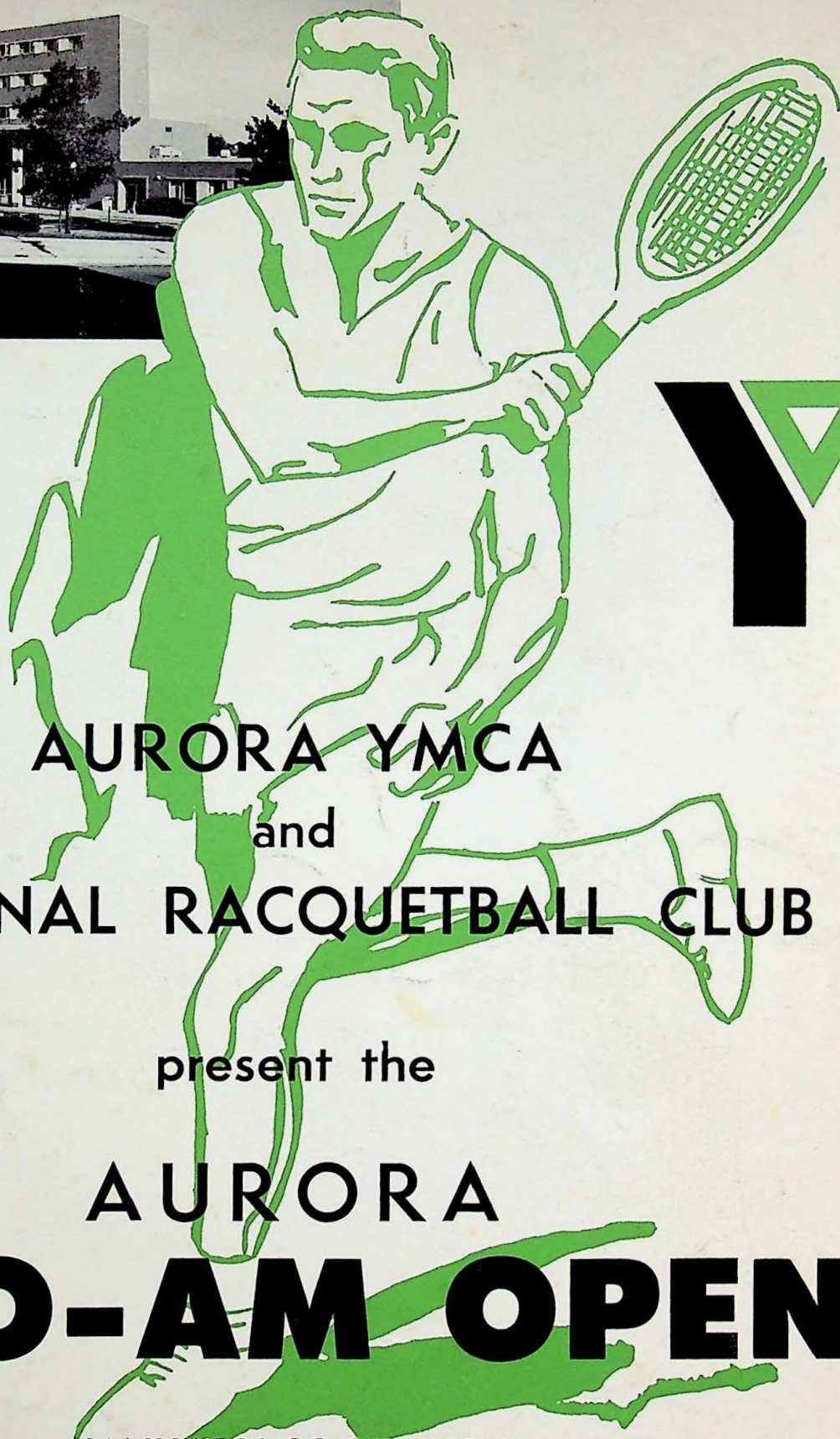


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SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL MATCHES

Thursday: Round of 32 (4 P. M. - 10 P. M.)

Friday: Round of 16 (10 A. M. - 2 P. M.)

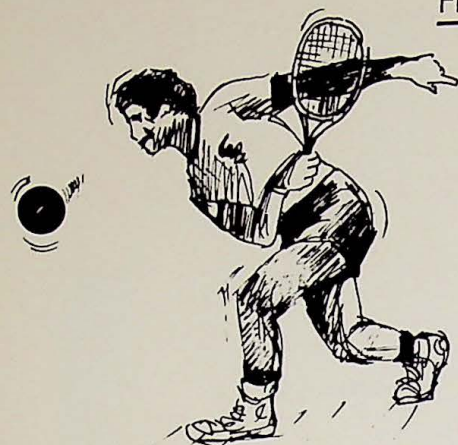
Quarter Finals:

4:00, 5:30, 7:00, and 8:30 P. M.

