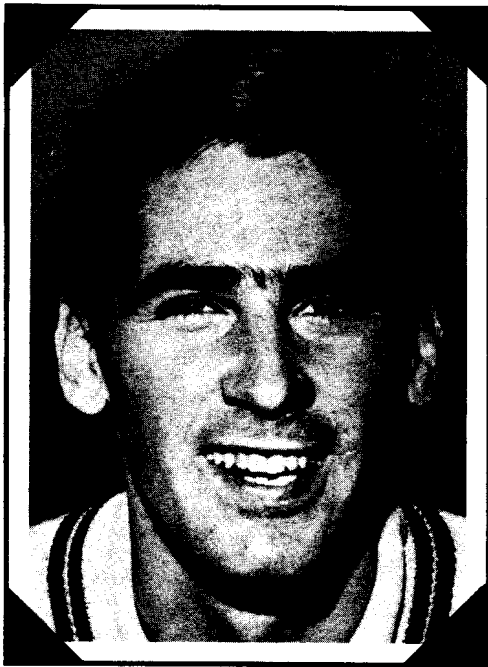


Eisel and Kathryn Harter. Harter reached the finals by upsetting Kerry Melville and Rosemary Casals.



Martin Riessen—Eastern Grass Court Champion—1967.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1967

A peak year for sit-ins, flower children and hippies. Last run for the luxurious Twentieth Century Limited. Dr. Christian Barnard performed first successful heart transplant. Peggy Fleming, despite a fall, won world's skating championship. Hollywood gave us "The Graduate", "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" and "Bonnie and Clyde".

OLTC 1968

Clark Graebner, Davis Cupper and seeded Number One, won the first two sets over Charlie Pasarell in the finals of the men's singles championships, and then lost his fourth final here, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

Graebner had barely beaten Jim Osborne in the semi finals. Osborne, hard-server from Honolulu had Clark down 5-4 in the third set with his own serve coming up but double faulted twice in a row to lose. Unseeded Osborne had upset sixth-seeded Stan Smith, and

fourth-seeded Cliff Richey to reach the semi-final round.

Mary Ann Eisel, seeded number one, was the winner of the women's cup over 17-year-old, left-hander Kristy Pigeon, who had just won at Merion. It was the third match in which Mary Ann had gone behind one set before winning. In the quarter finals, Patti Hogan had taken her to 3-6, 9-7, 10-8.

Pasarell had beaten Gene Scott and Bob Hewitt to reach the finals.

Les Buck and Stu Richter were OLTC members in the draw.

Ruel Dally, long-time benefactor and Governor of Orange Lawn Tennis Club, designed, built and donated platform tennis court number #5 to the Club this season. A magnificent gift and typical of Ruel's dedication and generosity to the Club.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1968

The year of the Hong Kong Flu, draft resistance, riots at the Democratic Convention at Chicago. Jean Claude Killy took the Ski Gold in the Winter Olympics. Nehru jackets and pendants had a brief popularity with men. For the ladies, it was pants suits and high warm boots for winter. Broadway presented "The Great White Hope", "Plaza Suite" and "Hair".

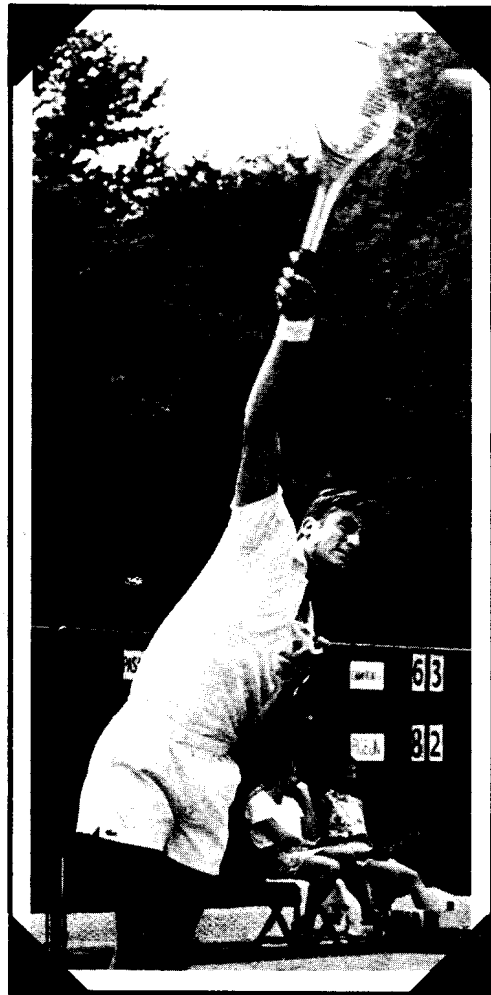
OLTC 1969

Open Tennis with \$25,000 in prize money came to the Orange Lawn Tennis Tournament in 1969—\$20,000 from Pepsi-Cola and \$5,000 from the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association. In addition a \$3,100 Renault car went to the men's singles champions.

