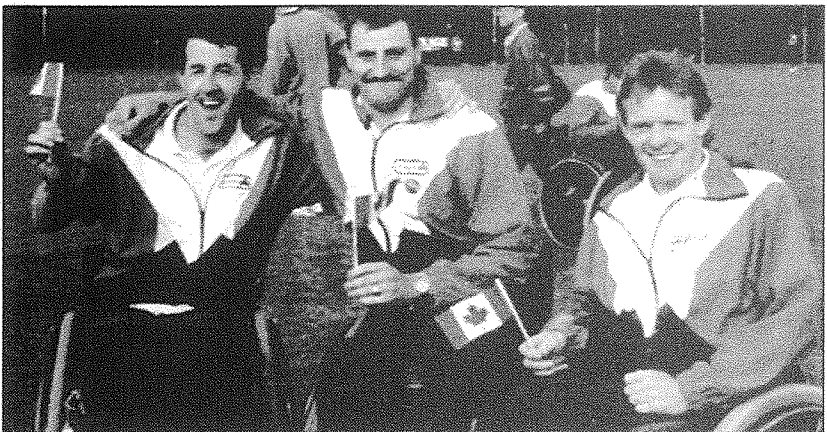
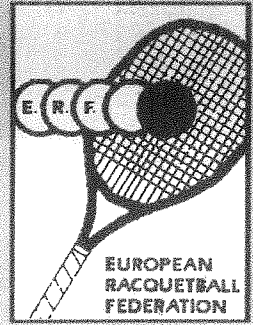


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*The Editor,
Racquetball Europe
and the European
Racquetball
Federation wishes*



*everybody A Very Happy 1994 and
we are looking forward to meeting
them at the 1994 Worlds in Mexico*



European Championships

Hamburg, Germany



Germany take title

THE all powerful German racquetball team not only consolidated their position as premier men's team in Europe but for the first time ever captured the combined title at their home venue in Hamburg.

A team with purpose and direction they swept all opposition aside to retain their men's team title.

The introduction of Andrea Gordon, No 1 player on the women's team ensured that not only did they take the Women's individual event but gathered enough points to knock Ireland off their pedestal as combined champions.

This, the seventh championships, welcomed teams from Greece and Austria as well as participants from Hungary, all for the first time.

The men's event was divided into two divisions. Germany placed first in Division A ahead of Belgium and Greece. Ireland finished first in the Division B, two points in front of Holland and Austria.

The final saw Germany beat Ireland 4-0 and complete the tournament without dropping a point. Belgium enjoying one of their best ever European championships beat Holland for third place and the bronze medals.

The women's team event was for the fifth year in succession dominated by Ireland. While dropping points to Holland and Germany they finished on 14 points, four points ahead of Germany and Belgium, who again captured the bronze medals.

German dominance was again evident in the individual events where Joachim Loaf retained his title with a comprehensive win over Jeroen van der Holst from Holland and Andrea Gordon defeated reigning title holder Bobbi Brennan, Ireland in two straight games.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN	MEN	COMBINED
1. Ireland	1. Germany	1. Germany
2. Germany	2. Ireland	2. Ireland
3. Belgium	3. Belgium	3. Belgium
4. Netherlands	4. Netherlands	4. Netherlands
5. Great Britain	5. Austria	5. Great Britain
	6. Greece	6. Austria
		7. Greece



Joachim Loaf retained his title.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN: Semi-finals: Bobbi Brennan (Irl) bt Philomine van Pelt (Ned), 15-5, 15-8; Andrea Gordon (Ger) bt Marie Duignan (Irl), 15-11, 15-3.

3rd and 4th place: Marie Duignan bt Philomine van Pelt (Ned), 15-10, 11-15, 11-7.

Final: Andrea Gordon (Ger) bt Bobbi Brennan (Irl), 15-10, 15-14.

MEN: Semi-finals: Joachim Loaf (Ger) bt Erland Schönberger (Bel), 15-10, 14-15, 11-4; Jeroen van der Holst (Ned) bt Trevor Hayter (Ger), 10-15, 15-9, 11-3.

3rd and 4th place: Trevor Hayter (Ger), bt Erland Schönberger (Bel), 15-3, 15-3.

Final: Joachim Loaf (Ger) bt Jeroen van der Holst (Ned), 15-10, 15-6.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Wannée / Baart de la faille (Ned) bt Brennan / O'Brien (Irl), 15-12, 15-11; Heffernan / Farrell (Irl) bt Carsens / Hönig (Ger), 15-4, 15-6.

3rd and 4th place: Brennan / O'Brien (Irl) bt Carstens Hönig (Ger), 15-12, 15-7.

Final: Heffernan / Farrell (Irl) bt Wannée / Baart de la Faille (Ned), 15-14, 15-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Slattery / O'Callaghan (Irl) bt Matla / Schipper (Ned), 15-12, 11-15, 11-7; Loaf Hayter (Ger) bt Schönberger / Devis (Bel), 15-5, 15-10.

3rd and 4th place: Schipper Matla (Ned) bt Schönberger / Devis (Bel), 15-12, 11-15, 11-9.

Final: Loaf / Hayter (Ger) bt Slattery / O'Callaghan (Irl), 15-14, 15-9.

