

Illustration 1

Illustration 2

THE BACKHAND . . . Part 3

Now that we know when to use the backhand and how to control it, we have to decide where to hit the ball.

When you are forced to the side of the court your opponent has accomplished two things. One, he has forced you from the centre of the court. Two, he has forced you to be very accurate with your return since there is a great deal of open court behind you.



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You can use your position to advantage, however, if you follow the rules for proper preparation as previously discussed. Your position at the side of the court gives you natural angles - down the line and across the court.

To take advantage of this you must know when to hit the ball in order to direct it to the desired spot. If you decide that your best option is to hit down the line, look at illustration 1 to see when to make contact. Contact should be made almost in line with the front foot. Note how the racquet face and wuckles are pointing to the target area.

For the cross-court shot, the racquet should meet the ball earlier, as in illustration 2. Again note that the racquet face and knuckles are pointing to the target area.

Note that there is no difference in body positioning between the two shots. The opponent should have no indication of what shot you

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Lacrosse schedule

MISSISSAUGA LACROSSE LEAGUE HURON PARK

TUESDAY, JULY 4
6:30 p.m., Peewee, Central, Erindale vs Clarkson; 7:80 p.m., Midget Central, Erindale vs Orangeville; 9 p.m., Juvenile Central, Erindale vs Orangeville; 9 p.m., Juvenile Central, Erindale vs

CLARKSON

THURSDAY, JULY 6 8 p.m., Peewee Central, Clarkson vs St. Kitts, 9 p.m., Midget Central, Clarkson vs St. Kitts.

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Clarkson vs 5t. hand.

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TUESDAY, JULY 4
6:30 p.m., Tyke, Clarkson-2 vs Cawthra; 7:20 p.m., Peewee, Cawthra-1 vs Clarkson: 8:10 p.m., Bantam B, Streetsville vs Erindale; 9 p.m., Bantam A, Clarkson vs Erindale
HURSDAY, JULY 4
6:30 p.m., Tyke, Erindale-1 vs Clarkson-1; 7:20 p.m., Novice, Clarkson vs Erindale; 8:10 p.m., Midget, Brampton vs Erindale
CAWTHRA

7:20 p.m., Peewee,

TUESDAY, JULY 4
6:30 p.m., Paperweight, Streetsville vs Clarkson, 7:20 p.m., Peewee, Streetsville vs Clarkson, 2:0 p.m., Bantam, Cawthra 'A vs Clarkson 'B: 9 p.m., Midget, Cawthra-1 vs Cawthra-1; 8:10 p.m., Bantam B, Erindale vs Cawthra: 9 p.m., Midget, Clarkson vs Cawthra-2, BURNHAMTHORPE
THURSDAY, JULY 6

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THURSDAY, JULY 6
6:30 p.m., Paperweight, Cawthra vs Erindale-2; 7:20 p.m., Tyke,
Cawthra vs Erindale-2; 8:10 p.m., Novice, Cawthra vs Streetsville; 9:00
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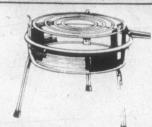
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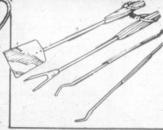
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