

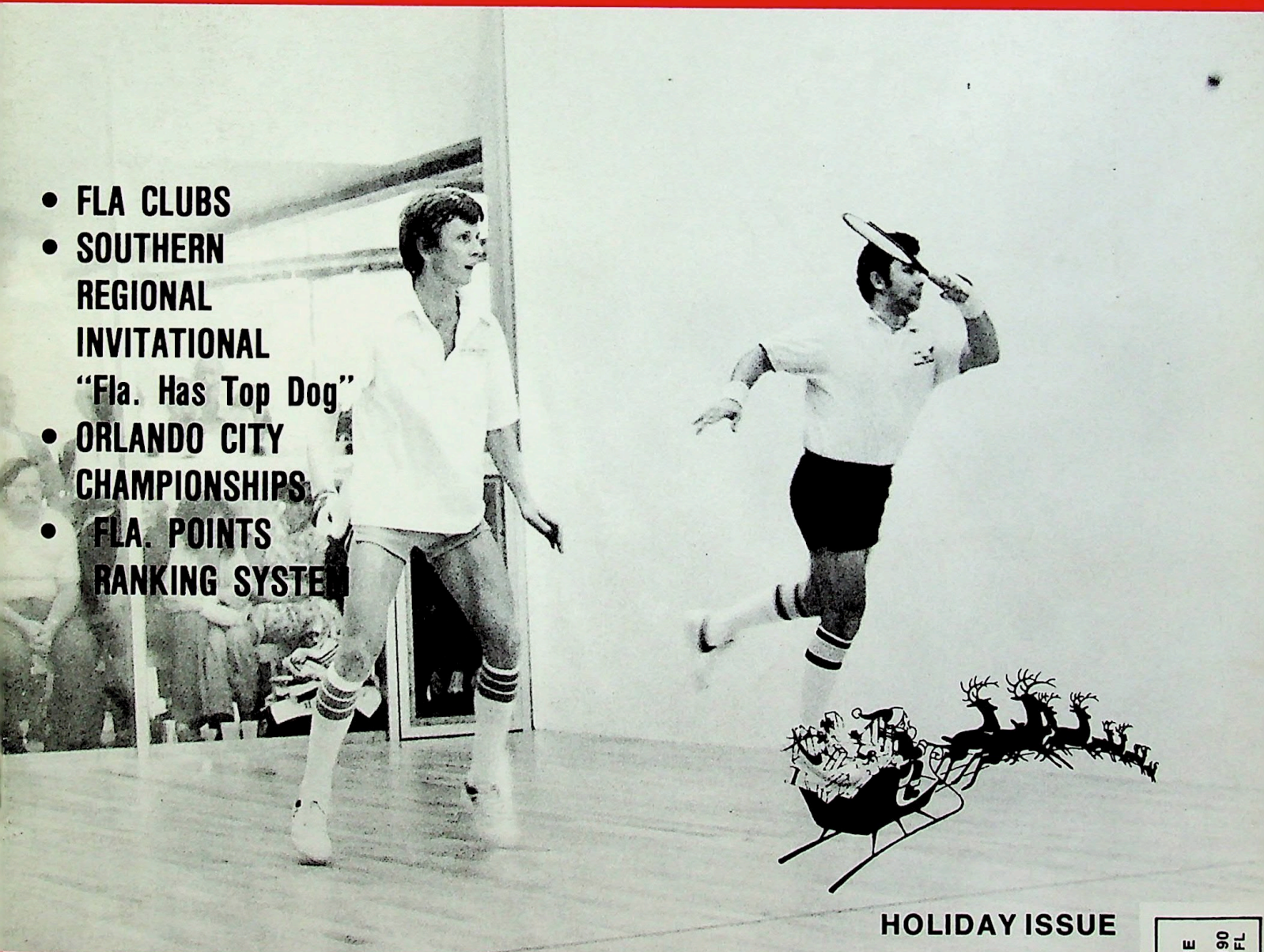
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- ★ Daytona Beach Y.M.C.A.
Volusia County Doubles
Racquetball Tourn.
Dec. 15,16,17
- ★ Jacksonville Racquetball Club
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- ★ Jacksonville Racquetball Club
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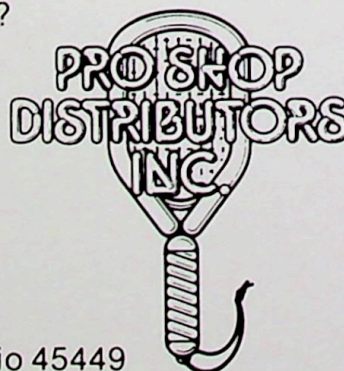
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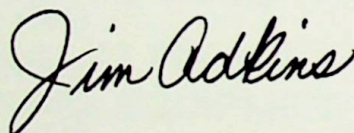
From the SSR Staff

