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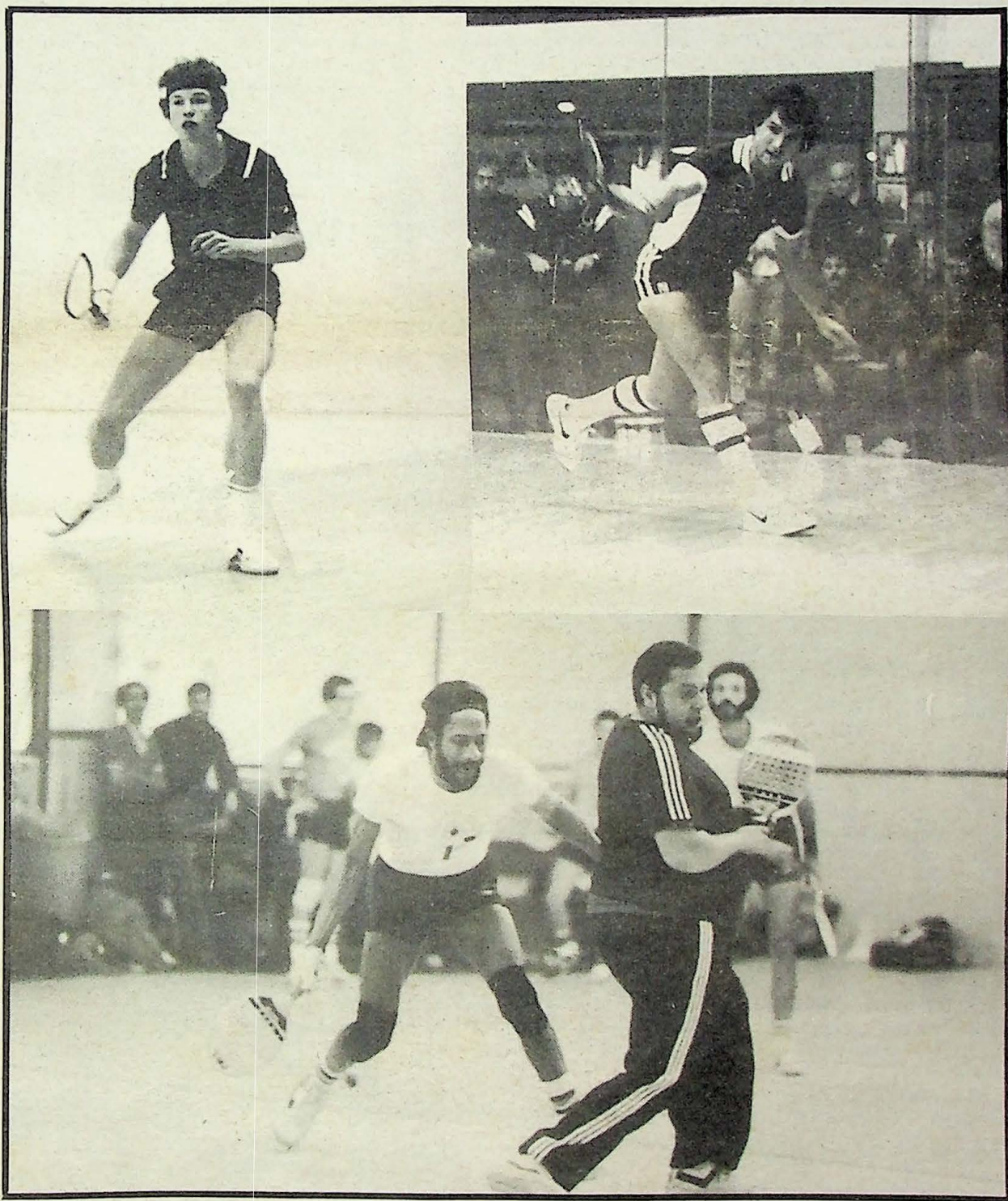
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PADDLEBALL

All Star Paddleball League

Open mixed doubles Jan. 29. Open doubles March 12. Women's doubles April 16. Call Miguel at (212) 458-4340.

"B" Singles

Feb. 26 at Bronx Indoor Paddleball. (212) 863-1670.

Open B Doubles.

Jan. 15 and 22 at Bronx Indoor Paddleball. (212) 863-1670.

Big Apple Pro/Am Men's Singles.

Set for February, '83.

El Barrio/Mt. Vernon Paddleball Tournament.

Feb. 12 and 19. Call (212) 863-1670.

Paddlesport Health Club Men's and Women's Open Doubles.

Feb. 5th Women's Open Doubles. March 12 and 19 Men's Open Doubles. At Paddlesport Health Club. Call 738-3535.

Mixed Doubles

Feb. 18 at Take One Paddleball Center. 531-1714.

RACQUETBALL

St. Valentine's Day Racquetball Tournament.

Feb. 4, 5, and 6th at 21st Point Club on McKown Rd., Albany, N.Y. 12203. Contact Vincent M. Wolanin at (518) 489-3276.

Lite Beer Second Annual N.J. Mixed Doubles.

Jan. 28-30 Racquetball of Cedar Knolls, 119 E. Frederick, Cedar Knolls, N.J. 07927. (201) 267-2686.

Greater Hartford Open.

Feb. 4-6. Playoff RB Club, 800 Connecticut Blvd., E. Hartford, Ct. (203) 568-4227.

Connecticut State Championships.

March 4-6 Cedar Hill RB Club, 375 E. Cedar St., Newington, Ct. 06111. (203) 666-8451.

Eazor Racquettime of Monroeville.

March 25-27. Candy Eazor, Duff Rd. and Old Wmn. Penn Hwy. Monroeville, Pa. 15146.

St. Patrick's Day Open.

March 18-20. Playoff RB Club, 800 Connecticut Blvd., E. Hartford, Ct. (203) 568-4227.

FROM THE EDITOR...

It's a brand new year, and the Racquetsport Staff are ready. In 1982 our staff covered the tournaments both big and small. We kept our readers informed on many of the new products on the market and how they effect the game. We gave our readers an insight into the players, not just the pro's, and not just the winners of the tournaments. We profiled players from every level of skill.

Events that never before received recognition were highlighted.

We provided a platform for

players, spectators and sponsors to air their views.

Top players in racquetball and paddleball wrote exclusive interesting and informative articles about their respective sport. Action photography gave the stories a special perspective.

So, Bobby Schwarz, Jim Winterton, Pat Bagwell, Mike Frankel, Joe Lube, Artie Diemar, Dr. Rachlin, and many more guest writers, get your pens ready! It's 1983!

—Editor

Police Racquetball Attention All Police Officers!

There's a racquetball tournament just for you!

The Second Annual Police RB Tournament will take place Feb. 7 and 8 at the Olympic Court Club, 3

Harbor Pk. Dr., Port Washington, N.Y. Entry deadline is Jan. 31.

The Penn Ball will be used. For more information, call (516) 484-1240.

Letters to the Editor:

Hey, New Reader!

I found your paper at B.Q.E. RB Club and really enjoyed reading it. Keep up the good work! I have decided to subscribe to RSP.

A Hogan Fan

I had the best time of my life watching the DP Leach Catalina Pro/Am RB Classic Pro Stop in New Haven, Conn. I most enjoyed watching Marty Hogan. He is truly amazing.

Michael Kirmayer

Your chance to see Hogan again in top competition will be coming along very soon! He will be playing an exhibition and match against Ruben Gonzalez! Read on, more info in this issue!

The Editor

Wants to Know

I keep missing tournaments! I never seem to know when they are coming! Please keep me informed.

J. Coles

Long Island, New York

We make every effort to make our Tournament Calendar as comprehensive and up to date as possible! BUT we need the cooperation of the promoters!

The Editor

Diemar Moves To N.Y. Health & Racquet Club

New York Health and Racquet Club announces the appointment of Art Diemar as head racquetball pro, and Pro Shop Manager.

The NYHRC is the most prestigious, luxurious, and well equipped chain of health and exercise clubs yet founded. There are presently 5 clubs in mid-town Manhattan with the first site on 76th St. and York Ave., having opened its doors ten years ago. New clubs are opened at convenient sites in Manhattan approximately once every 2 years.

The NYHRC's philosophy is to provide the widest range of fitness

services possible at an affordable, reasonable cost. For example, the 56th St. location alone has a schedule of over 20 free classes daily in such diverse areas as calisthenics, yoga, aerobics, karate, dance, racquetball & nautilus training. The club features a co-ed pool, running track, full nautilus, 4 championship racquetball courts, and numerous other facilities.

