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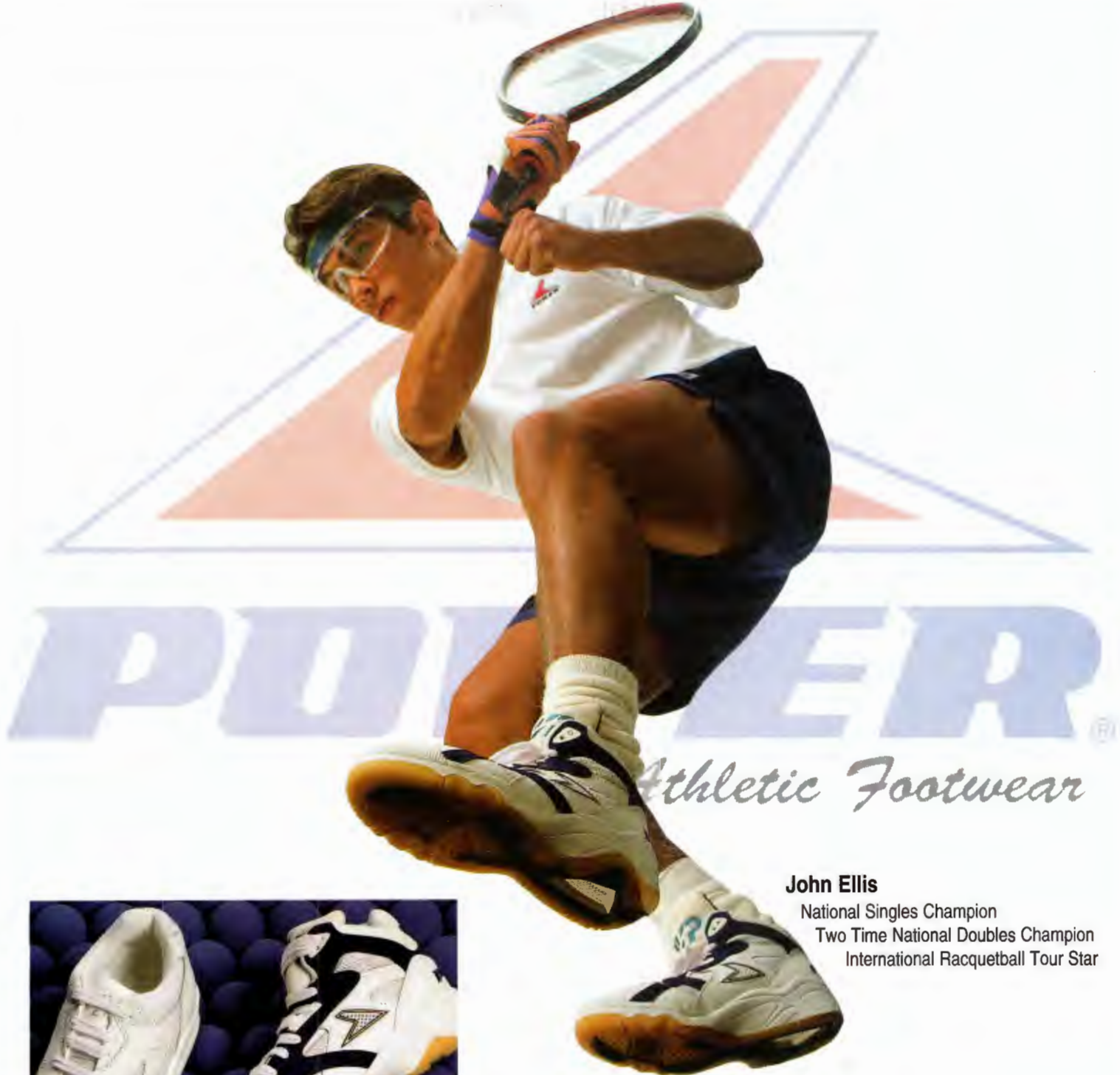
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FROM THE EDITOR

By Linda Mojer

Before the letters start streaming in, yes this issue comes to you a little later than usual ... courtesy of my incredibly hectic schedule, more improvements in the way we

produce the magazine and an experimental airborne contagion released into the cabin of my plane somewhere between Buenos Aires and Colorado Springs (I'm convinced of that last part ...).

Even so, we're not all that late ... and the news we have for you is well worth waiting a few extra days for.

After years of preparation and planning, the Pan American Games were an unparalleled success for racquetball as a whole – and for the U.S. team in particular. Back at home, new high school and intercollegiate champions were crowned, metro regionals were well underway, men's and women's senior/master groups were busy, and the pro tours prepared to cap their seasons.

Helping us cover this broad range of interests in this issue are new contributors Cheryl Gudinas, Woody Clouse, Jen Yokota and Ron Pudduck – along with Charlie Garfinkel, who adds a few belly-laughs about certain "types" of players on page 52.

So, heading into national singles in Houston, we hoped to put together an issue that would take an entire week to read – with news that would inform, teach, engage and inspire. No matter how long it took ... enjoy!

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Jim Winterton &
Fran Davis.
Photos: John
Foust, Jim Hiser &
Luke St. Onge.

ON THE COVER

The Pan Am team with all their medals... (kneeling L-R): Tim Sweeney, Sudsy Monchik, Joy MacKenzie. (seated, center): Jim Winterton & Fran Davis. (standing L-R): Cheryl Gudinas, Michelle Gould, Robin Levine, Derek Robinson, John Ellis, Michael Bronfeld, Jackie Gibson. Photo: John Foust.

READER FORUM

PRACTICE HIGH

Recently, while teaching a lower level player who appeared to be in good shape, I decided to step up the level of play, since he seemed ready. After running him ragged for about 10 minutes, it became apparent that he was not quite ready for that level, due mainly to his physical condition. We sat down outside, and I asked if he ever reached a physical "high" when working out. He had no idea what I was alluding to.

Then it hit me! How many people who play racquetball include a training regimen, and how many have ever gotten a "high" or achieved that infamous "second wind" and just how many of us are frustrated because of the lack of energy we have to step up to that next level? I am speaking of those who actually have the ability to make the appropriate shots early in the first game, but lack the staying power as a match progresses.

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to inquire about "Learn Your Lessons III," and commit this as your regimen. Incidentally, no one has to tell you when or what it feels like to get an endorphine rush, you will know when it happens.

Endurance is the key to success in racquetball, so get in shape, stay there, and obtain the rush!!!

Joe Woods
Humble, Texas

ONE SERVE

This letter is addressing the issue of the one serve rule for all levels of tournament play. Will this rule change really make the game more exciting because the players will concentrate on their serves more?

The opposite is likely to happen. Some of the higher level players may improve their service game, but at the lower level? They are going to be more aware they only have one chance to get their serve in, and become more conservative instead of aggressive with their serve. It is hard enough to get started in tournament play with the way they are (sandbagging, etc.). All this does is give them another obstacle. Besides, what do you think is more exciting - aggressive serving or nothing but lobs?

I also find the question about having the rule apply only to men very offensive. I personally don't have a problem with having only one serve (just not for all levels). But what does a person's sex have to do with it? Am I

not "good enough" to have a "tough" rule because I'm female? I don't think so. I'm not a feminist by any means, but come on! My husband even said he thought that was offensive.

I think we need to quit trying to make the game more complicated than it already is. No matter what rules are made or changed no one will be totally satisfied. Let's try to encourage people to play, not make them dislike racquetball.

And one more thing...I have never seen specific results on any rule change. The statistics should be listed in the issue with the results.

Marne Thompson
Statesboro, Georgia

I cannot believe that the AARA can be serious about permanently altering the game of racquetball with the adoption of the one serve rule. Your one serve rule may speed up play, but it also takes the drive serve out of the game. And in a short time I can see junior players not even being taught the drive serve.

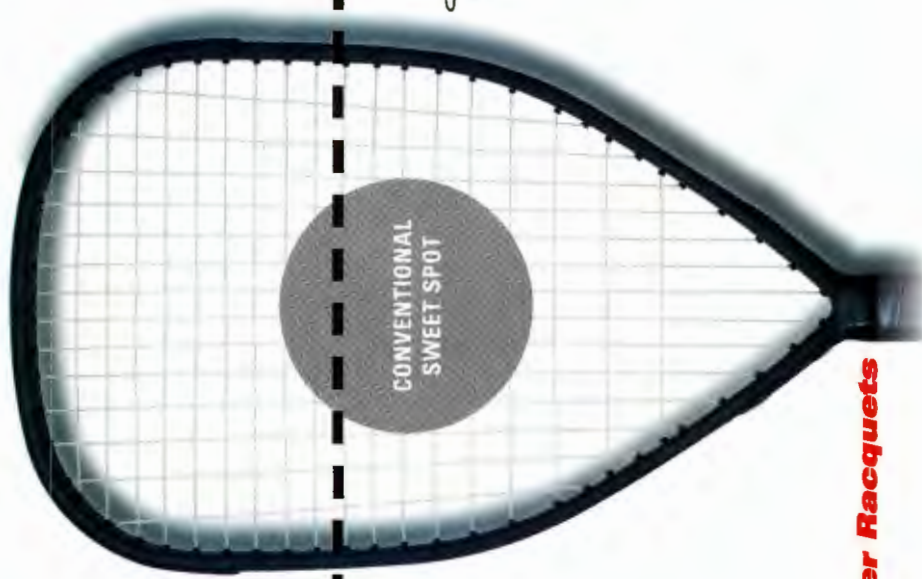
If speeding up play is the sole reason for the one serve rule, then I have a much better solution. I propose adopting what I call an "every point counts" scoring system to achieve your acceleration of play and make games more exciting. Under "every point counts," players score offensive and defensive points. Once a player reaches game point, he/she must be

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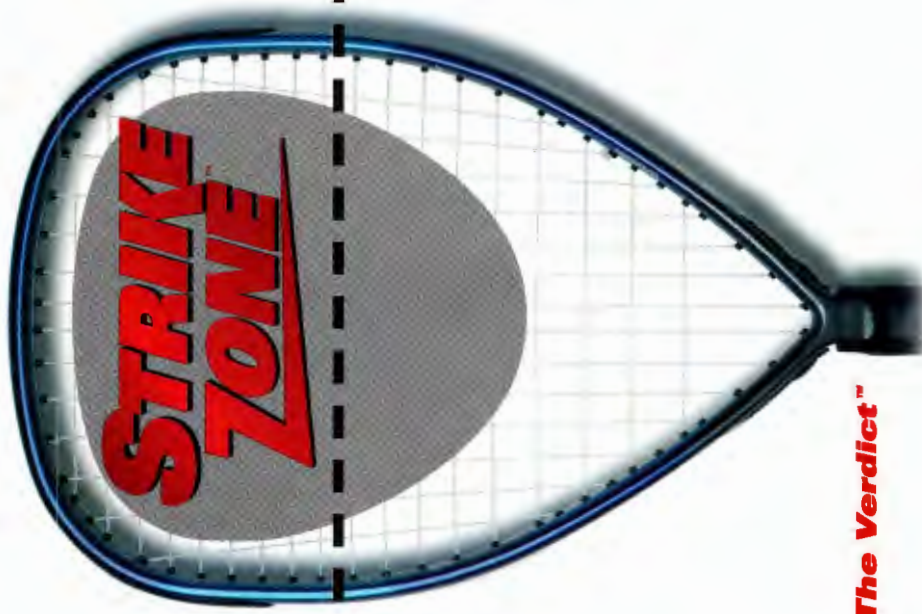
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Use of "every point counts" standardizes match times at all levels, especially D/Novice divisions where players have been known to play for 10-15 minutes to a scoreless tie. I challenge AARA officials and tourney directors to try this system firsthand before you take the excitement out of the best amateur sport in the world.

Mike Tipton and Cindy Tipton
Sequim, Washington

WHAT ABOUT SWAIN?

I have been involved with and followed men's professional racquetball for many, many years and your recent cover story "Changing of the Guard" has me troubled.

You write about Marty Hogan passing the torch to Sudsy Monchik. Sudsy is a good player, but with the exception of a few words from Marty you fail to mention Cliff Swain.

I have noticed in the past that you don't really follow his career but I just thought it was because you were an amateur (AARA) magazine.

What really troubles me is that Cliff Swain holds more overall records and championships than both Marty and Sudsy. He has accomplished things in men's professional racquetball that no one ever dreamed possible.

I know that here in Atlanta people can't wait to see Cliff play in our annual VCI tournament. They know who he is and what he has done for the sport both on and off the court. He is a fan's dream.

I hope that in the future you recognize Mr. Cliff Swain and everything he has accomplished. He is by far, in the minds of all players, the **best** player there is and it will be a long time before anyone can fill his shoes.

I really think it's a shame that you have failed to recognize this.

Tom Reilly
Atlanta, Georgia

FACTBOOK RAVES

Great issue! I really enjoyed the last issue (March/April)... Your 1995 "Factbook" section was fantastic. As a 20+ year "Racquetball Vet" it was terrific to re-live the beginnings of our great game. The history section brought back some real great memories with respect to our advancement as a sport.

Being able to see how far we have come and where we began was super. I have been a player for a long, long time and to be able to see the advancement in our technology and equipment, game structure and rules, organizational support and our drive for more professional status... I believe we are close.

As a club owner/operator I often hear that racquetball is on a decline, and that fewer players are staying with the game, and that new ones are opting for other sports to enhance their lives. But I am a hard one to convince of that.

Granted in some areas of the country, possibly due to poor programming and a lack of enthusiasm, the game may be struggling. Maybe in other areas tournament draws are down and junior/senior programs are slow. Well, take a look at other sports ... more growing pains. We are not the only sport suffering in this day and age. Look around at other recreational and even professional sports. See their challenges ... from tennis to baseball - wow!

I strongly feel that racquetball will always be a part of American and International sport. I know I will play until I can no longer "find the court door."

Finally, I remember the days when you would tell someone that you played racquetball, they would not have a clue what you were talking about and couldn't spell the word

either. So, yes we have come a long way. Let's have fun and stay fit at the same time. Thanks for the memories.

Rick Strout/Metro Sport Club
Salt Lake City, Utah

MOM WINS BIG

Have you ever asked yourself if a mom can make it? Well here I am to tell you a big "yes." It is a matter of planning and a lot of support of the people around you.

I had two girls when I made Puerto Rico's third racquet for the 1993 Central American Games. To get ready for the November Games, I managed to regularly do a work out, having my girls with me. In June, I got pregnant but still managed to go to the Elite Training Camp in August. By the Games, my belly got too big and it was too risky for me to participate. When I went to Puerto Rico and saw the Games in which I was supposed to play, tears were in my eyes as I saw the Puerto Rican team marching in my own homeland.

In December, 1994, 10 months after my baby boy was born, the Puerto Rico Racquetball Federation called me to offer financial help for me to try out for the Puerto Rico National Team to represent them in the Pan American Games in Argentina in March. In three days of round robin competition I made first place. When they gave me my trophy I held it up with my baby boy on the other side. I looked at my baby with tears in my eyes so thankful for my three children.

I am also thankful for my beloved husband who always ends up taking care of the kids so I can work out, for his patience and support. And my parents, who supported me financially and emotionally, who took care of my baby boy in a very early stage of his life. And my daughters, who are constantly in the racquetball courts when I work out and sometimes get bored because of the time I devote to racquetball.

Nydia Sotomayor
Clovis, New Mexico

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SETTING THE PAN AM GOLD STANDARD

The Pan American Games had been a long time in coming for racquetball, and the U.S. national team was determined to make its mark on the sport in its premiere appearance in Buenos Aires. When all was said and done it had ... with a clean sweep of every available medal, plus team wins to guarantee "something for everyone." In making the best possible showing, the '95 team will go down in the record books as setting a remarkably high standard for future Pan Ams.

Top row (standing L-R): John Foust, Sudsy Monchik, Tim Sweeney, Derek Robinson, Michael Bronfeld, John Ellis, Van Dubolsky, Jim Miller. Seated (L-R): Kelth Calkins, Jim Winterton, Jackie Gibson, Joy MacKenzie, Michelle Gould, Cheryl Gudinas, Robin Levine, Fran Davis. Photo: Jim Hiser.



PAN AM REFLECTIONS *By Cheryl Gudinas*

It's 10:30 p.m. as the U.S. Team boards the plane in Buenos Aires, ready to head back to the United States. So much has happened in the last eleven days. Finally, it is my chance to relax and reflect on the time I have just spent at the Pan American Games.

I look around the plane to get a feel for where my teammates will be for the next nine hours. Coach Winterton is directly behind me, as is Michael Bronfeld. Naturally, Tim Sweeney, John Ellis and Sudsy Monchik have managed to swing three seats together. Our team leader, Van Dubolsky, and manager John Foust are also nearby. Coach Davis seems to be taking a good deal of time to situate herself, and having Robin Levine nearby doesn't help her speed up at all! Michelle Gould and Derek Robinson settle in quickly, directly across from me. After a bit of searching, I find the twins, Joy MacKenzie and Jackie Gibson. There seems to be a sense of satisfaction with this group. The Games have been a success for the first Pan Am racquetball team.

There were many reasons why this team was able to do so well. Back in January, we met at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to get a rundown on what to expect in Argentina. Van had done a super job keeping us informed on accommodations, transportation and what the courts would be like. And we were fortunate enough to have the help of our speed coach, Scott Phelps, and team psychologist Diana McNab. They were ready for us, and through meetings with Diana, we would all agree on three adjectives that would "become us" for the next two months: Determined. Confident. Prepared. Now, it was up to us to work at becoming these things. Each of us had our own personal goals, but more importantly however, together we had a goal.

The team wanted to "sweep" at the Pan Ams. This meant that we would have to win the doubles, and finish 1,2,3 in both singles divisions. This idea became even more attractive when Coach proclaimed that he would shave his head if we were successful! But we knew this would not be easy. We had gotten a good idea of what the competition would be like after the World Championships last August. With the other countries constantly improving, and Canada already fiercely competitive with us, the U.S. Team would have to be on their toes.

Let us at them ...

The ball started rolling early, with a claim by Tim Sweeney at opening ceremonies, "We don't plan to lose a game, much less a match, and everybody stays under ten (points)." With the help of partner Sudsy Monchik, the team made good that promise, even though they had not played together since winning the national doubles championship in late October to qualify for the Pan Ams. "We talked a couple of times a week," said Monchik "and it kept us going."

Back at the athlete's village, Robin Levine testified to the two's determination and high "team profile." "They're joined at the hip," she observed... "they're so psyched they're

singing in the shower, and everybody in the dorm knows who's making all the noise."

Although Canadian opponents Chris Brumwell and Jacques Demers did manage to score 11 points in game two of their straight game final, the average number of points scored against Sweeney & Monchik throughout the tournament stayed well under the original prediction.

During their final, official photographer and team manager John Foust marveled, "It's amazing. I don't get to see these guys play all that much, but it's like Suds has Munroe shocks instead of legs...and Sweeney just can't miss."

L-R: Ellis, Monchik & Sweeney kick back. All Pan Am photos by John Foust, Jim Hiser & Luke St. Onge.



PAN AMERICAN GAMES MEN'S SINGLES

GOLD — John Ellis (Stockton, Calif.)
 SILVER — Mike Bronfeld (Sacramento, Calif.)
 3RD — Derek Robinson (Muncie, Ind.)
 BRONZE — Sherman Greenfeld (Winnepeg, Canada)

PAN AMERICAN GAMES WOMEN'S SINGLES

GOLD — Michelle Gould (Boise, Idaho)
 SILVER — Cheryl Gudinas (Lisle, Ill.)
 3RD — Robin Levine (Sacramento, Calif.)
 BRONZE — Carol McFetridge (Ontario, Canada)

PAN AMERICAN GAMES MEN'S DOUBLES

GOLD — Sudsy Monchik (Staten Island, N.Y.)
 & Tim Sweeney (Chicago, Ill.)
 SILVER — Chris Brumwell (British Columbia, Canada)
 & Jacques Demers (Quebec, Canada)
 BRONZE — Fabian Balmori
 & Jorge Hirsekorn (Venezuela)

PAN AMERICAN GAMES WOMEN'S DOUBLES

GOLD — Jackie Gibson (San Diego, Calif.)
 & Joy MacKenzie (San Diego, Calif.)
 SILVER — Vicky Shanks Brown (Vancouver, Canada)
 & Debbie Hope Ward (British Columbia, Canada)
 BRONZE — Guadalupe Torres & Rosy Torres (Mexico)

OVERALL TEAM FINISH

TEAM GOLD — U.S.A.
 TEAM SILVER — CANADA
 TEAM BRONZE — MEXICO

MEN'S TEAM FINISH

GOLD — U.S.A.
 SILVER — CANADA
 BRONZE — VENEZUELA

WOMEN'S TEAM FINISH

GOLD — U.S.A.
 SILVER — CANADA
 BRONZE — MEXICO

Us, too ...

Not to be outdone, twins Jackie Gibson and Joy MacKenzie took a similar high road but kept quiet about it, then went one better. They never allowed more than ten points per game to be scored against them over the entire five-day period up to and including the final. "We wanted to do our best from the start," said Joy, "but we didn't want to brag before we knew we could do it."

really worked hard for." Jackie agreed, "We feel really great about this win. It's a big one for us."

Singles, anyone?

Individual medal rounds in singles held great promise for the U.S. men's team, who were rebounding from a stinging loss at the world championships last August. There, for the first time in over ten years, a U.S. player had not even reached the finals, and a Canadian captured the gold. In heated team meetings



Left: Jackie and Joy chat with USOC President Dr. Leroy Walker after winning their final. Right: Ellis dives past Greenfeld in their semi-final.

"Besides," added Jackie "all of the countries here keep getting tougher each time we meet — like Puerto Rico and Costa Rica — it gets closer every time we play them."

Though the sisters do get to train together, the demands of family have been far greater. Jackie became a new mom only a year ago, and had to leave for Buenos Aires just prior to her toddler's first birthday. Joy left two older children at home.

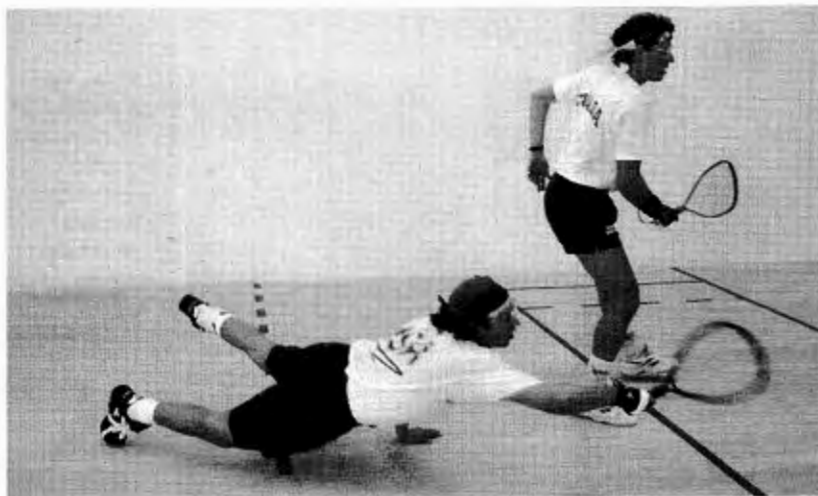
"We have work and family schedules to juggle," recalled Joy, "so it's nice to achieve a goal that we

each night, the U.S. men's squad planned their revenge. "If we could have chosen any event to make a poor showing against Canada" mused Team Leader Van Dubolsky "the timing of the World's couldn't have been better. This team is motivated, and ready, to pick up its challenge here."

