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MEMBERSHIP

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP (including Juniors)

	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Auckland	4228	4600	5005	5510	6563	7895	9015
Waikato*	3404	2335	2781	2827	3359	3542	4264
Bay of Plenty	-	1105	1342	2357	2812	3036	3343
Hawkes Bay/Gisb.	1661	2365	2615	2869	3170	3573	3811
Central	3367	3517	3875	3910	4240	4447	4992
Wellington	3711	4473	5054	5746	6296	6773	7112
Canterbury	1865	2176	2398	2842	3008	3238	3731
Southern	2027	2687	3505	3711	4760	5862	6422
	<u>20263</u>	<u>23278</u>	<u>26575</u>	<u>29772</u>	<u>34208</u>	<u>38366</u>	<u>42690</u>

*Includes Bay of Plenty Clubs in 1971.

DISTRICTS & CLUBS

AUCKLAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mrs Alison Childs, P.O. Box 5310, Auckland
 Secretary: Mr W.C. Drake, P.O. Box 5310, Auckland

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Auckland University	-	66	-
Belmont Park Tennis & Squash	2	240	3
College Rifles	4	394	137
Eden Epsom L.T. & S.R.C.	3	480	36
Grammar	2	248	3
Henderson	4	423	94
Kumeu	2	25	-
Manurewa	4	423	122
North Shore	5	676	172
North Shore Y.M.C.A.	4	20	-
Onewhero R.F.C. (Squash)	2	18	-
Panmure	4	460	95
Papakura T. & S.R.C.	4	310	60
Ponsonby	4	397	36
Remuera	6	525	125
R.N.Z.A.F. S.R.C.	2	35	-
R.N.Z.N. S.R.C.	2	17	-
Royal Oak L.T. & S.R.C.	5	415	96
Te Papapa R.F. & Sports Club	3	176	15
Titirangi T. & S.R.C.	4	519	58
Vauxhall Racquets Club	2	-	-
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21	68	5867	1052

NORTHLAND SUB DISTRICT

Secretary: Mr J. Anderson, 127 Puriri Park Road, Maunu, Whangarei

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Kaitaia T. & S.R.C.	2	250	121
Kamo R. & S.R.C.	2	311	48
Kerikeri	2	96	37
Wellsford	2	75	55
Whangarei T. & S.R.C.	4	401	54
Mangakahia	1	138	6
Waipu R.F.C.	2	100	19
Kaikohe Golf & Squash Club	2	125	25
Southern R. & S.R.C.	2	220	15
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9	19	1716	380
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30	87	7583	1432

WAIKATO DISTRICT SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mr N.J. Gifford, 7 North Street, Morrinsville

Secretary: Mr B.R. Edmond, P.O. Box 9119, Hamilton

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Cambridge	3	346	40
Frankton R.S.C.	2	227	27
Hamilton	5	513	156
Hamilton Marist	3	233	60
Hamilton O.B.R.F.C.	2	234	47
Huntly	2	111	—
Leamington	2	214	32
Matamata	3	252	50
Morrinsville	2	130	18
Ngaruawahia	2	207	10
Paeroa T. & S.R.C.	2	112	13
Ruakura	1	28	—
Taupiri R. & S.C.	1	50	10
Te Aroha Tennis & Squash C.	2	167	22
Te Awamutu	3	166	23
Te Kuiti	2	156	25
Thames	3	197	43
Waihi	3	124	38
Waikato Campus	2	27	—
Waitomo Golf Squash & Bridge C.	2	131	5
Y.M.C.A.	2	20	—
21	49	3645	619

BAY OF PLENTY SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

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Secretary: Mr P.D. Little, P.O. Box 1061, Tauranga

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Edgecumbe	2	259	100
Geyser City	3	304	94
Kawerau Golf & Squash Club	2	220	50
Mount Maunganui S.R.C.	2	195	60
Putaruru	2	191	4
Rotorua	4 c.c.	45	25
Taupo	3	288	65
Tauranga	4	371	58
Te Puke	2	134	82
Tokoroa	3	335	34
Waikite	1	45	—
Whakatane	3	314	70
12	31	2701	642

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President: Mr D. Sim, Brandon House, Dudley Street, Lower Hutt

Secretary: Mr D. Lezard, P.O. Box 843, Wellington

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Collegians	3	469	64
Fraser Park	2	232	37
Howard Booth Park	2	245	98
Island Bay T. & S.R.C.	3	462	78
Kapiti	3	214	48
Khandallah	3	407	41
Maidstone	4	340	94
Marlborough	3	421	42
Masterton	4	368	109
Mitchell Park T. & S.R.C.	5	650	100
Motueka	2	96	12
Nelson	4	589	132
Red Star	2	204	23
Scottish Harriers	2	182	17
Tawa	3	400	60
Thorndon	2	417	12
Upper Hutt	3	371	78
17	50	6067	1045

CENTRAL DISTRICTS SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mr B.G. Mathieson, 88 Hamlet Street, Stratford

Secretary: Mrs W. Gillett, P.O. Box 1764, Palmerston North

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Dannevirke	2	172	59
Feilding	2	221	77
Hawera L.T. & S.R.C.	3	261	53
Inglewood	2	—	—
Kawaroa Park	4	493	92
Levin	4	357	118
Massey	3	20	—
Ohakea	2	25	—
Palmerston North	5	465	111
Parkview	2	237	12
Patea	1	84	10
Rangitikei	2	173	43
Stratford	2	232	34
Taihape	2	214	46
Tararua	2	195	38
Taumarunui	2	272	45
Waimarino	2	90	30
Waitara	2	177	25
Waiouru	2	20	—
Wanganui	5	448	31
Y.M.C.A.	3	12	—
21	54	4168	824

HAWKES BAY-GISBORNE DISTRICT SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mr D.H. McGehan, 504 W. Southampton Street, Hastings

Secretary: Mr D.W.R. Smart, P.O. Box 622, Napier

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Gisborne H.S.O.B.	2	252	—
Gisborne	5	500	100
Hastings T. & S.R.C.	5	766	134
Havelock North	3	393	71
Hawkes Bay L.T.	3	415	50
Hawkes Bay	4	438	87
Otamauri & District S.R.C.	1	47	5
Waipukurau	2	126	52
Wairoa Athletics	2	343	32
9	27	3280	531

CANTERBURY DISTRICT SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mr V.J.W. Hargreaves, P.O. Box 2609, Christchurch

Secretary: Mrs S. Bailey, Box 2570, Christchurch

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Burnside	2	199	33
Cashmere	2	24	—
Christchurch	5	652	33
Christchurch F. & S.R.C.	2	195	1
Christchurch Gentlemen's S.R.C.	1	12	—
Christ's College	1	1	6
Christchurch H.S.O.B.	2	220	58
Christchurch Primary Teachers C.S.R.		12	—
Greymouth	2	215	22
Hokitika L.T. & S.R.C.	2	126	—
Lincoln College	2	27	59
Linwood R. & S.R.C.	2	237	54
Malvern	2	175	19
Rangiora	2	260	12
Richmond Working Mens Club (Ladies S.)	3	62	—
Richmond Working Mens Club (Squash S.)		88	—
Riccarton Working Mens Club		18	—
St Andrews	3	140	140
Shirley Boys High School	2	6	8
Suburbs	2	194	25
Summer Tennis & S.R.C.	2	209	17
University of Canterbury	6		160
Wigram	2	12	—
Y.M.C.A.			—
24	47	3084	647

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION

President: Mr W.A. Green, 78 Gleniti Road, Timaru

Secretary: Mrs H. Byrne, 34 Pukatea Street, Timaru

CLUBS	COURTS	SNR	JNR
Alexandra	2	104	26
Aorangi	1	285	48
Ashburton	4	416	75
Blues	2	261	26
Celtic	2	150	49
Clutha	2	186	5
Gore	2	343	40
Invercargill	2	289	54
Invercargill Old Boys	1	141	16
Kaikorai	2	209	51
Makarewa	2	100	24
Mataura	2	40	10
North End	2	170	12
Oamaru	4	300	20
Otago	4	487	136
Otago University	3	357	73
Pirates	2	290	27
Queenstown	1	51	7
Southern	2	245	48
Temuka R. & S.R.C.	2	281	28
Timaru O.B.R.S.R.C.	2	236	52
Timaru	3	383	60
Waimate	2	175	16
Dunedin	1	20	—
24	52	5519	903

TOTALS

158 CLUBS	397	36047	6643
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DISTRICT FOCUS

This year sees the introduction of District Focus. It is presented to give an up to date profile on your District. Southern and Central have been selected initially as they are probably the most significant to N.Z. Squash in that their major clubs of Timaru and Palmerston North respectively were the launching pads of so many early N.Z. champions and administrators. Both Districts have kept progress with the booming N.Z. scene. While the playing strength of N.Z. has obviously shifted further north, Southern and Central have more than provided their share of national venues and management personnel.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

The Southern Districts Squash Rackets Association was duly incorporated in Christchurch on the 29th February 1968 and the signatories to the application were all from Timaru – A.C. Galbraith, J. Butterfield, W.A. Green, L.A. Charmain, B.R. Gardiner, R.G. Hunt and E.D. Sullivan.

Within 11 days of this auspicious birthday the inaugural meeting of the District was held in Oamaru and the attendants were Messrs Dore – to become first President – Galbraith and W. Green (Tim), Cockburn and Lawrie (Oam), Marquet and Davidson (Ash) and E. Sullivan (Tim) – to become first secretary-treasurer. Apologies were received from Dr de Lambert and D. Green (Dun), M. Fenton, Archibald and Hillstead (Inv.)

R.C. Wilson (Timaru) was elected Patron and the Executive Committee of officers plus W. Green, K. Marquet, M. Cockburn and M. Fenton represented the then seven clubs which formed the S.D.S.R.A.



Bill Green, President,
Southern Districts Assn.

Until 1972 the affairs of the Association were administered from Timaru with firstly Mr Dore and then Mr Galbraith fulfilling the Chairman's duties and Mr E. Sullivan the Secretarial duties.

Mr D.G. Green was elected chairman in 1971 and upon the resignation of Mr Sullivan in 1972, the administration passed to Dunedin with Mr M. McCarthy taking over the secretarial duties.

In March 1976 Mr W.A. Green assumed the chair, and, with Mrs H. Byrne as his secretary, the administration returned to Timaru. In the meantime, however, sub area administration had commenced with Timaru looking after the local clubs, Ashburton Temuka, Twizel and Oamaru; Dunedin looking after the local area plus Queenstown, Alexandra and Balclutha; and Invercargill administering the local organisation for Gore, Maitua, Makarewa and Invercargill. This sub division has extended to coaching with the same grouping of geographical areas and this is the obvious next stage to full sub district status for each area.

To the 1st September 1977 the full membership details record 25 clubs, 55 courts and some 6,500 affiliated players, making the S.D. the third largest numerical district in the N.Z.S.R.A.

The expansion list still grows with another new facility opening in the McKenzie country, Aorangi (Twizel) have planned additions, Wanaka has a Squash Club Committee and plans and are actively recruiting local financial support for two courts. Ranfurly have two courts planned to add to the existing community centre. Mosgiel have a two court complex in the funding stage, Tapanui are looking at a two court complex and the Invercargill SRC may well leave their original site and go to a new four court complex several miles away from their existing building.

While the playing history of the district is not long in terms of years from inception, the number of players and administrators exported north from Timaru and Oamaru reads something like a "Who's Who" of New Zealand Squash. Senior N.Z. Champions include Bill Renton, Malc Souter, John Gillies, Peter Vesty and Don Green, and the Junior Title appeared to be a southern benefit for several years with title-holders including Les Milne, Peter Vesty, Peter MacKenzie, Geoff Davidson, Graham Bird and Trevor Colyer. Add the runner-up 1955, '56 and '57 Norman Coe to this list and you can see that the S.D. contribution to N.Z. competitive Squash was considerable. "A dream of past glories" you may well be thinking, typical of the South Island dwelling in the past. The mens team at the recent N.Z. Teams Championships finished sixth, close behind Central and the Junior boys at Whangarei lead at round four and only faltered slightly in the home straight.

To the future, the outlook for squash in the S.D. is bright, as all clubs have full memberships, people still want to join to play, and, with sound administrators at District and Club level, the only way left is up – to "Better and Brighter" things.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS

The Central Districts Squash Rackets Association (Inc.) was formed on 25th March 1965 as a result of a meeting being called to obtain closer liaison between clubs in the Southern part of the North Island excluding Wellington. R.B. Clarke chaired the meeting.

Officers elected at this first meeting were:

President – R.O. Haddon (PN), Vice Presidents – D.D. Mochan (HB), J. Newbiggin (HN), Hon. Secretary/Treasurer N.B. Munro (PN), Committee: R.B. Clarke (PN), M. Thevenard (Lvn), P. Johnson (HB), H. Nicholson (KP), F. Latham (Wang).

The seven original clubs were Kawarua Park (2), Palmerston North (4), Wanganui (2), Levin (2), Hawkes Bay, Havelock North and Linton Army Camp, the affiliation fee being £5.5.0. per club. (1977 fees \$1.50 per senior member and \$1 junior).



Brick Matheison
Central Districts President

Presidents of the Districts to date are:	1965 – 67	R.O. Haddon (PN)
	1968 – 69	M. Thevenard (Levin)
	1970 – 71	J.S. Tyler (PN)
	1972 – 75	R.O. Haddon (PN)
	1976 –	B.G. Mathieson (Stratford)

Central now has 21 clubs with 53 courts spread over an area from New Plymouth and Waitara in the west to Waiouru and Taumararui in the North, Tararua and Dannevirke in the east, and Levin in the south. There are 4600 affiliated members comprising 3800 seniors and 800 juniors. In 1971 after Hawkes Bay/Gisborne left the association there were only 13 clubs, 32 courts and 3300 affiliated members (2800 seniors and 500 juniors).

In 1972 the district was split into two zones, Taranaki and Manawatu/Wanganui to ease the amount of travelling being done for interclub. Each year inter-zone play-offs are held to decide district interclub winners.

The district management meets monthly during the season at various venues throughout the district. In 1976 it was decided to combine the position of district secretary with that of secretary of the P.N. club. This move was brought about by a new office being built as part of the P.N. development, and has proved very successful, with a full time secretary being available to service the district clubs.

In 1971 Hawkes Bay/Gisborne separated from C.D. to form their own association.

The first inter association fixture was held at P.N. on 8th May 1965 with Wellington, resulting in a win to C.D. by 40 matches to 14. On 25 April 1966 a team consisting of eight men and six women travelled to Remuera to compete against an Auckland team. Auckland won by nine matches to five.

Coaching: During the early years of the association considerable use was made of Dardir, then in 1974 Peter Dibley took over the majority of the coaching which involved visits to every club within the district. In 1977 Peter Powell (KP) and Ian McCrea (PN) both leading amateur coaches, turned professional and they now spearhead the district coaching scheme.

An annual interdistrict event with HB/Gis started in 1972, with Wellington making it a triangular fixture in 1976. The under 23's also play Wellington.

N.Z. Representatives from Central are:

Seniors: Men – T. Johnston (PN) 1965, 66, D. Burmiester (PN) 1966, M. Lilley (KP) 1976, 77.
Women – Mrs V. Biss (PN) 1965, 68, Miss J. Hislop (PN) 1968.

U 23 – Men – G. Stewart (KP) 1970, M. Lilley (KP) 1970.

Juniors: Men – G. Lynch (PN) 1966, G. Randolph (Fldg) 1973.
Women – J. Hislop (PN) 1967, M. Lynch (PN) 1967, M. Bentley (PN) 1967, J. Stanton (PN) 1975.

Other milestones for District have been Mr and Mrs J. Tyler (PN) who took the first ever N.Z. Junior team to Australia in 1967.

The first Junior Teams event was held at PN in 1970.

N.Z. Championships held at PN in 1968 and 1976.

R.O. Haddon – NZSRA secretary 1953–71.

A.M. Johns and R.O. Haddon – elected life members NZSRA 1966 and 1969 respectively.

CD players won both Mens and Womens Championships in 1968 with T. Johnston (PN) and Mrs V. Biss

Other N.Z. Champions – T. Johnston (1966) and D. Burmiester (PN) 1967, 69. (PN).

P.N. won Mitchell Cup in 1965 and 1968.

G.P. Haddon (PN) N.Z. Mens Selector 1974 – 75.

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OUR PRESIDENT REPORTS



The 1977 season has continued in the tradition of adding highlights to the history of New Zealand Squash Rackets. Although strictly speaking it took place last year, the winning of the 1976 British Amateur Championship in December last, by Bruce Brownlee, was both the introduction and highlight of the 1977 season. This was a fitting reward to Bruce for his dedication to the game and I would thank him for the kind references he has since made relating to the assistance he received from this Association over the years leading up to that win. That victory and the effort of Murray Lilley in the same event has at last given New Zealand Squash a place in the sun.

The general public may be forgiven for assuming that the sun has continued to shine on us in that our men's team finished second in the World Amateur Teams Championships in Canada and Bruce Brownlee won the warm up event, the Canadian Championship. It is only fair to say that we are a trifle disappointed. This comment is in no way derogatory of the effort put in by the team, and in fact that effort in the teams event may well have contributed to the results in the following Individual Championships. We are in fact quietly proud of the effort of Norman Coe and his team.

An informal visit from a Canadian Womens Team was received in the early part of the season and an Australian Womens Team has just concluded a successful tour winning all three tests. It was notable that our ladies improved their test performances on each occasion so that the indications are favourable that the English tour by our ladies next year could well be as successful as the last one in 1973.

Good work is being carried out in the under 23 age group and the specially organised Anzac Weekend Tournament was a commendable innovation that is planned again for next season.