A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON EUROPEAN RACQUETBALL

by René Hehemann

OVER the past few years the political situation in Europe has change drastically. That this change would have a major impact on European racquetball, nobody could predict at the time.

This fact surfaced about two years ago, when the United States decided to withdraw more than half its US military force from Europe.

As a result of this strategic change US military installations have been gradually closed and Army and Air Force personnel are being re-assigned to missions back in the United States or elsewhere in the world.

With the withdrawal of military personnel from Europe many US racquetball players are moving away without being replaced by fresh players.

When racquetball was introduced in the late seventies the support from experienced US military racquetball players was a major contribution to the development of European racquetball. Not only did they share their technical skills and gave tactical advice to beginning and talented racquetball players, but they also appeared as welcome competitors at tournaments around Europe. On the other hand many European players surely remember the unforgettable hospitality and friendship they received, when they played at tournaments on American bases across Europe.

From those US Open players the Europeans learned a lot in those early days. At first we watched at their performances and their spectacular rallies with admiration and amazement. Eventually we tried to copy those skills and then slowly we confronted them with what we had learned and mastered over the years.

In the early years the Americans captured many tournaments in Europe, who can forget names like the legendary Lou Souther, Bob Ellis, Shauna Lacey, Jim Mattingly, Eddy Baptista, Bob Gordon, Mel Kince, Barbara Faulkenberry, the Arnold twins, Frank Tomey, George Haegerty, Jesus Montezuma, Marlene Cachero and others.

Only a few European players occasionally had some success against these top US players in those days, players like Ton Luyck, Jörg Hanold, Mirjam Wielheesen, Jürgen Denk, Arno Mooyman, Willi Wenzel and Ronald de Zwiiger, Marie Duignan, Dinike Hool and Ann Marie Whelan.

By the way, the first European player who was introduced to racquetball on a US military installation some 17 years ago, was Willi Wenzel from Bad Tölz in Germany.

The Europeans got better and by the second half of the eighties the tide had turned, now the European players won most of the tournaments and only occasionally American players won major titles around Europe.

Over the last three years the situation has changed and the well visited European open tournaments are lacking the numbers and the competition, because the Americans are leaving Europe and only leave fond memories behind.

The fact that the US military installations are being closed and the US are decreasing the numbers in Europe, means that we have to re-access the situation and make the best of it.

In my opinion two things have to be done! Firstly, we have to make up for the numbers and the level of competition, by doubling our efforts to promote racquetball in Europe.

Secondly, where US military installations are being closed, racquetball courts on the bases should be maintained and kept open.

How can we achieve those goals in Europe? To promote and develop racquetball we have to seek recognition nationally, try to reach sportive people in all age categories and introduce them to racquetball, focus on investors and existing sport facilities to expand with racquetball or build new racquetball clubs and try to interest the media for racquetball. This way you can get growth, expand the sport and upgrade the competition.

To reach the second goal national racquetball bodies should get in touch with the US military command and/or local authorities to persuade them to maintain the

sport facility, specifically the racquetball courts and have them opened for the local people! Together with the remaining Americans and local players these courts should be kept occupied and together work on the expansion of racquetball.

I am sure that we all in Europe will miss the American military racquetball players and the

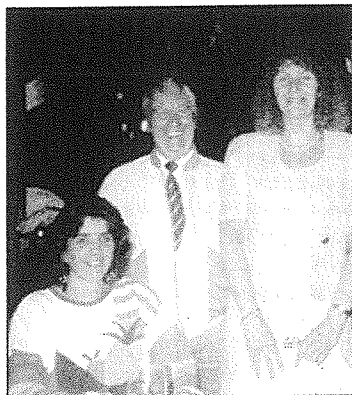
competition. However we now have to accept the fact and look ahead!

From this place I like to thank all the well known and regular US players who helped to develop racquetball in Europe and for their contribution over the first 15 years of European racquetball.

Scenes from the Europeans . . .

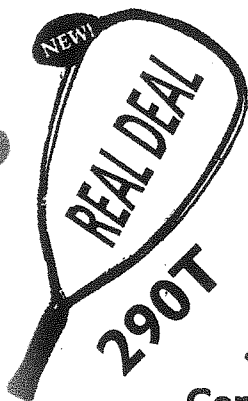


The Irish mens team pictured at the presentation ceremony at the Europeans in Hamburg. Front row: Noel O'Callaghan, Tommy Geelan. Back row: Michael Lynch, Chrissy Slattery, Anthony Butler.



Wendy Hackett, Milo Hackett and Karen Walker of the Great Britain team at the Europeans.

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8th European Congress

Hamburg - Germany

A CAPACITY attendance ensured a long and interesting congress at the European Championships in Hamburg. France was the only country not represented as delegates brought the European racquetball membership up to date with full details of development and progress being outlined in respect of each country.

Congress received the financial position of the ERF for the first time under the guidance of new treasurer Maryke Hiller.

Discussions were held in relation to the positioning of European racquetball development when many of the present US based participants left for home.

A film presentation on behalf of the NRA who were hosting the World Games in the Hague was shown and a number of queries raised in relation to country representation and accommodation costs were clarified.

