAMMED TO THE RAFTERS . . . Egon Teichert's photo clearly shows the inadequacies of gallery accommodations at the East Division tournament. A couple of hundred more wanted to view the Russo-Kirby finals but couldn't. That's Jim Jacobs, center-front, who refereed that event.

One-Wall Yes! But Metropolitan N.Y. Sadly In Need of Four-Wall plus Galleries

NOTE: To the handball world Metropolitan New York has long been known as the "spawning ground" for the game. New Yorkers, who have spread their wings and moved to all sectors of the country, have been the Johnny Appleseeds. They have introduced the game, promoted it, and then happily shoved the black pellet down their opponents' throats with the experienced know-how that only comes from playing the game since childhood. Although there are more than 1500 outdoor one-wall courts in the big city there are now far too few four-wall facilities. The former hotbeds of four-wall at Brooklyn Central and Bronx Union YMCA's are no more, having been transformed into State narcotic institutions. No new courts have been forthcoming in this No. 1 population area. The overflow of players at Manhattan's 92nd St. YMHA and the West Side YMCA is just too much to accommodate. With the number of private handball-racquetball clubs springing up there is no riper locale than in New York. But, there are problems—namely, costs of acreage and construction. Several years ago, Al Stein, physical director at 92nd St., told us of tentative plans for a "bowling alley" battery of courts in Queens, site of the World's Fair. But nothing developed. So the talented one-wallers cannot funnel their skills over to the four walls . . . and therein lies Bill Kennedy's tale.

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By WILLIAM KENNEDY

To Eastern members of the handball fraternity it should be more than apparent that the situation in the division has become critical. In fact, many observers have said it is past the critical stage and is now hopeless.

The problem is simple; there are more handball players and fewer courts in the

East than anywhere else in the U.S. This enigma has existed so long that the last time a legitimate national tournament was held in the East was in 1949. Small wonder why some players have given up hope that the USHA will ever bring its national tournament to the East.

Most recently the Eastern dilemma was illustrated at the West Side YMCA in New York where its handball committee attempted to conduct the divisional championships from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1. The West Siders' gallant attempt to operate a first-class tournament fell short of its mark on the day of the finals. Some 50 handball nuts craned their necks to get a glimpse of the action between Pat Kirby and Lou Russo Jr. after most of them had stood in their gallery positions for nearly two hours waiting for play to begin. Others huddled around the bleachers to hear scores as they were called out by referee Jimmy Jacobs. Five times that number would have been present for the match, but veteran handballers in the East recognize the futility in attempting to witness a match between nationally ranked players on this YMCA court.

ACE Magazine makes Eastern players drool with envy when they read issues like the recent December publication, which boasts of excellent facilities available at the sites of the other three divisional tournaments. To the sophisticated resident of the East it is common knowledge that Southerners are way behind the times, that only naive farmers live in the Central portion of the country and that in the West they are too busy smoking pot to think of handball. Yet, Metropolitan New York players annually flock to Norfolk for the Virginia State Open, to Detroit for the three-wall nationals and to all points West for the four-wall championships. They are like fresh air fund kids leaving the ghetto for

two weeks of summer camp.

A few institutions of higher learning like the universities of Delaware and Vermont and others have built handball complexes of more than six courts. However, Easterners could not or did not try to persuade these colleges to use glass in the walls of the courts or to build one with a gallery of respectable size.

Robert W. Kendler, president of the handball fraternity, speaks about national television of USHA championships in a handball complex which would contain 36 practice courts and two glass courts with galleries for 5,000 spectators. Sure Kendler is a dreamer! He's the same "kook" who predicted 20 years ago that he could found a handball association operated by the players for the players.

While handball facilities in other parts of the nation are expanded and erected, only the number of players grows in the East. Few if any new courts are built each year. House and area tournaments continue to be played in courts with antiquated floors, dead walls and inadequate lighting.

Handball's last resort in the East is that somewhere there is a "Messiah" who is influential or wealthy and loves the game so much that he can convince someone to build a handball tournament arena. The East desperately needs just one place where a national tournament could be held because this type of showcase could encourage the construction of other complexes. In time, the area could even catch up with the rest of the country.

In the meantime, Eastern Handball players have visions of winning matches and tournaments, like players from other sections of the country. For they know it is futile to think that the day will ever dawn when handballers will come East from throughout the nation to compete for the national championships.

New Omaha YMCA Hosts Inaugural Racquetball

The recently opened Omaha YMCA courts were launched into action via the Inaugural Racquetball championships held Dec. 6-7.

An 18 draw in singles narrowed down to the top four seeds in the semi-finals. Omaha's Dick Hamlin and Mike Donoghue, of Offutt Air Force Base, settled the Nebraska championship issue with Hamlin winning 21-10, 21-18.