Art Diemar will be running the racquetball program at the 110 West 56th Street site, between 6th and 7th Avenues. The phone number is 541-7200.



Cheryl and Jason, wife and son of Mark Vogel, watch him play. Photo by Alan

HOW A REMARKABLE RACQUET GRIP IMPROVES YOUR GAME

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Coming Next Issue: • Mt. Vernon / El Barrio Paddleball
 • Who's Number One in the East? Hogan or Gonzalez?

SIXTH ANNUAL

LONG ISLAND OPEN

The Sixth Annual Long Island Open, sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller, Coral House Restaurant and Catering House and Seamco, continued to prove to be the premier tournament in the Northeast by drawing 893 entries to the Sportset Clubs.

Players of all ages (8-73) and skill levels provided fierce action in all categories from novice to open. Over 30 categories of play were offered. Over 180 women proved they constitute a meaningful force in tournament racquetball. Over 40 percent of the participants played in the Novice, CC, C and Vet C divisions, and they exhibited every bit as much enthusiasm and competitive spirit as the more seasoned tourney veterans.

The L.I. Open title continues to be the most prestigious championship to be held in the Northeast while continuing to attract and satisfy the beginning player. For over 20 percent of the players this was their first tournament.

Historically, the recominant interest in any tournament focuses on the Open division. This interest was well deserved at this year's Long Island Open.

Men's Open

The LI Open served as a major stop in this series of contests.


Would Jimmy Cascio's premier shooting ability, combined with his Niederhoffer-like passes and pinches, Hogan splats and Yellen's coolness, be enough to defeat Ruben's anticipation, quickness, backhand pinchers, overhead drives and ability to control a match? In the two tournaments previous to the LI Open, Jimmy had vanquished Ruben Gonzalez. The questions everybody asked were: would Jimmy keep his streak of victories going; was the slight edge that means victory starting to slide towards Jimmy; would Jim be able to win the title that has eluded him in his own backyard or would Ruben win the title he last claimed two years ago?

A full crowd of 750+ people was on hand to witness another saga in the continuing story of Ruben Gonzalez vs. Jimmy Cascio. Ruben served notice that he was still a force to contend with by winning the Championship in two games. The momentum gained in this match carried Ruben into the semifinals of the Men's Pro Tour the following week-end.

Women's Open

The Women's Open was the battlefield for Bonnie Stoll vs. Tammy Hajjar in the finals. Bonnie proved to be the better player by besting Tammy in close games. The Women's Open Doubles division ended in a 3-way tie for first place, necessitating a playoff. Tammy Hajjar and her partner Val Paese obtained retribution for her loss in the singles by beating out Bonnie Stoll and Cira Nickerson for the Women's Open Doubles title.

The L.I. Open Men's Open Doubles title has, since its inception, belonged to one man — Artie Diemar. Diemar has won every L.I. Open

- Ruben Gonzalez • Men's Open 
- Bonnie Stoll • Women's Open



Beth Shilkraut

Photo by Alan

Doubles title from the first to the sixth with different partners each time. Teams have traveled from far (Chicago, Texas, Rochester) and wide (Massachusetts, Florida) to challenge his run. Artie has managed to beat off all challengers and solidify his reputation as one of the best doubles players in this country.

Time Out

★ Thanks to Lite Beer from Miller, Boeing Brothers Distributors, Bill Ferguson from the Coral House and SEAMCO for their support.

★ Thanks to Bob Supple, Ernie Fraas, Mike Jones, Regina Corrigan, Fred Acee, John Walker, Rick and Pat Watts, Chris Supple, Maureen Raccioppi, Fran and Sue McInerney and Bob Dailey.

★ Thanks to DP Leach, Royal Color Portraits, Pripps and Wilson for their donation of prizes.

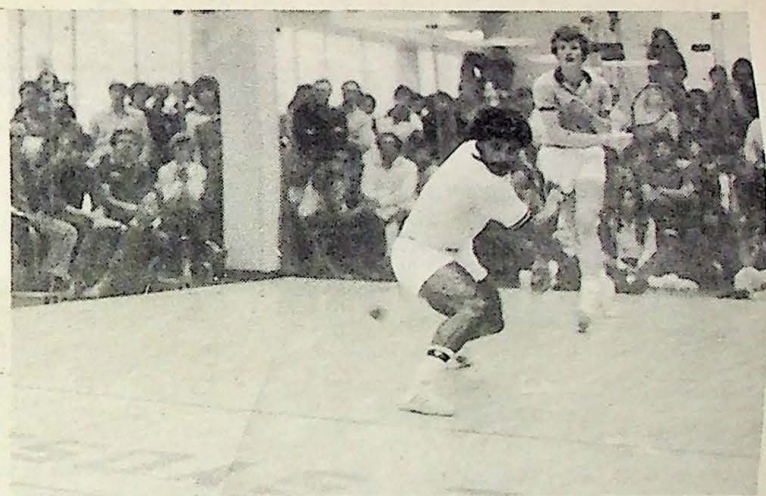
★ And special thanks to **Al Seitelman, Tournament Director.**



Ruben Gonzalez, winner of the 1982 Long Island Open, is congratulated by AARA Commissioner Al Seitelman.



Tammy Hajjar, Bonnie Stoll



Ruben Gonzalez, Jimmy Cascio

Photos by Charles Marcellis

Doubles RB Tourney

Over 200 of the top Doubles Racquetball teams in the United States met at the Federal Way Athletic Club in Federal Way, (Seattle) Washington seeking the coveted National titles in 18 divisions. These United States Doubles Championships sanctioned by the American Amateur Racquetball Association (A.A.R.A.) and sponsored by Lite Beer from Miller and Seamco-MacGregor found the Number 2 seeded team of Stan Wright and Steve Trent from California overpowering the highly talented team of Dan Massari and John Mack also of California, 21-17, 21-13 in the Men's Open finals. The Women's Open finals saw the Pennsylvania team of Tammy Hajjar and Beth Latini defeat the Washington team of Kim Tiedman and Lee Jew 21-9, 11-21, 11-6.

OTHER RESULTS

MEN'S OPEN

1st—Steve Trent/Stan Wright, CA def Dan Massari/John Mack, CA 21-17, 21-13.

3rd—Tony Kruse/Hank Marcus, OR

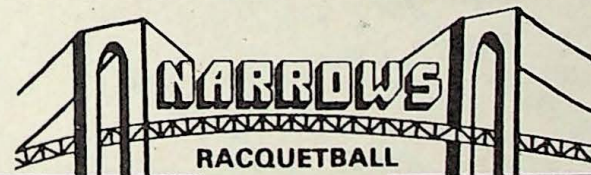
Consolation: Dan Gordon/Jay McGurran, ND

MEN'S B

1st—Steve Hull/Mike Griffith, OR def Jim Ford/Jim Collman, OR 21-8, 21-19

3rd—Bruce Buncan/Craig Dunlop, WA def Pat Quigg/Lon Bergstrom 21-4, 21-19

Consolation: Nick Bartell/Jim Jameson, CA



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Arthur Ringer def. Miguel Homsey

MENS "C" SINGLES

Stewart Gluck def. Tommy Cappa

MENS NOVICE SINGLES

Bob Scola def. Robert Leo Jr.

MIXED DOUBLES

Debbie & Allan Monshik def. John Guerrero & Arlene Capizzi.

LADIES "B" DOUBLES

Jean Bulukas & Denise DeLouise def. Angie Xenakis & Diane Feldman.

LADIES "C" DOUBLES

Lydia Pizzi & Anne Rose def. Arlene Bronzo & Claire Daratany.

LADIES "B" SINGLES

Rosemary Bellini def. Diane Feldman.

LADIES "C" SINGLES

Arlene Bronzo def. LuAnn Malgeri

LADIES NOVICE SINGLES

Lucille Vatter def. Debbie Mouchik Jr.