Saturday: Women's Semi-Finals:
3:30 and 5:00 P. M.

Men's Semi-Finals:
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Sunday: Women's Finals — 12 Noon
Men's Finals — 2:00 P. M.



1975-76 N.R.C.—U.S.R.A. Major Tournament Schedule

Date	Event	Site	City
September 25-28	Denver Pro-Am	Denver Athletic Club	Denver, Colorado
October 23-26	Vermont Pro-Am Open	The Court Club	S. Burlington, Vermont
December 11-14	Tucson Pro-Am	Tucson Athletic Club	Tucson, Arizona
December 26-30	National Juniors	Orlando Y.M.C.A.	Orlando, Florida
January 22-25	Aurora Pro-Am	Aurora Y.M.C.A.	Aurora, Illinois
February 26-29	Milwaukee Pro-Am	Wisconsin Athletic Club	Wauwatosa, Wisconsin
March 25-28	Miami Pro-Am	Miami Court Club	Miami, Florida
April 22-25	U.S.R.A. West Regional		San Francisco, California
	U.S.R.A. Southwest Regional	HB/RB Club	San Antonio, Texas
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From there, players three and four are chosen, and a coin is flipped, deciding which player goes at the bottom of the top bracket.

Players five through eight are then determined based on point standings and their places in the bracket are chosen by luck of the draw. Players nine through 16 are placed in a likewise manner. The remaining 16 slots to a round of 32 are filled by luck of the draw.

The benefits of this manner of draw are twofold. First, the tournament is given balance by separating the top players on opposite sides of the tourney. Secondly, it is fair, by determining opponents by a blind draw.

CURRENT PLAYER RANKINGS 1975-76 Men's Pro Racquetball

Rank	Player	Prize Money
1.	Charlie Brumfield	\$3,100
2.	Marty Hogan	2,200
3. (tie).....	Steve Keeley	1,875
4. (tie).....	Steve Strandemo	1,875
5.	Steve Serot	1,375
6.	Craig McCoy	1,000
7.	Davey Bledsoe	750
8.	Jerry Hilecher	450
9.	Mike Zeitman	375
10. (tie).....	Bill Schmidtke	300
11. (tie).....	Richard Wagner	300
12.	Jeff Bowman	150
13. (tie).....	Jay Jones	100
14. (tie).....	Charlie Drake	100

WOMEN'S PRO

1. (tie).....	Peggy Steding	\$ 350
2. (tie).....	Shannon Wright	350
3. (tie).....	Jan Campbell	250
4. (tie).....	Jannell Marriott	250
5.	Kathy Williams	50

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CHARLIE BRUMFIELD . . . SAN DIEGO . . . After a quarter-final loss to Hogan in Vermont, 27 year old lawyer Charlie Brumfield regained his number one spot with a convincing win in Tucson. He's "Mr. Modesty" and calls himself "The People's Champion". When he's playing well, no one can touch the Brum. Control, power kills, intelligence - he's tops in the sport. The 1975 national champion, he started the new season in Denver with a \$1,500 first place. Serve, kill shot, ceiling game are all strong. And watch his feet: When they're set, and he bends low, the point is almost automatic. Playing poorly, he'll still reach the semi-finals.



CRAIG MCCOY . . . RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA . . . another strong and fast-rising racquetball player. McCoy was one win away from the title in the Tucson Pro/Am, his first effort on the pro tour this season. A control-playing left-hander, McCoy has been taught by the best - Mr. Charles Brumfield. His game is marked by an unbelievable accuracy with his forehand, especially on left corner kills. But you can't take his backhand lightly either, just ask Schmidtke, Keeley or Bledsoe, each of whom lost to McCoy in Tucson. After losing to Brumfield, in the finals in Tucson, look for McCoy to have another good tournament here.

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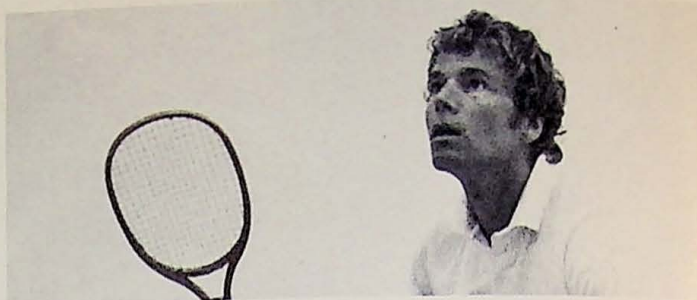
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MARTY HOGAN . . . ST. LOUIS . . . 17, burst into the racquetball limelight in October with a stunning first place finish in the New England Pro-Am in Vermont. Hogan, who had never placed higher than the quarter-finals in any pro tourney, defeated the best in the world. He topped Brumfield in the quarters (21-7 in the third game), and then beat Serot in a thrilling 21-20 third game. In the finals, he whipped Keeley in 2 straight. Hogan is confident, cocky and as hard a hitter as there is. With one of the best serves in the game he was a semi-finalist in Tucson and will be tough to beat in Aurora.



