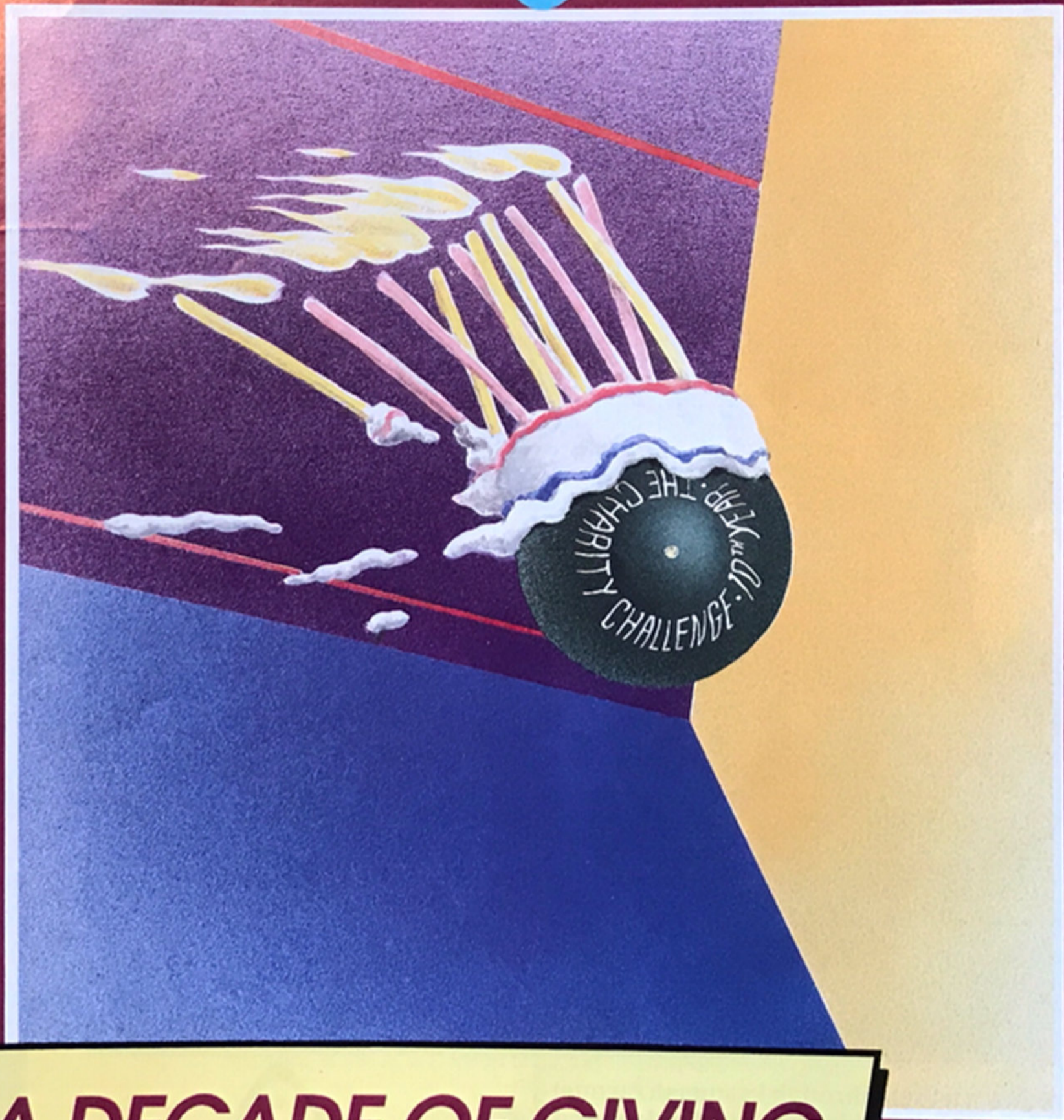


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BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY!

We are taught as children that it is better to give than to receive but, in these days of tight money and with the spectre of inflation once again rearing its ugly head, we are becoming a more and more introspective nation. Too many of us are taking refuge in the old axiom that "charity begins at home" and, consequently, studies show that charitable organizations are suffering. Patricia Starr hasn't helped either! Even the corporate sector has cut back on its philanthropic contributions and this situation has placed even greater pressures on individuals as we are now forced to be far more discriminating as to which charities will benefit from our limited largess. All too often, rather than make a choice, we end up giving to none.

Consider this if you will. Karen is 32 years old. She is a computer consultant for a well-known firm, having worked hard to climb that corporate ladder. She is also the mother of two young children and is very involved in her community. Life is good and she is enjoying it immensely. One day she wakes up and her left arm feels numb. "Must have slept on it the wrong way during the night". But several days pass and the numbness has progressed - "maybe it's a pinched nerve". But an examination at the doctors' reveals a far more chilling diagnosis. Multiple sclerosis. With these two words, this young woman's life has been changed forever and these changes will affect not only her way of life but that of her family and co-workers.

This year, the Martini Charity Challenge Club Championships will raise monies for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ontario. Why have we chosen MS? Information on this crippling disease reveals a very frightening statistic. Multiple sclerosis usually strikes between the ages of 20-40

just when careers are beginning, families are being started, and plans are being made for the future. The majority of squash players falls between the ages of 20 and 40. A horrifying coincidence and thus it is in our own best interest to try and STOP MS BEFORE IT STOPS US!

We are once again asking our clubs

MS

across the province to run a Martini Charity Challenge Club Championship to help us raise funds to fight this dreadful disease. These club events can be run any time between October and the middle of January. Winners at the club level will represent their club at the Regional Championships and those subsequent winners will represent their region at the Provincial Championships which are scheduled for February 24 and 25, 1990 at Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club.

Helping the cause this year, along with Martini & Rossi, will be Dunlop who has been a stalwart supporter of the Charity since its inception. The XX will be the official ball of the 1990 Martini Charity Challenge Club Championships. A welcome new addition to the Charity is Wilson Sports Equipment who has generously agreed to provide prizes at both the regional and provincial championships; and the Chimo Hotel which has agreed to have us back despite the North!

