## Kristin Ashare sparkles

Kristin Ashare of Bloomfield Hills it to the quarterfinals of the recent National Girls' 12 Indoor Tennis Chambional Franklin Racquet Club, plonships in Memphis, Tenn, recently, Despite being seeded fifth, Ashare defeated the No. 1 seed, Stephane Rebe of California, in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.

kehe of California, in the quarterfinals, 6-1, 9-6, 6-3.
Ashare is coached by John Trump in Pranklin Requet Club's junior program.
Bloomfield Hills' Linda Pursel made

### Coaches asked to call

Varsity prep coaches from the Ob-server & Eccentric area are encour-aged to call in their sports results for the winter sports season. The Ode Sports lines will be open 8-11 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this month the Birmingham-Coaches from the Birmingham-1103 and 644-1105.

#### Club sponsors running clinic

The Jewish Community Center Runners Club is sponsoring a "Fun Runners will have choice of one, three-Run/Demonstration" at 9 am. Sunday.
Charlie Blanchard, owner of the Total Runner in Southfield, will idiscuss cold-weather running and offer jogging and the co

tips.

The demonstration takes place at the

Refreshments will be available. Call 661-1000, ext. 180 for more informa-



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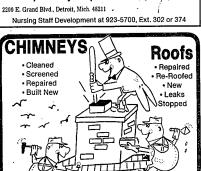
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# Male egos destroy fun of playing doubles

How many married players can you think of who enjoy playing tennis together as partners?

It is probably difficult to think of just one, and you will spend a week thinking of two.

Why is it a problem? Why can't two nice people enjoy tennis together? Possibly the biggest problem is the male ego. It is tender and fragile and gets hurt much too easily.

I'D LIKE TO have a nickel for every time I've seen the man hit the final shot into the net. Then he proceeds to blame his partner with a look, word or nothing at all.

Maybe she is in the wrong position or hasn't hit the ball properly, or at least as the man thinks it should be hit.

It is the rare man who thinks that his partner might not know where to stand or that she might not know where to hit the ball or that he is wrong and doesn't recognize that the problem is bothering her more than it is him.

The macho male makes life miserable for his partner and in turn for his

More than likely, he is involved in a social game that is only going to last for a couple of hours. He does not take a moment to think about that aspect of the game and put the situation in perspective.

IT IS USUALLY the female who gives in and makes light of the situation otherwise the problem only gets worse. She has a terrible afternoon, but that doesn't make any difference to her partner.

Ask the male why,he feels the need to correct and direct his partner and he will tell you that he is the better player and therefore should direct his

partner. He cannot seem to understand that his "helpful comments" are making the situation worse and causing his team to be defeated.

Furthermore, the male will tell anyone who is within the sound of his voice that the game would be easier to play without his partner. He secretly wishes and sometimes not so secretly that she would find her way to the sidelines.

There would be nothing less than the divorce court, should the woman open her mouth and give her husband something he richly deserves.

THE MAN WANTS to win to prove himself. And in the process, he forgets he most important rule to winning in doubles — never get mad at your artner. He succeeds only in cuasing anger and depression and his mate's more acting double. game going downhill.

This past summer I watched a mixed-doubles club-tournament final where the stronger team lost in straight sets. The match was close until the woman on the losing side, who is a tournament player, began making error after error after error.

And each time she made an error, her partner would show his displeasure. At one point, he said loudly for all to hear, "Can't you get the ball over the net?"

The woman quietly kept her thoughts to herself. After the final point was st, she thanked him for asking her to play and quickly left.

THE MAN WILL probably never know what really happened on the ourt. They could have won if it hadn't been for his ego.

Women are not totally free of guilt in this area. I've seen them scream at their partners and then proceed to miss the next three shots. Women can be miserable too, but they do not come close to reaching the depths of men.

Men want so terribly to win yet they never learn not to become angry with their partners.

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