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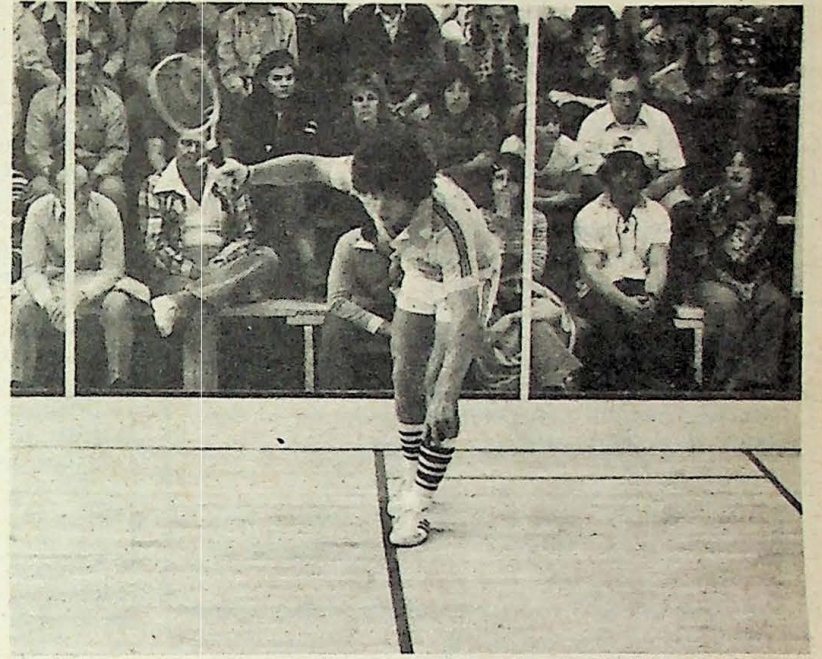
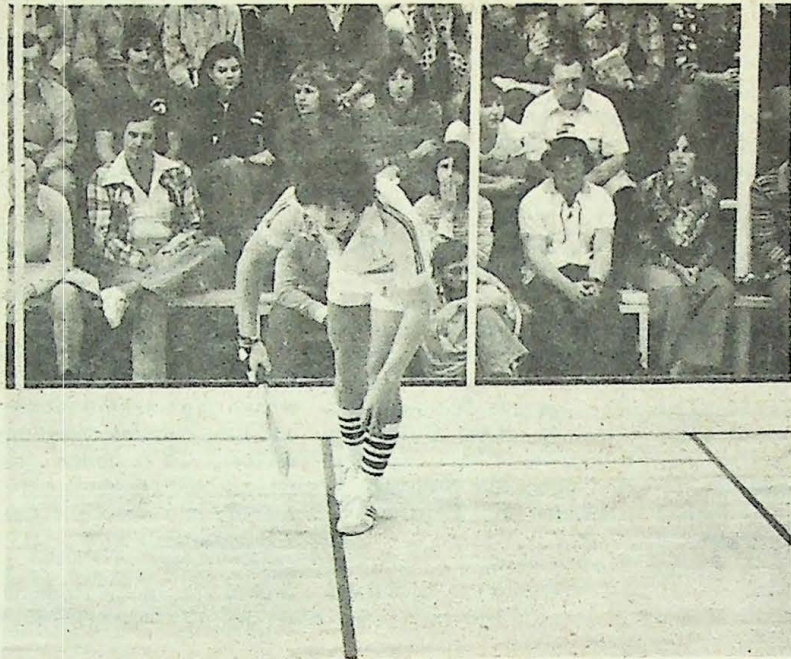
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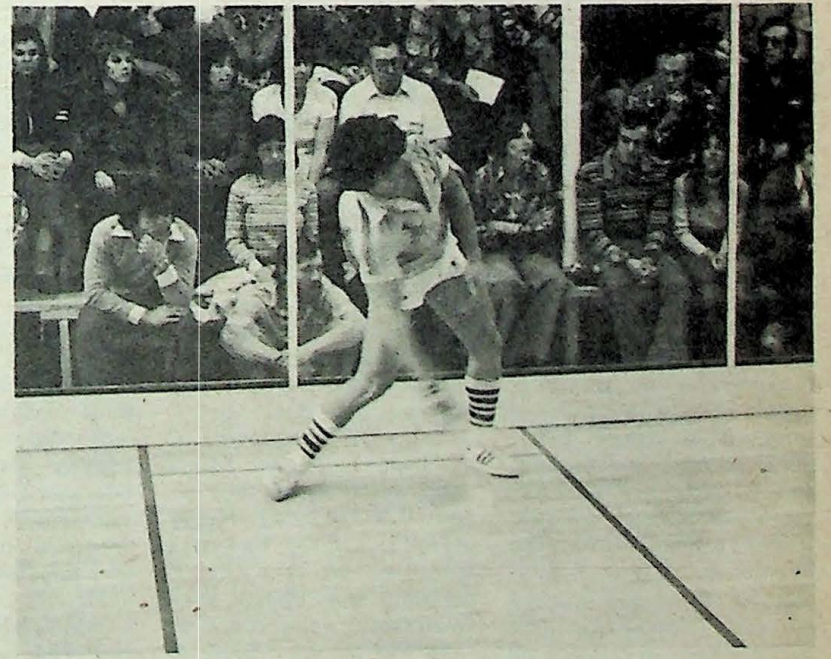
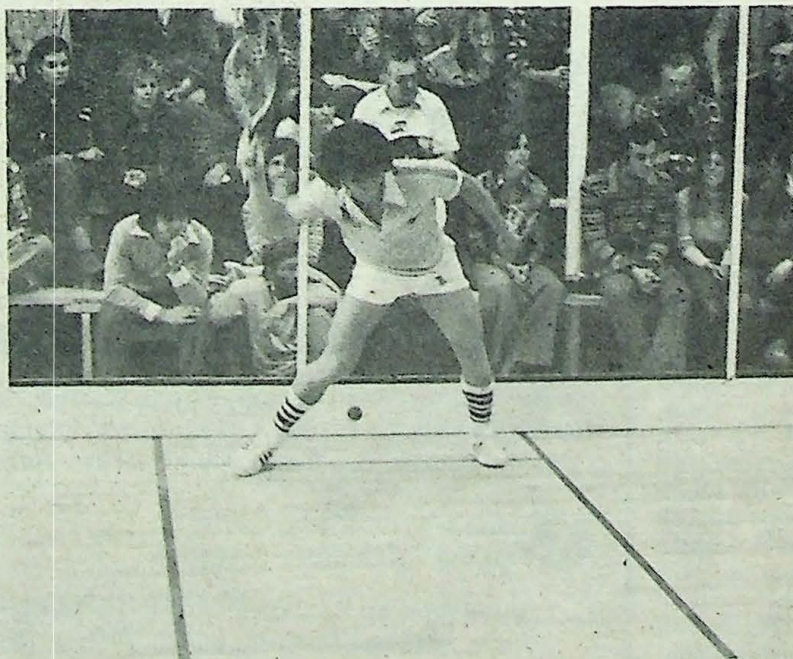


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MARTY HOGAN
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Publishers Note:

As an almost always "B" player, sometimes "C", and almost never "A" player, it is very discouraging to travel around the country and find the same disparaging remarks everywhere. In Chicago, for example, I play a low "B" game. In Miami I'm almost an "A" player, and in St. Louis a despondent "C". Something in the air, you say! *Not hardly.*

The problem is that most geographic regions, having started their growth of Racquetball at varying times and at varying degrees of proficiency, have developed players that have classified themselves as beginner, intermediate, and advanced without the benefit of universal ranking systems and relativity to one another. In other words, if I beat you easily, and you're a "C" player, then I must be a "B" player. Sound familiar?

Unfortunately, geographic boundaries are sometimes not limited to the out of State variety. At Wimbledon, USA, in Palos Heights, I play as almost an "A" player, but at Glass Courts, in Lombard, I'm a "B". The question then arises -- Are you a "B" club player or a "B" tournament player? *The answer?* -- Enjoy the game, it's designed that way! If you're a tournament player, I assure you the Referee or Chairman of every tournament is watching you to see you're classed where you should be. At least he'll tell you if you've downgraded. Tough luck if you play up to the next division.

Those of us that are club players will plug along as "A", "B", or "C" players depending on our location until one splendid afternoon we walk onto the courts with a universal rating or handicap system that serves to make all of our games more compatible.

Rick Coyne
Publisher

"C-melting Pot"

Dear Editor; I constantly amaze myself with the expectations and agonies I put myself through when it comes to this excellent game Racquetball. Now I consider myself a respectable player but as each season passes, I see myself improving my game but to find myself being lowered into the depths of the rank amateur C player.

Now in just over 3 1/2 years of playing in the A division, I have won ladders, ladder tournaments, club tournaments and 2 club championships (with separate clubs). Now this is enough for any player to start dreaming of replacing Hogan and Brumfield at the top. But here is where fantasy ends and reality begins. You see after playing one whole year in B tournaments and never reaching the top 16, I started to doubt my playing ability which I think anyone would. But I failed to realize that as the game attracted more and more players the quality was increasing beyond my imagination. Well, I looked into the mirror one day and realized that Hogan and Brumfield's positions were

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going to be very secure for a while. So I swallowed a little pride and took my dented ego into the C division. Now you would expect sudden success, right? Not so!

It seems that for some strange reason, and even the Racquetball philosophers can't figure it out, the C division attracts an unbelievably wide range of players. You will find the rank amateur, the sand-bagging open and B players, the 14 and 15 year old child prodigies (who are destined to become the Marty Hogans of the future) and believe it or not you will even find a club professional or two competing in the C division. How's that for a cross-section of talent. I feel sorry for the novice player just starting out. Where can he go?

Now here's what I call the ABC's of Racquetball. An A player who should be competing in B tournaments, but finding the C division competition more than he can handle. So cheer up all you C division castaways, I have the solution to all our problems -- it's called the "D" division.

Robert K. Doogan
Willowbrook, Illinois

Many Thanks

Dear R.T. staff; We would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much we have enjoyed your paper. The articles are very diversified, with appeal to all areas of play. We especially like the update on all tournament results, as well as the listing of future tournaments. Keep up the good work! Our special thanks to Steve Boren for giving recognition to our son Jack's recent victory at the AMF Voit Tournament in his Junior Square column. We are looking forward to the next issue.

Evonne & Mike Newman

Goin' South

R.T. Staff; I've got a Question and I'm not sure who can help. Thus, I'll see if you have any info for me.

There is a chance I'll be moving down to Florida within the next 5-6 months and I am worried about one matter. I've been told Racquetball is not a big activity in Florida and I am a Racquetball 'bum'. Who or where would I write to find out about the Racquet-

ball picture in Florida? I would like to know where the Court Clubs are located, etc.

Walt Byington
Vernon Hills, Ill.

Ed - Racquetball is growing at a tremendous rate in Florida. There are approximately a dozen racquetball clubs in the Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County area. There are also racquetball clubs [or facilities] in Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Daytona, Ft. Pierce, Ft. Meyers, Naples, Pensacola, Tallahassee, to mention a few. You didn't indicate where in Florida you were planning to move, so I'll send you more detailed information in the mail.

More Thanks

Dear R.T.: As a former court club manager, I would like to thank publisher Rick Coyne for his note on the necessity of wearing eyeguards in your last issue. There can never be enough said about the potential for serious eye injury in our sport, and I think it commendable that your publication is making an active effort to educate racquetball enthusiasts on court safety.

Mimi Barnhill
Boston, Mass.



by Velva Lee Heraty

FIRE [Females In Racquetball Everywhere] is really starting to move on the racquetball courts. FIRE is coming on strong in the beginning of the 78/79 season and judging from player participation in area leagues, ladders and tournaments FIRE is opting for a larger piece of the racquetball pie.

For example, the Morton Grove Park District Courts has Monday morning merchants league that boasts 45 women players. Remember when Monday A.M. was wash time?

The area traveling teams have begun play and these FIRE players are really into racquetball all the way. The traveling teams are one area of competition where FIRE plays not just for herself, and as Lucia writes in her **At Your Service** column, traveling teams can be the beginning of true friendship for some FIREpower players. The Chicagoland Racquetball & Handball Association League has over 130 women competing throughout their clubs on teams.

Club ladder applications are now being taken in area clubs with brackets for all ability levels. If you find you're playing with the same partners all the time ladders will break the monotony and offer you an opportunity to meet new players. Also, your game

will definitely improve.

