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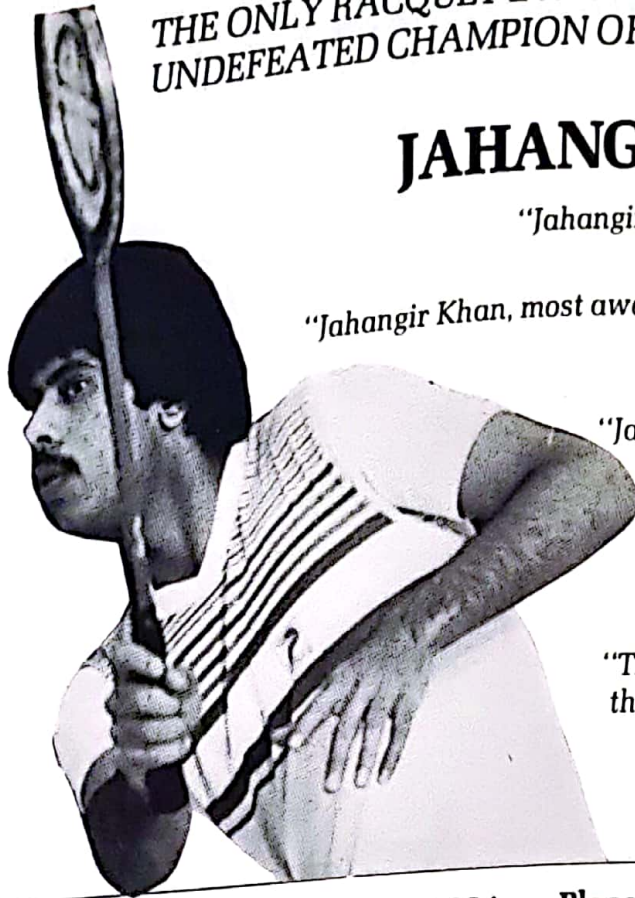
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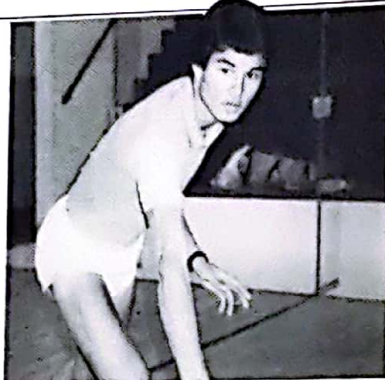
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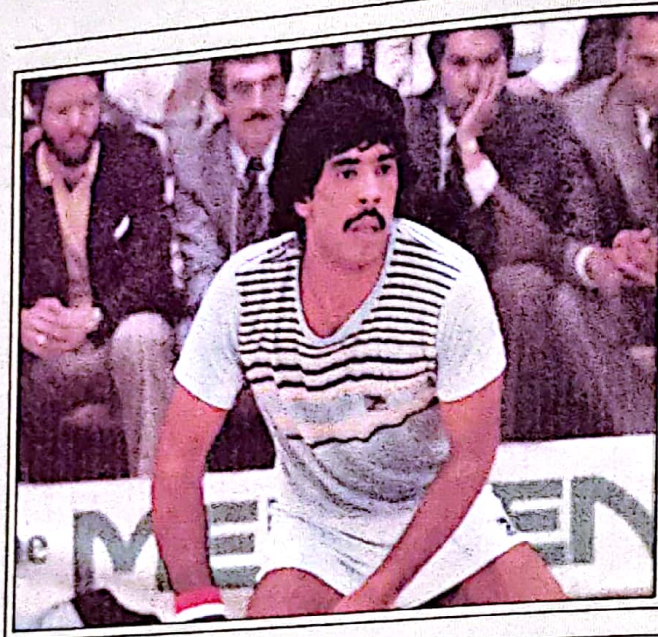
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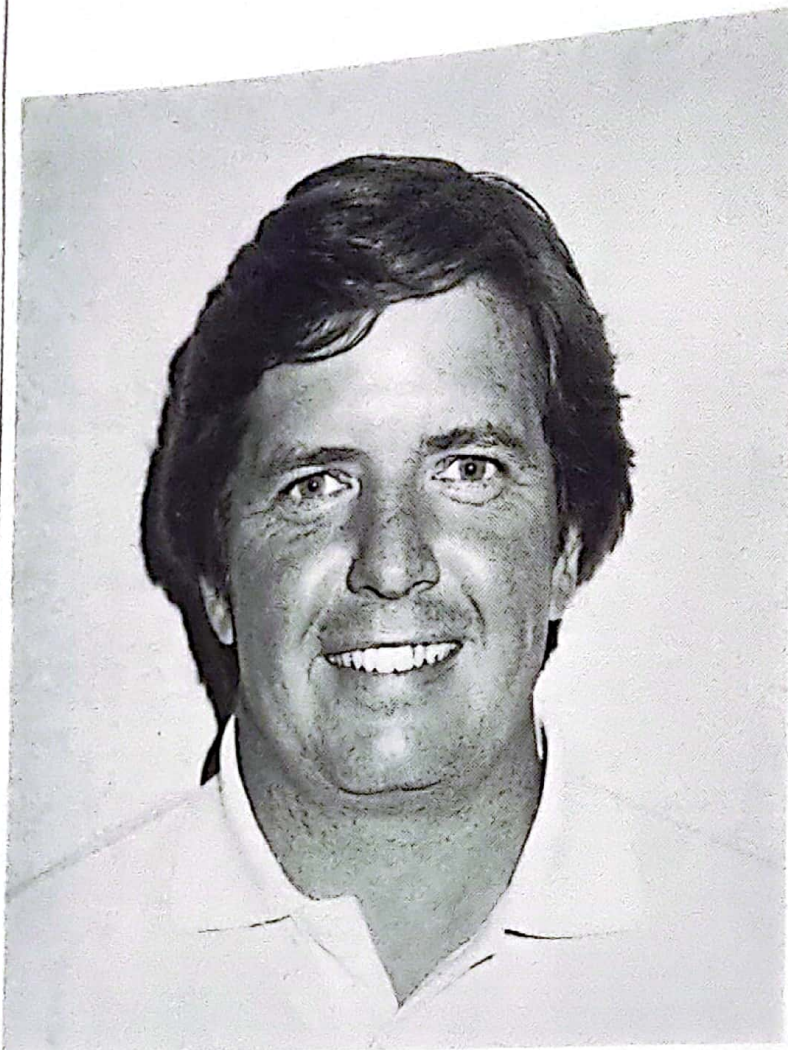
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WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING!



Rea Godbold, President, Squash Ontario

Traditionally, the president's message reflects on the Association's accomplishments during the past year. I would like to use this forum to comment on a seemingly growing problem in squash; that being the increasing number of incidents of poor sportsmanship and bad manners, both on and off the court.

Most tournament and league play now feature swearing, pushing,

racquet breaking and cheating. Although the greatest number of reported incidents are in the junior age groups, there are also a number of senior players who have forgotten to grow up. If these outbursts are an attempt to emulate an idol in sport such as John McEnroe, I would say that most of us tend to make fools of ourselves with our heroes in any instance.

There are a number of ways one can gain a competitive advantage without resorting to one's primal instincts. The proverbial 'psych' game is a state of the art which is cultivated within the confines of good sportsmanship and the rules of the game.

The whole point of any sport is enjoyment. It's a diversion from the seriousness of life. We all make decisions every day that make a real difference to our happiness and wellbeing and sport provides a relief from that pressure. Sports really don't make any difference. The maxim that it's not whether you win or lose but how you played the game carries a lot more weight in life than the drivel Vince Lombardi spouted - "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing". If an individual is determined to win with no concessions made to enjoyment or sportsmanship, then he is cheating not only himself but his opponent.

The incidents off court are just as distressing. It would amaze some of these individuals how much a simple "thank you" is appreciated by the people who sponsor, organize and run the tournaments. With the exception of sponsors, these people are all volunteers who support the game mainly because of the enjoyment they have derived from it. All find it unsettling not only to witness the incidents of poor sportsmanship, but to have to deal with them on an organizational level.

To those individuals to whom this is directed, I would leave the following thought; "Many of us are able to change our lives on purpose, we are all perpetrators and victims of the way we are, but we should proceed as though this were not true." ●



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KHAN Takes MENNEN in Classic Style!

by Jan Atkinson

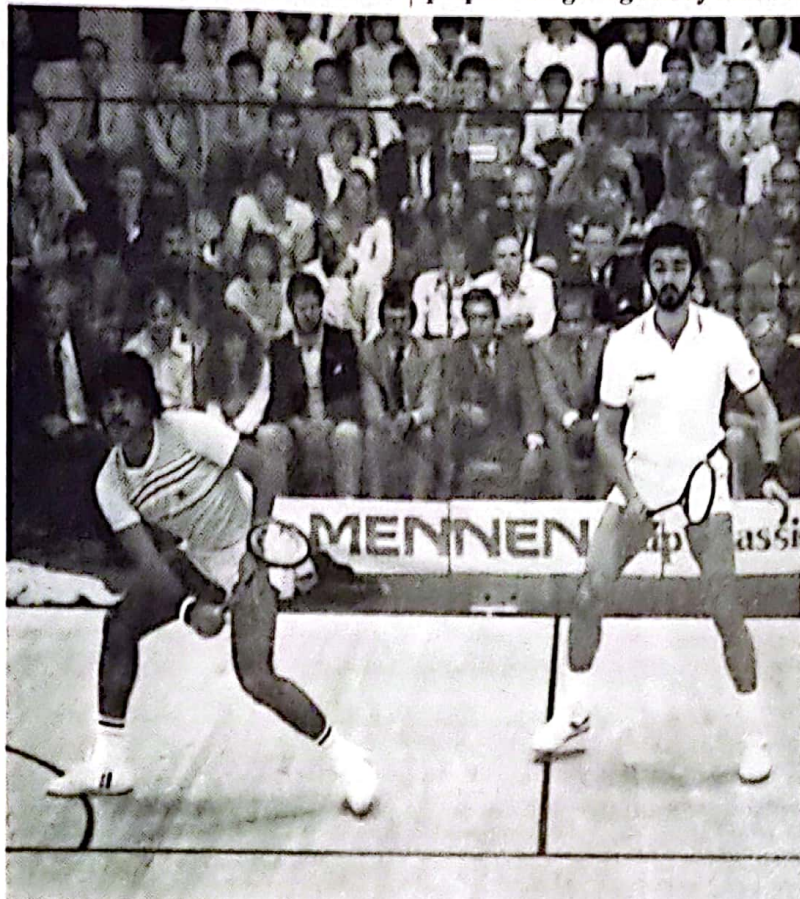
The Mennen Cup Classic is a unique tournament held in a very unique city. The Mennen is the only event that brings together the world's leading soft ball and hardball players to compete at the hardball game. Toronto is the only city in the world where both games are played extensively. For the fifth consecutive year the Mennen was hosted by the Toronto Squash Club.

Five of the world's leading soft ball players and three of North America's best hardball players are invited to take part in the five day, \$40,000 total prize money event. The players are split into two pools and the first three days of the event see each group of four compete against each other in a round robin. At the end of the three days, the eight players are again divided into two groups according to the number of points accumulated. A player wins points based on games won. In addition a player receives two bonus points for each match won.

The lineup this year was particularly interesting. Leading the soft ball experts was Jahangir Khan, the young world champion who has incredibly not lost a soft ball match since April 1981! Would he be able to dominate the Mennen in the way he has every other event? Returning this year was the hard hitting Hiddy Jahan. Hiddy is currently ranked number two in the world and is known for his ability to change the pace of the game from power to delicate drop shots. Another veteran of this event is England's Phil Kenyon. Phil is currently ninth in the world and has adapted well to the hardball game. This year's Mennen saw the debut of Dean Williams and Steve Bowditch. Dean, who makes his home in Australia, is number one at home and fourth in the world. Steve Bowditch, originally from Australia, currently lives in West Germany and is number fourteen on the I.S.P.A. top forty. Heading up the local ta-

lent was the perennial favourite Sharif Khan. Sharif, past winner and defending champion of the Mennen is anything but on his last legs, but at 38 has to capitalize on his experience to overcome the fitness of competitors only half his age! Mario Sanchez was making his fifth appearance at the Mennen and was looking to improve his placing at the expense of Sharif and the soft ball

After three days the four players advancing to the semi-finals were Jahangir Khan, Sharif Khan, Mario Sanchez and Hiddy Jahan. Both Mario and Jahangir had come through the round robin undefeated. Jahangir was matched against Hiddy Jahan with Sharif playing Mario. Jahangir was looking too strong at this stage of the event and not many people were giving Hiddy much of



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players. With Michael Desaulniers on the sidelines due to an injury, a wildcard tournament was held in Montreal to determine the eighth player. Mark Alger of Seattle battled his way into the event and proved to be a refreshing addition to the Mennen. In fact, Mark and Dean Williams have the knack of combining squash talent with a sense of humour for a very entertaining result.

a chance. The odds makers were split in the other semi between Sharif and Mario.

