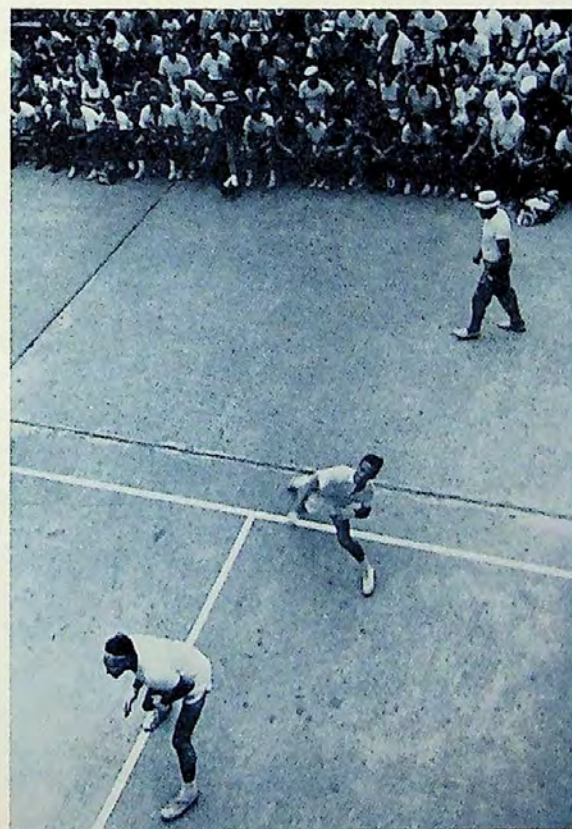




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IN THIS ISSUE . . .

It's that time of the year again when the one-waller and four-wallers meet on the equal terms of outdoor three-wall competition — USHA's annual Labor Day Weekend national championships in Detroit's Palmer Park. Through the years number of entries in this summer-ending classic have increased progressively and last year an extra day was added to accommodate the staggering schedule.

So, now it's a six-day tournament, rapidly approaching four-wall in scope and quality. As is the usual case it will be the "serve and kill" New Yorkers pitting their skills against the rest of the field. And, it will be Marty Decatur in defense of both his singles' crown, and doubles with Lou Russo. Only the Masters, now under lock and key by the host team of Dr. John Scopis and Jim Golden, eludes the boys from Gotham.

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Instructional material is the No. 1 request by most ACE readers. In this issue (page 18) we reprint a very worthwhile piece on doubles that drew much praise some years back. Ken Schneider "Discusses Doubles Patterns". And, this is a man who writes from the experience of three open national doubles wins and four Masters doubles under the USHA banner.

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Labor Day Weekend — 3 Wall In 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	Brooklyn-St. Louis
1956	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	Hershkowitz-Dreyfus	New York
1957	Detroit	Vic Hershkowitz	Brooklyn	R. Obert-O. Obert	Chicago-San Francisco
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1960	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	R. Obert-O. Obert	New York
1961	Detroit	Jimmy Jacobs	Los Angeles	C. Danilczyk-J. Danilczyk	New York-Chicago
1962	Detroit	Oscar Obert	New York	Decatur-Sloan	New York
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
1969	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	Hershkowitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1961	Detroit	Hershkowitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1962	Detroit	Hershkowitz-Goldman	Brooklyn-Miami Beach
1963	Detroit	Hershkowitz-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

It's getting to be three-wall time again, the awakening from the usual doldrums of the Summer months and the start of the 1970-71 season officially. And, for the 21st running of the classic we again point the spotlight on Palmer Park in Detroit, which yearly has been threatening to over-saturate the battery of four courts with succeeding record entries.

This year should be no exception. With the bulk of the out-of-towners coming from Metropolitan New York, strongly represented also in Chicago, along with the large local contingent, the extra Wednesday is needed to schedule in all the action.

Only rain can damper the successful running of the three-wall. And over two decades of action there has been surprisingly little damage done by the sprinkles. There is no other solution other than to move indoors to four-walls and this always finds those switch over one-wallers from New York at a distinct disadvantage.

What was once tabbed the "Hershkowitz" three-wall with Vic winning the first nine singles titles (1950-58) is now all-Marty Decatur. The last two times out Marty has pulled handball's "Hat Trick," winning both singles and doubles (with Lou Russo). Overall Marty has five singles credits and five doubles wins (four with Russo, one with Johnny Sloan).

In the most recent classic Paul Haber teamed with Denny Hofflander in their

first doubles effort together in three-wall. They couldn't overcome the three-wall skills and teamwork of Decatur-Russo and it was a one-sided finale.

Dr. John Scopis, adding the always helpful "youth" strength of Jim Golden in Masters doubles, provided Detroit with only its second national victory in the history of the event. The first one was by Scopis with Dr. Al August in 1967.

The National Three-Wall has always been a highlight on the USHA calendar and brings in some of the best talent around the country. There is always the debate going whether the one-wallers can acclimate better to this game. The results would tend to swing in favor of the one-wallers although there have been notable achievements by Jacobs' three-straight singles victories (1959-61) . . . Gus Lewis with an open doubles (1954) and three masters doubles (one with Frank Coyle, two with Ken Schneider).

Three-wall has been increasing in scope in recent years. The comparatively new courts at Chicago's Rainbow Beach, replacing the weather-beaten old ones, has been getting increased play, mainly through the promotions of the Rainbow Beach Handball Association. St. Louis JCCA has three fine outdoor three-walls, and now Les Shumate's fast-growing handball empire in the Rocky Mountain area has three-wall courts in the Denver suburb of Aurora.

So comes Labor Day Weekend and

all roads lead to Detroit's Palmer Park. The Michigan Handball Association promises hospitality at its finest . . . handball for all.

What are the basic ingredients of three-wall play? The lure of this phase of handball is that it can be played by both one-wallers and four-wallers. It doesn't take long to acclimate to the "no back wall", necessity of hitting the ball from distances beyond the 40-foot long line from "apron" distance of 40-60 feet.

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Three-wall—a very interesting game!

Plan Best Possible Courts at U. of Colorado

Bob Kendler Visits Denver Area To 'Sell' Architect on Ideal Gallery

All morning Les Shumate had been extolling the virtues of Colorado,—the fresh, pure air,—the magnificent mountains, the 300 days of golfing each year and countless other attributes. Speeding down the highway between Denver and Boulder, I asked "Why aren't there any trees?" Never at a loss for wry comment, Les replied "You have to plant them Bob."

We were on our way to the University of Colorado for a design meeting with Bill Appenzeller, John Wallace, school architectural head. A \$5,000,000 athletic plant will be built and Les and I were invited to check the plans for the handball courts. If all goes well, Colorado will soon unveil one of the most unique handball plants ever built.

If you wonder what this has to do with planting trees, let me tell you. Thirty years ago, Les Shumate settled down in the heart of the West and before long, was honored by his new neighbors as the "Rocky Mountain Man of the Year." One award followed another and, incidentally, one handball title followed another. It soon became apparent to all that Les was Mr. Handball of the West, and the title couldn't be more appropriate. He got this recognition because, like some men who plant trees, Les plants handball courts. Just think, in 1940 there were 3 or 4 courts of varying sizes. In 1970 there are 66 courts in the Denver area, all standard size. On the drawing boards are 55 more besides the 10 planned at U of Colorado.

I guess I've traveled well over a million miles doing missionary work for handball. Some visits were very rewarding and accomplished great good. As I look back to the University of Texas, the Desert Gym, Memphis State University, the Jewish Center of St. Louis, I feel every journey was a challenge with remarkable consequences. But wait until you see what Colorado has in store for you. Because it is not yet finalized, I cannot disclose the objective of this most memorable meeting. But one day I will remind you that Les Shumate, with his total dedication and Bill Appenzeller with his dynamic drive and John Wallace with his tremendous architectural know how, — put us easily within reach of our ultimate goal.

The day started out in Aurora, (a suburb of Denver)

where six 3-wall courts and six 1-wall courts, all outdoor, are being finished for Aurora's Central High. They are very much like Detroit but located in the center of a school and athletic complex. After a wonderful visit with Joe Wasiecko we took off for Boulder where I learned that there still are, in this great land of ours, some outstanding student bodies. Colorado's kids for example are not only planning this huge recreation facility, **THEY ARE ALSO PAYING FOR IT!** And nothing about it will remind you of the old school of thought . . . not even the handball courts. These kids did a superb job and no small amount of the credit belongs to John Wallace, who not only listened to them, — he listened to us as well. And that's a rare quality in an architect.

Late in the afternoon we visited the Denver Athletic Club and Rick Schirber. Four new courts are contemplated here. We didn't get to the YMCA or the Jewish Center where handball is doing equally well. By this time Les had run me bowlegged and I was glad to get back on the plane where I could sum up the results of a thrilling day. Les and I must have talked for 10 hours and didn't cover half the things we could have talked about.

But talking wasn't really necessary. Les goes about doing his job out there just like I do here. We really don't need any direction. He loves the sport as we do and simply devotes his whole life to it. He retired from a job he held for 45 years because he wanted to have more time for handball. When he was finally persuaded to become a banker, he did so reluctantly and only when it was clearly understood that his bank would not interfere with his game.

You should just see how his face lights up when you ask about his son, Buzz. And I don't blame him. I don't like to get personal but they named the wrong guy Buzz. I never expect to meet anyone that buzzes around faster than Les. Don't get him started on his granddaughter Roxanna or his daughter Ellen. And don't let him take you to his home. You won't want to leave. Blossom still blossoms and bears her handball cross like an angel. Their home, like everything else that's Shumate, is beautiful. Most beautiful of all however was his comment, "She's my whole life, Bob," and I always thought it was handball.

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Yambrick Finds New York A.C.' Home'

Yambrick Beats Benham... Jacobs-Decatur Win Doubles in First New York A. C. Invite

By BILL KENNEDY

Bill Yambrick may decide to become a permanent resident of New York City if his handball fortunes continue to flourish there.

On May 17 the St. Paul A.C. speedster captured the New York Athletic Club Invitational tournament, by defeating Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Va. YMCA 21-15, 21-19. For Yambrick it was his second tourney victory on the NYAC courts in two years, and he remains undefeated there in tournament match play.

In doubles, Jimmy Jacobs and Marty Decatur, 92nd St. YMHA, came out of a two-year retirement as a doubles team to conquer reigning national champions Carl and Ruby Obert, New York A.C., 21-8, 21-18.

The five-day event no doubt had the finest field of 16 in singles and eight doubles teams that have ever played in an East Coast tournament.

Yambrick and Benham started slowly in the singles finale, with Benham breaking a scoreless tie in the fourth inning. In the seventh frame Billy put together a rally of five points to gain a 6-2 lead, which he held until the 15th inning, where Claude tallied six times to knot

the score at 15-15. Yambrick quickly staged another rally of four and two points to win in the 17th frame.

Fewer Errors

Benham served well and killed when possible, but Yambrick's tireless volleying could not be equalled. Billy shot often enough to score and played unerring defense. Benham was forced to make 10 errors for opponent points, while Yambrick committed only four. That was the difference because Benham had seven kills, three aces and one pass shot for points, while Yambrick had six kills, three aces and two passes.

In the second game Benham played inspired ball in a losing cause. After the third inning Yambrick gained a 4-3 lead which he steadily increased. After his serve in the 11th, Billy held a 16-5 lead, and appeared to be ready to apply the crusher.

Benham refused to give in and rallied for six points in the 12th inning, banging home flat kills off the back wall, and serving aces to Yambrick's right. Claude picked up lone points in the 14th and 16th before tallying four more in the 17th, to gain a 17-16 lead.

With the count even at 18-18 in the

20th inning Benham made a call against himself which may have cost him the game and match. In a furious volley, Billy brushed against Claude lightly while chasing a passing shot to the back wall. The contact went unnoticed by referee Tom Bria and most of the gallery, but Claude made a hinder call on himself. Yambrick, retaining the serve, then tallied to move ahead 19-18.

Benham knotted the count at 19-19 in the 22nd inning but Yambrick racked up two points in the 23rd frame. His 21st point was scored on a service ace to the left wall crack, his only ace of that game.

Yambrick forced Benham to commit 11 errors for points, while tallying on nine kills and the ace. Benham scored 11 times on kills, and with five aces, but pushed Yambrick into only three errors.

Bill Very Pleased

Yambrick was elated over his victory. "What a way to end the season," he said.

"I don't know why I have played so well in New York. I got a little bit lucky," he said. "I think that the New York A.C. contributed to it, because I am always comfortable here."

"By being comfortable, I am able to think and relax. The good competition here forced me to think and to follow a game plan. I don't think I could have won if I hadn't been made to feel at home."

Yambrick, who withstood the test of four tough matches in less than 48 hours, reported he lost only seven pounds, dropping from 165 to 157 pounds. "I was well-rested and felt very strong. I guess I was like a pitcher in a good groove."

FIRST GAME

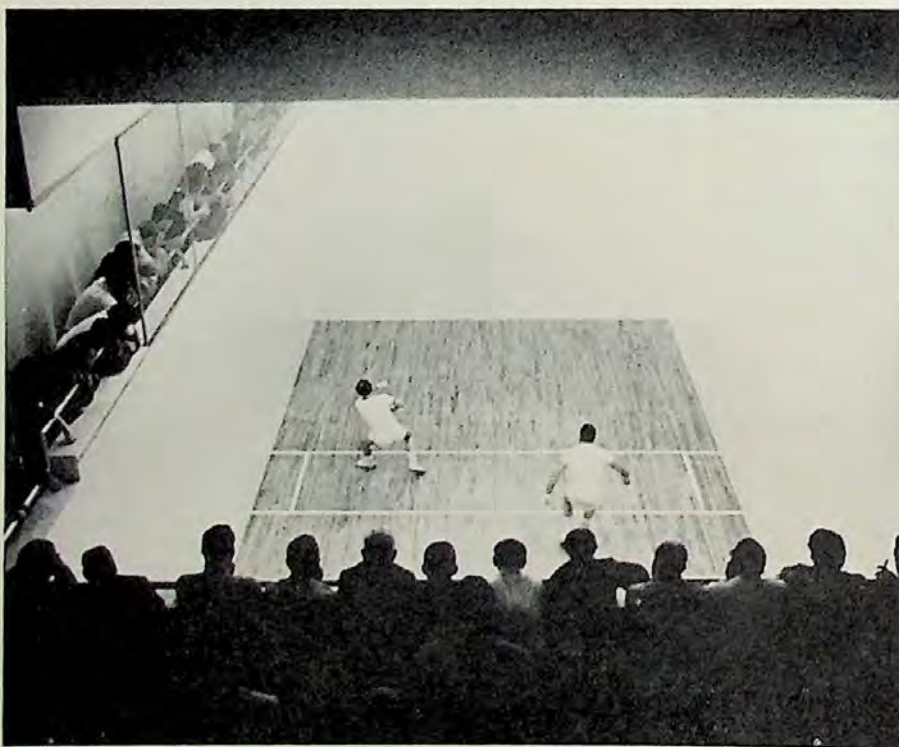
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SECOND GAME

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Yambrick
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Jacobs and Decatur retained their mastery over the Oberts to remain undefeated in tournament doubles competition, despite the fact that they had not played together in a tournament since the 1968 nationals.