Racquetball tournaments are popping up like new racquetballs in a field of court clubs. Enter one! If you've never been in a tournament before, enter the Novice division of the tournament nearest your home. It will change your racquetball life.

On that note congratulations to two super FIRE players who went one on one against 75 sharp-shooting policemen in the 18th District Invitational Racquetball Tournament Oct., 6, 7, and 8th. Alyce Kelleher and Peggy Pastore, both of the Cook County Sheriff's Police entered the tourney in the Woman's Open, but since they were the only two they graciously agreed to play in the Men's C division. Alyce rolled them out through the 32's and 16's bumping Peggy off in the semi's. She then went on to win the C division and Peggy took third in the same bracket.

In the premier issue of **Racquetball Today**, FIREpower promised to critique sports fragrances for the FIRE player. Since that time we researched a variety of scents. The four most popular proved to be Jovan's Sport Scent, Estee Lauder's Aliage, Anne Klein's Blazer and Jean Nate'.

Sport Scent was woody, Aliage, grassy and Blazer and Jean Nate' had



a citrus base. All the scents were delightful and the perfect accessory for casual clothes, but it was the old favorite Jean Nate' that won the greatest approval from the locker room set. It was the only scent that seemed fresh and light before, during and after a tough match. Applied immediately after a shower it was just light enough not to over react to still flowing body chemistry. By the time it did fade, most players were out of the club and into something else that could call for a more full bodied scent.

As an all over body moisturizer, Estee Lauder's new Visible Difference body lotion won hands down approval. It is a rapidly disappearing and odorless lotion with a high penetration factor. It is oil free and leaves a smooth and polished look to your skin.

Bonne Belle delighted all the Voit tournament entrants with a delightful gift pack of four of their fine products.

It sure would be nice to get some reader feed back about this and any other FIREpower related articles in **Racquetball Today**. If there are any questions or racquetball information needed please write in care of this paper. Also, any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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Timing at its worst

One of the most common excuses for losing a racquetball match is 'my timing was off'. That phrase could never be truer for twenty four year old Patricia Powell of 1522 N. LaSalle who won, hands down, the dubious honor of having the worst timing during a racquetball tournament in what may safely be said, the history of the sport.

Pat Powell was at the 18th District Police Invitational Racquetball Tournament. She's been through the courts many times, however, Pat Powell does not play racquetball. What nonsense is this you say? Read on.....

This is the story of an arrest by the 18th district tactical team on beat 1861. The date and time of the arrest was Sunday, October 8, 1978 at 11:15 A.M. The location of the arrest was 1234 N. LaSalle and the arresting officers were Sam Bellini and Jerry Levan.

According to the official police report, "arresting officers responded to a call of a disturbance with the auto alarm at 1235 N. LaSalle. Upon arriving R/O (reporting officer) learned that the arrestee opened the door of a 1977 Pontiac, Lic. #160 155, and attempted to enter the rear seat when the alarm went off. The arrestee was

then stopped by a passing citizen and held until police arrived. Auto contained two gym bags and misc. camera equipment."

Inside the building at 1235 N. LaSalle a dozen policemen were on the courts playing in a tournament and another dozen or so were watching the action. Tony's U Boat was delivering their super sandwiches for the day and thirty trophies were being set out for display aligned like proud marching soldiers.

All the tournament spectators were watching the match on Court #5. It must have been good because after every rally cheers rang out from the crowd. Suddenly, many more policemen ran up the stairs and came towards the group of spectators, the match must have really been good since more squad cars screeched to a halt out front.

However, within the next ten minutes an arrest had been made, witnesses questioned, and statements recorded. Pat Powell was charged with attempted theft.

A well informed source reported that in the 18th District tactical office was overheard, "all I knows is that a bunch ofran out in their underwear and busted me."



LEN ZIEHM REPORTS

Jack Newman is 15 years old and a sophomore at Maine East High School.

He's already an adult when it comes to racquetball, however. This fall he competed against men in the AMF VOIT/Perrier Classic at The Glass Court in Lombard and won the C-Class title. A few weeks later he won an open B-Class men's tournament at Indian Trails in South Chicago Heights.

John Slazas is a 16 year old junior at Maine South High School. He's apparently an even better player than Jack. John won B-Class at the AMF Voit tournament, which drew almost 400 players for all its divisions, and beat Jack last summer in the State 15 and under finals.

It's nice to hear about young success stories like Jack and John. Unfortunately, I'm afraid, racquetball doesn't have enough of them. While the sport has enjoyed great popularity among adults in the last few years, it has not become very accessible to youngsters.

For one who sincerely believes in the sport for its wholesome, healthy qualities, this is a serious matter. I'm afraid I don't have all the answers.

Oh, some very positive steps have been taken to encourage junior play:

- Tour player Jean Sauser and Art Shay have collaborated on an instructional book, "Teaching Your Child Racquetball."

- The U.S. Racquetball Association and its President, Bob Kendler, have put on an enviable national junior tournament the past three years, and it's getting better all the time. Next spring there will be junior regionals held separately from the adult ones to give the young players more attention.

- A few clubs, primarily the Court House clubs in the Chicago area, have started junior instruction programs and leagues.

- Some junior tournaments, in addition to the state and national ones, have been scheduled. One will be at the Northbrook Court House Nov. 17-19. Another will be at the new Lehmann Courts in Chicago March 9-11. Cove Courts drew 55 juniors to its fall tournament.

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But is this all enough? I don't think so. There are only 80 registered junior tournament players -- of all skill levels -- in the Illinois State Racquetball Association. That doesn't sound like many to me, considering there are almost that many clubs in Chicago and its suburbs. Nationally I've seen statistics on the millions of racquetball players, and how 38 per cent of them are women. I'd like to know what per cent are under 20; I suspect it's not very large.

In the course of separate, casual conversations I talked about junior racquetball with Steve Boren and Sue Carow, two of my teammates on the Racquetball Today staff and strong advocates of youth programs.

Is enough being done to encourage junior play? "Absolutely not," replied Boren, the manager at Lehman Courts. "Very few clubs have put together junior programs. Some have out-programs with nearby high schools, but they never attack the kids in the grammar schools."

This, I might add, is in sharp contrast to the Chicago District Tennis Association junior programs, which not only offer free instruction and organized leagues but also have representatives to seek out pupils. Granted, the CDTA had a long head start on racquetball but the tennis group sets an example to follow.

Boren, state director of the Illinois State Racquetball Association junior program, has taken some steps. While working at Forest Grove in Palatine, he organized a summer junior program that included children as young as four years old. He charged a reasonable \$1.50 a lesson and 25 youngsters participated. More low cost, grass roots programs like that are needed.

Ms. Carow, a mother of four, points to cost as a drawback to developing junior interest. "What we need are junior clinics," she said. "Or maybe \$2 round robins from , say 2:30 to 4:30 on Saturday afternoons. Most parents can't afford \$6 or \$8 a day for courts, and junior needs 10 hours

of court time, at least, a week to become a good player. The child of poor parents couldn't be racquetball star."

Jack Newman, for instance, holds a part-time job at the Four Flaggs club in Niles to help finance the court time he needs to develop his game.

Ms. Carow cites the background of men's national champion and top money-winner Marty Hogan as an example. He's a special player, and a special case.

"He started at a Jewish Community Center in St. Louis," she said, "and it no doubt helped him to have a mother who was a national champion. He could hit the ball seven hours a day. He couldn't have developed the swing he has without doing that. When a junior comes to me and says he wants to copy Marty Hogan, I ask if he's got seven hours a day to spend on racquetball. If he doesn't, then I tell him he'd better develop a more conventional stroke."

Sue places the blame for lagging junior interest on the YMCA's. "They have a responsibility," she claims. "They are non-profit. Basically they discourage youth. Many ban them from the courts after 4 p.m., and their school time takes up the other available hours. Something should be done."

She said she offered to teach at one area YMCA as a tradeoff on memberships but her request wasn't accepted. She said the proximity of O'Hare Racquet House was a reason she returned to that club as an instructor; she would be able to more easily get her own children there to play in the evenings.

The clubs are there to make money," she said. "Most of their courts at prime time are filled up. You can't blame them for not giving their courts to youth."

I won't go that far. There are things clubs can do.

For instance:
•Have a court reserved strictly for juniors during the day on Saturdays and Sundays.

•Hold group lessons for children in various age groups. They should be short, basic and cheap.

•Hold junior tournaments during weekday afternoons when the club has its lowest demand for court time during the school holiday breaks. They can be informal, and definitely in age group categories.

•Aggressively pursue young players through all available means during the quiet summer months.

Chuck Leve, national director of the USRA, doesn't want to comment on whether clubs are or are not doing enough to encourage juniors but he does admit that "We are indebted to any program that enhances the number or quality of junior play.... Any person that can play racquetball is doing something creative and good and is off the street."

In addition to the physical and mental health a lifetime sport like racquetball offers, there are other incentives for juniors to take up the sport. One who qualifies for the nationals gets an educational, fun, free trip. This year it includes a visit to Disney World. And about 15 colleges are now offering racquetball scholarships.

Leve does offer one encouraging thought on the growth in number of junior players. He predicts this spring's national junior regionals will have an entry at least double that of last year when slightly over 1,000 competed.

Perhaps I'm only a dreamer. I would like to see the day when there are municipal courts available to juniors at low cost. I'd like to see portable courts in high school gymnasiums so racquetball could be added to physical education curriculums. I'd like to see a team concept developed so schools and youth clubs could join in friendly but spirited competition. I'd like to see mini-courts installed beside nurseries at the clubs where pre-teens could just bounce balls off the walls.

I'd like to see families have a racquetball court in their back yard instead of a swimming pool; after all -- in the Chicago area, at least -- a court would get more use. I'd like to see outdoor racquetball come as seriously to the Chicago area as it has in other places.

Perhaps I'm only a dreamer. Perhaps these things are unrealistic. Perhaps.

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by Sue Carow

Serve it up — No! Serve it down

Racquetball's most important shot is the serve which sets the style and tempo of the ensuing rally. The accurate offensive serve increases the chance of a weak return or no return, ace. Most professional players are now "going for the ace" on the first service attempt; they go for the crack or the side-wall with a hard low drive serve or they go for a difficult return. If the first serve is a fault, a safer second serve will follow. Complete mastery of all the basic serves is crucial and can be accomplished much easier than mastery of strokework.

Before stepping into the service box, the server should determine the following: The serves he will use based on his own strengths and weaknesses and on his opponent's weaknesses and defensive strategy -- What return does the server wish to elicit from the opponent?

The key is composure and command in the service area. Never simply drop the ball and initiate play or the natural advantages gained by being in that box will be forfeited. Standing 20 feet from the front wall encourages more preciseness than opponent's 38 feet at the back wall. Court coverage requires minimal effort in the service area as the server is equi-distant from all areas. Thus, take an aggressive stance in the box and take charge of your thoughts and the match.

Before describing the 4 basic serves, the "emergency exit" should be stressed. Each and every time the ball is served, quickly get out of the box while watching with intent what the receiver is doing. This anticipation is imperative. Turn the torso and the feet diagonally toward the "served" side and simultaneously slide 2-3 steps into center court about 2 feet behind the short line. The knees should be flexed, ready to pounce on the return, and the eyes should be peering (make that piercing) through the racquet strings. This emergence from the server's box should always be executed swiftly and smoothly.

The service stance must

also be mastered in order to maximize the small service area and generate the most efficient serves. Stand close to the center, place the feet at the back line and before stepping forward KNOW what you are going to do. LOOK back at opponent. FLEX the knees, bend from the waist, and take a long stride forward to execute any of several serves from this same position, striving for deception.

The following four basic serves should all be served to the opponent's backhand most of the time:

THE DRIVE—(hard and low) elicits the most weak returns. Assume the service stance (above), the serving arm is raised high, forearm parallel to floor, elbow extended as high as possible to generate a large arc in swing. The larger arc creates more power. Keep the elbow up and away from the body. Simultaneously with this arm lifting, the offhand drops the ball so it returns to waist level height. The lead foot is extended as elbow is brought down; the contact point is off the instep of the front foot.

The forearm is inverted, elbow leading, allowing proper snapping of wrist action. It is important to move the weight forward gradually, timing it with the arm's arc and swing to combine into a single solid unit converging "smashly" on that ball. The contact spot is below knee level. Then, follow through to the bull's-eye area on the front wall about 2½ feet up from the floor and 1 foot to the left of center. (Serve to right-handed opponent's backhand.)