Stan Smith was the brilliant winner over Gene Scott in the quarter finals, over top-seeded and U.S. Open Champ Arthur Ashe in the semi-finals and Clark Graebner in the final 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Perennial losing finalist Graebner had defeated last year's winner Charlie Pasarell and Bob Lutz.

Patti Hogan, ranked tenth nationally but unseeded here, had three-set wins over Val Ziegenfuss in the semi-finals and Kristy



Charles Pasarell—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1968.

Pigeon in the finals to win the women's championship. Twenty pounds lighter than a year ago and with 20 shamrocks sewn into her tennis dress, Patti fought her way to her biggest victory to date.

In an unusual coincidence, three married couples were entered in the draw: Clark and Carole Caldwell Graebner, Jean Chanfreau and Gail Sherrif Chanfreau and Bill Bowrey and Lesley Turner Bowrey.

George Ball and John Brandeis of OLTC were runners up in the New Jersey States held at OLTC in February. Seventy-two teams participated.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1969

The "amazin'" Mets won the World Series. One half million people went to Woodstock. Cambodia was bombed. People sang "Aquarius", "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" and "I'll Never Fall In Love Again". New Broadway offerings were "Oh, Calcutta!" and "Butterflies Are Free".

Ladies' Doubles on the Grass in the



20's. Inset: Mme. Suzanne Lenglen.





Stan Smith—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1969.

Patti then lost in the finals to Kerry Melville (Reed), the Australian girl.

Newcomers to the ladies' draw were Chris Evert, aged 15, Olga Morozova, the Russian girl, Judy Tegart Dalton, Australian who reached the semis, and Nell Truman of England. Althea Gibson, now a pro, played in the doubles.

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The Ladies' A Tennis Team won the league in 1970. Joan Perrine was captain of the squad composed of Maddie Hill, Nancy Mangan, Barb Wachenfeld, Erna Laves, Deanie Wolf, Madeline Farris, Lois Enslow, Candy Straight, Dottie Harrison and Helen Hagerman.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1970

World Trade Center became world's tallest building. Cigarette ads banned from TV. Among the young, costumes played a big role with granny dresses, military uniforms and tie-dyed materials very popular. "Sesame Street" new TV hit. Broadway gave us "Applause", "Sleuth" and "Two by Two". Movie-goers saw "Midnight Cowboy", "True Grit" and "Cactus Flower".

OLTC 1970

The 1970 Tournament, named the Marlboro Open, with prize money increased to \$25,000, attracted Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall as its numbers one and two seeds and Rod won the final over the surprising "Nails" Carmichael 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. A nine-point tie-breaker was played for the first time here and caused much comment pro and con among the players.

The draw suffered from the withdrawals of Roy Emerson, Ilie Nastase, Fred Stolle, Ray Ruffels and Ion Tiriac but had such fine players as Cliff Drysdale, Andres Gimeno, Russian Alex Metreveli, South African Frew McMillan and the new faces of Dick Stockton, Roscoe Tanner and Brian Gottfried, 1970 Junior Champ.

Carmichael beat Torben Ulrich, Cliff Drysdale and second-seeded Ken Rosewall before losing to Laver, each match an upset.

The big attraction in the women's draw was the presence of Margaret Smith Court, who had won 18 of the last 22 tournaments she had entered. But last year's winner here, Patti Hogan, stunned Margaret 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 for only her second win over her in 13 tries.



Virginia Wade—1971.

OLTC 1971

The 45th Eastern Grass Court Championships, under the direction of Chairman Don Hobart and Eastern Lawn Tennis Association President Ernie Oberlander, although competing with tournaments at Merion and a Virginia Slims event at Newport, had an excellent draw and a fine week of tennis.

Clark Graebner, who had been a finalist here five times without winning, blasted 17 aces to defeat Pierre Barthes in straight sets in the finals of the men's singles. Chris Evert, now 16 and seeded fourth, won the women's crown by beating Helen Gourlay of Australia in 62 minutes.

The men's seedings had, in order, Marty Riessen, Graebner, Tom Gorman, Roger Taylor of England, Nickie Pilic of Czechoslovakia, John Alexander of Australia and Pancho Gonzales, now 43. Other ranking players competing were Australians Colin Dibley, John Cooper, Ross Case and Geoff Masters, Danish Torben Ulrich, Russian Alex Metreveli, Bob Hewitt, Alex Olmedo,

