

# 'Inept' Tennis Player Fights Back At Columnist

EDITOR: After reading Bill Cameron's column, "The Court Jester" on Aug. 2, I felt compelled to write.

He stated that the girls division of the Livonia parks and recreation tennis tournament (I assume he was referring to the doubles, 17 and under classification which was being played at the time of his presence) "stood out like a sore thumb" for three reasons - their politeness, their ineptness and their lack of numbers.

True, the girls playing doubles were indeed polite. They did not disturb other players unnecessarily, they did not use undesirable language, and they did not lose their tempers on the courts. True, there were not a lot of girls in the tournament - eight were entered in the girls 17 and under singles division and six, not four, were in the doubles.

But what I disagree with him was his statement concerning the ineptness of the players and their practically non-existent stroking habits. Being one of the doubles players, I found that quite insulting.

I looked up the word "inept" in Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary for the English Language and found that it meant: unsuitable, stupid, improper, unbecoming and foolish. I do not think that I am any of those things, nor do I think that the girls I played with and against.

If he did not realize, it takes a while to learn the game of tennis. It takes time to get the muscles used for the various strokes, and it also takes a lot of experience. My partner in the doubles match had been taking tennis lessons for two weeks at the time of the tournament, and I thought she was doing very well for her experience.

I certainly don't enjoy being classified as "inept" when I know perfectly well I can hold my own in a game.

Being as specific as he was in his column about where and when he viewed this city tournament of which he wrote may insult (as it did me) the other five girls that entered the tournament, perhaps scaring them away from any

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future tournaments. Perhaps he could be a bit more subtle in trying to get more female players into tennis ... Certainly remarks like "inept" and "lousy form" aren't going to get him anywhere.

Thank you for the bit of credit he gave the six of us for competing in the tournament.

CAROLN. HORN  
Livonia

## Why Housing Is So Bad

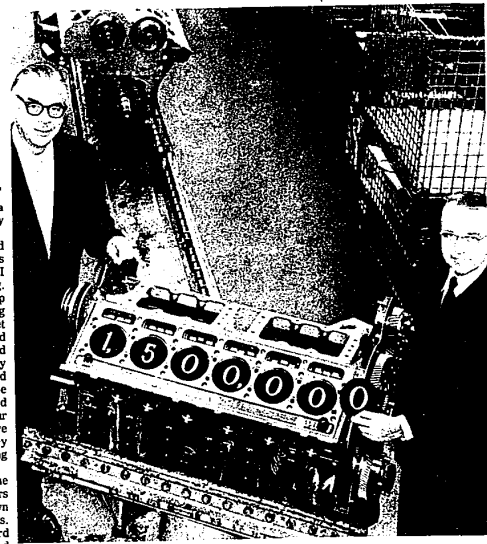
EDITOR:

I recently read Phillip Power's editorial (last week's) and sure would like to know where he spends his time. Must be closed up in some cocoon waiting to hatch. He speaks of lack of housing in Detroit - new housing.

Well, Mr. Power should go to the big city and see what happens when a builder tries to build a house. As soon as the walls are built, some young people start pulling them down. As fast as they are smashed. Guards are stationed at a new house while it is being built so no one can steal the place.

You wonder why no one is building in Detroit - spend some time in Detroit as I do. Six days out of seven I am there. Most people living there work as hard as anyone else, but they are caught up in the mess of their own making.

There are only so many ways a dollar can be spent - no-name babies, free textbooks, free lunches, free medical aid, free dental - you name it. Everything free to those that need it. We could all use it. Some people who are getting help have the ability to help themselves but are too damn



EVEN A 12-CYLINDER engine block didn't provide enough zeros for Detroit Diesel Allison's latest milestone. General Manager James E. Knott (left) looks on as Edward B. Colby, manager of Diesel Operations, marks the 1.5 millionth engine.

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Spencer Johnson is spending eight weeks in the Schoolcraft student affairs office as an intern this summer, a final requirement for his specialist degree in higher education administration.

Like many others, he launched his college career part-time in the fall of 1964 at Schoolcraft, earned his associate degree and then went on to bachelor and masters degrees at Eastern Michigan University.

JOHNSON'S GOAL is to work in college administration. With fall semester registration coming up at Schoolcraft on Aug. 21 and 22, Johnson said he would recommend the college to others wanting to get started on a transfer program such as the one he followed. He said he liked going to school and he liked Schoolcraft.



