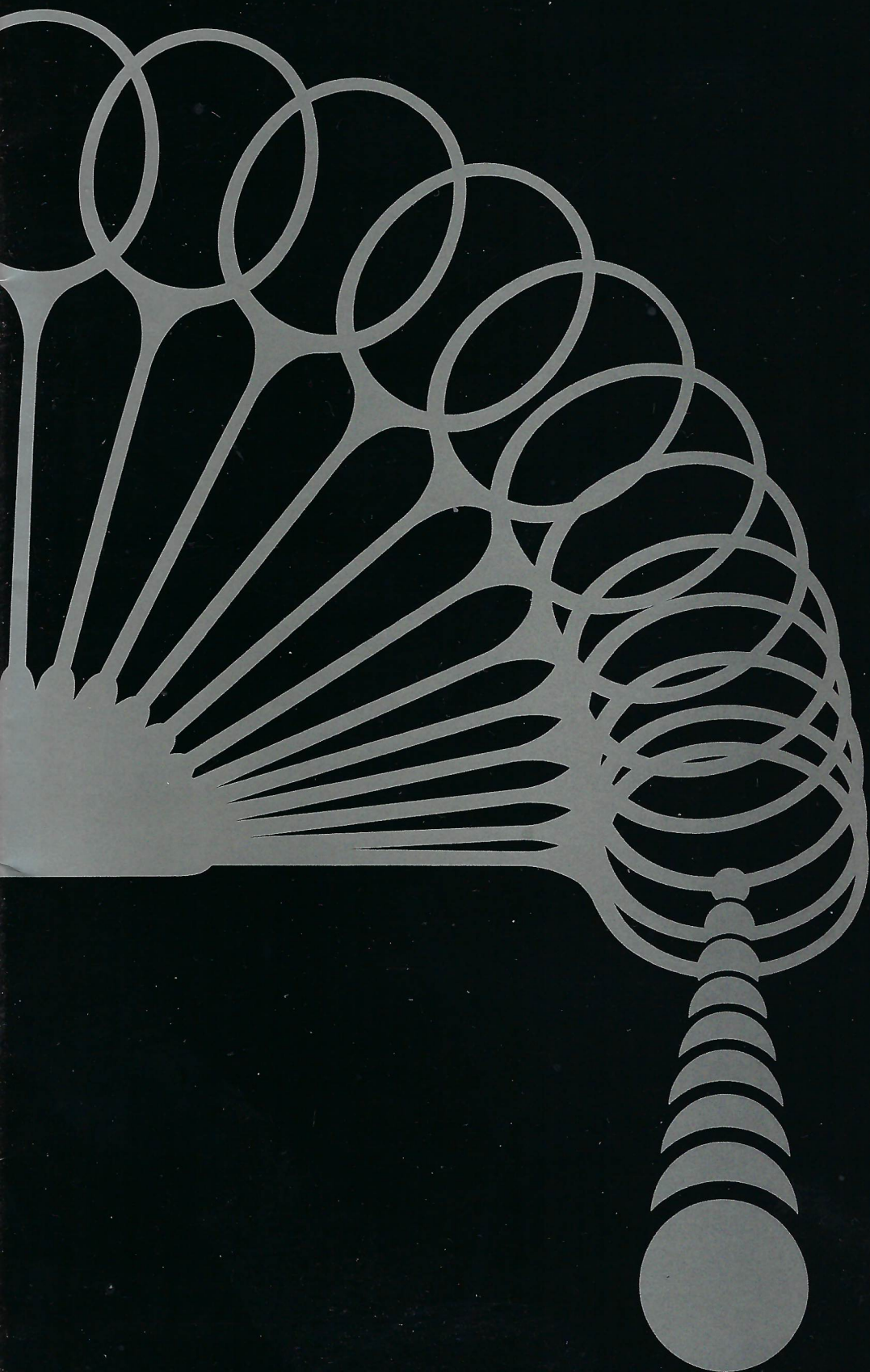


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This must surely be a historic Championship. The event, open to all individual players throughout the World, has attracted an entry of 68, with over 40 overseas players.

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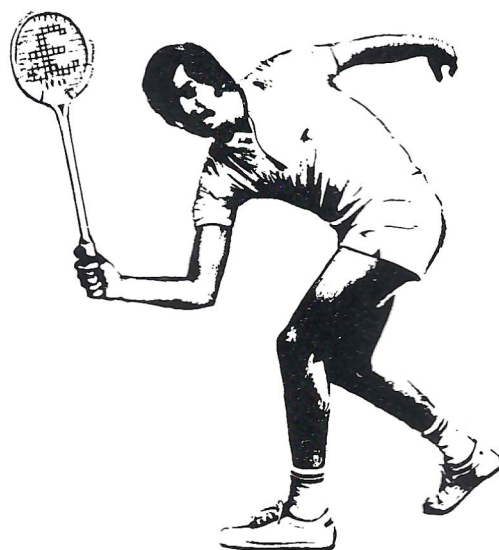
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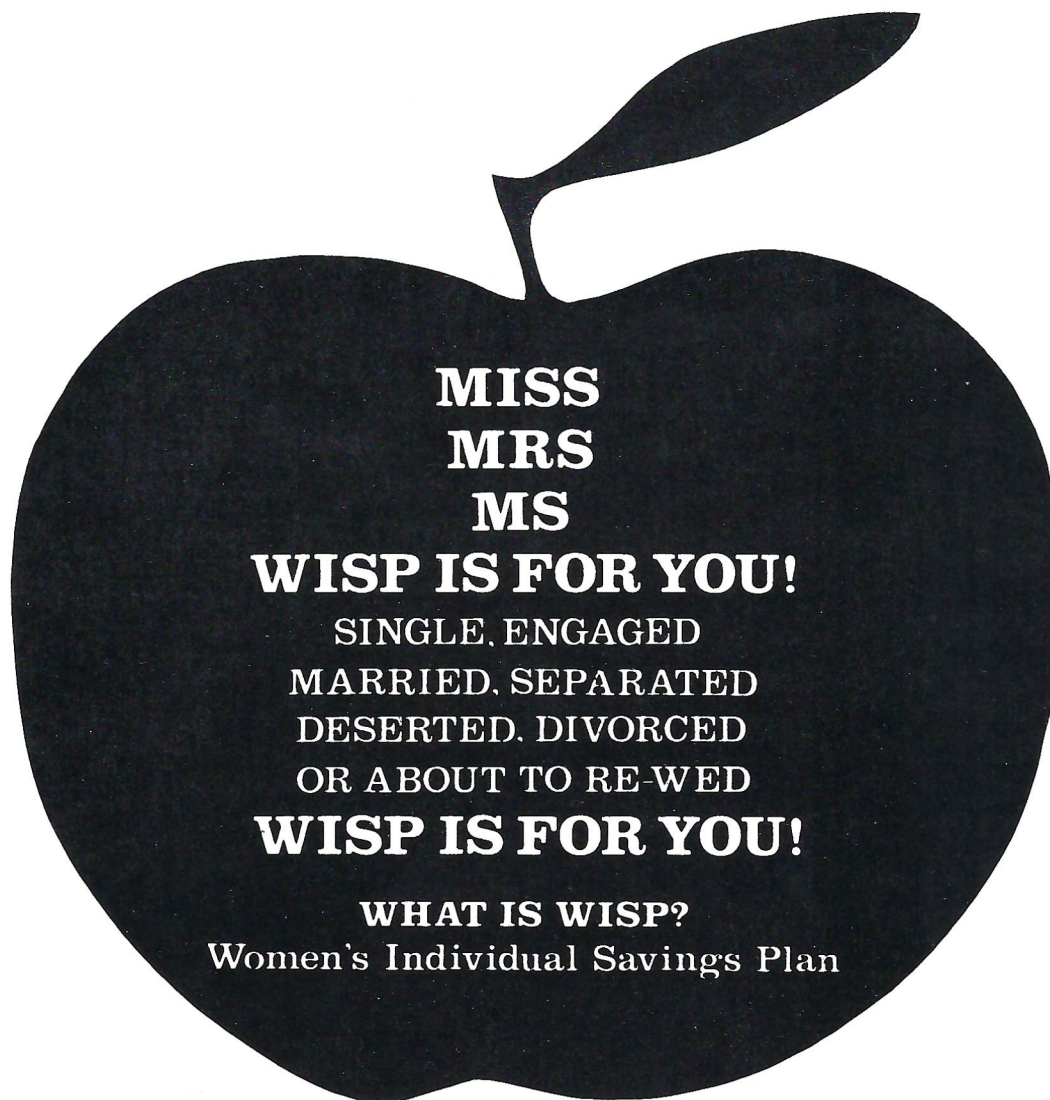
Any organised sport has to have an administrative structure for international liaison, to keep rule changes up-to-date, to organise national competitions and coaching at all levels for the benefit of all players of all standards. An impression of the W.S.R.A. as an autocratic group solely concerned with rules and procedures for the top players is far from the truth. We are a democratic body of people voting annually for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Executive Committee members all of whom have one fundamental aim and object, to help players of all standards enjoy their game to the utmost.