Sunshine State Racquetball is here for another month. I would just like to say that after the first edition of SSR's publication there has been a tremendous response from people in Florida. I would like to thank everyone who has shown interest in our magazine.

I would like to once again ask everyone to announce the arrival of our state magazine to all of your friends and associates. We need to have a big promotional effort for Racquetball as a whole, as well as for the magazine. I feel that Racquetball is growing to be the biggest single racquet sport in Florida and the nation. I ask for your help in spreading the good word about racquetball and our Florida magazine, *Sunshine State Racquetball*.

I would also like to again say that we would appreciate all articles, pictures, or anything of racquetball interest, that anyone would like to send us for publication. Again, thanks for your interest and keep "rollin-em-out."

Jim Adkins
Editor



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MEMO

Sunshine State Racquetball would like to apologize for a gross error made in our first issue. It seems our Player Profile of Bob Phillippy was somewhat half explained. Bob's tournament achievement was runner-up in the Jr. National Championships. Florida players should all feel proud that we are represented so well. Once again, Bob we apologize.

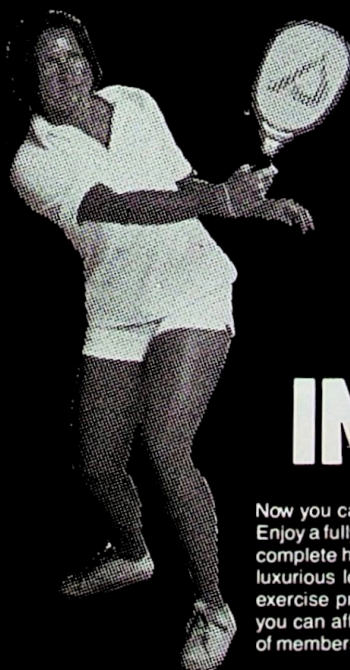
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Florida Racquetball Update

We at SSR would like to make known that there are players who are represented by racquet manufacturers in our state. This is a very high compliment to these players as well as to every player in Florida. We feel that everyone in Florida should be proud of these individuals. Racquet manufacturers consider these people to be exceptional players on and off the court.