In the Junior squash area a lot of frustration was experienced with the on again, off again, and finally in an abbreviated form, on again Cheezels tournament. In the opinion of Management the Junior Committee wisely decided that this year a training school would be of greater benefit to our Juniors than the usual trip to Australia. At the time this did not meet with the universal approval of many Clubs but it was gratifying to see the concern expressed. From all points of view the training weekend was a success and the appreciation expressed by the Juniors involved was well received by Management. Mention must be made of the continuing good work of Dardir particularly at this latter weekend and on behalf of our International team. It is also pleasing to record that the Video Tape machine has at last justified its purchase.

The highlight of every season must be the New Zealand Championships and I would extend my congratulations to the Individual Winners, Jenny Webster and Bruce Brownlee, and to Auckland as the winners of both Inter-District Teams events. It appears that the perennial problems of referees and standard of motel accommodation have not yet been fully overcome. My thanks go to the North Shore Club for their excellent hosting and organisation of this event.

The Junior Championship format followed the Senior in that the Age Group Championships in Auckland were immediately followed by the Interdistrict Teams Event at Whangarei. Several problems were encountered with the Age Group event that are of considerable concern to Management. Suffice to say that Management is aware of these problems and will be doing their utmost to prevent their reoccurrence. The Junior Interdistrict Teams Event was notable for its organisation and the success of the so called under-dog districts. The New Zealand Junior Open Championship was this year held in conjunction with the North Island Junior Championships at Wanganui.

At the end of the 1976 season the first New Zealand Open was staged at the North Shore Club with Bruce Brownlee and Pam Buckingham emerging as the winners of their respective championships. This year after some considerable frustrations a somewhat larger scale event with a number of the top overseas professionals is planned to have taken place the week prior to the annual meeting. It is hoped that this will now become part of the regular professional circuit and with the ever increasing co-operation of the news media it is now possible for the sport in New Zealand to attract the size of sponsorship that the overseas professional troupe require.

It is pleasing to report on the excellent coverage that the 1977 New Zealand Championships received from the media and after some prodding the coverage afforded our mens team in Canada. It is gratifying in my travels to have the success of that team mentioned to me by numerous people who are not connected with the sport.

The Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup for Inter-Club continue to be keenly contested events and it was pleasing to see South Island teams competing in the Cousins Shield.

Management are very aware of the importance of the Club player and the spirit that permeates a Club when it has teams competing in the National graded teams events. In recognition of this the subsidy allocated this year by Management to these National finals was increased from \$8,000 to \$10,000. In the same vein, Management are aware of its obligation to provide coaching facilities for Clubs and the Club player. A number of coaching clinics for Club coaches have been held throughout the season and all players should be appreciative of the time and energy expended by the small, but increasing, number of players involved in coaching.

One area that continues to give much concern is not unique to New Zealand but appears to be a world-wide problem and that is Referees and Markers. Some of the top players are the most vocal critics of our Referees and Markers but are loathe to act in that capacity themselves. The habit of asking for a let and hoping for a point rather than playing the ball is one that should be discouraged at every level. Management has recommended that all players in the Interdistrict Teams event should be required to sit for their District referees and markers' badge but unfortunately this recommendation has not met with the co-operation of all Districts.

A possible entrance into the realms of commercial squash by way of investing in a venture in Christchurch was formally approved at the second of two special General Meetings held during the year. To date it has not yet got off the ground because of difficulties in various areas but it has not been entirely cast aside as some may think.

I would extend my thanks to the members of the Management Committee, all of whom have ably assisted me in many ways during the year. Management met on eight occasions with all meetings, except the meeting in Auckland at the New Zealand Championships, being held in Wellington. All but one meeting involved an overnight stay and it is now apparent that with the ever increasing volume of matters to administer that the one day meetings are no longer practical. The vagaries of Wellington Airport caused an additional enforced overnight for some members after the August meeting.

I would extend our congratulations to Murray Day and his fellow officers of the International Squash Rackets Federation on their re-appointment at the recent meeting in the U.S.A. and our thanks to Don Green, our own delegate to that meeting, for his contribution in that and many other areas.

New Zealand is now aware that Squash is a major sport and that this country is presently prominent on the world scene in both the competitive and administration fields. To ensure that we maintain our level in the competitive field, Management endorsed the recommendations of the selectors and have currently given grants to four players to play this year's European circuit. It is hoped that the experience gained will enable us to maintain our present world ranking in the future.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to all concerned for the many courtesies and assistance afforded during my year as your President. It has been an honour and pleasure to serve you in this capacity.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT

A.G. Doig (Convenor), M.P. Fenton, D.R. Massam and K.R. Green.

The surplus for the financial year ended 31 August 1977 of \$20,288 compares very favourably with that of only \$5,121 last year. The increase is due to two factors, namely a substantial increase in the grant from the Council for Recreation and Sport which includes an administration grant of \$9,600 for the first time, and a 7.5% increase in affiliation fee income.

Expenditure was in line with the forecast with the exception of those items referred to in the Notes to the Accounts.

During the year two special general meetings were held to discuss the association's attitude to involvement in part financing a commercial venture. Nothing has come to fruition from these meetings and discussions, except for a motion being passed restricting our commitment to a maximum of \$40,000 in share capital.

With the steady request by Clubs for financial assistance the Management Committee agreed that the Loans to Clubs fund be stabilised at \$40,000 which represents 20 full loans.

The forecast for 1978 includes the grant from the Council for Recreation and Sport which has already been received.

With the healthy state of the Association's finances at present, it is essential that all money is forecast as accurately as possible and spent wisely in line with the forecast to enable all players to obtain the benefits.

How each \$ of income was spent —

	1977 %	1976 %
Overseas Tours	15	26
Coaching	13	21
Cousins Shield, Mitchell Cup and Grade Events	10	9
Management Committee Expenses	10	7
Secretarial	8	7
Junior Teams Event	5	5
Rules and Referees	2	—
Interdistrict Teams Event	2	3
International Meeting	2	2
Postage and Tolls	2	1
Special General Meeting Expenses	2	—
Under 23	2	1
Sundry	7	6
AGM Expenses	—	4
Internal Tours	—	2
Surplus	80	94
	20	6
	100%	100%

PLAYERS LIAISON

Neven Barbour

In the past years I have attended all management meetings to put forward various comments and suggestions on matters concerning players. Attending these meetings makes one realize the large amount of administrative work our management committee does.

All players should be aware that the most direct and forceful representation is through their district delegate on the management committee.

This year we have seen the introduction of the Dunlop Ball in A Grade squash. This is generally a favourable change except in colder climates where the bounce is slower. With this ball in use in most countries now it seems to be here to stay. It does cause problems for the player involved in competition with both types of ball but this is unavoidable as there must be a "cut off" point somewhere.

There have been numerous requests for financial assistance, most being met by the Association. However this can be a difficult area, and players must be prepared to prove their worth before consideration.

All players agree the standard of refereeing has improved over the years and the time has come when we will have to assist our top referees to attend our important matches.

In conclusion, this year's great successes have been just reward for both players and management alike.

TOURNAMENTS

Outside of National Events there were 213 scheduled tournaments in 1977 — an increase of only 3 over 1976.

Nearly half of these were open tournaments while 68 were specifically for D grade down, the balance being made up of B and C events which in many cases allow lower grade entries.

From most reports, entries to tournaments were as strong as ever all over the country.

There were unfortunate clashes with Districts holding their open championships at the same time but this has been avoided for 1978 by N.Z. requesting, and approving dates prior to the National Schedule being finalised.

RULES AND REFEREEING

National Director, I.E. Webster

Most Districts are still struggling to attract players to refereeing, although some have taken the step of making it compulsory for all inter-club players to at least attend lectures on the rules. It seems likely that other Districts will follow this lead. While this is certainly an effective way of ensuring that the competitive players have knowledge of the rules, it is disappointing that the players don't make more effort themselves. After all, a knowledge of the rules should be a logical extension to playing ability. As a noted authority says, how can you take advantage of leniencies in the rules, if you don't know them.

The Director of Amateur Coaches recognises this and it is now standard practice for all amateur coaches to receive instruction on the rules, so that they in turn can pass this knowledge on to players. Perhaps the new breed of juniors and colts will be raised on the rules.

There has been a marked improvement in the attitude of players to referees and it is hoped that this will continue. This change has been helped by exposing referees to the players at more tournaments and next season will see the use of a pool of the top N.Z. referees for major tournaments. Unfortunately the top referees are very difficult to determine, as there is no yardstick for comparison, but Districts have been asked to rank their own referees. Two Districts have yet to forward their rankings, but when these are received, an attempt will be made to skim off the best. The major problems that arise are those of the original decision and annual review. How can you tell if John Doe has become a better referee than Joe Bloggs? Obviously each District will have to keep an eye on their own referees, because they will have to make the recommendations for any change.

Perhaps the opinion of the players could be of value. The workings of this are not yet finalised, but a start has been made.

N.Z. referees were brought to North Shore Club for the N.Z. Championships, some of whom were playing in the tournament, others simply attended to help with the refereeing. Mike Waterhouse, the Auckland Co-ordinator, made good use of all referees, which resulted in coverage of a large proportion of championship matches.

There are still some people listed as being N.Z. referees who are obviously not very active now and next season, all referees who do not show they are controlling a reasonable number of matches will be deleted from the list. Now that the standard of our top players is among the best in the world, we must ensure that our referees are of a comparable skill.

While recent rule changes are not known definitely at this time, it appears they are of a minor nature and provide clarity without changing the intention of the rules.

Although the number of candidates for a N.Z. referee's badge was not very high, the pass rate was very good and the following people were awarded their badge – Peter Liken (Cant), Lewis Moeau and Ken Simpson (B of P), Riri Harris and John Wesney (Wgtn), Mike McCarthy (Southern).

In spite of some changes among District Co-ordinators, they have all worked hard during the season and without their support, my function would be very difficult.

COACHING

National Director, T. Yeend.

Brownlee beats Nancarrow, New Zealand runners up in World Amateur Championships. These have been the headlines we have come to accept. How did they eventuate – pure hard work from the players, plus dedication and application as well as the knowledge and expertise in being advised on how to put it together. This is the top level – what about the "D" grade team fighting out the final of the National "D" grade competition? Maybe not the same extensive dedication and application, but nevertheless as important to them as the National players. Where does this put us in the coaching field? Very much to the fore. Many amateur and professional coaches have been involved helping to improve the standard of squash throughout the length and breadth of New Zealand. Obviously we are not without our critics, if we weren't then there would be complacency in our midst, and very little room for improvement. More schools have been run this year than I can recall, and yet there is still room for more. We have been fortunate to have had Dardir's assistance and expertise in some schools, and he is as valuable to us as he has ever been. The District Co-ordinators from Whangarei to Invercargill have again spent considerable hours organising coaching and running coaching schools in their respective areas. Professional coaches have been employed, maybe not as much as they would have liked, but nevertheless it must be realised that change takes time. I am confident that both amateur and professionals will be an autonomous group at some future date. Coaching in clubs has been very evident, and one must realise that this is the platform of our scheme. A club coach is extremely important and should be made to feel so – we are a team endeavouring to foster squash. When it becomes disjointed, then squash as an overall aspect tends to suffer. No one person or the job they do is any more important than another, and we must all have, as I am sure we have, the complete game and aims to improve it at heart, rather than for personal kudos.

In this my last term of office, because of personal reasons, I would like to sincerely thank the coaches, co-ordinators, Management and Dardir, and you the ordinary player for valued support during my enjoyable period in the position of National Director of Coaching, for without it the job would have been disastrous.

Good luck and good squash for 1978.

INTERNATIONAL SQUASH RACKETS FEDERATION

Representative – Don Green

The highlight for the I.S.R.F. this year was the sixth general meeting held in Buffalo (U.S.A.) in September. It was held in Buffalo because delegates from Southern Africa (which is a founder member) were in attendance.

Representatives from 15 countries were present as were Murray Day (Chairman), Michael Sumpter (Executive Secretary), and John Taylor (Vice Chairman), all from N.Z. representing the Officers. The Treasurer, John Austin, N.Z., and the Fifth Officer, Raul De Villafranca from Mexico, did not attend. The present officers were re-elected for a further term of two years but the office of fifth officer was abolished.

A motion from Nigeria to expel Southern Africa was lost. This motion had been defeated previously in a postal ballot and under the rules automatically came forward again.

Some changes to the playing rules as recommended by the rules committee were approved. These were relatively minor changes aimed in the main at simplification and explanation.

Changes in the rules for the I.S.R.F. Championships were approved. These changes increase the costs of competing teams in that they reduce the costs to the host country. This is an endeavour to share the considerable costs involved and enable more countries to act as host. The next championships have been awarded to Egypt in October 1979 and if they are unable to fulfill certain requirements they will be held in Australia. Egypt has until December 31st this year to meet the conditions. The 1981 Championships were awarded to Sweden. N.Z. indicated that they are interested in 1983 but that is only an indication at this stage. A technical committee to advise on court construction, balls, rackets etc. is to be set up.

A further handbook with Mr John Horry as editor is to be produced.

Membership of the Federation is to include provincial members where national associations have not been formed.

It was evident that under Murray Day the I.S.R.F. is gradually becoming a more definitive body. Hardball squash (the game played mainly in the U.S.A.) will not be promoted equally with the international game but by a separate committee. With the game flourishing in Europe many more countries can be expected to come into the I.S.R.F. fold and the international prospects appear very bright and this will surely help our game throughout the world.

BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The one man committee of John Austin with assistance from John Brown has continued the work of inspecting building plans and specifications of clubs applying for NZSRA finance as well as providing technical information where required. Many of the inherent faults, i.e. poor blockwork, lack of ventilation and minimum lighting are still unfortunately showing up in many plans. While in most new clubs lack of ready finance often dictates minimum construction costs the end result still means expensive and unnecessary maintenance, particularly to walls.

It is pleasing to see many new clubs under construction, particularly in low population areas and it is encouraging to see the introduction of glass back walls to many new courts.

To continue the most important contribution of technical advice to formative clubs the NZSRA must consider providing an earlier and more comprehensive supply of information with the aim of avoiding sparse details being sent in by new clubs.

STATISTICIANS

The past year saw the resignation of Mrs N. Reid of Wellington as Womens Director of Statisticians and she was replaced by Mrs Pat Lee of Auckland. We wish to thank Norli Reid for her work and co-operation during the previous two seasons.

With the formation of Northland as a sub-district, a further two statisticians were appointed and we now have eleven men and ten women controlling the grading system throughout the country.

The main change for the season is the deletion of ^EE grade and the combining of F1 and F2 grades into F grade. Recently the National Directors proposed that they intend to select the A1 players and this will create a balanced and even standard at the top level.

The publication dates for the season's grading lists remain the same i.e. 15th May, 15th July and 15th October. Some districts publish an earlier list for their own convenience. The dates laid down for the May and July lists still arouse some criticism; however it has been convenient to use the May list for the New Zealand Championships and the July list is vital for national teams selections.

Another change concerns tournament draw sheets. Previously these were forwarded by clubs to Mrs Reid in Wellington, who processed the results and then re-distributed them to District Statisticians. The new system involves clubs sending their tournament results direct to their District Statisticians.

The individual result ^{CARS}cars have now been in operation for almost five seasons and the system seems to be working with a varied degree of success. However, it was decided to continue the system even though higher graded players seen to ignore it.

Some clubs are still not sending in their grading lists which makes the District Statisticians' job much harder. Clubs must realise that they are expected to forward lists when requested too even though they may not recommend any changes.

From the mens grading point of view it is very pleasing to see the even standard in all grades between districts. This was most evident in the New Zealand championships and the national teams finals.

In conclusion we would like to thank all Club and District Statisticians for their co-operation and support throughout the year.

Gower Dallimore,
National Director of Statisticians.

WOMENS DIRECTOR

Mrs Patricia Lee

The past year saw the resignation of Norli Reid from the position of N.Z. Director of Statisticians for Women. Thanks are due to Norli for her work over the past two years in this area. Pat Lee was appointed to the post in the interim period until the Annual General Meeting.

During the year an attempt to gain greater liaison between the National Director and District Statisticians has been most successful, with many suggestions and queries coming forth.

Results of each district's players in the New Zealand championships were forwarded to the respective Statisticians. Also, the National Teams Event Finals results for women were circulated to all district statisticians and this hopefully will give a greater insight into the standard of gradings between districts which on the whole appears reasonable, although in some instances anomalies have appeared in some sections.

The individual card system which was introduced some time ago should be stressed by district statisticians and club statisticians to all players and in particular, to our juniors who should learn to use this system at an early point in their playing career.

It is hoped at the Annual General Meeting of Statisticians to investigate the standardisation of district grading lists as far as layout of same is concerned.

Our younger women players continue to progress up through the grades in all districts throughout the country, which augurs well for the game in the future.

I would like to thank all district and club statisticians for their work and support throughout the year, which makes the role of N.Z. Director a satisfying one.

SELECTORIAL

V.J.W. Hargreaves (Convenor), J.R. Taylor, R.B. Clarke

Selection policy for the past season was much the same as for previous years. The players were required, in addition to the New Zealand and Inter-District Championships and either the North Island or South Island Championships, to participate in the Bay of Plenty Championships. The men's team for the 6th I.S.R.F. Championships was announced at the conclusion of the North Island Championships while the final women's squad of seven was named at the end of the Inter-District Championships. This squad was required to compete in both the Henderson "Corbans" and the College Rifles tournaments and where possible the Mitchell Cup competition. The final team for the tour of England was announced on October 14, 1977. Our Women's test teams together with the U23 team, for matches against the Australian Women's team, were basically selected from the final squad.

In addition to the above championships, the following tournaments were also covered by the selectors: New Zealand U23 Championship, Waikato, Auckland and Southern Districts Championships, Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup plus the Canterbury-Southern Districts match.

