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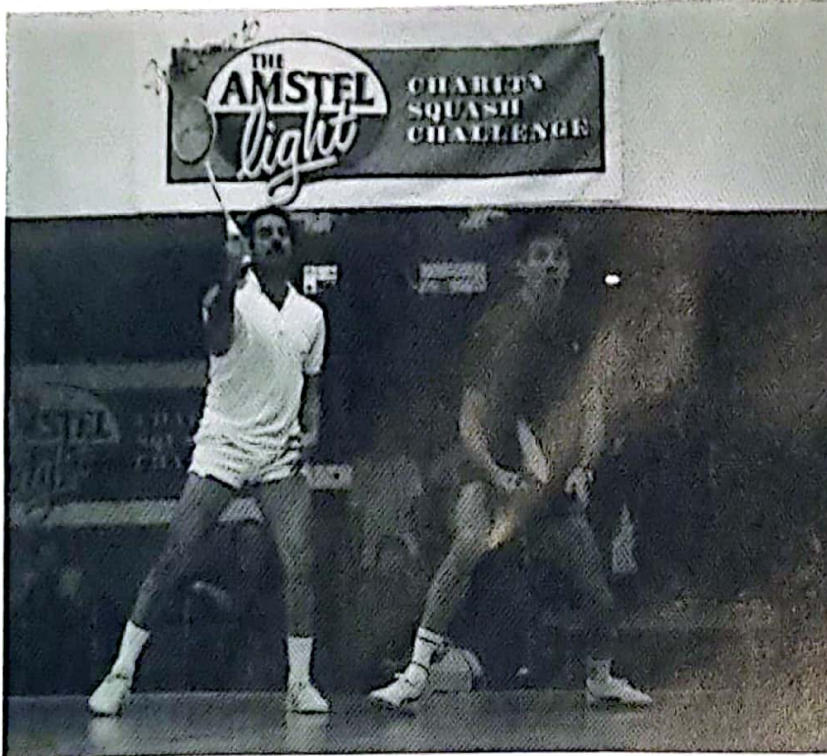
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## IF YOU DO ALL YOU CAN, IT CAN NEVER BE TOO LITTLE!

Sometimes the most innocuous project will lead not down the original path but off on a new one altogether or one that is too seldom explored. It's rather like looking for something in a desk drawer and hours later, you've cleaned it out completely. In this case, the background research on one of our volunteers illustrated very clearly just how much that person has contributed to squash and, as the years and subsequent achievements were enumerated, one could not help but continue on the path and follow it to its inevitable conclusion - a complete examination of volunteers and the impact they have on society as a whole.

**The hedonists  
of yesterday are  
becoming the  
volunteers of  
today!**

After many years of governments taking on more and more of the social responsibilities once borne by private citizens, the pendulum is now swinging back to the voluntary sector. In Canada our government is deeply in debt and we are all finding that there is a limit to how heavily we can tax people without damaging the economy. As a result, publicly-funded services are being cut back and the need for volunteers is greater than ever. Squash is certainly not exempt. Presently, many of our programmes such as junior clinics, are being ably conducted by profession-

als whom we pay for their expertise and years of training. However, as our own ministry funds are cut back, there will be a growing need for and reliance on our volunteers to ensure that these developmental programmes continue.

The question of 'why' people volunteer their time is fundamental to the success of the system and the answers, for there are many of them, are a microcosm of the human psyche. When asked, volunteers usually cite the satisfaction they derive from helping others. A typical reaction came from an ex-champion figure skater who teaches skating to blind children. "Don't get me wrong. I don't teach these classes as charity. I'm basically a selfish person. I teach them because I get tremendous gratification," she said.

Volunteers today place less emphasis on the charitable motivation and more on their own personal needs for self-expression and self-development. Fortunately, squash is peopled with these individuals. The many amateur coaches who conduct our junior programmes each Saturday morning are a case in point. Do they do it because they love the game? Or, are they doing it because it makes them feel good and helps them develop and grow as a person? Probably a combination of both. These dual motivations provide a healthy and wholesome atmosphere for learning - both for the teacher and the pupil.

The idea of giving something back to the community of your own free will seems to be undergoing a revival and interestingly enough, it is coming from the 'me generation'. The hedonists of yesterday are becoming the volunteers of today, proving that the altruistic instinct is still strong. A recent report on volunteers confirmed the fact that volunteers enjoy doing something for nothing. Many questioned stated emphatically that they would not do the

work they do if a price were put on it. "I do it because I want to" was the most common response to the question.

There is a lesson to be learned here for all administrators. We are sometimes guilty of asking either too much of our volunteers or demanding too little. We can easily forget that they have another life and that their volunteer work should not and cannot take precedence. It is a

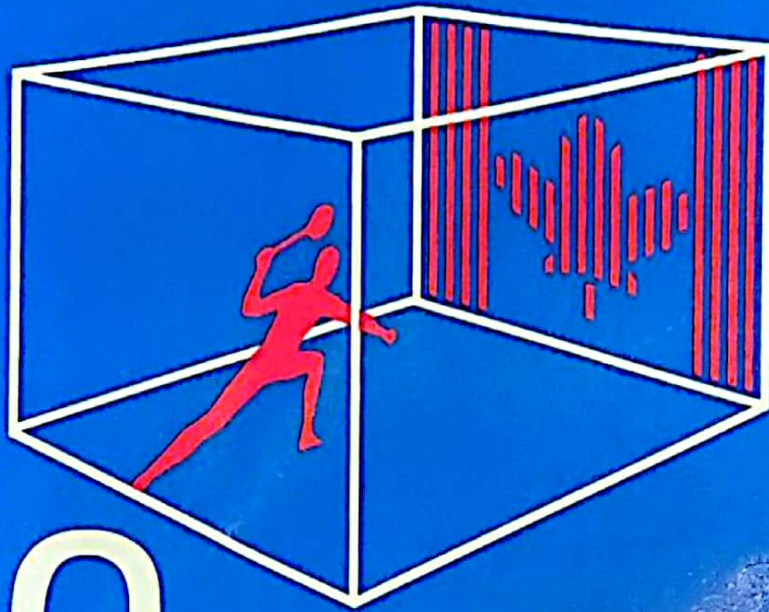
**...asking too much  
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supplement to that, not a *raison d'être*. On the other hand, we must reign in our tendencies to give everything ourselves, believing that the association can be more tightly controlled from a central point. That may very well be true but in so doing, we run the risk of severing the ties that bind us to our volunteers and the successful implementation of our programmes. An association such as Squash Ontario simply cannot function effectively without its volunteers for they are the vital link between the officials of the clubs and players.

