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AARA 1986 U.S. National Juniors Championships

by Cathie Frederickson
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The racquetball courts at the Charlie Club in Palatine, IL echoed with the sounds of Penn Ultra-blue racquetballs and junior voices. On June 28 - July 2, 450 junior participants from the U.S. and Canada arrived in Palatine to participate in the 1986 U.S. National Juniors Racquetball Championships sponsored by Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company.

For five days the juniors rekindled old friendships formulated at previous nationals, developed new relationships and enjoyed the camaraderie of their team mates. The event ran smoothly and efficiently due to the hard work of Pat and Cindy Gerity, Van and Becky Dubolsky, Cheryl Basett, Scott Winters, Geoff Peters, members of the Illinois State Racquetball Association and Bo Champagne, who refereed difficult back to back matches.

Junior Singles Divisions Boys 18 and Under

The boys 18 and under division had its share of upsets. In the semifinals Todd O'Neil, the 28th seed from Burlington, VT knocked off the #1 seed Mike Bronfeld from CA 15-3, 11-15 and 11-9. O'Neil continued with the

same momentum in the finals by abruptly stopping the 10th seed, Drew Kachtik of Corpus Christi, TX 15-14 and 15-14 to claim the championship title and a berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Kachtik advanced to the finals by upsetting the 6th seed, Chris Cole from Davison, MI 15-14, 12-15 and 11-5. Cole took the bronze medal by defeating Bronfeld 4-15, 15-6 and 11-5.

Girls 18 and Under

The girls 18 and under division proved to be very competitive. Elaine Mardas, the #1 seed from Columbus, OH came out on top in a tough quarter finals match against Kelly Pullis from CA 15-14, 10-15 and 11-1. Mardas again came on strong in the semifinals and downed Robin Levine of Fishkill,

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Todd O'Neil - Boy's 18 and Under National Juniors Champion - accepting certificate from Luke St. Onge - automatic berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team.

NY 15-5 and 15-9. The finals ended with one of the most exciting matches of the week. Mardas battled with 15-year old Michelle Gilman, the 6th seed from Ontario, OR. Mardas dropped the first games 10-15, then rallied to 15-7 and 11-7 victories to take the championship title and a berth on the U.S. National Racquetball Team.

Gilman made her way to the finals by turning around a difficult



Robby Walden (left) Boy's 14 and Under National Juniors Champion - receiving outstanding Junior Sportsman Award from Van Dubolsky (right). Geoff Peters (background).

match with the 10th seed from MA, Janet Burke, 13-15, 15-7 and 11-4. The bronze medal was awarded to Levine who defeated Burke 15-7 and 15-6.

Boys 16 and Under

Tim Doyle, the #1 seed from Williamsville, NY dominated the boys 16 and under division. After six rounds of play, only one challenger broke into a double digit score. This was a great accomplishment considering the division had 114 competitors, the largest of the event!

In the semifinals, Doyle crushed Jim Lorello the 37th seed from Coral Springs, FL 15-2 and 15-9. Doyle then stopped the 3rd seed, Joe Paraiso of El Cajon, CA 15-7, 15-9 in the finals and thus earned the 1986 boys 16 and under championship title

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Elaine Mardas - Girl's 18 and Under National Juniors Champion.

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Diversify Your Attack

by
Steve Strandemo



Many players have one good offensive shot from a certain area on the court, and they tend to take that shot consistently and predictably, no matter where their opponent is positioned - especially in pressure situations. These tendencies in your own game will, as we know, give your experienced opponents an important edge by allowing them to move early to where a particular shot tends to locate, thus putting even greater pressure on you to execute. So stay constantly alert as you play that you're not falling into predictable shot-making patterns. Work not only on having a variety of offensive shots from both sides of the court, but on keeping a diversification of these shots from the same locations.

As an ultimate goal: When you're going low zone, your opponent should be studying your

stroke knowing he has to be ready to cover either your down-the-wall kill or pass, the cross-court kill or pass, pinch shots, and perhaps the potential splat winner. If you can have these shots in your arsenal, you'll force him to play you honest in his coverage while delaying his anticipation until the last instant.

