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Peck Moves In to Win Catalina Classic West

By CHRIS CHAMPION
West Coast Correspondant

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. — Top seeded pro, Marty Hogan spent the weekend of March 20-23 in the Bahamas filming another segment of The Superstars, and that left the door open for racquetball's No. 2 player, Dave Peck, to win the Catalina Racquetball Classic West; NRC's fifth stop of the season, held at the beautiful Telegraph Hill Club in San Francisco.

In previous Stops, Peck reached the finals three times, and won once. In his second year on the tour, the El Paso ex-footballer has accomplished everything one possibly could, except for the number 1 ranking. And that has alluded Dave because he has yet to find that seemingly magic formula that will allow him to beat Marty Hogan; he has gone down to Marty on the three occasions they have met.

Dave had no easy time winning this championship, as he was taken to tie-breakers in the last three (of a total of five) matches. After beating Bobby Bolan and Jeff Bowman fairly easily, he ran up against veteran Mark Morrow in the Quarters, and beat Mark 11-8 in the tie-breaker. Then he met Mike Yellen in the Semis. Mike had just gotten by No. 4 seed, Steve Strandemo in the Quarters by scores of 8-21, 21-12, 11-9, only to lose to Peck in the tie-breaker by the same 11-9 score.

MEANWHILE, down in the bottom bracket, No. 3 seed, Jerry Hilecher domi-

nated the action, as the No. 2 seed, Davey Bledsoe, was upset in the first round by a qualifier, Gary Berberet of Buena Park, California. Hilecher took care of Don Thomas in the Semis, and that set up the "all-Ektelon" finals between Peck and Hilecher.

The first game was all Peck, as he kept control throughout and won 21-12. In the second game, however, there were some real fireworks. With the score 12-10 in favor of Hilecher, Peck hit a poor shot that rebounded off the back wall setting Hilecher up for what looked like a probable point, but Peck moved the wrong way trying to get out of the way, and in trying to hit the ball Hilecher hit Peck quite hard in the head with his racquet. Veteran referee Dan Bertolucci awarded an avoidable hinder against Peck, and Peck was furious. Not only did he believe the call was not deserved, but he was extremely angry at Hilecher for not holding up on his swing. A yelling and punching match broke out between the players on the court, combined with the screams and yells of the fans and the referee. When it was all over, Bertolucci had awarded TWO TECHNICALS against Peck, and one technical against Hilecher (making the score 11-8). After considerable delay, the match continued, with obvious ill-feelings between the players and considerable bickering. The altercation obviously unnerved Peck, as he lost the second game

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Dave Peck



State Doubles Finalists: Jim Scheyer, Charlie Rish, John Lynch and Jeff Siegel.

THE Lite ILLINOIS STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By JIM HARPER

Illinois State Racquetball Association and S/S/S Promotions held its annual State Doubles Championships at the bustling Tinley Park Racquetball Club February 29-March 2. The three day tourney proved to be quite a thriller. The usual friendly and efficient atmosphere of S/S/S and the Tinley Park Club was even more enhanced by the free-flowing (and greatly received) beer provided by this year's sponsor, Lite Beer from Miller Brewing. Thanks to Lite, the shirts, trophies, and hospitality were as good as one could possibly have at a tournament.

The Men's Open was a racquetball buff's gourmet spread that was filled with some star-spangled talent. Of the sixteen

teams entered, at least 12 had the potential to go all the way as the first round scores indicated, but the seeding committee of the ISRA really did their job as the top eight seeds got to the quarters, the top four seeds got to the semi's, the top two seeds got to the finals, and the top seed won.

In the semi's, John Lynch and Jim Scheyer, the top seed, came up against Bob Deuster and Steve Sulli. Deuster's backhand was superb in game one as he and Sulli had the hot racquets and won 21-9. Game two was back and forth as Lynch showed his skill at all facets of the game, but Sulli made many great gets (in between complaints to the ref), and Deus-

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We Get Letters . . .

Editor's note: In our March issue of RACQUETBALL TODAY one of our lead stories concerned the women's separation from the NRC's Pro Tour. The article by Phil Simborg entitled, "Women Pros Go Their Own Way," brought comments from both sides of the fence.

Dear Phil,
Just a short note to compliment you on your fine editorial article on "Women Pros Go Their Own Way" in the March issue of RACQUETBALL TODAY.

I feel your opinions and comments were objective, forthright and honest. Much has been said about the decision to cancel competition for Women Professionals on the NRC tour and, sadly, many opinions have been formed without the complete story. Both sides of the story needed explaining and your article did just that.

The NRC and the USRA will continue to work towards a compatible agreement with the women and, hopefully, the ladies will again be able to showcase their talents in professional racquetball.

Sincerely,
Bob Keenan
National Director
USRA

And from Dan Seaton, Commissioner of the Women's Professional Racquetball Association: "...the article accurately tells the story in a way that is neither untrue nor unfair to the women. For that, I am thankful."

Dear RACQUETBALL TODAY,
I was in Chicago for a Strandemo Camp and saw your newspaper. I think it's great. The paper is really packed full of information and there is something for everyone; not just the tournament player.

Our club in Bay City, Michigan, is new and racquetball is a new sport for many of the people here. Your publication has just the right balance of information that I think the people here would enjoy and it would bring them closer into the wonderful world of racquetball.

Sincerely,
Shelly Moody
Bay City, Michigan

Dear RACQUETBALL TODAY,
I enjoy your paper tremendously. It's always filled with good tips and great humor.

Very truly yours,
Sharon Chrablow
Mundelein, Illinois

The Biggest Event: *Sun Times, Wendy, Wilson Shootout*

By **LEN ZEIHM**

The competitive side of the first Sun Times/Wendy's/Wilson Racquetball Shootout began March 21 as the biggest event in the sport's history.

About 1,300 players entered the month long promotion, topping the previous record for a racquetball tournament in one city of 917 (for the 1979 United States Racquetball Association National Championships in Tuscon, Arizona). The final Shootout entry figure won't be determined until the Regional tournaments begin on April 12.

Regardless of how the matches turn out, however, the Shootout has already proved a positive side for 170 of its entrants: they were the participants of a unique "I've Never Played Before" division. The division was the "brainchild" of Shootout Chairman, Jim Bronner, who was pleased that so many recreational enthusiasts took advantage of Shootout to get started in racquetball.

THE ENTRANTS in the "I've Never Played Before" Division were required to participate in a two hour clinic at the 15 participating clubs on March 16. Shootout, putting the emphasis on recreational and club level players drew smaller entries in the Men's and Women's Advanced categories and the players in those divisions were sent directly into regional play.

Approximately \$25,000 in prizes will start being disbursed at the Regionals at the Glass Court, Downtown Court Club, Skokie Court House, and Indianhead Racquet Club the weekend of April 12-13. The event will conclude with a "Beat the Pro" contest on April 25.

While players are keeping the 130 courts available for Shootout busy, non-playing participants in Shootout have been registering for a sweepstakes at Wendy's ap-

proximately 50 Chicago area locations. Top prize for both playing and non-playing participants is a 1980 Chevrolet Chevette. American Cancer Society will benefit from both playing and non-playing entries in the form of a donation, which will be presented at the conclusion of Shootout.

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NCCA Elects Officers

At their annual meeting in Florida, the National Court Clubs Association elected new officers. Replacing last year's president, Chicago's Jim Bronner, is Chuck Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding heads the nation's largest racquetball court club organization (23 clubs in 10 cities) and offices in St. Louis. Bruce Hendin of San Antonio was elected Vice President. David Dean (Wall, N.J.) Treasurer; Peter S. Donahue (Stamford, Conn.) Secretary.

Chicago's Chuck Leve will stay on as Executive Director. Ms. Jannifer Wayt was elected to the Board of Directors. Ms. Wayt and her husband own and operate the Chalet Sports Core in Willow Springs, Illinois, and she is also on the board of The Chicagoland Racquetball Association.

The NCAA which is headquartered in Northbrook Illinois plans to hold it's 1981 convention in New Orleans. The NCAA currently lists a membership of 325 club owners throughout the U.S. and other countries.



Jennifer Wayt, who, with her husband, Robert, operates Chalet Sports Core, Willow Springs, Illinois, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Court Clubs Association, Northbrook, Illinois. (Photo by Ivan Fuldauer.)



Jim Bronner, Metro Club, Chicago, outgoing NCCA president, and Chuck Spaulding, Spaulding Racquetball Clubs, St. Louis, incoming NCCA president, discuss plans for the coming year during a break in the NCCA convention in Sarasota, Florida. Spaulding operates three clubs in Chicago. (Photo by Ivan Fuldauer.)

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Dave Negrete—Present at the Creation of Maturity

By BOB GURA

Since nothing moves as rapidly as the passage of time it's always nice to be "present at the creation." The creation, in this instance of Dave Negrete's maturity into a top-class racquetball player.

Only 19 years of age the Schaumburg resident has made great strides up the competitive ladder this year. So great in fact, he's moved to the Open bracket after suffering amongst the ranks of the C-players.

While others may be surprised at the odyssey and ambition of the guitar-playing Negrete, he doesn't figure in that number.

THE NEPHEW of two-time IRA Open Singles champ Bill Schmidtke, Negrete has had a respected hand guiding him down the fore and backhand path.

"I'd say everything" is his unabashed response when it came to recounting his uncle's role in his progress. A progress that should culminate in another milestone shortly. "I hope to be ranked in the top five (open players) by the State Tournament at the end of May," he attested. After reaching that plateau he plans on elevating his sights another notch. This time to the State Tournament where "I'd like to do well and try to get a pro sponsor come next September." Currently sponsored by Ektelon on an equipment type basis, Dave yearns to upgrade his status to include expense money and the like.

Despite an air of youthful assurance, some probing reveals lessons well learned. Talking of time spent at Schmidtke's camp in Apple Valley, Minn., he relates a grim tale.

"I was out on court with another player, and he (Schmidtke) was taking notes. After five minutes he had several pages full of notes. Finally he called out, 'Stop it, I've had enough' and called me over."

ALLOWING A SMILE to creep into his voice Dave added, "He showed me a lot of things which helped make me the way I am." Prominent on the list was the notion of court position, which Negrete feels is the "biggest thing" learned from his mentor.

Having absorbed lessons at a master's knee the student is anxious to get a chance to try out some of the new-found skills.

Which is one reason he joins the ranks

of players opposed to certain proposed rule changes. One of which is the changeover to a slower ball in competition. "Right now I'd hate to see a slower ball," he waxed excitedly. What he would hope for however "is a more consistent ball." With a ball wed to a specific bounce pattern Dave feels "You wouldn't have to change your game (i.e. the ceiling game) with each ball."

Regardless of whatever style of play he utilizes at the moment it takes a lot of time to hone his court skills. Fortunately athletics come easy, witnessed by varsity basketball and baseball in high school. Having only picked up racquetball two years ago, Dave now plays four times a week at the Schaumburg Court House. Employed as a part-time teacher and desk worker at the facility he finds time to merge playing and practice sessions into a routine.

A FEAT THAT'S not that readily accomplished, considering he's a student at Harper Junior college. Casting worries aside Dave says he has no trouble advancing his racquetball and educational aspirations. With his parents and girlfriend, Jean, firmly supportive, he plans to continue college "at DePaul or U. of I. at Champaign-Urbana and keep up with my racquetball." Not that the two don't mix. The tone of his voice grew confident as he mentioned \$10,000 in scholarship money connected with winning the Intercollegiate racquetball singles championship. "I want to win it" he said, sounding by far his most assertive.

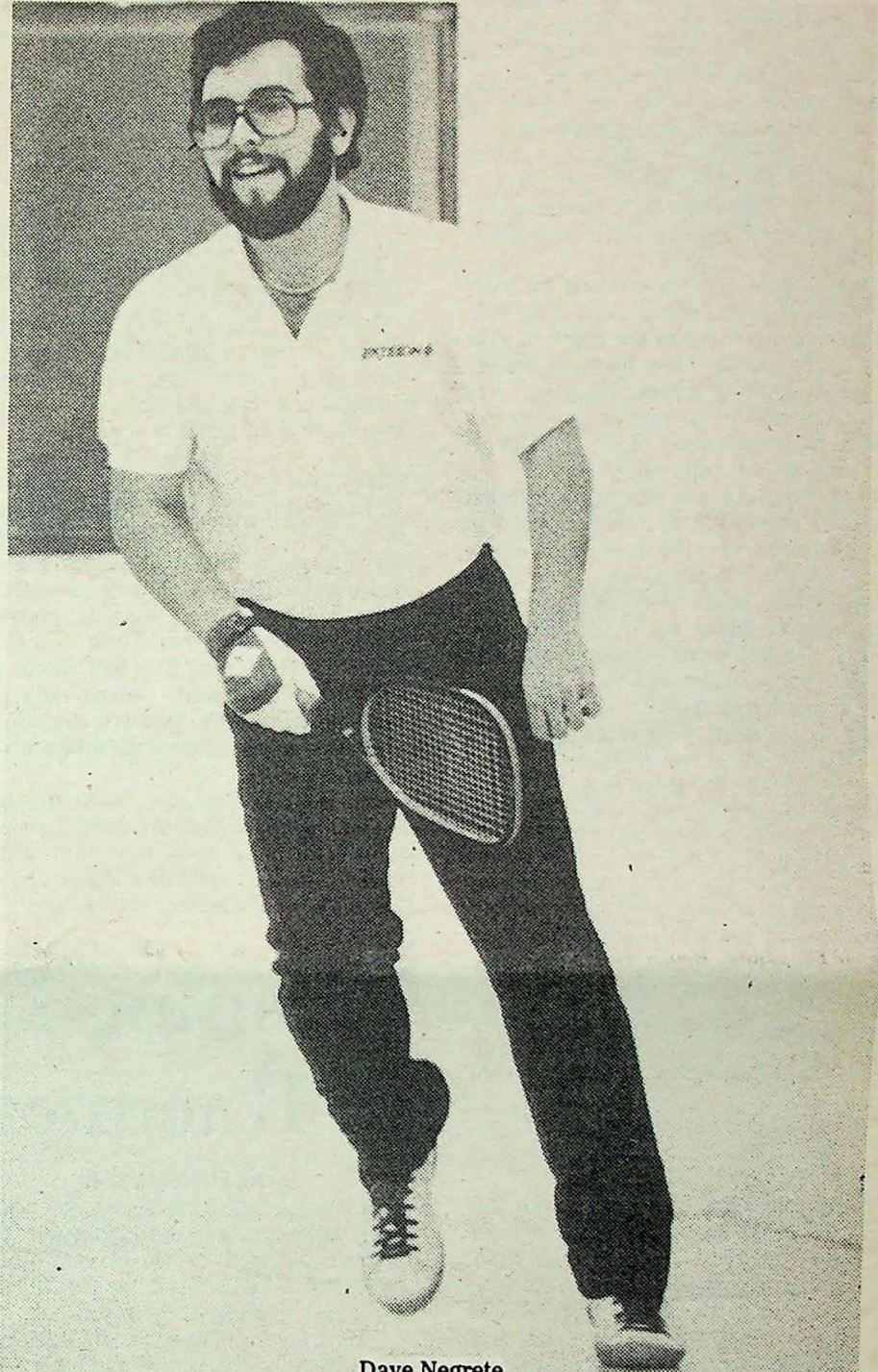
As to the future (which scholarship dollars would undoubtedly aid) he had certain prospects in mind. "I'm going to get a Business Administration major. I'll probably end up managing a racquetball club someday," he concluded. But that's for later on. Right now "The first thing on my mind is to play racquetball." A self-analysis of his workday shows Negrete is serious about competing on the pro circuit. "I teach in the morning, go to school in the afternoon, and play racquetball at night (along with working at the club)."