We are now at the point where we must reach out and increase our network of active and dedicated volunteers. Our needs are great and will be greater still in the years to come. The watchword of volunteerism is "do what you can". And, if you do 'all' you can, it can never be too little. ■

*Sherry Swinton*

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# THE BLEND'S THE THING

BY SHERRY FUNSTON

Do you remember Agatha Christie and her 10 little indians? And then there was one? Well, the Amstel Light Charity Challenge had over 3,000 indians and now there are 96. On Easter weekend these 96 will vie for 12 titles in the Amstel Light Charity Challenge. They will converge on Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club in Markham from points right across the province - from Windsor to Thunder Bay and from the 'Soo' to Ottawa and they each have one thing in common. All are fresh from their victories at their club and regional Amstel Light events and have thus won the right and honour of representing both at the Provincial Championships.

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And what of our two honorary chairmen, Sharif Khan and Gordon Anderson? Sharif Khan is much like Xerox. When you think of copying equipment you automatically think of Xerox. When one thinks of squash, the name Sharif pops to mind immediately. Many know him as a player but few realize just how much he has given and continues to give to the game. His name alone adds a prestige and stature to any event and the Amstel Light is no exception. Gordon Anderson is one of the finest squash players Canada has ever produced but it is his personality and naturalness which has made him such a popular favourite with the squash crowds. These two were not content to act as honorary chairmen in name only. They recently put on an excellent exhibition for the cause at the Squash Academy, much to the delight and amusement of the audience.

We must never make the mistake of taking either of these two gentlemen for granted for they are much too much a part of what makes Canadian squash unique.

We had great support too from our regional host clubs, all of which gave us

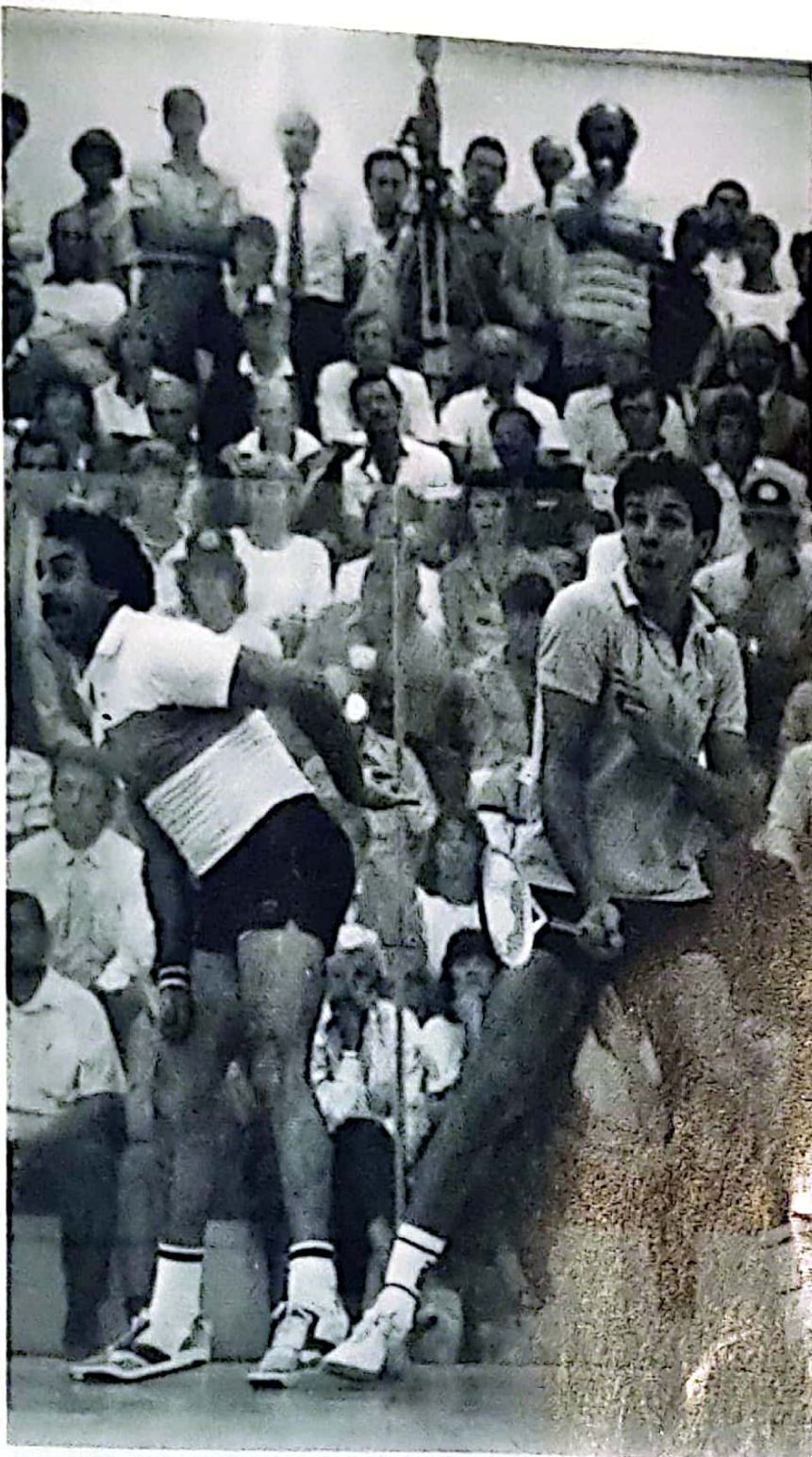
valuable court time for the championships. You did a wonderful job Paul Comper, Sandy Moore, Ruth McCowan, Robbie Brooks, Pat Kell, Michael Gravelle, Ralph Bentfeld, Ken Ojeer, Steve Millard, Sandy Penney and John McDonald. We couldn't have done it without you!