Sharif had lost to his much-younger cousin, Jahangir, but you can never count Sharif out. He possesses a seemingly endless "bag of tricks" and is capable of beating anyone. Mario, however, was determined to defeat Sharif and advance to his first ever Mennen final. It wasn't easy go-

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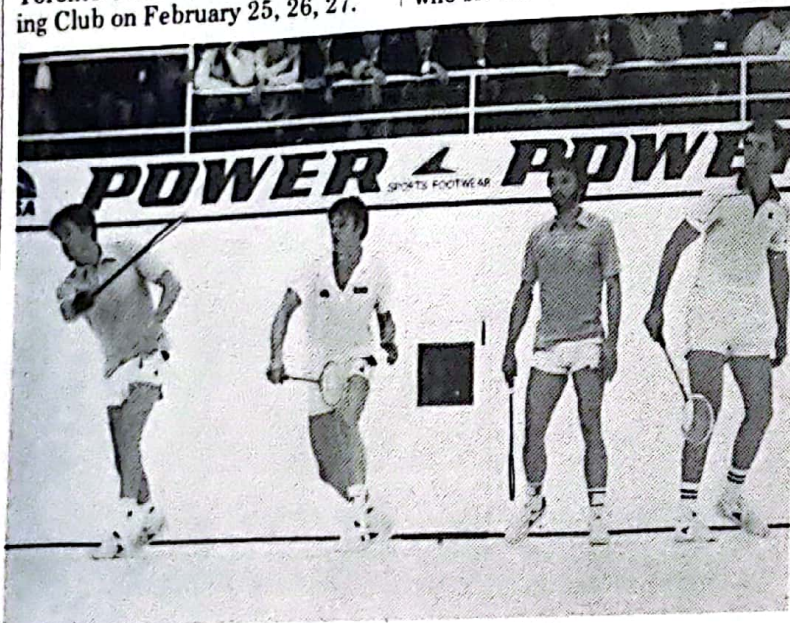
WORLD DOUBLES

Desaulniers and Heckscher Make It Two In A Row

by E.R. Howe

Like a high shear buzz saw, the team of Maurice Heckscher and Michael Desaulniers cut through the semi-finals and finals without the loss of a game to gain the lion's share of the sixteen thousand dollar prize money and repeat as the Power World Doubles Champions in a star-studded event hosted by Bata at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club on February 25, 26, 27.

and Desaulniers double covered an easy middle ball, only to let it fall unstruck in a moment of confusion. When Maurice tinned a potential winner and called for "one point" at 14-14, Pierce and Page had their best chance to get in the match. But as Pierce's salvo found the tin, it was Heckscher who did the Philadelphia victory dance and his former partner who shook his head in disbelief.



From left to right: Heckscher, Page, Desaulniers and Pierce

Gathering strength from a tight five-game quarter-final victory over Canadian amateurs Vic Harding and Jay Gillespie, the champions rolled over semi-finalists Peter Briggs and Ralph Howe, who led 12-10 in the first and third games, only to bow 15-12, 15-12, 15-12. In the afternoon finals Desaulniers and Heckscher were even sharper as they blitzed Michael Pierce and Tom Page 15-11, 15-11, 15-14. In the end it was the brilliant retrieving and shot production of Desaulniers that set up Heckscher for his consistent winners and rattled Pierce until he found the tin too often, including the final frustrating backhand rail which rose with a bong off the telltale bevel. Leading two games to love and 14-12 in the third, Heckscher

Eight Hours of Quarter Finals

The Saturday schedule called for four quarter-finals to be played hourly starting at 9:30 a.m. with semis starting at 3:30 p.m. It was not to be. All the quarter finals went five games, lasting more than two hours each. When Briggs and Howe took the court at close to 6:00 p.m. for the first semi against Heckscher and Desaulniers, an impromptu meeting was taking place including Ron Aldridge, Tournament Chairman; David Johnson, President WPSA; and Robert French, Marketing Director of the WPSA. The unanimous decision to defer the semis until the following morning was wise in view of the glorious day's matches which had given players, spectators, TV

crews and support personnel about all that was do-able.

Victor Harding and Jay Gillespie had the champions on the ropes as they led in the final game, before Desaulniers and Heckscher rose to the occasion to win 15-11, 8-15, 15-9, 11-15, 15-13 in the first two-hour match of what was to become a long day.

In the day's second match, Mario Sanchez and Gordon Anderson combined speed and power to win overtime first and fourth games against Peter Briggs and Ralph Howe. When the fifth game knotted at 13-13, Howe jumped in with a "no-set" call before Briggs could reconnoiter. With the first point in hand, Briggs went for the kill with a low left wall rail; but he hit the "o" in "Power" decorating the telltale, creating a double-sided match point. In the middle of the cautious point, Howe floated a high side wall-front wall diagonally across the court. On the backhand side, Sanchez shifted from backhand to forehand position a trifle late, then playing too carefully, left his racquet in the open upward position, sending a slow ball up and out-of-court. A match which deserved to end in a blaze of glory, died with a whimper, and a bemused Mario and Gordon could only wish well to the relieved winners with their 14-16, 15-8, 15-12, 13-15, 15-14 victory.

The winners of the Philadelphia Elite tournament in October, Dave Johnson and Ned Edwards took the court against the expected side of Mo Khan and Chris Edwell. Edwards and Johnson seemed to be headed for a routine five-game victory, until Mo Khan's electronics and shotmaking earned a 14-14 fourth game, levelling the match at two games all. But Johnson and Edwards were not to be denied as Ned dialed up the power and Dave sent reverse corner winners toward the right front, finally carrying the day 14-17, 15-4, 15-10, 14-15, 15-11.

At 3:30 p.m. the quarter-final

scheduled for 12:30 p.m. commenced, with top seeded Tom Page and Michael Pierce squeezing through the first game against U.S. National Amateur Champions Larry Heath and John Reese. But Heath and Reese reversed the tide the next game and gathered strength in the third as they made only winners to leave a bewildered Pierce and Page on the short end of a 15-3 rout. But the top-seeds rallied in the next game, which may have been the tournament's longest. Leading 12-9 in the crucial fourth game, Heath barely caught the tin on an otherwise winning reverse corner. Page and Pierce would win four straight points before a tie at thirteen evoked a set-five call from Pierce. When Heath and Reese secured a 4-3 set-five overtime lead, it appeared that there would at last be a major upset. But the next point was vintage Pierce with a low forehand reverse corner winner from near the front wall; then as Page continued to make scrambling retrieves, Reese hit the tin to send the match to a fifth and final game, won by the favorites 15-11, leaving Heath and Reese in the same close-but-no-cigar boat as Sanchez and Anderson; one point away from the World

Semi-finals.

Promising Young Teams

The Open field was not lacking in any of the game's good players, singles or doubles. And if the seedings ran true to form it was not without a struggle for the seasoned teams; viz. the quarterfinals.

Including four qualifying spots, the entry was 24 teams, leaving eight byes for favored teams. Many of these "other" teams served notice that they do not intend to remain as also-rans. John Boynton and Bob Smart, runners-up in last year's Canadian Amateur Doubles, grabbed the first game in overtime from third-seeded Briggs and Howe and used full court pressure and coverage to force a tight four-game decision on Friday evening.

Similarly, Alex Doucas and John Nimick extended Tom Page and Michael Pierce to a one point in the fourth game (18-17) decision. At times Pierce could only watch in disbelief as U.S. and Canadian Junior Champion Doucas transformed seeming Pierce winners into tallies of his own. The Talbott Brothers (no relation to the Bermuda singers of "Freckles on her butt...") staged an unusual I formation with singles

magnate Mark up front and more cerebral brother Dave policing the rear court. This formation was good enough to tame qualifiers Billy Macdonell and Rick Trumble in four games, only due to the swiftness/fitness of both contenders. But against the likes of Canadian Amateur Champions Vic Harding and Jay Gillespie, the formation made less music and smacked more of a Polish I formation, and was finally abandoned in favor of the more conventional left-right wall strategy. Nonetheless, as the Canadian duo rolled to a four-game victory, the game's premier singles player Mark Talbott, made a big impression in his World Doubles play.

More youth being served; Jamie Bentley and Cam Douglas powered their way to an upset win over singles champions Sharif Khan and Mark Alger by the convincing scores of 18-17, 9-15, 18-15, 14-17, 15-4. Steve Hisey and Jeff McKay bowled over the brothers Elmaleh (Niko and Tony) and led U.S. Doubles Champs Larry Heath and John Reese 11-9 in the fourth game before the experienced side ran out the match.

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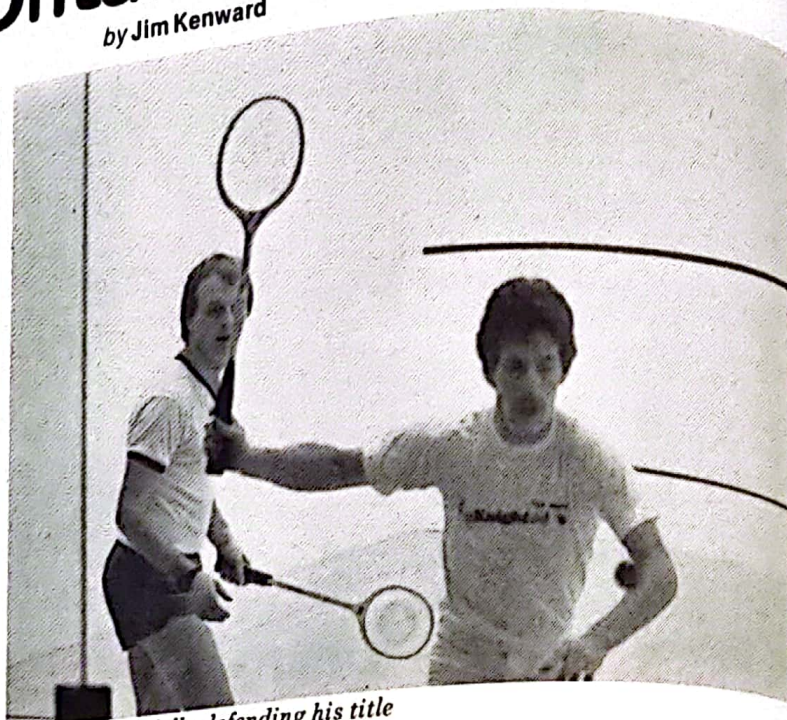
The second Ontario Open Soft Ball Championships were played April 15-17 at Carleton University in Ottawa, and Ontarians have yet to win either the Men's or Women's Open title. Joyce Maycock of Vancouver and Dale Styner of Calgary, the only Western entrants, came east to retain their respective titles. Each had a major scare but proved their mettle in adversity.

More than 100 players, including at least 10 Quebecers, competed in the 5 Men's and 3 Women's events. Carling O'Keefe generously sponsored the tournament, supplying awards for the best players in each event and a T-shirt for all. Despite the absence of cash prizes, several of the best teaching professionals made a welcome appearance and garnered their share of the loot!

Early rounds of the Men's Open produced no major upsets but three juniors put up excellent performances. Grey Lahey of Peterborough forced Paul MacDonald to 9-6 in the 5th, Mark Nowell of Ottawa took the first game from 7th seeded Ross Hainsworth, and Gary Waite of Sarnia took a game from 6th seed Fred Reid. Gary, recent winner of the Canadian Under 16 Hardball title, later rallied from 0-2 to win the Consolation event over Nick Nemeth.

In the quarters the seeds won easily - Dale Styner over Fred Reid, Jeff Sneyd over Paul MacDonald, John Frederick over Gerry Getty, and John MacRury over Ross Hainsworth. In the semis, Sneyd started nervously, making unforced errors, and Styner won the first game 9-5. In the second game Styner went for more shots, but Sneyd played some excellent boasts and drops and only lost 5-9. By the third game Sneyd was thinking more of his play-off match two hours later and Styner won 9-1. Frederick's game always depends on almost miraculous retrieving, but MacRury's exceptional volleying and footwork were too much and he won 3-0.

The final between the left handed



Styner successfully defending his title

MacRury and Styner see-sawed. Dale played steadily and John, though rallying from 1-5 to 6-5, lost the first game 6-9. The second game was a complete reversal as Dale lost his length and John's volleys kept Dale off balance and running all over the court - John going from 1-2 to 7-2 and then to game at 9-4. The third game was close until 5-5 but at this stage Dale was sweating heavily and getting cramps in his feet so that John ran the game out at 9-6. The fourth produced some long rallies but Dale, regaining his poise and using his superb conditioning, interspersed harder and harder drives with some fine boasts and drops. He gave John no further chances, winning the last two games 9-3, 9-2, and his 10th tournament title in 11 starts, just 28 minutes before his plane home was due to take off!

Sneyd won 3rd place in 5 games over Frederick, who was playing his last tournament before going to London, England for a year. In the Classic Plate, Fred Reid beat Gerry Getty 3-1.

In the Women's Open, top seeded Joyce Maycock, who just missed eligibility for the Canadian team at this year's World Championships

in Australia, came east to face 3 girls just back from a U.K. tour - Elaine Hinnegan, Cathie Dickinson and Diana Edge.