THE INVITED DOUBLES TEAMS WERE

First Place: Gary Valinoti & David Ng—WINNERS

2nd: Hank Grassi & Mort Wasserman

3rd: Steven Rutin & Allan Monchik

4th: Arthur Ringer & Frank Luchetta

5th: Russ Mannino & John Conforti

6th: Joe Nartare & Ed Thomas

7th: Joe Siampertone & Matt Licht

8th: Ray Gonzalez & Neil Duggan

\$300 Mixed Doubles Tournament at Take One Paddleball Center

Take One Paddleball Center will be holding its annual Open Mixed Doubles Tournament sponsored by Remsen Car Service on February 19, 1983 at 5 p.m. This tournament will feature prize money totaling \$300.00 as well as other surprise awards. For entry forms and further information check with your local

paddleball center or call Take One Paddleball Center at 531-1714 and we will be happy to send you an entry form. The entry fee for the tournament is \$15.00 per team plus one can of balls. Again, for any other info or questions you may have call Take One at 531-1714.

Lite Beer from Miller To Sponsor the United States Racquetball Team

Lite Beer from Miller will again be a major sponsor of the A.A.R.A. Adult Regionals, National Singles and National Doubles along with the Intercollegiate program. At a recent meeting with Paul Henrickson, A.A.R.A. President and Luke St.

Onge, Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Wulff unveiled Lite Beer's 1983 program of continued support for the A.A.R.A. and amateur racquetball. Lite beer from Miller has been the only long range sponsor of Racquetball outside the Racquetball industry.

Lite Beer from Miller has been named co-sponsor of the U.S. National Team that will compete in the upcoming North American Zone competition March 4-6 in Montreal against Mexico and Canada. Lite beer from Miller, long a supporter of amateur racquetball, continues to expand its involvement and commitment to the sport.

Levi Strauss and Co. To Outfit The U.S. Racquetball Team

For the second straight year Levi Strauss, the leading name in sports active wear, will supply the uniforms to the U.S. Racquetball team. The team will compete initially in 1983 in the North American zone competition March 4-6 in Montreal Canada. Levi Strauss was the official supplier for the U.S. Team that won the World Championships in 1981 and the World Games I competition also in 1981.

Foot Joy Official Shoe of U.S. Racquetball Team

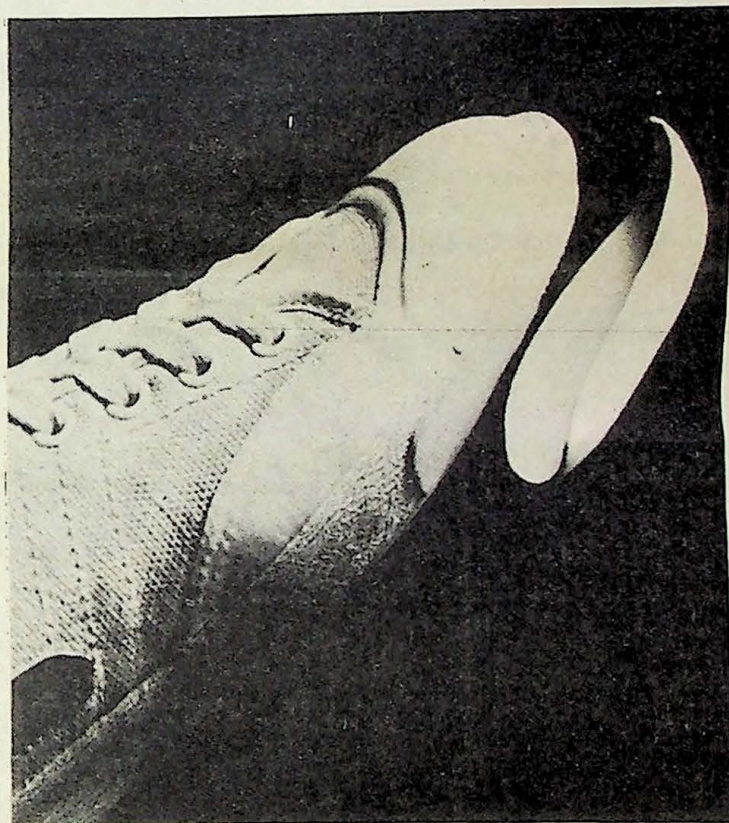
Foot Joy of Brockton, MA manufacturers of high quality foot wear will once again supply the U.S. Team for 1983. This is the second year that Foot Joy has been named "official" sponsor of the U.S. Team. Foot Joy's involvement with the U.S. National team is indicative of its continued support of amateur racquetball in the United States.

A.A.R.A. Signs Agreement With U.S.A.A.T.U.

The Board of Directors recently approved a contract with the United States Amateur Athletic Travel Union whereby members of the A.A.R.A. have the opportunity to save up to 35% on American Air Lines, 25% at participating Holiday Inns and 25% off Hertz's already low weekend rates when used in conjunction with any A.A.R.A. sanctioned events or any registered running event. The U.S.A.A.T.U. was formed to help defray the travel costs of amateur athletes and their families while traveling to and from athletic functions.

The A.A.R.A. sees this as a major step forward in its continuing effort to increase services to its membership.

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Yellen Takes New Haven

By Charles Maciles

To nearly everyone's surprise, Marty Hogan failed to win the \$20,000 Catalina Pro-Stop Tournament in New Haven this year.

Winner in the previous two tournaments in New Haven against stiffer competition, Hogan easily rolled through his first two opponents, Ginsberg and Gregg Peck, to reach the semi-finals uncontested.

Dave Peck, older brother of Gregg Peck, and Jerry Helicher were missing from this year's event. This gave Hogan better than even odds of winning the tournament.

The bottom draw, a surprisingly trim Mike Yellen, played with unwavering consistency. Mike needed every weapon in his arsenal to outgun two formidable opponents (Cohen and Harnett) to advance to the semis.

Marty Hogan had the seemingly tougher of the two matches, pitted against up and coming Ed Andrews who had convincingly defeated Craig McCoy (11-2) (6-11) (11-8) (11-10), and Don Thomas (4-11) (11-9) (11-7) in impressive fashion. The Hogan/Andrews match proved to be the best match of the tournament with Hogan winning on several controversial calls in the fifth game. Scores (11-6) (2-11) (11-10) (8-11) (11-9).

Yellen was matched in the final four against the qualifier Ruben Gonzalez, whom Yellen defeated in



Marty Hogan, Mike Yellen

Photo by Charles Marcellis

last year's opening round. Gonzalez, the lone qualifier to make it to the second round, overwhelmed Rich Wagner (11-1) (11-6) (11-8) and Steve Strandemo (11-4) (11-1) (11-10) without losing a game. Mixing incomparable speed with precision shooting, Gonzalez was not an easy victory for Yellen.

In the first two games, Gonzalez, showing signs of stiffness, was no match for Yellen, losing (11-4) (11-4). However, as the match progressed, Gonzalez awakened the style that advanced him to the semi-finals, winning the third game (11-8). Gonzalez had several opportunities to win the fourth but Yellen would not be denied, winning (11-10).

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1983 Ektelon Racquetball Championships February-April

SAN DIEGO (Nov. 10, 1982) — Ektelon, the leading manufacturer of racquetball equipment and accessories, has announced plans for the 1983 Ektelon Racquetball Championships, the most prestigious and longest running pro/am event in racquetball.

For the fifth year Ektelon will host regional amateur tournaments in eight cities nationwide beginning in February and continuing through April.

Winners of the Men's and Women's Open and Men's Veterans (30+) divisions from each of the

eight regional tournament cities will advance in the National Finals which will be held May 12-15 in Anaheim, California. The National Finals will also highlight a \$40,000 professional tournament featuring the top men and women racquetball pros.

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REGULAR FEATURE

The Winners Corner

By Jim Winterton

OK, the holidays are over and once again we're ready to take to the racquetball wars. Let's start the new year right with an examination of the past issues and points of interest from the "winner's corner." Since many people are asking me for help and advice at the tournaments I go to I'll outline my steps for improvement. By the way if this is not enough for you, you're welcome to call me for help and I'll help you or refer you to a good instructor. You can call me at Players Racquetball & Fitness Club, 203-748-9121.

1. Forehand

Grip—upper right hand corner of handle.

Stroke—racquet out at an arm & a racquet's length. At impact use body to hit ball—shift hips and drive off back foot.

2. Backhand

Grip—rotate grip to left.

Stroke—racquet out at an arm and a racquet's length. At impact shift hips and drive off back leg.

Forehand & Backhand Practice

1. Drop & hit by service line.
2. If ball goes cross court—hit in front of power zone.
3. If ball goes to side wall—hit ball behind power zone.
4. If ball skips you tilted shoulders down.
5. If ball goes up in the air you tilted shoulders up.
6. If ball goes straight in—you kept your shoulders level.