The Grudge Factor

Among those most moved to glory was John Ellis, whose Pan Am appearance marked the final amateur showing of his career. But a grudge rematch against current world champion Sherman Greenfeld remained to be fought out. "He beat me here last year," [at the Pan Am qualifier] recalled Ellis "... but he didn't just beat me, he punished me. Today I played relaxed."

In their close three-game match, a series of service errors by Ellis gave Greenfeld an advantage and a first game win, 15-10. Then, down 11-6 in the second, Ellis allowed head coach Jim Winterton to convince him to change his strategy. Switching to a lob serve, Ellis forced errors on Greenfeld to tie the second game, then moved into the lead at 14-12 before returning to the drive serve that had given him trouble earlier. In a bold



move, Ellis aced his final drive serve of the second game to go to the tiebreaker.

Returning to the lob in the third game, Ellis played smart, chose his shots carefully and gained a 10-4 lead in the 11-point tiebreaker before Greenfeld made his own game adjustments, but it was too late. Opting for a z-serve into the glass wall of Ellis' forehand, Greenfeld earned two more points before Ellis regained serve and closed out the match with a forehand pinch shot to center court.

In the tiebreaker, the world champion showed his class by calling four consecutive double-bounce pick-ups on his own retrievals — including match point — much to the relief of head official Otto Dietrich. "With the ball moving so fast, the players are often in the best position to know whether or not they retrieved a shot," admitted Dietrich "and to have them be honest about it makes my job all that much easier."

For an all-U.S. final, the

match-up couldn't have fallen to two nicer people — or to better friends. Californians John Ellis and Michael Bronfeld have competed against one another for years, and the final between them went right down to the wire, to end as close as possible at 11-10 in the tiebreaker.

"It's pretty obvious that we're evenly matched," said Ellis, "but this is the first 11-10 in about 40 matches we've played. But this is special ... it's something I'll always cherish and I'll never forget."

True to form, Ellis lived or died by his drive serve, either acing Bronfeld for a point, or faulting for a sideout. In the first game, a total of six ace serves went unreturned by Bronfeld — five to the left and one to the right. That win for Ellis at 15-11 seemed to set the stage for a two-game match, before Bronfeld pulled out the second game, 15-14, to reach the deciding third. There the players were a bit more conservative and stayed within three points of each other right to the end, complete with controversial calls and

But we were "prepared, prepared, prepared." To each of us, these games were incredibly important. It was a great honor to represent our country at the 1995 Pan American Games. With the push to get racquetball into the Olympics, this was the first, most important step. This was our chance to impact the future of racquetball. However, these games meant different things to each of us.

The dynamic duo—Sweenz and Sudsy—probably are the best doubles team I have ever seen. From the first round to the finals, they played with the same incredible amount of energy. I don't think Sudsy really knew what he and Tim had done when they became National Doubles champions last October and qualified for the Games. As Sudsy said at a team meeting, "I just looked at Sweenz when we beat Eric (Muller) and Doug (Ganim), and it was so great to see him so happy. I knew then that we had done something special that day." At that time, I don't think he realized how important that win would become. Tim and Sudsy dedicated their mission to win the gold medal to a couple of people very special to them, and, along the way, made a few, very motivating predictions prior to their matches...

Jackie and Joy were perhaps the most "spirited" of the group. Often seen sporting matching USA bikinis, they also came prepared with fancy red, white, and blue fingernails, and brought each of us a mini American flag. They were the shopaholics of the group as well, and I am grateful for having been invited to join them on a souvenir mission! This was the first time Jackie and Joy were together on a team trip, and this was their chance to join forces and bring home the gold medal together.

I had the good fortune of sharing a shuttle back to the athlete's village with Michael after our matches one day. To him, the conversation was probably just ordinary, but for me, it was fascinating, because I got to know him better. We shared some concerns about the dorm and the transportation, and then spoke enthusiastically about his upcoming wedding. It was the first time I had really gotten a chance to talk with him for more than a few minutes. For him, the Pan Ams represented a chance to make up for a semifinal loss to Mike Ceresia at the World Championships, where he had to play after several days of having the dreaded "stomach virus!"

A day or two before the opening ceremonies we found out that racquetball would be one



Left: John Ellis with dad Dave and mom Pat. Right: Cheryl Gudinas winds up against Michelle Gould in their final.

appeals, until Ellis closed with a strong forehand across his body to the left side of the court that landed just out of reach of Bronfeld's final dive attempt.

"We've played many times," said Bronfeld, "but I'm glad that if I had to lose to anyone, it was to him. I would like to have won, but I played hard and good – he just played better."

Michael also took the opportunity to look forward ... "I'm going to get married and start my career, but I'll never look back with any regrets at all. I've been on three world championship teams and now the Pan Ams ... I can't complain about anything."

Good Day for Gudinas

In the women's U.S. vs. U.S. semi-final, Cheryl Gudinas pulled out a long-sought upset over current national champion Robin Levine in straight games of 15-9, 15-13.

"I'm having a good day," observed Cheryl between matches, "like every day up to now it's been whining and crying about the food and the beds, but today it's all worth it."

After a slow start, Gudinas slowed her service game a notch and

began working a lob to her advantage against the left-handed Levine. Capitalizing on backhand errors and weak returns, Cheryl forced Robin into diving retrievals on the unfinished floorboards that clearly exhausted her. Nursing bruised and battered knees after the match (which are common in any of her matches), Robin admitted "the knees don't hurt that much, but the loss does."

The women's all-U.S. final saw Gudinas attempt another career upset over current world champion Michelle Gould who advanced easily past Canadian Carol McFetridge, 15-7, 15-4 in her semi-final.

Gold for Gould

Michelle Gould was on her first major international trip without husband Rod since the World Championships in Mexico last August. "He watched the opening ceremonies on TV," said Michelle, "but we're just talking on the phone this trip." Battling undiagnosed bouts of chills and fever throughout the week, Michelle suffered an allergic reaction to medication prescribed to alleviate the condition, which gave her a mysterious skin rash and fatigue.

Still, she kept her focus and went straight to work in her final against

Gudinas, who never seemed to hit the stride she had enjoyed against Levine in the previous round.

Michelle's unerring serves kept Cheryl guessing and, more than once, moving to the wrong side of the court to retrieve a drive that went the other way. Using the right-hand glass wall to advantage, Michelle fired in five ace drives to Cheryl's forehand in the first game, then repeated the feat in the second. That, combined with her ability to put away her shots with conviction, earned her quick straight game wins of 15-5, 15-3 for the match and her first Pan Am gold medal.

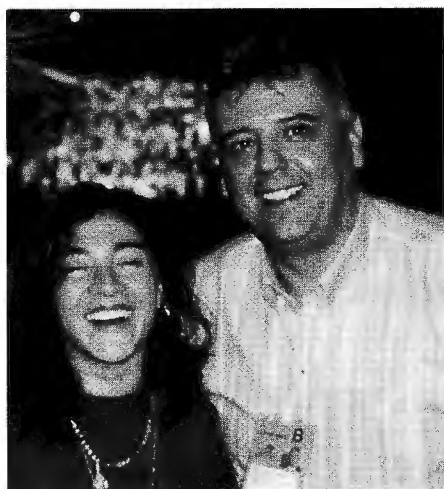
"It was absolutely incredible. When I got up on the stand I think it finally hit me," she recalled "I felt like I had my whole entire playing career flash before my eyes."

The first Pan Ams for racquetball mark the highlight of a decade of international competition for Gould, who won her first national title ten years ago at the age of 14, and competed in her first world championships in 1986.

"This is the biggest thing I have ever done ... I couldn't stop myself from crying."

IN RECOGNITION

Without the support of Argentine racquetball association president Oswaldo Maggi (in what turned out to be a full-time position) the sport might never have been ready for the Games. Oswaldo had little or no help (except from his charming wife Emme) as they dealt with Copan officials, shuttled to the airport, secured



Above: Oswaldo & Emme Maggi.
Right: Han van der Heijden
presenting new courts to Argentina
at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

bleachers, translated the rule book from English into Spanish, repaired courts, fixed the floors, retrieved equipment from customs and maintained a close relationship with the Pan American organizing committee. Thanks Oswaldo — it would never have happened without you.

Congratulations to Venezuela for making its first break into the "top three" winner's circle with a bronze medal finish by its men's team. A win in doubles by Fabian Balmori and

Jorge Hirsekorn over Mexico's Sergio Torres/Enrique Villegas gave Venezuela its first pair of bronze medals — in the doubles and the men's team overall.

For the first time in the history of the sport, certified referees were used exclusively in an international competition. Many thanks go to the following volunteers who made the this major commitment to the success of the Pan Ams: Otto



Dietrich, USA; Mike Arnolt, USA; Miguel Masquan, Cuba; Belinda Alcantara, Guam; David Bell, Canada; Jose Vierra, Bolivia; Xaviera Venz & Mario Callado, Dominican Republic; Oscar Coppolecchia and four additional volunteers from Argentina.

AND SPECIAL THANKS ...

... To Han van der Heijden, not only for flying in from his native Netherlands, but for his kind donation that allowed the local organizing committee to build the two additional courts needed for the competition.

of six sports considered to represent the U.S. by carrying in the American flag at opening ceremonies. If we were chosen for this honor, Michelle would be our flag-bearer. Michelle has won more major titles than any of us. She has done it all. This was her Olympics. This was her opportunity to add a Pan Am gold medal to her long list of accomplishments. But fencing got the call ... a disappointment to all of us, not to mention Michelle. Ultimately, however, she would win that gold medal!

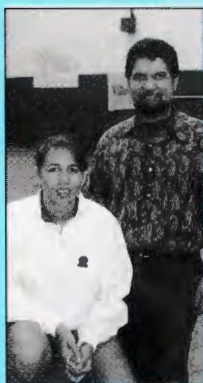
Robin was perhaps the luckiest of the women on the trip. She didn't know what the arrangements would be in advance but she soon found out that she would be rooming with Coach Francine - Racquetball Queen! Actually, the entire women's team camped together in one big suite that was divided into different rooms, so we all got to spend a lot of time together. But I think Robin and I really got the biggest kick out of making each other laugh all week. At various times we got to see more of an emotional side to Robin. Although we will all miss having John Ellis around, Robin expressed the deepest concern about him turning pro immediately following the Pan Ams ... this tournament was a chance for her to open up a little bit more — which was really cool.

Back in January, we could all see how focused Derek Robinson was becoming. I watched him practice for a few days before our competition began, and he was intense. Still somewhat of a newcomer on the team (although he gladly passed the title of "rookie" on to Sudsy this trip) some of us wondered if he would have enough experience, mentally, to do what we all knew he wanted to do. While Derek is always very supportive, one of his personal goals for the Pan Ams was to get revenge for a heartbreaker loss to Mike Ceresia at the Worlds. This loss had been in the back of his mind all this time ... Derek truly did come to Argentina "prepared x 3." Not only did he win against Ceresia this time around, he played the best I have ever seen him play, and completely dominated the match!

The U.S. Team was fortunate enough to have John stick with us a bit longer than I think he had planned. This would be his last amateur tournament before turning pro. As we all knew, Sherman Greenfeld would be the one to beat. If we were going to sweep, Sherman would have to be taken out early. John, having the most experience playing Sherman, seemed like the one to do the job, and he would. With his mom and dad on hand to witness his last team event, it seemed like a

1995 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: TEAM ROSTERS

COUNTRY	MEN'S TEAM	WOMEN'S TEAM
ARGENTINA	Fabian Apa.....	Virginia Pacheco
	Fabian Scopa.....	Lucia Sapere
	German Coppolechia.....	Amanda Kursbard
	Fabian Apa/Carlos Quadri.....	Lucia Sapere/Virginia Pacheco
BOLIVIA	Luis Gonzalo Amaya.....	Cintya Victoria Salazar
	Miguel Nunez.....	Maria Fernanda Romero
	Gustavo Retamozo.....	Maria Cintia Teran
CANADA	Luis Amaya/Juan Carlos Tapia.....	Cintya Salazar/Maria Teran
	Sherman Greenfeld.....	Carol McFetridge
	Mike Ceresia.....	Josee Grandmaitre
	Simon Roy.....	Christie Van Hees
	Chris Brunawell/Jacques Demers.....	Vicky Shanks/Debbie Ward
CHILE	Pablo Fajre.....	Maria Barriga
	Felipe Salas.....	Angela Grisar
	Andres Vilches.....	Berta Munizaga
	Pable Fajre/Felipe Salas.....	Maria Barriga/Angela Grisar
COSTA RICA	Luis Gomez.....	Andrea Rodriguez Ortiz
	Juan Jose Ortiz Dada.....	Gloriana Arauz Herrera
	Bernal Pacheco.....	Maria Fernanda Arias
	Marco Cobb/Luis Gomez.....	Maria Arias/Andrea Ortiz
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		Claudine Garcia
MEXICO	Luis Munoz.....	Hilda Rodriguez
	Arturo Martin.....	Rosy Torres
	Fabian Parrilla.....	Lourdes Garcia
	Sergio Torres/Enrique Villegas.....	Guadalupe Torres/Rosy Torres
PERU	Alfredo Martin Flores.....	Karla Cuculifa Schaeffer
	Jose Cuculifa Schaeffer.....	Claudia Paucet Suarez
	Ricardo Augusta.....	Joyce Woodman Urteaga
	Alfredo Flores/Jose Shaeffer.....	Karla Schaeffer/Cecilia Cavalle Toledo
PUERTO RICO	Gilberto Rodriguez.....	Nydia Barriero Sotomayor
	Perry Lopez.....	Mary Diaz
	Perry Lopez/Gilberto Rodriguez.....	Mary Diaz/Nydia Sotomayor
UNITED STATES	Mike Bronfeld.....	Robin Levine
	John Ellis.....	Michelle Gould
	Derek Robinson.....	Cheryl Gudinas
	Sudsy Monchik/Tim Sweeney.....	Jackie Gibson/Joy MacKenzie
VENEZUELA	Fabian Balmori	
	Jorge Hirsekorn	
	Ralf Reinhard	
	Fabian Balmori/Jorge Hirsekorn	



**The National Teams of –
Dominican Republic (above left)
Puerto Rico (above right)
Venezuela (upper right)
Bolivia (right)**

**This column – Team Canada's women
& coach Gary Ness (top); Team Mexico
with Enrique Villegan (2nd); Team
Peru (3rd); Team Chile (bottom).**

The courts remain in Argentina as part of the legacy of the Games. ... To Miguel Masquan of Cuba, who worked the desk with Jim Hiser from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. each day, keeping matches on time ... To Enrique Villegran, president of the Mexico Racquetball Federation, who was responsible for handling all of the VIPs who attended the games. Enrique will be leaving the Mexican Federation this summer after ten years of service and will be sorely missed by our sport ... To Francisco Alejandro Kursbard who designed and ran the Games computer program. The results and recaps were always timely and accurate.

DIGNITARIES WELCOMED...

Roger Jacobson and his wife from Canada, Chairman of the PASO Technical Committee; Dr. Leroy Walker, President of the USOC; Gary Castro, Assistant Chef De Mission USOC Buenos Aires; Rick Mack, USOC; Leo White, Peggy Johnson, AAC Reps USOC; Chuck Foster, Vice President USOC; Fernando Romero, President of the Venezuelan NOC.; The Chefs De Mission from the national Olympic committees of Chile, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, Cuba and Mexico. At the awards ceremony, Peru's President and member of the PASO Executive Board Luis Woolcott helped give out the medals, along with Keith Calkins, President of PARC and Executive Vice President of the IRF.



REFLECTIONS ALBUM

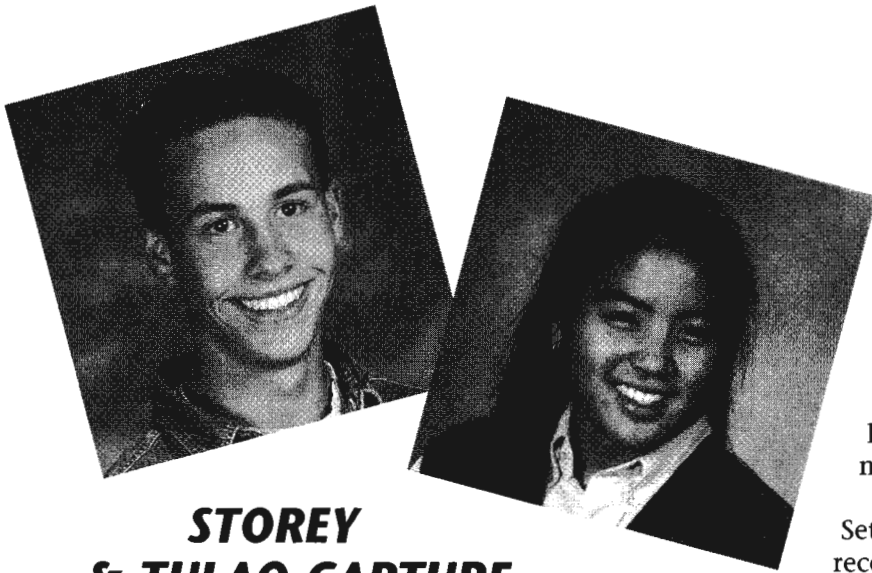
The club; Opening ceremonies; Pan Am mascot & Coach at the barber...

win here would be a storybook ending for his impressive amateur career. Ultimately, John would play Michael in the finals and win the gold medal. After the awards, John went out of his way to invite all of the girls on the team to join him at the nearby disco to celebrate. Although we never hooked up there, we regretted not meeting up with him, and the reality of how much he will be missed started to set in...

While constantly calling home to Chicago to keep posted on the Michael Jordan rumors (I knew he would be back!) I took it upon myself to keep everyone else informed on that issue as well – even when they really weren't-interested (Sudsy)!!! This was a great release for me. I was feeling pretty emotional about being on the first racquetball team ever to be competing at the Pan American Games. To me, it meant many things ... getting racquetball into the Pan Am Games is the most important step toward getting our great sport into the Olympics. Everyone here has dreams of winning an Olympic gold medal. For many of us, however, we may not be playing at top form by the time racquetball does achieve that goal.

With the future uncertain, it would become clear to many that these Games might be the closest we will get to competing in the Olympics. Being here is why I have put other areas of my life on temporary hold for so long. All the years of going to tournaments, always wondering if I had what it takes to make it to the top. Finally, everything is paying off. Nothing can be more thrilling than walking into a stadium filled with 45,000 cheering people for opening ceremonies. I remember looking up and spotting Mr. and Mrs. Bronfeld waving like mad at us, and getting chills. Nothing is greater than playing for the U.S. Team.

Although I would win the silver medal here, not the gold, the trip was a great success for me and, I think, for all of us. The most fun I had was cheering for everyone of my teammates in all the big matches. Often, I found myself more excited and nervous watching them than I was for my own matches. Everyone came together and became a true team here. All the preparations paid off for the players, and the coaches. Fran and Jim coached us to victory together. Without them, a sweep would have been impossible. Now we can all go home satisfied, knowing that coach actually shaved his head.



STOREY & TULAO CAPTURE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL TITLES

By Jen Yokota

Eric Storey of Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis, Indiana and Vanessa Tulao of Baylor High School in Hixson, Tennessee, earned their first national high school titles with victories at the ProKennex AARA U.S. National High School Championships, sponsored by Penn Racquet Sports, held at the South Hampshire Racquet Club in St. Louis in early March. Storey and Tulao, two-time Junior USA Team members, earned invites to the 1995 Junior Team Trials for their wins.

In the boys divisions, seeding held true as all eight top seeds advanced into the quarterfinals. Storey, a junior, gave his opponents few opportunities as he blew through the top bracket. He began his ascent by knocking off Brian Berkey of Nelson Snider H.S. in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in straight games of 15-1, 15-3. Storey then faced Mark Bloom of Isadore Newman H.S. in New Orleans, who would end up giving Storey his toughest match. Bloom tried to keep up with Storey's serves in the first game, but only offered weak returns that Eric took advantage of to win the first 15-6. In the second, however, Mark took an early lead with his own tough serves, before Eric came back to win 15-8.

In the bottom half of the bracket, sophomore Bucky Freeman of Pine Trees H.S. in Longview, Texas defeated Willie Tilton of Liberty H.S. in Colorado Springs, Colorado in straight games of 15-3, 15-5 in their quarterfinal match. Freeman then faced Montgomery Academy's Jed Bhuta for an exciting semifinal match-up. Bhuta took the first game 15-7, but Bucky regrouped to win the second 15-10. In their tiebreak-

er, Freeman kept Bhuta off-guard and on the move to go up 9-6 before a series of skips by Freeman helped Bhuta launch a comeback. But Bucky wisely used a timeout to settle Jed down, then rolled out a lob serve set-up. At 9-8 in Freeman's favor, Bucky lost a long rally and the serve after three tough diving gets. But after an injury timeout, he was able to regain the serve and end the match by forcing a skip return.

Set for a rematch, Storey sought to avenge his recent loss to Freeman in the final of 16's at Junior Worlds in December. Eric took a quick lead, aided by several unforced errors and excellent backhand pinch rollouts. Though his usually tough drive serves were falling short, excellent wallpaper lobs to Freeman's forehand resulted in set-ups and a first game win of 15-3. But it wasn't as easy as the score would indicate, as Storey later said, "He has a strong backhand and the only time I served to it was on my hard serves."

In the second, Storey found those drive serves and forced Freeman to put up weak returns. "I was concentrating on the ball drop and serving better in the second game," recalled Eric. The match ended in straight games, with a 15-5 score in the second for the title.

In the Girls Gold bracket, Vanessa Tulao was focused throughout the tournament as she sought to add this prestigious title to her growing list of accomplishments. Moving quickly into position, her first win was over Junior USA teammate Mandi McClure of Parkview H.S. in Lilburn, Georgia in the quarterfinals. Next up was doubles partner and #3 seeded Rhonda Rajsich of Thunderbird H.S. in Phoenix, Arizona in Sunday morning's semifinal. There Tulao took the first game 15-7, but sophomore Rajsich was able to use a combination of half-lobbs and half-Zs to take away Vanessa's shooting game. But in the tiebreaker, Vanessa took control with a wide variety of serves that kept Rhonda off-guard. That strategy, and several unforced errors by Rajsich, gave Tulao the title shot with an 11-2 win.

Sadie Gross, a senior at Yankton High School in South Dakota, came into the tournament as the favorite with an aggressive game and tenacious hustling. She blew through her half of the draw by relinquishing only 16 points in four matches, including a

sound victory over #4 Erin Frost of Churchill H.S. in Eugene, Oregon. Sadie used excellent serving to her advantage to take that win 15-4, 15-3 and face Vanessa for the title.

Going into the final, Gross knew she was going to have her hands full, even though she had soundly defeated Tulao 15-4, 15-4, at last summer's Junior Olympics. In the first game, Vanessa took a quick 9-4 lead, but Sadie was able to launch a comeback to close the gap to 9-8. But momentum shifted when Tulao accidentally hit Gross' hand during the rally. After an injury timeout, Vanessa regained the serve and took over to win the first 15-10.

