

GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN

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FADE IN:

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

From a distance multiple Pickleball courts are shown with a 'LINCOLN PARK SENIOR PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT' banner displayed. Volunteers are setting up various tables. Random players are on the courts wearing questionable attire. Many are overweight, moving stiffly and have obvious injuries requiring knee/arm braces and sports tape. Pickleball sounds can be heard in the background.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. REGISTRATION TABLE - DAY

MARY FARMER, early seventies, very fit and dressed nicely in a tennis skirt and matching top. Mary has a southern accent.

MARY

(waving)

Yoo Hoo volunteers, hurry over to the registration table please.

A dozen volunteers walk over.

MARY (CONT'D)

Thank you all so much for volunteering to help. I can't begin to stress what an important tournament this is for Grand Junction and Lincoln Park. Not only will we be broadcasting to a national audience, but a film crew will be documenting our players. It will be essential that we run this tournament professionally sticking to our schedule to the minute. I want Lincoln Park to become known as the premiere Pickleball destination. So, I have put instructions for each of your duties and the schedule for tomorrow. Please review your handouts and then let me know if you have any questions.

Mary reaches into a box and gives each volunteer a very large manual. The volunteers stare in amazement at the volume and begin flipping through the pages.

MARY
 (enthusiastically)
 So, let's get cracking.

CUT TO:

EXT. BOWLING ALLEY - DAY

RAY SPODE sixtyish and tall with a big belly, stands at the door of the bowling alley. He is dressed in jeans and a tight T-shirt that says Pickleballers.

BUCK STEMPER, sixtyish, thin and wiry stands next to Ray. He is dressed in jeans and a white sleeveless T-shirt.

RAY
 I'm Ray Spode and this is Buck Stemper next to me. We are locals and have been Pickleball partners for a long time. We play in this tournament each year. Buck and I play Pickleball almost every morning. You can almost set your clock to it. But today we decided to change it up and come bowl and have few beers, so we can relax before the tournament tomorrow.

INT. BOWLING ALLEY - DAY

Ray and Buck enter the bowling alley. There is a long bar with many men sitting on the bar stools. As they enter they all look up and yell Ray! Sounds of bowling pins being knocked down can be heard in the background.

RAY (CONT'D)
 We're pretty known in town and now that we are both single again... we hang out a lot together. Buck and I met in High School and played

sports together. We were part of the football dream team. Buck was a running back and I was a linebacker. We went to State in our senior year.

BUCK

It's hard to believe 45 years later we're now playing in the senior Pickleball tournament. High School, those were the good old days. Ray was the toughest jock on campus and all the girls loved him. I guess you would say I was his wingman.

The BARTENDER asks for their order.

BARTENDER

The usual fellas?

RAY

You betcha.

Ray and Buck pause and they both smile. They grab beers from the bar and then sit down at a table in front of the bowling lanes.

Two nice looking WOMEN in their thirties walk by the table with their bowling balls headed to a lane. In the background other people are bowling in the lanes.

RAY (CONT'D)

Hello ladies. Would you like to join us for a beer?

WOMAN

No thanks we are going to bowl now.

RAY

Well come back when you're done, we'll be here.

The women walk away with horrified expressions on their face.

RAY

I think they may come back over.
I've got dibs on the blonde.

BUCK
You still got it man.

BUCK (CONT'D)
Ray's a great partner to have when
we play Pickleball, he keeps me
from losing my cool when the
competition is tough. Rays
nickname is Banger.

RAY
Yeah I like to drive it hard, to
heck with dinking. In our skill
bracket we've heard there is a
team coming from St. George, Utah
that has been winning a lot. The
guy on the team has two crazy feet
so who knows what we will see. I
don't think we'll have problems
with the local teams. There's a
team from Vail that's supposed to
be pretty good too.

BUCK
We signed up with the team name
Pickleballers.

RAY
Yep Go ballers!

Ray and Buck click their beers together. The Bartender
brings them over their hamburger and french fry orders.

BARTENDER
Here you go boys, just like you
like them. Good luck tomorrow at
the tournament.

RAY (CONT'D)
Thanks, let's eat I'm starving.

CUT TO:

INT. - BEAUTY BAR - DAY

The Beauty Bar is a very classy spa with well dressed women coming and going. In the background there is a section where women are getting their hair and nails done.

SANDY HARRISON-FORD-SCHILLING, Late fifties, bubbly and a bit ditzy. She is wearing a tight top and short skirt with heels. She doesn't have any wrinkles on her face from Botox.

Sandy sits fussing with her hair.

SANDY

I'm Sandy Harrison-Ford-Schilling
but that's a mouthful so I just go
by Sandy S.

She pauses.

SANDY (CONT'D)

Two years ago after my last
divorce I moved to Grand Junction.
I felt Pickleball would be a great
way to meet people. Especially
men.

Sandy winks.

SANDY (CONT'D)

(rapidly speaking)

And of course the exercise and
fresh air keeps me fit and feeling
young. I'm so excited, I asked
one of the Pickleball instructors
Tim, who happens to be the hottest
guy on the court, to be my partner
for the tournament and he
accepted! He's been so good at
helping me improve my game. I
guess my biggest problem is I do
get a bit distracted, but I'm
working on it. I got a really
cute new outfit for the day and I
can't wait to wear it. I thought
I'd stop into the spa today for a
bit of mother's little helper and
I want to get my nails and hair
done. Thanks to my last husband I

was able to retire early so now my
only job is me!

A WOMAN comes in the door with a very scary face from
overdoing Botox and fillers. Her face is so frozen she
barely changes expression as she talks.

WOMAN

Hi Sandy, are you in here for the
usual.

SANDY

I sure am, I'm getting the works.
Tomorrow I'm playing in my first
Pickleball tournament at Lincoln
Park.

WOMAN

How exciting. Who are you playing
with?

SANDY

Tim the Pickleball coach. I don't
want to get my hopes up but who
knows.

Sandy crosses her fingers.

WOMAN

I'm so excited for you. Good luck
tomorrow.

A RECEPTIONIST sits behind the check in counter.

RECEPTIONIST

Sandy they're ready for you.

Sandy gets up and both women start to walk toward the check
in counter.

SANDY

See you later.

CUT TO:

EXT. LINCOLN PARK REGISTRATION TABLE - DAY

Mary is leaning over the registration table pointing at papers showing two female VOLUNTEERS what to do. Mary turns to face the camera.

MARY

I'm Mary Farmer and my husband Bob is my partner but he's not here right now. I came down to show the gals what to do. I try to help out where I can, because no one seems to do this right.

The two volunteers look at each other behind Mary and roll their eyes. As Mary speaks many volunteers are rushing around setting up for the tournament.

MARY (CONT'D)

Of course I'm sure you ladies will do it perfectly. Anyways, Bob and I are basically the ambassadors of Grand Junction Pickleball. I think most players look to me as the grand dame of Lincoln Park. I have been very influential in the setup of the tournaments and social functions.

I'm originally from Texas and Bob and I met in college. He grew up here, so after college we decided to settle in Grand Junction. It's been a wonderful place to raise children and such a sweet downtown, but it does lack a bit in culture. Now we're retired we can focus on our first love Pickleball!

VOICE (O.S.)

Mary can you come over I need some help with the roster.

MARY

(loudly)

I'll be over in a minute dear.

MARY (CONT'D)

See what I mean, it's nonstop. Where were we? Oh yes Bob really needs the exercise since he's pre-diabetic. He's eating much healthier now and for exercise Pickleball has really been a blessing. I like to spend my energy on mentoring our newer players, young and old. And stress that sportsmanship and court etiquette are more important than winning.

MARY (CONT'D)

I better get back at it, Bob will be along soon so we can practice for the tournament tomorrow.

Mary smiles and turns back to the registration table.

CUT TO:

INT. DAYLIGHT DONUTS - DAY

The store has a typical donut counter and customers are standing in line.

BOB FARMER, late sixties, balding and disheveled sits at a table eating a donut and drinking coffee. He's a bit of a curmudgeon and hard of hearing.

BOB

I'm not sure I want this on camera. Mary doesn't like me eating donuts. I like these tournaments but they are tiring so I need a little pick me up in the morning. What she doesn't know won't hurt her (or me). I used to have a machine shop here in Grand Junction before I retired. Pickleball gives me something to do. Mary is very active in the tournament setup and activities, but I wish she could get the referees under control. The last tournament here there were so many

bad calls and server errors. We could have come in first place, if we had competent refs. Mary says she likes to focus on sportsmanship and court etiquette more than winning, but of course that's only if we are winning.

Bob wincing.

BOB (CONT'D)

You know I better not say another word. It's probably best you cut this out. Seriously please don't show this.

CUT TO:

EXT. MANSION PICKLEBALL COURT - DAY

Two players are coming off a private Pickleball court in Vail, Colorado with a coach. Surrounding the court is a beautiful garden and Vail Mountain can be seen in the background.

BILL SAVAGE, towels off his face and puts his sunglasses on top of his head. Super fit and fiftyish wearing a baseball cap backwards. Bill also dresses in black athletic wear.

JEANIE SAVAGE drinks from a water bottle. Fiftyish, dressed like a professional Pickleball player in all black athletic wear.

BILL

I'm Bill Savage and this is my wife Jeannie. We just finished a great work out with the Vail pro. It's a luxury to have our own Pickleball courts, but we're worth it.

Jeanie and Bill wave goodbye to the pro and they walk into their house.

INT. MANSION - DAY

The couple enters the great room of the mansion, which is huge with high end furnishings. The picture window looks to Vail Mountain.

BILL (CONT'D)

Jeanie and I have been playing for 3 years now and we hope the tournament in Grand Junction will be a stepping stone for moving to the 4.0 rank. Actually I don't expect the competition to be as competitive as in Vail.

JEANIE

It was kind of a shock to us when we realized we were old enough to play in the senior tournament. We don't feel old at all. Vail isn't too far miles wise from Grand Junction but a million miles apart in lifestyle. Vail is our second home, we winter in Scottsdale Arizona. Bill is a natural athlete but he has a tendency to hog the balls. I mean I can definitely hold my own, he just needs to trust me.

Bill shrugs.

BILL

I agree Jeanie can hold her own, but if I have a clear shot I'm going to go for it. We're still working on partner strategy. It can be challenging.

A MAID enters the room.

MAID

Can I get you any refreshments?

BILL

(curtly)

Not now Marta.

The MAID leaves quickly.

JEANIE

I have a new paddle I've been testing so I'm excited to use it. The pro always yells at us that we spend hours drilling on dinking, but then we get into games and no one dinks. So tomorrow morning before the tournament we'll practice and focus on dinking.