That's the kind of single-minded attitude Dave feels will pay off in dollars one day. It's an attitude he believes many professionals fail to embrace. "I've been at pro stops where you see the competition at the bar the night before play. It's

like one big party." According to Negrete one of the primary reasons for men's champ Marty Hogan's awesome success is his ability to focus on racquetball and avoid the revelry.

That makes two guiding forces in the

19-year-old's life. One a former champ related by blood, the other a current champ by shared ideas. Not a bad pair to emulate. Given the time and dedication the chance exists Dave Negrete can one day join them.



Dave Negrete

Racquetball Study Examines Growth of Sport

NOW AVAILABLE...computerized 35-page assessment study of the Racquetball Club Industry.

World Court Clubs Association granted funds to Phillip E. Rose, Department of Leisure Studies, University of Illinois, to complete a thesis. A seven-page questionnaire was developed in full coordination with Dr. Joseph Bannon, head of the Leisure Studies school, and a governing board member of WCCA, and Mort Leve, executive director of WCCA, and the other governing board members — John Kay, Stratford Industries president; Joseph Pisciotta, San Diego architect; Rick Coyne, vice-president for management training, Family court division of Court Planners and Investors.

The overall objective of this study was to examine and analyze the growth and development of commercial racquetball clubs in the United States. Within this general framework, the specific objectives of the study were:

- **TO INCREASE** the basic knowledge of the racquetball club industry through the gathering of a variety of descriptive data about racquetball clubs.

- To attempt, through statistical analysis of the data, to: (a) establish the presence of potentially meaningful relationships between various components of the data, and (b) suggest possible topic for future research.

- To discuss possible implications of the data, and make recommendations for entrepreneurs who are either actively engaged in racquetball club operations, or are considering the possibility of starting a racquetball club.

One of the pertinent questions (No. 28) was: "If you were to build another racquetball club, what changes, if any, from your first club would you like to accomplish? Please comment:" — From this we have gained much valuable information on such desired changes for future racquetball club projects that cover such topics as : dues structuring, number of courts, viewing and lobby areas, exercise rooms, wall systems, etc.

We are sure you will gain much valuable information from this completed study. All funds derived from sales of these booklets go directly to World Court Clubs Association for future servicing to the racquetball industry.

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Setting the Serve

By RITA HOFF
Director of
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Racquetball Program

SETTING THE SERVE

Many people jump into the box and hit the ball into play without giving enough thought to how or where they are hitting it. Plan each serve and know what you are going to hit and where you are going to hit it before you step into the service box.

At the beginning of each game, hit a variety of serves — drives, lobs, and Z-balls — to your opponent's forehand and backhand to determine where he or she is weakest.

Most people will be weakest on their backhand, but don't count on it. Find out.

Once you have found the chink in your opponent's armor, hit a high percentage of these kinds of serves. However, it is equally important to mix up your serves and to hit to both sides of the court in order to keep your opponent guessing.

Although there are dozens of different kinds of serves, most are variations of three basic serves; the drive, the Z-serve and the lob.

These can be hit to either your opponent's forehand or backhand and they don't differ appreciably when hit to either side of the court.

For simplicity sake, let's concentrate on backhand serves. The forehand serves will simply be a mirror image of these.

Of these shots, the drive is the only true offensive serve and is not without risk.

THE DRIVE

For the drive serve, you will want to contact the ball — below knee level and even with your front foot. It should strike the wall again between the middle and the side to which you are shooting, but only about two feet high and much faster than for a lob serve. You will have to get down lower yourself in order to keep the shot low.

The ball should have minimal arc, maximum speed, bounce just behind the short line and bury itself in the corner.

If your opponent is able to reach this serve before it bounces twice, the chances for a low, hard kill are very high. Likewise, if the ball strikes the side wall before it reaches the corner and bounces into mid-court, it will set up a kill shot that will be hard for your opponent to miss.

The half-speed drive follows the path of the drive, except that the ball is hit from knee to waist height, not as hard as the regular drive and contacts the front wall at about the height of the server.

This serve should bounce just behind

the short line and rebound to about chest height where it will have to be played by the receiver. It should die before reaching the back wall.

THE Z-SERVE

Unlike other serves, the Z-serve should be hit from the side of the court to about five feet up the front wall a foot away from the corner with the opposite side wall.

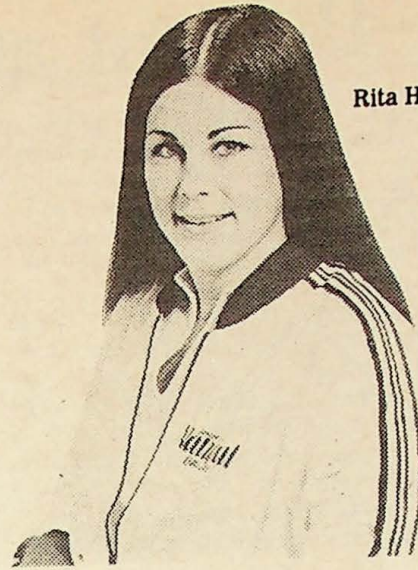
The ball will carom from front to side wall, pass behind you, strike the floor, and bounce off the other side wall parallel to the back wall. If the serve is not properly executed, however, the receiver will have a relatively slow-moving lob to return and may turn it into an offensive shot.

Otherwise, the receiver must decide whether to cut the shot off or wait for it to come off the second side wall, neither of which alternative offers a good angle for a kill return if the serve is accurate.

THE LOB

The lob serve should stay high in the air at all times when it might be returned. Serve from the middle of the service box and contact the ball when it is waist to chest high with a gentle, flat upward stroke. Contact the ball when it is even with your front foot. The ball should hit high on the front wall — about eight feet — an equal distance between the middle of the wall and the side wall toward which it is being hit.

Coming back off the wall, the ball should describe a high arc almost parallel to the side wall, crest near the ceiling, drop behind the short line and die before it reaches the back wall or the receiver.



Rita Hoff

HARD HIT serves often result in kill returns if not properly executed.

The purpose of a good serve is to set up a weak return so that the point can be made on the server's next shot, that is, unless you discover a weakness which makes an ace possible.

After serving, take a position near the center of the court a little toward the side of the serve.

Find your opponent's weakness and play to it, but always mix up your shots. Don't just walk into the server's box and bang away; make sure you know what serve you are going to hit before you enter the box.

Serve from the center of the box except when serving Z shots and position yourself at about center of the court following your serve. Finally, serve along the walls and in the corners. Balls placed here are much more difficult to return than those that bounce into the middle of the court.

Winning Refinements in Racquetball Products

By ALAN SHETZER

As racquetball progresses and ages there will be numerous refinements in the products offered to the players. RACQUETBALL TODAY will try to bring you up to date on many of these products.

Vittert has introduced a new pressureless ball to its line of fine gold label products. The new pressureless ball should assure players of a highly consistent and more durable product with a unique and more visible brown color. With a suggested retail price of \$4.50 per can, the ball will offer the average player as well as the advanced a longer lasting ball.

Spaulding has introduced several new concepts in racquets.

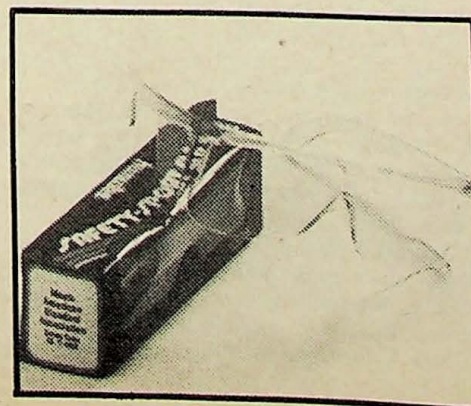
THE "BIG BOW" racquet is the largest legal racquet on the market today. It's a full 35 per cent larger than the largest competitive racquet. The racquet is surprisingly light considering its size, made from super lightweight aluminum, its total weight is 260 grams.

The "Hex," another new Spaulding product, with a six sided head allows for greater accuracy when hitting in corners or close to walls.

Trendway has a winner in its Safety Sports Glasses. Technically the glasses are designed with an "optically perfect 6.00 curved lens to eliminate distortion and glare." That's what the sales brochure says and that's what they do.

More importantly for players like myself, they have been designed to fit over prescription glasses. If you haven't bought your safety glasses yet, try these.

Next month, the Wilson R-2000.



Racquetballers Can't Be Placid

By JOHN R. GREENE

If you are at all like I am regarding the Olympics, you sat glued to your easy chair, transfixed by ABC's superb presentation of the Lake Placid Winter Olympics. There were some marvelous accomplishments in hockey, speed and figure skating, ski jumping, Alpine skiing — with both men and women turning in some wonderfully inspired (and inspiring) performances.

One of the many things we have to thank ABC for (beside not allowing Humble Howard Cosell within 1000 miles of Lake Placid; and, Dick Button's flawless commentary on the figure skating and ice dancing competitions) was the "Up Close and Personal" features on the many athletes who recovered from potentially crippling (and career-ending) accidents and surgery to re-build their damaged joints and broken bones, and rehabilitate their muscles to the point of being ready and good enough to compete in these Winter Olympics. All within one year of their accidents.

Those features were graphic portraits on the agony of rehabilitation; but, they were also excellent descriptions of the remarkable qualities dedicated athletes have to have to be tops in their chosen sport: will power; courage; guts; a voracious appetite for practice; loneliness and pain; and, most of all, determination.

NEVER WILL I forget the pictures of these super human beings; the repeated strenuous (and painful) rebuilding exercises; their faces set with a combination of agony and determination; the footage of the female U.S. Alpine skier jogging down a lonely road — on crutches — knowing she only had six months left to claim her place on the U.S. Olympic team. She made it!

Wonderfully inspiring! We racquetballers could learn a lot about sacrifice and practice from these extraordinary athletes.

I intend to try harder. Train. Practice longer. Reduce. Condition and strengthen my flabby body. Take criticism better. To want more!

Watch out, people; I'm gonna start burnin'!

'What If' Contest

Send us your entry. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries and they will appear in RACQUETBALL TODAY.

All you have to do is to come up with a "What If" famous character and tie it into racquetball. An example of some of the famous characters from the original lists are as follows:

- Would Adam insist on being No. 1 seed?
- Would Bo Derek score 10 points?
- Would James Bond play with the Assassin?
- Would Dom DeLouise play everything off the wall?
- Would Dave Brubeck take five between games?

You get the idea...now it's your turn.

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Tinley Park Retains No. 1 Position in South Suburban League Standings

Tinley Park Racquetball Club	Men	243
	Women	173
	Handball	126
		542
Evergreen Bath & Tennis Club	Men	194
	Women	223
	Handball	98
		515
Silver Lake Racquet Club	Men	202
	Women	176
	Handball	98
		476
Palos Racquetball Club	Men	239
	Women	121
	Handball	36
		396
Sports Illustrated Court Club	Men	181
	Women	149
	Handball	54
		384
Omni 41 Racquet Club	Men	214
	Women	49
	Handball	90
		356
Indian Trails Court Club	Men	119
	Women	49
	Handball	82
		250
Olympian Court Club	Women	244

More Results Of Tourneys

A small but fun tournament was held at the Supreme Courts sponsored by Ektelon and Cat Ballou's Saloon in Crystal Lake. there was a fine draw of eight top players in the Men's Open. Young Dave Negrete beat Ric Dern in the finals, 21-20, 21-12; Jeff Leudeke took 3rd. Other results:

MEN'S DOUBLES: 1st: Jeff Leudeke/Herb Grigg, 2nd: Dave Negrete/John Isaacson; 3rd: Jim Bahry/Alan Sounheim.
MEN'S A: 1st: Doug Dvorak; 2nd: Ken Fischer, 3rd: Bill Decicco.
MEN'S B: 1st: Doug Dvorak (entered 2 divisions and won both); 2nd: Jim Bishop; 3rd: Tom Kluxdal.
MEN'S C: 1st: Jim Bishop; 2nd: Steve Ainsworth; 3rd: Joe Targoz.
MEN'S SENIORS: 1st: Leo Goss; 2nd: Bill Decicco; 3rd: Jay Janowak.
WOMEN'S A: 1st: Mary Burbary; 2nd: Cheryl Stock; 3rd: Sherry Isaacson.
WOMEN'S B: 1st: Connie Sanders, 2nd: Margaret Strom; 3rd: Judy Eikleberry.
WOMEN'S C: 1st: Julie Manning; 2nd: Francie Patraso; 3rd: Kitty Hoffman.

AARA INDIANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Racquetball of Greenbriar Club Indianapolis, Indiana February 29 - March 2, 1980

MEN'S OPEN: Jack Roudebush d. Kim Drake, 21-11, 20-21, 11-3.
MEN'S B: Rick Scotten d. Harold Griggs, 21-14, 21-12.
MEN'S C: Sam Whilding d. Ed Colon, 21-17, 21-18.
MEN'S NOVICE: Ed Moore d. Rick Mills, 21-19, 21-12.
MEN'S SENIORS: Leo Cox d. Ottis Campbell, 21-18, 21-18.
WOMEN'S A: 1st: Dana Cornblath; 2nd: Kay Kuhfeld.
WOMEN'S B: 1st: Linda Green; 2nd: Sally Diller.
WOMEN'S C: Dina Pritchett d. Anne Carsten, 13-21, 21-12, 11-8.
WOMEN'S NOVICE: Connie Draay d. Linda Breedlove, 21-10, 21-10.
JUNIORS 15-17: Jeff Zipes d. Darin Odier, 13-21, 21-6, 11-8.
JUNIORS 11-14: Mark Mikulla d. David Lansbury, 21-14, 21-7.