It was a typical Jacobs vs. Oberts battle, bitterly contested by both sides. The Oberts used all their guile and tricks to rile the veteran Jacobs, but the result was, as always, a Jacobs victory.



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Decatur Takes Charge

However, it was not Jacobs who controlled the game. Instead it was Decatur, not involved in the Jacobs-Oberts war of nerves, who provided the knockout punch.

The champions' first game strategy was obvious—serve the ball and force the volley to Carl Obert. It paid off handsomely as Jacobs and Decatur won with just three serves each.

A 15-point second inning put the game quickly out of reach as the victors forced the brothers to commit 13 errors while they tallied on six kills, an ace and a pass. With most of the play going to Carl, Ruby also made errors when he got an infrequent opportunity to hit the ball.

The Oberts bounced right back in the second contest to zoom to a 13-5 lead after three innings. Jacobs then instructed Decatur to play the left side, a move which resulted in victory. With the score 15-7 Decatur took charge by serving rollers out of the left wall crack. If the service did not ace Carl Obert, Marty was killing to end some torrid volleys. The switch turned the game completely around as Jacobs and Decatur scored six times in the sixth inning and eight in the seventh.

Jacobs and Decatur forced nine Obert errors and killed seven, aaced four and passed once for points. The brothers, who chanted, "Play the old man," throughout the game, forced 10 errors, and scored with five kills, two passes and an ace.

FIRST GAME

Oberts 2 1 5—8

Jacobs-Decatur 2 15 4—21

SECOND GAME

Jacobs-Decatur 2 2 1 0 2 6 8—21

Oberts 7 0 6 1 1 3 —18

Joe Ingrassia, chairman of the tournament, did an excellent job of running the tournament and attracting an outstanding field.

SINGLES:

FIRST ROUND — Pat Kirby, Brooklyn Union Temple defeated Pat O'Keefe, NYAC 21-12, 21-19; Dr. Steve August,

BIG NYAC INVITE . . . Back row (1 to r) — Jim Westdyke, Pat O'Keefe, Rudy Riska, athletic director at Downtown A.C.; Carl Obert, Vic Hershowitz, Buzz Shumate, Bob Brady, Stuffy Singer, Lou Russo. Kneeling (1 to r) — Pat Kirby, Major Butch Roper, Ruby Obert, Oscar Obert, Harry Hyde.

Los Angeles A.C., defeated Jack Walsh, NYAC, 21-6, 21-10; Yambrick defeated Jim Westdyke, Paterson YMCA 21-9, 21-9; Stuffy Singer, Encino Health Club, (to page 26)



SINGLES FINALISTS . . . Bill Rose (l), New York A.C. president, and Joe Ingrassia, Club handball commissioner and tournament chairman, make trophy presentations to: Dr. Claude Benham, Norfolk, Va., runnerup; Billy Yambrick, St. Paul, winner of first Club invitational.

From: The New York Times . . . "Elite of Handball World Mix a Few Yarns with Shots"

By PARTRON KEESE

Overweight Lou Kramberg, a physical education instructor at the 92d Street Y.M.H.A., stopped his four-ball handball match with Stuffy Singer of Hollywood, Calif., and complained to the referee:

"There's too much noise up there to hear the ball down here," he said.

Singer, a former child movie actor, smiled because he was a game down and it was Kramberg, not he, who was grumbling. "Maybe we ought to start the match over," Singer said, kidding.

This is the glory and the trouble with an elite tournament such as the first annual New York Athletic Club invitation, according to Joseph P. Ingrassia, the chairman. "Every player here is a great one, they don't see each other very often and there is a lot to talk about."

CREAM OF THE CROP

Although tournament chairmen tend to exaggerate, Ingrassia, a many-time handball champion of the N.Y. A.C., could well be proud of the field he had lined up for the five-day meet that began Wednesday and ends today at 3 P.M. Even without an official ranking list, everyone conceded that nine of the top 10 American players were present, either in doubles or singles.

"There's Vic Hershkowitz," Ingrassia said, "he's won 39 national titles. And Jimmy Jacobs, he dominated the game in the fifties and sixties. There are the Obert brothers, Oscar, Carl and Ruby, who have 86 national titles among them."

"We also have Pat Kirby, the current national A.A.U. champ, who's seeded No. 1, and Marty Decatur, who has never lost a doubles match with Jacobs as his partner. And there is Bill Yambrick of St. Paul, who has won the national Y.M.C.A. championship three times in the last four years."

GAME 'LOOKS' EASY

"Add to that, Lou Russo, a former national champion, and Dr. Steve August of Los Angeles; Jim Westdyke, the New Jersey champion; Terry Muck of St. Paul, who defeated Jacobs in March, and Dr. Claude Benham of Norfolk, Va."

"What really makes this a great tournament," Ingrassia added, "is that there are no soft touches as in national matches. Here, anybody can beat anyone else. The only top player missing is Paul Haber."

While the "great" players discussed old times in the gallery on the 23d floor of the New York Athletic Club, the other "great" players competed two floors below on the four newly reconditioned courts, some of which were partly glassed in to permit more spectators.

Although it is a simple game involving a basically walled-in room, a ball and two men, handball played by experts can be made to look even simpler. To the novice (you hardly find any in the esoteric world of handball), it looks like a simple case of alternately hitting the ball against a wall until one player missed.

EASE INCREDIBLY MISLEADING

But the longer you watch, you realize that you are being misled by the incredible ease and anticipation that experience and dedication bring about. New dimensions continue to appear.

A low "hook" serve will be followed by a "scotch toss." A straight kill will be the attempted crusher to a flyer



BEST IN DOUBLES . . . Bill Rose, president of the New York Athletic Club (l) presents final round trophies in recent invitational tournament to: Jim Jacobs and Marty Decatur, who came out of two-year hiatus as team to assert superiority over 1970 USHA national doubles champions, Carl and Ruby Obert. Joe Ingrassia (r), Club handball commissioner and tournament chairman, gives helping hand.

around the walls, ending in a reverse spin along the back wall. A power passing shot will be foregone for a ceiling bouncer that fades in a deep corner.

As Hershkowitz noted, you cannot expect a man to reach his prime in handball until he has reached his 30's.

"Handball is growing," said Hershkowitz, who is 51 years old and past his prime, "but we can't keep up with it. The problem is facilities. There are not enough of them, and at \$28,000 a court, we may never have enough."

"Yet we keep developing good young players all the time, thanks to colleges like West Point Academy, which has eight courts and is building 12 more. And, of course, a lot of players come, as I did from the one-wall courts in New York and some cities on the West Coast," Hershkowitz said.

"Fire Departments have also been a great help, since many cities allow them to build courts to keep the firemen in condition. But not in New York. Space is too valuable, and, of course, there is never enough money."

"What handball needs to prosper, Hershkowitz concluded, "is more organization, more places to play and more money. Tournaments like this invitation and sponsors like the New York Athletic Club go a long way to keep enthusiasm up, though."

Ciasulli Honored At Orange, N.J.

Tom Ciasulli of Scotch Plains, New Jersey's first USHA national handball champion, was honored by the Orange YMCA May 6 at its annual handball dinner.

The event, held at Biase's Restaurant in Newark, was a testimonial to Ciasulli, who captured the national four-wall Master's singles championship this year at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Ciasulli, 44, who had finished third in that event in 1969, is the only New Jersey resident ever to win an USHA national tournament.

More than 200 men attended the dinner, including Newark Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio who was in the midst of a mayoral campaign. State Senator Matthew J. Rinaldo of Union, a doubles partner for Ciasulli in racquetball, also spoke.

In behalf of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Director Raymond B. Stabile read a resolution passed by that board, and presented a laminated framed copy of it to Tom.

"Whereas Tom Ciasulli of the Orange YMCA has become New Jersey's first national four-wall national handball champion by winning the 1970 USHA Master's singles tournament, now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County hereby extends congratulations to Tom Ciasulli on his outstanding achievements and be it further resolved that the clerk of this board is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Tom Ciasulli."

In addition Ciasulli received two plaques, one from "your many friends" and another from "the YMCA of the Oranges." He also received a set of luggage.

Joe Butera and Frank Metro served as co-chairmen of the affair, heading a committee which included Rudy Riccardi Ed Monto, Phil DeMuro and John Marra, who was emcee.

Ciasulli has been house champion of the Orange Y 14 times in the last 15 years.

BILL KENNEDY

Seguin, Texas Boys Team Sweeps Honors

Coach Dave Gregory took an eight-player Seguin Boys Club team to San Antonio recently and scored a shutout.

ACE featured the organization of the boys' team in 1969, outlining Gregory's program for elementary age students, developing both skill and coordination.

His next step is to stage exhibitions by bringing in top University of Texas players.

Fred Lewis Dominates Haas Memorial

The Annual Bob Haas Memorial Tournament held at the Miami Beach Flamingo Park courts during the Easter holidays under the auspices of the Miami Beach Handball Association—to keep alive the memory of the fine person and handball player that exemplified the late Bob Haas—was the most exciting since the inception of the event six years ago.

The singles matches which were played to a capacity house every day hosted players from Clearwater, Tampa and Jacksonville.

Pete Joannides, one of the finest players to come out of Jacksonville, showed a fine style and a large variety of shots with finger tip control. However, Fred Lewis, the defending champ, had too many guns and his stamina proved to be at its best of his career. His ace serves and fly kills proved to be too much for Pete. Fred won in two games, 21-14 and 21-7. Joannides had defeated Bernie Schreiver in the earlier matches by a score of 31-17. In the finals of the singles Lewis playing like a real champ de-

feated Stu Rubin 21-2 and 21-3. This is the third straight year Fred has won this event.

In the doubles matches played the following week end Fred Lewis had to rise to the occasion again when his partner and brother, Jack, sustained a bone bruise on his right hand before the start of the first game. Although handicapped Jack came through with terrific saves and key shots to bring them to the finals of the tournament. In the quarters the young duo of Ken Smolack and Richie Greenwald, New York, lost to Dr. Maury Fox and Abe Koster, 14-21, 21-12, and 21-8. Billy Haas and Stu Rubin conceded third place to Ken and Richie.

In the final match which featured the defending champs, the Lewis brothers, versus Dr. Fox and Koster, Fred took control of the back wall and Jack served several aces combined with some fantastic returns of what seemed to be kill shots by Koster. This too much for their opponents and the brothers won 21-14 and 21-7.

CAROM SHOTS...

Hobbs, New Mexico, handball picture blooming . . . a new standard court in the Boys' Club from supplemental contributions from a number of businessmen, players . . . and an excellent court at the high school. Association plans a prep tournament in addition to their regular tournament schedule.

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Dr. John Fleming of Orlando, Florida, had a delay in his plans to do a handball heart study but will now proceed. He has all of the information on the hundred or so applicants on file.

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Richmond (VA) has organized a handball association . . . 92 in attendance at first buffet dinner meeting. One of its goals is to re-institute the Eastern Seaboard Handball League.

Art Posey, formerly of L.A., has retired and is now living in Gold Hill, Oregon. He still works out daily and has found new "handball buddies" at the Medford YMCA. "I have been running 2½ miles on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, and try to get a court workout on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Am feeling fine and enjoying this fresh air."

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Bill Kennedy, our New Jersey scribe, suggests we should draw up "special refereeing" guide lines for the many games played without a referee. The first guideline we would suggest would be games-

manship. Actually, those few who try to take advantage of the non-referee situation soon find themselves void of playing opposition.

Alex London, the ex-wrestler from Madison, Wisc., now a resident of the San Diego area, was a Chicago visitor. The young man, who will turn 58 soon, is in marvelous physical condition and plays a fine right side.

Mike Dau won the Evanston YMCA open singles tournament, by defeating Frank Larkin, 21-18 and 21-14. Mike opened his first round by beating Bob Gershon 21-0, 21-0, he beat Mark Schwartz in the second round 21-5, 21-7. In the quarter-finals Mike played Tom Riley and won 21-12, 21-8. In the semi finals, Mike beat Joel Swartzman 21-18, 21-12.

Frank Larkin opened his first round by defeating Bill Quinlan 21-1, 21-1, Frank played Jack Olcott in his second game and won 21-15, 21-2, next he played Nevin Bowser and won 11-21, 21-13, 21-12. In the semi-finals, Frank beat Dick Segil 21-18, 21-8.

Swartzman came in third place by defeating Segil in three games, 12-21, 21-18, 21-18.

In the consolation bracket semi finals, Don Binder beat Corney Sippel 21-14, 21-7; Mark Green beat Ken Johnson 21-12, 21-12. In the finals Green defeated Binder 21-20, 21-14, and won this bracket.

Record 268 Participate in Nor Cal Singles

A fantastic record-breaking entry of 268 competition-hungry handballers, representing 35 organizations, participated in the 1970 USHA NOR CAL SINGLES HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS in five divisions of play. In the top category of action, Mike Kelly, of the San Francisco Olympic Club reclaimed his 1968 title by conquering defending champ, Tom Fleming, also Olympic Club, 21-8, 21-8.

By necessity, the tremendous number of opening matches (192 the first two days) were scattered and conducted at various handball clubs in the San Francisco Bay area, namely: Chabot College, Hayward; Olympic Club; San Francisco Jewish Community Center; Berkeley YMCA; San Francisco Embarcadero YMCA; Mt. Diablo YMCA, Pleasant Hill; Oakland YMCA; San Jose YMCA and South End and Dolphin Rowing Clubs. All semi-final and final matches were localized at the South End Club, the host club where packed galleries viewed the thrilling climax matches.

Richly deserved trophies were collected by the four best players in each of the five classes, summarized as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS: (32 ENTRANTS): — 1—Mike Kelly, Olympic Club; 2—Tom Fleming, Olympic Club; 3—Gary Ryan, Central YMCA; 4—Jay Kent, South End Club.

By MARTIN JUDNICH

JR. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS: (44 ENTRANTS): — 1—John Bohlig, Berkeley YMCA; 2—Bob Moser, Fire Dept.; 3—Bob Nedd, Palo Alto Elks Club; 4—Dr. Leo McCarthy, Palo Alto Elks Club.

FIRST CLASS: (64 ENTRANTS): 1—Barry Gottlieb, San Jose YMCA; 2—John Garibaldi, Palo Alto Elks Club; 3—Al De La Torre, Palo Alto Elks Club; 4—Otis Grimble, Sacramento State.

B CLASS: (64 ENTRANTS): — 1—Peter Colichidas, Olympic Club; 2—Keith Ferguson, U.S. Navy; 3—Chuck McDevitt, Jewish Community Center; 4—Vern Hayden, Hamilton AFB.

CLASS C (64 ENTRANTS): 1—Bill Rice, Chabot College; 2—Michael Carlisle, Golden Gate Park; 3—George Nicholson, Sacramento State; 4—Ed Lyckman, Oakland YMCA.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS: — With a spectacular display of serves, retrieves, volleys, kills and variety of concluding shots, Mike Kelly, a 26-year-old electrician, downed fellow Olympian Tom Fleming, the defending champion, 21-8, 21-8. The decisive win fortified the opinion and hope of many competent San Francisco experts that Kelly, a natural classic stylist, possesses a super-abundance of natural all-around handball virtuosity to capture the national singles diadem. A few more similar convincing big wins

may add confidence, steadiness in performance, dedication and desire for Kelly to reach and then stay on the top plateau.