Barry Greaves at Canadian Pacific has always been a staunch supporter of the charity event and he did not disappoint us this year. On March 29th, some lucky squash player will begin playing his or her vacation in Hawaii - possibly Waikiki and Tom Selleck. To Barry Raikie at Dunlop, we extend our thanks for your continued support. You have never failed to look after Squash Ontario and its many programmes and we are very grateful.

The finale needs a fitting setting in which to properly spotlight the players and the players and Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club is an ideal choice. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Paul Frost, Wendy Woner and all the members of Mayfair for their help and patience.

The host hotel for the Amstel Light Charity Challenge is the Chimo Inn

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**SHARIF KHAN AND GORDON ANDERSON JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

which is conveniently located within walking distance of Mayfair. The Chimo is Markham's newest hotel and its beautiful decor facilities will provide a welcome retreat for exhausted players and partyers alike.

And so the scene has been set. Seven months of club and regional events will culminate on March 28th and at the end of the weekend, we will have 12 new provincial champions. Their \$10.00 entry fee sometime last fall has taken them a very long way. But really, it is all the entry fees paid by all the participants which make this event so very unique. In so doing, we have seen over

3,000 people play squash to help raise needed dollars for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This has resulted in the largest single donation this event has ever made to a charity. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated. It was an achievement of which you should all be proud.

And, for any one who asks, "but what can one person do?", this is a lesson. Perhaps not a great deal alone but with help, much can be accomplished. Together, we meet the challenge and we will continue to do so for this is not the end of the story... it is a beginning. ■

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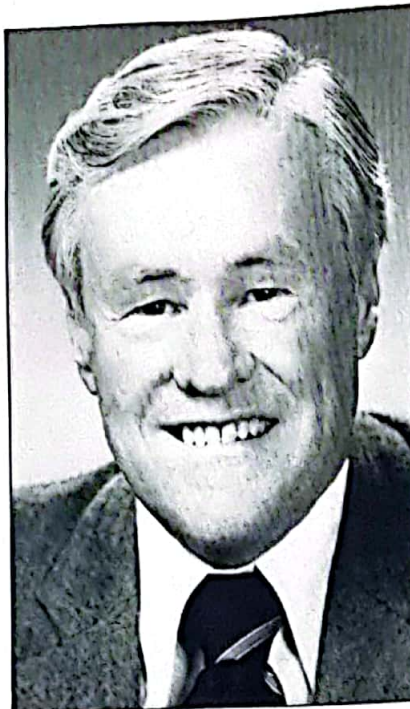
## OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS

BY IAN C. STEWART

I thought it might be interesting to readers of this column if I were to review very briefly what went on at the 15th Annual General Meeting of the International Squash Rackets Federation. This was held in Cairo from the 24th to the 26th of November, 1985. 29 member countries were in attendance which set a new record. As so often happens, we seem to accomplish considerably more when there are a large number of interested people present. In addition, we had 17 observers and 11 officers and committee chairmen.

Due to the relatively high percentage of unfinancial countries, it was agreed by those present that annual dues to the Federation would be increased by approximately 10%. The I.S.R.F. has a great number of projects underway and these of course must be funded. The agreement with the International Squash Players Association has brought some income to the Federation and sharing a joint Executive Director has made things less expensive for both organizations. The Fixtures Committee was dissolved in order to allow the formation of the Men's International Squash Tournament Council. This latter committee is to deal with the current world calendar as it affects tournament players including conflict of dates, international rankings, dealing with sponsors and developing a world grand prix circuit for men. This committee would have the newly elected Chairman of the I.S.R.F. Ronnie Sinclair and Greg Pollard, Chairman of the I.S.P.A. as Co-Chairman, with Bernard Rouge of France, John Beddington of Canada and yours truly as council members. Roger Eady would be Executive Secretary of this group and would take part in an ex-officio capacity. It is hoped that this committee will be in a position within the next 12 months to develop a package that could be sold to a potential grand prix tournament sponsor.

Although there is a moratorium on changes to the rules of the game, the Rationalisation Committee's report was discussed in some detail and there is no doubt that over the next couple of



IAN C. STEWART

years experimentation with the rules of the hardball and softball games will take place. Most of this experimentation will be done by the touring professionals, and if found to be acceptable, they would be incorporated in the next major rule changes scheduled for 1988. The fact that the players had played in the U.S. Open Softball Championships in San Francisco last October using American scoring was considered by many to be a major breakthrough, and this will undoubtedly be tried again. There is also a movement to attempt softball with a telltale height of 17".

Confirmation of the acceptance of the merger of the Women's International Squash Rackets Federation with the I.S.R.F. was noted and a women's committee as agreed to in 1984 was nominated and elected. There was considerable discussion concerning the age and the effective date for junior men's squash players and after considerable discussion, it was agreed to lower the age from 19 to 18 years, effective January 1,

1989 and to try and encourage all countries to use the date of May 1st to determine eligibility of all age categories of players. I would suspect that this will be discussed in more detail by the Fixtures Committee. It was also moved and carried that standard penalties for the misuse of drugs be introduced to the rules of the game of squash and that suspensions of up to 18 months be assessed if players fail to pass the drug tests. The officers were also given permission to investigate and initiate if found satisfactory, an approval scheme for racquets and other squash products. This could be an added source of income for the I.S.R.F. and once in place, could certainly help put a stop to annual increases in dues and might even allow a small reduction.

Two other interesting points dealing with membership were resolved. Firstly, a motion to expel South Africa was defeated and secondly, Palestine's request for membership was approved. Surprisingly enough, both these two motions were voted on with very little discussion.