Nine national competitions are run from the W.S.R.A. Office every year – with senior international events such as this year's World Open Individual Championship and World Team competition, or other Test series' like that of last season versus New Zealand, hosted in addition to the regular events. Of these nine events five are run for junior players, and junior members of the W.S.R.A. get a very good deal from the Association and the legion of volunteers within their schools and Counties, in terms of provision of competition and coaching opportunities – and all for £1.00 per annum. The 'average' club player and the beginner are also important to the W.S.R.A., and the major part of office time is spent helping and advising, answering queries concerning how and where to get coaching, what Clubs to join,

which competitions are available to a player locally and nationally, and what happens when the ball splits in half and one half falls into the nick and the other is carried off by a hibernating hamster who happened to materialise out of a hole in the floor – is that a let, please! The most popular competition run by the W.S.R.A. is the Challenger's Cup which is a tournament open to anyone in Great Britain who has never competed in the final of any open competition before, and the event is zoned in the early rounds to cut down unnecessary travelling as much as possible.

Individual members of the W.S.R.A. are fed information regularly in the form of News Bulletins, the annual Handbook, and other circulations, and receive priority in the booking of tickets for all W.S.R.A. – run events. All affiliated Clubs receive this information too, although it sometimes helps if a vigilant female committee member can rescue it from a male Club Secretary's waste-paper basket. Help is available from the Office at all levels whether queries concern coaching, teaching courses, information about events or anything else to do with squash. Membership is just £2.00 per annum and is well worthwhile if squash is an important hobby to you. Not only that, but you have also the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to support the game in which you participate, and who knows, to which you may become addicted like over a million other women!

The W.S.R.A. is grateful for the support it receives from the S.R.A., and there is close liaison between the two bodies on matters of mutual interest. More than ever, thanks must go to the tireless workers for the game in clubs, schools and County Associations who give so freely of their time and enthusiasm, and without whose dedication the gifted players gathered in Britain for the world's premier event might never have achieved so much.