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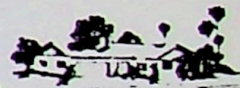
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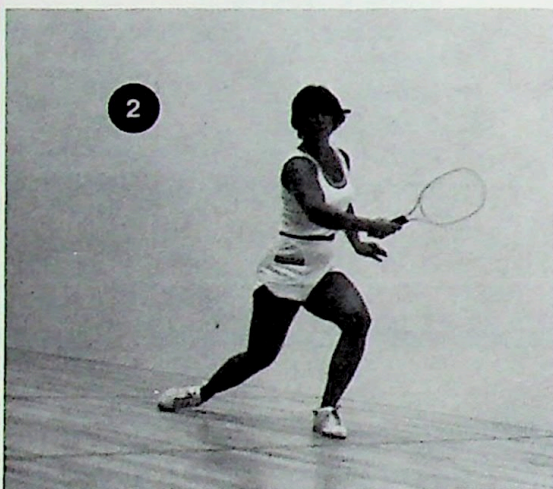
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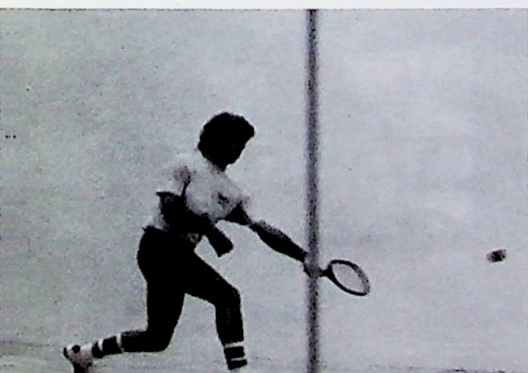
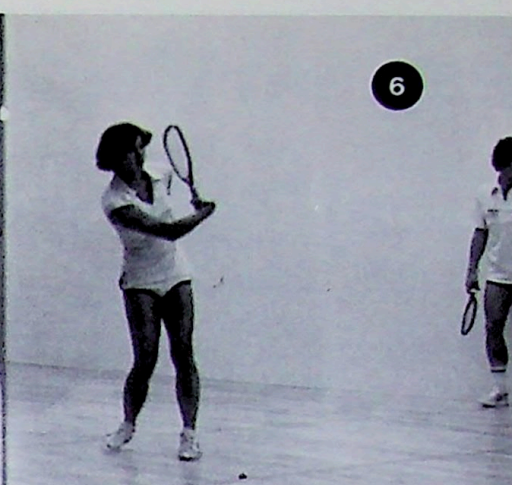
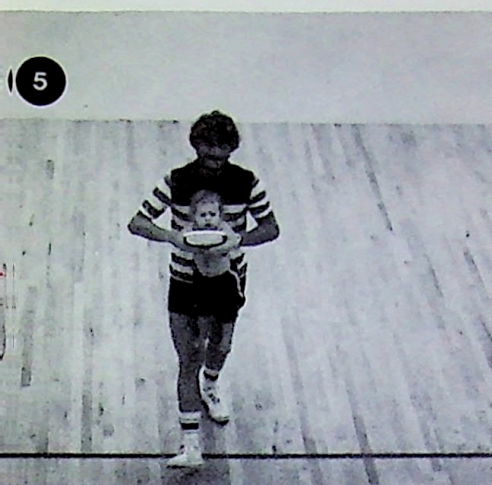
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of players



Sunshine State Racquetball offers this space to the camera buffs around Florida. We'll be showing candid shots of the interesting. Racquetball offers many strange moods, as well as many self-made models. Send us your photo of interest.



1. **David Mathews** - A level headed young man, who doesn't necessarily have his feet on the ground.
2. **Cile Adkins** - Fla.'s #1 seeded woman, destined to drop down and out of Fla. competition, (at least for nine months.) She's becoming a mother.
3. Wilson Racquet Sports backs **Shannon Wright** in U.S.R.A. Nationals in a big way.
4. **Keith Danlap** - Former Floridian with picture perfect back-hand.

5. **Little Stanford** - One of our problem players that we had to run off the court. (Papa John Stanford assists in this matter)
6. **Martha "Byrd" McDonald** - Fla.'s contribution to Women's Professional Racquetball. (Here playing the Men's open Double's with husband, Greg McDonald.)
7. **Kenny Hendricks** - looking tough on form.
8. People take a break in Lounge before finals take place on last few hours of a tournament.
9. **Scott Brown** and Fla.'s **Mike Fatolitis**. (Looking good.)

Southeastern Region

Invitational Tournament

The Jacksonville Racquetball Club in Jacksonville hosted the biggest tournament as far as player abilities to ever be held in Florida. The top players from six states competed in the 274 participant field.