While Edge and Dickinson each lost a game to Ann Green and Shelly Harvey respectively, Maycock and Hinnegan won their quarter finals 3-0 over Lynne Noel and Sandra Penney.

In the first semi-final Edge, the reigning Canadian Under 19 champion (also eligible in 1983 and 1984) played Maycock who, although now eligible for Veterans events, has not been beaten in a Canadian Open event since coming to Canada 2½ years ago. Edge, changing her game completely as a result of her U.K. experiences, dominated the first two games 9-1, 9-0 with an all out attack. She made many winners with volleys and boasts and low hard drives away from Maycock to stop her getting set. Many devastating blasts to the back court. This attack took its toll on Edge and she dropped the 3rd game 9-4 before regrouping to her match points at 8-4 and 8-6 in the 4th. The energy crisis hit Edge again and she was hit more experienced Maycock, to her

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Janet Shardlow... more than a figurehead

by Jan Atkinson



Janet Shardlow

Janet Shardlow... not exactly a household name in Canadian squash but certainly one worth learning more about.

Mrs. Shardlow has been deeply involved in squash for more than thirty years. Initially as a competitor Janet was a highly accomplished athlete. After making fourteen appearances at Wimbledon, she took up squash for a winter activity. After only four years at the game, Janet won her first of ten consecutive British Opens in 1950. Janet has a wonderful sense of humour and when she hears herself being compared to Heather McKay, who went on to win sixteen British Open titles, she quips: "The only reason Heather has a longer record than mine is that I didn't win my first Open until I was 28!" To illustrate what a versatile athlete she is, Janet had one particularly outstanding season. In addition to claiming her British title she also won both the Australian and United States Opens. In fact, she won the U.S. singles and doubles titles twice. These days, when time permits, Janet expends her competitive urges on the golf course. Not surprisingly she has managed to excel at golf as well.

Janet continues her interest in the game on the administrative side. Currently Chairman of the Women's International Squash Rackets Federation, she has spent over thirty years working for the benefit of squash. So distinguished is her career

in squash that Janet was awarded a Member of the British Empire in 1960. Hers was one of the first M.B.E.'s ever awarded to anyone for services to sport.

Meeting a squash personality like Janet Shardlow is a great opportunity, so I took advantage of the time to ask Janet her impressions on the game, past, present and future. The most notable change in women's squash is the higher level of performance. Janet feels this is primarily due to the players' attitude towards the game. More people are playing squash full time and spending more time on training. This factor combined with the increased number of participants and the increasingly younger age at which they start, has resulted in the higher standard.

Janet feels that women's squash in Canada has come a long way in a relatively short period of time. To further the game she feels very strongly that Canada needs a Canadian Open and a small circuit to attract the better players. By attracting the international players Canadians will be exposed to a higher standard of competition, both players and spectators alike. This will result in greater visibility for the sport and inevitably more involvement on the courts by players and sponsors. We are off to a good start with the Boots-sponsored Judy Traviss. This is certainly our most prestigious women's event, with first prize for the September 30 to October 2 event being close to \$2,000.

Janet Shardlow explains that the W.I.S.R.F. was founded in 1978 at the request of its member countries primarily to establish an official women's world competition. Prior to the first official women's world championships, the British Open had served as the world event, and of even greater importance was to encourage the growth of women's squash at all levels throughout the world. Janet feels very strongly that some structure must exist in order to encourage an active role of women in the game at the playing, coaching and administration levels. Since its inception, the role of the W.I.S.R.F. has changed, as many countries

now have joint squash associations. As a result, she sees the W.I.S.R.F. working more closely with the International Squash Rackets Federation. The time will come for a combined I.S.R.F., but not until more countries are more active in the women's game, including administration at the domestic level.

Janet has a very definite outlook on the future of women's squash. There exists a real need for a women's professional association. She feels the players must work together as a group and take a more professional attitude towards the game. The players cannot lose sight of the fact that they are entertainers as well as athletes. A very important issue the players must address is that of player discipline. This unpleasant matter is currently the responsibility of the individual squash associations and the women should be very concerned with discipline as it directly affects their image. Once the women have themselves organized, they could then look to a combined players' association of men and women.

Squash has changed dramatically in the last few years and attempts are being made to make it even more appealing to a wider audience. I asked Janet what changes she would make to the game to make it an even larger participation sport. Firstly, she is very much against changing the scoring system to that currently used in the North American hardball game. Janet feels the character of the game would be changed, making it even more defensive than it already is. Janet believes squash is a game of racquet ability and fitness, not strictly a display of fitness prowess. In an effort to give the game more spectator appeal, an experiment with a lower tin might be the answer. With the ball currently in use the lower tin would present a greater opportunity for winning shots and put an end to the hurried shot rallies which are more the rule than the exception.

Janet Shardlow is certainly one of the great workers for squash. Thanks to the efforts of Janet and people like her, the game is thriving and the future looks very bright indeed. ●

1983 MOLSON CANADIAN

The "Canadian Professional Squash Championships" is one of Toronto's premier squash events. This year the top 32 players on the WPSA tour gathered at The Skyline Club in The Skyline Hotel, Toronto. Under an extremely tight schedule the club completed the finishing touches on its new glass walls, plush upper gallery and bar/lounge area. In appreciation of the comfortable playing atmosphere, the players put on quite a show.

From the opening rounds of the tournament through to the finals, match play was both exciting and entertaining. A Veterans Round Robin, sponsored by John Gibson, was held in conjunction with the main event. Veterans Mohibullah Khan (Boston), Ray Rodrigues (Philadelphia) and Ken Binns (Skyline Club teaching professional), exhibited their talents for entertainment.

In the main draw Todd Binns, always a favourite with The Skyline Club members, had an excellent tournament. Todd defeated Diderik Finne (NYC) 3-1 in the first round, and Jon Foster (NYC) 3-1 in the second round, to reach the quarter finals. However, like so many players this season, he was defeated 3-0 in the quarters by Mark Talbott, the tournament's #1 seed and The Skyline Club's touring professional.

Mark, having advanced, joined Mario Sanchez (#2 seed), Clive Caldwell (#3 seed), and Sharif Khan (#4 seed) to secure the top four seeds in the semi-finals. Mark advanced to the finals defeating Sharif 3-0, but not without some effort and truly dazzling points. Clive Caldwell earned his place in the finals after a gruelling two hour 3-1 win over Mario Sanchez.



Mark Talbott, winning... again!

For the finals the galleries were completely full as they had been all weekend, and cable television was on hand to record the match for broadcast at a later date. The final saw Clive come out hot and win the

first game 15-6. However, Mark recovered early in the second game and went on to win three straight to take the match and the title. Congratulations, Mark! The 1983 Canadian Professional Squash Champion.

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On the weekend of April 22-24, over 130 junior boys and girls converged on Wingfield Racquets Club in Downsview. The Ontario Junior Soft Ball Championships, the third in a series of four major ranking events, attracted the best this province has to offer and the calibre of play indicated that many of these junior players are the best Canada has to offer!

The spacious viewing area and the four new glass-backed courts at Wingfield provided the many spectators with excellent vantage points from which to see the play. Mike Radcliff, tournament chairman, did a great job in organizing the weekend. He had much assistance from his members as well as volunteers from Ajax Squash Club.

Pizza Hut, a new and welcome sponsor on the squash team, provided the necessary calories on the Saturday evening, a fitting conclusion to a long day's play. Dunlop Sports, in their usual fashion, got behind the juniors 100%, giving an array of prizes and gifts for the winners.

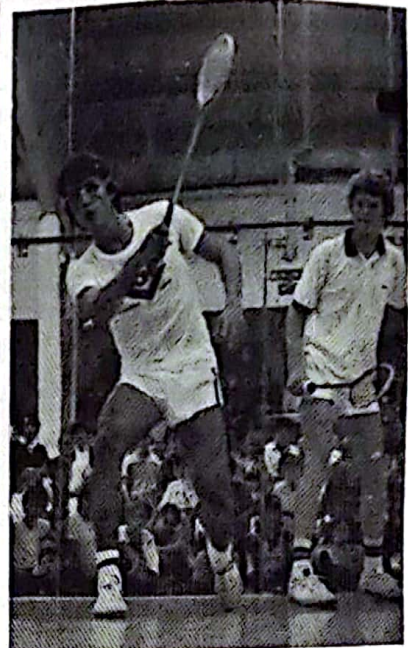
The results of each draw were as seeded except for the Boys Under 14 event. Cyrus Taghizadeh of Kitchener upset Ric Hartunian of Brampton, 3-1. Montrealer Jeremy Fraiberg defeated Dylan Neal in the

playoff for third and fourth.

In the Boys Under 16 event, young Sabir Butt went through the entire tournament without losing a game. He defeated Jamie Moore of Sarnia in a hard fought finals. Brother Sajid placed third and Scott Nash of Hamilton took fourth place.

Diana Edge, just back from overseas, defeated Sadia Butt 3-0 in the finals of the Girls Under 19. Imrana Butt took third place honours over Jenny Reid.

In the Girls Under 14 event, Lori Coleman of Ajax continued her domination of that age group, defeating Stephanie Richardson. Lori has great potential and is expected to take the title at the National Championships.



Boys Under 19, Bruce Bicknell and Gary Waite

of Aurora in the Boys Under 19 Championship. The spectators were treated to a classic match of shot maker versus retriever in a battle which took over an hour and fifteen minutes to play. Bicknell showed a few tricks of his own after being down two games and then fighting back to even it at 2. The miles of court Bruce covered in the first four games must have taken its toll as the fifth game took only ten minutes to complete, with Gary emerging victorious. Ward Meek, playing the best soft ball of his junior career, took third place by defeating Max Weithers of Toronto 3-2.

Many thanks to Steve Rowe and Bill Warren for acting as Referees-in-Chief. They organized officials the entire weekend and both were impressed by the calibre of play.

Thanks also go the Ajax Department of Recreation for lending the organizing committee Dennis Goodfellow. His assistance and expertise were invaluable.

Over 68 of these competitors will make the trip in May to Winnipeg to compete for the National titles. Ontario, the strongest of the provinces, should make an excellent showing. A select few will be chosen to play for Canada in the April, 1984 World Junior Championships in Calgary. All are great ambassadors for their clubs, their province and, more importantly, for themselves. We should all be very proud of these juniors - they are indeed the hope of the future.



Girls Under 16, Cathy Green and Cairn Meek

Margo Green of Ottawa defeated Jordanne Fraiberg of Montreal in the finals of the Girls Under 12 Championship. Sister Cathy, not to be outdone, took the Girls Under 16 event by defeating Cairn Meek of Toronto. Louise Waite of Sarnia defeated Denise Tuma of Ajax for third place.

Dean Brown of Ajax, not having lost an event this season, created a rematch of the recent Toronto & District Championship. He needed 4 games to beat an ever-progressing Adrian Sloan. Burlington's David Kay took third place and Stephen Telford placed fourth.

Clearly the most exciting match of the weekend was between Gary Waite of Sarnia and Bruce Bicknell



Girls Under 14, Stephanie Richardson and Lori Coleman

JUNIOR ACTION

Ottawa Junior Championships

The Queensview Racquets Club in Ottawa was host for this year's event.

With a record entry of one hundred and twelve juniors in the eight categories, it was the most ambitious tournament attempted and definitely the most successful.

Chairman Bob Ripley surrounded himself with a very dedicated and enthusiastic committee which had two goals in mind; give everyone as much squash as possible and let them enjoy themselves.

These objectives were, I believe, certainly achieved. No one played less than three matches and were told, "VE 'AVE VAYS OF MAKING YOU ENJOY YOURSELVES."

This was handled mainly by our very able Social and Entertainment Director, Ced Nowell, who organized the video games room, two lunches and one dinner per person, plus two movies of rather "questionable merit" for Saturday night viewing.

Club Professional Mickey Kearns and his team of Dave Welby and Graham Harris, did a superb job of keeping the matches flowing and organizing the referees.

The quality of squash was excellent and produced some very entertaining matches.

It was good to see a strong contingent from Manitoba attend the tournament, giving them the opportunity to test their mettle against some of the Ontario and Quebec Juniors whom they will probably meet in the Canadian Championships in Winnipeg.

If I may be permitted a personal observation, the highlight of the tournament for me, was the Under 19 Consolation final between Greg Lahey (Peterborough) and Mark

Nowell (Ottawa). These two talented players put on a display which delighted the large gallery of spectators. The sportsmanship, good humour and court demeanour exhibited in this match, plus excellent shot making on both sides, should serve as an inspiration and reminder to all of us as to what squash should be. The score incidentally, was 3-9, 10-8, 9-7, 10-9 to Greg.

On behalf of the National Capital Junior Squash Committee, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended and supported our tournament and made it such a success:

The Queensview Racquets Club and General Manager Jeff Sanderson, for the generous use of all the club facilities and the staff of the club for their hospitality.

Our major sponsor Black Knight, who provided such excellent prizes and for their continuing support of Junior Squash in Canada.

Delta Inns, Ottawa Ltd., Holiday Inns and Camp Fortune Ski Club, who supplied prizes for the referees' draw.