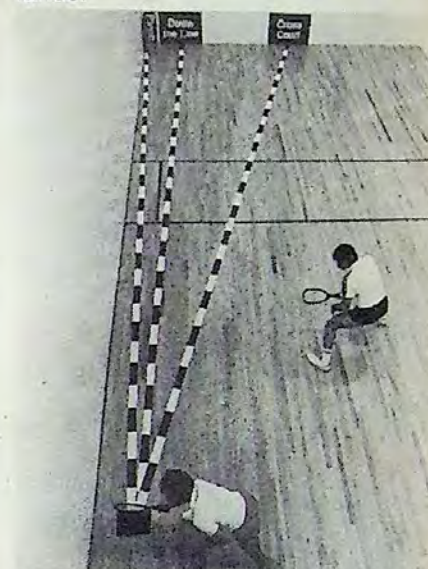
Nor can you afford to get so caught up in just hitting the ball that you're oblivious to where your opponent is positioning himself as you set up. For example, when you go to hit a backhand, is he already shading off to the right, anticipating your cross-court pass and challenging you to go down-the-wall? Or, can you sense that he's playing a little too far forward or perhaps lagging too far back?

Since it's much easier to see patterns of play from the gallery or on videotape, here are two ways to help your self-awareness. First,

have a friend chart one of your matches and note your shot selection with both the forehand and backhand when you go low zone. Are you in a rut, failing to be creative? Or are you constantly making little adjustments that catch your opponent off balance? Second, try to watch one of your matches on videotape, looking for the same patterns in your shot selection and also how your opponent anticipates them.

One practical starting point for shot selection is this rule of thumb: Pinch the ball when your opponent is behind you, pass when he's ahead of you. Unfortunately, you can't afford to follow this hard-and-fast guideline in more advanced play. If you always try to pinch when he's behind you, he'll move forward to the anticipated path of the ball. And, if you always try to pound the ball past him when he's

ahead of you, he'll simply lag, thus narrowing your effective passing lanes.



When hitting a backhand from deep on the left side, strive for the ultimate goal of having these 3 shots in your arsenal.

Dodge Series

The "Dodge Performance Racquetball Series", a 10-week statewide series of tournaments culminating

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The Dodge California State Championships, to be held November 21-23, will be the first time northern and southern California players will compete for a state title. □

President's Message

by Van Dubolsky

In my last article, I outlined the AARA's goals and objectives. Very few of these could be met without

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the active state associations to help make them realities. Since state organizations are independent, the question arises as to what the national association does for these groups. The answer may be found in reviewing the services the AARA offers to the states. The following is a list of those services:

1. Racquetball is a lifetime sport.
2. Racquetball, in its short existence, has established bonafide competition channels that allow our athletes to progress from Junior Competition, through Intercollegiate Competition on scholarship, to represent his or her country in bonafide international competition, and eventually move on into the professional ranks of the RMA and WPR. After their pro career, they can continue to compete in age groups up to 70+ in addition to competing in international competition in World Masters Games for both men and women.
3. Over 26,000 AARA members are currently ranked in over 35 different divisions. Rankings are updated monthly.
4. Fifty percent of all AARA dues are returned to grassroots organizations for development. No other sport does this.
5. In a cooperative effort between Penn Athletic Products Company and the AARA, the new Junior

Handbook for Junior Development is now available.

6. In a cooperative effort between Diversified Products and Penn Athletic Products Company and the AARA, a junior league has been in operation for over a year with great success by those who have taken advantage of it.

7. The AARA Referee Certification Program has resulted in a higher grade of referees and paid referees in many events across the U.S.

8. In 1986, the AARA Coaching Certification Program will be in place which will raise the credibility of racquetball coaching as a bonafide career.

9. In 1986, the AARA Teaching Certification will be operating filling a very serious void in our sport.

10. The AARA will experiment with a club membership program that will have the possibility of reaching every recreational player in the country.

11. The International Olympic Committee has recognized the IARF and the sport of racquetball for future inclusion in Olympic Games.

12. The United States Olympic Committee has agreed to carry the IARF's petition for inclusion on the full program of the Pan Am Games next November in Barbados.

13. The IARF recently became a

full member in the General Association of the International Sports Associations, a giant step towards I.O.C. recognition.

14. The AARA conducts over 1,000 events yearly reaching over 2,500,000 active players.

15. The AARA has developmental programs for the disabled, women's racquetball, and upper age group competition and involvement.