Following the minutes of the previous Congress in Montreal a number of delegates expressed concern at the failure of Ektelon who were represented at the ERF Congress in Montreal to meet the commitments made to European countries regarding sponsorship.

The wisdom of the IRF in bringing and allowing such representation from sponsors at meetings such as the ERF Congress was questioned. Particularly if such negotiations are not fruitful when sponsors fail to deliver.

The following major decisions were made at the Congress and Exco meetings during the championships:

- (a) Commencing 1995 the European Open Championships and Masters Championships will be held together at the one venue. No duplication of players will be permitted.
- (b) The 1995 European championships were agreed for Amsterdam. Subject to NRA confirmation at Mexico meeting of ERF.
- (c) An agreement was made to provide officially under ERF control, a two week space between each of the major events on the European calendar. Changes were made to dates already requested by the Belgium, Dutch and German Federations and brought in line with required spacing.
- (d) It was agreed to draw up a formal ERF constitution and include work already completed in the past by Jurgen Denk. When completed this new constitution is to be released by P. Duignan to full ERF affiliates for review and comment.

Amendments will then be included and released again to all Federations as the official constitution. Alterations after that date to be by way of motion to congress.

- (e) Acting on a proposal from M. Duignan, Ireland, it was agreed to start European Championships for Juniors. The first such championship will be held in conjunction with the Belgian Open, November 4-6, 1994.

Rules and ages will be included in new constitution.

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THE WORLD GAMES

by René Hehemann



ONE of the world's most prestigious tournaments — the World Games took place in The Hague, Netherlands in July, 1993. In my opinion it has been the second most important event held on the European continent after the World Championships in Hamburg in 1988 and is certainly the most prestigious tournament in The Netherlands.

For the first time ever a (senior) world champion, Michelle Gould, played in The Netherlands. National champions from Canada, Japan, Mexico, the USA and 6 European countries competed. Unfortunately we saw two all-American finals, which means that there is still a gap between the USA and the rest of the world. Only a few Canadians can keep up with the best, but still were not good enough to make it into the finals. Only in a few matches non American players could gather more than ten points in one game or even win one.

The women's finals went as expected and was won relatively easy by the world's best Michelle Gould over Malia Bailey. The mens final had a surprise, not the no 1 seed John Ellis, but the no 3 seed Mike Bronfeld won the title World Games Champion 1993. All who competed enjoyed the games tremendously.

The World Games spirit was valued by most of the participants and the Games gave them an opportunity to be introduced to many other sports.

The event took almost three years to prepare. The valued help received from Jim Hiser, Karel Matla, Wim Vink and all the others was the major factor in the success of the 1993 World Games.

RESULTS:

First Round: Many Tanaka JAP - Michiel van der Holst NED 15-2, 14-15, 11-9; Matthias Drieschner GER - Sherman Greenfeld CAN 1-15, 4-15; Diana Almeida MEX - Philomine van Pelt NED 15-5, 15-2; Daphne Wannee NED - Masami Kofuji JAP 0-15, 0-15; Mike Bronfeld USA - Pascal Malton NED 15-1, 15-3; Anthony Butler IRL - Alvaro Maldonado MEX 0-15, 14-15; Carol McFetridge CAN - Brigitte Schulz GER 15-4, 15-2; Angie Curley GER - Hilda Rodriguez MEX 6-15, 4-15; Juan Carlos Quevedo MEX - Jeroen van der Holst NED 15-2, 15-1; Joachim Loof GER - Jun-Ichi Yoshida JAP 10-15, 15-14, 4-11; Hideko Kasahara JAP - Birgit Klinke GER 15-3, 15-0; Angelique Baart de la Faille NED - Malia Bailey USA 2-15, 1-15; John Ellis USA - Peter de Jong NED 15-4, 15-3; Shailesh Patel GBR - Noel O'Callaghan IRL 6-15, 3-8FF.

Quarter-Finals: Michelle Gould USA - Jodine van Antwerpen NED 15-0, 15-2; Wendy Hackett GBR - Bobby Brennan IRL 10-15, 15-11, 11-6; Many Tanaka JAP - Sherman Greenfeld CAN 15-11, 15-8; Diana Almeida MEX - Masami Kofuji JAP 15-11, 12-15, 9-11; Mike Bronfeld USA - Alvaro Maldonado MEX 15-3; 15-6; Carol McFetridge CAN - Hilda Rodriguez MEX 15-13, 15-1; Juan Carlos Quevedo MEX - Jun Ichi Yoshida JAP 13-15, 15-10, 9-11; Hideko Kasahara JAP - Malia Bailey USA 10-15, 2-15; John Ellis USA - Noel O'Callaghan IRL 15-10, 15-13; Michelle Gould USA - Wendy Hackett GBR 15-1; 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Michelle Gould USA - Masami Kofuji JAP 15-1, 15-1; Carol McFetridge CAN - Malia Bailey USA 13-15, 15-9, 7-11; John Ellis USA - Jun Ichi Yoshida JAP 15-3, 15-5; Mike Bronfeld USA - Sherman Greenfeld CAN 15-10, 15-14.

Third Place: Masami Kofuji JAP - Carol McFetridge CAN 8-15, 12-15; Jun Ichi Yoshida JAP - Sherman Greenfeld CAN 3-15, 8-15.