DAVEY BLEDSOE . . . MEMPHIS . . . What a difference a year can make. At the time of the Aurora Pro/Am in the 1974-75 season, Bledsoe's career was at an all-time low. It was in Aurora he lost to an inexperienced Marty Hogan and it took Dave a while to get his game back on the right track. Now, off an exciting upset of Steve Serot, Bledsoe comes into Aurora as the tourney's fourth seed. His game is 100 per cent improved, his speed, quickness, and power have all meshed into a devastating combination that spells trouble for all his opponents. At 24, it looks like Davey Bledsoe's time has arrived.



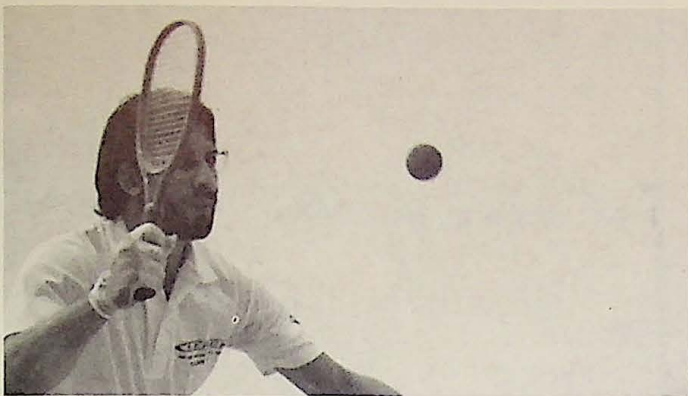
Good sport STEVE KEELEY . . . SAN DIEGO . . . a sometime veterinarian, is the health nut of the tour. A resident of San Diego, he rode his bicycle to St. Louis for a tournament this summer! At 27, Keeley is a purist in style. He switched from paddleball to racquetball in 1971, having won two national championships with the wooden paddle. A knee problem seems cured, although you may see him wearing a knee pad for protection. An off day found him a quarter-final loser in Tucson but most observers expect him to bounce back.



Since moving to the West Coast two years ago, STEVE STRANDEMO . . . SAN DIEGO . . . has risen from a nobody to a very important somebody on the pro racquetball tour. He is one of the smartest, most consistent players and has learned to kill the ball to complement his stamina and retrieving ability. The former schoolteacher was a finalist in Denver, losing to Brumfield 21-15, 21-16. In Vermont, he lost to Keeley in the semis, and in Tucson a back injury cost him a possible win over Brumfield.



STEVE SEROT . . . ST. LOUIS . . . at 19 years of age, has a great racquetball career ahead of him. He is usually in the top four - and that's playing the game with the "wrong" hand! Naturally right-handed, he hurt his arm years ago pitching Little League baseball. Now he's a pro with the racquet in his left hand, and he's one of the hardest hitters in the sport. His running, diving, and shooting make him the favorite of galleries craving excitement. Serot was a semi-finalist in the pro tour's first two events this season, but an injured foot led to a quarter-final loss in Tucson. Well healed by now, Serot is looking to defend his 1974 Aurora title.



MIKE ZEITMAN . . . MEMPHIS . . . is one big win away from pushing his game over that invisible barrier that divides him from the top. He's entered two of the three N.R.C. events and has been a quarter-finalist in each. And each time he has lost, it's been in three games to a great player. Brumfield in Denver and Hogan in Tucson. Zeitman has long been accused of having the best game in racquetball, from the neck down, an accusation he has still not been able to eliminate. But Mike seems on the verge of that big win, and if he can get it, he may never look back.



JERRY HILECHER . . . ST. LOUIS . . . is one of the most colorful players on the tour. A St. Louis powerhouse, he is a shooter all the way. When he's hot, look out! Such was the case in Denver, where he beat Serot 21-19 in the first game, then had four chances at match point - only to lose the second 21-20. Although he eventually lost the match, for a game and a half he killed the ball as though a magnet were driving it into the corners. An "on" Hilecher is trouble for anyone he plays.