BILL

You better explain what dinking is.

JEANIE

Oh sure, dink shots really help to slow the pace of the game. You hit it low over the net into the kitchen with a soft touch. The opponent must wait for the ball to bounce in the kitchen before they can step in, so returning the shot can be tough. Most people want to just slam it back but the key is to stay patient, dink it back and let your opponent make the error. It's all about patience.

BILL

Personally give me a well-placed kill shot any day.

JEANIE

We chose the team name Vail Aces. It seemed appropriate.

BILL

Wow it's getting late I better go get the Tesla loaded up with our gear. Go Aces!

Bill raises a fist bump in the air.

CUT TO:

INT. HOTEL ROOM - DAY

The room is a Best Westernish style hotel room in Grand Junction.

MEG SWANSON, in her mid-fifties and nice looking sits on the bed.

JAMES SWANSON, fiftyish, confident and nice looking man sits next to Meg.

Stevie their poodle sits between them on the bed. The room is a mess with Stevie's toys and dog items all over.

MEG

I'm Meg and this is my husband James and our dog Stevie. We drove in a day early from Goodyear, Arizona so we could get Stevie settled. She's a year and a half and such a sweetie. Everyone asks me if I named her after Stevie Nicks and I always say yes, but I really named her after Stevie Budd from Schitt's Creek.

Meg throws her leg over James and kisses the dog.

MEG (CONT'D)

Isn't that right Budd? We were really worried that the trip from Arizona would be too much for her but she has just been the best.

JAMES

We never had kids so Stevie is our baby. We found this hotel that she likes and now we are going to scope out the courts, so we get the best spot to set up her pup tent tomorrow. It has a little fan to keep her cool and a bed so she can sleep and relax. It's hard to leave her during the games. Even though the matches are less than 20 minutes she has separation anxiety, which we have really been working on.

MEG

Her therapist says she may be sensing anxiety from us, but I don't believe that. We are the most loving family.

JAMES

Meg and I met playing Pickleball, ten years ago. Of course at that time the sport was just starting to take off in our area. She was just so cute in her little outfit and had the best figure.

James leans over and they share a passionate kiss.

MEG

We've been to some Pickleball camps which has definitely improved our play as partners and I think it has brought us even closer. But now that we have little Stevie we limit our travel to where we can bring her. We changed our team name to 'Team Stevie'.

Meg holds up a T-shirt with Stevie's picture on it and Team Stevie in bold letters. Meg and James both lean in and kiss Stevie.

JAMES

Since we have never played in Grand Junction before, we are looking forward to seeing how we stack up against the competition. I predict good things this weekend. I hate to cut this short but we really should leave now so we can go scope the park out.

CUT TO:

EXT. MOBILE HOME - DAY

The exterior of a mobile home in St. George, Utah is modest and clean. There are some random neighbors outside visiting. Music is playing in the background.

PETE BARR, middle aged is standing in front of the mobile home. He has one really large foot and one small foot.

PETE

Hi I'm Pete Barr and this is my wife Candy. Our last name is spelled B A R R. Since Candy and I got married I like to spell it out for obvious reasons. We are pretty excited about going to Grand Junction for the tournament and some of the people we play with are here to send us off.

CANDY BARR, stands near Pete. Pleasant looking, middle aged woman.

CANDY

Pete and I have lived in St. George, Utah, since we got married and it has a very active Pickleball scene. We took up Pickleball shortly after retirement and have had just a wonderful time. Pete is really the driving force on our team. He's the one with all the talent and unique skills.

PETE

Now Candy you hold your own and we are better together. I do have some wild moves though, with these feet.

PETE'S FEET

PETE (CONT'D)

I think my feet keep our opponents more off balance than they do me. My biggest challenge is I have a tendency to have foot faults and I have to remind myself to get out of the kitchen. I think I judge the kitchen line by my smaller foot. Candy helps remind me if the

other team and refs don't catch it first.

CANDY

They wanted a team name to register us, so we decided on 'Get out of the kitchen and come to the Barr'.

Candy and Pete smile and the neighbors laugh.

CANDY (CONT'D)

Some of our Pickleball friends came over to give us a nice send off. Pete is going to throw some dogs on the grill then we'll get going.

PETE

Hot dogs dear, hot dogs. We don't want to give anyone the wrong idea.

Candy laughs.

CANDY

Oh you, you and your dad jokes.

PETE

I better go grab the beers for the trip. Hopefully we will be successful enough tomorrow to enjoy those beers at the end of the day. There have been some tournaments where we have played so poorly we've gotten home before the morning coffee pot has cooled.

Pete walks toward the house and high fives one of his neighbors. Candy moves towards the group.

CUT TO:

EXT. VERNE'S R.V. LINCOLN PARK PARKING LOT - DAY

The front of the R.V. has a big cooler, folding chairs and a BBQ setup. There's a large USA flag and many USA and Army stickers.

VERNE STEELE, overweight and stocky wearing dad shorts and a Go U.S.A! T-shirt that is a size too small, stands in front of the R.V.

ARLO GREEN, very skinny, long haired, disheveled and wearing a Grateful Dead T-shirt sits down near Verne.

VERNE

Arlo and I live here in Grand Junction and we've known each other for a long time. We decided to try golfing and Pickleball when we both retired. Golfing was just too slow and Pickleball helps us stay in shape. Not to mention after we play we go to lunch and have a few beers.

ARLO

Verne is hilarious on the courts. He keeps it light and fun.

VERNE

We're really hoping to play and win against Buck and Ray tomorrow. We've never beat them in a tournament before. That would be our dream.

VERNE

I like to bring my R.V. out the day before the tournament and get setup so there's nothing to do in the morning except grill. It's a tradition to grill meat and have plenty of beer for friends. It's almost like a tail gating ritual but we do it for two days straight. Is this a great country or what? Go U.S.A! That's our team name.

ARLO

Wouldn't be my first choice for a team name but I like to go with the flow.

RAY

I'm going to throw some chicken legs on the grill. Arlo grab me a beer will you.

Ray turns toward the BBQ. Arlo stands up, turns and reaches into the cooler.

CUT TO:

EXT. V.W. VAN ON DRIVEWAY - DAY

LIVIE YOUNG is loading gear into a van in Paonia, Colorado. Small and wiry, short hair and no makeup. She wears multiple bead bracelets on her wrists.

PAT SHORE is next to Livie checking the Pickleball equipment. Pat never speaks and is stocky and very androgynous looking. Pat wears a hat with a rainbow on the brim. We should never be able to tell what gender Pat is and if Pat and Livie are a couple or just friends.

LIVIE

I'm Livie Young and this is Pat Shore. Since we live in Paonia, Colorado we only have about an hour and a half drive but we decided to get a hotel anyways. Our town is tiny but it's in a beautiful valley where we grow peaches and apples and there are vineyards. That's actually where Pat and I met, Pat works at a local vineyard in the production of wine. I'm an artist, I make bead jewelry.

Livie holds up her wrist showing the beaded bracelets.

LIVIE (CONT'D)

A few years back we took up Pickleball but not many people play in Paonia. So we travel

around the state in our converted Volkswagen van. We've explored most of Colorado and depending on how we do in this tournament we may decide to venture out of state and try the competition.

Pat grimaces.

LIVIE (CONT'D)

Pat gets really nervous before tournaments and doesn't really like to do them. This hat is the good luck charm.

Pat points to her/his hat.

LIVIE (CONT'D)

She meditates a lot to get in the right head space before the games. Pat is really our power player and commands the kitchen. I'm quick so they call me Mighty Mouse. I am so stoked for tomorrow, it's going to be a great day. Pat we better get inside and eat something.

Pat and Livie walk in the house.

CUT TO:

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE ARMSTRONG, Extroverted and confident middle aged woman, sits at the announcers table.

JANE

Good morning and welcome to the beautiful town of Grand Junction on the western slope of Colorado, where seniors have travelled throughout the United States for the annual Lincoln Park Senior Pickleball Tournament. Today behind us we see the tournament organizers setting up and some

players are practicing. Kickoff is bright and early tomorrow morning.

This is Jane Armstrong and with me is Fred LaFeu. Is that French Fred?

FRED LAFEU sitting next to Jane. Confident to the point of being cocky and often saying inappropriate comments.

FRED

You betcha Jane. Well you can't beat this type of weather for a Pickleball tournament. Grand Junction is known for the beautiful Colorado National Monument which we can see right behind us.

THE COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Insert a panoramic view of the Colorado National Monument.

JANE (O.S.)

Just breathtaking.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE (CONT'D)

Grand Junction is also known for the birthplace of Enstrom's toffee and the candy factory is right here downtown.

Jane holds up a box of the Enstrom's toffee.

JANE (CONT'D)

I know where I'm going this afternoon. Pickleball has really gained momentum in this area, actually all over the country. Just look at all these people behind us warming up for the tournament.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

Players are stretching and volleying in a variety of questionable court attire. Pickleball sounds are heard in the background.

FRED (O.S.)

Is it true Pickleball is basically old people tennis?

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Any who... This tournament is very special in that we have a camera crew here making a film for AARP. The film will be to encourage seniors to adopt this sport in an effort to help retirees stay physically and socially active. Many couples have discovered this sport to do together in retirement. I see the crew is just arriving now to scope out the area. Let me take a minute to introduce them.

CODY PACE mid-thirties, fit, wearing a collared shirt with an AARP logo stands near the camera.

KYLE DRIVER mid-thirties, dressed more casually but with an AARP shirt, stands next to Cody.

JANE (CONT'D)

This is interviewer Cody Pace and cameraman Kyle Driver. Hello to you both.

KYLE AND CODY

Cody and Kyle wave to the camera.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

How can they work for AARP? They don't look a day of 30.

JANE

I don't think you have to be over 55 to work for AARP Fred.

FRED

We do have some exciting contenders playing this weekend. Locally known as the team to beat, Bob and Mary Farmer have been playing for many years and very active here in the Grand Junction Pickleball scene. Probably the strongest competitors hail from Vail, Colorado, Bill and Jeanie Savage. They are new to the scene but they have won a few tournaments across the state already. The most exciting team to watch is Pete and Candy Barr from Utah. Pete is known for his trick shots, spin serves and ball placement using his mismatched feet to his advantage.

JANE

Fred did you say mismatched feet?

FRED

Yes I did Jane. He has one humongous foot and one tiny one. Maybe his mom had a fling with Sasquatch. Wait until you see them.

JANE

Another player today is a retired hometown athlete. Ray Honeycutt was a star player on the Grand Junction High School football team.

FRED

Yes, he has the height and wing span of a pterodactyl and he maybe as old.