Gary Ryan, Central YMCA's bomber, who recently surprised by toppling highly-rated Ray Neveau in the nationals at the Los Angeles A.C., took third place from another deadly blaster, Jan Kent, South End Club, 21-15, 21-6. Commendable performances in Championship Class were booked by: Mel Schwarz, San Jose YMCA; Jeff Capell, San Jose YMCA; Mitch Covington, Fresno YMCA; and Southenders Russ Hampton, Rudy Stadlberger and last but not least, Howard Wyrch — our second nationally-ranked in Masters singles.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS (44 ENTRANTS): John Bohlig, Berkeley YMCA, a newcomer to Nor Cal singles competitions, turned in an unexpected sparkling performance throughout the classic to capture Junior Championship from hard-fighting Bob Moser, Fire Department, in the finals 21-10, 21-17. Bohlig and Moser have the equipment to do very well in the Championship division.

Bob Nedd, Palo Alto Elks Club, was pressed to the limit before winning third place honors from Dr. Leo McCarthy a brother Elk, 21-17, 5-21, 21-13. Others reaching the quarter-finals in Jr. Championship include: Melvin Dinner, a flashy star from San Mateo Elks Club; Dan Litowsky, Central YMCA; and Dan Sullivan and Jack Schroth, two excellent Olympic Club representatives. Andy Zopolos and Guy Kornblum, two Olympians, won the honor of playing the longest game—two hours and forty minutes. Andy won: 21-20, 18-21, 21-20.

FIRST CLASS (64 ENTRANTS): Barry Gottlieb, San Jose YMCA's only trophy winner, battled furiously throughout the tournament in a series of three game cliff-hangers, to finally take the First Class title over John Garibaldi, Palo Alto Elks, 8-21, 21-17, 21-19. In his quarter-finals, Barry barely edged Gerald Sheehy, another tenacious player of the Embarcadero YMCA, 21-10, 13-21 and 21-20; then in the semi-finals, he managed to come through another thriller over Al De La Torre, Palo Alto Elks, 13-21, 21-11, 21-20.

Al De La Torre won by default from Otis Grimble, who was unable to make another 90 mile trip from Sacramento to try for the consolation. Grimble, a highway patrol officer, racked up four well-deserved victories to reach the semi-finals. Other quarter-finalists playing strong handball were: Ed Mendell, Palo Alto Elks; and John Bodovanic, Castle Air Force Base.



UP THE LADDER . . . Peter Colichidas, (r) Olympic Club, and National USHA participant the past two years, is rapidly improving his handball stature. The youngster moved to the Nor Cal B championship this year, beating Keith Ferguson (l) of the U.S. Navy. The 17-year-old is a protegee of Mike de la Pena.

CLASS B (64 ENTRANTS): — PETER COLICHIDAS, Olympic Club, and only 17 years old, one of Coach Mike de la Pena's proteges with much promise, and last year's Class C champion, won the B class title from an extremely formidable opponent, Keith Ferguson, U.S. Navy, a sturdy, fighting and potent left-hander, 4-21, 21-7, 21-12. In the first game, Ferguson virtually blasted young Colichidas out of the court by running up a fast, impressive lead of 19 to 0, and winning 21-4. The furious pace and the excitement of tournament finals seemed to bewilder young Pete whose cause appeared hopeless after the first game. But the youngster amazed the gallery by demonstrating ability to compose himself and think his way out of the hopeless predicament. Pete slowed down the tempo, and with the heart of a lion battled systematically for every point and managed to take the title by winning the next two games, 21-7 and 21-12. Colichidas and Ferguson are destined for promotion to upper classes.

Chuck McDevitt, Jewish Community Center, won third place honors from Vern Hayden, Hamilton AFB, 21-20, 21-5. Honorable mention is in order for the other quarter-finalists: Andy Burleigh, Dolphin Club; Roger Thompson, Modesto Sportsmen of Stanislaus; Jim Owen, Mt. Diablo YMVA; and Tom Lynch, Palo Alto Elks Club.

CLASS C (64 ENTRANTS): — Bill Rice brought Chabot College its first Nor Cal Singles handball championship by winning C Class in the finals over Michael Carlisle, Golden Gate Park, 21-8, 10-21 and 21-8. Several veteran observers at the South End Club watched the two speedy players in action and then ventured the question: "How did these two experts ever get into the C Class competition? Why they look like champions." The answer was easy: "The Nor Cal singles is a tough league, it takes a quality champion to reach the finals in any division."

George Nicholson, Sacramento State, claimed third prize from Ed Lyckman, Oakland, YMCA, by default caused by an injury. Quarter-finalists also included: Martin Triollo, Central YMCA; Harry Hearn, San Jose YMCA and two more Chabot College lads: Mark Wayne and Steve Thomas.

SUMMARY — Many Nor Cal handball officials deserve commendations for their cooperation and efforts in aiding in another tremendous tournament, especially: Tom Walsh, registration chairman; John Tarantino and Joe Sturm, Jewish Community Center; Al Schroth



TOP RUNG IN BAY AREA . . . Tournament officials with Championship Class of Nor Cal tournament finalists . . . (l to r)—Marty Judnich, USHA Bay Area Commissioner and hard-working administrator for local tournaments; Tom Fleming, Olympic Club, second place; Mike Kelly, asserting the national potential talent in winning the title, also representing the Olympic Club; Tom Walsh, tournament chairman.

and Mike de la Pena, Olympic Club; Fred Lee, Embarcadero YMCA; Al Masyk, Ray Brennan, Jim O'Brien and John Boitano of the South End Club; Ray Belluomini, Dolphin Club; Peter Schlemph, Berkeley YMCA; Joe Bosch, Golden Gate Park; John Duffy and Mitch Dobrinen of San Mateo Elks Club; Maury Nossen, SF Central YMCA; Keith Calkins, Chabot College; Ron Dawson and Steve Paulding of Mt. Diablo YMCA; Harold Dill, Oakland YMCA; Bill Davis, Ray McPhillips and Everett Lyda of San Jose YMCA; and many others.

It is evident from the 268 field of entries, from 35 clubs, that the Nor Cal annual singles is enjoying tremendous growing pains. It is also obvious that the many quality players in the lower classes (C, B and First) are hungry for more and more inter-club handball tourna-

ments. Several handball officials in the area have indicated a desire to improve quality of play and sponsor special invitational tournaments to appease the appetites of the lower class players. Local clubs such as: Berkeley YMCA, Jewish Community Center, Mt. Diablo YMCA, Chabot College, and Embarcadero YMCA enjoyed the 1970 experience of conducting part of the Nor Cal Singles at their courts, and report increased interest at their facilities. Also, the overall shortage of courts at many clubs is creating the demand for more and new courts in all directions. Tom Walsh and Martin Judnich strongly recommend a national encouragement of more interclub handball tournaments for the lower class players. We all love the champions, but let's develop more of them from our enthusiastic and most appreciative beginners.

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Graybill Repeats at Denver Y

Dave Graybill, Phoenix, repeated in the Denver Central YMCA memorial singles for second year in a row, with a convincing win over Lee Wretling, Denver Central.

Dave had little trouble with any of his opponents on his way to the finals, as he demonstrated his amazing speed and agility in retrieving tough shots and overpowering his competitors with power passing shots and kills.

Wretling started the first game with excellent control and sharp kill shots to obtain an early lead of 6 to 0. As Dave warmed up and began his brilliant retrieving of Lee's low shots, returning hard passing shots; he forced Lee into errors, and Dave soon gained complete control. Lee made a fine showing with good gets and fine returns, keeping the score fairly close until the middle of the first game, but Dave's accuracy and power helped him forge ahead to win 21-13.

Dave kept complete command of the second game, using more kills and crossing up Lee with occasional two wall passing shots, deep in the left corner, to win 21-6.

FIRST ROUND — Mike Hardy def. Bill Shainholts 21-11, 21-17; Kim Forrester def. Terry Rand, 21-17, 21-19; Bob Turner def. Stu Rothstein 10-21, 21-10, 21-17; Pete Barrett def. Jerry Sanky 21-0, 21-1; Mike Elson def. Art Guerts 21-11, 21-4; Bill Boyle def. Bob Heller 21-10, 21-10; Bill Pulford def. John Falk 19-21, 21-18, 21-17; Joe Yeary def. Dick Strahl 21-2, 21-3; Harold Powell def. Jim Skinkle 21-7, 21-18; Bill Erickson def. Roger Wilbur 21-18, 21-16.

SECOND ROUND — Dave Graybill def. Hardy 21-8, 21-11; Forrester def. Turner 21-12, 21-11; Barrett def. Chuck Walter 21-18, 21-19; Lyle Blue def. Elson 21-14, 21-18; John Hardy def. Boyle 21-17, 21-18; Bob Mendenhall def. B. Pulford 21-17, 21-15; Powell def. Yeary 20-21, 21-19, 21-20; Lee Wretling def. Erickson 21-16, 21-14.

THIRD ROUND — Graybill def. Forrester 21-7, 21-6; Blue def. Barrett 21-17, 18-21, 21-15; Hardy def. Mendenhall 21-18, 21-17; Wretling def. Powell 21-19, 21-13.

SEMI-FINALS — Graybill def. Blue

21-6, 21-18; Wretling def. Hardy 21-15, 18-21, 21-10.

FINALS — Graybill def. Wretling 21-13, 21-6.

Larry Wood and Dan Barney from the Denver Central Y have proved to be the outstanding doubles team in the Rocky Mountain Area for more than five years, by winning most tournaments they have entered. Their excellent teamwork and smooth ball control, with Barney's great right court play, and Larry's kill shots, continue to dominate all of our tournaments. Unfortunately they have been unable to make the big national tournaments, but we are hopeful they will in the future.

FIRST ROUND — Drum-Mossman def. Zoller-Kass 21-18, 21-19; Spangler-Brega def. Erickson-Guerts 21-10, 21-18; Reg. Chapman-Boehm def. Walters-M. Hardy 21-15, 21-8; Boyle-Wallis won by default over Lesko-Price; Kress-Gray def. Harrison-Bryson 21-18, 21-10.

SECOND ROUND — Wood-Barney def. Drum-Mossman 21-5, 21-7; Chapman-Boehm dfe. Spangler-Brega 21-18, 21-10; Carlsen-Brown def. Boyle-Wallis 21-18, 21-14; Apple-W. Geurts won from Kress-Gray 21-8, 21-11.

SEMI-FINALS — Wood-Barney def. Chapman-Boehm 21-9, 21-8; Apple-Geurts def. Brown-Carlsen 18-21, 21-17, 21-12.

FINALS — Wood-Barney def. Apple-Geurts 21-17, 21-13.

The awards banquet was held Saturday evening at the roof garden of the Capitol Life Building with Don Carlsen master of ceremonies doing a great job. Trophies for several of the year's tournaments — State, Regional and Masters were also awarded. The food was great, and Carlsen was in his usual good form in keeping everyone in good humor with his entertaining comments on the events of the tournament, and those involved. The Denver Y players always look forward to having the large contingent of players from Salt Lake City, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, Phoenix and Boulder enter this tournament, as it is the climax to our entire season. They are all a great bunch of athletes and we sure do appreciate their company. **LES SHUMATE**

Van Nuys, CA . . .

Mid Valley YMCA, Van Nuys, Calif., has just finished its second successful Handball Tournament for this year with at least two more scheduled before the year is over.

The finest talent ever assembled from our membership was present in this tournament. The main reason for this was the outstanding promotion and effort from the Handball Committee. They did a fine job of hosting, refereeing matches, and setting up the tournament. A special thanks to Bob Clarke Sr., and Bob Clarke Jr. for the many hours they worked on the tournament.

The tournament had over 50 competitors with 4 events. A-B-C and Masters singles. You all know what the Master category is, it's those young men over 40 years of age.

From this tournament one thing was apparent, Mid Valley YMCA has some excellent upcoming young handball players. Three of them that show fine potential are, Rick Christian, Bob Clarke Jr. and Randy Marco. Remember those names, they should be popping up in the future.

The finals were on Tuesday, May 12, ending a week and a half of play. There were several upsets and exciting matches. The shortest match was 35 minutes, and the longest was three hours. The last 45 minutes of that match involved no strategy or ability, it was just who could hit the ball back to the wall.

Tournament Finals — A SINGLES — 1st—Don Butler; 2nd—Roger Nix; 3rd—Rick Christian.

B SINGLES — 1st—Randy Marco; 2nd—Jim Quick; 3rd—To be played.

C SINGLES — 1st—Rich Montross; 2nd—Tony Espana; 3rd—to be played.

MASTER SINGLES — 1st—Lynn Hamilton; 2nd—Ralph DeLeon; 3rd—to be played.

BUD COSBY

Nat'l Masters Doubles Invite at Birmingham JCC Oct. 23-25

Birmingham's Sy Barnes has confirmed plans for the FIRST USHA National Masters doubles invitational at the city's JCC, Oct. 23-25. Competition will be conducted in TWO divisions — Conventional Masters doubles in which one partner must be at least 40 years of age; and the other player over 45 years of age — and, in Masters doubles in which each partner **MUST BE OVER 50.**

The format will have 8 teams in each division on the three-day regular match play.

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Second Montgomery Open Crowns Littrell, Barth-Gregor

Littrell over Clark; Barth and Gregor in doubles; Rookis in Masters singles.

The Second Annual Montgomery Open Handball Tournament was a huge success with 57 entries competing. Don Littrell came out on top of the Open Singles competition in the three-day affair. Littrell, Knoxville, defeated Alan Clark, Birmingham, last year's winner, 8-21, 21-19, 21-11, for the championship. Getting to the finals, Littrell defeated Jim Trosper, Athens, Ga., 21-15, 21-15; Carl O'Jala, Athens 21-9, second game was a forfeit; Dave Ewert, Atlanta, 13-21; 21-6, 21-13; Joe Salome, Atlanta, 21-19, 21-10.

Alan Clark defeated Bob Baird, Columbus, Ga., by forfeit; Robert Aiken, Knoxville, 21-9, 21-9; Bill Miller, Birmingham, 21-13, 21-9; Dick Gehron, Charlotte, 21-14, 21-14. Gehron won third place from Salome by forfeit. Tros-

per won the First Round Losers Consolation by defeating Tommy Neville, Montgomery, 21-10, 21-5.

In the open doubles, the Atlanta team of Sol Barth and Kim Gregor defeated the Jaffe brothers of Birmingham 21-20, 21-15. The Jaffe brothers were last year's winners.

The winners were never taken the full three games as they breezed through the tournament.

Pat Rookis, Birmingham, was the only entry to successfully defend his title. Rookis defeated Duncan Moon, Birmingham, 21-7, 21-3 to win the Masters singles. Rookis drew a first round bye; defeated Vick Vigliano, Chattanooga, 21-3, 21-2; Danny Kallman, Birmingham 21-10, 15-21, 21-14.

