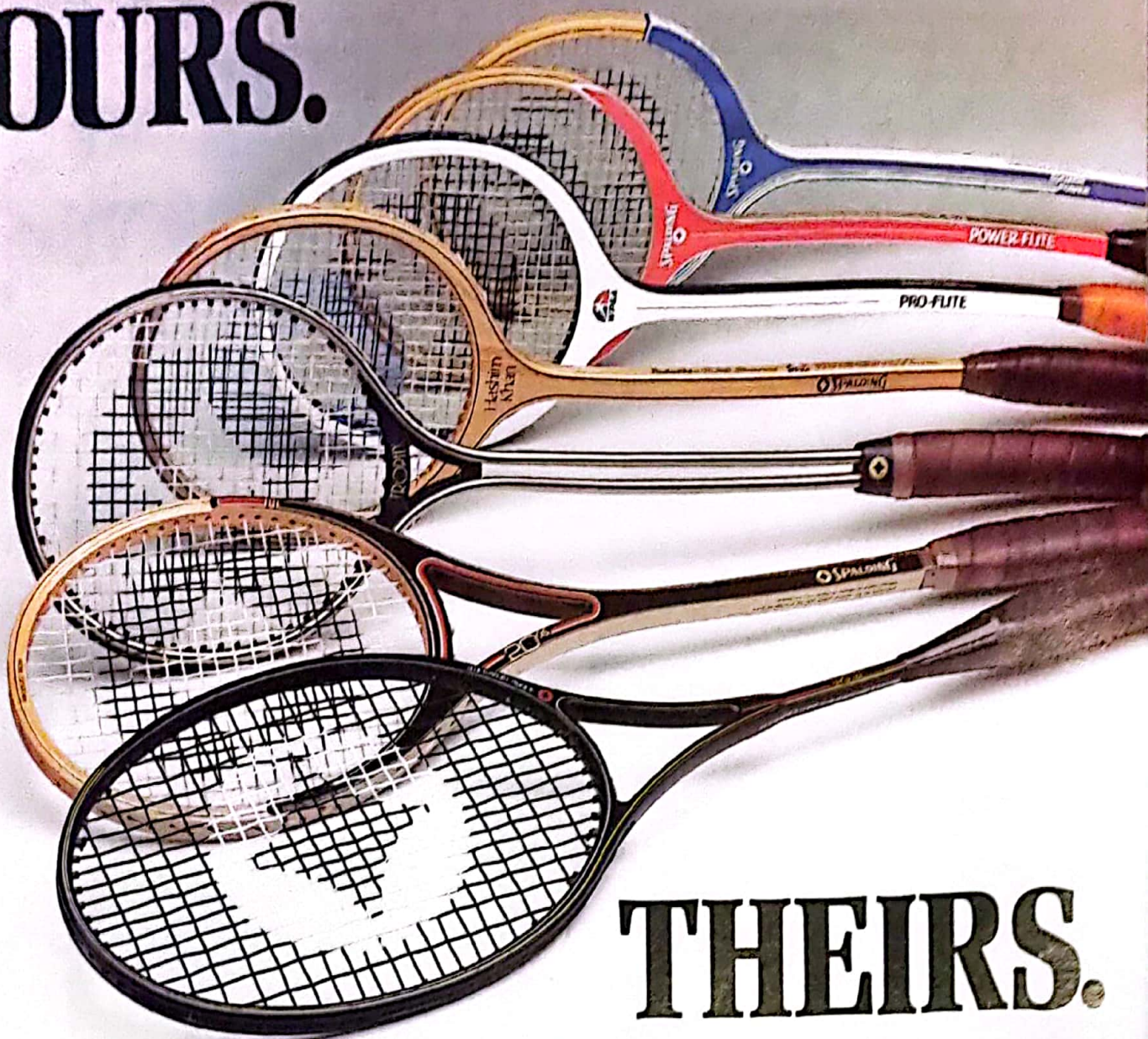
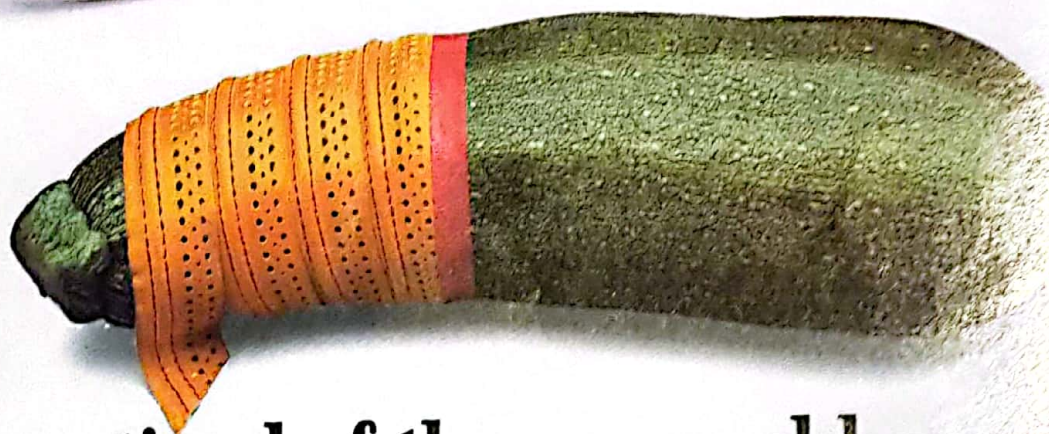


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## EYEING THE FUTURE

Nowadays, when one thinks of squash, images of healthy active people leap immediately to mind. It is therefore incongruous that squash, along with racquetball, should account for 25% of all eye injuries in amateur sports. In 1982 there were 88 serious eye injuries in Canada, 5 of which resulted in legal blindness, and all of these injuries were attributed to racquet sports. But the statistics get worse! It is estimated that more than 800 racquet sport players will suffer minor-to-serious eye injuries this year!

This is by no means a new and startling phenomenon. These appalling statistics have been amassing since the early 1970s. Concern on the part of the medical community and manufacturers prompted the Canadian Standards Association to set up a Technical Committee on Racquet Sports Eye Protection, chaired by noted Toronto ophthalmologist, Dr. Thomas Pashby. Its purpose was to write a standard and certification programme for eye protectors and the preliminary standard was published in October, 1983.