JANE

(sighing)

Teaming with Ray is Buck Stemper. They have known each other since High School. He has an interesting style and incredible agility. I'm excited to see these two players. These are only a few of the contenders this weekend.

FRED

We will focus on the East courts with the 3.5 level players. At this level believe me you will see a varying range of skill sets and it's always entertaining. Whereas players at the 4.0 level and higher make Pickleball look easy, you'll see that it's takes hard work and practice to get good at this sport. For the benefit of the audience let's go over the Pickleball rules.

JANE

Pickleball is a simple paddle game played with a plastic ball with holes. You use a modified tennis net on a badminton-sized court. Only the serving team can score points. It combines elements of badminton, ping-pong and tennis, so it's great for any age level. Serving the ball must be underhand and below the waist and unlike tennis you only get to serve once.

While Jane speaks Fred holds up a diagram of a Pickleball court and points to what Jane speaks about. As Fred draws the lines, they go everywhere and become a jumbled mess.

JANE (CONT'D)

The server starts behind the back line and serves to the opponents opposite quadrant. After the serve, the ball must bounce on the opponent's side once before it can be returned. The kitchen is the no-volley zone with 7 feet from the net on each side. No-volley

means if the ball goes in the kitchen it must bounce before the other side can return it. And if you hit a ball and any part of your body or even your momentum takes you in the kitchen before the ball bounces, it's a fault and you lose the point. Scoring can be confusing but each partner gets to serve once, except on the very first serve of the game, where only the first person gets a turn. So I hope that's clear.

FRED

Clear as mud Jane. But I'm sure it will make sense when the play starts. Jane and I will be back bright and early tomorrow morning to kick off play.

Not thinking the microphone is on and they are off camera.

FRED (CONT'D)

I've worked twenty five years in this industry and this is what my career has come to. Let's go get drunk.

JANE

Not going to happen Fred. Not today, not ever.

FRED

Well it's your loss then. See you tomorrow.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

On the courts players are warming up with Jane and Fred moving to the announcers table. Pickleball sounds are heard in the background along with country music. Cody and Kyle are moving their equipment in front of the announcers table.

CODY

Hey before we get setup let's take the handheld camera and get some footage of the players getting ready.

KYLE

Works for me. It looks like a lot of people are already warming up.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Cody and Kyle walk towards the courts where Ray and Buck are practicing in court 1. Buck is in all white. He wears long basketball shorts, sweat headband and wrist bands, knee socks and knee pads. Ray is in neon orange short shorts, long black athletic socks with two knee braces. They both wear their Pickleballers T-shirts. They are practicing serving to each other and really hitting it hard. They both wave to Kyle and Cody.

CODY

Let's not disturb them now. I see Verne's R.V., let's go over there.

Cody and Kyle begin to walk to the R.V. parked at the end of the courts but they see Arlo driving in, in a very small run down car.

ARLO'S CAR

Arlo gets out and a big cloud of pot smoke comes out of the car. He is wearing the same Grateful Dead T-shirt as the night before.

CODY (O.S)

Hi Arlo, are you ready for game day?

ARLO

Ready as I'll ever be. I'm just going to get something to eat at Verne's and put on my team shirt.

They all walk to the R.V.

VERNE'S R.V.

Verne wears a Broncos ball cap along with the snug Go USA! T-shirt. Verne is grilling up sausages and drinking a large Bloody Mary with celery, bacon and olives.

VERNE

Morning fellas can I get you something to eat or drink?

ARLO

I'll take a sausage. Dude that Bloody Mary looks like a meal in itself.

Verne rubs his stomach.

VERNE

It takes a lot of work to keep this figure. Do you guys want anything?

CODY (O.S.)

Not while we're working but maybe we'll come back later. It's a great setup you have here. It looks like you were in the military Verne?

VERNE

I was in the Army.

CODY (O.S.)

Thank you for your service. We'll leave you to your breakfast. Good luck today.

Verne salutes and Cody and Kyle start to walk away but unknowingly Arlo and Verne are still in camera range. Arlo sits down in a folding chair and discretely takes a puff off his one hitter then puts on the Go USA! T-shirt.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Cody and Kyle see Sandy by the fence. She's in her new tight yellow spandex Pickleball outfit with hair and makeup done. Sandy pulls up her spanx a bit, so they no longer

show at the bottom of her shorts. Next to her a man rides up on his hover board.

TED CROWDER mid-sixties very tan with a bad toupee. Riding a hover board.

TED

Hi Sandy, do you want to try my hover board?

SANDY

No thanks Ted, I don't want to break my neck before the tournament.

TED

OK I'll catch you later. I can't wait to watch your match.

Ted rolls off.

CODY (O.S.)

Hi Sandy are you waiting for your partner?

SANDY

Last night Tim sent me a text and said an emergency came up and he wouldn't be able to play. I'm not sure what the emergency was but I imagine it was really important. I was kind of panicked but I was able to go onto the tournament substitute list and I reached out to Ryan Long. I don't really know him but I've seen him play and he is really good, so I'm excited he accepted. I think he's single!

Sandy starts to wave towards the parking lot. Behind Sandy a guy dressed like the UNABOMBER, in all black with a hood so his face can't be seen, rides his low cruiser bicycle. The bicycle has an old fashioned boom box that's blaring music.

SANDY (CONT'D)

That creepy guy is always here. Oh here's my partner now. Ryan

come on over. An AARP crew is going to be filming the tournament today, so I wanted to introduce you.

RYAN LONG walks over. Ryan is tall and well-dressed with a Z.Z. Top beard. He looks younger than Sandy.

RYAN

Hello I'm Ryan Long.

CODY (O.S.)

Hi Ryan, I'm Cody and this is Kyle. Can you tell us a bit about yourself?

RYAN

I am relatively new to Pickleball so my expectations aren't high, but it'll be fun no matter. It was really nice of Sandy to reach out to me. I own the local fly fishing shop here in town. Sandy we should probably get on an open court and warm up before they all fill up.

SANDY

Sounds good, see you guys later.

Sandy and Ryan walk to the courts taking out their paddles. Bob pulls up in the parking lot. As he gets out of the car he is eating a donut.

BOB'S CAR

CODY (O.S.)

Morning Bob, are you ready for the tournament?

Bob looks disheveled with a floppy hat and many pieces of sports tape across his elbows and knees.

BOB

I still need to warm up. I'm supposed to meet Mary here. She came down early to probably tell

everyone what to do. Oh here she comes now.

Bob quickly throws the donut in the trash can. Mary runs up and stands next to Bob. She's wearing another very cute short tennis skirt and matching top.

MARY

Hello boys, you are out here bright and early.

CODY (O.S.)

We wanted to get some film of the setup and of people warming up.

MARY

Bob and I are going to warmup, but first I need to make sure my ladies have everything setup for the tournament properly. No matter how many times I explain how to do it, they just don't get it. I might as well just do it myself.

BOB

How about I go meet the referees, then meet back here in 15 minutes to warmup?

MARY

That sounds like a good plan. See you later honey.

Mary kisses Bob on the cheek and waves as she leaves. Bob looks at Cody and Kyle.

BOB

Later.

Bob jumps in his car and speeds out of the parking lot to the donut shop across the street.

EXT. DAYLIGHT DONUTS - DAY

Bob pulls into the Daylight Donuts shop across the street and gets out of his car and goes in the door.

CODY'S FACE

CODY

He must love his donuts. It's probably best if we cut that out too.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Cody and Kyle chuckle and continue walking near the courts. Jeanie and Bill walk up. They are wearing their all black Pickleball attire. Bill wears his hat backwards with his sunglasses on top of his head.

CODY (O.S.)

Jeanie, Bill can you come talk to us for a few minutes?

Jeanie and Bill walk over.

CODY (O.S.)

So how are you both feeling today?

JEANIE

We've had our coffee and I'm ready to go.

BILL

Let's get this party started.

CODY (O.S.)

So do you have a game day strategy?

BILL

It's simple we're going to stay focused and capitalize on the other teams weakest player.

JEANIE

And like I mentioned yesterday were going to incorporate more dinking. Bill has promised he will stay on his side and let me get the balls coming to me. No poaching! Come on honey, let's go warm up, I'm anxious to test out this new paddle.

Jeanie and Bill walk off to move to the courts. Farther down the fence Meg and James are trying to setup the tent for Stevie. On the other side of the courts in the background the UNABOMBER is riding around and Ted is on his hover board while random spectators start to walk up.

CODY (O.S)

Hi Meg and James, I see you're getting Stevie setup.

Meg and James have their matching Team Stevie T-shirts on. From Meg's expression it is clear she is stressed out. And they are fumbling with the tent setup.

MEG

I told James he needed to test out the setup of this before we came, and now here we are. We probably won't even have time to warmup. I can tell my little puppy wuppie is getting anxious. Don't worry Budd we won't leave you.

Meg picks up Stevie and gives her a kiss. James is starting to get really frustrated and throws stuff. Verne walks over from his R.V.

VERNE

Hey guys I'm Verne, my kids have one of these for their dog. Do you want some help, I've seen them do the setup before.

MEG

Yes please, that would be wonderful.

Verne and James complete setting up the tent, putting the water bowl, food, fan and plush bed inside.

VERNE

Wow that pup has a better setup than I do.

MEG

I'm Meg and this is my husband James and this is little Stevie.

Thank you so much, you're a life saver.

Meg moves to put Stevie into the tent.

VERNE

I better get back, nice meeting you.

Verne walks away.

JAMES

(grumbling)

I would have figured this out. I just needed a little more time.

MEG

Oh sweetie I know you would, but this will give us a little more time to get Stevie settled.

Meg gives James a kiss. Then bends down to fuss with Stevie in the tent.

CODY (O.S.)

Ok well best of luck to you today.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS GATE - DAY

Livie and Pat exit the courts. Clearly they have been drilling hard. Pat's T-shirt has sweat stains.

CODY (O.S.)

Hi there Pat and Livie how's it going?

LIVIE

Pat is freaking out. We left the lucky hat at the hotel, so we have to hurry back and get it. If there's time we'll talk to you when we get back.

Pat is clearly agitated running to the van.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PARKING LOT - DAY

Pat and Livie tear out of the parking lot in their van.

CODY'S FACE

CODY

Who knew these tournaments were so stressful. You would think they are playing for money. Looks like Pete and Candy are on court 4. Let's go over there and see them in action.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

Cody and Kyle walk over to court 4 and go in the gate. Pete and Candy are sitting on the bench. Pete is putting on his shoes.

PETE'S SHOES

CODY (O.S.)

So are you both ready for the tournament?