You may well ask if your entry fee

can make a difference. Perhaps not alone, but together with those from 3,000 other squash players, it can have a very powerful impact. What would our donation mean to the MS Society? Quite simply, it becomes an intricate part of an equation: dollars = research = possible cure. The truth is that there is no cure for MS and no one knows how to prevent it. At least not yet! So what is known about MS? It is a disease of the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) which interrupts the brain's ability to control walking, talking, seeing and other important functions. MS is more common if you live further away from the equator and thus, Canada is a high risk area for the disease. It more frequently occurs among people of northern European backgrounds - those who constitute a large part of Canada's population - and it is more common among women than men. MS is not contagious, it is not a mental disease and it is not a disease of the muscles. These known facts in themselves raise more questions and the cause and, hopefully, the cure is secreted somewhere within them.

After many, many years of research, science may finally be zeroing in on the cause of multiple sclerosis, but in many ways, it still remains an enigma. There is, however, a cautious optimism on the part of researchers and thus contributions remain vitally important in finally finding the answer. We can hope that one day soon the front pages of the world's press will herald a banner announcement of the conquest of multiple sclerosis. More likely though, success will be marked by a series of less dramatic reports, each one as a result of painstaking and meticulous studies into what is still one of the world's most baffling diseases.

MS is the problem...be part of the solution.○

A DECADE OF GIVING

By Sherry Funston

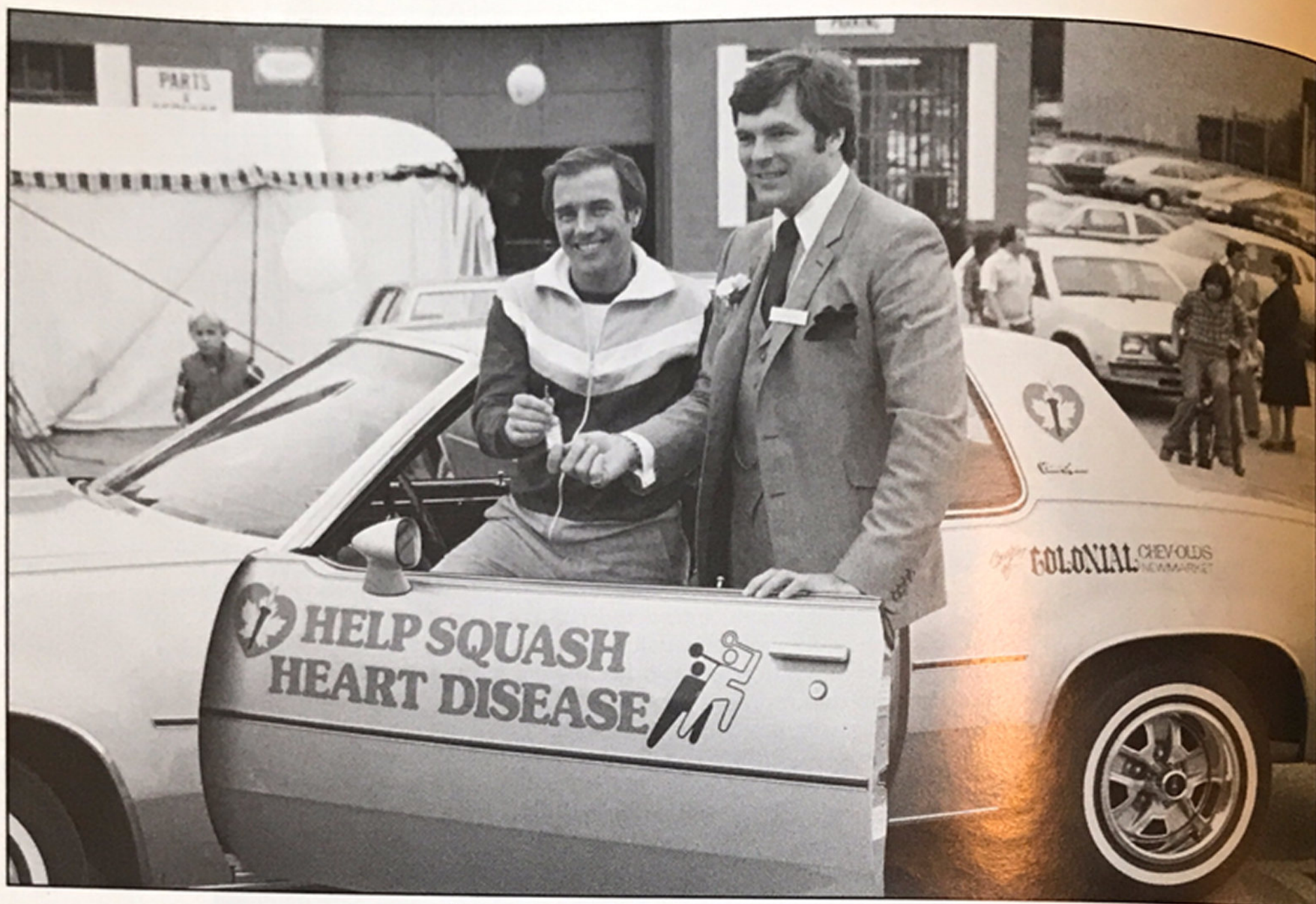
Many of us just hate to admit that we're getting another year older but, in this case, the occasion is indeed a happy one and truly worth celebrating. The Charity Challenge is ten years old. For an event which many people thought would never get off the ground, that is quite an achievement.

To borrow a line from Martin Luther King, a gentleman by the name of Larry

Campbell "had a dream" and approached the Board of Squash Ontario to help him make that dream a reality. He was convinced he could attract hundreds of squash players into a tournament to help raise money for charity. He was also convinced that the event would become an annual affair, growing in both stature and numbers over the years. Some thought Larry was brilliant; others thought him simply mad. In speaking to some of the former Board members, Larry is remembered as either a spellbinding speaker



The 'infamous' Larry Campbell (right) receiving the Squash Ontario Special Achievement award from Peter Frost



Mr. Campbell receiving keys to the Charity car

“Money may make the world go around but it is the people who operate the carousel.”