As I had reached the end of my term as Chairman of the I.S.R.F. and was constitutionally unable to succeed myself, an election took place and the following officers were elected:

Chairman:  
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Handbook Editor:  
Frank Baillie (Canada)  
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Greg Pollard (Australia)

In my last article in Squash Life I had closed by thanking the committee that served under me for the last 4 years. It was obvious that I repeated these

thanks at the A.G.M., and there was a small presentation made to those of us who were retiring. I think it might be worth repeating what I said in my closing remarks. I alluded to the fact that presently there was somewhere between 5-8 million squash players in the world and there was no reason if squash administrators were prepared to make the effort that this figure couldn't reach 20 million by the year 2000. I made the point of saying that this could not be done unless the I.S.R.F. formed a long range planning committee of people genuinely interested in the growth of the game and would be charged with the task of trying to reach these goals in the next 14 years. This would not only be a long range planning committee, but the members would have to be prepared to serve on it for a relatively long period of time. It would be a committee that would probably never meet formally, but would only communicate by correspondence. It would only give a report on an interim basis and it would be unfunded by the I.S.R.F. It was my feeling that there are probably 10 to 12 people in the world who would be prepared to serve on a committee such as this because they believed that squash could become the number one game of the next century. ■



# SQUASH RECOGNIZED AS AN OLYMPIC SPORT!

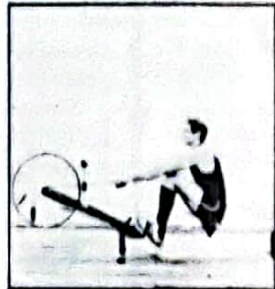
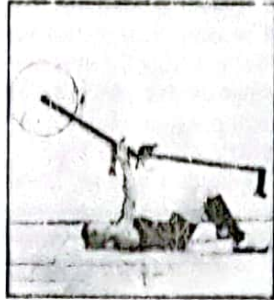
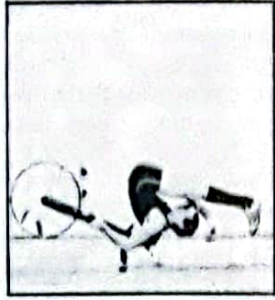
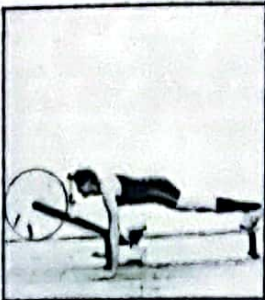
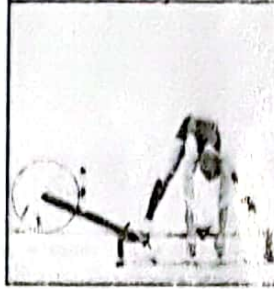
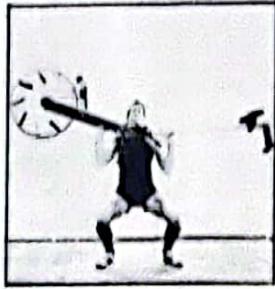
The following is extracted from a letter from the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch:

"It is my pleasure to inform you that at the recent meeting of the IOC Executive Board held on 5th/6th December 1985 in Lausanne, and upon the recommendations of the IOC Commission for the Programme, the International Olympic Committee decided to give official recognition to the International Squash Rackets Federation.

I take this opportunity to welcome

your federation to the Olympic Movement."

This is the very important first step to having squash included in the Olympic Games. Now that squash is officially recognized as an "Olympic Sport" it will only be a matter of time, hard work and lobbying to see our sport as part of the Olympic Games. This announcement is very valuable to sport governing bodies when negotiating with government agencies for funding. The future of squash looks very bright indeed!



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# GARY WAITE NAMED CANADA'S JUNIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR!

BY CHRISTIAN ENDEMANN



GARY WAITE'S AWARD IS BIG NEWS FOR SQUASH!

The strength of squash as a participation sport among young people was brought into sharp focus in January with the selection of Gary Waite as Canada's Male Junior Athlete of 1985.

Waite, 19, and a native of Sarnia, Ontario, while naturally personally gratified, felt the award had much broader implications in that it legitimized squash as a major athletic pursuit along with traditional sports such as hockey.

"I hope this recognition will lead to future growth at the school level so that Canada will start producing players from the same source as they do in Britain, Australia and New Zealand."

Since graduating from Toronto's Crescent School last year, Waite has been playing the international circuit to upgrade his softball skills in topflight competition. He is currently on an itinerary which will take him to Sweden, Finland, England, Ireland and Spain

before returning to play in the North American Open in late April.

Waite, who is currently ranked in the 70s internationally, expects to break into the top 40 before the end of the season. He is already ranked no. 2 in Canada and recently played for the national team which placed seventh in the World Team Championships held in Cairo in November.

Fitness is one of the keys to Waite's success. When at home in Sarnia Gary trains four to five hours a day. Three of those hours are devoted to court work while the balance are spent working in the gym with weights, skipping and cycling. This regimen has resulted in a trim 6', 150 lb. specimen who many feel has almost unlimited potential.

Tony Swift, Canada's team manager/coach, says Waite has made remarkable progress in the past year.

"He reminds me very much of Gawain Briars (England), a former pupil of mine and a top-five player. Gary is not only a very well-conditioned athlete, he is also very disciplined.

"There is no question in my mind that he can break into the top 10 — not only internationally but also on the WPSA tour."

But Canadians may have to wait some time before they are treated to the full mastery of Waite's squash talent. In September he enters Harvard University as a freshman and his opportunities for top-calibre tournament competition will be limited by his academic obligations.

Nonetheless, Swift feels that the growing number of WPSA tournaments on the Eastern seaboard and the proximity of good players in Boston, Philadelphia and New York will give Waite sufficient occasion to improve his game in anticipation of a professional career after he has completed his studies.