PETE AND CANDY

PETE

Yep we are and I have my beers in the cooler right here.

CANDY

I feel really positive about today. Of course Pete will carry our team.

PETE

Not true, not true.

CODY (O.S.)

Do you mind if we film you warming up?

PETE

No problem.

Pete and Candy run onto the court on opposite sides. They do a few bends and stretches.

CANDY

Let's do some serves.

They both back up to the serve line on opposite sides. Candy does a few test serves. Pete then takes the ball and prepares to serve. He does an unusual hop and seems off balance. His serve ends up taking a very serious spin and Candy can't return it. They each do a few more serves while Pete's serves continue to be really tricky.

CANDY (CONT'D)

Pete, I think we should stop serving. We don't want to give our secret weapon away. Let's just work on dinking for a bit.

Pete and Candy move up to the kitchen and start to dink. They do some passable dinking but Pete keeps stepping into the kitchen with his big foot.

CANDY (CONT'D)

Honey watch those foot faults.

PETE

That is definitely my biggest challenge.

An unknown speaker is heard across the loudspeaker.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Players please come to the registration booth to get your court assignments.

Pete and Candy run off the court towards the booth waving goodbye.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS GATE - DAY

Players start to walk off the courts in the direction of the registration table. Pickleball sounds stop and country music is heard louder in the background.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PARKING LOT - DAY

Pat and Livie come tearing back into the parking lot. Pat jumps out of the car with the rainbow cap.

CODY (O.S.)

I see Jane and Fred have arrived and are getting setup at the announcer table. Let's go over there to get their opening.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

Jane and Fred sit down at the table, test their microphones and begin.

JANE

Tournament day has arrived and what a beautiful day it is for Pickleball. Cody Pace and Kyle Driver, our camera crew for AARP are already hard at work. Hi guys.

CODY AND KYLE

Cody and Kyle smile and wave.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

Do you want to tell the viewers the history of Pickleball Fred?

Fred looks hung over, his eyes are really red and he is disheveled.

FRED

No you go ahead. Geez it's definitely bright out here today, I think I'll put these sun glasses on.

Fred put sunglasses on and holds his forehead.

JANE

Ok then. Back in the summer of 1965 three friends were hanging out in Washington State with their families and had nothing to do.

The property had an old badminton net but no rackets, so using ping pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball they lowered the height of the net and began volleying. Over time the rules as well as the equipment has evolved. The origin of the name is a bit murky but some say it was named after the founder's dog Pickles. There are many reasons why Pickleball has exploded in popularity over the past few years.

FRED

Yeah like I mentioned yesterday it's a great sport for old people.

JANE

Seriously... Pickleball has gotten so popular because it has a multi-generational appeal. Families can play together and any age group can play. It's an inexpensive sport to get into and it's good exercise.

FRED

I see the players are beginning to get their court assignments. I know they have all been anxious to see who they will be playing against. So Jane did you see the sites in Grand Junction last night?

JANE

I had a wonderful dinner in the quaint downtown. I just love a small town feel and then after I stopped at Enstroms.

Jane holds up the Enstroms box and grins. (It's becoming clear she is being paid to promote Enstroms.)

JANE (CONT'D)

I got a good night's sleep. How about you?

FRED

All I saw was the hotel bar.

Meg and James walk by the announcers table with Stevie.

FRED (CONT'D)

Boy I could use a hair of that dog.

JANE'S FACE

Jane stares at Fred.

JANE

The players will now be given the rules of engagement and then move to their courts. They are allowed 10 minutes of warm up against their opponents. Again we will be focusing on the East court players in the 3.5 ranking. That means these player are experienced but still working on the nuances of the game.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

A person runs up and hands Fred a sheet of paper.

FRED

Oh good, here's the roster for play. In court 1 Verne and Arlo will be playing against Buck and Ray. In court 2 Jeanie and Bill will be playing against Pete and Candy. Sandy and Ryan will play against Meg and James in court 3 and in court 4 Mary and Bob are teamed against Livie and Pat. Sounds like some great matches ahead.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Players please move to court 1 for the group photo and tournament rules.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

All players move to court 1. Players include the core group of 16 players for the East courts with many additional extras for the other courts. Meg carries Stevie onto the court. There are also a half dozen referees and a photographer. The Pickleball sounds and music stops.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Each match will consist of one game to 15 points and winners must win by 2 points. Whoever wins these matches will move up the ladder to compete against each other. The losing teams will fall to the consolation bracket and are not eliminated until they lose twice. The winners of the consolation bracket could potentially fight all the way back to win medals.

FRED

There will be an awards ceremony at the end. Winners play for Gold medals in first place, Silver for 2nd and Bronze for 3rd place. Looks like the warmup is getting started.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

The photographer finishes a group shot of the players.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

All players please make your way to your assigned courts for the 10 minute warmup.

Most players walk off camera to the other courts seen in the distance while the core group walks to their assigned East courts and begin practicing. Pickleball sounds resume. Meg and James run to the pup tent to get Stevie settled and they both kiss her, then move to their court.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Players this is your one minute warning. The bullhorn will sound to start the games.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Here we go. Let's focus in on court 1 where Verne and Arlo are playing against Buck and Ray. Verne will serve first. These are some of the home town favorites so it should be an exciting match up.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S)

Bullhorn sounds.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

Random spectators are watching outside the fence. The four players move into position. Verne and Arlo are wearing their Go USA! Team shirts.

Throughout all Verne's games he will say his teams score loud when they are winning, but very softly when they are losing. When he calls which server it is, he sounds like an auctioneer. Pickleball sounds increase.

VERNE

Ready boys, here we go. Zero,
Zero, TWOOOO.

JANE (O.S.)

For viewers who are new to Pickleball, zero indicates the serving side has no points, the second zero is the points the other team has on the receiving side and the last two tells us Verne is the starting server. Remember this team only gets one

serve to start, so that's why he
is server two.

FRED'S FACE

Fred with his hands on his head.

FRED
I swear scoring is the hardest
part of this game. Who came up
with this?

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

VERNE hits a super hard serve to the back. Buck drops on
his knee pads but misses.

VERNE
(loudly)
And the crowd roars.

Verne and Arlo switch positions for the serve after winning
the point.

VERNE (CONT'D)
Drive to stay alive. ONE, Zero
TWOOOO.

Verne does another hard serve directly into the net.

VERNE (CONT'D)
(mumbling)
The agony of defeat.

Arlo tosses the ball for Buck to serve to Arlo.

FRED (O.S.)
That's a side out but at least
they are on the board. So now the
other side will serve.

BUCK
Zero, One, One

JANE (O.S)
So just to clarify the scoring
again, the first zero is the
serving sides score. The receiving

side has one point and Buck is the first server.

FRED (O.S.)

Geez

Buck serves to Arlo who returns the ball deep, to the back. Buck and Ray run to the kitchen and they volley back and forth a bit. Arlo does a lob high and deep to the back. Buck runs back to get the ball jumps and misses the ball, then falls on his knees.

VERNE

(loudly)

Shoulder high let it fly.

ARLO

You are too funny man.

As Buck gets up his knees are a scraped up and his shorts are torn.

JANE (O.S.)

Wow that Buck really gives it his all.

Buck and Ray win five points. Ray plays aggressively and all over the court. He accidently runs into his partner but makes the point, then jumps up with a celebratory fist.

RAY

YES!!!

He sees Buck on the ground and lends him a hand to get up.

RAY (CONT'D)

Sorry man.

As Buck comes up we see he is more scraped up and beginning to bleed. They win points but only because Verne and Arlo are less aggressive.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

At this rate this is going to be a fast win. It's hard to believe Ray

can move at all between the belly
and the bad knees.

Jane looks at Fred deadpan.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

BUCK
Five, One, One

Buck makes a low hard serve but it hits the net, dribbles
over and lands in the kitchen.

VERNE
Net gods are with us today.

Buck throws his paddle and Ray pats his shoulder, picks up
the paddle and gives it back to Buck.

BUCK
You gave us a good lead man.

JANE'S FACE

JANE
So this is a classic unforced
error. The serve has to be past
the kitchen line. Looks like Buck
is losing his cool a bit. It will
now go to Ray to serve.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

RAY
Five, One, Two

Ray serves to Arlo. The serve is so hard it hits outside
the back of the court resulting in a side out.

VERNE
(loudly)
He hits it out of the ball park
and the crowd roars.

FRED (O.S.)

So it's side out with the score 5
to 1.

Arlo gets the ball and prepares to serve to Buck.

ARLO
One, Five, One

Buck returns the ball deep to the back on Arlo's side.

Arlo drives the ball straight down the middle.

VERNE
(loudly)
Straight down the middle, solves
the riddle.

BUCK
For Christ sakes Verne, shut the
hell up.

RAY
That dude talks to hear his head
rattle.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
Looks like Verne's chatter is
getting to Buck but that was a
perfect return.

FRED
I guess his name fits him Buck
Stemper - Bucks Temper.

Fred giggles and Jane semi-smiles. Arlo changes position
with Verne after winning the point.

JANE
Arlo will now move over to serve
to Ray with the score of two to
five. Let's go see how some of
the other play is going. We'll
come back to court 1 later.

FRED

Now this is the match I've been waiting for. Jeanie and Bill against Pete and Candy. I just can't wait to see the footwork on Pete. Let's move over to court 2 now. The score sits at 6 to 1 with Pete and Candy in the lead. Pete is serving to Bill.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

Pete and Candy are wearing appropriate court attire. Jeanie and Bill are wearing their all black athletic apparel and Bill has his baseball cap backwards with his sunglasses on his head.

PETE

Six, One, One

Pete serves but the ball takes an unusual spin where it is moving to the back court, but then spins back up to the kitchen line. Bill dives to hit the ball and barely returns it to Candy.

JEANIE

Holy crap, good get honey.

Candy lobs into the kitchen on Jeanie's side. Jeanie attempts to return the ball but hits it in the net. Pete and Candy change sides.

PETE

Seven, One, One

Pete serves another crazy serve to Jeanie. Jeanie barely gets the ball and returns it to Pete. Pete rushes to the kitchen to return the ball but his one left foot goes in the kitchen before the bounce.

JEANIE

(screaming)

Foot fault, Foot fault, Foot fault!

REFEREE

Foot fault against the server,
move to server 2. The score is
Seven, One, Two.

CANDY

That's ok Pete you had a great
run.

Candy lines up to serve.

CANDY (CONT'D)

Seven, One, Two

Bill takes Jeanie aside and speaks behind his paddle.

BILL

Let's focus on Candy, aim for her
face.