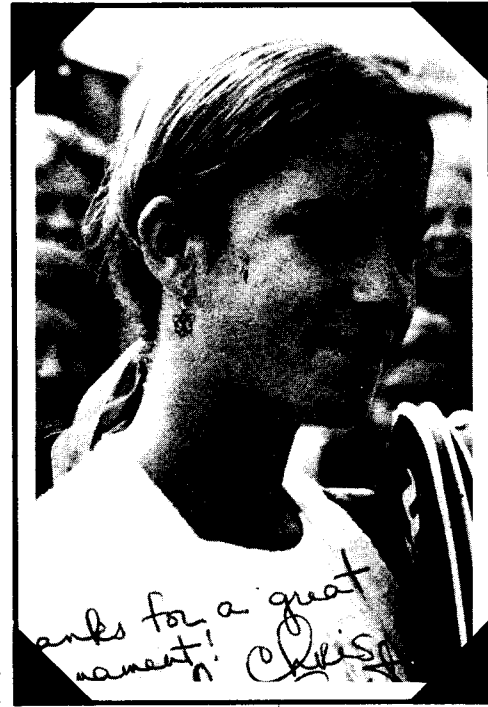
1959 winner and now 35, Manuel Orantes of Spain and Gene Scott. Young players on the way up who played were Jimmy Connors, Roscoe Tanner, Raul Ramirez, Phil Dent, Dick Stockton and Brian Gottfried. Ilie Nastase and Ion Tiriac played doubles only.

In the semi-finals, Graebner defeated Onnie Parun who had won over Jimmy Connors, the current NCAA Champ, and Gonzales. In the other half of the draw, Barthes beat Marty Riessen.

England's Virginia Wade was the number one seed among the women but fractured an ankle in a quarter final match with Scotland's Winnie Shaw 6-3, 1-6, default. Patti Hogan, number two seed, lost in the first round to Helen Gourlay of Australia.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1971

Pentagon Papers published, Rolls Royce Ltd. declared bankruptcy, Amtrak opened, Look magazine folded, Attica prisoners rioted. Hank Aaron hit his 600th home run. Billie Jean King became the first woman athlete to earn over \$100,000 in a single year.



Chris Evert—Champion, Women's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1971.

OLTC 1972

Under the direction of Gene Scott and Sports Investors for the first time, the 47th Eastern Grass Court Championships had 32

men and eight women competing for \$15,000 and a \$3,500 Renault car.

First seeded Ilie Nastase, finalist at Wim-

bledon, won over Manuel Orantes of Spain in the final 6-4, 6-4, in 46 minutes. Third seeded Clark Graebner lost to Bob McKinley in the first round. Fourth seeded Jan Kodes was upset by Butch Seewagen in an early round, and Herb Fitzgibbon put out sixth seeded Nickie Pilic. In other upsets by young players, Vitas Gerulaitis beat Tiriac and Dick Stockton beat Frew McMillan. Quarter final winners, in 90 degree humid weather, were Nastase over Roscoe Tanner, Ian Fletcher of Australia over Seewagen, Orantes over Brazilian Tomas Koch and Bob McKinley over Stockton. In the semi-finals Nastase edged Fletcher and Orantes beat Bob McKinley. 3100 fans saw Nastase win the finals. Pancho Gonzales and Graebner put on an entertaining show in winning the men's doubles.

The finals of the ladies' tournament was all-Russian. Olga Morozova won over her countrywoman Marina Korshina. They had won semi-final matches over Linda Tuero and Carole Graebner.

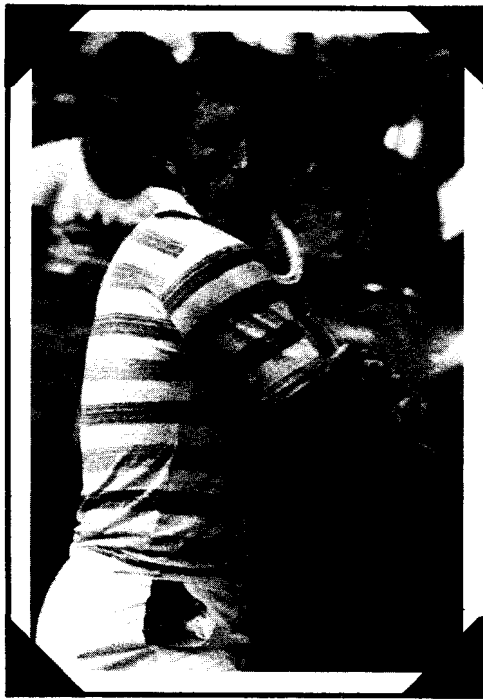
THE WORLD AT LARGE—1972

Watergate began. George Wallace shot on campaign trail. Best movie of the year was "The French Connection". "Fiddler On The Roof" closed after 3,242 performances. "All In The Family" was top-rated on TV. Tragedy at the summer Olympics when eleven Israeli athletes were killed.



Manuel Orantes, Runner-up, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships—1972.

