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Artie Locker

Artie Locker was a 5'8" ex-WWII army ranger. He was powerfully built, and was a very tough competitor.

In 1951 he won the AAU Singles Championship, and in 1952 he reached the semi-finals of the AAU Nationals Doubles. Artie was a self-employed engineer, and his business precluded his entry to time-consuming tournaments. But he was a much sought out participant in the various all-star exhibitions during the '50's and early '60's, often playing in the feature match of the night. Additionally he was a prime participant in the weekend Sweeps at Brighton Beach Baths, playing from the end of the war until 1965 when the Sweeps ended. Artie had a good two way hook serve, hit hard, was very fast, and had good court sense.