16. Elite Training Camps have been held at the Olympic Training Center involving players from age 14 to 70.

17. Over 1,000 AARA volunteers in all 50 states donate an excess of 500,000 hours towards promotion or racquetball.

Personally, as a state director it is comforting to know that there is a national governing body for our sport which we can affiliate with. This allows us to fill in the gaps in our own services to our state members. with the combined efforts of both the state and the national programs, racquetball players across the U.S. are truly better served.

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Men's 19 - 1-Lance Gilliam, TX; 2-Tim Hansen, FL; 3-Jay Cline, NJ; 4-Tim Jeffers, IL; 5-Brent Haber, FL.

Men's 25 - 1-Bill Land, LA; 2-Mark Morrison, FL; 3-Danny Winn, AL; 4-Al Caballero, FL; 5-Bill Lyman, IL.

Men's 30 - 1-Bobby Corcoran, AZ; 2-Jim Doyle, CA; 3-Stu Hastings, MI; 4-Dennis Aceto, MA; 5-Stan Wright, CA.

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rado, 7-Illinois, 8-Michigan,
9-Texas, 10-New Jersey,
11-Indiana, 12-Ohio, 13-
North Carolina, 14-Georgia,
15-Washington, 16-New
Hampshire, 17-Alaska, 18-
Connecticut, 19-Wisconsin
and 20-Arizona.

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September 19-21
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September 26-28
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September 26-28
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September 26-28
Rollout Classic I
Court Rooms North
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October 3-5
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October 10-12
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October 15-19
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October 23-26
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October 24-26
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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October 24-26
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November 7-9
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October 30-November 2
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November 7-9
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November 14-16
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November 14-16
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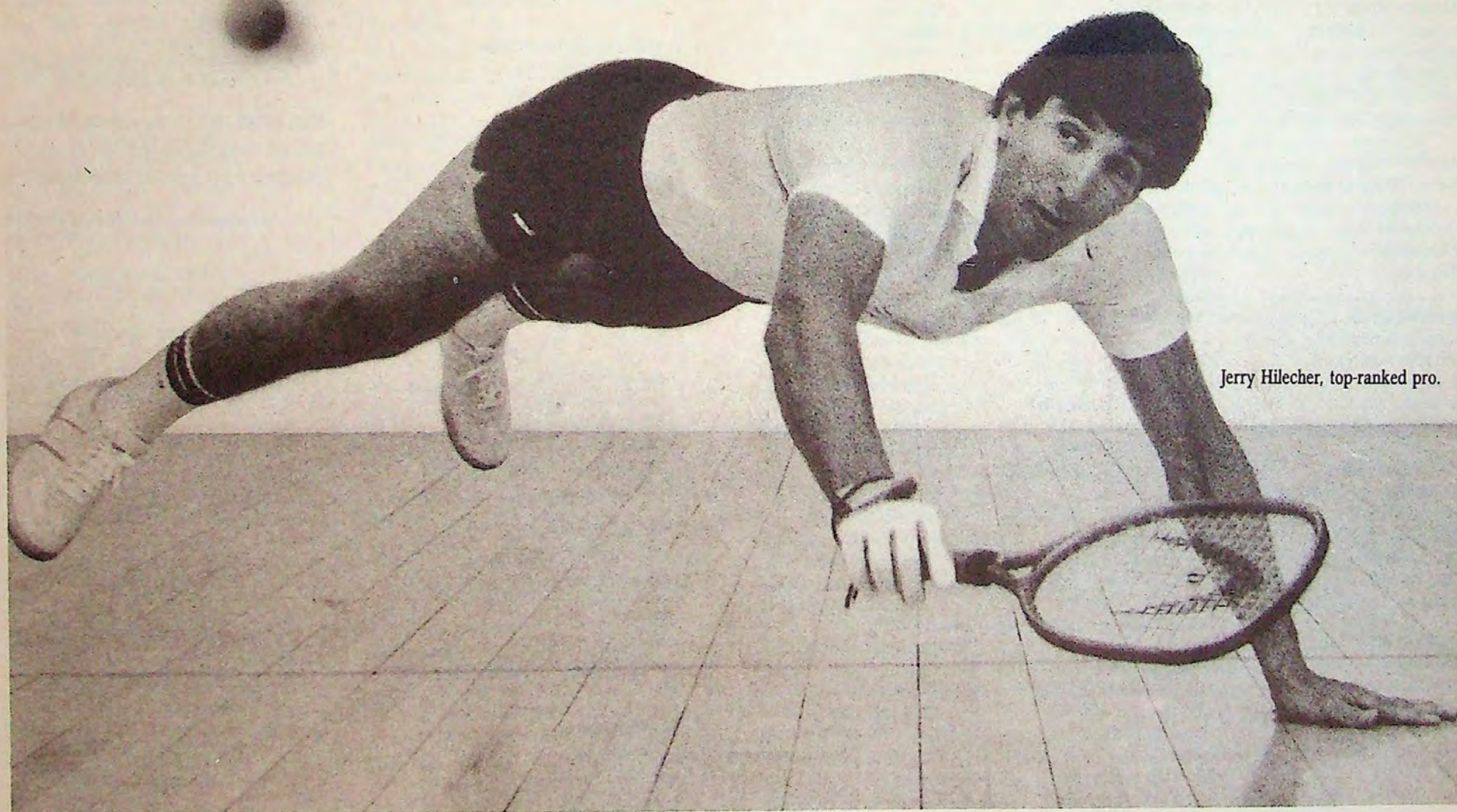
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and the gold medal. Paraiso reached the finals by defeating Brad Munroe, the 2nd seed from Kenosha, WI 15-12, 15-13. Lorello then upset Munroe 15-11, 15-4 to receive the bronze medal.