Sadie responded in the second game with a quick turnaround to take a 12-3 lead. On the defensive, Vanessa left several shots up for Sadie to easily put away. Tulao called an effective time-out, then came back to score seven consecutive points with a mix of good lob and drive serves, including an ace to gain ground at 10-12. Tulao struggled to take the lead 14-13, but Gross would not go down easy. Serving a lob at 13-14, Gross felt encroached upon when contact was made while Tulao attempted to cut off the lob at the five-foot line. But Sadie's appeal was lost, the rally was replayed and Tulao got the serve back, but not for long. After a carry was called against her for a sideout, Tulao had to recover with a backhand pinch kill to get her fourth attempt at the match. This time she was able to put the match away with a backhand down the line rollout to take the title.

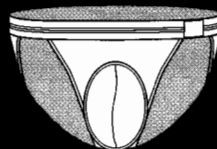
Asked about her amazing comeback, Tulao said, "I didn't want to go to a tiebreaker. I said to myself, 'It's not over. She's going to have to earn it.'" She continued, "I concentrated on my serves and kept the pressure on her, and my anticipation was better."

This year's tournament drew the largest field ever with players from over 20 states and 48 high schools represented, including 11 players who made a ten-hour trek from Anchorage, Alaska. Their long journey was rewarded when Service Stellar High School earned the Overall Team Title and finished second in the Boys Team competition. And to challenge the other schools, coach Ben Cuersma said, "Maybe we'll bring 20 next year."

Great play and excellent sportsmanship marked the entire weekend, along with smooth handling of the tournament desk by national tournament director

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Margo Daniels and able assistant Tim Sweeney. At Saturday night's banquet, Gil Harari of Calabasas H.S. in West Hills, California, and Service Stellar's Kelly Helms were awarded ProKennex's new Kinetic racquet for their outstanding sportsmanship and helpfulness throughout the tournament.

RESULTS – Boy's Gold Singles: Eric Storey (Indianapolis, Ind.) def. Bucky Freeman (Pine Tree, Texas) 15-3, 15-5; Red: Josh Renbarger (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) def. Joe Maginn (Portage, Wis.) 14-15, 15-0, 11-2; White: Jim Wickenhauser (St. Ann. Mo.) def. Cameron Johnson (Anchorage, Alaska) 15-5, 15-2; Blue: Rick Corbridge (Hooper, Utah) def. Brit Berkey (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) 2-15, 15-13, 11-9. **Girl's Gold Singles:** Vanessa Tulao (Hixson, Tenn.) def. Sadie Gross (Yankton, S.D.) 15-4, 15-3; Red: Ellie Blankenship (St. Louis, Mo.) def. Erin Kinlough (Ellisville, Mo.) 15-1, 15-3; White: Diane Kamil (Chesterfield, Mo.) def. Kim Ulsas (St. Louis, Mo.) 15-10, 15-7; Blue: Erica Daniels (Monterey, Calif.) def. Katie Norton (Anchorage, Alaska) 15-3, 15-6. **Boy's Doubles:** Bryan Berkey/Brit Berkey (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) def. Brandon Cuaserna/Tim Keaveny (Anchorage, Alaska) 15-8, 15-7; **Girl's Doubles:** Dianne Torrey (Worcester, Mass.)/Meghan Guardiani (Marlboro, Mass.) def. Aimee Tackes/Ellie Blankenship (St. Louis, Mo.) 15-9, 15-8. **Mixed Doubles:** Katie Gould (Ellisville, Mo.)/Brian Thompson (Ballwin, Mo.) def. Colleen Maginn/Joe Maginn (Portage, Wis.) 15-14, 15-10.

TEAM FINISHES – Boy's Team: 1. Snider H.S., Ind.; 2. Service Stellar H.S., Alaska; 3. Lawrence North H.S., Ind.; 4. St. Louis University H.S., Mo.; 5. Pine Tree H.S., Texas. **Girl's Team:** 1. Nerinx Hall, Mo.; 2. Notre Dame Academy, Mass.; 3. The Principia, Mo.; 4. St. Joseph's Academy, Mo.; 5. Baylor H.S., Tenn. **Overall:** 1. Service Stellar H.S., Alaska; 2. The Principia, Mo.; 3. Lafayette, Mo.; 4. Portage Turner H.S., Wis.; 5. Parkway Central, Mo.

FRESHMEN WOOD & BROCKBANK CLAIM INTERCOLLEGIATE TITLES

By Jen Yokota

Undergrads Shane Wood of Nichols College and Tammy Brockbank of Treasure Valley Community College were pleasantly surprised with their first-time spots on the U.S. National Racquetball Team for their wins at the 1995 Wilson AARA U.S. National Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships, sponsored by Penn Racquet Sports, in Nashville, Tennessee. Held at the Downtown YMCA, March 29-April 2, the 23rd annual event drew over 40 schools, represented by more than 200 players. The tournament welcomed many new teams to the collegiate racquetball scene, but it was an experienced Brigham Young University squad that was able to walk away with the combined team title for the first time in the event's history.

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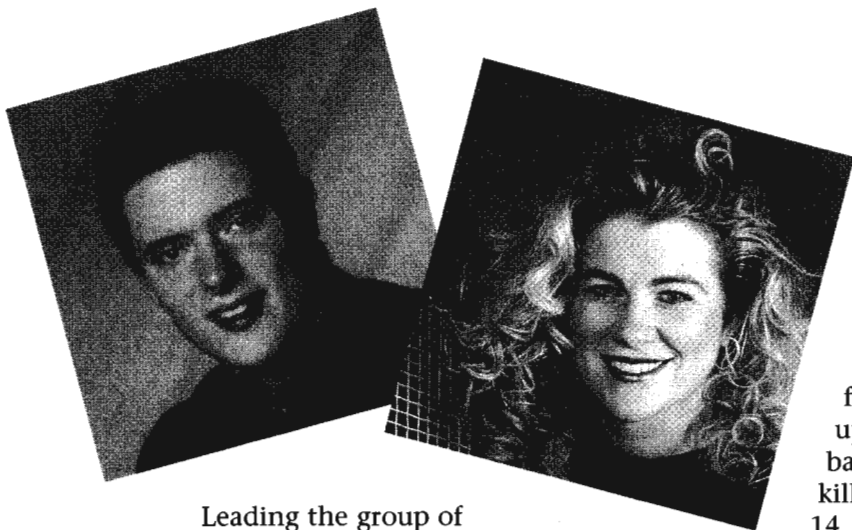
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Leading the group of new recruits was Shane Wood of Nichols College (see sidebar on page 20). A successful Junior USA team member, Wood swept into the ranks like a storm, despite not knowing what to expect in his first national intercollegiate tournament. In early rounds, Wood defeated Scott Davis of Southwest Missouri State University, 15-9, 15-4, then advanced past Dave Matts of Baldwin Wallace due to an injury forfeit. In the quarterfinals, he faced his first test in #5 James Mulcock of Stanford, where he had a rough start, losing the first game 3-15. But Wood regrouped to take the second 15-13 and the tiebreaker 11-6.

In the semifinal, Shane faced Jason Armbrecht, a freshman at the University of North Carolina. Armbrecht was granted only two sideouts in the first game as Wood blistered serves, earned several aces and took advantage of weak returns. For the second game, Armbrecht slowed the pace and was able to keep it closer by using lob serves, but Wood was still too much for him.

In the opposite bracket, Southwest Missouri State's Alan Engel finally got a chance to show off his talent, having previously been stuck in the #4 spot behind the likes of Tim Sweeney, Simon Roy, Brian Rankin and Derek Robinson. With this his last year of eligibility, Engel had high hopes of celebrating his birthday with a win and a trip to the U.S. Olympic Festival in Colorado Springs this summer. His road to the final took him through Alex Reyes of Texas A&M, 15-1, 15-0; Mike Asher of Cal/Berkeley, 15-8, 15-4; and #6 Brian Simpson of Indiana in a tiebreaker. In the next round, Engel held onto his ascent to the final by defeating veteran Gerry Price 15-8, 15-1, which included nine straight points in the second game. Regarding the quick second game lead, Engel said, "I came out confident after the first game. I was hitting and serving well."

Going into the match, Engel knew he would be facing big serves from Wood and was "fired up" for their first meeting. Not to be outdone, Engel had his own service game working as the two of them battled back and forth to 6-5 with Wood serving. Shane then rolled off five straight points with the help of several huge serves, and looked well on his way to a first game victory. But Engel would not give up as he held off Wood and scratched his way back into the match with several cross-court kills to Wood's forehand. Receiving serve at 13-14, Engel made two diving gets and a forehand pinch rollout to get the serve back and go on to take the first game.

Wood responded with a vengeance in the second game by setting himself up with photon serves to take an 8-0 lead. Engel was only allowed into the service box three times, as Wood's serve ruled the game and gave him plenty of set ups he buried in the front corners to win the second game 15-1.

In the tiebreaker, the two battled back and forth until, serving at 5-3, Wood was able to launch another offensive attack of drive serves to boost his lead to 7-3. After exchanging sideouts, Wood returned to the box to hit an ace and a backhand cross-court kill to go up 9-3. Engel then ripped a forehand kill to reclaim the service box, but Wood immediately answered with a backhand reverse pinch, then went on to take the 11-3 win.

In the women's bracket, defending champion Kerri Stoffregen hoped to retain her spot on the U.S. National Team and to become the first woman to achieve a back-to-back victory since Crystal Fried of Cal State/Sacramento did it in 1985 and 1986. Representing Ohio's University of Miami this year, Kerri defeated Kim Chalaire of the U.S. Air Force Academy and Cindy Atteberry of the University of Missouri, relinquishing only five points in reaching the semifinal against Dawn Peterson of Wisconsin. In that match, Kerri game appeared quite solid and she aced several serves throughout the match to take the 15-3, 15-4 victory and a return trip to the final.

A freshman at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon, Tammy Brockbank was another undergrad to come into her first intercollegiate tournament not knowing what to expect. "I was nervous," she said, "I had no clue as to what to expect and I just had to take it as it comes." From the num-

ber three seed position, Brockbank dominated in her early rounds against Sarah Eichinger of the U.S. Military Academy and Darcy Bunn of Kansas to reach the semis, where she faced University of Memphis' Britt Engel.

The Engel clan looked to have both members in the final, but Brockbank was determined to stop that dream. Working out with a trainer, Tammy has added speed in her serves and footwork and used these improvements to overpower Britt 15-7, 15-8.

Brockbank said, "I was afraid of freezing up. I tried to stay loose and overcompensated by keeping the ball high."

Wearing her Junior USA Team shirt, Brockbank hoped to add the adult team uniform to her collection by winning the final match. Stoffregen, though, looked determined to keep that from happening by jumping to a quick 9-1 lead in the first game. But Tammy was still confident in her ability saying, "I never doubted

myself. I was pumping myself up, but at the same time, I was so calm." She added, "I was suddenly right in it and settled into my game." Her comeback included a six-point run that gave her a 10-9 lead, at which point she turned her serves up a notch to force weak returns, then ended each rally with perfect backhand pinches and forehand kills. She then closed out the first game with an ace to Stoffregen's forehand.

Kerri kick-started the second game with another quick 3-0 lead, setting herself up by switching to lob serves which Brockbank couldn't return offensively. The two stayed within a three points of each other up to 10-10, until Kerri hit a forehand down-the-line kill that ricocheted off her foot as she tried to get out of the way. Brockbank gained the easy point, then rolled her way to a 14-10 advantage by mixing up her shots. Stoffregen hung in to get the serve back four times, but on the fifth chance, Brockbank got the job done by hitting an overhead backhand down-the-line to take the title and spot on the U.S. National Team.

THE MAKING OF A TEAM

Perennial team favorites coming into the tournament were the University of Memphis and Brigham Young University. But now, these schools have to be wary of the new kids in town - Nichols College. Situated in Dudley, Massachusetts, Nichols was represented by a strong team in its first showing.

When asked if his reputation helped him drum up interest, coach Shane Wood recalled ... "I think it hurt us at first. It took a couple of months to convince them that they didn't have to play at the national level to compete. The key people happened to be in different dorms, so that helped get more people involved. The idea is to not get too serious - just have fun with it."

The Bison Team consists of 25 members and is led by player/coach Shane Wood, who is only a freshman. Regarding his coaching duties, Wood said, "I didn't realize how much paperwork and other things there were that had to be done. I spent over 100 hours preparing the team to get here."

In getting started, Wood knew fellow freshman and doubles partner Erik Ekman from their junior-playing days, but they didn't realize that each of them had applied to the same school. Their project was strengthened by a transfer to Nichols by Matt Jonasch. Everyone else joined the team as a result of "want ad" publicity on campus. They even had nine girls interested in the team!

Twelve members made the trek to Nashville (including eight who drove for 18 hours) and the boisterous "Nichols Nutties" helped their team earn victories and points. And, they did all of this without financial support from their school. Commenting on his team's strong results, Wood admitted "It's more satisfying knowing we started it ourselves."

The team went in to Nichols' athletic director's office following their victory with a fifth place finish in the overall standings. But the AD wasn't truly impressed until they started naming Division I schools they had beaten. Nichols is a 700-student, Division III school. With most of its team committed to returning next year, Nichols now has to be considered a favorite in the future.

In the Men's #1 Doubles, a couple of surprises occurred in the quarter-final matches. Florida's Aaron Metcalf and Tony Shawyer upset #3 Kelly Kerr and Luis Munoz of Memphis. Metcalf and Shawyer took the first game 15-11, but Kerr and Munoz re-grouped to take a quick lead in the second. Down 14-7, the Florida team slowly fought back. At 14-12, second server Munoz called a skip ball on himself, and Metcalf and Shawyer returned to the box and served out the match. Number two seed Alan Engel and Jim Zalaudek (SMSU) easily defeated Mark Dille and Tyler Olson (U.S. Military Academy) 15-6 in the first, but Dille and Olson could not miss as their accurate shooting took them to a 15-9, 11-7 win. Their momentum carried them to an 11-10 tiebreaker win over Metcalf and Shawyer, but they later fell short to Wood and Erik Ekman (Nichols) in the final. As a result, Shane Wood became the first man to win the #1 singles and doubles titles since Andy Roberts did it in 1985 for then-Memphis State University.

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This year's Men's Team standing went down to the wire with the Men's #2 Gold Division match making the difference as Erik Ekman gained the victory, giving Nichols the title. Once again, BYU's women's team was too strong for the rest of the field, and they gained another title which made the difference for the combined team results.

With newer champions Shane Wood and Tammy Brockbank winning in their first year of eligibility, perhaps we will see a simultaneous men's and women's dynasty occur. Can they continue to win together for all four years of their college careers? Only time will tell.

RESULTS: SINGLES – Men's #1:Shane Wood (Nichols College) def. Alan Engel (SW Missouri State Univ.) 13-15, 15-1, 11-3; Men's #2:Erik Ekman (Nichols College) def. Luis Munoz (Univ. of Memphis) 15-13, 9-15, 11-10; Men's #3:Kelly Kerr (Univ./Memphis) def. Nathan Passey (BYU) by forfeit; Men's #4:Scott Smith (Univ./Missouri) def. Danny Spencer (BYU) by forfeit; Men's #5:Dino Tashie (Univ./Memphis) def. Chris Crawford (BYU) by forfeit; Men's #6:Ben Ryder (Univ./Wisconsin) def. Jared Sorenson (BYU) by forfeit. **Women's #1:**Tammy Brockbank (Treasure Valley CC) def. Kerri Stoffregen (Univ./Miami) 15-11, 15-11; **Women's #2:**Christine McAlpine (BYU) def. Stephanie Munger (Univ./Kansas) 15-7, 15-1; **Women's #3:**Kris Wardrup (BYU) def. Lisa Hailstone (Univ./Missouri) 15-12, 15-4; **Women's #4:**Val Shewfelt (BYU) def. Jeannine Burgert (Univ./North Texas) 15-5, 15-0; **Women's #5:**Lori Thompson (BYU) def. Mary Beth Heleski (Penn State) 15-2, 15-3;

Women's #6: Nicole Passage (BYU) def. Bridgett Hogan (Penn State) 15-0, 15-0 –

DOUBLES – Men's #1:Shane Wood/Erik Ekman (Nichols College) def. Mark Dille/Tyler Olson (U.S. Military Academy) 15-14, 15-8; Men's #2:Andrew Reiff/Jeff Bloom (Univ./Fla.) def. Chris Crawford/Danny Spencer (BYU) by forfeit; Men's #3:Dino Tashie/Scott Moerman (Univ./Memphis) def. Ben Ryder/Jim Teteak (Univ./Wisconsin) 15-9, 15-12; **Women's #1:**Dawn Peterson/Nicole Buresh (Univ./Wisconsin) def. Christine Alpine/Julie Taylor (BYU) by forfeit; **Women's #2:**Val Shewfelt/Kris Wardrup (BYU) def. Jean Giaimo/Erin O'Connell (Bryant College) 15-0, 15-3; **Women's #3:**Nicole Passage/Lori Thompson (BYU) def. Mary Beth Haleski/Bridget Hogan (Penn State) 15-12, 15-6.

... MEXICAN NATIONAL TEAM MEMBER LUIS MUNOZ HAD A FULL WEEK, AFTER COMPETING IN THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TRAVELING ON TO NASHVILLE FOR THE INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS...

COMBINED TEAM RESULTS: 1) BYU, 1949; 2) Univ. of Memphis, 1571; 3) Univ. of Florida, 1319; 4) Univ. of Wisconsin, 1317; 5) Nichols College, 1137; 6) Univ. of North Texas, 824.5; 7) Southwest Mo. State Univ., 819.5; 8) Penn State, 744; 9) Univ. of Mo.-Columbia, 728; 10) Univ. of Kansas, 598; 11) US Military Academy, 554.5; 12) Univ. of Oklahoma, 496; 13) Stephen F. Austin, 338; 14) Baldwin Wallace, 279; 15) Bryant College, 265.6; 16) Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., 179; 17) US Air Force Academy, 138; 18) SMU, 54; 19) Providence College, 28.

MEN'S TEAM RESULTS: 1) Nichols College, 1137; 2) Univ. of Memphis, 1070; 3) Univ. of Florida, 914; 4) BYU, 881; 5) Univ. of Wisconsin, 817; 6) Southwest Mo. State Univ., 730; 7) Univ. of Cal. at Berkeley, 645; 8) Stanford, 601; 9) US Military Academy, 494.5; 10) Univ. of Mo.-Columbia, 402; 11) Univ. of Oklahoma, 386; 12) Penn State, 331; 13) Univ. of North Carolina, 330; 14) Chabot Community College, 270; 15) Baldwin Wallace, 264; 16) Univ. of North Texas, 261.5; 17) Stephen F. Austin, 208; 18) Virginia Tech, 198; 19) Univ. of Kansas, 188; 20) Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., 173; 21) Univ. of Pennsylvania, 120; 21T) Indiana University, 120; 23) Texas A & M Univ., 116; 24) Univ. of Southern Colorado, 78; 25T) Auburn, 60; 25T) Univ. of Tulsa, 60; 25T) US Air Force Academy, 60; 28) SMU, 54; 29T) Bryant College, 42; 29T) College of St. Rose, 42; 31) Binghamton Univ., 24; 32) Univ. of Pittsburgh, 18; 33) Boise State Univ., 14; 34) Providence College, 0.

WOMEN'S TEAM RESULTS: 1) BYU, 1086; 2) Univ. of North Texas, 563; 3) Univ. of Memphis, 501; 4) Univ. of Wisconsin, 500; 5) Penn State, 413; 6) Univ. of Kansas, 410; 7) Univ. of Florida, 405; 8) Univ. of Mo.-Columbia, 326; 9) Treasure Valley Community College, 310; 10) Univ. of Miami - Ohio, 240; 11) Bryant College, 223.5; 12) Stephen F. Austin, 130; 13) Shippensburg Univ., 120; 14) Univ. of Oklahoma, 110; 15) Southwest Mo. State Univ., 89.5; 16) US Air Force Academy, 78; 17) US Military Academy, 60; 18) Providence College, 28; 19) Baldwin Wallace, 15; 20) Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., 6; 21T) Nichols College, 0; 21T) SMU, 0.

SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SENIOR MASTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Every year a few more players get involved. "It's fun," they're told, and "it's round robin so you play alot!" The January Women's Senior/Master Championship is the first chance to test new year's resolutions in a big way, and ... hmmm ... just happens to traditionally fall on Superbowl weekend. Perfect for a women's only event!

Doubling in size since the first event in 1990, the Women's Senior Master Championships drew 75 players — including a whopping 27 in the Women's 40+ — to the Southern Athletic Club in Atlanta, January 27-29.

Women's 35+

Last year's tournament hostess Mary Lyons of Jacksonville, Florida, was able to sweep her flight without dropping a game, and make the final that she missed in '94. But as far as winning went, Lyons had a surprise in store.

In the preliminary round robin, near perfect scores kept following Minnesota's Carol Kriegler's name in her flight. Although she lost a game to second place finisher Janet Tyler of Florida, Kriegler made short work of the rest and found herself with a semi-final berth on Superbowl Sunday.

"I knew I was playing pretty well." said the mother of three "I have a little more time now that my sons are older. It came easy for me 15 years ago (her last national competition), but I got kind of stale and now it's really fresh again." Playing against the likes of Dana Sibell and a "great group of guys" at home, Carol was sure of her game, but not about the trip. It was the first time she'd left her family alone, overnight, since the birth of her first son, now age 11. "I have to buy presents before I go home ..." she mused.

In the final Kriegler proved to be a quick study. "I just watched her a little bit and I knew what kind of a game she played." recalled Carol "I like to shoot off the back wall, so if somebody ceilings with me I'll take the first opportunity. But she plays such a good game like that I had to be really smart about which ones to go for."

That plan worked well and Carol came away with a remarkable straight game win, 11-5, 11-7. And no one was more dazzled than the champ, "I read about Mary all the time in the magazine, so it was a thrill for me to be on the court with her. I guess I'll try to get to nationals this year ..."



Upper Left: Sue Adams (St. Petersburg, Florida)
Friends of mine from the club talked me into coming to this tournament. What I loved about this tournament was all the nice people I met and all the racquetball I was able to play - round robins - it was great.

Upper Right: Jean Heckman (Queensbury, New York)
This is the second year I've played in the event and I love it. The thing I like the most about it is seeing old friends that I've met — everybody is so fair and so wonderful and I love it. I can't wait to go to California.

Lower Left: Sue Rowe (Altoona, Wisconsin)
What I like best about the tournament is that it doesn't matter what skill level you are, you get to play the best and still have fun. At other tournaments, players are very separated - people come, they play, they're gone. This has camaraderie and a sense of community.

Lower Right: Johncy DuFresne (Overland Park, Kansas)
This tournament cuts both ways. I liked getting to play a lot of people, but now that I'm sore, I didn't like playing quite so many people.

Women's 40+

A "new-forty" after a birthday in December, Susan Pfahler moved into the largest division of the tournament with ease, and breezed through her round-robin flight with only a single game loss to Floridian Elizabeth Sotelo. Michigan's Laura Patterson did the same, losing only one game to Nancy Kronenfeld of Illinois.

After losing the first game of their final 11-5, Pfahler had to think fast. "I think the trick is not to let her serve," observed Susan between games. Everyone who had been on the receiving end of Laura's blistering drive serve in the round-robin not only



Tournament Organizers (L-R): Nancy Kronenfeld, Kendra Tutsch, Liz Lyon, Vicky Luque and Bev Powell (seated)

agreed, but couldn't keep from saying "I told you so..."