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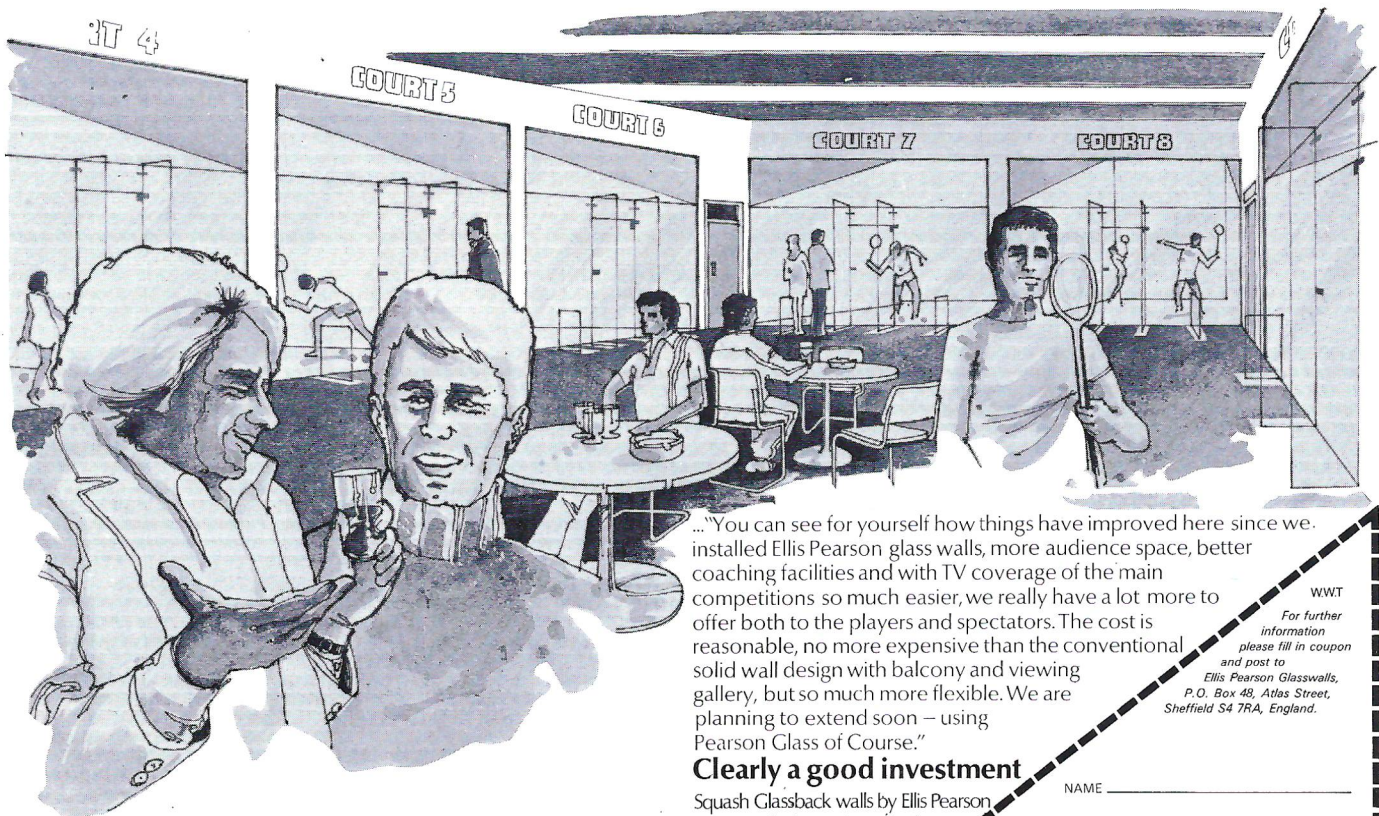
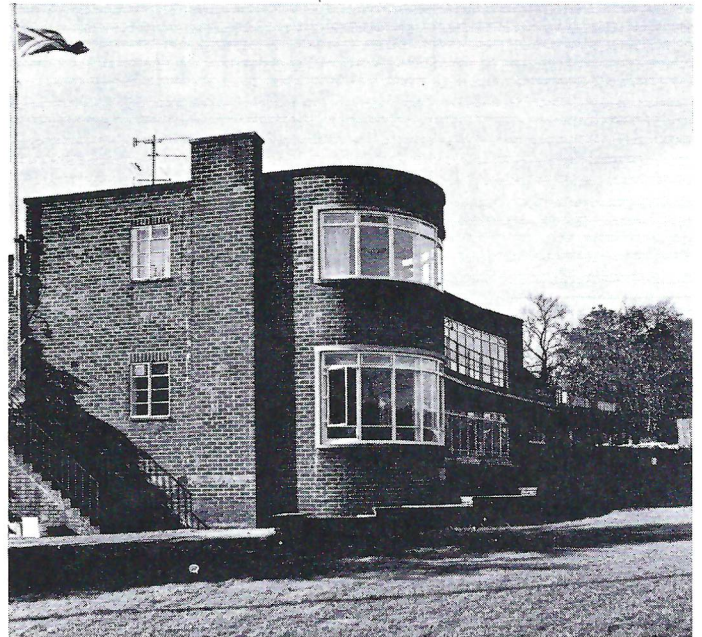
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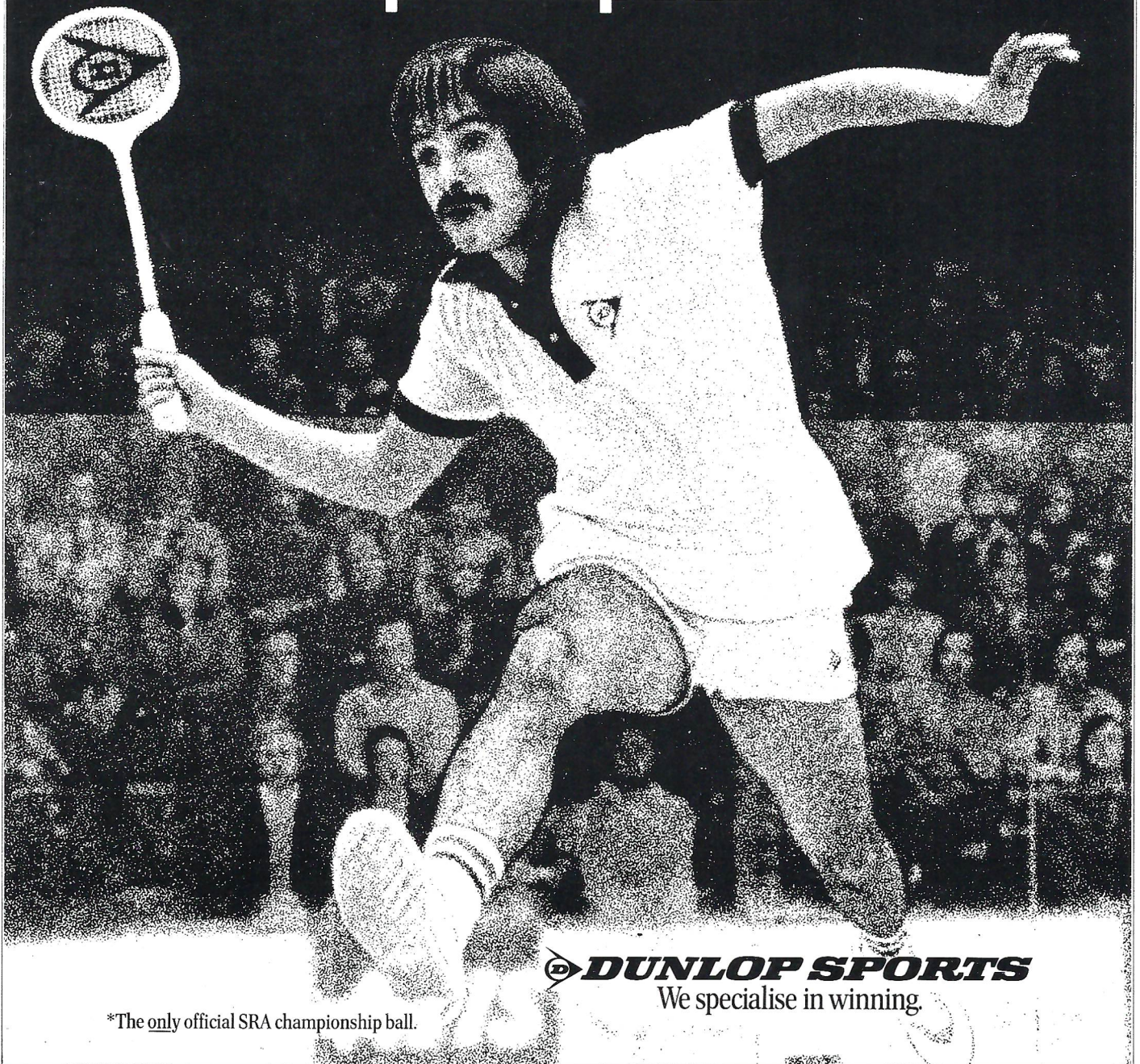
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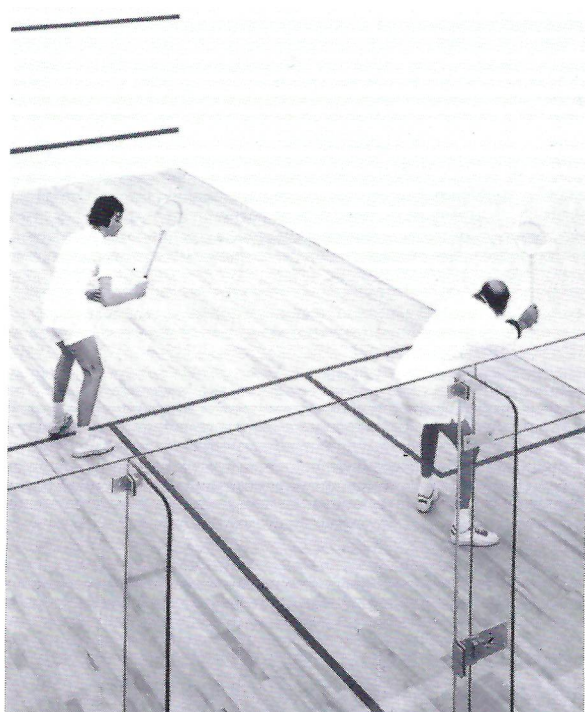
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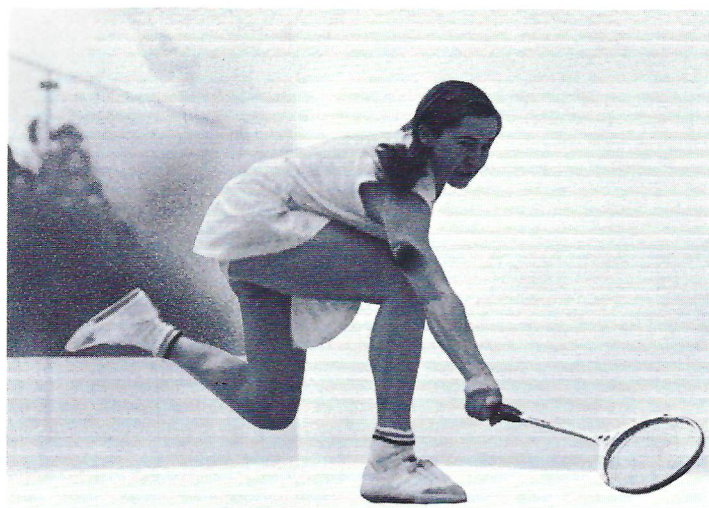
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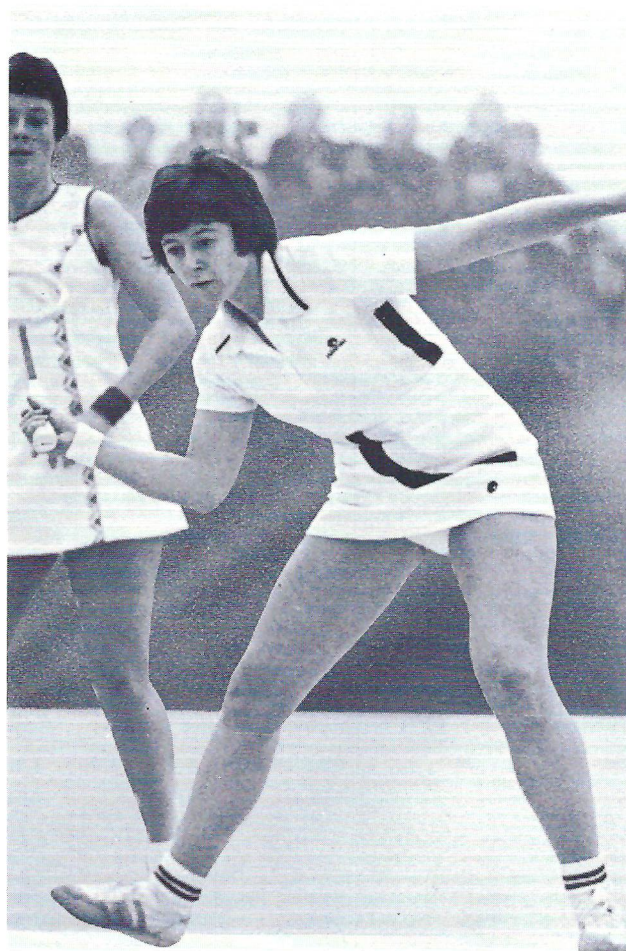


