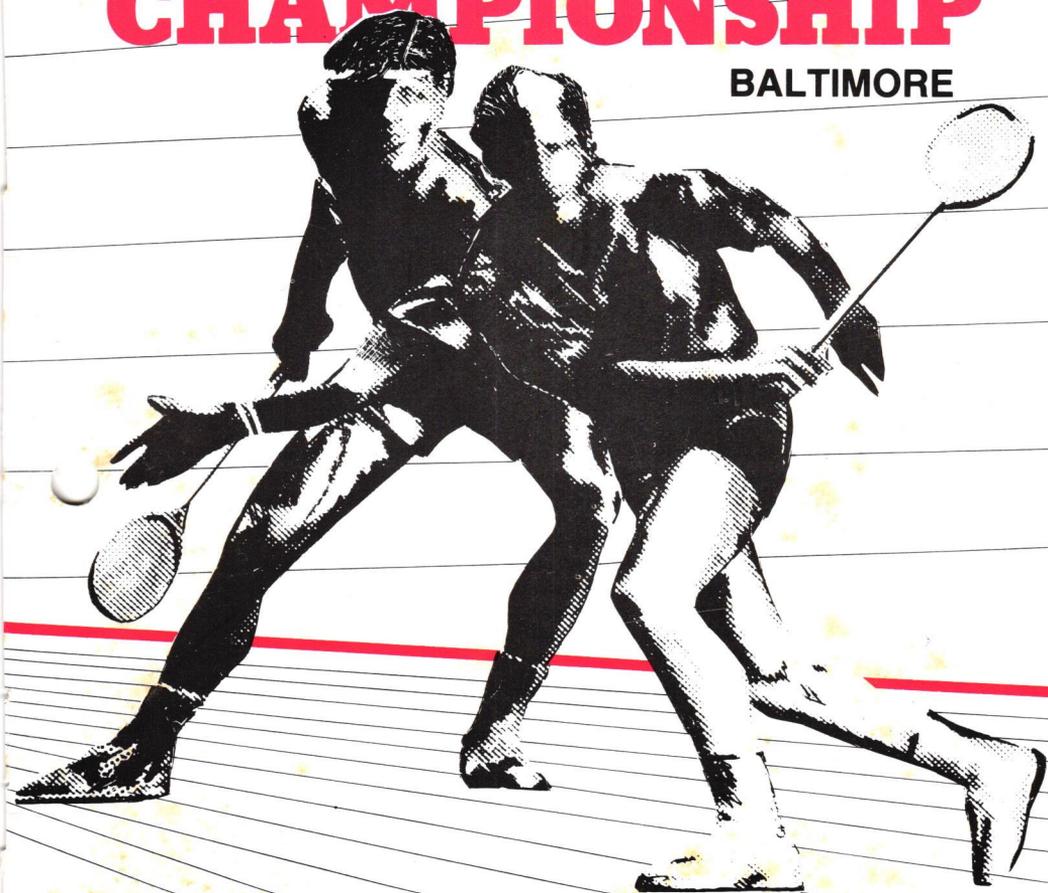


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**BALTIMORE**



**SEPTEMBER 9/10/11**

**MARYLAND STATE SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION**

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**Baltimore Boosters, (left to right) Tournament Chairman Bob Everd, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, and MSSRA President Bob Hicks, team up to wish all the players a first-class weekend.**

## ...FROM MSSRA

When we took on hosting the National Soft Ball Singles, we had no idea what the size of the tournament might be. Several days before the entries closed, we could have put all of the entries then on hand in one flight and it would not have been crowded. Fortunately, we had a rush of applicants in the final few days and we have a good turnout for USSRA's first effort on the soft ball scene.

Our committee has been hard at work seeing to it that your weekend is enjoyable and that the tournament runs smoothly. I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their efforts; I'm sure that the results will be appreciated by all.

Good luck to the players, thank you to our sponsors, angels and patrons. Enjoy!