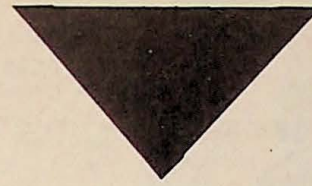
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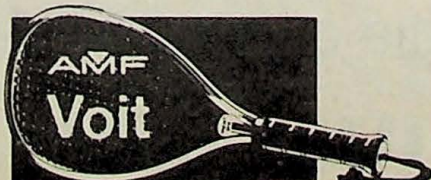
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TOURNAMENT NEWS

Ektelon/Perrier Nets 502 Vittert and Spaulding Host Chicago Open

By Lynne Farmer

Due to the unexpectedly large draw of the tournament, we ran into many scheduling problems, but for the most part, the players were very understanding and just great about it. The tournament was held at Metro Club's Glass Court in Lombard, March 7-9, and we had good draw in all divisions. Six winners from this "regional event" will be flown to the Ektelon/Perrier National Amateur Championships in Los Angeles. Since the tournament rules required a random, rather than seeded draw, there were exciting and key matches starting in the very first rounds.

The trip winners are: Men's Open: Bob Deuster; Women's Open: Barb Allweiss; Open Doubles: Glen Gibellina and Sean Moskwa; Men's Senior: Ron Johnson; Women's Senior: Bev Franks. Other division winners were Diana Drendel, Women's B; Pam Crossett, Women's C; Candy Men, Women's Novice; Saul Sandoval, Men's Masters; Doug Jacobson, Men's B; Nick Pisano, Men's C, and Jeff Etchison, Men's Novice.

While it was no surprise that Bob Deuster



Ron Johnson wins the Men's Senior title at the Ektelon/Perrier Tournament.

Photos by Bill Precht.

ter won the Men's Open, it was somewhat of a surprise that he met Jack Newman in the finals. To get to the finals, Jack had to beat two previous NRC Pro Qualifiers, Jim Scheyer and Jeff Siegel! Barb Allweiss had no easy road to victory either as she beat the likes of another NRC Pro Qualifier, Camille McCarthy, along with Judy Sawicki and Caprice Behner. Bev Franks had to go to a tie-breaker to beat yet another many-time NRC Qualifier, Sue Carow! Moskwa and Gibellina upset the "favorites" in the doubles finals, Bob Deuster and Steve Sulli. The most "exciting" match of the tournament, however, was the Deuster-Sulli victory over Tommy Golueke and Andy Witt, which they won in the tie-breaker 11-8.

I would like to offer my special thanks to Jack Moskwa and Bill Precht for all their help in refereeing.

First Annual Tinley Park Invitational

Tinley Park Racquetball Club manager, Mike Bazzo decided to have a small invitational tournament the weekend of March 14-16, and though the draw was not as large as intended, the entrants had a lot of fun and some top notch competition resulted.

There were 11 good players in the Men's Open, with John Slazas getting to the finals with wins over Fernando Gonzales and Jack Newman. His opponent in the finals was John Amatulli, who had to get by Bill Howk and Tom Golueke. It was a great match, with Amatulli winning the first game 21-12, and Slazas coming back to win the second 21-17. Slazas won the final in a "nip and tuck" 11-10 thriller.

There were 16 entrants in the Men's B, with Jeff Bench beating Len Restaino in the finals in another tough match (21-20, 21-20), Bob Doogan took third, and John Cooper took 4th.

There were 32 entrants in the Men's C with Jim Mueller over Bob Van Zeyle in the finals in three games (11-1 in the tie-breaker); Terry Glenn took 3rd and Ken Kwasegroch took 4th.

There were 8 entrants in the women's C with Nancy Goldstein winning the finals over Marge Godinez. Barb VanTuyle took 3rd and Lou Dalfino 4th.

By JIM HARPER

Vittert and the Spaulding Racquetball Club hosted their Chicago Open Tournament March 14-16 and drew 159 hopefuls. It was one of the most pleasant tournaments attended lately, with lots of socializing and a showering of attention to the players from John Fruits, Steve Hildebrand and their fine staff at Spaulding. The hospitality was exceptionally good with plenty of food for the players, and as an extra added attraction, Peggy and Chuck Gudbrandsen had several of the Masters entrants and wives over to dinner on Saturday night. Peg and Chuck have

out all the stops to win it. It was not easy as Spence and Mike McGill had a fine final match that went tie-breaker with both players demonstrating excellent shooting skills. It was a grueling match and a tribute to each that they were still standing when it ended with Spencer on top, 21-16, 16-21, 11-4.

THE MEN'S MASTERS had 18 entries, and they split into three divisions of 6 players and played round robins in each on Saturday. With Bob Troyer out of action due to a sore shooting arm, the field was wide open. On Sunday the three divi-

VITTERT-SPAULDING CHICAGO OPEN RESULTS

MEN'S OPEN/A

Finals: Keefe d. Moskwa, 21-5, 21-14.
Semi's: Moskwa d. Schneider, Keefe d. Mandell.

MEN'S B

Finals: Karlin d. McGill, 21-16, 16-21, 11-4.
Semi's: Karlin d. Hillis; McGill d. Beal.

MEN'S MASTERS

Round Robin
First: Jim Harper.
Second: Chuck Martarano.

MEN'S C

Finals: Bayard d. Sammons, 21-9, 13-21, 11-3.
Semi's: Bayard d. Gerber; Sammons d. Hesotian.

MEN'S D

Finals: Lewis d. McAllister, 21-13, 21-20.
Semi's: McAllister d. Lurey; Lewis d. Saliba.

MEN'S NOVICE

Finals: Lorenz d. Gluck, 21-7, 21-5.
Semi's: Gluck d. Lamb; Lorenz d. Gerber.

WOMEN'S A/B

First: Judy Harper.
Second: Peg Gudbrandsen.

WOMEN'S C

Finals: Weinstock d. Wilkens, 21-11, 21-10.
Semi's: Weinstock d. Grossmann; Wilkens d. Connell.

WOMEN'S D

Round Robin
First: Donna Radeke.
Second: Kathy Nelson.

WOMEN'S NOVICE

Finals: Anderson d. Dragoon, 21-20, 21-8.
Semi's: Anderson d. Saliba; Dragoon d. Kilton.

done an outstanding job of running Masters Invitational tournaments, and this was no exception as 18 Masters players turned out.

The Men's Open and A was combined with 15 entries, and Tom Keefe exploded through the draw with some excellent play. He won over Jordan Kahn, 21-6, 21-8 and Dan Kennis, 21-8, 21-11 to gain the semi's, where he also two-gamed Greg Mandell, 21-13, 21-15. In the finals he faced Sean Moskwa and fired nothing but rollouts to take the first game 21-5. Moskwa started hitting better in the second game and held Keefe even to 11, but then Tom broke away to wrap it up 21-14. Sean had a very tough, close win over Steve Schneider in the semi's, 21-20, 13-21, 11-6. Schneider was hitting beautifully, but he couldn't hang on in the tie-breaker. However, he did take third place.

What? Spencer Karlin in another B tournament? Yes, but this time he pulled

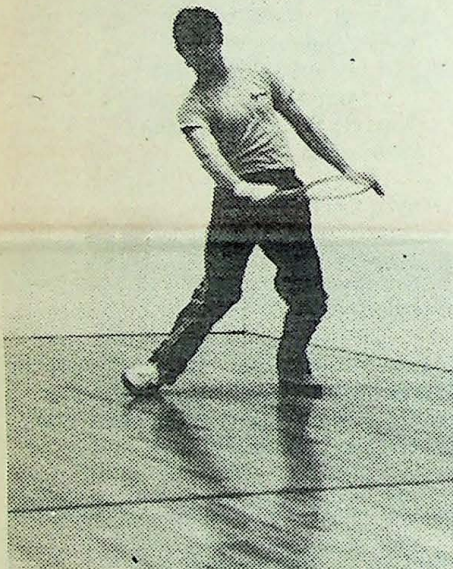
sion winners played for the trophies, and Jim Harper came out ahead by beating Chuck Martarano 21-19 and Ed Lammersfeld 21-4 in a couple of well played matches. Then Chuck beat Ed to take second place.

The Women's divisions didn't draw very large numbers, only 33 in all, but the play was good.

Judy Harper won the combined Women's A/B Division by defeating all comers with a 4-0 record, defeating Peg Gudbrandsen, second place finisher, in a tie-breaker for the championship, 19-21, 21-10, 11-7.

The Women's D had seven entries and played a double elimination tournament. Donna Radeke was untouchable as no one could beat her, and she took the championship from Kathy Nelson 21-14, 21-15.

Congratulations to Vittert-Spaulding Racquetball Clubs for running a very fine tournament.



Bob Deuster takes the Men's Open victory at the Ektelon/Perrier Tournament.

RESULTS

3rd ANNUAL WINTER CLASSIC
Sauget Fairview Heights and Belleville Clubs
Belleville, Illinois
February 29 - March 2, 1980

MEN'S OPEN

1st Place: Ron Newcomer; 2nd: Ron Wickers; 3rd: Bill Howk; Consolation: Joe Schwent.

MEN'S A

1st: Tris Moore; 2nd: Jim Sasse; 3rd: Paul Siegerist; Cons.: Roger Vyttebrouck.

MEN'S B

1st: Mike Schamburg; 2nd: Mike Spann; 3rd: Dick Skaggs; Cons.: Jim Wolff.

MEN'S C

1st: John Warkentien; 2nd: Dwight Heberer; 3rd: George Huelsmann; Cons.: Will Bowers.

MEN'S D

1st: Richard Thompson; 2nd: Craig Scognamiglio; 3rd: John Igles; Cons.: Steven Hamilton.

MEN'S NOVICE

1st: Keith Diggs; 2nd: Charlie Bennington; 3rd: Keith Travis; Cons.: Charles Johnson.

WOMEN'S OPEN

1st: Janet Ceglinski; 2nd: Cheryl Mathieu; 3rd: Mindy Scherzer; Cons.: Nancy Shannon.

WOMEN'S B

1st: Kim Drader; 2nd: Susan Bond; 3rd: Rita Brinkley; Cons.: Stacey Shelton.

WOMEN'S C

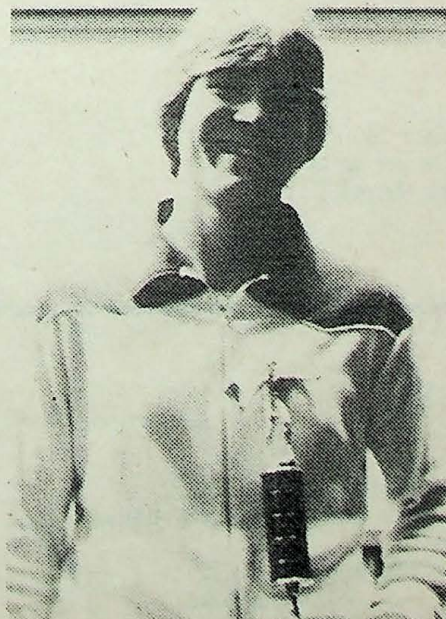
1st: Cheryl McLagen; 2nd: June Immken; 3rd: Marsha Cashion; Cons.: Shirilyn Holt.

WOMEN'S D

1st: Candi Erleben; 2nd: Cindy Kuehn; 3rd: Barb Danielwicz; Cons.: Stephanie Hawks.

WOMEN'S NOVICE

1st: Marsha Honn; 2nd: Rhonda Belt; 3rd: Madeline Koderhandt; Cons.: Peggy Kleffner.



It's a winning smile and match for John Slazas as he won the Men's Open at the First Annual Tinley Park Invitational.



Tinley Park Invitational 2nd place winner John Amatulli.
Photo by Leslie Bazzo.

RACQUETBALL TODAY

1980

Tournament Schedule

Illinois Tournaments

* April 3, 4, 5 & 6, 1980
USRA Regionals
Site: Killshots Ltd.
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2555

May 9, 10 & 11, 1980
Women's Spring Championships
Site: Supreme Court, Rockford
Contact: Holly Bona
815-332-9422

April 11, 12 & 13, 1980
Sun-Times/Wendy's/Wilson Shootout Regionals
Site: As specified
Contact: 312-629-3390

* May 15, 16, 17 & 18, 1980
ISRA State Singles
Site: The Glass Court and others
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
312-371-2555

April 18, 19 & 20, 1980
Sun-Times/Wendy's/Wilson Shootout Finals
Site: Glass Court, Lombard
Contact: 312-629-3390

* June 5, 6 & 7, 1980
Second Annual DuPage Open
Site: Naperville Courts Racquetball Club
Contact: Bob Szczecinski
312-961-1535

* April 19 & 20, 1980
Northwest Suburban Junior Racquetball Championships
Site: Forest Grove Racquet Club
Contact: Rex Nyquist
312-991-4646

July 25, 26 & 27, 1980
5th Annual Women's Open
Site: Northbrook Court House
Contact: Jim VerHaeghe
312-498-3626

May 2, 3 & 4, 1980
Natural Light/NFL Players Association
Site: The Glass Court
Contact: S/S/S Promotions
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* August 22, 23 & 24, 1980
S & S Insurance Agency Open
Site: To be announced
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* Denotes ISRA Sanctioned Tournament.
To add tournaments or to get up to date information, contact Jim Harper - (312) 875-7045.

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June 1-7, 1980
Colgate National Championships
Site: Las Vegas, Nevada
Contact: NRC/USRA
312-673-4000

August 15, 16 & 17, 1980
11th Annual Masters Invitational Doubles
Site: Supreme Court
555 Odana Road
Madison, Wisconsin
Contact: Joe Wirkus
608-274-5080

Michigan Tournaments

* April 3, 4, 5 & 6, 1980
USRA Regionals
Site: Killshots Ltd.
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April 26 & 27, 1980
Imperial Court Club Juniors Only
(Several divisions for boys and girls 17 and under)
Site: Imperial Court Club
Ann Arbor, Michigan
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* April 18, 19 & 20, 1980
State Singles Championship
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May 1, 2 & 3, 1980
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April 24, 25, 26 & 27, 1980
Site: Riverview Racquet Club
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Highlights of Lite/ISRA State Doubles

(Continued from Page 1)

ter/Sulli had the lead 20-16 and needed one point for the match. Lynch's cool play in the clutch was just too much, and he came back to win the game, then the tie-breaker, 11-4.

IN THE OTHER semi, it was No. 2 seed Charlie Rish (coming out of retirement for this tournament) and Jeff Siegel against Dennis McDowell and Steve Butler. This too, was to be a tie-breaker, but the first game was the thriller. Rish's power on the right side was awesome, and Siegel on the left was making incredible digs and saves as they eeked out a 21-18 victory. The second game saw McDowell hitting only as he can, rollout after rollout, with Butler making the crucial saves to keep the rallies going. IT WAS A BLOWOUT, as Butler/McDowell won 21-3. Rish and Siegel hit a lot of corners in the tie-breaker and simply GOT SERIOUS and won 11-2.