OLTC 1973



Colin Dibley—1973 Winner

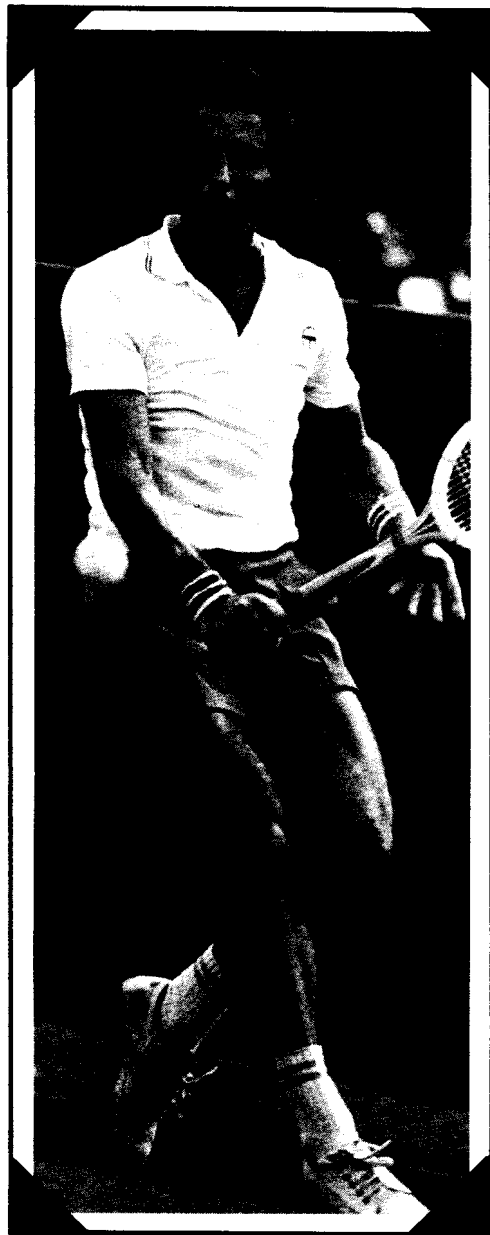
fifteen top-ranked U.S. men players, but the first six seeds were gone before the quarter finals were played.

Ilie Nastase, winner of 13 of the 15 tournaments he had entered in 1973 and seeded number one here, lost to Onnie Parun; second-seeded Tom Gorman lost to Allan Stone in the first round; third seeded Dick Stockton was eliminated by 19-year-old Vijay Amritraj of India; fourth-seeded Roscoe Tanner was ousted by Japanese Toshio Sakai; fifth-seeded Sandy Mayer, NCAA Champ in 1973, was put out by Pancho Gonzales; and sixth-seeded Brian Gottfried lost to Butch Seewagen.

In the semi-finals, Vijay Amritraj defeated a tired Pancho Gonzales 6-2, 6-3 and Colin Dibley, the Australian, scored eleven aces to beat Clark Graebner 6-3, 6-3.

In the men's final, a match attended by a crowd of 3100 and broadcast on Television Channel 13, Dibley, with the fastest serve on the circuit, overpowered Amritraj 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. In the men's doubles finals, Nastase and Jimmy Connors, now a pro and entered only in the doubles, put on a very entertaining match in defeating Gonzales and Graebner 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

In the women's finals Australian Lesley Bowrey lost to Fiorella Bonicelli of Uruguay.



Alex Metreveli—1974 Winner

had won over last year's winner, Colin Dibley, unseeded because of a poor 1974 record; Sherwood Stewart beat fifth-seeded Onnie Parun; Kim Warwick defeated fourth-seeded Raul Ramirez and Sandy Mayer had barely beaten fellow Jerseyan Peter Fleming in a three-setter. Third-seeded Tom Gorman had withdrawn with a chronic back problems.

In the ladies' finals, 18-year-old lefty Australian Diane Fromholtz, seeded number one, lost to Pam Teeguarden, number six in the U.S.

The 1973 Eastern Grass Court Championships, sponsored by Medi-quick with prize money of \$30,000, attracted eleven of the first

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1973

Spiro Agnew resigned his vice-presidency and Gerald Ford succeeded him. Watergate the topic of discussion. "Godfather" most popular movie. In the world of sports, Secretariat won horseracing's Triple Crown and Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in the tennis "Battle of the Sexes".

OLTC 1974



Diane Fromholtz

Jimmy Connors, Wimbledon and Australian champ, fresh from a victory at the National Clay Courts and seeded number one at Forest Hills, was the big attraction at the 1974 Medi-quick Open with prize money fattened to \$50,000. But Jimmy disappointed a capacity crowd and a Channel 13 television audience by defaulting in the finals to Russian Alex Metreveli because of a severe intestinal attack.

Connors had beaten 17-year-old Billy Martin and British Kim Warwick to reach the finals. Metreveli had disposed of both Amritraj brothers—Vijay and Anand.

In earlier round matches, Brian Gottfried

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1974

President Nixon resigns. Patty Hearst kidnapped. Streaking becomes a fad. Ali defeated both Frazier and Foreman to regain heavyweight championship. Little League said it was O.K. for girls to play ball with boys. Best movie of the year was "The Sting". Brendan T. Byrne was elected to his first term as Governor of New Jersey.