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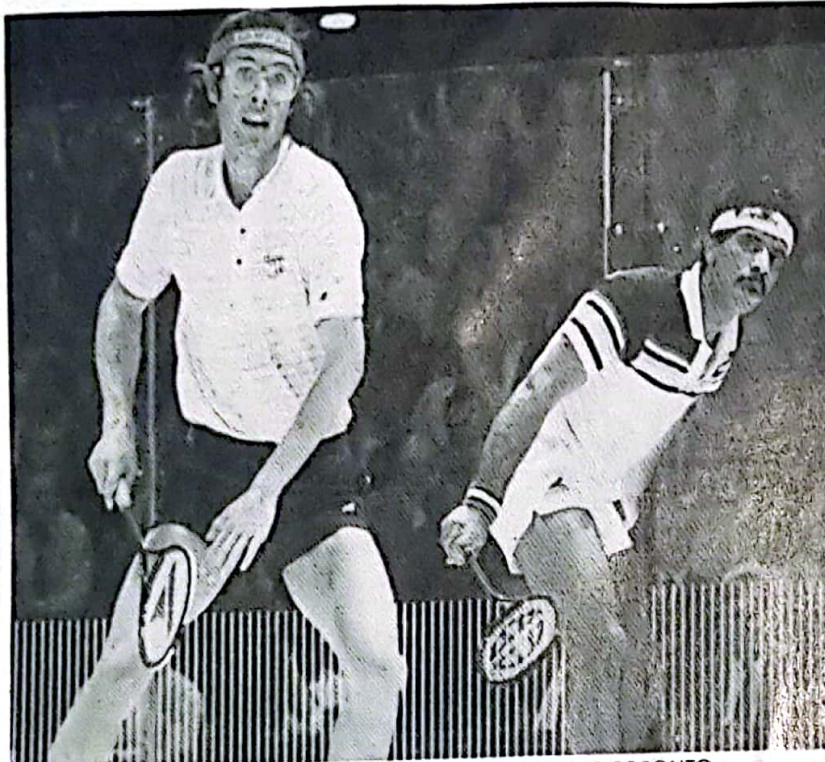


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JAHANGIR WILL DEFEND HIS TITLE APRIL 3-7, AT THE METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE.

Squash is more than just a game to top management at Xerox Canada Inc. — it has become an important part of the company's marketing strategy and will continue to remain the focus of its sponsored special events.

In identifying squash as the "sport of business", Graham Campbell, Manager of Event Marketing and Promotion at Xerox says: "Squash serves our criteria for support better than any other sport. We believe its projected growth will more than justify our confidence."

To show this confidence in a material fashion, and to demonstrate its faith in the World Professional Squash Association, the company increased the prize money in the Xerox Canadian Open Hardball Men's Squash Championships to \$70,000, the largest purse ever offered for squash in Canada. An additional \$10,000 has been provided as the purse for the Women's Open Championship, one of the richest women's prize money events in the world.

Tournament Director Bob French, of the W.P.S.A. says: "The Open Championships will have the best players in the world competing. Jahangir Khan of Pakistan is defending his title and will be challenged by players like Mark Talbot of the U.S., who is the number one American. Top women will include Abigail McConnell of the U.S. and Sue Cogswell of Great Britain."

The Open begins April 3 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre with all matches played on the W.P.S.A.'s three-glass-wall Tour Court. Finals will be on Monday, April 7 and the organizers anticipate 10,000 spectators will attend the matches and the accompanying trade show.

Further evidence of the commitment by Xerox to squash was its sponsorship of the British Columbia Doubles Championship in Vancouver and the addition of the Canadian National Championship to its sponsorship list. Both were held last month.

As a means of associating its commitment with squash even more closely with its marketing plans, Xerox held a series of three exhibitions in Winnipeg, Calgary and Toronto in February, featuring Ontario professionals Sharif Khan and Peter Anderson.

"Our clients and customers had a chance not only to watch these players in action but they also got onto the court and had the opportunity to match shots with them. It was an excellent, low-key business promotion for Xerox," Mr. Campbell says. ■

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It was the very thought of all of these celebrations that prompted Paul Walker to bid for the event back in 1985. The multi-talented committee has been working since mid 1985 and are all confident that the event will be the best "Canadians" yet.

It is hoped that the event will attract 250 of the nation's best players. Included in this large entry will be such greats as Dale Styner, John Fleury and hometown boy Steve Lawton. The younger set of Gary Waite, Trevor

Thom and Jamie Crombie will round out the competition in the men's open event. Add to this our top ladies, Gail Pimm, Joyce Maycock and you have an event not to be missed. Tournament sponsors are Molson Breweries, the ever present Black Knight, the Keg Restaurants and the Vancouver Centennial Committee.

The Chancery Club, which is one of the finest in western Canada features seven squash courts, a complete weight room, an aerobic studio, a glass enclosed whirlpool, saunas and a fabulous restaurant/lounge. The club also has an area for competitive darts, resident hair stylist and an extra large television screen which will show all centre court matches. A fully equipped pro shop is on site for your daily equipment needs. We also believe that we have the

greatest staff to assist you with whatever you may need.

In addition to a week of squash, the committee has many exciting and fun-filled social events planned each night for the players culminating with a banquet and dance on the Saturday evening. There are many other activities to pursue and sights to see while you are here. The World's Fair opens the day after the tournament starts and you will be able to take a ride on our now famous Sky Train to mention only two. Vancouver also has some of the finest seafood restaurants in the world as well as some of the greatest scenery.

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# SUDBURY'S ANNUAL SUCCESS STORY

BY ANDRE MROZEWSKI

The Valley East Recreation Centre hosted its third annual tournament on January 24th and 25th. A total of 80 players representing Sudbury, North Bay, Ottawa and Valley East took part in the event. The tournament, which unfortunately didn't attract players from five clubs in the region, was considered a huge success by players and organizers alike. As the calibre of play improves, more players from other regions will travel north to compete in this event.

In the men's "A" division, Rick Wagg of North Bay defeated Wes Kilanski, also of North Bay, three games to one. In the semi-finals Rick and Wes defeated Don Campbell and Andre Mrozewski, #1 and #2 seeds respectively. In the consolation final, Denis Tarnopolsky overcame a younger Fred Stanford three-one.

In the men's "B" category, Al Robinson disposed of Gerry Dupuis 3-0. The consolation final was an all YMCA affair with Rene Charette defeating Nick Battigelli, 3-2.