Florida's own Jim Adkins, Manager and Club Pro of the Racquet Ball in Orlando, came out on top of the broad field. Adkins captured the men's open singles division when Joe Icaza, from Atlanta, suffered an injury in the second game of the best-of-three final match. Adkins won the first game 21-17 and was up at 9-5 when a shot off the backwall by Adkins struck Icaza in the corner of the left eye.

After a 15-minute injury time-out, the fourth-seeded Icaza decided to default.

"I hated to see it end like that," said the sixth-seeded Adkins, a 26-year-old native of Daytona Beach who was the overwhelming crowd favorite in the final against the flamboyant Icaza. "You never like to see any one get hurt and winning this way takes some of the thrill out of it. It's not very satisfying.

"This was certainly the biggest tournament I've ever won though. My game was really on and I played well throughout the three days."



Joe Icaza trims down #1 seed, John Dunlap

Adkins reached the finals by stopping No. 7 seed Jim Cullen of Memphis 21-12, 21-18, in the semifinals. Earlier he ousted No. 2 seed Keith Dunlap, also of Memphis.

Joe Icaza beat top-seeded John Dunlap 21-19, 21-13 in the semifinals.

Both John and Keith, the topseeds, were upset in the singles, but held true to form to capture the men's open doubles, beating Icaza and Atlanta Bobby Seigel 21-8, 21-6 in the final.

Keith Dunlap is the former pro at the Jacksonville Racquetball Club.

In the women's open singles, Sarasota's unseeded Marilyn Tebbs defeated Nancy Hornack of Fort Lauderdale 21-0, 21-19 in the final while in women's open doubles Gainesville's Diane and Kathy Green stopped Gail Ferguson and Janet Marshall of Memphis, 21-7, 21-14.

Results:

MEN Open Singles Semifinals

Joe Icaza (4), Atlanta def. John Dunlap (1), Memphis, 21-19, 21-13
Jim Adkins (6), Orlando, def. Jim Cullen (7), Memphis, 21-12, 21-18

Final

Adkins def. Icaza, 21-17, default (injury)
3rd, Cullen

Open Doubles Semifinals

John Dunlap-Keneth Dunlap (1), Memphis, def. Jim Bailey-Paul Saperstein (4), High Point, N.C., 21-5, 21-15

Joe Icaza-Bob Seigel (3), Atlanta, def. Jim Cullen-Larry Liles (7), Memphis, 21-8, 21-10

Final

Dunlap-Dunlap def. Icaza-Seigel, 21-8, 21-6
3rd, Bailey-Saperstein

Junior Vets (27-35) Semifinals

Bob Seigel, Atlanta, def. Larry Liles (1), Memphis 18-21, 21-17, 11-6

Steve Squire, (2) Ft. Lauderdale, def. John Stanford, Melbourne, 21-17, 21-20

Final

Squire def. Seigel, 21-7, 14-21, 11-4
3rd, Liles

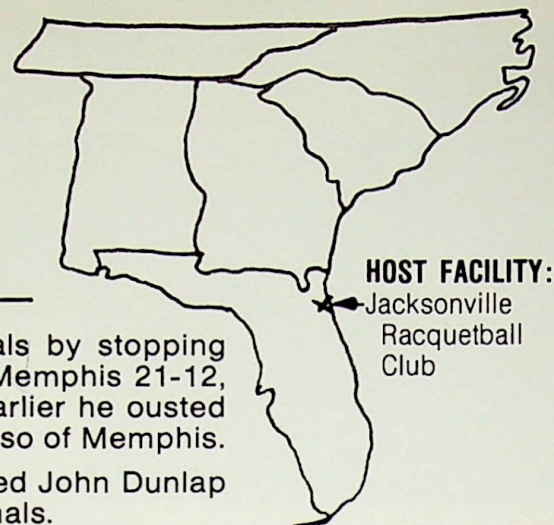
Senior Singles (35-45) Semifinals

Bill Koenig (1), Clearwater, def. Jim Jordan (4), Alabama 9-21, 21-5, 11-4

Larry Bauer (2), Tampa, def. Garr Wiles (3), N.C., 21-10, 21-9

Final

Koenig def. Bauer, 21-7, 21-11
3rd, Jordan



Senior Doubles

Semifinals

Larry Swanson-Mario Ariet (1), Gainesville, def. Frank Blackard, Orlando, Graig Shook, Gainesville, (4), 21-18, 21-17