LESLEY MOORE

Lesley is currently ranked No. 6 and reached the semi-final of the British Closed in 1977. She is a P.E. teacher and former England U 23. hockey player. She played in the first World Championships while touring Australia and New Zealand in 1976, and represented G.B. against the U.S.A. in 1976. She also played for England in the European Championships in 1978 and played as Reserve in the match against Australia and New Zealand in 1978. She currently holds the North-West and Oxfordshire titles.

ANGELA SMITH

A former holder of the British Closed title in 1976/77, and currently British Professional Champion, Angela was the first British player to become a professional tournament circuit player. She is based in Stoke-on-Trent and plays No. 1 for Staffordshire. So far this season she has regained the North of England title and successfully defended the Mercia Championship. She is ranked second to Sue Cogswell and her dedication and competitiveness make her a strong challenger for the top spot.



TERESA LAWES

Teresa returned to her native G.B. from New Zealand in 1971 and has since become a major force in squash in this country. She is Captain and No. 1 for Kent, and has represented G.B. consistently for the last four years. Last season Teresa contested the final of the British Closed with Sue Cogswell, and won the West of England title. She is currently ranked No. 3 and recently successfully defended her position as Dutch Champion. Teresa captained the first English Ladies Team to compete in the European Championships in March 1978.

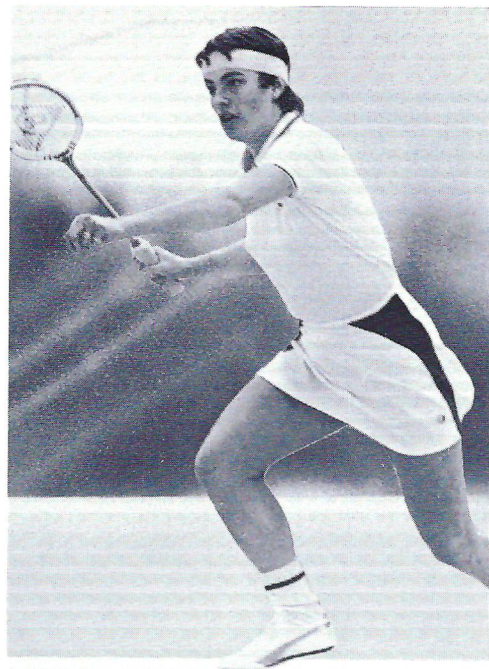
SUE COGSWELL

Currently the holder of the British Closed Championship title, and ranked No. 1 in the country, Sue has represented G.B. at home and abroad on many occasions since 1973. Last season she played No. 1 for G.B. in three Tests against New Zealand, and one against Australia and was victorious in each match. A physiotherapist in her native Birmingham, she plays No. 1 for Warwickshire, the currently Inter-County Champions, and for Edgbaston Priory Club — currently holders of the national Women's Inter-Club title. She turned professional in May 1978 and has since successfully defended her South African Open title, and is now playing squash full time.