In the men's "C" category, Rick Comtois of Valley East rolled over Bob Smith, also of Valley East, by a score of 3-0. On the consolation side young Dave Banbury of the Sudbury YMCA squeezed by Tom Colton, also of the YMCA, 3-2.

Ottawa native, Ron St. Louis captured the men's "D" crown with a 3-1 victory over Dave Denis of the host club. Stephen Wood of Sudbury defeated Blaine Parrington of Valley East for the consolation title.

In the men's novice, fiery Marty Martel representing Labatts, barely won over 13 year old Keith Davis of the Valley. This match was closely fought and could have gone either way. Dave Jackson of North Bay beat Romeo Racicot of Valley East 3-1 for the consolation event.

In the men's over 40 division (or Juniors Over 40 as we call them), Ron Grosutti defeated Dan Watson 3-0. In an all Valley East affair Ray Lavigne won 3-1 over Doug Moore.

In the ladies' "B" category Karen Beange of the Sudbury YMCA overcame Jane Morland of North Bay 3-1.



GERRY ROULEAU (RIGHT) RECEIVES SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD.

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Jane had previously disposed of #1 seed Brenda Frey in the semis. Ora Millis took consolation honours with a 3-1 victory over Jennifer Brommage of the Sudbury YMCA.

In round robin competition, Marilyn Jackson of North Bay took first place in the ladies' "C" division. Lori Henn and Melissa Matson, both of Valley East, took second and third place respectively.

This year's recipient of the C.H.N.O. Sportsmanship Award was Gerry Rouleau of the Sudbury YMCA. It is given to an individual who is active in most tournaments held in the region as well as exhibiting qualities which demonstrate the ideals of "sportsmanship" on and off the court. Congratulations Gerry!

Needless to say the success of such an event is attributed to all of the people who gave a helping hand before and during the tournament. Special thanks to the sponsors who contributed in making this tournament a huge success. Many thanks to Rick Melo of C.H.N.O., Marty Martel of Labatts and Jerry Nemish at Slazengers.

For those who like to make plans months ahead, the Centre will be hosting its third annual summer tournament on July 18th to 20th. Well over 100 participants from northern Ontario, Ottawa and Toronto are expected to take part in the three day event. ■

## RICHMOND HILL WOMEN'S WEEKEND

BY MARILYN RUMBLE

Squash players from Ajax, Toronto, Markham, Scarborough and York University enjoyed a weekend of exciting squash at the second annual Richmond Hill Squash Club Women's "D" Open on January 24th and 25th.

The finalists fought hard games to reach the finals but Kathleen Crosbie of Richmond Hill easily defeated a very tired Jackie Brown of Markham in three straight games to win the tournament. The winner of the consolation round, Yvonne Froggatt of Ajax also defeated her opponent, Marilyn Rumble of Richmond Hill, in three straight games. ■

# QUALITY ON & OFF THE COURTS

BY TONY SWIFT

For the second year in succession, the Toronto Lawn Tennis and the Badminton and Racquet Clubs combined to host the Canadian National Hardball Championships. The event was sponsored for the first time by Xerox as part of its overall sponsorship for the W.P.S.A. of the Xerox Canadian Open Hardball Championships to be played in April.

This year the age categories and the women's open events were played at the Lawn, while the men's open and all finals were played at the B & R. Interspersed between play there were several socials for those less serious about their squash. The social events included a beer bash, lunch, a dinner/dance and a Sunday brunch during the finals. At the prize presentations and speeches Gordon Anderson commented that "he won the party, but lost the final!" He made certain his Sunday morning semi-final opponent drank as much as he did, but then forgot about his final opponent, Paul Deratnay, who was not to be seen on the dance floor in the early hours of the morning!

Overall the entries were down from the previous year but this was explained by an absence of players from the U.S. and Mexico. Unfortunately the age category events suffered further after the draws had been made, with a succession of injuries which one can only come to expect when an aging body is overtrained! The weather was unkind on Friday when a severe storm, which

closed the highways from Hamilton and London, threatened to devastate the early matches.

However, to their credit, all players made it to the host clubs, and although many matches started late, they were all played. Those spectators enjoying the Friday night beer party were treated to two of the most exciting matches throughout the championships. Michael Downer, whose flight from Montreal was not only delayed, but arrived without his squash bag, finally took to the court with borrowed equipment against soft ball professional Dennis Goodfellow. Meanwhile on the adjacent court, Craig Hall, who had spent four hours on a train between London and Toronto, was understand-



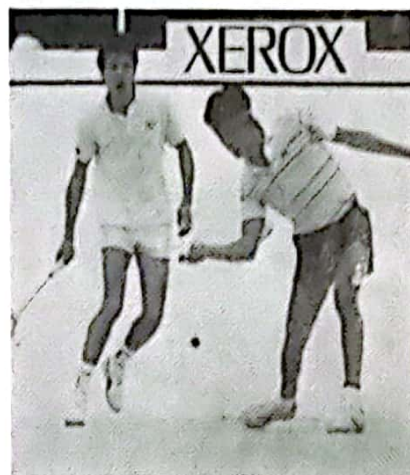
TOM POOR, LEFT, 35+ CHAMPION-STILL!

year's finalist and top seed, Morty Goldhar in four games. However, he was unable to sustain his form in the final and lost to the strong American Dick Radloff.

With the late withdrawal of the top seed and title holder, Don Mills in the over 45, it looked as though Gerry Shugar would regain his title without too much difficulty. However, Bob Kerr, who had come out of retirement to play, surprised his opponent in the first game of the final but thereafter was only able to offer token resistance. Gerry Shugar therefore regained the title he had lost the previous year to Don Mills.

Second seed Andy Pastor sustained an ankle injury which prevented him from playing, thus allowing Tony Swift a relatively easy passage to the final. However, his opponent, Peter Hall, who had a tough match with Peter Hatcher in the semi-final, proved too strong on the day and won his Canadian singles title.