C.J.O.H. T.V., Radio Stations C.F.R.A., C.B.C. Ottawa and particularly Breen Murray of C.K.O.Y. and Eric Dowd of the "Ottawa Citizen" for their excellent coverage of the event, plus all our other friends and supporters.

Also special thanks to Lynn Green and Colleen Mackenzie for the unenviable task of finding billets for over 80 youngsters and not losing one, and to the billets themselves for their generosity.

To all fellow committee members for a job well done.

We should like to extend our condolences to Dave Slevin; we promised him two nineteen year old billets if he placed an ad in our program. NO ONE SAID THEY WOULD BE GIRLS, DAVE!

Hope to see you all again next year.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Winner		Finalist
Boys		
U.19 Gary Waite (Sarnia)	3-1	Sushane Soni (Winnipeg)
U.16 Sajid Butt (Toronto)	3-1	Sabir Butt (Toronto)
U.14 Rick Hartunian (Bram.)	3-0	Scott Stoneburgh (Toronto)
U.12 Dean Brown (Toronto)	3-0	David Kay (Toronto)
Girls		
U.19 Sadia Butt (Toronto)	3-1	Imrana Butt (Toronto)
U.16 Cathy Green (Ottawa)	3-1	Kim Chalmers (Sarnia)
U.14 Lori Coleman (Ajax)	3-0	Stephanie Richardson (Ott)
U.12 Margo Green (Ottawa)	3-0	Jordana Fraiberg (Montreal)

St. Andrews School of Squash

by Dennis Goodfellow

Hard work and discipline was the name of the game at this year's March Break Camp at St. Andrew's College in Aurora. It was a very special kind of camp as the whole province, as far as junior boys are concerned, are readying themselves for the world team selection in 1984.

The marriage of the two coaches' skills seemed to produce an atmosphere for hard work, with Tony Swift and Dennis Goodfellow guiding the participants through eight hours a day of on-court work. This was the first time the two coaches had worked together, and both agreed that they were looking forward to next year. "I've never worked with one so disciplined in his procedures for the coaching and administration of the game," Goodfellow says. "It's a pleasure to see in this age of hurry-up coaching."

Participating in this year's camp were Gary Waite, Sarnia; Paul Gardner, Toronto; Mark Nowell, Ottawa; Greg Lahey, Peterborough; Geoff Mitchell, Peterborough; Jamie Moore, Sarnia; David Sage, Unionville; Scott Dulmage, Toronto; Brad Pielsticker, Toronto; Ed Crymble, Ajax; Jay Ripley, Ottawa; and Craig Leonard from Sarnia.

Video films were taken of each player during drills and matches and then analyzed in the evening, and this week's Toronto and District tournament showed a refreshed and enlightened group of players. Dennis and Tony felt that Gary Waite's 611 figure-of-8 says must be a Canadian record and challenge anyone, anywhere, to stop that mark, under supervision.

Again St. Andrews welcomed the troupe by providing a superb facility and excellent meals in order to keep the energy at its highest.

Another successful year and we are looking forward to next March Break. ●

JUNIOR ACTION

Ajax Hosts Junior Open

Once again the Department of Recreation in Ajax opened its doors to host a major junior event, completing the three-year cycle of hosting the Provincials, the Nationals and now the T & D's. Before the tournament started at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, it was decided that Ajax will be the home of a yearly major junior soft ball event, with a title to be named later.

The Girls Under 14 honours were undisputed as Lori Coleman of Ajax, coming off wins at the U.S. Nationals and Ottawa, appeared unpushed in victory, while Margo Green in the Under 12's had the same lack of difficulty disposing of all opponents. Ajax crowned another champion in Dean Brown in the Boys Under 12. This is Dean's first year on the tournament trail and a decision to go for squash over swimming seems to be paying off. Although Adrienne Sloan appeared very tough



Ajax prodigy, Dean Brown

in the finals, Brown fought back after needing a 15-minute rest to stop the bleeding in his nose as he got in the way of Sloan's racquet. In the Girls Under 16, the seeding held true, with Cathy Green of Ottawa, one of the three Greens in the event, beating Cairn Meek of Toronto 3-1. In the Girls Under 19 it was an all Butt finals, with Sadia emerging the victor over sister Imrana in a good exhibition of squash, 3-2.

The Boys Under 14 event was a replay of last spring's Nationals, with Ric Hartunian defeating Cyrus Taghizadeh three games to one.

Hartunian gives away about five inches and twenty pounds to each opponent, but his excellent strokes and quickness seem to prevail in all matches.

In the only major upset of the tournament, Keith Patterson of Ottawa ousted the first seed, Sajid Butt in the semi-finals of the Boys Under 16. He then went on to lose in the finals to the 13-year-old sensation Sabir, younger brother of Sajid, three games to love.

The most exciting match of the day had to be the Boys Under 19 finals that pitted Bruce Bicknell of Aurora against Gary Waite from Sarnia. The contest took well over an hour to play, with both players appearing to be very fit and up for the match. Waite's constant variety of strokes and ball control was a complete contrast to Bicknell's hard hitting and superb retrieving, but was enough to give Waite the 3-1 victory.

A great time was had by all and the staff of the Community Centre again must be congratulated for the way in which they handled the congestion and clean-up after such a large number of kids. ●

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Ridley on the Road

by N. Langhorne

On February 10th, the Ridley College Lower School Squash Team left St. Catharines for Buffalo on a tour that took us to Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Trenton, Princeton, Plainfield and Manhattan. Now we knew that trips are usually hectic and tours are usually off schedule, but a combination squash trip and tour is an experience that's hard to walk away from.

The ten of us flew from Buffalo to Newark on Thursday, February 10th. Then, after almost getting into a fight with the Rent-a-Car saleswoman, Mr. Martin (our coach), drove us into Brooklyn. In Brooklyn, we played some enjoyable matches at a club called The Heights Casino.

We were still fairly organized the next day, when we drove into Philadelphia to play the U.S. National Juniors Singles Championships. But it's about here where Murphy's Law came into effect. Murphy's Law, if you don't know already, states that if anything can go wrong, it will. Well, something could go wrong and what did go wrong was that Philadelphia was hit with one of the worst snowstorms in years. When we woke up Saturday morning, we discovered that our van was surrounded by 18 inches of snow on all sides, in a Holiday Inn parking lot. (later, we noticed that this incident would not have occurred if somebody had only parked in the indoor parking lot behind the hotel.)

Murphy's Law also assailed us as we played in this tournament. We found ourselves being subjected to Murphy's Law of Spectators at Individual Sports Competitions, as well as Murphy's Law of Warm-Ups. The first law states that: The quality of your play decreases in direct proportion to the number of people watching you; while the latter states that: The quality of your warm-up right before the game has increased. Seriously, though, I felt that the team did fairly well, considering where we were playing and the

quality of squash players we played against.

Well, coming back to Saturday, it was 5:30 by the time we had dug out of the (**@!#) parking lot, and we were supposed to be playing at 3:00 in Trenton! Mr. Martin was in a frenzy, muttering something about 'Dis-organization!'. "Dig, Niblett, dig!!" he would cry, from his comfortable seat in the van.

After further complications due to our lethargic navigator, we arrived at the club in Trenton at 9:00. We won most of our matches here (their team was probably half asleep), and we were billeted at our opponent's homes for the night.

On Sunday, we were off to Princeton University, where we had a great time. I think that both our teams were surprised at first sight of each other. Their team was in their early 20s, and our team's age was around 14. The matches were well-paired though, and we played some fine squash. We looked around the university after the matches, and got a chance to see their excellent sports facilities.

We then left for Plainfield, where we played the Plainfield Country Club. Again, we had some excellent matches there as well.

On Monday, we toured around Manhattan for a while and did some sight-seeing. We were then left to our own devices for a while, during which time I will not say what we did. It must be noted, though, that one of our number did manage to lose a considerable sum of money on the side of the street at, what else, the shell game. (It proves that there's always a loser in the crowd, doesn't it?)

Some of the highlights of our trip were: the arcade at the Buffalo Airport, the 'movies' in Manhattan, and the stay in Philadelphia at the Holiday Inn. (Mr. Martin was a few rooms down!) Other alright features included: seeing Princeton University, the Empire State Building and the UN Buildings.

Although we can all laugh at our trip, none of us can deny that we had a great time and owe a lot of thanks to Mr. Martin. We all, I also feel, played very well in all our matches, even if we didn't win. The trip was a great success and an experience we won't forget for a long time. ●

Terry Miller Junior

by Ric Hartunian

This was the first junior tournament at our club and I am pleased to say that it was a success. Fifty juniors came from Ottawa, Sarnia, Peterborough, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Toronto to compete in this event.

Two brave young girls, Margot Sage and Margot Green, competed in the boys under 12 event which was eventually won by Dean Brown 3-1 against Margot Green. The consolation event was won by Dan Vranesic 3-2 over David Kay.

In the under 14 category, Scott Stoneburgh upset second seeded Cyrus Taghizadeh to advance to the semi-finals where he defeated third seeded Blair Mackenzie. In the final, first seeded Ric Hartunian defeated Stoneburgh 3-0. David Rosen defeated Derek McRobie of Sarnia to win the consolation.

In the under 16 event, Sabir Butt defeated Jamie Moore of Sarnia 3-0 to advance to the final to meet his older brother Sajid, where he lost a very entertaining match 3-1. Two sons in the final, what more can a father ask? In an earlier round, the notorious Dave Sage took a game from Sabir in front of a bewildered and somewhat dazed audience. How it happened, we still don't know! Dave Loveless defeated Robbie Walsh 3-1 to win the consolation final.

The very last match of the tournament was the under 19 final between Gary Waite of Sarnia and Max Weithers of Etobicoke. Gary finally emerged victorious after a gruelling battle that lasted an hour, with a score of 3-0. Both athletes obviously were very well conditioned, with the edge going to Gary. The consolation was won by a newcomer, Mike Fields, currently playing out of Duffinch Squash Club, by defeating Andy Irons of Bramalea 3-0. In an earlier round it looked like Gary O'Dell, someone to look out for, might upset Gary Waite, but he lost the fourth.

The calibre of play is continuing to escalate. Hopefully in the future, more clubs will host junior tournaments to allow our juniors to have as much tournament play as possible and one day in the not too distant future, we may see a Canadian in the top ten in the world.

RACQUET FEVER STRIKES HURON COUNTY

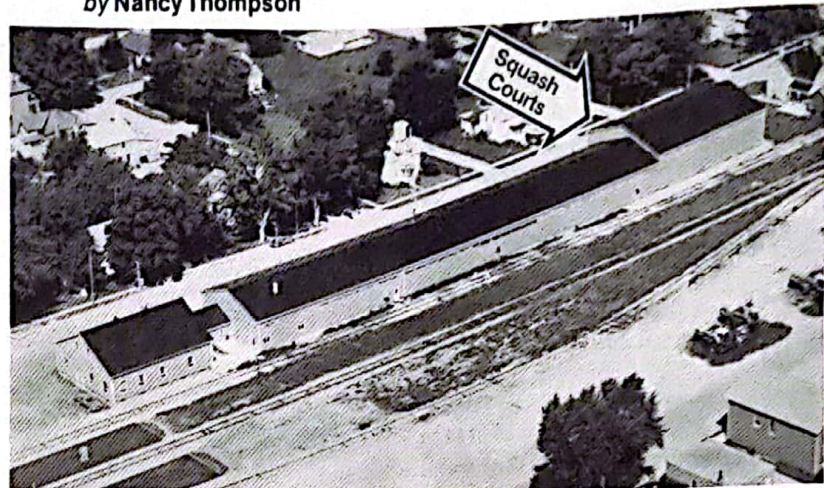
by Nancy Thompson

Racquet fever has struck Huron County! Just three months after the opening of the Goderich Squash Club (Squash Life, Nov./Dec. issue) Hensall, located 30 miles south, also celebrated the addition of racquet facilities.

The Agripress Racquet Facility was officially opened on January 4. Sixty enthusiastic people turned out to tour the facilities and about half that number became members immediately. Since the opening meeting there have been many telephone inquiries about the new facility, so it can be expected that it won't take too long to be at capacity.

Construction of the courts was completed by Playcon Recreational Equipment of Kitchener, Ontario. Currently the facility has two courts - one racquetball and one squash - and is fully equipped with a lounge, showers, change rooms and viewing areas. Provision has been made for the future addition of two other courts and for the installation of a sauna and exercise room.

The extra courts will be designed to meet popular demand adding either one racquetball and one squash court or two squash courts. Early indications suggest that two squash courts would be preferred. If this is the case, in addition to the mezzanine viewing area, there will be room for a glass backed court with complete viewing and seating arrangements on the ground level.



A bird's eye view

A unique feature of the Agripress Racquet Facility is the reservation system. All court time is reserved through Agripress receptionist Pam Ross. Each player buys a number of court fee tickets which are held at the reception desk. When court time is reserved, Pam applies a ticket at the appropriate time slot on the daily court schedule. Using this system, the receptionist can advise players when their ticket stock is getting depleted and needs to be re-ordered. Racquets and balls are also available at cost to players through the reception area.