In the finals, there was all the excitement and buildup one could ever hope for in a true state championship. On the one side, John Lynch, winner of the State Doubles the previous two years, and on the other side, Charlie Rish, John's partner last year. Both represented Wilson on the Pro Tour, they were old friends and ex-partners, and are considered to be the two best players in the state when they choose



Lite/ISRA 1980 State Doubles Championships representatives from Miller Brewing present trophies to the Men's Open Finalists. Pictured (left to right) J.P. Kidwell, Miller Brewing, Milwaukee, Wis.; John Lynch and Jim Scheyer, Men's Open, 1st place; Jim Hayes and Jack Hayes, Hayes Distributing of Oak Lawn, distributors of Miller Brewing product.

to compete (which is rare). These two, coupled with Scheyer and Siegel, certainly are two of the better singles players in Illinois.

Scheyer admitted to playing "tentatively" throughout the tournament until he got to the finals, and there he found his range as he and Lynch took the opener 21-10. The second game went 19-all as Rish started making some great shots and Siegel continued making some fantastic gets, but Lynch really bore down and concentrated, and when it was needed, on the last point, came up with a perfect ace serve that rolled out of the crotch on the left wall to win the championship 21-19.

The Women's Open was nearly as exciting, as last year's champ, Glenda Young, teamed up this year with Sue Prisching to make up one of the hardest-hitting women's doubles team this state has ever seen. On the other side of the draw sheet were Sue Carow and Bev Franks, two of the smartest and most experienced players in the state. Both teams breezed to the finals without too much difficulty, and again you have to say that the seeding committee did their job as the top four seeds made the semi's, the top two made the finals, and the No. 1 seed won. The finals could have easily gone either way, but the power team prevailed as Glenda Young and Sue Prisching won 20-21, 21-11, 11-9. The tie-breaker was 9-9 for several rallies, and all four really played great.

THE MEN'S SENIORS draw was, in its own way, every bit as impressive and exciting as the Open divisions. Last year's champions, Jordan Tilden and Rich Donati got knocked out in the semi's by the team of Shelly Clar and Scott Berry. Clar and Berry, along with Marshall Waldo, have just about dominated the winner's circle in singles in the Senior's division with only a few slips, and since they are a lefty and arighty, they were expected to be tough. However, they met another quite famous "lefty-righty" team in the finals by the name of Bob Troyer and Ed Lammersfeld. Bob and Ed are currently the top Masters team in the country, and Bob is the current National Veteran Masters champ, so it's no small accomplishment that these two were able to get to the finals against men who were as much as 15 years (and more) younger! Bob and Ed beat the surprising team of Spencer Karlin and Bill Feigen in the semi's (Feigen and Karlin upset the No. 2 seed, Webb and Williamson from Champaign).

In the finals, Berry and Clar took the lead 10-0, then 12-2, and those of us who walked away were surprised to hear that Troyer and Lammersfeld came back to win the game 21-17! The second game was equally interesting...you might see a high-

er level of play from the younger players, but I doubt that you'll see smarter racquetball anywhere in the world than was played on that court on that day as Troyer and Lammersfeld took the second game and the match, 21-16.

The Men's Masters was a round robin of five teams, with Jim Harper and Saul Sandoval taking the prize with no losses. Tony Lang and Sam Carozza came in second.

In the Men's B, top seed Farmer and Babbitt had to really scramble to make it to the finals, particularly to beat Gabrisko/Kemper in the semi's in a tough match that went three games. They came up against the unknown and unseeded team of Marc Sloten and Ed Burnes who won a few tie-breakers themselves, but it was all Farmer and Babbitt in the finals as they won the second game 21-13 after losing the first, and took the lead in the tie-breaker 10-4, BUT WAIT A MINUTE...you have to get to 11 to win, and Burnes really got hot

and just kept rolling the ball out to win the game and match!

THE WOMEN'S B was fairly uneventful as No. 1 seed, and Illinois YMCA B Doubles champs Gay Kenna and Sharon McGregor took the title, defeating Whinna/Laux in two in the finals.

The Men's C featured the team of Leo Shales and Scott Klingberg who had to go three games to beat the experienced Senior's player, Jerry Iafollo, and his partner Ed McGrath, and that was after a tough 3-game win in the semi's over Bruce Butterfield and Conrad Coultas.

The Women's C was a round robin with Celeste Brychek and Connie Arvia taking advantage of the "home court" at Tinley and walking away with the honors. Two other Tinley players, Lori Karr and Gail Osterloh took second.

The Men's D, with 40 teams, was tough and grueling with play beginning early Friday evening, and the winning team, Ron Duitsman and Bill Houston had to go several tie-breakers to win, including one in the semi's over Mueller and Friel, and again in the finals over Bill Barton and George Olsen.

In the Women's D, Barb Olsen and Nancy Amaro defeated Jan Ravagni and Marie Warren in the finals fairly easily, but had a tough 3-game win in the semi's over Peg Riley and Jane Minick.

One need only look at the box scores to see that there were many, many tie-breakers and other very close matches, but you had to see the matches to appreciate the high level of play, high quality of refereeing, and high level of sportsmanship that generally existed throughout the tournament. In response to previous player surveys, and because there was enough court time available, S/S/S ran all preliminary and consolation matches the full two games to 21 and the tie-breaker to 11. Thanks to the S/S/S staff and the hospitality of the Tinley Park Racquetball Club, it was another fine, well-run ISRA tournament.

ISRA/LITE ILLINOIS STATE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS
S/S/S Promotions
February 29, March 1 & 2

MEN'S OPEN

Finals: John Lynch/Jim Scheyer d. Charlie Rish/Jeff Siegel, 21-10, 21-19.

Semi's: Lynch/Scheyer d. Bob Deuster/Steve Sulli, 9-21, 21-20, 11-4; Rish/Siegel d. Dennis McDowell/Steve Butler, 21-18, 3-21, 11-2.

Quarters: Lynch/Scheyer d. Gregg Mandell/Jack Newman, 21-19, 21-5; Deuster/Sulli d. Andy Witt/Tom Golueke, 21-9, 21-16; McDowell/Butler d. Harvi Miller/Al Shetzer, 21-17, 21-18.

Consolation: Phil Wenger/Jeff McDowell d. Gary Loizzo/Jim Thompson, 9-21, 21-1, 11-10.

WOMEN'S OPEN

Finals: Glenda Young/Sue Prisching d. Sue Carow/Bev Franks, 20-21, 21-11, 11-9.

Semi's: Young/Prisching d. Vicki Carr/Barb Larrain, 21-12, 21-3.

Consolation: Lynne Farmer/Barb Allweiss d. Terry Cubberley/Mary Precht, 21-14, 21-7.

MEN'S SENIOR

Finals: Bob Troyer/Ed Lammersfeld d. Scott Berry/Shelly Clar, 21-17, 21-16.

Semi's: Troyer/Lammersfeld d. Bill Feigen/Spencer Karlin, 21-8, 21-7; Berry/Clar d. Jordan Tilden/Rich Donati, 21-19, 21-14.

Consolation: Ron Johnson/Bob Stoy d. Don Webb/Bill Amson.

MEN'S B

Finals: Marc Sloten/Ed Burnes d. Rick Farmer/Jim Babbitt, 12-21, 21-13, 11-10.

Semi's: Sloten/Burnes d. Joe Mandrino/Dave Budreau, 21-20, 21-14; Farmer/Babbitt d. Ron Gabrisko/Rich Kemper, 21-9, 16-21, 11-3.

Consolation: Ed Stanger/Roger Shaw d. Gino & Vince DelGuidice, 21-14, 21-13.

WOMEN'S B

Finals: Sharon McGregor/Gay Kenna d. Nancy Whinna/Kay Laux, 21-8, 21-17.

Semi's: McGregor/Kenna d. Jan Troy/Carol Flynn, 21-14, 21-15; Whinna/Laux d. Cathy Tracy/Denise Hendricker, 21-17, 21-19.

Consolation: Kim Donohoue/Pat Tarzon d. Flavia Bahary/Kathy Buckun, 21-16, 21-15.

MEN'S C

Finals: Leo Shales/Scott Klingberg d. Jerry Iafollo/Ed McGrath, 21-11, 6-21, 11-5.

Semi's: Shales/Klingberg d. Bruce Butterfield/Conrad Coultas, 21-13, 14-21, 11-5; Iafollo/McGrath d. Preston Tinnell/Bill Bonow, 21-20, 21-17.

Consolation: Bob Opyl/Bob VanZeyl d. Steve Little/Ron Bruner, 21-6, 21-13.

WOMEN'S C

1st: Celeste Brychek/Connie Arvia.

2nd: Lori Karr/Gail Osterloh.

3rd: Sue Champion/Marilyn Sterling.

MEN'S D

Finals: Ron Duitsman/Bill Houston d. Bill Barton/George Olsen, 10-21, 21-19, 11-1.

Semi's: Duitsman/Houston d. John Mueller/Marty Friel, 12-21, 21-18, 11-9; Barton/Olsen d. Dean Baylian/Platt Hill, 21-11, 21-8.

Consolation: Pat Dennis/Mike Hepp d. Mike Klein/Joel LaCognata, 21-9, 21-9.

WOMEN'S D

Finals: Barb Olsen/Nancy Amaro d. Jan Ravagnie/Marie Warren, 21-11, 21-7.

Semi's: Olsen/Amaro d. Peggy Riley/Jane Minick, 21-12, 9-21, 11-7; Ravagnie/Warren d. Sue Yates/Cathy Freeman, 21-8, 21-13.

Consolation: Barb VanTuyle/Lou Dalfino d. Concialdi/Cull, 21-7, 21-8.

MEN'S MASTER

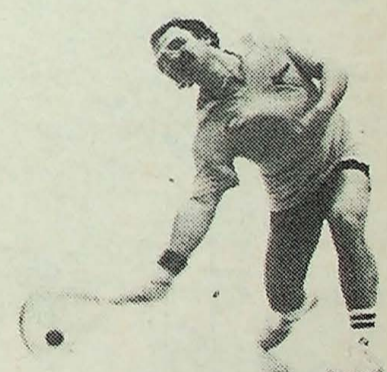
1st: Jim Harper/Saul Sandoval.

2nd: Tony Lang/Sam Carozza.

3rd: Bob Goodman/Joel Kramer.

LITE/ISRA DOUBLES ACTION:

(Left) Steve Sulli rolls one out. (Below) Jack Newman saves a leg.



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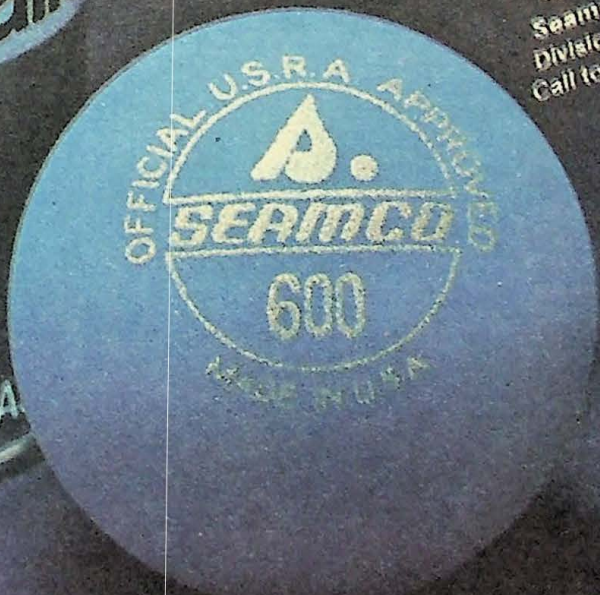
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MRA Annual Racquetball Awards

As the State Singles Tournament nears, you are reminded of the two award winners that participants in this year's championship tournament will select during the tourney. The winners will be selected from the following nominees and will receive their awards on Saturday, April 19, 1980.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD. "Awarded in honor to the person who most represents the ideal of good sportsmanship under extreme competitive conditions."

The nominees for this award are:
• Stacy Fletcher: from the Detroit area; has been playing three years;

Looking Ahead

The 1980-81 Michigan racquetball season is just ahead. Consequently, details are now being finalized for the MRA season. All clubs interested in hosting one of the eight sanctioned tournaments or the state singles or doubles championship next year, contact the Michigan Racquetball Association, 2808 South Deerfield, Lansing, Michigan 48910. All inquiries must be received no later than May 1, 1980.

Also, the MRA is presently accepting bids by any organization interested in running these MRA tournaments. Express your interest by mail to the above address by May 1, 1980.

a high school student who is currently the Women's Open Champion.

• Donna Henry: from the Detroit area; has played racquetball for about seven years and played competitive paddleball before that.

Jane Tubbs: from the Kalamazoo area; recently taught herself to compete with her left hand after illness in California took away her right handed game.

Tom Brownlee: from the Detroit area; has been playing over ten years; manages the Southfield Athletic Club. Tom helped develop Mike Yellen's game.

Larry Fox: playing out of the Ann Arbor area where he is a fulltime student at the University of Michigan. He's the current state champion.

Bill Gottlieb: from the Lansing area; has been playing about 15 years, and is the state runner-up in the Men's Open. Better known as the "Radiation Man," Bill is a former state champion.

Carl Myles: from the Ann Arbor area; has been playing four years since leaving professional football.

* Other - There will be a space to write in someone you feel is deserving of this award.

CONTRIBUTIONAL TROPHY.
"For the individual who has contrib-

uted most to the sport of racquetball."

The nominees for this award are:

Joyce Weckstein: from the Detroit area; has instructed physical education at local YMCA's and JCC's. Joyce was the first woman ever to write a book on racquetball, "Racquetball for Women," 1975. She is currently involved with women's racquetball programs at the Franklin Racquet Club and travels throughout the country giving clinics on racquetball.

Kathy Zale: recently organized and directed the first "female only" tournament in Michigan in order to get more women in competitive racquetball. She also single handedly developed a nine team traveling league for women that has competed in the Detroit area for two years.

Bill Merry/John Smacker: both of these fellows are from Big Rapids. Whether they've played or not, they have volunteered in times of need to run many MRA tournaments on

short notice, and have done excellent jobs of running the scorers table in Grand Rapids, Lansing, etc.

Jim Easterling: conceived, presented and obtained approval from the MRA for the awarding of the Sportsmanship and Contribution Trophies. He is constantly extending himself and all available resources to make the benefits of racquetball reach more people such as his benefit tourneys for the Kensington Academy and the Special Olympics, as well as helping to develop referee committees and excellent MRA tourneys.

Mike Yellen: from Detroit; a top-rated touring pro, who is making admirable strides in establishing a positive image as a racquetball player and representative of the youthful participants he encourages into the sport of amateur racquetball.

* Other: There will be a space to write in someone you feel is deserving of this award.

It's not the will to win that's so important, it's the will to prepare to win.