The other semi-finals matched the Iowa champion from Marshalltown, Bernard Nielsen and John Rude, Sioux Falls,

South Dakota. Rude took the first game at 21-11 and Nielsen held on to win the second game by 21-20. The final game found Nielsen ahead at 12-0 and again by 17-4. Rude refused to quit and eventually tied the score at 19-19. The match and our admiration for a super-effort went to Rude by 21-20.

In the finals, Hamlin combined kills and pass shots to beat Rude by 21-10 and 21-2.

The 12 doubles teams were completely dominated by the Sioux Falls team of

Don Erickson and Rude. Lefty Erickson's corner kills and Rude's bottom board smashes kept their opponents under 10 points per game.

The Master's title went to another Sioux Fall entry, A. J. Hoeger. He defeated the Omaha YMCA assistant physical director, Al McNeal, in three games.

McNeal is to be congratulated for another successful racquetball tournament . . . and a special thank you to Sgt. Frady and his crew from Offutt Air Force Base for their help in running the tournament.



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PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS . . . Stuffy Singer (he's the 'Hollywood' type with the dark glasses) with his winning proteges after the graduation competition—(l to r)—Steve Birnbaum, Jeff Berris, Robbie Nolan.

"Give something back to the game that has given so much to you." How many times have all of us heard Bob Kendler expound on this theme?

On Saturday, Jan. 8, 8:30 a.m., I entered the Encino Health Club and witnessed something that I have never dreamed could happen on a handball court. Eight youngsters, ages 11 and 12, were using the courts with doubles action on both. Approximately a dozen boys and about 20 fathers were in the stands shouting encouragement to the players. The skills of the boys were not overly impressive but their knowledge of the game was extremely good. It was quickly apparent that they knew what they were trying to do, even though the execution left something to be desired. I can honestly say this was one of the most gratifying moments I have ever had at a handball facility.

That morning was the culmination of a four-week clinic held at the EHC, for 22 fathers and sons and taught by Stuffy

Singer. During the previous weeks many people were telling me about the clinics on Saturdays, how good, how interesting, etc. But, 8:30 a.m. on Saturday is a little early for me so I just had never attended.

This was the "Moment of Truth" day. The question for the boys was, "How much did you learn . . . how well can you play?" In other words tournament time! Twenty-two boys — 12 and under, 14 and under, 17 and under . . . 15-point games, single elimination. The only change from USHA rules was in the scoring. We scored like tennis, both in and out. That way we hoped to avoid excessive fatigue.

The games were hotly contested and a few of the losers broke down and cried. But, we've seen this happen more than once in open adult competition.

After the tournament was over we all had a brunch catered by that famed "Glitzyaner," Chef Jules Gordon. All the boys were given Club t-shirts and a winged victory trophy, which said:

"Stuffy's Clinic — 1969-70."

We would like to thank Bill Veprin and Norman Berris, owners of the Club, and Joe Forman, Club manager, for donating the facilities and subsidizing the tournaments.

To Stuffy Singer, what can we say? Being your father I must keep a close check on my pride in you, so I'll just repeat what the parents and boys of your clinic are saying . . . "Thanks Stuffy, you're the greatest" . . . and, I'm sure Bob Kendler will say, "That's what I call giving something back."

Tournament winners were: 12 and under — Jeff Berris; 14 and under — Robbie Nolan; 17 and under — Steve Birnbaum.

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Schmidtke Bests Schultz in Madison

The YMCA's of Madison, Wis., have been called "the hot-bed of Racquetball and Paddleball."

The Annual Capital City Open Racquetball Tourney proved the point once again as Racquetball poured onto the Central Branch YMCA for a tough weekend tournament.

Entries came from Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. The tourney was a straight elimination tournament with a consolation and play off for the third place. Exeremely beautiful trophies were awarded by the YMCA's Department of Health and Physical Education.

It was an all-Madison YMCA championship bracket semi-finals and an all Wisconsin consolation semi-finals.

Bill Schmidtke, 1968 national runner-up, won his semi-final match over newcomer to the racquetball ranks — but an experienced tournament player in racquetball, Ron Haisting. Bill won two

straight on Sunday morning, Dec. 14, 21-10, 21-19.

Bill Schultz, 1968 National Open Racquetball champion defeated the YMCA's North Central Area Champion, Paul Nelson, 21-19, 21-17. Bill had to come from behind in both games to win — in the second game coming from a 11 to 2 score to win by 21-17.

The finals proved to be the expected exciting game between the teacher and the student. The student, Bill Schmidtke, defeated the teacher, Bill Schultz in the first game 21-16. Schultz came from behind 4 to 13 to win the second game 21-19. The third game went to Schmidtke and the Capital City title.

