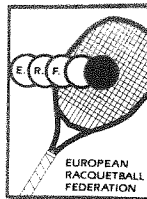


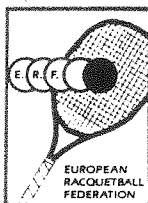
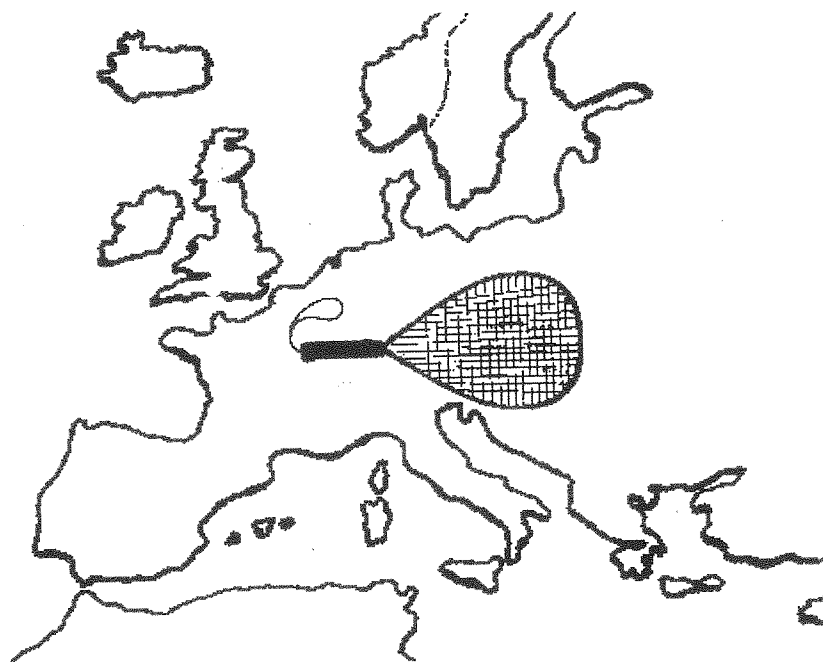
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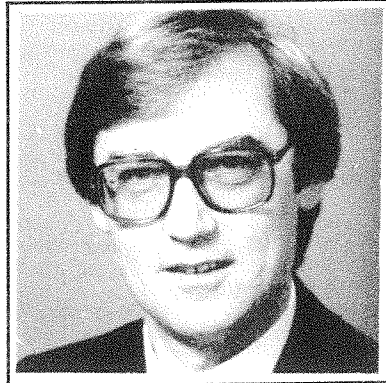
At the 6th European Championships in Antwerp, we learned a great deal about the way YOU the players would like to see our newsletter develop and expand.

The many suggestions, ideas and offers of help were appreciated. The number of new subscribers to the magazine really surprised us and your encouragement to keep the newsletter going was most rewarding.

We have now set up a strong network of people all across Europe who have agreed to assist both Liam and I to bring the news together for each issue.

The names and addresses of these contacts are listed inside and we would like if you use them for submitting your information if you cannot contact us direct.

We have also decided to start two new sections



The Editor, Mr. Philip Duignan.

in our next issue. Firstly, we have introduced a Letters to the Editors section and we look forward to hearing from you.

We will present a profile of two players in each issue and will start off with our European mens and womens champions.

The success of the social column has been very good and we hope to expand this to as many Federations as possible. So get all that hot news in fast.

EDITOR

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Antwerp — Belgium

THE 6th European Championships played this time in Belgium was one of the best championships ever. Play was tough but fair and competition for the awards keen and competitive, not only in the team events but down the line to the singles and doubles finals on the Monday.

The German team were worthy winners of the Mens team event. They were stronger in all departments and in beating Ireland 3/1 and tying with Holland really wrapped up the title before their final match with a Dutch team short a few of their star performers.

In taking the title the team from Germany reinforced their position as the number 1 team in Europe and have worked hard to build on their success at the World Championships in Caracas.

The Womens team championship went to the very strong Irish team for the second successive time. They went through the event unbeaten. Eventually, finishing 6 points ahead of Great Britain who incidentally had their best placing ever at a European championship when taking the silver medals.

The Combined Team event was captured by Ireland for only the second time, ahead of the teams from Holland and Germany. Great Britain placed 4th with host country Belgium 5th and France 6th.

TEAM EVENT RESULTS:

Combined Team: 1, Ireland 9 pts; 2, Holland 6 pts; 3, Germany 6 pts; 4, Great Britain 4 pts; 5, Belgium 3 pts; 6, France 2 pts.

Mens Team: 1, Germany (13), 2, Ireland (11), 3, Holland (10), 4, France (3), 5, Belgium (3).

Womens Team: 1, Ireland (16), 2, Great Britain (10), 3, Holland (7), 4, Belgium (7), 5, Germany (2).

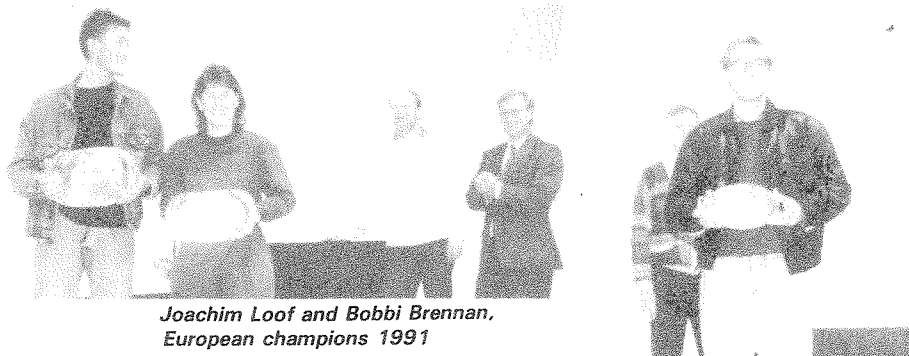
The individual events were full of excitement, great racquetball and above all excellent displays from two worthy champions. The Mens final became an all German event when Joachim Loof easily beat Richard Van Doezum from Holland in a two game 15-6 and 15-13 scoreline, while in the second semi-final, Mark Scheffler also took Noel O'Callaghan of Ireland 15-9, 15-11. The challenge of Scheffler was short lived as Loof defended his title with a 15-12, 15-2 two game win.



A mixture of different nationalities pictured at Antwerp during the European Championships.



Happy smiles all round during the European Championships.



*Joachim Loof and Bobbi Brennan,
European champions 1991*

The Womens event for the second year in succession witnessed an all-Irish final. However, this time it was defending champion Marie Duignan who had to give way to her colleague Bobbi Brennan in a very tough and long battle which went the full distance. Brennan was not deterred by a first game loss, but came back brilliantly with excellent passing and kill shots to take the title in true champion style.

Both Doubles events went to Ireland. The mens title was captured by O'Callaghan and Gannon in a very exciting game with Germany's Schleffler and Dröge.