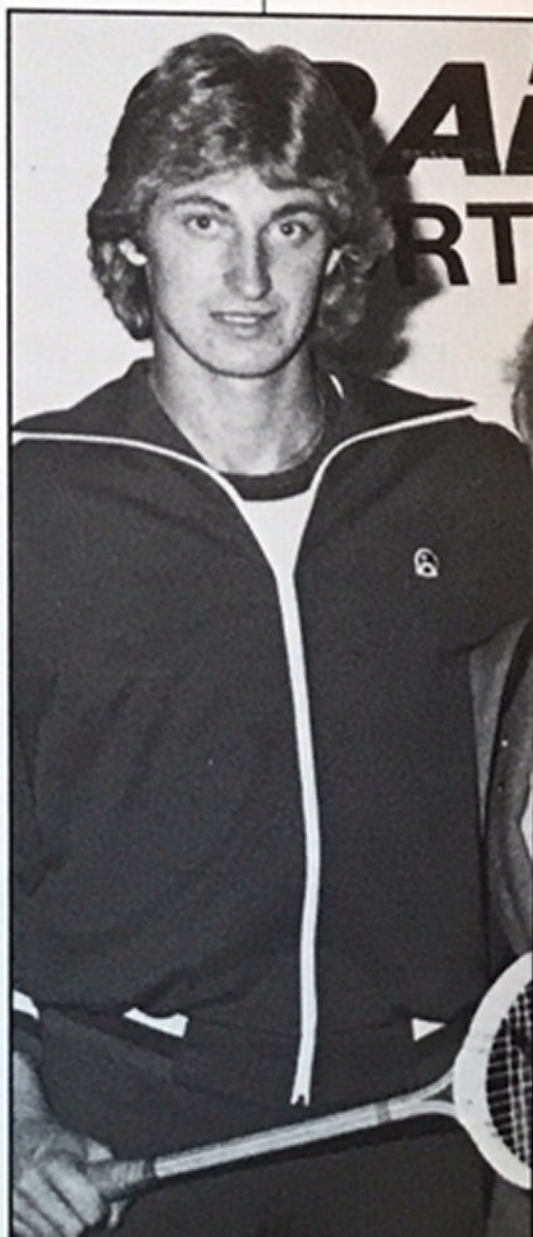
with a vision or an anachronism from the old west, selling snake oil to unsuspecting and gullible buyers. Nonetheless, he was obviously convincing and so began the annual charity event.

Research for this article entailed a journey through the young but still impressive Squash Ontario archives. Many hours were spent sifting through old photos and newsletters in an attempt to reconstruct those past years and, in the case of the photographs, to put names to faces

Throughout all the reading, there was one common denominator - people - people who were either as mad as Larry or as committed (and I use that word ad-

visedly!). Money may make the world go around but it is the people who operate the carousel. In fact, the list of people who have lent their time and name to the Charity Challenge is as impressive as the numbers who have played in it.

Larry was never one for preparing budgets. He just walked into the office of a potential sponsor and expected that person to be as excited about the opportunity of being involved as Larry was. He had the gall of a highwayman and the nerve of a pirate, cajoling 4,000 t-shirts out of Harvey Woods in that first year. But he didn't stop there! No one was safe from Larry - not even friends! The owner of a car dealership 'donated' a car



Honorary chairman,
Wayne Gretzky

to Larry for several years with the name of the charity and Squash Ontario emblazoned on its doors. Even Heather McKay and Sharif Khan were not immune from him. That first year, the charity needed something spectacular to "kick it off" and so, Heather and Sharif agreed to play an exhibition at the Ajax Squash Club before, needless to say, a packed gallery. All ticket sales were donated to the Ontario Heart Foundation - the first charity of the challenge. These two people were a class act indeed as they both turned over their honoraria to the Heart Foundation as well. The selection of the Ontario Heart Foundation was such a popular choice that the event became known as the Heart Fund Championships and to this day, there are still many who refer to it as such.

That first year saw 1,600 people participate in the charity and a donation of \$17,500.00 to the Heart Foundation. Murray Christensen and Anna Pandos fell under the Campbell spell as well and offered the Valhalla Squash Club as the host for the provincial tier of the event. It was an outstanding success and, in the midst