Consolation trophies went to Will Branta of Appleton, Wis., defeating Madison's Don Gemoll; Paul Nelson defeated Ron Haisting for the third place award.

Miami Beach Gals Quit 'Widow' Ranks

In this beautiful land of sunshine the Miami Beach handball players' wives have organized their own Paddleball (wood) club. The expression "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," may have a new meaning these days. The "Girls" have donned the sports attire and now the 4 one-wall courts and 2 four-wall courts are as filled with gals as there are guys.

This seems to have had at least one good side-effect. More pressure was placed on the Miami Beach city council this past year to provide more handball courts for Flamingo Park, and it was finally approved. Could this timing be just a coincidence?

We have ten active members who meet each and every Sunday (occasionally during weekdays), and have elected Barbara Schreiber (Mrs. Bernard), president. (That's me). The word of our group is spreading rapidly and many more girls occasionally join us.

Although we girls sometimes crowd the men's courts, they aren't complaining too loudly. It seems they like the improvement in the scenery. In fact, I've noticed a few of the men have switched from handball to paddleball. It's not unusual to see mixed doubles on the courts these days.

We are now planning our first tournament, so you will be hearing from us soon.

Barbara Schreiber

P.S. "Paddlette" members include: Belle Jabin, Lula Thalass, Rita Sperling, Ruth Gleber, Ida Levinson, Vivian Pizzula, Edie Reiser, Roz Bystock, Ruth "The Blonde" Romey, and Barbara Schreiber, whose husband, Bernie, was captain of the Davis Cup tennis team about a decade ago and is one of the top players at Flamingo Park.

The Saskatchewan Open will be held in Regina, March 19, 20 and 21. The boys from the West are looking for a first class entry and ready to go with some of the best facilities in Canada.

Stan Fisher



MARVIN'S PADDLEBALL BEAUTIES . . . They start the little gals off young at the paddleball (one-wall wood) game in Brooklyn. Pictured are: ace referee Morris Levitsky (front with stogie) and Coach Marvin Greenberg back of his playing quartet. Oh yes, to the left of Marv's dark glasses is Ugo Bontempo, correspondent and another hard-working ref.

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"DAY OF STARS"

Annually, as an aftermath of the USHA one-wall tournament, the Brooklyn Brownsville Handball Club presents a charitable "Day of Stars" in which some of the stars of the tournament are the participants.

A successful "Day" took place January 18, the result of an enthusiastic and capable committee and through the herculean efforts of the very active and generous chairman, Marvin Greenberg. His efforts deserve the following short resume of his numerous handball activities. He is coach of the victorious Brownsville Handball Club Winter League Team, originator of the Paddleball Beauties, chief referee of the USHA one-wall handball tournament.

The title "Mayor" was bestowed upon jovial Marvin last summer when he won a ballot election for an "Official Mayor" of the Coney Island Municipal Courts. The title "Commissioner" of Ave. P had been thrust upon him at those active courts. His capabilities and popularity gained him the chairmanship of the "Day of Stars" and lest we forget "Mayor" Marvin, along with Irving Ehrlich, Mickey Blechman, Morris Levitsky and Ugo Bontempo, is also a committeeman and referee of the USHA N.Y. one-wall tournament. It must be noted that "The Honorable" Marvin is "broad" enough to shoulder all these titles with their implications.

The "Day of Stars" exhibition games were most enjoyable, judging by the reactions of a record number of spectators. A novel Ave. P "special" featured the winner, showman Martin Barry Schwarz opposing the left of likeable Myron Kaufman and the paddle of the entertaining and hard-losing Irving "Bald Eagle" Beck. The game was a "wow" of entertainment. A pinkball doubles "special" of champions was won by Keith Williams and Ted Olds over Tony Quintero and Howard King Jr. in a fast colorful contest.

In a strongly contested game, sportsman and gentleman Kenney Gamble and "colorful" Norman Ray won from the USHA Jr. champion, popular Mark Levine, and his partner, "Kind" John Reicher. Dynamic Charlie Danilezyk of that powerful Danilezyk clan and his formidable partner, Steve Gallo, beat the USHA Masters Doubles Champions, fighting "Mr. Heart" Nat Schifter, and strong "Teacher" Al Goldstein in a "hot" contest. The popular and ever-ready Marty Cushman won a surprising game from the USHA tournament "sensation", newcomer Tom Hopkins Jr. Finally



CHICAGOLAND MASTERS . . . The first known all-Italian big handball tournament finale was won by Tony Tennerelli and Nunzio 'Red' Mugavero (center) of Duncan YMCA over Ben Costello and Joe Ardito (l to r). Central USHA Masters doubles was first tournament to be conducted by the new North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook.