Set Up & Hit

1. Tap ball to self off the front wall.
2. Move feet & set up.
3. Hit ball straight in using same guidelines as drop & hit drill.

Serve

1. Four basic serves—lob, 1/2 lob, drive, & z serves.
- 1/2 lob—hit ball in a waist to chest trajectory.
- Drive serve—hit ball in a shin to knee trajectory.
- z-serve—hit ball into corner in a

thigh to chest trajectory.

lob serve—hit ball in a thigh to head trajectory.

Mix serves up to make opponent feel "uncomfortable."

Serve Return

Think defense first.

Ceiling ball best return. Situation dictates type of return.

If way ahead—think offensive return.

If way behind—think offensive return.

If even or close think defensive return.

Do not make your mind up definitely for any kind of return because a good serve will change your plans!

Two types of returns: offensive returns and defensive returns.

Offensive shots—down the line pass, cross court pass and kill shots. Defensive returns—ceiling ball, lob shots, z ball, r-t-w ball.

Anticipation—most serves will go to backhand so move that way!

Well folks that just about does it for review of the past year's Winner's Corner. If you have any questions about your game call me or write me in care of RacquetSport Player Magazine—the best racquetball magazine in the east.

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The \$10,000 challenge match will be played at the Courts of Appeal in Staten Island N.Y. Sunday February 6, 1 p.m.

This is expected to be an especially

exciting match for the spectators! Both Ruben and Marty are famous for their power hitting style of play. "The Match" will also be covered by E.S.P.N.

Details * Sat. Eve 8 PM at Narrows, Exhibition, autographs, Questions and Answers. Beer and Chips Tickets \$10.00 each. Call (212) 996-6900. The Match—Sun. 1 PM At Courts of Appeal Tickets \$15.00 each. Call (212) 698-4500 Limited Seating! Act Now!



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The First National Invitational OPEN Racquetball Tournament held at the Sands Hotel and Casino December 17-19, 1982, was an unqualified success by any definition. Every player walked away from the tournament feeling like a winner.

The supporting sponsor of this event was LITE Beer from Miller. The official ball was the PENN ball.

Racquetball's best competed on the five home courts of the Sand's superb Racquetball and Health Club. The Sands National Invitational Open marked the first time the U.S. National Team competed in a domestic event, as well as the first time state champions from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania competed in a championship against the best players from the U.S.A. and

Canada.

This event was a milestone in the development of the sport in that a major resort hosted a tournament of this magnitude for the first time.

One hundred top players competed in eight divisions. Divisions included Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's 30-34, Men's 35-44, Men's B, Women's B, Women's 30+, and Men's 45+.

Players were selected on the basis of their national ranking and qualifying in either the National Championships, Northeast Regional Championships, Long Island Open, the New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania State Championships.

Now—on to the matches. Larry Fox of Cincinnati, Ohio, the #1

seed, emerged triumphant over Dan Obremski of N. Huntington, Pennsylvania by the scores of 21-19, 21-14. Larry's years of experience and ability to control the pace of the game was too much to overcome for Dan Obremski. Larry proved why he has been considered one of the top four players in the country for the last three years. Tom Montalbano of Brentwood, Long Island, New York, finished third.

The Women's OPEN Division was the site for a ferocious battle for the title with three present and former National Champions competing. Cindy Baxter of Lewistown, Pennsylvania bested Dot Fischl of Allentown, Pennsylvania by the scores of 18-21, 21-16, 11-10. Malea Kamahoahoa finished third.

Sands Hosts National Invitational Open Racquetball Tournament December 17-19

The first National Invitational Open Racquetball Tournament held at the Sands took place December 17 to 19. The announcement was made by William P. Weidner, President of the Sands Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, and Allan Seitelman, Regional Commissioner of the American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA). This is the first time a major casino hotel sponsored a tournament of this magnitude.

Supporting sponsor of the event was Lite Beer from Miller. Official

Penn Racquetball



Larry Fox will soon be heading to Japan to teach Racquetball. It seems RB is gaining popularity all over the world.

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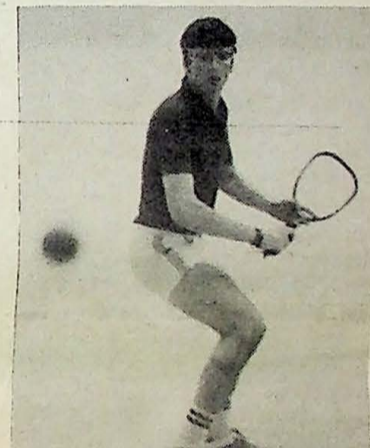


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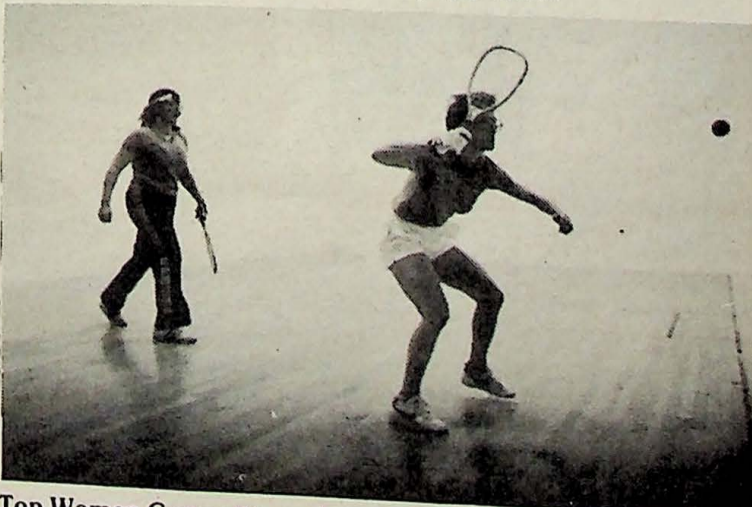
Among the big names in racquetball who have accepted invitations to compete in the tournament are Jack Newnan, U.S. National and Intercollegiate Champion; Charlie Solomon of Indiana (National Champion, 45-49 division); Ed Remen of Virginia (semi-finalist in U.S. Nation-



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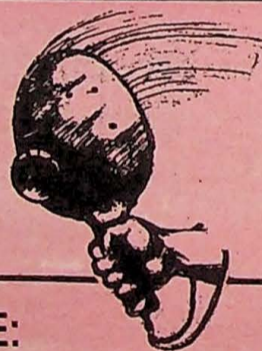
al Championships in both veteran and senior divisions); Tammy Hajar, National Intercollegiate and Doubles Champion, and Cindy Baxter, 1981 National Champion.

The Sands racquetball facilities, considered among the finest anywhere, attract a large membership from the southern New Jersey community. The fast paced game of racquetball is quickly becoming one of the most popular national pastimes. The AARA is the official governing body of amateur racquetball, and is also a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Lite Beer from Miller has a close association with the AARA, sponsoring championships and qualifying events and participating in fund raising events for the Olympic Center.



Top Women Competitors played off for the championships.

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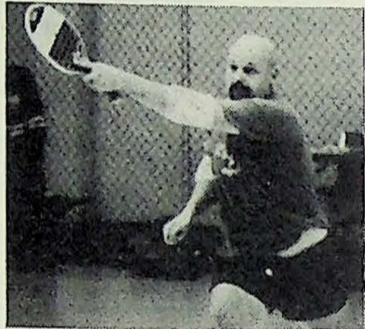


Jerry Brown, a tough competitor.

Take One Paddleball Men's "B" Singles

December 4, 1982 featured another outstanding tournament at Take One Paddleball Center. The mens "B" Singles was held featuring a fine group of up and coming paddleball players such as Lorenzo Hernandez, Big Jerry Brown, D.J. "Mr. Token" Moore, Killer Walt Silcott, Frenchie Herbie Nicholas, "Sure Shot" Stephen Frank, Wendall "Arms" Bryant, Lefty Joe Zeller and Ray "Oh, I'm Not So Good" David.