Finals: Michelle Gould USA - Malia Bailey USA 15-3, 15-12.

John Ellis USA - Mike Bronfeld USA 10-15, 9-15.

WORLD NEWS

WORLD RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Luis Potosi, Mexico — August 1994

AS a continuation of the International Racquetball Federations commitment to the sport, full medal status will again be offered to both men and women wheelchair racquetball players from around the world.

PARALYMPICS

Atlanta, Georgia — August 1994

RECENTLY confirmed acceptance of wheelchair racquetball as a full medal demonstration sport at these games will afford both men and women from around the world the opportunity to show their skills and "go for gold".

For any information on these or other international events, please contact David Hinton, c/o Racquetball Canada, Suite 303, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada K1B 5N4. Tel (613) 748-5653. Fax (613) 748-5697.

RACQUETBALL IN PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Keith Calkins, President of the AARA and the Pan American Racquetball Confederation, Luke St Onge, Secretary General of PARC, and Osvaldo Maggi, President of the Argentina Racquetball Association attended the annual meeting of the Pan American Sport Organisation (PASO) in Mar Del Plata, Argentina where racquetball was re-affirmed on the programme for the 1995 Pan American Games. Through a great effort on all of racquetball's part, the venue was moved from Mar Del Plata to Buenos Aires where five new courts are being built for the competition.

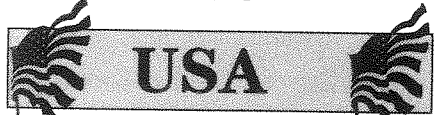
PITCHING 2000

The International Racquetball Federation has made a formal presentation to the International Olympic Committee in

Lausanne, Switzerland last May. Han van der Heiden, President of the IRF and Luke St Onge, Executive Director of IRF made the racquetball presentation to the programme commission which will now make recommendations to the IOC Executive Board for changes in the 2000 Olympic programme. The final determination will be made in September of 1994.

CENTRAL AMERICAN CARIBBEAN GAMES

Racquetball has been confirmed on the official programme of the Central American Caribbean Games to be held in November in Puerto Rico. Competition will be held in the city of San Juan at the YMCA. This will be the second appearance for racquetball in the quadrennial Olympic event.



Gould and Ellis win Ektelon AARA US National Singles Racquetball Championships

HOUSTON, TEXAS: Michelle Gould of Boise, Idaho walked away with her fifth consecutive women's open national racquetball singles title on Memorial Day, with a straight game win over Malia Bailey of Norfolk, Virginia. Former junior titlist John Ellis of Stockton, California moved up from a silver medal finish last year to his first title gold in the adult singles ranks, with a similar two game match victory over Michael Bronfeld of Sacramento, California.

For current world champion Gould, her win today places her in the record books for the longest winning streak in racquetball history. At 22, her domination of the womens amateur and pro ranks has been long-lived, starting with her first junior title in 1984 in the girls 14 and under division.

RANKINGS:

MENS PROS		WOMENS PROS		US MEN		US WOMEN	
1	Cliff Swain	1	Michelle Gould	1	Chris Cole	1	Kim Russell
2	Mike Ray	2	Marci Drexler	2	Doug Ganim	2	Lorraine Galloway
3	Andy Roberts	3	Malia Bailey	3	Michael Bronfeld	3	Michelle Gould
4	Drew Kachtik	4	Jackie Paraiso Gibson	4	John Ellis	4	Malia Bailey
5	Ruben Gonzalez	5	Robin Levine	5	Dan Fowler	5	Elaine Hooghe
6	Bret Hartnett	6	Lynne Coburn	6	Sean Graham	6	Jane Greene
7	Tim Doyle	7	Toni Bevelock	7	Jimmy Lowe	7	Kaye Kuhfeld
8	Dave Johnson	8	Caryn McKinney	8	Lance Gilliam	7T	Robin Levine
9	Jack Newman	9	Kaye Kuhfeld	9	Rob McKinney	9	Nadine Akimoto
10	Mike Guidry	10	Molly O'Brien	9T	Scott Reiff	10	Brenda Kyzer



HINTON RECEIVES COREL AWARD

The creation of the new Canadian Sport Council also saw the launching of the Canadian Sport Administrator Awards. Dave Hinton was the recipient of the 1992 Corel Corporation Technical Council Award for his work in promoting the integration of wheelchair racquetball into the national and international programmes and for promoting the acceptance of Wheelchair Racquetball in the 1992 Paralympic Games. Dave's work for wheelchair racquetball is primarily as a volunteer (as is his work with the Canadian Sport & Fitness Administration Centre's Technical Council).

Well done Dave and congrats from us all.

FORMER CANADIAN WORLD CHAMPION RETIRES

Two time world women's single champion and seven time Canadian champion Heather Stupp-Myers recently announced her retirement from Racquetball Canada's national team. Citing a change in lifestyle (she was married last summer) combined with an overseas move to London, England.

CANADIAN TEAM MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE

Roger Harripersad, a nationally ranked player and professional from Canada, recently tested positive in a doping test conducted during the Western Canadian Open Tournament in Calgary, Canada.

Harriperad's sample contained the banned substance stanozolol, an anabolic steroid. He receives a four year suspension from all sanctioned sport events in Canada.

