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(54) **Racket handle.**

(57) A handle including a pair of minor surfaces and at least one major surface in which, viewing the handle in cross-section, the minor surfaces are generally perpendicular to the ball-striking surface of the racket head and the major surface is at an angle of between 25° and 40° with a plane parallel to the ball-striking surface of the racket head. A player's grip on the racket handle may be accurately and quickly changed between a forehand grip and a backhand grip by means of the "feel" of the handle contours. In the forehand grip, the palm of the player's hand engages the major surface of the handle, and in a backhand grip the player's palm engages one of the minor surfaces, with the fingers encircling but substantially not contacting the major surface.



FIG. 3A



FIG. 3B



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