

# Steve Sandler\* – 1985

Owner of 15 National 1-Wall Singles Championships, Sandler was regarded by many of his day, if not most, as the best 1-wall singles player ever.

His first National Singles crown was earned in 1961. He was National Singles Champ again in 1971. His final National Singles title came in 1981. This is testament to his remarkable durability. Sandler's relentless retrieving wore his opponents down. He frustrated and unnerved them. Halfway through his career he added pinpoint control to his serve, and advanced to a level way beyond all his competition. His notoriety included playing circus type handicap matches in which he would play with only his backhand left, or he would not be allowed to step on the court (he had to run around its periphery), or, the most famous, playing while holding a beach chair in his hand.

Sandler also won three National 1-Wall Doubles tournaments, and was National 1-Wall Doubles Runner-up on three occasions as well.