RANKINGS:

MEN SINGLES

- 1 Sherman Greenfeld
- 2 Simon Roy
- 3 Mike Ceresia
- 4 Haydn Jones
- 5 Doug McQuarrie
- 6 Robert Pratt
- 7 Darren Moran
- 8 Andy Fitzpatrick
- 9 Jacques Demers
- 10 Jason Uly

WOMEN SINGLES

- 1 Carol McPetridge
- 2 Sue MacTaggarat
- 3 Josee Grandmaitre
- 4 Vicki Shanks
- 5 Linda Ellerington
- 6 Catherine Nichols
- 7 Nadia Verilli
- 8 Debbie Ward
- 9 Lori Johnstone
- 10 Lucie Guillemette

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- 10 Ray Boudreau

EUROPEAN NEWS

FRANCE:

NEW FEDERATION TAKES OVER

FOLLOWING the termination of the French Federation of Racquetball as a result of internal difficulties a new administration structure has been established to cater for racquetball in France.

The new Federation will be called "France Racquetball" and is presently negotiating for membership of the ERF.

France Racquetball has requested permission to act as hosts to the 1995 European Open and Masters Championships. This request will be considered after the Dutch Federation have made their final decision on Amsterdam which was approved by the ERF at the Congress in Hamburg.

The 1994 French Open in January will be held under the supervision of "France Racquetball" and participants will include three professional players from the US.

These are Cliff Swain, ranked No. 1 in the world. Tim Doyle No. 6 and Dave Johnson, ranked No. 10 in the pro circuit.

Dates for the French Open are January 29/30, 1994.

Other information on France Racquetball is address: France Racquetball, 24 Rue Fontaine, 93200 Saint-Denis. Phone 33 1 48 205427.

President, Philippe Glaubert; Executive Director: George Druzinec; Treasurer, Pierre Groleau; Secretary, Philippe Le Comte; Referee Committee: Paschal Benoit; Tournaments Committee: Bernard Sailour; Womens Committee: Sunny Kunnos.

GREAT BRITAIN

RAF Lakenheath Open:

Men's Open: 1, Gary Spraggins/Doug Stewart (Chix); 3, Mac McAllister (RAF Alconbury); 4, Kit Plummer (RAF Croughton). Men's B: 1, Frank Cordova (RAF Lakenheath); 2, Larry Neely (RAF Lakenheath); 3, White; Cons, McClhannon (RAF Lakenheath). Doubles: 1T Spraggins/Stewart; 1T Gray/Plummer; 3, Miller/McCallister/ 4, Boag/Allen.

Women's open: 1, Tracy Stevens (Colorado, USA); 2, Sarah Coria (RAF Alconbury); 3, "Hank" Henry (RAF Lakenheath); 4, Kathy Arviasais (RAF Lakenheath).

HOLLAND

Dutch national championships, Zoetermeer, November 27/28:

Women, 1, Daphne Wannee; 2, Jodine v Antwerpen; 3, Chantal Matla; 4, Angelique Baart. Men, 1, Michiel vd Holst; 2, Joreon vd Holst; 3, Pascal Malta; 4, Jeroen Vink.

Men's doubles, 1, Mooyman/de Zwijger; 2, Vink/J vd Holst; 3, Schipper/Matla; 4, Horrow/M vd Holst.

The winner of the boys under 18 was Erik Meier. It is not the rebirth of a wellknown Belgian "oldtimer" but a real talented Dutch junior under 18.

BELGIUM

The Belgian Open returned back to Brussels after a number of years. The new owner Mr Memon has given the BRF great support and hospitality in his new club.

Because we had to limit the entries over the last two years, we had only a two court facility, we had to rebuild the image of the Belgian Open. We finally ended up with 48 entries and 42 players showed up. Only one female player entered the tournament. Seven players from Germany and seven players from France also came to participate.

Here are the results:

Men's C: Bruno Chambrelent (F)/Mario Incenzo (F) 15/13-15/7.

Men's B: Hans Van Veen (Holland)/Nicolas Tison (B) 15/12-15/10.

Men's Open: Cory Duarte (US)/Deiter Stengl (G) 15/12-15/10.

Men's doubles: Stengl-Krieger (G)/Bebia-Jensen (G) 15/5-15/8.

Unfortunately our top three Belgian players Erland Schonberger, Erik Devis and Bruno Wattenburg were unable to play due to previous engagements.

Marijka Hillen started in Antwerp a junior racquetball school She had already some experience in her home town Leuven where she has some six junior players under her wings. Some of them are already very promising players. We wish her the same success with her kids in Antwerp.

IRELAND

ULSTER OPEN, BELFAST, SEPT. 24/26

Men's Open, A. Butler bt S. Watters, 2/0; Men's B/C, S. Watters bt R Lewis, 2/1; Men's D, M Curdren bt T McElroy 2/1; Men's Novice, E. Doherty bt F Duffy, 2/0.

NEWRY OPEN, OCTOBER: Men's Open, N. O'Callaghan bt A. Butler, 2/1; Men's B/C, McGarvey bt S Watters 2/1; Men's D, F. Jordan bt K. Donnelly 2/1; Men's Novice, R. Donnelly bt K McQuirke 2/0; Men's Open Doubles, M. Murphy bt N. O'Callaghan; J. Gannon bt C. Slattery; Men's C/D, J McGarvey bt H. McShane; D. O'Brien bt P. Traynor.