But it wasn't always so, according to Laura. "I'm in the military and started playing on base in '79, but I just picked up a racquet one day, so I sort of taught myself the wrong way." Some six years later, a top player noticed her potential and offered to show her how to hit the ball correctly. Even more recently, lessons just prior to the World Senior Championships in Albuquerque last September led her to a silver medal in the Women's 40+.

... And another silver medal in Atlanta. After discovering that a careful lob to the backhand resulted in a playable return, Susan kept her powerful opponent on the run with a mix of her traditional pinch and passing shots to win the next two 11-4, 11-2 for her first career Women's 40+ title.

And the regulars ...

The remaining divisions held few surprises, with familiar names rising to the top of each division: Meri Jean Kelley in 45+, Sharon Hastings Welty in 50+, Kathy Mueller in 55+, AARA Hall of Famer Jo Kenyon in 60+, Reta Haring in 65+, and gracious, perennial, Mary Low Acuff in 75+.

More fun ...

It wouldn't be a national event without a party, and tournament directors Liz Lyon and Vicky Luque outdid themselves with the Saturday evening banquet and awards presentation, followed by line dancing lessons, Atlanta-style. Recognized for attending all six Women's Senior/Master championships were council president Kendra Tutsch, Mary Low Acuff, Jo Kenyon and Bev Powell. The Sportswomanship Award went to Renee Fish of Florida, presented by last year's winner Linda "cheap shot" Miller of Indiana.

RESULTS – W35: Carol Kreigler (Roseville, Minn.) def. Mary Lyons (Jacksonville, Fla.) 11-5, 11-7; W40: Susan Pfahler (Jacksonville, Fla.)

def. Laura Patterson (Kentwood, Mich.) 5-11, 11-4, 11-2; W45: Meri Jean Kelly (Palo Alto, Calif.) 11-4, 11-2; W50: Sharon Hastings Welty (Corvallis, Ore.) def. Margaret Hoff (Park Ridge, Ill.) 11-5, 11-4; W55: Kathy Mueller (St. Cloud, Minn.) def. Annabelle Kovar (Lincoln, Neb.) 11-1, 11-5; W60: Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.) def. Lola Markus (Park Ridge, Ill.) 11-5, 11-7; W65: Reta Haring (Madison, Wis.) def. Rebecca Dixon (Cleveland, Ohio) by total points; W70: Mary Low Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) unchallenged.

Thinking about this event for next year? Make your plans early — the championship will be held at the Royal Athletic Club in Burlingame, California, January 26-28. Local organizer Meri Jean Kelley promises lots of local talent, and a possible tour of the wine country for those who arrive early, seek mid-event consolation, or depart late. For more information about the Women's Senior Master Council, or to be added to their newsletter mailing list, contact Kendra Tutsch at 608/233-5865.

NATIONAL MASTERS UPDATE

by Ron Pudduck

International Invitational

The NMRA welcomed over 200 players from as far away as Japan and Guam to its international championships in Minneapolis last July. By using the round robin format in both singles and doubles brackets, many final standings were determined by a very small margin. In this instance, two doubles events ended their round robins with identical scores, and were decided by head-to-head match results.

In men's 55+ doubles, the team of Paul Banales and Ron Pudduck chalked up their seventh NMRA doubles title in the past four years when they defeated Rex Lawler and Ron Maggard in the last match. This victory tied them in point totals with the Ohio team of Bobby Sanders and Otis Chapman, but because they had defeated Sanders and Chapman previously, they were awarded the first place medal on a tiebreaker ruling.

The men's 65+ doubles was another title determined by the head-to-head tiebreaker rule. In this bracket, Wisconsin's Ivan Bruner and Chet Howard tied for total points with Ray Gordon and Glenn Melvey of North Dakota, but were then awarded the first place medal because of their earlier victory over that team.

Although the doubles contests had many great finishes, there were also some super singles events. John Barielles - since deceased - won the men's 70+; Ron Gordon was first in 65+; Paul Banales won men's 60+; Bob Webster won men's 55+; Ron Johnson was the 50+ champion and Gary Peterson won the 45+ brack-

et. Earl Acuff won the 75+ group and Steve Ordos was crowned the 80+ champion.

For the women, Merijean Kelly was the 45+ winner, along with Jo Kenyon in 60+, and Mary Low Acuff in the "75 years young" group.

NMRA Singles National Championships

The 1995 NMRA Singles National Championships were held in late February at the La Mancha and City Square clubs in Phoenix, Arizona. Hosts Carole Stoll, Susie Fogel and Paul Banales, welcomed almost 200 players to the round robin tournament.

Numerous flights were in all age groups, and when the dust of three days worth of play had finally settled, there were some familiar and new faces on the awards stand.

Luzell Wilde returned to action, after a short period away from tournaments, to defeat Earl Acuff in the men's 75+. But, newcomers Tommy Ochoa and Dennis O'Brien were champions in 45+ and 50+, respectively. Linda Miller returned to championships form with a victory in women's 45+, as did Kathy Mueller in 55+, Sharon Hastings-Welty in 50+, Betty Railey in 60+ and the ever young Mary Low Acuff in 75+.

The NMRA will hold this year's International Invitational in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 27-29. Contact Les Dittrich @ 507/257-3353 or 507/253-4232. [See entry on page 57]

NMRA INTERNATIONAL RESULTS — Men's Singles — 45+: Gary Peterson, MN; 50+: Ron Johnson, IL; 55+: Bob Webster, AL; 60+: Paul Banales, AZ; 65+: Ray Gordon, ND; 70+: John Barielles, VA; 75+: Earl Acuff, NC; 80+: Steve Ordos, MN. **Women's Singles — 45+:** Merijean Kelly, CA; 60+: Jo Kenyon, FL; 75+: Mary Low Acuff, NC. **Men's Doubles — 45+:** Jim McCarthy, MN/Jim Pastor, MN; 50+: Bobby Sanders, OH/Mike Stearn, OH; 55+: Paul Banales, AZ/Ron Pudduck, MI; 60+: Pat Colombo, NY/Bob McNamara, MN; 65+: Chet Howard, WI/Ivan Bruner, WI; 70+: Saal Lesser, NY/Les Skelton, CA. **Mixed Doubles —** Linda Miller, IN/Rex Lawler, IN.

NMRA SINGLES RESULTS — Men's 45: 1) Tommy Ochoa (Tucson, AZ); 2) Alex Cooley (Scottsdale, AZ); 3) Stan Lemon (Dallas, TX); 4) David Warner (Plymouth, MN). **50+:** 1) Dennis O'Brien (Boise, ID); 2) Richard Melhart (Vancouver, WA); 3) Tom McKie (Garland, TX); 4) Fred Letter (Warren, NJ). **55+:** 1) Charlie Garfinkel (Buffalo, NY); 2) Len Corte (Phoenix, AZ); 3) Lee Graff (Albany, OR); 4) Terry Priester (Westminster, CA). **60+:** 1) Art Johnson (Littleton, CO); 2) Harvey Clar (Orinda, CA); 3) Don Alt (Ft. Myers, FL); 4) Lynn Hahn (Whitehall, MI). **65+:** 1) Phillip Dzuik (Homer, IL); 2) Jack Bogasky (McLean, VA); 3) Verlyn Dunn (Pocatello, ID); 4) Joe Luckman (Cascade, MT). **70+:** 1) Glenn Melvey (Fargo, ND); 2) Tony Duarte (Barstow, CA); 3) Les Skelton (Carson, CA); 4) Bud Gartiser (Henderson, NV). **75+:** 1) Luzell Wilde (Centerville, UT); 2) Earl Acuff (Asheville, NC); 3) George Spear (Venice, FL); 4) Jerome Singer (Anaheim, CA). — **Women's 45+:** 1) Linda Miller (Terre Haute, IN); 2) Merijean Kelley (Palo Alto, CA); 3) Gwen Benham (Little Rock, AR); 4) Vickie Berger (Salem, OR). **50+:** 1) Sharon Hastings-Welty (Corvallis, OR); 2) Nidia Funes (Novato, CA); 3) Jeannie Van Winkle (Independence, MO). **55+:** 1) Kathy Mueller (St. Cloud, MN); 2) Sylvia Sawyer (Orem, UT); 3) Susan Embry (Valley Center, CA). **60+:** 1) Betty Railey (Crossville, TN). **75+:** 1) Mary Low Acuff (Asheville, NC); 2) Eleanor Quackenbush (Salem, OR).

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PROfile: IRT Tour Highlights

By Woody Clouse

HAMPTON INN PRO CLASSIC IN MEMPHIS

Memphis, Tennessee and the Racquet Club of Memphis roll out the red carpet when they hold their annual Hampton Inn Pro Classic. With non-stop hospitality and a banquet that the whole city attends, this is literally a classic event. Simply put, this tournament is what southern hospitality is all about.

After the first round saw no upsets, the second round was business as usual, with the exception of Brian Rankin advancing past a tentative Ruben Gonzalez. Memphis has been a favorite stomping ground for Rankin, who last year upset Dave Johnson in the first round.

The quarters saw Mike Guidry beat Aaron Katz using his retrievability to produce the set ups he needed to win. Tim Doyle beat Drew Kachtik in the match of the tournament. Both players had chances to make this match a lot shorter than it was. At the end of this two hour war, Kachtik ended up missing some key shots that Doyle took advantage of, enabling him

to squeak out an 11-8 win in the fifth game. Hometown king Andy Roberts looked poised and focused as he gave Brian Rankin a reality check, beating him 11-1 in a not-so-close four games. The last quarter surprised everyone when Mike Ray upset Cliff Swain. Mike Ray, playing great ball the whole event, took advantage of a lackluster effort by Cliff Swain.

The first semifinal matched Roberts with Doyle. Roberts, after losing the first game looking like a man on a mission, outscored Doyle 33 to 12. Doyle simply looked burned out from his previous match, and possibly from his and Swain's recent tour of Europe representing the IRT.

The second semifinal saw an inspired Mike Ray execute a perfect game plan forcing Mike Guidry to beat him from the deep corners. Guidry couldn't pull it off and lost in three quick ones.

In the finals Andy Roberts protected his home turf by playing some of the best serve and shoot racquetball that has been played this year. He flew through Ray 11-1, 11-1, and 11-8 in the third.

VCI PRO-AM HEATS UP ATLANTA

With all of the racquet companies in town for the Super Show, the largest trade show in the world, every player on the tour knew that this was a great tournament to make a name for himself.

The 32's were most evident of this by young and hungry players pulling off some surprising upsets. David Hamilton beating Louis Vogel in a tiebreaker was a head-turner. Vogel, who keys off his serve, couldn't find his rhythm the whole match, as Hamilton displayed the consistency of a veteran. Kelly Gelhaus beating Mike Ceresia in the first round was unexpected, considering Ceresia's win percentage in the first round is in the 90% range. The last and largest upset of the first round was also the biggest of the entire year. This involved the trash-talking Junior World Champion Jason Mannino beating the number two ranked player in the world, Tim Doyle. Doyle was caught totally off guard by Mannino's diving re-kills and unorthodox shot selection. With Doyle's head in the clouds and Mannino's hot hand the match was over in a quick four games.

The round of 16 saw Adam Karp beat Mike Guidry in four solid games. Karp played the best ball of his career, earning him his first quarterfinal appearance. Guidry simply did not have a good day, and at this



Pictured left to right is 1995 Hampton Inn Pro Nationals champion Andy Roberts of Memphis, receiving the winner's check from Ray Schultz, president and chief executive officer of Promus Hotels, which includes Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites. The tournament, which raised more than \$2,500 for the local Ronald McDonald House, is one of the top five stops on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT), drawing 32 of the world's top pros and more than 160 amateurs. Photo: Courtesy of Meltzer & Martin Public Relations.

level a bad day rarely ends in a win. The other key matches saw Gelhaus roll into the quarters beating Mannino, Sudsy Monchik handling Drew Kachtik in four games, along with Mike Ray giving David Hamilton a reality check in three. Woody Clouse benefitted from John Ellis' bum wheel, and Aaron Katz continued his career year by beating Ruben Gonzalez in three.

The quarterfinals were business as usual for the top seeds. Cliff Swain continued his dominance over Aaron Katz beating him in less time than the warm up. Mike Ray took out upset-minded Adam Karp in three relatively close games. Sudsy Monchik advanced by beating first time quarterfinalist Kelly Gelhaus in four games. The last quarter final saw Andy Roberts squeak out a 14-12 second game that ended any hopes of Woody Clouse winning.

The semis matched Sudsy Monchik against Andy Roberts, followed by Cliff Swain vs. Mike Ray. In the first semi, Monchik's constant pressure seemed to be the difference as he stopped Roberts' run in the fourth, ending the match 11-9. The second semi was a rematch from Memphis. Swain proved why he's the #1 player in the world, while Ray never looked settled in his three games of defeat.

The final was a classic match up between the elder Swain wanting to show the younger Monchik who's still the man. Monchik wanted to make a statement about how secure the number one ranking is, or isn't. In this match, if you followed the old saying and "bet on youth" you would have lost. This match, as much as any, proved why Swain is the best ever. Not only did he win another tourney without losing a game, he made it look easy. As for Monchik, get used to seeing him around the winner's circle.

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The first round opened with hometown hero Dan Obremski beating Jason Mannino in a lop-sided four game match. The only other first round deserving of notice had Derek Robinson stopping Kelly Gelhaus in a tight four games.

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HAMPTON INN PRO CLASSIC: MEMPHIS

Round of 16

Cliff Swain def.	Kelly Gelhaus 11-1, 11-6, 11-0
Mike Ray def.	Woody Clouse 11-2, 11-0, 12-10
Aaron Katz def.	Mike Ceresia 14-12, 11-4, 11-2
Mike Guidry def.	Todd O'Neill 11-9, 3-11, 11-4, 11-0
Andy Roberts def.	Eric Muller 11-1, 11-2, 11-5
Brian Rankin def.	Ruben Gonzalez 7-11, 11-5, 12-10, 11-4
Drew Kachtik def.	Louis Vogel 11-8, 11-7, 11-9
Tim Doyle def.	Mike Engel 11-8, 11-2, 11-2

Quarterfinals

Mike Ray def.	Cliff Swain 7-11, 11-2, 11-3, 3-11, 11-2
Mike Guidry def.	Aaron Katz 8-11, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4
Andy Roberts def.	Brian Rankin 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-1
Tim Doyle def.	Drew Kachtik 11-7, 8-11, 4-11, 11-6, 11-8

Semifinals

Mike Ray def.	Mike Guidry 11-4, 11-8, 11-8
Andy Roberts def.	Tim Doyle 7-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-2

Final

Andy Roberts def.	Mike Ray 11-1, 11-1, 11-8
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VCI PRO AM: ATLANTA

Round of 16

Cliff Swain def.	Eric Muller 11-3, 11-1, 11-0
Aaron Katz def.	Ruben Gonzalez 11-3, 11-9, 11-9
Mike Ray def.	David Hamilton 11-7, 11-7, 11-7
Adam Karp def.	Mike Guidry 11-4, 11-5, 7-11, 11-7
Kelly Gelhaus def.	Jason Mannino 7-11, 11-6, 11-6, 11-2
Sudsy Monchik def.	Drew Kachtik 11-1, 11-7, 8-11, 14-12
Woody Clouse def.	John Ellis (forfeit)
Andy Roberts def.	Todd O'Neil 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 6-11, 11-5

Quarterfinals

Cliff Swain def.	Aaron Katz 11-4, 11-7, 11-2
Mike Ray def.	Adam Karp 11-8, 11-7, 11-8
Sudsy Monchik def.	Kelly Gelhaus 2-11, 11-8, 11-6, 11-2
Andy Roberts def.	Woody Clouse 11-5, 14-12, 11-7

Semifinals

Cliff Swain def.	Mike Ray 11-2, 11-3, 11-8
Sudsy Monchik def.	Andy Roberts 11-2, 11-9, 7-11, 11-9

Final

Cliff Swain def.	Sudsy Monchik 11-3, 11-5, 11-6
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SHOP 'N SAVE PRO-AM: PITTSBURGH

Round of 16

Cliff Swain def.	Mike Engel 11-0, 11-0, 11-6
Drew Kachtik def.	Sudsy Monchik 12-10, 8-11, 11-8, 4-11, 11-7
Ruben Gonzalez def.	Dan Fowler 13-11, 11-4, 7-11, forfeit
Mike Guidry def.	Dan Obremski 13-11, 11-1, 14-12
Tim Doyle def.	Eric Muller 11-5, 6-11, 1-18, 8-11, 11-6
Aaron Katz def.	Brian Rankin 12-10, 11-2, 11-4
Mike Ray def.	Woody Clouse 11-7, 8-11, 11-6, 12-10
Andy Roberts def.	Derek Robinson 11-2, 11-7, 8-11, 10-12, 11-1

Quarterfinals

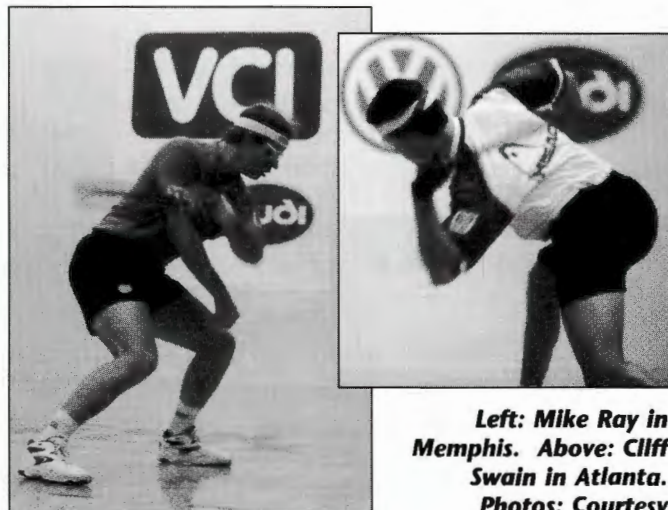
Cliff Swain def.	Drew Kachtik 11-6, 11-9, 11-1
Mike Guidry def.	Ruben Gonzalez 1-11, 11-7, 11-4, 8-11, 11-8
Tim Doyle def.	Aaron Katz 8-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7
Andy Roberts def.	Mike Ray 12-14, 11-7, 11-5, 11-8

Semifinals

Mike Guidry def.	Cliff Swain 9-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-5
Andy Roberts def.	Tim Doyle 11-5, 11-6, 11-0

Final

Andy Roberts def.	Mike Guidry 11-8, 11-4, 11-9
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Left: Mike Ray in Memphis. Above: Cliff Swain in Atlanta.
Photos: Courtesy Killshot.

The round of 16 saw all of the other top seeded players advancing through some nose to the grindstone efforts. Drew Kachtik slipped by an unmotivated Sudsy Monchik in the tiebreaker 11-7. Ruben Gonzalez received a forfeit after opponent Dan Fowler, serving for game point to push this match into a tiebreaker, jammed his toe!!! (I didn't make this up.) Next was Mike Ray squeaking out a tough four games against Woody Clouse and Andy Roberts taking it up a notch to beat Derek Robinson 11-1 in the fifth.

The quarters began with Cliff Swain pounding Drew Kachtik in three, Mike Guidry edging out Ruben Gonzalez in a gutsy match ending 11-8 in the tiebreaker. Aaron Katz let this match slip away against Tim Doyle. After being up 2-0, Doyle won back-to-back 11-9 games that could have gone the other way giving Katz the win, but it wasn't meant to be as Doyle showed a lot of heart in winning 11-7 in the fifth. The last quarterfinal was an intense shouting match between friends and foes. After dropping the first, Roberts got dialed in and took the next three, beating Ray in four games.

The first semifinal had Andy Roberts take advantage of a burned out Tim Doyle. After pulling out two back-to-back tiebreakers, Doyle was too drained to put up a fight as Roberts pounded him in three straight.

The other semi saw Mike Guidry make a statement about his performance in Atlanta, showing everyone just how good he is. After losing the first game 11-9 against Cliff Swain, Guidry simply out-played him. In this match Guidry played

as well as he has all year, earning the respect of his #4 ranking.

With Roberts on a roll going into the finals, he didn't slow down long enough to see who was in his way. Guidry may have emptied his bucket against Swain but he made Roberts earn every point. The large, knowledgeable crowd in Pittsburgh knew this match was closer than the points indicated. For Roberts it was a special win. This was the same court that almost ended his career a year ago.

IRT UPDATE

By Hank Marcus

VCI/IRT SUPPORT GEORGIA COUNCIL: Through the continuing efforts of tournament director Alan Turem in conjunction with VCI over \$6,000 was raised at the 1995 VCI Pro-Am for the Georgia Council on Child Abuse. Turem and VCI Region Manager Frank Petru presented the donation at a banquet held at the event. In addition, IRT donated an additional \$500.00 to help a great cause.

HEAD ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR & APPAREL/IRT MAKE SUPER SHOW SPLASH: The top IRT professionals, including #1 Cliff Swain were a huge hit at the Super Show in Atlanta bringing racquetball more exposure than it has ever received. Thirty IRT pros made an appearance at the beautiful Head Athletic booth followed by an autograph session. In addition, the Leader and Ektelon booths featured huge pictures of IRT pros in action.

HEAD SIGNS CLIFF SWAIN WORLD'S NUMBER ONE RACQUETBALL PLAYER: Head Sports, Inc., recently signed racquetball's "King of the Court" Cliff Swain, currently the International Racquetball Tour's number one player. Considered by his peers to be one of the most gifted and natural talents on tour, Swain notched a 94% winning percentage during a season that saw him lose only five times in 83 matches. In his last 19 events, Swain has won an amazing 14 times. This unprecedented streak includes two events where Swain did not lose a game in 10 straight matches. The Boston, Massachusetts native is the only player to win a tour event without losing a single game.

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IRT SUPPORTS WHEELCHAIR RACQUETBALL: In conjunction with the International Wheelchair Racquetball Association a player is chosen at each IRT stop and a donation made in the name of the player. This new agreement to promote Wheelchair Racquetball was announced in Atlanta by David Hinton and Hank Marcus. The following players were chosen player of the tournament in the first events; Atlanta: Cliff Swain; Pittsburgh: Andy Roberts.

THANK YOU: Marty Austin and the beautiful Racquet Club of Memphis put on their traditional great show and hospitality including the top party on the tour each year with over 500 people enjoying Jason D. Williams music. The Atlanta VCI event continues to grow each year thanks to all the work by Alan Turem and Racquetball '96. The tremendous Racquet Club of Pittsburgh hosted the 6th Shop 'n Save Pro Am with hosts John Pushack and Suzy Klingensmith putting on a first class event as usual.

IRT/ESPN SIGN AGREEMENT: The International Racquetball Tour is proud to announce the signing of an agreement with ESPN and ESPN II to televise four one-hour shows featuring the best players in the world. IRT and JM Productions, who have produced the two previous ESPN telecasts will team up to tape events this May for airing this fall at the start of the racquetball season. These shows will be seen on ESPN and ESPN II and will run once a week over a month period to create continuity and growing interest. This agreement will produce the most credible and broadly seen exposure for racquetball in the history of the sport.