Bobbi Brennan completed a brilliant championships when partnering Kathleen Curran to 15-5, 15-0 win over the Dutch pairing of Van Pelt and Wannee to take her fourth gold medal of the championships.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

Mens Singles Quarter-finals: Van Doezum HOL, def Dröge GER, 15-10, 15-3. Loof GER def Gannon IRL, 12/15, 15/12, 15/5. Scheffler GER def Butler IRL 12/15, 15/7, 15/5. O'Callaghan IRL def Drieschner GER 15/6, 7/15, 15/8. **Semi-finals:** Van Doezum lost to Loof, 6/15, 13/15; Scheffler def O'Callaghan 15/9, 15/11. **Final:** Loof GER def Scheffler GER 15/12, 15/2. **Third:** Van Doezum HOL.

Womens Singles Quarter-finals: Duignan IRL def O'Brien IRL 15/2, 15/4. Hackett GB def Curran Irl 15/13, 15/10. Brennan IRL def Farrell IRL 15/13, 12/15, 15/9. Van Pelt HOL def Peters BEL 15/1, 11/15, 15/10. **Semi-finals:** Duignan def Hackett 15/9, 15/8. Brennan def Van Pelt 15/2, 15/2. **Final:** Brennan IRL def Duignan IRL 14/15, 15/4, 15/13. **Third:** Hackett, GB.

Mens Doubles final: O'Callaghan & Gannon IRL def Scheffler & Dröge GER 9/15, 15/11, 15/8. **Third place:** Loof & Gerullis GER.

Womens Doubles final: Brennan & Curran IRL def Van Pelt & Wannee HOL 15/5, 15/0. **Third place:** Hackett & Walker GB.



When Irish eyes are smiling . . . pictured after winning the Team event at the European Championships in Antwerp, were, left to right: Kathleen Curran, James Gannon, Bobbi Brennan, Noel O'Callaghan and Marie Duignan.

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6th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1991

ANTWERP, BELGIUM

by Matthias Drieschner

★ The winning streak of the Dutch Men's team is finally broken. After the World Championships held in Caracas, Venezuela, the German and Irish team proved once again that they are Europe's top teams. In the Womens event the Irish team ruled like never before when they won 15 out of 16 matches. The title was successfully defended.

★ Remarkable was Holland's Richard van Doezum's game style. he was able to win almost every rally with a maximum of 10 steps.

★ In the past there were always two teams dominating the Men's competition (Ireland, Holland or Germany). But this year it was obvious that the gap to the other teams is closing. All of the three teams mentioned above were struggling in their matches against Belgium and France. Congratulations.

★ In my view it was the tournament of Noel O'Callaghan. In his first European Championship the 17 year old from Ireland won the doubles and made the semis in the singles. We are all looking for you in Montreal next year!

★ The youngest player in the Men's event was Michiel van de Holst (Holland) who proved to be a smart player and future talent. Youngest female player was Melanie Pries from Germany.

★ Jürgen Denk, Philip Duignan and Rene Hehemann were re-elected as president, vice-president and secretary of the ERF until Montreal. We all appreciate the work you do for racquetball in Europe.

★ Where do you think the biggest amount of racquetball balls are sold? If you guessed Spain you were absolutely right. This was mentioned by PENN Europe.

★ RICHCRAFTS investigation in Europe seems to pay off. A lot of top players showed big interest. Hopefully more American top companies see that European racquetball is developing and worth investing.

★ Team for the future — Holland's womens team.

*Auf Wiedersehen
Shuka
Shuka Vu.*



Richard van Doezum (Holland) and some friends enjoying themselves at a function held during the European Championship in Antwerp.

EUROPEAN NEWS

FRANCE

The 2nd Int. Open will be held in Strassbourg on Nov. 16 & 17. The Tour Eiffel Open will be held in Paris on January 11 & 12, 1992. Contact Philippe Lecomte at 24 Rue Fontaine, 93200 St. Denis, France. Tel. 33 1 48200874. Philippe is general secretary of the French Racquetball Federation and our contact person in France for *Racquetball Europe*.

ITALY

We met Aldo Mily in Antwerp. He is working very hard to develop and promote racquetball in Italy. Aldo told us that Italy will have their first clubs in 1992. Projects expected are at Meda (10km from Malpensa Airport, Milan), 3 courts. Zingonia (10km from Bergamo, 35km from Milan), 6 courts. Lodi (15km from Milan), 4 courts. Keep up the good work, Aldo.

HOLLAND

Our correspondents in Holland are Rene Hehemann, Richard Van Doezum, Angilique Baart de la Faille, Philomine Van Pelt. Rene has supplied all the information on the Twinning Games between Ottawa and The Hague. Philomine reported on the Pacific Rim event and as you will read she and the team from Holland had a great time. The next big event in Holland will be the Floriade International event which Rene will write about in our December newsletter. Zoetermeer will be one of the venues on the US Junior Team itinerary next April.

BELGIUM

The 6th Europeans in Antwerp were a tremendous success. Thanks to the excellent hospitality of Erik Maier and the dedicated work of the members of the Belgian Federation. All the players and officials really appreciated the work and effort in promoting the event. The facilities were excellent and the centre at Indoor is really worth a visit if you are ever in Antwerp. The next important event is the Belgian Open scheduled for November 8-10. A big entry in all categories is expected. Erik and Maryke Hillen have taken on the work of collecting information for us in Belgium, so keep them informed.

IRELAND

The annual general meeting of the RAI was held in Dublin in June. The executives for 1991/92 are: Liam McCarney, president; Marie Duignan, vice president; Philip Duignan, general secretary; Maura Tormey, treasurer; Michael Murphy, tournament director; John Comerford, assistant secretary and Anthony Butler, public relations. Among the 18 motions passed was a decision to close the season for December and January and to play the National singles and doubles events at different times of the year, instead of all at the one time in April each year. The meeting also decided that the priorities for 1992 would be further expanded by the 42 clubs already affiliated to the Association and increased emphasis on coaching at all levels with particular attention being paid to underage participants. All the new rules and motions have been included in the updated constitution and byelaws issued in September to clubs.

GERMANY

We have plenty of news from Germany in this issue. We would like to thank Matthias Drieschner for his hard work and enthusiasm towards our magazine. Matthias, Thomas Knakk, Mark Sheffler and Jurgen Denk have agreed to help us in producing our news for you, so make sure you all stay in contact with them.

GREAT BRITAIN

Racquetball is on the move again in the UK. Tournaments are planned for October and November while Wendy Hackett tells us that there are five more events listed for the New Year already. Their success in the Europeans will provide a good launching pad for more members and act as a great incentive to the rest of their squad for the World Championships in Montreal.

AMERICANS IN EUROPE

Congratulations to Lou Souther on winning the Air Force and Inter Service 35+ events. Well done Lou!!