Under the auspices of Squash Ontario, the Facility hopes to organize an instructional clinic for both beginners and intermediate squash players. If there is sufficient demand a similar program will be planned for

racquetball. In addition, the introduction of a "challenge ladder" for the benefit of more experienced players will encourage individuals to improve their game by working up the ladder.

The Facility has a fully automatic court system. A card reader system at the entrance ensures that the courts are available for use 24 hours, 7 days a week. The card reader will unlock the door when triggered by the insertion of the user's plastic card. Each card is numbered and will be issued when players register to use the Facility.

Originally, the idea for the Racquet Facility was intended for the Agripress staff. However, there was so much interest in the community it now has been opened to the public.

Agripress Canada Ltd., the company responsible for the courts, has been an active member of the Hensall community for 13 years. It is Canada's largest agricultural advertising agency, employing 39 full-time employees. Agripress also provides steady part-time employment for up to 20 local people and a network of freelance journalists, copywriters and photographers across Canada.

Until this time there has been little or no organized recreation in the Hensall area, but the Agripress Racquet Facility now provides an excellent opportunity for players to take a swing at getting into shape!



Watching in comfort

McKay Bowl - A Successful First

by Rose Lancaster

"They may never want to see a squash racquet again," said host coach Bob Cluett at 6:40 on the final day. It was Sunday, the 13th of March, and "they" were the 17 players (of the 32 in the McKay, of the 28 in the Manta) who had spent four days, from Thursday at 5:00, in the courts of the Glendon Squash Club competing for the McKay Bowl (the National Invitational Championship for Women's university teams) and for the title in the Manta Can-Am, the North American student singles championship.

The McKay originally drew 8 entries: teams from Yale (U.S.), Calgary, York, Toronto, Western Ontario, Oxford (U.K.), Waterloo, and McGill applied. Three weeks before the opening ceremonies, Andrie Levey, Calgary Captain, had to withdraw her team when Jodi Burgess and Laura Clapperton declined to take two days off from their studies. At the entry payment deadline, no cheque had been seen from McGill, so the tournament committee wrote the Montrealers out of the tournament. All the women's university teams in both Canada and the U.S. had been invited, together with three teams from the U.K. The tournament's patron, Heather McKay, called the field of six "a good field, especially for the first time out."

Play began on Thursday evening to determine which round-robin pool the teams would be in—championship or consolation. Yale met Western Ontario at the Wingfield Indoor Racquets Club, and over at Glendon, Toronto met Oxford and York met Waterloo. Though Yale was missing their two top softballers, Zerline Goodman and Amy Cunningham, they were still expected to win off their undefeated Ivy League season and off their legendary depth: The Yale J.V. had finished ahead of 10 varsity teams in February's Howe Cup. However, Helen Knox's car failed her in Buffalo, so that Yale had to default at #5. When the two teams split the remaining four matches, Western was a surprise presence in the championship pool.

There were few surprises at Glendon apart from Patti Hogan's defeat of Oxford #1 Gaynor Lewis, 9-7 in the 5th. Oxford at that point had won the requisite three matches and was the requisite three matches pool. York in the championship pool. York meanwhile, missing Gail Pimm, played up a seed at #2, #3, and #4, and defeated Waterloo 4-1.

Friday's consolation pool was decided by three 3-2 scores: U of T over Waterloo, and Yale over each of the others. Especially impressive was the rapidity with which the Yalies adjusted to the wide court. Anita Nador (#1) and Amy Levin (#3) had seen it before, but Phoebe Trubowitz (#2), an utter neophyte, was really impressive, going out on Friday to defeat two veteran softballers, Jane Bowering of Waterloo and Kathy Cowper of Toronto.

The championship matches were almost anticlimactic. The Western team were tired, and the Oxford team, now in their 6th day on Canadian soil, were well rested and over their jet lag. Only Karen Wilson, playing against Lewis at #1, made a major fight of it; her first-game win averted a total shutout, as Oxford took all five matches, 15 of 16 games. York then duplicated Oxford's 5-0 win over Western. As expected, the championship hung on the York-Oxford match at 7:00 p.m. Friday. The outcome was not in doubt for long, as Anita Halpern powered her way past Jo Ann Harrison at #5, and Ruth Castellino had an easy time with Barbara Slater at #4. Slater, a splendid athlete and

unbelievably fit, simply could not keep up with Castellino's shotmaking. At #3, York's Rhonda Firmi had some problems with Emma Niven, but managed to prevail 9-7, 10-8, 9-7. The matches at #2 (Gail Pimm-Lucy Emsden) and #1 (Beckwith-Lewis) were over quickly, with York winning at both positions. York had dominated the international field of the McKay on the international court as convincingly as it had the OWIAA on the American court.

The McKay was sponsored by Dr. Labib Sports Enterprises, which gave each participant a souvenir sweatband and a deluxe "L" racquet cover. "You couldn't say enough for Nabil Labib's support of women's intercollegiate squash; two big events in a year is a super boost," said Bob Cluett at the end. "And we're really honored to be the first holders of Heather's Bowl." ●

Manta Can-Am Won by Beckwith

by Rose Lancaster

The McKay Bowl was presented to York Captains Ruth Castellino and Jo Ann Beckwith at 9:15 Friday evening. They and the other tired players were then given a chicken dinner, secretly herbed and spiced, and then sent home to snatch a bit of sleep before the play began in the Manta Can-Am at 9:00 the next morning.

The Manta Can-Am drew 28 players: 23 from 10 different universities, and 5 Canadian and American juniors. The top 4 seeds had byes in the first round: Jo Ann Beckwith of York, Gaynor Lewis of Oxford, Diana Edge of Ottawa, and Lori Hogan of the U of Calgary. Rounding out the seeds were Anita Nador of Yale, Gail Pimm of York, Patti Hogan of Toronto and Whit Stewart of Rochester, N.Y.

The top seven played the quarter finals, together with Julie Faulkner of the U of Ottawa. She did not get there in every case, please, as six of the 12 first-round matches went beyond 3 games, and the round of 16 Patti Hogan had trouble getting by York's Rhonda Firmi, who



Heather McKay and York captain Beckwith (right) and Oxford's Gaynor Lewis

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tied Patti from 0-6 in the 5th, only to lose her concentration just long enough to lose the match. Diana Edge also faced some problems, as she had to deal with a floating contact lens and the tenacious Jennifer Birch-Jones of Waterloo at the same time. But she too prevailed, 3-1.

The first two quarter-finals saw fairly easy wins for Jo Ann Beckwith and Lori Hogan over Anita Nador and Sylvie Faulkner. Beckwith's disguise and precision were too much for Nador, and Faulkner made many mental errors in a match that turned lopsided after the middle of the first game. It had all been predictable and not very exciting to this point. But the last two Saturday matches produced good even squash and several kinds of excitement.

In the third quarter, we were treated to a rematch between Patti Hogan and Gaynor Lewis. This one went 5, with games going to Hogan, Lewis, Lewis and Hogan. In the 4th game Lewis had looked tired, but she caught her second wind at 3-5 in the 5th and played out the game with the loss of only two more rallies. That 5th game was Patti's 14th of the day, and she was exhausted.

The final match of Saturday saw Diana Edge put on a splendid display of stoic courage as her floating contact lens got more and more erratic: she could barely see the ball on the forehand side. A cool and observant opponent might have demolished her. But luck was on her side. She was pitted against Gail Pimm, and Pimm devoted too much energy to arguing with the referee, not nearly enough to watching for Edge's weaknesses; her frequent impatience to end the rally pushed her into too many high-risk shots. Between games she banged her racquet against the wall and rolled her eyes at the ceiling, but the obvious solution of keeping the ball on the right hand side of the court and waiting for the error was not to be found in either place. Edge prevailed by a count of 9-3, 7-9, 10-9, 10-8. Pimm was tough, but Edge, at 50% efficiency, was tougher.

Both Beckwith and Edge easily cleared the semi-finals on Sunday morning. Edge over Lewis with the loss of 3 points and Beckwith over Lori Hogan with the loss of 8. The early part of Sunday afternoon was occupied with completion of the various flight playdowns, a seemingly routine task. But from 2:40 on-

ward, the spectators in the stands were treated to a succession of three matches of far more than routine interest. First was the 3rd place playoff between Lewis and Lori Hogan: after 63 minutes and four-plus games, it was Lewis 6-5 and serving. It had been her best match of her week in Canada, unmarred by the tendency to unforced error that had tarnished her earlier performances. But the tendency suddenly reappeared, and after one serve out of court and two tins she had lost control of the match. The final score for Hogan was 9-3, 7-9, 5-9, 9-5, 9-6.

Next on the stadium court was a B flight semi-final between another Oxford player, Emma Niven, and York Captain Ruth Castellino. Niven dropped and drooped her way through two easy games and was winning the 3rd by 7-0 when Castellino figured out what had been happening. Ruth moved up two feet on the tee and began the slow struggle back: to 3-7 and hand-out; to 5-7 and hand-out; to 7-7 and hand-out; then, to game for Ruth, who then won the 4th as easily as Emma had won the first two, by 9-3. The 5th was more even, but Castellino was in charge all the way, getting to 8-5 before taking a brief nap. She won the 5th game 9-7 and drew a big ovation from the sizable crowd.

At 5:00 we got the Main Event: Edge vs. Beckwith. And we were all prepared for another of their five-game 75-minute see-saw dramas. But at 3-5 in the first, Beckwith developed a sudden and mysterious soreness in her right foot. She lost the first game 5-9, won the 2nd 9-6, by the end of the 3rd (3-9) she could barely walk. She talked of retiring from the match at that point but decided to go back on. For the 4th game she planted herself on the tee, cut every ball off that she could, and tried to hit every shot for a winner. She succeeded enough times to win the game 9-5. And in the 5th she returned with the same strategy. Once again

it worked, as Edge, instead of trying to lob over her, tried repeatedly and unsuccessfully to drive the ball past her. The match ended in the 37th minute. The final game was 9-5 for Beckwith, and for the second year in a row she took home a gold ingot and a Manta 65 racquet.

A silver ingot and a similar racquet went also to runner-up Edge, to Rhonda Firmi ("B" winner over Ruth Castellino), and to Barbara Slater of Oxford ("C" winner over Vickie Watson). Fiona Campbell of McMaster ("D" winner) took home a racquet. Medals went to the various Classic Plate winners: Gail Pimm in "A", U of T's Kathy Cowper in "B", Oxford's Lucy Emsden in "C", and Nicki Simmonds, also from Oxford, in "D".

"Play has steadily improved every year now, and quarter-finalists of two years ago wouldn't clear the round of 16 today," said Bob Cluett. "The universities can do tremendous things for the development of the women's game, given the kind of help we've had this weekend. All of us—players and coaches alike—are grateful for the marvelous opportunity given us by the Glendon Squash Club and by Manta Sport Inc." ●



York Team off to London
top row: H. Salmon, G. Pimm, K. Salmon
bottom: K. K...

TOURNAMENTS TOURNAMENTS

Harding and Savage Champs Again

by Norm Spence

The Fitness Institute, Willowdale, hosted the Fifth Annual Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship April 21-25, and sponsored it for the second consecutive year. This year saw a record number of entries, totalling 32 teams, 8 more than last year. More than ever, this tournament saw the women playing a major role in many of the victories, illustrating that women doubles players are not only showing more interest but also improving their calibre of play by leaps and bounds.

It was again a pleasure to welcome the team of Jim Klepfer and Barb Fischer from Buffalo, the only entry from the U.S. Hopefully, the interest south of the border will grow and provide even more competition for this event. There were also two teams from the Hamilton Thistle Club, with the remainder being from a variety of Metro clubs.

The host club also had its share of entries - Blain Allen (from Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.) and Lee Murray, Ginette Fisher and Brett McBurnie (quarter-finalists in the Consolation event), Shelley O'Connor and Norm Spence, and John Stewart, Connie Voges and Eric Wiffen (from TCS&CC) and Diane Gareau.

The main event saw Victor Harding (B & R) and Barbara Savage (F.I.) seeded No. 1, being the defending champions. The other seeded teams were Peter Hetherington and Jann Taylor (Granite Club) at No. 2, Gord Fulthorpe and Karen Jerome (Hamilton Thistle) at No. 3, and Chip Pitfield and Susan McElhinneyBehan (B & R) at No. 4.

The tournament began Wednesday evening and concluded with the consolation semi-finals and final and the Championship final on the following Monday evening. During this time there were many highlights and great play which kept the players themselves and the many enthusiastic spectators well entertained throughout the six-day event.

Upsets were staged on the Saturday with 2 of the top 4 placed teams being eliminated in their first

match. The team of David and Janice Hetherington (Granite Club) lost to Rosemiek Van De Meerendonk and Ron Aldridge (TCS&CC) 15-11, 12-15, 15-6, 15-13. The other placed team eliminated was Steve Hisey and Sandy Sterne (TCS&CC) who went down to defeat at the hands of Don Salisbury (Granite Club) and Marg Dalgarno (Bridlewood) 15-9, 15-13, 2-15, 15-10. Salisbury and Dalgarno should be congratulated on being the only non-placed team to reach the main event semi-final!