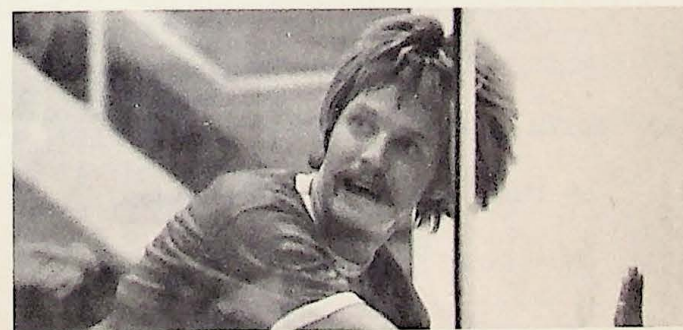
One of the veterans of the tour at age 34, BILL SCHMIDTKE . . . MINNEAPOLIS . . . has the game's best forehand. He adds to that excellent front court drop shots. But he's still looking for a high finish this year. He's twice a national champion, and a great sportsman on the court. A lack of confidence seems to be his biggest problem of late, as Schmidtke seeks the consistency necessary to reach the quarters.



The newest of the San Diego contingent, RICHARD WAGNER . . . SAN DIEGO . . . like Zeitman, is still that one big win away from breaking in with the big boys. But unlike Zeitman, it's not inconsistency due to mental problems on the court, but rather inconsistency due to inexperience. Wagner has been playing for fewer years than any other player on the tour, and the result is sometimes brilliant, sometimes terrible play. A loss to Zeitman in Tucson has spurred him to work even harder on his game, and if he can put it all together he will be tough. After spending last summer working in the Chicago area, the friendly Aurora fans should be a boost for him. He's got all the tools; speed, shots, stamina, desire, if he can put them together.



A series of injuries may have put an end to RON RUBENSTEIN'S . . . CHICAGO . . . serious racquetball career, however, he has the shots to do as well as anyone if healthy. The oldest pro at age 35, Ruby was a last minute scratch in Denver when a nagging hamstring pull, in addition to painful foot problems forced him to withdraw. He's given up most competitive play but the lure of the action in his backyard should bring him out of retirement.



RON STROM . . . MINNEAPOLIS . . . although 30 years old is only a second year pro who is a good bet to reach the quarters and if playing well could do even better. Another southpaw, Strom lost a great three game battle in Denver to young Davey Bledsoe in the round of 16. Easy going Strom won't let one loss bother him, though, and you can bet he's ready for this one.

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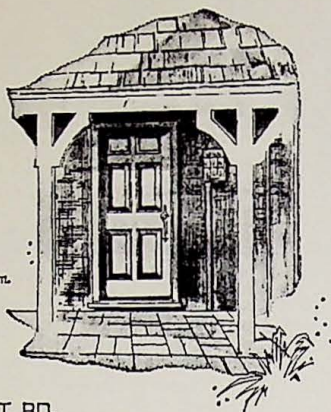
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All Time Women's N.R.C. Prize Money Earnings

Rank	Player	Prize Money
1.	Kathy Williams, Hazel Park, Mich	\$1,125
2.	Peggy Steding, Odessa, Tex.	850
3.	Sue Carow, Glenview, Ill.	600
4.	Shannon Wright, Dallas	350
5.	Jan Pasternak, Houston	250
6.	Janell Marriott, Salt Lake City	250
7.	Jan Campbell, San Diego	250
8.	Jennifer Harding, Portland	125
9.	Betty Johnson, San Diego	100

All Time Men's N.R.C. Prize Money Earnings

Rank	Player	Prize Money
1.	Steve Serot, San Diego	\$12,375
2.	Charlie Brumfield, San Diego	11,800
3.	Steve Keeley, San Diego	10,935
4.	Steve Strandemo, San Diego	7,835
5.	Bill Schmidtke, Minneapolis	3,315
6.	Marty Hogan, St. Louis	2,715
7.	Jerry Hilecher, St. Louis	2,470
8.	Ron Rubenstein, Chicago	2,435
9.	Mike Zeitman, Memphis	2,375
10.	Ron Strom, Minneapolis	1,980
11.	Richard Wagner, San Diego	1,740
12.	Dan Alder, Milwaukee	1,530
13.	Craig McCoy, Riverside, Calif.	1,480
14.	Charlie Drake, San Diego	1,195
15.	Davey Bledsoe, Memphis	1,000
16.	Bill Thurman, San Francisco	415
17.	Ken Wong, St. Louis	350
18.	Joe Ycaza, Atlanta	330
19.	Paul Ikier, Minneapolis	310
20.	Bill Dunn, San Francisco	285
21.	Dave Charlson, San Diego	285
22.	Victor Niederhoffer, New York	250
23.	Jeff Bowman, Chicago	250
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KATHY WILLIAMS . . . Livonia, Michigan