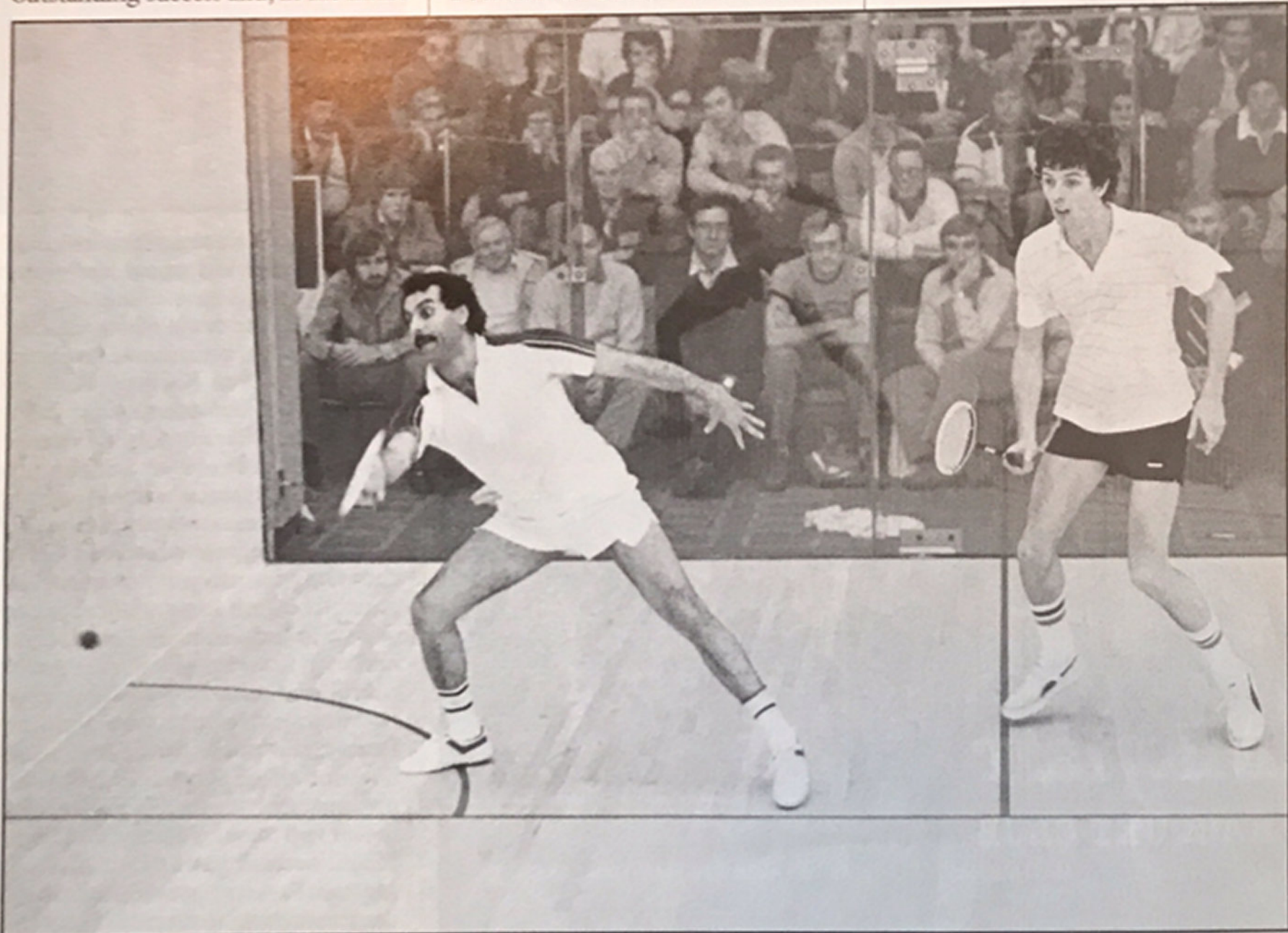
Heather McKay helped

of that organized chaos, a tradition had been born.

Word spread and the numbers of players the next year increased to 1,950 resulting in a donation of \$19,500.00 to the Ontario Heart Foundation. There was tremendous

support for the event from a number of people but history must have its day. Frank and Lib Baillie, then owners of The Club in Oakville, gave the Heart Fund Championships an unbelievable boost with a donation of \$4,000.00 on behalf of every member of The Club. They weren't finished either - they also agreed to host the provincial championships and they treated the competitors and organizers to a wonderful weekend - a fitting end to another successful year for the charity.

In its third year, Mr. Campbell deemed it time to make a big splash with both the players and the media. He felt the event needed an honorary chairman - someone known - someone who would make the media sit up and listen. "I'm going to ask Wayne Gretzky", he said. People doubled over in laughter but, at high noon on a day early in September, who should be standing at the microphone at a packed press conference? None other than Mr. Gretzky himself. That year participation rose to 2,200 and resulted in a donation to the Heart Foundation of \$22,000.00. Tony Swift at the old Bridlewood Squash



So did they - Sharif Khan and Gordon Anderson

"...in 1986, players raised monies for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, resulting in a total donation of \$51,000.00. From that time on, the charity has never looked back...."

What better way to introduce the vets category - Bill Warren (left) and Paul Wilson

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Club undertook to run the provincial championships and, again, the event was an outstanding success.

In 1982, the finals of the Charity event found a permanent home at Mayfair Parkway Racquet Club in Markham. As the tournament grew, so too did the number of events which were offered to participants and the Parkway, with its many courts, was the only club which could accommodate the numbers. We've been truly fortunate in having a supporter like Paul Frost - he has never once charged for court time and he has always, always given us as many courts as necessary for that weekend. In fact, we book 11 courts at the Parkway for the entire Saturday and nine for all of Sunday and run approximately 170 matches throughout those two days. When the Chimo Hotel was built just 1,000 yards from Mayfair Parkway, we thought we'd died and gone to heaven. Now the competitors could walk to the club

for their matches and, more importantly, walk home after the Saturday night party!

As the charity grew, so too did the budget and the charity event was not run in either 1983 or 1984 because of lack of sponsorship. But it came back in a big way in 1985 and that year and in 1986, players raised monies for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, resulting in a total donation of \$51,000.00. From that time on, the charity has never looked back....new charities were selected each year and donations were made to Ronald McDonald House, Canine Vision and Canada Games. In all, squash players have raised over \$200,000.00 for various charities in Ontario.

Sponsors have come and gone over those years but there is one that bears special mention. Mary Raike at Dunlop foolishly kept an appointment with Larry Campbell one day back in 1979 and agreed to become involved.

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The winners of the first Charity Challenge - *Where are they now?*

Larry, of course, had nothing on paper...just his dream. Mary took a flyer on the Charity Challenge and has continued that involvement over the years, supplying all the balls for both the regional and provincial championships as well as prizes.

Larry Campbell conceived the concept of the Charity Challenge primarily as a people event. It began by offering 8 categories and Squash Ontario has tried to safeguard that concept by expanding the number of categories to 14 to include veterans and novices. He wanted an event in which all regions could participate and in which players from all over the province could come together at the

finals weekend, not necessarily to win, but to enjoy the fun and camaraderie which are so inherent in the game of squash. And, of course, he wanted to marry that concept with, what he believed to be, the generosity of squash players. Twenty thousand squash players and \$200,000.00 in charitable donations have proven beyond a doubt that one man's dream can become a reality. The Charity Challenge is a living testament to one man's steadfast belief in the innate goodness of people and what can be accomplished if you believe in a cause. Faith can move mountains and Larry did, indeed, move mountains.○



More winners!

JACK FAIRS

HAIL AND FAREWELL

By Bob Gage

Unlike Mark Antony, the roasters at the retirement dinner for Jack Fairs came to praise him...and praise him they did. It may sound trite to say that Jack has left an indelible legacy behind but legacy befits both the man and his achievements.

The irrepressible Barney Lawrence, Kitchener lawyer, squash coach and player, was master of ceremonies for the roast and the roasters included such squash luminaries as Calgary lawyer Fred Beasley who played on Western's 1977 U.S. intercollegiate championship team, and Paul Wilson, squash coach at Trent University, with his biting wit.