OLTC 1976

Under the sponsorship of Mutual Benefit Life for the first time and with prize money upped to \$60,000, Tennis Week's winner of the men's draw was Ilie Nastase again. At the top of his game, Ilie played masterfully, defeating Dibley, Vijay Amritraj, Baroczy and, in the finals, Roscoe Tanner 6-4, 6-2. His behavior was exemplary for the most part. Dibley took exception to remarks by Ilie during their match which were critical of the Australian's play, after which there was a little pushing at the net and some strong language. When called for a foot fault, Ilie toed the service line, knocked his left foot back of the line with his racquet and said "Now, don't do that again."

A wave of publicity and controversy followed the acceptance by Promoter Gene Scott of the entry of transsexual Renee Richards in the women's draw. The Women's Tennis Association struck and there was a mass defection of its members. Renee won over Caroline Stoll of nearby Livingston 6-2, 0-6, 6-1 but lost to Lea Antonopolis in the semi-finals. First-seeded Marise Kruger won the final over Lea. OLTC member Micki Larkin won her first round match.

In earlier rounds of the men's draw, third-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis lost to Hungarian Baroczy, Russian Alex Metreveli lost to British Buster Mottram and John McEnroe was defeated by Vijay Amritraj. Marty Riessen, Peter Fleming, Dick Stockton, Ray Moore, Onny Parun and Billy Martin also played.

Although competing again against the U.S. Professional Championships at Brookline, the total attendance for the week climbed from 38,000 in 1975 to 42,000 in 1976. The Tournament was played for the first time on the new fast-drying Har-Tru courts with a seating capacity of 3500.

Men's doubles winners were Fred McNair and Marty Riessen over Ilie Nastase and Vitas Gerulaitas.



James Connors, Runner-up, Men's Singles—1974.



Vijay Amritraj—1975 Semi-finalist

OLTC 1975

Ilie Nastase, the sometime "bad boy" of tennis, was the perfect gentleman in the 1975 Pro-Keds Grand Prix \$50,000 Tennis Week Tournament. Ilie was also the men's winner in the finals 7-6, 6-1 over 35-year-old South African Bob Hewitt (who almost captured Ilie's title as tennis' "bad boy" during this match). Responding to the change of surface away from grass at Forest Hills, this year's Tournament was played on clay and at night under lights as well as by day, under the skilful direction again of Gene Scott.

First-seeded Jimmy Connors lost in the quarter finals to Vijay Amritraj 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. In fact, Vijay and his brother Anand both reached the semi-finals where Hewitt beat Vijay and Nastase beat Anand.

Earlier round losers were Bob Lutz, Sandy Mayer, Mark Cox, Roger Taylor, Clark

Graebner, Colin Dibley, Peter Fleming and 47-year-old Torben Ulrich.

Rain made the clay surface difficult at times despite the valiant efforts of the grounds crew. At one point, at the request of the referee, hundred of patrons tramped on the court to firm it after a rain.

The 14 woman draw came to an All-Rumanian final between Virginia Ruzici and Mariana Simonescu with Virginia winning.

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1975

The war in Vietnam ended. Jimmy Hoffa missing. Blue denims still the favorite with young crowds. The theater gave us "Chorus Line", "The Wiz", "Shenandoah" and "Same Time Next Year". The New York Football Giants moved to New Jersey. 34 million people now playing tennis. Har-Tru replaced grass at Forest Hills.



Ilie Nastase—Champion, Men's Singles, Eastern Grass Court Championships, 1972, '75, Tennis Week Open 1976.



Vitas Gerulaitis—1976 Doubles Finalist

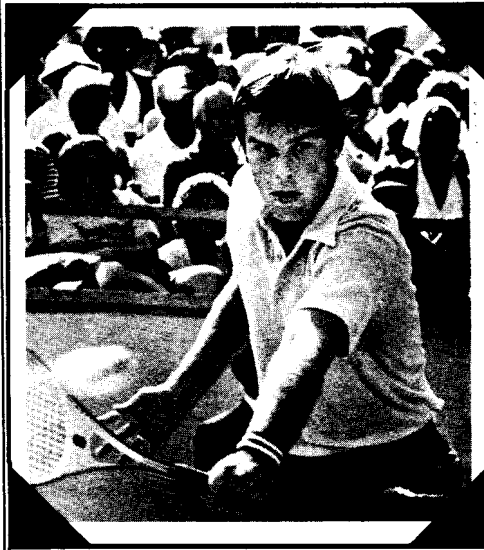
THE WORLD AT LARGE—1976

Israeli paratroopers rescued 110 at Entebbe. New Jersey's Meadowland Sports Complex opened. Popular wear for women was jeans, ponchos, jumpsuits and overalls. TV showed us for the first time "Gone With The Wind", "The Adams Chronicles" and "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman".

OLTC 1977

Guillermo Vilas of Argentina was the 1977 winner of the \$85,000 Mutual Benefit Open, defeating Roscoe Tanner decisively in the finals 6-4, 6-2. Vilas, Grand Prix point leader and on his way to his best year, was in top form. In the semi-finals he won over John McEnroe, who, at eighteen, had been the youngest semi-finalist ever at Wimbledon. Vilas also beat Peter Fleming and Colin Dibley in earlier rounds.