Moon drew a first round bye; defeated George Johnston, Montgomery, 21-14, 21-

12; Jim Pratt, Atlanta 21-11, 20-21, 21-16. Pratt won third place honors over Kallman by forfeit. Calvin Miller defeated Mike Orange in the First Round Losers consolation championship 21-8, 21-7. Both players are from Montgomery.

All entrants received T-shirts and a steak supper, Saturday night, at the Standard Country Club. The instructional film with Jimmy Jacobs and Stuffie Singer narrated by Art Linkletter was viewed by those attending the banquet and was enjoyed by all. The Montgomery Handball Club members felt the tournament was a success, but it couldn't have been done without the help of the USHA, the players who helped in officiating and the efforts of our tournament chairman, George Johnston.

Hope to see you in 1971.

Muck Unseats Yambrick in 'Tall Corn'

by CHRIS BOLLING

With new champions in all divisions, the 21st Annual Tall Corn Handball tourney was a rousing success. The hospitality for Ken Konkol and the Des Moines YMCA was once again superb, culminating in a night of fellowship.

It was a pair of St. Paul buddies battling in the singles finals with Terry Muck defeating his mentor, Bill Yambrick, 21-15, 21-10. Both games were close with Yambrick playing his fine volley game early and rallying at the end of each encounter. Muck, the young divinity student, simply out-shot and out-got Bill throughout the match. The action the previous day in the semis might have affected the outcome of the finals as Yambrick had two tough games with Bill Nelson of Port Edwards, finally edging him 21-20, 21-20. On the other side of the ledger, Terry Muck walloped another St. Paul buddy, Dr. Gary Rohrer, 21-3, 21-2.

Open Doubles resulted in big Ray Neveau and his bouncy partner, Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, over powering the "Pick-A-Partner" team of Zeke Zalatel and rangy Tom Brownfield, Chicago, in the hotly-contested finals 21-8, 21-13. It was teamwork that won the champs as both Brownfield and Zalatel are normally left side players and understandably played at cross purposes on several key points. Semi-final action found the

ex-Dallas bomber, Jim Faulk, now from St. Louis, matching up with Allen Kaufman against the Wisconsin two. They proved too tough for the St. Louisans 21-8, 21-13. When Ray gets that back wall set up . . . On the other slate it was the power hitting Milwaukee brothers, Tom and Jim Kopatich, who went down to Brownfield and Zalatel 21-9, 21-8.

The strong Masters doubles was increased to a full 16-team bracket this year, presenting lots of game but stiff jointed talent. Last year's champs, Dick Wickersham and Jerry Vanek went down hard in their loss to the new champions, Tony Tenerelli and Red Mugavaro, 21-16, 21-15. With the lead changing hands many times, both teams had a shot at it all the way. Semi-finals match saw the Chicago team take a Cedar Rapids duo of big C. R. Zieck and lanky Wally Emmons 21-9, 21-15. Next door Chuck Emmert and Don Kienlen succumbed to the guns of Wickersham-Vanek in two thrillers 21-16, 21-16.

SINGLES — First Round — Bill Yambrick-St. Paul, def. Bob Cutler, Des Moines, 21-7, 21-11; Tony Reitinger, Chicago, def. Jim Andrews, Iowa City, 10-21, 21-18, 21-11; Bill Nelson, Port Edwards, def. Stanley Morris, Joliet, 21-13, 2-9; Glenn McClintic, Cedar Rapids, def. Dick Fedro, Des Moines, 16-21, 21-19, 21-4; Tom Kezlan, Kansas City, def. Bill Reichardt, Des Moines, 21-20, 14-21, 21-19; Terry Muck, St. Paul, def.

Chris Bolling, Des Moines, 21-11, 21-2; Rev. Bob Keck, Des Moines, def. Aaron Fenster, St. Louis, 2-9, 21-5; Dr. Gary Rohrer, St. Paul, def. Jerry Cronin, Milwaukee, 19-21, 21-6, 21-11.

Quarter-Finals — Yambrick def. Reitinger, 21-17, 21-12; Nelson def. McClintic, 21-15, 21-5; Muck def. Kezlan, 21-20, 2-19; Rohrer def. Keck, 18-21, 21-9, 21-9.

OPEN DOUBLES — First round — Ray Neveau, Oshkosh-Tom Schoendorf, Milwaukee, bye; George Alexander, St. Louis-Jack McDonald, Chicago, def. Bill Alexander-John Gregory, Omaha, 21-13, 21-15; Randy Duncan-Joe Jester, Des Moines, def. Rich Stanfield-Bill McGreevy Jr., St. Louis, 11-21, 21-14, 21-18; Jim Faulk-Al Kaufman, St. Louis, bye; Tom Brownfield, Chicago-Zeke Zalatel, Joliet, bye; Rod Farmer-Bud Carpenter, Des Moines, def. Hiles Stout-Bob Hinds, Peoria, 21-7, 21-15; Loras Schlitz-Richard Schlitz, Davenport, def. Frank Haggard-Norm Rudi, Ames, 21-10, 21-10; Jim Kopatich-Tom Kopatich, Milwaukee, bye.

Quarter-finals — Neveau-Schoendorf def. McDonald-Alexander, 11-21, 21-5, 21-10; Faulk-Kaufman def. Duncan-Jester, 21-7, 21-14; Brownfield-Zalatel def. Farmer-Carpenter, 21-10, 21-7; Kopatich-Kopatich def. Schlitz-Schlitz, 21-15, 21-18.

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'Tarz' Heerwagon Feted in New Jersey

By BILL KENNEDY

Howard Heerwagon, who retired as captain of the Newark YM-YWCA handball team during the past season, was honored at the 17th annual dinner-dance of the North Jersey YMCA Four-Wall Handball League.

Fred Romeo, captain of the Paterson YMCA and a longtime friend of Heerwagon's made the presentation before more than 200 handball players, followers, and wives at the High Hat Restaurant in Bayonne. The evening was sponsored by the Jersey City YMCA team.

A scroll on a plaque was given to Heerwagon after Romeo praised his friend in a speech, saying:

We have a man in our presence this evening who by his own admission is an 'instigator.' A few weeks ago he was recalling how the North Jersey YMCA Handball League was begun in 1953, when he said, 'I guess I instigated it.'

Since then he has been 'instigating' the league each year by drawing up its schedules and calling league meetings.

By now you know the man I am talking about is Howard 'Tarzan' Heerwagon, who resigned as captain of the Newark handball team, a job he had held since 1953.

Most of you weren't around when Tarz and I, and fellows like Frank Metro, decided to change four-wall handball in this state from informal Friday night meetings to a regularly scheduled event with league standings and championships. Tarz was most instrumental in the early success of the league, particularly because his Newark Y team had to play away from home all the time. There were no four-wall courts there.

If any of you read the February issue of ACE Magazine, you saw President Bob Kendler's back page message which praised handball's greatest men. His idea of a great handball player is a man who contributes to the game both on and off the court.

This describes Howard Heerwagon to a T. Here is a man who has a few trophies he earned playing handball, but more important is that you could fill this room 10 times with the friends he has made through the sport. Tarz has always given a great deal more to handball than he ever got from it.

This is not supposed to sound like Tarz has been just another player in the game, because that's far from true. He won the New Jersey state one-wall doubles tournament in 1946 with Jack Wildman and in 1950 he was beaten in the state four-wall singles finals by George

Elden Speermint

by Jim (JAY) Joelson



HANDBALL TIP No. 1 Try to avoid giving power-hitters set ups off the back wall

Brandel. He also captained the 1967 Newark team which won the league title. So, he has a legitimate claim to being a state champ and runnerup, a league champ, and to some house championships at the Newark Y. Most of the players in this room would like to have been as good as Tarz was in his prime.

For all his friendships and fame, he is best known in New Jersey as handball's 'Tarzan.' Howard says he got the name because he used to run around the gym at the Prudential Building, and because he has long arms. Rip Rehner and some of the other old-timers from the Newark Y will tell you a different story.

He was called Tarzan because of his amazing stamina and because he was

fearless on the court, diving for balls and crashing into walls. He never developed a jungle yell, but you knew you were in the court with a handball savage when you played Howard.

Tonight we are here to honor members of the runnerup and championship handball teams, and while we do not wish to detract from their achievements, I think this special award I am about to make is perhaps the most significant in the league's history. I ask you to all join with me in applauding Howard Heerwagon, as I present a well-deserved award for distinguished service to Tarz, who will always be known to us as a handball giant and an outstanding gentleman.

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CHUCK LEVE

Full-Time Executive Secretary Added Strictly for Racquetball

Chuck Leve, recent graduate of the University of Miami School of Journalism, has been added to the USHA-IRA-NPA headquarters office. Chuck, 21-year-old son of Mort Leve, will concentrate his efforts on the promotion of racquetball and paddleball, giving these games the full attention necessary for a continued progress.

Association President Bob Kendler, in making this move, feels, *"We can now do justice to racquetball and paddleball from our office and make a real concentrated membership drive. We have always regarded ACE as the ideal communications media for handball and only through a corresponding number of memberships in our new games can we move progressively."*

Chuck has a fine athletic background, having played varsity high school and college baseball, and has already been initiated to the racquetball game. He hopes to improve to the tournament level, and of course, be able to trounce his Dad before long. (Note: *It won't take long*)

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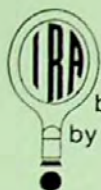
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Gerry Lapierre's Thumbnail Sketches of Racquetball Play

TULSA — The four courts at the South-eastern Family Y are still busy although the weather was more inviting for less strenuous exercise such as golfing, cutting the grass, etc. Dr. Roy Fielding managed to gather a group together for an informal clinic and we enjoyed playing with him and the group.

LITTLE ROCK — John Parker, physical director of the YMCA, rounded up his group for a session in the court. The most avid player is Col. Jerry Saubers Ret., who is always anxious to play everyone that comes down the pike.

DALLAS — The Oak Cliff YMCA's two courts are back in operation following a fire that destroyed them last fall. Tom Graham, physical director, stated that the racquetballers are making good use of them. The new courts have the maintenance crew somewhat perplexed. The builders repositioned the courts in such a way that it is impossible to bring a ladder in them to replace burnt out lights — can't win them all. Another aspect of the courts which Tom isn't too happy about is that no provisions were made for gallery or spectator area.

George Lee, athletic director of the Dallas Athletic Club, stated that racquetball is developing rapidly since they opened their courts to the game.

FORT WORTH — Bob Cline, physical director at the downtown YMCA, has a good nucleus of racquetballers as attested by the attendance for our clinic. The basic problem is the lack of good competition and it will be another year or two before the fellows sharpen their skill for tourney play. The Y has two standard courts.

SAN ANTONIO — The Earl C. Sams Center at Trinity of Texas College has six courts, 46' by 23'. Bob Strause of the Physical Education Department stated they had experimented with all the different balls and found the tennis ball to be more satisfactory. With my eyebrows slightly raised, I indicated that the Association had a new ball and we would be most happy to demonstrate its proven capabilities in battle. Bob, with great self control, stated he would try our ball but felt it would not come close to their game play. After a couple of games with the black ball, in which I was in complete control, he conceded that our ball had some good points. However, I was not ready for what followed when we played with the tennis ball—chartreuse colored yet. It was like a rabbit ball—all I saw was a blur going by and another blur

coming back. Bob was sympathetic to my frustrations and my complete breakdown of poise on the court. In order to bolster my wilted ego, he stated that since the courts were larger, the tennis ball did make a better game of it, and given time, I would be able to adapt very successfully to their game. As we left; Bob, in a consoling way, mentioned that the girls like to play with the slower ball—wonder what he was trying to tell me.

HOUSTON — Managed to play with Bubba Levy at the Jewish Community Center. There was quite a bit of discussion about the pros and cons of the new racquet from the West Coast. Bubba and a committee were finalizing the selection of players for a round robin tourney between the JCC and the YMCA. The purpose of the tournament is to give the mediocre players an opportunity to compete in tourney play and to display a true spirit of fraternalism and fellowship between the two facilities.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI — Handball is the predominant game at the two courts of the YMCA—however, there are a couple of members who play with the racquet.

LIVONIA, MICHIGAN — The family YMCA is a modern facility with two standard courts used both by the racquetballers and handballers. Physical Director John Havelich, originally from the New Britain, Conn. Y, introduced the gut game to his membership and the interest picked up immediately. Even the femmes have embraced the game and enjoy the workout and the competitive play.

EVANSTON, ILLINOIS — The YMCA is in the midst of their ladder tourneys. While there, I had the opportunity to watch a few matches; Ronnie Rubenstein held on to first place by coming from behind and defeating Sam Carl; Sonny Markus defeated Fred Blaes for second place. Sonny has the distinction also, of being in first place at the North Suburban Y in Northbrook. The ladder matches consist of one game of 40 points.

MADISON, WISCONSIN — Bill Schultz, executive secretary of the Metropolitan YMCA, played a couple of games with yours truly. Bill brought us up to date on the latest development program of the YMCA in the area. Immediate plans call for a new facility in the Eastern section of Madison which will have 4 standard courts. The metropolitan unit has 6 courts and the western facility has 2. Along with the 6 courts at the University of Wisconsin, totaling 18 courts, gives

Madison the distinction of having more courts than many larger cities.

MINNEAPOLIS — The picture is rapidly changing as more players are favoring the gut game. The Decathlon Athletic Club physical director, Bill Trenter, indicated the interest is definitely on the rise. Had the opportunity to play exhibition matches on Saturday in singles against Bob McNamara; on Sunday in doubles with Jim Grogan against "Pinky" McNamara and Dick Ragatz. Both McNamaras along with another brother, Bernie, have been active nationally in paddleball tourneys. Bob and Bernie were the open doubles champs in the nationals held last February and Bernie also took the consolation in the open singles.

The King's Court in the suburb of Edina is the greatest thing for the court games that has come down the pike since the year one. The total concept of the club is simplicity in design and services; with its only function being to service the local handballers, paddleballers and racquetballers with excellent court availability. As you enter the club, the immediate area consists of a carpeted lounge which also serves as the balcony for six standard courts — three on each side. There is a stairway in the center which takes you to the locker room facility; completely carpeted with spacious lockers, sauna bath and showers. The doors to the courts are located alongside the lockers so one only has to walk a few steps, after suiting, to enter the court. The building is completely air conditioned for year round comfort.

The hours for play are from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Courts are scheduled on an hourly basis and reservations may be made one day in advance. There are two types of memberships available, both reasonably priced: One includes court fees and the other excludes the fee. Equipment is available for sale or rent including complete athletic apparel.

Jim Schell, Larry Johnson and Bill Ramsay are partners in this endeavor and Ken Rosland has been appointed manager. The courageous duo of Jim Schell (recovering from a broken leg) and Ken Rosland (sore arm) with racquets at hand, challenged us to a few games and a fun time was had by all. I personally believe that Jim was faking his condition — the only time he limped is when he missed a shot. Our thanks to Jim and Ken for their interest in the IRA and for the hospitality they gave yours truly. The long range program is to have franchises throughout the country. Within the short time the club has been open, prospects for two more facilities are now in their final stages. Our hats are off to the boys in the North country and continued success in their endeavors.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA — Owen McGraw, physical director of the YMCA, stated that paddleball is very strong with the gut game slowly making the scene.