IRISH NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 1993: BCD Team Events, 1, Arklow — V. Fitzgerald; G. Redmond, M. Barnes, L. Barnes; 2, Ballina.

NOVICE TEAM EVENT:

1, Fermoy — S. O'Hagan, C. Cronin, T. Hughes; 2, Arklow.

KILKENNY OPEN '93: Men's Open, N. O'Callaghan (A. Butler); Men's B/C, S. Waters (T. Walsh);

Men's D, H. McShane (F. Duffy). Men's Novice, M. Fogarty (Ml. Lawlor); Men's A/B Doubles, N. O'Callaghan/C. Slattery, (J. Gannon/W. Lawrence); Men's C/D, D. Gibbons/B. Walsh (G. Redmond/M. Barnes); Men's 40+, J. Donovan (R. Lewis); Ladies Open, B. Holohan (Patricia O'Brien). Ladies Novice, Breda Moloney (Louise Hallahan); Ladies C/D Doubles, Jenny McGrath/L. Hallahan.

U-14, 16 & 18 NATIONALS in Fermoy: Girls, Under-18, K. Grumbridge (Cliona O'Donoghue); Boys, Under-18, Brendan Noonan (Ivan O'Mahony); Girls, Under-14, Eimear O'Connor (Grainne Dunlea); Boys, Under-14, Patrick Hanley (Michael Boyce).

MUNSTER OPEN '93: Men's Open, N. O'Callaghan, (Js. Gannon); Ladies Open, M. Duignan, (B. Holohan); Men's B/C, David Burke, (Billy Walsh); Ladies B/C, Catherine Morrissey, (Bernie Geary). Men's D, Freddie Jordan, (O. Gibney). Men's Novice, Sean O'Hagan, (Cathal Poyntz). Ladies, Novice, Mary Birmingham, (Marie Barry); Men's A/B Doubles, N. O'Callaghan & C. Slattery, (J. Gannon/W. Lawrence); Men's C/D, David and Brian Burke, (J. Cahill/C. Poyntz); Ladies C/D, B. Geary/K. Grambridge, (V. Noonan/A. Feehan).

IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's A, 1, N. O'Callaghan; 2, A. Butler; 3, C. Slattery, J. Gannon. Men's C, 1, T. Walsh, promoted to B; 2, G. Redmond; 3, P. Ryan. Men's D, 1, T. Joyce, promoted to C; 2, H. McShane; 3, I. O'Mahony, C. Powell. Men's A/B Doubles, 1, N. O'Callaghan/C. Slattery; 2, J. Gannon/M. Rowlands; 3, W. Lawrence/M. Murphy; A. Butler/P. Duignan.

Men's C/D Doubles, 1, L. Barnes/J. McGarvey; 2, M. Barnes/G. Barnes; 3, B. Walsh/T. Walsh; G. Redmond/V. Fitzgerald.

IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Ladies: A, 1, M. Duignan, 2, B. Brennan; 3, P. O'Brien, B. Farrell. Ladies B, 1, I. Ryder; 2, M. Kavanagh; 3, E. Murphy, A. M. O'Sullivan. Ladies C, 1, A. M. O'Sullivan; 2, R. Redmond; 3, C. Vigers, B. Finnerty. Ladies D, 1, K. Grumbridge 2, N. Barnes, J. Bolger, I. O'Regan. Ladies A/B Doubles, 1, J. Bolger/C. Vigers; 2, B. Finnerty/P. O'Brien; 3, L. Fitzgerald/M. Nordont; K. Grumbridge/O. Regan. Ladies C/D Doubles, 1, B. Brennan/P. O'Brien; 2, M. Duignan/B. Farrell; 3, R. Redmond/A. M. O'Sullivan; E. Murphy/I. Ryder.

IRELAND NATIONAL OVERAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS: 40+: Singles, M. Murphy, Arklow bt R. Lewis, Cavan. 45+ Singles, J. Comerford, Kilkenny bt P. Traynor, Moylough. 50+ Singles, M. Barnes, Arklow bt M. Gilmartin, Sligo. 40+ Doubles, M. Murphy/G. Redmond, Arklow, bt J. Comerford/M. Barnes, Kilkenny/Arklow.

ARKLOW OPEN RESULTS, May 1993: Men's Open, N. O'Callaghan bt A. Butler, 2/0; Men's B/C Singles, Tom Geelan bt V. Fitzgerald, 2/0; Men's D Singles, G. O'Flaherty bt B. Morrissey, Fethard, 2/1; Men's Novice, F. Jordan, Ballina bt B. Morrissey, Fethard 2-0. Men's A & B Doubles, N. O'Callaghan & C. Slattery bt J. Gannon & M. Rowlands, 2/1; Men's C/D Doubles, Michael & Glen Barnes bt Ken Foster & Jim Smith, Dallas, 2/1. Ladies A Singles, B. Brennan, Fethard bt M. Duignan 2/0; Ladies B/C Singles, C. Morrissey, Fethard bt Bebe Redmond; Ladies D Singles, P. O'Brien, Oldtown, bt Liz Fitzgerald 2/0; Novice, M. Noonan, Fethard bt C. Ryan, Templederry; A/B Doubles, M. Duignan/B. Farrell bt P. O'Brien/G. Byrne; C/D Doubles, R. Redmond/M. Dooley bt B. Finnerty/P. O'Brien.