BARBARA DIGGENS

Barbara lives and works in Brighton and plays No. 1 for Sussex — recently promoted to Division I of the Inter-County Championship. She was a vital part of the G.B. team against New Zealand last season, winning all her rubbers in the series. During the 1977 British Closed she beat defending Champion Angela Smith, and finally finished in third place, Barbara is currently ranked 4th in G.B.



JAYNE ASHTON

Jayne first represented England when she was 16, and went on to complete a very successful junior career with four consecutive Junior Championship titles. Now aged 21, Jayne has gone from strength to strength and is now ranked fifth in the country. In 1977 she was the holder of the Welsh title, and in August reached the final of the New Zealand Open. Earlier in the year she was awarded a Churchill Scholarship which enabled her to gain experience of squash in Australasia.



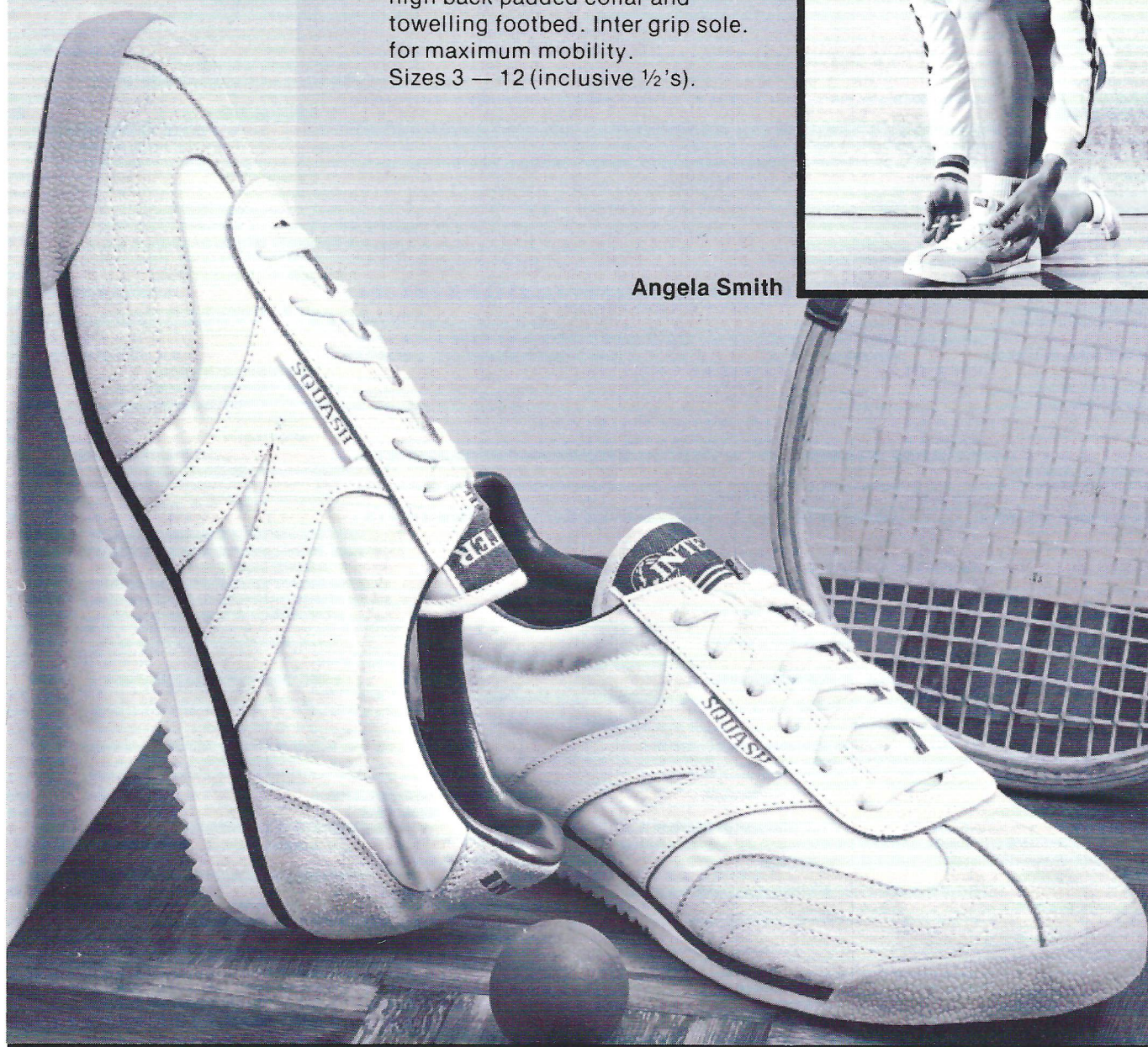
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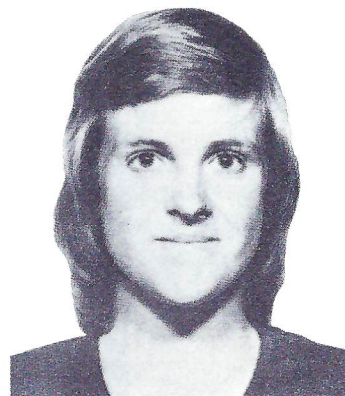


SUE KING

Formerly Sue Newman, winner of the 1978 British Open at Wembley. Sue was born in Sydney, Australia on 24th April, 1950. As a squash professional she enjoys playing Exhibitions and coaching, especially juniors. Since her triumph at Wembley last year Sue has travelled both within Australia and overseas competing in numerous tournaments; but still found time to get married and follow her other interests which include boating, horse riding and stamp collecting. Sue has been one of the leading players in the world for some considerable time and in 1976 was runner-up to Heather McKay in the British Open.

Vicki was born on the 21st April, 1955 and has lived in Adelaide all her life. She was runner-up in last year's British Open final to Sue Newman. Vicki first started playing competitive sports at the age of 9, concentrating on Tennis and Netball. At High School she included Athletics and Squash in her activities. At the age of 18 she retired from competitive club tennis and netball, having achieved State representation in both and State Championship titles in Tennis, and turned her attention solely to Squash. An impressive history in Squash makes Vicki a player to look out for in the next few years.

VICKI HOFFMAN



RHONDA THORNE

Another member of the Australian team to get married since her last appearance on court in this country. Formerly Rhonda Shapland, she played through to the Semi-finals in the 1978 British Open, going down to Sue Newman, having herself dispatched fellow Australians Margaret Zachariah and Barbara Wall. Rhonda has been a Queensland State Representative for the past 9 years; Queensland State Junior Champion, 1972, 1974 and 1975; Queensland State Women's Champion 1978; Australian Junior Champion 4 times; Australian Women's Runner-up in 1978 and Quarter-finalist in the British Open in 1977. She was an Australian Junior Representative in 1974 and has been an Australian Women's Representative since 1977. For the last 12 months, Rhonda has been the Manager of a Brisbane Squash Centre.