John Lennard, who captained Western to the 1980 U.S. intercollegiate squash title, brought his professional musical trio from Toronto and entertained prior to dinner and then serenaded the roasters and Fairs to the head table.

It was an evening of honours as Jack received congratulatory letters from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Ontario Premier David Peterson (both agreeing on something for once!). Telegrams were received from the United States Squash Racquets Association, Squash Canada, Squash Ontario, and the W.P.S.A. The London Squash Club presented Jack with a key to the club and a life time membership.

Jack has compiled a phenomenal record as the University of Western Ontario squash coach with his teams winning 15 of the last 19 Ontario Universities Athletic Association Championships; two U.S. Intercollegiate titles and two United States Champions in Phil Mohtadi and Scott Dulmage.

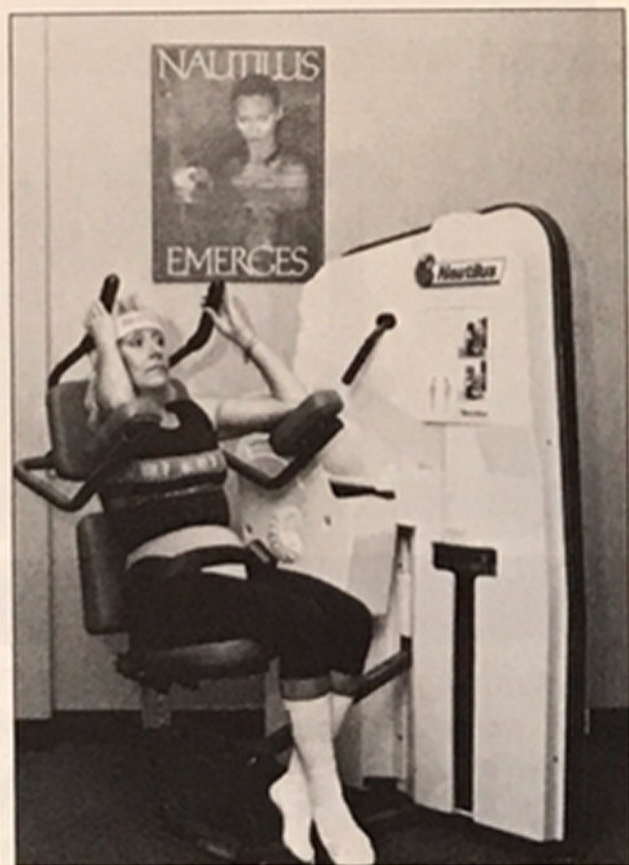
Jack will continue to coach the Mustangs squash team following retirement, which is great news not only for the programme but for the University. Western wouldn't be the same without Jack Fairs, his enthusiasm and his zest for sports. ○



Jack Fairs (left) receiving Squash Ontario Special Achievement Award from Bob Green

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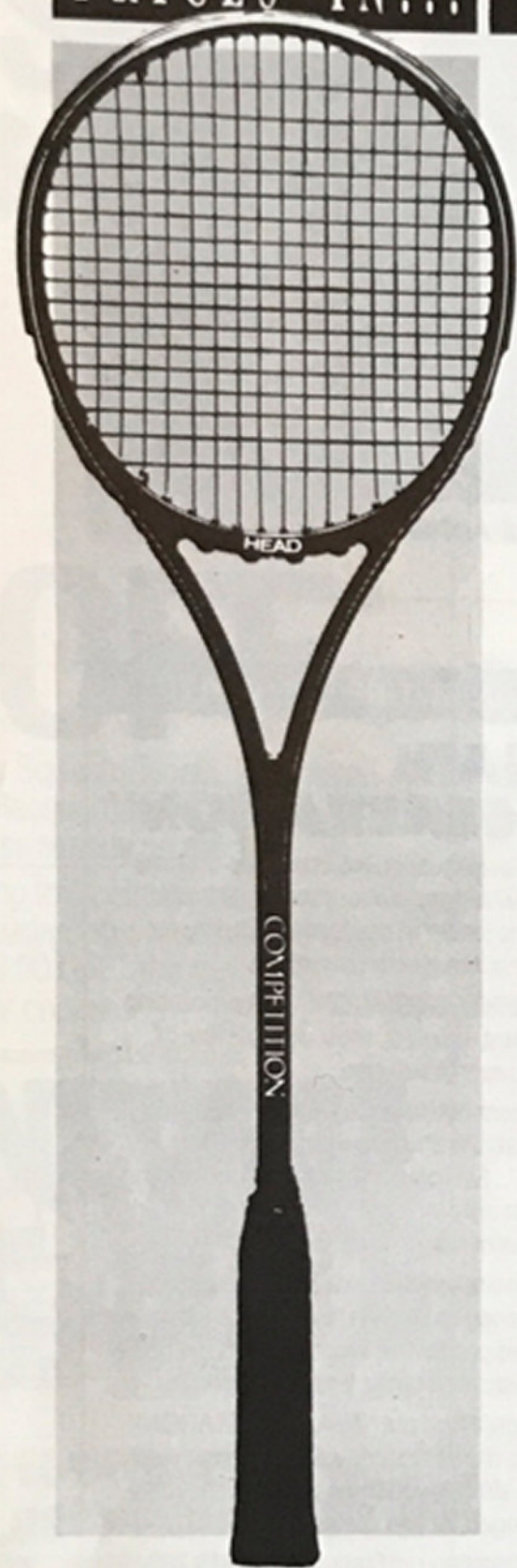
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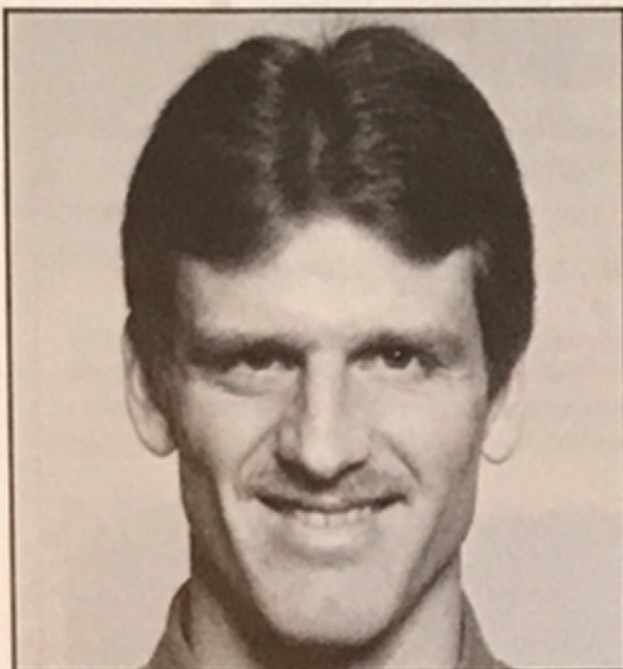
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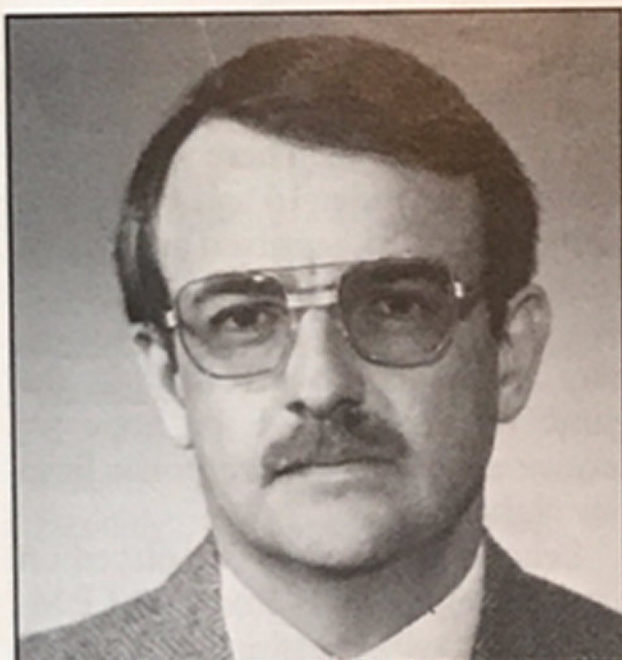
Associate Professor in the Faculty of Physical Education, University of Western Ontario Sports Psychologist.