Bobby Knight
Indiana Basketball Coach

MICHIGAN CLUB GUIDE

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SITE: Michigan Racquetball and Fitness Clubs
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DATES: April 18, 19 and 20, 1980

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 made payable to MPE - Players limited to one event.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Must be received by April 7, 1980
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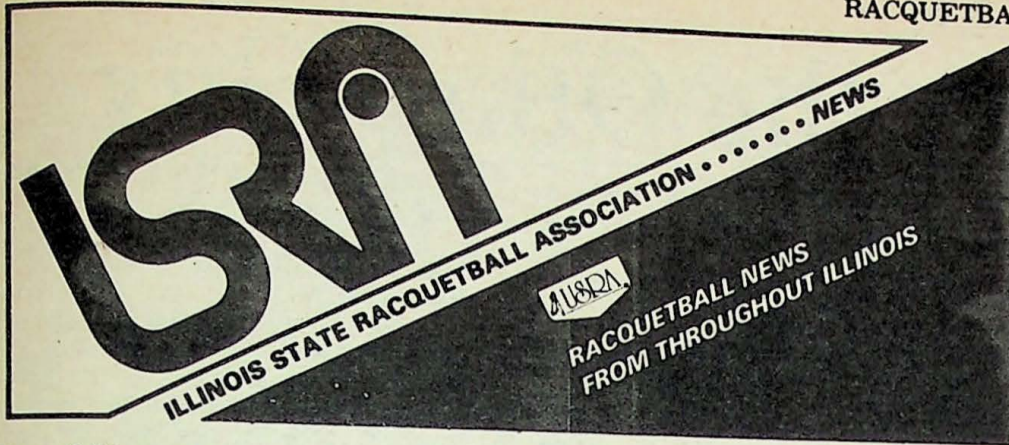
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APRIL 18-19-20



Dear ISRA member:

The board of directors met at the state doubles. The minutes of this meeting are summarized elsewhere in this newsletter.

We want to remind you that the board functions on behalf of all members of the ISRA. Anyone with suggestions, comments or complaints about rules, tournaments, leagues, etc. should contact one of the directors or write our office.

The State Singles will be held at the Glass Court in Lombard. The divisions of play have been expanded to accommodate the many requests we have received.

THE JUNIOR divisions have been eliminated from the tournament. The ISRA starting this year will hold a separate Junior State championship tournament in June where the juniors will be the stars and not get lost in the mists of all the other divisions.

This will also tie into the USRA Junior regionals in July and the Junior nationals in August.

One note about the state singles...there is no limitation on entries. We have enough courts and people to accommodate everyone in the state who would like to play.

Best regards,
Alan M. Shetzer
ISRA President

after the tournament is under way, he/she will be immediately forfeited (and shall be deemed to have lost his previous match and be ineligible for any prizes).

• If the offender has been guilty of repeated sandbagging, or has intentionally falsified entry information, the matter will be referred to the ISRA Grievance Committee.

4. THE GRIEVANCE Committee was discussed, and it was agreed that the current policies were adequate. Any individual may bring a complaint against any other individual or organization to the Grievance Committee by filing *in writing*, and the Grievance Committee will determine what action, if any, should be taken. If an individual is not satisfied with the ruling of the Grievance Committee, he may appeal to the Board of Directors.

5. The problem of "no shows" at tournaments was discussed, and it was agreed that when a person enters a tournament and simply does not show up to a match (without calling), that person will receive a letter explaining the inconvenience caused by the action (to the tournament and to the opponent who showed up for nothing), and requesting that the individual be more careful in the future. The "no shows" name also would be placed on a master list, and if it happened again, the matter would be referred to the Grievance Committee.

6. The ISRA Computer Ranking system was discussed. President Shetzer explained that there were two basic problems with the system: the first was getting all the information sorted in time to keep the computer up-to-date, and that has been resolved by staff hired to do the work. The second problem is that, in order to insure a reasonable degree of accuracy in the rankings, it is necessary to be able to include various *major* tournaments that may be unsanctioned. Since the cost of using the computer is 50 cents per player, it was agreed that we would use a new designation for tournaments, called "ISRA Seeded" for those major tournaments which are *not* sanctioned but will count toward the player rankings. The tournament promoter will simply agree to pay the

ISRA 50 cents per entrant. The ISRA will do the seeding for the tournament (based on the current rankings), and will put the results of that tournament into the computer to affect future seeding.

7. A motion was passed allowing the officers to sign checks up to \$500. The previous \$100 limit was too low to conduct the day-to-day business of the association. Anything over \$500 would have to have Board approval.

8. THE BALANCE in the treasury is approximately \$7,200. The board members have been asked to submit suggestions on how to best use this money for the benefit of the players. All members of the ISRA are encouraged to offer their ideas on the use of these funds.

9. The problem of tournament scheduling was discussed at length. The ISRA currently acts as a "clearing house" for all tournaments to try to avoid conflicts. It was pointed out by Executive Vice President Phil Simborg that there are now more tournaments than there are weekends, and it is therefore *impossible* not to have conflicts. The question is whether or not the ISRA should protect *only* sanctioned tournaments from conflicts, or continue to try to protect *all* tournaments. It was agreed that, for the time being, ISRA Secretary Jim Harper will continue to be the "information center" for tournament scheduling; that the ISRA would do its best to prevent conflicts (two or more tournaments on the same weekend); and that we would take extra care to publicize and protect the major ISRA Sanctioned tournaments. Additional ideas and changes in policy will be discussed that the next Board of Directors meeting.

10. New rules of **DOUBLES ELIGIBILITY** were adopted as follows:

- If a team wins first place in an open draw tournament, it *must move up to a higher division, regardless of the individual's singles rankings.*
- If a team gets to the semi-finals twice, it must also move up.
- If the team "splits up" they may continue to play in the lower division with their new partners (as long as their singles eligibility allows).

Report From Board Meeting

The Illinois State Racquetball Association held a Board of Directors meeting on March 1, 1980, at the State Doubles Tournament. In attendance were: Al Shetzer, president; Phil Simborg, executive vice-president; Jim Harper, secretary; Gay Kenna, treasurer; Don Webb, Central Zone vice-president, and directors: Dan Bertolucci, Lynne Farmer, Bill Feigan, Diane Gabrisko, Jim Cartwright, Harvi Miller and Tom Street. Other board members not able to attend were Bill Howk, Jim Wirkus, Art Michaely, Don Jenkins and Clyde Senters.

Following are the highlights of that meeting:

1. The Intercollegiate Racquetball League is being formed by the Co-chairmen, Don Webb and Bob Troyer, with a target date for startup in Sep-

tember, 1980.

2. A DISCUSSION was held about the working and use of the Referee's Committee. It was decided that the Association would put more emphasis on work in this area, and possibly arrange for one or more co-chairmen to help deal with the organization of the committee.

3. "Sandbagging" was discussed, and the rules regarding eligibility were reviewed and found to be acceptable. A set of regulations to deal with people who were caught sandbagging was adopted:

- If the sandbagger is caught before the tournament begins, he/she will be moved up to a higher division, if possible, or forfeited out of the tournament.
- If the sandbagger is discovered

Results of Michigan Tourneys

MRA 7

On March 7, 8 and 9, Franklin Racquet Club sponsored the MRA 7 tournament stop. This tournament hosted 537 racquetball players from across the state, making this MRA stop the largest amateur tournament ever held in Michigan.

All participants received a shirt, can of balls and a duffle bag. Matches began at 10:00 a.m. Friday and played through 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Trophies were awarded to the top four winners in each division. Divisions ranged from Juniors (15 & Under) through Men's Golden Masters (55 & over).

- MEN'S OPEN: Bill Gottlieb d. Bob Wilhelm, 7-21, 21-13, 11-7.
- MEN'S A: Sheldon Yellen d. Bill Csartari, 21-9, 21-14.
- MEN'S B: Jeff Boehms d. J. Graves, 17-21, 21-20, 11-2.
- MEN'S C: Jim Hiser d. Doug Wood, 21-16, 21-17.
- MEN'S SENIORS: Bob Liplin d. J. Diederlott, 21-10, 21-13.
- MEN'S MASTERS: Lynn Hahn d. Fred Wiegand, 21-13, 21-16.
- MEN'S GOLDEN MASTERS: Dan Wood d. Manny Nosan, 18-21, 21-17, 11-8.
- JUNIORS 17 & UNDER: Vince Mack d. Matt Wyman, 21-9, 21-8.
- JUNIORS 15 & UNDER: Chuck Teets d. Chris Cole, 21-11, 21-16.
- WOMEN'S OPEN: Stacy Fletcher d. Donna Henry, 12-21, 21-16, 11-1.
- WOMEN'S A: Laurel Harmon d. Janice VanDerWel, 21-20, 16-21, 11-4.
- WOMEN'S B: Mary Fortuna d. Pamela Rendline, 21-12, 21-18.
- WOMEN'S C: Michele Piperides d. Peggy Elliott, 21-11, 16-21, 11-9.
- WOMEN'S SENIORS: Peg Shaw d. Kip Valenta, 21-10, 21-18.

MRA 6

By GARY DOTY

The sixth stop on the MRA amateur circuit, sponsored by AMF HEAD, was held February 15, 16 and 17, 1980, and drew over 450 entrants to the beautiful Woodland Racquet Club locate in Brighton, Michigan.

As the season progresses toward the state championship in April, it is clear that the MRA computer ranking systems is really beginning to prove itself. All 14 divisions of player were very competitive, with tie-breakers and upsets of seeded players adding up to an exciting weekend of racquetball.

The Men's Open division saw Roy White of Grand Rapids playing his finest racquetball of the MRA season. White, who was unseeded, had to play out of the tough top half of the draw to make it to a Sunday afternoon showdown with number two seed, Larry Fox, in the finals. White's victory included an exciting 16-21, 21-11, 11-4 win over number four seed, Joe Aguglia, and a 21-15, 21-14 win over Clee Melvin. Melvin had upset number one seed, Rick VanderLind on Saturday in another super match, 21-19, 17-21, 11-5. Larry Fox showed why he will be the one to watch in April, as he was never really pushed throughout the tournament, including the finals, as he rolled to a 21-8, 21-6 win over a tired White.

THE FATHER and son team of Tim and Lynn Hahn enjoyed a successful weekend, with son Tim taking the Men's A, and father Lynn again proving he is the premier Men's Masters player in the state by taking that division.

The Women's and Junior Divisions continue to improve with each tournament. Two players to watch in the state finals will be Brenda Bos in the Women's Open and Vince Mack in 17 and under.

- JUNIORS 17 & UNDER**
Semi's: V. Mack d. J. Butcher, 21-12, 21-10; M. Wyman d. J. Ward, 21-19, 21-19.
Finals: Mack d. Wyman, 21-5, 21-14.
- JUNIORS 15 & UNDER**
Semi's: S. Woodard d. G. Heekin, 21-8, 21-13; J. Garrison d. A. Pugh, 21-16, 21-18.
Finals: Woodard d. Garrison, 17-21, 21-17, 11-10.
- WOMEN'S OPEN**
Semi's: L. Ecker d. J. Lubbers, 21-18, 21-15; S. Fletcher d. D. Erhart, 21-11, 21-8.
Finals: Fletcher d. Ecker, 21-1, 21-7.
- WOMEN'S A**
Semi's: B. Bos d. B. Kurtz, 21-8, 15-21, 11-8; B. Swaab d. P. Shaw, 21-18, 21-17.
Finals: Bos d. Swaab, 21-10, 21-19.
- WOMEN'S B**
Semi's: J. Moss d. K. Popiel, 21-6, 18-21, 11-4; P. Hartsoe d. J. Minges, 21-14, 21-16.
Finals: Moss d. Hartsoe, 21-9, 21-6.
- WOMEN'S C**
Semi's: B. Burwell d. N. Huff, 6-21, 21-16, 11-7; P. Boumansour d. D. Fultz, 21-12, 18-21, 11-2.
Finals: Boumansour d. Burwell, 21-13, 21-19.
- WOMEN'S SENIORS**
Semi's: W. Dockery d. J. Peterson, 21-13, 21-4; D. Barnstead d. Y. Strange, 14-21, 21-3, 11-3.
Finals: Dockery d. Barnstead, 21-11, 21-15.

Many thanks must go out to Jenny and her staff at the Woodland Racquet Club for their great cooperation and desire to make MRA 6 a fun weekend of racquetball for everyone. Great hospitality for all three days, friendly people, and a beautiful facility, not the least of which is J.P.'s Lounge which overlooks five of the backwall glass courts, made all who attended eager for another stop at Woodland next year.

- MEN'S OPEN**
Semi's: R. White d. C. Melvin, 21-15, 21-14; L. Fox d. C. Myles, 21-14, 21-9.
Finals: Fox d. White, 21-8, 21-6.
- MEN'S A**
Semi's: C. Ennis d. R. LaBelle, 21-19, 21-15; T. Hahn d. G. Green, 20-21, 21-10, 11-2.
Finals: Hahn d. Ennis, 7-21, 21-16, 11-1.
- MEN'S B**
Semi's: B. Mitchell d. M. Kaufman, 21-11, 21-12; T. Cheney d. D. Sheperdigian, 21-16, 21-16.
Finals: Mitchell d. Cheney, 21-17, 21-9.
- MEN'S C**
Semi's: D. Dutcher d. P. Walsh, 17-21, 21-6, 11-4; S. Hastings d. C. Wolford, 21-8, 21-6.
Finals: Hastings d. Dutcher, 21-16, 21-10.
- MEN'S SENIORS**
Semi's: F. Lewerenz d. M. Klein, 21-16, 18-21, 11-4; S. Luff d. J. Erikson, 9-21, 21-9, 11-6.
Finals: Lewerenz d. Luff, 21-14, 21-6.
- MEN'S MASTERS**
Semi's: L. Hahn d. H. Shore, 21-4, 21-5; D. Matyas d. P. DelFavero, 21-6, 21-5.
Finals: Hahn d. Matyas, 18-21, 21-15, 11-7.
- MEN'S GOLDEN MASTERS**
Finals: M. Nosan d. H. Sohikian, 21-2, 21-0.

Tips on How to Beat the Other Guy

By CHARLES GARFINKEL

Editor's note: In his book, "Racquetball The Easy Way," Charles Garfinkel delves into tactics that develop match-winning skills to the maximum. He believes that in order to win matches one needs good strokes, but that the winning edge is in proper physical and mental attributes. With permission of the author and ATHE-NEUM/SMI, RACQUETBALL TODAY will reprint portions of that book.

PLAYING THE SHOOTER

There are some players who seem to roll out every shot — produce shots that hit low off the front wall and barely bounce at all, making them very difficult to return. Such players never seem to miss, so you must beat them to the shot. You must try to shoot for a winner at the earliest opportunity that you are given. If you can show your opponent that you can make some shots as well as he can, you could put some doubts about his shooting ability in his head.

PLAYING MR. PSYCHE-OUT

Some players will do almost anything to ruin your concentration — stall, wipe imaginary sweat from the court, keep talking throughout the match, etc.

My advice is to completely ignore such a player. Under his seemingly confident manner there must be a lot of self-doubt. If he were sure of his abilities, he wouldn't have to try all of these shenanigans. If you can demonstrate that his actions don't bother you, you'll win the match much more easily than if he had kept his mouth shut.