International News

ATLANTA OLYMPICS '96

The IRF received the following letter from Robert H Helmick, president of the United States Olympic Committee, addressed to Luke St. Onje.

Dear Luke,

You will be pleased to note that at our executive Committee of the USOC yesterday, we resolved to support the inclusion of racquetball for men and women in the Atlanta program. This was responsive to a request from the IOC that Atlanta advise them as to what sports, if any, they would support including in the program.

*With best personal regards,
Robert H Helmick, president USOC*

NEW MEXICO — WORLD SENIORS

WORLD CLASS RACQUETBALL: In its third year as an international event, the World Senior Racquetball C'ships have been scheduled for Tom Young's Athletic Club in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September. The event, limited to those over 35 years of age, is fast becoming a perennial favourite among age division racquetball competitors.

US JUNIORS FOR GERMANY/HOLLAND

The AARA board voted unanimously to make Junior Racquetball its highest priority for 1991-92 including sending the Junior National Team on a goodwill tour of Europe on April 16 to April 26, 1992, supporting the Junior World Championships that will be held at Racquetpower in Jacksonville, Florida this December.

PARC SETS TOUR OF THE AMERICAS

The Pan American Racquetball Confederation voted at its yearly congress in Santiago, Chile, to hold the 1992 Tour of the Americas in Honduras, 1993 in Bolivia, and 1994 in Argentina.

1995 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

A meeting was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina between Col. Antonio Rodriguez, president of the Argentinian Olympic Committee, Oswaldo Maggi, president of the Argentinian Racquetball Assoc., and Luke St Onge, sec. general of PARC to discuss the site of the racquetball competition for the 1995 Pan American Games. Although most of the sports competitions will be held in the resort city of Mar Del Plata, racquetball and baseball will most likely be held in Buenos Aires. Six new glass backwall racquetball courts will be built at a club which currently has over 40,000 members. It is only a matter of time before racquetball becomes a major sport in Argentina.

SANTIAGO, CHILE

USA SWEEPS 1991 PENN TOURNAMENT OF AMERICAS

The US National Racquetball team went undefeated in the individual title rounds of the 1991 Penn Tournament of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile at the end of March. In team competition, the US team also secured the Tournament of the Americas Cup, followed by Canada in second place and Mexico in third. Twelve countries took part.

Results: Mens open singles: Tim Doyle (USA) def Sherman Greenfield (Can) by forfeit; bronze, Drew Kachtik (USA) over Andy Roberts (USA). Mens Open doubles: Jim Floyd/Tim Hansen (USA) def Arturo & Francisco Martin 15-8, 15-11. Bronze, Roy/Ceresia (Can) bt Retamozo/Uzin (Bolivia).

Womens Open singles: Michelle Gilman (USA) def Kaye Kuhfeld (USA) 15-8, 15-8. Bronze, Toni Bevelock (USA) over Heather Stupp (Can). Womens Open doubles, Jackie Paraiso/Kim Russell (USA) def Vicky Brown/Carol McFetridge (Can) 15-8, 15-5. Bronze, Hernandez/Rodriguez (Mexico) over Teran Murilla (Bolivia). Team results: USA, Canada, Mexico, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, Puerto Rico.

CANADA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Racquetball Canada welcomes Tom MacWilliam as new Executive Director. Tom brings to Racquetball Canada an extensive background in all aspects of sport. He was the Technical Director of the Canadian Track & Field Assoc. from 1979 to 1984 and the Director of the National Track and Field High Performance Centre in Saskatchewan from 1986 to 1989. Most recently he has worked for the Ontario Cycling Assoc., Football Canada, the Canadian Fed. of Archers, Judo Canada and Athletics Canada in a variety of capacities on a consulting basis.

A new season

by Rene Hehemann

Hi racquetball friends and competitors. Again we start on another season which this year will include more tournaments than ever before, and in keeping with the trend of the past few years will bring increasing numbers of players to the various events across Europe.

This season will see much preparation among the Federation countries for the World Championships in Montreal next August and I think that the improving standards across Europe will help produce a strong challenge towards medal placings in Canada.

However, for this my first submission to *Racquetball Europe* I would like to talk about safety and eye protection which all our members young and old be they competitor or social player should be wearing on court, in play or simply warming up.

Everytime officials and players from outside Europe come to Europe, I notice that the visitors are surprised to see so many Europeans play and practice without eyeguards!!!

At the recent Twinning Games, a number of our Dutch players who were not used to competition racquetball did not use eyeguards. As a result, many of our

Canadian visitors did not feel comfortable about playing opponents who did not have eye protection and insisted on playing to IRF rules.

As a result the Dutch players felt uncomfortable with the eyeguards because they were not used to them.

This is not a new development as many European players hardly ever use eye protection during competitions. This situation should not continue for the coming season. The IRF rule is clear and eye protection **MUST BE WORN!**

Eye protection for this purpose clearly means **LENSED EYEGUARDS.**

Those players not aware of this requirement must be alert to the danger involved and the high incidence of serious eye injuries which have occurred in European racquetball.

Players and officials especially tournament organisers must follow the rules and enforce the International Federation standards on eyeguards.

This means that a responsible attitude must prevail at all events so that wearing eyeguards will become second nature and be just as normal as bringing your racquet and ball to the court.

International News — continued

1992 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WHEELCHAIR EVENT

We received this letter from Dave Hinton, chairman of the IRF Disabled Athletes Committee and have published it to keep you up to date on developments in Wheelchair Racquetball.

Under the direction and support of the Executive of the International Racquetball Federation at the last AGM (Caracas, Venezuela — August 1990), it was decided that wheelchair events would be permitted at all sanctioned events should sufficient interest warrant.

To this end, as chairman of the Disabled Athletes Committee, I am soliciting preliminary indication of your intent to have representatives from your country participate in this event at the 1992 World Championships in Montreal.

I would suggest that prior to making any commitment, that you consult with your national association for wheelchair athletes who may be able to assist with potential athletes as well as possible avenues for financial support. To also assist with the development of this program, I would appreciate any information on athletes participating in the sport as well as upcoming events that can be published in magazines of this nature.

Please address any comments, concerns or ideas to: David Hinton, Technical Director, Racquetball Canada, Suite 303, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada, K1B 5N4.

TWINNING GAMES — HOLLAND

THE HAGUE — OTTAWA

by Rene Hehemann

The preparations for the Twinning Games 1991 were initiated more than a year ago. Several meetings have been held since. These meetings were attended by Kees Mak and Rene Hehemann. Kees and Rene together with Karel Matla arranged the program, prepared the competition and found the sponsors for the event. At the other end in Ottawa, David Hinton was a significant factor and racquetball contact.