The drive serve to opponent's forehand can be camouflaged from this same position but do NOT use the body to change the angle. Use the racquet, changing the angle at the point of contact to drive the ball to the front wall again about 2½ feet up from the floor and 2 feet to the left of center. Remember, look at opponent before serving and he might give a tip-off for a surprise serve.

The Lob -- Serve stance is about 3 feet to the right of center. Softly hit the ball to the front wall bulls-

eye ¾ of the way up and 1 foot to the left of center. The lob should rebound high toward the upper left corner striking the left side wall approximately 6 feet up from the floor and 6 feet from the back wall.

The Garbage -- Service stance is in center. Softly hit the ball to the front wall bulls-eye midway up and 1 foot to the left of center. The garbage serve will bounce about 4-5 feet behind the short line and rebound upward into left rear court. Ideally, it will die at the base of the back wall.

The Z -- Serving stance is about 5 feet to left of center. (low Z to backhand of right-handed player). Forcefully, hit the ball to the front wall bulls-eye about 5 feet from the floor and 1 foot from the right side wall. Reverse this procedure for Z to forehand side. The low Z strikes the front wall, ricoches into the right side wall and then travels cross-court. After the floor bounce, it then hits the left side wall 3-5 feet in front of the back wall and 3-5 feet up from the floor. It is imperative that the low Z serve be hit accurately. The server must develop his own rhythm as to speed and location. If the serve is too short, it leaves opponent an easy return; if hit too long, it bounces off back wall for set-up.

The Z can also be used as a lob Z serve. This is an effective defensive serve to the forehand, resulting in a multi-walled garbage serve that opponent cannot blast back offensively unless he rushes and volleys on the fly. The server must use deception in the Z serves to keep opponent from cutting them off. Change not only the serve, but also its speed and angle to confuse the opponent.

PRACTICE SOLO SERVING -- The serve, unlike the other shots dependent upon an opponent's initiation, is all yours. It can be executed automatically like a machine. Attack the opponent's weakness early with the serve and do not change the serve if it is working. Get the first serve in. Develop the hard low drive serve and "once you've got it...flaunt it".

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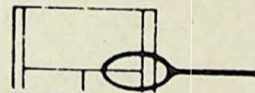
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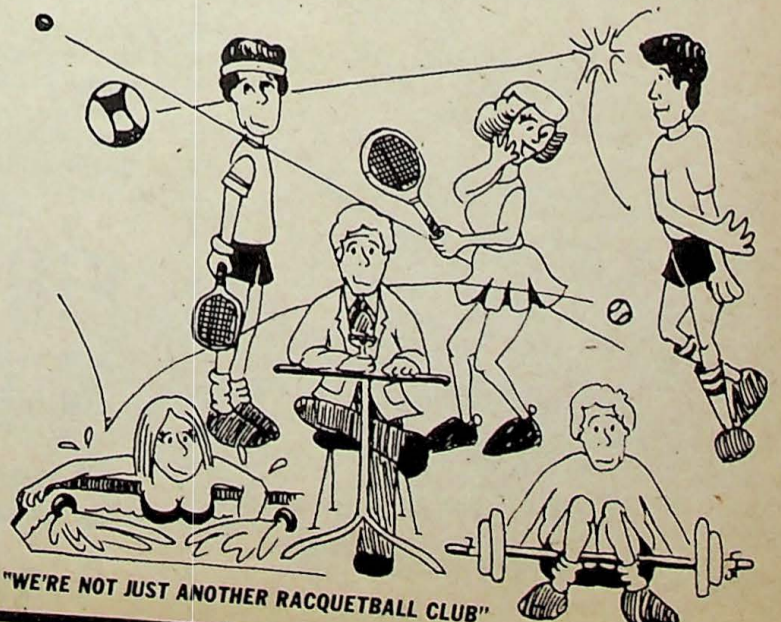
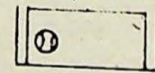
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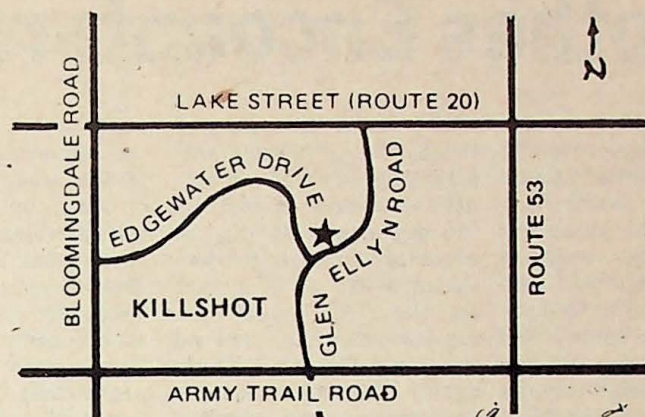
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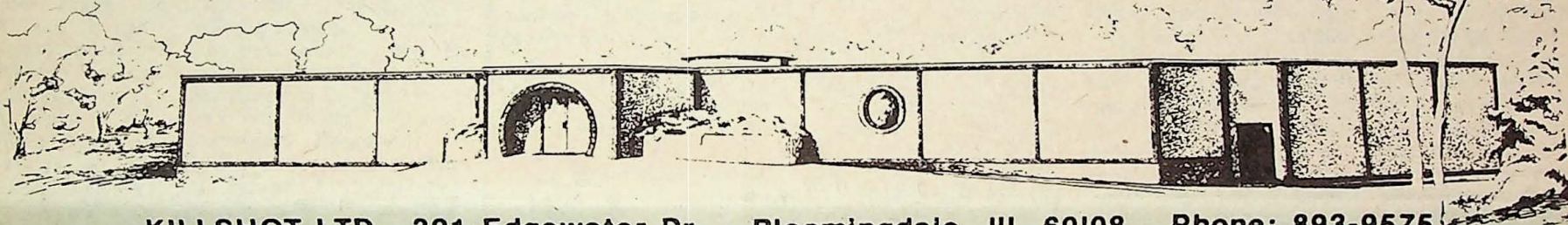
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Help in the fight against cancer -- that's what The American Cancer Society Racquetball Classic is all about. The city-wide tournament is to be played for three days commencing Friday, December 1, at Lehmann Courts, 2700 N. Lehmann Court in the near-north section of Chicago.

This is the first time any non-profit organization in Chicago has creat-

ed an open tournament competition among the city's racquetball enthusiasts.

Here's your chance to win the new *Chicago Cup in Racquetball*, which will be awarded to the major winners in each division, and, of course, all participants will receive a T-shirt and the hospitality.

Tournament play will be broken into novice, senior and master categories for

men and women with special consideration given to those who have not been in previous tournaments.

The entry fee to the tournament, which is sponsored by Anheuser-Busch Natural Light Beer, is a \$20 donation to the American Cancer Society. Do your part in the fight against cancer by contacting the Society at 37 S. Wabash or calling 372-0471.

A.P.R.O. Teaching Clinic Set

The American Professional Racquetball Organization will again schedule a teachers clinic on December 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday. The purpose of the clinic is to increase the professionalism of racquetball teachers. APRO is a not-for-profit national organization to develop and train racquetball teachers in the United States. Clinics such as this will be started in many other states after the initial Chicago one is implemented.

The clinic will be on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and then on Sunday the certification test will be given at 10:00 a.m. The clinic will include

a morning session of beginners clinics and lessons for private and group instruction. Then after a lunch break, discussions will be directed toward offensive and defensive shots of racquetball in relationship to intermediate and advanced players. The evening time will be devoted to the psychology and philosophy of teaching, strategy chalk talks, and rules and refereeing problems.

The format for the clinic will be very open ended. This means that APRO expects active participation from all people involved. The clinic will consist of lectures from people in the tennis and racquetball

industry, round table discussions, on the court techniques, demonstration of video-tape equipment, other teaching aids, and many question and answer sessions.

On Sunday, the certification test which consists of written, practical, and teaching sections will be given.

APRO members fee is \$25.00 and non-members is \$50.00. Registration is limited.

The entire clinic will be held at the Forest Grove Swim and Racquet Club, 1760 N. Hicks road, Palatine, Illinois 60067, (312) 991-4646.

Killshot Room

by Mort Leve



UNIQUE-- "Growing Up at Kutak Rock & Huie", a feature article which appeared in a recent issue of FORTUNE magazine. Probably the fastest-growing law firm in the country, located in Omaha. Their five story, spiraled staircase with atrium has other unlaureled features like a well-constructed RACQUETBALL COURT for its 148 attorneys.

Other novel "business as usual" sites for courts-- Fred Muenscher has four of his Shakey Pizza franchise operations in the Pacific Northwest with two to four courts each... Glass back walls so the patrons can watch the action, and in turn the players have access to the flowing suds and food. "It has increased my business and in my first venture with courts in Bellingham, Washington, we have a shutoff of 160 members," Fred tells us.

La Posada Inn, Del Webb Corp.'s latest resort hostelry in Paradise Valley, Arizona, has two courts to lure the tourists.

And, we have just heard from Todd Aldrich of Denver. He's been going into low population towns, putting in a court or two with offices. His operation in one town of 250 pop.

(yes, that's right--250 tot.) has one court, four offices. He has sold ten \$1500 lifetime memberships... other type dues structuring is \$3.50 per person per court hour on a public basis; \$100 a year for the individual; \$150 for couples with key access three days a week. Public is four days a week, and at times high school students are gratis to stimulate future business. No towel dispensation. \$1 for purchase of towel with many tourists coming through. Rack with eye guards for free use and a must.

ON THE HANDBALL SCENE... While in Minneapolis for our Court Club Enterprises seminar at the Decathlon Athletic Club went with Neal Nordlund, U.S. Handball Association national rules and referees chairman, to a Midway YMCA memorial banquet for the late Al Warren. Warren was the counterpart of Bob Davidson, both developing many outstanding players. Al worked and helped stalwarts as Billy Yambrick, Dan O'Connor, Gary Rohrer, and Terry Muck. Muck,

now editor of HANDBALL Magazine, and one of the top four on the tour, had some laudatory words as

did Yambrick. Mid-May dates for the national four-wall championships at the new Coral Gables 23 court facility in Florida, first time the annual classic has been East in many years.

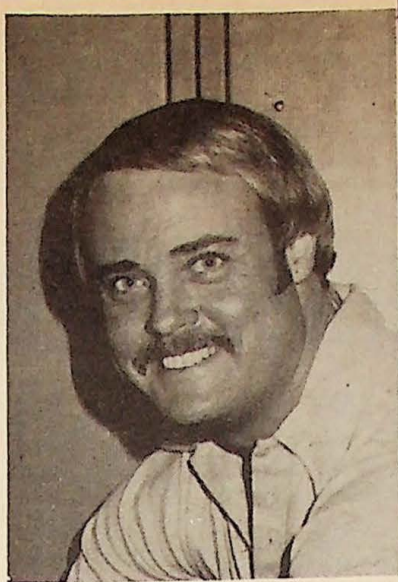
COMMERCIAL: World Court Clubs Association now fully organized and will be headlined at the Tennis & Racquetball Marketplace trade show next January in Anaheim. Also under the CCE banner is a portable basketball backboard/basket that can be fitted over the balcony back wall of courts at non-peak time, affording full enjoyment of two or three-man basketball. One special rule-- player can stop his dribble, carom the ball off a side wall, catch it and resume movement with no penalty. There has also been some special rule volleyball played in the 20X40 confines.

Add to former and active pro athletes developing clubs-- Larry Dierker, the ex-Houston Astro... Hank Stram's New Orleans club in full swing. Billy Cunningham, Philly 76er coach, in downtown Philadelphia... Bob Boone, Phillie catcher, multiple operations in New Jersey. Jack Youngblood, Rams' fearsome linebacker, in Southern California.