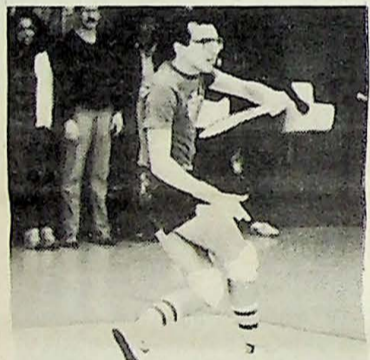
Early round action was uneventful except for a tough game Ray David played against Frankie Terral. Frankie kept Ray off balance with a devastating low serve but Ray managed to pull out a 15-13 victory and move on to the second round against Lefty Joe Zeller. Joe Zeller is an unknown player from Bay 8th



Richard Carlino

On the other side of the chart Lorenzo Hernandez was busy mowing down his opponents (15-0), (15-1) and (21-1), as he moved into the semifinals against Budweiser "B" Winner Pete Pilarte. Lorenzo got off to a fast start and broke out to a 12-3 lead. But at this point Pete started to get his game together and moved to 12-11 as a series of unforced errors by Lorenzo got Pete back in the game. At this point several calls went against Lorenzo who seemed to totally lose his concentration and proceeded to hit shots off to the sides. Pete played steady and won to move on to the finals.

In the other semi-final match Stephen Frank beat Wendall Bryant (21-11) as Stephen's left hand was very sharp and hit winner after winner into the corners. Thus the finals pitted Pete Pilarte against Stephen Frank. Off the previous games the crowd seemed to feel that the edge was to Stephen who had definitely been playing the better ball. However, the finals proved like that old football saying, "On any given Sunday..." as Pete played steady steady ball while Stephen seemed to totally lose control of his game. Finals and tournament win to Pete Pilarte, 25-11. A well played and efficiently run tournament which started at 5 p.m. and was over by 10 p.m. Our many thanks to all those who participated and assisted in this event.



Joe Zeller All photos by Alan

Street Park in Brooklyn who has been practicing his game daily at Take One Paddleball Center, by playing such fine players as Otto, the Big O and Derick "That's Right, I Live Here" Malloy. The improvement was evident in Joe's game as he beat Ray 15-8, serving to Ray's weaker left hand and putting away return after return. However, in Joe's next game he went down to defeat (21-16) in a hard fought match against Wendall "Arms" Bryant, a fine player with exceptional reach and two good hands.

Yellen

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In the Finals Match On Sunday

Yellen continued his superb play, outlasting the somewhat less consistent Hogan in the crucial volleys. Hogan stunned the crowd with awesome power in spurts. The other two local qualifiers, Jimmy Cascio and Mike Levine, played up to expectations.

Cascio forced Don Thomas to a fifth game by rescuing game three and four after being blown out in the

first two games (11-0) (11-7). Cascio seemed to have the momentum going into game five, but Thomas rose to the occasion, winning (11-5).

Mike Levine, who is currently a student at Syracuse University, played exceptionally well considering the amount of time he has been putting into racquetball. Although Harnett defeated Levine in a tough match, (10-11) (11-6) (11-4) (11-8). Levine once again demonstrated, along with Gonzalez that they belong on tour!

Twenty thousand dollars in cash was awarded, with first place taking \$5,500.



I Become a Convert

by Joe Lube

Unless you've been living in a cave (which is understandable, considering the shape the world is in), you must know that the Computer Age is upon us in full force. As for me, I live in the Bronx, where civilization is only a rumor, so I only found out about it quite recently. It takes time for information like that to filter down to us. The Bronx is the only borough where the Beatles are still number one on the Hit Parade and where the natives can still be heard to utter quaint expressions like "Right on!" and "I like Ike."

The light came to me when I wrote a piece not too long ago in which I made a few innocent remarks (I thought) in a jocular vein about the latest fad of attempting to computerize paddleball results. I implied, I suppose, that if carried too far it could take some of the fun out of the game.

And then it happened... a small army of computer enthusiasts descended upon my life... which is just what I needed more than anything. Some were hell bent to chastise me for my blasphemy and others were just bent on saving me from eternal damnation for displaying my abysmal ignorance.

Well, I'm here to tell you they ac-

complished their mission. I am now a convert to computerized paddleball, or computerized anything, for that matter, and (like most converts) I am smitten with evangelical zeal to enlighten others. In short, if you'll pardon my impertinence, I am duty bound to save you from wallowing in the same quagmire of ignorance I was in.

Let's face it. Tournaments have become a drag. All those sweaty, smelly bodies; all that noise and swearing and frustration... away with all that. Our goal is a simple one. We computer people want to eliminate all the fuss and bother of playing tournaments together. Who needs the headaches, right?

And we can do this by programming the right numbers into the machine and it will tell us instantly who the winners and losers are, and who was the best player and who should have stood in bed.

Of course we're not there yet; these things take time, but we're working on it. We still have our occasional failures. Only the other day we had to smash to smithereens our DX-41 computer because it rejected all the figures we fed into it and kept demanding that we send it a naked computer. We'll have none of that, thank you. Then there was our

QPD-704 model which had to be destroyed with a sledgehammer (just when I was growing fond of it, too) because all it could do was grovel. And still a third had to be crunched into scrap metal because it couldn't get it into its head that when we spoke of mixed doubles we didn't mean wife swapping. What are we going to do now with a list of 639 wife swapping couples?

But we're not discouraged. The advantages of computerizing paddleball are legion. For example, you could be home, watching TV and guzzling the sponsor's beer when someone will call you and tell you how you made out in the tournament and what score you won or lost by. You won't have to lift a finger—just tell us where to send the trophy. And if you won cash, to take advantage of the unstable fluctuating American dollar, we'll convert it for you into zloty, drachma, rubles, or yen.

But until that glorious day arrives, we owe you skeptics an explanation of how we computer people arrive at those sheets of printout stats that we know you all enjoy reading so much.

It's quite simple. First we take a player's weighted average (we estimate this by trying to pick him up) and divide it by his relative average (only blood relatives are used). Then we put a dot (.) in front of the first number—or the second or third number, whichever strikes the fancy of the operator (we give them that leeway to keep them from growing restive). Then, in unison, we close our eyes, spin around three times and spit out once.

There you have it. You are now a qualified practitioner of our arcane craft and are trained to help other lost souls see the light.

And should you encounter an idiot along the way who has been living in a cave or in the Bronx, and does not understand our goals, just tell him to get lost and have no further truck with him. He's probably a "B" player anyway and not worth saving.

1983 Ektelon Racquetball Championships

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"We've made several changes to improve the tournament format this year, including the addition of new divisions of play and a new prize structure," said Bob McTear, Ektelon's general manager. "They are changes that will ensure that the Ektelon Championships remain the standard of excellence for racquetball events."

Regional amateur competition this year will include 22 divisions of play from novice to advanced for men and women. Junior divisions will be offered for boys and girls 17 and under.

As part of the expanded prize structure, two 19" Panasonic color television sets will be given away in random drawings at each regional tournament.

Other prizes include trophies and Ektelon products for all single division winners from first through eighth places, and first and second-place winners in doubles divisions. All participants will receive official Ektelon fashion tournament shirts.

A schedule of tournament cities and dates will be released soon.

MY GAME

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ally feel that they would also like to avoid meeting you and Mark in a tournament.

Andre: Yeah, we always have good matches against them. There was one match in Shorehaven which was taken from us by a referee's call. The game should have been ours after Steve hit the ball into the ground. But the referee saw it the other way and he called Steve's shot good.

Bobby: (You're right, Andre. I was there.) You've had several doubles partners throughout the years. Tell us a little about your previous doubles combinations, and also how you feel about your current team with Mark Vogel.

Andre: Before I hooked up with Mark, I had been playing with partners who weren't capable of fulfilling all my needs. Ray Sanchez was great, but he couldn't carry the load when my game wasn't on. I really

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MY GAME

Andre Marcel Hopkins — A Profile Written By A Friend

By Bobby Schwarz

Andre Marcel Hopkins is one of the most electrifying players in paddleball today. He has been exciting crowds everywhere with his incredible shots, his awesome power, and his extremely fast-paced style of play. There is only one Hopkins on the paddleball circuit, and there may never be anyone else who can play his style of game. Possibly, Andre owes his success mostly to his more than obvious physical attributes. I mean this guy has rock hard muscles on a "lean and mean" frame. He's simply built perfectly to suit his style of play. Or maybe Andre owes his success to his overall dedication throughout the past five or six years. Why don't I just call up my old buddy (we have been friends since junior high school) and find out?

The phone call was made —

Andre: "Hello!"

Bobby: "Yo, Andre, what's happening? It's Bobby!"

Andre: "Hi, Bob. Everything's O.K. How are you doing?"

Bobby: "Real good!"

After about five more minutes of talking about paddleball, and some of the other important things in life, we got down to the mission at hand.

