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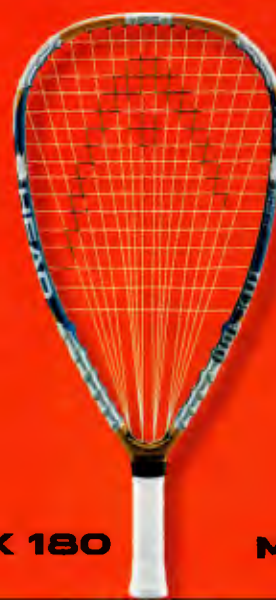
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- **PROMOTION OF THE SPORT** - in order to sustain a strong player base USAR will promote the numerous benefits of participation through mass marketing efforts.
- **COMPETITIVE SUCCESS** - USAR strives to maintain America's position as the number one racquetball nation in the world. Success at the elite levels has a positive influence on every other facet of our sport.
- **SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS** - USAR values its relationship with sponsors and will continue to maximize benefits and exposure.

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Racquetball can learn from Nascar!

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Although racquetball has relatively few sponsors, it's critically important that racquetball fans make a consistent effort to support these sponsors at both the national and local levels. In the past few years, we have been able to penetrate the "outside the sport" barrier and partner with large companies such as Choice Hotels, Motorola and Hyatt Hotels. We need to maintain these sponsors and also recruit others. To be successful, racquetball fans must support our sponsors. If the sponsors determine that racquetball is not a good investment, the burden of expense will once again fall exclusively to the players and promoters.

Every event, national and state, recruits sponsors to help with promoting events. Yes, sometimes the sponsors' products may be more expensive than those of their competition, but it is still important that these sponsors receive our support. The normally small difference is compensated by the opportunity to host large events like the Open and Pro Nationals that provide visibility and recognition for racquetball. Every player counts, every purchase of a sponsor's products helps, and in the end, the sport benefits.

Now is a critical time for racquetball. These "outside the sport" sponsors are evaluating our sport and we all need to step up. If we can convince these sponsors that racquetball players are loyal and will support their products, they will stay involved and their involvement will attract others.

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Racquetball is "Under Construction"

Racquetball is currently enjoying resurgence unlike ever before in several areas. In two areas especially, which include more players and a newly constructed USA Racquetball organization, racquetball is growing and we are reaping the benefits.

We have substantially more players across the country -- this stems from more courts being built and more sanctioned tournaments being offered. Our memberships are up and higher participation in many tournaments is encouraging. I estimate there have been around 600 to 800 courts built this past year, which can only mean more people are playing racquetball. These courts are being constructed at many large chain-type clubs in metropolitan areas, down to one and two courts in smaller facilities in towns all across America. Many universities and military bases are still including courts in their athletic facilities. There is even a new four-wall glass portable court being constructed that promises to give us even greater viewing and exposure for racquetball than has ever before been possible. Racquetball is a definite part of our exercise society and should continue to grow in this area.

The number of sanctioned tournaments is growing and some are experiencing more players in their tournaments, resulting in increasing membership levels. So many new programs have been introduced that they are hard to list in such a small space. Just to mention a very few: our new membership structure that includes a one-event membership for those club players wanting to try out playing in a tournament; new tournament software; a quarterly E-Newsletter; and the list goes on.

USA Racquetball has made great headway in literally all areas. The direction of our organization has been focused on promoting racquetball within our own borders and trying to make our association as strong as possible. We have reduced our debt from a burdensome \$650,000 to our current \$75,000. Our goal is to be debt-free within 2 years. Our state organizations have been paid all of their rebate money, a first in the history of this organization. This was possible only with the assistance of literally

hundreds of volunteers all across America who donated money to USA Racquetball and donated their time to work in sanctioned tournaments.

The numbers of players who just love racquetball and continue to give their time and money to our sport continues to impress me. I salute every one of you. And without the support and partnership of the state associations and the manufacturers, all of us working together for the same goals, our efforts would be wasted.

However, there are two areas we must start to put more of our energies and money into -- otherwise I fear our accomplishments will be for naught. The status quo regarding our junior and women players is simply not acceptable. Now that our association has been reconstructed I propose that as our budgets grow, it is time that our thoughts, energies and money are put into new programs that will benefit racquetball in the long run and this is juniors and women's programs.

We have so many interested, qualified people, from players to coaches to parents to our Junior Council; we now need to put forth the ideas and funding to begin the construction of juniors and women's programs all across the country. I know from teaching juniors during the summer at an all-sports camp, it can certainly make a difference. This camp offered all sports except racquetball, since they had no one who could teach it. I told them to bring me the kids and I would join their sports camp and teach these kids racquetball. Now racquetball is their favorite activity and I see many of the kids playing racquetball during the winter months from because of what they learned at camp. The point is, there are many programs that can be created to get kids onto the courts -- we must be the leaders in this endeavor.

Through summer camps and college programs, plus development of initiatives targeting the growth of women's racquetball, we can construct new racquetball programs that will provide our sport a huge new base of up-and-coming players. Please join with me and let's work together and continue this new construction of racquetball.



By Randy Stafford,
USAR Board President

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Tijuana Hosts First IRT Event

By Dave Negrete



The 2007 Mexico Open Racquetball Championships

The IRT was back once again to Mexico to showcase the talent of men's professional racquetball. This event was formerly held in San Diego but this year event director Brent Avery decided to move the event south of the border to Tijuana. A huge draw boasting over 285 players from across Mexico, Japan, Venezuela and the U.S., converged on a brand new state of the art racquetball facility, Rio Racquetball Club. The club is a racquetball only facility with four back wall glass courts and one stadium court with side and back wall glass. A true "Grand Slam" feeling surrounds the club as the large qualifying draw got started Thursday. Television crews were on hand for the semi-final and final matches and were recorded for Sky TV and ESPN Deportes. The event was broadcast throughout Latin America.

The young talent pool of junior racquetballers here in Mexico came out in full force for this tournament. Mexico's National Junior Team members David Ortega and Ruben Estrada were in the qualifying event and Estrada faired the best losing to Rocky Carson in three straight in the main draw. Andy Hawthorne easily handled Ortega in the round of 32. Mexico's other superstars Agustin Tristan, Gilberto Mejia, Polo Gutierrez and Javier Moreno were all in the draw and played some inspired ball.

Ben Croft had the finest event of his

young career as he upset #7 Jason Thoerner in the first round and defeated #2 Jason Mannino in the quarterfinals to make his first semi-final appearance of his young career. Ben held on in the fifth against Mannino playing patient racquetball to win the match. His run would come to an end at the hands of Rocky Carson in the semis. Rocky was just too much in this match and experience took over. Jack Huczek reached the final taking out a tough Mitch Williams in the quarterfinals and defeating crowd and hometown favorite Alvaro Beltran in three hard fought games. The crowd was very alive and enthusiastic for this one and every point played they let Alvaro and Jack know they were there. The match definitely had an international competition atmosphere pitting the USA vs. Mexico

The Finals

The finals were all set as The Rio Racquetball Club was full of life even without their hometown hero Alvaro Beltran absent from the finals. Jack Huczek and Rocky Carson entered the court in front of the large crowd in Tijuana and the crowd let them know how large. A rematch of the final in Seattle would have a different start as Huczek came out looking to avenge his loss to Rocky in Seattle. Huczek would keep the pressure on the whole match and even though Carson mounted a late surge in game three Huczek would prevail and take the match and title.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A huge thank you to Kevin Ballard for bringing the IRT to Seattle. Kevin began speaking to the IRT about bringing the IRT to Seattle back in April and his vision was played out in grand fashion. It is people like Kevin that make this sport so special.

Thanks to John Delaney and Central Bank Mortgage for helping out with the event. John has been a long time supporter of racquetball and the founding father of the IRT. Great to have you back in the sport again John and the IRT looks forward to seeing you at future events.

What a great support staff for the event. The WRA did a great job running the event from the amateur side and raising over \$2000 for Washington junior racquetball. This is a well-run state and should be commended for their hard work.

Board member Wanda Collins is a great leader in Washington racquetball and a special friend to the game. She worked very hard all weekend making everyone feel at home. Her devotion to junior racquetball is unparalleled and a true inspiration to the sport. The IRT was honored to help you and your juniors at the event.

Hats off to the Washington Athletic Club. This is a top-notch faculty located in the heart of downtown Seattle and we thank the WAC for opening its doors to the racquetball community for the weekend.

This event could not have happened without the vision of event director Neal Heggen. Neal worked endless hours getting everything ready and running a first class event. Neal, on behalf of the IRT and its players, we cannot thank you enough.



Ben Croft upsets #7 and #2 seeds!



The 2007 Seattle Open

Beautiful weather greeted the racquetball world in Seattle at the Washington Athletic Club as the IRT made its first visit to the Emerald City in over 12 years. The amateur portion of the draw was one of the largest in recent history, reaching capacity at 140 players. Event director Neal Heggen worked hard to bring this event to Seattle and with the assistance of his excellent tournament staff, it was a great event.

Spirited play through the qualifying round, round of 16, and quarterfinals kept everyone busy on Thursday and Friday. The players were treated to sunny skies and mild temperatures on Saturday and most of the IRT players did a little sightseeing in the beautiful city of Seattle.

Back at the club, semifinal match play began. Jason Mannino met up with Rocky Carson in the first match of the day. Rocky took control the first two games, winning the big shots, but Mannino never let up. The third saw Jason never miss and much to Rocky's surprise, the game ended quickly, 11-0. Rocky bounced right back to win the fourth and the match, 7, 9, (0), 2. Jack Huczek was up next against Alvaro Beltran. This match was close, but Huczek would come out on top in close games, 8, 9, 5, and moved ahead to the finals to meet his doubles partner Rocky Carson.



Kevin Ballard and Rocky Carson

The finals were played in front of full house and a loud house on Sunday. The fans had a hard time deciding whom to cheer for, so they screamed loudly for both players. Rocky started off like a man on a quest as he kept his focus and kept Jack shooting from the back court. Jack struggled a little in the first two games and skipped more balls than usual, losing 11-3, 11-6. Rocky lost his legs and the next game, 11-4, as Huczek found his game and seemed more focused. The next was a battle as both players traded points and had some incredible rallies. Huczek held on in this one and forced a fifth game, 14-12. The crowd was really fired up as both players returned to the stadium court. Somehow Rocky found his legs again and went on a tear, taking the fifth game 11-3 and the Seattle Open Title. This was Rocky's third career win and first win in three years.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

What a great job by all the volunteers and help at this event. All the players were treated first class and looked out for all weekend. The IRT and players thank you all.

Rio Racquetball is a first class facility. The owners of the facility built a great club designed for the racquetball player at heart. Twenty-foot glass windows on the side of the building allow onlookers from the streets and sidewalks a view of the game of racquetball. We wish you well on your business and thank you for letting us christened your new club.

Hats off to Alvaro Beltran who had the stadium court named in his honor.

Big thanks to Brent Avery and his lovely wife Sofia. Your hospitality and attention to detail is much appreciated by the IRT. Great event and we look forward to come back next year.

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| 1 | Huczek, Jack | 4526 | 1 | 1 | 5152 | 4526 |
| 2 | Mannino, Jason | 3791 | 2 | 2 | 4199 | 3791 |
| 3 | Carson, Rocky | 3529 | 3 | 3 | 4103 | 3529 |
| 4 | Beltran, Alvaro | 2936 | 4 | 4 | 3105 | 2936 |
| 5 | Vanderson, Shane | 2520 | 5 | 5 | 2947 | 2520 |
| 6 | Williams, Mitch | 2145 | 6 | 6 | 2394 | 2145 |
| 7 | Crowther, Chris | 1991 | 8 | 7 | 2261 | 1991 |
| 8 | Thoerner, Jason | 1879 | 7 | 8 | 2134 | 1879 |
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Van Hees Claims Second WPRO Grand Slam On Home Turf



Team Canada

Oakville, Ontario - Current US OPEN and Canadian National Champion Christie Van Hees (Calgary, Alberta) gave her fellow countrymen and women something to cheer about at The Great Canadian Challenge Championship, February 22-25 at the Premier Fitness Club. With 20+ pros from all over the world as well as a few local challengers and junior players, the event featured the Best of the Best in women's racquetball.

On her way to the finals, Van Hees, ranked #5 on the WPRO tour, defeated two other great champions to legitimize her near flawless performance, including #2 seed Cheryl Gudinas in the semifinals 7, 2, (8), 4, and #4 seed Kerri Wachtel in the quarterfinals, (10), 5, 6, 4. Rajsich overcame Angela Grisar in a tough three-game battle in the semifinals on Saturday evening, which ended in dramatic fashion when Rajsich dove for a ball along the left side wall at the end of the last game and inadvertently tripped Grisar, sending her airborne about four feet before she landed very hard on her tailbone. After the collision, both players were slow to move and the crowd sat paralyzed with concern. It was a scare that was short-lived as both players came back onto the court after a 15-minute break to finish the match. Rajsich faced Samantha Salas in the quarterfinals and pulled through in a tough five games, (10), 2, (10), 3, 3.

Van Hees clinched this Great Canadian Challenge Championship over #1 seed and current U.S. National Champion Rhonda Rajsich (Fountain Hills, AZ) in Sunday's championship match after nearly succumbing to Rajsich in the first game when she gave up a 9-1 advantage. Rajsich got hot to tie the score 9-9 and skipped a forehand set-up that would have given her the lead. That untimely error was the only crack in the door Van Hees needed to turn on the pressure and claim the next two points in aggressive fashion. That momentum shift signaled the end of

Rajsich's poise and seemed to be the spark that lit the Canadian champ's fuse. Rajsich went up early but Van Hees battled back with blistering cross court passes and a fiery grit that earned her the second game, 11-7. The final game was more of the same and Van Hees secure the match in game three, 11-4.