Over this past season we have been concerned about the lack of appreciation by many of our leading players of their responsibilities, especially those who were in contention for overseas selection. In spite of our circulars, which were forwarded to all the original squad members (both male and female) detailing the required conditions, there were too many occasions when either the tournament organisers or the selectors had to make costly telephone calls to ensure entry into selection tournaments. Had this not happened, in line with N.Z.S.R.A. rulings we may have had much weaker teams travelling overseas. While we have, from an insignificant quarter, been criticized for not over communicating with players, we feel that communication must be both ways in that the players must also contact us in relation to changes of address, results from tournaments or other matches where we are unable to attend together with other personal reasons. In almost every instance where we send out information to players the N.Z.S.R.A. also advise Districts and we feel that District administration does not pass the relevant details on to their players.

We acknowledge, with great pride, the overall performance of our team members in Canada and we would be dishonest if we do not admit that the end result of the teams event was heartbreaking. However, we congratulate Bruce, Murray, Howard and Neven for their memorable performances which undoubtedly is due to their terrific dedication and the guidance given by both Rob Crothall and Norman Coe over the past twelve months.

The training squad, which was formed last year, was reasonably successful for the men and it was unfortunate that all members did not avail themselves of the scheme. However, it was obvious that those who did take advantage of Rob Crothall's expertise improved considerably. It was regretted that due to the business commitments of Rob and Norman, the women's squad was unable to get under way. All these players were advised of the circumstances and they were invited to contact Rob for guidance and for a training programme. It is hoped that a squad on similar lines will be formed in the near future.

'Across the board' we were impressed by the overall improvement of fitness thus the improved standard of play which must be attributed to the efforts of our leading international players.

At the time of writing, the future of our top four men players in the amateur ranks is uncertain. We, as selectors, have been conscious of the situation for some time and as a result of several representations to management committee, they have approved and made grants to Rod Hayes (Canterbury) and Ross Norman (Auckland) for them both to travel to Europe this coming Northern season.

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FROM 'GO TO PRO'

The Changing Face of Squash at the Top – and in the Future ?

It's been a new ball game since the announcement by Brownlee just after his British Amateur win that he would probably turn pro after Canada. This certainly caused some upsets to many true blue amateur administrators and evoked considerable discussion in club lounges and dressing rooms throughout the country.

Really what was taking place was a follow on from the pattern that Hunt, Hiscoe and Barrington set. Once the major titles had been won as amateurs, the professional career was the only logical course to follow if you were good enough.

The growth of the sport world wide now ensures that there is a place for the playing pro and it is rewarding enough at the top level. Circuits in each hemisphere compliment each other and the rapid development of many large squash complexes ensure that coaching and exhibitions to satisfy the worldwide squash population fill the balance of the year.

So, we see both Brownlee and Lilley forsake the amateur ranks to take on Hunt, Zaman, Mohibullah, Alauddin, Jehan, Watson, Nancarrow and company. Many will say that they are lost to N.Z. for ever and this is true as far as traditional representation goes. However we should reflect on the contribution that they have made while doing their thing both for themselves, Clubs, Districts and N.Z. at Junior and Senior level.

Brownlee with a decade of competitive squash, in prospect, as the younger man will almost certainly see open squash become a fact as it moves inexorably nearer. The prospect of N.Z. versus Australia with Brownlee, Lilley and others versus Hunt, Nancarrow and others in 1980 could become an exciting reality.

He and Lilley have been the catalysts in a fairly major change in administrative thinking over the past 12 months with the extension of assistance to top and worthwhile promising players in gaining experience in Europe the most notable point.

There is also no doubt that the fair sex will be aided in similar manner as from time to time players showing ability and motivation appear.

Stimulation of Juniors and U23

The greatest incentive for young and young at heart squash players is for them to observe the skills, successes and points of the globe that a diligent player can encompass. It is no fluke that Brownlee and Lilley have achieved their results. Brownlee is almost the total product of the system that NZSRA has promulgated, beginning with the concentration on coaching juniors and the early employment of Dardir in 1967 as National Coach. The close association between the Brownlee family and Dardir has had a marked effect on Brownlee's attitude and there is no doubt from youthful comments heard that he has and will inspire many to train hard consistently and to cut back on socialising. The loyalty shown by both players to their clubs, districts and N.Z. has been exemplary and has not gone unnoticed as confirmed by the consistent and willing aid given by many individuals and organizations.

Publicity

T.V. clips of Brownlee and Lilley training at Tokoroa, on TV2 nationwide, phone call interviews from London on Radio NZ, pen portraits of Howard Brown in the Sunday paper, spasmodic paper

reports on Canada building up to daily radio, press and TV.

N.Z. President Michael Fenton comments, "It's all happening, isn't it," as we carry on from the Canadian publicity to a daily breakfast diet of squash results from the pro circuit in Australia. Never before have we had such spontaneous coverage from the media as they recognise that N.Z. squash is alive and very well. It is a force on the world scene both competitively and administratively, and as one of N.Z.'s major sports, deserves regular coverage.

The full length TV coverage of the national mens and womens finals were excellent viewing and complemented the greatest exposure yet of our sport.

Sponsorship

Hand in hand with publicity and sponsorship is TV, and without the personalities and stars, TV and sponsors are just that much harder to find.

The pros led by Barrington, almost a decade ago, have given squash the exposure that contributed in no small part to a fantastic upsurge in participation particularly in Southern Africa, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Our new pros can do the same for us.

Moving With The Changing Times

As we watch Olympic amateur standards change, cricket in an uproar, rugby losing some of their best while in their prime and observe the results of open tennis and football, so must we acknowledge the pressures that spiralling costs accentuated by a more intensive annual programme and a shrinking world in this jet age place on our own sport. To keep pace is a must and now that we have tasted success we have it in our hands to steer our own course. Without the spur of international success the very large amount of work carried by an amateur association becomes less than magical. As the Bay of Plenty District will tell you to a man the support of Brownlee and the consequent dividends has been a breeze and has sustained enthusiasm at a high level for several years. On a broader basis the same philosophy can permeate N.Z. for the benefit of all who partake. Squash rackets on or off the court is a vital sport and great fun.

On 15.6.73 M.H. Sumpter, memo to Management, "It has become apparent that the tendency in world squash is for the leading players to turn professional with the result that the top four players are now competing for prize money. It is to be expected that other leading amateurs will follow".

Brownlee and Lilley will not be the last for sure, but this is no reason to become despondent. With the next I.S.R.F. World Amateur Championships in Egypt or Australia in 1979, Sweden 1981, N.Z. in 1983, the youth of N.Z. possibly coupled with the experience of Howard Broun and Neven Barbour will no doubt suitably rise to the occasion with our encouragement to keep N.Z. in the hard won position of 1977.

Contributed by R. Bryden Clarke.

COMPETITIVE SQUASH 1977

N.Z.S.R.A. RANKING LISTS

MEN			(1976)	WOMEN			(1976)
1.	B.C. Brownlee	(B.O.P.)	2=	1.	Mrs J. Webster	(Auckland)	1.
2.	M. Lilley	(Central)	4.	2.	Mrs P. Buckingham	(")	2.
3.	H.A. Broun	(Auckland)	1.	3.	Miss R. Davis	(")	5.
4.	N.S. Barbour	(")	2=	4.	Miss J. Wood	(Waikato)	4.
5.	T.H. Colyer	(")	6.	5.	Miss K. Glenny	(Wellington)	9.
6.	C.A. Blackwood	(")	-	6.	Miss R. Stanton	(Canterbury)	7.
7.	R. Norman	(")	-	7.	Mrs P. Stevens	(Auckland)	-
8.	R.W. Hayes	(Canterbury)	-	8.	Miss A. Owen	(")	6.
9.	B. Barnett	(Auckland)	10.	9.	Mrs B. Kemp	(")	-
10.	P. Devoy	(Waikato)	-	10.	Mrs A. Reilly	(Waikato)	-

VOGEL ROSE BOWL (Most Improved Male Player)

Following some illustrious names in N.Z. Squash, Ross Norman of Panmure, Auckland most deservedly added his to the list of most improved players. Showing rare ability and maturity on the court Norman has achieved very good results this year. Only 18 years old he notched many tournament victories including Auckland U19 title, Queensland U19 and U23 and the N.S.W. U19.

He narrowly missed the Australian Junior title, losing a close semifinal to Glen Brumby, the eventual winner who is considered Australia's brightest hope since Geoff Hunt.

Norman also had significant senior results in reaching the quarter finals of the N.S.W. and N.Z. Championships.

AUSTRALIAN LADIES CUP (Most Improved Women's Player)

Sheryl Clarke, Palmerston North's brightest hope in years, was awarded the womens most improved player. Just 16 years of age Sheryl has emerged dramatically onto the National scene. She reached the Senior Championship plate final and playing No. 1 for Central Districts produced encouraging results against N.Z.'s top players. Victory in the N.Z. U17 Championship followed a close loss in the N.Z. Junior Open to Joanne Milne.

OVERSEAS TOURS

MENS TEAM TO 6TH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 1st saw a team superbly fit and conditioned leave for Canada to take on the World's best Amateurs in an attempt to win for N.Z. its first ever World Title. Intensive overseas competition in recent years and an exacting domestic schedule ensured this team would be, to date, the best ever to represent our country.

The imposing line up included:

	Bruce Brownlee	Bay of Plenty
	Murray Lilley	Central
	Howard Broun	Auckland
	Neven Barbour	Auckland
Manager	Norman Coe	Auckland
Trainer	Robin Crothall	Auckland
Non Trav. Res.	Trevor Colyer	Auckland

Whilst considerable disappointment was felt by the team and their supporters both in Canada and New Zealand at their second place behind Pakistan in the teams event and subsequently at their comparative lack of success in the individual championships this should not overshadow their achievements. The defeat of Pakistan, Great Britain and Australia for the first time ever and the victory over Pakistan and the ultimate second place were undoubtedly the best performances by any New Zealand team ever.

These achievements reflect credit on the dedication and ability not only of the players but also on Norm Coe as manager, Rob Crothall as trainer and the efforts that everybody had made over recent seasons. As an observer in Canada I believe that the NZSRA decision to send both a coach and trainer was more than justified and this is a precedent that should be followed wherever practical for such major events.

After significant successes in the Canadian Championships where Bruce Brownlee was the ultimate victor, the first match against the United States resulted in an easy win but the game against Sweden was much harder and Murray Lilley was defeated. The following night Pakistan was defeated two-one after Howard Broun had lost in 4 games to Atlas Khan who was unbeaten during the teams championships. Brownlee then defeated Maqsood Ahmed also in 4 and in this match probably reached a level of play that no other New Zealander has yet attained. In the deciding game Lilley was too strong for Saleem the ultimate finalist in the individual winning in 3 games in a match during which his opponent endeavoured to strike him several times whilst playing "turning shots". Great Britain was then defeated 2-1 after Broun had won easily and Brownlee had come from behind to beat John Leslie in an absorbing struggle. Lilley then lost in 5 games to Ian Robinson who went through undefeated at No. 2. The next match against Egypt was the crucial one. We led 1-0 after Broun had again won easily but Brownlee facing an extremely nimble and skilful opponent in Gamal Awad was unable to sustain his previous form and lost in 4 games. This left the deciding game between the No. 2 players. Unfortunately Lilley had two front teeth broken during one of the initial rallies: although he showed all his typical courage and perseverance despite being in great pain, he lost in 3 games to an opponent whom he had previously beaten twice.

Broun and Neven Barbour had easy wins against Canada in the next encounter but Brownlee had to pull

out all reserves to defeat the Canadian No. 1 M. Desaulniers in 5 after having match point against him in the third.

The last match was against Australia and although Barbour lost in 5 games to T. Cheetham, both Brownlee and Broun outclassed their opponents Dean Williams and Frank Donnelly.

It was hoped that Great Britain might defeat Pakistan on the last night but the crucial game between the No. 1 players went in favour of Pakistan who thus won the Crown.

In the individual championships at Toronto both Barbour and Lilley were unfortunate to come up against two players Robinson and Atlas Khan in the second and third rounds who had been unbeaten in the teams event. Although both played well they each lost in 5. Broun's loss in the third round to Williams of Australia was a disappointment as he had been playing exceedingly well. However he may have been affected by a minor ailment. Brownlee's loss to Saleem was certainly a surprise but he had not been able to maintain the brilliance he had shown in Ottawa and it did seem that the pressure he was under by virtue of his position at No. 1 in the team and as the favourite for the individuals may have assisted in his loss of form. All but Brownlee figured in the classic plate and in the final Lilley defeated Broun in 5 games for the New Zealand Trophy.

The team was certainly popular and a credit to New Zealand. Although it has to be accepted that Pakistan were the leading country both in the teams and individuals by virtue of the final results, the draw in the teams event certainly did not help us. All players performed with credit and Brownlee's loss in Toronto should not detract from his brilliance and magnificent achievements in Ottawa. Lilley unfortunately never found his best form partly due to a muscle injury and then to the surface of the floors and ultimately to the injuries he sustained in the Egypt match. Broun played probably the most consistent squash of his career and as always was an exciting player in action.

Barbour had a good win against Saleem in the Canadian championships but subsequently lost to both the 3rd and 4th ranked Australians.

The team was very well looked after by the Canadian hosts and the organisation and running of the championships was a great credit to the Canadian Association. The only disturbing feature was the standard of the referees in some vital matches. Whilst it is accepted that the Canadians lacked experience it was perhaps disappointing that none of the leading referees from Great Britain appeared to be available whilst for all future championships consideration could be given to inviting referees from other leading squash countries.

In conclusion I would add that the record of the 1977 team should be a source of pride to squash players in New Zealand and the several supporters present in Canada will not easily forget the tension and drama experienced through so many absorbing contests.

Contributed by M.H. Sumpter.

6th WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Monday, September 12th – N.Z. 3, United States 0

B. Brownlee	defeated	E. Berry	3 – 0
H. Broun	"	L. Bernheimer	3 – 0
N. Barbour	"	T. Poor	3 – 0

Tuesday, September 13th – N.Z. 2, Sweden 1

B. Brownlee	defeated	L. Kvant	3 – 2
M. Lilley	lost to	M. Hellstrom	1 – 3
H. Broun	defeated	P. Bostrom	3 – 0

Wednesday, September 14th – N.Z. 2, Pakistan 1

B. Brownlee	defeated	M. Ahmed	3 – 1
M. Lilley	"	M. Saleem	3 – 0
H. Broun	lost to	A. Khan	1 – 3

Thursday, September 15th – N.Z. 2, Great Britain 1

B. Brownlee	defeated	J. Leslie	3 – 2
M. Lilley	lost to	I. Robinson	2 – 3
H. Broun	defeated	J. Richardson	3 – 0

Friday, September 16th – N.Z. 1, Egypt 2

B. Brownlee	lost to	K. Awad	1 – 3
M. Lilley	" "	M. Awad	0 – 3
H. Broun	defeated	A. Soliman	3 – 0

Saturday, September 17th – N.Z. 3, Canada 0

B. Brownlee	defeated	M. De Saulniers	3 – 2
H. Broun	"	J. Lennard	3 – 0
N. Barbour	"	I. Shaw	3 – 0

Sunday, September 18th – N.Z. 2, Australia 1

B. Brownlee	defeated	D. Williams	3 – 0
H. Broun	"	F. Donnelly	3 – 0
N. Barbour	lost to	T. Cheetham	2 – 3

FINAL PLACINGS

	New Pakistan	Zealand	Egypt	Great Britain	Australia	Sweden	Canada	U.S.A.
Matches won	6	6	6	4	3	2	1	0
Games won	18	15	14	14	9	8	5	1
Ties won	56	52	47	46	35	31	24	4
Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These followed the Teams event and the N.Z.'s were expected to perform prominently. Brownlee was top seed and Lilley No. 5. The efforts of the teams event told however and the furthest any of the N.Z. team went was in reaching the quarter finals.

Results were

B. Brownlee	1st round	bye		
	2nd "	defeated	D. Whittacker (Can)	9/0 9/0 9/1
	3rd "	"	M. Desaulniers (")	9/0 2/9 10/8 10/8
	4th "	lost to	M. Saleem (Pakistan)	10/8 4/9 9/5 3/9 9/1
M. Lilley	1st round	defeated	A. Newall (Bah)	9/2 9/0 9/0
	2nd "	"	J. Stockenberg (Sweden)	9/0 9/3 9/0
	3rd "	lost to	A. Khan (Pakistan)	9/6 4/9 7/9 9/5 9/0
H. Broun	1st round	bye		
	2nd "	defeated	B. Pearson (G.B.)	9/5 9/0 9/7
	3rd "	lost to	D. Williams (Aust.)	7/9 9/3 1/9 9/3 9/6
N. Barbour	1st round	defeated	J. Lennard (Can)	9/5 9/3 9/1
	2nd "	lost to	I. Robinson	7/9 9/1 9/3 8/10 9/4

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Played as a leadup to the World Championships the field contained all the leading players with the exception of the English and Egyptian teams. The four New Zealanders performed well with Bruce Brownlee taking the title in a brilliant match. Unfortunately Murray Lilley was forced to withdraw in the semi-finals with a leg injury.

Results:

Quarter finals	Brownlee	defeated	A. Khan (Pak)	9/0 9/1 9/4
	I. Yates (A)	"	Barbour	10/9 9/2 9/4
	M. Lilley	"	D. Khan (Pak)	9/2 9/1 4/9 9/7
	M. Ahmed (Pak)	"	Broun	5/9 9/7 9/7 7/9 9/1
Semi Finals	Brownlee	defeated	Yates	9/0 9/5 9/3
	Masquood	"	Lilley	by WO
Final	Brownlee	defeated	Masquood	9/10 9/5 9/7 9/1

BRITISH AMATEUR

In what would rank as the greatest achievement by a N.Z. Squash player, Bruce Brownlee won the British Amateur Championship at Wembley in December.