Handball 'Italiano Style' in Central Masters

Nunzio "Red" Mugavero and Tony Tennerelli, Duncan YMCA, runnersup last year, took the top award in the Central USHA Masters tournament held Dec. 7-12 at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook, Ill. Ken Schneider and Gus Lewis, winners a year ago, by-passed this year's play.

Mugavero-Tennerelli beat Joe Ardito and Ben Costello, representing Evanston YMCA and Oak Park YMCA respectively, in what was billed as handball's first "All Italian" finals. Ardito and Costello came back strong after losing the opening

those attractive "stars of stars", Carl and brother, Ruby Obert, won a strongly fought contest from always inspiring Artie Reyer and ever dynamic Charlie Danilezyk.

The caliber of play throughout the games was reflected in the enthusiastic applause of the welcome and appreciated spectators, who rounded out a very successful "Day of Stars".

Instrumental in the day's success also, were enterprising Irving Ehrlich, chairman of the Brownsville Handball Club, the affluent Mickey Blechman, co-ordinator and capable M.C. and last, as usual, the referees; Chairman Marvin Greenberg, Co-Chairman Morris Levitsky, Norman Butler, Murray Collins, Herbert Greenberg, Howard King Jr. and yes, myself.

Ugo Bontempo

game to take the second but had no "gas" for the decider.

Chicago Fire Department Capt. John Casey teamed with Tony Klimek, the ex-University of Illinois and Chicago Cardinal football standout, as 111th St. YMCA reps, to take third place over Fred Ballantine and Joe McFadden, West Suburban YMCA.

There were 20 teams entered in the first area handball tournament ever held at the North Suburban Y.

Results from quarter-finals:

Mugavero-Tennerelli def. Dick Cashmore-Jim Newman, Northwest Suburban Y, 21-6, 21-14; Ballantine-McFadden def. Bernard Graham-Harry Keith, Northwest Suburban Y, 21-14, 21-8; Casey-Klimek def. Aaron Rabinkoff-Roy DeMeyer, Northwest Suburban Y, 21-13, 21-9; Ardito-Costello def. Mort Leve-Don Silverstone, Evanston Y, 21-16, 21-10.

NOTES: Thanks to Faulds Orchard, North Suburban YMCA physical director, for his full cooperation in making the three fine courts available for the 20-team tournament. It was double duty for tournament chairman Joe Ardito and his faithful aide, Ben Costello, for besides scheduling and refereeing they played their way to the finals. Northwest Suburban YMCA had a heavy entry in the tourney, bringing in some new, strong talent. Ye editor Mort Leve was the only host rep., and he was burdened with Don 'El Chocko' Silverstone for his partner.

Handball Court Condominium Sought

Jack Goldstein is anxious to "sell" a handball facility in the fast-rising condominiums going up in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Bronx handballer recently returned from a vacation there and enclosed a brochure on "Tennis Court Condominium." Jack bought an apartment there and they will be completed next February.

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MORT'S SHORTS . . .

I must publicly state that my early February trip was not a playing success, other than a first round win in the Masters singles in Tulsa . . . lost to Jim Gilbert in three to even up our running battle; then lost to Rod Rodriguez at the LAAC. My excuse? I'm just not a good road performer. Bill McGreevy promised me he would put his title on the line in a Chicago showdown as I was slated to meet him in the second round but had to get on to San Francisco. Bill, I'll be in St. Louis in April for the big racquetball championships and will give the challenge then.

Good attendance at the Olympic Club

and it was real good to meet and greet a lot of good friends like Angelo Campana, Mike de la Pena, Marty Judnich, Val Cosper, Bob Hassing, Arnie Aguilar . . . and to meet with Al Gracio and Commissioner Joe Shane.

Didn't think Mel Sandland and John Bart would win the doubles after watching them lose a game to Gabe Enriquez and Harry Packer, but they started to jell and finished strong in the finals against Mike Kelly and vet Bob Brady.

On to L.A. A good final pre-tournament meeting at the LAAC . . . observed the fine progress being made on the two outdow courts with glass back walls going in.

Brownsville 'Day'

The Brownsville Handball Club presented the "Day of Stars" at the Brownsville Boys Club, Brooklyn, Sunday, Jan. 18.

In the first game, Martin Schwartz played against Irving "Bald Eagle" Beck and Myron Kaufman. The "Bald Eagle" played with his paddle and Myron Kaufman used a left backhand only. Schwartz used his left hand and his right hand. Martin Schwartz won this one 21 to 8.

In the second game, Tony Quintero and Howard King Jr. played Ted Olds and Keith Williams in a pink ball game. Ted Olds and Keith Williams won this one 21-14.

In the third game, Nat Schifter and Al Goldstein, the current Masters double champs played Charlie Danilczyk and Steve Gallo. Danilczyk and Gallo won 25-12.