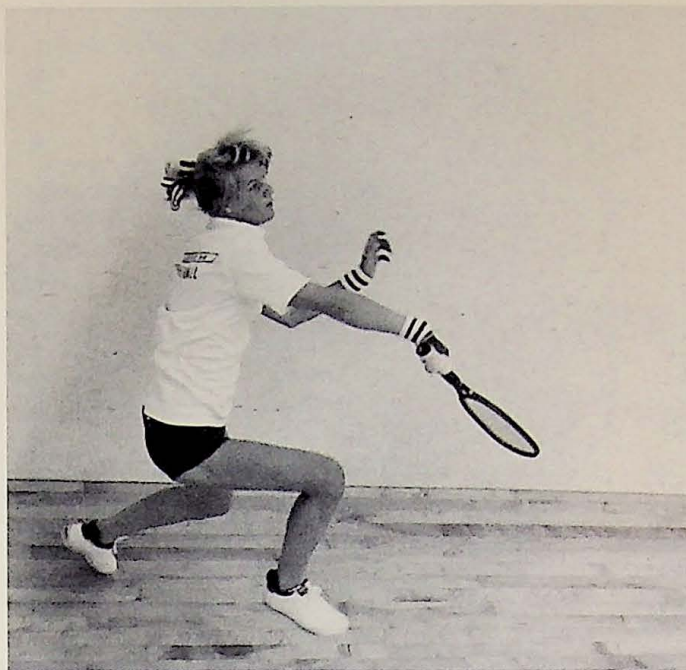
Winner of last year's Aurora Ladies division, and fourth ranking player in the nation, Kathy still has never quite reached the top that has been predicted for her for two years now.

Strong, powerful and possessor of a beautiful backhand, Kathy's tendency to become lax on the court often leads to her downfall in crucial matches. She'll need better concentration against a tougher field to repeat her win here.

SUE CAROW . . . Glenview, Illinois

The Illinois State Champ continues to show great improvement as she sets her sights on the few ladies still ranked above her. A recent win over nationally-ranked Jan Pasternak has buoyed both her game and her spirits.

Playing sounder racquetball now than at any time in her career, Carow seems on the verge of major upsets in the ladies bracket. Known for her ferocious desire on the court, all racquetballers agree that if determination could be transformed into points, Carow would never lose.



JAN CAMPBELL . . . San Diego

If anyone can top Steding it's probably slim Jan, runner-up to Peg in Tucson and fast recovering from last season's knee surgery. Jan has the quickness, youth (24) and shots to pull off the upset against Steding.

Showing picture-book form taught to her by the very best pros, Campbell has the ability to beat anyone, but whether she will or not remains the unanswered question.

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"We're real proud that the NRC has decided to return this season," said tourney chairman and YMCA Physical Director Jim Stotz. "Last year's tournament was tremendous."

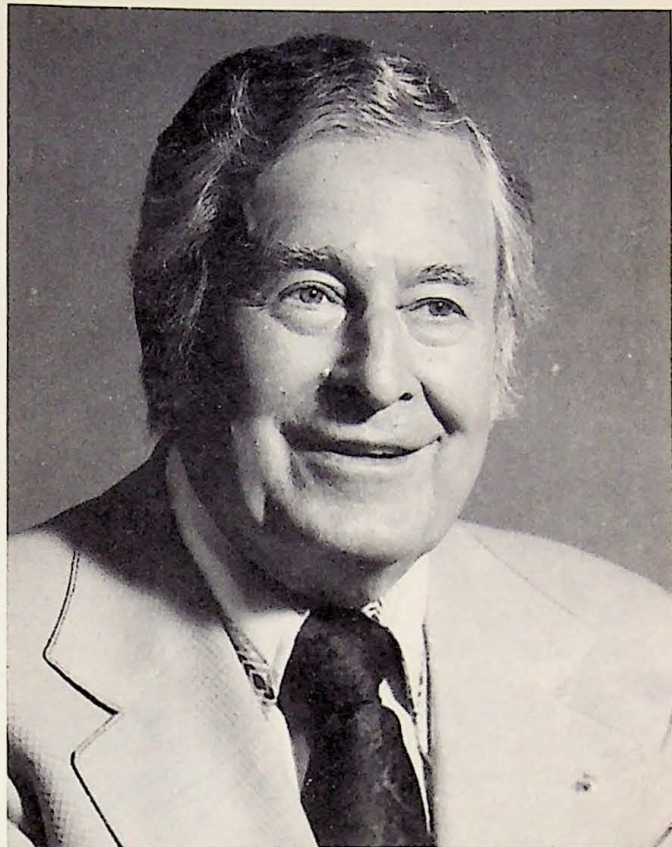
Seamco, the nation's number one racquetball manufacturer, and Leach, number one producer of racquets, donated \$25,000 each to the NRC to sponsor the tour. Winner of the event here will take home \$1,400 for his efforts. Second place is worth \$1,000. Semi-finalists receive \$500 each.

"We've made great strides in the promotion of racquetball," said Chuck Leve, NRC National Director. "The inclusion of a pro tour has been a major factor. We are greatly indebted to Seamco and Leach for their support."

