

Ken Davidoff - 2005

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Ken Davidoff learned to play handball in Brooklyn's Lincoln Terrace Park, where some of the greatest one-wall champions played, and some of the greatest matches occurred.

Ken seemed destined to become a one-wall champion. After displaying brilliant form as first singles player at Brooklyn Technical High School, and winning the city singles championship in 1958's and 1959's Mirror Parks Department tournament, Ken, at 20 years of age, began a career which brought him to the very top of the one-wall game. For approximately 4-5 years he was literally an unbeatable champion in singles and nearly so in doubles. His serve was nearly equal to Eisenberg's, kills nearly equal to Oscar Obert's, and defense nearly equal to Sandler's. It was a combination

impossible to defeat – the ultimate one-wall package! At his best he mowed down everyone in sight, one time keeping the magnificent Oscar Obert to 9 and 6 in the National AAU title match in 1963.

A bad back abbreviated his career's most fabulous years to only about four, but he continued to play at a high level for his thirteen year career, including winning a National AAU Doubles title in 1971. During his 4-5 best years he may have been the greatest one-wall singles and doubles player ever.