By the end of the weekend, and to the crowd's thunderous delight, only one woman was left standing -- Van Hees had dropped a mere two games throughout the championship to claim the second Grand Slam of the WPRO season.

This tournament raised funds for a charity that provides shelter and transitional support for abused women and their children in Burlington and Milton in Ontario. Halton Women's Place responds to more than 2,000 crisis calls per year and on a daily basis provides 50 beds to battered women to rescue them from dangerous domestic situations.

The Great Canadian Challenge would not have been possible without the vision and encouragement of Brian Tuohy and the commitment and support of Terry Hendershot. Cheryl Pecarski of Premier Fitness was awarded an Honorary Star of the WPRO at the event gala on Saturday evening for her commitment to junior racquetball development. John Capobianco and Lyon Bagde were also honored at the gala for their efforts in making the tournament a success.



WPRO Gala in Toronto

Chile's Angela Grisar

Wins First WPRO Stop Of Her Career In Miami



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Miami, FL - Heading into the 8th Annual Great Balls of Fire Championship at the University of Miami, #4-ranked Angela Grisar (Santiago, Chile) had been unsuccessful in two finals appearances this season. Last weekend, Grisar's opponent was once again #3 seed Kerri Wachtel who had outlasted her in each of their previous championship meetings in Long Island, NY, and Arlington, VA. But this was Grisar's weekend in the place she refers to as her second home in America.

With the crowd clearly and enthusiastically behind her, Chile's Pride did not disappoint as she ripped one clean passing shot after another to keep her opponents on their heels throughout the championship. This is the first time Grisar has won a Tier 1 WPRO event in her career.

Grisar defeated three of the top five WPRO pros to claim the Great Balls of Fire title, including #5 Kristen Walsh in five games in the quarterfinals, #1 Rhonda Rajsich in three in the semifinals, and Wachtel in the finals in four: 11-5, 11-3, 4-11, 11-4.

This year, Great Balls of Fire teamed up with Racquet for the Cure and the WPRO's charity, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, to assist in the fight against breast cancer and to provide funding for research grants, education, screening and treatment in Miami and other communities around the world. The silent auction and raffle raised nearly \$1,500 for Komen for the Cure.

Special thanks to Lynne Olvey and Vivian Gomez for putting on an exceptional event and for arranging ideal weather! The

University of Miami Wellness Center staff, led by Alan Rose, provided outstanding service and hospitality throughout the weekend.

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Stay tuned for the results from our final event of the season -- the Chemtech/Ektelon Pro Nationals in New Orleans, May 4-6.

Special thanks to the tour's national sponsors: Ektelon Fireball (Official Ball), Python (Official Grip), Racquetball Online (Official Webcaster), and Advocare (Official Supplement Provider) for supporting the players and events of the WPRO.

Be sure to catch all the WPRO pros in action live on www.RacquetballOnline.tv!

**WPRO articles written by Commissioner Shannon Feaster*

WPRO RANKINGS

As of May 1, 2007

| RANK | NAME | POINTS |
|------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1 | Rhonda Rajsich | 1279.79 |
| 2 | Cheryl Gudinas Holmes | 1094 |
| 3 | Kerri Wachtel | 1004.5 |
| 4 | Angela Grisar | 880.79 |
| 5 | Christie Van Hees | 812 |
| 6 | Brenda Kyzer | 595.5 |
| 7 | Kristen Walsh | 586.5 |
| 8 | Samantha Salas | 374.5 |
| 9 | Jo Shattuck | 366.65 |
| 10 | Diane Moore | 304.75 |
| 11 | Doreen Fowler | 296.5 |
| 12 | Vivian Gomez | 216 |
| 13 | Adrienne Fisher | 207 |
| 14 | Candi Hostovich | 183.5 |
| 15 | Susy Acosta | 149.25 |
| 16 | Kimi Ferina | 127 |
| 17 | Paola Longoria | 101.5 |
| 18 | Tammy Brown | 100.5 |
| 19 | Michelle Earl | 90.82 |
| 20 | Da'Monique Davis | 90.75 |

RAJSICH WINS PEPSI PREMIER SATELLITE

Rawlins, WY - Several WPRO stars competed in the 18th Annual Pepsi Premier Racquetball Reunion led by Chris Waller at the Rawlins Family Recreation Center, February 16-18. Rhonda Rajsich defeated Kristen Walsh in an exciting five-game final on Sunday, (4), (6), 3, 9, 8. Thanks to the City of Rawlins for inviting the WPRO back to Wyoming!

Woody Clouse Signs with CPRT

Woody Clouse, a current member of the US National Racquetball Team, has signed a letter of intent to play with the Classic Professional Racquetball Tour.

"Woody's involvement with the tour will be great for us", said Commissioner Brian Pointelin. "Woody brings a great enthusiasm, his love for the game, and great passion to follow the CPRT tagline in giving back to the junior players around the country. We are excited to have Woody involved with CPRT and look forward to many years with him as a player." Woody has played for the US National team the past two seasons and recently represented the USA at the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.



2007-2008 Schedule

The schedule for the 2007-08 season is quickly filling up. The CPRT will be visiting cities such as Stockton, California; Salem, Oregon; Denver; Rochester, New York; Las Vegas; Salt Lake City, Utah; and a few other possibilities in the works. If anyone is interested in hosting an event in the 2007-08 season, please contact Brian Pointelin at bpointelin@yahoo.com.

CPRT Rolls On In

By Brian Pointelin

The Classic Professional Racquetball Tour made its highly anticipated return to Rochester in March. After hosting a mini-CPRT event the year before, the club was in full operation after going through some renovations. The crowds were amped, the players primed. After spirited qualifying and quarterfinal action, the semifinals began!

The first semifinal pitted great friends and roommates, Mike Ray and Ruben Gonzalez together for the first semifinal of the day. These two great players have had many wars in their day and this match wouldn't disappoint. There were a lot of cut serves and ceiling balls to start the match as both players tried to loosen up. Ray, obviously bothered by some knee soreness, tried to dictate the pace of the first game, but Ruben wasn't letting it happen. Both players seemed to try and stay within striking distance of the other as Game 1 went back and forth. Ruben wound up winning the game by the score of 11-9. Game 2 saw Ruben control the game with pinpoint passes and great cut serves. He tore out to a 10-4 lead and had match point on his racquet more than once. But Mike showed his true character and intelligence by hitting great serves and passes to keep Ruben out of the middle of the court. He came all the way back to tie it up at 10-10. Two rollouts later and Mike had come all the way back to win Game 2, 12-10. The tie-breaker was all Gonzalez, though as he continued to hit accurate cut serves to both sides while mixing in some hard Z's. Gonzalez went on to win the breaker, 11-4, to reach the finals.

Semifinal number two matched two great lefties with power, Woody Clouse and Bret Harnett. Both players were hitting some absolute bombs from both sides of the court -- it was truly fun to watch. With Woody using this as a tune-up for his upcoming trip to Santiago, Chile next week with the US National Team, it almost looked like Bret was just trying to keep up. Woody wound up winning the first game, 11-7. Game 2 was a little different as both players decided to pull out nick lobs to each other's backhands. Woody ran out to a 5-0 lead on Bret, but then Bret came back with a flurry of 5 points himself. Woody eventually pulled away to 10, but Bret clawed back and saw a ray of hope as he got back to 7. On match point though, Woody wound up hitting a good nick lob to the right side where Bret left a set-up for Woody to kill in the middle of the court. Game and Match, Clouse.

The Finals

On Sunday, Ruben Gonzalez was looking to make a statement to the packed house crowd at the Penfield Racquet Club. The message was, I am still great! A tough Woody Clouse, playing in his first CPRT event and also peaking for the Pan Am Championships in Chile this week, would be a great test. The first game saw both players making spectacular gets and shooting balls from all over the court. Despite Woody's 12-year age advantage, the elder statesman continued to chase balls down and end rallies with re-kills. Woody took game two to force a tie-breaker, but Ruben came back strong to win the event by the scores of 11-5, 4-11, 11-4. "I was over-swinging a little bit and it hurt me, but give credit to Ruben, he played very well, showing why he is still a force to be reckoned with in this game," said Clouse.

I want to recognize some people involved with the Rochester event. First and foremost, thanks to Allen Hanford and his staff at the Penfield Racquet Club, especially his son Chris who was around all weekend. Allen has been a great supporter of the players and the game and it was a pleasure to be around him all weekend.

Without the sponsors, this event would not have been possible. They are: Jeff Schuetz (Mitchell Pierson Realtors), Tom Mastrodonato (TJ's Plumbing), Bob Bartolotta (American Portfolios), Frank LoBene (LPI Painting), Bob McJury (TLF Graphics), Leo Fusilli (Biomet Knee & Hip Replacements), Bill Bach (Bene-Care Inc.), John Piper (Family First Credit Union), Andy & Patty Ransco (Art Parts Signs), Dave Spoleta (Spoleta Construction), Bruce Bell (Bell Racquet Sports).

On a more personal note, I want to thank Ted Pittinaro for his unbelievable hospitality -- he drove us around, took us out and showed us a great time. You are a good guy Teddy, thank you so much! I also want to thank Tom Mastrodonato and Dave Spoleta for a great dinner and great stories on Friday night. You guys are great and your generosity towards the tournament and the CPRT is much appreciated. Last but not least, I want to thank The Man, Keith Lopresto. Without his vision and love of the sport, we would not have been able to come to Rochester the last two years and put on a good display of racquetball. Keith, congrats on the new son, congrats on the position at the club, and thank you for a great weekend!

WOR Announces 2007 Eketelon Championships

Carson Ready to Defend Title

The dates are set, the venue picked and the players stoked. On July 12, 2007, the best outdoor racquetball players from around the globe will gather in one place, Marina Park in Huntington Beach, California, to compete in the 32nd Annual



Masters Champion - Jimmy Lowe

WOR Eketelon Championships. This four-day event will not only provide a full schedule of non-stop, top level racquetball action, but will also allow the public the opportunity to experience the sport in a fun, family environment in a beautiful setting.

The weekend will consist of matches from 26 different divisions of play ranging from professional to amateur to junior in singles and doubles. Top WOR, IRT and WPRO professionals will of course be in attendance competing for cash, prizes and the right to be named this year's WOR Eketelon Champion.

In addition, during the weekend festivities, WOR will be naming the members of the 2006/07 WOR National Team.

"This is the biggest event in outdoor racquetball," said Allan Kazem, director of the WOR Eketelon Championships. "Every year the



Big Rod Felton with Josh Tucker and Robb Hoff

event seems to get bigger and the play gets better. We are thrilled to be able to invite folks out to see one of the fastest, most hard-nosed

sports on the planet featuring some of the best athletes around – it is certain to be a great event."

In addition to all the hard hitting and constant diving around the court, the event will also offer racquetball fans an incredible venue to enjoy the play and take advantage of some of the off-court activities. Aside from eight lighted courts and a large warm-up wall, the facility offers picnic areas, covered patio, barbeque areas, tennis and basketball courts – all open to the public.

Top ranked pros will be conducting on-court junior clinics, offering insights and tips to players of all levels on how they can improve their game and choose the right equipment. Great food,

souvenirs and contests will be held on-site, including a speed gun challenge where players can test how hard they hit and compete for a number of great prizes!



"The Gang"

"We are thrilled to again be the title sponsor for this event," said Scott Winters, general manager at Eketelon. "This is an incredible tournament run with great care and precision. It is not only a top-notch event from a player talent standpoint, but all of the off-court activities make it fun for diehard fans and those new to the game."

For additional information or entry forms contact Allan Kazem:
Allan@worldoutdoorracquetball.com



Pro Champion: Josh Tucker



PRO SINGLES

| | | |
|---------------|-----|----|
| Rocky Carson | 700 | CA |
| Cliff Swain | 575 | MA |
| Greg Solis | 490 | CA |
| Willie Tilton | 490 | CA |
| Greg Freeze | 375 | CA |
| Jesus Ocana | 375 | CA |
| Son Nguyen | 375 | CA |
| Jeff Johnson | 375 | CA |

PRO DOUBLES

| | | |
|----------------|------|----|
| Rob Hoff | 2150 | CA |
| Greg Solis | 1690 | CA |
| Rocky Carson | 1550 | CA |
| Josh Tucker | 1450 | CA |
| Jesus Ustarroz | 1425 | CA |

The following players are already scheduled to appear and compete:

Rocky Carson
John Ellis
Ruben Gonzalez
Rob Hoff
Jack Huczek
Craig Lane
Rhonda Rajsich
Shawn Royster
Greg Solis
Josh Tucker

WS/MRA Returns to Orlando!

By Kendra Tutsch

18th Annual WS/MRA National Championships

Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club
January 26-28, 2007

It was the last weekend in January, a perfect time to get away to Florida! Players numbering 103 from New York to Washington State converged on the Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club for three days of fun, camaraderie and intense competition at this 18th annual event. This was the second time the tournament was held in Orlando, a fitting location even aside from the weather, since Florida boasts so many excellent and enthusiastic racquetball players.

A "fun doubles" event Thursday afternoon was designed to allow those arriving early to meet friends, check out the courts and get in some relaxed play before the tournament got underway on Friday morning. This annual pre-tournament event has evolved into a fundraiser for "Racquet for the Cure." Thanks to all the players who donated, \$445 was raised! All players who contributed were entered into a raffle featuring many items donated by Wilson as well as "Racquet for the Cure" t-shirts brought from Colorado by Linda Mojer.