Having his third European trip and showing the benefit of top class competition, he had easy early round wins until he narrowly defeated Murray Lilley in the semi finals. The final, an absorbing 4 setter with J. Leslie of Great Britain, heralded the breakthrough of N.Z. to the top plateau of world squash. Not the least significant was the emergence of Murray Lilley onto the international scene with his good wins over Dave Scott of South Africa in the quarter finals.

Results:

Quarter Finals	Brownlee	defeated	P.S. Kenyon	9/4	9/3	10/9
	Lilley	"	D. Scott	9/0	9/6	9/3
Semi Finals	Brownlee	"	Lilley	7/9	1/9	9/0 9/0 9/5
Final	Brownlee	"	Leslie	9/3	10/8	8/10 9/5

INDIVIDUAL TOURS

The ever increasing trek of ranked players to overseas events continued. As well as Lilley and Brownlee's prominence, Craig Blackwood and Tony Naughton played the European circuit, Ross Norman, Brian Barnett, Pam Buckingham, Trevor Colyer and Vervies McCausland competed in the Australian Championships. Colyer's near victory over Frank Donnelly in the Australian quarter finals and Blackwood's reaching the 3rd round of the British Amateur were the best results.

In addition Craig Blackwood, Rod Hayes, Ross Norman and Howard Broun have recently embarked, with N.Z.S.R.A. assistance on the European circuit to further improve their squash.

Norman Coe,
Manager of
N.Z. Team to
World Championships.



N.Z. Team to 6th International Championships
L to R.: M. Lilley, B. Brownlee, R. Crothall (Trainer), H. Broun, N. Barbour.

INTERNAL TOURS

New Zealand were fortunate to have two womens teams from Australia during the year.

Queensland sent their state team for two weeks in March and the Representative team had a 17 day tour in September/October including a three match test series. Both teams proved delightful guests and contributed highly to a very interesting womens season. Their brand of positive attacking play left a deep impression on all their hosts and hopefully encouraged our players to increase their attitude to fitness and agility on the court.

The Queensland team was led by Jenny Irving, who, while obviously slowing down a bit, still showed her world renowned ability. Margaret Zachariah, the Australian Champion and leading world amateur headed the classy Australian team which while beating N.Z. 3/0 in the test series met spirited opposition in the 2nd and 3rd tests. Jenny Webster and Pam Buckingham played with increasing confidence and showed that with concentrated application we have the ability to beat the best.

Both tours were planned to have the visitors seen in the small areas around N.Z. where possible, and this was obviously beneficial to clubs such as Edgecumbe, Gisborne, Whangarei etc.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN

Margaret
Zachariah
World Top
Amateur
and No. 1
in Australian
Team.



Arriving in Christchurch on Thursday September 22nd, the team travelled to Timaru and competed in the Timaru Open before playing the South Island at Christchurch. The rest of the tour was in the North Island finishing with the 3rd test at Manurewa, Auckland on Saturday October 8th.

The team comprised of:

Margaret Zachariah	(Victoria)	Diagnostic Radiographer
Vicky Hoffman	(Queensland)	Physical Education Instructor
Ann Smith	(Victoria)	Housewife
Rhonda Shapland	(Queensland)	Student
Miss Jan Honeycombe	(Queensland)	Manageress.

Tour details were:

Friday 24th September – Sunday 26th September, competed in the Timaru Open.

Final Ann Smith defeated Vicky Hoffman 10/8 9/1 9/6

Tuesday 27th September Vs South Island at Richmond Working Mens Club, Christchurch.
Won by Australia 4/0

M. Zachariah	defeated	R. Stanton	10/8	9/1	9/2
V. Hoffman	"	P. Lush	9/0	9/0	9/3
A. Smith	"	M. Holland	9/0	9/1	5/9 9/3
R. Shapland	"	J. Milne	9/6	9/5	9/2

Wednesday 28th September — 1st Test Vs N.Z. at Wellington, Won by Australia 4/0.

R. Shapland	defeated	K. Glenny	9/5	9/7	4/9	9/0
A. Smith	"	J. Wood	9/3	9/0	9/4	
M. Zachariah	"	J. Webster	9/3	9/4	9/4	
V. Hoffman	"	P. Buckingham	6/9	9/4	9/2	9/6

Thursday 29th September — Vs Wellington/Central Combined, Won by Australia 4/0.

R. Shapland	defeated	H. Deerness	9/6	9/7	9/4
A. Smith	"	P. Whiting	9/1	9/0	9/0
V. Hoffman	"	S. Clarke	9/2	9/0	9/4
M. Zachariah	"	K. Glenny	9/5	9/1	9/0

Saturday 1st October — 2nd Test Vs N.Z. at Gisborne, Won by Australia 3/0.

R. Shapland	defeated	J. Wood	9/6	6/9	9/6	7/9	9/5
V. Hoffman	"	P. Buckingham	9/2	6/9	9/7	9/5	
M. Zachariah	"	J. Webster	3/9	5/9	9/7	9/5	9/2
A. Smith	"	R. Davis	9/1	9/2	9/0		

Tuesday 4th October — Vs Waikato/Bay of Plenty Combined at Hamilton, Won by Australia 4/0.

M. Zachariah	defeated	J. Wood	9/7	9/3	5/9	9/2
V. Hoffman	"	J. Devoy	9/0	9/3	9/4	
A. Smith	"	A. Reilly	9/3	9/4	9/5	
R. Shapland	"	V. McCausland	9/0	2/9	9/4	9/2

Wednesday 5th October — Vs Auckland at Royal Oak, Won by Australia 3/1.

A. Smith	defeated	R. Davis	9/2	9/5	9/3	
V. Hoffman	lost to	J. Webster	7/9	4/9	9/3	10/9 8/10
R. Shapland	defeated	A. Owen	9/6	9/2	9/3	
M. Zachariah	"	P. Buckingham	9/6	9/5	9/0	

Thursday 6th October — Vs Northland Invitation at Whangarei, Won by Australia 3/1.

A. Smith	defeated	Alan Trail	3/9	0/9	9/7	9/5	9/2
V. Hoffman	"	Rod Blank	7/9	9/4	9/4	10/8	
M. Zachariah	lost to	John Anderson	9/7	9/1	3/9	9/0	
R. Shapland	defeated	Ethne Mitchell	5/9	0/9	9/2	9/3	9/4

Friday 7th October — Vs N.Z. U23 Team at University Club, Won by Australia 4/0

V. Hoffman	defeated	R. Stanton	9/2	9/3	9/4
R. Shapland	"	J. Milne	9/7	9/3	9/1
M. Zachariah	"	A. Owen	9/4	9/1	9/1
A. Smith	"	B. Kemp	9/3	9/1	9/1

Saturday 8th October — 3rd Test Vs N.Z. at Manurewa, Won by Australia 3/0.

M. Zachariah	defeated	J. Webster	9/0	3/9	7/9	9/6	9/1
V. Hoffman	"	P. Buckingham	8/10	10/8	9/5	9/6	
A. Smith	"	J. Wood	9/4	9/6	9/0		
R. Shapland	"	A. Owen	9/2	9/5	3/9	9/0	

QUEENSLAND WOMEN

A team comprising

Jenny Irving
Gail Hughes
Robyn Prentice
Linda Musumeci

arrived in Christchurch on March 17th and played in two tournaments as well as playing Wellington, Hawkes Bay/Gisborne, Bay of Plenty, Auckland and Canterbury during a 13 day tour.

Results were:

Thursday	March 17	Vs Canterbury at Chch. R.F.C.	Won 4 - 0
Friday	" 18-20	Canterbury Open Tournament	
Monday	" 21	Vs Wellington at Khandallah	Won 4 - 0
Tuesday	" 22	Vs HB/Gisborne at Hawkes Bay LT.	Won 4 - 0
Thursday	" 24	Vs Bay of Plenty at Edgecumbe	Won 4 - 0
Friday	" 25-27	Remuera Open Tournament	
Monday	" 28	Vs Auckland at Royal Oak	Drew 2 - 2.

N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1977 Air New Zealand Championships were held at the North Shore Club, Auckland, assisted by the Ponsonby Club in the early rounds of the lower grades. The first rounds started Saturday, July 16th, with the finals being played on Wednesday, July 20th. Entries were 268 (66 higher than last year).

Four mens grades, three womens grades and a veterans grade were played for as follows:

Mens Amateur	64	Womens Amateur	32
Mens First Division	32	Womens First Division	32
Mens Second Division	32	Womens Second Division	16
Mens Third Division	32	Womens Third Division	16
Mens Veterans	8	Womens Veterans	4
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Bruce Brownlee convincingly won his first N.Z. title defeating Murray Lilley in three absorbing games. Murray was still weary from a hard fought semi final match with Howard Broun the day before. However with Bruce in demanding form there was no way the result was going to be any different. Seedings went true to form except in the third round where Ross Norman hinted at his future prospects by eliminating No. 7 seed Tony Naughton in straight games.

For Bruce it was a most satisfying victory coming on top of the British Amateur title and was the eagerly awaited result of many years efforts. Jenny Webster hit top form to defeat Pam Buckingham in four games for the womens championship. Jenny was far more authoritative with her play and cemented her No. 1 spot in N.Z. squash.

Publicity received was excellent throughout from Press and Radio, and culminated in the televising of the two finals by TV 2.



Action from the N.Z. Championship final at North Shore.

RESULTS 1977 N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIPS

MENS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final	B. Brownlee (GC) defeated	R. Hayes (CH)	9/3 9/3 9/1
	N. Barbour (Hsn) "	T. Colyer (Hsn)	9/1 8/10 5/9 9/4 9/4
	M. Lilley (KP) "	B. Barnett (Pom)	9/3 9/3 9/5
	H. Broun (Rem) "	R. Norman (Pan)	9/6 9/6 9/5
Semi Finals	B. Brownlee "	N. Barbour	9/3 10/8 9/2
	M. Lilley "	H. Broun	9/3 3/9 9/6 10/8
Final	B. Brownlee "	M. Lilley	9/4 10/9 9/6
Amateur Plate Final			
	M. Devoy (Ham) defeated	K. Leary (Cel)	9/6 9/1 9/2
Special Plate Final			
	J. Haines (Ham) "	B. McNeil (HSOB)	9/0 9/4 1/9 7/9 9/3
Classic Plate Final			
	C. Blackwood (NS) "	R. Espie (Col)	5/9 10/8 9/4 9/0
Consol Plate Final			
	S. Smith (RO) "	P. Dryland (Wgi)	9/3 9/5 9/6
First Division Final			
	W. Thorpe (Gis) "	A. Corbett (NS)	7/9 9/0 10/8 9/1
Second Division Final			
	C. Maxwell (RO) "	R. Tong (NS)	9/5 9/3 9/4
Third Division Final			
	P. Thomson (Pon) "	P. Curtis (Pon)	9/4 9/7 7/9 9/6

WOMENS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final	P. Buckingham (Rem) defeated	V. McCausland (TeP)	9/3 9/1 9/2
	P. Stanton (HSOB) "	V. Biss (PN)	9/6 9/4 9/5
	J. Wood (Ham) "	K. Glenny (TH)	9/6 3/9 8/10 9/7 9/0
	J. Webster (Man) "	P. Stevens (Whg)	9/3 9/0 9/2
Semi Finals	P. Buckingham "	R. Stanton	9/0 9/6 9/1
	J. Webster "	J. Wood	9/6 9/2 9/0
Final	J. Webster "	P. Buckingham	9/1 9/4 7/9 9/4
Amateur Plate Final			
	J. Roberts (Gis) defeated	S. Clarke (PN)	9/2 9/4 9/1

Classic Plate Final	K. Glenny (TH)	"	V. McCausland (TP)	9/0 10/8 9/3
Special Plate Final	A. Owen (RO)	"	S. Simcock (Rem)	9/5 9/1 9/5
Consol Plate Final	M. Holland (Sum)	"	J. Milne (Sum)	7/9 9/3 9/7 9/2
First Division Final	K. Jackson (RO)	"	S. Boswell (RO)	9/3 2/9 9/6 10/8
Second Division Final	J. Bruce (Oam)	"	D. Piddock (Pan)	9/1 9/3 9/1
Third Division Final	M. Betham (Whg)	"	B. McBurnie (NS)	9/7 9/1 9/0

INTER DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

Auckland retained both the Mens and Womens Inter District titles, the men for the fourth time in the six years the event has been running, while the women have won it every year.

In the Mens event, Auckland dropped one match only, when Bruce Brownlee, still flying high from winning the National Championships, defeated Howard Broun in five games. Bruce finally succumbed to flu, and had to withdraw from the last two rounds.

Similarly, in the womens event, Robyn Davis was unable to play during the whole series, but Auckland still won all its contests without losing a match.

There was little change in the mens placings from 1976 but it was significant in the womens event that Waikato, largely through the inheritance of Jane Wood from Hawkes Bay-Gisborne, improved dramatically to No. 3 slot.

Enthusiasm for this event still runs very high and with minor adjustment to the points and rules for 1978 the competition will continue to bring the best out of the countries leading players. It only remains for the other Districts to somehow make inroads into Auckland's dominating strength.

Results with last years placings in brackets:

MEN

1. Auckland (1)
2. Wellington (2)
3. Canterbury (4)
4. Waikato (3)
5. Central (5)
6. Southern (6)
7. Hawkes Bay/Gisborne (8)
8. Bay of Plenty (7)

WOMEN

1. Auckland (1)
2. Canterbury (4)
3. Waikato (7)
4. Bay of Plenty (2)
5. Wellington (3)
6. Central (6)
7. Hawkes Bay/Gisborne (5)
8. Southern (8)

The winning teams were:

Howard Broun
Neven Barbour
Trevor Colyer
Brian Barnett
Ross Norman

(Manager) Rob Crothall

Jenny Webster
Pam Buckingham
Patsy Stevens
Annette Owen
Bev Kemp

(Manageress) Pat Lee

N.Z. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 14th - 17th, 1976, saw the first ever N.Z. Open tournament held.

It was an all N.Z. event in the end as limited sponsorship precluded any overseas players competing. However it was significant that resident N.Z. professionals appeared in the draw.

The North Shore Club hosted the event exceptionally well and the two finals were well attended and both matches provided wonderful and entertaining squash.

In a reversal of the N.Z. Championships Pam Buckingham came from a seemingly impossible position to defeat Jenny Webster; and Bruce Brownlee, due to leave for an overseas tour, accounted for Howard Broun.

The 1977 Open after faltering at times will be held at North Shore from November 7 - 10th and will be on an exciting scale in that six overseas professionals, Brownlee, Lilley, and eight resident New Zealand players will compete. Major sponsorship has been obtained through the R.C.A. record company and it is fervently hoped this is the first of many tournaments where the best overseas players will compete in this country.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Waikato over Queens Birthday Weekend and sponsored by Dalgety Wines and Spirits, the Championships were full of interest with the naming of the N.Z. Mens Team to Canada being an added bonus. Murray Lilley showed all the tenacity that has made him one of the world's top amateurs to overcome Howard Broun in the semi's and Bruce Brownlee in the final having to come from 3/8 in the fifth to do so. This final produced squash of a standard not seen between two N.Z.ers before.

Jane Wood showed further improvement and indicated that her inclusion in last year's N.Z. Team was a good investment for N.Z. Squash. Her win in the semi final against Jenny Webster was followed by a very gallant effort against Pam Buckingham and five set loss to this very good player was a very creditable performance.

Results:

MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Semi Finals	B. Brownlee (Rot)	defeated	A. Naughton (Col)	9/4 9/2 9/4
	M. Lilley (KP)	"	H. Broun (Rem)	9/7 10/8 7/9 9/6
Final	M. Lilley (KP)	defeated	B. Brownlee (Rot)	9/5 2/9 9/5 1/9 10/8

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Semi Finals	P. Buckingham(Rem)	defeated	R. Davis (Hen)	4/9	9/4	9/1	9/2
	J. Wood (Ham)	"	J. Webster (Man)	9/6	9/4	9/2	
Finals	P. Buckingham(Rem)	defeated	J. Wood (Ham)	9/0	2/9	9/0	5/9 9/3

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Run by the Christchurch Club and sponsored by "Adidas". There were 144 entries - 104 men and 40 women.

With Bruce Brownlee and Murray Lilley competing there was great publicity, which must have pleased the sponsors. Neither of those two were extended until they met in the final which lasted 66 enticing minutes. Brownlee took the title 3/1 after a marathon third game lasting 19½ minutes in which he recovered from 3/6 to win it 10/8.

Ros Stanton comfortably won the womens title for the third time in succession.

Results were:-

MENS OPEN

Semi Finals	B. Brownlee	defeated	I. McNeil	9/3	9/3	7/9	9/2
	M. Lilley	"	R. Hayes	9/2	9/6	9/0	
Final	B. Brownlee	"	M. Lilley	9/3	2/9	10/8	9/1

WOMENS OPEN

Semi Finals	R. Stanton	defeated	J. Milne	9/7	9/5	9/2	
	K. Graham	"	P. Lush	10/9	5/9	9/4	9/7
Final	R. Stanton	"	K. Graham	9/7	9/6	10/8	

NATIONAL TEAMS EVENTS

COUSINS SHIELD - MITCHELL CUP

Palmerston North played host to this premier Club event held on weekend September 23-25th. Ten clubs entered the Mitchell Cup and 12 mens teams entered the Cousins Shield. There is no doubting the popularity of this championship and it can only help continuing to improve National standards. Hamilton in winning the Mens and being runner-up in the Womens to Remuera could claim the mantle of "Top Dog" for 1977 particularly as eight teams represented them in the overall grade events.