Mike Mojer, Merritt Island, and Al Sobel, Jacksonville, (3), def. Bill Koenig, Clearwater, and Jim Lane, Nashville, Ga., (2), 21-10, 21-15

Final

Swanson-Ariet def. Mojer-Sobel, 21-16, 18-21, 11-6

3rd, Lane-Koenig

B Singles

Semifinals

Scott Nelson (1), Melbourne, def. Gene Owen (4), Lakeland, 21-10, 19-21, 11-5

Mark Morrison, Merritt Island, def. Bruce Olsen, Tampa, 21-18, 21-15

Final

Morrison def. Nelson, 21-15, 21-12

3rd, Olsen

B Doubles

Semifinals

Scott Nelson-John Stanford, Melbourne, def. Terry Baldwin-Sonny Macmon, Jacksonville, 21-9, 21-10

Vinny Ganley-Rick Taylor, Orlando def. Barry Koran-Fred Koran, Miami, 21-10, 21-4

Final

Ganley-Taylor def. Nelson-Stanford, 21-5, 7-21, 11-10

3rd, Koran-Koran

Juniors (17 and Under)

Semifinals

Sergio Gonzales (1), Miami, def. Robert Brasington, Gainesville, 21-13, 21-5

Rick Taylor (2), Orlando, def. Steve Wood, Gainesville, 21-9, 21-7

Final

Gonzales def. Taylor, 21-10, 21-10

3rd, Brasington

Juniors (13 and Under)

Final

Koran def. Ira, 21-17, 21-8

3rd, Potter

Masters Singles

Semifinal

Mike Mojer (1), Orlando, def. Yale Berman, Jacksonville, 21-8, 21-8



The Dunlap Brothers, although upset in singles, take doubles without problems.

Fred Koran (2), def. Gordon Ira (3), Jacksonville, 21-19, 21-16

Final

Mojer def. Koran, 21-18, 21-7

3rd, Ira

Masters Doubles

Final

Gordon Ira, Jacksonville, and Ray DePue, Nashville, Tenn., (1), def. Yale Berman and Bernie Margol, Jacksonville, 15-14, 15-10

WOMEN

Open Singles

Semifinals

Nancy Hornack (4), Ft. Lauderdale, def. Cile Adkins (1), Orlando, 8-21, 21-14, 11-7

Marilyn Tebbs, Sarasota, def. Gail Furguson (2), Memphis, 21-6, 21-12

Final

Tebbs def. Hornack, 21-0, 21-19

3rd, Furguson

Open Doubles

Semifinals

Diane Green-Kathy Green (4), Gainesville, def. Cile Adkins, Orlando, and Donisa Zetrouer, Gainesville, (1), 21-19, 21-12

Gail Furguson-Janet Marshall (2), Memphis, def. Audrey Simter, Ft. Lauderdale, and Patsy Ingell, Memphis, 21-9, 21-9

Final

Green-Green def. Furguson-Marshall, 21-7, 21-14

3rd, Simter-Ingell

B Singles

Semifinals

Desirre Smith, Ft. Lauderdale, def. Vicky Butler, Miami, 21-6, 21-14

Pam Chorlog, Jacksonville, def. Renee Fish, Clearwater, 21-17, 21-16

Final

Smith def. Chorlog, 16-21, 21-7, 11-9

3rd, Fish

Orlando March of Dimes City Championships

The Racquet Ball in Orlando, along with the Winter Park Jaycees, sponsored the Orlando City Championships. The tournament was held for benefit of the March of Dimes. 227 people participated in the 12 divisions.