At the Thursday evening check-in (an event in itself!), players received a blue "hoodie" sweatshirt, a goody bag including a Wilson "Hope" glove and a specially-made luggage tag, and the all-important tournament information. Tournament Director Jean Trimble reviewed tournament procedures and also pointed out some "fun facts" about the players. Florida led in attendance with 30 players, followed by Illinois with 19.

Friday morning it was time to play some serious racquetball. Singles round robin play in all age groups started on Friday. The larger divisions were broken into two flights and after flight competition was completed, a Round of 8 playoff was held among the top 4 from each flight, with seeding determined by flight position. The tournament directors and tournament committee - Jean and Joe Trimble, Mike Mojer, Kassi Herr, Randy Forrest and Barb Alonso, with help from perennial volunteer Paula Sperling, kept everything running smoothly throughout the weekend.

When not playing, players had time to browse through the amazing items offered in



75+ Winners! L to R: Reta Harring (2nd Place), Tournament Director Jean Trimble and Lola Markus (1st Place)

the silent auction and eat lunch out by the pool, complete with live musical entertainment! The auction featured many donations, including golf clubs, racquets and more from Wilson; merchandise from Ektelon, E-Force, Head and ProPenn; embroidered blankets donated by Brenda White; and all sorts of other excellent items donated by local sponsors.

The highlight of the weekend, as usual, was the Saturday night banquet held at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn of Altamonte Springs. Presentations and a short business meeting followed a sit-down dinner. The results of the auction were announced by Susan Pfahler and Karen Bouchard: over \$1,900 was raised, with 50% going to the

Florida Junior program. Karaoke rounded out the evening and we found that there were some great singers among us. Those who were not made up for it with enthusiasm! The highlight number was "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" which pretty much summed up the weekend.

After more than two days of intense competition, by early Sunday afternoon winners had been decided in all divisions. In 35+, Tammarian Rogers (WA) finished first over Renee Roux (IL) on total points. In the closely-contested 35+ B/C division, Lourie Zacco (FL) finished first, Jennifer Terracino (CT) finished second and Marlowe Kern (FL) finished third, each separated by a single point! Who says points don't count in a



Players at the 2007 Women's Senior/Masters

NMRA 2007 National Champions

By Bruce Adams

Multnomah & Sunset Athletic Clubs
Portland, Oregon
March 7-10, 2007

round robin?? In 40+, Lynn Fonseca (CA) won on total points over Laura Brandt (FL). The 45+ division was a grueling battle, with 10 matches played in a single bracket. In the end, Janet Tyler (FL) bested Debra Tisinger (CA), last year's champion, on total points. The 45+ B/C had a draw of 14 and two flights. Julie Decker (FL), the third place finisher in Flight 1, upset Flight 2 winner Melanie Newsome (NC) in the finals, after defeating Flight 1 winner Pat Meyer (NY) in the semis. The 50+ division had a draw of 20 and 2 flights. In the finals, Susan Pfahler (FL), Flight 2 winner, repeated as 50+ champion, defeating Linda Moore (NE), winner of Flight 1 and a newcomer to 50+ division. The 55+ division also had two flights of 10. Mary Murray (FL), winner of Flight 2, won the 55+ finals after tournament first-timer Joan Vande Kieft (IL) suffered an injury in the final match. The 60+ division was won by Agatha Falso (FL) on total points over Meri Jean Kelley (CA). Mildred Gwinn (NC) repeated as the 65+ champion on total points over Gloria Piscoran (OR). In 75+, Lola Markus took first and Reta Harring second. As mentioned before, Florida has many excellent racquetball players, illustrated by the fact that the "home team" of Florida took 6 championships out of the 10 age divisions!

The WSMRA would like to thank the tournament committee, Orlando Fitness & Racquet, Wilson Racquetball, and all of the other individuals and businesses who supported this tournament. This tournament has been going strong for 18 years – women players 35 years and older regard it as a "don't miss" on their tournament calendar. As first-time player Cheryl Kirk commented: "I loved the tourney and can't wait for next year!" The Women's Senior/Masters Racquetball Association (WSMRA) sponsors the tournament every year with support from our major sponsor, Wilson Racquetball. The 19th annual tournament will be held January 25-27, 2008, at the Athletic Club of Overland Park (Kansas City area). For more on the WSMRA, pictures, results and information on next year's tournament, please check our website (<http://my.execpc.com/~tutsch/WSMRA/main.html>), or contact Kendra Tutsch (kdtutsch@wisc.edu).

At the National Masters Racquetball Association's (NMRA) 2007 National Championship, over 180 players above age 45 participated in singles, doubles and mixed doubles in divisions organized in five-year increments from 45 to 90 years old. Entrants from Florida to Alaska came to play. The NMRA is devoted to self-officiated, round-robin play, for its 1,200 members at its two annual events. No more One Round and Out! The National Championships are typically west of the Rocky Mountains and the July International Championships are normally east of the Rockies. See www.nmra.info for more details on the organization.

Ektelon was the event sponsor and the Oregon Racquetball Association's Junior Team ran the tournament desk at both sites. The ten courts at Multnomah required the most staffing; the seven at Sunset were essentially within eyesight of the tournament director's desk.

Mr. William "Bill" Gillio is 85 years young and has been playing racquetball for 40 years. He lives in California and played in the 85 singles and 80 doubles at this event. His words of wisdom are, "Be thankful for another day and for being above ground!"

Ten years ago, when Mr. Ben Marshall (San Antonio, Texas) was 80 years old, he set a goal to make it to the 90+ division. This year, Ben attained his goal -- he is the first entrant in the history of the NMRA to enter the 90+ division! Playing nine singles matches in this year's event, Ben even had to play down ten to 15 years, since he was the only entrant in the 90+ age group. A racquetball player for over 20 years, Ben played handball in the Army where he was a fighter pilot in World War II. A proud 1941 graduate of the University of Alabama, Ben has been an NMRA member for nine years, but stated this is only his third event.

Ben won two of 18 games against the youngsters, received the gold medal in the 90+, and told me that he scored better this event than he has in the past. He was not even tired after the last match. What is that expression about

"getting better with age?"

Ben Marshall is very proud of his game, his age and his ability to compete and we are very proud to have him in the NMRA!

Some of the other champions in this year's event were Joe Hassey (Men's 45); Tom Travers (Men's 50); Bill Gillio (Men's 85); Cindy Tilbury (Women's 45); Marcia Richards (Women's 50); Richards/Tilbury (Women's 45 doubles); and 2007 Geezer Jock of the Year Ruben Gonzalez and Hatch Saarian (Men's 45 doubles). Check out the website for a full listing of tournament results.

There were also a few past champions who participated in the event. Tom Travers holds numerous titles in singles and doubles. David Azuma has won 16 National Doubles titles. He and his mixed doubles partner, Elaine Dexter, have been a team for over 20 years. Gene Pare has won seven National Doubles titles.

The Multnomah Athletic Club was one you had to see for yourself. Constructed the way I imagine a military bunker would be, it has ten courts – three levels below ground! The entire facility has eight levels, including tennis on the top of the building and its own minor league baseball stadium adjacent to the club. At times we found ourselves in a "no athletic attire" area of the building, yet the staff members were very patient with us. Thanks to former pro Hank Marcus for managing the logistics during the event and arranging for the NMRA to use this very fine facility.

Four new board members were presented at the banquet on Saturday night. Also at that time, we memorialized those members who have passed on since the last event. The attendees raised over \$1,400 for Team USA. Coach Dave Ellis was the speaker and he also played in the event. The evening ended with a light-hearted slide show presentation of the past week.

The NMRA invites you to join us in Kansas City, KS from July 25-28, 2007 for the International Championships. There is plenty of racquetball, hospitality and tourist-y things to do in the Heartland of the United States. Check out www.nmra.info for event registration and additional information about the tournament. We hope to see you there!



Ben Marshall



Bill Gillio

Approaching the BALL

By Sudsy Monchik
January/February 2007

In the March/April issue I discussed my magical "Down and Ready Position." I talked about how important it is to be "down and ready" because that could be the difference between your getting to the ball with "time" to hit the shot you want consistently vs. getting to the ball a split second "too late" and missing the shot you want to hit. It clips the sidewall and sets your opponent up!

Today I want to discuss with you another component to being down and ready and that is having the proper footwork when "Approaching the Ball" after being down and ready. These two topics go hand in hand.

Too often I see players approaching the ball incorrectly and they wonder why they are inconsistent and have no power behind their shot. The key to my magical "Approach to the Ball" is I move forward toward the ball rather than moving sideways and shuffling to the ball. Therefore, when I get to the ball I am square to the sidewall, rather than in an open stance, and I am ready to hit it just like any forehand or backhand. Let's take a closer look (these pictures are for the forehand, reverse it for the backhand):



Down & Ready

- Legs spread a little wider than shoulder width apart
- Knees bent
- Bend slightly at the waist
- Racquet up and ready to go -- forehand or backhand
- Eyes on the ball



1st Step Toward Ball

- Pivot and push off on your right foot and step toward the ball with your left foot.
- This opens your hips so you can move in that direction
- Racquet begins to come up

2nd Step Toward Ball

- Push off with the left foot and move the right foot toward the ball (as if you are running) Racquet continues to come up

Ready Position

- Pivot and push off on your right foot and step toward the ball with your left
- Square to side wall
- Shoulders level
- Knees bent, not waist
- Hitting arm up...elbow in line with the shoulder
- Non-hitting arm used for balance
- Eyes on ball

Step/Swing/Contact Point

- Left foot steps toward front wall...feet lined up
- Hips begin to open
- Drive off back leg
- Hitting arm starts to drop, leading with the elbow
- Non-hitting arm begins to move
- Back foot pivots
- Back knee bent at a 90-degree angle
- Hips completely open

- Hitting arm fully extended, racquet parallel to the floor

- Eyes on ball

Follow Through

- The racquet head is pointing to the back wall and finishes up below your shoulder
- Chest and belly button is facing the front wall
- Balanced up
- Eyes on ball



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Proper footwork when "Approaching the Ball" is critical at ANY level of play, but especially at the pro level where the ball could be traveling in excess of 150 mph. By crossing over and moving toward the ball you are able to get square to the side wall so you can engage your legs and hips into the stroke to generate power and develop consistency. A common mistake is to side step and hit open stance using only your upper body to generate power.

Take it slow and don't get frustrated...it is worth spending the time on the proper

footwork. All I can say if I was able to generate much more power and hit with more consistency when I played the tour, I know you can do the same at your level. Good luck!

I invite you to attend one of the camps with Fran Davis to learn this first hand or, in the meantime, pick up one of our videos, "Building Your Racquetball Dream House" featuring Fran, Jason and myself. Go to www.FranDavisRacquetball.com for details.



By Jack Huczek
#1 Ranked IRT Pro

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The training **zone** focused on this article is **QUICKNESS**

One of the most dangerous weapons a player can have is quickness – specifically, a quick first step. Having a quick first step allows the player to begin footwork movement into the ball. It should not be confused with running fast or being able to run long distances. It can be compared to a sprinter's reaction time to the sound of the gun signaling the start of a race. The quicker the runner gets off the starting block, the quicker he can begin his running tempo; however, this doesn't necessarily mean he will cross the finish line first!

A racquetball player must be able to start quickly, but also must move in the correct direction of the ball. A common error amongst junior players is not reacting in the proper direction. Juniors, given their age, tend to be agile and quick but they also tend to take too many steps to arrive at the proper location of the ball, resulting in a lost rally. Masters players tend to have the knowledge and experience to

place the box approximately six inches from your toes. Jump onto the box with both feet and try to land softly (the feet should make as little noise possible), then jump down onto the ground and repeat quickly. I recommend starting at 15 second intervals, then increasing time as stamina improves. Focus on exploding from the toes and maximizing repetitions in each 15-second interval.

The next two drills are great for first step quickness and directional focus. Both of these drills work best with a partner, but can be done without one. Player A, who is the active mover of the drill, stands in front of Player B with back facing. Player A resembles someone in center court and assumes the athletic position. Player B says one of two commands; left or right. Once the command is given, Player A crosses over once to mimic taking a swing. For example, Player B says, "left!" Immediately Player A crosses the right foot over left and takes a swing.

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know where the ball is going, but lack the quickness and reaction time to arrive in proper position, also resulting in a lost rally. Both situations are lacking one piece of the puzzle. If one piece is missing, then more times than not the result will be unfavorable. This makes quickness training necessary for those aiming to improve their game.

Quickness training can also be classified as explosive training. This type of training is difficult and taxing on the body, which is why it should only be done once or twice per week. It's necessary to warm up and cool down properly to avoid injury and enhance recovery time.

Let me explain three of my favorite exercises which provide me the best results. The first exercise is the "box hop" drill. The only equipment needed is a box/bench/platform which is stable and higher than ground level. To begin the drill, assume the athletic position and

Once the swing is complete, Player A returns to the athletic position awaiting the next command. Start at 30-second intervals.

The last exercise is a sprinting drill and should be done on a track or some type of large surface area. Player A is the sprinter and begins jogging on the track. Player B has a whistle and a stop watch. Player B sounds the whistle signaling Player A to sprint hard. After 10-30 seconds of sprinting, Player B sounds the whistle again to signal the return of the jogging tempo and then repeats. The length of intervals and total time of the drill depend on the fitness level of the sprinter, but should in any case not exceed 15 minutes without taking a rest and drinking water. Remember that these drills are demanding on the body, so start slow. After two or three weeks, you should start to see improvements. Good Luck!