COUNTER REACTION

by *Bob Schiel*

"Clothes Encounters"



I sat on the carpeted locker room bench replaying the last point of a tough match. The graphite racquet was still dangling loosely from my wrist as visions of a side-wall ceiling shot burned behind my eyeballs. You know, that shot that hugs the wall and has kept fibreglas racquet manufacturers in the black for years. Suddenly, my attention was directed across the locker room to a standing peacock fresh from cubicle combat in a besplendent outfit befitting his obvious station in life. A fluorescent T-shirt describing some aspect of Amazon mud wrestling, shorts emblazoned with two hands placed appropriately retaining the visceral entrails, a pair of black support hosiery held up by gigantic rubber bands, all jammed inside yellow hi-top gyms. The hat was indeed a crowning touch, a red pull-down tennis hat

with a green visor sewn at the front. My game was forgotten. Surely the outfit was meant to distract the opponent. It was an absolute stroke of genius - the man was a "C" player on the "A" ladder yet moving steadily toward the top. Right? Wrong again! He took a pass on the shower and climbed into his "street" clothes - only Elton John at his satorial best could have surpassed this bimbo. The trend toward dress in racquetball has improved over the last two years. The clubs are classier and many feature glass viewing areas. Men usually try to (A) get by with "jock type" clothing, muscle T's, high school gym shorts and/or grey sweatpants, or (B) complete club "logo" clothing and /or athletic shoe manufacturers' suggested mode d'affair'e. Women on the other hand are truly style conscious. Arnel and nylon

are making inroads into the cotton and poly field. Hoods are now appearing on warm-up suits. Satina or rayon blends fill racks in sportswear stores. Even shoes are important matching "accessories" ultimately coordinating an outfit Terry cloth fashions still prove that "form follows function", chic and compliments both missy and junior players. Tennis clothing is considered a sign of disconcert in racquetball environment. White, although an absolute in visual ball activity, rings of sterile occasions of somber elegance. Racquetball players provide an interesting cross-section of apparel selection: Phil Gurrie (Oak Lawn Racquet Club), "I wear cotton and poly racquetball shorts, the shrinkage is controlled and I can just throw them in the dryer and they're ready to wear. The same for my shorts".

Pat Kline (Palos Racquetball Club), "My favorite outfit is stretch terry, the absorptive quality of the fabric is great and it doesn't inhibit my range of motion". Dieter Gorman (O'Hare Racquet House), "I usually wear jogging pants with a cotton club shirt, somehow I just can't get used to those "559" tatoos". Dolores Montini (Midtown Court House), "I prefer the new 'shiny' fabrics, when I'm not playing racquetball I can go to the exercise room and still feel glamorous." The average player still can be quite comfortable in cut-offs and college T-shirts Fashion clothing is certainly de'rigueur in racquetball clubs but as the sport grows so does the level of consciousness. With a little flair, you may be able to out class your opponent just by showing up on the court.

Trophies:

by John R. Greene

Sitting here, comfortable, a scotch and branch wager within easy reach, some soft and gentle jazz playing at a level just perfect for background, the aquarium fish floating and drifting, just barely swimming at a languid, tranquilizing pace, a warm soothing fire casting its flickering dying light about the den, my woman curled up next to me drowsily reading the latest best seller, and I'm agitated, in a pique, peturbed, downright agonized! Why?

I'll tell you why: every racquetball tournament I have entered, I've been blown out in the first or second round. That's cool, because that happens to at least 50 per cent of the entrants, right? My quandary is caused by this compulsive Sado/Masochistic urge of mine to enter every single tournament within a day's drive! When all the rest of my life is so easy, relaxed, in tune, why do I have this reckless need to plunk down my \$20.00; go through a pre-tournament psyche job on myself; drive to the exotic, far-away places like Skokie, Lombard, Schaumberg, Park Ridge, the loop, even; and spend a portion of the National Debt on lessons and practice games to get myself to "peak" at just the right time -- only to thoroughly embarrass myself in the World Record time of 8 minutes, 12 seconds???

From that time on, I have entered every contest that offered a trophy for the top 482 places. I had no more luck until Little League, when I won a batting championship back in 19-and-49. That really hooked me. I pushed myself, hard, for a chance at a trophy. Any trophy! Little League; basketball camp; magazine subscription sales; golf, basketball, band, track and field in high school. Remember the trophy cases in high school? Tons of trophies! The state champions of this, the city champs of that. The shriveled ols leather helmet that probably belonged to Barney Oldfield. The pictures of the baseball teams from the '30's, with their arms folded, all trying to look like Babe Ruth. Golfers in Knickers! I loved 'em. One day the principle of my high school came upon me idly drooling over all those trophies, nose pressed to the glass. In his usual sarcastic, droll manner, he asked: "Can I help you, son?" "No, thanks. Just Browsing." was the reply. (i fixed that old goat's wagon later when I was on various teams and bands that contributed 12 trophies to the school's collection!) As a salesman, I always do better in sales contests that offer trophies as awards, instead of trips to Lake Tahoe. Don't try to understand. Neither do I. The main attraction for me in entering racquetball tournaments is the chance (remote, to-be-sure) of winning a trophy. I have won trophies in every sport or endeavor I've attempted -- except racquetball. I want a racquetball trophy! and, someone to dust it. A suggestion to tournament directors and league officials - how about trophies for the following categories: "Least improve"; "Largest Bruise of the Year"; "Most Dangerous Backhand Follow through"; "Most Injuries Received"; "Most Injuries Inflicted?" If you start handing out trophies for these distinguished achievements, I am in! Start engraving the plates with my name, now. How about a trophy for the "First Man Out" of the tournament. You already have a trophy for the last man out. It's only fair. As I finish this article, I happen to glance at a trophy I was awarded last year in golf. It's the only one in the house. I suffered a tragedy almost too great to bear a few years ago. All my trophies were lost during a move from San Francisco to Seattle. Four huge cardboard barrels full to the brim with all my prized trophies! I was crushed. There went an irreplaceable portion of my life. I still feel the loss. Sometimes, while shaving, I will happen to get a glimpse of the gold fillings in my teeth. Visions of gold trophies flash to my mind. Causes a tug at the old heart strings.

Chicagoland Racquetball/Handball Assn. League Results

League Director - John Weishaar (312) 644-4884
 Groundrules for the 1978-79 CRHAL are as follows. There will be 8 divisions of play: Men's A, B, and C; Women's AA, A, B, and C, and Handball. Clubs may enter as many teams as they wish in a division; a team consisting of 8 to 10 players. The exception is the AA and Handball team which will consist of two players. The league will have three sessions the first being Sept. 23 through December 1st; the second being January 6 through March 9th and the third begins March 17 and ends May 25th. No matches will be scheduled during the Illinois State Racquetball Association's State Singles May 3, 4, 5, and 6th. After the regional playoffs and city championships the league will commence with an awards banquet in mid-June.

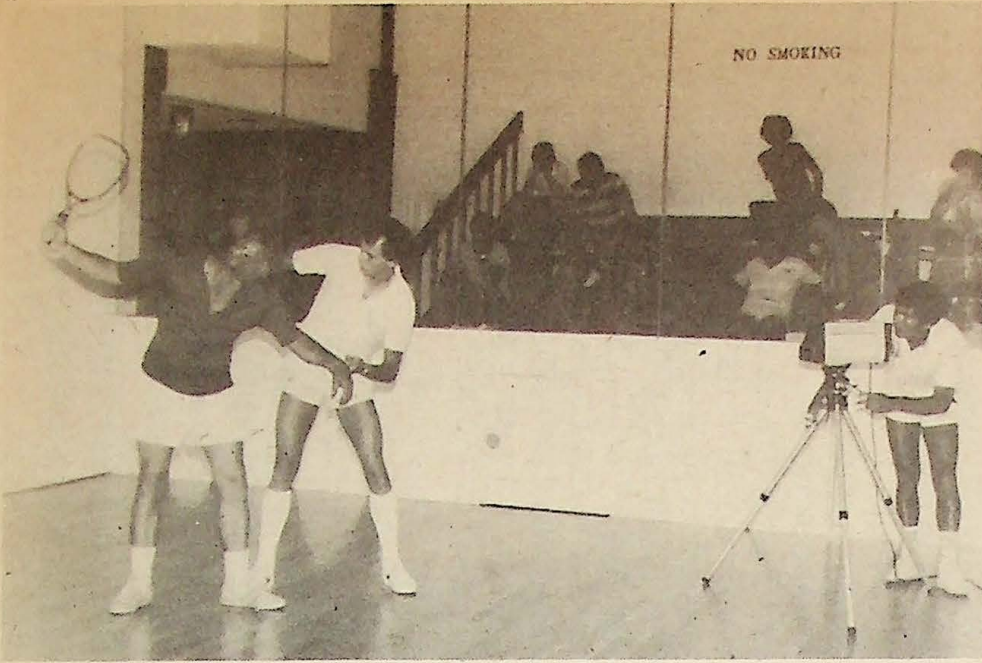
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| Midtown Court House-13 | |
| MEN'S B | |
| GROUP A | GROUP B |
| Oak Park Ct House-20 | Schaumburg Ct House #1-25 |
| Four Flags Ct House-18 | Thorndale Racq House-15 |
| Evanston Ct Club-11 | Schaumburg Ct House #2-14 |
| GROUP C | |
| Chalet Sports Core-21 | Western R.B. Club #1-19 |
| Olympian Ct Club-12 | |

- | MEN'S C | |
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| GROUP A | GROUP B |
| Skokie Ct House-18 | Cove Courts-20 |
| Sky Harbor Ct Club (H.P.)-17 | Olympian Ct Club-16 |
| Oak Park Ct House-16 | Western R.B. Club #1-15 |
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| Evanston Court House-11 | Edens Court House-10 |
| Sky Harbor Ct. Club (Northbrook)-10 | |
| WOMEN'S B | |
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| Arlington Hts Ct Club-12 | Cove Courts-10 |
| Evanston Court Club-12 | Palos R.B. Club-7 |
| WOMEN'S C | |
| GROUP A | GROUP B |
| Skokie Ct House-15 | Western R.B. Club-17 |
| Oak Park Ct House-14 | Chalet Sports Core-15 |
| Oak Park-River Forest R.C.-9 | Cove Courts-14 |
| Sky Harbor Ct Club (H.P.)-9 | Glass Courts (Blue)-10 |

Firefighters' Racquetball League

The 1978-79 Four Flags Court Club Firemens Racquetball League has begun and will continue through the latter part of February. In addition to a championship trophy for the winning team, individual trophies for the most improved player, most points scored, most games played, will also be awarded at the annual Awards Banquet and party, which is held at the end of the season. The league is comprised of representatives of 14 Chicago suburban fire departments. In addition, this year two teams representing the Cook County Sheriff's Police are also participating in the Firemen's League.

Slinking off the floor after the usual humiliation, telling myself that I was tired, I peaked too soon, it was a rotten ball, the glass backwall threw me off, my glasses were dirty, I gotta get a new racquet (this will be the 83rd, or is it the 84th, new racquet), my girle was killing me -- but never, no never, is it because "he" was better than me. After my dismal performance, my friends embrace me with their usual inspiring goodfellowship: "Hey! Turkey! You four-eyed half-wit! You Blew It! He had no backhand! You shoulda' killed 'im! That's the worst I've ever seen ANYBODY play! You STUNK!!!!" Not even bothering to shower (how much sweat can you build up in 8 minutes -- watching the ball roll out?), I flee the unfriendly confines, sulk all the way home, and am greeted at the door by a hug, a kiss, a drink, and a sympathetic ear. (THANK YOU, Woman.) Vowing never to enter another, the next time I am at the club, I happen to notice an entry blank for yet one more tournament. It is absolutely amazing how those entry blanks leap off the counter into my hands! (I wonder how they do that. Mirrors?) So, I enter. Again, why? Trophies! That's right, trophies. My love for trophies started in the first grade when I won a Smile Contest, with both front teeth missing. I was awarded a 4" trophy. Far out! It wasn't the Stanley Cup, but, by God, it was mine!



Storm Meadows — Superbly Planned Aesthetics —

by Rick Coyne

On a recent misguided fishing trip into the "teaming trout streams" of Colorado with Mort Leve and Richard Perlman, (of Louis Zahn Data Service Corp.) I found myself understanding the term "tenderfoot" and "city slicker" very well. Used to the easy fishing of the Midwest and South, Colorado proved to be more than equal to our assault, almost to the point of depression. Fortunately, the Steamboat Springs area offers other consolations to the would-be anglers.

After suffering our last tolerable and demoralizing defeat at the local streams, we decided to play some racquetball and handball at The Storm Meadows Athletic Club, located in the heart of Steamboat's ski-resort-condominium village. Having visited many clubs throughout the country, Steamboat with its permanent population of 6,000, give or take a few, was the last place I would have expected such a flurry of activity on the courts and club house.