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA — St. Cloud Athletic Club has one court with a limit of 120 members. Knights of Columbus has two courts and the Elks Club will have two new courts this winter. St. Cloud State College new physical education building has two courts which is used primarily by the students in their intramural program. There is also another facility with one court called the St. Cloud Hospitality Center. The area, in the past, has been strictly solid paddle but the gut game has really taken over.

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA — Always look forward to my visit with Chuck Hazama, our rules chairman and physical director of the YMCA here. Chuck had made arrangements so that I would play various fellows individually to assist them in bettering their game. I tell you, that Hazama is thinking all the time. Also played Dr. Norris "Butch" Harbold and filled him in on the happenings at the International. He was disappointed on not being able to attend this year.

DES MOINES, IOWA — The picture has changed since our last visit to the YMCA a year ago. Although I did not have the opportunity to talk to Don Hanna, the physical director, I was informed that quite a few of the membership have taken up the racquet to do battle on the courts.

DAVENPORT, IOWA — John Brooks, Physical Director of the YMCA, and

yours truly had a long chat relative to the racquetballers in the area. I was especially interested in knowing the reason why Marie Frazer did not attend the International. I had picked her to win the gals division hands down and, she never showed up. Doggone it Marie, don't fail me next year—want to see you in Salt Lake City. It was gratifying here that several of the fellows participated in tourney play this year. During our clinics, especially in areas where the game is relatively new, we encourage the group to participate in state or sectional tournaments in order to gain the experience, and also, to observe the various styles and methods of play.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS — The YMCA has four courts where handball is the only game allowed. Had a long chat with Jerry Swatling, physical director, and his assistant, Dennis Davis, about the situation. Both were very congenial and express a sincere interest in our game, especially Jerry, who played while at college. He indicated that there was an attempt to introduce the game and a committee went to Springfield, Illinois to evaluate the conditions of the courts (same composition for both court facilities) since they had been playing paddleball. The group found that the walls were badly scarred and nicked and therefore, it was decided that the game would not be played in Peoria. The fallacy of their conclusion was that the paddleball game being played in Springfield was with the solid paddle and, not the gut racquet. In fairness to the paddelballers and the National Association, I would like to point out that some of the manufacturers of

the solid paddle have seen the light and are putting a rubberized edge on the paddles for protection.

When an investigation of this type is conducted, it should be thorough and information should be obtained from all possible channels. I would think that the first place to exact information would be from the associations involved. Our Asso-the new intramural building under copy to submit all available information relating to any part or our respective games.

Another situation that seems incredible to the writer is that there are courts today being built without contacting any reliable or experienced source for assistance—is it any wonder that there are many courts in poor physical condition? It's frustrating at times to find that there are facilities being designed and constructed with no thought whatsoever for future expansion—what a waste, and moreover, a complete lack of confidence of their own growth.

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS — By invitation from Dr. Phil Dziuk, of the University of Illinois, we stopped by and played at the University courts. We will not dwell on the situation of the problems with these courts. What is more important is the new intermural building under construction which will include 23 standard size courts. All of them will have gallery area and one court will have a glass back wall from the floor level which will accommodate 300 spectators. What an ideal place for a three walled glass court —If you are going first class, why not go all the way?

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Handball in Hawaii has taken an up-swing in interest towards better overall court play and basic knowledge of the game. We in Hawaii have been handicapped by the lack of ranked and outstanding talents, being so far away.

We were privileged to be visited, on occasions, by Stuffy Singer, Jim Jacobs, and other ranked players who, while vacationing in Hawaii, put on exhibitions for the benefit of our boys.

We now have in our midst, we hope forever, one of the "Greatest Champions of Handball", a credit to the game. He has personality and is humble, always willing to go out of his way to teach others the finer points of the game . . . never harsh words for the "conqueror" or the "conquered". In behalf of the people of Hawaii and especially the handball "nuts", we welcome Johnny Sloan to our shores. We hope he will stay here forever. Our community, especially handball, needs him. We wish him "Aloha auni loa".

We have had a very successful year with our handball programs. The tournaments were held at both Central and Nuuanu YMCA's, with Novice Classes C, B, and A's being played and champions being crowned at our annual luau.

The Armed Forces teams were also in evidence at these tournaments by the showing of Doubles Class "A" team of Frank Riney and Mike Kauffman (champions) of the Marine Corps defeating the former champion team of Bob Sun and George Kalaau.

The State Singles championship was recently held at the Nuuanu YMCA with the likeable Johnny Sloan, without too much trouble, claiming the championship.

We look forward to our up-and-coming tournament; the Civilians vs. the Armed Forces teams in a Home and Home series. We anticipate a good and hard fought tournament sponsored by Central YMCA.

I was happy to have been able to attend the recent National Handball Tournament held in Los Angeles and to meet and talk, once again, with former friends from the Hollywood YMCA.

We hope to have a representative or two in the next National Handball tournament, bearing the colors of the 50th State.

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Ken Schneider Discusses Doubles Patterns

Ken Schneider hardly needs an introduction. He won a national junior championship at 18, the open national singles in 1950, and has followed with three straight USHA open doubles (1954-55-56), and more recently four USHA Masters doubles. Ken is a native New Yorker, now a confirmed Chicago suburbanite and member of Bob Kendler's Community Builders family.

Success of a team playing doubles is not only determined by playing ability, but to a great extent dependent on the manner in which the players complement each others' game. This axiom has been proven over and over again in the course of yearly tournament competition.

Many times we have seen two great singles players team up with their cooperative efforts leaving much to be desired.

Through the years the best combination in doubles competition has been one player who has excelled in singles and a partner, who may not have made it "big" in singles but has always been a title caliber in doubles.

Of course, in singles we need a player who has developed his "off hand" and has achieved physical conditioning — stamina. These two factors are not prime requisites for doubles play. It will many times rule out a player from achieving prominence in singles but I believe the great doubles player needs something that the singles player does not always have. The ingredient I speak of is the quality to cooperate and function with his partner as a team, supporting each other's strengths.

Left-Right Ideal

My ideal team is one that features a left hander on the left side and a right hander on the right side. One player should function to the best of his ability in short court and one in back court on their respective sides. They must have the ability to move in and out on their own sides according to the course of play but try to control the play to achieve their best advantage.

Two left handers who immediately come to mind who fit these conditions perfectly were **Frank "Lefty" Coyle** and **Sam Haber**. Both were the best left court doubles players I have ever seen in year in and year out doubles competition. They both played "in" games and teamed with right handers who were "out" players. **Ed Linz** complemented Coyle many years as did **Bill Baier**. Although Ed and Bill were never spotlighted in the combination they were the steady, non-glamorous influence. Their conduct during the course of play was to get the position shot for Lefty, who took on the responsibility of "the enforcer" throughout the match. The enforcer's success usually determined the result nine times out of ten.

As for myself, when I played with Haber, I tried to

conduct myself in a similar manner for Sam. I'm not trying to say whether Linz, Baier or myself were not responsible for shots on our own when the play called for it. A strict defensive game on the part of any one member of a team is sheer disaster.

I only say that our primary function was to get the shot for our partners. The reverse was not true of Lefty or Sam. They did not attempt to make shots for us but to leave what they could not do something with and cripple what they could, either by pass or kill.

No Definite Pattern

There is and has been great doubles teams with two right-handers. Of course, the left hand of the left side player (who usually is also a great singles player) is strong and accurate. But, there is a definite weakness along the left wall of this combination. The left side player in this combination is usually the point maker and the right sider the play maker.

Three championship combines have featured outstanding national champion singles players as righthanded left court players — **Johnny Sloan** with **Phil Collins**, **Oscar Obert** with his brother **Ruby**, **Jim Jacobs** with **Marty Decatur**.

Actually there are variances in the court tactics of these teams. Sloan was the steadying factor, keeping the ball in play, fly killing with his deadly accuracy when the opportunity arose, while Collins was the brilliant "Wrist Kid" killer from all areas on that right side with emphasis on his back wall "bombs". Oscar is definitely the shooter in playing with Ruby. He is not hesitant about going for broke from back court and will use his one-wall training to good advantage in front court fly kills, while Ruby will efficiently move the ball around along with good kills.

The famed Jacobs-Decatur team showed to real advantage in major national tests. Both have the big serve, power shots and the ability to keep the ball in play when necessary. Jacob's anticipation gives him deadly control of front court. The hop serves Decatur employs will constantly give this team a quick offensive and usually cut down on extended volleys.

Another lefthander, **Morrie Singer**, has shown fine ability with **Vic Hershkowitz**, Jacobs and Collins, and finally won the national YMCA playing with Sloan. Morrie had fine kills with his left from all positions and has learned to do something with his right. He unfortunately found himself in runnerup spots on three occasions in USHA nationals but please understand this is a fine accomplishment in itself.

I have always reasoned that Hershkowitz would go down as just as fine a doubles player as he is a singles performer if he would concentrate with one man as a partner.

Rubin Wins N. Dakota Singles — Adds Doubles with Clifford

North Dakota handball players wound up a long winter season with the state's first handball tourney, and when all the dust had cleared Grand Forks players had taken both the singles and doubles state titles.

The first North Dakota State Handball Tournament was held in the Fargo YMCA, May 8-10. Dave Rubin, Grand Forks city champion, won the state singles title by topping Rod Searles, the Fargo city champ, 21-16 and 21-15. The indefatigable Rubin then teamed with Tom Clifford, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at the Univer-

sity of North Dakota in Grand Forks, to beat Nat Bethers and Rich Equinoa, Grand Forks Air Force Base, 21-14, 21-11 for the state doubles crown.

In the consolation singles bracket Ray Arechigo, Moorhead, Minnesota (just across the river from Fargo) beat Dennis Hanson, Fargo, 6-21, 21-13 and 21-17. In doubles consolation play Dr. Walter Wasdahl, chairman of the pathology department at the University of North Dakota Medical School, teamed with Tom Devine, Grand Forks, to topple Neal Reuter and Dennis Friestad, Valley City, 16-21, 21-19 and 21-7.

While the proposed Masters Doubles

event had to be cancelled because of lack of entrants, both the championship and consolation champion doubles teams had at least one Masters-age player.

There were 29 players in the tourney. Rubin was the iron man, playing in eight matches and 18 games.

One of the highlights of the three-day tourney, in addition to the play on the courts, was a handball clinic and demonstration doubles game put on by Bill Yambrick and Paul Schulz, St. Paul. These two top players presented a well-organized and helpful clinic and then staged a doubles game against Rubin and Equinoa.

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We Appreciate It . . .

Dear Mort:

As one of the handball fraternity for 40 odd years I've enjoyed the game tremendously. But it is only since Bob Kendler, the ACE and yourself came into the picture that handball has come into its own.

Congratulations to all of you and I'm moved to write because the April issue of ACE is the finest sports publication I've ever seen. Its layout, art work, reporting of the presentation to Bob Kendler of the Centurion Award (a well deserved honor) the accounting of the Nationals and other handball events around the country all make it an issue which I am going to put among my personal possessions.

I was saddened to hear but pleased to see the fine tribute to Al Warren of St. Paul. I knew him well in my 13 years as physical director of the Downtown YMCA and often played with him (this was 1933-1946). These were the days of George DiRe and Al Anfenson, early days of Paul Turner, George Quam was winning at the Mpls. A. C.

For the past 13 years as physical director of the West Side YMCA here in New York City, I've enjoyed entertaining Jimmy Jacobs, Vic Hershkowitz, the Oberts, and all the top players of the East Coast. And we've got some fine young players coming along.

Enclosed is \$1 for a print of Jimmy Jacobs picture as seen on the inside of the back cover. It is a lovely thing and I'll have Jimmy autograph it.

LOGAN MUNDT
New York, N.Y.

P.S. After 44 years as a Y physical director from Dallas, to Canton, Ill., St. Paul, Boston and the McBurney & W. S. branches here in N.Y. I'm retiring as of Sept. 1 to spend some time with the wife, children and grand-children.

Do-It-Yourself . . .

Sirs:

Am enjoying ACE magazine, particularly since moving to Prince George, British Columbia almost five years ago.

Many of your readers may not know where Prince George, a city of 30,000, is located. It is within 60 miles of the

geographic center of the province of B. C. The hunting and fishing are fabulous here but when I arrived the nearest handball court was in Vancouver, 500 miles away!

Being an avid handball player for several years in Vancouver, I missed the game very much and after two years here I was starting to get pretty thick around the middle. It seemed the only way I was ever going to be able to play the game again was to build a court in Prince George, and I felt the best public support for such a project could be got through the YMCA.

Every empty building and warehouse was carefully examined as to the possibilities of turning it into a handball court. Finally one, although its ceiling is only 16 feet high was located. Next came the cost analysis. Having friends in the lumber business was a big help. I also contacted as many people as time permitted, and those who expressed interest in playing the game were asked for a \$5.00 deposit with the understanding that if the court was not built, their deposit would be returned.

The design of the court which is basically wood with plaster finish, came from memory and my limited knowledge of construction. Next came financing. The Y here in Prince George, only organized in 1964 and having no facilities except an office, phone and desk, decided to take a gamble. They secured a bank loan for \$1,600.00 and the handball court was under way. The lumber was donated and many services scrounged or bargained for. The result is a court 20x40x16 feet ceiling, locker room complete with showers, small spectator gallery and enough space to build another court if needed.

Although our facilities fall far short of the sophistication found elsewhere (no carpets, upholstered chairs, etc.) visiting players from Edmonton and Vancouver seem really surprised at what we do have which is very encouraging for our membership which is now around 90.

We have held several tournaments, both singles and doubles, with good response. One of our members, Dr. Chen, has donated a beautiful trophy which is competed for once a year. We have eight doctors playing; they really know the value of handball for physical fitness.

Handball has become one of the most popular of the YMCA programs and as a result some of the players are members of the Y Board of Directors. I have been president for the past year.

Only a few of our members had ever played the game before the court was completed 2½ years ago, but at the rate some of them are improving it's soon going to be tough for me to hold my position at the top of the ladder.

Interest in the game seems to be steadily increasing. We have even had players sign up without ever having seen the game or knowing how it is played. To help maintain their interest we suggest to new members that they subscribe to ACE. The club is growing all the time and we may soon need that extra court.

STAN JONTZ

Spreading Gospel . . .

Dear Mort:

This may be of interest to handballers nationwide. The Oregon Athletic Club has been sending representatives to various areas to promote handball, USHA and ACE magazine.

Late last year, Ken McQueen and Bert Petersen went to Spokane for a two-day clinic/exhibition. McQueen added some new ideas to the Spokane players' arsenal and the fellows were well received.

