

You think about it but you have to be able to play with it. It's part of the game."

Alvarado pulled the game out 21-19 and advanced to the final against Roberts.

Roberts won the other semi-final fairly easy due to an injured Fred Lewis shoulder. Lewis developed some tendonitis in the back of his left shoulder during the first two rounds of this tournament and was forced to take a cortisone shot the morning of his match with Roberts.

The shot appeared to work because Lewis played very well to take the lead in the first game, 18-13. At that point Lewis began to obviously labor on overhand shots to the left. It took Roberts no time at all to discover this weakness, and he shot ball after ball to the left side ceiling, eliciting weak returns. Fred did his best to score the last three, but was no match for Roberts precision shotmaking.

"I learned my lesson against Fred in Odessa this year," said Vern. "He came into our match with a pulled groin muscle, so I decided to take it easy on him so I wouldn't beat him too badly. I ended up losing the match, and it cost me second place in the round robin. My mama didn't raise no fools, and I learned my lesson."

Even had Lewis been healthy, Roberts would have to be given a good chance to win. As it was he put constant pressure on Lewis and after scoring eight straight points to win the first game 21-18 he slaughtered the tour's number two player 21-1 in the second.

One hard game and one easy game was a pattern Roberts followed from the first round to the finals. Ken Ayube pushed Roberts hard in the first game of their opening round encounter only to lose the match 21-19, 21-11. John Sabo played his usual wearing game in the quarters and almost pulled out a second game 21-20 win but had to settle for nothing more than a losing good effort, 21-16, 21-20. It was Roberts third straight win without a loss over Sabo in what is turning out to be a fierce rivalry. Only one year separates the two in age (Sabo 26, Roberts 25)

and so far only a couple of points have separated the two in their games.

Another potential star has emerged from the pack of qualifiers the last two stops on the tour. Cleveland truck driver Joe Cook proved his fine Dayton performance against Roberts was no fluke by pushing Dennis Hofflander to three games in the first round 17-21, 21-12, 11-4. It's hard to distinguish the southpaw Cook's right hand from his left; he hits very hard with both and, for as aggressive a game as he plays, Cook makes few errors. Cook, 21, won the Mid-America regional singles and doubles, and appears to have the competitive zeal for future stardom.

But for now it's all Alvarado, with everyone else scrambling for second. There's no other way to vote.

It's handball in any language.

Playing in French speaking Quebec reminded us that many people play handball who don't speak English. All of our American terms are foreign to the French of Quebec, the Spanish of Mexico, the Gaelic in Ireland, and the disciples of touring pro Mike Gardner, who has coined a terminology of his own when it comes to describing a handball match. We thought you might be interested in the equivalent handball terms in French, Spanish, and Pro Tour Slang, compliments of Mike Gardner, tour sage:

English	French	Spanish	Slang
1. kill	balle tuee	mate	mouse
2. ace	as	as	juice in the crack
3. skip ball	skip	error	ground hog
4. side out	changement	cambio	ticket to ride
5. point	point	punto	genius
6. hinder	nuisance	vuelta	I see you
7. avoidable hinder	intentional	estorbar	Go through him
8. pass	balle passee	pase	nobody home
9. screen	ecran	sombreda	beggarman
10. speed	vitesse	velocidad	rocket stoppers
11. ceiling	plafond	techo	roof ball
12. ball	balle	bola	huevos
13. glove	gant	guante	wrappers
14. fault	faute	falta	high stepper
15. fist	poingt	puno	hitters
16. short	courte	corta	no legs
17. service zone	zone de service	zona de servicio	driver's seat
18. pro	professionel	profesional	gliders
19. amateur	amateur	amateur	comotes
20. handball	balle-au-muir	pelota	the game

Tournament Results

Round of 16: Lewis d. Vandal 12,13; Kabala d. Bookman 12,17; Sabo d. Gardner 8,16; Roberts d. Ayube 19,11; Muck d. Caya 2,16; Hofflander d. Cook (17)12,4; Blinski d. Craft 13,7; Alvarado d. Gofflin 7,16.

Quarter-finals: Lewis d. Kabala 6,6; Roberts d. Sabo 16,20; Hofflander d. Muck 5,18; Alvarado d. Blinski 10,16.

Semi-finals: Roberts d. Lewis 18,1; Alvarado d. Hofflander 6,19.

Finals: Alvarado d. Roberts 8,16.



Upcoming Events

New Jersey State WOMEN'S Handball Championships September 19-21

ENTRY FEE:	\$10
STARTING TIMES:	All entries must be available to play Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Calls will be taken for starting times on Wednesday, Sept. 17 after 2 p.m.
ENTRY DEADLINE:	All entries must be received no later than Friday, Sept. 12. Entry fee must accompany application.
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:	Gordon R. Crawford
OFFICIAL BALL:	Bob Kendler Official Family Handball
TROPHIES:	First 3 places and 1st place for consolation. Consolation rounds for all first round losers. All matches will be two 21-point games and a 15-point tie-breaker if necessary. Consolation matches will consist of one 31-point game.
EVENTS:	Make Checks Payable and Send Form to:
Women's Open	Racket Ball Club at Cedar Knolls
Women's B	19 East Frederick Place
Women's C	Cedar Knolls, N.J. 07927 Attn. Gordon Crawford

WINNERS MUST REFEREE THE FOLLOWING MATCH OR A FORFEIT WILL OCCUR.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

NAME _____ PLEASE ENTER ME IN:
 ADDRESS _____ Women's Open
 PHONE _____ Women's B
 CITY _____ ZIP _____ Women's C

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Signature _____ DATE _____

Signature of parent if under 18 years old _____