Tennis Week again drew 40,000 fans and the finals were televised on Channel 13. The crowd was entertained on Sunday by an



Roscoe Tanner—Finalist, 1977 Mutual Benefit Life Tournament.

exhibition match, Governor Brendan Byrne and George Plimpton playing with John McEnroe and Peter Fleming.

Other name players in the men's draw were Wojtek Fibak of Poland, Billy Martin, Jeff Borowiak, Hungarian Balasz Baroczy, Ray Moore, who reached the semi-finals, and Butch Seewagen.

Renee Richards again attracted attention in the women's draw, defeating first-seeded Mary Carillo, but running out of gas in the final against Lindsay Beaven, British girl playing for the New York Apples in Team Tennis.

The Newark Star-Ledger paid tribute to the running of the Tournament as follows: "A thoroughly efficient and professional job was done under the direction of Club President George Feeley. Tom Larkin kept tight security, Madelyn Hill handled the excellent ball boys and girls, Genevieve Scranton and Shala Powell were the head ushers, Bob Loftus handled a large press entourage and Bill Smith directed a grounds crew that ran with the finest in the country."

THE WORLD AT LARGE—1977

Severest winter on record. Chlorofluorocarbon sprays banned. Trans-Alaska pipeline opened. Discos had people running off to clubs with loud music and flashing lights. Fashion brought us jockey suits. Music gave us "punk rock". TV gave us "Roots". Reggie Jackson hit three consecutive home runs on three pitches in World Series. Wimbledon marked its 100th Anniversary.

OLTC 1978

Guillermo Vilas won the \$75,000 Mutual Benefit Open for the second consecutive year in a tournament plagued by the worst pileup of postponements due to rains in the 52 year history of the event. Except for the excellent court drainage system and the fast-drying quality of the Har-Tru surface, it is doubtful that the matches could have been concluded.

Seeded players in rotation after Vilas were

John McEnroe, John Lloyd, Balasz Baroczy, Peter Fleming and, a new face from Argentina, Jose-Luis Clerc.

McEnroe, in a match with unseeded Richardson which he won 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, took exception to many lines calls which led to lengthy angry disputes with several officials. After a close win over Dean Joubert, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, in which John's conduct was much im-

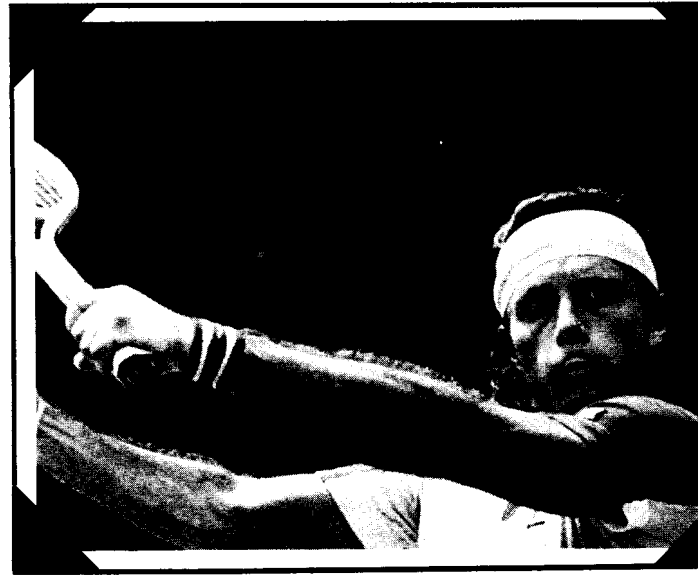
proved, he lost to Clerc in the semi-finals 4-6, 6-3.

On his way to the finals, Vilas defeated Butch Seewagen, Jeff Borowiak and Baroczy and in the finals he beat Clerc.

Fritz Buehning, 6' 5" youngster from Shaker Hills, made his debut, losing to Borowiak.



Jose Luis Clerc, MBL O Men's Runner-up 1978



Guillermo Vilas—Champion, Men's Singles, Mutual Benefit Life Open—1978.