Jim and Cile Adkins emerged the big winners. Jim Adkins, pro at the Racquet Ball facility, scored a 21-12, 21-4 victory over Errol Potter to capture the men's open singles event, while Cile Adkins won the women's open title with a 21-8, 21-14 triumph over Gail Troxell. Tom Ruffing finished third among the men and Betsy Leedy captured the consolation match in women's action.

In doubles the winner's names again begin with "A" as Jim Adkins and Potter slipped past Mike Mojer and Tom Ruffing 21-12, 11-21, 11-4 (T) for the men's open crown and Cile Adkins teamed with Jan Jernigan to annex the women's title 21-15, 15-21, 11-5 (T) over Gail Troxell and Teri Mele. The female Adkins also crossed over

to the male bracket and won the 'B' Class doubles with Allen Sobel 20-21, 21-9, 11-9 (T) over Tinker Hewitt and Andy Warden.

The rest of the results:

Men's "B" - Tinker Hewitt def. Frank Patrick 21-14, 17-21, 11-9 (T). Third: Brian Woodard.

Men's "C" - Brian Shorthouse def. Steve Carlson 21-17, 15-21, 11-8 (T). Third: Richard Davis.

Women's "B" - Teri Mele def. Barbara Lazarr 21-8, 21-4. Third: Jean Jarvie

Women's "C" - Renee Baker def. Robin Dodson 21-12, 21-16. Third: Becky Jones.

Women's "B" doubles - Barbara Lazarr/Pat Schapanski def. Jean Jarvie/Debbie Hodgskin 21-14, 21-17.

Juniors "8 - 13" - Richard Potter def. Rick Shorthouse 21-14, 8-21, 11-9 (T). Third: Jeff Jackson.

Juniors "14 - 17" - Rick Taylor def. Brian Shorthouse 21-8, 21-12. Third: Roland Jernigan.

Florida's State Ranking System

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(or is it?)

by Van Dubolsky

Last month in the "Sunshine State Racquetball" I described my reasons for attempting to establish a state-wide ranking system. I explained how the system worked and briefly outlined what would constitute a "ranked" tournament. This month I would like to expand upon the qualifications of a "ranked" event and also show you what some of the actual numbers look like.

I alluded to the fact that there were some problems in the system and in order to minimize them, or at least qualify the situation, I established the following parameters:

In order to be ranked a tournament must have been held in an indoor facility in the state of Florida, and it must have been an open invitational. For players to be ranked they must be living in Florida at this time with a Florida mailing address and they must have finished in the top eight of a particular division at least three times since January 1978.

Although I have information on out-of-state tournaments including regionals and the nationals I decided to limit the rankings to only Florida events. This allows everyone to be compared on "even levels" so to speak. You will also notice some obvious "name" players missing from the rankings simply because they don't satisfy the minimum requirements. (Check for some of these "names" in the notes next to the rankings of each division.)

As I mentioned, I started trying to compile records in the beginning of 1978 and as of now I have the results of nine tournaments held in the state this year: The list includes the following events:

Month	Place	Tournaments
Jan.	Courtrooms, Ft. Laud.	IRA State Tourn.
March	Racquetball, Orlando	Branett-Wilson Open
May	Racquetball, Orlando	Ektelon-Light
May	Courtrooms, Ft. Laud.	Vittet
June	Jacksonville Racquetball Club	USRA State Tourn.

June Sportrooms, Miami
July Courtrooms, Ft. Laud.
July Courtrooms, Ft. Laud.
Sept. Jacksonville Racquetball
Club

Ektelon-Light
Superaid Tourn.
Yoo-hoo
Southeastern
Invit.

Please note that these are the only tournaments that I have information about. I am sure that I am missing some of the tournaments held in the state this year, and in order to make this system reasonably meaningful I would ask all tournament directors and court-clubs to send me a complete copy of the results.

If you notice that I haven't included your tournament on this list please send me these records so I can up-date my files.