In March of 1980, Squash Ontario addressed the issue head on. It made eye protection mandatory for all juniors playing in junior events. Its Board of Directors subsequently lobbied and pressured other provinces and in 1981, the Canadian Squash Racquets Association went one step further by making eye protection mandatory for all juniors in all sanctioned events, including league. Surprisingly, this motion passed by the slimmest of margins and was perhaps a harbinger of things to come.

There are many who argue, and quite rightly, that juniors are no more prone to being hit with a racquet or ball than adults. Why then are eyeguards not mandatory for everyone? That statement is

enough to send the civil libertarians scurrying off to consult the Charter of Rights. There are two issues inherent in the overall question. Can an association such as Squash Ontario legislate a mandatory eyeguard policy, and should it?

Article three of Squash Ontario's Letters Patent sets out the objects of the Corporation. Promoting safety is not specifically referred to as one of the objects. However, it can be argued the general objects clause is wide enough to encompass such a concern. It reads, "To promote the game of squash racquets in Ontario and to arrange and encourage squash matches and squash competitions within Ontario". Promoting safety can be considered as merely one facet of promoting the game in the province. A number of clubs take this very stand, making eye protection mandatory for every member.

It is of note to discuss the situation in the United States. For the past few years the U.S.S.R.A. has continually resisted making eye protection mandatory for its juniors, despite the overwhelming evidence that it could dramatically reduce the number of eye injuries. Suddenly, within the last several months, this association has taken a quantum leap and made eye protection mandatory not only for juniors, but for everyone playing in national events. Now, one of the largest squash-playing districts has challenged this policy and asked the courts for an injunction. The results of that decision may very well impact the question here in Canada.

The W.P.S.A., the governing body for professional hardball, has muddied the waters even more. It has made eye protection mandatory for everyone joining the association after January, 1984. It has instituted a grandfather clause, exempting all pre-1984 members from complying

with the policy. This may open yet another Pandora's box.

The issue of **should** a mandatory eye protection policy be legislated is a bit more contentious. We are all blessed with some modicum of intelligence and it would stand to reason that no one would intentionally risk injury on court. It would therefore follow that everyone should be voluntarily wearing eye protection while playing squash. Unfortunately, this is not the case. In a recent survey, 74% of those responding said they wore eyeguards. If this figure is accurate, there is 26% still risking serious eye injuries. Is Squash Ontario or any other squash governing body responsible for those players who lack the intelligence to protect themselves? In short, must common sense be legislated?

If such a national policy is enacted, everyone should bear in mind the possible ramifications. How will it affect future international events hosted by Canada? Will foreign players be forced to wear eye protection or will they be exempted? If they are exempted, then what substance is there in the policy? If these players are forced to comply, will they attend? Will our own players be expected to comply with the representing Canada at events held outside this country? These are all important questions which will most certainly arise if a mandatory eyeguard policy is adopted. Canada must therefore be ready to stand by her guns regardless of outside pressures.

The entire question of compulsory eye protection cannot and should not be argued with emotion. It must be addressed logically and pragmatically. No one can disagree with the ultimate goal of total on court safety, but we must exercise caution and prudence in how we attain that goal. ●

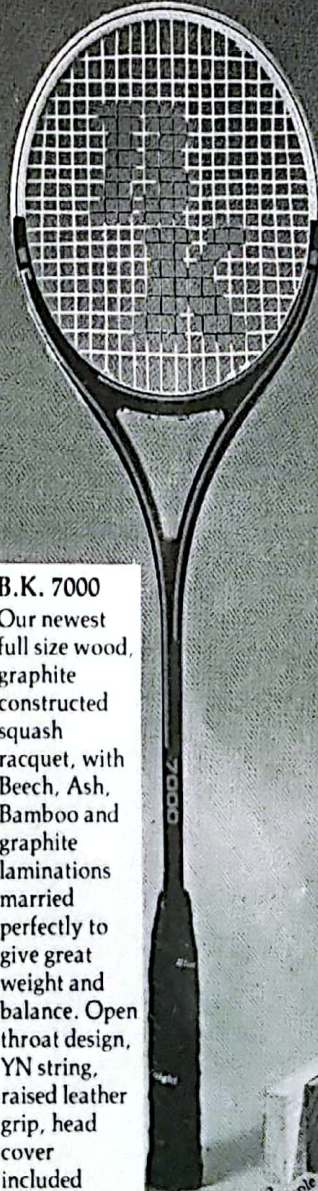
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# WAITE Wins Double Crown

by Stephen Dulmage

The Canadian Junior Hardball Championships were held in Toronto on the weekend of February 3rd to 5th. This national boys event attracted 124 top players, including 35 Americans and 9 players from Quebec. The Toronto Squash Club and the Squash Academy very graciously donated extensive court time, resulting in a smooth running tournament. All final matches were played at the Toronto Squash Club where the two show courts and large gallery complemented this prestigious event. Extensive media coverage by radio, newspaper and

Canadian boys to the limit. Waite overcame Jeff Stanley (New Jersey) 3-2 and Bicknell defeated Russ Ball (Pennsylvania), needing extra points in the fifth game. Ball is number 1 in the United States. Fifth went to Tony O'Dell from Trenton in a 3-1 match over sixth place Mark Barber (Toronto) and seven went to Ed Crymble (Ajax).

In the 16's, Scott Dulmage (Toronto) defeated Scott Nash (Hamilton) 3-0, repeating an earlier win in the Ontario's against Nash. Third went to Keith Flavell (Montreal) over Chris Stevens (Ridley) a

Waite's victory comes on top of his Canadian and U.S. under 16 championships last year.

television kept squash enthusiasts up to date on the tournament.