Candy serves a nice deep shot to Bill, which Bill returns
aiming high to Candy's face. Candy puts her paddle to her
face and resets the ball to Jeanie. Jeanie and Bill
continue to pummel Candy with returns to her face and chest
which she awkwardly deflects.

JEANIE

(whispering)

I'm going to dink into the
kitchen.

Jeanie dinks into the kitchen on Pete's side but the dink
is too high and Pete just slams it at her feet.

JEANIE (CONT'D)

Too hell with dinking.

BILL

No shit.

Candy and Pete exchange places for the serve.

CANDY

Ok here we go, Eight, One, Two.

Candy serves a deep shot to Jeanie. Jeanie returns it back
to Pete. Pete does a crazy spin to Bill. Bill is able to
return the shot between Pete's legs and the ball just drops
to the ground.

FRED (O.S)

Oh that was great. We just watched the classic nutmeg. Not much you can do about that.

JANE'S FACE

JANE

That's a side out. Bill is making a remarkable effort trying to return Pete's serves. But will it be enough?

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

BILL

One, Eight, One

Bill serves to Candy and she returns it down the middle. Bill moves over to return the ball but Jeanie moves in to hit it with her back hand. Both players miss.

JEANIE

Bill you promised you wouldn't poach.

BILL

That was my forehand. It was my ball.

JEANIE

Well you just confuse me.

Bill throws his arms up in the air.

BILL

For god's sake.

Candy retrieves and tosses it to Jeanie to serve.

JEANIE

One, Eight, Two

Jeanie serves a deep shot to Pete. He returns it down the line to Jeanie and she misses.

JEANIE (CONT'D)

This new paddle sucks. I'm going to switch back to my old one after this game.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

This is painful to watch let's check out the action on court 3 with James and Meg against Ryan and Sandy. It looks like we have a close match at seven to seven.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 3 - DAY

On court 3 they are in the middle of a rally with both teams playing well.

James wins the point for a side out. Meg runs in and kisses James and whispers in his ear. Ryan and Sandy stare rather embarrassed. Then Meg runs over to the side of the fence.

MEG

Stevie are you ok?

There is a small fence around Stevie's tent. Stevie comes out of the tent and wags her tail. Meg runs back in the court.

JAMES

Seven, Seven, Two

James serves to Sandy. Sandy misses.

RYAN

Good try Sandy. We got this.

James and Meg kiss passionately on the way to changing sides.

JAMES

Good boy Stevie.

Stevie wags and goes back in her tent.

REFEREE

Folks let's keep the play moving
please.

JAMES
Eight, Seven, Two

James serves a lob ball to Ryan. Ryan does a perfect shot into the kitchen on Meg's side. Meg and Sandy begin to dink back and forth, then Meg hits it in the net and loses the point. Meg tosses the ball to Sandy.

RYAN
Great job Sandy.

James moves to kiss Meg and grab her rear end.

JAMES
That's ok honey.

SANDY
(whispering)
This is so distracting.

Ryan smiles and nods in agreement.

FRED (O.S)
I haven't seen this much action
since my wedding night.

SANDY
Seven, Eight, One

Sandy serves to Meg but Meg hits it too hard and it goes past the back line. Meg stomps her foot. James calls Stevie.

REFEREE
I am not going to warn the
receiving team again. You need to
keep the play moving. There will
be no more delays for checking on
your dog or pda, or you will
forfeit the game.

Meg and James glare at the referee. Ryan and Sandy switch positions for the serve.

REFEREE

Resume play, the score is Eight,
Eight, One.

SANDY
Eight, Eight, One

Sandy serves to James and he returns it deep back to Sandy. Sandy again returns to James but Meg rushes to James side, does a flying leap to hit the ball but hits it into the net.

JAMES
(angrily)
Way to go Meg.

Meg looks at James very annoyed, but doesn't say anything. Sandy and Ryan switch positions for the serve.

SANDY
Nine, Eight, One

Sandy serves to Meg, Meg returns the ball to Ryan. Ryan starts dinking back and forth with Meg. Meg returns the dink to high and Ryan does a kill shot at James' feet.

JAMES
Well crap, you handed him that on
a platter.

They begin to resume play.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
The atmosphere on this court has
dramatically changed. It's rare
the Referees have to reprimand
player behavior, but I agree with
his call.

FRED
It looks like couple's therapy is
going to be needed after this
game. Shall we go over to court 4
and check in? Last but not least
we have Mary and Bob against Livie
and Pat. They should be well into
their game by now.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

JANE (O.S.)

We have a close game here. The score sits at 13 to 14 with Pat and Livie in the lead. Mary is serving now.

MARY

Thirteen, Fourteen, Two

Mary is wearing her cute tennis skirt. Pat has on the lucky cap and wears long basketball shorts. Livie is wearing her bracelets.

Mary does a little hop and skip setting up to serve, then places a deep serve to Pat. Pat returns with a short lob. Bob runs for the lob but is too slow to get it. Mary runs behind him and returns the lob with a kill shot to Pat's back hand. Pat switches the paddle to the other hand and returns with a drop into the kitchen. Bob at the kitchen line dinks it back to Pat's side. Pat hits the ball into the net.

JANE (O.S.)

That's some of the best playing I've seen so far in this tournament. Mary returning to Pat's back hand was perfect and a surprise that Pat was able to get it. Then followed up with dinking to change the rhythm of the play.

Mary and Bob switch positions for the serve.

MARY

Fourteen, Fourteen, Two

Mary does her little hop and skip again and serves another strong serve to Livie, but it is just over the back line.

REFEREE

Serving fault outside the back line. Side out.

BOB

What did he say?

MARY

He said the serve was outside the back line.

BOB

That serve looked perfect to me. Are you sure Ref?

REFEREE

The call stands.

BOB

(grumbling)

I don't know about that call.

MARY

Let it go honey. We can win this.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

What a close match. With the score tied at 14 to 14, one team will need two points to win.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

Livie prepares to serve.

LIVIE

Fourteen, Fourteen, One

Livie serves a very good short serve to Bob. Pat and Livie hustle to the net for the return. Bob runs but again is too slow to get the ball. Livie and Pat switch positions for the serve.

JANES FACE

JANE

Look at how aggressively Pat and Livie get up to the kitchen. This is really good defense. This next serve could be for the winning point.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

LIVIE
Fifteen, Fourteen, One

Livie serves to Mary and there is very good back and forth. Mary and Pat begin to dink with Mary forcing Pat farther and farther to the outside line. Pats does an around the post (ATP) and down the line to win the game.

LIVIE (CONT'D)
Awesome shot Pat!

Pat enthusiastically throws the cap in the air and catches it.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
That was a spectacular shot by Pat to win the game. It's called an ATP, short for around the post. When your opponent forces you outside the court, rather than return it over the net, shoot it down the side line. It's a hard shot to return. Pat's execution was perfect.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

Pat and Livie fist bump. Mary and Bob move graciously to tap paddles. They all move off the court.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
Well there you have it Pat and Livie have won the game sixteen to fourteen. Mary and Bob were great contenders and will move to the consolation bracket.

FRED

I wouldn't be surprised if we saw Mary and Bob back here later competing for a medal spot.

JANE

The rest of the courts should be getting close to finishing. Let's move quickly back to court 1 to see how our first group is doing.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

FRED (O.S.)

There has been an exciting turn of events here on court 1. Buck and Ray have clawed their way back and the score stands 13 to 14 with Verne and Arlo in the lead. Verne is serving to Buck. Remember the teams must win by two points, so I expect an exciting finish.

VERNE

(loudly)

Fourteen, Thirteen, ONEEEEE

Verne barely clears the kitchen on his serve. Buck dives and slams the return and it bounces off the top of Verne's head. Buck smiles brightly. At this point Buck is bleeding from the knees. Verne gets the ball and changes sides.

FRED (O.S.)

Oh tough break they lost that point, so they now move to the second server. But they can still win this, let's see if Arlo can wrap it up.

VERNE

We're hanging by a thread, but we can do this.

ARLO

Fourteen, Thirteen, Two

Arlo serves a deep serve to Ray but Ray hits it so hard it goes over the fence.

VERNE

Home Run! Great game guys thanks.

Verne and Ray run to the kitchen and do their happy dance. They put their paddles between their legs pretending to ride horses as they exit the court. Buck rips off his headband in disgust and Ray hangs his head as they start to exit the court.

RAY

Sorry Buck, I guess that's what they call me Banger.

BUCK

I can't believe we lost to those clowns.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Another close match here with Verne and Arlo winning Fifteen to Thirteen. Buck and Ray may be considered the stronger athletes but as we have seen here, less is more in Pickleball.

FRED

Buck may need to see a medic before they begin their next match in the loser's bracket.

JANE

Consolation bracket Fred.

FRED

Whatever, let's move over to see the final points in court 2.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

Bill is running around all over the court trying to return Pete's crazy spins.

FRED (O.S) (CONT'D)

This has been a tough match for Bill and Jeanie. The score is at one to thirteen with Jeanie serving to Candy. With one point at least they won't be pickled.

JEANIE

One, Thirteen, One

Jeanie makes an easy serve to Candy. Candy returns the ball straight down the middle. Bill lobs the ball high into the sun and Candy is blinded, but is still able to make the return. He lobs it two more times blinding Candy. Candy on the final return hits it down the middle on Jeanie's forehand side. Bill rushes the ball and misses. Jeanie just glares at him.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Oh no the married couple curse.
That's side out.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

CANDY

Thirteen, One, One

Candy makes a good deep serve to Jeanie. Jeanie returns the ball to Candy and Candy makes a third shot drop to Candy's side. Both Bill and Jeanie dive for the ball and miss.

BILL

That was my ball.

Jeanie shrugs.

FRED (O.S.)

Candy executed a nice third shot drop.

Candy and Pete switch positions for the serve.

JANE (O.S.)

This may be the winning point.

CANDY
Fourteen, One, One

Candy serves to Bill and he slams it so hard it hits the back fence. Bill looks angry.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
I hate to see a team fall apart like that. But their strategy of winning at all costs has lead them to many unforced errors. They should know better at this level, but that's Pickleball for you. Candy and Pete will move onto the winner's bracket.

FRED
Those continued lobs into the sun were not cool. Possibly Jeannie and Bill can regroup and make their way back in the consolation games.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

The four players move to the net and touch paddles. Jeanie and Bill walk off in silence. Pete and Candy begin to exit the court smiling and hug.

FRED'S FACE

FRED
Last but not least in court 3 we see Meg and James our kissing couple and Sandy and Ryan are almost finished at 14 to 13. The match is very close which is pretty amazing since Ryan and Sandy have never played together until today. The pressure is on with Sandy being the second server. Can they wrap this up?