IRT JOINS THE INTERNET: IRT has joined the information superhighway following an agreement which will place IRT tournament results, player profiles, pro tips, and product updates on the Internet. Further information to follow in the future.

PRO PENN INFLATABLE GRABS ATTENTION: IRT unveiled racquetball's first inflatable, a 10 foot high can of Pro Penn balls at the Racquet Club of Pittsburgh and it was a huge hit, grabbing the attention of all the racquetball and tennis players throughout the club. The inflatable will appear at each IRT event.

FULL TIME ADDITIONS: Sudsy Monchik and John Ellis, both gold medalists in the Pan Am Games, have turned pro and will no longer compete internationally as team members for the United States.



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IRT TOP 16 RANKINGS March 15, 1995

1. Cliff Swain1936
2. Andy Roberts.....1595
3. Tim Doyle1404
4. Mike Guidry.....1276
5. Drew Kachtik1177
6. Mike Ray.....1175
7. Aaron Katz..... 955
8. Ruben Gonzalez.... 911
9. John Ellis752

10. Woody Clouse 746
11. Sudsy Monchik..... 617
12. Louis Vogel..... 451
13. Dan Fowler451
14. Brian Rankin 412
15. Adam Karp.....407
16. Kelly Gelhaus 318

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SERIES BONUS POOL: Based on the finishes in the six VCI Challenge Cup event sponsored by VW Credit, Inc. The following rankings include the Montreal,

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1. Cliff Swain4000
2. Andy Roberts.....2950
3. Mike Guidry.....2500
4. Tim Doyle2400
5. Mike Ray.....2000
6. Drew Kachtik1950
7. John Ellis1350
8. Sudsy Monchik.....1000

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3. Woody Clouse
4. Brian Rankin
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WPRA HEATS UP SYRACUSE

By Cheryl Gudinas

The Women's Professional Racquetball Association hosted its March tour stop in Syracuse, New York, in conjunction with an amateur metro regional qualifier. As a pro event and an early qualifier for the upcoming U.S. National Singles Championships, the weekend was packed with lots of excitement and plenty of action.

Mixed Doubles

The stop kicked off Thursday evening with mixed doubles, where eight women's pros paired with local men's open players. While Jim Winterton, head coach of the U.S. National Racquetball Team, joked about missing his "other half" of last year, he found himself quite a partner in lefty Roz Olson, and the pair made it to the finals. But they met their match against local favorite Jeff Hanno and up-and-comer Amy Kilbane, who took the final in two games (perhaps Winterton hadn't fully adjusted to the "new-do" he was sporting?).

In singles, the WPRA had the good fortune of welcoming newcomers Diane Gronkiewicz, Jean Heckman, Julie Dechene (all the way from Canada!), and Andee Glansberg. While the rookies provided a few interesting matches in the early rounds, there were no upsets this time around!

Early Rounds

In the round of 16 all matches held true to seeding. Having just returned from the Pan Am Games

in Argentina three days earlier, there was some concern on the parts of U.S. Team members Robin Levine, Cheryl Gudinas and Michelle Gould, as to how they would respond to this high level of competition so soon.

Levine would be victorious over Amy Kilbane, dropping one game, 8-11, but winning in four. Gudinas played a hot Robin Whitmire, but survived a barn burner first game, and ultimately won the match 11-8, 11-3, 11-7. Gould played a near-perfect match against Janet Myers, who got to serve only three times during the entire match!

Perhaps the most intriguing match in this round was the one between Marcy Lynch and Roz Olson. At the start of the match the consensus was that this one could go either way. But it was Lynch, hav-



ing a great tournament overall (she would go on to the regional open finals by defeating Lynne Coburn in the semis), who would be victorious, winning in four games 11-8, 11-3, 9-11, 11-5.

The Quarterfinals

On the bottom half of the draw, a slow start by Robin Levine, and

WPRA Scoreboard ...

ADVANCING IN SYRACUSE

Round of 16

Michelle Gould def.	Janet Myers 11-0, 11-0, 11-0
Marcy Lynch def.	Roz Olson 11-3, 11-3, 9-11, 11-5
Lynne Coburn def.	Lorraine Galloway 11-3, 11-3, 11-9
Cheryl Gudinas def.	Robin Whitmire 11-8, 11-3, 11-7
Marci Drexler def.	Michelle Wiragh 11-9, 11-7, 11-10
Laura Fenton def.	Ellen Crawford 11-5, 11-1, 11-6
Chris Evon def.	Anita Maldonado 11-6, 11-0, 11-5
Robin Levine def.	Amy Kilbane 11-4, 8-11, 11-5, 11-7

Quarterfinals

Michelle Gould def.	Marcy Lynch 11-5, 11-5, 11-6
Lynne Coburn def.	Cheryl Gudinas 11-9, 11-6, 11-8
Marci Drexler def.	Laura Fenton 10-11, 1-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-5
Robin Levine def.	Chris Evon 11-10, 11-2, 11-0

Semifinals

Michelle Gould def.	Lynne Coburn 11-1, 11-9, 11-8
Robin Levine def.	Marci Drexler 10-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-3

Finals

great play by rabbit-quick Chris Evon, forced an close 11-10 first game win by Levine, who then breathed a sigh of relief and steamrolled through the next two, 11-2, 11-0. Evon would go on to win the open division. Seeded fourth in the draw, Marci Drexler let a lead slip away in her first game against Laura Fenton, and dropped the game 10-11, and the second game as well 1-11. Battling through the early frustration, Drexler regained her usual form, and dominated the next three 11-4, 11-6, 11-5.

In the top half of the draw, fifth seed Lynne Coburn upset #3 seed Cheryl Gudinas, and Marcy Lynch put in a respectable showing against top seeded Michelle Gould, who won in three straight, 11-5, 11-5, 11-6.

The Semifinals

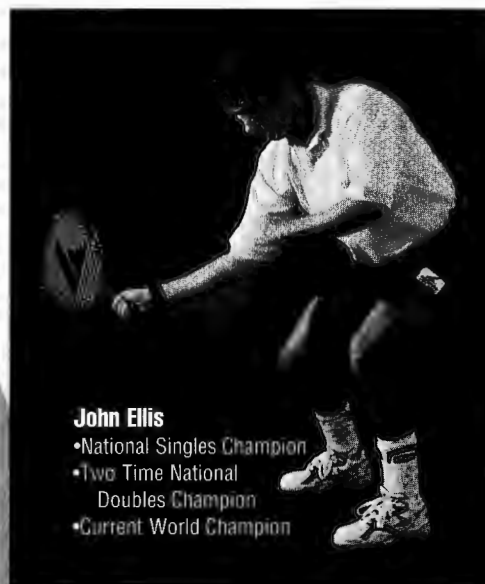
Next came the good stuff – who wants to bet on this one? With similar game styles, the semifinals between perhaps the tour's most "dynamic" players, was a great one to watch! Southpaws Marci Drexler and Robin Levine locked horns, with Drexler making an effort to work her way back up in the rankings. But Robin came ready to play, and won the match 10-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-3.

Michelle Gould started out serving well against Lynne Coburn, forcing weak returns, and keeping Lynne from getting any early momentum. Later in the match, however, Gould hit several uncharacteristic skip balls that allowed the door to open briefly. Coburn took advantage, served well, hit some great shots, but could not hang on, as Michelle came up with the winners when she needed them most to win in three, 11-1, 11-9, 11-8.

The Final

The finals pitted #1 and #2, Gould and Levine in yet another rematch of last year's U.S. national singles final. Levine seemed fired up early and started strong, keeping Gould a bit off balance with various serves and wide angle passes. They would be neck and neck early on, but Gould would get the first game 11-7. Known for her diving and retrieving ability, Levine made plenty of great gets in the second and third games, but it would not be enough this time, as Gould came away the winner in three games of 11-7, 11-6, 11-4.

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WPRA IN TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA

Round of 16

Michelle Gould def. Amy Kilbane 11-0, 11-2, 11-0
 Chris Evon def. Lorraine Galloway 11-7, 11-1, 11-5
 Laura Fenton def. Malia Bailey 11-5, 11-2, 8-11, 10-11, 11-4
 Marci Drexler def. Anita Maldonado 11-10, 11-0, 11-6
 Cheryl Gudinas def. Roz Olson 5-11, 11-4, 11-7, 11-2
 Lynne Coburn def. Marcy Lynch 11-5, 11-5, 11-2
 Molly O'Brien def. Janet Myers 11-9, 11-0, 9-11, 7-11, 11-2
 Robin Levine def. Michelle Wiragh 11-2, 11-8, 11-4

Quarterfinals

Michelle Gould def. Chris Evon 11-1, 11-5, 11-0
 Marci Drexler def. Laura Fenton 11-7, 11-8, 11-6
 Cheryl Gudinas def. Lynne Coburn 5-11, 11-7, 11-2, 11-4
 Robin Levine def. Molly O'Brien 11-2, 10-11, 11-4, 11-9

Semifinals

Michelle Gould def. Marci Drexler 11-1, 11-6, 11-3
 Robin Levine def. Cheryl Gudinas 11-8, 11-0, 11-10

Finals

Michelle Gould def. Robin Levine 11-8, 11-0, 11-10



WPRA RANKINGS

1. Michelle Gould2100.0
2. Robin Levine1375.0
3. Cheryl Gudinas.....1062.5
4. Marci Drexler1000.0
5. Lynne Coburn.....950.0
6. Laura Fenton750.0
- 7T. Chris Evon575.0
- 7T. Molly O'Brien.....575.0
9. Caryn McKinney542.0
10. Roz Olson.....412.5
11. Michelle Wiragh.....400.0
12. Marcy Lynch.....369.2
13. Robin Whitmire.....328.6
14. Janet Myers325.0
15. Kim Machiran.....256.3
16. Lorraine Galloway.....250.0
- 17T. Malia Bailey.....228.6
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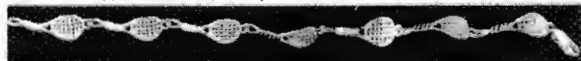
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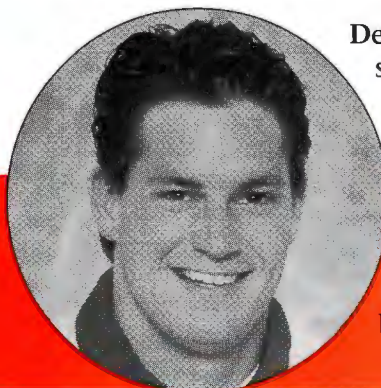


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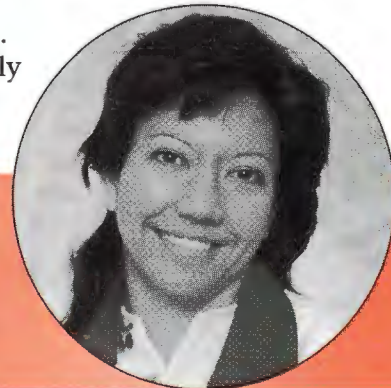


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... played well at Pan Ams and Olympic Festival ... sometimes has trouble with early matches ... mentally tough and fights for every point ... tenacious ... will need her best ever effort to reach finals. Sponsored by Ektelon.



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Jim Hiser is the AARA's Associate Executive Director for Programming, in charge of making sure these players (particularly the U.S. Team members) have maintained their amateur status, completed all their paperwork and get plenty of sleep. He knows their games as well as anyone, but still won't be taking any bets in Houston ...

Lynn Coburn (odds 4-1) ... currently ranked #5 in WPRA ... recent victory over Cheryl Gudinas could provide needed confidence to reach team qualifying round ... hurt by one serve

Jackie Paraiso-Gibson (odds 3-1) ... always a contender ... good power ... wealth of experience ... Houston one of her favorite events and always seems to do well ... family pressures could effect performance.

Caryn McKinney (odds 2-1) ... if she competes in Houston, will definitely be a threat ... still possesses control and is as smart as they come ... can adjust to almost any game style ... never underestimate her determination.

Chris Evon (odds 5-1) ... smart and quick but has trouble with power ... one serve may help but needs to get some breaks to reach semis.

Laura Fenton (odds 5-1) ... ranked #6 on WPRA ... inconsistent in big matches ... international experience could help when faced with Houston pressures.

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INCREASE YOUR WINS BY PLAYING THE ANGLES

By Aaron Katz



In all of my articles, I preach the importance of consistency and playing the percentages in order to maximize your victories. In this issue I will address one of the most misunderstood aspects of the sport of racquetball ... the inability to understand the proper use of angles. We all have a tendency to shift our focus to what height on the front wall we are trying to hit, rather than concentrating on the angles that we utilize. We'll discuss the various situations in a game when it becomes necessary to subordinate height for angle, and what techniques can be used to perfect this strategy.

THE SERVE

Switching to one serve on the IRT Pro Tour has caused me to re-evaluate my service philosophy and strategy. As I watch amateur matches at various tournaments I often see players making the same mistakes I used to make — focusing so hard on dropping the serve right over the short line, resulting in a very low service percentage. Although we would all love to be able to hit the perfect serve all of the time, it's just not realistic.

While it's preferable to keep the serve off the back wall, you can still be effective if you hit the proper angle even if the serve does come off the back wall. The proper angle would have the ball take its first bounce, then hit the back wall as close to the side wall-back wall crack as possible. This forces your opponent well out of center court in order to make their return. Even if the ball is up off the back wall, it is still a difficult play because you have frozen your opponent as they toil over their decision whether to back off and wait for the ball to kick into center court if it catches the side wall first ... or move over to hit the ball if it catches the back wall first. If your opponent is able to step over and intercept the ball before the back wall, this also results in a difficult shot since the ball will still be traveling at full speed, forcing them to get their racquet through as quickly as possible.

Either way, by angling your serve towards the crack you provide yourself with a tremendous margin of error with regard to the contact height at which you hit, resulting in a much higher service percentage.

OFFENSIVE SHOTS FROM THE BACK COURT

Similar to the serve, players often try to shoot the ball too low on the front wall from the back of the court. This causes us to take unnecessary risks.

Change your back court strategy to prioritize angles over height. Concentrate on hitting angles that will eventually land in one of the back corners, forcing your opponent to move as much as possible and decreasing their chance to rekill your offensive shot.

Hitting the side wall on your passing shots (particularly down-the-line) is very costly. Invariably the ball loses all of its speed, ends up in the center of the court and results in a set up for your opponent. As with the serve, if you are going to err on your passing shot, err towards the center of the court so at least the ball maintains its speed and forces your opponent to rekill as difficult a shot as possible. Conceptually it is similar to pitching in baseball ... if you are going to throw the ball down the middle of the plate, make sure you throw it fast so the batter may not get around on it.

Once again, as with the serve, if you hit the proper angle, either cross court or down the line, it gives you a tremendous amount of margin of error as to what height you hit the ball. Even if the ball rebounds off the back wall, at least your opponent is moving backwards and is forced to hit a difficult shot. After having stretched out your opponent with the correct angle, often you will receive a set-up in the center of the court — the ideal position from which to focus on ending the rally by hitting a low target on the front wall.

TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING ANGLES

The most important technique for improving our angles is learning to mentally shift our concentration from the front wall to our hitting zones. Focus on striking the ball level, placing priority on the depth within your hitting zone that you strike the ball. If you hit the ball with your racquet face square to the front wall, the ball will travel down the line. To hit

the ball cross court, extend your racquet head through a little quicker in order to contact the ball a little closer toward your front foot. It is crucial that you learn to control your shots by adjusting your point of contact rather than by changing your target on the front wall. Concentrating on a target on the front wall will result in picking up your head too

soon and directing the ball rather than stroking it aggressively.

So, concentrate on your angles and don't worry so much about hitting the perfect shot and see your winning percentage get higher and higher.

GAME PLAN



Strategy from the Wilson Racquetball Elite Staff

In this issue, Chris continues with "Quick and Easy Ways to Improve your Game," including tips on the lob serve, return of serve and the backhand.

The Forgotten Lob Serve

The lob is often a forgotten serve in the lower levels, but is becoming more important in the Open and Pro divisions with the advent of the one serve rule. For A to C players, the lob is a serve that could get you easy points without the effort involved in hitting drive serves. The object of the lob is to pin your opponent effectively in either corner with a dying ball, before it has the opportunity to come off the back wall. If, in returning the ball, your opponent is forced to contact the ball on the way down, not only do they have to totally change the ball's direction, but will also have to supply all the power since the ball is traveling towards the back wall in the first place.

If your opponent is able to wait and contact the ball when it comes off the back wall, their stroke will simply add to the ball's current speed and direction, making it easier to hit a good shot. Lobs should bounce in front of the dotted lines so they can't be cut off in the air, and making it difficult to short hop so close to the safety zone.

These lob serves may look simple to hit, but it's important to practice so you're not feeding set-ups to your opponent. It also helps to vary the height and to keep them guessing. Try to become adept at high-, mid- and half-

lobs that are difficult to cut off effectively. Even throw in a few that "kiss" the side wall five-to-seven feet from the back wall, and drop down right in your opponent's lap. These are extremely difficult to cut off, but also harder to hit. Use this serve only after much practice, and when your opponent is effectively cutting off your normal straight lobs to the corner. With relatively no energy loss to hit lobs, you can successfully win rally after rally if your opponent has a difficult time, and do so without having to worry about the streakiness of drive serves.

The Return of Serves

The object of the serve return is simple: the position of your opponent right after the serve is forward, so you should hit a shot that will 1) move your opponent out of the middle and make them travel the furthest distance to retrieve, and

**QUICK AND EASY
WAYS TO IMPROVE
YOUR GAME**
By Chris Cole



Chris Cole, appointed Head Coach of the Junior Racquetball Team in 1994, is also Club Pro and Racquetball Director at Chancellor's Racquet & Fitness Club in Houston, Texas. Since he started playing racquetball in 1977, the University of Michigan graduate has garnered an envious racquetball career highlighted with such prestigious titles as 1992 World Champion, 1992 AARA U.S. National Singles Champion and gold medalist at the Tournament of the Americas and IRF World Championships. He has also been an instructor for six years at the AARA Elite Training Camp.

2) have a fairly high success rate since the service return takes place usually from deep court.

All too often I see players trying to hit kill shots, and especially pinches, when these very shots by definition will stay in the area of the court already occupied by your opponent. Compare this strategy to football: if the defense has all their guys lined up on the line of scrimmage and bunched up in the middle, are you going to run a back right through that? No, logically the quarterback should call for an easy pass play behind the defenders where they have left the field wide open.

Bad service returns hurt your game - if you end up losing the rally, you give up an easy point because of incorrect shot selection. To return a lob serve, don't wait for it to pin you in back court. Come forward and contact it out of the air or short-hop it with the intention of hitting a pass shot. Better still, go for a ceiling ball. With a lob serve, it's even more important not to go for a kill because your opponent has barely had time to

retreat from the service box and is even closer to the front wall than usual. Why go for a pinch or kill on such a tough shot like a cut-off, when your opponent will be there waiting for it?

Running Around Your Backhand

One last, but very essential, point is the propensity for players to hit forehands on the backhand side of the court ... running around their "weaker" side to hit with their "stronger" side. Negatives to this include incorrect court positioning, limited shot availability, and decreased confidence.

Specifically, if you hit a forehand on the backhand side you will allow your opponent to stand more in the middle since your swing's arc will carry your racquet towards the left side wall away from your opponent. If you were to hit a backhand with the ball in the same spot, you demand more space since your swing heads towards your opponent, thus moving them to the right side of the court. Your shot must be hit lower

or better if your opponent is planted in the middle, whereas the whole left side is completely open when they are forced towards the right side wall because of your backhand follow-through.

Confidence is affected for both players when you hit forehands to the side. Your opponent can relax after spotting an obvious weakness, and you become wary knowing you can't count on your backhand. How will you attain your goal of moving to the next level when you have an obvious weakness (running around your backhand) that can be easily exploited by the competition?

The answer is to work on strengthening your backhand, especially in game situations, to improve your game. Remember that almost every rally is started by a serve to your backhand. You need to feel confident about your backhand in order to be successful. Continue to work on your backhand stroke, and soon you'll find it will pull you out of many difficult situations!

AMProTIP: VISUALIZATION ... WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

*By Fran Davis, U.S. National Team Assistant
Coach & Diana McNab, U.S. National Team
Sports Psychologist*

“What you see is what you get” is exactly what Diana McNab preaches to the U.S. Racquetball Team, the New York Jets and other elite athletes she works with on a regular basis. Since she joined the coaching staff for the U.S. Team in 1990, she has introduced the concept of visualization, a very important part of mental skills training.

Visualization is the art of creating specific pictures in the right side of the brain of events or end results you want in your life. An athlete creates a silver screen six inches from their forehead and imagines themselves in shorts, shoes, shirt, racquet and eyeguards playing perfect racquetball (good serves, good return of serves, great shot selection, impeccable court position). It is as if the athlete were playing at that very moment.

All of us have probably visualized before, but we were never formally aware of it. If you've imagined your dream house on the beach or in the mountains, your vacation home in Hawaii or what you would do if someone hurt you or a family member, then you have been visualizing. It's amazing what the mind can do – it's very powerful.



Coaches Diana McNab, Jim Winterton, Scott Phelps and Fran Davis. Photo: John Foust.

Visualization has become an integral part of the U.S. Team's training regimen. In January, head coach Jim Winterton arranged a training camp for the sole purpose of preparing the team for the Pam Am Games. We expanded the concept of visualization in conjunction with on court skills and drills, playing and video analysis. At the training camp Diana devoted our last lecture entirely to visualization and then did an exercise to reinforce the concept. Diana dimmed the lights, put on soothing music, had us lie face up

on the floor with our hands crossed and began to take us on a "mind journey" to the Pan Am Games (creating an atmosphere of relaxation enhances a deep alpha brain state – right side brain state – used for visualization). It was quite a detailed, vivid trip ending with everyone on the podium accepting the gold medal they had just won. All I can say is the team members left that camp psyched up and ready to incorporate visualization more intently into their regular routine. What the team members saw, using visualization, would help them move one step closer to achieving their goals of winning a gold medal at racquetball's debut in the Pan Am Games.

Visualization is the number one sports psychology technique used to enhance performance: "What your mind can perceive and you truly believe, you can achieve." ... "You get a 30% neural-muscular contraction with each picture ... so visualization is creating the perfect blueprint for racquetball." ... "A picture is worth a thousand words in sports - it triggers responses." ... "See it ... believe it ... achieve it."

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The following are some specific, but simple visualization techniques Diana has taught the team to use, which you too can easily implement into your game:

1. Physically relax your body and let go if you have any muscle tension.
2. Close your eyes and listen to relaxing music with no disturbances.
3. Create a silver screen in front of your forehead and use your imagination to produce the mental pictures.
4. Visualize as if you are looking through a video camera and see yourself making a perfect shot, or an awesome serve, or choosing dynamite shot selection. (looking inside in)
5. Now visualize through your own eyes, as if you were there. Incorporate as many senses as possible. See the court through your own eyes. (looking inside out)
6. Start with drills that you can already do well.

7. Then begin to work with skills you are trying to refine.

8. Then see yourself playing a match ... feel yourself in control, doing what you want to do, focusing the way you want to in pressure situations.

9. Imagine yourself achieving your ultimate goal!

10. Focus on the positive and successful performance.

11. Allocate 3-5 minutes to imaging the performance of a skill at any one time.

12. Donate 10 -15 minutes a day working on improving your imagery.

13. Pay attention to details.

14. Supplement physical practice with imagery.

15. Use imagery when physical practice is impossible due to injury, sickness, inclement weather, traveling for work, or bored.