In the fourth game, Marty "The Farmer" Cushman outplayed Tom Hopkins Jr. by the score of 25-19.

In the fifth game, Norman Ray and Ken Gamble defeated Mark Levine and John Reicher in a hard fought match. The score was 21-18.

In the last match, Ruby Obert and Carl Obert defeated Artie Reyer and Charlie Danilczyk in a well played game. The score was 25-18.

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Grand Forks' 'First'

The first standard handball courts in Grand Forks were inaugurated with a doubles tournament at the YMCA Jan. 3. Nine teams participated, under Phil Yagla's capable supervision. Tom Devine and Bob Kinzel were the winners, beating Rich Equinoa and Duane Robbins in a hard-fought finals contest, 21-18, 19-21, 21-10. Other players were Dale Youngern, Jim Marback, Harold Pedersen, Bill Westphal, John Rundles, Chuck Boley, Al Cooley, John French, Nat Bethers, Eric Parker, Dick Dahl, Tom Fetch, Art Sambrano, and Jack McDonald.

The tigers came! The Manitoba Handball Association visited us Sat. Jan. 31, playing in the YMCA courts. This was the second half of a home-and-home series with MHA. In the first meeting, in Winnipeg Nov. 22, we squeaked out a win, 9 games to 8.

Fargo wants to avenge the clobbering that we gave them in September. Maybe we can arrange to give them a chance in February.

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over Mike Anzalone and Angelo Vecchio, Cleveland, 21-8, 21-16. Pictured (l to r) — Anzalone, Vecchio, Muehleisen, Brumfield . . . Dr. Dick Ribisl and Ken Porco, JCC physical director, third place. Ike Gumer is chairman of the racquetball committee.

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SPECIAL AWARD . . .

A special 'Player of the Generation' award will be tendered Jim Jacobs at the national tournament banquet, Friday, March 20, at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. It is most befitting that this honor take place at the Club Jim represented in many of his outstanding triumphs.

Jim Jacobs—Handball Player of USHA's 'Generation' . . .

As befitting our 20th anniversary celebration we single out one player who not only proved himself as No. 1 on the courts but also as a man who personifies the spirit of our Players' Fraternity.

If we can term our 1951-1970 USHA history as the modern generation of handball it is not difficult at all to build the case for Jim. In four-wall there are many handballers who span the 30's and 40's as well as this era, who have "seen 'em all" and pick Jacobs as the best. We could name two former national champions and members of the Helms Handball Hall of Fame who have been quoted to that effect—Angelo Trulio and Frank "Lefty" Coyle.

We often remember what Trulio said back in the early years of Jim's championships—"Barring injury or illness, Jacobs should go on to establish a new record for consecutive four-wall singles titles". Jim, unfortunately, did run into the injury bugaboo after stringing together three straight, 1955-56-57, but bounced back to win three more in 1960, 1964 and 1965. Add to this six doubles crowns, one with Dick Weisman, five with Marty Decatur.

Jim probably reached his peak performance in our nationals at the Olympic Club in 1960. After two years of frustrating injuries, he defeated defending champion, the brilliant Chicagoan Johnny Sloan, and put on an amazing exhibition of court mastery in winning the doubles with Weisman.

Our national three-wall tournament held each Labor Day weekend in Detroit's Palmer Park gave Jacobs a challenge. This game is probably more suited for the one-wallers than the four-wallers and through the years it has been generally dominated by the New Yorkers. Vic Hershkowitz was "Mr. Three-Wall" himself for the first nine years (1950-58) and gave Jim several final round lessons in this particular phase of handball. But, Jacobs learned well and took over for a three-year period, winning the singles in 1959-60-61.

In no way do we wish to slight Hershkowitz who richly deserves the "finest all-around player in handball history" accolade. Vic was at his one-wall and four-

wall best in the late 40's and early 50's. Nor would we overlook the remarkable record of Johnny Sloan, who hit the championship peak in his early 20's. Three times Johnny pulled the USHA "Hat Trick", winning both singles and doubles, with Phil Collins, in 1958, 1959 and 1961. He added another doubles with Phil Elbert in 1964.

We would also be remiss if we did not talk about a man who closed out the 60's in a meteoric flash of gifted talents—Paul Haber. Haber, the Pygmalion of the game, who transformed himself from a helter-skelter scrambler in his early 20's to a poised, control game artist in winning the high honors in 1966, 1967 and 1969. In speaking of skills Haber compares favorably with any singles champion in history and at the age of 33 might well rack up one or more big ones in his career.

But, in the final analysis, and headlining four-wall as the major phase of our handball, the nod must go to Jim Jacobs—the complete player who demonstrated speed, control, power, outstanding two-way hops, and two-handed skills. We have seen Jim methodically wear down his opponents with his control and sure kill game, then switch to an all-out shooting brand of ball when the occasion called for it.