On behalf of the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association, I am pleased to welcome you to this historic city for an historic first National Soft Ball Singles. We hope that your stay is enjoyable, both on and off the courts. If there is anything that we can do to enhance your visit, please feel free to call upon any of the committee members or officers of the association.

We are grateful for the support that we have received from our local "angels", patrons and commercial friends Bata, Miller, Seamco and Slazenger. Without their help, we would have had a tough time staging this tournament.

Best of luck and we hope that you enjoy your stay in Baltimore.

*Bob Everd*

Bob Everd, Tournament Chairman

*Bob Hicks*

Bob Hicks, MSSRA President



# ...AND



**To the Squash Fans of Baltimore:**

This weekend marks an historic occasion for squash in the United States. Traditionally, squash in the U.S. has been played with a harder ball than the "spongy" soft ball used predominantly outside North America. Now in 1983 for the first time, the soft ball has been recognized as an official ball of the USSRA and these First Annual United States Soft Ball Championships are being staged.

One thing won't be new this weekend, and that is the generous hospitality and organizational ability of Baltimore and the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association. For years Baltimore has been a hot-bed of squash in the United States, not only because of the squash talent that has emerged from your area, but also for the grand times and fond memories of your tournaments. How fitting it is, then, that these historic championships are being held in your community. Your devotion to these championships makes the United States Squash Racquets Association look very good.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Herrick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**John F. Herrick, USSRA President**

# FROM THE USSRA.

For many years, there has been active soft ball\* play in many areas and organized leagues and tournaments in cities including Boston, New York, Baltimore and D.C. In some areas the soft ball is used to train beginners, and "imports" from the British Commonwealth have landed in the United States, accompanied by the soft ball game. Further the USSRA has entered teams in the International Squash Rackets Federation Championships successfully and is sending a team to New Zealand in October.

At the direction of the USSRA Board of Directors, an "ad hoc" committee was established, chaired by Charles Perkins. After careful study and review, this committee reported to the Board in May, 1983 with the recommendation that an official soft ball season be established from May 1 to August 31, that sanctioned tournaments be followed in September by National Championships, and that rankings be derived from this play. The Board voted to accept and implement the committee report.

The Maryland State Squash Racquets Association asked to host this first National Soft Ball Championship. The Board granted this request and voted to establish championship divisions as follows:

Men A, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

Women A, B, C

It was decided that a minimum entry of eight would be required to hold a division, and that divisions would be combined as necessary to develop a tournament. Players entering an older age category which does not have eight entries will be given the opportunity of playing with a younger group.

So you are now playing on the American court under "international" rules, a truly historic event.

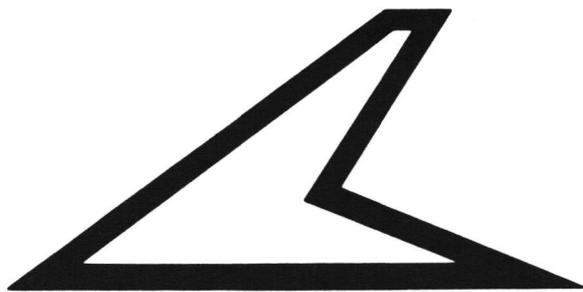
Seedings for these first National Soft Ball Championships are the result of consideration of sanctioned soft ball play this past summer and of level of play and national ranking in the last 70+ season and past experience of certain individuals who have represented the USSRA in ISRF competition.



Darwin Kingsley, Executive Director



\*The USSRA "officially" uses Soft Ball rather than Softball because Softball in the U.S.A. is a game played with a bat and large baseball.



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# SCHEDULE

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**REGISTRATION**

2:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Baltimore Country Club  
4712 Club Road, Baltimore, MD 21210

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**PLAYERS' LUNCH**

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Towson Center, Towson State University  
Towsontowne Blvd. & Osler Drive, Towson, MD 21204

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**COCKTAIL PARTY**

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
The Holiday Room, Village of Cross Keys  
5100 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21210  
Open Bar, Hot & Cold Hors D'Oeuvres  
*(Jackets Requested)*

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**BRUNCH**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Baltimore Country Club

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**FINALS**

Baltimore Country Club

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Men's 35+ (Court 1) and Women's C (Court 2)	1:00
Men's 50+ (Court 1) and Women's B (Court 2)	2:00
Men's 40+ (Court 1) and Men's 45+ (Court 2)	3:00
Women's Championship (Court 1) and Men's 55+ (Court 2)	4:00
Men's Championship (Court 1)	5:00

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**Tonight,  
let it be  
Löwenbräu.**



# RULES

(not warm-up) is to begin within five minutes of the scheduled starting time, or within five minutes of the time the court is made available if the previous match runs longer than anticipated.