It was quite clear that all the U.S. Team's hard work physically, mentally, emotionally and nutritionally paid off as they brought home all the gold medals from the Pan Am racquetball competition. Not only did they bring home the gold, but they made history with the sweep and did it in style. Jim, Diana, Scott and I are awfully proud of their performance, their attitudes, and what the team was able to accomplish.

"Visualization - What you see is what you get" is an extremely important part of the formula one needs to achieve their goals. The U.S. Team is living proof that it does work. You too can put it to the test over the next few months and watch how visualization can enhance your game and assist you in reaching your goals one at a time.

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DRILLING: PRACTICE MADE FUN!

By Jack Newman

This article is designed to tell the amateur player why it is so important not only to drill, but to drill properly. In my experience as an instructor, I think what stops people from improving in this game is a lack of time spent doing practice drills. You can not continue to improve simply by playing matches all the time. In fact if you were to survey today's top pros, you'd find that most spend at least 80% of the time practicing alone.

Two things of great importance about practicing ... 1. Make your practice session fun, and 2. Only practice as long as you can concentrate (approximately 45 minutes).

We'll start by discussing *how* long to practice. I think there is a misconception that the top players spend hours per day practicing. Most top players keep their practice sessions down to 45 minutes at a time. This is about as long as we can keep a high level of concentration to make our practice sessions meaningful. It is not a matter of luck that pros play so well – it is hard work in these practice sessions. Some pros practice twice a day working on different things each time. The main point here is that it's not how long you practice but how well you concentrate when you practice.

Let's get into how to practice correctly and make it fun! The first thing is to compare racquetball to other sports. When people practice for other sports they try to simulate actual game situations, and

this is what you need to do as a racquetball athlete. A lot of players only practice drop and hit drills only to find themselves unprepared for the amount of footwork needed in racquetball. It's time to go through a few fun drills that incorporate the footwork needed to prepare for matches.

A must in racquetball is good off-the-backwall play so I always start my practice session giving myself a series of 10 set-ups. I will always work on one shot at a time,

whether it is down the line, pinch or angle passes. I use the 10 shots so that I can concentrate and make a game of it. I set myself a goal of say, seven out of 10, and keep practicing until I achieve my goal. By the time I use my backhand and forehand and hit all the different shots, my 45 minute practice session is over and I have developed the consistency needed to be ready for tournament play. I will usually practice my backwall shots one day a week.

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on the front wall and try to hit them. This drill is fun and improves your accuracy. Another idea is to mark squares on the front wall with tape, and to try to get your shots inside the boxes. This drill is great for working on your passing shots by putting the tape 18 inches on the bottom and 24 inches on top. Your goal is to keep the ball between these taped boxes which will help you hit your passes and keep them off the back wall. By using the tape it helps you visualize these shots in practice so they are second nature in tournaments.

A third great drill is one of Ruben Gonzalez's favorites, the dollar bill drill. This is a drill designed for serving. Place a dollar bill barely over the short line on both the forehand and backhand sides. Also tape a dollar bill on the side wall 35 feet back and approximately chest high, this will be where you want your Z-serve to hit the side wall. The first two dollar bills are used to practice drive serves. Practice your serves in 10 shot sequences and see if you can hit the dollar bills. We use this drill at all our racquetball camps and find that the players concentrate much more on their serves when they are trying to win dollar bills from us.

In summary, if you truly want to improve you must practice — but you need to make your practice sessions fun, and only practice as long as you can concentrate! Last, but not least, come take an America's Most Wanted Racquetball Camp or consult a top instructor in your area!



CHANGING TIMES

By Luke St. Onge

As you'll read in this issue, the 1995 Pan American Games — second only to the Olympics in participation and popularity — have now gone down in history. The debut of racquetball as a full medal Pan Am sport is also a part of that history. While we do not know, and may

never know, the full impact this major multi-sporting event will have on our sport, all speculation is that it will do great things for both our domestic and international credibility and development.

Eleven countries qualified for Pan Am racquetball, and sent their best athletes to compete. It was quite gratifying to know that, of the eleven countries that fielded a racquetball team, nine did not send athletes to compete in certain other Olympic disciplines. This a big vote of confidence in our sport.

It was the objective of the International Racquetball Federation and the Pan American Racquetball Confederation to achieve true parity between the countries when we made our Pan Am debut. That goal was met in Argentina when it became clear that virtually every country had an honest chance to break through and win a medal. This "leveling of the playing field" over the past 15 years has been accomplished through major IRF/PARC outreach projects in coaching, instruction, clinics, certification and on site training by top-flight personnel from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

This success could not have been realized without key individuals who helped prepare teams for the Pan Ams. Among them are Jeff Leon, Gary Mazaroff, Jim Winterton, Fran Davis, Jeff Evans, Tony Jelso, Shai Manzuri and many others who made the commitment to help all of the countries develop to their fullest potential.

The sport will also be eternally grateful for the leadership of IRF President Han van der Heijden, PARC President Keith Calkins, IRF Rules Commissioner Jim Hiser, IRF Vice President Enrique Villegran, PARC Vice President Oswaldo Maggi and many, many others who had the foresight and dedication to make the Pan American Games a reality for us.

AARA Notes

In the January/February issue we announced the advent of the newly created U.S. Open tournament which would become a major annual event under the auspices of the AARA and Mike Arnolt. In the flurry of publicity for this new event, it seems that one of the oldest and most prestigious age group tournaments in the country was somewhat upstaged. The Masters Invitational, historically held the first week of February each year, continues to be the premiere event for the AARA on the national invitational level. The Masters Invitational began in the early 70's under

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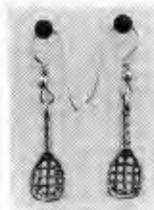
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FOR THE MATURE PLAYER ...

Two "special interest" organizations offer competitive opportunities for men and women over the age of 35. The National Masters Racquetball Association hosts four events annually for both men and women, and the Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Council conducts the Women's Senior/Master National Championships in February of each year. Both organizations generate newsletters and maintain special mailing lists to keep their members informed. If you would like to join either association, or would like more information, please contact: Paul Banales, National Masters Racquetball Association (NMRA), 4201 North 83rd Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85037 [602/849-6298] or Kendra Tutsch, Women's Senior/Master Racquetball Council (WSMRC), 110 South Midvale Blvd., Madison, WI 53705 [608/233-5865].

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the direction of Ivan Bruner and continues to bring the best talent together in the 45 to 80 age range for both men and women in an atmosphere of fun and camaraderie. Look for coverage and results of this special event elsewhere in this issue!

The U.S. Olympic Committee is in the process of changing its Olympic Festival program for the next quadrennium (1997-2000), and it remains to be seen how racquetball may fit into the revised format. While 1997 still appears to be an option for racquetball, we strongly urge you to attend this year's Festival in Colorado Springs July 22 to July 26. If you do, you'll see 32 of the best male and female racquetball players in the world — national champions, Pan American champions and World champions —

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AARA NEWSFLASH ...

Ektelon and the AARA have joined together in a major court club pilot program, scheduled to kick-off in October, to attract new players in clubs ...

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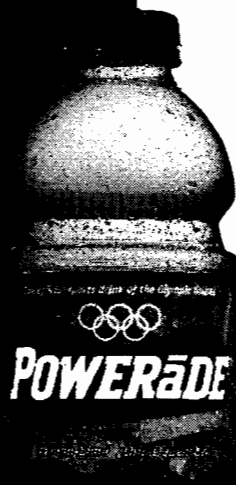
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By **Connie Martin**
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U.S. TEAM TOURS

The U.S. National Team ... will compete against national teams in Guam, Japan and Korea with a final playoff against the Australian National Team before the Organizing Committee for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney this August ... The U.S. Junior Team will compete at the Peace Games (commemorating the end of World War II, 50 years ago) in the Netherlands this summer ...

IRF NEWSFLASH ...

... The Organizing Committee for the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada will reduce the number of sports from 34 to 32 ... Rumor has it that Houston and San Antonio are interested in the 2003 Pan Am Games along with the Dominican Republic ... Racquetball will be a demonstration sport at the Paralympics in Atlanta, August 16-20, 1996 ... The 1996 Tournament of the Americas will be held in Cali, Columbia next April ... The Central American Games will be held in Honduras in '97 and the Central American Caribbean Games will be held in Venezuela in '98. Racquetball will be a full medal sport in both Olympic approved games ... Racquetball has applied to be a full medal sport in the Goodwill Games in New York City in '98.

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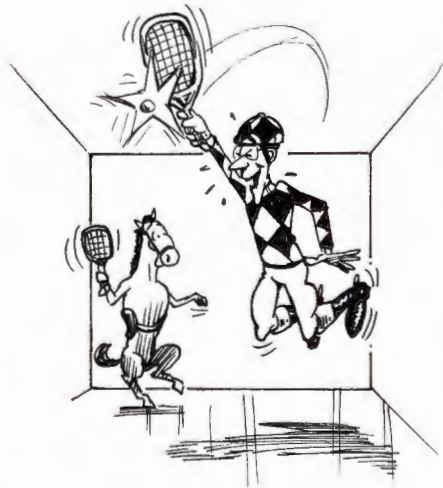
By Charlie "The Gar" Garfinkel

People in all walks of life play racquetball, and AARA Hall of Famer Charlie Garfinkel likes to think he's come across most of them. "The Gar" offers the following as a humorous account of how many of these people might play. Let the groaning begin ...

FUNERAL DIRECTORS: They'd rarely play with a "grave" expression on their face. Being students of the game they'd "plot" out each match carefully. When given a set up they would literally "bury" the shot. Since their wives would most likely play racquetball too, their racquetball bags would be labeled "His and Hearse."

WEATHER FORECASTERS: They'd probably have a "sunny" disposition and appear "calm" during the match. The "pressure" of a match wouldn't bother them. When asked how they'd do before a tough match they'd reply "I'd win in a 'breeze'."

JOCKEYS: They'd never "horse" around in a tournament. Most experts would "bet" on them to win even if they were regarded as "long shots." They'd be highly respected by friend and "foal" alike.



BOWLERS: They'd try to "pin" their opponents in deep back court by "striking" the ball quickly and accurately. They'd "spare" no mercy on their opponents. If they lost they'd "split" immediately after the match. When asked why they had lost, they'd reply, "I played like a real 'turkey'."

FISHERMAN: A fisherman never "flounders" around during a match. Each shot is hit with a Porpoise. Usually, they display a "whale" of a forehand. They disguise their shots so well that their opponents usually fall for them "hook, line and sinker."

ZOOKEEPERS: They wouldn't "monkey" around on the court. In fact, they'd probably go "ape" over the game. As they played more and more they'd soon become a "rabbit" fan. They wouldn't "duck" anyone that wanted to play

them. You'd never see them "lion" about a double bounce. Best of all they'd never be accused of being a "cheetah!"

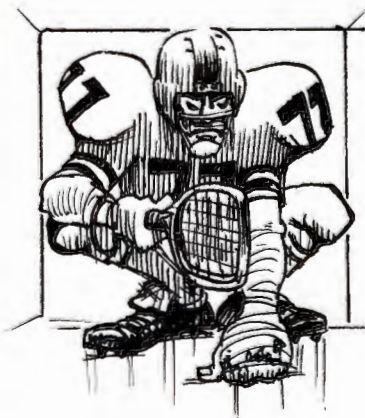
BUTCHERS: They're real "hams" or "hot dogs" on the court. Off the court they're as gentle as a "lamb." They enjoy playing for high "steaks" in most of their matches. However, they're never "chicken" when it comes to playing a tough game of doubles.



BAKERS: They'd never "loaf" when they're on the racquetball court. They'd know exactly what shots are "kneaded" to win. They'd probably "mix" up their serves and strokes. When they're really on their game they can "batter" their opponents into submission. If they lose a close match, they simply say, "That's the way the 'cookie crumbles'."

TAILORS: They'd "press" you right from the start. They wouldn't "slack" up at all. Their shot selection would take the "starch" right out of you. If they're really playing well the match time may be "shortened" greatly. In tournaments they'd always be looking to see how their game "measured" up to their opponents.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS: They'd get a "kick" out of the game. Their "lateral" movement would be excellent and their "passing" game would be nonpareil. When they have a setup they'd make sure that they didn't "rush" their shot. Even if they suffered a bad loss they'd "tackle" their next match with "True Grid."



WAITRESSES: Their "service" would be excellent. They'd be very polite and fair competitors. However, in "order" to win they'd have to "table" their bad shots. Their strategy would be to "check" to see where their opponent is positioned at all times. Even if they lost they'd still be willing to take a few "tips" from their opponent.

POLICEMEN: They'd move well and would never appear "flat footed" on the court. They'd "patrol" the whole court with great skill. Even when they're way behind they'll often "bail" out the match. One thing is for sure. They'll never "cop" out during a rally.

SANITATION WORKERS: They'd "bag" a lot of wins because they'd "cover" the court so beautifully. They wouldn't "waste" any energy on their strokes and they'd never "refuse" a match. Best of all they'd never "garbage" mouth an opponent.

DANCERS: At first they'd probably take a lot of "lessons" to really learn the game. Whatever "steps" would be necessary to improve their game, they'd take. Once they learned the game they'd be able to "twist" themselves in any direction to get a shot. You definitely wouldn't be able to win in a "waltz" against them.



FIREMEN: They're players to fear because you'd always have to worry about them getting "hot." They'd be a favorite in any "ladder" match that they were involved in. However, some players would think that they're sore losers because they always appear "burned up" when they lose. This is misleading as they really don't have an "ax" to grind.

DENTISTS: They'd probably practice many "drills" to improve their game. They'll never "pull" a fast one by trying to cheat you. If they have a faulty stroke they'll get to the "root" of the problem as soon as possible. If they have to play a tough opponent their attitude is, "I'll cross that 'bridge' when I come to it."

SCHOOL TEACHERS: They'd play a "disciplined" type of game. If they missed certain shots they'd do their "homework" in time to improve themselves for the next game. They'd consider each win or loss a "learning experience." Becoming a better player and the "challenge" of the game would be their "principal" reasons for playing the sport.

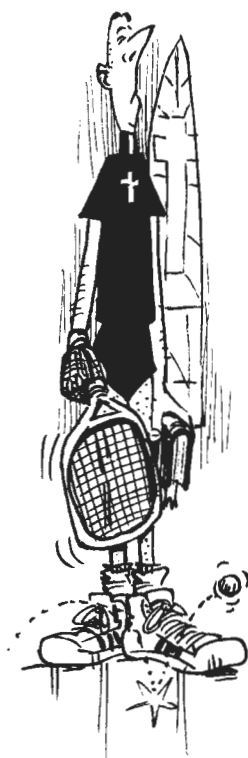
BARBERS: They'd be "trim" and well conditioned players. They'd most likely be involved in "hair" raising matches. Most likely they would "brush" aside most of their opponents. If they moved to a new town they'd "comb" the area looking for opponents to play against.



GARDENERS: They'd "plant" themselves in center court whenever possible. They'd be aggressive players and would try to "mow" down their competition. As they improved their reputation would "grow" by leaps and bounds. They'd be assured of a good "seed" in any tournament that they entered.

GAS STATION ATTENDANTS: They'd probably be in great shape and would never run out of "gas" during a match. If they felt that their strokes needed some help they'd probably see their local pro for a "tuneup." Known as "clutch" performers they'd rarely give their opponents a "brake."

BANK TELLERS: Being smart competitors they'd give no "quarter" on the court. They'd "change" their game whenever they had to. Their friends would "count" on them "registering" victory after victory. If they decided to turn professional they'd probably "vault" up the pro ladder.



CLERGYMEN: They'd surely have a "heavenly touch" on all of their shots. They'd constantly "preach" the value of good sportsmanship and would stick to a training program "religiously." Poor court behavior would be considered a "cardinal" sin. However, I assure you, they'd be a "hell" of a competitor.

DOCTORS: They'd probably have a lot of "patience" and would keep the ball in play all day. They'd never cancel an "appointment" to play. They'd try to "sew" up a match as soon as possible. Having a good sense of humor they'd probably have you in "stitches" after the match is over. And, if they were a club owner they'd probably be in charge of the whole "operation."

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Their overall game would "develop" quickly. They'd never "shutter" if they had to play the top seed. No "negative" comments would be made about their opponents. They'd never be a "flash" in the pan.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE

U.S. OPEN - TOURNAMENT OF FIRSTS

By Michael Arnolt

The 1995 AARA U.S. Open Racquetball Championships was a tournament of firsts. The first U.S. Open. The first national event to bring A-B-C-D division players together with open and open age group competitors under the same umbrella. And for 21 players, they were the first winners of their respective divisions in the inaugural U.S. Open.

Nearly 250 players from 22 states gathered February 17-19 in Indianapolis to cram into three days what normally takes five. Two days of round-robin play before going into a straight draw elimination mirrored the format used in the annual World Seniors, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Eric Storey of Indianapolis, the current National Junior 16 and under champion and National High School title holder, defeated Mike Johnston of Davison, Michigan to win the open.

The unique format – and its ranking as a Level 5 tournament for the championship divisions – clearly was a drawing card, according to tournament director Mike Arnolt. He said players came from as far away as California, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, North Carolina and New Jersey.

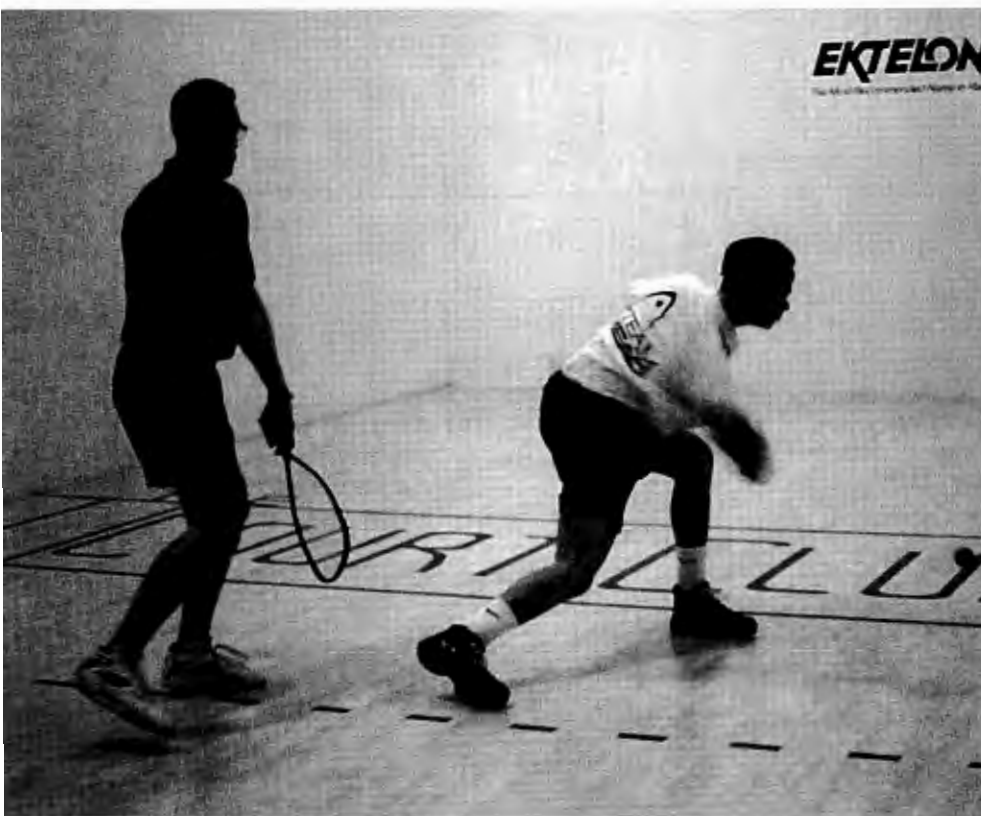
The quality of the players was apparent, Arnolt said, by the number of state and nationally ranked competitors who entered.

Perhaps, the most unique match up brought together two familiar combatants, Gary Mazaroff of Albuquerque, New Mexico and defeated Phil Parker of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. In the 40+ finals in the World Seniors last August, Mazaroff defeated Parker, and duplicated that feat in Indianapolis.

Some 20 persons, spearheaded by the effort of Rick Killion and Debbie Chaney, made the tournament a “tremendous success,” Arnolt said. It was sponsored by Penn Racquetball, Ektelon, Olive Garden and Homewood Suites.

U.S. OPEN RESULTS – Men's Open: Eric Storey, Ind. def. Mike Johnston, Mich.; 19+: Mike Dennison, Ohio def. Matt Adesso, Ohio; 30+: Brad Morse, Missouri def. Ron Coates, Ohio; 35+: Mitch Smith, Pennsylvania def. Bill Lyman, Illinois; 40+: Gary Mazaroff, New Mexico def. Philip Parker, Pennsylvania; 45+: Frank Rusch, Illinois def. Bob Gravelyn, Michigan; 50+: Ron Johnson, Illinois def. Ray Huss, Ohio; 55+: Ron Hutcherson, Indiana def. Rex Lawler, Indiana; 60+: Jerry Holly, California def. Charles Kaiser, Michigan; 65+: John O'Donnell, Illinois def. Mal Roberts, Florida; 75+: Earl Acuff, North Carolina def. Cam Snowberger, Pennsylvania; 80+: Allen Shepherd, Maryland def. John Pearce, Texas. Men's A: Ryan Staten, Kansas def. Alex Spaeth, Illinois; Men's B: Jim Gigniliatt, Florida def. Keith Souders, Indiana; Men's C: Jason Hunt, Indiana def. Matt Malcheski, Illinois; Men's D: Manuel Rodriguez, Indiana def. Ken Zwyers, Illinois. —

Women's 35+: Peggy Ludwig, Kentucky def. Linda Screeton, Indiana; 40+: Laura Patterson, Michigan def. Barb Skusa, Ohio; 45+: Shelly Ogden, Ohio def. Judy Sands, Illinois; 50+: Nancy Butts, Wisconsin



Eric Storey (right) and Ron Johnson in an early round-robin playoff. Photo: Madden Publishing.

uncontested; 75+ - Mary Low Acuff, North Carolina uncontested. Women's C: Michelle Thomas, Illinois def. Mindy Jackson, Indiana; Women's D: Dorothy McDavid, Illinois def. Angie Gaskins, Indiana.

TALES FROM THE U.S. OPEN

The 1995 U.S. Open Racquetball Championships, beyond the wins and losses, yielded a couple of its own stories ...

A Hard Luck Story

Darryl Warren travelled nearly 2500 miles from his home in Harbor City, California, south of Los Angeles to play. Certainly he had to have fire in his eyes when he saw the Men's 40+ draw, at least five of whom were in the top 25 in the nation. Just as certainly, that fire turned to tears when, only a few points into his first match, Warren suffered what was reported to be a leg injury. Though he knew he could easily defeat his opponent, Warren courteously and unceremoniously forfeited the match and went to the front desk to make arrangements to return home.

Mixing Pleasure With Business

Marta Rubcich of Midland, Michigan has racquet, will travel. Auditor for a large publicly held corporation with a division in Indianapolis, Marta clearly puts business before racquetball, but she also is something of a risk-taker.