Sports Illustrated referred to Jim as the best athlete in the world: He certainly parlayed his football, baseball and basketball Los Angeles prep stardom into a marvelous handball career.

In addition to his known court credits Jim Jacobs has been USHA's "Ambassador of Good Will" in his many travels throughout the world. In lengthy exhibition tours he displayed both his talents and the ability to communicate on the lore of four-wall to the clinic gatherings. National publication interviews along with radio and TV appearances have all enhanced the handball "image".

USHA, the Players' Fraternity, has matured from an incubator fledgling that many thought would not endure into a model Association with ideal tournament conditions. The presence of Jim Jacobs during this growing up period has meant so much in establishing ourselves as an independent organization that has truly given handball "identity".

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DOUBLES CHAMPIONS . . . Col. F. Kimbrough, base commander of Rhein Main Air Base in Germany shown presenting first place trophies in doubles to Maj. Art Wiltshire (left) and Hal Leffler of Mutual of New York.

In what is believed to be the first tournament of its type in Europe, the American Handball Club in Frankfurt and the Rhein Main Air Base Sports Office sponsored the First Annual Holiday Handball Tournament (FAHHT) (Open) Dec. 26-29 at Rhein Main Air Base. FAHHT attracted 39 participants, among which were some of the most outstanding handball talent on the continent.

Led by one-half of the 1968 World-wide US Air Force Championship doubles team, Dr. Ray Haling of the Bitburg Air Base, the tourney attracted such well-known Class A players as V Corps' Dan Kennerly, the 1968 NCAA Collegiate Handball Singles champion; Darmstadt's Mark Rojas, the 4th top singles

player in worldwide play (US Air Force) in 1968; and V Corps' Art Wiltshire, the 1969 AAU South Atlantic Regional Singles Champion, as well as the Fort Holabird, Maryland Singles Champion from 1966-1969. Wiltshire was also the 1968 City of Baltimore Singles Champion and a member of the US Army Pentagon Handball Team, which won the much-coveted Westmoreland Handball Trophy, symbolic of service supremacy in handball, from 1966-1969.

Other talented players competing were Ray Rodriguez of the Bitburg Air Base, Ron Yee and Don Via of Baumholder, Toy Lagapa of Gelnhausen, Hal Leffler and Mike English of Frankfurt; Mike Lesyk, Don Binder and Colonel Kim-

brough of Rhein Main Air Base; and Bob Brown and Don Miller of V Corps.

After three days of spirited play, Mark Rohas bested Dan Kennerly, 21-14, 12-21, 21-17 for the singles title, while Art Wiltshire and Hal Leffler combined to win the doubles crown against the Haling-Rodriguez duo, 21-20 and 21-14.

Closing ceremonies were held with Colonel Kimbrough, base commander of Rhein Main presenting First and Second-Place Trophies for singles and doubles play. Adding to the camaraderie of the group, a buffet for all competitors, their families and guests was provided through donations of all contestants, and was enjoyed to the "last finger-lickin' crumb".

Maj. A. B. Wiltshire

EAST DIVISION

(from page 21)

finals. He dumped Bill Kennedy, Montclair (N. J.) YMCA, 21-11, 21-5, in the second round and Steve Sandler, 92nd St. in the third round, 21-11, 21-13. Jack Weintraub, West Side, fell to Russo in the quarter finals, 21-8, 21-9, and he romped a fatigued Tom Kurowski, Eastern District (N. Y.) YMCA, 21-9, 21-0 in the semi finals. Essel won third place by default.

During the first two games of the finals Russo and Kirby played practically to a dead heat, accumulating an equal number of errors leading to opponent points. Russo led in kills, 15-14 and in passes, 9-4, but Kirby had seven aces to Russo's two. If Russo could have held his 6-1 lead in the first game, he might have won it in two.

However, Kirby was strong from start to finish and proved to be superior in the fitness contest. In the third game he raced to an 8-0 lead before Russo could win his first serve, and increased that count to 20-4 by the 10th inning. Five innings later he killed for the match point.

The Irishman did not serve up a single ace in the decisive game, but scored on 12 kills, a pass and eight Russo errors.

He committed only one error for a Russo point before reaching 20, and then relaxed while in for the final kill.

The doubles was less sensational as Kramberg and Brinn were clearly the class of the field. They were fortunate to pick up two default victories before topping New Jersey champs Jim Westdyke and Fred Romeo, Paterson YMCA, 21-9, 21-8. In the semi-finals Joe Botta and Mike Cappola, Brooklyn Union Temple, succumbed to the champs, 21-14, 21-14.