The 18 and under final was a repeat of the U.S. Junior Championships pitting Gary Waite from Sarnia against Bruce Bicknell of the University of Western Ontario, which Waite won 3-0. Bicknell won the award for "marathon man", by also playing in the University Team Championships on the same weekend - U.W.O. won! Waite's victory comes on top of his Canadian and U.S. under 16 championships last year. Gary has one more year as a junior and recently qualified as one of a four man Canadian junior team that will compete in the upcoming World Junior Soft Ball Championships in Calgary, April 16-29, 1984. In the semi-finals, two strong American contenders pushed our

3-1 hard fought contest where the last two games went to points. Sajid Butt (Duffin) defeated Richard Fisher 3-1 for fifth place, and Keith Patterson (Ottawa) finished seven, downing Mark Deratnay (Toronto). In the 14's, Jeremy Fraiberg (Montreal) had a decisive 3-0 victory over Eric Eiteljorg (Pennsylvania) (12,5,5). Ric Hartunian (Toronto) grabbed third spot with a 3-0 victory over David R... (Ottawa).

Fraiberg was ranked number 1 last year in the under twelves and Hartunian number 1. Fraiberg successfully exchanged places with Hartunian! Watch for more exciting matches between these two. Richard Chin (New York) earned fifth spot with a 3-1 win over Scott Stoneburgh (Toronto). Eiteljorg

and Chin will be ranked in the U.S.A. top five this year. Cyrus Taghizadeh (Waterloo) finished seventh in the tournament, beating Ken Watson (Ottawa) 3-1.

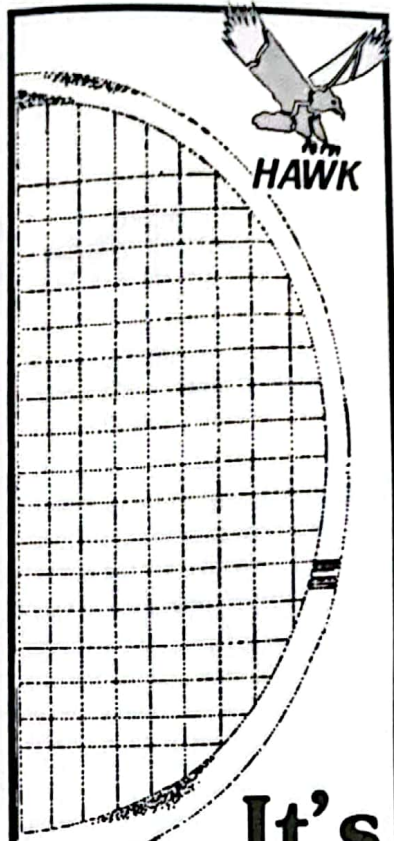
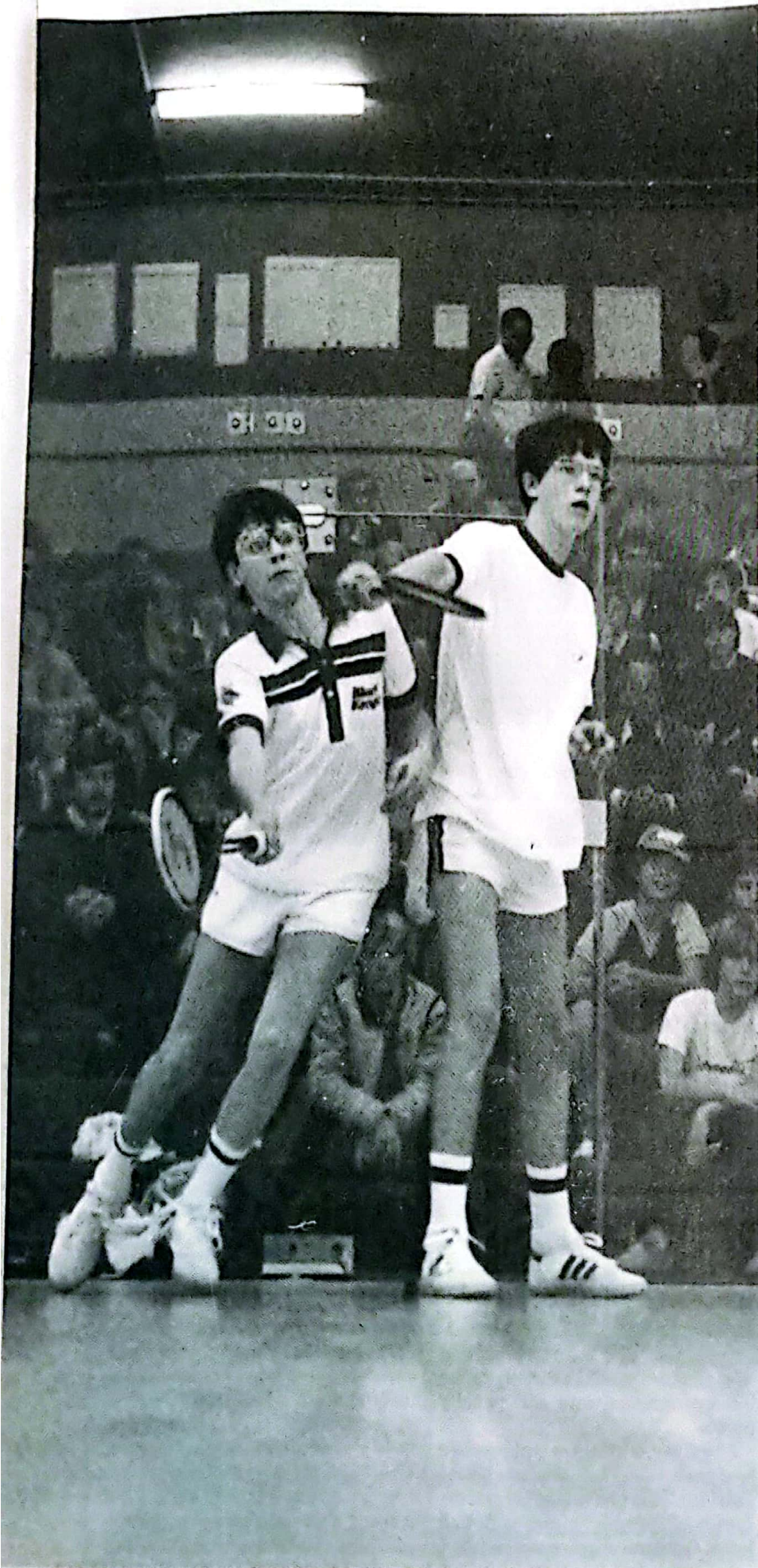
The under 12's was an all U.S. final. Marty Clark (Virginia), 3-0 over Bill Taylor (Delaware). Dean Brown (Ajax) earned third place winning over Chris Gratas (Toronto). Fifth went to Mac Carbonnell (Delaware), 3-love over Alex Decker (New York). Ryan Gledhill (Toronto) finished eighth, losing to Dan Vranesic in an exciting 3-2 cliff-hanger. The strong American contingent of Clark, Taylor, Carbonnell and Decker will be ranked in the U.S.A. top eight this year.