Girls 16 and Under

In the girls 16 and under division a new champion was crowned. Tanya Spangler the 11th seed from Bellingham, WA breezed through the division upsetting the #2 and #3 seeds. In the finals, Spangler was awarded the gold medal by defeating the 4th seed Tami Dodson from Modesto, CA. She won 15-8 and 15-1. Sara Ali, the 16th seed from Williamsville, NY came on strong in earlier rounds defeating the 17th seed and upsetting the 1st and 90th seeds. Ali came up short in the semifinals against Dodson, 15-14 and 15-11, but was successful in her match for the bronze medal against Vicky Yarns of St. Petersburg, FL. Ali won 15-13 and 15-4.

Boys 14 and Under

Robby Walden, the #1 seed from Bradenton, FL demonstrated his skills by dominating the boys 14 and under division.



Dawn Marie Gates - Girl's 8 and Under National Juniors Champion and 4th place in Girl's 10 and Under Division.

Mike Altman, the 20th seed from Coral Gables, FL was the only contender to come close to Walden. Walden upset Altman in the semifinals 15-13 and 15-7. In the finals, 2nd seed John Ellis from Stockton, CA did his best to try to overcome Walden's power, but came up short 15-4 and 15-6. Altman crushed John Gillooly, the 22nd seed from Stoughton, MA 15-2 and 15-6 to be awarded the bronze medal.

Girls 14 and Under

In the girls 14 and under division, 2nd seeded Erica Willhite of Columbus, Oh made her way to the finals by downing the 3rd seed Amy Simonetta from Sarasota, FL 15-13 and 15-7. She then defeated the 5th seed Jennifer Lee of York, PA 15-5 and 15-12 to take the gold medal and the championship title. Lee squeezed by the #1 seed Stephanie Pinola of Blue Bell, PA in semifinals play, 12-15, 15-4 and 11-9. Simonetta defeated Pinola for the bronze medal 15-7 and 15-9.

Boys 12 and Under

The 13th seed, Nicky Xynidis of Daytona Beach, FL proved how serious he was about taking home the gold in the boys 12 and under division. In the semifinals, he overcame the #1 seed Sudsy Monchik from Staten Island, NY 15-5 and 15-9. Xynidis then

proceeded to eliminate the 2nd seed, Ariel Labra from Bakersfield, CA in the finals 15-4 and 15-12. Labra entered into the finals after a tough semifinals match against Allan Engle, the 3rd seed from Bradenton, FL. Labra took the match 15-6, 9-15 and 11-9. Engle then pounded Monchik 15-4 and 15-3 to receive the bronze medal.

Girls 12 and Under

In the girls 12 and under division the top four seeds held firm. The #1 seed, Talya Dodson from Modesto, CA was awarded the gold medal and the championship title by defeating the 2nd seed Eklova Icenogle from Auburn, CA 15-14, 7-15 and 11-3. The 3rd seed, Melissa Smith from Grand Rapids, MI maintained the 3rd position by downing 4th seed, Hayden May from Auburn, CA 15-9 and 15-13.