Every year each city organises a major cultural and sportive event to underline this excellent bond between the capital of Canada and the residence of the Netherlands. This year 19 different sports were involved in the Twinning Games in the Hague. Baseball, field and ice hockey, soccer, squash, American football, goalball, ultimate frisbee, racquetball are some of the sports that were participating. From July 6 to 14, 1991 more than 300 athletes came all the way from Ottawa to meet with as many athletes from the Hague. The city of the Hague had prepared a brunch in the hall of the Hague Central Station for more than 700 athletes and officials, including both mayors. The guests arrived more than 2 hours behind schedule, so together we had a late lunch. Other official events were a reception for officials with the ambassador of Canada, a farewell party (including a BBQ) and huge fireworks.

For racquetball, 8 players from Ottawa came to play against 11 players from the Netherlands. Some sightseeing was arranged for our guests and on Sunday, July 7 a visit to Zaanse Schans (open air museum) and Volendam (fishing village) was programmed. That whole day a TV crew (3 men) accompanied about 15 Canadians and Dutch racquetballers. Out of 25 minutes of material, 4 minutes were shown on TV. On the Friday, the first day of competition, the TV crew came back to see racquetballers in action. This time only 1 ½ minutes were shown on TV by LOKATEL TV in the Hague. From Monday to Friday sightseeing was interchanged with playing racquetball and relaxing at the lake.

Friday afternoon and Saturday, 19 racquetballers played in the Mens Open, Mens B, Womens Open round robin and each player played five matches. And finally doubles was played single elimination. Friendly, but competitive matches were played. It was obvious that nobody wanted to lose. The Canadians with Rita Hinton, Larry Greene were the winners in open. The doubles were an all Canadian final, but only the Mens B was won by Peter de Jong from the Netherlands.

It was really fun and most enjoyable. Not only the competition, but the whole week was quite an experience. Definitely some of the participants from the Netherlands will go to Ottawa in two years from now. And already next year some players will meet again in Ottawa with the Dutch team will prepare for the World Championships in Ottawa.

RESULTS: Mens Open, 1, Larry Green (Ottawa); 2, Jerome van der Holst (Zoetermeer); 3, John Bryans (Ottawa). Mens B: 1, Peter de Jong (Voorburg); 2, Michael Lavoie (Ottawa); 3, Arjen Wildemans (Zoetermeer). Womens Open: 1, Rita Hinton (Ottawa); 2, Daphne Wannee (Zoetermeer); 3, Jodine van Antwerpen (Monster). Mens Doubles: 1, Green/Lavoie (Ottawa); 2, Bryans/McGuigan (Ottawa); 3, Mooijman/Hehemann (Zoetermeer).

European Congress

ANTWERP — MAY

Seven countries were represented at the European Congress held in conjunction with the 6th European Championships in Antwerp. While Italy attended for the first time, there was a feeling of disappointment at the failure of Switzerland, Spain and Sweden to attend the championships. The Congress reviewed the development of European racquetball at present and agreed that a lot more work still has to be done to promote and develop the game in Europe.

Ireland was the only country to bid for the 1993 championships while France agreed to host the 1992 Masters Championships in Paris or Strasbourg. Formal bids from both countries to be in before January 1 next and final decisions to be made in Montreal in August 1992.

The four yearly election of executive officers was postponed until Montreal following representations from a number of countries who stated that they had not been advised that an election was to be held at the Congress.

It was also decided to create four posts on the future Executive Committee. President, vice president, general secretary and treasurer. The meeting also agreed that in the event of no woman being elected to the EXCO that a woman will be co-opted by the new EXCO at their first meeting.

Finally, Belgium, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands indicated that they intended participating in Montreal, Great Britain are also likely to compete as well.

Around the Globe

CANADA

RACQUETBALL CANADA RANKINGS

MENS SINGLES

- 1 Sherman Greenfield
- 2 Roger Harripersad
- 3 Simon Roy
- 4 Mike Ceresia
- 5 Haydn Jones
- 6 Ross Harvey
- 7 Doug McQuarrie
- 8 Martin Mercier
- 9 Jason Uilly
- 10 Jacques Demers

WOMEN SINGLES

- 1 Heather Stupp
- 2 Carol McFetridge
- 3 Sue MacTaggart
- 4 Josée Grandmaitre
- 5 Vicki Brown
- 6 Linda Ellerington
- 7 Lori Johnstone
- 8 Debbie Ward
- 9 Nadia Verilli
- 10 Monique Parent

WHEELCHAIR:

- 1 Mark Cormack
- 2 Earl McArthur
- 3 Jake Smellie
- 4 Ken Michaylenko
- 5 Jon Breen
- 6 Gerald Teichrib
- 7 Scott Heron
- 8 Gary Reid
- 9 Mark Wherrett
- 10 Denis Kloppenburg

CANADA CROWNS NEW RACQUETBALL WHEELCHAIR CHAMPION

The only thing for sure at this year's Canadian National Racquetball Championships was that there would be a new wheelchair champion, but who would claim the title was anyone's guess. With perennial, and five time national champion, Mark Cormack sitting in the crowd still recovering from injuries sustained almost twelve months earlier, the three national team members in attendance and other hopefuls in the A division approached the tournament with a confident feeling that they would end up victorious. This wheelchair event is and has been for the past eight years incorporated with the National Racquetball Championships, this year staged in Burnaby, British Columbia from May 21 to May 25.

Although all competitors in the A division were evenly balanced, the one athlete they were gunning for was Earl McArthur. Earl, a forty-two year old from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has established some impressive accomplishments in the past year with a win at the Keystone Open, third at the US Open and an impressive second at the World Racquetball Championships this past August in Caracas, Venezuela. With this experience, Earl emerged successful through this round-robin format to gain the title of National Champion.

John Breen of Manitoba, and the newest member of the National Team, narrowly edged out Mark Wherrett of Manitoba to take second place with Ken Michaylenko of British Columbia placing fourth.

With the interest shown by all competitors, both able bodied and wheelchair it is fair to say that the inclusion of events of this nature are insured for many years to come.

News from the USA

US NATIONAL SINGLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOUSTON, TEXAS

MENS OPEN: Tim Sweeney defeated Egan Inoue 15-4, 15-5.

WOMENS OPEN: Michelle Gilman defeated Toni Bevelock 15-10, 15-5.

US RANKINGS:

MENS OPEN:

- 1 Doug Ganim, OH
- 2 Tim Hansen, FL
- 3 Andy Roberts, TN
- 4 Louis Vogel, NM
- 5 Chris Marshall, NC
- 6 Tim Doyle, CA
- 7 Egan Inoue, HI
- 8 Dale Johnson, IL
- 9 James Lorello, FL
- 10 Todd Stead, MN

WOMENS OPEN:

- 1 Michelle Gilman, OR
- 2 Elaine Hooghe, OH
- 3 Robin Levine, CA
- 4 Toni Bevelock, CA
- 5 Dot Fischl, PA
- 6 Kaye Kuhfeld, IN
- 7 Kim Russell, GA
- 8 Malia Bailey, VA
- 9 Marcy Lynch, PA
- 10 Linda Screeton, IN

WHEELCHAIR RANKINGS (MENS W/C OPEN):

- 1 Chip Parmelly, CA
- 2 Gary Bakern, IN
- 3 John Foust, CO
- 4 Mark Jenkinson, PA

- 5 Dan Kilmartin, NY
- 6 Jeff Rowe, NY
- 7 Bill Searles, NY.