She entered the U.S. Open and gave three different divisions she could play in should the tournament schedule not coincide with her work agenda. The good news is she was able to play. The bad news is a manager in the department she was auditing didn't have the same good fortune. No word on the audit.

Lifetime Sport, Indeed!

Seth Parker from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, at 10, was the youngest player in the field, while 84-year-old John Pearce of Waco, Texas was the oldest. Parker, who traveled with his father, Philip, only came as a spectator but was able to play when an entrant in the Men's D forfeited before play began.

LONG ISLAND HOSTS 18TH ANNUAL OPEN

By Al Seitelman

The 18th Annual Long Island Open, one of the premier events in the country, drew 745 entries from 13 states to the Sportset Clubs in Syosset and Rockville Centre in November. Historically, interest in any tournament focuses on the open divisions, and it was well deserved at the Long Island Open.

Men's Open

The Long Island Open had been awarded the distinction of being added to the Pro International Racquetball Tours a satellite event. This distinction may have caused many of the top finishers from previous years to refrain from entering. However, there were still many players who wanted the nationally coveted Long Island Open title and had an opportunity in a wide open field.

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Long Island Open singles finalist Dave Cardillo (left) and winner Rich Baer. Photo: Courtesy Al Seitelman

The division had its share of disappointments with dreams being shattered as well as careers being made. The 24 players gathered on Friday night to begin the process that would end up with one of them being crowned Long Island Open champion.

Every Long Island Open seems to have a few surprises in store. The pro format and green ball contributed to the excitement. The quarterfinal matches always seem to go to tiebreakers with the top seeded players invariably encountering difficulty in advancing. Rich Baer and Dave Cardillo advanced to the finals. In an exciting five game match Rich Baer outlasted Dave Cardillo and took home the crown. Both of these players had made it to the finals of the national championships in their respective age divisions. Dan Llacera finished third.

Rich Baer managed to pull off a twin victory by winning the Open Doubles with Anthony Fioriono with an 11-10 tiebreaker win over Graham and Graham in the semifinals and a two game victory over Matt Nagle and B.J. Gruber.

Women's Open

Laura Fenton returned for her second LI Open and went home a winner for the second time. In order to accomplish this she beat Lorraine Galloway in the semifinals and Roz Olson in the finals. The finals was a rematch of last year's semifinal match. Roz had

beat Randi Friedman, in the semifinals to advance to the finals.

The Women's Open Doubles draw was a round robin which helped to contribute to one of the most exciting finishes in years. Three teams had tied for first place with the winner being determined by a tiebreaker system. Using the national rulebook tiebreaker system Savin and Hartz won. Fiordilino and Freeman finished second. If the tournament had used the system in effect for state championships another team would have won. These results clearly demonstrate the importance of every point. Shane Wood and Allison Thomas won the Mixed Open title with a tiebreaker win over Bob Haab and BJ Ehrigott.

RESULTS – Men's Open: 1. Rich Baer; 2. Dave Cardillo; 3. Danny Llacera; 4. Adam Priamo; 5. Scott Liparelli; 6. Shane Wood; 7. Rich Barker; 8. Sean Graham. Men's Open Doubles: 1. Baer/Fiorino; 2. Nagle/Gruber; 3. Graham/Graham; 4. Dikman/Pedrazza. Women's Open: 1. Laura Fenton; 2. Roz Olson; 3. Randy Friedman; 4. Lorraine Galloway; 5. Beth Katz; 6. B.J. Ehrigott; 7. Anita Maldonado; 8. Carla Grimm. Women's Open Doubles: 1. Savin/Hartz; 2. Fiordilino/Friedman; 3. Cuocco/Filasky. Mixed Open Doubles: 1. Wood/Thomas; 2. Ehrigott/Haab; 3. St. Juste/McDermott; 4. Rodrigues/Katz.

PRO-AM TOURNEY

*By David E. Andrews, Jr.
Secretary, NWRA*

The Racquet Club of Pittsburgh hosted the Sixth Annual Wheelchair Racquetball Tournament, February 17-19. The wheelchair division was part of the Pro-Am Racquetball Tournament, which has become a regular event on the IRT Men's Pro-Stop tour. Proceeds from the event were donated to the National Wheelchair Racquetball Association (NWRA). The tourney attracted 13 wheelchair athletes from nine different states, as well as over 100 spectators.

The open division held the promise of being a rematch of the World Racquetball Championships, with both the world's #1 ranked player, Chip Parmelly (California), and the #2 ranked player, Gary Baker (West Virginia) in the field. However, that rematch was destined to wait, after Baker was upset by newcomer Rick Slaughter (Tennessee) in the third round, 15-11, 15-13. But the finals were far from anti-climactic. Parmelly captured his sixth consecu-

tive championship by winning a hard fought match with Slaughter 15-7, 15-9.

In a round robin event, Audie Kemp (Indiana) won the B division, with Mark Jenkinson (West Virginia) finishing second. Marc Fenn (Indiana) was presented the Cecil Driscoll Sportsmanship Award. This award is given to an athlete who demonstrates good sportsmanship and who actively supports and promotes the game of racquetball.

An auction following the awards ceremony raised additional funds for the NWRA, which are used to help send its representatives to major national and international events.

If you are interested in learning more about wheelchair racquetball, or making a tax-deductible donation to the NWRA, please contact Geno Bonetti at 412/856-2468. In addition, an instructional wheelchair video may be purchased for only \$45. Please send a check (payable to NWRA), to Geno Bonetti, Director, Spinal Cord Program, HealthSouth of Greater Pittsburgh, 2380 McGinley Road, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146.

METRO REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Burnsville, Minnesota: March 3 - 5

Men's Open: Mike Locker, MN; Men's Open/A: Pat Lewis, MN; Men's A: Todd Peterson, SD; Men's B: Chad Cadwell, SD; Men's C: Jon Hoffman, SD; Men's D: Brad Volzke, NE; Men's 19+: Ryan Homa, WI; Men's 25+: Kevin Graham, WI; Men's 30+: Jim Jeffers, MN; Men's 35+: Troy Stallings, MN; Men's 40+: Tim Lavoie, MN; Men's 45+: Tim Lavoie, MN; Men's 50+: Erv Inniger, ND; Men's 55+: Ev Eiken, MN; Men's 60+: Barney Friesth, SD; Men's 70+: Glenn Melvey, ND. **Women's Open:** Lori Harper, WI; Women's A: Donna Hutchison, ND; Women's C: Megan Bals, NE; Women's 25+: Peggy Clark, MN; Women's 30+: Kelly Kirk, MN; Women's 35+: Lori Harper, WI; Women's 45+: Marta Groess, MN; Women's 50+: Nancy Butts, WI. **Men's Open/A Doubles:** B. Bernier/P. Lewis, MN; Men's B Doubles: H. Moore/B. DeBord, NE; Mixed Doubles: T. Stallings/P. Withrow, MN. **Boy's 18-:** Aaron Granberg, WI; Boy's 16-: Sam Ryder, WI; Boy's 14-: David Liakos, NE; Boy's 12-: Nathaniel Dehmer, MN; Boy's 10-: Buck Harper, WI; Boy's 8-: Garrett Stone, MN. **Girl's 18-:** Aimee Chastain, MN; Girl's 16-: Meadow Krantz, MN; Girl's 14-: Leisa Marquart, NE; Girl's 12-: Nicie Strand, MN. **Boy's 18- Doubles:** D. Buchanan/S. Ryder, WI; Boy's 16- Doubles: C. Hahne/T. Larson, MN; Boy's 14- Doubles: J. Jansen, ND/G. Barker, MO; Boy's 12- Doubles: N. Dehmer, MN/C. Phillips, SD; Boy's 10- Doubles: B. Harper/L. Sauter, WI.

NATIONAL MASTERS RACQUETBALL ASSOCIATION (NMRA) International Invitational July 27-29, 1995 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Deadline & Fees - July 8, 1995 - \$115.00 first event, \$20 second event, \$60.00 mixed social event, \$20.00 spouse/guest fee (two event maximum). The Mixed Doubles Social event is available as a second event, in which a player is paired with another of the opposite gender, of any age. Guest fees entitle a non-playing tournament attendee to meals, the Saturday night banquet and use of the club facilities during the tournament. No telephone entries, no entries without payment, no bank cards accepted.

Host Club - Northwest Racquet, Swim & Health Club, 5525 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Host Hotels - (*Mention NMRA tournament when making reservations*) Sheraton Park Place, 1500 Park Place Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416, 1-800-542-5566, or 612/542-8600. \$69.00 per night for up to four persons per room, rate reserved through July 5th only.

Format & Rules - AARA rules govern, unless otherwise specified by tournament director. AARA and NMRA dues must be current to compete. All players must be available to play by 8:00 AM, Thursday, July 27th, 1995.

Hospitality - Breakfast and lunch daily, refreshments and fruit will be provided. Spouses/guests can use host club for exercise. Banquet at the Quality Hotel.

To receive an official entry form and more information, contact Les Dittrich at 507/257-3353 or 507/243-4232. To request membership and be added to the mailing list, contact the National Masters Racquetball Association at: 4201 North 83rd Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85037 - Tel: 602/849-6298, 6288

Columbus, Ohio: March 10 - 12

Men's Open: Doug Ganim, OH; Men's A: Mason Workman, OH; Men's B: Paul Martin, OH; Men's C: Glen Williams, MI; Men's D: Ruben Plaza, OH; Men's Novice: Jeff Rhodes, OH; Men's 19+: Chris Pfaff, OH; Men's 25+: Nick Rallis, MI; Men's 30+: Jim Hamilton, MI; Men's 35+: Dave Eagle, OH; Men's 40+: Johnny Northern, MI; Men's 45+: Dominic Palmieri, OH; Men's 50+: Tom Perna, OH; Men's 55+: Ron Hutcherson, IN; Men's 60+: Charles Gunn, IN; Men's 19 B/C: Chris Murray; Men's 30 B/C: Glen Downie, MI; Men's 40 B/C: Dick Guyer, OH; Men's 50 B/C: Jim Stiffler, OH; **Women's Open:** Amy Kilbane, OH; Women's A: Karen Green, MI; Women's B: Anne Holtz, OH; Women's C: Wendy Grieshop, OH; Women's D: Crystal Winfrey, OH; Women's Novice: Melissa Danile, MI; Women's 19+/25+: Kaye Hastings, MI; Women's 30+: Wyllis Vidrine, OH; Women's 35+: Barb Faulkenberry, AL; Women's 40+: Mary Bickley, PA; Women's 19/30 B/C: Mary Lauer, MI; Women's 40 B/C: Rosemary Cook, MI.

Casper, Wyoming: March 10 - 12

Men's Open: H.R. Coe, MT; Men's A: Art Spelts, SD; Men's B: Steve Helling, WY; Men's C: Doug Rindells, WY; Men's 19+: H.R. Coe, MT; Men's 25+: Todd Theiler, SD; Men's 30+: Don Williams, WY; Men's

35+: Mario Ibarra, WY; Men's 40+: Roger Barber, WY; Men's 45+: Dave Weber, MT; Men's 50+: Obed Oas, NE; Men's 55+: Obed Oas, NE. **Women's Open:** Lori Perino, MT; Women's A: Jennifer Reiser, MT; Women's B: Laurie Tucker, WY; Women's 19+: Marni Shutte, WY; Women's 25+: Lori Perino, MT; Women's 30+: Connie Ryals, MT. **Boy's 16-:** James Ford, WY; Boy's 12-: Blake Von Kaenel, NE. **Girl's 16-:** Melissa Boyd, UT.

St. Louis, Missouri: March 17 - 19

Men's Open: Brian Rankin, MO; Men's A: Josh Tucker, MO; Men's B: Jeff Woessner, MO; Men's C: Levi Chappell, MO; Men's D: Sam Hood, AR; Men's Novice: Michael Myers, MO; Men's 19+: Brian Pointelin, MO; Men's 25+: Chris Wright, MO; Men's 30+: Bruce Erickson, MO; Men's 35+: Rick Sorenson, MO; Men's 40+: Randy Stafford, TN; Men's 45+: Ted Podgorny, MO; Men's 50+: Terry Albright, MO; Men's 55+: Richard Valleroy, MO; Men's 60+: George Wade, MO; Men's 19+ B/C: Prem Matthew, MO; Men's 35+/45+ B: Ken Koyles, MO. **Women's Open:** Jen Yokota, MO; Women's A: Donna McGatha, MO; Women's B: Karen Morris, AR; Women's C: Cheri Prickett, AR; Women's D: Vickie Leetch, AR; Women's 19+: Dena Jones, MO; Women's 30+: Kim Machiran, MO; Women's 35+: Carol Bastien, IL; Women's 45+: Donna Ebner, MO. **Boy's 18-:** Craig Donaldson, MO; Boy's 16-: Matt Davenport, MO; Boy's 14-: Ryan Staton, KS; Boy's 12-: Joel Worthington, KS; Boy's 10-: E.J. Basta, MO; Boy's 8-: Sam Basta, MO. **Girl's 18-:** Christy Gould, MO; Girl's 16-: Katie Gould, MO; Girl's 14-: Annie Porter, MO; Girl's 12-: Jane Rombach, MO; Girl's 8- multi-bounce: Ashley Murphy, MO.

Norfolk, Virginia: March 24 - 26

Men's Open: Sam Wasko, VA; Men's A: Ben Thompson, NC; Men's B: Gregg Raducha, VA; Men's C: German Carrasco, VA; Men's 19+: Philip Nordan, NC; Men's 25+: Michael Kord, VA; Men's 30+: Sam Wasko, VA; Men's 35+: Robert House, MD; Men's 40+: Glenn Loehr, VA; Men's 45+: Jim Bailey, VA; Men's 50+: Glenn Alen, VA; Men's 55+: Joe Mulkerrin, VA; Men's 60+: Pearce Grove, VA; Men's 65+: Jack Bogasky, VA; Men's 70+: Chuck Bellos, NC; Men's 80+: Jack Daly, VA. **Women's Open:** Malia Bailey, VA; Women's A: Erika Juhl, DE; Women's C: Angela Burta, VA; Women's 25+: Rosemary Anderson, NC; Women's 35+: Carol Frenck, VA.

Syracuse, New York: March 24 - 26

Men's Open: Dave Cardillo; Men's A: Chen Pen; Men's B: James Cohen; Men's C: Freling Smith; Men's Novice: Scott Granat; Men's 19+: Scott Grunin; Men's 25+: Dave Cardillo; Men's 30+: Steve Hachey; Men's 30+: Bill Conz; Men's 35+: Jeff Hanno; Men's 40+: Steve Schwarz; Men's 45+: Bruce Shafer; Men's 50+: John Mootz; Men's 55+: Charlie Garfinkel; Men's 60+: Ron Crawford; Men's 65+: Victor Sacco; Men's 70+: Victor Sacco. **Men's A/B Doubles:** Hickey/Coughenour; Men's C Doubles: Italiano/Brimmer. **Mixed Pro/Am Doubles:** Hanno/Kilbanno. **Women's Open:** Chris Evon; Women's A: Dortha Hughes; Women's B: Terry Grosser; Women's C: Lorna Deily; Women's 29+: Kori Grasha; Women's 40+: Andee Glansberg; Women's 45+: Andee Glansberg; Women's 55+: Marion Crawford. **Boy's 16-:** Mike Klemperer; Boy's 14-: Justin Carey; Boy's 10-: Dan Klemperer.

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Lombard, Illinois:
March 30 - April 2

Men's Open: Mike Johnston, MI; Men's A: Daniel Verbeck, MI; Men's B: Rich Book, IL; Men's C: Jim Lucci, IL; Men's D: Jim Lucci, IL; Men's 19+: Eugene Coyle, IL; Men's 25+: Jim Floyd, MI; Men's 30+: John Amatulli, IN; Men's 35+: Herb Grigg, IL; Men's 40+: Greg Mandell, IL; Men's 45+: Herb Grigg, IL; Men's 50+: Erhard Gruenwald, IL; Men's 55+: Ron Pudduck, MI; Men's 60+: Hugh Morrison, IL; Men's 65+: John O'Donnell, IL; Men's 70+: John Siewert, WI. **Women's Open:** Cheryl Gudinas, IL; Women's A: Karen Green, MI; Women's B: Carrie Jaskier, IL; Women's C: Mary Jo Long, IL; Women's D: Jennifer Jaskier, IL; Women's 25+: Megan O'Malley, IL; Women's 35+: Laurel Davis, IL; Women's 40+: Brenda White, IL; Women's 45+: Grace Touhy, IL; Women's 50+: Rose Stoltmann, WI; Women's 55+: Sue Carow, IL.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL: March 31 - April 2

Men's Open: James Lorello, FL; Men's A: Ralph Cuesta, FL; Men's B: Alain Pujolar, FL; Men's C: Chicozi Jeoma, FL; Men's D: Augusto Gonzales, FL; Men's Novice: Gary Perkins, FL; Men's 19+: Matt Fontana, FL; Men's 25+: James Lorello, FL; Men's 30+: Armando Alonso, FL; Men's 35+: Gene Couch, FL; Men's 40+: Gene Couch, FL; Men's 45+: Bob Heller, FL; Men's 50+: Terry Thomas, FL; Men's 55+: Don Alt, FL; Men's 60+: Don Alt, FL; Men's 65+: Rabert Harper, FL; Men's 70+: Mike Landy, FL. **Women's Open:** Mary Lyons, FL; Women's A: Linda Leasure, FL; Women's B: Alison Carr, FL; Women's C: Fran Outten, FL; Women's D: Alex Femander, FL; Women's 19+/25+: Teri Lawrence, FL; Women's 30+: Melanie Britton, FL; Women's 35+: Janet Tyler, FL; Women's 40+: Eileen Tuckman, FL; Women's 45+: Mary Jo Murray, FL.

Syosset, New York: April 7 - 9

Men's Open: Sean Graham, CT; Men's A: Ron Wojnoski, NY; Men's B: Jeffrey Gal, NY; Men's C: Frank Senger, NY; Men's Novice: Stephen Mykalcio, NY; Men's 19+: Jeff Huang, NY; Men's 25+: Steve Arizmendi, NY; Men's 30+: Dave Cardillo, NY; Men's 35+: Walter Schramm, NY; Men's 40+: Tom Jaklitsch, NY; Men's 45+: Frank Ciociola, NY; Men's 50+: Robert Baer, NY; Men's 55+: Michael Jackson, CT; Men's 60+: Louis Berson, NY. **Women's Open:** Lorraine Gallaway, NY; Women's A: Kathy Burns, NY; Women's B: Mary Flynn, NY; Women's C: Mary Abassi, NY; Women's Novice: Jean Biggs, NY; Women's 25+: Lorraine Gallaway, NY; Women's 30+: Lorraine Gallaway, NY. **Men's Open Doubles:** Graham/Graham, NY; Men's A Doubles: Prentiss/Mochi, NY; Men's B Doubles: Hinsch/Coury, NY; Men's C Doubles: Biliello/Dono, NY; Men's 30+ Doubles: Burns/Schramm, NY. **Women's Open Doubles:** Cuocco/Filasky, NY; Women's B Doubles: Abassi/Schneider, NY. **Mixed Open Doubles:** Mochi/Filasky, NY; Mixed B/C Doubles: Flynn/Kaufman, NY. **Boy's 18-:** Roland Pedraza, NY; Boy's 16-: Ben Williams, NY; Boy's 14-: Justin Carey, NY; Boy's 12-: Sanjay

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

PLAN AHEAD ... All AARA Metro Regional Qualifiers will be held on the weekend of April 18-21 in 1996. For those who are unable to compete in one of the main events, three extra qualifying events will be scheduled on the following weekend.

LaForest, NY. **Girl's 12-:** Cari Mitlitsky, NY.

Aurora, Colorado:
April 19 - 23

Men's Open: Tony Boscia, CO; Men's A: Tony Glavas, UT; Men's B: David Oettel, CO; Men's C: Tim Knabenschue, CO; Men's D: Marc Schnittker, CO; Men's 19+: Ray Maestas, NM; Men's 25+: Jeff Bell, AZ; Men's 30+: Joe Hassey, AZ;

Men's 35+: Joe Hassey, AZ; Men's 40+: Rick Keefer, CO; Men's 45+: Jerry Turley, CO; Men's 50+: Mark Morse, CO; Men's 55+: Art Johnson, CO; Men's 60+: Art Johnson, CO; Men's 65+: Michael Martin, CO. **Women's Open:** Martha Bailey, CO; Women's A: Raynita Santiago, CO; Women's B: Carol Zimlinghaus; Women's C: Anettia Antony, CO; Women's D: Pamela Dees, CO; Women's 19+: Lourdes Garcia, CO; Women's 25+: Kathy Bowden, NE; Women's 30+: Stacy Sour, CO; Women's 35+: Marianne Walsh, UT; Women's 40+: Debra Gridley, CO; Women's 45+: Madelon Eichorn, CO. **Boy's 18-:** Travis Morphew, CO; Boy's 16-: Willie Tilton, CO; Boy's 14-: James Ford, WY; Boy's 12-: Daniel Rogers, KS; Boy's 10-: Roy Luna, NM; Boy's 8-: David Lewis, CO; Boy's 8- Multi-Bounce: Conner Wheeler, CO. **Boy's 18- Doubles:** Brian Bollig/Philip Steanek, CO; Boy's 16- Doubles: Rick Corbridge/Tomas Montanez, UT; Boy's 14- Doubles: James Ford/Ryan Staten, WY; Boy's 12- Doubles: Daniel Rogers/Aaron Rist, KS; Boy's 10- Doubles: Chris Burrola/Evan Ussey, NM. **Girl's 14-:** Melaine Muller, CO; Girl's 12-: Melaine Muller, CO; Girl's 10-: Jesi Fuller, NM; Girl's 8- Multi-Bounce: Kimberly Walsh, UT. **Girl's 14- Doubles:** Molly Law/Melaine Muller, CO.

JUNIOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Modesto, CA: March 25-26

Boy's 18-: Rocky Carson, CA; Boy's 16-: Ryan Frost, CA; Boy's 14-: Adam Waldman, CA; Boy's 12-: Zakary Miller, CA; Boy's 10-: Geoff Mora, CA; Boy's 8-: Andrew Grissom, CA; Boy's 8- multi-bounce: Andrew Grissom, CA. **Girl's 18-:** Rhonda Rajsich, AZ; Girl's 16-: Dionna Brown, CA; Girl's 14-: Susan DeBanko, AZ; Girl's 12-: Heather Holden, CA; Girl's 10-: Melissa Holden, CA; Girl's 8-: Ashley Mora, CA.

Jacksonville, NC: April 7-9

Boy's 18-: Mike Eller, VA; Boy's 16-: Shawn Fry, NC; Boy's 14-: Mitch Williams, NC; Boy's 12-: Ashley Conway, NC; Boy's 8-: Jordon Walters, NC. **Girl's 16-:** Bobbie Ross, NC.

Remaining regional results received prior to the next deadline (May 15) will appear in the July/August issue, as space allows.

U.S. SOLDIERS COMPETE IN HONDURAS

Little did Ruben Gonzalez know that he would influence racquetball in Honduras eight years after he and other racquetball players promoted racquetball in the Federal Republic of Germany, but his name was mentioned more than once during a one-day tournament here.

Several members of the 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation, nicknamed the Winged Warriors, got together over the President's Day weekend to find the best racquetball player among them. The coordinator of this tournament in this remote site in Honduras was Capt. Jake, "The Snake" Pennington, Commander, A Company, 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation.