Anne is one of Australia's top squash-playing Mums. Married, with 3 children, Anne is presently ranked No. 5 in Australia. Formerly a representative of Western Australia in basketball, she has been playing Squash for 14 years and has been a State Representative since 1968, represented Australia in 1974 and 1977 touring New Zealand and in 1978 on a tour of USA and UK.

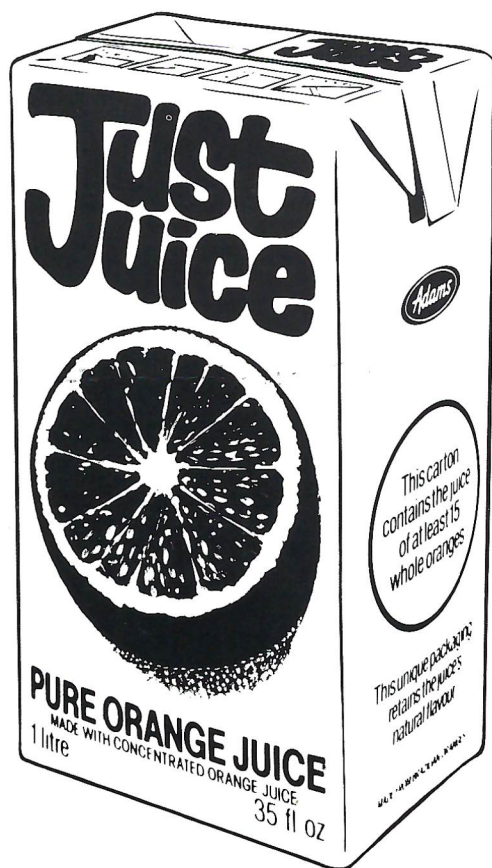
ANNE SMITH



BARBARA WALL

Barbara has been playing squash for 20 years, turning Professional in 1973. She represented Western Australia in Interstate competition for 6 years. Barbara, at that time unseeded, met Heather McKay in the Final of the British Open in 1977 and last year was a quarter-finalist in this competition. Globetrotting Barbara holds such titles as: Danish Open Champion 1977 and 1978; Irish Open Champion 1978; Runner-up in South African Open 1978 and Runner-up in the New Zealand Open 1978.

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MARGARET ZACHARIAH

Margaret, age 34, is a Diagnostic Radiographer and lives in Melbourne, Victoria. Her squash career spans a period of 11 years of representation, firstly for Victoria from 1968 in their State team and for Australia from 1975. Margaret's achievements to date have been – Australian Champion 1977, Irish Open Champion 1977, Victorian Champion 1974, 1975, 1976, Tasmanian Champion 1971, 1973, 1975, Women's World Open 3rd Place, 1976, Runner-up Australian Championships 1975, Baba Lewis Tournament Champion (USA) 1977.

Margaret has previously toured Great Britain in 1975 as a member of the Australian Women's team, in 1976 on a private tour and 1978, to compete in the British Open. Also in 1976 she was invited to USA to participate in the Bancroft Open in New York.

LYLE HUBINGER

Australian professional squash player. Represented Australia against Great Britain as an amateur in 1974/75. Turned professional in 1977. Quarter finalist in the 1978 British Open. Won the New Zealand Open Championship 1978.



CARIN CLONDA

Carin is 17 years of age. She started playing squash four years ago to ease her asthma. In 1976/77, Carin won the N.S.W. and Australian U16 title. She is currently the Junior Champion of both Great Britain and Australia, and recently won the U19 West Sussex Open and U23 N.S.W. Championships. Carin was also the 1978 Captain of the Australian Junior Team, during test matches against New Zealand.



BEV JOHNSON

Bev is 35 years of age. She began playing squash at 18 – a convert from A Grade tennis. Bev represented the N.S.W. winning State Team for five years. She was runner up to Heather McKay in both the first N.S.W. Open and the 1968 British Open. In 1966/68, Bev lived in England, where she won the East of England, South of England and West of England Championships. In 1969, she turned professional to concentrate on coaching. In 1978, Bev became Manager/Coach to the State Team – winners of the Australian Inter-State title. She is ranked No. 2 in N.S.W.



PAM GUY

(nee BUCKINGHAM) Auckland. Age 32. Bank Officer. Married last March. Pam was New Zealand Champion in 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1978. Runner-up 1967, 1968, 1974, 1976, 1977. North Island, Waikato; Bay of Plenty; Champions 1977. Ranked No. 2 in N.Z. Has represented N.Z. on many occasions, at home and abroad, since 1968. Was a member of the team to Great Britain in 1973, to South Africa in 1975 and World Open in 1976. In last year's British Open Pam made it through to the Third Round, going down to Lyle Hubinger of Australia, 9-2 5-9 9-5 9-4.





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BARBARA MALTBY

U.S. No. 1 for past three years. Barbara first learnt to play squash seven years ago – whilst working at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. She soon started to play in tournaments and after two years of this she gave up her job to concentrate on squash as a career. Barbara toured England in 1977 when she was Captain of the U.S. Silver Jubilee Team. Now a professional, she is also the International Chairman of the U.S. W.S.R.A. and spends considerable time travelling the country to give exhibitions and clinics.

Ireland

Born in Northern Ireland and Ranked No. 2, Irene is married with two children. She is the squash professional at Bloomfield House, Bangor. For six years she lived in South Africa and was Transvaal Champion in 1974. Irene has 12 caps for Ireland and her Squash record since 1976 reads as follows: Ulster Open Champion 1976-77-78; finalist in World Plate Competition in Australia 1976; Plate finalist in British Closed 1978.