SPENCER JOHNSON

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MR. WALTER A. SHOAF ... Services for Mr. Shoaf, 71, of 1180 Sheridan Farmington, were held Aug. 4 in the Schroder Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial was at St. Genevieve Catholic Church with Rev. James J. Leahy as officiant. Family home is at 15451 Farmington Road, near Five Mile.

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AUGUST 10-11-12

See all the many exciting things the children learned to create this summer on 28 Livonia playgrounds. Plus entries from the mentally handicapped summer program. There is leatherwork, burlap, plaster or pottery plaques, feltwork, burlap work, pictures and paintings, pyroclay jewelry, woodwork, sea shell craft, paperwork with flowers and other objects, plus découpage. There's even dramatic with the "Pied Piper" and "Way Out Cinderella". To top it all off there will be performances in baton twirling and cheerleading. First time ever there will be a display of fine arts, learned by the children this year on the playgrounds. Judging will be 10 a.m. Thursday by Mrs. Edward McNamara wife of Mayor McNamara, Mrs. James McCann, wife of Judge McCann and Mr. Kenneth Bass, Chairman of the Art Department of Stevenson High School.

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## Area Deaths And Funerals

**FRANK GORDON** - Services for Mr. Gordon, 59, of 9615 Central, Redford Township were held Aug. 2 in the Hans J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery. Surviving are a wife, Estelle, a son, David of Clawson, a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Marjorie) Means of Livonia, three daughters, four brothers, four grandsons, and one great-grandchild.

**WILLIAM A. THOMPSON** - Services for Mr. Thompson, 84, of 3912 Lobeck, Livonia were held Aug. 5 in Salt Lake City. Mr. Thompson died on Aug. 1 and was buried in Salt Lake City. Funeral arrangements were handled by R.C. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia.

**ROBERT O. MARTIN** - Services for Mr. Martin, 48, of 9712 Bassett Drive, Livonia were held Aug. 4 in R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Officiating was Rev. Harold Sullivan. Mr. Martin died Aug. 1 and was buried in Parkview Cemetery.

**MRS. ROSE THATCHER** - Services for Mrs. Thatcher, 88, of 1115 Stone Lane, Livonia were held Aug. 4 in Schroder Funeral Home, Plymouth. Officiating was Rev. Henry Welch. Mrs. Thatcher died Aug. 2 and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

**JOHN R. ELDFOSON** - Services for Mr. Elfdoson, 35, of 2181 Bennett, Redford Township were held Aug. 3 in the Hans J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Officiating was Rev. Carl Hahn. Mr. Elfdoson died July 31 and was buried in Glen Eden Cemetery.

**MRS. THERESA E. LONG** - Services for Mrs. Long, 74, of 29250 Weyman Rd., Plymouth were held July 31 in the Henry Sunquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Services were officiated by Dr. Armand Uebich. Mrs. Long died July 28 and was buried in the White Chapel Memorial, Troy.

**MRS. NASHON BULLMAN** - Services for Mrs. Bullman, 65, of 4948 N. Trenton Rd., Plymouth were held Aug. 3 in the Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home, Marshall. Mrs. Bullman died July 31 in the Wayne County General Hospital.

**ALFRED E. JEAN SR.** - Services for Mr. Jean, 68, of 2810 Holcomb, Farmington Township were held Aug. 2 in St. Fabian Catholic Church. Services were officiated by Rev. Charles J. Malloy. Mr. Jean died July 30 and was buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

**EUGENE S. SLIDER** - Military services for Mr. Slider, 52, of 1313 Carroll, Plymouth were held Aug. 2 at St. John Episcopal Church. Officiating was the Rev. Robert S. Shoaf. Burial in the funeral was call bearers was the Rev. Robert S. Shoaf. Burial provided by Schelke Funeral Home. Mr. Slider died July 21 and has been buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

**JAMES O. BILLINGSLEY** - Services for Mr. Billingsley, 65, of 10150 Day Rd., Detroit were held Aug. 5 in the Schrader Funeral Home, Livonia. Officiating was Pastor Wayne Giazouza. Mr. Billingsley died July 28 and was buried in the Catholic Memorial Cemetery, Westland.

**FRANK WELLS** - Services for Mr. Wells, 67, of 283 N. Holcomb, Plymouth were held Aug. 3 in the Schroder Funeral Home, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. William Reter. Mr. Wells died July 31 and was buried in Ottawa Park Cemetery, Westland.

**MRS. JESSIE POTTER** - Services for Mrs. Potter, 85, of 17717 Delaware, Redford Township were held Aug. 5 in the Charles R. Rice Funeral Home, Redford. Officiating was Rev. James McDonald. Mrs. Potter died Aug. 3 and was buried in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.