IRISH SEEDING LIST

MEN'S OPEN		LADIES OPEN		MEN'S 40+	
1. N. O'Callaghan	132	M. Duignan	84	P. Duignan	27
2. A. Butler	105	B. Holohan	75	J. Comerford	24
3. C. Slattery	60	P. O'Brien	51	G. Redmond	18
J. Gannon	60	B. Farrell	48	M. Walsh	18
5. W. Lawrence	24	M. Kavanagh	15	P. Traynor	12
Ml. Lynch	24	O. Heffernan	12	M. Murphy	12
7. T. Geelan	15	G. Byrne	12	J. Donovan	12
M. Murphy	15	B. Finnerty	12	O. Moran	9
9. S. Waters	12	C. Morrissey	9	T. Reilly	9
10. Ml. Ryan	9	K. Curran	9	R. Lewis	9
11. S. O'Laire	6	A. M. Grumbidge	6	Ml. Walsh	6
M. Cruddack	6	C. Kennedy	6	P. Kennedy	6
P. Ryan	6	J. McGrath	3	M. Barnes	3
T. McIlroy	6			M. Jennings	3
15. J. Comerford	3			M. Gilmartin	3
J. McDonald	3			C. Moorehead	3
J. Donovan	3				
P. Duignan	3				

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INTERNATIONAL WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL

TWO international wheelchair competitive events/meetings were held in England with Wheelchair Racquetball involved to varying degrees in both. The first competition was the International Games (August 2nd — 10th) sponsored by the British Wheelchair Sports Federation where we conducted a series of introduction/instructional sessions over a four day period culminating in a recognised medal competition. The second event was the annual Stoke Games (August 20th — 29th) hosted by the International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation where we conducted a one day demonstration and introduction session. Wheelchair Racquetball was also part of the Sport Co-ordinating Committee meetings as a recognised sport of the ISMWSF. It is through this affiliation that we have gained acceptance by the International Paralympic Committee and subsequent inclusion in the 1996 Paralympics with requested input for the 2000 Games.

WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL'S UK DEBUT

It's been a long time in coming but this year, at the Stoke Mandeville Developmental Games, in Aylesbury, England, many disabled athletes from around the world were able to participate in Wheelchair Racquetball for the first time ever.

The results were very encouraging — a week of demonstrations culminating in a tournament with more nations participating that wheelchair racquetball has ever experienced before. Consequently, several of the countries now have plans to play and promote the sport themselves.

This promotion has already started in Great Britain with the formation of the British Wheelchair Racquetball Association earlier this year. The association has given several demonstrations and clinics over the last few months and there are now enough serious players in Britain to send a full team of three men and three women to the VII World Racquetball Championships in San Luis Potosi, Mexico next August.

Having an enclosed court, smooth floor and a lively ball makes racquetball an ideal sport for wheelchair athletes, a fact that has not gone unnoticed by the International Paralympic Committee. David Hinton took five of the world's top players to Barcelona last year to promote and demonstrate the sport and, as a result, wheelchair racquetball will be a Full-medal

Demonstration sport in the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta, Georgia, even though its able-bodied partner has yet to achieve this status.

The British debut of wheelchair racquetball took place at the 1st Annual Turkey Shoot open tournament hosted by United States Air Force military personnel at RAF Chicksands in Bedfordshire, England. With over fifty entries — six of them wheelchair players, six divisions and only two courts, the staff at the fitness center and, in particular, the tournament director, Mr Gary Spraggins, should be commended for their outstanding efforts and for the support given to the athletes throughout the weekend.

Tournament winner was George Gouldbourn-Simons who was defeated in the racquetball final at the recent Stoke Mandeville Developmental Games, after injuring his arm.

For further information contact: Karen Walker, the British Wheelchair Racquetball Association, 43 Chatham Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 3AB UK. Tel 44-(0)81-241-0387.

COMPETITIVE SCHEDULE

In an effort to keep the players and readers of this magazine informed the International Wheelchair Racquetball Association calendar is as follows:

Pacific Open Racquetball Tournament**
January 12th — 16th, 1994, Vancouver, Canada.

Keystone Pro/Am Racquetball Tournament**
February 11th — 13th, 1994, Winnipeg, Canada.

Tralee International Racquetball Tournament (Irish Open) February 18th — 20th, 1994, Tralee, Ireland.

Pittsburgh Pro/Am Racquetball Tournament, February 18th — 20th, 1994, Pittsburgh, USA.

Torneo De Las Americas Racquetball, March 26th — April 2nd, 1994, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Games, July 27th — 29th, 1994, Aylesbury, England.

World Racquetball Championships, August 13th — 20th, 1994, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

**signifies that prize money will be offered.

For information on these tournaments or Wheelchair Racquetball in general, please contact David Hinton, c/o Racquetball Canada, Suite #303, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada, K1B 5N4.