For Klarman and Vincent the road to the finals was a little longer. They eliminated John Cole and Tony Pearl, West Side, in the second round, 21-12, 21-15, and downed Vinnie Castellano and Frank LeBianca, Cavalier A.C., 21-5, 21-2 in the quarter-finals. In the semi finals they edged Joel Wisotsky and Ken Smolack, Castle Hill Club, 20-21, 21-12, 21-14.

Klarman and Vincent outkilled Brinn and Kramberg, 8-4, and were up 4-2 in aces in the first game. However, the hard-hitting 92nd St. duo forced 12 errors and four passing shots for points. In the second contest the errors were even

at 7-7 but Kramberg began to kill and pass consistently while the losers were having difficulty handling Brinn's two-way service.

Botta and Cappola outlasted Wisotsky and Smolack for third place, 21-15, 16-21, 21-4.

More than 100 players entered the two events but the banquet was lightly attended. Many participants were probably concerned because milk was the strongest drink served in the YMCA's banquet hall.

Jimmy Jacobs, who also officiated the singles finale, made the attending players forget their thirst for "spirits." He narrated reels of handball films which demonstrated the change in styles of play between the "Platak era" and today's handballers. Then he treated the players to some of his Big Fight Inc. flicks on boxings' "Famous Knockouts."

John Van Essen's tournament committee did its usual yeoman work in keeping the matches moving and providing excellent officiating.

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Seattle Column

From: Seattle Times, Jan. 1, 1970 . . . FOUR WALLS: A Sure Cure, by Vince O'Keefe.

For those afflicted with the blahs in the morning — there may have been some such cases today — Paul Morlos has a remedy:

A couple of fast games of handball.

Morlos, here to visit his in-laws, dropped by to bend our ear about his favorite sport.

"When I get on the court, all my problems — mental and physical — disappear. When I get through playing, I feel like a million again."

Morlos, a San Jose businessman, travels to a dozen major tournaments a year to play doubles with Mr. Handball, Paul Haber of Chicago.

Haber is famed as the Joe Namath of the Four-Wall Set. Paul's idea of getting ready for a match would not be recommended by most trainers.

"When I met him at the airport in Birmingham, Ala., a while back," said Paul, "we had five drinks at the airport. I wasn't entered in the singles, so I had time to recuperate. But Haber had a big singles match scheduled in a few hours with Jimmy Leahy of Chicago."

"He had a couple of beers to settle his stomach, then walloped Leahy, 21-6, 21-5."

HABER IS THE GREATEST thing that ever happened to handball, Morlos declared. *"Publicity makes a sport popular, and Paul has gotten more ink than all the modern-day stars combined — Joe Platak, Vic Hershkowitz, Jim Jacobs, Stuffy Singer, Marty Decatur or Bill Yambrick."*

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"Our sport is booming. The United States Handball Association is standardizing court sites all over the country and pushing it hard in colleges."

"We've had some feelers about putting it on television. If that happens, our top pros can afford to play more often. As it is now, Haber is one of the few pros who devotes his entire time to the game. For the rest of us, it still is a labor of love."

"I'm on my way to the Washington Athletic Club; hope to scare up a match with Bud Simpson or Gordy Pfeifer or Max Soriano."

"If you write anything about Haber, I'll send him a clipping."

Perhaps it would be appropriate to dip the paper into a schooner of suds first.

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Milt Cornell, Pacific Coast Club, defeated Don Anderson, North Community Y of Long Beach, 21-13, 21-18, at the Hollywood Y to become the Southern California Contenders' champ.

There were 75 contenders and this 39-year-old ran them all into the ground. Milt is not the stylist that many of the previous winners have been but to use a quote of Lou Russo: "He can do the job and gets it done."

Cornell is unquestionably one of the finest conditioned athletes we have ever seen. He is commonly referred to as the 'mechanical man.' We have watched him in hundreds of games and have never seen him request a towel or time out. Many of his opponents downgrade his ability but comes tournament time and he is always winding up in the top four or eight in any type of competition.

Cornell was losing 7-15 in the second game after losing 21-20 in the first to Dr. Tom Zaferes of Taft, but the young doctor had run himself into complete exhaustion and never scored another point in that game and wound up losing 21-3 in the third. Against Marv Gurian, Milt lost 18-21, then won 21-15, 21-2. On the sixth day of play (semis) he started breathing easier, blew a tired Irv Simon off the court in two and then on the seventh day against a favored pro baseballer, Don Anderson, chopped him up in two. Don was an all-star high minor leaguer last season and goes to spring training with Cincinnati.

The best prospects uncovered in this tourney are Jerry Goldstein, Hollywood Y, and Dr. Tom Zaferes. Jerry is about a year away from the winner's circle, and is getting good exposure with Stuffy Singer and Dr. August. Dr. Zaferes needs only the desire and time to get into competitive condition. He's got the hands and head, but needs the legs.