Tom Poor, who had won the over 35 event since it started eight years ago, again proved invincible and for the second year in succession defeated Tim Griffin in an excellent final. Tim, who defied the seeding committee beat Scott McDonnough in the semi-final but was tougher with each match, but was still unable to dethrone the title holder. Despite the attempts of the tournament chairman, Tony Swift, to attract strong opposition into the draw including Bill



PAUL DERATNAY, RIGHT, AND GORDON "THE BRIDES-MAID" ANDERSON

dably slow to start against Paul Frost in the over 35 event. Both matches were over an hour and were decided by one point in overpoints in the fifth!

In the over 60 event, Ken Lane overcame his opposition in a small, but select group of four players, beating that well known player, Barney Lawrence, in the final. This was the first time that an over 60 category had been played in the Canadian Championships, and perhaps accounted for the fact that only two players entered the over 55 age group. Don Leggat duly beat his Montreal opponent Ric Gaunt in straight games.

The over 50 event started with a major upset when Alan Cherry played a strong game to beat the favourite, last



JANN TAYLOR, RIGHT; WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPION

Macdonnell, last year's open finalist, Victor Harding who unfortunately entered too late and Gordon Anderson. Tom Poor remains unbeaten after eight years in the event - a remarkable achievement.

The women's event attracted 15 players, albeit mostly soft ball players and the withdrawal of Anne Smith with the flu allowed Heather Lindsay an opportunity in the semi-final against Jane Mitchell. Heather defeated Jane in a very close five game match. In the top half of the draw, Canadian Mixed Doubles Champion and top seed, Jann Taylor, reached the final after a couple of scares against Jan Atkinson and Marg Dalgarno. Jann proved too strong with the hardball and beat Heather Lindsay in four good games.

The men's open attracted thirty players, and although a smaller draw than the previous year, the quality was every bit as strong. The top seeds reached their allotted quarter final positions although Gord Anderson, Paul Dunning and John Frederick had to work hard winning in the fifth games against Duncan Stuart, Jamie Bentley and Jeff Tory respectively. In the quarter-finals Gil Mateer, the only American in the draw, upset the seedings by beating Jay Gillespie in five.

The semi-finals were played on Sunday morning and provided a contrast in

styles. Pat Richardson and Paul Deratnay both played a hard fast aggressive match, the result being the reverse of the Ontario final played only two weeks earlier. Paul Deratnay proved to be just a little quicker and that much more positive.

On the adjacent court, both Gord Anderson and Gil Mateer seemed to be suffering the effects of the previous evening's entertainment. In any event, Anderson had to work harder than he had hoped to reach the final he last reached in 1974. His efforts in the morning took their toll in the final which proved to be a marvelous climax to a successful championship.

There were some glorious rallies, each player trying to outdo his opponent with double boasts from both sides of the court. Gordy was in fine form with his many "one liners" which kept the large gallery amused and the referee on his toes. In the end it was the younger, faster legs of Paul Deratnay that prevailed. It was a great match, a tribute to two fine sportsmen and one which any tournament chairman would be proud to have as his final.

Thanks to Xerox for their beautiful posters, fine draw sheets, t-shirts, program and not least, their financial support. Thanks also to the host clubs and those who helped make the Championships run so smoothly. ■

# OTTAWA ATTRACTS TOP JUNIORS

BY JIM KENWARD

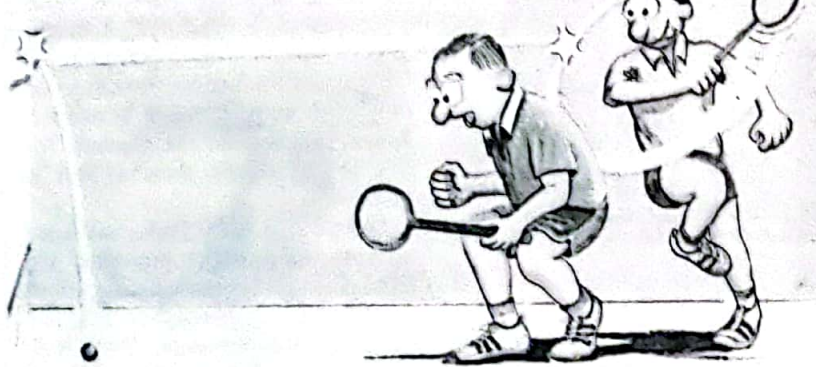
The Ottawa and District Junior Invitational, played at the Queensview Racquets Club, again attracted 130 top calibre juniors from all parts of Eastern Canada. The excitement started with the first arrivals from Winnipeg, Alexis Hooker and the Ryding boys, then Doug Baldwin from Charlottetown with six, André Mrozewski from Sudbury with five, Ron Reynolds from Trinity College School, Port Hope with his international team (Bahamas (1), Bermuda (1), Dominican Republic (1), Trinidad (4), and Canada (5)), John Power from Montreal with nine, not to mention the Waites, Clarks, Wilsons and others from Sarnia. Other cities represented were Ajax, Bramalea, Brockville, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Oakville, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Toronto, Waterloo, and of course the host city who supplied 38 players.

Many thanks go to Black Knight, SynerLogic Information System and Nautilus Canada for their support of this event, and to Bob Green and the perennial members of his efficient organizing committee.

After a Saturday night of well organized social activities, the Boys Under 19 semi-finals on Sunday morning were uneventful. Patterson took command from the start and though Hartman reached 8-6 in the second game Patterson took it 10-8, winning 9-2, 10-8. In the other semi Welsh rallied from 0-8 to 8-8 in the first game against Stevens but was exhausted and Stevens took it 10-8, 9-1, 9-0.

While the big boys were hammering away, the littlest of them all, Danielle Clark of Sarnia, who took the title in December, was battling the event champion, Jo Thomas of Ottawa, in a Girls Under 12 match and took the

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second game 9-5, much to the champ's dismay!

Next in the Boys U12 final the diminutive Graham Ryding of Winnipeg played good steady squash to beat Rob Wilson of Sarnia 9-3, 9-5, 9-0. This was followed by the Boys U14 final which saw Richmond Hill's Duncan Peake dominate Jonathon Power 9-1, 9-7, 9-3.