IRENE HEWITT

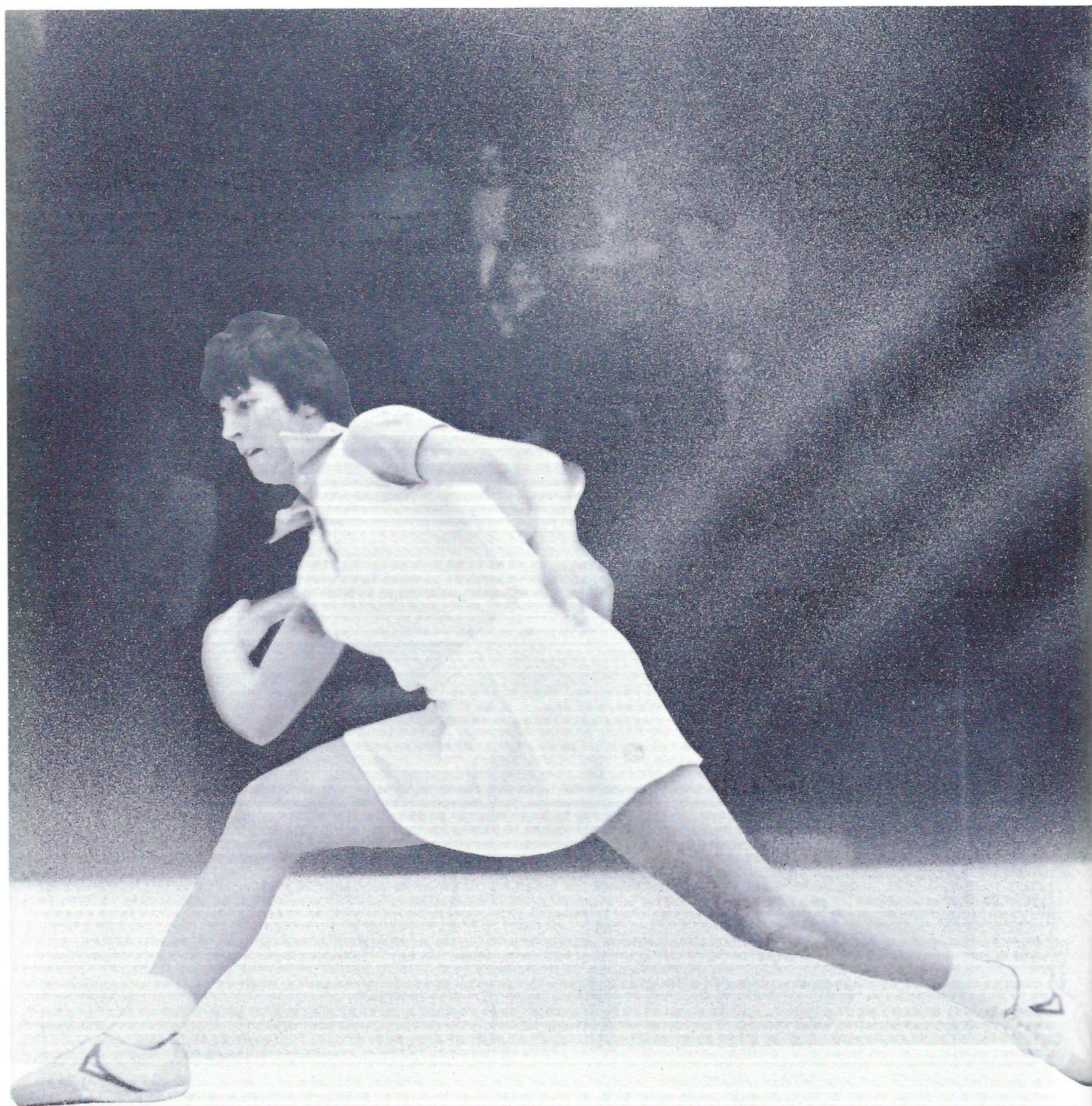


GERALDINE BARNIVILLE

Geraldine is Ranked No. 1, has 22 caps for Ireland and is the current Irish Closed Champion. She is the President of Leinster SRA as well as being the Leinster Open Champion for the past 5 years; and in 1977 and 1978 was Munster Champion. Geraldine, a Doctor, is married, has three sons and lives in Dublin.

Heather McKay

A Sporting Phenomenon



Heather McKay was born in Queanbeyan, New South Wales, in 1941 and was 8th in a family of 6 boys and 5 girls. Her father was an outstanding state rugby league player and all the family were keen on sport. Heather herself started with tennis and hockey. She did in fact play hockey for Australia on one occasion.

In 1959 two squash courts were built in Queanbeyan and Heather at 18 took to the game, as so many did then, as a means to keep fit for hockey. She won her games through her superior fitness and an ability to keep the ball in play longer than her opponent.

In August the next year, after reaching the quarter finals of the State Championship she was picked to travel to Brisbane for the Australian Championship. She won, much to everyone's surprise and this was the beginning of a run of 14 Australian titles.

1961 also saw the beginning of her close ties with this country and the Women's Squash Rackets Association. It must have been like the start of a nightmare for the 20 year old country girl to be posted alone to Great Britain, her only introduction being by letter to the then Janet Bisley (now Shardlow), the Association Chairman and herself a past Champion for 10 years. However she was soon installed as a member of the family and her courage, enthusiasm, obvious outstanding talent and capacity for hard work, were a pleasure to see.

Her first tournament was in Edinburgh and those who know the old main court, will appreciate that the arctic conditions were about as unlike New South Wales as could be. Heather lost the final to Fran Marshall in the 5th game, and this was to be her only tournament loss in the next 16 years. She had learned her lesson and in her first Women's Championship final, beat Fran 9/6, 9/5, 9/4.

Heather worked as a receptionist at the Bellevue Hill Club for a number of years and there met Bryan McKay who was a part time Professional. In 1965 they were married and a very successful partnership was formed. No doubt that Bryan has contributed much to Heather's career. He has been tireless in training with her and supporting her in any way he can, and the value of a constant capable training companion cannot be over emphasised. He has been a welcome visitor over here on several occasions, and they now have combined their talents, in a professional partnership at the Toronto Squash Club.



As soon as the W.S.R.A. opened all their competitive play to Amateurs and Professionals alike, Heather turned Professional and this meant in 1964, the end of her run as Australian Champion. She was no longer eligible. However she continued to win the Women's Championship until 1977, a fabulous total of 16 times.

She has been acclaimed and honoured by many but off court two events must give her the greatest pleasure in the future when she looks back on a fantastic sporting career. Outstanding must be the award of the M.B.E. in 1969 and the other her 'This is your life' programme in Sydney.

Now she returns to attempt to add the first unrestricted official 'World Title' to her other honours. There are those who say that her recent lack of tournament play will tell. That the opposition is tougher and she grows older. Her determination is such that statements like these will almost certainly make her play better. By March 13th we shall know the answer.

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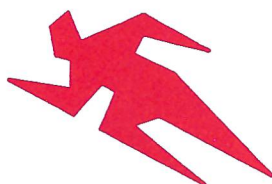
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WSRA Coaching Scheme

Perhaps one of the most encouraging aspects of the W.S.R.A. Coaching Scheme is that so many of our top players, both current and past internationals, are so involved in the coaching structure, both in the training of potential internationals and the training of coaches. This close liaison between the playing and the coaching side of the game is of great value and, hopefully, will continue, even with the advent of 'open' squash and a possible 'world circuit'.