Default time is ten minutes after the scheduled starting time, or three minutes after the end of the previous match if the previous match ends ten or more minutes after your scheduled starting time.

Although there is transportation available between clubs, *you must assume the responsibility for getting to your match.* Delay in MSSRA transportation for reasons other than mechanical breakdown, will not prohibit your default. Transportation will be available Friday evening and Saturday only.

Players should provide their own towels and locks. Participating clubs have made their courts and shower/locker rooms available. *We are not entitled to use other club facilities, so please do not use them!*

MSSRA representatives will be available at each club to help you with tournament details and other information. Please do not ask club employees for such assistance.

Referees will be available for the finals and, wherever possible, for the semi-finals. If problems develop on court during earlier rounds, players should contact the MSSRA representative stationed at the club.

Consolation flights including Friday night losers only will begin on Saturday morning.

## Significant Rules Differences

### USSRA Hard Ball Rules v. ISRF Soft Ball Rules

*summarized by Peter Wolff, Chairman, USSRA Rules Committee*

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#### ISRF SOFT BALL RULES

##### SCORING

Points can only be scored by Hand-in (server). When Hand-out wins a stroke, that player becomes Hand-in.

The player who first wins 9 points wins a game, except that at 8-all, Hand-out chooses "no set" or "set to 10."

##### SERVICE

The ball must be dropped or thrown into the air, then struck by the racquet before contact with floor or walls. It must then fly directly to the front wall toward the opposite service box as in handball.

Hand-out may play a fault. Hand-in loses the stroke if on either service the ball is out of court.

##### LET

A let shall not annul a previous fault.

##### INTERFERENCE

For interference, the Referee may wait for appeal or stopping play without waiting for an appeal, may award a stroke to the violated player.

If every effort has been made by a player to avoid interference a let shall be awarded, except if a winning stroke is denied to the opponent.

For unnecessary physical contact, the Referee may stop play and award a stroke accordingly.

##### KNOCK-UP

5-minute warm-up only allowed.

##### CONTINUITY OF PLAY

One minute intervals between games except two minutes between games 4 and 5. If persistent delays occur, the Referee may award a game to the opponent of the violator.



# COURT USE

## FRIDAY

TIME		TC			CC		DAC			MC			BCC		RC	
6	M	40	45	B	x	50	55	55	M	40	45	45	W	35	C	C
7	M	40	45	B	50	50	55	55	M	40	45	M	W	35	C	C
8	M	40	45	B	x	50	x	x	M	40	45	40	W	35	C	C
9	M	40	45	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	W	35	x	C

## SATURDAY

9	35	35	55	W	x	x	Cc	Cc	Mc	Mc	40c	40c	45	C	C	C
10	35	35	M	x	x	x	Wc	Wc	Mc	Mc	40c	40c	B	C	x	x
11	50	50	M	M	x	x	Bc	Cc	45c	45c	55c	45c	55	B	x	x
12	40	40	x	M	x	x	50c	50c	35c	35c	45c	55c	x	x	x	x
1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Mc	40c	x	x	35	55	x	x
2	40	40	45	45	x	x	Cc	Cc	Mc	40c	x	x	35	C	x	x
3	45	45	M	M	x	x	Wc	Bc	45c	x	x	x	50	50	x	x
4	M	M	40	40	x	x	35c	50c	55c	45c	x	x	W	W	x	x
5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	C	x	x	x

## SUNDAY

8	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	40	40	x	x
9	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	45	45	Cc	45c
10	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M	M	40c	Mc

