

RACQUETBALL TRIVIA #7 – Questions

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Racquetball Trivia is an activity I developed for racquetball enthusiasts to include in Classic Racquetball Facebook monthly. My plan is to list racquetball trivia questions in this Facebook section the first Wednesday of the month. I began this activity on September 4, 2024. I will follow up listing the answers on the third Wednesday of every month. It has gone well and positively received so I will continue this routine through April 2025.

I intend to list different questions every month about various aspects of our sport and things that have happened over the years. My goal is to highlight facts that people may or may not know.

Also, I will include factoids along the line of “DID YOU KNOW?” – which will be an interesting or classic story related to the sport. Finally, I plan to end each segment with something funny.

My goal is to educate everyone about people, places, events and other racquetball related activities that happened over the years. I want to share facts and other historical information about racquetball and provide a few laughs along the way. I will always back up my statements and the information I share with the source of information. For example, I will list what magazine (year-month-page #); what YouTube video resource, web site reference or what person made the statement used in the content.

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I hope you enjoy the Racquetball Trivia and I welcome your feedback.

1. What was the first racquetball advertised in a racquetball magazine?
 - A. Seamco
 - B. Penn
 - C. Sport Craft
 - D. Seamless
2. Racquetime was a racquetball club in Livonia, Michigan that had fourteen courts and was the largest private racquetball facility in the USA (as of 1974) at the time. Who was racquetball pro working as the manager of this club?
 - A. Mike Yellen
 - B. Kathy Williams
 - C. Steve Keeley
 - D. Irene Ackerman
3. Hart, Schaffner & Marx, one of the world’s largest clothing manufacturers, started a clothing line called Racquet. They asked a male Professional racquetball player to do some modeling of their clothes. Who was the male Pro signed to a one-year contract to model this clothing line?
 - A. Don Thomas
 - B. Marty Hogan
 - C. Mike Yellen
 - D. Ruben Gonzalez

4. Before 1990, there were three male players who had a #1 season ending ranking four times or more. Who were these three players?
5. What racquetball its and can had IRA on it for only one short year? The IRA was replaced with USRA based on politics at that time.
 - A. Seamco 444
 - B. Seamco 747
 - C. Seamco 558
 - D. Seamco 559
6. Two people at the national level received credit for the National Referee Certification program adopted by AARA in 1984. Who were these two people?
7. Who was the Professional who wore sunglasses, leather coat, black shorts, boots and a racquet in hand to look like the Terminator?
 - A. Cliff Swain
 - B. Ruben Gonzalez
 - C. Andy Roberts
 - D. Dave Peck
8. A fragrance for men called Integrity was advertised in a racquetball magazine. Who was the Professional who advertised this product?
 - A. Cliff Swain
 - B. Ruben Gonzalez
 - C. Andy Roberts
 - D. Sudsy Monchik
9. The Annual Long Island Open in New York was always one of the biggest, if not the biggest, racquetball tournaments every year. In November 1990, the 14th Annual Long Island Open had how many people in the event?
 - A. 900 – 999
 - B. 800 – 899
 - C. 700 – 799
 - D. 600 – 699
10. Ektelon made two different copper color racquets that had two different Pro's names on them. Who were these two Pros?
11. Six people were inducted into the USRA Racquetball Hall of Fame in 1997. How many can you name?
12. Who was the co-founder of CARA, now is CNRA, who started an Educational Scholarship Award? This person also served on the USA Racquetball Board and was on the Hall of Fame Committee?
13. Who was the person who invented the double jump single ranking system that USA Racquetball has been using for several years?
 - A. Doug Ganim
 - B. Jim Hiser
 - C. Ryan Rodgers
 - D. Usher Barnoff

14. What was the first racquetball racquet company advertised (to the best of my knowledge) in a magazine?
- A. Ektelon
 - B. Seamco
 - C. Sportcraft
 - D. Penn
15. Who was known as Big D who finished 2nd at a U.S. Open tournament?
16. What doubles team won the National Doubles Racquetball Championships in the Men's Open division in 1986, 87, 89 and ten years later in 1998?
17. Who refereed a racquetball match and gave three technicals to a person in one game?
- A. Chuck Leve
 - B. Otto Dietrich
 - C. Charlie Pratt
 - D. Geoff Peters
18. What shoe was made specifically for racquetball that Mike Yellen and Jennifer Harding wore?
- A. Adidas
 - B. Patrick
 - C. Bata
 - D. Lotto
19. The National Racquetball magazine produced 160 issues over the years. The May 1979 issue with Cathy Lee Crosby on the cover and the June 1979 issue with Yogi Berra on the cover did something different than all the other issues. (This is not a trick question) What was it?
20. Who was the person to receive the very first AARA college scholarship?
- A. Eric Muller
 - B. John Ellis
 - C. Jimmy Floyd
 - D. Chris Cole

DID YOU KNOW:

That Voit and Penn both made a metal trash can.



Penn can was 15" high and 10" diameter – Voit can was 19" high and 10" in diameter (Voit can donated by Chelsea George to Jim Easterling's racquetball museum)

That Seamco made a metal racquet.



That Ektelon made a clock.



That Penn made a wooden racquet.



That AARA made a watch.



FUNNY STORY:

On January 18, 2022, I was talking to Dr. Bud Muehleisen (rest his soul) who was 90 years old at that time, about Charlie Garfinkel being so funny in the many articles that he wrote over the years and he told me a story, a couple of stories, that led up to a very funny saying that Dr. Bud said he never forgot. The following is the discussion I had with Dr. Bud.

There was a racquetball match that Dr. Bud Muehleisen (Hall of Famer 1974) was watching at a tournament (19??) where a professional hockey player, no one remembers his name, was playing Gene Grapes (Hall of Famer 1982). The hockey player was pushing and shoving Gene all during the match and finally Gene had enough and push this player back out of the way. The hockey player lost it and began to hit Gene on the head and back with his racquet. Dr. Bud ran downstairs to break the fight up but by the time he got downstairs people already went on the court and broke it up. The hockey player was forfeited out of this tournament and about two months later Robert Kendler (Hall of Famer 1988) banned this player from ever playing in another racquetball tournament.

About a month later, this hockey player was playing in another tournament, this was before he was banned, and in the round of eight, he had to play Dr. Bud. Well Dr. Bud was not the type of person who tried to beat a person 21 to 0 but he was still not happy with the racquet incident the month before so he decided he was going to try to run this guy all over the court. Charlie Garfinkel (Hall of Famer 1989) was the referee.

When the match was over Chuck Leve (Hall of Famer 1997) came up to Charlie Garfinkel and asked him how did Dr. Bud do? Charlie said "DR. BUD WON 21-0, 21-0 AND THE MATCH WASN'T AS CLOSE AS THE SCORE INDICATED". Dr. Bud said he never forgot this funny line.

HELP:

At one time, there was a paper tabloid called Wallbanger. I think it was published in the 1970's and 1980's . This tabloid included articles on racquetball, paddleball and other sports. If you have any copied of these tabloids, please email me at rbjim887@comcast.net or call me at (517) 449-8942. Thank you.