Has played squash for 20 years; is a member of the London Squash Club and has an abiding interest in the officiating aspect of squash.



Diana Moody, Vice President

Sales representative for C.C.H. Canada Limited Has played squash 'competitively' for 3 years; is a member of the Curzons Sporting Club; past president of the Toronto & District region. Diana has a keen interest in promoting the women's game in Ontario.



Ed Mitchell, Director

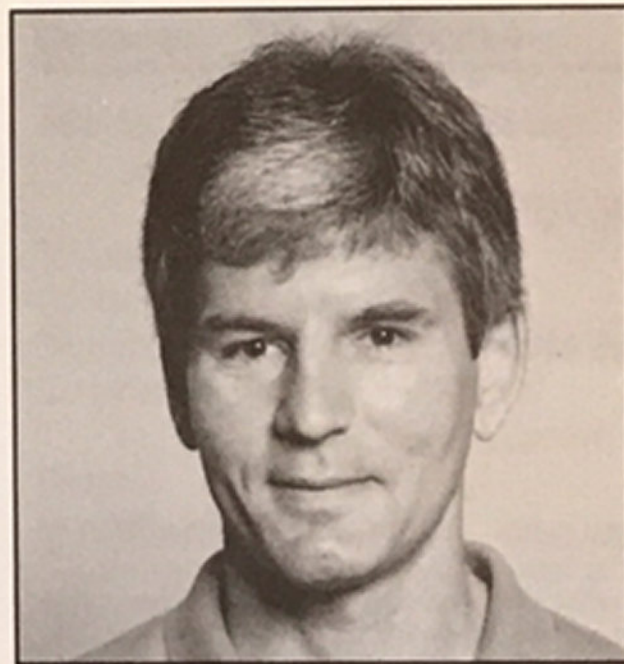
Major, Aerospace Engineer in the Air Operations Branch of the Canadian Armed Forces. Ed has played squash for many years; is a member of Squash Gloucester; has served as junior chairman for Squash Nova Scotia and the Ottawa & District Region.

As you can probably guess, Ed's committed to junior squash and was instrumental in forming Squash Ontario's Junior Committee.



Lauren Doig, Director

French teacher with the Hamilton Board of Education. Lauren has played squash for 11 years; is a member of the Hamilton Squash Club Lauren also has a great interest in the area of officiating but her real love is the doubles game.



Al Scott, Director

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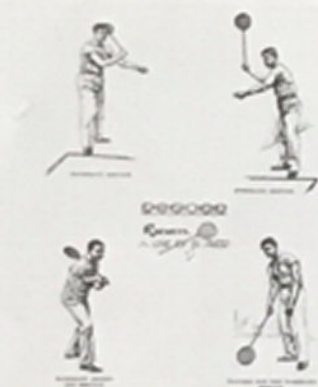
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SQUASH RACQUETS AT HARROW
(9" x 12")

The Harrow School in England is credited with the invention of the game of squash racquets. In the late 1800's, while waiting to enter the hard racquets court, the boys playing in the courtyard of the Headmaster's house invented a soft "squashy" ball to avoid breaking windows.

THE BELVEDERE RACQUETS COURT
(16" x 12")

The single wall version of racquets quickly expanded outside of the Debtor's Prison and was most popular in the early 1800's in Ireland. This print depicts a 45' high wall and four men are playing within a designated area 45' x 60' long.



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League matches will be played on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. with Session 1 beginning October 14th and Session 2 beginning on January 6th. League play-offs are scheduled for Monday, March 19th and will be hosted by Mayfair Lakeshore Racquet Club.

League registration and team captains' meeting will be held on Monday, 11 September 1989 at the Ontario Sports Centre, 1220 Sheppard Avenue East in Willowdale. Time - 6:30 P.M.