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 3 - DAY

Meg and James are no longer smiling or being affectionate to each other. Stevie jumps the tent fence and runs to the gate and barks. Meg runs and opens the gate but can't catch Stevie. Stevie rushes in and pees on the referee's foot. The referee kicks at Stevie then Meg picks Stevie up.

MEG

How dare you kick my dog!

REFEREE

You need to control that damn dog.

MEG

You're not only a bad ref you're an idiot!

REFEREE

That's it I'm calling this game due to delay of game and a whole host of bad behavior.

MEG

I don't care, I'm leaving anyways.

Meg and James run off the court with Stevie.

JAMES

We would have done a lot better if you didn't poach so much.

MEG

Fuck you James.

Ryan and Sandy move off the court.

RYAN

Wow I didn't want to win that way.

Sandy and Ryan both shake their heads and leave the court. Pickleball sounds have stopped and country music can be heard.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

Definitely they'll need couples therapy and some dog training.

JANE

That was unbelievable. So our first round is completed. The players will take a thirty minute break and then we will be back for the 2nd round of competition.

Jane and Fred step away from the announcers table. Fred sneaks a drink from his flask.

CODY'S FACE

CODY

Let's walk around and talk to the players.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Kyle grabs his handheld camera and Kyle and Cody begin to walk around outside the fence.

VERNE'S R.V.

Verne is grabbing a beer from the cooler.

CODY

Congratulations on your win today. So how are you both feeling?

VERNE

We feel great! It was really fun and so good to finally beat Buck and Ray. They are good competitors so no matter what happens in the next round we are definitely winners.

ARLO

You got that my man. I kind of felt bad Buck got so scraped up, he really goes for it.

CODY

Good luck in the next round.

VERNE

Go USA!

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

The camera walks by Meg and James. Meg is crawling into the tent with Stevie and James is sitting forlornly on a small folding chair.

CODY
(quietly)
It's probably best if we leave them alone. I see Livie and Pat over by their van. Let's head that way.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PARKING LOT - PAT AND LIVIE'S VAN - DAY

CODY (CONT'D)
Great playing today. Any thoughts on your match?

LIVIE
Mary and Bob were good competitors. Mary had a really strong serve and Bob was solid. If it wasn't for Pat's ATP that match could have gone either way.

Livie and Pat smile at each other.

CODY
Best of luck on your next round.

LIVIE
Thanks guys.

CODY
I see Bob getting into his car let's go talk to him.

Cody and Kyle walk over to Bob.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PARKING LOT - BOB'S CAR - DAY

CODY (CONT'D)
Hey Bob sorry about the loss.

BOB

Oh well we played ok, they just played better. I did think there were some bad calls by the refs but what are you going to do? Listen I have to run I need a pick me up. Hopefully we can work our way back up the consolation ladder.

CODY

Ok Bob.

KYLE

It's getting close to the start time. Let's go grab something to drink and get setup at the announcers table.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

Jane and Fred are sitting back in their seats.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Players please return to the registration booth to pick up your second round of court assignments.

Players are seen walking by the announcers table towards the registration booth. Cody and Kyle have returned to the camera setup.

JANE

Welcome back. What exciting matches we've seen this morning.

FRED

I have the players and court assignments here. In the winners bracket on court 1 Verne and Arlo will play against Pete and Candy. On court 2 Sandy and Ryan will compete against Livie and Pat. For the players in the losers oops, consolation bracket, Buck and Ray will play against Jeanie and Bill on court 3 and Mary and

Bob will play against Meg and James on court 4.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)
Players please move to your assigned courts for warmup. We will begin in 5 minutes.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

In the distance we see the players moving to their assigned courts and start volleying. Pickleball sounds resume.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)
Bullhorn sounds.

JANE
Ok here we go.

FRED
It looks like Verne is serving first to Candy. It will be interesting to see how Verne and Arlo hold up against Pete and Candy. In the first match Bill, one of the better players really struggled against Pete's unusual style. I bet more people wish they had his feet. But it must be hard to buy shoes. Do you think he has to buy two pairs each time or he has them made special?

JANE
No clue Fred.

FRED
Another thing I noticed is that they have a men's doubles team competing against a mixed doubles team. Is this normal in Pickleball?

JANE

Actually that's a good observation. In this tournament anyone can play together as long as they are 55 or older.

FRED

Sounds like a good change to me. I mean who wants to be dragged into that quagmire. I know I don't want to be the one to verify what sex everyone is. Ewe...

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

VERNE

The crowd is silent then roars as he shoots and scores. Zero, Zero, TWOOOO.

Verne serves a super hard serve into the net. He slumps then grabs the ball and tosses it to the other side.

VERNE (CONT'D)

(quietly)

And the crowd weeps.

JANE'S FACE

JANE

Tough break to lose the serve so quickly and we saw in the last match Verne has a tendency to try to kill it on his serves. At this level its better just to get your serve over the net.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

CANDY

Zero, Zero, One

Candy serves a short serve to Verne. Verne is too slow to return the ball. Candy and Pete switch positions for the serve.

CANDY

One, Zero, One

Candy serves deep to Arlo. Arlo lobs to Pete and Pete does a flying leap and kill shot which looks like it's going to Verne, but then does a crazy spin to straight down the middle. Arlo and Verne stare dumfounded.

ARLO

Boy do we have our work cut out
for us.

Candy and Pete switch positions for the serve. Candy sets up to serve to Arlo.

CANDY

Two, Zero, One

Candy serves to Verne. There's volley back and forth. Pete and Candy play very well winning 5 more points. Trading sides each time for the serve. Candy sets up to serve to Arlo.

ARLO

Dude we better do something fast.

CANDY

Seven, Zero, One

Candy serves to Arlo. Arlo returns a short lob into the kitchen. Pete rushes in and steps in the kitchen before the ball bounces.

CANDY (CONT'D)

Get out of the kitchen Pete.

PETE

Too late, sorry honey.

CANDY

No problem we had a great start.

REFEREE

Foot fault on serving side. Second
server.

Pete prepares to serve to Verne.

PETE

Seven, Zero, Two

Pete serves into the net. Verne drops to the ground and Arlo presses his paddle on Verne's chest like he's resuscitating him. Then they both get up with smiles on their faces and prepare to serve.

VERNE
(quietly)
Zero, Seven, ONEEEEE

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
They better be careful the ref may call them on delay of game or unsportsmanship behavior.

FRED
They should have an award for most entertaining though. We better go see where the players on court 2 stand.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 2 - DAY

Sandy is getting ready to serve to Pat.

SANDY
I'm so nervous, they are so good.

RYAN
Just relax and get it over.

SANDY
Two, Five, One

Sandy sends a nice deep shot to Pat. Pat returns deep to Ryan with a spin on it. Ryan lobs into the kitchen. Livie and Ryan go back and forth in the kitchen dinking, then Livie does a power drive down the middle that wins the point. Pat high fives Livie.

FRED (O.S.)
That's a risky shot down the middle but perfectly executed. I haven't seen many teams here today that have the patience to dink.

Ryan grabs the ball, changes sides and sets up to serve to Livie.

RYAN
Two, Five, Two

Ryan pauses as he sees Sandy waving to someone outside the fence.

RYAN (CONT'D)
You ready Sandy?

SANDY
Oh sorry Ryan, I need to focus,
focus, focus.

She hits her paddle lightly on her head.

RYAN
Two, Five, Two

Ryan serves to Pat but it hits the net and dribbles into the kitchen.

REFEREE
Side out. The score is 5 to 2.

Pat grabs the ball and prepares to serve to Ryan. Both teams play well but Pat and Livie continue to win to 8 points.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
Pat and Livie look to have a commanding lead for medal contention. While the game continues let's see what's going on over in the Consolation bracket in court 3 and 4.

Fred puts a big L on his forehead. Jane glares at Fred.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 3 - DAY

FRED (O.S.)
Jeanie and Bill really struggled this morning but the score is

looking good with them in the lead
11 to 3. Bill is serving to Buck.

BILL
Eleven, Three, One

Bill serves deep to Buck, Buck returns to Bill with a two handed backhand on his knees. Bill looks at Buck like he is going to return deep to him, but then drills it down the line on Ray's side. Ray is far in the middle.

JANE'S FACE

JANE
What a great shot. He totally faked out Ray and Ray was way out of position. It's Rays main job to defend that line.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 3 - DAY

Bill and Jeanie switch positions for the serve. Bill turns his cap around with the brim to the front and puts his sunglasses over his eyes.

FRED (O.S.)
Looks like Bill is serious now.
He wants to win this thing.

BILL
(whispering)
Focus on Ray he's the weaker partner. Ready?

JEANIE
Yep we got this honey.

BILL
Twelve, Three, One

Bill serves a high lob to Ray. Ray winds up to kill the ball. Jeanie has already moved to the kitchen with her paddle up and resets the ball. Ray can't move up fast enough to get the return.

BILL (CONT'D)

Great focus Jeanie.

Jeanie smiles and they change sides.

BILL (CONT'D)
Thirteen, Three One

Bill serves deep to Buck, then Buck returns to Jeanie's side. Bill rushes over and pushes Jeanie out of the way and looks at Buck like he is going to return deep to him, but then drills it down the line on Ray's side. Once again Ray is far in the middle.

JANE (O.S.)
It may be poaching but Bill really did a good job placing that shot. Again Ray was out of position to defend the line. Let's see if they can finish this up.

BILL
(whispering)
Let's do the Vail Aces fake out.

BILL (CONT'D)
Fourteen, Three, One

Bill serves to Ray deep. Ray lobs it back to Jeanie. She runs back and pretends to hit the ball but lets it bounce. Bill comes from behind and drills straight into Ray's stomach, winning the game point.

FRED (O.S)
A great diversion and classic body bag shot wins this game.

Bill and Jeanie hug and then run to the net to touch paddles with the other team and exit the court.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE
That was a great fake out strategy. It looks like Bill and Jeanie have found their rhythm.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 3 - DAY

Buck and Ray move to leave the court. Buck looks dejected and is grumbling swear words.

RAY

Tough losses today but that's how it goes sometimes.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

We're just in time to catch the end of the match between Mary and Bob and James and Meg. Looks like the tension is thick between Meg and James and it's reflected in their score. Bob and Mary have the lead at 14, 0.

FRED

Hopefully they won't get pickled or Stevie may be the only survivor today.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

Mary gets ready to serve to Meg and does her little dance. She hits a deep drive and Meg returns the ball to Bob. Bob reaches around his back and returns the ball from between his legs, for the point.