Results were:

COUSINS SHIELD

1st Round

Palmerston Nth	4	Mitchell Park	1
Khandallah	4	Celtic	1
HSOB Chch.	5	Havelock Nth.	0
Kawaroa Park	4	Remuera	1
Ponsonby, Hamilton, Collegians, North Shore - byes.			

2nd Round

Hamilton	5	Palmerston Nth	0
Khandallah	4	North Shore	1
Ponsonby	3	HSOB	2
Collegians	4	Kawaroa Park	1

3rd Round

Hamilton	5	Khandallah	0
Collegians	4	Ponsonby	1

Final

Hamilton	3	Collegians	2
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Winning Team

L. Greene, P. Devoy, J. Haines, B. Hughes, N. Warren.

B GRADE - held at Whakatane September 16-18th

Men

1st Round

Eden Epsom	3	Palmerston Nth	2
Hamilton	5	Gisborne	0
Rotorua and Mitchell Park - byes.			

2nd Round

Eden Epsom	4	Rotorua	1
Hamilton	3	Mitchell Park	2

MITCHELL CUP

1st Round

Palmerston Nth	4	Royal Oak	1
Henderson	4	Hawkes Bay	1
Hamilton, North Shore, Remuera, Tauranga, Thorndon, Mitchell Park - byes.			

2nd Round

Hamilton	4	Palmerston Nth	1
North Shore	3	Thorndon	2
Remuera	5	Mitchell P.	0
Henderson	3	Tauranga	2

3rd Round

Hamilton	3	North Shore	1
Remuera	5	Henderson	0

Final

Remuera	3	Hamilton	2
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Winning Team

P. Buckingham, S. Simcock, M. Wong, J. Dowling, M. Heine.

Women

1st Round

Remuera	3	Mt Maunganui	2
Gisborne	3	Khandallah	2
Palmerston North and Hamilton - byes.			

2nd Round

Remuera	4	Palmerston Nth	1
Hamilton	4	Gisborne	1

Final
Hamilton 4 Eden Epsom 1

Winning Team
K. Murphy, M. Rickerby, J. Fabling,
K. Turnbull, P. Elliot, A. Solly (Manager)

Plate Winner – Palmerston North.

C GRADE – held at Christchurch September 16–18th

Men

1st Round

Whangarei 4 Otago 1
HSOB CH. 3 Hamilton 2
Palmerston Nth. 4 Havelock Nth. 1
Tauranga – bye.

2nd Round

HSOB 3 Whangarei 2
Palmerston Nth 3 Tauranga 2

Final

HSOB 4 Palmerston Nth. 1

Winning Team

J. Oakley, K. Walton, J. French, T. George,
R. Vivian, P. Sheldon, B. McNeill (Man./
Coach).

Plate

Otago 3 Havelock Nth. 2
Hamilton 3 Havelock Nth. 2
Hamilton 3 Otago 2

Classic Plate

Whangarei 3 Tauranga 2

D GRADE – held at Nelson September 16–17th

Men

1st Round

Henderson 4 Mitchell Pk. 1
Ashburton 3 Hamilton 2
Rotorua 3 Kawarua Pk. 2
Sumner 3 Hawke Bay 2

Semi Final

Henderson 3 Ashburton 2
Sumner 3 Rotorua 2

Final
Remuera 5 Hamilton 0

Winning Team
M. Wong, C. Wong, C. Powles (Capt. Man.)
M. Halligan, J. Lowry.

Plate Winner – Mt Maunganui.

Women

1st Round

Gisborne 3 Royal Oak 2
Tauranga 4 Khandallah 1
Ham OBRFC 3 Christchurch 2
Kawarua Park – bye.

2nd Round

Gisborne 4 Kawarua Park 1
Tauranga 4 Hamilton 1

Final

Tauranga 3 Gisborne 2

Winning Team

A. Murphy, J. James, L. Hay, G. Loveridge,
J. Bullot, S. Bonthrom (Res.), M. Mannix
(Manager).

Plate

Khandallah 4 Royal Oak 1
Royal Oak 3 Christchurch 2
Christchurch 3 Khandallah 2

Hamilton 3 Kawarua Park 2

Women

1st Round

Christchurch 4 Palmerston Nth. 1
Hamilton 4 Tawa 1
Hawkes Bay T 3 Southern 2
Geysers City 3 North Shore 2

Semi Final

Hamilton 3 Christchurch 2
Geysers City 4 Hawke Bay Ten. 1

Final
Henderson 4 Sumner 1

Winning Team
J. Colvine, G. Hill, H. Brittain, B. David,
D. Underwood.

Plate

Mitchell Park 4 Kawarua Pk. 1

Classic Plate

Ashburton 4 Rotorua 1

Consolation Plate

Hamilton 3 Hawke Bay 2

E GRADE – held at Panmure September 16–18th

Men

1st Round

North Shore 3 Hawke Bay 2
CHch. HSOB 3 Geysers City 2
Ashburton 4 Kawarua Pk. 2

2nd Round

North Shore 4 Chch. HSOB 1
Ashburton 3 Hamilton 2

Final

North Shore 4 Ashburton 1

Winning Team

L. Shotter, F. Corner, B. Dalton, G. Price,
P. Waldron.

Plate Winner

Kawarua Park

Classic Plate

Christchurch HSOB

Consolation Plate

Geysers City

Final
Hamilton 3 Geysers City 2

Winning Team
W. Calland, P. Logan, J. Byrne, S. McCleery,
J. Weir.

Plate

Southern 5 Palmerston Nth. 0

Classic Plate

Christchurch 4 Hawke Bay T. 1

Consolation Plate

Tawa 4 North Shore

Women

1st Round

Whangarei 3 Hawke Bay 3
Kawerau 4 Christchurch 1
Matamata 5 Khandallah 0

2nd Round

Kawerau 3 Whangarei 2
Ashburton 5 Matamata 0

Final

Ashburton 3 Kawerau 2

Winning Team

M. Eagle, S. Behrenes, R. Walker, R. Bennett,
M. Buckland.

Plate Winner

Gisborne

Classic Plate

Whangarei

Consolation Plate

Waitara

A most enjoyable weekend with very high standard of squash for this grade.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUCKLAND

17 – 26th June – once more sponsored by Lion Breweries.

A new format was used for this years Championships with the District being broken up into four zones.

Eliminations for all Grades, excepting Open and Veteran, were played the first weekend, with the two finalists from each grade in each zone going forward to meet in the finals the second weekend. Nearly 400 entries were received, not as many as in 1976.

Remuera hosted the zone finals as well as the premier events, and veteran championships. Zone eliminations venues were Ponsonby, Papakura, Eden-Epsom and Grammar and Henderson.

Pam Buckingham won her fifth Auckland title, and has indeed, been Auckland champion for the last three years, while Howard Broun regained the title which he lost to Neven Barbour in 1976.

Results:

WOMENS OPEN

Semi Finals	P. Buckingham (Rem)	defeated	A. Owen (RO)	9/6	9/2	9/3	
	J. Webster (Man)	"	R. Davis (Hn)	3/9	9/5	9/3	9/3
Final	P. Buckingham	"	J. Webster	10/8	9/1	9/7	

MENS OPEN

Semi Finals	H. Broun (Rem)	defeated	B. Barnett (Pon)	9/5	9/4	9/3	
	N. Barbour (Hsn)	"	T. Colyer (Hsn)	9/1	7/9	6/9	9/0 9/0
Final	H. Broun	"	N. Barbour	8/10	9/6	9/4	9/3

WAIKATO

Held at the Hamilton Squash Club from April 29 – May 1st.

Sponsored again by Lion Breweries, the Waikato Champs started the major tournament schedule. 96 mens entries and 48 womens entries were accepted. Pam Buckingham won her fourth title defeating an improved Jane Wood. Bruce Brownlee showing the obvious benefits of his recent overseas tour won the mens title in a dogged match with Neven Barbour.

Results were:

MEN

Semi Finals	B. Brownlee (Rot)	defeated	B. Barnett (Pons.)	9/2	9/2	9/0	
	N. Barbour (Hen)	"	T. Colyer (Hen)	9/4	9/4	4/9	9/5
Final	B. Brownlee (Rot)	"	N. Barbour (Hen)	5/9	9/1	9/3	9/3

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WOMEN

Semi Finals	P. Buckingham (Rem)	defeated	V. McCausland (Te Puke)	4/9	9/1	9/7	9/7
	J. Wood (Ham)	"	R. Davis (Hen)	by default			
Final	P. Buckingham (Rem)	"	J. Wood (Ham)	5/9	9/3	9/0	9/1

BAY OF PLENTY

For the first time in seven years the Bay of Plenty Open Championships were held outside Whakatane and were successfully staged at Tokoroa on May 26 – 29th. With the return of the British Amateur Champion and Murray Lilley, Howard Broun, Neven Barbour, Jenny Webster, Pam Buckingham as well as numerous other ranked players competing, Bay of Plenty saw squash of a calibre not seen locally before.

The mens final between Brownlee and Broun featured scintillating squash with both players attacking at every opportunity and producing remarkable winning strokes and sportsmanship of the highest standard.

Pam Buckingham continued her good early season form and comfortably won the womens open.

Results:

MEN

Semi Finals	B. Brownlee	defeated	N. Barbour				
	H. Broun	"	M. Lilley				
Final	B. Brownlee	"	H. Broun	9/5	4/9	9/3	9/5

WOMEN

Semi Finals	P. Buckingham	defeated	J. Wood				
	J. Webster	"	J. Wood				
Final	P. Buckingham	"	J. Webster	9/0	8/10	9/3	9/3

HAWKES BAY – GISBORNE

LEOPARD OPEN – 24 – 26th June.

Hosted this year by the Hastings Club with John Lalton in control. 164 entries accepted from the 266 received through Havelock North making their courts available to help cope.

Dennis Sharrock from Wanganui won the Mens Open and Debbie Bold from Hawkes Bay Club took out the Womens Open.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS

Hosted by the Levin Club from June 17 – 19th, 1977.

The tournament had few entries from competitors outside C.D., and was notable for the fact that it was the first Open win for Graeme Randolph, the top Under 23 player in the district.

MEN

Semi Finals	G. Randolph (PN)	defeated	G. Bowen (KP)	10/8	9/5	4/9	9/6
	C. Caird (Col)	"	J. Borren (Kap)	2/9	9/4	0/9	9/4 9/7
Final	G. Randolph	"	C. Caird	9/4	5/9	9/1	9/3

WOMEN

Semi Finals	S. Clarke (PN)	defeated	M. Wilkin (Lev)	9/1	9/2	9/4	
	J. Peed (PN)	"	H. Deerness (Wang)	1/9	10/8	9/2	0/9 9/4
Final	S. Clarke	"	J. Peed	9/1	9/5	1/9	2/9 9/4

INTER DISTRICT TRIANGULAR FIXTURE

The annual triangular event between Wellington, Hawkes Bay/Gisborne and Central Districts was held at Wanganui on 28 May 1977.

Teams consisted of six men and six women, each player having two games in each tie.

Results:	Wellington beat Central Districts	12 all, 26 games to 25
	" " H.B./Gisborne	19 to 5
	Central Districts beat H.B./Gisborne	18 matches to 6 for Newbegin Shield.

WELLINGTON

The District Championships again sponsored by Lion Breweries attracted an entry of 220 players which was slightly down on 1976. A disappointing aspect was the poor entry of four in the Womens Open Championship which was played as a round robin.

Shane O'Dwyer won his 6th Open in seven years when he defeated Tony Naughton in the final. Naughton appeared to be well in control after winning the first game comfortably but relentless pressure from O'Dwyer proved too much in the finish.

Results were:

MENS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Final	S. O'Dwyer (MP)	defeated	R. Espie (Col)				
	A. Naughton (Col)	"	S. Hughes (KH)				
Final	S. O'Dwyer	"	A. Naughton	2/9	9/7	9/3	9/7

WOMENS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Round Robin K. Glenny – 3 wins defeated P. Whiting in final 9/2 9/4 9/3

CANTERBURY

Hosted by the Christchurch Club, the 1977 events were sponsored by the 'Star' newspaper and attracted 184 entries which meant using extra courts. Rod Hayes (Chch.) scored his 5th successive tournament win of the season in beating his club mate Paul McFadzien in a sparkling five game final. McFadzien gave Hayes many anxious moments, particularly in the thrilling fifth game which Hayes took at 9/7.

Predictably, Ros Stanton took the womens title, her solid driving proving too steady for her opponents.

MENS

Semi Finals	R.W. Hayes	defeated	B.D. Mathews	7/9	9/6	10/8	9/1
	P.G. McFadzien	"	L.P. Skurr	9/5	9/3	9/4	
Final	R.W. Hayes	"	McFadzien	4/9	9/2	5/9	9/3 9/7

WOMENS

Semi Finals	R. Stanton	defeated	B. King	9/2	9/4	9/1
	K. Graham	"	P. Lush	9/2	9/4	9/2
Final	R. Stanton	"	K. Graham	3/9	9/5	9/4 9/3

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

The Ashburton Club held the S.D. Championships on Queens Birthday Weekend with 104 entries. Four Mens grades and three Womens grades. A newcomer from South Africa, Peter Haddad proving a very welcome acquisition for Southern Districts, comfortably defeated last years winner Bob Gardner in straight games.

Kathy Graham and Merle Holland, two old rivals, had a keen final with Kathy returning to top form in the fifth game.

Results:	MEN						
Semi Finals	P. Haddad	(Otg)	defeated	R. McDonald	(Celt)	7/9	9/1 9/3 9/4
	B. Gardiner	(Celt)	"	K. Leary	(Celt)	9/3	9/7 9/4
Final	P. Haddad		"	B. Gardiner		9/3	9/1 9/6
	WOMENS						
Semi Final	K. Graham	(Burn)	defeated	M.A. Redpath	(Otg)	9/4	9/3 9/7
	M. Holland	(Sum)	"	J. Bruce	(Oam)	9/7	9/2 5/9 9/6
Final	K. Graham		"	M.Holland		9/4	3/9 9/1 5/9 9/1

VETERAN SQUASH

Continuing with recent policy Districts have organised their own Veteran events this year varying from restricted age tournaments (where the minimum ages have been Men 40 and Women 35) to straight veteran championships. Teams events appeared the most popular with Henderson, Whakatane and Napier holding very successful weekends. While the results don't appear in this report for fear of contestants seeking action against age exposure all these clubs reported large and in some cases unexpected entries.

On the National scene Ken Turnbull continued his evergreen approach in defeating Robin Roche more easily than in past years, while a few new faces amongst the Womens ranks saw Colleen Owen take the Ladies title. In addition Don Green, our own life member, contested the inaugural world championships in Toronto and went down to Englander O'Connor in the final 9/6 9/7 9/1 which highlighted his suspect fitness.

Results of N.Z. Championships held at North Shore, July 19 – 20th were:—

MEN

Semi Finals	R. Roche	(Rem)	defeated	N. Coe	(Hsn)	9/0	8/10 3/9 9/3 9/4
	K. Turnbull	(Ham)	"	A. Wright	(Pon)	9/5	9/2 9/2
Final	K. Turnbull		"	R. Roche		10/8	9/1 9/5
Plate Final	T. Wynyard	(NS)	"	K. Simpson	(Gis)	9/0	5/9 9/1 9/3
Special Plate Final	A. Wright	(Pon)	"	N. Coe	(Hsn)	9/1	9/6 9/1

WOMENS

Semi Finals	C. Owen	(RO)	defeated	W. Halling	(NS)	9/1	9/7 9/0
	M. Wade	(Hsn)	"	K. Ritchards	(PN)	9/4	9/2 9/4
Final	C. Owen		"	M. Wade		3/9	6/9 9/6 9/5 9/3

Auckland retains the minimum age of: women 40 years, men 45 years. Henderson, with the ages lowered to 35 and 40 years again, ran a most successful tournament, calling for entries by way of invitation/circular to all known veterans throughout the country, which resulted in 123 entries.

AUCKLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Veteran:	R. Roche	(Rem)	defeated	A. Wright	(Pon)	4/9	10/9 9/4 9/4
Womens Veteran:	C. Owen	(RO)	"	J. Brown	(CR)	9/2	9/5 3/9 9/6

UNDER 23 SQUASH

Director: M.S. Greig

The importance of this age group can be readily gauged from the N.Z. Championships. The mens champion Bruce Brownlee is still under 23 years, Rod Hayes, Ross Norman and Brian Barnett made the last eight, and Craig Blackwood, Steven Cleary and Robin Espie made the last twelve. In the women the results were not as impressive although Ros Stanton reached the semifinals and three other girls in the U23 age group were initially seeded. The composition of the interdistrict teams further emphasises the increasing strength of this age group.

On a national basis emphasis tends to be placed on players with at least a B-grading although in some instances C1 graded players are also included depending upon age, potential and previous experience, in order to allow for late developers. The individual player's aim should be to reach A-grade status. However, the intention is not to produce a champion and discard the rest. The improvement in standard that an individual player achieves can serve as an example for his fellow players at both club and district level and hopefully the player will make a contribution back to the game at some stage.

The top juniors should be included in U23 activities as their standard is such that they should be competing as seniors and in many cases they have reached the level of maturity that makes it more appropriate to treat them as adults. Under 23 activities tend to commence early in the season for two main reasons:—

- 1) The intention is that the younger players should try to get "a jump on the rest of the field" and then continue building up towards the major tournaments such as North Island and New Zealand Champs.
- 2) Many of the players in this age group tend to have examination commitments toward the end of the season.

An informal meeting of players raised the following points of general agreement:—

- 1) The time is approaching when an interdistrict teams event could be held — forerunners of this are the matches between adjacent districts that are now being held.
- 2) Juniors of appropriate standard should participate in the U23 championships and receive the same level of assistance as other players.
- 3) Internal tours have often been of dubious value due to low standard of opposition met in some areas.
- 4) Tours to Australia have provided good experience due to the wide range of opponents and conditions faced. However, in some instances travelling has tended to be excessive.
- 5) Partial assistance towards private overseas tours provides both a good incentive and possibly a more fruitful and economic way of allocating funds.