PLAYING THE CHEATER

It's no fun playing an opponent who takes shots on two bounces, blocks you out when you have a shot, and who constantly complains about every shot. My advice is simply not to play any more matches with this individual.

PLAYING MORE THAN ONE PERSON

Do you have a standing date every Wednesday and Friday at five o'clock with your best friend? Is he your only racquetball opponent? Such an arrangement may be convenient, but probably neither

one of you will improve very much. Try to play as many different players as you can. That way you'll get to know different styles and shots. You'll soon enjoy the challenge of trying different strategies and shots against different opponents.

PLAYING THE BETTER PLAYER

If you are playing an opponent who is far superior to you, stay relaxed and don't rush your shots. Watch the ball and take a full stroke every time you hit a shot. Don't try to put the ball away with shots that you never use. Be patient — wait for the right opportunity to kill the ball. Usually, the player who is overmatched will try to put the ball away every time that he hits it, but this will only result in his losing much faster.

For Your Health

A Special Report From Tom Grobmisi

Staff writer Tom Grobmisi has gone out to find out about some of the more interesting and exotic developments in the world of science and health and reports his findings here for your interest.

SUCCESS HAS ITS PAINS: Clinical studies have shown that many successful athletes suffer from a very rare, yet dangerous disease that comes from excessive winning. The symptoms are bragging, aloofness and cockiness, followed by a gradual and consistent swelling of the head, finally turning into a full-blown case of "successoriosis." The heartbreak of successoriosis that once the victim begins losing, the disease does not diminish — the ex-winner just becomes bitter and sarcastic.

People who have been treated for successoriosis include Marty Hogan, Carlie Brumfield, Davey Bledsoe, Jerry Hilecher, and most other successful male racquetballers.

CELL DEATH: That alcohol kills brain cells is a long established fact, but Dr. Ryan T. Zolan was intuitive enough to

PLAYING THE LEFT-HANDER

Too many right-handers try to change tactics when playing a left-hander, but this usually confuses rather than helps them.

When playing a lefty, you should hit most of your serves to his backhand. You would also hit most of your ceiling balls to his backhand. However, when you have a shot that you can put way, hit it in the same spot you would if you were playing a right-hander.

For instance, if you have a set-up off the back wall on your backhand, and that is one of your best shots, shoot the ball straight down the line, just as you would if you were playing a righty. If you hit the ball low enough, the lefty has no chance to

return the ball, even if it is on his forehead.

WHEN SHOULD YOU PLAY YOUR HARDEST?

Certain players always seem to win the games that end by the scores 21-18 or 21-19. Why? They seem to have that fierce desire to win no matter what they have to do. I don't mean that they cheat. But they will go after every ball, no matter where it is on the court. They will make the shots that they know they have to make. They will summon that extra mental and physical strength that they need. They will not be beaten. You must play your hardest when you are close to victory, and even harder if you are close to defeat.

realize that if this was true, other things probably kill other kinds of cells. The doctor's research thus far indicated that mineral water may kill eyelash cells, asparagus kills liver cells, horseradish kills nasal cells, onions kill tearduct cells, and spinach kills childhood cells. Dr. Zolan admits that his research is inconclusive and somewhat subjective as "You zee, it's quite divicult to detect ze death of a zell — zey don't hold a big funeral or anything like dat when zey die; and zen when you get lucky and find a rezently dezeased zell, ze cause of death don't just hop up and zslug you in ze teeth neither."

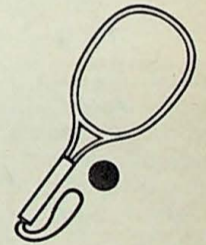
BAD BREATH is a problem for over 50 million people in this country and people spend millions on toothpaste and mouth wash to fight "dirty hal," usually to no avail. Dr. Zola has been studying the problem and concludes that "those of us who have bad breath are zimpily stuck...zere is no way to really get rid of ze problem...you can only cover it up!" As Dr. Zolan himself suffers from the malady (as this reporter can readily testify),

he is concerned about the poor image bad breath. "Zere is nothing funny about bad breath" he goes on to say, "now, body odor, zats funny! A little dandruf gives me a chuckle now and zen and I once saw a case of acne so funny I fell off ze chair; but I don't zee nuting funny about bad breath."

ATHLETE'S FOOT is really a misnomer according to Dr. Zolan. Most people believe that it's caused by athletic competition, sweating, and overheating of the feet and toes. But there is no proven studies that show that these are the causes of athlete's foot. According to the doctor, the cause is as yet undetermined, though he admits that it's amazing how many athletes seem to have the problem. The doctor has a theory that it is a fungus that thrives in dark enclosures (like lockers), but he has yet to prove this theory as people who hang around bars do not seem to have a greater incidence. Dr. Zolan is looking into the use of alcohol as a possible deterrent and says he's enjoying his research immensely.



ILLINOIS CLUB GUIDE



THE RIGHT CLUB: 2330 N. Hammond Drive, Schaumburg, IL. 397-3300. 8 racquetball courts featuring 4 new glass backwall courts, complete Nautilus-aerobics fitness center with supervised programs and exercise classes; 5 tennis courts featuring indirect lighting providing the highest ceiling in Chicago; cocktail lounge with viewing gallery, attended nursery, whirlpools, saunas, traveling teams, instructional and advanced leagues, sanctioned tournaments, match arranging, social events and parties.

RIVIERA 400 HEALTH CLUB: 400 East Randolph (Lake Shore Drive), Chicago. Climate controlled racquetball/handball courts, non-glare lighting and gallery viewing. **NO COURT FEES.** Landmark geodesic dome, swimming pool and whirlpool. Double tier sundeck with attended juicabar and private cabanas-chaise lounges available. Separate men and women's health clubs carpeted and attended. Saunas, steam room (men's), Roman Spa whirlpool (women's), Universal gym, weightlifting, sunrooms. Professional massage and facial (appointment). Towels, soaps, and toiletries complimentary. Pro Shop, lessons, programs, laundry service. Executive Health Fitness Program, fitness classes, T.V. lounge. For individual or corporate memberships to this plush Spa call (312) 527-2525. Director: Gale Landers.

PRO RACQUETBALL AND FITNESS CENTER: 1055 Lake Avenue, Woodstock, IL. (815) 338-8222. 8 climate controlled racquetball/handball courts. Fully carpeted locker rooms including saunas and whirlpools. Nautilus fitness center for extensive exercise programs. Spacious lounge with championship court viewing. A place for everyone to see.

SUPREME COURT: One Virginia Road, Crystal Lake, IL. (815) 455-3330. 10 air-conditioned racquetball courts, saunas, whirlpools, carpeted locker rooms, attended nursery, fully equipped pro shop. Manager/Pro: John Isaacson.

OAK LAWN RACQUET CLUB: 10444 South Central Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL. 499-3626. 5 racquetball/handball courts, 8 tennis courts, saunas, whirlpools, exercise room, carpeted locker rooms, attended nursery, T.V. lounge.

KILLSHOT, LTD: 321 Edgewater Drive, Bloomingdale, IL. 893-9575. 15 climate controlled racquetball/handball courts, fully carpeted locker rooms, large co-ed whirlpool, separate saunas, and massage rooms, extensive exercise room, fully equipped pro shop, attended nursery, spacious lounge with viewing gallery. Horseshoe-shaped bar with 2 way fireplace. Private and group lessons. General Manager/Head Pro: Don Jenkins. Manager/Pro: Sue Sullivan.

CHARLIE CLUB: 2701 Black Road, Joliet, IL. (815) 729-4503. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Restaurant and Disco (open to the public). 8 racquetball/handball courts, 2 indoor tennis courts with special "Sport Sod". Fully equipped men's and women's exercise rooms with Nautilus, Universal and Paramount equipment. Indoor swimming pool and jogging track, one kilometer outdoor parcours; locker rooms include saunas, steam rooms, massage, showers, and private Swedish massage. Supervised nursery. Members over 18 years, Corporate memberships available.

SILVER LAKE COUNTRY CLUB: 147th Street and 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, IL. 349-6947. 9 racquetball/handball courts (1 glass walled court for viewing), saunas, free attended nursery, exercise rooms, full length lockers, extensive bar and lounge. Private and group lessons available.

FOREST VIEW RACQUET CLUB: 800 East Falcon Drive, Arlington Heights, IL. 840-2574. 8 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts, 6 indoor tennis courts, 6 outdoor tennis courts. Separate saunas and whirlpools, men's and

women's locker rooms, attended nursery. Manager/head pro: Jeff Wilke. Racquetball pros: Georgia Maskalunas, Scott Thurber.

TINLEY PARK RACQUETBALL CLUB: 17500 Duvan Drive, Tinley Park, IL. 532-7900. Open 7 days, 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. 15 regulation racquetball/handball courts with unique use of glass for uninterrupted playing and viewing. Luxurious health facilities including saunas, steambath, whirlpools, Universal exercise areas. Free attended nursery. Pro shop, racquet rental, complete lessons program. Temperature controlled for comfortable year-round play. Home of the plush Prime Time Lounge. Managed by Five Stars International Enterprises, Inc.

CHALET SPORTS CORE: 8300 South Wolf Road, Willow Springs, IL. 246-4030. Conveniently located 1 mile from the Tri-State and Stevenson expressways. 22 racquetball/handball courts, indoor swimming pool, indoor running track, exercise room, saunas, whirlpools, steamroom, sunroom, free attended nursery, pro shop, cocktail lounge and disco.

TAM RACQUETBALL AND TENNIS CLUB: 7686 N. Caldwell, Niles, IL. 967-1400. Year round air-conditioned facilities. Includes 5 racquetball/handball courts and 8 tennis courts with award winning lighting. Free attended nursery, deluxe locker rooms with separate whirlpools and saunas, pro shop, member lounge and kitchen. Racquetball Pro: Howard Sandier. Head Tennis Pro: Rod Schroeder. Pro staff includes: Stewart Flank, Jeff Rothstein, Tim Buturac, Sarah Dutton.

HOMWOOD-FLOSSMOOR RACQUET CLUB: 2940 W. 183rd St., Homewood, IL. 799-1323. Four racquetball courts, 8 tennis courts, separate whirlpools, saunas, ex-

ercise room, supervised instructional exercise program daily, attended nursery 4-4:30 Mon. thru Fri. Facility Manager: Duane Elliott.

THE RACQUET HOUSES

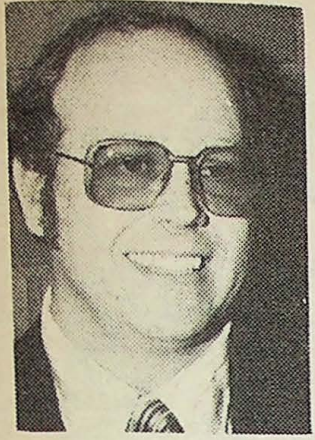
1. O'HARE RACQUET HOUSE: 951 East Touhy Ave., Des Plaines, IL. 296-6144. Club Pro: Shirley Scheithe.
2. THORNDALE RACQUET HOUSE: 1220 Mark St., Bensenville, IL. 595-2020. Club Pro: Colleen Shields.
3. HILLSIDE RACQUET HOUSE: 4401 W. Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL. 449-2255. Club Pro: Tony Fernis.
4. HARLEM IRVING RACQUET HOUSE: 4203 North Harlem, Norridge, IL. 457-2040. Club Pro: Sam Rizzio.
5. ELMHURST RACQUET HOUSE: 233 West Grand Avenue, Bensenville, IL. 595-5060. Club Pro: Rose Magliano.

All clubs have racquetball/handball on 8 regulation courts. Carpeted locker rooms, saunas, whirlpools, steamrooms, exercise facilities, free attended nursery, pro shop, racquet rental, group and private lessons, instructional and non-instructional leagues. Open 7 days a week. Director of all club operations: Carol Armstrong. Program Director/Head Pro: Nancy Kronenfeld.

SPAULDING RACQUETBALL CLUBS:

1. 2699 Skokie Valley Road, Highland Park, Ill. 60035. 433-600.
2. 2175 Commercial Avenue, Northbrook, Ill. 60062. 498-9890.
3. 220 West North Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60610. 943-2266.

All clubs have 12 air-conditioned racquetball/handball courts, carpeted locker rooms, saunas, whirlpools, free attended nursery, pro shop, racquet rentals, group and private lessons, leagues, programs and parties. Open 7 days a week.



The Referee's Chair

By JOHN R. GREENE

Bill Precht (Mary's husband) is one of the Referee's Committee's more active — and interested — members. Primarily because Mary competes in so many tournaments; and, because he enjoys reffing, and helping out.

Having accompanied Mary to at least 50 tournaments (and witnessed close to 500 Pre-Match Instructions), Bill recently commented to me that no Pre-Match Instructions are ever the same. Every referee has a totally different litany. Some virtually restate the complete unabridged USRA Rule Book; while, others merely state, "Heads or Tails!"

Bill's observations are correct — and timely. Both Phil Simborg (previous ISRA's Referee's Committee chairman, and current VP) and I have been mulling over — separately — various thoughts about a

standardized version that will: 1) help all ref's handle the Pre-Match Instructions more thoroughly and accurately; 2) make the opponents aware that the referee will be calling EVERYTHING; and, 3) make the ref better, more alert.

An idea has been suggested that possibly these instructions be printed on paper, and laminated for future and continued use. If the ISRA had about 20 of these to use at all sanctioned tournaments, then every ref could take one with him to the court. If need be, he could read directly from it during the Pre-Match; and, refer to it during the match.

We'd like your ideas on this. Please call me (869-0267, evenings) and let me know if this laminated "Pre-Match Instructions Card" would benefit you — as a player, and as a referee.

PSYCHING

By MARILYN STERLING

I lost again! I feel terrible. I could scream, I could cry. I think I could smash this racquet into a million pieces and feel great about it. I'm going to quit racquetball. I think I'll start running again. What happened...why isn't this fun anymore?

Ever feel that way? I have. Nobody wants to be a bad sport. Most people want to have fun...but why is the "win" so important?

I unearthed an answer. It is because so many people seem to equate self-worth with their performance in all areas...setting impossible standards of excellence for themselves.

THIS ATTITUDE is almost epidemic in our culture. Our nation values excellence in all things. We are achievement oriented, and measure our fellow man by their

Racquetball Etiquette

By MISTER MANNERS
(Tom Grobmisi)

Dear Mister Manners,

We have a group of about eight women who love to play round robin doubles twice a week, but there's one problem — her name is Linda Cronchak. Somehow she got invited into the group and she's just not good enough — it ruins the whole thing. We just don't know how to get rid of her in a nice way. We've tried hitting her repeatedly with the ball, but she's gotten **very fast**. None of us talk to her; we make her pay for all the balls; and we leave small, dead animals in her locker. Whenever we can, we switch court time without calling her, but that's not always possible. Is there any way to get rid of her without appearing ungracious?