So far this year, Ken and Tony Stramiello have gone to Longview, Washington, and Tony joined Dave Palmberg for

a Tillamook, Oregon, trip. (We didn't know they had a court!) In April, Ken McQueen and Bert Petersen went to Medford, Oregon, where they have one nice concrete court. The fellows' efforts were well received, beginning with a speech at the Medford YMCA Awards Banquet. After the banquet the boys all adjourned to the Y, playing all comers until 1 a.m. Talk about enthusiasm; everyone showed up at 8:30 a.m. for a clinic and all day play-a-thon ending at 4 p.m.

We thought you'd be interested in hearing that our love of handball is creating a lot of good-will here in the Northwest. Hope others are doing their bit around the country.

BERT L. PETERSEN
Portland, Oregon

Well Deserved . . .

Dear Bob:

This morning I received the April issue of Handball & Racquetball.

The front cover showing the bronze bust of you, together with the inscription, prompted me to immediately read the presentation made and your acceptance speech. While the bust was beautiful, and the speech by the president impressive, yet the importance to me was your acceptance speech.

Having known you for many years, your explosive dynamic personality that captivates most people that you come in contact with, business or otherwise, is a trademark. However, your acceptance speech was not predicated upon the honor bestowed upon you as Bob Kendler, but reflected a philosophy as it applies to mankind.

From an old handball player, I know what the game means as it applies to physical fitness, sportsmanship and as a matter of fact, character building. If our youth of today would accept your philosophy, we could and would eliminate all the ailments afflicting our country today.

Not being prone to exuberance, I do believe that a copy of your acceptance speech should have nationwide exposure. I congratulate you on a job well done with a fervent prayer that you continue for many many more years to come.

CHARLES L. SCHRAGER
Chicago, Ill.

YMCA Thanks . . .

Dear Bob:

We certainly appreciate having you visit our tournament, hospitality room and banquet.

As in the past, the USHA has helped the YMCA put on another successful tournament. It was the largest and most successful YMCA Handball Tournament ever held that was not combined with another national tournament.

We not only appreciate the space given to us in ACE Magazine but also your ad in the tournament book, the donation of the balls and the people from the USHA staff helping us.

We know that you had many important things on your mind regarding handball during the tournament week and appreciate your taking the time out to come to our banquet and saying a few words.

Thanks, again, for your help. We hope Evie is feeling better and look forward to the next USHA nationals in Memphis.

ROBERT KOENIG
THOMAS BROWNFIELD
Co-chairmen, 44th National
YMCA Handball Tournament

Atlanta Club . . .

Dear Gerry: (Lapierre)

Thank you so much for the copy of the ACE Magazine.

The article on the Health Club was very interesting and well written. We appreciate this write-up very much.

The ACE magazine is becoming a very interesting and substantial magazine. We want to congratulate you on the magazine and the coverage you gave the Tower Health Club.

GEORGE SCHISLER, Director
Tower Health Club
Atlanta, Ga.

Happy to Oblige . . .

Dear Mr. Leve:

Last year the Hamilton YMCA, Downtown Branch sponsored the first Golden Horseshoe Handball Tournament, the second week in November.

We feel we did a good job; the committee again is planning to sponsor the second one in November, and the dates are 13, 14 and possibly 15, (depending on entries).

Last year we did not do enough public relations and most players did not know that Hamilton, Ontario, Canada sponsored such an event.

Can you help us? We would appreciate it.

GEORGE D. PATSIOS,
Director of Physical Education

The Masters . . .

Dear Editor:

It takes a journalist AND a man of considerable stature to apologize in print as you did to me in your April issue of ACE. But in all honesty, I cannot take credit for making the Masters Singles so popular with USHA members.

It was the players themselves, first at Salt Lake City in 1966; then those who voted in St. Louis in '68; and again those who participated in record number at Austin in '69 and Los Angeles in '70 who are chiefly responsible. Believe me, in future years the Masters Singles will continue to grow.

I agree with you that it's regrettable some Masters Singles participants cannot play in the Masters Doubles. But this is also true — especially for top-seeded players — in the Open events.

You touched on a solution, I think, which I would heartily recommend the USHA seriously consider. Namely:

Instead of one national tournament a year, have two of them. One for the Open Singles and Masters Singles crowns. The second, for Open Doubles and Masters Doubles.

Doing this, we would have true champions in each event. For those who feel they want to play at least two games in a tournament, consolation rounds in each tournament could still be provided. Furthermore, two different sections of the country could be selected each year, thereby allowing more cities the chance to play host to such an important sporting event.

Not only will we have just as many total entries, but with two major tournaments, we will eliminate the 31-point games which, unfortunately, were necessary for the first round in the Masters Singles at L.A. because of the large turnout.

I don't think any handball player — especially one who travels hundreds of miles or more — feels he has really been beaten in a 31-point match, no matter who, or how worthy his opponent may be.

Once again, my personal gratitude to you for all you have done for me and for handball players everywhere.

TED HILGENSTUHLER
Hollywood YMCA

NOTE: The advent of national invitational tournaments is one step in the direction of separating singles and doubles events, thus getting a truer championship determination. And, now we will have the FIRST Masters Invitational event at the Birmingham, Alabama, JCC, next October. (See news of this on page 14).

Centurion Award Congratulations

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter and always generous appraisal of my activities.

However, it is you, rather than I, who is deserving of congratulations this month. I am, of course, referring to your selection as Handball's first Centurion. I have long believed that nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm and among your many fine attributes enthusiasm for doing good is ever present.

Will do something about my visits to your office as they are always enjoyable.

Thank you again and I'll see you soon.

Fred Heitmann, President
Northwest Nat'l. Bank of Chicago

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on the well merited honor given to you recently by the Los Angeles Athletic Club that recognized your deep devotion and your unselfish interest in the sport of handball. Only personal obligations that contribute to my crowded schedule have delayed my letter to you.

But I know you understand because it never is too late to add one more name — mine — to the list of those who were personally pleased that the people of your fine sport regarded it as appropriate that you should receive the First Centurion Award.

A dedicated individual such as you are could never become blasé and that's why I'm certain this award affords you a continuing thrill.

Your lovely wife, Evie, must be proud, too, and please extend my very best wishes to her. I read your acceptance speech in the April issue of ACE and am happy that you spoke of her as sentimentally as you did.

Keep the sport of handball the great one it is — the great one, I might add, to which you contributed so much.

George Halas, President
Chicago Bears Football Club
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bob:

The ACE magazine that you sent me some time ago was very interesting and certainly was a great tribute to you and your leadership. Believe me, I know from our association that it was more than deserved. Without men like you this country would be in a pretty sad state of affairs — certainly worse off than it is now. Then the April 1970 issue of ACE adds more frosting to the cake and is again a great tribute well deserved.

I am sure that I am better off for having met a man of your caliber. Keep up the good work.

Max Sawyer, Pres.
First Nat'l Bank of
Des Plaines, Ill.

Dear Bob:

Sincere congratulations on the great honor bestowed on you by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. You are certainly most deserving and Mr. Hathaway's comments surely reflect the true feelings of all sportsmen.

Congratulations again.

Erle Van Geem, President
Food Facilities Management Corp.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for having me receive a copy of the April, 1970 issue of ACE. I read with a great deal of interest your acceptance speech on pages 2-3 of the issue. The thoughts expressed, and the choice of words, demonstrate a rare skill and I am sure that the words came straight from the heart.

Congratulations on the honor received, and I am sure that with the passing years many more honors will come to you because of your dedication to worthy endeavors.

Al Cerza
Chairman—Chicago Chapter
The PHILAETHES SOCIETY
Riverside, Ill.

Dear Bob:

A thousand thanks for putting me on the mailing list to receive the April issue of ACE.

Congratulations on your reaching the cover of the magazine — and in such a wonderful way. Your bronze bust appears life-size when I look at the picture on Page 3. It's a striking and forceful characterization. The sculptor has delineated a tremendous amount of strength and forward movement in his bronze. I hope that some day it will be my pleasure to admire the original.

I trust that everything is well with you in every way.

In looking through the current Masonic literature, I occasionally find a suggestion that there are leaders in our fraternity who realize that we are living in the year 1970 — and the year 2000 is only 30 years away.

Barnet Hodes
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bob:

Congratulations on becoming a Modern Centurion. I hope I'll be around to see you become a centenarian, too; which would really be an ad for handball.

After nine months of hitting the figurative ball in the office, I'm taking a few days off. To show you what kind of shape I'm in, I hit two buckets of balls today and am dripping wet. Gotta get back on the sawdust trail, Bob.

Sounds like you had another wonderful tournament in L.A., and I know that with Frank Hathaway's enthusiasm for the game, it's a pleasure to go there.

As for ACE magazine, they said Petritz could never be replaced, but I'd have to say Mort has done it — in spades!

I'm delighted at your response to the Notre Dame library project, and I wouldn't have put you on the spot if I didn't think it would be good, eventually, for handball. My personal thanks, though, for all you've done on the program.

And all you've done for me.

My best to you, Evvie, and all the young swingers it was my privilege to publicize 15-20 years ago.

Joe Petritz
Chicago, Ill.

NOTE: Joe was in at the beginning of USHA and ACE . . . did a truly 'pro' job as editor and tournament publicity director.

A more handsome face, Bob . . .
. . . is difficult to find anywhere. And, one sculptured in bronze is even more handsome!

I know of your extensive interest and support of handball all of these years and you obviously have been chosen for a very high honor. My congratulations to you and best wishes.

Bruce S. Blietz
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Bob:

I would like to thank you very much for sending us the copy of your HANDBALL Magazine which featured you on the front cover.

Thought the bust was a fine likeness and indeed you must be exploding with pride on the fine accomplishment of the past and this recognition.

Your acceptance speech was superb. I thoroughly enjoyed it, so much so that I have extracted it from the magazine and placed it in my "Speech Making" file. You may rest assured that I will steal some of your ideas and thoughts sometime in the near future.

Many thanks for your kindness

R. A. Rodeno,
Vice President
Allstate
Northbrook, Ill.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me the April, 1970 issue of ACE magazine, the Official Voice of Handball and Racquetball. I was delighted to see the front cover with the photo of the bust of you and the inscription on the plaque. I would be happier if I could see you and personally shake your hand to congratulate you.

In the hope that you are well and with every good fish, I am

Sincerely,
J. M. Arvey
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bob:

I was happy to learn about the Centurion award you received. I am glad that the inscription does not exclusively describe you as the sportsman or the player. Of equally greater significance is that they pegged you as I have; the inscription stating for "devotion to his fellow man." I like that because it is true, and also because others see you as I always have.

Congratulations on the receipt of a great recognition such as the bust I noticed on the front page of the April issue. I wish you many years of happiness and good health, so that you may continue with the sport to which you are most devoted, and that you continue to reign as "Mr. Handball."

Ben Sears, President
Ben Sears Construction Co.
Northbrook, Ill.

Dear Bob:

I want to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to your being honored as "The Modern Centurion."

M. N. Di Flavio
American National Bank &
Trust Co. of Chicago

Dear Mr. Kendler:

Congratulations on this richly deserved recognition of your skilled and dedicated leadership.

Doug Monahan
Executive Secretary
YMCA—Evanston, Ill.

Dear Bob:

I have long been an admirer of the tremendous contributions you have made to handball and to the handball fraternity.

May I particularly commend you on your recent stand taken in a "letter" to Mr. Ted Tannebaum printed in the recent issue of ACE Magazine wherein he proposes to inaugurate a professional handball association with Paul Haber as a principal participant.

I share with you concern that Paul Haber has done a great disservice to handball in spite of his natural skill! I could pay you no greater compliment, Bob, than to say in your letter you sounded like a YMCA Physical Director; for I have been one in your sentence, "Every effort will be made to counteract the greed that now confronts us, never forsaking our philosophy that the handball court is the temple wherein sportsmanship, character and physical well-being contributes to Mind, Body and Soul — not money!" you are stating clearly the purpose of The Young Men's Christian Association.

When the unfortunate publicity surrounding Paul Haber broke in Sports Illustrated, I was hard-pressed by some of my non-playing handball friends to explain my love and admiration for handball.

With pardonable pride I was associated with Jimmy Jacobs when I was Executive of the Hollywood YMCA and Jimmy was just getting his start in handball. I helped raise necessary travel expenses to enable Jimmy to compete in his first national tournament.

In my book Jimmy Jacobs is the greatest handball player the game has seen, but that might bring arguments — but I know I will encounter no arguments when I say that Jim Jacobs is one of the finest gentlemen that handball has produced.

May I commend you again, Bob, for not only on what you have done in the past to bring handball to the forefront, but for your present stand on professional handball as represented by Paul Haber.

ERIE D. CHAPMAN
Executive Vice President
YMCA—Toledo, Ohio

Dear Bob:

Congratulations! And also many, many thanks for remembering me and sending me the April 1970 issue of ACE. I was delighted to see the frontpiece and to be able to read your sage comments. I wish we could convey your philosophy to our children!

ROBERT D. RAY, M.D.Ph.D.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bob:

May I add my heartiest congratulations to those of others for the honor accorded you in the presentation of the first Centurion award by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. It is a great tribute to you and a tangible indication of the fine work you have done on behalf of handball in this country.

ALBERT E. POOLE
Superintendent of Schools
Lake Forest, Ill.

NOTE: The following letter was sent from Jack Schwartz, veteran AAU handball administrator from Philadelphia in answer to Eli Pickens of Houston, present national AAU handball chairman.

Dear Eli:

This is in answer to your circular letter of April 10 and your personal one of April 27.

April 10th letter has questions and inferences. Regarding Par. 2. What and Who is a handball "Bum" . . . I have been active in handball for over 50 years, as a player and a promoter. I have personally conducted 40 district championships and as many club championships, also five National Championships, also over 40 annual handball award dinner parties. So — must be an experienced individual in this sport — and during that time I have entertained national champions and have yet to meet one who has demanded or asked for money to either compete or exhibit. I do believe that any player who is asked to give an exhibition in any sport is entitled to his expenses, i.e., travel, lodging, meals, etc.

These so-called professional men and many others with gainful occupations usually are not among the top flight players and they have enough personal income, so that if they desire to get out of town, etc., they can well afford it. BUT the real champions of the day happen to be such as, HABER, KIRBY, THE OBERTS, and others. These are all working people and they take quite a loss if they are to play in a tournament away from home by either thousands or even hundreds of miles. The transportation, lodging, meals, etc., plus loss of time from work, a five-day tournament means a full week loss of pay and so the total cost could easily amount to \$400.00 to \$600.00. There is nothing wrong for such an individual to be asking for compensation. That is, if he was wanted badly enough to make the tournament an attractive one. Does this make him a "BUM?"

"There was a time, not so long ago, when good tennis players were in demand to play in tournaments and because they earned a little money through the sport, they were called "TENNIS BUMS." BUT, NOW tennis has become a most popular sport and plays to large audiences, also television. It's a major sport and both professional and amateurs may compete in the same meet and for BIG MONEY, so now there are no "TENNIS BUMS." They now can play for money as a pro or for nothing as an amateur. No more bums. They're all gentlemen and ladies.