Training Squad — A number of players in the U23 age group were included in the N.Z. training squad. The men who involved themselves fully all appear to have benefitted and have lifted their game to

higher levels over the past season. It is unfortunate that the womens squad did not commence in sufficient time for the younger members to gain any benefits during the current season.

The work of Norm Coe and Rob Crothall is very much appreciated and I am sure that our players of all ages will continue to benefit from the further experience they will have gained at the International Series in Canada.

Coaching — Thanks partly to grants from the Ministry of Sport and Recreation, funds available for coaching are quite considerable in comparison to previous years. In some districts regular coaching sessions have been arranged with professional coaches. However in some districts there are not suitable coaches available or the organisation has been lacking. In some instances because of this problem it has been considered most appropriate to encourage players to gain experience by increased tournament participation.

Some of our coaching problems might be solved if we can persuade some of our more experienced players to develop an interest in our up and coming players.

District Comment — Southern Districts require to appoint an official coordinator who could bring together top U23 and junior players. There is a regional problem and perhaps Murray Isaacs or someone similar could look after Ashburton Timaru with another person based in Dunedin.

Canterbury have a group of keen players who Viv Hargreaves keeps an eye on for me as well as periodic discussions with Doug Lawrie. Canterbury have not spent all their \$330.00 allocation due to the confusion that arose over the publicised 16 draw for N.I. Champs.

Wellington has a group receiving coaching from Dibley and O'Dwyer. It is hoped to carry this on over the summer and include Andrew Sinclair from C.D.

Andrew Doig looking after CD and encouraging their top players.

Laurie Greene, Waikato coordinator and keen but nothing to work with.

Hawkes Bay — Gisborne have geographical problems — Debbie Bold only player involved at present.

Nothing much heard from Bay of Plenty.

Dardir has been taking sessions in Auckland which will continue over summer.

N.Z. Championships — Played at Palmerston North over Anzac Weekend with the three days available permitting all players to receive four or five games. Players of B-grade standard or above received partial assistance. The aim was that this weekend of intensive competition would replace the normal coaching school. Selectors and some co-ordinators were in attendance and it was possible to assess the players' potential and arrange for further assistance during the year.

The Championship winners, Annette Owen and Brian Barnett and the respective runners up Ros Stanton and Steve Cleary showed a very determined and mature approach to the tournament and are to be congratulated on their success. Barnett, who was the most consistent player throughout the three-day

championships, had a straight set win over fellow Aucklander Stephen Cleary, 9-6, 9-7, 9-2, in the final played at the Palmerston North courts on Sunday. Barnett dropped only two sets in his path to the final, losing one of them to the effervescent Wellingtonian Robin Espie.

Consistent Aucklander Annette Owen proved a little too classy for Ros Stanton (Canterbury) in the final of the women's championship, winning in four sets, 5-9, 9-4, 9-4, 9-1.

MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Semi Finals	B. Barnett	defeated	R. Espie	1/9	9/3	9/4	9/3
	S. Cleary	"	R. Hayes	9/6	9/2	7/9	7/9 9/2
Final	B. Barnett	"	S. Cleary	9/6	9/7	9/2	
3rd place	R. Espie	"	R. Hayes	9/3	9/4	9/4	
Classic Plate	R. Norman	"	G. Randolph	9/1	10/9	4/9	9/7
Plate	R. Fitzsimmons	"	J. O'Sullivan	9/4	10/8	9/0	
Consolation	G. Devoy	"	J. Romanos	10/9	4/9	4/9	9/7 9/5
Special Plate	C. Caird	"	D. Wyatt	9/1	9/6	2/9	9/2

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Semi Finals	A. Owen	"	K. Leabourne	6/9	9/0	9/3	10/8
	R. Stanton	"	B. Kemp	9/5	9/7	4/9	9/2
Final	A. Owen	"	R. Stanton	5/9	9/4	9/4	9/1
3rd place	B. Kemp	"	K. Leabourne	9/4	10/8	8/10	9/3
Classic Plate	S. Clarke	"	J. Stanton	9/7	6/9	9/6	9/3
Plate	D. Bold	"	J. Peed	9/6	9/10	9/5	7/9 9/0
Consolation	J. O'Brian	"	M. Halligan	9/5	9/6	9/0	

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JUNIOR SQUASH

Director: D.M. Lawrie

The search to organise a programme best suited to junior requirements continued this year. High travel costs, lost schooling time and availability of suitable court complexes present major problems. Several combinations have been tried in the past. This year the N.Z. Junior Open was combined with the North Island Age championships and the N.Z. Age events with the District Teams event. Many aspects were satisfactory but serious consideration must be given to conducting the various major age events on different dates. Changes to the transitional type of tournament will have to be effected if the ever-increasing numbers playing are to be catered for.

Despite these over-riding difficulties it was pleasing to note the successful organisation of events by clubs who followed the official guide lines booklet compiled by junior management. When not used the results were evident and fully warranted the criticism expressed by concerned parents and administrators.

A noticeable up-surge in sponsored tournaments took place this year. From club and district events the interest progressed through to national level. An example is the continued generous support of AB Consolidated who sent Debbie Kelsall, Robyn Sperry, David Oakley and Mrs Dawn Dryland (Manageress) to the Cheezels South Pacific finals in Adelaide. This commercial travel is likely to increase.

The decision against sending teams to Australia was not easy. On the surface it appeared the girls in particular warranted a trip. However it became apparent to the selectors that many basic techniques were faulty. Consequently a policy of national training squads was introduced with twin objectives being to eliminate basic stroke errors and instil helpful training methods. Already the evaluation and instruction has proved of considerable benefit. Through the welcome inspiration of Dardir, assistance from national coaching director Ted Yeend and the junior selectors (all qualified coaches), leading juniors should now be much better prepared to absorb the full value of overseas experience.

In a year more noted for general depth of standard than individual brilliance, several notable firsts were recorded. Both the under 19 age and open junior ladies titles were won by Joanne Milne (Canterbury). Bill Fowler (Southern) deservedly became the first southern to be awarded the Mackwell Trophy (greatest contribution on and off court during national teams event). Runner up for the past three years, the Canterbury junior mens team of Lyndsay Walton, Stuart Davenport, Chris Wasley, Gary Monk and Robin Clements, became the first South Island winning combination. Accompanied by Rod Hayes, former national junior champion, Ross Norman (Auckland) is the first junior to benefit from substantial N.Z. Association sponsorship for a campaign in Europe. It is from similar campaigns that Bruce Brownlee showed such a vast improvement.

Something that has not improved this year is communication. Unlike the six-weekly senior body meetings the junior co-ordinators come together irregularly. Considering the magnitude of club, district and national activities several districts are asking a lot from any one person by not organising a specific junior committee. Ideally, such a committee in each district, forwarding their combined deliberations to senior management would eliminate much of the disjointed presentations experienced at present. Thankfully senior management and the Secretary have made allowances. In particular the effort made by the N.Z. President and several officers to obtain the first hand information peculiar to junior squash has been much appreciated.

Development of junior squash is indebted to many hard working administrators and interested parents throughout N.Z. Their dedication and vision ensures that the wealth of talent continues to expand in the best interests of the players and the future of New Zealand squash.

JUNIOR MANAGEMENT

Chairman: D.M. Lawrie, Secretary: Mrs M. Bowers

Delegates – T. Brown (Auckland), Mrs L. Smith (Bay of Plenty), K. Mallett (Waikato), M. McDonald (Central), D. Carswell (Hawkes Bay/Gisborne), Mrs D. Dryland (Wellington), B. Marriot (Canterbury), E. Mortimer (Southern).

Selectors – N.J. Gifford (Convenor), Mrs D. Dryland, D.M. Lawrie.

1977 RANKING LISTS

U/19 BOYS:

R. Norman (Auck)
J. Mason (Wgn)
J. Simpson (Wko)
K. Hannan (Wgn)

U/17 BOYS:

P. Viggers (HB/G)
D. Oakley (Wgn)
D. Lovett (Wko)
C. Maxwell (Auck)

U/15 BOYS:

S. Davenport (Cant)
J. Bushell (Cant)
J. Mills (Cen)
M. Crosbie (Cant)

U/13 BOYS:

R. Wyatt (BOP)
D. McQueen (BOP)
R. Aplin (Wgn)
E. Wooley (Auck)

U/19 GIRLS:

A. Owen (Auck)
J. Milne (Cant)
K. Leabourn (Auck)
R. Hadfield (Wgn)

U/17 GIRLS:

S. Clarke (Cen)
K. Lever (BOP)
R. Sperry (Wgn)
C. Rogers (Wko)

U/15 GIRLS:

D. Kelsell (Auck)
D. Gurran (BOP)
R. Bradburn (Wko)
W. Stanton (Cen)

U/13 GIRLS:

S. Devoy (BOP)
J. Richardson (Auck)
J. Stoupe (Wgn)
H. Stagg (Wgn)



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N.Z. JUNIOR OPEN

Venue Wangai Squash Club. July 1 - 3rd.

In a new innovation the N.Z. Junior Squash Open was held in conjunction with the North Island Age Group Championships. Although the dates and venue were subject to late changes the idea was reasonably successful. However the bogey of the late withdrawals was ever present. In all 144 players entered, 16 being ballotted out.

David Oakley won an exciting final with Gerard Devoy 10/8 in the fifth to take the mens title. Joanne Milne caused a major surprise in defeating Annette Owen, last years champion, in the womens event semi final.

Results were:

MEN					
Semi Finals	Gerard Devoy	defeated	Jeff Mason	9/7	9/5 7/9 7/9 9/7
	David Oakley	"	Paul Daley	3/9	8/10 10/8 9/7 9/5
Final	David Oakley	"	Gerard Devoy	3/9	9/4 9/6 7/9 10/8
WOMEN					
Semi Finals	Joanne Milne	"	Annette Owen	10/8	2/9 0/9 9/4 10/9
	Sheryl Clarke	"	Kathryn Leabourn	9/7	0/9 9/6 10/8
Final	Joanne Milne	"	Sheryl Clarke	9/2	7/9 9/5 9/2

N.Z. AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue College Rifles, Auckland. 26 - 27th August.

Sponsored again by A.B. Consolidated Marketers and Manufacturers of Cheezles.

A very large entry was received, and an extremely high standard of squash throughout the four age groups was seen.

Kevin Hannan won the Boys Under 19, losing a hard fought first game against Chris Wasley, but taking the next three quite comfortably, and in the Girls Under 19 Joanne Milne defeated Kathryn Leabourne in five games, after losing the first two.

Results:

GIRLS					
Under 19 Semi Finals	J. Milne (Sum)	defeated	A. Fargher (Ot)	9/5	9/0 9/1
	K. Leabourne (Pan)	"	R. Hadfield (Marl)	9/4	9/2 9/1
Final	J. Milne	"	K. Leabourn	5/9	7/9 9/2 9/6 9/6

Under 17 Semi Finals

S. Clarke (PN)	defeated	C. Rogers (Cam)	9/2	9/0	9/1
K. Lever (MtM)	"	R. Sperry (Msn)	2/9	9/3	9/3 9/5
Final S. Clarke	"	K. Lever	9/0	9/0	9/5

Under 15 Semi Finals

D. Gurran (Edg)	"	C. Lind (HOB)	9/7	9/1	6/9 9/5
D. Kelsall (Man)	"	R. Bradburn (Ham)	9/0	9/0	9/2
Final D. Kelsall	"	D. Gurran	9/3	5/9	9/4 9/6

Under 13 Semi Finals

S. Devoy (Rot)	"	H. Stagg (Msn)	9/5	9/0	4/9 9/0
J. Richardson (RO)	"	J. Stoupe (MP)	9/1	4/9	9/2 9/2
Final S. Devoy	"	J. Richardson	4/9	9/2	9/1 9/3

BOYS

Under 19 Semi Finals

C. Wasley (BNSD)	"	J. Simpson (Ham)	9/7	10/8	2/9 10/9
K. Hannan (TH)	"	L. Walton (HSOB)	10/9	9/0	9/1
Final K. Hannan	"	C. Wasley	9/10	9/3	9/2 9/5

Under 17 Semi Finals

D. Oakley (MP)	"	D. Rae (Hast)	9/1	9/6	9/2
P. Viggers (HB)	"	D. Lovett (Ham)	9/6	9/1	10/8
Final P. Viggers	"	D. Oakley	9/0	9/6	10/8

Under 15 Semi Finals

S. Davenport (BNSD)	"	H. Leabourn (Pan)	9/3	9/2	9/2
J. Bushell (")	"	J. Mills (Fdg)	9/7	9/5	5/9 6/9 9/7
Final S. Davenport	"	J. Bushell	9/4	9/3	9/5

Under 13 Semi Finals

R. Wyatt (Rot)	"	D. Whooley (Whg)	9/2	9/6	9/4
D. McQueen (Rot)	"	R. Aplin (BNSD)	9/3	9/1	5/9 9/5
Final R. Wyatt	"	D. McQueen	9/1	7/9	9/4 9/2

INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

Whangarei 31st August to 3rd September

Again some excellent squash was seen during this strongly contested teams event, sponsored by A.B. Consolidated.

Auckland retained the Girls title for the fourth consecutive year, 6 points ahead of Wellington.

Canterbury won the Boys event for the first time, but finished only one point ahead of Hawkes Bay Gisborne.

It was quite amazing to see the shift of strength with the Districts since last year, particularly in the boys where Hawkes Bay Gisborne (7th last year) leapt to 2nd place, Southern (6th last year) coming third and Auckland dropping from top to 7th.

The girls were far more steady however; Wellington confirmed their improvements to No. two spot and Waikato were noticeable for their deterioration.

Final Placings (last season in brackets)

BOYS:

1. Canterbury	58 points	(2)
2. Hawkes Bay/Gis	57 "	(7)
3. Southern	43 "	(6)
4. Waikato	38 "	(3)
5. Wellington	34 "	(4)
6. Bay of Plenty	32 "	(5)
7. Auckland	12 "	(1)
8. Central	6 "	(8)

GIRLS:

1. Auckland	55 points	(1)
2. Wellington	49 "	(4)
3. Bay of Plenty	48 "	(5)
4. Central	48 "	(3)
5. Waikato	36 "	(2)
6. Canterbury	26 "	(6)
7. Hawkes Bay/Gis	16 "	(7)
8. Southern	2 "	(8)



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Championships

MACKWELLS TROPHY

Annually awarded to the player who does the most on and off the court during the Inter District Teams event.

Bill Fowler from Southern Districts very deservedly received this for his untiring efforts in guiding the Southern Team to its best ever placing in N.Z. Junior Squash.

NORTH ISLAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

As mentioned, these were held in conjunction with the N.Z. Open and the results were:

BOYS U17:

Semi Finals	Paul Viggers	defeated	Robin Clements	9/3 9/4 9/5
	Dean Lovett	"	Michael Stagg	10/8 9/3 9/1
Finals	Paul Viggers	"	Dean Lovett	9/4 9/0 9/1

BOYS U15:

Semi Finals	John Mills	"	Hugh Leabourn	9/1 9/5 9/4
	Jamie Bushell	"	Mark Crosbie	9/0 9/1 9/3
Finals	John Mills	"	Jamie Bushell	9/10 9/7 9/3 4/9 9/7

BOYS U13:

Semi Finals	Robert Wyatt	"	Robert Alpin	9/0 5/9 9/1 2/9 9/4
	Danny McQueen	"	Mark Clarke	10/8 7/9 3/9 9/1 9/6
Finals	Robert Wyatt	"	Danny McQueen	9/2 5/9 9/5 9/2

GIRLS U17:

Semi Finals	Cathie Rogers	"	Nicol Powell	9/3 9/3 5/9 9/10 9/4
	Robyn Sperry	"	Jacqui James	9/5 9/6 2/9 9/1
Finals	Robyn Sperry	"	Cathie Rogers	9/5 9/1 9/5

GIRLS U15:

Semi Finals	Donna Gurrán	"	Wendy Stanton	9/3 1/9 9/4 9/5
	Deborah Kelsall	"	Carol Lind	9/2 9/4 9/7
Finals	Donna Gurrán	"	Deborah Kelsall	9/4 7/9 4/9 9/2 9/3

GIRLS U13:

Semi Finals	Susan Devoy	"	Julie Richardson	9/2 9/7 9/3
	Joanne Stoupe	"	Helen Stagg	7/9 9/6 9/0 10/9
Final	Susan Devoy	"	Joanne Stoupe	9/7 9/2 9/0

SOUTH ISLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entrants from Invercargill through to Christchurch were attracted to the central location of Oamaru. Without doubt the main difference in standards was the experience gained from North Island tournaments displayed by many of the large contingent from Canterbury. Entries in the girls events were again low with only sufficient for a round robin in the under 19 grade.

Following a rare defeat in the Canterbury championships Stuart Davenport (Burnside) returned to his consistent best in winning the boys under 19 grade. Still only fourteen years old, he played with a precision that could not be matched by much older and stronger opponents.