Pictured at Chicksands USAF base, England are left to right: George Gouldbourn-Simons, Gary Vaughan, Karen Walker, Mark Fowler, Gary Spraggins (tournament director) and son Sean; Steve Jones and Danny Aykroyd.

Pic: Diane Spraggins

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - MEXICO

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, Mexico, August. The following information regarding the upcoming World Championships is as follows:

Venue; San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Dates, August 12 to 20 (both dates inclusive).

Format: Same as Montreal ie Olympic format with ultimate gold, red, white and blue divisions.

Venue: Has eight courts, including three new courts to be completed in December 1993.

Travel: suggested by IRF fly direct to Mexico City and onward or alternatively fly to US connecting city.

Points to note: 1, altitude, participants may need to travel early and allow for acclimatisation period.

2, IRF will be releasing formal information in early New Year.

World Congress: August 11.

Opening ceremony, 7pm, August 12.

Walls, concrete.

Floors, wood.

Glass, seven courts with glass back wall; one court glass sidewall; glass backwall.

Main court, seating 1000.

Humidity, 40%. Temperature, 75-80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Elevation, 5000ft.

Day off, August 17 (after team event).

Housing, La Quinta Inn; room 60 US dollars, double, triple, quad.

Transport, to and from Airport, from Hotel to club on the hour.

Entries, number of players and names to IRF by letter or fax not later than July 29.

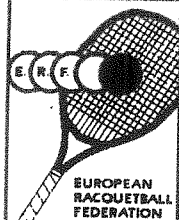
Fax No US 7 19 635 0685.

Contact in Mexico: Enrique Villagran, Erro De Las Torres # 340, Campestre Churubusco, Mexico City, 2C 04200.

IRF NEWS: The IRF have moved to a new address. Correspondence should now be addressed to:

International Racquetball Federation,
1685 W Uintah,
Colorado Springs, Co 80909-2921,
USA,
Phone 719-623-0685.

EUROPEAN RACQUETBALL CALENDAR 1994

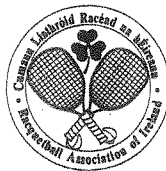


DATES:	TOURNAMENTS	CITIES	COUNTRIES	CONTACT/PHONE:
29-31 JAN	11th EIFFEL TOWER OPEN	PARIS	FRANCE	Philippe Lecomte 01-48205427
18-20 FEB	13th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL (Irish Open)	TRALEE	IRELAND	Tommy King 353-66-25421
26-27 FEB	7th ANTWERP OPEN	ANTWERP	BELGIUM	Erik Meyer 03-2318019
11-13 MAR	16th DUTCH OPEN	ZOETERMEER	HOLLAND	Wim Vink 079-317586
25-27 APR	7th EUROPEAN OPEN	HAMBURG	GERMANY	Wolfram Heese 040-5278200
1-20 AUG	7th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS	S.L. POTOSI	MEXICO	IRF 719-635-5396

Corrections/additions, contact RENE HEHEMANN. Dates for the season 1994-1995 are most welcome too!!

IRISH CALENDAR 1994

28-30 JAN	LEINSTER OPEN		Philip Duignan 01-375371
11-13 FEB	UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIPS		
18-20 FEB	13th TRALEE INTERNATIONAL		Tommy King 066-25421
5- 6 MAR	ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS		John Comerford 056-64181
17-19 MAR	CASTLEBAR OPEN		Michael Haverty 094-24561
26-27 MAR	ALL-IRELAND 'B' UNDERAGE		John Comerford 056-64181
2- 4 APR	ALL-IRELAND SINGLES & DOUBLES		John Comerford 056-64181
23-24 APR	CAVAN OPEN		Seamus Waters 049-32726
6- 8 MAY	ARKLOW OPEN		Michael Murphy 0402-39950



TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS PLEASE NOTE

The Racquetball Association wish to gain further coverage in the national papers. With this in mind, we ask all Tournament Directors to telephone or fax the tournament release and results of their tournaments to the following numbers:

IRISH INDEPENDENT	Tel (01) 8731333; Fax (01) 8720304
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* Latest times for sending in results for Monday papers is SUNDAY EVENING at 9pm. Mark attention "SPORTS COPY"

THE following are the officers elected to the RAI for the 1993/94 season:

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The following is an Amendment to the Constitution of the RAI: National Championship at 35+ has been deleted. In future National Overage events will commence at 40+ onwards.

Finally, the Ektelon ball will be the official ball for the 1993/94 National Championships.



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ENTRY DEADLINE: Last post FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1994 *

ENTRY FORM *

I wish to enter the following event/s and I enclose IRE Stg£ US\$

MENS OPEN			LADIES OPEN	
MENS OPEN DOUBLES (A&B) (Partner's name/grade)			LADIES DOUBLES (A&B) (Partner's name/grade)	
MENS OVER-40		Please state size Tournament T-Shirt	LADIES OVER-40	
MENS B&C		Medium Large X-Large	LADIES B&C	
MENS D		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	LADIES D	
MENS C&D DOUBLES (Partner's name/grade)		Third Choice Competition (if category is cancelled):	LADIES C&D DOUBLES (Partner's name)	
MENS NOVICE			LADIES NOVICE	
MENS WHEELCHAIR				

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* The draw is to be made on Sunday, February 6th, 1994, so that all competitors will be notified of times *

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