Now, let's go to the one-wall championship at Rockaway. The Metropolitan area is the beehive of one-wall handball and it is the proper place to conduct this tournament. Only in 1954, when I promoted the City of Philadelphia to build handball (one wall) courts in the playgrounds, I bid for and received the National One Wall Championships. Of course, being within 100 miles of the beehive, I received the best players. I wound it up with an award dinner party and those who attended it, especially from the New York area, when they see me, speak of it.

You state that a committee is trying to launch an independent handball magazine. Who is the committee? If I am supposed to be on your committee, why wasn't I consulted? I am going to give you my opinion, anyway. First, let's look at this situation with an open mind.

Back in 1951 Bob Kendler organized the U.S. Handball Association. He claimed at that time that the AAU took money from players but never spent any for its development.

This new Handball Organization would be handball only, and all money taken in would be spent only for handball.

They ran their first National Tournament in Chicago in 1951 and never missed one since.

They also developed a magazine for handball only, now known as the ACE, this also has never missed a publication.

They charge an annual membership dues of \$2.00, which

includes the cost of the ACE, delivered by mail.

They conduct an Annual Award Dinner Party during each Championship Tournament. It's a high-class affair and leaves nothing to the imagination.

In this District (Middle Atlantic AAU) which is still by and large dominated by AAU, the ACE magazine is well subscribed to. Every YMCA and every Handball Club, or wherever handball is played, the ACE magazine is accepted as the "Handball Bible." In my Club alone there are at least 20 members.

The USHA has a substantial income from membership dues plus royalties from handballs, gloves, and other materials used by players, plus the fact that it is subsidized by Kendler, if need be.

Their last Championship Tournament attracted the following number of entries: Singles, 211; Doubles, 88 teams; Masters Singles, 112; Masters Doubles, 88; a total of 615 entries, and they came from every corner of the U.S.A.

So now you want to buck their magazine . . . let me tell you that there is no room for two handball magazines. If you make this try, you will be throwing money away.

If you want to develop handball in AAU, go ahead; but this is what you are up against.

First, let me state that when I ran the Nationals for AAU, the same year Kendler ran his first one in 1951, I had entries from 'Frisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New York, Reading and many others. In 1962 I ran it again, I had none from further than Richmond, Va., and New York. And again in 1963, the same thing. I ran the Junior Nationals in Reading, Pa., the same thing. I get as good an entry when I ran the Middle Atlantic, as I did in the Nationals. The one you just ran, you did much better than I did with my last two.

You ask for suggestions as to how we can employ an administrator with a potential salary of \$20,000 per annum.

Aren't you doing this job now? But before you can hire someone to take over all details of development, promotion, etc., you must first be sure that there is enough money coming in to take care of all expenses plus \$20,000, to pay the Administrator. This alone will take some time and the work falls back on you and your committee.

The alternative is to find another Bob Kendler, one who likes AAU, and is willing to spend his time and money like Kendler did and does.

There are a lot more spots to be cleared, and I feel that this letter is already too long. So I close with this confession, that I have been a Handball Bum for many years. I have given the sport so much time that I have neglected my earnings for my family benefits, and all of my own personal pleasure and social activities.

Joseph Schwartz, Chairman
Handball, Middle Atlantic AAU

P.S. QUESTION: What does the AAU do for handball? . . . I have been chairman of handball in this District for close to 40 years. I have been on the National Committee as First Vice Chairman for years. I have never received a penny from AAU to help me develop the game. I have always raised the needed money for its development and its championships. Never a cent from AAU.

The players only know that I represent AAU, and some believe that I get paid to do the job. Well, here's what AAU really does. They appoint a so-called Chairman and they say here is your Chairmanship, now go out and do something for the sport. In other words, they give me to handball, me and nothing else. I had that same job when Roosevelt was President. I was appointed as National Co-ordinator for Handball. No salary, no money, just go ahead and work.

What do you get from AAU?

J.S.

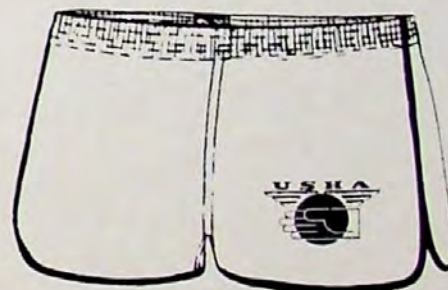
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N. Y. Invitational . . .

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defeated Lou Kramberg, 92nd St. YMHA, 17-21, 21-16, 21-14; Harry Hyde, NYAC, defeated Terry Muck, St. Paul A.C., 21-15, 21-7; Dr. Benham defeated John Brinn, White Plains YMCA, 12-21, 21-17, 21-2; Buzz Shumate, Dallas A.C., defeated Ted Gewertz, West Side YMCA, 21-15, 21-2; Lou Russo, Cavalier Club, defeated Jack Weintraub, West Side YMCA, 21-3, 21-12.

QUARTERFINALS — Kirby defeated August 21-13, 20-21, 21-18; Yambrick defeated Singer 21-17, 17-21, 21-9; Benham defeated Hyde 21-13, 10-21, 21-5; Russo defeated Shumate 21-14, 21-8.

SEMIFINALS — Yambrick defeated Kirby 21-11, 21-14; Benham defeated Russo 21-19, 21-18.

THIRD PLACE — Russo won by default.

FIRST ROUND — Doubles: Oberts defeated Majors Mike Isacco and Butch Roper, West Point, 21-6, 21-6; Mickey Unroth and Stan Garden, Toronto YMCA defeated Joe Botta and Mike Cappola, Brooklyn Union Temple, 21-13, default; Oscar Obert and Vic Herskowitz, NYAC defeated Jim Fitzpatrick and Brendan O'Boyle, Yonkers YMCA, 21-15, 21-13; Fred Lewis and Steve Lott, Castle Hill Club, defeated Livingston Baker and Rich Greenwald, West Side YMCA, 21-10, 21-14; Jerry Klarman and Cy Vincent, White Plains YMCA, won by default; Bob Brady and Mike Kelly, San Francisco Olympic Club defeated Joe Byrne and Rudy Riska, Downtown A.C. 21-16, 21-3; George Maier and Ken Smolack, Castle Hill Club, defeated Frank and Fred Munsch, NYAC, 21-14, 21-17; Jacobs and Decatur defeated John Abate and Harry Beattie, NYAC, 21-8, 21-4.

QUARTERFINALS — Oberts defeated Unroth and Garden 21-4, 21-10; Obert and Herskowitz defeated Lewis and Lott 21-8, 21-8; Brady and Kelly defeated Klarman and Vincent, 21-9, 21-5; Jacobs and Decatur defeated Maier and Smolack 21-17, 21-15.

SEMIFINALS — Oberts defeated Obert and Herskowitz 21-10, 21-12; Jacobs and Decatur defeated Brady and Kelly, 21-16, 21-20.

CONSOLATION SINGLES:

QUARTERFINALS: Muck defeated Gewertz 21-1, 21-4; Walsh defeated Weintraub 21-19, 21-4; O'Keefe defeated Kramberg 21-2, 21-14; Brinn defeated Westdyke 21-11, 21-15.

SEMIFINALS: Muck defeated Walsh 21-7, 21-1; Brinn defeated O'Keefe 21-10, 21-9.

FINAL: Muck defeated Brinn 21-19, 21-7.

National Intercollegiates Scheduled for New Courts at U. of Tennessee March 4-7

The 1971 National Intercollegiate championships are officially scheduled for March 4-7 at the new 10-court facility of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Ben Plotnicki, physical education professor at the University has confirmed these dates, and adds that the Southern Intercollegiate divisional will also be held there, Feb. 19-21.

Three other divisionals will be held in February with winners of A singles, B singles and doubles receiving partial transportation assistance from the United States Handball Association. Lake Forest College, site of the 1970 national intercollegiates, will host the Central divisional championships.

Sioux Falls Players Take 'Fun' Trip To Play at South Dakota Penitentiary

Recently, members of the Sioux Falls Hinder Club participated in a doubles handball tournament at the State Penitentiary. Dean Hinder, (an appropriate name for a handball enthusiast) who is principal of the school in the penitentiary, set up the tournament and scheduled the matches.

They have a very fine court, with ample space in the spectator gallery and a window in the back wall. Handball is a very popular recreational activity, and the men must sign up a day in advance for court reservations.

Each Hinder Club member had a partner from the inside. The tournament was single elimination, and the matches were played during recreation period

after dinner. Perry Swalley and his partner, Al, met Jim Ricketts and his partner, Dan, in the final match. The championship match went the three-game route, with Ricketts and Dan winning 14-12, 21-18, 21-6. Big serves seemed to be the main "point getters" throughout the match, but volleys were ended with sharp kill shots and passing shots along the left wall.

Ed Hoganson, Ken Slinde, Perry Swalley, Jim McGovern, Rev. Harold Fitch, Jim Ricketts, Dr. Art Hinman, Jim Dardis and Stan Mydland all participated and enjoyed the tournament very much. We are all looking forward to next year's Penitentiary Tournament.

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Under The Wire . . .

Canadian Nationals will be held in Montreal, March 11-13, 1971.

Second Annual USHA National Invitational singles scheduled for the St. Paul Athletic Club, November 6-8. There will be one bracket of 16 players. Seedings will be taken from the USHA 1970 national finish in Los Angeles.

Neal Nordlund is the man-in-motion behind the invitational singles in St. Paul, and has already formulated much of the basic planning. He even has alternates named in case of injury, non-shows, etc. This will be USHA's first tournament visit to the Twin Cities. The St. Paul Athletic Club provides an ideal stage for this second classic.

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Here's a quartet of "fancy-gloved" elders, whose aggregate age is crowding 300 years! This peppery group challenges anyone in the Metropolitan New York area at one-wall three-wall or four-wall. "We want to keep in shape," says fast-moving 81-year old Danny Shea of the Bronx. They footnote that they're not looking for a Steve Sandler or Jim Jacobs.

Shea is a former city fireman and was a title holder in singles and doubles back in 1920 at the now defunct Pasttime A.C. The other senior citizens are Joe Weber, 70, a retired Yonkers policeman; and the Fury brothers, Gary 74, a Mount Vernon lawyer, and Charles, 71, of Rockland County, who used to be a supermarket executive.

Shea says, "I'll tell you the way it is. We four, and there are many others in our age range, lead the active life. Handball is IT for us and we're looking for a variety of challenges."

Shea travels seven miles from his Bronx home to play at the Yonkers Y. Weber is a strapping six foot-198 pounder, and has played the game 40 years. He was Yonkers' singles champ in 1941.

Charles Fury has also been playing four decades, just about everywhere in New York. His brother, Gary, is a newcomer with only 30 years of handball hard knocks.

Yonkers' Y athletic director, George

Reis, who is learning to play in his early 40's, opines, "If they can be that active and they spot me 30 years or more and look that good at their age, then handball is for me."

Mike Tressler, Toledo Blade Leisure Editor, had a fine feature "Follow The Bouncing Ball" in a recent LEISURE SECTION edition.

We especially liked the opening line: "In all games there is nothing like it — the sound of a handball smacking against a wall."

George Miller, one of the vet Toledo standouts, who imparts his years of experience to Y handball classes, says: "I've never seen a game affect men so. I can't recall what got me interested but I'll tell you this, it hooks you. When it gets in the blood, you can't stop."

There are six courts at the Toledo Central Y. Physical Director Bob Meinardi, himself an A player, laments there are too few courts and too little time to accommodate even a portion of the city's players. He estimates more than 250 men play at the Y on a regular basis with 100 competing in leagues.

George Miller Sr., 59, best-known pupil is his son, George Jr., now ranked No. 1 in the city. Senior Miller has "a rare patience with rank beginners and plodding novices. He watches them for hours, hardly taking a shot himself, except in demonstration. His easygoing humor and lifetime grasp of the game make him an effective teacher, able to turn a student's thoughts away from fre-

quent bad shots and to concentrate on the right way."

Miller adds, "The style today has changed to power. It used to be finesse but now the younger players sit back and fire. Face it, there's no better way to develop athletic skills than handball. It has speed, grace, thinking, and all the moves of every other sport."

John Hamilton became the 1970 top handball player of St. Petersburg when he defeated Phil Hitchcock 21-15, 25-12 in the finals of the YMCA's Class AA handball tournament.

Glenn Allen defeated Ed Darbois for third place and Mac Languirand, 54-year-old iron man, defeated Jerry Daniels 18-21, 21-20, 21-15 in the hardest fought contest of the tournament in the consolation bracket.

An indication of the improvement of handball in St. Petersburg is that improved player Dick Kimbrough, 1969 champion, was eliminated in the semi-finals.

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James Tighe, who played in USHA national one walls as a high school and college student, was ordained a priest May 30.

Bob Leckie reports his New Jersey Sportsman's Club doing real well, and invites Eastern tournament players to pay a visit and arrange for exhibitions.

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Denny Hofflander, the Chicago youngster with national championship potential and a Vietnam vet, is now an electrician apprentice . . . is bent on making the full tournament swing next season.

Castle Hill Beach Club in New York's Bronx buzzing again with handball action now that Bob Davidson, Bob Lewis and Fred Lewis are back from Florida . . . Davidson working with a new crop of upcoming juniors.

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South Enders Stage Big Time Invite

By MARTIN JUDNICH

Paul Haber, controversial national singles champion flew from Chicago to San Francisco to enjoy three days of grueling handball at the South End Rowing Club's Memorial Invitational Tournament.

Handball aficionados, Al Masyk, handball commissioner, and Rudy Stadlberger, president, hate to see a dull weekend at the South End Club, Northern California's hotbed of handball. They cooked up a small fun tournament, no more than 16 players in singles and maybe about 8 teams in doubles, to be quietly restricted to socially-oriented handballers.

The "secret" spread like wildfire. Fun lovers from Reno, Chicago, Fresno, Seattle and Los Angeles phoned and demanded a piece of the invitational action. The friendly South End has only two old courts (22 x 40), plus one court in the adjoining Dolphin Rowing Club near Fishermens Wharf, in Aquatic Park Cove. Al and Rudy did not have the heart to deny any player a chance to play.

The sign-up was too much. Something drastic had to be done. Long distance calls were made to bring Al Gracio up from Long Beach to supervise the complicated three-day event. The entries were finally closed with 19 quality doubles teams and 43 singles.

Haber decided to enter both singles, and doubles (with Paul Morlos), his partner at the nationals at the LAAC. The tournament action had to be started one day early (Thursday) to reduce the singles to 32 players and doubles to 16 teams.

On Friday, Haber played three matches: defeating John Parent, South Ender, 21-14 and 21-14 in a contest closer than indicated by the score; next, Haber-Morlos ousted Kevin Sheehy-Dave Roberts, San Francisco, 21-0 and 21-5; but then Paul unexpectedly ran into trouble in defeating the United States Air Force champion, Joel Levy, from George A.F.B. (in Southern California) 21-13, 19-21, and 21-15.

On Saturday, it seemed that Haber spent the whole day in the handball court. He started out at 10 a.m. and after four rough matches he finally closed up the club about 11:30 p.m. in competition like this:

FIRST MATCH — Mel Schwarz, San Jose YMCA, an ambidextrous, efficient and rugged performer, extended Haber into three long, hard-fought games, before yielding: 13-21, 21-17 and 21-14. Schwarz played superbly.