GIRLS U17:	D. O'Grady	defeated	M. Bennison	9/4	9/4	9/0
GIRLS U15:	T. Cusmans	"	A. Milne	9/4	9/1	9/0
BOYS U19:						
Semi Finals	S. Davenport	"	R. Brace	9/1	9/2	9/0
	C. Wasley	"	C. Posa	9/7	9/7	9/1
Final	S. Davenport	"	C. Wasley	9/3	9/3	6/9 9/2
BOYS U17:						
Semi Finals	R. Clements	"	B. Glass	9/0	9/2	9/0
	G. Utteridge	"	M. Corner	9/3	6/9	9/7 3/9 9/3
Final	R. Clements	"	G. Utteridge	10/8	9/0	9/6
BOYS U15:						
Semi Finals	S. Mortimer	"	J. Bushell	By default		
	M. Crosbie	"	S. Aplin	9/6	9/2	2/9 9/5
Final	S. Mortimer	"	M. Crosbie	9/5	9/5	7/9 9/5
BOYS U13:						
Final	R. Aplin	"	K. Kennedy			

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MENS CHAMPIONSHIP (Riddiford Gold Cup)

1932 Christchurch: G.E.F. Kingscote (Christchurch)
 1933 Christchurch: P.D. Hall (Christchurch)
 1934 Christchurch: P.D. Hall (Christchurch)
 1935 Christchurch: P.D. Hall (Christchurch)
 1936 Timaru: W.R. Fea (Timaru)
 1937 Timaru: W.R. Fea (Timaru)
 1938 Timaru: W.E. Renton (Timaru)
 1939 Devonport (A): W.E. Renton (Timaru)
 1946 Timaru: A.H. Malcolm (Hamilton)
 1947 Palmerston North: A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
 1948 Timaru: M.J. Souter (Timaru)
 1949 Palmerston North: A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
 1950 Timaru: J.A. Gillies (Invercargill)
 1951 Palmerston North: J.A. Gillies (Invercargill)
 1952 Oamaru: J.A. Gillies (Invercargill)
 1953 Palmerston North: D.D. Mochan (Palmerston North)
 1954 Invercargill: P.R. Vesty (Timaru)
 1955 Remuera: D.D. Mochan (Palmerston North)
 1956 Timaru: D.G. Green (Dunedin)
 1957 Palmerston North: D.D. Mochan (Palmerston North)
 1958 Oamaru: J. Cheadle (Australia)
 1959 Napier: M.A. Oddy (Great Britain)
 1960 Timaru: C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
 1961 Hamilton: C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
 1962 Palmerston North: C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
 1963 Christchurch: C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
 1964 Henderson: C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
 1965 Masterton: R. Carter (Australia)
 1966 Timaru: T. Johnston (Palmerston North)
 1967 Hamilton: D. Burmeister (Palmerston North)
 1968 Palmerston North: J. Johnston (Palmerston North)
 1969 Christchurch: D. Burmeister (Palmerston North)
 1970 Remuera: D. Burmeister (North Shore)
 1971 Lower Hutt: M. Asran (United Arab Republic)
 1972 Dunedin: L.M. Greene (Hamilton)
 1973 Napier: N.S. Barbour (Henderson)
 1974 Hamilton: N. Barbour (Henderson)
 1975 Christchurch: T. Johnston (Geyser City)
 1976 Palmerston North: H. Broun (Remuera)
 1977 North Shore: B. Brownlee (Rotorua)

WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mitchell Rose Bowl)

Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
 Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
 Mrs R. Maddern (Australia)
 Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
 Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
 Miss B. Patterson (Napier)
 Miss A. McKenzie (Oamaru)
 Miss A. McKenzie (Oamaru)
 Miss B. Patterson (Napier)
 Miss A. Mackenzie (Oamaru)
 Mrs A. Stephens (Hamilton)
 Miss P. McGlenaghan (Australia)
 Mrs A. Stephens (Hamilton)
 Mrs D. Deacon (Henderson)
 Miss H. Blundell (Australia)
 Mrs P.A. Mills (Hamilton)
 Mrs M. Waugh (Henderson)
 Mrs V. Biss (Palmerston North)
 Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
 Miss T. Lawes (Remuera)
 Mrs P. Buckingham (Hamilton)
 Miss C. Fleming (Auckland)
 Mrs P. Buckingham (Hamilton)
 Mrs J. Webster (Manurewa)
 Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
 Mrs J. Webster (Manurewa)
 Mrs J. Webster (Manurewa)

VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN (N.Z. VETERANS CUP)

1961 A.D. Long (Palmerston North)
 1962 T.D.C. Childs (Henderson)
 1963 R.G. Pattinson (Christchurch)
 1964 R.B. Lugton (Hamilton)
 1965 O. Bold (Hawkes Bay)
 1966 O. Bold (Hawkes Bay)
 1967 A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
 1968 A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
 1969 M. Blank (Christchurch)
 1970 M. Lust (Masterton)
 1971 No contest
 1972 No contest
 1973 M. Lust (Masterton)
 1974 K. Turnbull (Hamilton)
 1975 R. Roche (Remuera)
 1976 K. Turnbull (Hamilton)
 1977 K. Turnbull (Hamilton)

WOMEN (BROADBENT CUP)

Mrs S. Currin (Henderson)
 Mrs A. Tietjens (Remuera)
 Mrs F. Howard (Hamilton)
 Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
 Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
 Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
 Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
 Mrs L. Brownlee (Rotorua)
 Mrs D. Dryland (Wellington)
 No contest
 No contest
 Mrs C. McBain (Fielding)
 Mrs C. Owen (Royal Oak)

INTERDISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

MEN (M.C. DAY CUP)

1972 Auckland
 1973 Wellington
 1974 Auckland
 1975 Bay of Plenty
 1976 Auckland
 1977 Auckland

WOMEN (K.A. MACKWELL CUP)

Auckland
 Auckland
 Auckland
 Auckland
 Auckland
 Auckland

NEW ZEALAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1976 B. Brownlee (Rotorua) Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)

AUSTRALIAN LADIES CUP

Presented by the Australian Women's Association for the most improved N.Z. Woman player

- 1960 Miss V. Milligan (Palmerston North)
- 1961 Mrs J. Lever (Henderson)
- 1962 Mrs H. Hargreaves (Henderson)
- 1963 Christchurch Women's team
- 1964 Mrs M. Waugh (Remuera)
- 1965 Miss M. Rippon (Remuera)
- 1966 Miss C. Fleming (Eden Epsom)
- 1967 Mrs P. Buckingham (Cambridge)
- 1968 Miss M. Lynch (Palmerston North)
- 1969 Miss N. Dunning (Hawkes Bay)
- 1970 Mrs J. Webster (Manurewa)
- 1971 Miss J. Grieve (Hastings)
- 1972 Miss J. Lamb (Khandallah)
- 1973 Miss C. Parkinson (Rotorua)
- 1974 Miss J. Park (Hamilton)
- 1975 Miss J. Wood (Hawkes Bay)
- 1976 Miss A. Owen (Royal Oak)
- 1977 Miss C. Clarke (Palmerston North)

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**MEN****(WYNDHAM HOOPER MEMORIAL CUP)**

- 1948 A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
- 1949 A.H. Malcolm (Hamilton)
- 1950 A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
- 1951 A.H. Malcolm (Hamilton)
- 1952 A.G. Perigo (Palmerston North)
- 1953 A.H. Malcolm (Hamilton)
- 1954 D.D. Mochan (Palmerston North)
- 1955 A.H. Malcolm (Hamilton)
- 1956 D.D. Mochan (Palmerston North)
- 1957 A.G. Roberts (Remuera)
- 1958 A.M. Johns (Palmerston North)
- 1959 R.B. Clarke (Palmerston North)
- 1960 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1961 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1962 I. Easton (Hamilton)
- 1963 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1964 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1965 P. Dibley (Remuera)
- 1966 P. Dibley (Remuera)
- 1967 C.R. Waugh (Henderson)
- 1968 T. Johnston (Palmerston North)

VOGEL ROSEBOWL

Presented by J.E.F. Vogel (Wellington) for the most improved N.Z. Male Player

- 1970 G. Stewart (Kawaroa Park)
- 1971 S. O'Dwyer (Collegians)
- 1972 T. Colyer (Henderson)
- 1973 H. Broun (Hamilton)
- 1974 B. Brownlee (Rotorua)
- 1975 M. Lilley (Kawaroa Park)
- 1976 B. Barnett (Cambridge)
- 1977 R. Norman (Panmure)

WOMEN**(HAMILTON CLUB CUP)**

- Miss N. Muir (Palmerston North)
- Miss N. Muir (Palmerston North)
- Miss N. Muir (Palmerston North)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Mrs P. Hunter (Hamilton)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Mrs N. New (Palmerston North)
- Miss B. Patterson (Hamilton)
- Miss B. Patterson (Hamilton)
- Miss L. Wright (Australia)
- Mrs M. Naylor (Remuera)
- Mrs M. Naylor (Remuera)
- Miss D. Linde (Australia)
- Mrs D. Deacon nee Linde (Henderson)
- Miss L. Hubinger (Australia)
- Miss P. Mills (Hamilton)
- Mrs M. Waugh (Henderson)
- Mrs V. Biss (Palmerston North)

- 1969 D. Burmeister (Palmerston North)
- 1970 J. Isaacs (Mitchell Park)
- 1971 C.R. Waugh (Henderson)
- 1972 V.J. Hargreaves (Christchurch HSOB)
- 1973 T. Johnston (Rotorua)
- 1974 T. Johnston (Rotorua)
- 1975 T. Cheetham (Australia)
- 1976 S. Hughes (North Shore)
- 1977 M. Lilley (Kawaroa Park)

- Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
- Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
- Mrs P. Buckingham (Hamilton)
- Miss C. Fleming (Eden Epsom)
- Miss J. Lamb (Khandallah)
- Miss L. Hubinger (Australia)
- Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
- Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)
- Mrs P. Buckingham (Remuera)

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**MEN**

- 1949 J.A. Gillies (Invercargill)
- 1950 J.A. Gillies (Invercargill)
- 1951 M.J. Souter (Timaru)
- 1952 M.A. Gunn (Oamaru)
- 1953 P. Vesty (Timaru)
- 1954 N. Coe (Timaru)
- 1955 L.G. Milne (Timaru)
- 1956 F.N. Coe (Timaru)
- 1957 F.N. Coe (Timaru)
- 1958 D.G. Green (Timaru)
- 1959 D.G. Green (Timaru)
- 1960 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1961 I. Easton (Hamilton)
- 1962 C.R. Waugh (Palmerston North)
- 1963 G. Bird (Timaru)
- 1964 G. Bird (Timaru)
- 1965 D.R. Preston (Christchurch)
- 1966 M. McKenzie (Remuera)
- 1967 P. Dibley (Remuera)
- 1968 G.L. Bird (Timaru)
- 1969 G. Davidson (Timaru)
- 1970 D.R. Preston (Christchurch)
- 1971 S. O'Dwyer (Collegians)
- 1972 N.S. Barbour (Henderson)
- 1973 D. Preston (Christchurch)
- 1974 I. Robinson (England)
- 1975 I.B. McNeill (HSOB)
- 1976 B. Barnett (Tauranga)
- 1977 B. Brownlee (Rotorua)

WOMEN

- Miss L. Wright (Australia)
- Miss R. Robb (Australia)
- Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
- Mrs K. Graham (Otago)
- Mrs K. Graham (Otago)
- Mrs P. Leopold (Christchurch)
- Mrs K. Graham (Otago)
- Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
- Mrs R. Woodhead (Christchurch)
- Mrs K. Graham (Burnside)
- Miss P. Lush (Christchurch)
- Mrs J. Webster (Manurewa)
- Miss R. Stanton (HSOB)
- Miss R. Stanton (HSOB)
- Miss R. Stanton (HSOB)

NATIONAL TEAMS COMPETITIONS

Premier Club Competition

OPEN GRADE

	MEN (COUSINS SHIELD)	WOMEN (MITCHELL CUP)
1947	Palmerston North	
1948	Timaru	
1949	Timaru	
1950	Timaru	
1951	Palmerston North	
1952	Timaru	
1953	Timaru	
1954	Timaru	
1955	Palmerston North	
1956	Oamaru	
1957	Oamaru	
1958	Timaru	Hamilton
1959	Palmerston North	Remuera
1960	Palmerston North	Remuera
1961	Palmerston North	Hamilton
1962	Timaru	Remuera
1963	Timaru	Hamilton
1964	Timaru	Palmerston North
1965	Remuera	Palmerston North
1966	Remuera	Henderson
1967	Remuera	Remuera
1968	Remuera	Palmerston North
1969	Henderson	Remuera
1970	Henderson	Remuera
1971	Mitchell Park	Remuera
1972	Hamilton	Remuera
1973	Hamilton	Eden Epsom
1974	Henderson	Henderson
1975	Remuera	Hawkes Bay
1976	Hamilton	Tauranga
1977	Hamilton	Remuera

'B' GRADE

	MEN (DAVIS TROPHY)	WOMEN (BOUCHIER CUP)
1968	Kawaroa Park	Palmerston North
1969	Wellington	Rotorua
1970		
1971	Henderson	Kawaroa Park
1972	Collegians	Hawkes Bay
1973	Eden Epsom	Remuera
1974	Hamilton	Whangarei
1975	Hamilton	Khandallah
1976	Eden Epsom	Palmerston North
1977	Hamilton	Remuera

'C' GRADE

	MEN (ROYAL OAK SHIELD)	WOMEN (HAWKES BAY SQUASH CLUB SHIELD)
1969	Henderson	Henderson
1970	Royal Oak	
1971	Hamilton	Hawkes Bay
1972	Palmerston North	Otago
1973	Mitchell Park	Havelock North
1974	Otago University	Hastings
1975	Gisborne	College Rifles
1976	Island Bay	Collegians
1977	Christchurch HSOB	Tauranga

'D' GRADE

	MEN (TAWA CUP)	WOMEN (TAWA CUP)
1971	Palmerston North	Panmure
1972	Collegians	Cambridge
1973	Ponsonby	Cambridge
1974	North Shore	Whakatane
1975	Burnside	Tauranga
1976	Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis	Hamilton Old Boys
1977	Henderson	Hamilton

'E' GRADE

	MEN (SOUTHERN CUP)	WOMEN (BAY OF PLENTY CUP)
1976	Royal Oak	North Shore
1977	North Shore	Ashburton

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIP

	MEN	WOMEN
1976	S. Hughes (North Shore)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1977	B. Barnett (Ponsonby)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)

JUNIORS

N.Z. JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Inaugurated 1975)

	BOYS	GIRLS
1975	R. Hayes (Christchurch)	R. Blackwood (North Shore)
1976	R. Hayes (Christchurch)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1977	D. Oakley (Mitchell Park)	J. Milne (Sumner)

NATIONAL AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

	BOYS (Under 19 years)	GIRLS
1950	L.G. Milne (Timaru)	
1951	P. Vesty (Timaru)	
1952	P. Vesty (Timaru)	
1953	P. Vesty (Timaru)	
1954	P. Mackenzie (Oamaru)	
1955	P. Mackenzie (Oamaru)	
1956	P. Mackenzie (Oamaru)	W. Clarke (Palmerston North)
1957	G. Davidson (Oamaru)	J. Cunningham (Remuera)
1958	G. Davidson (Oamaru)	L. Marshall (Air)
1959	G. Bird (Timaru)	J. Cleghorn (Palmerston North)
1960	G. Bird (Timaru)	No competition
1961	G. Bird (Timaru)	No competition
1962	T. Johnston (Palmerston North)	P. McClenaughan (Australia)
1963	D. Burmeister (Palmerston North)	No competition
1964	B. Tietjens (Remuera)	P. Kidd (Cambridge)
1965	B. Tietjens (Remuera)	J. Hislop (Palmerston North)
1966	B. Tietjens (Remuera)	J. Hislop (Palmerston North)
1967	D. Cotter (Remuera)	J. Hislop (Palmerston North)
1968	T. Colyer (Timaru)	M. Lynch (Palmerston North)
1969	S. Hughes (Remuera)	R. Garvey (Remuera)
1970	S. Hughes (Remuera)	R. Garvey (Remuera)
1971	S. Kennedy (Henderson)	B. Coldham (North Shore)
1972	S. Hughes (North Shore)	R. Stanton (Palmerston North)
1973	B. Taylor (Manurewa)	R. Stanton (Palmerston North)
1974	B. Barnett (Cambridge)	J. Park (Hamilton)
1975	B. Barnett (Tauranga)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1976	R. Norman (Panmure)	K. Leabourne (Panmure)
1977	K. Hannan (Thorndon)	J. Milne (Sumner)

(Under 17 years) (LEWIS CUP)

1973	B. Barnett (Cambridge)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1974	R. Norman (Panmure)	R. Blackwood (North Shore)
1975	R. Norman (Panmure)	K. Leabourne (Rotorua)
1976	D. Oakley (Mitchell Park)	J. Oakley (Mitchell Park)
1977	P. Viggers (Hawkes Bay)	S. Clarke (Palmerston North)

(Under 15 years) (LEWIS CUP)

1973	R. Norman (Panmure)	K. Leabourne (Rotorua)
1974	D. Oakley (Mitchell Park)	K. Leabourne (Rotorua)
1975	P. Viggers (Hawkes Bay)	K. Lever (Tauranga)
1976	S. Davenport (Burnside)	J. James (Tauranga)
1977	S. Davenport (Burnside)	D. Kelsall (Manurewa)

(Under 13 years)

1973	D. Oakley (Mitchell Park)	No contest
1974	S. Davenport (Burnside)	K. Waddell (Mitchell Park)
1975	S. Davenport (Burnside)	G. Oakley (NCU)
1976	J. Bushell (Burnside)	D. Kelsall (Manurewa)
1977	R. Wyatt (Rotorua)	S. Devoy (Rotorua)

N.Z. ROTHMANS INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

	BOYS (ROTHMANS CUP)	GIRLS (ROTHMANS CUP)
1970	Auckland	Waikato
1971	Waikato	Waikato
1972	Waikato	Waikato
1973	Auckland	Central
1974	Wellington	Auckland
1975	Wellington	Auckland
1976	Auckland	Auckland
1977	Canterbury	Auckland

NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS	GIRLS
1954 B. Sinclair (Palmerston North)	
1955	
1956 G. Haddon (Palmerston North)	W. Clarke (Palmerston North)
1957 G. Haddon (Palmerston North)	J. Cunningham (Remuera)
1958 C. Waugh (Palmerston North)	J. Cleghorn (Palmerston North)
1959 G. Haddon (Palmerston North)	J. Cleghorn (Palmerston North)
1960 G. Haddon (Palmerston North)	S. Hay-Campbell (Palmerston North)
1961 G. Haddon (Palmerston North)	M. Burmeister (Palmerston North)
1962 T. Johnston (Palmerston North)	B. Tietjens (Remuera)
1963 C. Nancarrow (Australia)	D. Bruce (Australia)
1964 K. Shawcross (N.S.W.)	P. Kidd (Cambridge)
1965 G. Lynch (Palmerston North)	S. Achurch (Australia)
1966 B. Tietjens (Remuera)	J. Hislop (Palmerston North)
1967 D. Cotter (Remuera)	J. Hislop (Palmerston North)
1968 S. Kennedy (Henderson)	M. Lynch (Palmerston North)
1969 S. Kennedy (Henderson)	M. Lynch (Palmerston North)
1970 S. Kennedy (Henderson)	R. Garvey (Remuera)
1971 S. Kennedy (Henderson)	B. Coldham (North Shore)
1972 S. Hughes (Remuera)	B. Coldham (North Shore)
1973 D. Wyatt (Rotorua)	C. Parkinson (Rotorua)
1974 D. Williams (Australia)	S. Heaney (Australia)
1975 R. Espie (Collegians)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1976 R. Norman (Panmure)	A. Owen (Royal Oak)
1977 P. Viggers (H. Bay) (under 17)	R. Sperry (Masterton) Uunder 17)

With the amalgamating of the N.Z. Junior Open with the North Island Junior Championships for the first time the under 17 winners effectively became the North Island Champions.