Invite your Past Members BACK!



By Connie Martin,
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member of National
Racquetball Hall of Fame

It's time to get your "old" racquetball players back to the game and the club. There are a lot of reasons that members leave a club. They move; they are tight on finances; they are beginning to raise a family or have bought a new house and had to cut back; they go to a new club; they just need a break from the sport; or they don't like you. (Hopefully, it's not the last one!) Except for 'they move' or 'they don't like you', there are still opportunities to attract them back into the fold.

Here are a few suggestions on what you can do to entice these past players/members to come back:

1.

Throw a Racquetball Reunion Party

Invite your current members (and anyone they know who plays racquetball and lives within a 15-mile radius of your club) to an evening of racquetball, socializing, appetizers and door prizes. Invite past racquetball members with a mailed invitation to come enjoy an evening of play and socializing. Of course, you will offer a special if they join that evening. You may wish to have a Demo or Clinic that evening.

2.

30-Day Complimentary Memberships

Send out a complimentary 30-day membership -- a letter or postcard from the owners simply stating, 'We Miss You and Want You Back.' Print a group picture of some of the racquetball players on card stock in color (so inexpensive to do these days) and send it out. Or, how about an empty racquetball court with the title 'We feel Empty without You!' During their 30-day membership, offer a free clinic or two, some round robin play, anything to let them know that you really do want them back and that your club has successful programs in which you would really like to include them. After their complimentary 30-day membership, offer a membership special to entice them to stick around.

3.

We Miss You, Come Back!

No initiation fee, just start paying your dues again. This is another type of special you can offer past members. Send out a letter, a postcard or even take the time to call!

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Q:

I am totally frustrated -- there are guys at my club I used to beat and now they are beating me. My game has become stagnant and I NEED to do something to get it back and beat these guys. Fran, what do you recommend?



By Fran Davis

Answer: Well, first to set your mind at ease, the above scenario is one I hear all the time. The problem most racquetball players have is they are self-taught. Also, when they begin to play the sport they rely on their athleticism and generally pick up the game rather easily and quickly. Unfortunately, because they are not

fundamentally sound, their athleticism only carries them so far and their game becomes stale with little improvement or growth like in the beginning. This is when the frustration sets in.

There are 5 things I highly recommend and can't stress enough that are a MUST if you want to stave off this frustration:

1. **Private Lessons:** Take some one-on-one lessons, or check for an AmPRO certified instructor in your area.
2. **Camps:** Sign up for a racquetball camp. Many camps are offered throughout the country. Before you attend a camp check out references from people who have attended the camp. Just because an instructor is a good player does not mean he or she is a good instructor – check out the camp's reputation and references!
3. **Video:** Purchase an instructional video. If possible, Uadusvacry, try to get a reference before purchasing.
4. **Video Analysis:** Video yourself playing and analyze it yourself or send it to a certified instructor for evaluation. As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Remember the camera doesn't lie and you see SO much.
5. **Read articles** in Racquetball Magazine or purchase instructional books. Many websites have instructional sections, so check out the various websites available to players.

If you look at other sports like tennis, golf, baseball, basketball, swimming, etc., all of the above techniques I recommended are used since they wouldn't think of "not" taking lessons!

Remember, "Knowledge is Power." You want to be in a position where you are able to

analyze and understand why you won or lost a match so you can continue to use the things that are working and change the things that are not. I urge you to become educated...become a student of the game!

“...the whole back wall is ‘in play’...”

First, I offer a correction to for a typo in one of the proposed rule changes listed in the last issue. Proposed change 4 (or “D”) called for adding some provisions to “Rule 2.4(c)”, but it actually should have read “Rule 2.4(e)”. Hope you have all taken the time to vote. By next issue of RACQUETBALL we should know what the Board has approved.

In a recent email from Brian Cunningham, Maineville, OH, he asked “During the service motion, is it legal to hit the floor inside the service box with the racquet just before striking the ball off the bounce?”

OTTO SAYS: There is nothing in the rulebook that expressly prohibits such contact. But was it accidental or was it done on purpose as part of his/her usual service motion? I ask that because a referee might deem it to be an “intentional distraction” which could be classified as a penalty hinder. Of course, if he does it all the time, then the distraction aspect would be reduced; however, I would then become concerned about possible damage to the floor.

Another email from Mike Dutton asked me to “Please advise about the red line 12 feet up on the back wall. If a return shot goes above this line, is the ball considered a dead ball?”

OTTO SAYS: In the good ol' USA, there is no rule requiring or regarding any line on the back wall. Therefore, the whole back wall is ‘in play’ (if the back wall provides a nearly consistent rebound -- even if the materials are different -- and it is the same basic distance from the front wall.

International Racquetball Federation (IRF), on the other hand, rules that there is a limit on the playability of the back wall at 12 feet. It is “loss of rally” if you hit it above that line. Canada has the same rule.

The IRF is giving some consideration to changing that rule since it would be difficult for a referee to tell whether a shot off the back wall

was either above or below a line 12 feet directly above his head.

So, assuming that you are in the USA and not playing under either IRF or Canadian rules, then I suggest that you pretend that the red line is not there at all.

Don Checots of Augusta, Kansas stated in an email: A player I know has a habit of using his racquet to drop the ball on the serve. He places the ball on the racquet face, holds the racquet out, lets the ball drop off of his racquet and then serves the ball. Does this violate the serve rules?

OTTO SAYS: A very interesting question indeed! Let's say there is a player who has only one hand (unfortunately). This might be the only way for him to do the “drop”. There is no rule forbidding this technique. That said, if the fellow does have both hands, then I'd say that it would be wise if he announced his intentions to serve like that (before he actually does it) to both the ref and the opponent. It should NEVER become a type of deception added to his service motion. Also, remember that the server must pause just before he starts his service motion to make it obvious that NOW is when my service motion begins!

Always “Play by the Rules!” If you don't have a copy, you can find and review them on-line at: <http://www.usaracquetball.com/Default.aspx?tabid=839>. Do you have a rules/refereeing question? Be sure to email it to me at ODietrich@usra.org and you might find it featured in an upcoming issue of Racquetball Magazine.



By Otto Dietrich
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Rhonda Rajsich

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Rhonda Rajsich, WPRO #1 ranked professional, returned victorious from a two-week experience at the 20th PARC Pan American Championships 2007 in Santiago, Chile. Her gold medal in the Women's Singles and another in the Women's Doubles with Janel Tisinger led the way to the Women's Team and Overall Team Titles.

Rhonda's Singles title came with a finals win over Samantha Salas (Mexico), 7, (10), 3. The Rajsich/Tisinger team took the Doubles final in two games against Carola Loma and Jenny Daza of Bolivia, 5, 8. "We didn't lose a game all week!"

1 How long were you in Chile?

March 31 – April 7 were the tournament dates. We were there the better part of two weeks. Left on the 27th, came home on the 10th...

2 How many matches did you play overall?

To my nearest calculation...12!

3 What does a typical day's schedule look like at the PARC Pan American Championships?

I was pretty much at the club from 10-11am to 6-8 pm at night. They had brought little hot dog vendors down by the courts, which were three stories below where you walk in. The brand was In and Out hot dogs – pork, I think, piled with tomatoes, guacamole, ketchup, and mustard. I was generally scheduled as the first match of the day for singles, so that was breakfast and lunch.

4 Did you get to do any sight-seeing?

I'm not really that much of a tourist. A couple of tours were planned for the players, to the beach and a vineyard, but mostly I stayed in the room, rested and worked on my computer.

5 Were you worried about reactions to unfamiliar foods?

When I was in Santo Domingo (August 2006) I lost 14 lbs and went to the hospital twice when I got back. But in Santiago, I was fine. I discovered a restaurant I really liked and I decided I would eat there every night. The food, service, and ambiance – it was all great. I ate stuff I would never have eaten in a million years – clams, hearts of palm salad with white asparagus, shoulder of

lamb, baby eels, amazing unbelievable desserts like Celestine crepes with chocolate sauce. I pigged out! The baby eels I approached from a Fear Factor perspective. I think I'm having hearts of palm withdrawal symptoms—I got used to having them every night!

6 How were the fans in Chile?

They were great...obviously Angela (Grisar) was the hometown favorite. The place was roaring when she was playing. Everyone was very polite – it was a good clean event.

7 How did it feel being on the world stage?

Oh, just another day at the office... No, it was great! I enjoy it – I love it, I love playing at an event of this magnitude.

8 Did anything unexpected happen?

I expected there would be security concerns, but for being in a foreign country in the downtown area, never once did I feel unsafe. We were walking around late at night going to restaurants. It was a great little area. The hotel was great, their service was phenomenal.

9 How does it feel to be the #1 Women's Pro in the world?

To be completely honest, it's great, but the coolest feeling I have about it is that I feel like I'm just getting started. I know I said that last year when I finished the WPRO season #1, but even more so now that I have a whole new perspective on my game. I feel like I'm playing for an entirely different set of reasons, with new goals and dreams to achieve. This is just the tip of the iceberg for me, and I can't wait to continue to strive for more.

Birth date: 10/7/78

Birthplace: Phoenix, AZ

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 150

Plays: Right-handed

Racquet: O3 Red

Player Quote: An element of the game that is always under your control is your effort.

Playing Tip: When diving, try to land evenly on both hips and act as if you must retrieve your own get in order to pop back up as quickly as possible.

Juniors Tips: Believe in yourself. The greatest coaching in the world can give you knowledge, but what can't be taught is what comes from within.

How I was introduced to racquetball: My father began playing when I was 2. I'd sneak out of the nursery at the club and steal his racquet and hit around while he was between games. I've been an addict ever since!

What else do I do: Nearly every other sport every chance I get, especially basketball; sing, and a bit of modeling and acting in the works; write.

My Training Schedule: Varies depending on my tournament/demo schedule

FAVORITES

Book: Mind Games

Band: Slipknot

Song: Way too many choices come to mind!

Food: Steak

Color: Blue

Movie: Jaws

Lucky Numbers: 7, 23, 30

Sports: Racquetball and basketball

Actor/Actress: Edward Norton



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2007 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNERS



Beaverton High School

TEAM WINNERS

Overall Team: Beaverton High School, Oregon

Boys' Team: Beaverton High School, Oregon

Girls' Team: Cor Jesu Academy, Missouri

US JUNIOR TEAM QUALIFYING DIVISION CHAMPIONS:

Boys: Taylor Knoth – LaSalle High School, Oregon

Girls: Shannon Inglesby – Central Catholic, Oregon

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE/USA RACQUETBALL DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Kay Kohler – Notre Dame High School, St. Louis, MO

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Cor Jesu Academy girls' teams coached by club pro Dan Whitley. This team performed beyond expectations and captured the national title.



Cor Jesu Academy Girls Team

THE "MOST..."

MOST UNBELIEVABLE

Boy's #6 Singles Division – 119 players; with all playing Olympic format, there were over 300 matches just in this division!

MOST FRUSTRATING

Electrical power going off six different times due to inclement conditions (court lights took 15-20 minutes to come back each time). Although frustrating for event staff, players and coaches, all participants were patient and understanding.



Players await Award Ceremony

MOST REWARDING

The large turn-out of high school players who simply play the game for enjoyment and exercise. Over 700 players participate in organized high school leagues in St. Louis and Oregon alone.

MOST DISCIPLINED

All referees reported for duties although no referees were reimbursed. Coaches did a great job of teaching athletes the proper protocol of officiating. Athletes take their officiating responsibilities very seriously, resulting in few problems.

MOST RECENT CHANGE

Scoring system created to equalize competition among all Olympic divisions. The new system attempts to reward schools with full teams (6 boys and 6 girls).

MOST IMPRESSIVE

Shannon Inglesby, winner of the Girls #1 Division

SURPRISING UPSET

Taylor Knoth, winner of the Boy's Singles #1 over Crockett in the semis.

MOST APPRECIATED BUT OFTEN NOT ACKNOWLEDGED

All volunteers who provided such great hospitality for all players and coaches. Meals were served every day, all organized and monitored by local volunteers.

MOST DEDICATED

Stringer John Kleinschmidt, who was the first to arrive at the club and the last to leave each night. John represented event sponsor Wilson. He took vacation time to attend the event each day – next year we want the chips! (John works for Frito-Lay).

MOST COMMITTED

Special thanks to Paul Gordan and Dan Whitley and to all the coaches who dedicated hours of time each week in developing these young athletes. Most teams have coaches who spent the entire year teaching and instructing the athletes and who spent over 70 hours at the event over 4 days.