Boys 10 and Under

Jon Xynidis, the 3rd seed from Daytona Beach, FL was crowned the 1986 boys 10 and under champion. Only Tennessee's Wesley Miller came close to challenging Xynidis. Xynidis lost the first game of the quarter finals match 8-15, but threats were extinguished when Xynidis pulled out the remaining games 15-5 and 11-1. Xynidis easily handled Chance Mins of Albuquerque, NM in the semifinals 15-7 and 15-2. Andy Thompson from Sun Prairie, WI was not successful in defending his #1 seed position. He fell to Xynidis 15-4 and 15-9. Frank Dean of Montgomery, AL was awarded the bronze medal by defeating Mins 12-15, 15-5 and 11-5.

Girls 10 and Under

Alyssa Boland was named champion in the girls 10 and under division. Boland, the #1 seed from Great Falls, MT was crowned after winning a tough match against 2nd seed, Sara Butler from Auburn, CA 15-9, 10-15 and 11-6. Andrea Beugen of Golden Valley, MN was presented the bronze medal after defeating Dawn Marie Gates of Kankakee, IL in a close battle 15-3, 11-15 and 11-9.

Boys 8 and Under

The boys 8 and under 1986 National Champion is Jonathan Boyett from Modesto, CA. Boyett came out on top by defeating Brent Zimmerman of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9, 9-11 and 11-5. The bronze medal went to Joe Friedman of Terra Ceia, FL after he downed Tim Van Dyke of Grand Rapids, MI 11-9 and 11-4.

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Tim Doyle - Boy's 16 and Under national Juniors Champion.



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Girls 8 and Under

Dawn Marie Gates was successful in attaining the championship title in the girls 8 and under division by defeating Debra Derr of Ormond Beach, FL 11-2, 5-11 and 11-0. Sadie Gross of Apple Valley, MN was presented with the bronze medal after upsetting Beth Knitter of Milwaukee, WI 11-2 and 11-4.

Junior Doubles Divisions

Boys 18 and Under

Mike Bronfeld and Mike Low of CA were awarded the gold medals and the boys 18 and under championship doubles title, by defeating Mike Brady and Jeff Evans of WA 15-7 and 15-8 in the finals. Tim Doyle of NY and partner Dave Ganim of OH were presented with the bronze medals after successfully battling with Todd Stead of MN and Rob McKinney from PA 15-5, 8-15 and 11-3.

Girls 18 and Under

Claudia McCarthy and Vicki Yarns of FL won the 1986 Girls 18 and under doubles title by coming on strong against Kelly Pullis, of CA and partner Carrie Healy of GA. McCarthy and Yarns were blown out in the 1st game 1-15, then rallied to a 15-11, 11-7 victory. Elaine Mardas and Kerry Niggemeyer of OH took the bronze medals by dominating the match against Michelle Gilman from OR and Leigh Anne Coutu from PA 15-5 and 15-8.

Boys 16 and Under

Joe Paraiso of CA and Nolan Glantz from NY received gold medals by defeating Charlie Garriod of TX and Mike Guidry of NY. Paraiso and Glantz lost the 1st game 5-15, but regrouped to come out on top 15-12 and 11-4. The bronze medals were awarded to Bart Tuner and Tony Zile of OH. They defeated Jonas Beugen and Brett Stinson of MN 15-9, 15-10.

Girls 16 and Under

Cindy Doyle and Sara Ali of NY defeated Tami Dodson of CA and Amber LeSeure from IN in the finals 13-15, 15-8 and 11-5 to become the 1986 girls 16 and under doubles champions. Michelle McCollough and Vicki Oliver of TX returned home as bronze medalists by defeating Debbie Herrmann and Tracy Shean of LA 15-11 and 15-8.

Boys 14 and Under

Mike Altman of FL and John Gillooly from MA won the championship title and the gold medals by defeating Joel Bonnett and partner Jason Howard of MI 15-13 and 15-10. Allan Engle and Robby Walden of FL prevailed over Troy Brennan and Craig O'Connell of CO 15-3 and 15-4 to receive the bronze medals.

Girls 14 and Under

Jennifer Lee of PA and Stephanie Pinola from OH breezed by Talya Dodson from CA and

partner Erica Willhite of OH 15-11 and 15-6. They were awarded the gold medals and the 1986 championship title. Amy Simonetta and Hannah Spector of FL picked up the bronze medals by crushing Jodi Willems and Tori Hanson of WI 15-1 and 15-0.