SOUTH ISLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS	GIRLS
1963 M. Garrett (Christchurch)	
1964 T. Tucker (South Australia)	
1965 D. Garrett (Christchurch)	
1966	
1967	
1968 T. Colyer (Timaru)	
1970 L. Plevers (Univ.)	Miss M. Goddard (Christchurch)
1972 P. Salt (Christchurch)	No contest
1974 M. Thompson (Ashburton)	
1975 R. Hayes (Christchurch)	P. Monk (Christchurch)
1976 R. McDonald (Celtic)	M. Redpath (Otago)
1977 S. Davenport (Burnside)	

NEW ZEALAND REFEREES

AUCKLAND DISTRICT (19)

J. Bethell	R. Cahill	R. Carrington
Mrs J. Childs	N. Coe	P. Cooper
G. Fabling	K. Fitzgerald	Mrs W. Halling
B. Kennedy	Mrs P. Lee	M. Such
J. Taylor	Mrs N. Thomson	Mrs M. Wade
M. Waterhouse	* I. Webster	Mrs J. Webster
	Mrs R. Wynyard	

WAIKATO DISTRICT (7)

J. Fabling	* J. Haines	* W. Lee
N. Gifford	R. Marsden	L. O'Neill
	* W. Young	

BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT (5)

*R.B. Clarke	Mrs J. Lever	* Mrs E. Little
Mrs V. McCausland		Mrs G. Neil

HAWKES BAY - GISBORNE DISTRICT (7)

E. Ball	D. McGehan	L. Moeau
J. Pine	K. Simpson	D. Smart
	T. Toscano	

CENTRAL DISTRICT (4)

A. Doig	* G. Haddon	K. Housiaux
	W. Weld	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT (8)

J. Barton	P. Beard	L. Bowden
D. Cook	* K.R. Green	G. Hargreaves
R. Harris		J. Wesney

CANTERBURY DISTRICT (4)

N. Idour	* D. Lawrie	P. Liken
	* R. Monk	

SOUTHERN DISTRICT (3)

*D.G. Green	W.A. Green	M. McCarthy
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* Denotes N.Z.S.R.A. Examiner.

MANAGERS OF N.Z. TOURING TEAMS

1953	W.E. Renton	(Senior Men to Australia)
1959	A. Johns	(Senior Men to Australia)
1962	Mrs M. Naylor	(Senior Women to Australia)
1964	I. Easton	(Senior Men and Women to Australia)
1965	N. Coe	(Senior Men to Australia)
1966	R.B. Clarke	(Senior Men, Women and Juniors to Australia)
1967	W. Green	(Senior Men, Women and Juniors to Australia)
	Mrs E. Tyler	(Junior Girls to Australia)
	R. Haddon	(Senior Men to Australia)
1968	L. O'Neill	(Senior Men and Women to Australia)
1969	R. Haddon	(Senior Men to U.K.)
	D. Lawrie	(Senior Men and Women to Australia)
1970	A. Malcolm	(Senior Men and Women to Australia)
	B. Edmond	(Men U23 to Australia)
1971	K. Mackwell	(Junior Boys to Australia)
	N. Coe	(N.Z. Team in International Series - N.Z.)
1972	Miss M. Raggett	(Junior Girls to Australia)
	L. Milne	(Senior Men and Women to Australia)
1973	Mrs A. Tietjens	(Senior Women to U.K.)
	A. Johns	(Senior Men to South Africa)
	N. Devcich	(Junior Boys to Australia)
	N.J. Gifford	(U23 - Internal Tour)
1974	K. Mackwell	(Seniors to Australia)
	Mrs M. Mackwell	(Junior Girls to Australia)
	B. Grant	(Junior Boys to Australia)
1975	Mrs W. Halling	(Senior Women to South Africa)
	G. Bird	(Men U23 to Australia)
	B. Owen	(Junior Boys to Australia)
	Mrs D. Dryland	(Junior Girls to Australia)
1976	N. Coe	(Senior Men to U.K.)
	K. Green	(Senior Men to Pakistan)
	P. Powell	(U23 - Internal Tour)
	Mrs A. Child	(Senior Women to Australia)
	Mrs D. Dryland	(Juniors to Australia)
	D. Lawrie)	(Junior [Cheezels] to Australia)
	Mrs D. Dryland)	
1977	N. Coe	(Senior Men to Canada)
	Mrs D. Dryland	(Junior Cheezels to Australia)

NEW ZEALAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1977

1976	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
38532	Balance 1st September 1976		43654
5121	Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure		20288
<u>43653</u>	Balance as at 31st August 1977		<u>\$63942</u>
	Represented by:		
	ASSETS		
500	Cups and Shields	500	
34200	Loans to Clubs	34800	
7876	Sundry Debtors	3395	
559	Stock	<u>347</u>	
<u>43135</u>			39042
	INVESTMENTS		
25000	Deposits - Bank of New South Wales		40000
	BANK ACCOUNTS		
4878	Bank of New South Wales - Wellington	7212	
771	Australia and New Zealand Bank - Sydney	<u>771</u>	
5649			7983
1448	BULK AIR DEPOSIT		-
<u>75232</u>			87025
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		
31579	Sundry Creditors		23083
<u>43653</u>			<u>\$63942</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The general principles recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of results on an historical basis have been followed.
2. The accounts have been prepared on an income and expenditure basis.

17 October 1977.

AUDITORS REPORT

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required. In our opinion, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Association, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Accounts are properly drawn up so as to give respectively a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 31st August 1977.

BRUNTON, CROPP & CO.
Chartered Accountants,
Lower Hutt, N.Z.

NEW ZEALAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 1977

1976		INCOME	
71425	Affiliation Fees		76763
1965	Income from Investments		3719
400	Mitchell Trust		400
12132	Grants ex Council for Recreation and Sport:		
	Coaching	9666	
	Administration	9600	19266
			<u>100148</u>
		EXPENDITURE	
3118	Annual General Meeting Expenses	911	
618	Annual Report	804	
-	Assistance to players - N.Z. Tournaments	165	
125	Audit Fee	200	
18096	Coaching	13254	
8000	Cousins Shield, Mitchell Cup and Grade Events	9732	
453	General Expenses	358	
2500	Interdistrict Teams Event	2000	
1500	International Meeting	1736	
1197	Junior Committee Expenses	1146	
4048	Junior Teams Event	4549	
6081	Management Committee Expenses	9817	
400	N.Z. Championships	600	
593	N.Z. Selectors Expenses	1106	
1165	Printing and Stationery	1293	
1300	Postages and Tolls	1738	
300	President's Travel	300	
582	Publicity	309	
439	Rules and Referees	2393	
5833	Secretarial	7625	
-	Special General Meeting Expenses	1559	
-	Statisticians	116	
385	Subscriptions (ISRF etc.)	672	
1518	Tours - Internal	518	
21921	- Overseas	15233	
629	Under 23 players	1726	
			<u>79860</u>
80801	Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>\$20288</u>

17 October, 1977.

OVERSEAS TOURS 1977

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977:

Entry fees	500
Travel	8156
Univorms	429
Insurance	285
Managers Funds	2248
Miscellaneous	161
TOTAL:	11779
Grants to Players	3012
Cheezels (1976)	295
Miscellaneous (Pakistan and adjustments re previous tours)	147
	<u>\$15233</u>

COACHING - 1977

Administration, Travel etc.	1718
National Schools	2076
Training Squads - Senior	4358
- Ladies	116
- Junior	1022
Distribution to Districts	8794
Miscellaneous	1249
	<u>19333</u>
LESS still not spent and provided last year for	
- National Schools	2892
- Regional Schools	2070
- Districts allocations	1117
	<u>6079</u>
	<u>\$13254</u>

NEW ZEALAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

NOTES TO ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

1. **Annual General Meeting** – It has been decided not to provide for the costs of this year's A.G.M. The expenditure showing in the accounts for this item is the cost of the 1976 meeting additional to the amount provided in last year's accounts.

2. **Coaching** – Although spending on this item is apparently reduced from the level of last year, it should be noted that actual spending on this item during the year totals \$23,267. The reason for the apparent reduction is that at balance date for last year provision was made for an excess of \$10,000 of accrued expenditure, in order that the accounts to that date would more correctly reflect the spending which was no doubt taking place, and which was the basis of our claim on the Council for Recreation and Sport, but which had not been disbursed at balance date mainly due to the reluctance of Districts to lodge details of their spending.

Thus the provision made last year reduces the figure showing in this year's Annual Accounts, and in view of the continuing reluctance by some Districts to lodge claims, and in order not to perpetuate the problem, it is felt more correct to simply show this item on the basis of spending to balance date. In fact spending for the year as shown in the accounts is only \$1500 less than forecast, and as contained in our estimates submitted as part of our application to the Council for Recreation and Sport, and it should be borne in mind that our balance date of 31st August cuts across the coaching season.

3. **Management Committee Expenses** – Show a substantial increase over that of last year for three main reasons:

- (a) Travel and accommodation rates have increased.
- (b) Although the actual number of meetings is similar to that of last year, it has been necessary to have more two day meetings, requiring overnight accommodation, and also an enforced additional night's accommodation.
- (c) The players' representative was previously based in Wellington.

Actual travel costs for the year, mainly per NAC, total \$7,203.

4. **Rules and Referees** – The main spending results from the reprinting of the Rules both large and small, and also of the booklet for Referees and Markers, incorporating changes, copies of which were distributed to all clubs and districts. The booklet alone cost \$925 for 7,000 copies.

5. **Special General Meeting Expenses** – Comprises the cost of the two meetings for the purpose of resolving the Association's attitude to involvement in the Squashways Development.

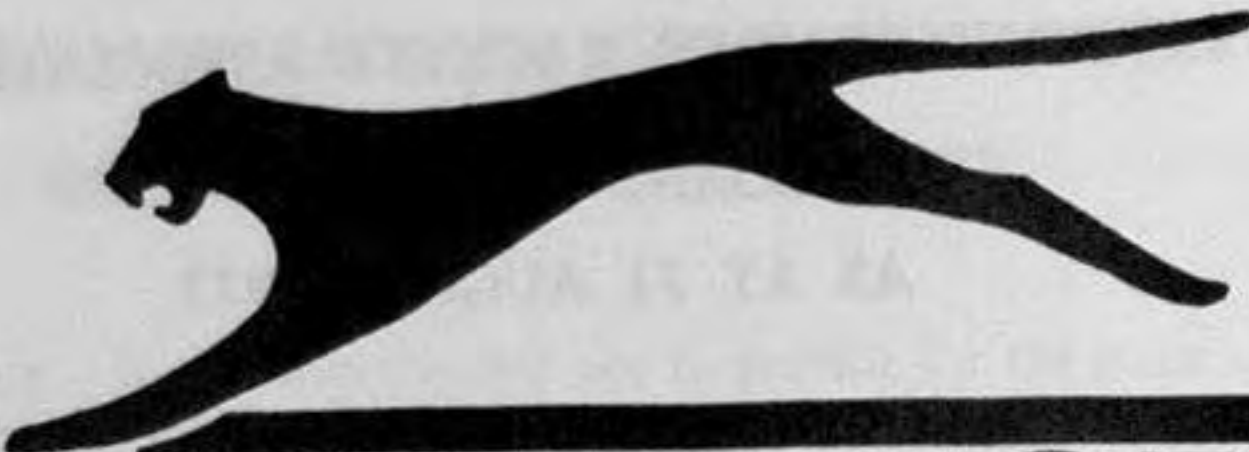
NEW ZEALAND SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION (INC.)

LOANS TO CLUBS

AS AT 31 AUGUST 1977

	\$
Ashburton	1600
College Rifles	2000
Collegians	800
Gore	1200
Geyser City	600
Hawkes Bay L.T. Club	800
Hastings	800
Kapiti	1600
Kumeu	2000
Mana	2000
Manurewa	1200
Matamata	2000
Otaki	2000
Pirates	1600
Ponsonby	1200
Papakura	1600
Palmerston North	600
Putaruru	1600
Royal Oak	1200
Rangiora	1600
Tawa	800
Tokoroa	800
Taupo	800
Tararua	800
Te Kuiti	1600
Waihi Sports Centre	2000

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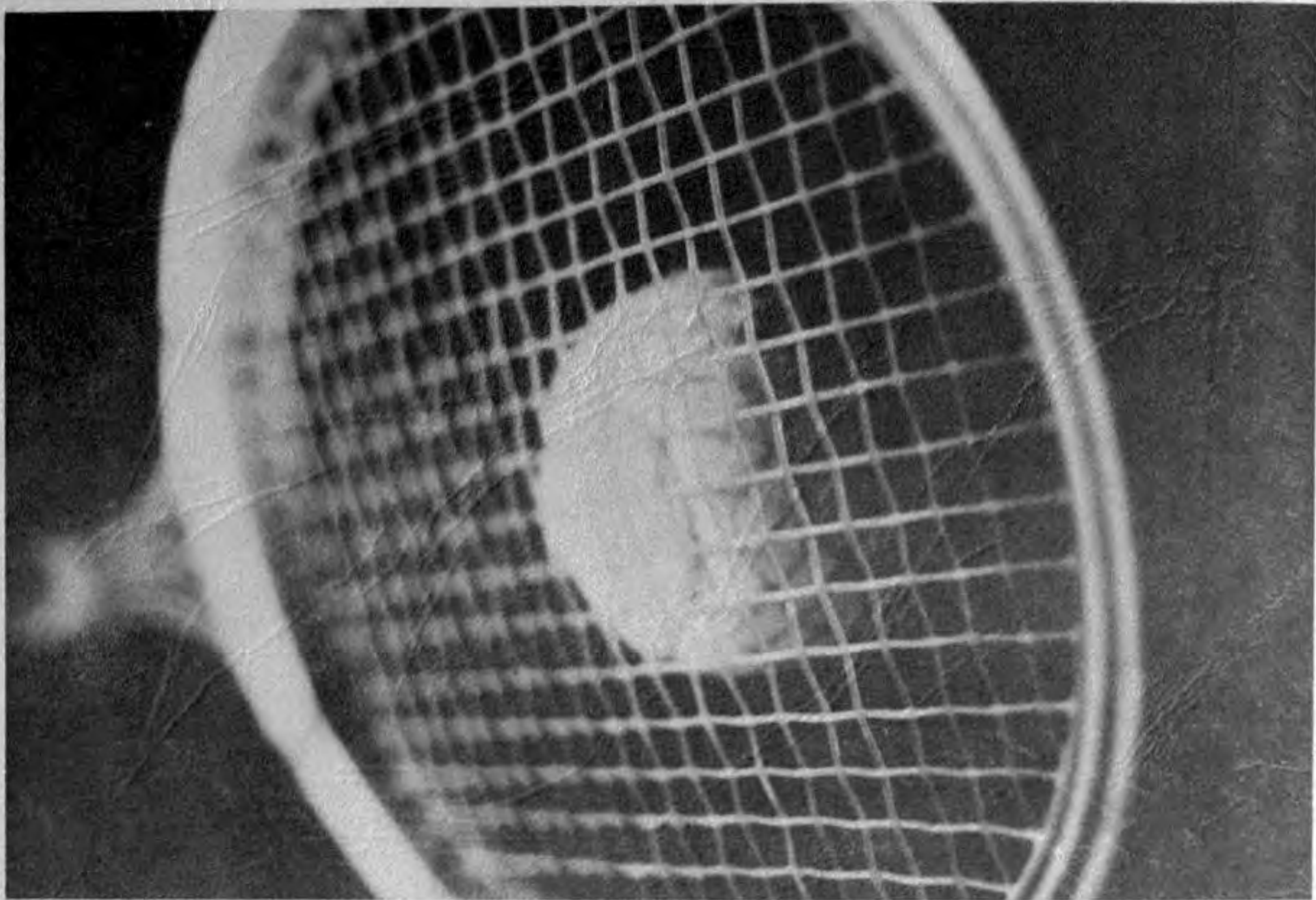
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