The tour's first stop was at the Denver Athletic Club, Sept. 25-28, where 27 year old Charlie Brumfield captured first place. Steve Strandemo took second, while the semi-finalists were Steve Keeley and Steve Serot. All of these players now live in racquetball's "mecca" - San Diego.

Marty Hogan, the 17 year old St. Louis flash, won the tour's second event in Vermont during October, defeating Brumfield, Serot and Keeley. Brumfield came back to regain his number one spot with a finals win over Craig McCoy in Tucson, the tour's third stop. The NRC is the brainchild of Robert W. Kendler, a Chicago millionaire-real estate developer who organized the first racquetball association in 1968. After the birth of the NRC in 1973, Kendler followed with the U. S. Racquetball Association to promote amateur racquetball alongside the pros. Leve, 27, is national director of both organizations. He edits the USRA's bi-monthly publication, "National Racquetball", as well as co-ordinating the national tournament schedule, which includes the pro tour, amateur regionals and the national championships.

Another face that will become familiar around the club is that of Joe Ardito, national commissioner and business manager of the USRA and NRC. Ardito is a veteran of both handball and racquetball promotion, and he and Leve will co-ordinate the tournament along with Stotz and his staff at the Aurora YMCA. "It's hard to describe the kind of racquetball that will be played this weekend," said Leve. "These are the finest players in the world and what they can do is sometimes unbelievable. But I know one thing for sure — it will be a show everyone will remember for a long time!"



