

# Charlie Danilczyk

**Charlie was among the smartest handball players ever!**

**Quick hands at the wall enabled him to retain front court position and outmaneuver opponents with a variety of spins and twists.**

Unlike so many handball people who compared 4-wall to chess and 1-wall to checkers, Charlie saw it in reverse because of the way in which a 1-waller needs to comprehend and apply where to stand on the 1-wall court and block his opponent.

Charlie and his brother, Joe, made, perhaps, the second greatest brother tandem in the sport, next to the Oberts (and maybe the Alexanders). Although mainly a 1-waller, Charlie's one National Championship was achieved in 3-Wall in 1961 with Joe. Had it not been for the aforementioned Oberts, Charlie may have won several 1-wall National doubles titles, and maybe even a 4-wall National doubles title. He was National 1-Wall Doubles Runner-up in 1959, '61, '66, and '67. Charlie's singles ability was certainly nothing to sneer at. His greatest singles achievement came in the 1961 USHA National 1-Wall quarter-final when he defeated the sensational Carl Obert.