1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	35	C	x	x
2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	50	B	x	x
3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	40	45	x	x
4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	W	55	x	x
5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	M	x	x	x

**M** Men's Championship  
**W** Women's Championship  
**B** Women's B  
**C** Women's C  
**c** Consolation Match  
**35,40,45,50,55** Men's Age Groups



**TC** Towson Center  
**CC** Denton A. Cooley Center  
**DAC** Downtown Athletic Center  
**MC** Maryland Club  
**BCC** Baltimore Country Club  
**RC** Racquet Club



# THANKS

Tournament Committee and the Maryland State Squash Racquets Association gratefully acknowledge the support of "angels" and patrons of the National Soft Ball Singles. Their support has made it possible for us to smooth the rough edges and provide some amenities that would not have been available to us otherwise.

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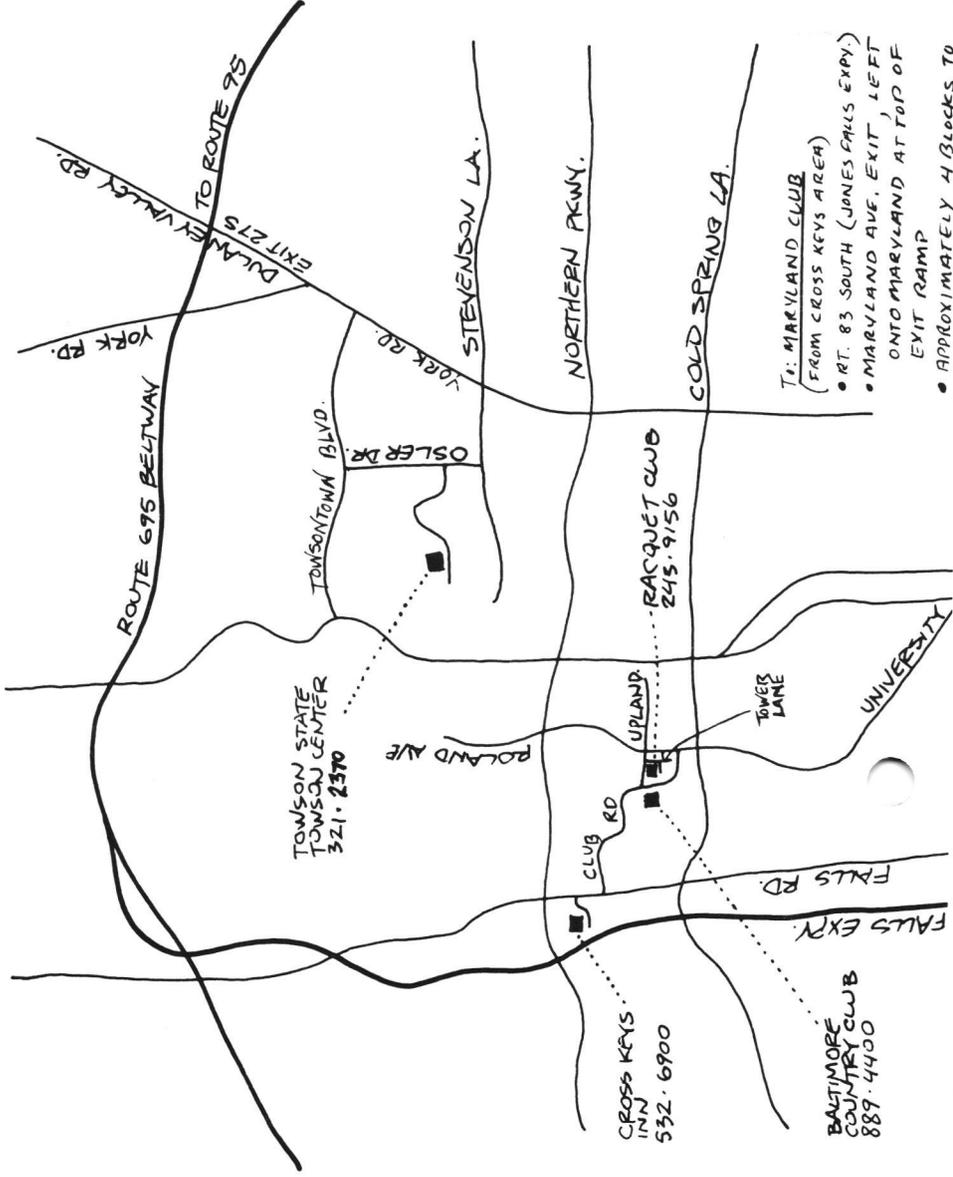
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  - APPROXIMATELY 4 BLOCKS TO

