

Myron Kaufman

Myron grew up in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, and learned to play handball at 8 years old from his father at Lincoln Terrace Park. His success was something less than spectacular, but on entering high school he was provided with an incentive to improve when he was continuously thrashed by a fellow student using only his opposite hand against Myron's two.



The student in question was the captain of the school's handball team. In any event, Myron could not and would not allow such a state of affairs to persist. He devoted his total energy to improving his game, and he was eventually able to play that fellow even, two hands to two!

He became fanatical about the game, and that fanaticism remained undiminished for the next several years. He became a strong player especially with the Spaulding pink ball. He won the first two USHA National Pink Ball Singles Championships in 1962, and '63. He continued playing many more years afterward, until injuries began to plague him in 1970, and his physical abilities fell sharply. At this writing he plays only sporadically.

Despite Myron's physical and mental bruises from playing handball, he claimed that the rewards of competition and camaraderie were ample compensation.