WITH THE PROS . . . RANKING LISTS

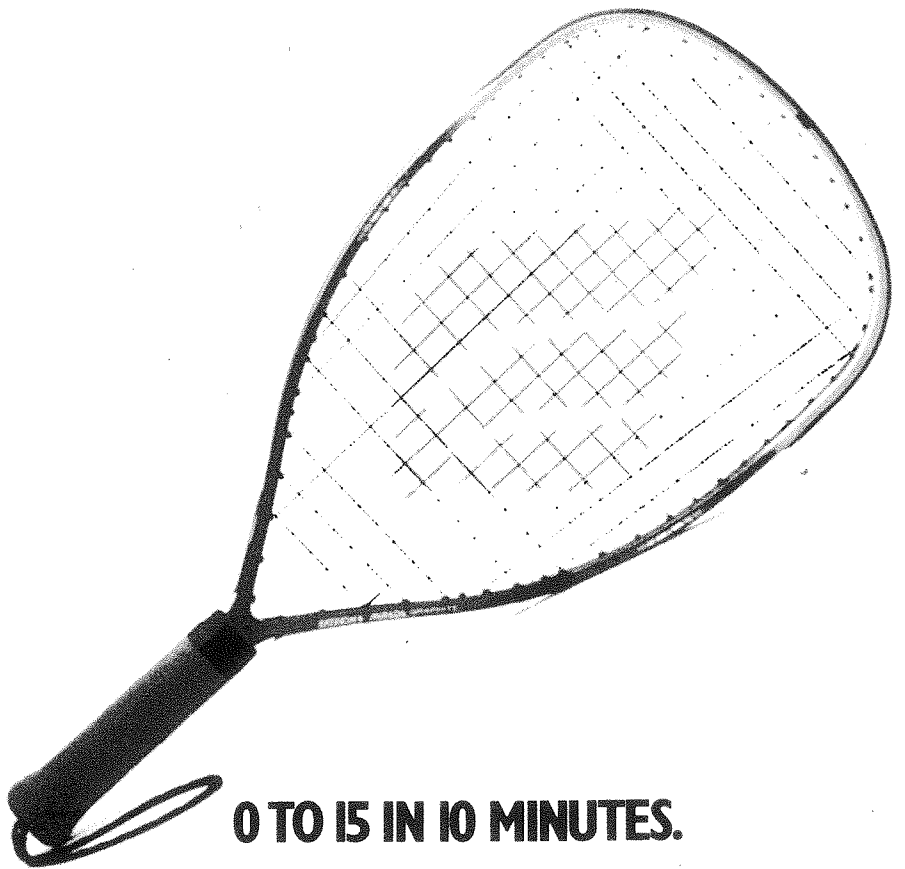
MENS TOP 10

- 1 Drew Kachtik Texas
- 2 Mike Ray Tennessee
- 3 Egan Inoue Hawaii
- 4 Dan Obremski Pennsylvania
- 5 Ruben Gonzalez New York
- 6 Tim Doyle California
- 7 Andy Roberts Tennessee
- 8 Dave Johnson California
- 9 Mike Yellen Michigan
- 10 Brian Hawkes California

WOMENS TOP 10

- 1 Michelle Gilman Oregon
- 2 Lynn Adams Illinois
- 3 Malia Bailey Virginia
- 4 Caryn McKinney Georgia
- 5 Jackie Paraiso California
- 6 Toni Bevelock California
- 7 Kaye Kuhfeld Indiana
- 8 Marci Drexler California
- 9 Lynne Coburn Maryland
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PACIFIC RIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 18/22

by Philomine van Pelt

Aloha, dear racquetball friends

It hurts to write this story so soon after our wonderful trip to Hawaii because it brings back many happy memories. I am reminded of that beautiful island where the sun always shines, palm trees are waving, where always smiling and very friendly people live and the endless beaches waiting for you to get sunburnt in the glowing sunshine.

I'm talking about Oahu, one of the beautiful Hawaiian islands. However, we also had racquetball to play (I hope you can believe that). The competition was held at Scofield Barracks military base.

Our arrival at the airport of Honolulu was great. We were welcomed by the local racquetball players who presented us with beautiful flower chains.

The whole event was very well organised and after two days of practice the competitions began with teams from Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Netherlands and United States taking part.

The Hawaiian spirit for fun and hospitality must have got to us all because everybody was so kind and nice. It was great to play against so many friends and great sportspeople. I will treasure the wonderful memory of our trip to Hawaii forever.

***** RESULTS *****

WOMENS SINGLES M. Gilman (USA) bt H. Stuff (Canada) 15-10, 15-4. Third place: T. Bevelock (USA)

MENS SINGLES . A. Roberts (USA) bt T. Sweeney (USA) 15-12, 9-15, 15-9. Third place: S. Greenfield (Canada).

WOMENS DOUBLES Karahoahoa/Parasio (USA) bt Grandmaitre/Brown (Canada) 14-15, 15-3, 15-14. Third place: Kasahara/Odawara (Japan).

EKTELON EUROPE

Rene de Jong of Nova Sports BV, brought us up to date on Ektelon products at the Europeans. They are now accepting VISA, ACCESS and EURO/MASTERCARD. You simply call your card no and valid date through by phone to Holland. The shipping costs including bank charge is \$30. Price list is as follows:

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RESULTS FROM EUROPE

GERMANY

5th European Open — Hamburg

April 26/28

The German Racquetball Association was pleased to welcome 60 players from all over Europe. This was the first tournament in Germany after the crisis in the Gulf and we were happy to see our friends from the US again. The only disappointing part was that we had no Womens Open category. This will hopefully change next year. Here are the results of the 5th European Open:-

MENS OPEN: 1 Trevor Hayter (GER); 2 Joachim Loof (GER); 3, Marc Scheffler (GER).

MENS B: 1 Hans v Veen (NL); 2 Bernd Hartmann (GER); 3 Edwin Schipper (NL).

MENS C: 1 Jan Siemers (GER); 2 Marcel Scholz (GER); 3 Tim Radder (NL).

WOMENS B: 1 Iris Honef (GER); 2 Wendy Wilmowski (USA); 3 Corinna Wyland (GER).

SENIORS 30+: 1 Thomas Mafnas (USA); 2 Ken Lorree (USA); 3 Olaf Balzuweit (GER).

DOUBLES OPEN: 1 Joachim Loof/Olaf Gerullis (GER); 2, Ralf Klinke/Bernd Dröge (GER);
3 Marc Scheffler/Thomas Knaak (GER).