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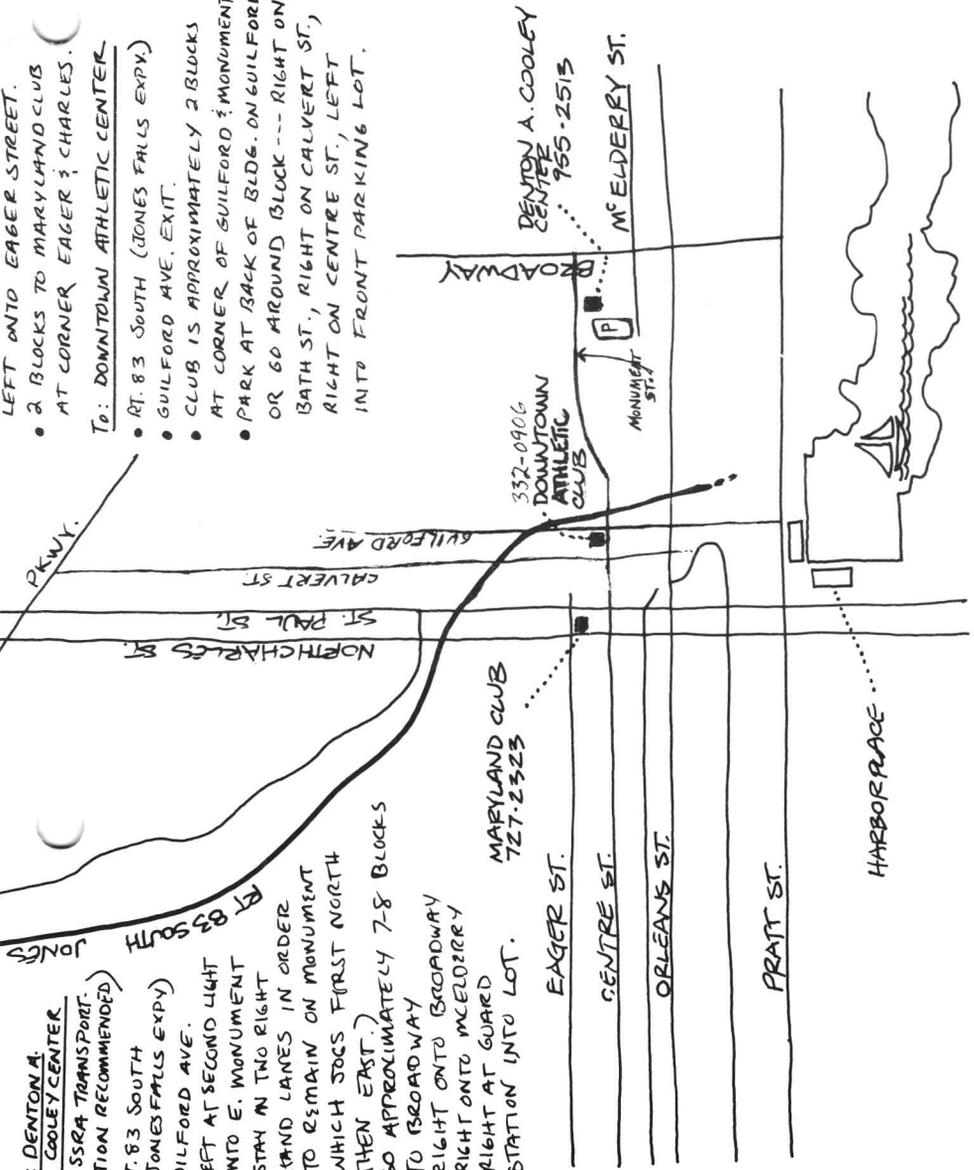
TO: DENTON A. COOLEY CENTER  
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- RT. 83 SOUTH (JONES FALLS EXPY)
- GUILFORD AVE.
- LEFT AT SECOND LIGHT ONTO E. MONUMENT (STAY IN TWO RIGHT HAND LANES IN ORDER TO REMAIN ON MONUMENT WHICH JOCS FIRST NORTH THEN EAST.)
- GO APPROXIMATELY 7-8 BLOCKS TO BROADWAY
- RIGHT ONTO BROADWAY
- RIGHT ONTO MCELDERY
- RIGHT AT GUARD STATION INTO LOT.