Again, we'd like to thank our chairman of rules and referees, and most able floor manager, Al Gracio. And without the assistance of guys like Syd Fields, Al Gold, Ed Malmuth, and Art Sorrentino, these tournaments would never get off the ground. Thanks again guys, you're the greatest!

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The First Twenty Years . . . a Saga of Sacrifice

*"... give what you have. To some it
may be better than you dare to think."*

—Longfellow

In looking back through our 20 years together, I am increasingly aware of the diverse rewards handball affords. For some it is a victory, for others health and for a few, sacrifice. Some players get their satisfaction by winning and some get theirs by serving. These servants are the real champions of handball, the greats behind the great. It is to them I dedicate this Twentieth Anniversary Tournament and bow my head.

There must be something remarkable about handball players. So many are also workers and make substantial sacrifices to move this game forward. Their effort is priceless and our gratitude is unbounded. In every one of our 20 years they have come forward with ideas, time and money, with no thought of reward. Theirs is a contribution that can never be measured or fully appreciated. If you are one of these pillars of the handball structure, you know it and your handball buddies know it. I know better than anyone what sacrifices this means. **HOW I WISH THAT EVERY MEMBER WOULD TAKE TIME TO SAY THANKS TO YOU AND TELL YOU OF THEIR GRATITUDE.**

Many times I have been asked "Who was the greatest man in Handball?" My answer? "There was no man . . . there were men." This sport was built by the personal sacrifice of hundreds of men all through our 20 years and **THEY ARE THE GREATEST!** The least important consideration of their greatness is not their victories, it is their sacrifices.

Many years ago I enjoyed the friendship of Joe Platak. No one could have admired him more. Yet today, when I am asked "Who is the greatest man in handball?" He is the last person I think of. That's because he never really worked for the sport. I used to remind him that one day, someone with fewer titles would be more revered and longer remembered.

Contrast him with Jimmy Jacobs, Dick Roberson, Pete Tyson, George Brotemarkle, John Scopis and many more who made championship contributions both inside and outside of the court. For me, every successful tournament is another title, even though I am not playing in the finals. It is the same for all of our workers. There is just as much joy in handball after tournament days are over as before, for those who choose to serve . . . to sacrifice. You see, one cannot always be a hero but one can always serve.

Serving is just another way of sacrificing. Let me here acknowledge just a few of those who have also sacrificed.

Al Schaufelberger was invaluable in launching the Association and serving as our national commissioner before his untimely death in 1955.

Hymie Goldstein, the man with a heart of gold, served courageously and loyally as our national commissioner for a decade.

Judge Joe Shane, our current national commissioner, is a credit to the game and has accomplished tremendous things for us.

Irv Ehrlich is "Mr. One Wall," a tireless worker in the East.

Andy Anderson, who passed away last year, was our right hand in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. John Scopis of Detroit who is the rare outstanding player-administrator, always doing the job with our national three-wall.

Les Shumate, long the promoter and enthusiast of the Rocky Mountain area, and always loyal to USHA.

"General" George Lee of the Dallas Athletic Club, who is 100 per cent behind us, and always ready to assist.

Bob Davidson, who has literally devoted a lifetime to the kids of handball, and does the job as our national junior chairman.

Joe Ardito, my right hand man in the Chicago area and on the court.

George Brotemarkle, who oversees the finances . . . another star-studded player-administrator.

Mort Leve, who has his hands full keeping the national machine well oiled.

Gus Lewis, two decades of service both as a player and advisor.

Ken Schneider, keeper of the records, always ready to assist.

Ben Costello, another of the Chicago top administrators, and a regular at our nationals.

These are the ones who played and served. There are many more who played and did not serve. They left nothing for history to record.

There are a good many more names that deserve mention and in later issues they will all be placed in the record. There is an important reason for this.

Last year officials at Notre Dame University asked me to be the handball chairman of the International Sports and Games Research Collection. Here we are gathering for all time the names and activities of the men behind the sports. And it is no secret that modern handball was founded by the USHA and any historical account should contain the names of those who SERVED as well as those who played. I intend to do this so every man — so every sacrifice will be a part of handball history.

Robert Louis Stevenson once said, "If a man loves the labor of any trade, apart from any question of success or fame, the Gods have called him." This prompts me to say that the man who does not play for the love of the game but only for the titles, is not likely to win many titles, nor to find much fun in life.

Let this editorial be a testimonial then to those silent servants of handball who have made it possible for me to bring to you a better sport, a more meaningful avocation and above all, an outstanding association. Sacrifice more, fraternize more, honor handball.

*Matthew 9: Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

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