Telephone Squash Ontario for further information. 495-4140.○

THE TOP COULD BE DOWN UNDER FOR CANADIAN JUNIORS

By Stuart Dixon

For three Ontario juniors, this past season was a crucial one. Selection criteria for the National Junior Women's Team was based on performance in a number of events, not the least of which was the Canadian Junior Championships last May. Pulling out all the stops and dedicating themselves to a strenuous and rigorous training schedule, Ottawa's Margo Green and Carole Ann Rodgers and Georgetown's Melanie Jans achieved their goals....they will represent Canada at the upcoming Junior Women's World Championships in New Zealand in September. Joining them will be Jordanna Fraiberg of Montreal.

In 1987, the Junior Women's World Championships were held in Brighton, England and the Canadian team finished a very credible fourth, narrowly losing 2/1 to New Zealand for third spot. Of that team, only Margo Green is eligible again and the experience she gained two years ago should be useful this time around.

For these worlds, Canada has been seeded 5th behind England, Australia, New Zealand and West Germany. West Germany? Yes, because the West German senior women's team which included two juniors finished 4th in the Women's Worlds in Holland in March. Having watched these two juniors twice, once in Germany and again in Holland, I would have to give them a chance at finishing one or two at these Junior Worlds. England will be very hard to beat as its team comprises three full time professionals and is the defending champion. Australia, as always, has up and coming juniors looking to prove themselves before embarking on the world circuit to follow in the footsteps of Heather McKay and a host of young, exciting players. New Zealand this year is an unknown quantity as none of its previous team members is eligible. Squash is very

strong in New Zealand and so you can bet there are players with lots of potential on the team. The other teams in the round robin competition include Scotland, Ireland and the United States. We have always been close to the Scots but should hold an advantage over both Ireland and the United States.

With only eight countries represented, it means that only those with good junior programmes and solid financial backgrounds can afford to compete. As the two events, team and individual, are being held in New Zealand, a number of European countries have had to forgo the competitions because of cost. Wales, France, Holland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Belgium will not be represented but, hopefully, we'll have a much larger contingent in 1991 when the Worlds are staged in Norway.



Margo Green

Aged 17
Coached by Rene Denis
Plays out of the Queensview Racquet Club and the RA Centre
Canadian Under 12 Champion in 1982;
Canadian Under 14 Champion in 1984;

Canadian Under 16 Champion in 1986
Canadian Under 19 Finalist in 1989
U.S. Under 19 Champion in 1989
Margo has been playing squash nine years; plans on attending university and, at the same time, becoming Canadian #1 in the senior ranks
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Melanie Jans

Aged 16
Coached by Barbara Diggins and Tony Swift
Plays out of the Georgetown Racquet Club
Canadian Under 14 Champion in 1987
Canadian Under 16 Champion in 1988 and 1989
Melanie has been playing only 5 years
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Carole Ann Rodgers

Aged 16

Coached by Rene Denis and Andy Dales
Plays out of the Queensview Racquet Club

Has shown steady improvement over the past several years

Carole Ann plans on attending university; playing on the next Junior Worlds Team in 1991 and hopes for a Canadian Senior title in her future

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Jordanna Fraiberg

Aged 17

Coached by Kevin Parker and Pat Richardson
Plays out of Montreal Badminton and Squash Club

A tough competitor with very steady performances in the past Canadian Junior Championships

Jordanna plans on attending university and continuing with her squash development

This Canadian team's strength lies in its depth, the mental toughness of the team members, their fitness and, above all, their will to win. If we are to finish fourth, then it is important we have consistent performances from all the girls in all of our seven matches. There will be no easy matches and therefore correct preparation before each match is critical. The team has been on a very intense training programme over the last two months and I am confident that they will be in their best-ever condition in New Zealand.

On behalf of the team, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Slazenger and HiTec for their valuable sponsorship. ○

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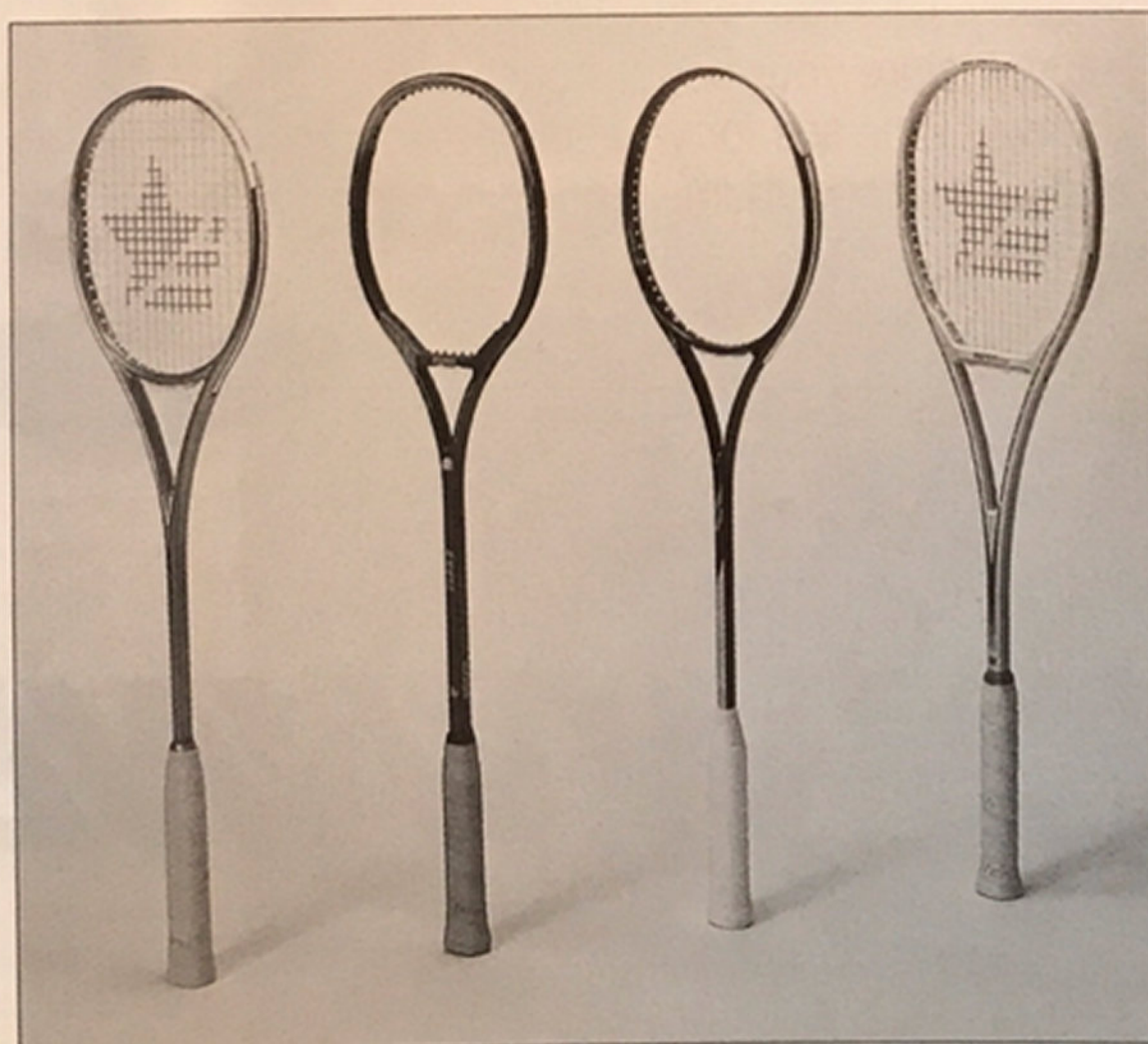
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World Masters Games Held In Denmark