In another exciting match on Saturday, Fulthorpe and Jerome squeaked past the brother/sister team of Cairn and Ward Meek (TCS&CC). This was probably the most hard-fought match of the entire tournament and the Meek name

other semi-final, the Harding/Savage "dynamic duo" defeated dark horses Salisbury and Dalgarno, 15-11, 15-4, 15-4.

Monday evening also provided some very exciting consolation matches. Beginning with the semi-finals (two out of three games) John Hall (TCS&CC) and Jenny Dulmage (Granite) were edged out of the final by the strong team of Bob Barnes (TRC) and Lynda Howard (Valhalla) 15-7, 15-6. The other semi-final saw John Robinson (RCYC) and Maria Mitchell (TLTC) defeat John Lennard and Anne McClelland (Squash Academy) 15-6, 15-11. This paved the way for a magnificent final between Barnes and Howard and Robinson and Mitchell. Barnes and Howard came back from a 2-0 deficit to victory



Bev Miller, Tru-Value Sales, presents awards to winning team

certainly did not describe the play by that team. Fulthorpe and Jerome eventually finished victorious, 5-15, 18-16, 14-18, 15-12, 15-9.

The Sunday matches were highlighted by one of the semi-finals between Peter Hetherington and Jann Taylor and John Boynton (B & R) and Judi Wood (TCS&CC). At match ball in the third game it looked like a Granite victory, but Boynton and Wood eked it out in that game 15-14. They stormed on to take the fourth game fairly comfortably and ended up winning the match 15-17, 7-15, 15-14, 15-6, 18-16. Neither was playing with their usual partner, so they did well to topple the established team of Hetherington and Taylor. In the

in a very tight match 15-17, 5-15, 15-7, 15-3, 15-12.

In the Championship Final, Harding and Savage were pitted against Boynton and Wood. The defending champions were again victorious, 15-9, 15-10, 15-12, in winning their second Canadian Mixed Doubles crown. The score was indicative of the play as Savage was heard to say that she was concerned in the third game when Boynton and Wood came back from a 12 deficit to tie the score at 15-12. At that point, an error by Wood and a passing cross-court by Savage paved the way to the 15-12 score in the third and final game.

A tournament of this magnitude cannot work with just the players'

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participation. Behind the scenes are many people who unselfishly devote their time and effort to making everything run smoothly. Special thanks are extended to Lee Murray, my Co-Chairman, all the scorers and referees, and Eric Wiffen, who acted as drawmaster and Referee-in-Chief. Thanks must also go to Jack Bronson, Jean Bramwell, Brett McBurnie and Vicki Gibson for the time they all put into the weekend. On the same note, a doubles tournament cannot happen without a court - Bill Salter and The Fitness Institute proved to be perfect hosts once again; we hope the club will see fit to do it again next year.

Many companies, too numerous to mention, provided the players with excellent "grab bags" and we extend our thanks to these people. Special thanks must also go to Fred Martin Agencies & Tru-Value Sales, and to Harvey Woods through the C.S.R.A. for the players' shirts for donating some of the prizes.

This year's Canadian Mixed Doubles Championship proved to be a great success due to the excellent competition, the many individuals who donated their time, and the sponsors. Next year will be even better - see you all then! ●

Canada Permanent Trust- Northern Ontario Open

Jean Sigouin of Sudbury, roared back from what looked like certain defeat on Sunday, April 17, to win the Canada Permanent Trust Northern Ontario Squash Championships. Beaten 9-0 in the first game, Sigouin turned the tables on arch-rival Maurice Plante of Sudbury, to win his first Northern title.

Plante had crushed Sigouin 3-0 in the Sault Ste. Marie City Championships in March, and appeared to be on his way to another easy victory. Indeed, Sigouin said after the match that he had gone into the Northern final with one thought in mind - he could not let Plante dominate him early on as he had in the Sault. "The first thing I said to myself when I went onto court was, 'I can't lose the first game 9-0'."

He did just that and then, somehow, found the strokes and the character to overcome Plante's devas-

tating power game. The final scores were 0-9, 9-7, 9-5, 9-2.

Defending champion Simon Moore was out with a knee injury but watched the final along with a packed house at the YMCA in Sudbury. He says Sigouin won because he hung tough mentally and was able to change his game plan. His drop shots had not worked in the first game so he used more lobs to the back court "to force Moe's front game," said Moore. "Basically, Jean's four corner game won over Moe's strong, destructive game. Jean changed his tactics to give himself time to get back into the match, whereas Moe did not change his tactics throughout."

Said Plante, "Jean slowed down the pace. He played to my high length. Everybody knows it's my weakness. It's a position I can't attack from very easily. Also, he was digging my ball out of the corner quite easily. I was saying to myself, 'What can I do? I'm playing my best and he's still beating me'."

But there was more to the match than shifting momentum. There were some superb rallies, with each player exhibiting a crisp and di-

verse attack; both had huge reserves of stamina and determination. In the end, the match was a fitting tribute to the squash careers of two Sudbury men who have led the sport to unparalleled local popularity.

Sigouin is a moving force behind the game at the Sudbury Y and has devoted almost as much time to organization as to play. Before and after the Northern he said he would take one full season off from competition after the tournament. "I'll still play the in-house stuff but I want to see if I miss it (top-level play). I need a break from the game and I want to devote a lot more time to coaching and teaching."

Plante is a squash pioneer in Northern Ontario and has helped many younger players, including Sigouin, learn the ropes. He now teaches the game at his home club, Cambrian College. In fact, Plante was one of the first players to step onto a squash court in Sudbury. He began in the mid-1970s playing singles on a doubles court.

Since then the game has blossomed into a major winter sport across the North. In Sudbury there are now four clubs with a fifth

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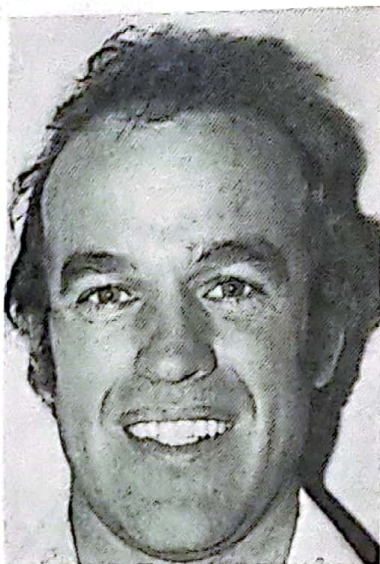
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Smiling winner, Jean Sigouin

opening later this year. In the last eight years courts have opened in Kapuskasing, Iroquois Falls, Kirkland Lake, Timmins, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. There are now over 4,000 club members in the North and a burgeoning competitive spirit. The first Northern Championships in 1980 attracted 57 contestants; this year, a record 143 men and women competed for



Maurice Plante, a tough competitor

\$2,500 in prizes in eight skill divisions.

Tournament chairman Tony Pacheco said this year's version was the most successful Northern ever. "We've seen the calibre of play consistently improve in the North," he said. "This was certainly the most exciting men's 'A' final. The others lacked the intensity and the lustre this one had. The Sudbury

Y has cultivated this tournament for the first four years of its existence and there are plans now to rotate it to other centres where others will be able to see the high level of squash in the North."

Although the Sudbury Y won't host next year's Northern, there will probably be a major tournament run by Y volunteers at soon-to-be-opened glass-backed courts in Valley East near Sudbury.

The other men's winners were all from Sudbury: in B, Lucio Fabris, in C, Gerry LeBlanc, in D, Jim Birchall, and in novice, Claudio Roberti.

The victorious ladies, however, were all from out of town. The A winner was Margaret Montrose of Kirkland Lake, the B champion, Susan Kaul of North Bay, and the novice winner, Rose Mary Bruni of Sault Ste. Marie. ●

Labatt's Thunder Bay Open

by Hartmut Rosenfeld

The Thunder Bay Open Squash Tournament sponsored by Labatt's Breweries Ltd., was hosted by the Canada Games Complex and Confederation College Fitness Centre on February 24-27.

The four-day tournament attracting 185 entries in seven divisions (Men's A, B, C, D; Women's A, B, C) also featured the top ranked players from Manitoba. Henry Thiessen, the defending Thunder Bay Open Champion and 4th ranked player in Manitoba, fell one match short in his effort to win his third straight Open Championship. Bill Turk, nationally No. 6 ranked player, defeated Thies-

sen (3-1) by scores of 9-2, 9-2, 2-9 and 9-1 to win the Men's A division. Thiessen had defeated Thunder Bay players John MacLeod and Richard Earl in early round play and then upset top seed and nationally No. 4 ranked player Gene Turk in the semi-finals. Bill Turk defeated Manitoba Open Men's A Champion Murray MacRae in the other semi-final match.

One of the most exciting matches of the tournament featured 15-year-old Sushane Soni from Winnipeg, defeating Rob Hutton, Thunder Bay's top ranked player, three games to two by scores of 6-9, 9-4, 1-9, 9-3, 9-4.

Women's A play featured Billie Hutton's fourth Championship of the season by virtue of her three games to love victory over Tracy Bachynski.



Champion, Bill Turk

In Men's B play, Charlie Spence won the honour of moving into the A division by defeating Ivan Bilenki 3-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of April, I picked up a copy (Vol. 7 No. 2) of Squash Life and enjoyed it very much, particularly the article "Squash Strategy" by Professor John R. Fairs. I consider it to be the most thoughtful and authoritative (and enjoyable) article I have read in many years.

It prompted me to write you to congratulate you, and to become a regular reader.

Harald Martin
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Editor:

Racquets manufactured from graphite, carbon epoxy are designed to:

1. Give less flexibility.
2. Give better weight balance.

Many racquets have and are available that boast the use of graphite. The Irving Webster Dictionary and Encyclopedia of English Language describes graphite as 'soft, native carbon, having an iron gray colour and metallic lustre, used in lead pencils, crucibles and as a lubricant'.

Many of these racquets in fact have used a graphite paint lamination, as in fibreglass lamination.

The use of pure graphite in conjunction with carbon and using various epoxies as a carrier does not lead to a dangerous squash racquet. A graphite carbon racquet will break almost as readily as a wooden racquet; however, due to its construction and the player's investment it will probably outlast a regular wooden racquet.

The advantages of this type of racquet are strictly as felt by the user.

A graphite carbon epoxy racquet is NOT dangerous and is in the writer's opinion, a definite asset to squash. Graphite carbon racquets should not be confused with aluminum or graphite laminated racquets. The points made by the writer are strictly for legal sized, graphite/carbon/epoxy racquets. I believe there are only 3 types of this racquet available at the moment.

I should also like to point out that at the time of this writing, no aluminum, graphite, graphite/carbon,

etc., etc., racquet has been approved by Squash Ontario, or the I.S.R.F. I cannot speak for the W.P.S.A.

The truth is, when you are sold an unbreakable racquet, it WILL be banned. Players you play with are not unbreakable.

R.B. Morton
Unsquashable Canada

Dear Editor:

I feel I must write in response to the editorial, "BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY", in the March-April issue of your magazine.

As a student-athlete attending the University of Western Ontario and as a former competitor in the Toronto and District soft ball league for five years, I am in the rather unique position of going from strictly a soft ball player to predominantly a hardball player.

I must admit that two years ago I was a "soft ball snob", thinking that the only 'real' game in town was the international one. Since converting, however, I have been pleasantly surprised. Although I still compete in, and in fact prefer, the international game, there are certain aspects about hardball squash that I believe prove that the game is in no way analogous to a terminally ill patient.

Hardball squash on the professional level is growing by leaps and bounds. The W.P.S.A. tour is a highly competitive and organized circuit boasting 27 tournaments and \$500,000.00 in prize money. While the Americans can be criticized for 'over-boasting' when it comes to claiming 'world' supremacy in certain sports, there is no denying the fact that they are willing to sponsor sport with large outpourings of cash.

Hardball, in my opinion, is here to stay. Unfortunately, squash on the whole will suffer if it persists in projecting this 'dual-personality'.

What is needed is more than compromise. I.S.R.F. President Ian Stewart, has proposed certain changes that combine the best of both games.

Squash is a great game and I hope ever hopes to achieve the status as other international games. It must not be afraid to

Instead of trying to bury the hardball game, Canadians should be at the forefront of squash innovation. Perhaps playing on the wide court with a slightly lower tin and a ball somewhere between the 70+ blue-dot and the international yellow-dot in texture with the North-American scoring system, as Mr. Stewart suggests, is not such a bad idea. Blow the trumpets loudly!

Ray McDonald
London, Ontario

Dear Editor:

In my opinion, I found the recent editorial on the hardball game to be totally irresponsible in that I thought the principle mandate of Squash Ontario was to promote the game of squash - be it hardball or soft ball. The comments could hardly be considered a ringing endorsement nor a commitment to a game to which your Association has an obligation to both support and promote.

Despite the magazine's disclaimer as to opinions expressed not being representative of the Association, I do not feel the editor should have licence to express opinions which are detrimental to the overall goals of the Association.