Perhaps I should tell you a little more about the club. Storm Meadows has 4 racquetball courts, 2 with glass back walls and bleachers, swimming pool, restaurant - lounge (which I will tell you more about later), and several all purpose and exercise rooms. Its staff is so completely casual and friendly that the total stranger has somehow a feeling of charter membership in the unique little club. Physical fitness is the activity of the day. Jogging, tennis, racquetball, handball, aerobics,

swimming, weight training, bicycling, skiing, and hiking are a sampling of activities of which Storm Meadows is a center. From the swimming pool or lounge is a breath taking panorama of the mountains and ski-slope.

On the day we arrived, Wilson Sporting Goods, in conjunction with Storm Meadows, began its first day of clinics with Davey Bledsoe. Such a deal! A mountain setting, a beautiful club, and the former world champion to teach beginners and experts the relative intricacies of the game.

I had an opportunity to talk with Davey and his assistant, Storm Meadows own capable pro, Harold Lujan. I was curious to Davey's sudden departure from a heavy commitment from tournament racquetball to clinics and instruction. I was pleased with his responses.

"More people need to discover our sport, to enjoy its growth, and to become more satisfied with themselves as a result. Racquetball has been so good to me that I needed to somehow share my experience. Wilson's clinics have given me that opportunity."

With Mort Leve tired of my beating him 21-2 at racquetball, and with my being tired of having him beat me 21-1 at handball, we both had ample time to sit and watch the clinics. (At the same time sampling Storm Meadows' legendary Marquitas -- I was impressed with both).

The teaching technique of both Davey Bledsoe and

Harold Lujan is compatible. On the first day, the teacher-student gap was closed. Both instructors personalities attracted active and alert responses. As a result, learning took place in a professional yet informative environment, a parallel to the clinics' surroundings.

On Tuesday or Wednesday of the first week the whole clall, including Harold and Davey, made it down to the ski-village for some unbelievable Mexican food and more margaritas. Anyone who has been to a ski resort in Colorado knows the informal and fun loving establishments lining the streets means as much for the social atmosphere as for the obvious purposes of providing solid and liquid refreshment. Steamboat's evening establishments provide a personal potpourri. From the old west characters, complete with 10 gallon hats and boots, to the jet-setters flitting between tables, the atmosphere is aptly termed "universal."

"A mixture of impetuous youth, experienced old age, gourmet and tequila, a combination of California sun, New York Charmisa, and Midwest simplicity." A place to feel at home for a day or an eternity. A place to return to because it's so very hard to remove it from your memory.

All this and racquetball too! For more information call Jim Asher (303) 879-3335. Or write Storm Meadows Athletic Club Box 1566 - Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477

Paul Masson Invitational

Upwards of 300 of the top men and women racquetball players within a 15-state area will compete in the 2nd annual Paul Masson/Court House Midwest Invitational tournament, November 17-19, at Mid-Town Court House, 1235 No. LaSalle St., Chicago.

The event, sanctioned by the Illinois State Racquetball Association and played under the rules set by the United States Racquetball Association, is sponsored by Paul Masson wines of San Francisco, California.

Net proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Ronald McDonald House, Chicago, a unique adult lodging facility for parents whose children are under treatment at Children's Memorial Hospital.

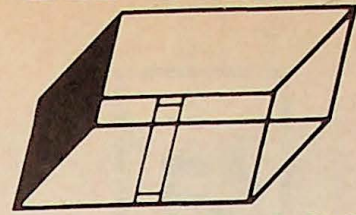
There will be seven competitive divisions. The Men's Open and Senior, and Women's Open will be by invitation only. Both the Men's and Women's B and C divisions will be open to anyone wishing to enter by the November 10 deadline. Entry fee in the invitational

will be \$20.00. A \$15.00 entry fee will be required in the B and C brackets.

Winners in each division will receive a magnum of Paul Masson champagne in addition to a trophy. Runners-up will be given a bottle of premium Paul Masson wine with their trophy. Third and fourth place finishers will be given trophies. Every entrant will be given a Paul Masson gift as well as a souvenir T-shirt.

For details and further information, Call the club at 787-8400.

THROUGH THE



GLASS COURT

by Velva Lee Heraty

Racquetball Associations & Organizations 'Telling The Players Without a Scorecard'

The purpose of this month's column is to clarify the functions of the various organizations and associations on the racquetball scene today.

USRA-United States Racquetball Association, 4101 Dempster Street, Skokie, Illinois 60076. (312) 673-4000. President, Robert W. Kendler. The USRA is an association that promotes amateur racquetball on the national level.

ISRA-Illinois State Racquetball Association, 570 East Higgins Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007. President, Thomas R. Street. The ISRA is an association that promotes amateur racquetball throughout the state of Illinois.

NRC-National Racquetball Club, 4101 Dempster street, Skokie, Illinois 60076. (312) 673-4000. National Director, Charles S. Leve. The NRC is a national organization that promotes racquetball on the professional level.

IRA-International Racquetball Association, 5545 Murray Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38117. (901) 274-2363. President, Bob Folsom. The IRA is a national organization that promotes racquetball on the amateur level.

APRO-American Professional Racquetball Organization, 730 Pine Street, Deerfield, Illinois 60015. (312) 991-4646. President, Chuck Sheftel. APRO is a national professional teaching association.

WCCA-World Court Club Association, 7856 E. Keim Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253. (602) 991-0253. President, Mort Leve. The WCCA is an international organization for the development of court clubs -- to promote racquetball, handball, and related activities.

CRHL-Chicagoland Racquetball and Handball Association, 11050 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465. (312) 974-1900. President, George Brumis. The CRHA is an association that promotes amateur racquetball on the local level.

MRL-Metropolitan Racquetball League, Northwest Highway and Countryside Drive, P.O. Box 367, Palatine, Illinois 60067. (312) 359-2400. Director, Art Michaely. The MRL is an ISRA sanctioned league comprised of traveling racquetball teams competing mainly within YMCA and Park District facilities.

[Editor's note- The Metropolitan Racquetball League has the distinction of being racquetball's first traveling league.]

NCCA-National Court Club Association, 423 Central St. Northfield, Il. 60093. (312) 446-5502. President, John Wineman. The NCCA is a national organization for proprietors and operators of privately owned court clubs.

CRHAL-Chicagoland Racquetball & Handball Association League, 441 N. Wabash, Chicago, Illinois 60611. (312) 644-4884. Director, John Weishaar. The CRHAL is a league comprised of traveling teams competing within the CRHA clubs.

SSRL-South Suburban Racquetball League, 2700 W. 91st Street, Evergreen Park, Illinois 60642. (312) 425-7200. Director, Vern Roberts, Jr. A league comprised of traveling racquetball teams competing within SSRL clubs.

Author's note:

Since the publication of my last column dealing with back wall rollouts, the ISRA referee committee met and voted against the concept of a back wall rollout serve being an ace.

Western N.Y. Grand Prix

Dan Waingarten of Rochester, New York settled down in the tiebreaker to defeat John Moshides of Niagara Falls, New York in the finals of the Eastern Hills stop in the Upstate N.Y. Grand Prix. The finals climaxed the end of the four day event in which there were over 145 entries at the Racquet Club of Eastern Hills.

Solid play marked the 2nd time that Waingarten has defeated Moshides in the finals of a Grand Prix Event. Dan came off a win over Joe Tyree to reach the finals while John cruised to an easy victory over Bud Stange in the semifinals.

The best match of the tournament proved to be a quarter final match-up between John Moshides and 14 year old Mike Levine of Rochester, N.Y. After exchanging games 17-21 and 21-17, John took an early lead only to find himself on the wrong end of a 10-9 point tiebreaker. With Mike serving for the match, John rolled out a perfect backhand and proceeded to tie up the score.

The next volley found young Levine winning the serve. Moshides, not to be denied, rolled another backhand winner. Match point came next with a crisp kill to the forehand corner.

The finals against Waingarten had a little bit of the edge taken off by Moshides' quarter-final match. But, again superb play with very few unfocused errors prolonged the battle for over two hours. After a lot of diving and running, Moshides squeezed out the first game 21-13. John lost an early lead in the 2nd game as Dan came back to take it 21-15. It was all over for John as Waingarten powered his way impressively to an 11-6 title in the tiebreaker.

In the Women's Open Division, Donna Meger, the New York State Women's champ lost only 8 points in turning back Barb Cornwall to win the title.

The Senior's Division proved to be a grudge match between Sonny Hill of Fort Erie, Canada and Herman Neumeier of Rochester, N.Y. After losing to Sonny two weeks

earlier in the third Grand Prix stop, Neumeier had his chance for victory as he won the opening game handily 21-5. Sonny settled down in the second and took it 21-15. Sonny never looked back after that, winning in the tiebreaker 11-4.

In the Men's Open Doubles, Mike Mychaskiw and Pete Tiutiunyk tried to give Dan Waingarten his first loss of the tournament. They found his momentum a little too strong as Jim Dollinger and Dan prevailed with a 21-15, 21-6 win.

Other division winners included:

Masters - Don King d. George Litsky 21-18, 21-9.

Men's C - Charlie Burke d. Sam Cianfarano 21-5, 21-11.

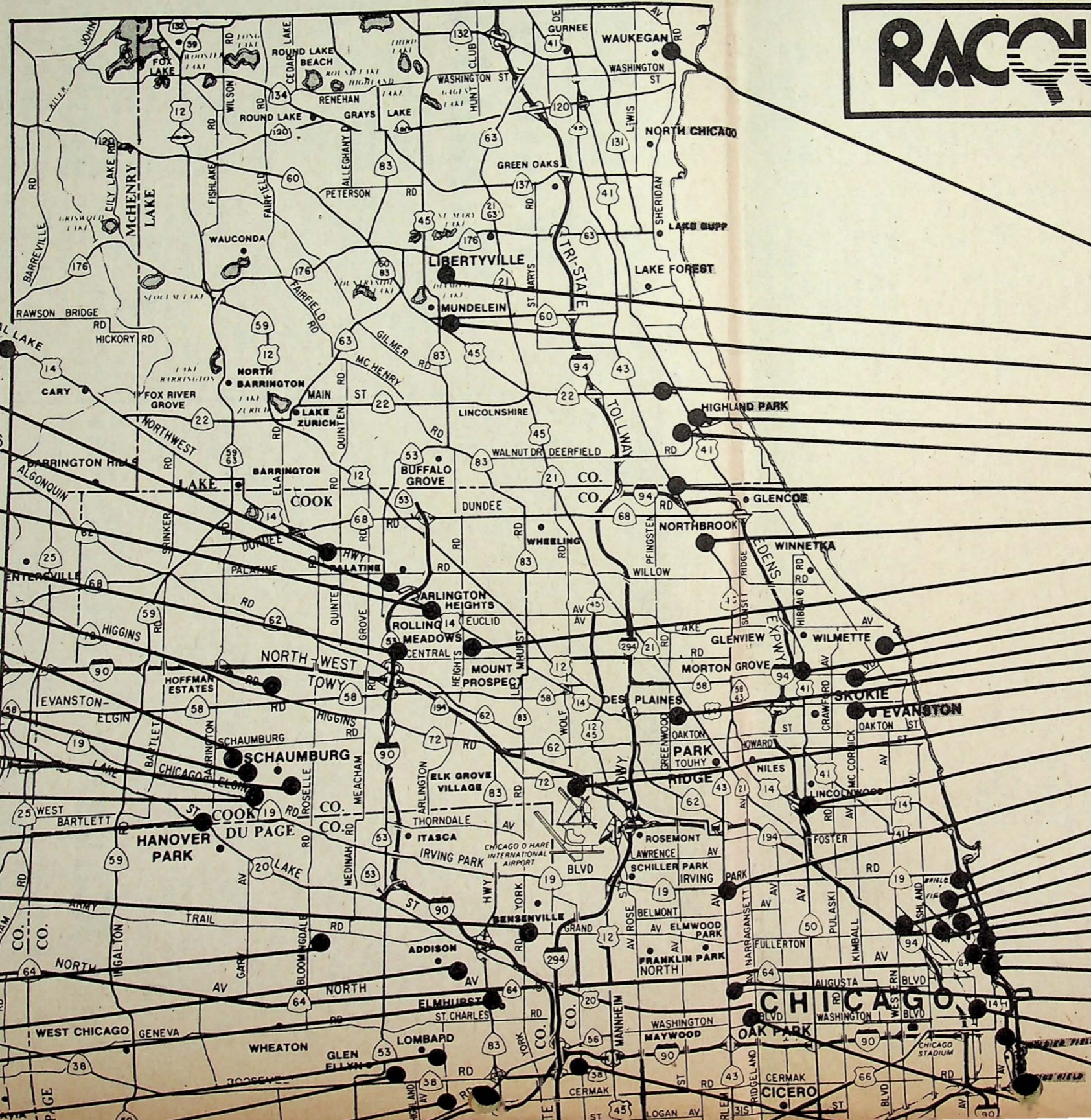
Men's B - Ralph DeFazio d. Brian Dunstan 20-21, 10-21, 11-8.