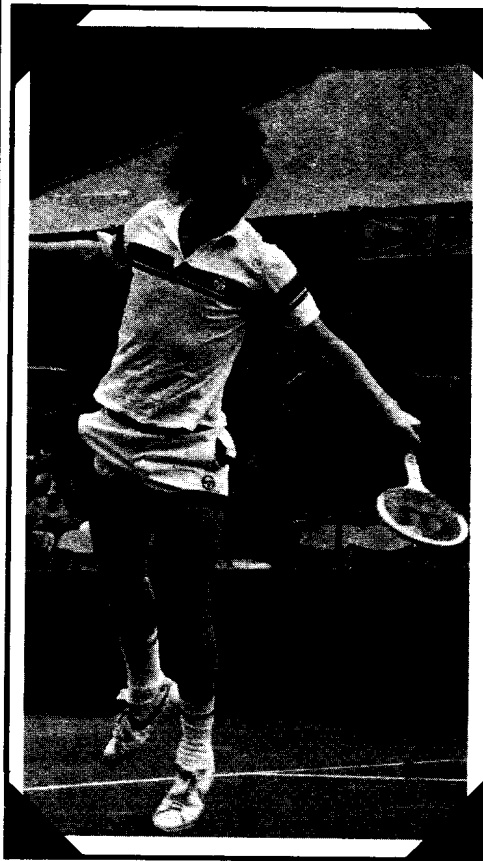
THE WORLD AT LARGE—1978

New York Stock Exchange set a new volume record. California mandated tax cuts. First "test-tube" baby born. Mass suicides in Guyana. T-Shirts were big, also patterned hose with three-inch spiked heels. Theatre-goers watched "Da", "On The Twentieth Century" and "Ain't Misbehavin' ". An era ends as the Tennis National Open moved from the West Side Tennis Club to Flushing Meadow.

OLTC 1979

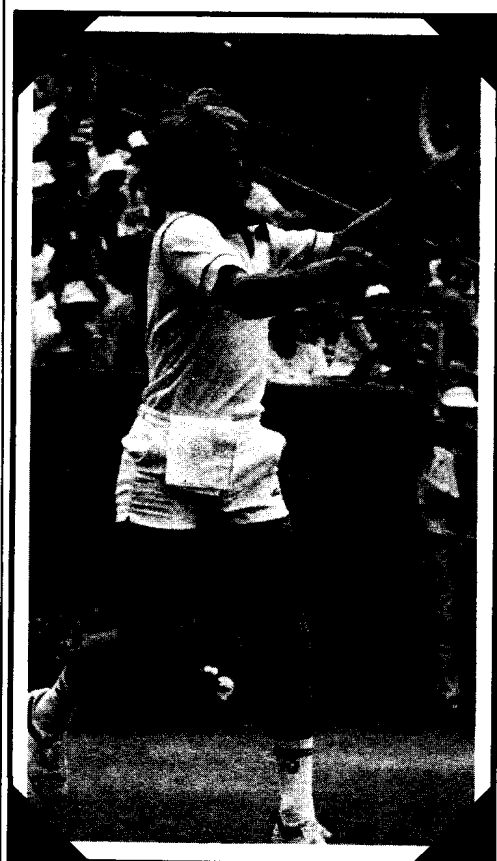
John McEnroe, seeded #1 here and #3 in the world, was a two-time winner in the 1979 Mutual Benefit \$75,000 Open Championships. One set down in the singles final, John wore down John Lloyd, British Davis Cupper and four months married to Chris Evert, to win 6-7, (7-1), 6-4, 6-1. Then he teamed with Peter Fleming to strike down Fritz Buehning of Short Hills and Bruce Nichols of Los Angeles in the doubles final in an awesome display of power doubles 6-1, 6-3.

John Lloyd, struggling to regain his former skills after reaching the second round in only one tournament so far in 1979, gathered confidence with each match and surprised Vitas Gerulaitis, second seed and ranked #4 in the world, in a three set match, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, to gain the finals. Encouraged perhaps by the presence of his wife Chris, watching from the



John McEnroe, Men's Winner—1979

lawn of an adjoining property where she was staying, Lloyd outlasted a tiring Gerulaitis. Vitas made a last valiant effort to pull it out, rallying to ward off six match points before yielding.



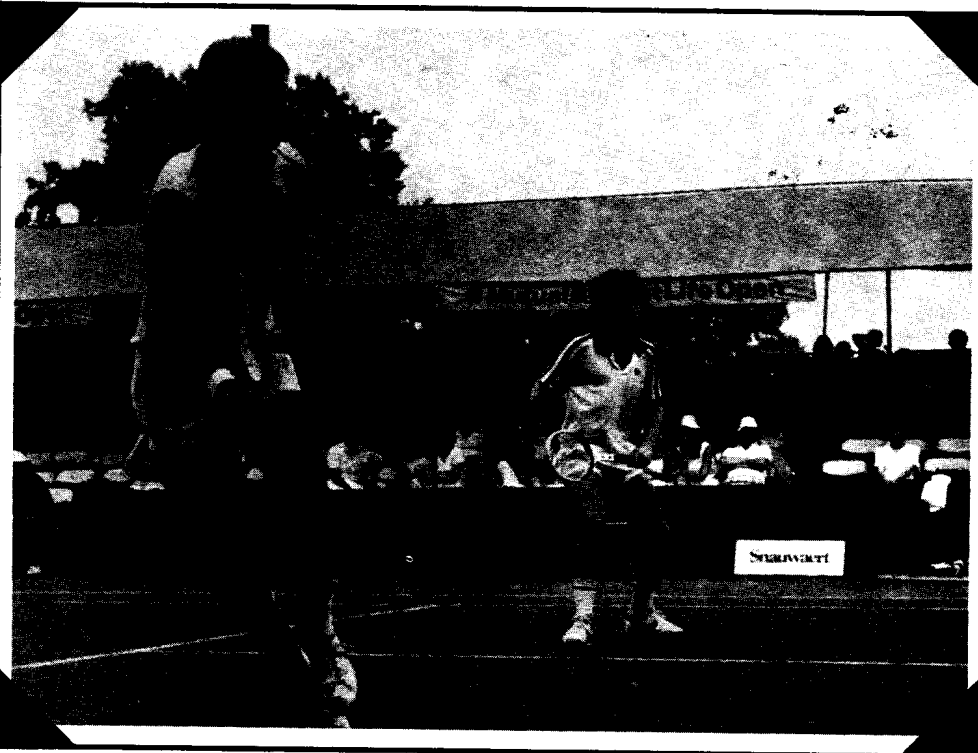
England's John Lloyd, Runner-up in 1979 Tournament.