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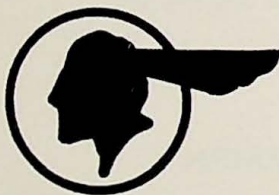
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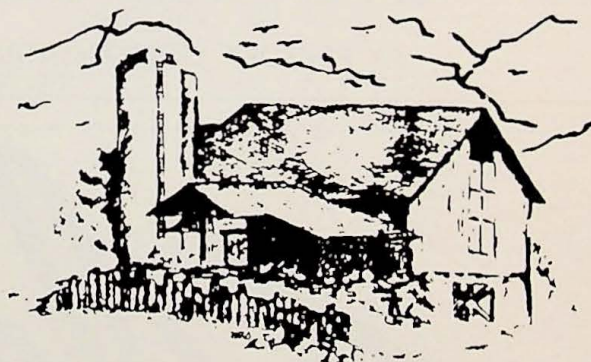
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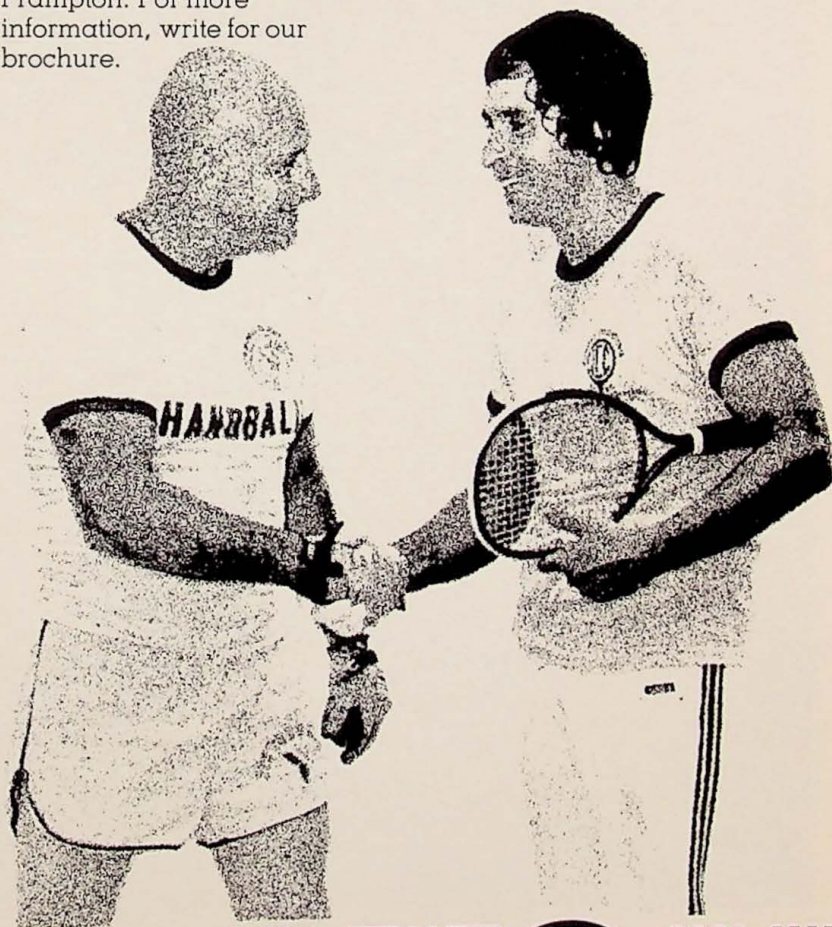
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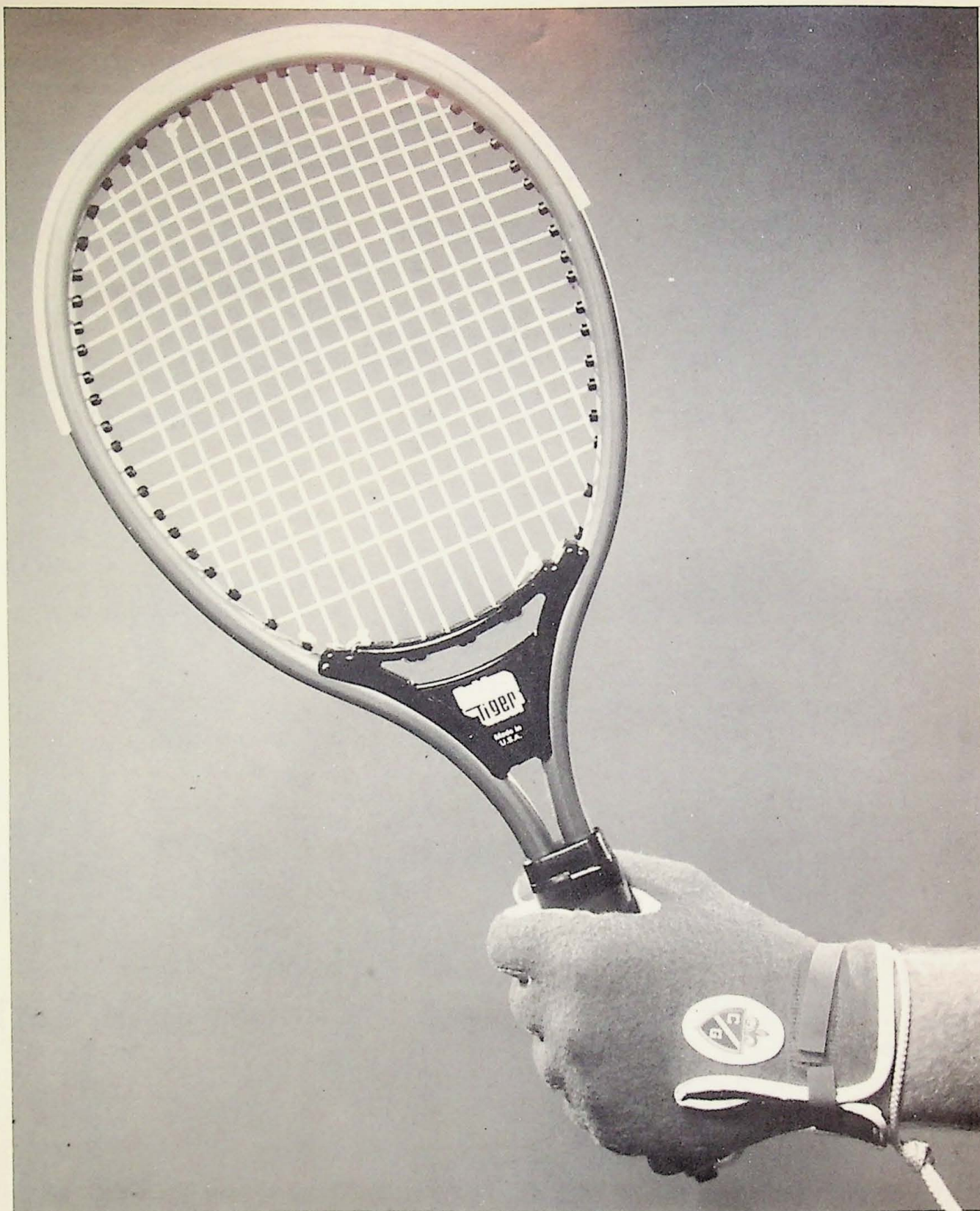
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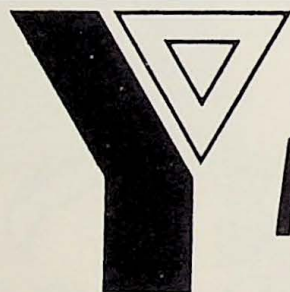