The tournament banquet at the downtown Holiday Inn was well attended on the Saturday night. Video tape movies of Jahangir Khan's recent Fleischmann's Championship were watched by the contestants. Stan Meek, tournament chairman, welcomed the players to Toronto and thanked the following sponsors for their contribution to the tournament: City of Toronto, Donnay, Puma, Pepsi Cola, Mc-Donalds and Merco-Seamco. Stan then invited Bob French, Executive Vice-President of the World Professional Squash Association to speak. Bob gave a very interesting speech and said that the professional tour over the last four years had made great strides, prizes are now \$500,000 which will go to \$1 million in three years. Many top pros got their start in the junior ranks - for example Mark Talbott was a previous junior hardball champion.

The tournament was the best run junior tournament I have attended. Stan Meek and his Toronto Cricket Club team of Bob Adams, Bill Richards, Norm Gledhill and Ed Deratnay and John Inglis (Crescent) did an excellent job of juggling the courts. Monica and Beth Richards and Shelly Adams looked after the paperwork and the registration desk. John Fuller, chairman of the Referee Committee, led a team of referees who provided refereeing which was so important for this top tournament.

The Canadian Junior Hardball Championships completes the 1984 season. The players will be busy in their hardball games for the District Championships, April 27-29, the Ontario's, April 27, Ontario and the Canadian Soft Ball Championships, May 11, Edmonton.

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# The Games, They Are A Changing

by Ian C. Stewart

In the last issue of Squash Life, I promised I would give you a review of my thoughts following the last annual meeting of the I.S.R.F. As you know, this was held in Auckland, New Zealand in October, 1983. As usual, there were many house-keeping items which had to be dealt with and most of these were handled quickly and without any major discussions among the various member countries. In fact, this annual meeting will go down in I.S.R.F. history as one of the most amiable ever held.

The racket specification which had caused considerable disagreement in 1982 but which was subsequently passed by postal ballot last June, was refined slightly and more or less put into place with minor suggested adjustments. These will be investigated by the Technical Committee and hopefully incorporated in 1984. The most important outcome of the racket specification is that we now have unanimity among both the hardball and soft ball game. The wording of the two specifications is perhaps slightly different but in essence they mean the same, and by 1984 it is hoped the United States Squash Racquets Association will adopt the I.S.R.F. specification verbatim. This would be a major step forward.

It was also unanimously agreed by the member countries that a period of experimentation should take place in order to try and develop a more attractive game internationally for both the media and general public. The soft ball game has fallen on difficult times, primarily due to the complete dominance of the game by Jahangir Khan and the length of time it now takes to finish a match at the very top level.

I have made the statement before that if man's physical prowess continues to improve at the rate it has



Ian C. Stewart

over the last 20 years, then two evenly matched players will take four hours to complete a match in the year 2000. Some of the suggested changes to the international game include a faster ball, one closer to the 70+, a lower tin, perhaps going to the current American height of 17 inches or even lower, and changing to American scoring, perhaps even cutting the games down to 11.

In addition, some Americans feel quite strongly that they should make some minor changes in their rules in order to bring their game closer to the international game. For instance, it has been suggested that the serving rules be changed to those used in the soft ball game. It is interesting to note that the international game is toying with the idea of going to only one serve. Another suggestion has been made to adopt the international rule on the intervals between games and a further opinion that changes should be made in the interpretation of lets and penalty points.

I can see both these approaches bringing the two games closer together. There have also been some cosmetic changes in the soft ball game that are worth mentioning. I

am thinking primarily of the blue floor with a white ball. This, as I said in an earlier article, was most successful in Paris last May, and I think will continue to be used, particularly on all transparent courts.

Another important subject discussed at the annual meeting and agreed upon, was a new fee structure and voting procedure. This in fact, does away with the founder member status and also allows all member countries, regardless of size and dues paid to the I.S.R.F., to participate at all annual meetings and play in all tournaments. The new fee structure is based on the number of courts in the particular country and the larger countries with over 300 courts will be able to apply for executive members status if they have proved through past performances that they are prepared to participate in the deliberations of the Federation. Although this new fee structure was deemed necessary due to increased Federation costs, the general feeling was that it should help develop a more visible international body. There is no question, however, that the I.S.R.F. will have to find additional methods of raising funds in the future.

The one other important item discussed and passed was approval in principle to merge the women's international body with the I.S.R.F. This same motion was passed at the W.I.S.R.F. meeting in Perth, Australia three weeks later.

From a purely personal point of view, I feel that the 1983 meeting was successful. As I am sure everyone else who has chaired a meeting will tell you, sometimes you go away with the feeling that you have not accomplished very much. The 1982 meeting in Toronto was one of those, but I guess I have learned that with patience, almost anything can be accomplished.



1985  
Maccabiah Games

## Searching for Team Canada

by Robert Sniderman

The spirit of the ancient Maccabee fighters is honoured through these international games for Jewish athletes, held every four years in Israel. Since their formation in 1932, the Games have promoted fierce competition, camaraderie and cultural recognition for the 3500 athletes, representing 30 countries, who participate in over 30 events which include all the summer Olympic events. The Maccabiah Games are now the world's second largest assemblage of athletes and are recognized by the International Olympic Games Committee and the International Sports Federation.

Squash was introduced to the Games in 1977, and the I.S.R.F.

sanctions play in both the team and individual competitions. These are held at a modern complex in Tel Aviv, constructed with the assistance of the Canadian government, and while the facilities are excellent, adapting to the 85 degree temperature on the four open-ventilation international courts presents unique playing conditions.