With the increase of players in the women's game both at senior and junior level, the W.S.R.A. Coaching Scheme has developed to meet this new influx of talent. Next season the 2nd Stage Coaching Weekends for selected county juniors in the twelve to fifteen age range have been increased to three weekends thus allowing for thirty-six juniors to be coached at this level. From this stage, sixteen juniors will be selected from the fifteen to nineteen age group for two 3rd Stage Coaching Weekends and finally sixteen of the most promising talent in the country will be chosen to be members of the National Junior Squad; In either the 'A' or 'B' Section. This squad will be under the close guidance of the National Coach and will have three training weekends throughout the season, plus one week of training in July, where there will be a special emphasis on fitness testing and training. It is particularly encouraging that four of the present top junior players are already in the senior ranking list, Ruth Strauss at fifteen years being ranked at Number 9.

In addition to this junior structure, potential national players of all ages are training in the four W.S.R.A. 'B' squads which meet on a regional basis throughout the year under the direction of the Area Coaches: Rita Lauder in the North; Bobsie Whitehead in the

Midlands; Sue Dunford in the South West and Claire Chapman and Di Corbett in London and the South East.

The 'A' Squad comprising of the top British players trained under the close guidance of Claire Chapman, the British Team Manager.

On the coaching side, many new coaches have qualified for the 'Amateur' Coach qualification and demand for the two 'Senior Amateur' Coaches Courses has been as great as ever. At the start of next season a Pilot Scheme 'Advanced Coaches' Course will be held for coaches who already hold these qualifications and who are highly involved in coaching in general and in the W.S.R.A. Coaching Scheme.

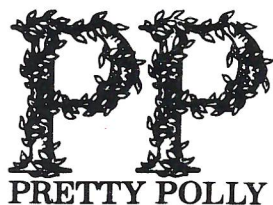
Two Refresher Courses for Coaches have also been held under the direction of the National Coach. It is hoped that all coaches will make every effort to attend one of these events at least once every two years as this type of in service training is vital if the standard of coaching is to be maintained and improved.

Finally the W.S.R.A. are planning to hold a number of 'W.S.R.A. Schools of Squash' which will be open to players of good potential and will be held during the summer months under the direction of the British Champion, Sue Cogswell.

Jane Poynder

W.S.R.A. National Coach

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Pretty Polly, now the largest branded hosiery manufacturer in the U.K. and one of the three largest in the world, have been producing hosiery for over 50 years.

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It was not until 1957, when the Thomas Tilling Group bought their first interest in Pretty Polly, that the Company as it exists today can be directly traced. Amalgamating an existing interest in another hosiery company in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Thomas Tilling Group in 1959 had a modest manufacturing operation producing some 120,000 pairs of hosiery per week at a time when styles were changing from fully-fashioned stockings to seamfree.

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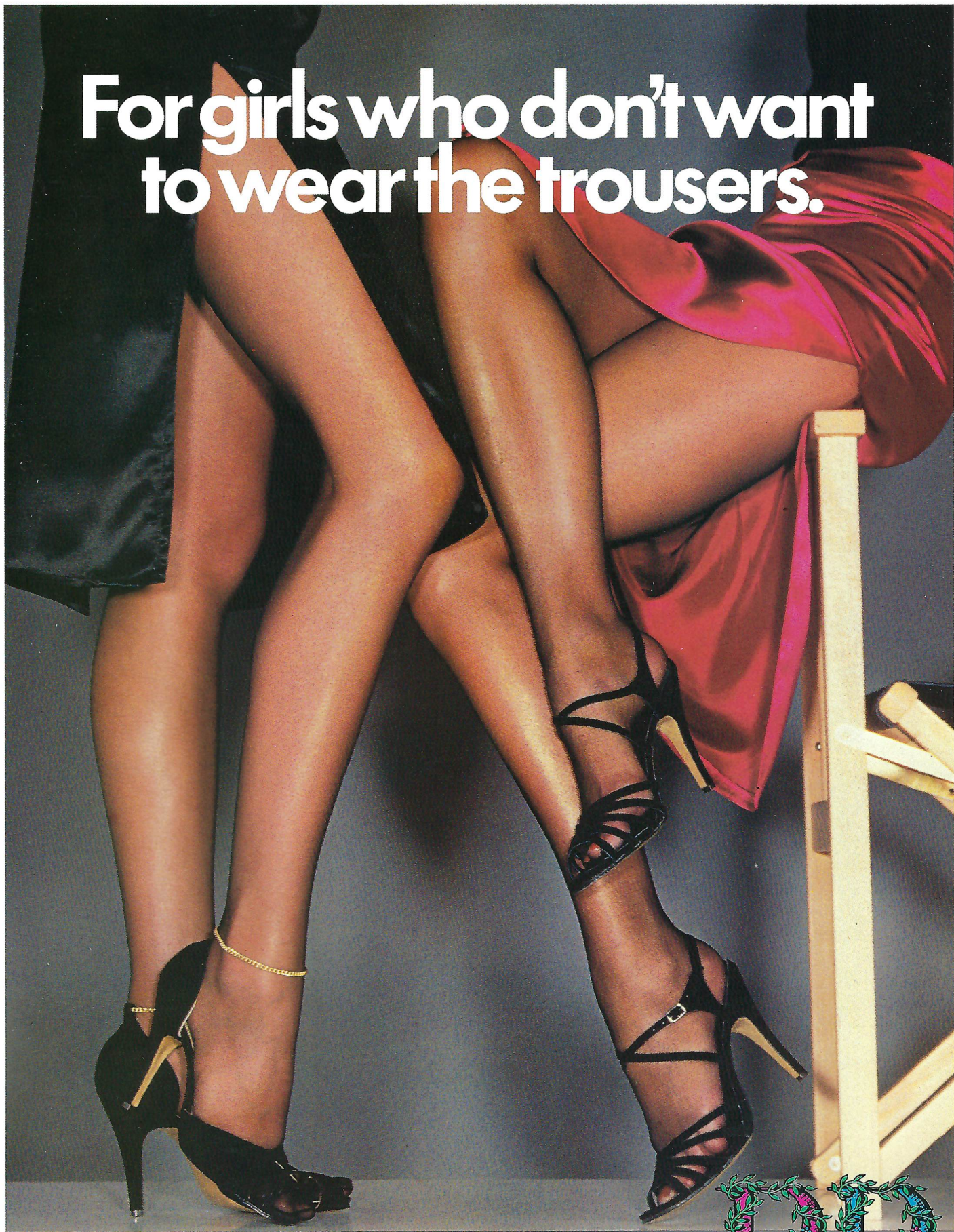
In recent years Pretty Polly have in addition to their drapery interests, where they are and have been for a number of years brand leader, moved into the area of grocery marketing selling a compact range of quality hosiery under the name "Galaxy by Pretty Polly".

Pretty Polly has consistently looked for opportunities to invest into ladies sports sponsorship, and in the course of the last two years have undertaken to sponsor ladies golf – The Ladies British Open Championship; and the first world professional ladies squash championship – The Pretty Polly Diamond Racket – a challenge event played over several nights throughout the season at different locations, where top world professional ladies are invited to play for the Diamond Racket trophy.

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