Women's B - Merrilee Doyle d. Lancy Smith 21-11, 21-18.

Women's C - Donna Allen d. Shirley Cooper 21-6, 21-3.

Juniors 18 & under - John Puerner d. Mike Fisher 21-11, 21-12.

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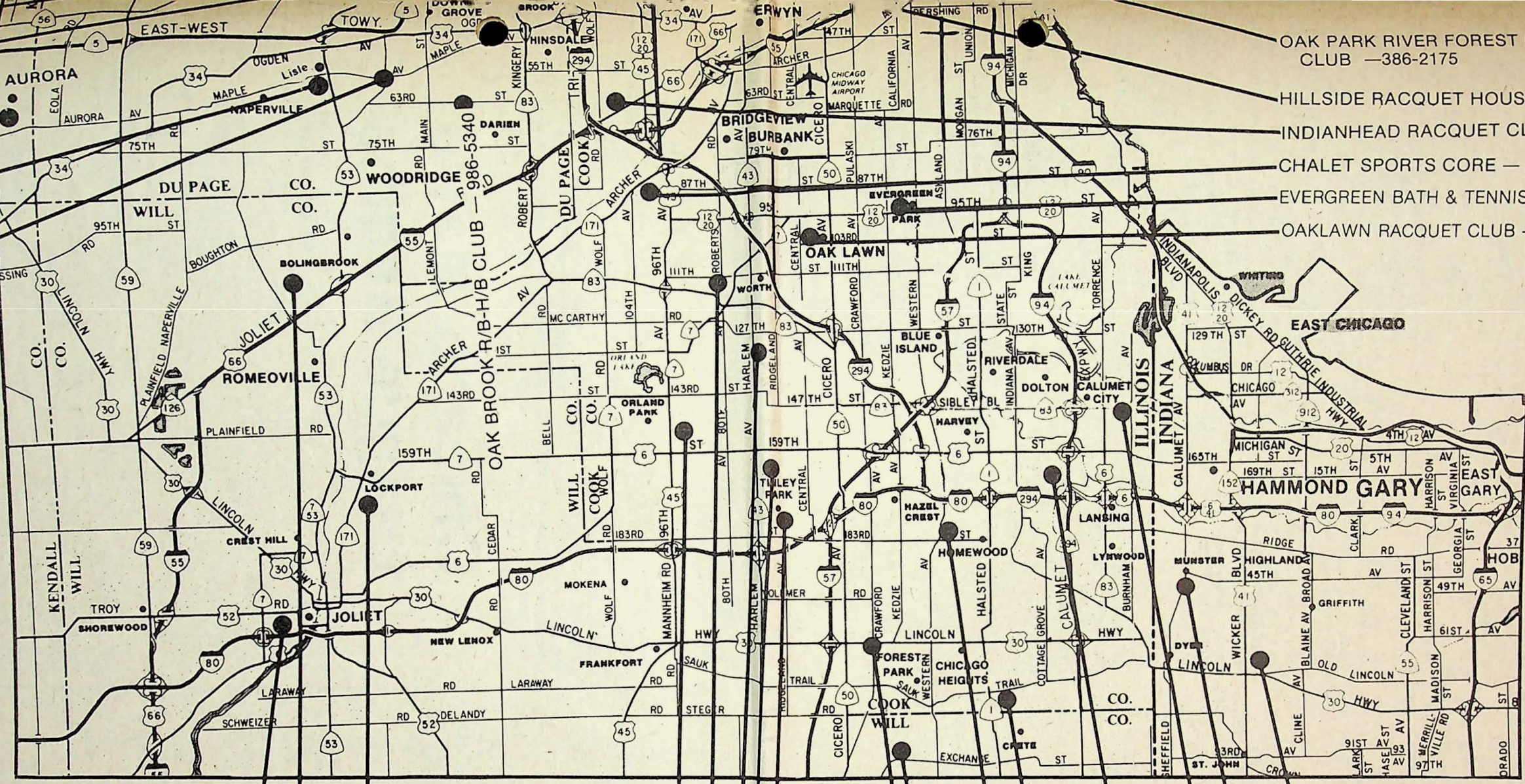
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Roll It Out "Sanctioning"

by Jim Harper



Many tournament application forms carry the statement, "Sanctioned by the ISRA," or USRA, or IRA, whatever governing body happens to be involved.

To the tournament veteran this is generally a positive attribute. It means, hopefully, that the scheduling of matches will be reasonable and close to on time, the seeding will probably be fair, the officiating will be decent, and there should be enough food around, at least for the first day and a half.

Why does it mean this? Because the racquetball associations are staffed with pretty dedicated people who know what they are doing since they have been to untold numbers of tournaments themselves.

With the proliferation of tournaments this year, as a prospective entrant you would be wise to check if the tournament is sanctioned or not. If not, have a strong debate with yourself about entering. Do some preliminary checking with tournament officials to see if the logistics of

seeding and scheduling make sense, i.e. how many rounds a day are likely to be played in each division. If they don't sound reasonable to you, you have an option. Volunteer your help, or don't enter the tournament.

When you see "Sanctioned by the ISRA" on a tournament entry blank, it may mean something different to you than it does to the next guy. The ISRA established a sanctioning program so that the quality of tournaments, and therefore racquetball in general, would improve. They did it with the help of two major supporters of racquetball -- Leach Industries and Seamco Sporting Goods. Here is what the ISRA provides in return for the sanctioning fee from the host club:

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6) Assistance with scheduling of each division.

7) Assistance from the ISRA Referee's committee.

8) If desired, printed tournament souvenir shirts at \$2.50 each.

For all this, the ISRA charges the host club only \$.50 per entrant, up to a maximum of \$100.00. This fee is less than the cost would be for the twelve dozen balls, so the price for sanctioning is worth the investment on that point alone.

That's what "Sanctioned Tournament" means. It also means a lot of hard work for the ISRA, especially as the number of events increases. But, let me know what sanctioning means to you. If you have any ideas on how to improve it, or if you have any questions about it - drop a line to: **Jim Harper**

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MID-TOWN COURT HOUSE ROUND ROBIN

Mid-Town Court House, 1235 No. LaSalle St., has scheduled an evening of round robin competition for players of all skill levels. The Friday evening, November 10th event is open to the public. The evening of play, which starts at 8:30 P.M., is just \$6.00 per player. Admission includes all court time and use of the club's facilities, including the sauna, fitness room, and the newly-installed health bar.

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GLENDY YOUNG TEACHES SLIMNASTICS

Mid-Town Court House, 1235 No. LaSalle St., has scheduled another of its popular "Slimnastics" fitness class series especially for women. The six-week program begins Monday, November 6th. Enrollment is \$15.00. The series will be taught by Glenda Pommerich Young. For details telephone 787-8400.

Correction

In the September issue, we printed in the Steve Sulli interview by Carol Millerick that he won his first pro tournament by beating Steve Keeley when he was 16 in St. Louis. This was incorrect and should have read as follows:

Millerick—How old were you when you played your first pro tournament

Sulli— I won my first Men's Open Title when I was 15 beating Clyde Senters in the final three games. I won my first

Sulli— I won my first Men's Open Title when I was 15 beating Clyde Senters in the final three games. I played my first pro tournament when I was 16, in St. Louis, being beaten by Steve Keeley. I was sponsored by Vittert when I was 17 and am still very much involved with the company.

Oak Park-River Forest Adds Glass Courts

The Oak Park River Forest Racquet Club, 301 W. Lake St., Oak Park, has announced the addition of two new glass back-walled courts to its existing 4-racquetball, 8-tennis court facility.

According to manager Ed Guarderas, the two new courts, complete with bleacher and balcony seating, will provide the nearest suburbs with the unobstructed viewing capacity needed for hosting major championship tournaments.

Scheduled to open Nov. 30, the two new courts will be utilized strictly for open court time and social and competitive programs, such as the club's challenge courts, lessons, leagues, parties, and, of course, all tournaments.

Complementing its 14 courts, the Oak Park club offers its members a wide variety of amenities, including saunas, whirlpool, exercise room, sun lamps, free attended nursery, spacious lounge with fireplace, and a pro shop stocked with the very latest in racquetry chic.

For information on membership, court time availabilities, lessons, and participation in club programs, call 386-2175.

The English Spell It "Racketball"

Racketball in England

by Mort Leve

Two years ago Rex Guppy, chairman of the National Squash Federation came to America for a first hand view of our racquetball. I was pleased to have Rex as my guest at our Chicago seminar.

Back in England our good friend relayed the meteoric growth story of our court game but with economic conditions rather chaotic the squash people sidetracked any new and larger sized court construction. Instead there has been an introduction of "RACKETBALL" in their 21 ft. wide, 32 ft. long courts (American squash courts are 18 ft. wide--both brands do not play ceiling).

Dunlop manufactured a deader type ball for such use and as Rex puts it, "We are very excited about Racketball as we feel many will take the game up once they try it out. Women especially will enjoy it because it is easier to play than squash and men will not have an advantage over them. We want squash courts to be used in this country as much as possible and by providing two games that can be played on the same court we are widening the appeal of squash clubs. Already 65 clubs affiliated to the National Squash Federation are introducing Racketball to their members."

Just last month I was invited to speak on racquetball in America at the NSF annual seminar/meeting and was able to get a real insight on the English sports scene. The confab was held at Brandon Hall in Coventry, some 90 mile drive from London.

Without or speed limits and their driving on the opposite side of roads I was a bit queasy on the trip with Rex and his son,

Allison in their Jaguar.

At Brandon Hall there is an adjacent six-court squash club. The clubs in England are either public municipal operations or what they term commercial. They are mostly Spartan in facilities, all with a licensed bar to give more of the club atmosphere. Play periods are only 45 minutes in length and the court rates are much lower than ours--averaging between \$2.50 and \$3.00 per court reservation time; along with \$25 to \$50 yearly minimum memberships.

In my talk, after observing the squash court action, both squash and racketball, I frankly stated that racketball in the smaller confined court is at best a poor substitute. Even the deader ball cannot compensate for the short length of the court. There might be some usage of the courts at "non-peak" hours but they could probably get that kind of play with half court basketball, putting a portable standard over the back wall.

What I did suggest and felt most feasible, would be the adding on of racquetball courts to existing facilities and giving the game the real test. At worst the courts could later be remodeled down to squash size at no great expense if racquetball fell flat on its face.

Again, the economic picture is bleak in England and the costs of construction would not be compensated unless their court rates were upped considerably. Marketing conditions vary from country to country. Indoor tennis has not been in the least successful in England. The tennis buffs will play outdoors, even in drizzling rain.

Chicago Metro League Begins

Under the auspices of the ISRA and League Director Art Michaely, of the Buehler Y.M.C.A., the Chicago Metropolitan Racquetball League commenced play on Wednesday, October 11 for its 6th season. Meetings were held on September 20 to organize play for men and women at various skill levels. The Men's league will have three divisions again this year. The A Division will have eight or nine teams and covers the entire Chicago Metro area. There are two B Divisions, North and Central/South, with about eight teams in each division. Competition includes a double round robin in each division with a winner being declared based on total points at the end of the year.

At the end of the season there will be a league playoff in each division in the form of a single elimination tournament. USRA rules will govern all competition, with the exception of a substitution rule in the doubles play.

Each contest will consist of three singles matches and one doubles match. In the doubles match, players may be substituted for by other players who have not yet played that night. Once a player comes out, he may not go back in. This can provide an interesting strategic approach to the match, plus being useful in case of injury.

The Women's league has combined A/B Division and a C Division. In the first round of play, all singles matches will be played in both A/B and C, consisting of five matches. In the second round, the A/B Division will have three singles and one doubles match.

This will give everyone in the A/B Division the chance to play singles, and some of the more experienced play-

ers who like to play doubles will have the opportunity to indulge themselves in the second round.