REFEREE

That's game point folks.

Mary is jumping up and down screaming. The crowd is cheering.

MARY

Good Lord! I got a Golden Pickle. I can't believe it, I've only seen this on Instagram.

JANE (O.S.)

A golden pickle is where the first server wins all the points in a row. This is very rare, I guess her dance works.

Mary turns her back to the opponents and giggles at Bob.

MARY

We are so bad honey. Your return was like rubbing salt in the wounds.

BOB

Felt good to me.

Bob and Mary turn around but Meg and James have already left the court. Bob and Mary move off the court, smiling and waving.

FRED'S FACE

FRED

Mary and Bob are fighting back up the ladder. I told you they would be back. Didn't I say that Jane?

JANE

Yes you did Fred.

FRED

Mary and Bob will move onto play the next round of the ladder, with James and Meg out since they've lost twice. I bet that's going to be a quiet ride home.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Meg and James are tearing down the tent and fence. Meg grabs Stevie and they storm off towards their car.

MEG

Come on Stevie let's go home.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Time to move back to court 1 where we are in the final points. Candy and Pete have a substantial lead at 14 and may win it here. Verne

and Arlo are at 7 points with
Verne serving.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

VERNE
(whispering)
Seven, fourteen, TWOOOO

Verne serves to Candy, Candy moves back to return the ball. Verne crouches with his legs wide and starts moving side to side like a lobster. His left hand is up with his fingers like a claw and his paddle is up in his right hand. Candy is so distracted she misses the shot.

VERNE (CONT'D)
(loudly)
The Lobster scores and the crowd
roars.

FRED (O.S.)
This guy is too much. I've never
seen a play like that before.

Verne and Arlo switch positions for the serve.

VERNE
(whispering)
Eight, fourteen, TWOOOO

Verne serves to Pete. Pete lobs the ball over Verne's head and he swings and completely misses.

VERNE (CONT'D)
(mumbling)
It's a swing and a miss. We're
holding on by a thread Arlo.

Verne tosses the ball to Pete for the serve.

PETE
Fourteen, Eight, One

Pete does a serve with a pirouette and crazy spin and Verne misses.

REFEREE

That's game. Final score fifteen
to eight.

The four players move to the fence and tap paddles. Then
exit the court. Spectators are congratulating Pete and
Candy.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

On court 2 Livie and Pat have
already won their match against
Sandy and Ryan, so they will meet
next in the winner's bracket
against Pete and Candy.

FRED

That should be a great match.
Verne and Arlo will drop into the
consolation bracket with Sandy and
Ryan.

Pickleball sounds stop and country music is heard.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

There will be a 15 minute break
between matches.

FRED

Let's all take a break now.

Fred and Jane get out of their chairs to leave. Fred takes
a hit off his flask.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - DAY

Kyle and Cody are still filming and show Sandy behind the
table talking to Ryan. Ted rides up on his hover board.

TED

Hey Sandy great playing. Want to
try out my hover board during the
break? I can hold on to you.

SANDY

It's not going to happen Ted. You
will never get me on that.

Ted shrugs and rides off. Sandy looks at Ryan.

SANDY (CONT'D)

He's basically harmless. I'm going to run to the restroom. Meet you back here in a few minutes.

RYAN

Can't wait.

Random spectators walk by the fence. The UNABOMBER rides around on his bike blaring unrecognizable music.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Players please come to the registration booth to get your court assignments. Play will begin in 5 minutes.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS - DAY

Pete, Candy Livie and Pat move to court 1. Jeanie, Bill, Sandy and Ryan move to court 2. Mary, Bob, Verne and Arlo move to court 3. Referees move to the courts.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

Fred and Jane are sitting at the table.

FRED

We have an exciting match in court 1 for the first place gold medal spot. Pete and Candy will be playing against Livie and Pat.

JANE

Then in the consolation bracket its Jeanie and Bill against Sandy and Ryan in court 2 and Mary and Bob against Verne and Arlo in court 3. We will focus on court 1 for the gold medal spot but bring you the scores from the other courts.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)

Bullhorn sounds.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

Many random spectators watch the game outside the fence. Pete prepares to serve to Pat. Pickleball noises begin.

PETE

Zero, Zero, Two

Pete serves a deep shot with his signature spin. Pat connects but the ball goes way outside the court. Pete and Candy switch positions for the serve.

PETE (CONT'D)

One, Zero, Two

Pete serves to Livie. Livie returns the ball with a deep lob to the back. Pete swings and misses. Pete tosses the ball to Livie and Livie gets ready to serve.

LIVIE

Zero, One, One

Livie serves to Candy. Candy returns to Pat near the kitchen and Pat returns a forehand flick and roll.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Brilliant forehand flick and roll by Pat. On these softer lobs you can return them by using a top spin and then flick the ball down the middle so it goes hard and fast.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

Pat and Livie switch positions for the serve and Livie prepares to serve to Pete.

LIVIE

One, One, One

Pat serves a short serve near the kitchen to Pete. Pete rushes in and returns the ball but steps in the kitchen.

REFEREE

Foot fault on receiving side.

CANDY

No worries Pete, good to get it out of your system early in the game.

Pat and Livie switch positions for the serve.

LIVIE

Two, One, One

Livie serves to Candy. Candy returns to Pat near the kitchen. Pat and Pete dink back and forth. Pat wins the point by doing an ATP.

FRED (O.S.)

Another successful ATP. Those are always fun to watch and Pat is good at them.

Pat and Livie switch positions for the serve.

LIVIE

Three, One, One

Livie serves to Pete and he returns the shot deep to Pat. Pat returns the ball to Pete and he fires another deep shot at Pat.

JANE (O.S)

Pete is playing great offense keeping Pat back.

Pat returns the ball to Pete again. Pete fires another ball at Pat but this time Livie poaches the ball and fires it down the middle. Pat fist bumps Livie.

LIVIE

Yes!

Pat and Livie switch positions for the serve.

LIVIE

Four, One, One

Livie serves and the play commences where a time lapse is shown. When the scene comes back into focus the four

players are deep in their match playing intensely. Pat prepares to serve the ball and play continues.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

FRED

Candy and Pete have really fought their way back, so this match could go to either team. We've seen some really top level play here. The score is twelve to thirteen and Candy is the second server.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

CANDY

Twelve, Thirteen, Two

Candy serves to Pat. Pat lobs a soft shot into the kitchen forcing both Pete and Candy to run up and collide both going for the ball.

FRED (O.S.)

That was an unforced error and rare for this team. It was clearly Candy's forehand and Pete got in the way.

Candy tosses the ball to Livie.

LIVIE

Thirteen, Twelve, One

Livie serves mid court to Candy. The foursome get into a back and forth slamming match with Candy missing the final return.

JANE (O.S.)

We've got a slam o' rama here. Neither of these teams are going to give up easily. This next one may be the winning point.

LIVIE

Fourteen, Twelve, One

Livie serves to Pete. Pete returns deep to Pat. Pat returns to Candy. Candy returns to Livie an expert cross court shot near the net. Livie rushes to the kitchen, jumps over the kitchen and drives the ball hard down the other side, doing an Ernie. Pat and Livie side bump.

CODY'S FACE

CODY (O.S.)

I guess Mighty Mouse has saved the day!

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 1 - DAY

The crowd cheers and claps. Pete puts his arm around Candy. Everyone smiles then goes to the net to tap paddles.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

Livie placed an expert Ernie shot to win this exciting game. I loved the skill set on both these teams and the sportsmanship.

FRED

Amateur Pickleball doesn't get better than this game. So there you have it Livie and Pat have won the gold medal for first place. Candy and Pete will play the winners of the consolation ladder for second and third place.

JANE

I have the standings from the consolation brackets. The winners from the first ladder were Jeanie and Bill and Mary and Bob. So then they competed and Bill and Jeanie were victorious. Jeanie and Bill will now square off with Pete and Candy for the 2nd place silver and 3rd place bronze medals. They have all had many games and must be getting tired.

FRED

Let's move to Court 4 now.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

Pete prepares to serve to Bill. The referee is on the sideline. We see random spectators watching the game outside the fence. Pickleball sounds continue in the background.

REFEREE

Players start the game.

PETE

Zero, Zero Two

Pete drives a hard serve to Bill with considerable spin. Bill stumbles and misses the ball.

FRED

There hasn't been a team here today that has found Pete's serves easy to handle. I don't know if it's the feet or the top spin to make the ball maneuver like that.

Pete and Candy switch positions for the serve.

PETE

One, Zero, Two

Pete serves a high lob to Jeannie and she loses it in the sun. Candy and Pete switch positions for the serve.

PETE (CONT'D)

Two, Zero, Two

Pete serves to Bill deep to the corner. Bill returns the ball. All players rush to the net and a dinking match ensues between Jeannie and Candy. Jeannie takes the point by slamming the ball at Candy's face. Candy a bit out of sorts tosses the ball to Bill.

BILL

Zero, Two, One

Bill prepares to serve to Pete and does a high lob. Pete misses. Bill switches positions for the serve.

BILL (CONT'D)

One, Two One

Bill hits the ball into the net.

BILL (CONT'D)

Damn it.

Bill turns his cap around and puts his sunglasses on his eyes. Jeanie grabs the ball and moves to the serving line.

FRED'S FACE

FRED

Turning that ball cap around is obviously Bill's tell. He's going to bring out the big guns.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

BILL

Tighten it up Jeanie.

Jeanie crouches low in an aggressive stance to serve to Pete.

JEANIE

One, Two, Two

The playing commences and a time lapse is shown. When the scene comes back into focus the four players are deep into the match, playing intensely.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DAY

JANE

It's a battle royale for the second and third place winners. Both teams have played really well and this match will be over soon.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST COURT 4 - DAY

PETE
Thirteen, Twelve, One

Pete serves to Jeanie. Jeanie drives the ball back hard down at Pete's feet but he is able to dink it in the kitchen. Bill misses the ball and tosses it back to Pete for the serve. Pete and Candy switch positions for the serve.

JANE (O.S)
The pressures on now. Can they wrap this game up?

PETE
Fourteen, Twelve, One

Pete serves to Bill, Bill returns deep to Candy. Candy returns to Jeanie's side. Bill rushes over and shoves Jeanie hard out of the way to get the ball. Jeanie falls on the court. Bill hits into the net.

REFEREE
That's game point fifteen to twelve.

Pickleball sounds top. Players rush to Jeanie and kneel beside her. A medic is seen rushing through the gate.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - LATE AFTERNOON

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S.)
This has concluded the tournament play. Congratulations to all the contestants. There will be a ten minute break and then the award ceremony will be held. When the bullhorn sounds meet at the medal podium.