SECOND MATCH — Fighting, hard-hitting Howard Wyrsh and Jay Kent of the South End, battled furiously and scientifically in another long contest before tasting the bitter dregs of defeat: 21-8, 16-21 and 21-15. Wyrsh and Kent tried desperately to win; they acted as if they never heard of Haber.

THIRD MATCH — Cliff McCorkle, Reno's potent left hander (runnerup in national intercollegiate) good enough to handily whip Tom Fleming, well-known Olympic Club star, 21-11 and 21-15, next encountered Haber. Paul's accuracy with his right side lob serve was a revelation and a masterful display of handball wizardry. The deep right lobs minimized McCorkle's chances to use his extremely deadly left hand killers. The scores were 21-4 and 21-5, in a match which was an education to the large gallery.

FOURTH MATCH — At about 9:30 p.m., Rudy Stadlberger and Bob Bourbeau entered the court against Haber-Morlos, and defeated them in another long, exciting match: 17-21, 21-14, and 21-7. Eleven tough tournament games in the four matches on Saturday attests to Haber's amazing durability, skill and fighting spirit. The Champ's remarkable one day four match exhibition was a thrill to the San Francisco fans.

After his four Saturday matches, a slightly weary Haber met Gary Ryan, S.F. Central YMCA's fast improving star in the finals. Ryan has been playing only about 4 years. Recently, at the USHA's Nationals at L.A. Gary shocked nationally-ranked Ray Neveau; and in the South End's singles, he upset nationally-ranked Bob Bourbeau, Reno, 21-15 and 21-7, in the semi-finals.

The final match was sensational. In the first game, Ryan ACED Haber 8 times; racked up 16 kills, one pass drive and an assortment of potent shots to decisively win, 21 to 8. The big crowd sensed an astounding upset. In the second game, Ryan continued the barrage: tabulating 3 aces, 16 kills and 3 pass drives, enough plus shots to win any game. But, Haber forced Ryan into 14 errors or misses, winning 21-16. The champ was back in the match. In the third game, Ryan continued to play sensationally with 8 aces; 19 kills and 3 pass drives; again enough plus plays to win. However, the weary and fighting Haber fought back furiously all the way. Ryan ran up a commanding lead 18 to 8; Haber pulled up to 13-18; Ryan jumped up to 20-18; but Haber persisted to finally win, 21 to 20. Paul received a

who were rooting for a Ryan victory. The answer again in the third was that Ryan was forced into 14 errors. There is no doubt that Haber is a great champion; and Gary Ryan may become a national champion when he bolsters his defensive game and reduces his errors and near misses.

The doubles was loaded with high class talent. Rudy Stadlberger-Bob Bourbeau took the high honors by impressively defeating a great Southern California team of Harry Packer and Gabe Enriquez in the finals, 21-12 and 21-15. Packer's deadly left and Enriquez, one of the nation's best and steadiest right side partners were good enough to eliminate favored Bob Brady and Mike Kelly, Olympic Club, in the semi-finals, 21-12 and 21-15. Stadlberger-Bourbeau, teamed effectively, switching sides frequently; and they took out two other outstanding duos: Haber-Morlos; and Irving Simon and Arnold Aguilar of L.A., 21-10, 19-21 and 21-18.

SOUTH END HOSPITALITY — The hospitality was outstanding. To keep the ladies happy there were ferry boat rides and a special cocktail party. During the three days, there were bar-b-que lunches, buffets, and goodies for the kids. Saturday night dinner and Sunday morning breakfast — at the South End's cook shack was exceptional food under the expert supervision of two Italian chefs, Pete Campagna and Ray Savliagno. A bar is strategically located on the outside and between the two South End handball courts. Smiling George Farnsworth of Alcatraz fame (swimming that is) kept the customers laughing behind the plank.

George was ably assisted by Richard Hackett, Norm Peterson and other South-enders who are always trying to join Farnsworth to learn his fine art of mixology. "Modest" Al Gracio chalked up another outstanding credit as the handball floor manager in his slow, inevitable march into Handball's Hall of Fame.

As USHA Handball Commissioner for Northern California, I have carefully studied Al Gracio in action as a Floor Manager with the thought of utilizing his exceptional talent. In our recent Nor Cal singles, it was necessary to conduct the opening rounds at eight scattered handball clubs. I asked Al how he might handle such a seemingly impossible assignment. Gracio promised to study the possibility of doing such a job by using two-way closed TV circuits in each of the 8 places. This brilliant suggestion is more strong evidence that no tournament is too tough for Al Gracio of Long Beach.

TALL CORN...

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MASTERS DOUBLES — First Round —
Dick Wickersham-Jerry Vanek, Milwaukee, def. John Mohan-Neal Nordlund, St. Paul, 21-4, 21-1; Steve Subak-Howard Tucker, Minneapolis, def. Lloyd Leinweber-Paul Dagnillo, Chicago, 12-21, 21-15, 21-7; Tom Johnson-Dr. Alley Murphy, Chicago, def. Bob Bolton-Web Lehman, Des Moines, 21-7, 7-21, 21-15; Chuck Emmert, Elgin-Don Kienlen, Joliet, def. Charles Harris-Bill Morgan, Kansas City, Mo. 21-12, 21-17; C. R. Zieke-Wally Emmons, Cedar Rapids, def. Norlan Champ-Jack Davis, Des Moines, 21-8, 21-19; Virgil Mylan, Minneapolis, Gus Kopaytic, Milwaukee, def. Bud Potts-Bill Luftman, Des Moines, 20-21, 21-7, 21-15; Gene Kuehner-Bill McGreevy, St. Louis, def. John Casey-Tony Klimek, Chicago, 21-14, 18-21, 21-11; Red Mugavero, Tony Tennerelli, Chicago, def. Jim Anderson, Minneapolis-Chuck Housman, Des Moines 21-15, 21-11.

Quarter-finals — Wickersham-Vanek def. Subak-Tucker, 21-12, 21-13; Emmert-Kienlen def. Johnson-Murphy, 21-21, 21-9, 21-9; Zieke-Emmons def. Mylan-Kopaytic, 21-6, 21-6; Mugavero-Tennerelli def. Kuehner-McGreevy, 21-18, 6-21, 21-6.

NOTES: 1) Winners again were presented with sport coats with the runners up receiving Coleman outdoor camp coolers. A queen again was on hand to preside over the activities. Miss Donna Gunderlock, a junior at Drake University was a welcome addition to the tourney scene.

The party at Ken and Doris Wonkol's was again a blast with some diehards staying till the wee hours (of course they weren't in the finals). The tournament was handled this year by Rod Farmer, with all the advance work done by George Riggins. The Handball Committee again deserves a huge round of thanks for the great job they did. Thanks to Dick Ernst, Jack Davis, John Carr, Jim Corcoran, Jim Dunn, Mil Jorgenson, Andy Miller, Chris Bolling, Harold McCollum, Dave Readinger, Denny Shay and John Spence.

Villars Wins La.-Miss. Singles

Ralph Villars, New Orleans A.C., defeated Dr. Cecil Lloyd, Shreveport YMCA, 21-18, 21-19, for the singles championship of the Louisiana-Mississippi Handball Invitational weekend of May 15-17 at the New Orleans A.C. The tournament was being run at the New Orleans YMCA but a \$35,000 fire burned down the Y gymnasium during

McQueen 'Clean Sweeps' Oregon State Singles, Doubles

Ken McQueen, Oregon Athletic Club in Portland, teamed with Tony Stramillo to take the Oregon Handball Doubles Championships at Eugene. Then, two weeks later McQueen came to Eugene again, this time to capture the Open Singles title.

In the Doubles Tournament McQueen and Stramillo ran into unexpected trouble in the first round when Eugene locals Bud Conger and Bob Sogge nearly did the trick, before losing 21-17, 19-21, 21-19. From then on the Portland duo had little trouble disposing of Bert Peterson and Chuck Bell 21-15, 21-4; and Gene Hughes and Dennis Schalk 21-15, 21-18, to gain the finals berth.

On the other end of the draw Howard Soumie and Dick Brouwer were busy eliminating Jerry Lyons and Ken Fry 21-12, 21-9; Vern Cammack and Don Piper 21-20, 21-12; and Wally Palmberg and Dave Palmberg 21-14, 21-15 to gain the opposing berth against Stramillo and McQueen.

In the Doubles finals it took two hard-fought games before the winner was decided. The scores were close, 21-17, 21-18, but the steadiness and power of McQueen and Stramillo proved to be the deciding factors in defeating third seeded Brouwer and Soumie.

Wally and Dave Palmberg rallied back from their semi-finals defeat to Brouwer and Soumie to take Gene Hughes and Dennis Schalk for third place 21-10, 20-21, 21-18. In the consolation round Mike Fajer and Lee Shinn, Salem, came out on top by downing Tom Kienlen and Barrett Senn, Eugene, 21-7, 21-7.

In the Open Class A Singles division number two-seeded McQueen wasted little time in defeating R. J. Vanderpool 21-4, 21-15. Then McQueen ran into troubles against ageless Dick Brouwer, but managed to escape with a 21-13, 15-21, 21-15 victory. Next for McQueen was number four-seeded and hard hitting John Foster from the Multnomah Athletic Club. The first game between Foster and McQueen was close with McQueen coming out on top 21-19. In the second game it was all Mc-

Queen, as he played flawlessly in winning 21-3.

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Defending champion and number one seeded John Ritchie, Multnomah Athletic Club, opened against a determined but inconsistent Wally Palmberg and won 21-15, 21-17. Playing with fluid ease Ritchie then took on Howard Soumie and won easily 21-5, 21-8.

A repeat performance was in the making for in 1969 it was Ritchie vs McQueen for the championship, with Ritchie the champion. So this year McQueen was looking for revenge, and he got it. In the first game Ken played extremely well, forcing Ritchie into mistakes and converting John's errors into points. The final score was 21-7 for McQueen. In the second game Ritchie exploded and jumped to an early lead. But McQueen went to work and closed the gap, winning by the score of 21-17.

Tony Stramillo managed to overcome John Foster for third place 14-21, 21-16, 21-9. Bert Peterson, Oregon Athletic Club, defeated John Bodrney, Eugene, for the consolation Championship. The scores were 21-14, 21-14.

In the B Singles Division it was the first tournament trophy in 17 years of playing handball for Dave Vincent of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Playing a steady retrieving game Dave outlasted Bob Hawes of Portland 21-15, 17-21, 21-20. Vern Cammack, Eugene, defeated Chuck Bell, Portland, for third and Dean Dorsey, Eugene, beat Bob Lund, Portland, for the B Consolation title.

Included in both the singles and the doubles tournament were a total of 74 handball players from the state of Oregon. Although not all could be winners, they proved to be 74 of the finest competitors around.

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Set for March 11-13

Canadian National Handball Association President Bruce Collins has announced that the 1971 Open and Closed Championships will be held in Montreal, March 11-13.

Collins, on a recent visit to Chicago, conferred with USHA President Bob Kendler and Mort Leve, executive secretary, continuing the harmonious relationships of the two nation's handball organizations.

Collins expressed his appreciation to USHA for financially assisting in the first Canadian National Junior tournament held as part of the 1970 national championships at Vancouver, B.C. Province champions were brought in to participate in the final playoffs. It is now hoped that the winner and runnerup will compete in either the USHA National Juniors or USHA National Intercollegiates next season.

The Canadian Association head also reports that new courts will soon be ready at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and blue prints are in the ready stage for additional courts in other sectors of that country.

Ed Mazur Wins

Toronto Y 'B'

One of Toronto's younger players, Ed Mazur beat Joe Cardarelli decisively 21-14 and 21-12 for the B championship. This year Ed has shown vast improvement over last to beat a much more experienced player. Utilizing hard driving serves and low passing shots, Ed jumped into an early lead and never looked back.

In addition to the Y B Singles Ed won the Annual Trophy at Valentines. Mazur is currently studying physical education at the University of Toronto. He will certainly be an asset to handball in the Universities when he graduates.

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Some Final Thoughts . . . On Professional Handball

I think we have heard the last of Paul's private professional plumb. It was a born loser and destined to failure because it lacked a sound foundation. The players decided against it and I am proud of them. Basically, they felt that twenty players would jeopardize their careers so four could make money. It was just that simple. Handball is one of the few amateur sports that has not been emasculated by money mongers. Given the players, they would take a huge cut of their income — and leave the shadows that followed both Hornung and McLain.

Who really deserves a piece of the professional pie? If there is any money in Handball it should go to the players and not the promoters. It should go to ALL the players and not to a select few. I can think of much better uses for this money and one of them is a Pension Fund. Another is an Aid and Assistance Fund to help youngsters get to both the Tournaments and Colleges. Another would be Comprehensive Insurance Coverage. Our Handball Perpetuation Trust could use any excess.

In many talks around the country I discussed both sides thoroughly. I asked the boys if Handball wasn't better directed to the Olympics than to Mr. Tannebaum. Nothing would suffocate our hope for the future faster than a professional stink. Is there a professional sport that hasn't had one?

On page 24 of this issue you will find a surprisingly frank letter from a long time AAU official, Joe Schwartz. I don't know who initiated this controversy but it certainly makes you wonder about the danger of a generation of athletic bums. Under our rules, it is impossible for a youngster to become an athletic bum. Professionalism would encourage it.

When the time comes for us to make changes in our amateur code to counteract professionalism we will do it honorably and with the blessing of the highest amateur authorities. We will NOT jeopardize our chance for the Olympics and thus deny this sport world wide stature. By the same token, nothing will keep us from improving the players' lot, providing just compensation within the framework of accepted amateur rules.

We have already made great strides in this direction. I remember the days when the defending champion (and no one else) received \$7 a day for ALL his expenses. Compare his \$35 with the \$500 some of our boys received at Los Angeles. In the old days they didn't spend \$500 on the WHOLE tournament. The total cost of our four-wall this year could easily reach \$50,000.

Now, most of this money came from YOU and it went back to YOU. That's the way it should be. When we founded the USHA, I swore that every cent generated from the sport would be used for the sport. We haven't changed. We don't intend to change. I wouldn't even be drawn into discussions with Mr. Tannebaum. And he sure tried hard.

Handball today is in good hands. Some dedicated men are protecting its image and its future. Not for them, but for YOU. If you think it's easy to pass up all this professional money and always worry about budget you are wrong. The Schwartz letter talks about a \$20,000 a year Administrator, which really isn't enough for the man we have. He doesn't get that now and for most of our 20 years, the Association didn't pay him anything.

But, the time is rapidly approaching when we can do the things we would like to do and should do. We should properly compensate our players and our staff . . . we should correct any condition that incubates athletic bums . . . we should develop the portable glass court and most of all, solve our television problems. All this is possible. All it takes is time and money.

If promotion is what handball needs, we'll do it ourselves. We don't need any outsider's help. No one knows what the players need better than we do.

We have come a long way together. We have done well together. We are going to do even better. Reason and righteousness have been our allies. Let's continue with right reasoning and keep our prestige and profits in the family. Let's not give it away to strangers.

What do we need them for?

—Bob Kendler

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