

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #1 – Questions
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1. In 1979 or 1980, there was a six-part beginning instruction series on public broadcasting stations around the country. The series was produced by KOCE-TV of Huntington Beach, California. Rich Wagner and another touring pro provided the instruction for the series. Who was the other touring pro?
 - A. Karin Walton
 - B. Fran Davis
 - C. Lynn Adams
 - D. Shannon Wright
2. Who is the only male Pro Player, before 2005, to have the #1 season ending ranking for a total of six years?
 - A. Charlie Brumfield
 - B. Marty Hogan
 - C. Sudsy Monchik
 - D. Mike Yellen
 - E. Cliff Swain
3. In 1978 there was a racquetball that used a pump to put air in the ball to adjust the liveliness of the ball. What was the name of this ball?
 - A. Z Ball
 - B. Super Z Ball
 - C. Seamco 444
 - D. Spalding
4. Marty Hogan received a check for winning the Men's Pro division at the "Leach National Pro-Am Championships" in Las Vegas, Nevada which was held on August 1-7, 1980. How much was this check for?
 - A. \$30,000.
 - B. \$25,000,
 - C. \$20,000.
 - D. \$10,000.
5. Which state below is the only state to have a "Racquetball Hall of Fame" ?
 - A. Alaska
 - B. California
 - C. Florida
 - D. Texas

6. Who was the person, at a Pro Stop, after losing a match went back to his hotel room and ended up putting his racquet in the wall?
 - A. Sudsy Monchik
 - B. Jerry Hilecher
 - C. Cliff Swain
 - D. Dave Peck
7. What Female Pro won the “Canadian Nationals” and also the U.S. Open Tournament?
8. What men doubles team has won the most “Doubles Championships” based on the USA Racquetball web site?
 - A. Dave Azuma/Tom Travers
 - B. Doug Ganim/Dan Obremski
 - C. Rocky Carson/Jack Huczak
 - D. Tim Hansen/Jimmy Lowe
9. What women doubles team has won the most “Doubles Championships” based on the USA Racquetball web site?
 - A. Susan Pfahler/Mary Lyons
 - B. Chris Evon/Terri Graham
 - C. Debra Tisinger/Mae Chin-Varon
 - D. Terry Rogers/Wanda Collins
10. Dr. Bud Muehleisen actually meant Carl Loveday because of what sport?
 - A. Badminton
 - B. Racquetball
 - C. Handball
 - D. Paddleball

DID YOU KNOW:

PPA Stands for Pacific Paddleball Association. (YouTube – Racquetball Legends Brumfield, Muehleisen) also (Racquetball Illustrated – April 1982 – page 8)

You could get a Voit key chain.



William G. Milliken, Governor of the State of Michigan, made an Executive Declaration in observance of April 25, 1982 as "RACQUETBALL DAY IN MICHIGAN".



Mike Yellen gave Marty Hogan “**2 donuts**” in one match? The “D’Lites, Pro Racquetball Classic” in Omaha, Nebraska Mike Yellen defected Marty Hogan: **11-0**, 9-11, 11-10, **11-0**. (“National Racquetball” – Jan. 1986 – page 6)

INTERESTING STORY:

(The Beard “less” Ones)

In August of 1975 there was a USRA/NRC (United States Racquetball Association/National Racquetball Club) Pro Stop in Livonia, Michigan. It was held at the new 14 court racquetball facility called Racquetime. At that time Racquetime was the largest racquetball only facility in the state and one of the largest in the country. This tournament had all of the big shooters in it. There was Steve Keeley, Davey Bledsoe, Steve Serot, Rich Wagner, Mike Zeitman and Jim Pruitt. Jim Who?? Jim Pruitt was the person who ran the first Seamco-Leach Pro Stop in Lansing, Michigan. Well as the story goes, Jim Pruitt and Mike Zeitman were good friends. Mike played on the “Pro Circuit” and Jim well, he was definitely not pro material. Mike always liked to tease Jim and said he could spot him 20 points (the game was 21 points back then) and still beat him in a game to 21. At this Pro Stop at Racquetime the teasing finally came to an end.

Mike and Jim made a bet. The bet was the two would play a match and the loser would have to shave off his beard. The rules were best two of three games to 21 points with a 15 point spot for Jim. Davey Bledsoe was the referee and Jim loss 21-20 in the first game. Mike served the second game and Jim won that game. The only problem was now that Jim was out of gas and everyone knew it. While Jim was taking a LONG BREAK between the second game and tie-breaker and doing a little worrying, a young lady by the name of Teri Davis came up to him and said “It’s really a shame Jim, I always liked your beard”. Needless to say, this did not exactly build up Jim’s confidence.

Game three began and it looked like poor Jim was going to have to get out is Gillette razor. Mike was serving at 20 serves 18, and then at 20 serves 19, and then 20 serves 20. Well, the Gods must have been on Jim’s side that day because he got the serve and won the game 21-20 and therefore won the match.

Mike Zeitman was a man of his word because shortly thereafter I saw Mike in the locker room shaving off his beard. (“RAM Newsletter” – a Classic Story – May 1986 – page 12) This story is also in the (“National Racquetball” – Nov. 1975 – page 56)

SOMETHING FUNNY:

(This is an excerpt of an article wrote by Steve Keeley)

Now the loudspeaker announces that it is American Charlie Brumfield’s turn to hit. Brumfield is sitting in the front row of bleachers right behind the back wall and is jawboning to anyone who will listen. Caught off guard by the loudspeaker calling his name, he still has on his sweats. Now he scrambles out of them and strides toward the court door in the glass back wall. Suddenly

there are shy giggles, then louder laughs which crescendo into hearty guffaws. Charlie freezes and looks down. Time stands still as he stares incredulously at his skimpy white underwear. Each second struggles to pass into time as the crowd, cops and cameras watch Brumfield stare open-mouthed at a kid's nightmare come true. He had forgotten to put racquetball shorts on under his sweats.

"Charlie wheels around to face the gallery. Legs planted defiantly in his white undies, he smiles and simply says, I can't believe the smartest player in the history of the game just did that."

(Racquetball Illustrated – April 1982 – page 10)

HELP:

I need to get a hold of Lindsay Myers (Very good player from Canada who is in the Canadian Hall of Fame) and talk to him about some racquetball facts. If anyone can help my email is:

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