Before listing the rankings I want to emphasize that this system is an independent venture on my part and in no way do I claim these to be official numbers; but in lieu of the fact that no one else has bothered to correlate them before, it is probably better than nothing. With this in mind here are the:

Florida State Rankings as of November 1978

Open Singles	Ranking	Notes
1. Frank Johnson	3.80	Conspicuous in their absence are such names as Joe Icaza (2.00), Mike Fatolitis (2.00), Keith Dunlap (2.66), and Matt Mathews (3.80) simply because they no longer live in Florida.
2. Rick Stevens	4.00	
3. Steve Sulli	4.00	
4. Steve Squire	4.20	
5. Jim Adkins	4.66	
6. Ken Hendricks	5.00	
7. Randy Hines	5.25	
8. Percy Philman	6.00	

Women Singles	Ranking	Notes
1. Cile Adkins	2.20	Barb Faulkenberry (1.00) has moved or she would top the list. Look for Marilyn Tebbs to appear as soon as she qualifies with enough tournament finishes. Ditto for Nancy Hamrick.
2. Audrey Simpton	2.25	
3. Nancy Hornack	3.16	
4. Sheryl Nelson	3.75	
5. Debbie Drury	5.33	
6. Pam Harrison	5.33	
7. Donisa Zetrouer	5.60	

Senior Singles	Ranking	Notes
1. Fred Blaess	1.20	Look for Bob Riley, Graig Shaak and Mike Wohl to appear on the list as soon as they pick up another top eight finish.
2. Bill Koenig	1.50	
3. Larry Bauer	3.20	
4. Mike Mojer	3.25	
5. Gary Goldfadden	3.25	
6. Sonny Marcus	5.50	
7. Jeff Leon	6.25	

Master Singles	Ranking	Notes
1. Fred Koran	1.75	Mike Mojer with 2 wins in 2 times at this division should top it with another appearance. Bill Alheim, John Hinkamp & Chub Bonfleur will also show up with one more tournament
2. Mike Wohl	2.00	
3. Gordon Ira	3.66	
4. Herb Nathan	3.66	
5. Bernie Older	4.75	
6. Tom Zetrouer	5.33	

Juniors

Sergio Gonzales (1.75) and Rick Taylor (3.00) are the only 17 and unders who even qualify while Barry Koran (1.25) is the only 13 and under to meet standards. Bob Phillippy (1.00) has left the state (and he has also grown up!) Watch for George Deeb, Malon Brown, and Mitch Campbell to rise.

In closing for this month, please remember that I have done this only in the interest of racquetball in Florida and my basic concern has been to establish a ranking that can aid tournament directors in objectively seeding their respective divisions. If you are planning a tournament and you would like complete information in any and all divisions call or write to me anytime at 930 N.E. 14th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601, (904)378-5093. Next month: The Doubles Numbers.



Notes from IRA

The first IRA State Doubles is scheduled for December 8 - 10th and may be history by the time this issue of the magazine is received. Many thanks need to go to Fred White and his group in Southern Florida for initiating the first primarily Doubles Tournament to be held in Florida. Our tournaments have gotten so big that we simply will have to have separate tournaments for Singles and Doubles. We will alternate the ends of the State each year so that no one will have to travel any further than the next. The IRA State Singles will be March 2-4, 1979, to correspond with the IRA State Championships throughout the country. It will be held at the Jacksonville Racquetball Club. Next year the Singles will be in the southern part of the State and Doubles in the northern part of the State.

We are trying to interest leaders in different section of the State to act as IRA representatives. Pam Harrison represents the Tampa-Clearwater area, Fred White the southern area, but we need someone to cover the central and the northwestern parts of the State. Hopefully, we can or will have discussed this at the State Doubles Tournament.

Super strong vibes are still coming from the central office and it looks like (fingers crossed) we really have a strong central organization underway.

PLAY MORE RACQUETBALL!