In addition, our friends to the south have always been most supportive in our efforts to promote squash and are undeserving of the treatment rendered to them in the editorial.

Yours truly,
John Cameron
Toronto

Editor's Note:

We did receive some response to the recent editorial, "Bang the Drum Slowly", as witness the letters to the editor. As well, we received several telephone calls.

This is an encouraging sign and we have kept a file on anyone who did respond. Rest assured we will be contacting all these people in the fall and will then present a series of proposals to the Association. It does involve some changes, but it is a step in the right direction. We are not going to compromise the game, but we are going to make it more appealing to a wider audience.

Finding Tomorrow's Dollars Today

by P. Gay Gooderham
Thorne Stevenson & Kellogg

Thousands of dollars flow through your squash club each year. In order to make better use of those dollars, you must know when and how much cash is available. Understanding the cash flows of your squash club can be one of the most important steps you take towards improving your operations.

By effectively planning and controlling cash flow, you can improve your profits and ensure your club's survival and growth.

Cash flow projections give you a window on the future. You can foresee the need for generating additional cash and identify opportunities to achieve this. You can also plan the implementation of new projects (such as painting the lounge) to coincide with the periods of greatest cash availability.

You already have a great deal of cash flow information at your fingertips. Financial statements from prior years indicate the size of your income and expenses. This information, plus your familiarity with the operating cycles of your club, should allow you to predict the timing of cash coming in and flowing out. By organizing this information into an easily understood form, you can then create a forecast to predict your future cash requirements.

To illustrate, suppose your 1982 revenue was \$350,000, and expenses were \$320,000—your 1982 income then have been \$30,000. However, the calculation of income includes a deduction of depreciation expenses. This deduction does not represent an outlay of hard cash. It is an accounting entry which spreads the cost of your fixed assets over the years in which they will be used. If depreciation in 1982 was, say \$10,000, then the actual cash generated by the club from operations was \$40,000—not the \$30,000 calculated as income.

This cash was not, however, generated evenly over the year. Revenue from court fees was probably higher in the winter months while expenses may have been spread equally between the four quarters. Your cash flow picture may really look like this:

CASH FLOW PICTURE

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Revenue	\$105,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 28,000	\$175,000
Expenses	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
	\$ 25,000	\$ (38,000)	\$ (52,000)	\$ 95,000
Income				
Add back:				
Depreciation:	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Cash Flow	\$ 27,500	\$ (35,500)	\$ (49,500)	\$ 97,500

flow can be improved include:

- Converting assets to cash—maybe the pro-shop inventory can be reduced prior to slow periods?
- Maximizing payment terms—even contracts can be negotiated to match your cash flow.

Obviously, unless some action is taken early in the first quarter, there will be unpaid bills or expensive short-term financing needed in the second and third quarters.

A cash flow statement (which can show much more detail than the illustration above), becomes a powerful tool for understanding your cash requirements. The statement can be extended into the future by allowing for changes in membership levels, inflation and other predictable events. Then, you'll begin to get a clear picture of when and how large a change will be necessary to balance or increase the flow of cash through your club.

Some of the ways in which cash

- Increasing revenues in off-peak periods—what about organizing summer barbecues or fitness classes?

- Timing expenses to match cash flows—could you wait until later to paint the lounge?

Developing cash flow projections is the first step towards improving the operation of your squash club. They should be the basis of your operating plans and future growth. They can help you decide what to charge, what to offer, when, and why. Cash flow projections are a relatively simple means of enhancing profitability and management effectiveness. ●

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

SQUASH THE BRITISH WAY

by Jan Atkinson

The holding of the British Open was never in doubt, but with only six weeks to go the "Wimbledon" of squash was without a sponsor. To the rescue came Davies & Tate, a replacement window systems firm. Not only did Davies & Tate save the day, they have also contracted for the 1984 British Open with an option on the 1985 event as well. And what a tournament it was! This was the second successive year the men's and women's events were held together and the formula makes for a terrific atmosphere for spectators and players alike. This was the first time the transparent court was used for this event and is easily the biggest step forward in squash since the game began. The court, used also in the Patrick Festival at Chichester, allows squash to be viewed in style. Matches can be viewed in comfort by over 1,500 spectators from all four sides. Gone are the days of tournaments held in cold clubs with hard seats. The players must certainly feel like gladiators waging battle in a gold fish bowl, but this is a small price to pay to ensure the future of the game.

The early rounds of the Open were contested at the Carrington Club in Derby, with the matches from the last sixteen then moving to the nearby Assembly Rooms, where the transparent court had been erected. Looking to win her fourth consecutive Open and seeded at number one was Vicki Cardwell (nee Hoffman). Vicki was going to be given some very stiff competition from the likes of Lisa Opie, Martine Le Moignan, Rhonda Thorne and a new Sue Cogswell. The men's competition was more a question of who would finish second to Jahangir Khan. Jahangir has not lost a match since April, 1981 in that year's British Open. It seems fitting that it was Geoff Hunt who has the honour of holding that record. Fighting it out in the bottom half of the draw for a place in the final were, among others, Hiddy Jahan, Dean Williams and Gamal Awad. The Open had to be disappointing for the fans of the home players. Gawain Briars was

the highest seed from the English players at number eight. Gawain didn't manage to play to his seeding as Chris Dittmar from Australia won Gawain's appointed spot in the quarters against Jahangir. However, there was a Cinderella story unfolding further down the draw. Young Jamie Hickox, who incidentally is Canadian born, upset number eleven seed Ahmed Safwat in the first round, continued to the third round by a 10-8 in the fifth victory over Zain Saleh. Jamie looked to be on his way to a place in the quarters in his match against New Zealander Ross Norman. Jamie was ahead two games to love against Ross but couldn't quite finish it off.

games to earn his spot in the semis against Dean.

Always a favourite with the crowd is Qamar Zaman. Qamar, the master of touch play and deception, fell victim to Jahangir in the semi finals. Jahangir hadn't even come close to losing a game at this stage. Who was going to be his opposition in the final? Dean had captured the imagination of the squash world in the Audi World Open when he pushed Jahangir to four games. But first things first. Dean had to beat Gamal Awad in the semi final round. Dean had lost a heartbreaker to Gamal in the quarters at Chichester just two weeks earlier. Dean had been leading by two games when Gamal took



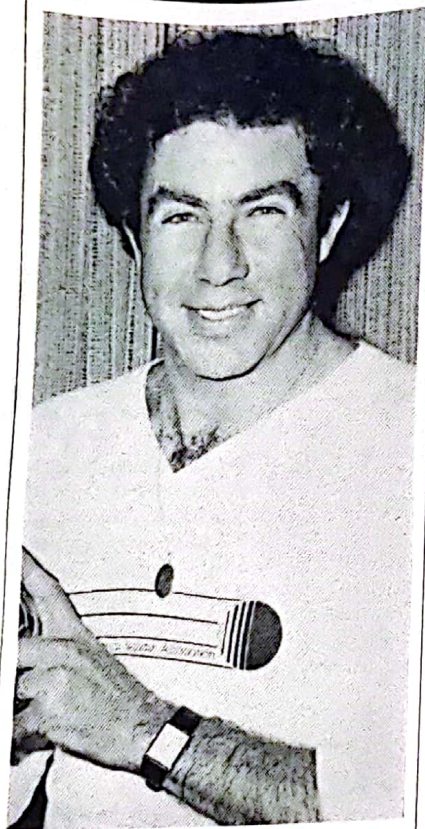
a new angle on viewing squash

In the bottom half of the men's draw the results weren't quite as the seedings predicted. Stuart Davenport seeded at thirteen, convincingly defeated number six seed Maqsood Ahmed, keeping Maqsood to only three points. Stuart was then pitted against Doro Vignoli, who had yet to be really tested. Stuart determined to keep the match close should be and did. New Zealander Dean Williams was set to play in the other quarter. He was on his best behaviour and had been still strong in his qualification at the Patrick Festival for crossing. Meanwhile, Gamal was determined to make the final and a

control of the match. This match was not to be a repeat of their earlier battle as Gamal took the first game 10-8 and then didn't lose a point in the next two games.

The stage was now set for the men's final and what of the women's? The final was a close affair, with

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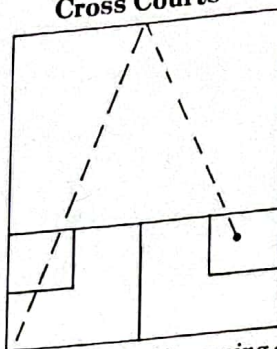


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Hit Longer, Wider and Deeper, Not Harder!

Many of us at some time or another have gone through the "I'm stronger than you are" stage in their squash development. This concept translated into stroking says that, "I'm going to hit the ball so hard that the noise will scare you into giving up the point". As we progress in our thinking we realize this is simply not true. The floor takes off too much pace from the speed of the ball and landing those low, hard drives in front of the short line is making it very easy on your opponent, giving him mid-court shots all during the match. If you ever want to achieve a short game or as it is commonly called, a winning front-wall game, you first must establish your length and your width. This concept is easy to discuss but much harder to put into practice and the attempting of certain skills on your own will show you just how hard it is. Try the fol-

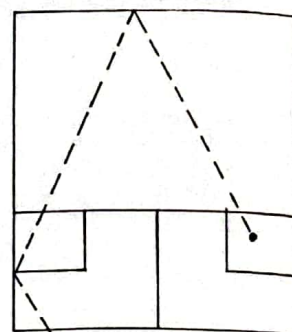
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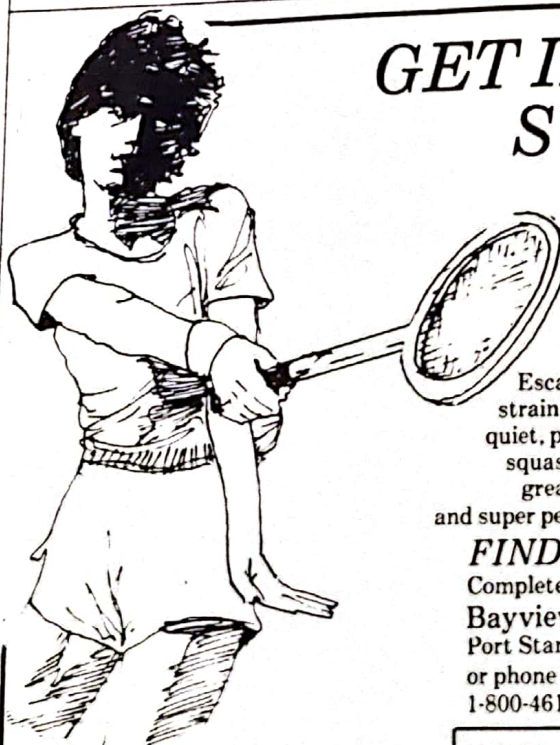
lowing:
Stand in the forehand court, just outside the service box, and hit the ball so that after it hits the front wall it is being propelled to hit the back wall in the air. How many of these can you do in a row? Sound easy? The key is height on the front wall and not power. You will learn this soon enough as your arm has to spend days in a sling after attempting this with power. I have seen some juniors accomplish 34 or 40 of these using very little strength and a lot of control.

Proper Cross Courts



This side wall approach to X courts makes them difficult to reach from the T.