The Canadian Maccabiah Squash Team has been admirably represented at the past Games by such distinguished players as Gerry Shugar and Rob Lefcoe, but the medal honours have been swept by Selwyn Matchett and other internationally ranked players. However, with more

The 60,000 who cheered at the opening ceremonies and the final march through the streets of Jerusalem are memories which I will always cherish.

experience in playing abroad, improved players and administration, and the coaching of Aziz Khan, Canada will be sending a strong contending team to the next games with excellent chances of winning a

medal.

The Canadian team will consist of an open men's team and for the first time, an open women's team, and two junior boys in the under 15 classification to play in a special youth competition.

The 12th Maccabiah Games will be held in Israel during the month of July, 1985 and any eligible squash players interested in either the regional or national tryouts or who wants any additional information should write to Robert Sniderman, 110 Glenrose Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1K8.

All of Israel participates in the celebration of these international athletes, and I had the honour and privilege of representing Canada at the last Games. The sound of the 60,000 strong who cheered our contingent at the opening ceremonies and the final march through the streets of Jerusalem are memories which I will always cherish.

*Robert Sniderman, a certified Level I Squash Coach, is co-ordinating the Canadian Maccabiah Squash Team and represented Canada at the 11th Maccabiah Games. ●*



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## 1984 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

### High Hopes for Canadian Team

In April, 1984 Canada will host the Third International Squash Rackets Federation World Junior Squash Championships.

They will be held in Calgary, Alberta from April 15 through April 28, and will consist of two distinct championships. The World Junior Individual Championship will be played at the Richmond Squash Club from April 15 to 21, followed by the World Junior Team Championship, hosted by the Edgemont Racquet Club.

Sixteen countries have been confirmed for these Championships. Included are Australia, England, Finland, Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Scotland, Singapore, Sweden, the United States, Wales, West Germany and last but certainly not least, Canada. In addition there are expected to be twenty players or more from this country and others, playing in the individual event beyond those playing for their national teams.

Top seeded countries for the team championship will be Pakistan, Australia and England. They finished one, two, three in the last championships and are expected to be at least as strong this year.

Although Canada finished 11th in the 1982 Championships, we can expect a much improved showing this year, possibly as high as fifth or sixth. The team is led by 18-year-old Jamie Crombie of Calgary, and 17-year-old Gary Waite of Sarnia. Both of these juniors are in the top 30 of the current men's open rankings in Canada and moving up quickly. Rounding out the team are two 17 year olds, Sushane Soni from Winnipeg, and Toronto's Paul Gardner. Both have had impressive showings this season in various men's events and will ensure strong representation at all positions.

The team competition consists of

event are much more difficult since few of the players have competed internationally prior to this tournament. However, players from the top three countries traditionally prove to be the strongest in the individual events also. Crombie and Waite are expected to provide tough competition and hopefully will at least reach the top 16 of over 80 entrants.

Substantial funding has been allocated for this event by Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada, the Province of Alberta and the City of Calgary, as well as from sponsors. Sport Canada has also provided financial assistance to enable the national body to send at least ten top



Ontario's One, Two Punch! Paul Gardner (left) and Gary Waite.

matches between three players from each country with players matched in order of ability. Because of the number of matches scheduled, teams may carry four players and rotate their starting lineup.

Predictions for the individual

Canadian referees to officiate at the tournaments. This support will ensure a high quality event with maximum promotion to the general public and squash community.

Since many of the teams will be arriving in Canada well before the Championships and playing in other events such as the Alberta Open and the Canadian Championships, squash in Western Canada is bound to receive a great boost and much needed accompanying publicity. The Alberta Squash Association is also taking advantage of the opportunity to expose squash to thousands of local students and initiate school squash programmes in Calgary.

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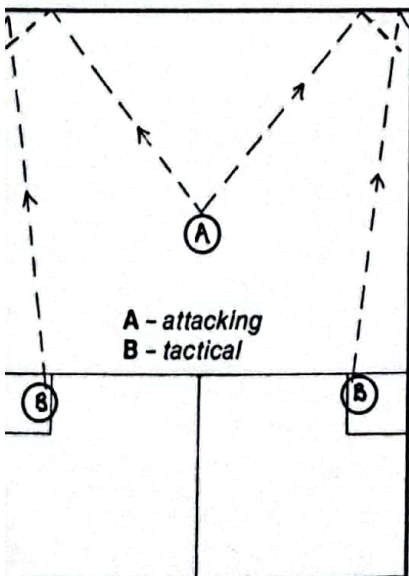
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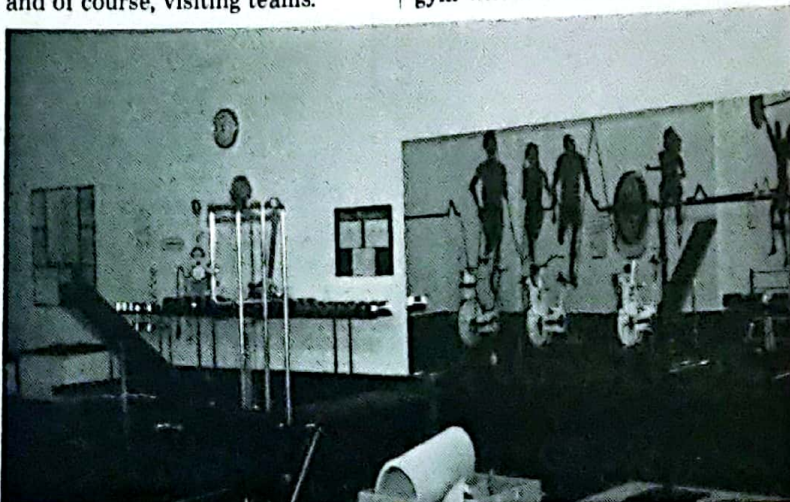
Regency also houses an exercise gym where a variety of classes are

held daily for both male and female members of the club. Fitness staff also provide fitness testing and personalized exercise programs for interested members.

A club's success lies in its programs, and Regency has many to offer. Some of the various activities include house leagues, mini leagues, active involvement in Toronto and District leagues and tournaments. This past season, Regency has played host to a major junior hardball tournament and a very successful Toronto and District Open Squash Championship.