LEFT ONTO EAGER STREET.  
 • 2 BLOCKS TO MARYLAND CLUB AT CORNER EAGER & CHARLES.

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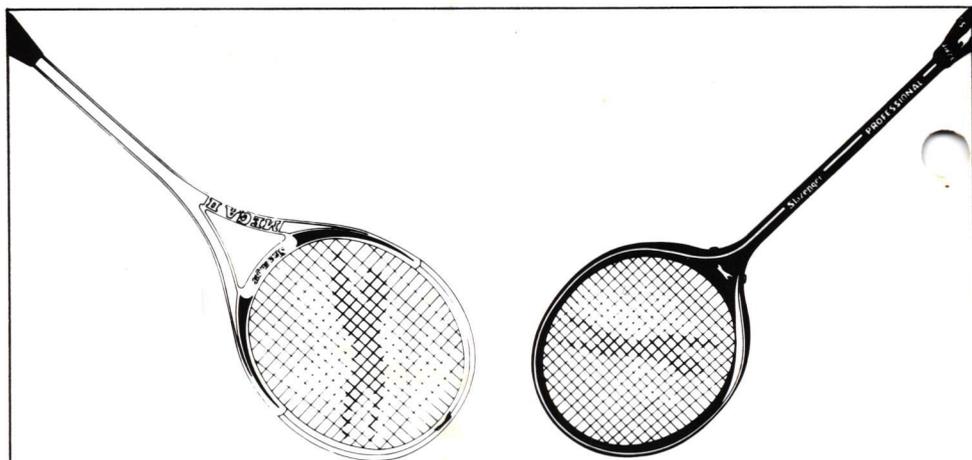
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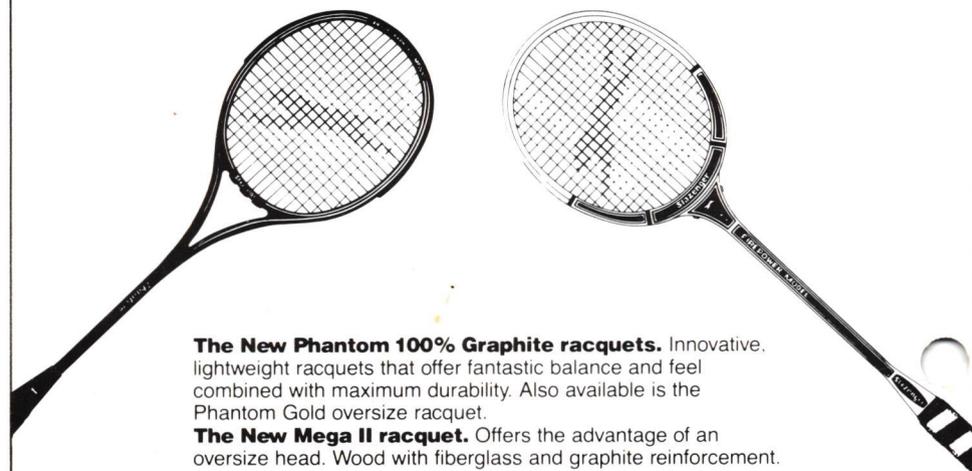
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