Art Michaely has developed an officials' clinic which he will run at several of the clubs entering the league. Many of the women have expressed interest in becoming more knowledgeable in the area of officiating. Art will have a packet which he gives to every participant for the nominal cost of \$1. It includes rule books, score cards and tips on refereeing.

There are squash clubs in hotels and one at the London Heathrow Airport. With many public facilities there is much 18-21 age play in squash and badminton.

One final note. I traveled on the special TWA standby fare, and good conditions are paramount in going that route. I counted 32 hours of non-sleep during my initial two days and then had to "Que" up at 5 a.m. at the London TWA mid-town terminal to get a seat, wait until 12:30 p.m. for departure and the eight hour flight home.

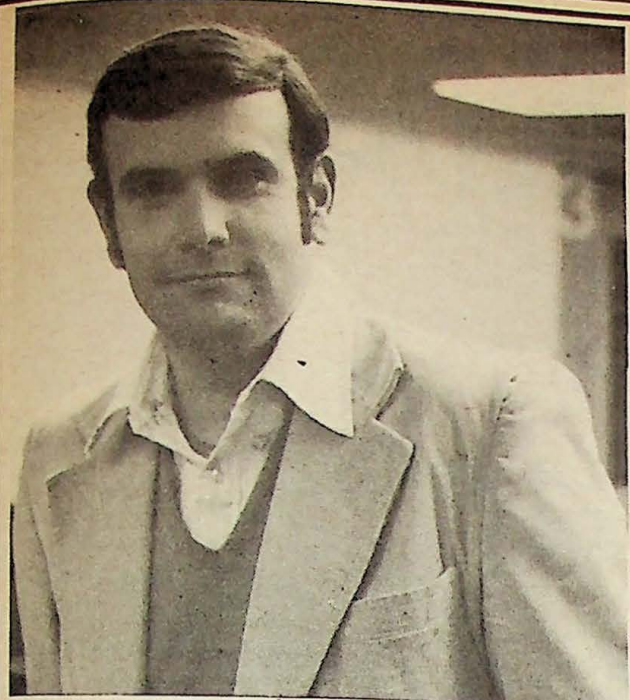
The Australian racquetball situation is much akin to England's. Squash is so strong in both countries that we don't anticipate strong inroads being made. Coupled with the economic status it appears unlikely that investors will clamor to build larger courts. There has been a spreading of squash in Europe to Sweden, Germany, France and Italy. The only racquetball private facility has been announced for The Hague and it will be interesting to see how the game catches on there.

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The Real Winner

by Evonne Newman

With all the tournaments taking place, most of the recognition goes to the winner of a particular match. Very seldom is anyone rewarded when they aren't first or second. During the last weekend in September, a tournament was held at Indian Trails Court Club in South Chicago Heights. This tournament was held in a beautiful facility and very well run. Although he was not the first place winner in his class trophy-wise, Harvey Miller was surely number one that day. Jim Hicks presented Harvey with a beautiful humanitarian award for all he has contributed to the sport of racquetball. He spends endless hours coaching junior players because he loves the game. He gives of himself without expecting anything in return. This gesture by Jim Hicks was very touching and there was no doubt in anybody's mind who was really the winner that weekend.



VITBERT APPOINTS SENTERS MIDWEST SALES MGR

Clyde Senters has been named Midwest Regional Sales Manager for Vittert Sports. To be based in Chicago, Senters will supervise all Vittert sales activities in a 14-state region, including Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, North and South Dakota.

An avid racquetball player, Senters is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Racquetball Association (ISRA). On a national level, he is active in the United States Racquetball Association (USRA), having officiated at the nationals in June.

Senters, who graduated from Iowa State University, received his Master's Degree in Education from Northern Illinois University. Prior to joining Vittert Sports, he was an elementary school teacher and principal in Glendale Heights, a Chicago suburb.

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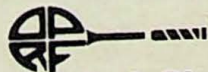
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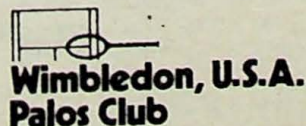
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JUNIOR SQUARE

By Steve Boren

"Mister, Can I Play?"

Hello, Bob? This is Steve. I've been sitting at work, totally frustrated from the day's disappointments and thought you might enjoy banging it around and working off some tension. Great!! Your club or mine? Super! Say 8:30 p.m. O.K. See you then. Bye.

A conversation, fictional but typical, of many we have all made at one time or another, with little regard to transportation of the multitude of playing partners available for us to call, for we are able to travel to Wheeling or Oak Park as we see fit. The Junior Player does not have this luxury, nor the numbers to choose from as playing partners, for mobility adds to playing contacts; nor the money to partake in prime time court fees. What happens to our Junior player is a concern to all parents who have youngsters that wish to be racquetball players, whether their level of play be equivalent to open or novice players, whether working to improve a game or as a total social element keeping the Junior Player off the street.

There are methods to be taken that can enhance the Junior's position in our racquetball community. These are not guarantees but suggestions for all junior players and their parents.

1. Junior Playing Prices

Contact all clubs surrounding your residence for junior policies on play. Most clubs offer a discount on court time for juniors if they do not pre-reserve court space. The fees vary from \$1.50 a player to 1/2 the court rate.

2. Parent/junior walk-on time

Clubs (not all) offer a 1/2 price for parent, walk-on rate for junior when playing together. This can be used for both parent and child to practice their game. One player may serve, the other return service, each concentrating on their shot. Play can be fun and beneficial to both Parent and Child.

3. Instructional Programs

Contact the clubs to see if there is an instructional program for juniors. This may not lead you to the level of play desired, but will indicate if the club has an earnest desire for the

young player. This will also assist you in finding a club with future talent on hand to be developed and played.

4. Junior Leagues

Many clubs offer junior leagues, with division according to playing ability and age brackets.

5. Junior Tournaments

Entering Junior Tournaments can lead to new friends and playing partners from the same areas. It will also indicate the level of play the junior has achieved in her/his play.

6. I.S.R.A. Services

The ISRA or myself can inform all juniors of players in their area. A mailing list has been comprised of all tournament entrants in the past year, whether finishing first or last. The list is continually updated and names added as they are called to my attention (contact Steve Boren at (312) 871-8300 or write Steve in care of Racquetball Today).

Any other ideas, suggestions, or comments are always excepted and appreciated. Please write me about this article or any questions you have regarding juniors.

Charlie Doubles Tournament

Joliet, IL. Oct. 15 -- A casual, relaxed atmosphere prevailed at Charlie Club's First Annual doubles Tournament this weekend. There were 63 teams in 6 divisions of play, with some brackets playing single elimination and some playing round-robins if the draw was low. The round robin brackets frequently turned out to be the most fun because each team gets a chance to play all the other teams.

In the Men's Open there was a fourteen team draw, and Dennis McDowell and Steve Butler outclassed the field taking the title in straight two-game matches.

Quarters

Dennis McDowell-Steve Butler d. Harvey Miller-Bob Slick, 21-8, 21-16.
Tom Kutas-John Amatulli d. Dave Prym-Jerry Sayers, 21-11, 9-21, 11-3.
Bill Hoffman-Bob Deuster d. Deutsch-Zickaur, 21-8, 21-8.
Clyde Senters-Ric Dern d. Glen Gibellina-Lindsay Eastman, 18-21, 21-20, 11-5.

Semi's

McDowell-Butler d. Kutas-Amatulli, 21-17, 21-16.
Hoffman-Deuster d. Senters-Dern, 21-4, 21-8.

Finals

McDowell-Butler d. Hoffman-Deuster, 21-14, 21-16.

3rd Place

Kutas-Amatulli

MEN'S B

There was a six team draw here, so round robin play was in order. Again, there were three very evenly matched teams, but based on total games won, Irwin Kanefsky and Alan Katler pulled out the victory.

First: Irwin Kanefsky-Alan Katler

Second: Don Jenkins-Jack Newman

Third: Jim Cartwright-Marty Olson

Fourth: Randy Ashton-Boris Carvalho

MEN'S C

Twenty-eight teams made up this division, with number one seed Jennings and Levy going all the way, their only close encounter coming in the finals against Marker and Mayer, 21-18, 21-20.

MEN'S SENIORS

This was an exciting round robin event with five evenly matched teams. Tom Street and Jordan Tilden emerged victorious based on total number of games won.

First: Tom Street-Jordan Tilden

Second: Bob Troyer-Ed Lammersfeld

Third: Don Webb-Bill Williamson

Fourth: Al Shetzer-Art Michaely

Quarters

Jennings-Levy d. Hart-Gilkerson, 21-13, 21-8.

Smith-Schneider d. Smith-Hicks, 21-12, 21-0.
Marker-Mayer d. Bowes-Gryczak, 21-18, 21-19.
Delguidice-Pizza d. Steck-Wakefield, 21-4, 21-8.

Semi's

Jennings-Levy d. Smith-Schneider, 21-3, 21-10.

Marker-Mayer d. Delguidice-Pizza, 21-18, 21-8.

Finals

Jennings-Levy d. Marker-Mayer, 21-18, 21-20.

3rd Place

Delguidice-Pizza d. Smith-Schneider, 21-19, 21-19.

WOMEN'S OPEN

Julie Simon and Barb Larrain from Champaign Teamed up to take the round robin championship in this division.

First: Julie Simon-Barb Larrain

Second: Sue Sulli-Elena Carbajal

Third: Kim Ruck-Jackie Jost

Fourth: Connie Godinez-Marge Godinez

WOMEN'S B

In another round robin division, Joan Azeka and Margaret Olawoye teamed up to sweep all opponents away for the championship.

First: Azeka-Olawoye

Second: Connie Volkadov-Judy Danno

Third: Barbara Olson-Donna Schwartz

Fourth: Pam Levy-Mary Martin

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***November 3, 4, 5, 1978**

Forest View Open
Forest View Racquet Club
Arlington Heights, Illinois
Contact: Jeff Wilke
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***November 3, 4, 5, 1978**

Wordtec Open
Louisville, Kentucky
Contact: David Fleishaker
502-585-5369

November 4-11, 1978

27th Annual I.H.A. Contenders
Singles Handball Tournament
N.W. Suburban YMCA
Contact: Joe Ardito
312-673-4000

November 10, 11, 12, 1978

AMF Voit/Perrier Racquetball Classic
Site: The Racquetball Center - Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: Leslie Winter
(312) 329-0844

***November 10, 11, 12, 1978**

Omni Tournament
Contact: Len Sporman
219-865-6969

***November 17, 18, 19, 1978**

Junior Fall Open
Northbrook Court House
Contact: Steve Boren
312-871-8300

***November 17, 18, 19, 1978**

Midwest Invitational
Mid-Town Court House
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Dec. 1, 2, 3, 1978

AMF Voit/Datsun Racquetball Classic
Site: Westport Racquet Club - St. Louis Missouri
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***December 1, 2, 3, 1978**

American Cancer Society
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Dec. 8, 9, 10, 1978

AMF Voit/Perrier Racquetball Classic
Site: Racquetball Club of Ft. Worth, Texas
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Dec. 15, 16, 17, 1978

AMF Voit/Datsun Racquetball Classic
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***April 5, 6, 7, 8, 1979**

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*** March 9, 10, 11, 1979**

YMCA State Doubles
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March 2, 3, 4, 1978

IRA State Singles
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February 16, 17, 18, 1979

St. Valentine's Day
Massacre
Site: Killshot, Ltd.

***February 2, 3, 4, 1979**

Illinois State Doubles
Site: To be announced

***January 19, 20, 21, 1979**

Rockford Open
Site to be announced
Contact: Jeff Luedke
815-877-9549

***January 13, 14, 15, 1979**

Illini Open
Champaign, Illinois
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217-384-7557

Jan. 12, 13, 14, 1979

AMF Voit/Perrier Racquetball Classic - **FINALS**
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Ric Dern
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Referee's Corner

by Phil Simborg

Anyone who has ever participated in a racquetball tournament has witnessed some form of unsportsmanlike conduct. Racquetball players are no worse than other athletes--all forms of fierce competition tend to bring out the worst in many people. The problem is that racquetball relies **totally** on the referee to control this very sensitive and complex problem. My purpose in writing this column is to give the tournament referee some insight that will help him identify the various types of unsportsmanlike conduct, and offer some tips on how to control it. From my personal observations, I have concluded that there are basically 4 types of "bad actors" prevalent at the tournaments:

- 1) the loud, obnoxious, screaming complainer--I'll call him "Old Yeller";
- 2) the quiet little #&!/? who sneaks around the court picking up double-bounces and blocking his opponent--I'll call him "Mr. Mouse";
- 3) the poised, positive, cool dude who can quote any rule backward and forwards and never lets the ref forget it--I'll call him "Mr. Intimidator";
- 4) the sly, reserved, experienced player who is a master at stalling, screening, and blocking his opponent in ways that are difficult for the ref to detect, much less call--I'll call him "Old Foxy."