The West Side Swingers

Dear West Side Swinger,

It sounds like Linda is one of those people who just can't take a hint. You're Westsiders — why don't you hire a hit man? Something subtle, like a broken arm or leg should solve your problem for a while.

Dear Tom,

There's this sleazy, pimply, disgusting looking guy who hangs around the locker room and stares at us when we get undressed or shower — it's really creepy! He's the son of the owner, and the owner

gives us a real break on court fees, so we hate to complain. What should we do?

Sincerely,
Mary, Carol & Sue

Dear Bashfuls,

The answer is simple — since he hangs around the women's locker room all the time, why don't you fool him and use the men's locker room?

Dear Mr. Manners,

I'm No. 2 on our club ladder. I should be No. 1, but every time I play No. 1 he beats me! He doesn't beat me because he's better...he beats me because **he cheats!** He cheats on double-bounces, he lies about the score, and everytime I get a setup he moves right in front of me. After the first few points I'm so upset I can barely hit the ball. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

What's the matter with you? Don't you believe in the "American Way?" How do you think Exxon got to be No. 1? Playing fair? Love it or leave it, crybaby!

Dear Tom,

I'm thinking about investing in a racquetball club. My question is really a three part question: 1) with the current interest and mortgage rates, would you consider club investment a viable hedge against inflation; 2) do you think club construction has reached the saturation point, and 3) is it really possible to make a significant return in club ownership?

Sincerely,
Charles Winthrop III

Dear Chuckie,

You some kinda egghead or something? I don't know nothing about club ownership, and as to whether or not it's a good investment, that depends on who you talk to. The players are all convinced the club owners are getting filthy rich...just look what it costs to rent a court compared to a motel room! If you can believe the club owners, they're losing \$17 million a year in stolen towels alone! The club managers all say the owners are making big money because they underpay their staff. I think the difference is whether or not to use liquid soap.

Dear Tom,

My wife and I play in a mixed doubles league every Friday night, and I really enjoy it, but the problem is, my wife enjoys it even more. She's a very attractive, well-built woman, and though she doesn't play too well, she sure has fun on the court. She wears very tight, seductive outfits, and doesn't wear anything underneath, and she seems to spend a lot of time bending over to tie her laces or pick up the ball. She's been known to disappear for extended periods of time between games with one or more of the other husbands, and I understand she's been seen fooling around in the men's whirlpool. I don't want to come on like a possessive or jealous husband, but it's getting a little tough to take. Can you give me some help?

Sincerely,
R.M.

Dear Possessive and Jealous Husband,

I think I'd better have a little talk with your wife. Please send me a number where I can get in touch with her during the day. It's hard for me to offer advice without knowing the extent of the problem.

Do you have a racquetball-related problem or question? Why not ask Mr. Manners, c/o this paper.

'You Don't Have to Be A Star Baby'

competence in their undertakings. In our families, we were praised and loved according to how well we "performed." Hence, we learned that we were "good" people, deserving love and respect, only when we did things well. Self worth then became directly proportionate to our performance. We have become conditioned to want to win.

Other motives creep in. Like winning will bring love and respect of others.

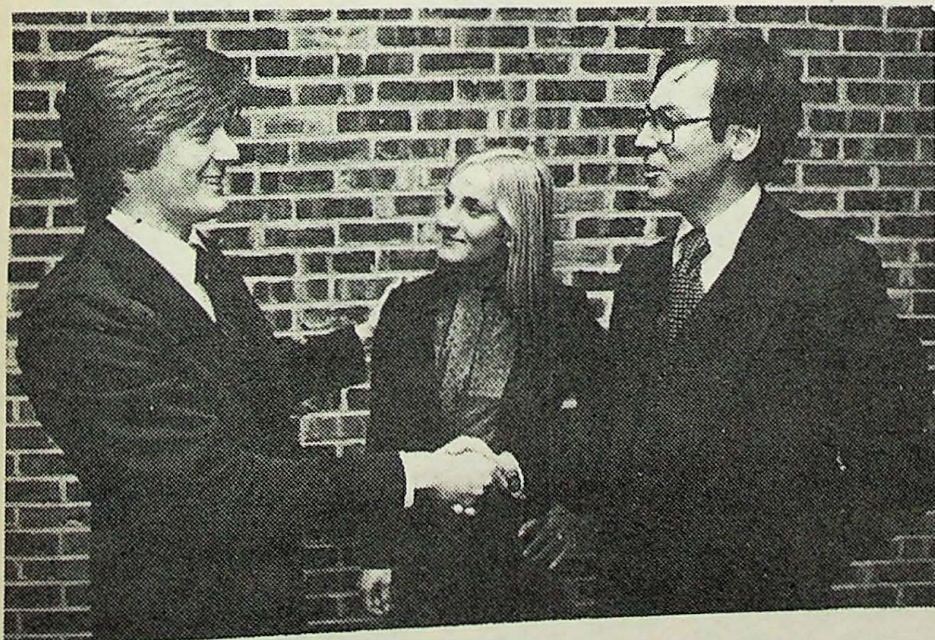
There's "one upmanship." Be better than the rest; top dog. It stems from a need for recognition and control. "Good" is measured against the performance of other players. The pitfalls here are: fear of defeat, there's always someone out there who's going to be better, a preoccupation with comparing oneself with others.

Then there are players who don't care how well they play, just as long as they "look good." They are not playing for fun, but for attention and praise.

THERE IS status too; where you play and who you play. Another sticky motive that encumbers us is friendship. You want to play because all of your friends do.

Did any of these ring a bell with you? The importance of all this is awareness. If you are aware of your true motives and they are OK with you, terrific! If they are not, awareness of what you are doing is the first ingredient needed for change. If you know what you are doing and why, you can look for alternative behaviors.

I was meditating on this question of where to place my priorities the other day when all of a sudden a chorus blasted into my consciousness. For me, it was perfect! They sang, "You don't have to be a star, baby, to be in my show...."



TIM DERN JOINS THE RIGHT CLUB!

Tim shown above with owner Stella Wenner (center) and manager Cary Davenport (right), has been appointed Director of Racquetball for The Right Club. The Right Club is a multipurpose recreational facility featuring 8 racquetball courts (4 with glass), 5 tennis courts, 14 Nautilus workout machines, whirlpools, saunas, plus a cozy lounge and bar. Aerobic dance classes are also among the different activities offered at The Right Club. Tim Dern has a degree in physical education from Indiana University where he attended college on a four-year gymnastic scholarship. As director of racquetball for The Right Club, Tim along with brother Ric, intend to develop various instructional and competitive programs. Junior racquetball development is a major concern.

**Everything you always wanted in a beer.
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Peck Stars in Catalina Classic

(Continued from Page 1)

12-21. He "got his head together" for the tie-breaker, however, and went on to win it 11-5.

I spoke to Dave after the match and he told me it was the first time he had ever been called for a technical, and though the avoidable hinder call might have been correct, he felt that there was no excuse for a player of Hulecher's caliber not to be able to hold up to avoid hitting his opponent with the racquet, and that's what made him so angry.

There was a very interesting sideline to this tournament, as five of the eight qualifiers won their first match in the 32's...quite a feat when you consider that that's more qualifier-winners than in all the previous stops this season. The eight qualifiers were Jeff Bowman (San Diego), who defeated Steve Mondry in the first round; Mike Levine (Rochester); Dan Factor (San Diego), who defeated Jerry Zuckerman in the first round; John Barrett (Tempe); Scott Hawkins (Santa Ana), who defeated Lindsay Myers in the first round; Kirk Williams (San Diego), who scored a big upset over Craig McCoy in the first round; Ross Harvey (San Diego); and Gary Berberet (Buena Park, Cal.), who scored another big upset over No. 2 seed, Davey Bledsoe.

IN THE AMATEUR divisions, Mike Levine took the Men's Open, beating Stan Wright in the Semis and Dave Bush (Long Beach, Cal.) in the Finals. Bush beat Dave's younger brother, Gregg, in the Semis. In the Women's Open, it was Kippi Bishop of Los Alamitos over Kim Jones of Las Vegas. Bill Schmidtke, "perpetual winner" in the Men's Seniors, continued his success.

The Referee

By TOM GROBMISI

"Skip ball" yelled the ref.
 "Skip my Aunt Fanny's nose," I said,
 "That ball rolled out
 without a doubt,
 Do you know what this game's about?
 Are you going blind
 Or are you just unkind?
 Are you sleeping, or drinking,
 Or out of your mind?
 That shot was as perfect
 As a shot could be . . .
 What the heck have you got against me?
 Come on, ref, get in the game
 That last call was really a shame.
 You're dumb and ugly
 And you can't see the ball,
 You shouldn't ever ref at all!"
 "Technical" replied the ref,
 "Play ball," she said, without a breath.
 "Technical!!! What the heck do you mean?
 That's the dumbest call I've ever seen!
 You're rotten and stupid
 And you're just plain mean.
 This is a game, not the supreme court!"
 "Another technical" was her retort.
 "Hold on, just a minute . . .
 Did I hear right?
 That's two points off;
 Are you looking for a fight?
 I've never seen a ref as bad as you!"
 "Forfeit" she cried, "This match is through."
 Well, I learned my lesson,
 You can take it from me:
**DON'T EVER LET YOUR WIFE
 BE YOUR REFEREE!**

The tournament was beautifully run by director Jeff Green and his able assistant, Cindy McGovern. Though there was only backwall glass and limited seating, Telegraph Hill spared no expense as they set up closed-circuit viewing in the gymnasium. To top it off, Telegraph Hill is truly one of the premier clubs in the country, with 14 courts, an abundance of glass, full Nautalis room, a beautiful restaurant, and a full-size gym.

Though Peck was quite happy with his check for \$4,500, he told me that his "goal is to become the No. 1 player, and I'm sure it's just a matter of time." This tournament, he won in spite of a badly hurt knee and a charley horse on Saturday, and he feels he can handle anyone. He certainly doesn't lack the confidence to be No. 1, but we all know Marty Hogan never lacked in that area either.

For your reference, here is a rundown of the action:

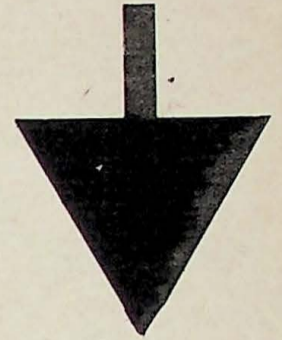
FINALS: Peck over Hilecher, 21-12, 12-21, 11-5.

Semis: Peck over Yellen, 20-21, 21-13, 11-9; Hilecher over Thomas, 21-17, 21-18.

Quarters: Peck over Morrow, 21-7, 16-21, 11-8; Yellen over Strandemo, 8-21, 21-12, 11-9; Hilecher over Charlie Brumfield, 21-11, 21-9; Don Thomas over Larry Meyers, 21-11, 21-16.

In the 16's: Peck over Jeff Bowman, Mark Morrow over Koltun (11-8 in the tie-breaker); Yellen over Factor; Strandemo MURDERED Richie Wagner, 21-5, 21-6; Hilecher over Hawkins; Brumfield over Kirk Williams; Don Thomas over Doug Cohen (Cohen scored a big upset over Dave Fleetwood to get to the 16's); and Larry Meyers over Berberet.

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Illinois State Racquetball Association 1980 State Championships



The Glass Court
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ENTRY DEADLINE: All entry blanks and corresponding entry fees must be in the possession of tournament director by Friday, May 9, 1980.

ENTRY FEE: \$20 per entry.

OFFICIAL BALL: Seamco 600 (blue).

RULES OF SANCTION PLAY: All current ISRA USRA rules will govern play. No player having accepted \$1000 or more in prize money on NRC Pro Tour within last 12 months may enter.

ELIGIBILITY: All participants must be current ISRA USRA members and live in Illinois. Membership applications will be available for an additional \$12.

AWARDS: Trophies to first four places in all events, and 1st place consolation.

PAYMENT: Make checks payable to S/S/S PROMOTIONS, P.O. Box D, Posen, IL 60469

STARTING TIMES: Entrants will be notified by postcard. (If you do not receive a post card by Wednesday, May 14, call the club 312-629-3390).

CONSOLATION: All Divisions—First-round losers must sign up.

LIMITATIONS ON ENTRANTS: Open: All eligible. A: Have not been a winner in A or Open. B: Have not been a finalist once, or semi-finalist twice in B. C: Have not been a finalist once, or semi-finalist twice in C. D: Have not been a finalist once or semi-finalist twice in D.

*Other Metro Clubs may be used depending upon the size of the draw. Al Shetzer, Phil Simborg, Tom Street—Your tournament directors.

Please Enter Me In: Men Women

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<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Open (30+)	<input type="checkbox"/> B
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<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Senior Singles (40+)	<input type="checkbox"/> D
<input type="checkbox"/> Master Singles (45+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. B
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Master Singles (50+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr. C
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Master Singles (55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> Master B
	<input type="checkbox"/> Master C

*12 entries necessary for each division. Entries will automatically be moved up to the next division if less than 12 enter.

WAIVER
 I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, agents and administrator, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the ISRA, its affiliated clubs, and their respective agents, representatives, successors and assigners for any and all injuries which may be suffered by me in connection with my participation.

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Linda Oreshoski, of Menominee, Michigan, is 23-years-old and has been playing racquetball for about two years. She rates herself a B-player, and is working hard to get ready for the State Singles Championships in Lansing, Mich. (April 18-20 at Sports Illustrated Court Club). She plays at the M & M YMCA which has only three courts and not many players. A-player Karen Brown plays and works with Linda to help sharpen her game.

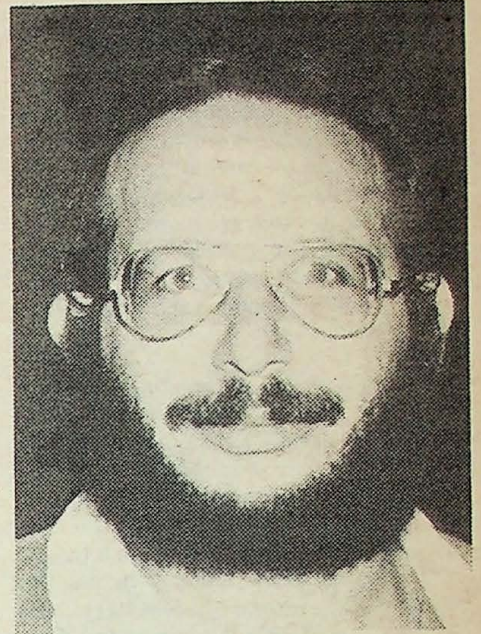
Linda works as an inspector at the Safeguard Piston Company in Marinette, Wis., which is just across the state line from Menominee. (Photo submitted for RACQUETBALL TODAY photo contest by Tom Marx of Menominee, Michigan.)