Bavarian Open — Bad Toelz

May 24/26

A total of 85 players took part. The event was held at the Bad Toelz US Flint Kaserne. It was an event that many participants will remember for a long time. After the conflict in the Gulf, a lot of US players returned and entered the tournament. One of the highlights was the raffle during the traditional Bavarian Night. Besides a Persian carpet and a portable TV, over 100 door prizes were won. The playing began on Friday afternoon with the Mens B and C division. No matter in what category, close matches could be seen. For first prize in the Mens Open the Bad Toelz Racquetball Federation organised a special award — it was a lion made out of porcelain given and signed by Max Streibl, Bavaria's most influential politician. It was won by Germany's Ralph Klinke who defeated Mervin from the US in a close tiebreak. All the other top 3 finishers got a beer mug. Spike Smith was successful in the Mens seniors and doubles open (together with Matthias Drieschner). In the Womens Open, Jackie Yzaguirre celebrated another victory.

Results: MENS C: 1 Waddel (USA); 2 Tippin (USA); 3 Rieger (FRG). Cons.: Griffin (USA).

MENS B 1 Gaston (USA); 2 Stich (FRG); 3 Robledo (USA). Cons.: O'Brian

MENS OPEN 1, Klinke (GR); 2 Mervin (USA); 3 Drieschner (FRG)

MENS SENIORS 1 Smith (USA); 2 Brantley (USA)

WOMENS OPEN 1 Yzaguirre (USA); 2 Rudesill (USA); 3 Anderson (USA). Cons. Varutti (US)

WOMENS SENIORS 1 Jackson (USA); 2 Nimser (FRG); 3 Treutner (FRG). Cons. Borschlein

DOUBLES OPEN 1 Smith/Drieschner (USA/FRG); 2, Krieger/Rangel (FRG/USA)

GREAT BRITAIN

May Tournament RAF Greenham Common

MENS OPEN: Craig Butler bt Rich Versolenco, 2-0.

MENS DOUBLES: Versolenco/Cook bt Butler/McNamara 2-1.

MENS A: T. Sams bt Frank McNamara, 2-0.

UK Summer Open

RAF Lakenheath

Aug. 9/11

Results:

WOMENS OPEN Wendy Hackett (Queens Park) bt Karen Walker (RAF Greenham Common) 2-0

MENS OPEN Steve Williams (RAF Lakenheath) bt Herschel Baptista (RAF Lakenheath) 2-1

MENS B David Avila (RAF Chicksands) bt Jeff Iannazid (RAF Chicksands) 2-0

MENS DOUBLES Spraggins/Stahl (Chicksands/Lakenheath) bt Martinez/Avila 2-0

MENS DLS CON. McAndrew/Adams (Mildenhall) bt Leighner/Slone (Lakenheath) 2-0

MENS B CON. David Delossantos (Lakenheath) bt Donie Dorenkamp 2-0

MENS OPEN CON. Jody Stahl (RAF Lakenheath) bt Francisco Cordova (do) 2-0

MENS 35+ Herschel Baptista (RAF Lakenheath) bt Eden Reyes (do) 2-1

MENS 35+ CON. Rich Versolenco (RAF Greenham Common) bt Tom Sams (High Wy.) 2-1

IRELAND**Arklow Open****May 3/5**

MENS A&B: A. Butler bt N. O'Callaghan, 2-0.
 MENS C&D: G. Redmond bt J. Fitzgerald 2-1
 MENS A&B DOUBLES: J. Gannon & M. Rowlands bt C. Slattery & M. Ryan 2-1
 MENS C&D DOUBLES: M & L Barnes bt K. Foster (USA) & T. Neary 2-1
 LADIES A&B: M. Duignan bt B. Brennan 2-0
 LADIES C&D M. Kavanagh bt D. Rowlands 2-1
 LADIES A&B DOUBLES: B. Brennan & K. Curran bt M. Duignan & R. Morrissey 2-1
 LADIES C&D DOUBLES: M. Kavanagh & M. Lundy bt R. Redmond & M. Dooley 2-0

Ulster Open – Belfast**Sept. 28/29**

MENS OPEN A. Butler bt J. Gannon 2-0
 WOMENS OPEN M. Duignan bt B. Farrell 2-1
 MENS D P. Loy bt T. McIlroy 2-1
 MENS NOVICE: V. McGinn bt M. Crudden 2-0
 MENS 35+ P. Duignan bt S. Waters scr
 MENS OPEN DOUBLES .. N. O'Callaghan & A. Butler bt G. Redmond & M. Duignan 2-0

IRF RULE BOOK

The 1991 revised rule book is now available and copies can be obtained from National Secretaries

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FRANCE Philippe Lecomte

GERMANY Jurgen Denk, Thomas Knakk, Marc Scheffler, Matthias Drieschner

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BELGIUM Erik Maier, Marÿke Hillen

IRELAND Philip Duignan, Liam McCarney

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EUROPEAN RANKING LISTS

GREAT BRITAIN — August 1991

MEN:

- 1 David Brett Williams
- 2 Steve Williams
- 3 Herschel Baptista
- 4 Eden Reyes
- 5 Gary Spraggins
- 6 Rich Versolenko
- 7 Jay Hechtman
- 8 David Fair
- 9 Dale Perchert
- 10 Willie Lawrence.

WOMEN:

- 1 Wendy Hackett
- 2 Karen Walker'
- 3 Lynn Batten'
- 4 Leilani Holzerlandt
- 5 Laura Chapman
- 6 Julia Cummings
- 7 Diane Pullman
- 8 Michelle Harte

IRELAND — August 1991

MENS SENIOR

- 1 Anthony Butler
- 2 Noel O'Callaghan
- 3 James Gannon
- 4 Christopher Slattery
- 5 Michael Ryan
- 6 Philip Duignan
- 7 Michael Murphy
- 8 John McDonald
- 9 Cornelius Brosnan
- 10 Paul Santry

MENS O-35

- 1 Philip Duignan
- 2 Seamus Waters
- 3 Michael Murphy
- 4 Michael Ryan
- 5 John Comerford
- 6 Paddy Kennedy
- 7 G. Redmond
- 8 Mick O'Toole
- 9 Rick Lewis
- 10 Johnny Donovan

WOMENS SENIOR

- 1 Marie Duignan
- 2 Jenny Lynch
- 3 Bobbie Brennan
- 4 Bernie Farrell
- 5 Patricia O'Brien
- 6 Anne Marie Whelan
- 7 Ciss Kennedy
- 8 Kathleen Curran
- 9 Rose Morrissey
- 10 Andrea Patterson

WOMENS O-35

- 1 Bibi Redmond
- 2 Peggy O'Brien
- 3 Susan Neary
- 4 Joan Buckley
- 5 Anne Feehan
- 6 Mary McGee
- 7 Mary Brosnan
- 8 Noreen Ryan
- 9 Vera Noonan