THE RESULTS

2007 National High School Championships

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #1 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Billy Wainwright / Taylor Knoth - La Salle, West Linn/La Salle, Milwaukie DEF. Grant Stalley / Michael Carrington - Beaverton 5,6
3rd: Ben Brooks / Drew Burkemper - St. Louis Unive, St. Louis/St. Louis Uni DEF. Ben Hogan / Matthew Steven Wyland - Christian Broth, Wildwood/Christian Brot 6,(6),9

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Elliott Saunders / Kevin Foley - Beaverton, Portland/Beaverton, Beaverton DEF. Joe Hoffmann / Ray Godefroid - St. Louis Unive, St. Louis/St. Louis Uni 5,6
3rd: Jeremy McGlothlin / Peter Socotch - Lasalle, Canby/Lasalle, Clackamas DEF. Eric Kusnierkiewicz / Keith Zurweller - Parkway West, Ballwin/Parkway West, Ball (4),0,5

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #3 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Andrew Lofgren / Jacob Boyle - Beaverton, Portland/Beaverton, Beaverton DEF. Dean Hunter / Todd Swift - St. Louis Unive, St. Louis/St. Louis Uni 8,9
3rd: Derek Wood / Nathan Smith - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Portland DEF. Kevin Kissel / Spencer Rusch - St. Louis Unive, St. Louis/St. Louis Uni 10,12

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Grant Stalley - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. John-Craig Chisholm - Marlborough, Mass. 12,13
3rd: A J Berry - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Andrew Clarke - Albuquerque, N.M. WBF - No Show

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Taylor Knoth - Milwaukie, Ore. DEF. Danny Lavelly - Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 9,10
3rd: John Sanderson - Park City, Utah DEF. Allan Crockett - Birmingham, Ala. WBF - No Show

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Chad Laforest - Queens Village, N.Y. DEF. Anthony Montanez - West Jordan, Utah (12),13,8
3rd: Devan Van Valkenburg - Bluffdale, Utah DEF. Matthew Steven Wyland - St. Louis, Mo. 11,(7),6

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jeff Cohen - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Dallin Schwendiman - Sandy, Utah 6,10
3rd: Josh Halladay - Unknown, Ore. DEF. Jason Torres - Las Vegas, N.M. 6,14

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Sam Carrow - Glendale, Mo. DEF. Ben Hogan -

Wildwood, Mo. 3,(7),9

3rd: Ryan Schoonmaker - Salem, Ore. DEF. Ryan Sump - St. Louis, Mo. 6,(11),8

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Billy Wainwright - West Linn, Ore. DEF. Cody Sylvester - West Jordan, Utah 1,4
3rd: Michael Carrington - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Drew Burkemper - Ballwin, Mo. 6,4

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Rishi Ghosh - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF. Marcus Petty - Grants Pass, Ore. 10,13
3rd: Craig Nelson - Albuquerque, N.M. DEF. Drew Lindell - Beaverton, Ore. 4,7

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: James Ribaud - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Pat Spinner - St. Louis, Mo. 4,12
3rd: Jon Murphy - Cincinnati, Ohio DEF. Christian Newman - Herriman, Utah

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Parker Miles - Salem, Ore. DEF. Dan Coleman - St. Louis, Mo. 3,(11),5
3rd: Eric Kusnierkiewicz - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Mark Lockman - Grants Pass, Ore. 13,2

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Elliott Saunders - Portland, Ore. DEF. Jeremy McGlothlin - Canby, Ore. 10,(8),10
3rd: Steve Abodi - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Ray Godefroid - St. Louis, Mo. (4),6,7

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 RED - OLYMPIC

FORMAT

Finals

1st: Tony Piazza - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Nikolaj Lund - Beaverton, Ore. 2,7
3rd: Alex Kriegshauser - Kirkwood, Mo. DEF. Isaac Hiatt - Riverton, Utah WBF - No Show

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Stephan Jensen - West Jordan, Utah DEF. Brent Freeman - Albuquerque, N.M. 7,4

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Matt Gillette - Salem, Ore. DEF. Alexander Waterman - Tigard, Ore. 3,6
3rd: Justin Schlueter - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Zeik Montanez - West Jordan, Utah 1,5

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kevin Foley - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Joe Hoffmann - St. Louis, Mo. 8,9
3rd: Brendan Reid - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Colby Neal - Vancouver, Wash. 1,8

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: John Burns - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Brad Molsberry - Grants Pass, Ore. (7),9,10
3rd: Stephen Claggett - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Joey Michel - Riverton, Utah 1,8

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #5 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Paul Marsek - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Maxwell Wade - Salem, Ore. 9,11
3rd: Peter Socotch - Clackamas, Ore. DEF. Daniel Guilak - Beaverton, Ore. 2,7

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #5 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Andrew Lofgren - Portland, Ore. DEF. Keith Zurweller - Ballwin, Mo. 4,9
3rd: Nick Hoffmann - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Sean Kilfoy - Glendale, Mo. 8,11

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #5 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Tim Luecke - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Paul Caciolo - St. Louis, Mo. (9),14,6

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Carl Beckert - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Kevin Kissel - St. Louis, Mo. 4,7
3rd: Peter Bruntrager - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Ryan Fesler - St. Louis, Mo. -9,11,7

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Derek Wood - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Nathan Smith - Portland, Ore. 12,4
3rd: Jacob Boyle - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Evan Lin - Beaverton, Ore. 7,5

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Tom Rohr - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Charlie Ferretti - Chesterfield, Mo. (14),14,2
3rd: Matt Vonderheide - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Thomas Bottchen - Kirkwood, Mo. 11,6



All American Award Winners

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Garrett Miller - Glendale, Mo. DEF. Kevin O'Shaughnessy - St. Charles, Mo. 5,10
3rd: Hunter Maret - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Kyle McCarley - Kirkwood, Mo. 8,9

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS CONT'D

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #1 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Kaitlin Inglesby / Shannon Inglesby - Central Catholi, Portland/Central Cathol DEF. Alyssa Asay / Megan Dickson - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Beaverto 11,10

3rd: Brittany Billingsley / Kerry Franklin - Cor Jesu, St. Paul/Cor Jesu, St. Louis DEF. Laura Engelmeyer / Rachel Bueltmann - Parkway West, Ballwin/Manchester 14,9

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Janelle Stalley / Sarah Curry - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Portland DEF. Nadia Khoja / Stephanie Moyle - Southridge, Beaverton/Southridge, Beaver 5,7

3rd: Hannah Hindman / Rose Thomson - Cor Jesu, St. Louis/Cor Jesu, Ballwin DEF. Lauren Talleur / Nicole Saracino - St. Joseph's Ac, St. Louis/St. Joseph's (12),14,4

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #3 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Jennifer Straszacker / Jessica Nicholas - Cor Jesu, St. Louis/Cor Jesu, St. Louis DEF. Sarah Kelly / Vickie Lehrmann - Nerinx Hall, Glencoe/Nerinx Hall, St. Lo 4,6

3rd: Emily Stock / Karin Foster - Sprague, Salem/Sprague, Salem DEF. Krista Marklin / Monica Frank - Cor Jesu, Wildwood/Cor Jesu, St. Louis 7,10

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Rachel Bueltmann - Manchester, Mo. DEF. Kara Donnthorne - Salem, Ore. 9,11

3rd: Emma Scheer - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Kayla Mcclayn - Salt Lake City, Utah 5,7

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Shannon Inglesby - Portland, Ore. DEF. Sharon Jackson - Shelbyville, Ind. 12,12

3rd: Ashley Loyd - Murfreesboro, Tenn. DEF. Megan Dickson - Beaverton, Ore. 1,10

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Brittany Billingsley - St. Paul, Mo. DEF. Melanie Skyler - Portland, Ore. 3,2

3rd: Mariana Borunda - Albuquerque, N.M. DEF. Alexandra Duran - Albuquerque, N.M. 3,4

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #1 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Ashley Siemers - Manchester, Mo. DEF. Courtney Hill - Albuquerque, N.M. 2,13

3rd: Rachel Babener - Portland, Ore. DEF. Cathy Fu - Florissant, Mo. 1,1

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Marisa Pomerantz - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Molly O'brian - St. Louis, Mo. 12,2

3rd: Staci Woods - Salem, Ore. DEF. Lisa Bushmeyer - St. Louis, Mo. 4,7

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kaitlin Inglesby - Portland, Ore. DEF. Kerry Franklin - St. Louis, Mo. 12,8

3rd: Alyssa Asay - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Laura



Kirkwood Boys team

Engelmeyer - Ballwin, Mo. 6,10

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Giselle Warner - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Kelsey Michniok - St. Louis, Mo. 9,7

3rd: Kaitlin Kelly - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF. Bailey Sheldon - Camas, Wash. (5),14,9

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #2 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kailyn Green - Portland, Ore. DEF. Gwendolyn Survant-kaplin - Portland, Ore. (11),7,8

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Lauren Talleur - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Melissa Hale - Salem, Ore. 9,3

3rd: Amanda Goetz - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Hannah Bick - St. Louis, Mo. 2,3

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Sarah Curry - Portland, Ore. DEF. Rose Thomson - Ballwin, Mo. 3,14

3rd: Nadia Khoja - Unknown, Ore. DEF. Amy Becker - Kirkwood, Mo. 8,(9),2

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #3 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jenn Anderson - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Stevanie Medearis - Boring, Ore. (13),3,6

3rd: Kelling Kendall - Ballwin, Mo. DEF. Ana Berry - Portland, Ore. 4,0

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Stephanie Moyle - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Nicole Saracino - St. Louis, Mo. 9,13

3rd: Margie Laurentius - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Alexa Franklin - Salem, Ore. 3,6

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Janelle Stalley - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Bukola Jimoh - Town And Country, Mo. 7,2

3rd: Hannah Hindman - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Mary Pryse - Kirkwood, Mo. 8,9

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #4 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kim Dobberstein - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Ashley Sheldon - Camas, Wash. 14,3

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #5 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Emily Stock - Salem, Ore. DEF. Jessica Nicholas - St. Louis, Mo. 6,(10),9

3rd: Bridgette Shamleffer - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Allie Blood - Chesterfield, Mo. 7,6

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #5 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Vickie Lehrmann - St. Louis, Mo. DEF.

Marianne Mahoney - Portland, Ore. 3,3

3rd: Becki Macker - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Katie McCarthy - Portland, Ore. 13,9

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jess Rocchio - High Ridge, Mo. DEF. Mary

Krieger - Ballwin, Mo. 2,(11),9

3rd: Michelle Word - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Elizabeth Hejlek - St. Louis, Mo. 10,(12),4

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jennifer Straszacker - St. Louis, Mo. DEF.

Kristen Hamel - St. Louis, Mo. (4),12,7

3rd: Katie Schaiff - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF. Mary Beth Mueller - St. Louis, Mo. WBF - Injury

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Danielle Dewoskin - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF.

Katie Wecke - St. Louis, Mo. 10,4

3rd: Rebecca Lin - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF. Krista Marklin - Wildwood, Mo. 12,10

GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL SINGLES #6 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Sumera Javed - Town And Country, Mo. DEF.

Natalie Tyrey - Kirkwood, Mo. 13,12

3rd: Nicole Pirrello - Manchester, Mo. DEF. Alyssa Miller - Chesterfield, Mo. 2,4

MIXED HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #1 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Grant Stalley / Megan Dickson - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Beaverto DEF. Megan Kieres / Taylor Knoth - Lasalle, West Linn/La Salle, Milwaukie 8,(13),3

3rd: Brandon Mitchener / Emma Scheer - Kirkwood, Kirkwood/Kirkwood, St. Louis DEF. Rachel Bueltmann / Rishi Ghosh - Manchester/Parkway West, Chesterfield (14),13,5

MIXED HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Alyssa Asay / Michael Carrington - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Beaverto DEF. Bailey Sheldon / Billy Wainwright - La Salle, Camas/La Salle, West Linn 9,(6),11

3rd: Marisa Pomerantz / Nikolaj Lund - Southridge, Beaverton/Southridge, Beaver DEF. Kyle Fosdick / Staci Woods - Sprague, Salem/Sprague, Salem 9,(10),5

MIXED HIGH SCHOOL DOUBLES #3 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Elliott Saunders / Sarah Curry - Beaverton, Portland/Beaverton, Portland DEF. Jacob Boyle / Janelle Stalley - Beaverton, Beaverton/Beaverton, Beaverto 8,6

3rd: Jeremy Mcglothlin / Stevanie Medearis - Lasalle, Canby/Lasalle, Boring DEF. Amy Becker / Dan Coleman - Kirkwood, Kirkwood/Kirkwood, St. Louis 13,12

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The week ahead looked promising with 249 players from 39 colleges and universities all around the country -- and when this exciting week was over, no one was disappointed with this fine experience. The players left everything they had on the courts; teammates helped push their athletes over the top on those tough matches; coaches agonized all week about their points and placement in the standings; sportsmanship was such as any racquetball enthusiast would ever hope to witness; and when all was said and done, the athletes, advisors, coaches, parents, administration and fans gathered on Saturday night at the Banquet & Awards Ceremony not just to celebrate the winners, but to join together to celebrate new friendships that were formed over those five days in Tempe.



Men's Team Winner: Colorado State

than the nearest competition. As impressive as the play of the Alabama athletes was all weekend, equally as impressive is their sense of teamwork, respect for the other athletes and appreciation of college racquetball in general.

The Division I Men's Team Title once again went to the perennial favorites, always consistent Colorado State University at Pueblo. Headed by Coach Richard Krinsky, and with the foundation of the tremendous 1-2 punch of Ben Croft and Mitch Williams (both top touring professionals), this team from top to bottom comes ready to play and brings their best every March at Nationals. Rounding off the top three on the Men's side were Alabama in second and the University of New Mexico in third.

The Division I Women's Team Title came down to the very final matches and when the smoke cleared, it was host team Arizona State who came out on top. At a team dinner the Tuesday night before the event, Coach Darren Schenk and his crew knew that the team had the look in their eyes, that these were their

home courts, and that they would take care of business. Along with the Women's Title was a second place finish in the overall team standings, and with a solid foundation in place, including freshman and current Junior World Champion Michelle Key, this program has a bright future. Second place in the Women's Team Competition was Alabama, followed by Brigham Young University. BYU held off Penn State on the final day by eleven points to take home the trophy in the Women's Standings and another for their third place finish in the overall team competition.