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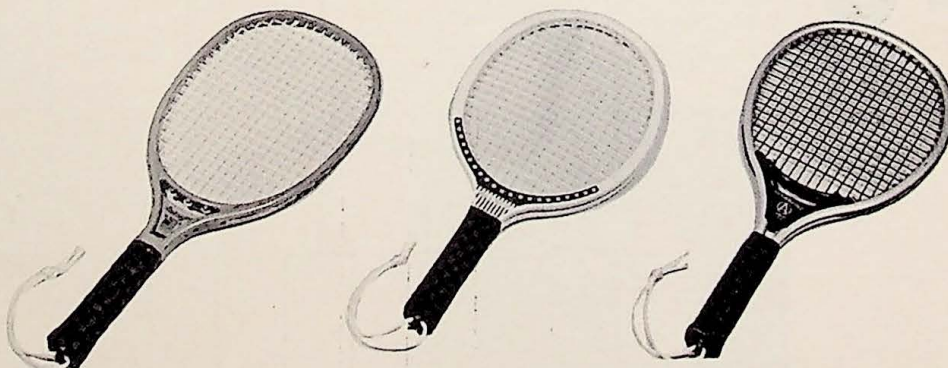
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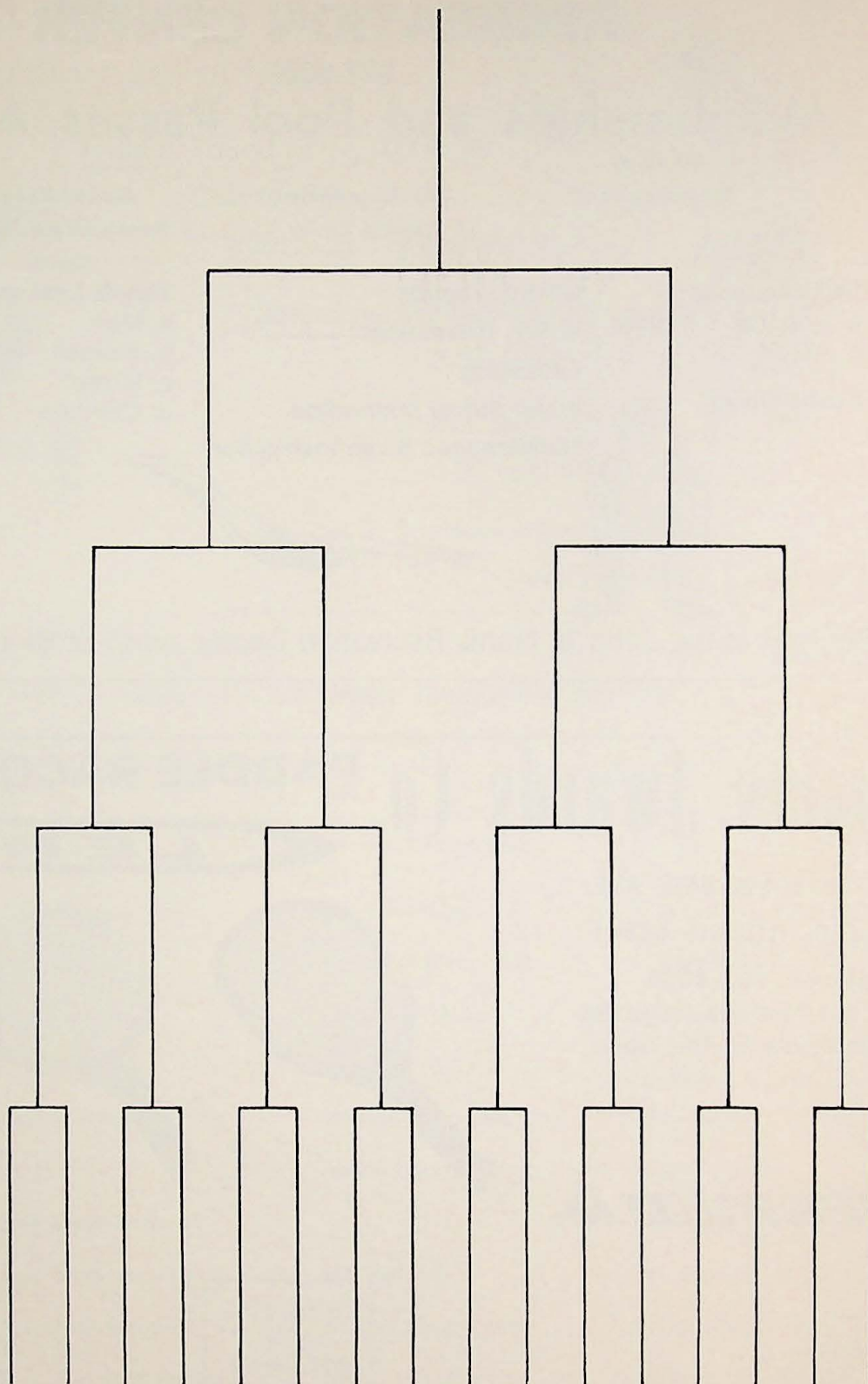
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