GERMANY — May 1991

MENS OPEN

- 1 J. Loof
- 2 T. Hayter
- 3 T. Krieger
- 4 R. Klinke
- 5 T. Knaak
- 6 J. Denk
- 7 J. Hanold
- 8 M. Scheffler
- 9 D. Stengl
- 10 B. Dröge

MENS 35 +

- 1 W Wenzel
- 2 W Heese
- 3 B Trautner
- 4 A Nesteriuk
- 5 J. Krenz

MENS B

- 1, B. Hartmann
- 2 C. Hildebrand
- 3 K. Frank
- 4 B. Jensen
- 5 O. Balzuweit

MENS 30 +

- 1 W Heese
- 2 W Wenzel
- 3 O Balzuweit
- 4 C Carstens

WOMENS OPEN

- 1 B Klinke
- 2 R Tiede
- 3 C Drieschner
- 4 C Carstens
- 5 R Hoenig

MENS C

- 1 C Fibrich
- 2 J Siemers
- 3 M Scholz
- 4 A Häse
- 5 M Mesecke
- 6 A Jalleh
- 7 T Buck
- 8 A Fibrich
- 9 T Hintze

WOMENS B

- 1 C Wyland
- 2 S Steinbacher

MENS DOUBLES

- 1 J Loof/T. Hayter
- 2 B Dröge/R Klinke
- 3 M Scheffler/T Knaak
- 4 T Krieger/O Gerullis
- 5 A Schimpf/J Hanold
- 6 D Stengl/J Denk
- 7 U Dapper/W Heese
- 8 C Fibrich/M Pries
- 9 A Häse/S Rupio
- 10 M Drieschner/W Wenkel

FRANCE — August 1991

MEN:

- 1 Philippe Lecomte
- 2 Marc Boulet
- 3 Francois Lovlet
- 4 J B Latallade
- 5 Bernard Sallour

- 6 J L Guyader
- 7 Claude Recoing
- 8 Alain Boulais
- 9 Patrick Chazalon
- 10 Xavier Vercaesson

WOMEN:

- 1 Eliane Novion
- 2 Corinne Castets
- 3 Michele Venard
- 4 Laurence Frischeteau
- 5 Bernad Debondant

- 6 Valerie Zaparty
- 7 Marie The Haran
- 8 Kartryn Chapman
- 9 Christine Bourgeois
- 10 Florence Schneider.



by Rhett Rainey

Racquetball Aches & Pains

Shoulder Injuries

I THOUGHT that this month we could discuss problems related to the shoulder and specifically rotator cuff syndrome. Since this is a common ailment of racquetballers, I thought this would be of interest. Rotator cuff syndrome is the medical term for shoulder bursitis or tendinitis. It is a common overuse injury in racquetball because our playing arm is frequently used in an overhead position. Pain associated with this syndrome is usually felt at the tip of the shoulder and referred down the deltoid muscle into the upper arm.

Pain occurs mainly when your arm is lifted past 90 degrees, which includes all ceiling shots and in racquet preparation for your forehand and backhand strokes. In extreme cases, pain will be present all the time and may even wake you at night from a deep sleep.

The shoulder is a closely fitted joint that does not allow very much room for additional swelling, which occurs with inflammation of the rotator cuff. The anatomy of the shoulder is such that there is the shoulder joint which is surrounded by the rotator cuff.

The rotator cuff is composed of four tendons that are responsible for elevation and rotational motions of our shoulder. Above the rotator cuff sets a bursa or fluid filled sac which lubricates the top portion of the rotator cuff. As the shoulder is elevated, it moves back and forth through a very tight archway of bone and ligament called the coracoacromial arch. When the shoulder is elevated, the archway becomes smaller and can pinch the rotator cuff tendons and the result is inflammation. This can cause a bursitis and/or tendinitis whereby the inflammatory process leads to symptoms of pain and swelling.

These symptoms usually last for only a few days, but may become chronic. The contributing factors to rotator cuff syndrome

include: Overuse or repetitive overhead motions; weak shoulder girdle muscles, improper stroke mechanics, over strenuous training, prior shoulder injuries, loose shoulder joint.

Initial treatment for these injuries should include rest, which means stop doing the activity that aggravates your shoulder. Apply ice to your shoulder three times per day for 15-30 minutes at a time. If your symptoms fail to resolve after two weeks, then consult a physical therapist. They will place you on a specific exercise program and start modality treatment such as ultrasound and massage. Anti-inflammatory medications will also benefit you from the onset of your symptoms.

If these suggestions fail to relieve your symptoms, then consult a sports medicine physician who might recommend an injection of cortisone in the subacromial space. I have found in my practice that a large volume into the space consisting of a combination of 8cc marcain and 2cc of depomedrol works well. This can be repeated up to three times safely. If symptoms persist, then your orthopaedic surgeon might recommend an arthroscopy of your shoulder whereby the rotator cuff can be directly visualised. By looking at your rotator cuff, we can tell if there is a partial or full thickness tear of your cuff which was causing the pain. This can normally be treated arthroscopically and you can resume racquetball once fully rehabilitated. Incidentally, I have had this done to my dominant shoulder and have returned to my pre-injury status.

Once you have recovered and are ready to return to racquetball, go back slowly. Warm up well and make sure your shoulder is stretched out. Slowly increase the intensity of your game until your shoulder is comfortable and there is no pain. Try to maintain a smooth stroke that will make use of the overall strength of your body and not such a high degree of stress on your shoulder.

RICHCRAFT



We received many enquiries about Richcraft racquets at the European Championships in Antwerp, so we asked Matthias Drieschner who is the European agent to give us some information including prices on Richcraft and we have set out the details below:

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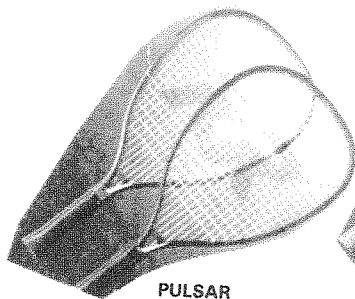
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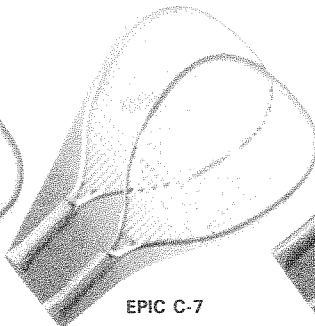
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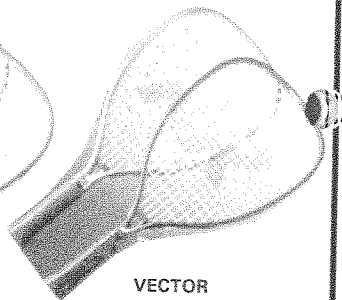
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Depending on the product there might be a delivery time up to 4/5 weeks. It will be sent out the day after I receive the cheque or money. Shipping cost: \$7 for each order. Order over \$125 get free shipping.

Any questions? . . .