As for Division II, there was an interesting decision to be made before the event started that would impact the standings, and that was made by Tim Miller, coach of the Baldwin Wallace College team. Baldwin Wallace is a small school in Ohio that qualifies for Division II, but with a very strong recruiting class this year, Coach Miller (who would later in the week be recognized with the Larry Liles Award for Coach of the Year) fielded a squad that



Coaches of the Year: Tim Blake, Shane Wood m.c., Tim Miller, Ken Braeger



National Champions - University of Alabama

Team titles

In collegiate racquetball, while all student athletes participate in the same draw from all schools, big or small, the points are separated at the end of the event to declare both Division I and Division II Champions.

In the Division I Standings, The University of Alabama once again regained their top spot in the country with style, scoring almost 900 points more



Arizona State Women's Team with Coach Darren Schenk

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could well have made some noise in the Division I ranks. All coaches who qualify for Division II are required to declare if they would like to be eligible to compete for the Division I title. Understanding the value of a National Championship to their school, Tim decided the team would remain a Division II squad and didn't disappoint, taking home the triple crown in college racquetball – the Men's Team Title, the Women's Team Title, and the Overall Division II Title. Great week for Baldwin Wallace, and with the team still very young and with Coach Miller at the helm, there is no doubt they will continue to make some noise in college racquetball for quite some time.

Second and third place trophies in Division II came down to three schools, all from the same conference. Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute (RPI), Bryant University and Clarkson University, season long competitors in the Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference (ECRC) battled it out until the very last matches of the tournament to see who would take home trophies, but more importantly, who would have to eat their words after months of friendly smack talk on the conference forum about who would finish higher. When the smoke cleared, it was RPI who earned the bragging rights, holding off Bryant University, who finished third, by a mere two points.

Individual titles

On the individual level, Ben Croft (Colorado State - Pueblo) and Kimberly Irons (University of Ohio) secured one-year appointments to the United States National Racquetball Team by winning the Men's and Women's 1 divisions, respectively. While the



Division II Winners: Team Baldwin Wallace



Champions – Ben Croft & Kimberly Irons



All America Award Winners

outcome was the same for both, the journey through the draws was a bit different. Croft, defending champion of this event in 2005 and 2006, moved through the draw with relative ease, defeating tremendous opponents along the way without dropping a game. Ben's game seemed to get stronger and stronger as the week went along. This was never more evident than in the finals where he hit "the zone" and simply couldn't miss for two straight games against the talented Agustin Tristan (University of Alabama) who battled to the end but just couldn't find a response to Ben's shot making and fell 15-0, 15-3. Irons, on the other hand, was challenged early with the difficult task of taking on the current Junior World Champion and one of the favorites to win this event, Michelle Key (ASU), in the quarterfinals, which ended with a narrow tie-breaker victory for Kim. The finals against Jesi Fuller (University of New Mexico) was also one for the ages, as Kim took the victory in two close games, the second game going back and forth at 14-14 before Kim could put it away and take the title.

Awards Banquet

Rounding out the week at the official Banquet & Awards Ceremonies, several athletes, coaches and

fans were recognized for their efforts in putting on such a great event, most notably sponsors Ektelon and Penn, as well as the great tournament staff of Jim Hiser, Heather Fender and Otto Dietrich. The 2007 Intercollegiate Racquetball All-Americans were announced and presented a certificate of achievement. This year was exciting, as two coaches from the United States Military Academy, Tim Blake and Ken Braeger, were recognized for their efforts in reestablishing the racquetball program. As a result, the U.S. Armed Forces were once again represented at the Intercollegiates, by Army. Tim and Ken are both already excited for next year, and we look forward to the possibility of their bringing Navy and Air Force along with them in the future.

Finally, the last individual award of the night was to the recipient of the first annual Norman Wilensky Scholarship Fund that was created earlier this season. Norman was an avid racquetball fan who suddenly passed away at the age of 62. Finalists were Chris Crockett (University of Alabama), Anthony Herrera (Colorado State University – Colorado Springs) and Jesi Fuller (University of New Mexico). Named the winner of the first annual scholarship was Anthony Herrera, a former captain of the United States Junior National Team, a great student, and a remarkable person.

Congratulations to all the teams and athletes who competed this year and brought their best to the courts. Best of luck to the graduating seniors, and for the undergraduates – get ready for next year!

If you have questions or want advice on how to get your team to the Intercollegiates next year, please write to Shane Wood, chairman of the United States Intercollegiate Council, at swood@babcockpower.com.



Norman Wilensky Scholarship Winner Anthony Herrera





THE RESULTS

2007 US National Collegiate Championships



MEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #1 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Ben Croft / Mitch Williams - Colorado State, Lake Bluff/Colorado State DEF. Christopher Crockett / Shane Karmelin - Un Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa/Un Of Alabama, 9,7
3rd: Harry Fuller / Zach Apperson - Baldwin Wallace, Cincinnati/Baldwin Wall DEF. Evan Ussery / Marco Hidalgo - Un Of New Mexico, Albuquerque/Un Of New Mexico 4,8

MEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Agustin Tristan / Darrel Miller - Un Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa/Un Of Alabama, DEF. Jordan Walters / Michael Burgess - Colorado State, Pueblo/Brandon 4,10
3rd: James Daly / Justin Miller - Baldwin Wallace, Akron/Baldwin Wallace, DEF. Dylan Smith / Oren Schwartz - Un Of Florida, Orlando/Un Of Florida, Co 12,5

MEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #3 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: C Sidebottom / Matt Melster - Colorado State, Pueblo/Colorado State, DEF. Josh Weldon / William Booth - Un Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa/Un Of Alabama, 10,(8),7
3rd: Andrew Kemlage / Josh Pearl - Univ. Of MO, St. Louis/Univ. Of Miss DEF. Robert Sanders / John Douglas - Duke University, Belmont/Duke University, Durham 3,12

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Christopher Brown - North Granby, Conn. DEF. Jonathan Clay - Middletown, N.J. 6,3
3rd: Erik Becker - Saint Louis, Mo. DEF. Thomas Amos - Durham, N.C. 10,5

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Ben Croft - Lake Bluff, Ill. DEF. Agustin Tristan - Tuscaloosa, Ala. 3,3
3rd: Evan Ussery - Albuquerque, N.M. DEF. Phil Mathews - Columbia, Ill. 11,13

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Anthony Herrera - Grand Junction, Colo. DEF. Drew Finke - St Louis, Mo. 4, 10
3rd: David Deno - Fenton, Mo. DEF. Brian Straub - South Berwick, Maine 7,9

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Stephen Cornnell - Easton, Mass. DEF. Alex Barch - State College, Pa. 9, (2), 11
3rd: Jason Fletcher - Orem, Utah DEF. Brian Pineda - Fountain Valley, Calif. WBF - Injury

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Matt Guetzko - Ames, Iowa DEF. John Parry - Provo, Utah 7,13
3rd: Nick Blanchard - Troy, N.Y. DEF. Ash

Maruyama - College Station, Texas 8,(10),9

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Mitch Williams - Pueblo, Colo. DEF. Christopher Crockett - Tuscaloosa, Ala. 5,11
3rd: Kamran Masood - West Linn, Ore. DEF. Marco Hidalgo - Albuquerque, N.M. 13, (12), 9

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Clayton Reeves - Columbia, Mo. DEF. James Putnam - Spencerport, N.Y. 3,8
3rd: Steve Grana - St. Louis, Mo. DEF. Marc Bessette - Boulder, Colo. 1,4

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Allan Santos - El Sobrante, Calif. DEF. Miguel Bubis - Durham, N.C. 3, 6
3rd: Stephen Ondak - Columbus, Ohio DEF. Jonathan Bavone - Watertown, Conn. 2,4

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Matt Rusnak - Bethlehem, Pa. DEF. Brandon Nance - Longview, Texas 6,11
3rd: Eric Crowley - Tempe, Ariz. DEF. Christopher Debolt - St Louis, Mo. 0,2

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Michael Burgess - Brandon, Colo. DEF. Shane Karmelin - Tuscaloosa, Ala. 11,13
3rd: James Daly - Akron, Ohio DEF. Michael Dunlay - Ames, Iowa 4,8

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Robert Sanders - Belmont, Mass. DEF. Kadian Stephenson - Potsdam, N.Y. 7,13
3rd: Dylan Smith - Orlando, Fla. DEF. Ward Cuff - Logan, Utah (14), 7, 4

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Marcus Brooks - West Point, N.Y. DEF. Michael Galdenzi - The Woodlands, Texas 0,7
3rd: Mike Baratta - Boulder, Colo. DEF. Kevin Frederickson - Shrewsbury, Mass. 1,0

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Brandon Layo - Gaithersburg, Md. DEF. Charlie Wolfson - Chevy Chase, Md. (9),4,5
3rd: Brian Glancy - Tempe, Ariz. DEF. Kevin Krekler - Ellisville, Mo. 4,7

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Matt Melster - Pueblo, Colo. DEF. Darrel Miller - Union Grove, Wis. 14,(12),4
3rd: Eric Durban - St Louis, Mo. DEF. Sam Hojat - Austin, Texas 13,9

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Luke Harden - Clive, Iowa DEF. John Whittier - Lakewood, Colo. 1, 3
3rd: Michael Mutrie - Walpole, Mass. DEF. Bryan Corell - Littleton, Colo. 5,3

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Erik Hamilton - West Point, N.Y. DEF. Daniel Nead - Johnson City, N.Y. (9),13,8

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Casey Wright - Oshaloosa, Iowa DEF. Andrew Husted - Akron, Ohio 6,9
3rd: Travis Smith - Unknown, Ore. DEF. Tyler Patla - Westfield, N.J. 1, (12),6

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jordan Walters - Pueblo, Colo. DEF. William Booth - Northport, Ala. 10,(3),4
3rd: Josh Pearl - Chesterfield, Mo. DEF. Andrew Figari - St. Louis, Mo. 1,6

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Patrick Jones - West Point, N.Y. DEF. Andrew Cornnell - S Easton, Mass. 6,11
3rd: Kelby Stout - Logan, Utah DEF. Joseph Tabor - Potsdam, N.Y. 10,3

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Tom Erickson - Boulder, Colo. DEF. Mike Marra - Springville, Utah 14, 10

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #6 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Jonathan Cheney - Tempe, Ariz. DEF. C Sidebottom - Pueblo, Colo. 6, -13, 6
3rd: Austin Lyle - West Point, N.Y. DEF. Jon Andersen - Berea, Ohio 8,14

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #6 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Josh Weldon - Tuscaloosa, Ala. DEF. Andrew Kemlage - St. Louis, Mo. 0, -10, 0
3rd: Brett Lissenden - State College, Pa. DEF. Kevin Rodriguez - Albuquerque, N.M. 11,6

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #6 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: John Douglas - Durham, N.C. DEF. Justin Ott - Ames, Iowa 9,5
3rd: Erik Ramaekers - Unknown, Utah DEF. Brett Griesemer - Gainesville, Fla. 13,(5),10

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #6 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Colby Jesset - Potsdam, N.Y. DEF. Keith Jones - Pittsgrrove, N.J. 10,-8, 7

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3rd: Tom Chelstouski - Keene, N.H. DEF. Kasey Woolf - Springville, Utah 8,9

MEN'S SINGLES A - ROUND ROBIN

1st: Marc Manley -
2nd: Reid Parsons -
3rd: Drew Askey

MEN'S SINGLES MB/C - ROUND ROBIN

1st: David Cullen -
2nd: Stephen Cross -
3rd: Chris Stone

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #1 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Da'monique Davis / Kara Mazur - Un Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa/Un Of Alabama, DEF. Kristin Matushevski / Sarah Hettesheimer - Baldwin Wallace, Hinckley/Baldwin Wallace 6,0
3rd: Jessica Montemayor / Michelle Key - Arizona State U, Mesa/Arizona State U, G DEF. Katherine Affeltranger / Mallory Parry - Brigham Young U, Sandy/Brigham Young U, 4,14

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #2 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Leila Parnian / Margo Rainey - Arizona State U, Tempe/Arizona State U, DEF. Courtney Cox / Julia Langosch - Un Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa/Un Of Alabama, 6,8
3rd: Anna Petrick / Jennifer Collins - Penn State Un, State College/Penn State DEF. Alicia Obrin / Liz Wood - Baldwin Wallace, Berea/Baldwin Wallace, WBF - Injury,15-14

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE DOUBLES #3 - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Allison Kerivan / Grace Crowley - Penn State Un, North Reading/Penn State DEF. Ashley Bunker / Kristen Green - Brigham Young U, Provo/Brigham Young U, 9,12
3rd: Dana Pepa / Stasia McKinley - Bryant, Windham/Bryant, Quinebaug DEF. Lauren Taylor / Whitney Cowley - Utah State Un, Herriman/Utah State Un, S 5,14

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kristina Jennings - College Station, Texas DEF. Michelle Sikorski - Black Forest, Colo. 4, -14,1
3rd: Helen Brower - Logan, Utah DEF. Rachel Campbell - South Jordan, Utah 6,7

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kimberly Irons - Dublin, Ohio DEF. Jesi Fuller - Albuquerque, N.M. 10,14
3rd: Da'monique Davis - Tuscaloosa, Ala. DEF. Sarah Hettesheimer - Cincinnati, Ohio 7,13

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Amy Ciccaglione - Trumbull, Conn. DEF. Lindsey Baptiste - Eugene, Ore. 6,6
3rd: Allyson McKay - West Point, N.Y. DEF. Pamela Konert - Des Peres, Mo. WBF - No Show