By Anne Smith

It is difficult to believe that four years have passed since the first World Masters Games were hosted in Toronto but this summer, three separate cities in Denmark, welcomed a contingent of some 6,000 competitors in 28 various sports and, squash was one of them. These Games were plagued by similar problems encountered in Toronto...a marketing firm unable to fulfill its commitments...poor advertising...cost overruns. Nevertheless, play went on, although many countries which should have sent representatives were missing. England was conspicuous by its absence.

However, nine Canadians threw their names into the hat and made the journey. Some of us reached our destination by conventional means; others did not. Lindsay and I fell into the latter category. Having looked at a small world map prior to arrival, we reckoned the trip from Copenhagen to Arhus was approximately 200 km and would take approximately 3 hours. What we didn't count on was water...a small matter of a one and a half hour ferry ride. Unfortunately, we missed the opening ceremonies.

In squash, there were both individual events and a team event and it was the latter which made the tournament! It was great fun as teams were organized on both a national and international basis. Lindsay and I were teamed with Anders Sunstrom from Sweden and were billed as the 'Canadian team. There was great excitement when one 'country' was playing another and, the fact that each team had to have at least one women, provided added spice to the competition as playing order depended upon ability such that a woman was not always number 3.

It was wonderful to see Heather and Brian McKay again. Heather played in the 45+ event to the delight

of the other participants in that competition and took home another gold medal. Three Canadians took home

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medals...Miriam Price of Toronto won the bronze in the Women's 50+ event. In the Women's 35+ event, I found myself up against several of my former Scottish team mates, Anne Nimmo who eventually won the gold and Rosy Fraser who took the bronze. Initially, I had entered only the 40+ event but agreed to also play in the 35's to help bolster the draw. That may have been my undoing as the scheduling was gruesome...remember, this is the Masters Games! Nevertheless, I finished second in both events but my legs have still not forgiven me.

Joining Lindsay and me from Canada, were Miriam Price, Joyce Jones, Alan Cherry, Michael Price, Barry Fitzpatrick, Laurie Nilesen and Henry Kennedy and we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. One of the highlights was seeing Heather McKay again and watching play. She is fit and playing well and hopes to come to the next World Masters Games in Minnesota in 1993. The concept of the Games is a wonderful one - an opportunity to players who have been involved in sport for a number of years to congregate in their own games - to make new friends and renew old acquaintances (and sometimes rivalries). It is important to see much more participation from everyone. There should be no excuses for Canadians in 1993 - the Games will be right on our doorstep!○

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The Blue Cross Canadian Open

By Chris Endemann

The fifth annual Canadian Open Squash Championships - now firmly established as North America's premier international squash event - will be held at Curzons Sporting Club in Etobicoke from November 5 through 12.

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tant consideration among the contestants and in that regard the Canadian Open does not lag. This year's purse will increase 25% over last year's and total \$60,000.00.

The tournament will feature a 32 man draw comprised of 24 direct entries, six qualifiers and two wild cards. Pakistan's Jahangir Khan, the no. 1 player in the world, has captured this title three times. Last year he defeated Australia's Chris Dittmar, the world's no. 3 player, in the final after the burly redhead from 'down under' had upset Jansher Khan in the semis. While Jahangir remains a fearsome presence on the court, he no

longer projects the aura of invincibility that surrounded him a few years ago. The competition has simply become much tougher.

The Australian contingent, led by the positive thinking Dittmar, will be making a concerted assault on the top rung. Rodney Martin and Chris Robertson are among the dozen-odd 'mates' zealously eyeing that top rung.

The British, with 20 year old sensation Del Harris, have created waves with a new generation of battlers who are succeeding veterans such as Phil Kenyon and Geoff Williams.

Canada's best hopes lie in players such as Jamie Hickox, Sabir Butt and Gary Waite. Though still young, they are not newcomers to the tour and should now be reaching their prime.

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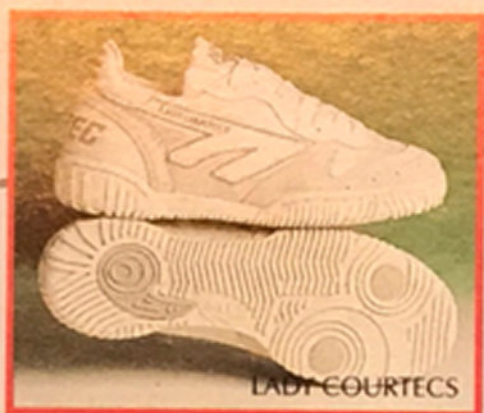


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