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EUROPEAN CALENDAR 1991/92

DATES	TOURNAMENTS	CITY	COUNTRY	CONTACT
Sep 20/22	11th SWISS OPEN	Zurich	Switzerland	Manfred Kaiser 01-7618633
Oct 11/12	6th SCHINNEN OPEN	Schinnen	Holland	Ger V D Kleut 04493-7561
Oct. 25/27	6th AUTUMN OPEN	Zoetermeer	Holland	J. v.d. Holst 079-312118
Nov. 1/3	GARMISCH OPEN	Garmisch	Germany	Jordan Brown 08921-750747
Nov. 8/10	9th BELGIAN OPEN	Brussels	Belgium	Erik Meier 03-2318019
Nov. 16/17	2nd STRASSBOURG OPEN	Strassbourg	France	
Dec.	JUNIOR WORLD C'SHIP	Jacksonville	Florida	
Jan 11/12	TOUR EIFFEL OPEN	Paris	France	Philippe Lecomte 01-48200874
Feb. 14/16	6th EUROPEAN OPEN	Hamburg	Germany	Thomas Knaack 040-6530064
Feb. 21/23	11th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL	Tralee	Ireland	Bertie O'Connor 066-23041
Mar 13/15	14th DUTCH OPEN	Zoetermeer	Holland	Wim Vink 079-317585
April 16/25	US JUNIORS EUROPEAN TOUR --	Germany & Holland		Rene Hehemann 079-413575
Apr 23/26	2nd ULSTER GAMES	Belfast	Ireland	Liam McCarney 0232-615164
June 9/14	JUNE FLORIADE INVITATION	Zoetermeer	Holland	H. Hehemann 079-413575
Aug. 15/22	6th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Montreal	Canada	IRF 719-635-5396
Nov. 4/8	4th EUROPEAN MASTERS	Strasbourg	France	EFG 079-314575
1993: July 23/27:	WORLD GAMES IV, The Hague,	Holland		IRF, 719-635-5396
1994: Aug 5/13:	7th WORLD C'SHIPS, San Luis,	Potosi, Mexico		IRF, 719-635-5396

Corrections/Additons, contact RENE HEHEMANN. Tel. 079-413575 or Fax 079-310418

IRISH CALENDAR 1991/92

Sep. 28/29	ULSTER OPEN	Belfast	R. Morrissey
Oct. 12	KILKENNY OPEN	Kilkenny	J. Comerford
Oct. 19/20	TAILTEANN GAMES	Fermoy	
Oct. 26/27	TEMPLEDERRY OPEN	Templederry C. Slattery	
Nov. 9/10	ALL-IRELAND u-14, 16 & 18		
Nov 31/Dec 1	MUNSTER OPEN	Fermoy	V. Noonan
Feb. 1/2	LEINSTER OPEN	Arklow	P. Duignan
Feb. 21/23	11th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL	Tralee	B. O'Connor
Mar 14/15	ALL-IRELAND DOUBLES		M. Murphy
Mar 27/29	CASTLEBAR OPEN	Castlebar	M. Navery
Apr 11/12	CAVAN OPEN	Cavan	S. Watters
Apr 23/26	2nd ULSTER GAMES INT.	Belfast	L. McCarney
May	ARKLOW OPEN	Arklow	M. Murphy
May 30,	ALL-IRELAND OPEN,		
June 1/2	B, C & D SINGLES	Tralee	M. Murphy
Sept.	ALL-IRELAND OVERAGE	Castlebar	M. Murphy

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS at Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 have yet to be decided.

An IRISH OPEN Under-18 and 16 championship will be held alongside the Ulster Games International in April 1992.

BEHIND THE SCREENS

by Marie

MATTHIAS P.I.

Will he manage to get the player profiles for our next issue? Who else is on his hit list. You have been warned.

COMMENT FROM ANTWERP (Maryke)

I think you (Irish) guys can achieve a lot but I'm afraid that sending postcards without addresses won't have a successful result.

CUDDLY CORNER

Congrats to Geraldine and Michael Byrne on their two beautiful new twin daughters, also to John and Susan on their addition to the family.



MARATHON MEN

Best wishes to Michael Murphy and Gerry Redmond as they prepare to run the Dublin Marathon in October.

SYMPATHY . . .

Our sympathies to Liam McCarney, Kathleen Curran and Tom Kearney on their sad family bereavements during the summer.

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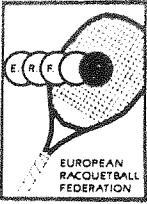
Results of Dutch teams sponsorship samples (protector)? Womens team no. 1, negative. No. 2 negative. No. 3 negative. Doubles, mislaid. Please send on another sample. Mens team, no. 1 80% vol (Irish & soda), no. 2 H₂O, no. 3 H₂O. Doubles, what is it? Manager positive. Congrats Rene you are pregnant.

WELL DONE . . .

To the delegates at the European Congress on decision to include womens representation on EXCO.

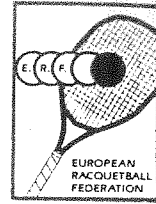
TO WILLIE (Euro Tournament Director)

It was tough for you to take on the task of tournament director and run it to the last. Pinning charts on walls and trying to protect the tins of sponsored balls! Referees and linespeople to sort out while getting players on court for warmup and work out. Names in different languages are difficult to spell but all the unfamiliar faces are bloody hell. All day long you sit at your desk listening to players ask, Willie am I on next? Every so often you take a stroll to watch different nations battle for gold as the tournament moves on you sure got the hang of it, so you join in exchanging shirts and trading some bits. Finally your task has come to an end. You fill in the last score card and mingle with new friends. Then Han presents the winners with gold and suddenly you too feel cold, when many voices cry out from afar, Willie the director, you are our European star.



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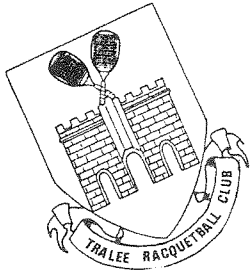


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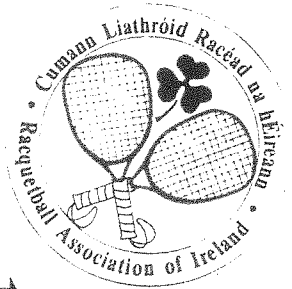
Racquetball Magazine (AARA), First Serve Racquetball Canada (magazine), Racquetball Aches & Pains, Dr. Rhett Rainey; Linda Mojer, AARA Media Director; TNT Belgium (Michel Houthuys); Jurgen Denk, President European Racquetball Federation; Dave Hinton, Technical Director (Racquetball Canada); Rene Hehemann, General Secretary, European Racquetball Federation; Philomine Van Pelt, Pacific Rim Tournament; Matthias Drieschner, European Championship comment.



Some of the competitors pictured at the European Championships 1991 at Antwerp, Belgium.



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When!

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
February 21, 22 & 23, 1992**

*Ireland's premier racquetball tourney will be
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Be sure to be there.*

Further details in next issue