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## STYNER ENDS OLLIER'S STREAK

by Dennis Goodfellow

It will be a long time before the 16 pros stop talking about the hospitality they received at the First Annual Brockville Invitational. The players declared the event a tough act to follow during the champagne brunch following the tournament. Ontario's oldest newspaper, the Recorder & Times, and the Thousands Islands Racquet Club were joined by the C.P.S.A., Dunlop and Slazenger, in sponsoring the event.

Play started on Friday evening with the seeds all advancing to the next round with straight game victories: Roy Ollier over Paul Gardner, Jeff Sneyd over Steve Moysey,

Sharif Khan over Rob Lefcoe, John MacRury over Gene Duval, Norm Platt over Todd Binns, Doug Whittaker over Fred Reid, and Dale Styner over Gary Waite. Paul Macdonald won by default as Mike Way injured a recurring Achilles tendon problem.

The quarter-finals displayed high calibre squash with very long and hard-fought rallies. Roy Ollier, Jeff Sneyd, John MacRury and Dale

Styner each handed three-love defeats to Macdonald, Khan, Platt

Sharif had the capacity crowd laughing as he measured the higher tin with his racquet.

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The semi-finals were played Saturday afternoon with Roy Ollier and Dale Styner coming out winners against Jeff Sneyd and John MacRury. The tournament site was moved to the home of Roger Bateson where the players and guests were treated to a lavish display of food and drink.

With Sunday morning came the final match between Roy Ollier and Dale Styner. Roy has been undefeated this year and he wasn't planning on changing his winning ways. Dale, however, had other ideas and combined hard volleys with a short game to unsettle Roy. In just over an hour and four games, Dale Styner handed Roy Ollier his first loss of the season! In the consolation event, young Gary Waite defeated Rob Lefcoe in four exciting games.

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## BLACK TIE SQUASH AT M.A.A.A.

by Jan Atkinson

Old Man Winter gave us a bitter reminder that it was still early February during the Canadian Hardball Championships recently played in Montreal. Inside the M.A.A.A. however, the reception couldn't have been warmer for the 140 squash players who had come from many parts of the U.S. as far away as Vancouver, to compete for seven national titles. The carpet wasn't rolled up after Friday evening, either. The hospitality and festivities continued throughout the weekend. The tournament committee, ably led by David Pemberton-Smith and Colin Adair, set new standards for staging a successful event. The extrav-

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aganza was made possible through the generous sponsorship of Grays Racquets and Merrill Lynch.

Matches got underway early Friday evening in all events at the M.A.A. with the nearby Montreal Badminton & Squash Club helping out with the overflow. Following the

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efforts on the squash courts, the players were rewarded with the first of many social activities planned for the weekend. A delicious roast beef buffet went non-stop all evening. A new event introduced to the tournament format were boat races, amply fuelled by Molson's. This contest proved to be very popular with those who were in the "not-so-serious-about-their-squash" category.

Saturday morning brought with it a return to the squash courts. Competition continued throughout the day in both championship and consolation matches. Two upsets were scored in the men's open event. Defending champion and second seed Gil Mateer was upset by Gary Waite, Canadian and U.S. Junior Champion from Sarnia. The first seed, Kenton Jernigan, was upended by Toronto's Taylor Fawcett.

Defending champion Gil Mateer was upset by Gary Waite.

Two performances in the women's event deserve mention. 18-year-old Diana Edge of Ottawa lost in five games to third seeded Carol Weymuller of Rochester. Anne Smith, of Scottish team fame, was up two games to one over Mariann Greenberg of Mamaroneck, N.Y., eventually losing in five games. The women's event, last contested in 1974, was resurrected by the tournament committee and received a warm reception from the players, attracting a total of 22 entries. Certainly worth repeating.

On Saturday evening the squashers gave up their whites for black ties and silk finery. Close to two hundred were treated to a cocktail party followed by a buffet dinner complete with wandering musicians. To say you had to be there would be too easy, but you really had to be there!

On the heels of the magnificent food was a choice of three separate dance areas to work off some of the calories. The disc jockey in the upstairs bar kept the largest group on their toes all night, while another disco and the dinner trio played to smaller audiences in other parts of the club.

By Sunday morning all the final pairings had been determined excepting the men's open. Alan Grant finished second in his semi-final against Brad Desaulniers, while Alex Doucas came out ahead of Juan Mendez. The finals got underway at noon following yet another social, a champagne brunch.

Andy Pastor proved too steady and accurate for Peter Hall.

The men's 35+ event saw Tom Poor of Boston, successfully defend the title he first won in 1979. In fact, his is the only name that adorns the trophy he has won six times. No doubt the entrants in the 40+ event breathed a sigh of relief to see the



New Canadian Champion, Brad Desaulniers

name of Poor entered in the younger age group. Kevan Pickens of New York lost in three games to the seemingly ageless Poor.

The 40+ event saw doubles partners squaring off against each

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other. Peter Hall of Hamilton Squash Club, recently qualified for this event, lost to his left wall partner Andy Pastor of the Toronto Cricket Club. This match went to five games and was a great study in gamesmanship. Andy Pastor proved too steady and accurate for Peter Hall, and he won the 40+ title for the third year in a row.

Gerry Shugar won his seventh Canadian veteran's title, four 40+ and three 45+ championships, in winning the 45+ event. He was up against a tough competitor in Don Mills from Cincinnati. Dr. Shugar needed five games to defend his title. Unfortunately, a rematch in the upcoming U.S. Singles won't happen as Don doesn't meet the U.S.S.R.A.'s eligibility requirements as an amateur.

The men's 50+ was won by Morty Goldhar over Hugh Murray, while the 55+ crown went to Don Leggat over Ken Lane. It should be noted that Ken Lane was playing out of his 60+ age category.

The women's open proved to be a very exciting final between Americans Goldie Edwards and

Mariann Greenberg. Goldie had won the Canadian Women's Hardball

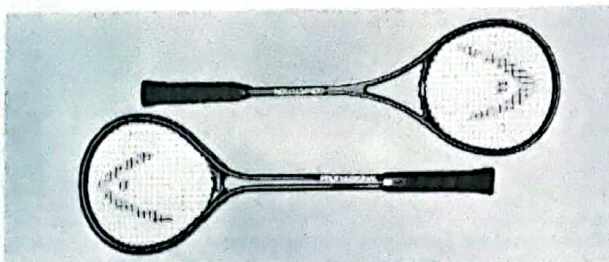
title in 1972 and her years of experience combined with her rac-



Winner, Mariann Greenberg (second from left) and Runner-up, Goldie Edwards with David Pemberton-Smith and Neil Desaulniers.