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #1 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Elizabeth Bamberger - Bonita, Calif. DEF. Stephanie Gempp - Barrington, R.I. 3,5

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Katherine Affeltranger - Sandy, Utah DEF. Jessie Benson - Unknown, Mo. (11),9,5
3rd: Amy Desaulniers - Pacific, Mo. DEF. Melanie Narkiewicz - Troy, N.Y. WBF - No Show

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kara Mazur - Avon, Conn. DEF. Margo Rainey - Unknown, Ariz. 8,4
3rd: Hannah Bloombaum - Portland, Ore. DEF. Julie Richard - Sutton, Mass. 5,10

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Whitney Altenhoff - San Marcos, Texas DEF. Michelle Turk - Potsdam, N.Y. 1, (11),0
3rd: Shalane Peery - Kaysville, Utah DEF. Sonja Septon - Orem, Utah 12,9

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #2 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Allison Kerivan - North Reading, Mass. DEF. Esther(gaby) Morales - Albuquerque, N.M. 6,5
3rd: Aisha Thiessen - Boulder, Colo. DEF. Anna Johnson - West Point, N.Y. 9,12

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 BLUE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Eliza Cuverwell - Provo, Utah DEF. Courtney Cox - Tuscaloosa, Ala. (14), -9, 1
3rd: Melissa Wood - Springville, Utah DEF. Kandice Newren - Logan, Utah (8),9,8

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kristin Matushevski - Hinckley, Ohio DEF. Jessica Montemayor - Mesa, Ariz. 3,11
3rd: Taylor Dane - Beaverton, Ore. DEF. Jennifer Collins - Shilington, Pa. 9,7

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Riley Merrigan - Ft Leavenworth, Kan. DEF. Laura McConaghy - Albuquerque, N.M. 10,4
3rd: Chelsey Rink - Guilford, Conn. DEF. Clarynnne Ishikawa - Troy, N.Y. 7,5

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #3 WHITE - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Anne Minor - Potsdam, N.Y. DEF. Vanna Keller - College Station, Texas (10),4,3

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Grace Crowley - Succa Sunna, N.J. DEF. Jessica Bosen - Unknown, Utah 11,8
3rd: Alicia Obrin - Berea, Ohio DEF. Leila Parnian - Tempe, Ariz. 14,4

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #4 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kathryn Hillegass - Hinsdale, Ill. DEF. Jill Carroll - Rye, N.H. 3,4
3rd: Julia Langosch - Tuscaloosa, Ala. DEF. Christina Ribe - S.I.c, Utah WBF - Injury

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 GOLD - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Kristen Landry - Tempe, Ariz. DEF. Kristen Green - Provo, Utah (6),2,7
3rd: Melissa Delvecchio - Pennsburg, Pa. DEF. Jill Hoops - West Point, N.Y. (8),11,7

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #5 RED - OLYMPIC FORMAT

Finals

1st: Whitney Cowley - Sandy, Utah DEF. Liz Wood - Berea, Ohio WBF - Injury

WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE SINGLES #6 - ROUND ROBIN

1st: Anna Petrick
2nd: Laura Hurtig
3rd: Stasia McKinley

WOMEN'S SINGLES WAC - SINGLE ELIMINATION

Finals

1st: Courtney Keeney - Johnston, Iowa DEF. Jenna Klinke - York, Pa. 5,12

California State Racquetball Association



For as long as I have been a part of the California State Racquetball Association, working with the various board members has been achieved without personal ego or agenda. This has always been one of the hallmarks of this particular association. This allows free interaction of ideas and the ability to make suggestions without concern.

Over the last several years we have made it a priority to host the State Singles and Doubles with the idea of using all our resources to give back to the participants. With such a large state, this is really our opportunity to illustrate and communicate the concept of quality events to our many tournament directors. Also, with the advent of the tournament draw program, we have been able to introduce tournament play to several novice directors and provide excellent assistance. This program continues to expand the horizons of tournament directors and enhance the quality and style of tournaments in California.

As an organization we have strived to communicate the benefits of membership in USA Racquetball; however, most players really just want to play ball and aren't as "in tune" with the benefits. The biggest complaint is they feel the membership fee is just an additional expense. Our position is that with the expansion of LA Fitness in the racquetball community, the opportunity to play in their events is limited to just their members. Therefore, it is important to maintain the opportunity for all racquetball players to be competitive and to help provide a limitless base to represent the U.S. in international competition.

I don't know if I would call it our greatest achievement, but surviving a merit-less lawsuit and remaining a useful instrument in California racquetball has been an accomplishment nonetheless. This event was a deep and personal assault on the volunteers who have poured their hearts and souls into bettering the racquetball landscape and while we were ultimately vindicated without having to put up a defense, it left us in a vulnerable financial position and somewhat weary. On a more positive note, we have redoubled our efforts to grow our juniors

program with the driving force of Brian Dixon and have gained a tighter perspective of what we want to accomplish in the next few years – growth in our membership and expanded use of our website – mastered by Matt Hills.

California is blessed with a tremendous number of sports to attract the interest of its many athletes. It is a health-conscious state and its population is constantly seeking sports-oriented pursuit. Racquetball has proven itself a sport that brings all the benefits of cardio-vascular fitness and the social interaction that people all over the country value.

I started playing racquetball in my early 20's after having been competitive in gymnastics, swimming and volleyball since age 8. I realized that I couldn't stop playing just because I wasn't in school anymore. After joining a club in Davis and feebly attempting to do aerobics, the sound of a racquetball hitting the wall caught my attention. A couple of gentlemen consistently provided lessons and encouragement and very soon I was competing in my first tournament in Woodland, catching sight of the greats in the sport at that time, Marty Hogan, Mike Yellen and Dave Peck. I was hooked!

Through the years and a few major health crises, racquetball has been the reason to never give up. I count the folks I have met all around the country as friends -- memories are indelibly etched in my mind. One real blessing that racquetball brought to my life is my husband, George. Being able to play together, the joy racquetball has brought to us, is beyond description. God willing, I will be playing this sport when I am well into my 80's. I will always be thankful for the role racquetball has played in my life.

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When news spread that there was "gold in them thar hills," people flocked to Northern California by land and sea to stake a claim and try their luck in finding gold. From 1848-1850, the Gold Rush stampede resulted in over 300,000 new inhabitants. The name "Forty-Niners" was derived from the year of 1849 when the gold rush was at its peak.



By Peggin Tellez

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Collegiate Gold Medalist Leila Parnian Plans for the Future

By Jim Hiser



Leila Parnian

Leila Parnian's parents moved from Iran to Phoenix just before Leila was born. For Leila, her parents' move to America opened many doors. They began a contemporary furniture design

business and now, 30 years later, run several showrooms in the Phoenix area. Leila is now working on her graduate degree in Urban and Environmental Planning at Arizona State University. Leila's favorite advice is, "Whatever you do, you have to be passionate!"

Leila's lifestyle certainly follows her own advice. She balances her time between graduate classes, managing a family business, philanthropic involvement and, of course, racquetball.

Leila picked up racquetball after being "hit on" by a couple of strangers at LA Fitness. Though her first experience was not ideal -- "I couldn't hit the ball, I hit myself and then ended up breaking one of the guys' noses" -- she immediately fell in love with the game. Leila recently won a gold medal in doubles at the 2007 Collegiate Championships and was a member of the ASU Women's Team that captured the title.

Although racquetball plays an important part in Leila's fitness and social life, she has many other passions. After a close friend was diagnosed with cervical cancer, Leila became dedicated to raising awareness for the disease; she hopes to establish a clinic for women in need. She is currently searching for a site and her plan is to help fund the clinic through her own artwork.

Yes, artwork! While managing one of her family's Phoenix stores, Leila entered the world of fine art, painting colorfully vivid abstract images that reflect her personality. Leila's artwork is on display at her parents' stores and will soon be available in other studios.

Leila has a zest for life -- she dreams and then makes plans to bring those dreams to reality. Her dream in racquetball was to simply be competitive and enjoy the sport -- she is now a national gold medalist and one of the sport's most vocal ambassadors!



Collegiate Gold Medalists: Margo Rainey and Leila



Leila's Artist Extraordinaire!

How to Keep Control and Still Come up Swinging

In my last column, we looked at how string gauge, tension, material and construction method influence racquet power. This time we'll discuss the flip side of this issue, which is how these same factors influence control.

First, let's define what we mean by control. It's not your ability to refrain from assaulting your opponent when he or she scores an easy point, nor is it your ability to refrain from wagging your fingers over your nose when you score an easy point. Rather, we're talking about two basic things: your ability to place a shot where you want and your ability to affect where the ball goes after it hits the wall. The first is a function of what physicists call "the angle of refraction," and the second is a function of spin, or "English" as they say in billiards.

Second, let's be clear that the single largest determinant of both of these things is you. Your skill level, power and acumen, how you address the ball, how you swing and follow through—all the fundamentals—are vastly more important than any single equipment issue. All that the right equipment, and string in particular, can do is enhance these abilities and give you that little extra edge that may just make the difference.

For control, the old rule of thumb says: string thick and string tight. While the trampoline effect of thinner, looser strings generates greater "bounce" or power, a flatter, stiffer string bed helps control that angle of refraction and aids in ball placement. This is basically true, but of course, it's not really all that simple. For example, how does a stiff, flat string bed help generate spin?

A basic look at the physics: Imagine your racquet face as perfectly flat, perfectly stiff, and for the moment, perfectly still. Now imagine a ball with no spin, striking it at a perfect 90 degree angle: it would bounce back at exactly the same angle and with exactly the same lack of spin. Change the strike angle thirty degrees to the left and the ball rebounds thirty degrees to the right. This is what happens when light strikes a mirror and why physicists say the angle of incidence equals the angle of refraction.

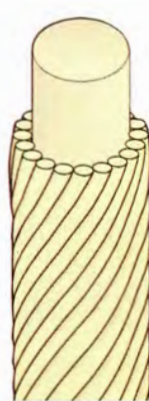
Put the racquet in motion and you change the equation, but not the basic principles.

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Now what happens is that these forces combine and the angle of refraction is determined mathematically by what physicists call "vector analysis." Our brains do these calculations automatically and with tremendous precision, while our bodies execute them with varying degrees of skill. But what our brains are trying to make us do is control that angle of refraction so that the ball goes exactly where we want it to. A perfectly flat, perfectly stiff string bed helps the brain do this.

Now factor in spin so we can try to control what the ball does after it hits the wall. To create spin, the racket face must slice

laterally across the direction of the ball at the moment of impact. This again changes the vector/refraction equation and requires that the string be able to grip or "bite" the ball in order to: 1) eliminate any existing spin, and 2) to impart that precise degree of new spin which our brains clearly inform us will rebound the ball totally out of our opponent's reach...if only we can hit it right.

So here's where things get a bit muddy and where personal preference, skill and playing style should influence string choice. As a general rule, thin strings generate more bite than thick ones do, and if you are really a finesse player, the combination of improved power and bite from a thin, multifilament string may give you better overall control than a thicker, stiffer string.

But the real secret to increasing bite lies in the string jacket. The jackets of almost all racquetball strings are made of nylon, which is either braided or twisted over the core. Twisting creates a smooth surface, while braiding produces a more textured surface, enhancing ball control (and increasing durability). Some strings, like Ashaway's SuperKill® XL, have two jackets, one braided over the other. The outer jacket is an "open" braid with spaces between the fibers to allow more bite and give you more control.

Check the manufacturer's specs and try different combinations of both string type and tension. You might even want to keep a log to help analyze your reaction to each and help identify the right degree of power and control to optimize your style of play.



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PARC Pan American CHAMPIONSHIPS by Dave Ellis

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Overall Team Champions - Team USA

Team USA's 2007 Pan American Championships' delegation was composed of three veterans and four rookies. In the formation of our Men's Team, already-established members of the USA Team were not available for various reasons. The IRT ranking list was reviewed and USA players Chris Crowther and Woody Clouse agreed to participate. Second place doubles finisher Andy Hawthorne and third place finisher Jason Samora agreed to work together to form our doubles team. WPRO #1 player and current USAR National Champion Rhonda Rajsich readily agreed to make the trip. She was joined by doubles partner Janel Tisinger and team member Kristen Walsh to form our Women's Team.

Team USA was seeded #1 in Men's Doubles, #2 in Men's Singles, #1 in Women's Singles and #2 in Women's Doubles. The format consisted of round robins that were used to seed the medal rounds. All Team USA Members won their round robins.

Alvaro Beltran was the #1 seed for Mexico and he met up with USA #2 singles player, Woody Clouse in the quarterfinals. While Woody started out with his game at the highest level and took the first game, in the end Alvaro played steadily and won both the second game and tiebreaker – an upset was not meant to be.

Chris Crowther also drew a Mexican quarterfinal opponent and faced off with the tough Gil De Los Rios. While Chris hit many shots Gil just barely was able to keep into play, "El Gigante" ultimately proved to be too tough, winning in two straight, 15-13 and 15-9.

In the Women's quarters, Kristen drew long-time WPRO rival and hometown favorite, Angela Grisar. Angela's game has steadily improved over the years and she was fresh off her first-ever WPRO victory in Miami. Kristen fought hard but never could seem to find the confidence she needed with Angela winning 15-9, 15-11.

Both doubles teams arrived to the semifinals virtually unchallenged. Andy Hawthorne and Jason Samora were pretty much the talk of the tournament. Jason had gone through several matches killing everything. Andy was phenomenal on the right side with his lightning fast swing and seemingly unconscious ability to get everything and re-kill it, often from his knees. The pair stormed through the Bolivians, 15-4, 15-2, and awaited the final.