Bobby: Andre, everyone knows you as one of the finest players in paddleball. Can you give us a brief autobiography so we can get to know you a little better?

Andre: Well, I was brought up in the Rockaways in Queens. When I was young I was really into handball and basketball, and I played these sports all the time. I went into the service when it was time, and I served in Vietnam. Once a jeep I was in was ambushed and we were all hit by mortar fragments. I was injured with shrapnel in my knees, shoulder and skull. After my service was over, the V.A. doctors told me that I wouldn't be able to play competitive basketball any longer. My injured knees just couldn't take the pounding. This bothered me because before my Army tour, I had been offered a tryout for the Knicks. I was sure I could make it, and now my hopes were gone.

Anyhow, one day I saw a bunch of people playing paddleball in the park at Beach 17th St., and I really liked what I saw. I knew I could play the game because I was always a great handball player. So I started to play with you and Andy, and Ronnie and Richie and the rest of the matter, Bob, is that you and Andy got me into this game. You guys showed me the way the game should be played. I listened and I kept playing and practicing. My dream was never to be the best, but to have my own style. I wanted to be able to teach other people to play the sport and also just to enjoy the sport. My dream was never to be "The Champ." There's always pressure on the champ to win all the time.

Bobby: Some of the best games I can remember were played in our own home courts. Could



Andre (Hop) Hopkins with partner Mark Vogel.

you tell the readers a little more about the paddleball games we played at 17th St.?

Andre: If I had to compare the games we had in the early 70's to the games being played today, I would have to say that the games were more competitive in the 70's. We had guys like Tom Lowy, John Bruschi, Steve Rothfeld, Howie Solomon, you, me, Andy and your brother Richie playing there on different days of the week. And some of us were there seven days a week. And that's when all the new shots started to pop up. You had your drop shot, and then there was the spike shot. Our park was so tough that it was like being in a professional paddleball tournament every day. You had to be tuned up all the time, or you would get blown right off the court. I've seen the best come and go, but the superstars are still from the Seventies era. The future stars are not quite there yet.

Bobby: Everyone knows you as one of the hardest hitters in the game. Your power is just awesome. Maybe you can tell us how you generate all this power?

Andre: The power comes from

within myself. I have no fears of the opponent, the crowd, or anything. I am always in shape because I work out with isometrics, push-ups, aerobics and dancing. I am relaxed and confident when I play, and I believe in myself. I believe that if you're strong-willed, and you have your body and soul working together, you can do great things. When I play paddleball, I just concentrate on making good contact with the ball on every hit, and the power just comes naturally. I'm not awed by my power because I really can't see it as others do. It's just my normal game.

Bobby: I know that a lot of the top pros, including myself, would rather not be on your half of a tournament draw sheet. Are there any teams that you would single out as teams you would rather avoid?

Andre: There are only two teams that intimidate me. You and Barry Paris are a team that I would not want to meet early in a tournament. Bob, you've just been there too many times, and it's just all basic to you already.

Bobby: I'm surprised you picked us right off the bat because we're basically a brand new team.

Andre: That doesn't matter. You and Barry seem to have it all together. If I had a choice of facing you two or Ralph Capagrosso and Craig Ruiz, I would much rather play them. The other team I would definitely like to avoid is Steve Rothfeld and Barry Sheiber. They have so many shots, and they can be just awesome.

Bobby: You've always been within a point or two from victory in your matches against Rothfeld and Sheiber. I person-

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BIG WINNERS: Bobby Schwarz (second from left, Anita Maldonado, Mike Melendez, and Cleo Antonna, are all smiles after receiving a total of \$4,600 between them recently for their efforts in the \$12,000 Budweiser Citywide Paddleball Classic earlier this fall in Central Park. Schwarz finished second in the men's singles division and combined with Antonna to take the mixed doubles crown. Melendez won his third singles championship and combined with Deborah Armstrong to take the women's doubles crown. Also pictured here are Myrna Romney, the assistant commissioner of the New York City Parks Department and Pat Knipper, the district manager for Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

Mixed Doubles Paddleball

- 1st. Tavares, Victor & Guinan, Kathy
- 2nd. Gruendl, Frank & Brown, Bridget
- 3rd. Diaz, Freddie & Valentin, Louisa
- 4th. Mateo, Miquel & Brown, Lorraine M.
- 5th. David, Ray & Gonzalez, Zaida
- 6th. Reyes, Lourdes & Ruiz, S.
- 7th. Hernandez, Lorenzo & Philips, Marsha
- 8th. Hernandez, Tony & Torres, Yvonne.

The team of Victor Tavares and Kathy Quinan came back from deficits of 2-10 and 13-19 to defeat the team of Frank Gruendl and Bridget Brown to earn first place in a Mixed Doubles Paddleball Tournament sponsored by L. C. Chinnery Realty and Bronx Indoor Paddleball.

To reach the finals, Tavares and Quinan defeated Freddie Diaz and Louisa Valentin 15-4. In the other semi-final match Gruendl and Brown defeated Miguel Mateo and

Lorraine M. Brown 15-8.

In the third place match, Diaz and Valentin defeated Mateo and Lorraine 16-14.

Places fifth through eighth were decided by points.

The number of teams (46) was a surprise to the coordinators of the tournament, Richard Ziegler and Carlos Gautier (E.B.P.P.).

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All Star Paddleball League

By Miguel Mateo

The All Star Paddleball League held its Annual B-Doubles tournament on Saturday, December 11, 1982. Fifty-eight teams participated, with many of the best "B" players in the game.

The tourney was very exciting, well organized, and ran very smoothly. The competition was tough all over with many close games. However, one team was to stand out throughout the night. Their names were Frank Grueaden and Willie Cepero. They played consistently throughout and defeated the top seeded team of Ray Davis and Herby Franki in the quarters and the fourth seed Carmelo Soto and Fredd Diaz to gain the finals on one side of the chart. The third seeded team of Bob Fink and J. Zeller had their hands full with Marty Walpin and A. Kitton, Zeller and Fink pull it out 15 to 12 on a very controversial call. When the score was 12 all.

In the other semi-finals, the team of Henry and SooHoo took a 13 to 5 lead, but saw their lead disappear when Fink and Zeller tied the score at 13 all. At this point, Bob attempted a drop which failed. SooHoo and Henry regained their serve and went on to win 15 to 13.

In the finals, the competition was tough. Neither team was able to take a commanding lead until the score



Marty Walpin winces as Frank Calo takes his shot.



Red Fenster in top form.

All photos by Alan

was twelve all. Willie and Frank seemed to let down and Frank and Kim immediately took advantage and took a 19 to 12 lead, only to see it disappear when Willie and Frank made a fantastic comeback and tied the score at 19. Both teams gained the serve but were unable to win until Kim made a terrific shot to make it 20 to 19. The game ended when Willie hit a Cross Court Shot which hit his partner to end the tournament.

First place was worth \$250 plus trophy and t-shirt.

A special thanks to all my refs: David Fryd, Mike Melendez, Robert Chielli, Mike Platnik, Obric Nelson, Dab Levey, Craig Ruiz, and everyone else who helped. Thank you!

A special thanks goes to Ben Russell and Spalding for their sponsorship of the All-Star Paddleball league.

Ultimate Doubles: Defensive Play

By Art Dimar and Dave Luft



The most misunderstood aspect of doubles is defensive play. Its every bit as important as the more easily appreciated offensive aspects of the game. Without a sound concept of defensive play, its a sure bet you won't be a consistent winner in either your workouts or competition matches.

Let's define defense in doubles play. What does good solid defensive play involve?

Firstly, defense can be thought of in terms of a precise thought sequence: since we can't hit a good, high percentage offensive shot, what shots can we hit to prevent the other team from scoring? That's defense in a nutshell; since we can't do it, we're going to make damn sure your team can't do it either!

But how can you do that consistently? What specific shots do you have to be able to hit, and from where on the court? Well, you have to first realize that which shots you can safely hit depend as much or more on your opponents than it does on you. By that we mean that just because your favorite defensive shot might be to hit the ball around-the-walls, you shouldn't try that against us because it plays right into our strength, and we'd probably plat kill it on the fly. Since we really developed that shot, it follows that we can handle it and turn your defensive shot into our offensive shot. Your best bet against us would be to force a more conventional ceil-

ing volley since ceiling balls, unless they're over-hit and come off the back wall as a set-up, are generally harder to go on the offensive from. But, against a team like Ruben Gonzales and Charlie Horton, the reverse would be true. The point being that you've got to measure your choices equally based on your strengths versus your opponents strengths. You do not—ever—simply to get out of trouble—hit into your opponents strengths. If you can help it. But sometimes you can't. And that's the nature of the game.