Boys 12 and Under

Nicky Xynidis received his second gold medal by dominating the boys 12 and under doubles division with his partner John Kolen of AL. The Xynidis/Kolen team overwhelmed Mike Orr and Dale Stevens from PA 15-1 and 15-0. Brett Beugen of MN and Adam Beutsch of OH held off Kevin Bilchik from MO and Danny Menke 15-13 and 15-3 to win the bronze medals.

Girls 12 and Under

Elkova Icenogle and partner Hayden May of CA were awarded the gold medals by defeating Alicia Kinney of AK and Britt Engle of FL 15-2 and 15-5.

Boys 10 and Under

In the boys 10 and under division Jon Xynidis took home another gold medal. He and his partner Frank Dean of AL pulled out a tough match against Jason Armbricht of NC and his partner Welsy Miller from TN. After dropping the 1st games 13-15. Xynidis and Dean pressed hard to win 15-6 and 11-9. Scott Zimmerman and Brian Garrow of MI received the bronze medals by defeating another Michigan team, Jeff Cox and Brian Jones 15-4 and

15-11.

Girls 10 and Under

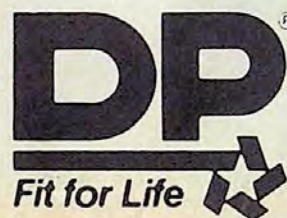
Andrea Beugen and Sadie Gross, MN were awarded the gold medals by defeating Alyssa Boland, MT and Jill Butler, CA 15-9, 15-4.

Final Team Standings - State and Points Accumulated

Florida 183; California (A) 162; New York (A) 79; Ohio 70; Michigan (A) 58; Pennsylvania 53; Alabama 40; Texas 38; Minnesota 31; Wisconsin 31; Massachusetts 27; Illinois 24; Maryland 18; Colorado (A) 15; Missouri 15; California (B) 15; North Carolina 13; Rhode Island 6; New York (B) 4; Michigan (B) 4; Iowa 3; Wyoming 2 and Colorado (B) 1.

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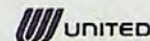
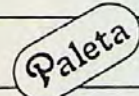
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New Directions

by Luke St. Onge
Executive Director

It is my pleasure to make the following report to the membership concerning the high points of the 1986 May Board Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Houston, May 20 and 21.

The Board took the following action:

1. Adopted the 1986-87 Budget.
2. Adopted the revised AARA Constitution and Procedural Code Book.
3. Confirmed Ivan Bruner as President of the Masters Council.
4. Confirmed Scott Winters as President of the Junior Council.

5. Confirmed Neil Shapiro as President of the Intercollegiate Council.

6. Adopted the Teaching and Coaching Certification program in concept to be introduced in October 1986.

7. Established a new national staff position, Assistant Executive Director, to be operational by October 1986 dependent upon funding.

8. Adopted a Code of Conduct for the U.S. National Team.

9. Established the U.S. National Team format for the selection of three assistant coaches.

10. Approved a new 3-year contract for Luke St. Onge as Executive Director.

11. Adopted a proposal to place

added emphasis on Public Relations and Media.

12. Adopted a new point system for rankings placing more emphasis on the National Invitational.

13. Elected Van Dubolsky as President of the AARA.

14. Elected Al Seitelman as Secretary of the AARA.

15. Elected Cathie Frederickson as National Commissioner of the AARA.

16. Re-elected Mike Arnolt as National Rules Commissioner.

17. Appointed past president, Keith Calkins, to the Board of Directors replacing Malia Kama-hoahoa who resigned.

18. Voted to return to Houston for the 1987 National Singles.

19. Voted Ed Remen Male Athlete

of the Year.

20. Voted Cindy Baxter Female Athlete of the Year.

21. Voted Ivan Bruner the John Halverson Award (Person of the Year).

22. Voted Toni and George Dever (Utah Racquetball Association) the Presidential Award as the top state directors in the AARA.

23. Adopted Steve Strandemo's latest book, "Racquetball Strategy", as the official instructional book for the AARA.

24. Adopted the oversize racquet specifications.

25. Adopted proposal to actively seek the Pan Am Championships in 1987 and the World Championships in 1988.

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