Before I get into a more detailed discussion of those four characters, it's important to note that they all have three things in common: they're all recent escapees from mental institutions; they come to all the racquetball tournaments because they're not likely to be discovered there; and, without knowing it, you might well be one of them!

Old Yeller's problem started the first time he walked into a court and heard a loud noise--it was the door slamming closed. He soon discovered that, due to the acoustics of the court, he could be almost as loud and obnoxious as he is in his bathroom. Old Yeller is classically immature, egocentric, and paranoid. He believes the referee is completely against him, and he's sure the tournament director intentionally gave him the toughest draw, the worst ref, the worst court, and the worst starting time on purpose. He complains bitterly, swears profusely, appeals constantly, and is capable of throwing tantrums that a two year old would be proud of.

Fortunately, the rules provide the referee with some pretty effective tools

for dealing with Old Yeller: the ref can, and should, ignore him as much as possible, but if Old Yeller's antics begin to detract from the **fairness and enjoyment** of the match, the ref can award a technical (which costs him a point), and if Old Yeller makes noises or comments while the ball is in play, the ref can call an avoidable hinder (which costs Old Yeller the rally). Unless Old Yeller is totally unafraid of being discovered by the **men in white**, these penalties should quiet him down--but in extreme cases, the referee, at his **discretion**, may forfeit the match in favor of his opponent.

If Old Yeller turned to crime, he would likely be something very flamboyant, like a bank robber, whereas Mr. Mouse would be a cat burglar. Mr. Mouse is simply a nice, quiet cheater. If you ask him, he's never hit a ball on the second bounce in his life, and he never seems to be watching when the ref makes a bad call in his favor. He's gentleman enough to let the ref know that he was hit by the ball that his opponent just killed. Mr. Mouse obviously doesn't have the outgoing type of personality that leads to the aggressive play necessary to be a winner, so he makes up for his shortcomings by any form of cheating and deception he can get away with. Fortunately, after the referee has recognized that there's a Mr. Mouse in the court, he can negate his lack of ethics by watching him very closely, and by having a tendency to call all the really close ones in favor of his opponent.

Unlike Mr. Mouse, The Great Intimidator can be identified immediately. He enters the court wearing a diamond-studded warmup suit, and when that comes off he's wearing a shirt from a recent Pro-Stop tournament with Marty Hogan's autograph on the collar. Everything he does during warmup is carefully calculated to impress the referee that he is truly an important person: he practices a behind-the-back Z serve, he jokes with many passers-by in the stands, and he takes 15 minutes to select a ball. During the referee's pre-match instructions, he's quiet, courteous, even bored; but when the match begins, watch out! He becomes **MISTER BIG: THE GREAT INTIMIDATOR!** He glares at you with contempt and disgust whenever you make a call that goes against him, and if there's linesmen, he'll appeal almost every call. The Great Intimidator be-

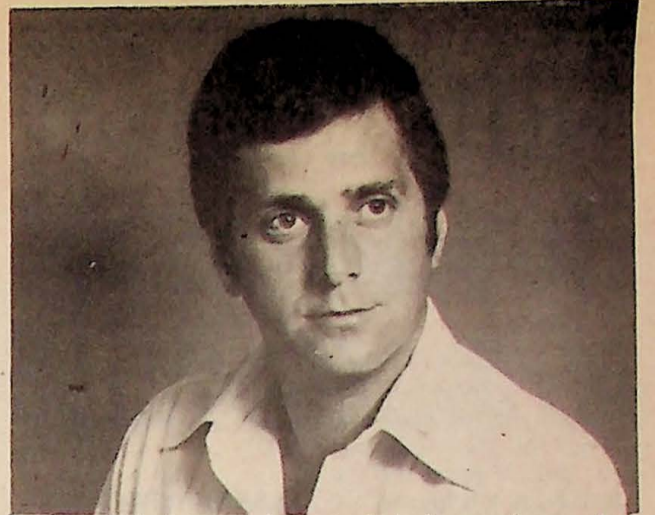
Look Out For "Old Foxy"

lieves that he's one of the best referees in the country, and he feels cheated that he can't have himself to referee his own matches. To compensate for his feelings of being "robbed", he helps referee his own match in a manner that he believes is quite fair and objective: he'll indicate he was screened on every serve he can't get to; that he was hindered on every pass shot hit by his opponent; he'll help the ref call skips (when his opponent hit the shot); and he's quick to help the ref understand when his opponent is guilty of an avoidable hinder.

There is only one good way to keep control of a match that includes the Great Intimidator, and that is to **refuse to be intimidated!** Certainly, experience, and a good understanding of the rules will tend to give the ref the confidence he needs to remain un-intimidated, but even the most knowledgeable, experienced referees can become threatened and defensive. **Experienced or not**, the Great Intimidator (and others) can be controlled if the ref keeps three important ideas in mind: 1) as long as you give the match your undivided attention, and try to be fair, **you are entitled to make some bad calls--** everyone does. You won't feel so bad, or defensive when you're screamed at for making a **mistake** if you realize that you're allowed to make some; 2) If you make a call you're unsure of, or one you think you really might well have blown, you should **stick to your call** anyway. If you give-in to protests and complaining, you are **rewarding and encouraging** poor sportsmanship. If you're honest, the bad calls will generally even themselves out; 3) if you find yourself in a situation that you truly cannot handle **SEEK HELP**--it's a sign of strength, not weakness, to do so. If you're not sure of the interpretation of a rule, call a ref's timeout

and get the advice of the tournament director, or, at sanctioned tournaments, find a visor-wearing member of the ISRA Referee's Committee. If you are having a variety of problems, and you find the match is getting out of hand, you can request that a member of the committee finish calling that match for you. You owe it to yourself, and the players, to get help in situations that you can't handle, and you'll be respected for doing it. When you agreed to referee, you did not sign a contract that said you had to take insults and abuse from players or spectators; and, since no one's going to pay you (or even thank you) when the job is done, you are entitled to quit, providing you do it through the proper channels, being sure that there is a replacement available that is acceptable to the officials.

Old Foxy is, by far, the toughest to detect and the toughest to handle. He can usually be found lurking in the Senior's que Master's divisions, but I know many A and B players that fit the description well. Old Foxy can really be a hell of a nice guy, calling double bounces on himself (when it's obvious), and he always gives his opponent plenty of room to shoot (when the score is 20-3) --but watch out--he's setting you up! Old Foxy knows 17 ways to hit a screen serve, and he knows how to give his opponent just enough room to swing, but not enough room to make a full swing. Old Foxy is constantly testing the referee's limits: how much can he crowd his opponent before being called? How much can he screen the ball? How bad can he footfault without being called? He'll try anything that might give him an edge--he's your classic "edge artist." He's a master at stalling. He does it because he needs the rest, or because he believes the change of pace might distract or bother his opponent, but mostly



he does it just to see how much he can get away with. As fast as he is in getting to the ball, it's amazing how long it takes him to get set for the serve, get back from time-outs, adjust his eyeguards, and wipe up sweat from the floor.

As with the Great Intimidator, a ref with considerable experience can best handle Old Foxy, but there hasn't been the ref born that can confidently keep making one close call after another, in split-second situations, and be confident that every call was correct. If you find yourself refereeing a match where you seem to be faced with having to decide one close call after another, the chances are there's someone down in that court that's intentionally making those plays close. After the ref comes to this conclusion, it becomes much simpler to control the match--just start making calls **against** the one that caused the play to get too close. Old Foxy won't like it when you call an avoidable hinder on a questionable play, but he's far too smart to keep testing a ref that might "burn" him when he does. You'll see how quickly the entire match changes as soon as the players know that your limits are constant, and that if they "push" you, they might get stung. Controlling Old Foxy's stalling shakes up his opponent, to a reasonable extent, that's his problem. Read the rules and do your best to enforce the 30-second time-outs, etc., and envoke technicals and

technical warnings when those limits are unreasonably abused. Most importantly, after you've recognized there's an edge artist, or Old Foxy, in the court, you've already put your mind on the alert and you should be able to keep him reasonably in check.

In conclusion, I must issue what can only be interpreted as a **warning** to all tournament participants. Due to the increasing number of entrants at ISRA sanctioned tournaments, and the complications that result from trying to deal with such large numbers of people, we, the Officials of the ISRA Referee's Committee, will not tolerate the degree of blatant unsportsmanship that has, unfortunately, existed in the past. The Referee's Committee has been cautioned to watch for, and help the ref control uncooperative persons; and people who are excessive in this manner run the risk of being defaulted or suspended or banned from future tournaments.

I must also offer here, an apology to all women reading this article. Because of my own limited experience, I have consistently dealt with the male offender for all of my examples in this article. I want to assure you that I am well aware that women are, in every way, man's equal when it comes to unsportsmanlike conduct, and the examples and suggestions herein contained are equally applicable to all without regard for sex, race, color, or creed.

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AT YOUR SERVICE

by Lucia Haas

I suppose this column could be entitled, "Reminiscing by a Former Traveling Team Scout" or "How to Fill Two Traveling Teams in Two Days." Now that the fall season has arrived and our teams are going great guns, I often think of last winter when I began my job as Program Director at the Western Racquetball Club.

Our club had just opened and my boss thought we should try to get together some people for the Chicagoland Racquetball Association's traveling league. It was easy to get men to join. All we did was put up a few signs and they flocked to sign up. That was a cinch. Women, however, weren't exactly beating down the door to enter this event. We had a total of 3 ladies who wanted to play on a Women's "B" Team and one of them was my

boss. "Get me two more 'B' players." said she, so I began my hunt. (We needed at least 5 warm bodies to put together a roster.)

Now you must understand I didn't know anything about racquetball when I started my job. I'd been busy directing women's tennis programs for several years and felt I could spot an intermediate tennis player, but I sure didn't know how a Ladies "B" racquetball player performed.

I started peering over banisters overlooking courts hoping to see a potential Peggy Steding. No luck. I took to hanging around the locker room hoping I would overhear someone bragging about their years of experience on the court. It didn't work. As a matter of fact, I couldn't even determine

easily who was going on the court and who was coming off. All the ladies were neat, dry, and not a hair was out of place. I became very discouraged. It was obvious they were all beginners.

Finally, my dream girl arrived. I met her going up the stairs and she was one beautiful mess! Her hair was wet and straggly, her T shirt was soaked with perspiration, and, miracle of miracles, she was even looking for a band-aid because she had injured her finger on the court! I figured she had to be tough. Before even saying "Hi!" I grabbed her and said, "How'd you like to be on a traveling team?" (A subtle person I am not). She gave me a big smile and said, "Sure, can my friend join too?". Holy cow, I had hit the jackpot and had my five people.

They went on to attain nothing that season in the way of league championships, but we all went on to become great friends.

I really got enthused after finding those two and decided I would also put together a Women's "C" team. I figured that out there somewhere among those well-coifed lovelies there were some potentially nifty players. My problem was finding them. I began asking women I recognized if they'd like to form a team and have lots of fun playing some ladies from other clubs. I thought that sounded pretty low-key and harmless. Many gals looked at me as if I was insane, but I persevered and got ten women to sign up. Almost all of them turned out to be racquetball aficionados. They started practicing daily, improved their



games, but still lost almost all their points when they played their matches. Did they "choke" during matches? Yup! Did they lose heart? Nope! They just practiced harder and you should see them today! Last season they probably won 3 points, but this season they won 3 points their first week of play! There's no where to go now but up.

They have improved as racquetball players, and they've also shown what wonderful people they are. They encourage, cheer for and support one another. It's a closely-knit group and we're delighted to

have them represent our club in the league. (i.e. incidentally, their hair gets pretty messy now, too.)

P.S. Remember my three friends and their "Fall Fat Off" weight-reducing program that I talked about last month? I promised you a progress report and here it is: Joan has lost 3 pounds, Pam has lost 4 pounds, and Punkie has lost 8, gained 4, lost 2, gained 1 for a present total of 5 pounds lost. [If you knew Punkie you'd realize that she never does anything in an orthodox manner, but she sure is fun to be around.]

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