In the semis, Rhonda faced up with the Pan Am Championships defending champion, Paola Longoria of Mexico. At 17, Paola has established quite a resume and she was determined to defend her title won a year ago in Guatemala. The match was one of the most exciting of the tournament with Paola establishing significant leads in both games, only to let Rhonda chip away and end up winning both games by scores of 15-14.



Gold Medalist - Rhonda Rajsich

In the finals, Rhonda played tour rival Samantha Sales of Mexico. Samantha is a very determined young lady who had made the finals by defeating Angela Grisar in the semis. Rhonda had her game intact in the first and won easily, 15-7. In the second game, she went up 5-0, when due to a series of service errors and some bad returns, Samantha came back to win, 15-10. The tiebreaker was all Rhonda as she settled down and won easily, 11-3.

The Women's Doubles final pitted Rhonda and Janel against Bolivia's Carola Loma and Jenny Daza. The Bolivians had taken out hometown favorites Angela Grisar and Faviola Marquez as well as the #1 seeded Mexican team of Suzy Acosta and newcomer Joanna Rivera. Rhonda and Janel played well throughout the match with Bolivia and won easily, 15-5 and 15-8. Team USA could now celebrate -- this win had clinched the coveted Overall Team Title!

At the Team's final meeting, many of the players expressed how much they had enjoyed being part of the team concept. The four "rookies" on the Team had certainly experienced the international scene. All realized that racquetball is growing and improving, particularly in countries such as Ecuador, Guatemala, and especially

Bolivia. In these three countries, many National Team members are juniors and it won't be long before they all pose a threat to the USA's continued dominance.

Many thanks go out to the officials of the IRF for their tireless work on putting on an international tournament. The local Chilean organizing group, headed by Franco Illino, did an outstanding job with all the logistics. Team USA wishes to thank the many donors who came forth and made its participation possible in the Pan American Championships. In particular, the Team is

grateful to Geoff Peters, Mike Lippitt, Sal Perconti, Amos Rosenbloom, the National Masters Racquetball Association, Bill George, Jan Stelma, North Carolina and New Mexico Racquetball Associations, Robert McAdam, Whalen Fong, Richard Aal, Barry Clyde, C A Management Services, Greg Meyer, Pearl Torres, Kevin and Lisa Newsome, Larry Rodriguez, Craig Beardsley, and Laguna Racquet Club of Elk Grove, CA.



The Men's Team - Crowther, Samora, Clouse, Hawthorne

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| MPODP | Men's Doubles | Pro / Open | 26 | Pool Play | Francois Viens / Vincent Gagnon | Andy Hawthorne / Jason Samora | Javier Moreno / Leopoldo Gutierrez | Gonzalo Amaya / Santiago Canedo | Pablo Fajre / Sebastian Roessler | Raymundo Garcia / Ward Myers | Danny Maggi / Shai Manzuri | Ernesto Martijena / Leonel Simo |
| MIOP | Men's Singles | International Open | 26 | Pool Play | Alvaro Beltran | Kris Odegard | Chris Crowther | Mike Green | Woody Clouse | Ricardo Monroy | Gilberto De Los Rios | Felipe Mercado |
| WPODP | Women's Doubles | Pro / Open | 22 | Pool Play | Janel Tisinger / Rhonda Rajsich | Carola Loma / Jenny Daza | Linda Ellerington / Veronique Guilmett | Susy Acosta / Joanna Rivera | Angela Grisar / Fabiola Marquez | Claudine Garcia / Rosa Gomez | Mariana Paredes / Marina Bockmeulen | Ivonne Carpio / Maria Paz Munoz |
| WIOF | Women's Singles | International Open | 21 | Pool Play | Rhonda Rajsich | Samantha Salas | Angela Grisar | Paola Longoria | Jennifer Saunders | Kristen Walsh | Josee Grandmaître | Carola Loma |

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TENNIS CHANNEL increasing racquetball exposure across the nation. The top IRT professional title. IRT commissioner, Dave Negrete has been working closely with both companies over the past few years and with the addition of Motorola's marketing team, Genesco, the path has been paved for some exciting times for racquetball and the IRT. Look for event details and entry information at www.irt-tour.com

New Hampshire Racquetball 2007 Membership Drive

By Kelley Beane
NHRA President

Racquetball is booming here in New Hampshire once again! Our membership drive (January 5-March 21) netted 74 new memberships. Add that to our base membership of 104 members and we are up 71%!

The discussions lately at our board meetings have been how to go out and get new members; what will work; and who wants to do it. We identified two areas of concern: the first being how to get people to join the USAR who will not necessarily participate in tournaments; the second to determine what will motivate our board members enough to really go out and get those players.

In addressing our first concern, the new signups would realize perceived value of their memberships primarily through information and products rather than competitive insurance and entrance into sanctioned events. We did this by offering our new signups and expired renewals a nylon NHRA bag stuffed with donated "racquetball goodies." We had bags left over from a state event and they were already paid for. We then put all the information we could find in the bags, beginning with a racquetball handbook on the rules and how to play, created by our board member Dick Lowell. We added brochures from all of the racquetball manufacturers; our quarterly newsletter; a wallet-size tournament schedule; and topped it off with a copy of Racquetball magazine. In addition to that, we asked Wilson to donate racquetballs and a glove. The new members who signed up definitely got their \$35 worth, up front!

Addressing the second concern, we appealed to the competitive spirit of our

board members to see which club could produce the most memberships - that was the easy part! Organizing it was the challenge...in a lively discussion, the teams were divided by clubs. We have two major racquetball clubs -

Executive Health & Sports Center in Manchester and Nashua Athletic Club in Nashua - with board members who could spearhead the competition. The last team, "Team The Rest of Us," was

comprised of Great Bay Athletic Club in Newmarket, Gold's Gym in Portsmouth, The Racquet Club of Concord and Salem Athletic Club; this rounded out the rest of our board member roster. We decided that the winning team would be treated to a night out in a limo with dinner paid for by the losing teams!

The contest started off neck-and-neck with Team Executive and Team The Rest of Us tied at 7 memberships each, with Nashua at 6. At our next checkpoint, The Rest of Us had gained 11 memberships to Executive's 10 and Nashua's 1. Approaching the home stretch, Nashua seemed stuck with no new members and Executive and The Rest of Us gained 2 each. It all came down to a tournament held at Great Bay (during a snowstorm on St. Patrick's Day weekend) -- how many memberships could they land for

their respective clubs? We at Team Executive headquarters were prepared for that and had been working hard getting memberships to offset what we thought the tournament would bring in. (Sneaky.)

We also scored 6+ juniors, but we don't count them since we have always given our juniors free memberships.

Having been involved with the New Hampshire Racquetball Association for many years, I never

imagined that we would get so many members with minimal effort. If every state did this, imagine what sort of numbers we would be looking at nationally! I truly hope that many of you will take our lead and run with this. Our goal now will be to retain and serve all of these new and exciting players. It was fun and a win/win for everyone!

So from the NHRA Board, a Big Welcome to all our "new" NH racquetball players. We hope you enjoy your first magazine! And thanks to all the NHRA Board members who put this membership drive together and made it happen - great job: John Acampora, Ron Bouchard, Ron Bye, Teri Labrie, Greg Labrie, Jean Lerch, Dick Lowell, Lee Monks, Mike Normand, Sharon Shapiro, John Varrill, Gary Walsh, and Chris Zalegowski.

THE FINAL NUMBERS

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| Team The Rest of Us, | 30 |
| Team Executive | 30 |
| Team Nashua | 8 |

New Inductees

Former USA Team Members Chris Cole and Jimmy Floyd were inducted into the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame March 24th 2007. Chris was a member of the team in 1992 and won the IRF World Championships the same year. Jimmy first became a member of the US Team in 1999 and won first place in doubles at both the Tournament of America and Pacific Rim Championships in 1991.



Jimmy Floyd, Fred Wiegand, Chris Cole

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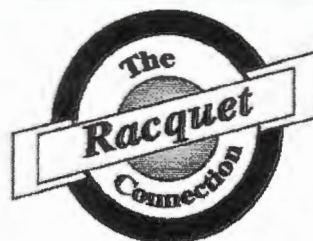
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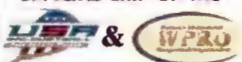


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| START | END | EVENT TITLE | FACILITY NAME | CITY, STATE | EVENT PHONE |
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| 5/3/07 | 5/6/07 | Chemtech Ektelon WPRO Pro Nationals | Elmwood Fitness Center | Harahan, LA | 225-936-4508 |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | 2007 Dallas Open Players Championship | Landmark Fitness Factory | Dallas, TX | 972-239-6774 |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | 2007 California State Juniors | In Shape West Lane | Stockton, CA | 209-472-2100 |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | Cinco de Mayo Shootout | Pueblo Athletic Club | Pueblo, CO | 719-561-3488 |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | 200 Florida Open | Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club | Sarasota, FL | 603-491-1494 |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | Atlantic Coast Championships | Wilmington Athletic Club | Wilmington, NC | |
| 5/4/07 | 5/6/07 | NM National Warm-up | Club International Fitness Center | Santa Fe, NM | 505-321-1110 |
| 5/5/07 | 5/7/07 | Kent Doubles Challenge | Bally's Total Fitness | Kent, WA | 360-820-3224 |
| 5/12/07 | 5/12/07 | 2007 Dallas Singles Series V Invitational | The Texas Club | Dallas, TX | 214-761-6300 |
| 5/18/07 | 5/20/07 | USAR Northwest Jr. Regionals | Multnomah Athletic Club | Portland, OR | 971-242-9872 |
| 5/23/07 | 5/28/07 | 2007 40th Annual USA National Championships | YMCA -- Downtown Houston | Houston, TX | 719-635-5396 |
| 6/1/07 | 6/3/07 | Grand Canyon State Games | The Sports Club at City Square | Phoenix, AZ | 602-821-7846 |
| 6/1/07 | 6/3/07 | NF Charity Tournament | P.R.O Sports Club | Bellevue, WA | 206-227-1336 |
| 6/2/07 | 6/3/07 | 2007 Florida Junior Regionals | Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club | Sarasota, FL | 603-491-1494 |
| 6/8/07 | 6/10/07 | Pepsi Cup Colorado Team Champs | Colorado Athletic Club | Denver, CO | 720-987-6302 |
| 6/9/07 | 6/10/07 | 2007 Triple Crown June Racquetball Shootout | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 6/15/07 | 6/17/07 | 2007 Sunshine State Games | YMCA | Lakeland, FL | 904-343-9644 |
| 6/20/07 | 6/24/07 | 2007 US Junior National Racquetball Championships | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ | 719-635-5396 |
| 6/22/07 | 6/24/07 | Aloha Open | Body Check Health and Fitness | Winston-Salem, NC | 910-638-8008 |
| 6/23/07 | 6/23/07 | WA Summer Splat | Bally's Total Fitness | Kent, WA | 360-820-3224 |
| 6/24/07 | 6/25/07 | Hot Summer Nights | Greenbriar Athletic Club | Indianapolis, IN | 317-847-6563 |
| 6/29/07 | 7/1/07 | New Mexico State Games | Kirtland Air Force Base | Kirtland AFB, NM | 505-321-1110 |
| 7/13/07 | 7/15/07 | Back on the Hill | YMCA | Los Alamos, NM | 509-539-0030 |
| 7/14/07 | 7/15/07 | 2007 Triple Crown July Racquetball Shootout | Maverick Athletic Club | Lubbock, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 7/20/07 | 7/22/07 | Key Sports Racquetball Classic | Flagstaff Athletic Club West | Flagstaff, AZ | 480-545-1363 |
| 7/20/07 | 7/22/07 | Big Brothers/Big Sisters | Courts Plus of New Bern | New Bern, NC | 252-633-2221 |
| 7/20/07 | 7/22/07 | 2007 Happy Days Summer Classic | St. Andrews Family Fitness Center | Charleston, SC | 843-574-8734 |
| 7/25/07 | 7/28/07 | NMRA International Championships | The Athletic Club of Overland Park | Overland Park, KS | 913-934-0504 |
| 7/27/07 | 7/29/07 | League of Nations Doubles | Pojague Wellness Center | Santa Fe, NM | 505-321-1110 |
| 8/2/07 | 8/5/07 | 2007 State Games of America | Lynmar Racquet & Health Club | Colorado Springs, CO | 719-591-8756 |
| 8/4/07 | 8/5/07 | 2007 IN State Games | Greenbriar Athletic Club | Indianapolis, IN | 317-847-6563 |
| 8/11/07 | 8/12/07 | 2007 Triple Crown August Racquetball Shootout | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 8/24/07 | 8/26/07 | 2007 California State Doubles | Prime Time Athletic Club | Burlingame, CA | 650-697-9162 |
| 8/28/07 | 9/1/07 | IRF World Senior Championships | Midtown Sports & Wellness | Albuquerque, NM | |
| 9/7/07 | 9/9/07 | 2007 Triple Crown Racquetball Championships | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 9/26/07 | 9/30/07 | 2007 US National Doubles Championships | Arizona State University | Tempe, AZ | 719-635-5396 |
| 10/12/07 | 10/14/07 | 2007 Texas State Doubles Racquetball Championships | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 11/10/07 | 11/20/07 | 2007 Texas State Seniors Racquetball Championships | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |
| 12/8/07 | 12/8/07 | 2007 Holiday Racquetball Shootout | Maverick Athletic Club | Arlington, TX | 817-275-3340 |

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