

Nat Schifter

Nat began playing organized 1-wall handball at the age of 39 in the early 1960's. Overweight and out of shape, he had a lot to learn.

But learn he did! He shed some fifty pounds and within two years was competing in singles with the legendary Marty "The Farmer" Cushman and defeating good players fifteen to twenty years his junior. His goal was to defeat the great Vic Hershkowitz in sanctioned 1-wall Masters Doubles. There was no 1-wall masters singles until the '70's. In 1964, '65, and '68 he was USHA National Masters Doubles Runner-up. But in 1969 he was both National USHA 1-Wall Masters Doubles Champion and National AAU 1-Wall Masters Doubles Champion. A pleasant gentleman off the court, Nat fought like a tiger during his matches. He was respectfully referred to as "Mr. Heart" for his determination on and off the court. Unfortunately, before his fiftieth birthday, he passed from cancer.

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