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quet skills, add up to quite an arsenal. The contest went the distance, with Greenberg claiming the title in the fifth game.

It certainly appeared to be Doucas' match all the way.

The men's open final was an all M.A.A.A. affair between the young Alex Doucas and the unpredictable Brad Desaulniers. The younger Doucas handily won the first game, assisted to a large extent by Desaulniers' unforced errors. When the players returned to the court to resume the match it certainly appeared to be Doucas' match all the way when suddenly, Brad took the tin out of his game and replaced it with some discipline. Brad's change of attitude combined with what can only be described as some very creative shot-making was enough to change the tide and the title was Desaulniers' in four games.

Presentations were conducted during yet another social event just to finish us off. Champagne flowed and hors d'oeuvres were nibbled as a memorable and very warm February weekend in Montreal came to a close. ●

# THUNDER BAY KEEPS CHARITY CLASSIC ALIVE

by Hartmut Rosenfeld

It was a repeat of last year's performance as Bill Krezonoski and Rob Hutton met each other on the court in the men's open final of the Charity Classic squash tournament Sunday, January 20th, at the Canada Games Complex. As it was last year, Krezonoski again claimed the crown.

He won the title in three straight games. Last year he took the championship over Hutton three games to one.

Tim Commisso, who took the men's "A" event last year, made a dramatic comeback to take the men's "A" event. He lost his first two games, then rallied for the win over John McParland.

Tracy Bachynski won the

women's "A" event three games to two. Last year Bachynski finished runner-up.

A total of 130 entrants competed in the four-day tournament with the proceeds (totalling \$1,000) donated to the George Jeffrey Children's Treatment Centre.

The event, sponsored by Lorne's Cameras and Fishing Tackle, Robin's Donuts and McDonald's Restaurant, was the second last event of the Thunder Bay Squash Association calendar. Their next tournament is the Thunder Bay Open on February 23-28. ●

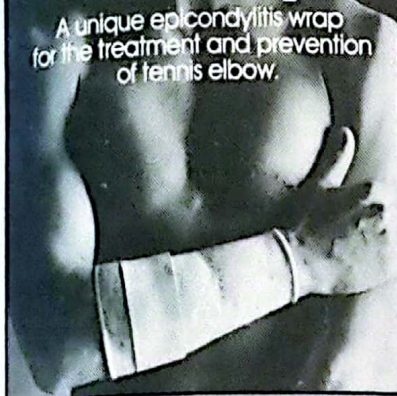


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The George Jeffrey Children's Centre received a boost from the annual Charity Squash Classic on the weekend, as all proceeds went to it. Here chairman John McDonald, left, present a cheque to four-year-old Robert Aho, being held by Kathy Toivonen of the Centre. Kim Spincer of Robin's and Brent Allard of Lorne's Camera's sponsors of the event, look on.

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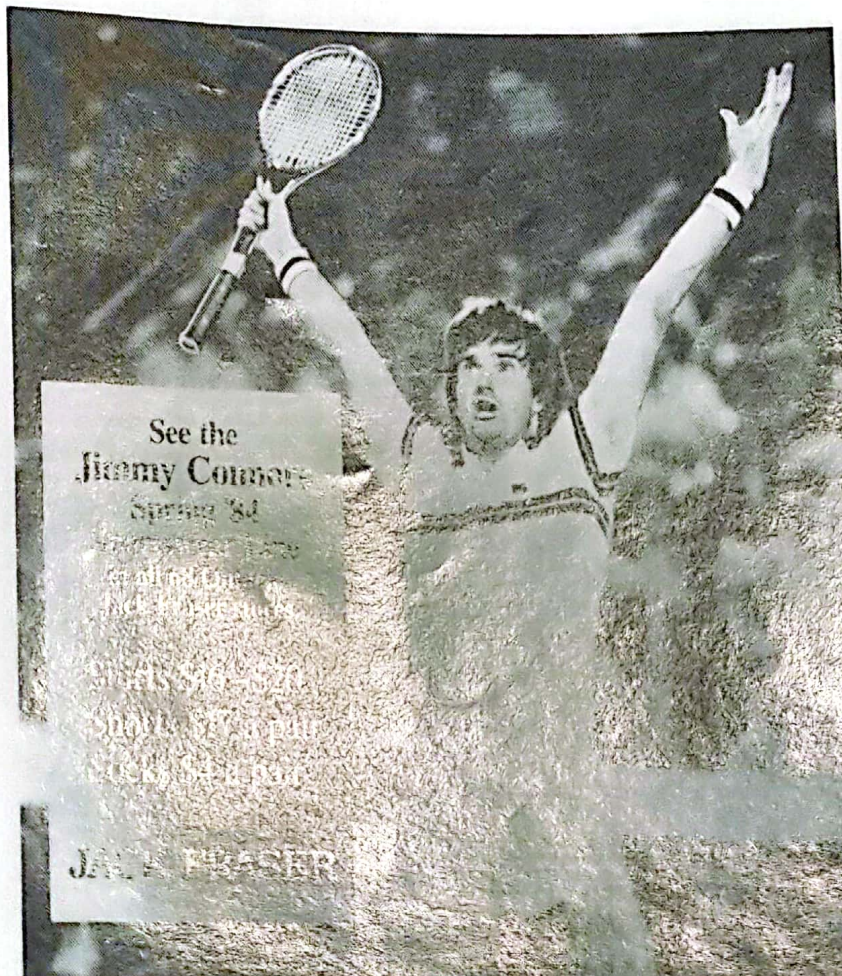
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## DUNCAN STUART TAKES O.R.C. B

by Mike Way

Top seeded Duncan Stuart dropped just two games on his way to victory in the Ontario Racquet Club Men's "B" tournament, February 3 to 5.