The Girls Under 16 final was a battle between a runner and a shot maker in which Stephanie Richardson of Ottawa, the shot maker, fought magnificently forcing Lori Coleman, a true champion, to the limit. After trailing 0-5 in the first game, Richardson fought back to level at 8-8 but dropped the game 9-10, took the next 9-4 and lead 3-0 in the next. At this point Coleman turned on the power and Richardson looked decidedly leaden footed and lost 6-9 and 4-9.

For those spectators who appreciate artistic squash the Boys Under 16 final was by far the best match of the tournament. Taghizadeh, a lanky six footer with exceptional deception as to pace and direction but known to have lapses of concentration, somewhat reminiscent of Alex Doucas, was up against Steve Eastwood, a left-hander, slightly smaller but extremely quick and possessed of great head fakes and other deception. Hitting hard and then matching the gentlest of straight drops, Eastwood took the first game 9-7 and lead 4-0 in the next but Taghizadeh kept his composure extremely well and using his long reach to retrieve and to volley early turned the tide to take the next two games 9-6 and 9-3. The final game was close all the way as Taghizadeh lead 3-0, trailed 3-5 and 5-7 before finally taking all the marbles at 10-8.

In the penultimate event (GU 19) Louise Waite outlasted Cathy Green in a five setter which saw Green ahead 2 games to 1. However, Waite's patience in waiting for the right opening and a slight edge in fitness made the difference as Green became prone to more frequent errors. After trailing 1-8 in the final game Green rallied to 6-8 but the final score was 5-9, 9-1, 6-9, 9-3, 9-6 in Waite's favour.

The Boys Under 19 event was probably decided by the result of the first game which went to Chris Stevens at 10-9 after a ding dong battle all the way and several long hard hitting rallies interspersed with accurate boasts and drops. Patterson won the second 9-5 and Stevens the third at 9-6. In the fourth game Stevens took a 6-1 lead. Patterson pulled a thigh muscle and was in obvious discomfort but, to his great credit, fought back to tie the score at 9-9 before losing the game and match at 10-9. Stevens fully earned the title with his great concentration and disciplined stroke play, which minimized errors. ■

# HILLSIDE HARDBALL TEAM TOURNAMENT

BY RICK SMITH

This tournament was hosted for the third year in a row by the Hillside Racquets Club in Ancaster, Ontario. Seven teams entered the tournament and placed in the following order:

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The winning team from the Cricket Club was captained by Michael Leckie and included in order of play: Andrew Smith, Anthony McLaggan, Todd Levins and Andrew Bracht. Hillside had been the defending champions for the past two years.

The double knock-out format ensured a full day of competition for each team with the Cricket Club prevailing over Appleby College in a close final.

Players and coaches received complimentary beverages throughout the tournament, doughnuts, hamburgers and french fries for lunch and pizza for dinner. The generous support of our sponsors, namely Pro-Kennex, P-Wee's, 7-Up (Thames Valley Beverages) and Robin's Donuts, enabled us to keep the entry fee to \$7 per player and also provide prizes for each team.

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# JUNIOR FESTIVAL AT THE CRICKET CLUB

BY BARBARA LECKIE

The 13th annual Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club Junior Invitational Tournament, always one of the most popular gatherings of junior squash players, was held January 10-12th and proved once again to be very successful. Some 145 participants, girls and boys aged 9 to 18, came from Ontario, Quebec and the United States to compete in the various age categories.

Johanna Thomas from Ottawa emerged the winner in the under 12 girls with Sara Leckie runner up from the host club. Sara gained a little revenge on the Sunday. More from these two talented youngsters will undoubtedly be heard in the future. Laura McCaw placed 3rd.

The girls under 14 champion was Lara Levesque with Carole Ann Rodgers 2nd and Joanna Richardson 3rd. All three girls are from Ottawa Queensview Club. Lise Grant from the TCSCC finished 4th and a newcomer, Melanie Jans from Georgetown, won the consolation.

In the girls under 16, Lori Coleman from Ajax proved unbeatable again. Margo Green from Ottawa defeated Stephanie Richardson, also of Ottawa, for 2nd place. Stephanie finished 3rd, Jordana Freiberg of Montreal 4th and Sheanna Keating from Valhalla won the consolation and 5th spot.

In the main event, girls under 19, Kathy Green of Ottawa and Louise Waite of Sarnia met again for the championship with Louise defeating Kathy 3-1 to take the girls crown.

The boys hardball once again provided the spectators with excellent matches and exciting squash. In the boys 12 and under, Jonathan Power from Montreal and Michael Leckie from TCSCC gained the finals with little difficulty - both boys played an excellent final with Jonathan winning 3-1 over Michael in close games. Scott Barker from Montreal finished 3rd, Chris Johnston from Appleby College 4th and Michael Bittner from Rochester, New York, 5th. The consolation winner was Richard Crossland from Appleby

College.

Dean Brown of Ajax was unbeatable in the 14 and under category, defeating runner up Dan Vranesic from Valhalla in the final. Tino DiPetrillo from Hillside finished 3rd, winning a close match over 4th place Duncan Peake of Richmond Hill, and Chris Deratney from TCSCC was 5th. The consolation winner was Craig Lapsley from Hillside.

In the boys 16 and under, Scott Stoneburgh from Valhalla emerged the winner after a close, hard fought semifinal win over Rick Hartunian of Hillside and defeating Dylan Neal from Appleby College in the finals. Rick Hartunian took 3rd position and David Rosen from Ottawa finished 4th. Steve Eastwood from Georgetown took the consolation event.

Finally, in the boys 18 and under, the main event, in an exciting well played match, Chris Stevens from Crescent School edged Scott Nash of Hillside, to emerge as the boys overall champion. Derek Finkler from Ridley College finished 3rd and Keith Patterson from Ottawa 4th. Sajid Butt from Duffin Club was 5th and Mark Deratney from TCSCC won the consolation event.

The excitement of the 13th annual tournament was barely over before everyone began to look forward to the next tournament. ■



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