Country music begins to play. The medic and Bill are outside the fence helping Jeanie hobble to the first aid station near the registration booth, but she collapses and has to be carried. They get her in a chair and the medic

starts to examine her. Spectators stand around watching. Candy and Pete come by concerned about Jeanie.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Jane and Fred are sitting at the table.

FRED

So there you have it, the end of tournament day. What a tough break for Jeannie and Bill, literally. But his aggressive playing did not do them any favors here. I am not really sure how they made it this far.

JANE

Yes taking the lower percentage shots never works out in the long run. Some players try to win at all costs.

FRED

Well I hope it doesn't cost him a divorce.

JANE

Fred and I will be back in ten for the awards ceremony and to wrap up.

Fred and Jane leave the announcers table. A podium is being setup by the Lincoln Park rock sign.

CODY'S FACE

CODY

Let's go see if we can do some post interviews with the players.

Kyle takes his handheld camera and Cody and Kyle move to the fence.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - LATE AFTERNOON

Contestants and spectators mill around outside the fence. Cody and Kyle walk to Verne's R.V. Verne and Arlo are drinking a beer and Arlo is smoking.

CODY

So how are you feeling about the day?

VERNE

We're stoked man, we finally got the best of Buck and Ray.

ARLO

Yeah that was epoch. Overall we did real good bro.

VERNE

I can't wait for open play next week, we want to beat Ray and Buck again.

CODY (O.S.)

Can you tell the viewers what you mean by open play?

VERNE

Oh sure, this is a public park so anyone can drop in and play. Us better players, play over here on the East courts and the more beginner level players stay on the West courts.

CODY (O.S.)

How do you determine who plays where, or at what skill level they're at?

VERNE

Well it's subjective unless you've won tournaments in the bracket, but it's pretty obvious when someone isn't good enough. Occasionally I have told players they might want to move over to the West side.

ARLO

Uncool man.

VERNE

Well I only do it when it's absolutely necessary.

Arlo shaking his head.

ARLO

Still uncool.

VERNE

Boy I never want to face Pete Barr again, but hopefully they'll move up to 4.0 by the next tournament.

ARLO

We watched Mary and Bob's match. Good for her, that Golden Pickle was amazing.

VERNE

What a day Pickleball, BBQ and Brews. Is this a great country or what? When you're done filming come back and join us. I'm just getting ready to throw some ribs on now.

CODY

Thanks guys.

Sandy and Ryan walk by. Cody stops them.

CODY (CONT'D)

Good playing today.

RYAN

Hi there, today was a blast. I've definitely swallowed the Pickle cool-aid. I want to come out here tomorrow and play. Listen I'm going to run and get some water. Sandy, let's meet at the medal podium in a few minutes.

Ryan walks away. Sandy has a big smile and turns to Cody.

SANDY

At first I was disappointed that Tim cancelled but Ryan and I did great for never playing together. The best part is Ryan asked me to dinner tonight so I consider myself the real winner. I know I'm a little older than Ryan but there's no shame in being a cougar these days.

SANDY'S FACE

Sandy smiles and winks.

SANDY

It's been wonderful meeting you both but I better get going. I don't want to keep Ryan waiting.

CODY

Bye Sandy.

Sandy flips her hair and walks away and adjusts her spanx. Ted rides towards her on his hover board.

TED

Sandy hold up.

SANDY

Not now Ted, I have to hurry.

Ted shrugs.

TED

Ok catch you later.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK EAST PICKLEBALL COURTS FENCE - LATE AFTERNOON

Cody and Kyle walk down the fence line and see Buck and Ray in folding chairs. Buck is a mess with his white clothes soiled and bloody, and Band-Aids all over his wounds. Ray is rubbing pain cream on his elbows and knees.

CODY

Buck and Ray, tough losses today.

BUCK

What a crappy day, we got spanked. We really need to drill more and work on our dinking. Sure we got the power game mastered and the speed.

RAY

Well I don't have the speed anymore and my knees have been shot since football. We just never got in our groove. We were hoping to play Arlo and Verne again but it didn't work out.

BUCK

I still can't believe we lost to those clowns.

RAY

We'll get them next time. Maybe we can still make happy hour.

CODY

Thanks and have a good evening.

Both Buck and Ray just sit dejectedly.

Cody and Kyle see Mary and Bob at the registration table and walk over.

CODY (CONT'D)

Mary, Bob, good playing today. Awesome serving Mary.

MARY

I still can't believe I got a Golden Pickle. That's as good as getting a medal. Seventy is the new fifty!

BOB

Well we should have medaled. For Christ sakes those refs made some bad calls today.

MARY

Let it go Bob.

CODY

So overall how are you feeling about the mixed doubles and same sex doubles not being separated?

MARY

Well Pat and Livie played amazing against Candy and Pete and did win the gold, so who am I to question? Although Pat and Livie still have me a bit confused.

Bob you've worked hard today, let's go get a treat at Enstroms and we can make it back in time for the awards.

JANE'S FACE

Jane suddenly appears, grinning and holds up a box of Enstrom's.

MARY AND BOB

Bob and Mary smile and wave goodbye as they walk away.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - LATE AFTERNOON

Fred and Jane are sitting back at the table.

FRED

We've seen some fierce competition today.

JANE

Again we have to mention the athleticism of both Pat and Livie. What a great pairing. Pat had the power and some incredible shots and Livie was fast and accurate. I'm sure we will see them in future tournaments.

FRED

Yes they deserved the gold.

JANE

Congratulations again to Candy and Pete winning second place silver and Jeannie and Bill placing bronze. Bill and Jeanie have potential but again less is more in Pickleball and they need to focus on making the smart shots.

FRED

My favorite team to watch was Candy and Pete. I think he found the one sport where his uniqueness excels. I have a new found respect for Pete.

JANE

I don't think Grand Junction will ever hear the end of Mary's Golden Pickle and that Verne and Arlo beat Ray and Buck. That was some wildly entertaining Pickleball.

FRED

Yes I think wild was the operative word in those games. Verne and Arlo aren't the best players but they are the most entertaining.

LOUDSPEAKER (O.S)

Bullhorn sounds.

CODY'S FACE

CODY

Let's get over to the podium. We can interview the winners after they award the medals.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PODIUM - DUSK

A podium is setup by the Lincoln Park rock sign in front of the courts. Players and observers move to the podium. A person with a microphone goes to the side of the podium. Cody and Kyle are standing near. Kyle has his handheld camera and is filming. Ted and the Unabomber are part of the crowd of spectators.

SPLIT SCREENLEFT SIDE

EXT. PODIUM - DUSK

There is no sound. Livie and Pat are in the center podium riser. Candy and Pete are on the left and Bill and Jeanie on the right, on lower risers but Jeannie remains on the ground because of her crutches.

The announcer is placing medals on the players. Players are smiling and observers appear to be clapping. A photographer is taking pictures.

RIGHT SIDEEXT. LINCOLN PARK
ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DUSK

Jane and Fred are sitting at the Announcers table.

JANE

What a beautiful day in Grand Junction. On the podium Livie and Pat are being awarded the gold. By winning this tournament they will move up in the rankings. Throughout the day competition was definitely entertaining and sometimes scary!

FRED

Speaking of scary we got confirmation that Jeanie has a broken ankle.

JANE

Well I hope that won't discourage the senior viewers. Injuries happen but that was preventable. This is definitely a sport for all ages.

We want to thank our major sponsors today

including AARP and
Enstroms.

Jane holds up the box of
Enstroms and smiles.

So that's it, saying
so long and goodbye
from the Lincoln
Park senior games in
Grand Junction,
Colorado. This is
Jane Armstrong and
Fred LaFeu signing
off.

Jane salutes and Fred
waves.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK ANNOUNCERS TABLE - DUSK

Jane and Fred are preparing to leave.

FRED
Are we off air?

JANE
I believe so.

FRED
You know I just may take up
Pickleball, it's harder to be good
at this then I thought.

JANE
So you changed your mind about it
being just old people's tennis?
Maybe there's hope for you after
all Fred.

FRED
So are you ready to have that
cocktail with me then?

JANE
Like I said Fred it's never going
to happen.

Jane shakes her head and walks away.

EXT. LINCOLN PARK PODIUM - DUSK

Winners have moved off the podium. They are all wearing their medals.

CODY

Pat and Livie, congratulations on winning gold. How are you feeling?

LIVIE

We're tired but happy, it's been a long day. Candy and Pete were really challenging and great players. Pete's serves were unbelievable. I am so proud of Pat staying calm and making all those power moves. We definitely think we're ready for out of state competition now.

Pat and Livie smile as they move away. Cody walks to Pete and Candy.

CODY

So Pete I guess you can celebrate with those beers you brought. Your moves are one of a kind and I think they'll take you far.

PETE

As long as I have Candy with me, no one can anticipate my moves more than her. Today has been a blast but I can't wait to get to those beers.

CANDY

We are definitely celebrating tonight.

CODY

Congratulations! I want to catch Jeanie and Bill before they leave.

PETE

Yeah I feel bad for Jeanie. Take care guys. Maybe we'll see you at the next tournament.

Pete and Candy walk away. Cody moves to Jeanie and Bill. Jeanie is moving awkwardly on the crutches.

CODY

Hi there, sorry about the fall but congratulations on the win. So how are you both feeling?

BILL

Not now guys.

CODY

But would you like to say any last words to the audience.

BILL

Yeah Grand Junction sucks, we're going back to Vail.

JEANIE

(shrieking)

It's not Grand Junction that sucks. You've ruined everything there goes our Pickleball camp in Turks and Caicos. Not to mention I can't play until this heals. You are unbelievable.

Bill tries to take Jeanie's arm but she slaps him off angrily and hobbles away on the crutches.

CODY

Ok then... safe travels.

Cody looks at Kyle and grimaces.

CODY

Let's wrap it up. I'm not sure how much film AARP is going to want to use. I mean the goal is to inspire seniors. Seriously watching most of these couples, was like watching a train wreck. We didn't get any usable final

footage with Meg and James or Bill and Jeanie. Let's hope their marriages survive. And all the injuries, my god I wouldn't want my folks playing this.

KYLE

I just don't get it, this is supposed to be the fast growing sport in the U.S.? But maybe if we gave it a try we would understand the appeal. I bet we would be good at it but I'm exhausted just watching them play all day.

Cody nods his head yes.

CODY

I hear a lot of these senior couples take up playing golf together on retirement. I'm going to suggest to AARP filming one of those tournaments, hopefully the couples play nice in that sport.

Kyle shrugs.

FADE OUT.

THE END