Jay Lapidus, amateur playing on the Princeton team and a wild card entry here, had a hard-earned and popular win over Peter Fleming of Chatham and ranked #21 in the world, in a first round match, 7-6, (8-6), 6-4. Fleming had beaten Lapidus last year in a close match. Jay served 11 aces to help gain the biggest win of his career. However, Lapidus was no match for McEnroe in the semi-finals, losing 6-2, 6-1. McEnroe's greater experience and big serve were too much for Jay.

Ilie Nastase, three time winner of the singles crown here, returned to play doubles with John Lloyd and put up a good and entertaining fight before bowing out to McEnroe and Fleming 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.

Other strong players in the draw who were eliminated in quarter-final or earlier rounds were Colin Dibley, Fred McNair, Anand Amritraj, Bernie Mitton and Onny Parun.

The 1979 Tournament was again run smoothly by Gene Scott and Sports Investors. Referring to Orange Lawn's "long, rich and fabled tennis history," The Star Ledger quoted Gene as saying, "While many other Clubs have fallen by the wayside in the modern era of tennis, this Club has made sacrifices and taken numerous risks to promote a major tennis event. My hat's off to Orange Lawn and Mutual Benefit Life for continuing a wonderful heritage for New Jersey tennis fans."



Peter Fleming and John McEnroe, 1979 Doubles Winners.

LAWN TENNIS IS ALIVE AND WELL... AND LIVING AT ORANGE LAWN!

(THOUGHTS ON TREES AND LAWN TENNIS)

BY JOAN KNAUER

Ah! What is so rare as a day in June—or July or August, for that matter—when the sparkling green grass courts at Orange Lawn Tennis Club beckon invitingly to those devotees of one of the most exquisitely maddening sports ever devised by man ... a tennis game on grass. As we celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of Orange Lawn Tennis Club (which was organized on October 4, 1880), there is no facet of its history that deserves more attention than that which makes it unique ... lawn tennis.

Knowledgeable professionals and amateurs alike classify lawn tennis very simply: it's a game of "serve and volley, serve and volley." An oversimplification indeed, for they make no mention of those skidding serves, those infernally low balls that never quite bounce up

to a racquet, those cross court shots that hit the grass and speed past and, of course, the ever-present problem of gaining traction on a hot, humid summer day.

As if to allay the mental frustrations that naturally accompany a game of tennis on grass, the courts themselves and their surroundings evoke feelings of peaceful, bucolic serenity to the white-clad players. The sweet smell of grass glistening in the sun mingles with the delicate scents of flowering shrubs. Magnificent tall shade trees rim the courts and grounds at Orange Lawn, bringing an indescribable beauty to the scene, and truth to the words of Joyce Kilmer's famous poem.

The grass courts at Orange Lawn were laid out in 1916, and the more things have changed here in one hundred years, the more they have remained the same. Our sneakers tread the same courts as past generations of lawn tennis players. No matter that their attire consisted of long muslim dresses or crisp white flannel trousers. Their question was the same as ours today: How is the grass? The

answers can be as numerous as "sleazy sheathing leaves, and flowers borne spikelets of bracts" (blades of grass): too slippery, needs watering, playable, looks great. The answer, though, is "we're fighting Dollars and Spots," take heed. Those words have the ring of expertise. Dollar Spots is just one of a variety of problems that could dramatically affect the aesthetic and physical beauty of the courts, and it goes without saying that the average lay person (or lawn tennis player) does not possess the specialized knowledge necessary to protect our grass courts.

The responsibility for that protection is fully in the hands of the men "behind the courts" at OLTC—the unsung heroes whose main concern is the care, the feeding, the watering, and the beautiful appearance of the grass surfaces. To enhance our appreciation for what we may sometimes take for granted, it seemed appropriate to turn to Joe Fricco and Pat Brady, who head our able Grounds Crew at the Club. The care of our courts entail more than just a little water, fertilizer and mowing. In fact, Joe Fricco