Peter Mazzacano (University of Toronto), the second seed, lost 3-0 to a super-fit Bob Shine in the second round. Shine's hard work throughout the tournament was rewarded with a position in the finals, where he managed to win the first game.

In the semi-finals, Mal Macgregor lost 3-1 to Stuart, and a much improved Brian Ferze lost 3-0 to Shine.

Don Nose beat a gutsy Jeremy Cook 3-0 to win the consolation.

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## MARKHAM LADY WINS RICHMOND HILL D

by Sheila Aspinwall

Richmond Hill Racquet Club hosted a Ladies' "D" tournament the weekend of January 27-29. Twenty-four participants enjoyed a weekend of good squash, good food and good company.

The main event finals were between Darryl Lake of Bridlewood Squash Club and Yasmeen Majid of Mayfair. Yasmeen lost the first game but came back to win the next three, winning the match 3-1.

In the consolation final, Susan Neilsen, the hometown favorite from R.H.R.C., played an excellent game to defeat her opponent Darlene Ager of York University 4-1.

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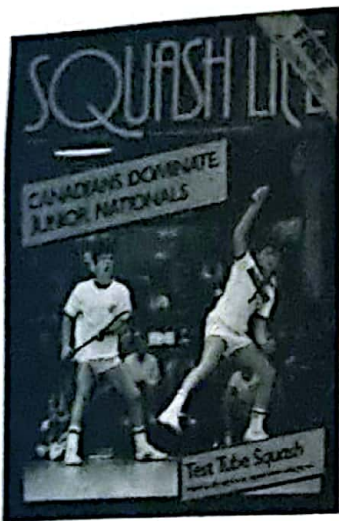
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BLACK DAY IN OTTAWA?

#### DEAR EDITOR:

Every year in Ottawa during the month of February, one of the largest and most fun tournaments is held. This year, over 425 participants entered in the men's and women's A, B, C, D, Veterans and Novice events, sponsored by CFRA. Manta, many fine Ottawa restaurants and other retailers, Carling O'Keefe as well as the Ottawa Athletic Club which hosts the event over 10 days. Many, many volunteers put forth long hours to schedule, organize, referee, host and entertain. Members of the host club give up court time, locker room facilities, restaurant and parking facilities for 10 days, just so this event can take place.

This year two female squash participants may have ended all of the above for personal gratification. In return for not being allowed to participate in the men's events, the two decided to go public on the front page of the Ottawa Citizen sports section claiming sexual discrimination against the Ottawa Athletic Club.

Firstly, I would like to point out that there are no rules in Canadian or Ontario squash by-laws forbidding women from playing in men's events, or vice versa. In fact, the policy is to have no policy at all on this issue but to leave it up to the tournament chairman to decide how the draw and entries should be handled. The proper procedure would be for a participant to submit a written entry before the closing deadline, entering whichever event allowed by his or her provincial ranking. The tournament committee would either accept or reject with reason.

In this case, both women felt they would get more experience playing in the men's event as they were too experienced to get anything out of the women's event! The policy of this tournament as well as any tournament of this size, would allow a

player to participate in only one event, due to a scheduling problem and court availability.

For the sake of strengthening the women's event and, in its opinion, the overall tournament, the committee rejected the idea for this year but took it into consideration for future years. Whether this decision was right is not important. It was made within the guidelines of squash policy regarding tournament participation. At no time did either woman submit an entry in writing. In fact, in one case, the tournament committee received calls from outsiders even before the proposed entrant had "officially" been rejected!

In my opinion, the time has come to point out to these elite athletes that squash does not owe them anything; in most cases, it is the reverse. The players travel the world and train on funds provided by government sponsorship as well as dues collected from club members nationally and provincially. I feel that they should do something for the sponsors for a change, not hinder sponsorship. Finally, these girls should participate in this fun tournament so that other women participants in Ottawa can improve their game by playing the more experienced athletes. In this particular case, instead of participating in the women's event and winning, the players decided to withdraw from the tournament altogether. In fact, two or three male players decided to boycott their events in order to support these "elite" athletes.

When will sport grow up and stop dealing with the "whims" of elite athletes. Squash participation is the sport of squash and sponsors are the issues at stake. Let us not destroy it all. It has taken a long time and many volunteers to develop

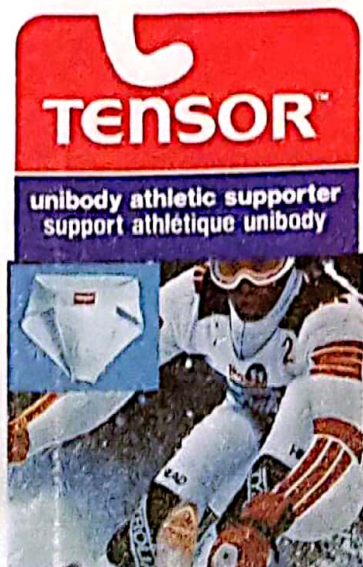
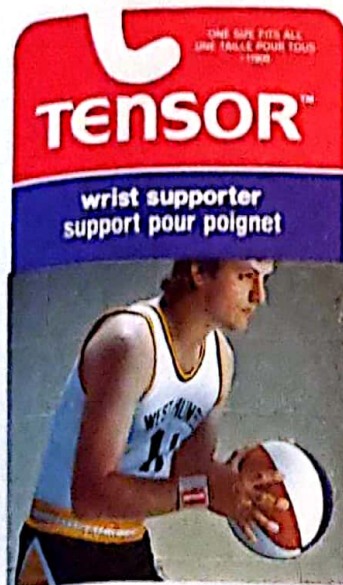
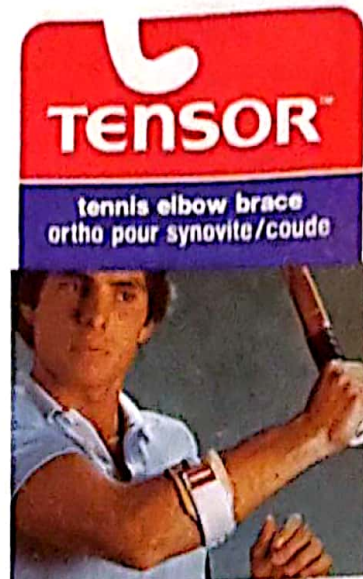
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