In the same area, Mr. Isosceles and his triangle has told us that if you are constantly hitting your cross-courts for the back corners the ball is likely to pass through an area in the middle of the court where your opponent may easily volley the ball. Angle your cross-courts high on to the far wall and towards the back of the service box in order to ensure, (a) that your opponent must retreat back to pick the ball up and (b) that you can recapture the "T". More next time on control, both mental and physical. ●



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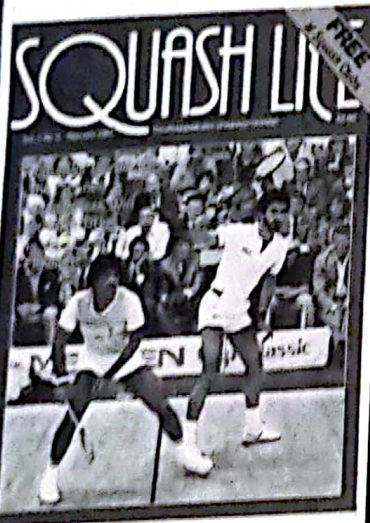
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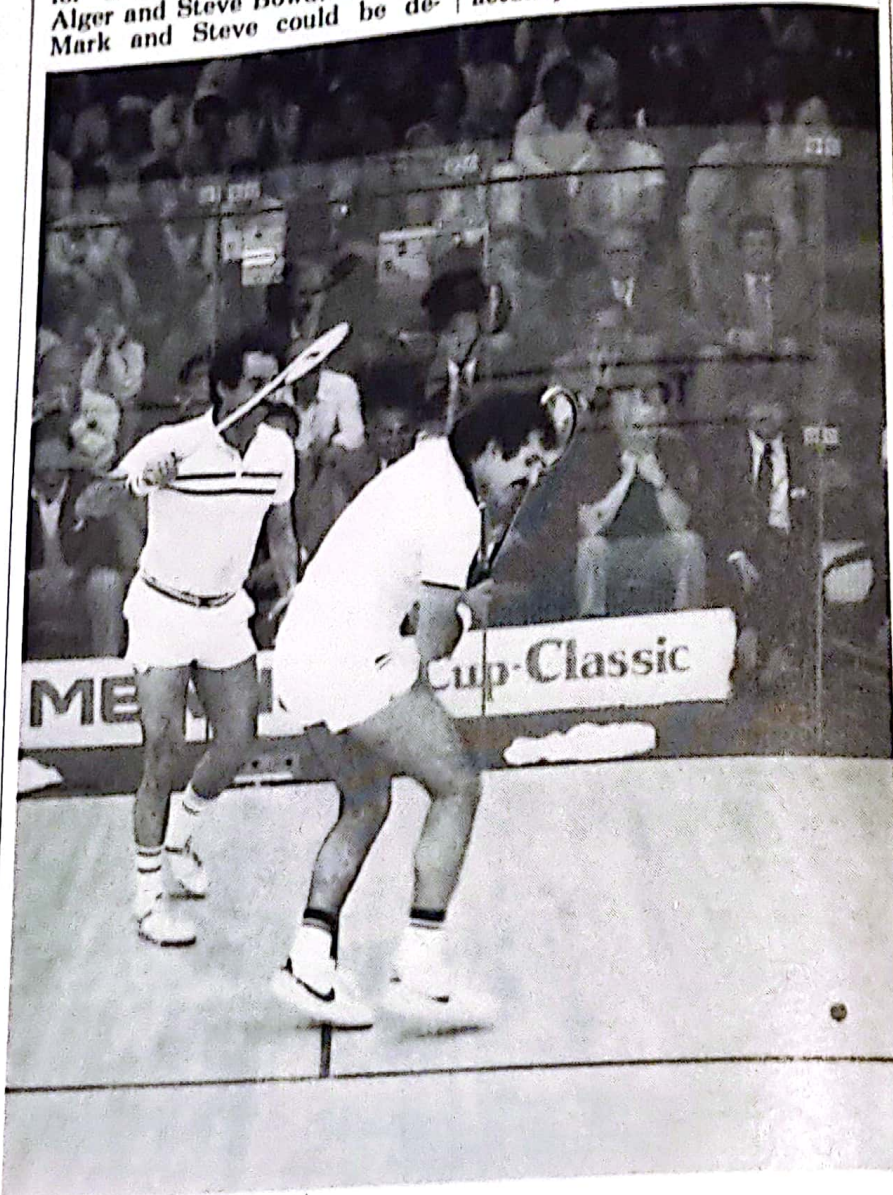
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ing by any means. It took Mario four games to get past Sharif and take his position in the final against Jahangir.

Friday night was finals night with the packed gallery at Toronto Squash Club anticipating an evening of thrilling squash and they weren't disappointed. Starting off the night was the playoff for fifth place between Mark Alger and Steve Bowditch. Both Mark and Steve could be de-

The crowd had been thoroughly entertained for almost three hours but it was the final that they came for. There was no question in anyone's mind as to which player was better conditioned, Jahangir has youth and fitness on his side. Would he be able to continue his blitz on the Mennen against a more experienced Sanchez? Could Mario contend with this young man who has long since forgotten what it is like to actually lose?



Now that's entertainment!

scribed as highly creative squash players. The crowd were on the edge of their seats for a long five game match with Alger being the eventual victor. Not to be outdone in the entertainment category, were Sharif Khan and Hiddy Jahan. The match was a classic display of sportsmanship with Sharif edging out Hiddy in the talent department. Match to Sharif, three games to two.

Jahangir dictated the style of the game right from the beginning. The rallies were long and punishing. Had Mario been able to break the pattern of start playing more shots the result may have been slightly different. As it was though, Jahangir is just too strong, too fit, too fast, too smart and too consistent. The winner of the 1983 Mennen Cup Classic — Jahangir Khan.

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1 in a thrilling final match.

The Men's C & D division winners showed their fitness, prowess and determination by having to play six and seven games respectively to walk away with top honours. Rob Murphy won over Dan Zegil 3-0 in the Men's C final and Bill Sobkovich bested 58 other players in the Men's D division and defeated Bill Salty 3-0 in the final.

Jackie MacKay worked hard to come out on top in Women's B play, 3-1 over Louise Kennedy, and Marg Cernigoj beat Bonnie Kruger 3-0 in the Women's C final.

The four-day event included a well attended Social on Saturday night at the Valhalla Inn. All trophies and draw prizes were displayed, speeches by Tournament Chairman Dave Nuttall, thanking all players, spectators, workers and sponsors for their support and Thunder Bay Squash Association President John Garland, were well received with one toast after another.

Overall, the Tournament featured a calibre of play seldom seen in Thunder Bay. The 200 spectators present for the finals on Sunday were treated to squash play at its best. ●

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credit, took this game 10-8 and the last 9-1. Meanwhile in the second semi-final, Hinnegan's all court game was too strong for Dickinson and she won 9-6, 9-2, 9-7.

In the final, Maycock dominated the T to take her first game 9-6, but dropped the second 6-9 as she became more tentative because of a hip injury. Maycock took the third 9-2 but trailed 0-5 in the next until she tightened her game with solid length shots. Hinnegan, who had hitherto been playing a delightful variety of winners, made several unforced errors and, after service changed hands 12 consecutive times at 6-6, Maycock took the game and match at 9-7. Edge beat Dickinson 3-1 for 3rd place, while Sandra Penney and Nancy Cranbury won the Classic Plate and Consolation events respectively.

In the Men's 35+ final, Tony Swift beat Dennis Goodfellow 9-5, 9-1, 9-2 with a demonstration of classic length shots and exquisite drops. Craig Wells outlasted Howard Fluxgold 3-2 to come 3rd.

In the Men's 40+, Barry Binns finally ran Paul Wilson to a standstill with accurate boasting and several very deceptive shots, after

dropping the first game. Arthur Blank of Ottawa, rallied from 8-10, 9-10 to take 3rd place over Bill Warren 3-2.

The Men's 50+ was hotly contested as John Thissen of Ottawa overcame a 2-1 deficit to beat Jim Kerr in the final, while Jim Kenward took 3rd place over Jim Ross of Peterborough.

There were three or less players in the womens' 35+, 40+ and Men's 45+ events, won respectively by Louise Roy of Waterloo, Evelyn Hustwit of Ottawa (in a 3-2 upset over Penny Glover) and Mike Johnston of Oakville.

Thanks go to Carling O'Keefe on whose behalf Paul Delaney presented the prizes. Thanks go also to people like Graham Harris, Dave Welby, Dave McCartney, Colin Wooles, Penny Glover and other Committee members, and to all officials including the non playing Montreal contingent of Sam Guttman, Sharon Sauvage and Peter Smith, to Gail Blake and her employers, Carleton University, for providing the facilities, and to the local media and Canadian Press for their excellent coverage both before, during and after the tournament. ●



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Barb lost to Sue Cogswell, who was seeded in the nine to sixteen group. It would appear that Sue has got her act together, having made the final at Chichester two weeks prior. However, her road to glory came to a quick end as Vicki Cardwell beat Sue in three games to advance to the semi final against Martine. In the bottom half of the draw, Lisa Opie put things right by reversing a recent defeat at the hands of Robyn Blackwood. Her competition in the semis was not Rhonda Thorne as expected, but Angela Smith. Angela played superb squash to defeat the current World Champion in four games. In the all-English semi between Angela and Lisa, the spectators were treated to a display of temperaments rather than squash. In fact, there was more talk on the court than play. The end result was Lisa advancing to the final. This was the fifth successive time Angela lost in the semi finals of the Open, and all a disappointed Angela Smith could say was: "It doesn't get any easier." Vicki was not going to be denied her chance at her fourth title and outplayed Martine in the semi finals,

but needed four games to win. Joining the Open action at the semi final level was a new event, the Men's Over 35 Championship. This Over 35 event is a welcome addition to the championships, featuring to the talents as John Easter, Ali Aziz, Ahmed Safwat and many more. Safwat was the easy favourite at number one seed. Incidentally, Safwat is currently ranked number twelve in the world and Ali Aziz is sixteenth. So much for being over the hill. At the number three position was the ever popular Jonah Barrington. Jonah at 41, has the distinction of not having been beaten by a British player since 1966. Safwat advanced to the final over John Easter, while Barrington held off Ali Aziz in a crowd-pleasing semi final.

Finals night arrived with the home crowd hopeful of victory in one or both of the Over 35 and Women's finals. The gallery was also prepared for a very long night as the Patrick final between Jahangir and Gamal had smashed all records. That match had lasted an unbelievable two hours and forty-five minutes! At that it was only a four game

match. Could Gamal do it this time? Was Jonah going to beat a younger Safwat, and did Lisa have the required determination and discipline to be the first English girl to win the title in twenty-two years?

Jonah put up a strong fight against Safwat but after sixty-seven minutes, came second with scores of 9-6, 6-9, 9-3, 9-3. It took longer but Australia wasn't going to be denied victory and after one hour and twenty-seven minutes, Vicki Cardwell took her fourth consecutive title 9-10, 9-6, 9-4, 9-5. Jahangir continued his relentless assault on all comers and convincingly defeated Gamal Awad in three games, 9-2, 9-5, 9-1. In fact, Jahangir lost less than fifty points in the entire British Open! Who is going to eventually defeat this young man? Dean Williams vowed he would, and Gamal Awad claims he will. He has seemingly run out of competition at the age of 19. As for the women's event, next year will most certainly see a new champion. Vicki is reportedly retiring from squash, which has now opened the door to a potential English team victory at the World Championships this fall. ●



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The Search Is Over



Heather McKay.

The Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club is pleased to announce that Mrs. Heather McKay has accepted the position of Squash Director and Professional, effective July 18th, 1983.

Winner of the British Open 16 times, the Australian Open 14 times, and the Women's World Open Championship, Mrs. McKay remains undefeated in all but two of her squash matches. Her last loss was more than 20 years ago in Scotland.

In honour of her contribution to sport, Heather McKay was made a Member of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth in 1969, and appointed the Order of Australia in 1979 by her native country. Australia also named her "Sportsman of the Year", in 1967, that country's highest sports achievement award.

Mrs. McKay brings to the Club a career of unparalleled excellence, and her responsibilities will include the administration of the general squash programme, and the development of Club members' proficiency at both the competitive and in-club levels.

Mrs. McKay will be officially welcomed to the Club at the Squash Closing-Tennis Opening Dance on April 23rd, 1983.

One of the most active Squash clubs in Toronto, the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club also offers excellent facilities for the enjoyment of Tennis, Lawn Bowling and Swimming. ●

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square hole in the front wall just above the centre of the red line, Rogers Cable 10 was able to video the Cricket Club matches for live consumption by their viewers. From there and a perch at the rear above the court, the color television cameras could pick out all the action of the doubles court which had been delineated with red tape at all its wall intersections. With the able commentary of senior squash star Bill Bewley and former player Dinah Day, the essence of the game was piped into the club lounge as well as to the homes of all the other Cable 10 subscribers.

But the best part of any win from the quarterfinals onward was the victory walk to the transformed

neighboring singles court. While one's hapless defeated opponents turned left outside the door toward the skating rink which has fostered so many Canadian champions, the winners were oppositely escorted onto a red carpeted area, opulently decorated with palm fronds, a schefflera tree, and not the least—Dinah Day! It was here and now that the comely blonde New York television actress would project the beaming winners into Rogers Cable 10 and the world would become the wiser as to the secret of success.

Meantime the beaten could reflect on that frozen pond, about what might have been, and considering all the other wonderful events of the weekend, resolve to return next year to claim their rightful station. ●

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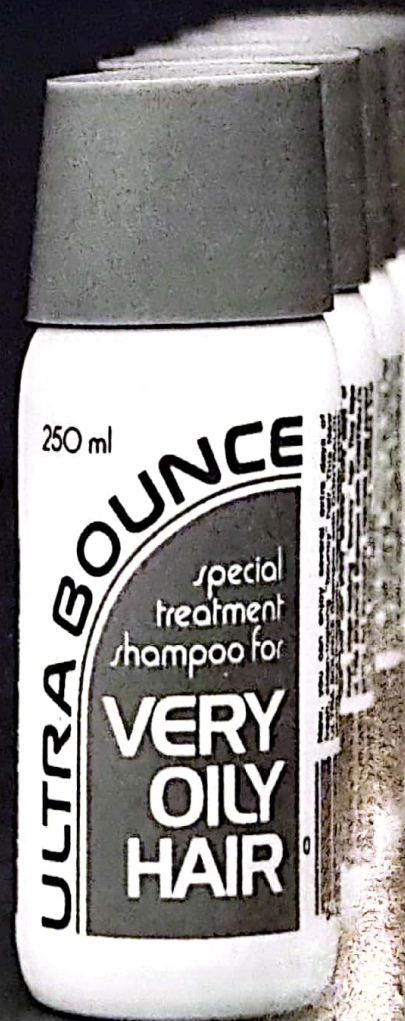
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