Now, your full repertoire of defensive shots—which you should be able to hit from virtually everywhere on the court, should include:

1. Ceiling balls to both deep corners.
2. 3-wall, or around-the-wall balls, both ways. (By that we mean either hitting leftside-front-rightside, or rightside-front-leftside.) These shots are best stroked from deep court, while your opponents are in front of you.
3. 2-balls to either side.
4. Jam shots, or 2-wall balls, caroming right off wither side wall, into an opponent at a sharp, hard to handle angle.

You can see that all these shots are of the type which, when hit well, can turn out to be offensive in effect though defensive in intent.

Which is a convoluted way of stating: The best defense is a good offense.

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Girls 18 & under, 16 & under, 14 & under, 12 & under, 10 & under, 8 & under

Men's Open Doubles, B Doubles, C Doubles, Men's 30+ Doubles, Men's 35+ Doubles, Men's 45+ Doubles, Men's 55+ Doubles

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GREAT GASTON GETS

By Ray Gaston

"A well organized professional sport is measured in large part by (1) its ability to maintain an accurate historical record-keeping policy and (2) by its ability to support a quantitative and objectively analytical player rating system." With these thoughts in mind, the PPPA presents its "official" player rating-system for the year 1982, one not based on subjective opinion or personal bias or an "alphabetical order," but rather one based on sound cold facts, recorded tournament results, accumulated points, and a computerized, calculating formula.

An important criteria must be perfectly understood from the outset. This rating-system is not a historical documentation of past paddleball performances and/or an attempt at rating decades of paddleball accomplishments. It is instead a new ranking which starts with 1982 and will be based on the accumulated point results from those "open" professional tournaments "which comprise the 1982 Professional Paddleball Circuit." A professional tournament is one which offers competitive monetary purses and which does not discriminate against proven talent. Tournament sanctioning to be democratically determined by the Pro-members of the PPPA.

Again we reiterate, the PPPA rating system is one based on... tournament participation and results. A paddleball player must "compete" in order to accumulate ranking points. (Note: Even Bjorn Borg must compete to qualify for Wimbledon). These ratings will measure present paddleball achievements... and will go far towards advancing the sport's further developments and professional stature.

Rating Point Formula

- 1st Place = 10 pts. x tournament power rating = ranking points.
- 2nd Place = 7 pts. x tournament power rating = ranking points.
- 3rd Place = 5 pts. x tournament power rating = ranking points.
- 4th Place = 3 pts. x tournament power rating = ranking points.
- 5th Place = 1 pt. x tournament power rating = ranking points.

Key Notes:

(1) "Power Ranking" refers to the "value" or "importance" of a tournament. The range is from highest (4 stars) to lowest (one star). For example, the Budweiser is a "4 star" event; therefore, whoever wins the Budweiser gets "40 ranking points"

(10 x 4). Second place is worth "28 ranking points" (7 x 4); third place is worth "20 ranking points" (5 x 4), etc.

(2) For "Invitational Events" (i.e. Castle Hill, Shorehaven, Bronx Indoor, etc.) the "rating point formula" is divided in half. (i.e. 1st = 5 pts., 2nd = 3.5 pts., 3rd = 2.5 pts., 4th = 1.5 pts. and 5-8th = .5 pt.) The logic here is that only limited few are allowed to participate, yet the "top" caliber play of these events goes undisputed.

(3) If there is no playoff for the third and fourth positions in a tournament then both third and fourth positions are valued at "4 points" for Open and "2 points" for Invitationals.

(4) "Relative Average" (Rel. Ave.) is found by dividing a team's (or player's) accumulated ranking points by the "Ideal Score." "Ideal Score" is the best possible number of accumulated points after a given number of tournament events (that is if a team won first place in all tournaments to date their accumulated points would equal the "Ideal Score.")

For example, after three tournaments the Budweiser (ranking power = 4), the PPPA A/B Challenge Invitational (power ranking = 4) and the L.E.S.U.R.C. Open (ranking power = 1) we would have
Budweiser = 1st place = 10x4

= 40
PPPA A/B = 1st place = 5x4 = 20
L.E.S.U.R.C. = 1st place = 10x1 = 10

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Ideal Score = 60

If Robert Chielli and Anthony Fiorino had 50 accumulated points after these three events then their relative average would be 50 divided by 60 or ".833."

(5) The Men's Double "Individual" ratings provide a measure of how good a player is (in doubles) even though he/she may play with different partners at different times. "Individual" points scores are arrived at by taking half of the points awarded in a doubles event. (Rules 1-4 still apply).

For example, Ralph Capogrosso and Craig Ruiz capture the Mt. Vernon Men's Doubles Open for 40 ranking points (i.e. 10 x 4 = 40). Thus, Capogrosso gets 20 pts. towards his "individual" ranking and Ruiz gets 20 pts. toward his "individual" ranking. (Note: The team still gets "40" pts. towards their team ranking.)

(6) This same rating procedure

will also be used to "rank" all other categories of paddleball play (i.e. women's doubles, men's singles, "B" tournaments, etc.)

(7) The PPPA computer ranking system is structure around the calendar year. With each January 1st, begins a new "ranking year."

The Professional Paddleball Players Alliance believes its rating system to be a "giant-step" in the right direction, and wholeheartedly appeals to the paddleball public for opinions and suggestions on how to further improve its effectiveness.

The PPPA wishes to acknowledge the aid and assistance contributed by the following towards this new system: Mr. John Bruschi, Mr. Sy Lane, Mr. Boyd Lozada, Mr. Marv Rosenberg, Mr. George McFadden, Mr. Jack Moriarty, Mr. Howie Hammer, and Mr. Miguel Mateo.

Mt. Vernon Paddleball

By Mike Pitnik

The players tournament is coming.

It's scheduled for February 12 and 19, 1983 at Bronx Indoor Paddleball and Health Club. The tournament co-chairmen are Carlos Gautier and Michael Patnik. It's the **El Barrio-Mount Vernon Paddleball Tournament**. There are two events: Amateur Doubles on Feb. 12, and Amateur "Challenge" Doubles Feb. 19.

The "Challenge" draw will consist of teams that have performed well in tournaments and have displayed greater competitive consistency. Also, all quarter-finals in the Amateur Doubles will be eligible to play.

Thereby, the Amateur Doubles event will be wide-open for all teams; hence, "the players tournament."

Think Spring

It's right around the corner, spring 1983. The Mount Vernon Paddleball Championship plans are being readied. There will be open and amateur events. Mount Vernon is happy to announce that the Miller Brewing Company will again be sponsoring the paddleball format. The Spalding Company has given its initial approval for additional sponsorship.

Outdoor Paddleball "time" is gradually approaching. Mount Vernon will be the fore-runner in the great paddleball fever.

Similarly, a ball hits the front wall and then the ceiling, falling and touching the server. This is only a fault because the ball hitting the ceiling was dead immediately after contact with the ceiling.

8. If the ball is served while the receiver has a racket raised to signal the referee (and your opponent) that you are not ready. Ten seconds are allowed after the score is called to get ready to serve or receive serve.

9. If a serve hits a wet spot on the floor or is otherwise judged unplayable, it can be called a dead ball by the referee only. If it is called by a player, the ball is in play. Hitting a wet spot during a rally, the ball is always in play.

10. In doubles any served ball passing between any part of your partner and the wall is an automatic screen, even if the ball is in sight.

REGULAR FEATURE

From the Balcony

By "Iron" Mike Frankel

This month, I will finish the discussion on serving. This time the topic will be dead ball serves and dead ball situations.

1. A dead ball serve is any ball that is otherwise legal, but creates a situation that causes a stoppage of play with no penalty. The result is that particular serve being done over.

2. A dead ball second serve does not cancel any previous fault.


3. In doubles, hitting your partner on a fly while she (he) is in the service box is a dead ball

4. If the ball hits any part of the court that by local rules or mutual agreement, is a dead ball. This must be indicated by the referee prior to start of play.

5. A screen serve is a dead ball.

6. A ball broken on the serve is a dead ball and replayed.


7. Any action creating a fault immediately makes the ball dead. Anything that happens after the fault occurs does not count. For example, a served ball hits the rear wall on a fly, then contacts the receiver before it bounces. This serve is only a long.