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Court Talk



Bob Gura

Have you noticed the varying mind employed by many local racquetball players? The differences can be readily spotted in their approach to the game both on and off court.

One segment of players engages in the sport of racquetball. They compete in an aggressive, thoughtful style designed to maximize skills and pleasures. The other faction devotes its time to an activity we'll label "racket" ball. This sport is noticeable by near-constant whining and cries of self-debasement on court. Off the playing premises the "racket" baller continues the practice, drawing notice to every possible excuse for blowing a game or match.

Whereas the orthodox player finds post-match socializing a pleasant and sought after part of the sport's routine, it's a little bit of hell for the "racketmonger." Everywhere he (or she) turns successful players are relaxing in the glow of a win or an accepted hard-fought loss. Comfortable with having performed to the best of their abilities there's little need for self-chastisement or rebuke.

THE NOISEMAKER on the other hand finds it difficult to live with inadequacy. As success on court plays an important part in the imagemaking process each loss drives the "racket" baller deeper into depression. Which, unfortunately reveals itself by even more childish and verbal play on court. What's worse, after having demonstrated the proclivity to act either like a loud-mouthed complainer or excuse artist, it's hard to make amends afterwards.

Which tends to leave the individual the solitary drinker at the bar or the lonely player at the video game machine. Attempts by well-meaning souls to forge a relationship tend to meet with nasty results. Oftentimes the disgruntled hacker wants desperately to touch base but feels the initiative is tendered out of pity.

So, what you get is a circumstance where most every member of a racquetball club is aware of the failings of a particular group or individual. And a relationship which leads to unwanted or needed rivalries, snubs and bad blood in general.

The bitter reality is that each member of the "racket" cult wants to be respected on court. And off. If not, why would he or she verbally strive to mask inadequacies?

Keep it in mind the next time you play someone who acts like a mountain-grown jackass on court. Perhaps a well-chosen word can do more to help than a well-deserved kick in the racquet.

Liggett-Myers Buys Leach

Leach Industries, the San Diego-based firm that is the nation's leading manufacturer of racquetball equipment and accessories, has been purchased by Liggett-Myers of New York, according to Charles Drake, president of Leach.

No sale price was announced. Leach had been owned for the past 33 months by the Colgate-Palmolive Company of Cincinnati.

In joining the Liggett Group, Leach will become a division of Diversified Products Corporation, the world's leading manufacturer of exercise equipment made for home use. Diversified, based in Opelika, Ala., also has a plant in Compton, Cal., and last year listed sales in excess of \$95 million.

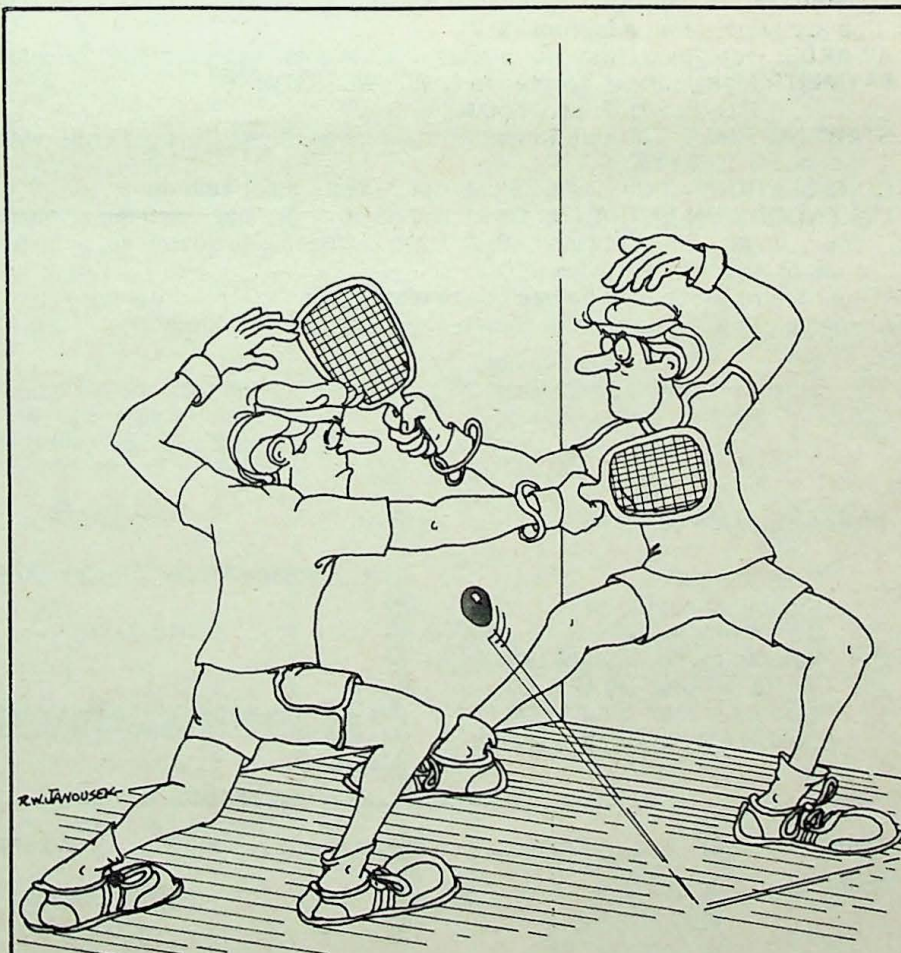
FOUNDED IN 1972, Leach has always been a leader in the industry, and its growth has been directly related to the growth in the sport here and across the country. While the sport was still in its infancy in 1975, Leach's sales figures were \$1.7 million.

Two years later it was sold to Colgate-Palmolive after a \$3.5 million year. Under Drake's management since that time, sales have steadily risen to \$13.8 million in the last fiscal year with the 1980 sales projected at \$17 million.

"We see the acquisition by Liggett-Myers as an outstanding opportunity for Leach's continued growth," said Drake. "Because Diversified is already a leader in our areas of interest, recreation and fitness, their ownership will bring to Leach an increased efficiency in transportation, distribution and production. It is an perfect match of products."

Leach's product line includes 21 different models of racquetball racquets as well as clothing, balls, gloves, eyeguards and bags. The company manufactures more than 600,000 racquets per year, and is the only firm which has the technology to make its own plastic, metal and graphite racquets.

THE FUN-DAMENTALS OF RACQUETBALL by R.W. JANOUSEK



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Attention, Clubs and Club Managers

To promote the sport of racquetball it is important for players to be familiar with the rules of the game. We suggest you clip out this page and attach it to your bulletin board for the benefit of your players.

Ed. Note: Phil Simborg is currently Executive Vice President of the ISRA. As Chairman of the Referee's Committee, Phil rewrote the referee's guide and was responsible for many changes in the rules of the game and refereeing procedures. He has worked with the USRA in the structure and wording of its official Rule Book, and can often be seen personally refereeing the "tougher" matches in Illinois and at major tournaments around the country.

After consulting with both the USRA and AARA on the content of their rule books, and after writing and rewriting no less than four referee's guidebooks, I'm convinced that the one thing that is lacking in the written rules of the game is how to apply the rules when there is no referee...and that encompasses easily over 95 per cent of all games played!

Following is my opinion of how to apply the rules when there's just the two (or three, or four) of you down in the court.

Rule 1 — SAFETY. SAFETY IS THE PRIMARY AND OVER-RIDING RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PLAYER WHO ENTERS THE COURT. At no time should the physical safety of the participants be compromised. Players are entitled, AND EXPECTED, to hold up their swing, WITHOUT PENALTY, anytime they believe there might be a risk of physical contact. Anytime a player says he held up to avoid contact, even if he was over cautious, he is entitled to a hinder (rally replayed without penalty).

Rule 2 — SCORE. Since there is no ref. or scorekeeper, it is important to see that there is no misunderstanding in this area, so THE SERVER IS REQUIRED to announce both the server's and receiver's score before EVERY first serve.

Rule 3 — DURING RALLIES. During rallies, it is generally the hitters responsibility to make the call — if there is a possibility of a skip ball, double-bounce, or illegal hit, play should continue until the hitter makes the call against himself. If the hitter does not make the call against himself and goes on to win the rally, and the other player thought that one of the hitter's shots was not good, he may "appeal" to the hitter by pointing out which shot he thought was bad and request the hitter to reconsider. If the hitter

is sure of his call, AND the opponent is still sure the hitter is wrong, the rally is replayed. As a matter of etiquette, players are **expected** to make calls against themselves anytime they are not sure. In other words, if a shot is very close as to whether or not it was a good kill or a skip ball, unless the hitter is **sure** the shot was good, he should call it a skip.

Rule 4 — SERVICE. 1) Fault serves (long, short, ceiling and three-wall): the RECEIVER has the primary responsibility to make these calls, and again, he should give the benefit of the doubt to his opponent whenever it is close. The receiver must make his call immediately, and not wait until he hits the ball and has the benefit of seeing how good a shot he can hit. IT IS NOT AN OPTION PLAY...the receiver does not have the right to play a short serve just because he thinks it's a setup.

2) Screen serves: When there is no referee, a screen serve DOES BECOME AN OPTION PLAY. When the receiver believes his vision of the ball was sufficiently impaired as to give the server too great an advantage on the serve, the receiver may hold up his swing and call a screen serve, or, if he still feels he can make a good shot at the ball, he can say nothing and continue playing. HE MAY NOT CALL A SCREEN AFTER HE ATTEMPTS TO HIT THE BALL. Further, the server may not call a screen under any circumstances...he must simply expect to have to play the rally until he hears a call from the receiver. (In doubles, unless the ball goes behind the back of the server's partner, no screens should be called.)

3) Footfaults, 10-second violations, receiving-line violations, service-zone infringement and other "technical" calls really require a referee. HOWEVER, if

either player believes his opponent is abusing any of these rules, between rallies he should discuss it with his opponent to be sure there is agreement on what the rule is, and to put each other on notice that the rules should be followed.

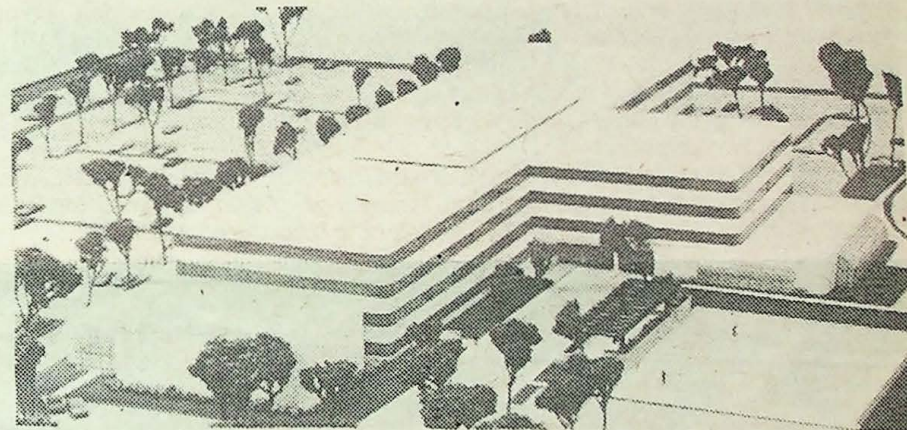
Rule 5 — HINDERS. Generally, the hinder should work like the screen serve — as an option play for the hindered party. ONLY the person going for the shot can stop play by calling a hinder, and he must do so immediately — not wait until he has the benefit of seeing how good a shot he can hit. If the hindered party believes he can make an effective return in spite of some physical contact or screen that has occurred, he may continue to play. HOWEVER, as safety is the overriding factor, EITHER PARTY may call a hinder if it is to prevent physical contact.

Rule 6 — AVOIDABLE HINDERS. Since avoidable hinders are usually not intentional, they do occur even in the friendliest matches. When a player turns the wrong way and gets in the way of his opponent's setup, there should be a better way than saying "I'm sorry" to make up for the mistake. Instead of saying "I'm sorry" the player who realizes he made such an error should simply award the rally to his opponent. If a player feels his opponent was guilty of an avoidable, and

the player did not call it on himself, the "offended" player should appeal to his opponent by pointing out that he thought it was an avoidable. The player may then call it on himself, or disagree, but the call can only be made on yourself. Often, just pointing out what you think is an avoidable will put the player on notice for future rallies and prevent reoccurrence.

Rule 7 — DISPUTES. If either player, for any reason, desires to have a referee, it is considered common courtesy for the other player to go along with the request, and a referee suitable to both sides should be found. If there is no referee, and a question about a rule or rule interpretation comes up, seek out the club pro or a more experienced player, then, after the match, contact your local state racquetball association for the answer.

All USRA affiliates have copies of rule books available, along with more comprehensive Referee Guides that provide more detailed information on the rules of the game, both for when there is a referee and when there is not. Many states have a Referee Chairman as well, and provide clinics on the rules of the game. If you would like information on who to contact in your state, call the USRA at (312) 673-4000, or write the USRA at 4101 Dempster, Skokie, Illinois 60076.



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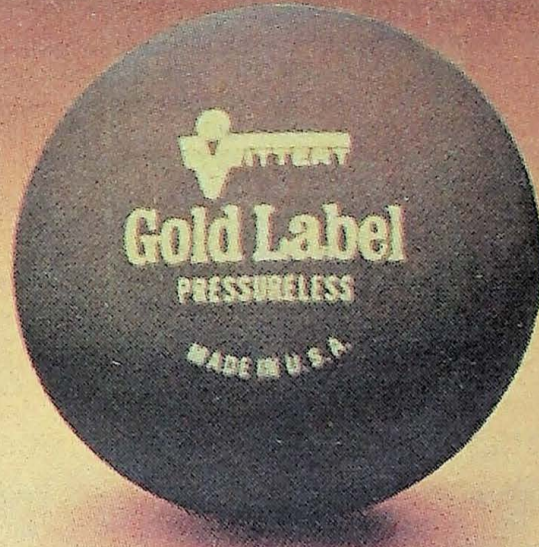
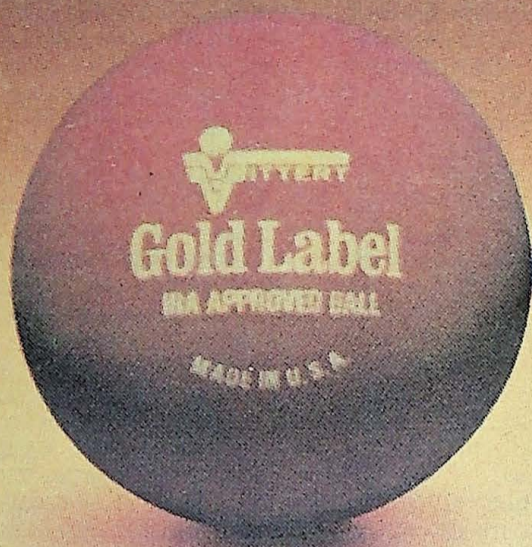
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