Sincerely,

Gordon H. Ira, Jr., M.D.
IRA State Chairman



Member Update:

I would like to announce some future plans for the USRA State and Regional Tournaments. Florida has been chosen to host the Regional Tournament for our area of the country. The Jacksonville Racquetball Club has been chosen as the host club. I feel this is a good choice geographically, as well as it being a super tournament facility. I hope all Florida players will plan to attend and participate in this tournament. Let's all show up and represent Florida.

The State Tournament site has not been chosen as of yet. From all indications our player's feel that we should definitely hold the Singles and Doubles in two separate parts of the state. I will be sending a mail-out to all U.S.R.A. members that will consist of a questionnaire as to the decisions that need to be made concerning the state tournament. It is very important that all members fill this out and send it back to me. Your thoughts will be the factors deciding the locations of the State Tourn. or Tournaments, whichever the case may be. This mail-out will reach you by Jan.

Jim Adkins
USRA Pres. (Fla. Chap.)

Wilson Courtrooms Results

Over 250 participants competed in 10 events at The Courtrooms in Ft. Lauderdale.

Men's Open: Joe Icaza def. Percy Philman 21-11, 21-4 Third: Randy Hines

Men's B: Bruce Olson def. Neil Einhorn 21-18, 21-18 Third: Sergio Gonzalez

Men's C: Carl Dean def. Luc Fauteux 21-15, 21-20 Third: Lorenz Chavez

Women's Open: Debby Drury def. Cheryl Nelson 21-14, 21-4 Third: Kathy Gail

Women's B: Kathy Fegers def. Jill Denoff 21-10, 21-6 Third: Patty Krueger

Women's C: Betsy Linn def. Kathy Fossellman 16-21, 21-8, 11-3

Men's Seniors: Fred Blaess def. Jeff Leon 21-11, 21-19 Third: Sonny Marcus

Men's Masters: Mike Wohl def. Bill Alheim 21-6, 21-16 Third: Gene Orr

Juniors 8-13: Mitch Campbell def. Linda Kuchenreuther 21-2, 21-9 Third: Edward Blaess

Juniors 14-17: Sergio Gonzalez def. Scott Nelson 11-21, 21-8, 11-9 Third: Mario Karrea

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Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1

RESULTS:

Men's Open

1st Walter Massey
2nd Darrell Radford
21-12, 21-18

Men's B

1st Andy Romano
2nd Don Deal
21-15, 12-21, 11-5

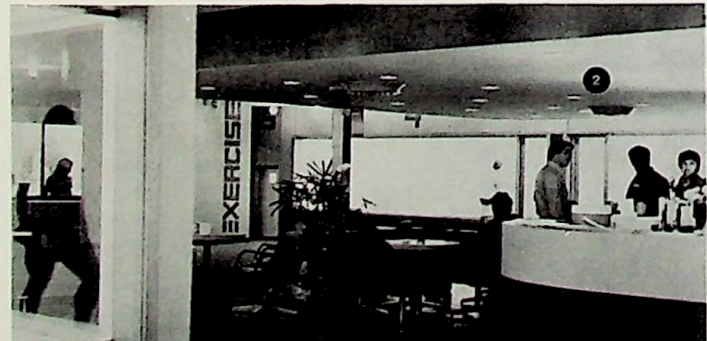
Men's C

1st Jeff Campbell
2nd Jim Evans
21-19, 21-19

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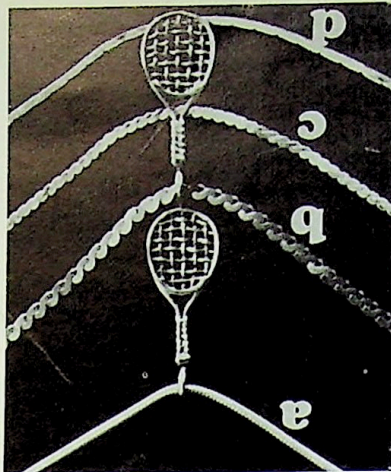
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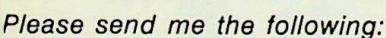
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