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MY GAME

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never had enough support. Mark is very consistent; he hits hard; he has two good hands; and he lets me play. We are very compatible both as players and friends. We know that we will always be in the top three or four finishers in any tournament.

Bobby: Andre, people have asked me this question many times over the years. So, now I'm finally going to stick someone else with it. Are you sorry that you devoted so much time to paddleball and not to a more profitable sport? Don't you wish you made the kind of bucks that a professional bas-

ketball player earns?

Andre: For sure, Bob. If I hadn't been wounded in Nam, I would have had a great shot at being a basketball player. But since I wasn't able to foretell the future, I just got into what attracted me—paddleball. I hoped paddleball would be really big, but I didn't fantasize about it. Hell, we were playing our behinds off for three dollar trophies. Today, I'm satisfied with my image and my overall feelings about paddleball. If the game becomes more professional, and I can earn more money, that's fine. But if not, O.K. I'm not interested in any other sports right now, except paddleball, girl-watching and dancing. And paddleball is number one.

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Marty Hogan Where Are You?

By JEFF HABER

Living in sunny So. California you get to appreciate a lot of good things, great weather year round, although at this very moment its storming like the dickens. Nice people, easy going life and much more. However, as an avid paddleball player and fan, Paddleball is sorely missed. On the days that I didn't play (and there weren't many) I would casually hang out at my home away from home, Bronx Indoor. Some people used to think I was Sy Lane's son because I was there so often. Sy was quick to negate this fact.

Anyhow, casually hanging out, what did I do? Well what does anyone hanging out at a club do?

You watch the ongoing games, make some comments, make fun of your friends missing an easy set-up talk about upcoming tournaments

and then the what ifs come out of the mouths of babes (no sexist pun intended).

What if Al Torres (Top Ranked Handball Players) played his hands against Bobby Schwarz's paddle with Bobby's laces tied together swinging his racquet with his mouth, who would win? Or what if Howie Hammer were 25 again and Mark Vogel wasn't allowed to hit a ball over 200. m.p.h., who would win?

Well, I don't know the answers to these questions, but I do know that similar goings-on happen in California.

Case in point.

I finished work early one afternoon and proceeded to casually hang out at my new home away from home, Rocky's Racquetball

Club. I got pretty friendly with some of the guys there and I'm always talking to them about paddleball.

I keep telling them that paddleball is a much better game than racquetball and that paddleball would actually improve their reflexes in racquetball.

On the particular day at the club, there were six of us in on this conversation. The racquetballers seem to thirst for knowledge of what paddleball is. They are always asking me what kind of equipment we use, what kind of shots we hit and they just can't seem to realize a game out of a cube. In mid conversation, in walks Ed Goldbaum. Ed is a top notch RB player and is constantly putting down paddleball. He can't see how anyone would want to play paddleball.

Well, when he walked in and say

my paddles out, Ed about had it with me. "There you go again pushing that game. You're not so tough."

Then came the what ifs. What if Marty Hogan played you? Hogan would beat you. In my New York sophistication I instantly quipped back "Oh yeah, no way, buzzard breath."

Ed said: "What if Hogan played paddleball for a month then played

you? He'd surely cream you." I chuckled outwardly and said: "Surely you jest?"

Before I knew it, the 5 RB players were arguing with each other over who would win.

I've now got each of these guys coming down to try out paddleball—just to see what it's like.

Marty Hogan, are you out there? What if we got together?

MY GAME

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Bobby: You are really an asset to the game of paddleball. In closing this interview, would you give us a few statements to sum up your feelings both as a player and as a man?

Andre: As a man, I feel young in spirit, mind and body. My profes-

sion, other than paddleball, is photo offset printing, and my hobby is just relaxing. On the court, I like to give people a great show and I want them to appreciate my abstract game. I consider myself to be the "People's Choice." When I hear all the oohs and aahs from the crowd, all my time spent playing paddleball seems worthwhile. The last thing I'd like to say is thanks to all my friends for supporting me. I would also like to thank all the spectators who have

stuck with paddleball over the years. Not enough has been said for their support. People are always thanking a Howie Hammer or some other superstar. This time I would like to just thank all the people.

Bobby: Andre, thanks a lot. Listen, I'll start getting this interview written tonight and I'll call you in the morning to read it to you.

Andre: O.K., Bob. Goodnight!

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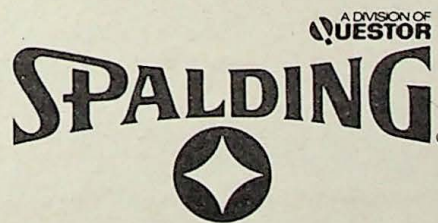
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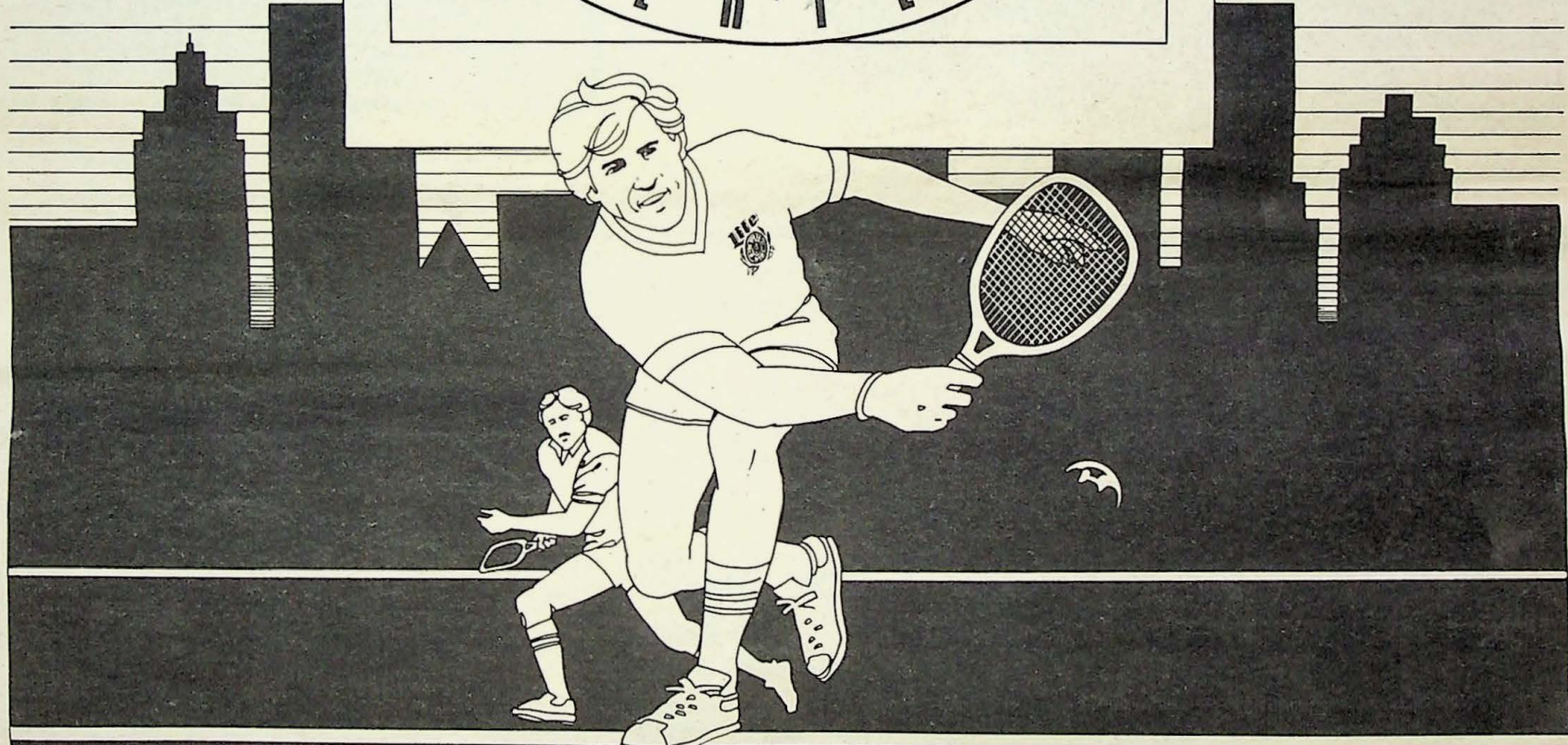
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