In 1987, Pennington saw Gonzalez and others playing racquetball during their tour of Germany. At the time, Pennington had never played but there were several of this good friends who were avid players in Ansbach who also encouraged him to play. The facilities in Ansbach, Germany, where Pennington was stationed, were outstanding and the stage was set for him to start playing.

The Born to Be Wild Racquetball Tournament crowned its winner, Chief Warrant Two Mark Osteen, A Company, 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation, in a hard fought match with Chief Warrant Officer Three Mike Fleming, also of the 4th Battalion, 228th Aviation. Their final score was 15-13 and 15-3.

Osteen is a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter pilot. He, along with other

members of the battalion, are stationed here at Soto Cano Air Base for one year tours of duty. Among their many missions is their support of Joint Task Force-Bravo's continuing mission in the Republic of Honduras.

When Osteen is not flying his UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, he is playing racquetball. He has been playing since 1981 when he picked up the game while a student at the University of Alabama.

Racquetball has become much more than a recreational activity for Osteen. "It adds so much to my overall fitness and is tough compared to the unit's physical training," Osteen said.

Beaten but not down, Fleming came back to take third place overall. Fleming started playing racquetball in Germany. He really enjoyed the spirit and camaraderie of this tournament. "This is a blast," Fleming said.

Pennington, who eventually took second place honors, had more than competition in mind when he planned the tournament.

"We play all the time and this tournament seemed like a good way to build esprit and have some fun," Pennington said.



Top Photo: Born to be Wild entrants (L-R) First Sergeant Todd Duncan, CW John Perkinson, CW3 Mike Fleming, CW2 Mark Osteen, Captain Jake the Snake Pennington and (atop the Hummer), Major Gregory Beck. Bottom photo: The courts at Soto Cano Air Base, Republic of Honduras. Photo: Soto Cano Air Base Public Affairs Office

Undaunted by his second place finish in a marathon consolation final match with Fleming, winning by a score of 21-9, Pennington is already planning "Born to Be Wild II." However, he plans to make a drastic change in the roster before the next tournament.

"We'll wait till Osteen leaves and then we'll have another tournament," Pennington said.

The racquetball courts will be home to many other tournament if Pennington has his way. "We'll hold this quarterly or monthly until I win one," Pennington said.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

RATING REQUIREMENT: All players must be certified and rated by a AmPRO (American Professional Racquetball Organization) instructor to compete in the National Skill Championships. Rating services will be available prior to the start of the tournament for a nominal fee. AARA membership is required.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 First Event (includes referee fee), \$20.00 Second Event. Players may enter one singles and one doubles event. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** Postmarked no later than July 7, 1995. IF entries are accepted after the deadline, an additional \$15.00 late fee will be assessed. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL.** Absolutely no refunds after this date.

STARTING TIMES: Starting times will be available after 5:00 pm on **MONDAY, JULY 17.** Call the club at 303/989-5545. **PLAY BEGINS:** 8:00 AM, **FRIDAY, JULY 21.** **CHECK IN:** Registration will be held at the club beginning on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20** at 8:30 A.M.

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___ C Singles
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___ A Doubles
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___ A Singles
___ B Singles
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Tournament play begins Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 am.

ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT REGISTRATION DESK PRIOR TO PLAYING FIRST SCHEDULED MATCH. MANDATORY PLAYERS MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, AT 7:00 P.M.

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\$100.00 per player, \$150.00 total for husband/wife team, \$40.00 for non-playing spectator (includes meals and banquet). Make checks payable to: World Senior Racquetball Championships (WSRC). **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY.** All registration forms and fees must be received at the WSRC office no later than AUGUST 1, 1995. Enter early to guarantee a space. Entries are limited to the first 400. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER AUGUST 1, 1995.**

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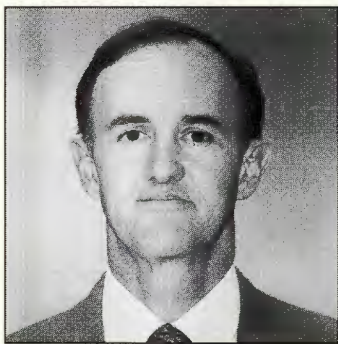
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MALE & FEMALE AGE GROUP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

For the second year in a row, Ronald Galbreath of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania will be the recipient of the AARA's Male Age Group Athlete of the Year award, along with first-time winner Gerri Stoffregen of Cincinnati, Ohio. Stoffregen will receive the "Peggy Steding" (Female Age Group Athlete of the Year) award for her accomplishments in 1994. Galbreath shared last year's distinction with Johnny Hennen of Chattanooga. Both Galbreath and Stoffregen will be honored at the AARA's annual awards banquet at National Singles in Houston on May 27th.

BOISE DECLARES APRIL 5TH MICHELLE GOULD DAY

The mayor and city council of Boise, Idaho declared April 5th Michelle Gould Day. The evening before, Michelle and a large group of friends and family gathered at the Boise City Hall to hear the proclamation read, designating April 5th "her day," and she was presented with both the proclamation and a gold medal from the

city. But no sleeping in on "her day" — it started early with a 5:30 am wake-up call to prepare her for a local television interview at 7:00 am. She said the interview was one of the most fun she had done. Michelle then played racquetball with one of the newscasters at the station, then took in a round of golf in the afternoon. "I just felt really relaxed and felt like I could do anything I wanted to do!"

FORMER TENNIS STAR TAKES UP RACQUETBALL

Kay McDaniel was in Nashville recently for the state racquetball tournament, where she won the women's A division and reached the semifinals in the open division.

That might normally be no big deal for McDaniel, although at 35 the Lee College women's tennis coach is still new to tourney competition in racquetball. She was, after all, a recognized name on the pro tennis tour for several years — reaching the round of 16 and even the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

But that is only part of the story. Kay McDaniel has lupus. The bad kind. Three years ago she almost died because of it. After the lupus was diagnosed, the ever-on-the-go athlete was devastated, fearing a virtual end to her tennis and golf activity. Lupus and the sun just don't mix, she was warned.

But Kay's faith and spirit is helping her win the battle against lupus. She has been in good health for about the last year and a half and still plays golf, tennis, and now racquetball. "I've really gotten into this. I thought my competitive years were over, so this is just a joy," she said of her newest sports passion ... racquetball.

SHARON HASTINGS-WELTY RECOGNIZED

Sharon Hastings-Welty of Corvallis, Oregon was recently honored by her local paper, The Corvallis Gazette-Times, by landing the number two spot in the top five sports stories of the year!

Hasting-Welty is a familiar face at national age division competitions



HASTINGS-WELTY



BRANNIGAN



**Keely
Brannigan
with Marty
Hogan &
Sudsy
Monchik**

and has been ranked #1 in Women's 50+ for the past few years. Hastings-Welty, 53, uses racquetball and weightlifting to stay young in body and mind.

A national titlist in 1991, '92 and '93, she takes her No. 1 ranking in stride. "I remember the first time I was ever ranked, it was No. 8 and I was just shocked that I would play good enough to ever get ranked," she said. "Now it's just part of my playing, but that only lasts as long as you're playing well."

Sharon has been teaching racquetball and circuit training at the Timberhill Athletic Club in Corvallis since 1992. She also teaches racquetball at Oregon State University.

JUNIOR ON THE RISE

Keely Brannigan of Sagle, Idaho recently took second place in the Girl's 12- division at the Junior World Championships in Jacksonville, Florida. She also took a gold medal in the "red division" at the Junior Nationals in Chattanooga last summer. Keely said she has been traveling with her dad and brothers to tournaments around the Northwest since 1992. She usually plays in the women's B division as she finds it difficult to find many tournaments with junior divisions.

"My racquetball goals for this year are to win the Idaho State

Championships again, the Northwest Regionals and the National Singles championships," Keely said. She is a sixth grader at Naples Elementary School and her teacher is none other than her Dad. Keely likes computers and says she has a computer network at her school that her dad helps coordinate.

She grew up in the mountains of Idaho where her mom worked for the ski patrol so she too is a good skier, and also plays soccer. She claims her dad as her racquetball coach, but sometimes takes lessons from Patti Nishamura who lives in nearby Spokane, Washington.

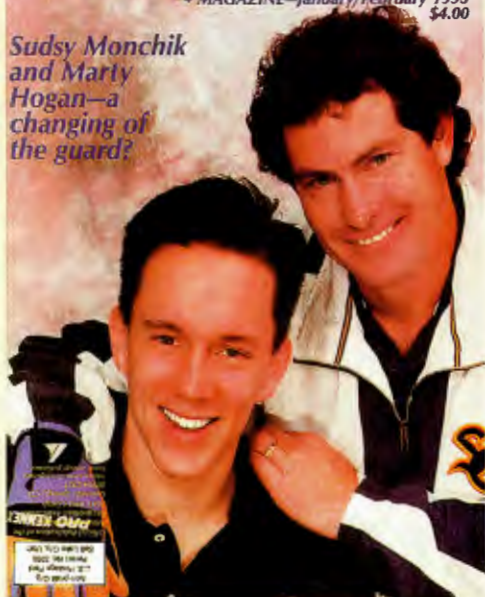
Members of the World Senior Racquetball Committee make a truly "huge" donation of \$27,000 to the AARA in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Left to Right: Ralph Waddington, Gary Mazaroff, Luke St. Onge, Kevin Joyce, Damien Jelso, Paula Sperling and Edwina Waddington.



RACQUETBALL

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Sudsy Monchik and Marty Hogan—a changing of the guard?



A FAREWELL FROM SUDSY

The following is Sudsy Monchik's official letter of resignation from the U.S. National Racquetball Team and from the amateur circuit ...

It was at my first Junior Nationals in Fishkill, New York that I realized that I was in love with the game of racquetball. For over eleven years, the AARA has provided me with an arena to hone my skill, compete against the best, and reach my goals. Claiming the 18 and under national title was a lifetime achievement, and I am proud to be known as the best junior player ever.

It is the love for the game that has brought me to write this letter to you today. At age twenty, I realize that I want to spend my life playing racquetball. After spending only six months on the pro tour, I have met with a level of success which makes me believe that I can be the best ever. As I have moved into the top ten on the IRT, I feel compelled to make a major decision. In short, I have decided to retire from amateur racquetball and play strictly as a professional.

This is a difficult decision for me. However, I feel that I will do more for the sport through this decision than I would if I decided to "dilly-dally" around the amateur/professional issue. I believe that it is only to racquetball's advantage to

have a clear distinction between the amateur and professional games. I refuse to cloud my ability to focus on my ultimate goal – to be the best ever – with a lot of second guessing.

It is important for me that you know that I am making this decision after much consideration and under no pressure from anyone. I would never make a decision that would hurt the AARA, and I will be a staunch supporter of the AARA for the rest of my life. I hope my decision will set a precedent for future players who may find themselves in my situation. I sincerely hope that you and the AARA will support me in this decision. I am truly grateful for the opportunities you have provided me.

**For the love of the game,
Sudsy Monchik
Racquetball!!**

SWAMP DB

BY
R.K. DAHL



FIRST ANNUAL CRAIG MCCOY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

In July the Tournament House Racquetball and Fitness Club in Riverside, California will host the first annual Craig McCoy Memorial racquetball tournament.

Craig was one of the premiere players during the grass roots of professional racquetball and was consistently top-ranked with the likes of Charlie Brumfield, Marty Hogan, Dave Peck, Mike Yellen, Rich Wagner, Dave Bledsoe, Steve Strandemo and Jerry Hilecher.

After a seven-year layoff, he began playing competitive doubles with Robin Dixon, only to lose in the finals to old foes, Dave Peck and Rich Wagner in 1992 and to Peck and Dan Thomas in 1993. Never too busy to help anyone, beginner or advanced, Craig was one of the nicest men you ever met. Racquetball was one of the most important parts of his life — he had been playing only a few hours before his death on August 1 of last year.

The tournament dates are July 28, 29, and 30. If you have any questions, please call or write to: Tournament House, 6250 Brockton Ave., Riverside, California 92506, 909/682-7511, Attn: Robin Dixon.

MYSTERY GUEST

In regard to your pictorial on the World Senior Championships in the Nov./Dec. issue, I would like to identify myself as the individual pictured with Gary Mazaroff, a World Senior Champion. I am a former open ranked player and teaching professional. This letter is to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to your publication and the AARA organization.

I've started playing again and have been a member for one year, returning after nine years of personal troubles. I was a sponsored open player in the Kansas City area with an emotional power game, able to shoot anything that did not roll. Not only was I a good player, I also became known for my teaching abilities, including work with one of Kansas City's largest hospitals, a university, a community college, a number of area high schools and a local television station.

What follows next is an example of how good things, if not managed, can go bad. I am sure there are many people who can relate to this syndrome. I was very good at racquetball playing and teaching, but I could not handle the attention I received. My attitude on court and off started to become belliger-

ent and I began storing skeletons in many closets. My personal responsibility and family became second to my selfish image. Well, after a few years I crashed with a great impact and put down my racquet in 1983.

The turnaround started in 1992. I surrendered to a higher power, and took my first step toward recovery. Realizing who I was, what I was, why and where I was, I began seeking help, then set out to make mends and repairs. This was almost three years ago.

Today, I am a very healthy individual working for a great organization that has given me support. I attend school at night for an associate degree in Industrial Management, do volunteer work and am back hitting a lot of racquetballs.

My special thanks go to the AARA organization for calibrating the division into age groups so that I, like many others, can set realistic competitive goals. In the one year since I've returned to racquetball, I've played in state and regional tournaments, never going beyond the first round.

Then I played in the World Senior Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico — my first major tournament in eleven years, and it was great. More importantly, I was able to view a champion at work. A few days earlier I'd attended the pre-tournament banquet where Gary Mazaroff addressed hundreds of people on the tournament format. I was impressed with his knowledge and professionalism. Then Gary and I played an early round match, and in between the first and second games the photographer took our picture.

Although, the first year has gone by and there were no exceptional wins or trophies, there is a picture of me standing next to a World Champion in a National racquetball magazine. I am truly grateful and wish there was a way to repay you for what you did for me.



Ricardo
(Richard)
Montoya
Kansas
City,
Missouri

MEN

Men's Open

1. Michael Bronfeld, CA
2. Doug Ganim, OH
3. Jimmy Lowe, KY
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5. Chris Cole, TX
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10. Kevin Graham, WI

Men's A

- 1T. Joey Sacco, CA
- 1T. David Sparling, CA
3. Jim Secondiani, MA
4. Ed Fink, TX
5. Steve Black, UT
6. Ben Thompson, NC
7. Brannon Hertel, KS
8. Robert Lybbert, WA
9. Josh Tucker, MO
10. Mason Workman, OH

Men's B

1. Richmond Ellis, AZ
2. Raymond Beirner, AZ
- 3T. Tom MacArle, AZ
- 3T. Roger Vega, FL
5. Doug Markle, OH
6. Jim Gignilliat, FL
7. Vic Corey, NC
- 8T. Doug Brehm, NC
- 8T. Tim Franklin, OH
10. Ken Fairchild, NJ

Men's C

1. Carl Rebeske, AZ
2. Preston Gaster, NC
3. Ron Frantz, CA
4. Glen Williams, MI
5. German Carrasco, VA
- 6T. Leonard Filla, MO
- 6T. Ross Shoemaker, CA
8. Bill Hodges, OH
9. Levi Chappell, MO
10. Armando Fuster, FL

Men's D

1. Glen Childers, TX
2. Mark Sandoval, CO
3. Carl Pitts, TX
4. Brad Volzke, NE
- 5T. Chad Gilbert, ND
- 5T. Sam Hood, AK
- 5T. Ruben Plaza, OH
- 5T. Tony Smith, FL
9. Robert Smith, OH
10. Bob Sutherland, NJ

Men's Novice

- 1T. Michael Myers, MO
- 1T. Jeff Rhodes, OH

- 1T. Troy Shafford, ND
4. Derek Collins, NJ
5. Bill Keating, NH
- 6T. Christian Adams, MI
- 6T. Feroz Ali, NY
- 6T. Jorge Blanco, FL
- 6T. Jonathan Brinson, NC
- 6T. Joe Calabira, OH

Men's 19+

1. Brian Fredenberg, TX
2. Mike Dennison, OH
3. Rich Baer, NY
4. Brian Pointelin, MO
- 5T. Matt Adesso, OH
- 5T. Ryan Homa, WI
7. Matt Fontana, FL
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10. Chris Pfaff, OH

Men's 25+

1. Tony Boscia, CO
- 2T. Dave Cardillo, NY
- 2T. Michael Kord, VA
4. Rob French, IA
5. Mike Peyton, FL
- 6T. Bruce Erickson, MO
- 6T. Kevin Graham, WI
- 6T. Chanin Kleuabthong, WA
- 6T. Nick Rallis, MI
- 6T. Wayne Sweatt, NC

Men's 30+

1. Armando Alonso, FL
2. Sam Wasko, VA
- 3T. Bruce Erickson, MO
- 3T. Jimmy Lowe, KY
- 3T. Brad Morse, MO
- 6T. Jim Hamilton, MI
- 6T. Bill Sell, CA
8. Greg Diaz, FL
9. Ron Coates, OH
10. Steve Lerner, OH

Men's 35+

1. Mitch Smith, PA
2. Bill Lyman, IL
3. Dave Schwent, MO
4. Tim Armstrong, KS
5. Mike Martinez, CA
6. Troy Stallings, MN
7. Jacky Grayson, FL
8. Clee Melvin, MI
9. Ken Arrowsmith, FL
10. Ed Fink, TX

Men's 40+

1. Gary Mazaroff, NM
2. John Marinich, OH
3. David Nowack, MO
4. Tom Travers, OH
5. Tim Lavoij, MN
6. Gene Couch, FL
- 7T. Mitt Layton, FL
- 7T. Philip Parker, PA

9. Davey Bledsoe, GA
10. Sal Perconti, FL

Men's 45+

1. Tim Lavoij, MN
2. Jim Bailey, VA
3. Greg Hasty, Sr., IL
4. Dave Kovanda, OH
- 5T. Doug Dickman, MO
- 5T. Dominic Palieri, OH
7. Archie Lee, CA
- 8T. Ted Podgorny, MO
- 8T. Frank Rusch, IL
10. Bob Gravely, MI

Men's 50+

1. Ron Johnson, IL
2. Ray Huss, OH
3. Ron Galbreath, PA
4. Brad Para, CA
5. Dennis O'Brien, ID
- 6T. Dick Melhart, WA
- 6T. Tom Perna, OH
8. Erhard Gruenwald, IL
9. Terry Albright, MO
10. Jerry Davis, OH

Men's 55+

1. Rex Lawler, IN
2. Bobby Sanders, OH
3. Ron Hutcherson, IN
4. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
5. Richard Valleroy, MO
6. Obed Das, NE
7. Joe Mulkerrin, VA
- 8T. Paul Becker, MI
- 8T. Lee Graff, OR
10. Joe Shanahan, OR

Men's 60+

1. Don Alt, OH
2. Paul Banales, AZ
- 3T. Ken Moore, CA
- 3T. Frank Trask, ME
5. Barney Friesth, SD
6. Bert Shulimson, IL
- 7T. Jack Dunsmoor, ID
- 7T. Charles Gunn, IN
9. Charles Kaiser, MI
10. Dan Llacera, FL

Men's 65+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. Barney Friesth, SD
3. Bob Englund, MN
- 4T. John Bogasky, VA
- 4T. J.D. Driver, MI
6. Glenn Melvey, ND
- 7T. Philip Dziuk, IL
- 7T. Ray Gordon, ND
- 7T. John O'Donnell, IL
- 7T. Mal Roberts, FL

Men's 70+

1. John Bareilles, VA
2. Nick Sans, CA
3. Glenn Melvey, ND

4. Earl Acuff, NC
5. Chuck Bellos, NC
- 6T. Tony Duarte, CA
- 6T. Allen C. Shepherd, MD
- 6T. Lake Westphal, AZ
- 9T. Mike Bugel, CA
- 9T. Richard Davis, TX

Men's 75+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. Charles Russell, CA
3. Allen C. Shepherd, MD
4. George Spear, FL
- 5T. Cam Snowberger, PA
- 5T. Harry Steinman, MD
7. Henry Ponowy, MO
- 8T. Fred Felton, TX
- 8T. Ralph Greco, OH
10. David Lewis, VA

Men's 80+

1. John Pearce, TX
2. Harry Steinman, MD
3. Steve Ordos, MN
4. Jack Daly, VA

WOMEN

Women's Open

1. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
2. Robin Levine, CA
3. Amy Kilbane, OH
4. Karin Sobotta, WA
5. Dana Sibell, MN
6. Malia Bailey, VA
7. Jen Yokota, MO
8. Kim Machiran, MO
9. Lisa Hjelm, CA
10. Lori Harper, WI

Women's A

- 1T. Ann Hemphill, AL
- 1T. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
3. Donna McGatha, MO
4. Julie Murphy, TX
5. Mary Beke, AZ
6. Erika Juhl, DE
- 7T. Wyllis Vidrine, OH
- 7T. Kerri Wethinton, AK
- 7T. Barbara Williams, VA
10. Claudia Andrade, FL

Women's B

1. Victoria Carpenter, NC
2. Joyce Schafer, CA
- 3T. Esmeralda Berrich, CO
- 3T. Debbie Fiordilino, NY
5. Lynn Slaughter, FL
- 6T. Anne Holtz, OH
- 6T. Karen Morris, AR
- 6T. Amy Schenkelberg, NE
- 6T. April Schwoebell, WA
- 6T. Laurie Tucker, WY

Women's C

1. Karen Wozniak, AZ
2. Angela Burth, VA
3. Mary Lauer, MI
4. Cheri Prickett, AR
- 5T. Concepcion Prat, GA
- 5T. Julie Solberg, ND
7. Megan Bals, NE
8. Robin Conway, NC
9. Bridget Rauh, OH
10. Wendy Grieshop, OH

Women's D

1. Crystal Winfrey, OH
2. Robin Paris, NH
- 3T. Vickie Leetch, AR
- 3T. Julie Solberg, ND
5. Kimberly Irons, OH
6. Kassi Herr, FL
7. Pam Potter, FL
8. Adrienne Fisher, OH
- 9T. Tamara Falke, MO
- 9T. Elisa Jacobson, NJ

Women's Novice

1. Melissa Danile, MI
- 2T. Jennifer Annett, NY
- 2T. Kristin Cheng, NY
- 2T. Elisa Jacobson, NJ
- 2T. Kimberlee Messenheimer, OH
- 2T. Tonya Penland, NC
- 2T. Michelle Rowland, OH
8. Rhonda Kopf, NY
9. Jennifer Canady, NC
10. Adrienne Fisher, OH

Women's 19+

1. Amy Kilbane, OH
2. Jen Yokota, MO
3. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
4. Rachel Gellman, NM
- 5T. Catherine Basa, NC
- 5T. Susie Drye, OH
- 5T. Jessie Hedler, OH
- 5T. Dena Jones, MO
- 5T. Cara Pellowski, WI
- 5T. Marni Shutte, WY

Women's 25+

1. Kim Russell, GA
2. Kersten Hallander, FL
3. Rosemary Anderson, NC
- 4T. Ellen Crawford, NY
- 4T. Kaye Hastings, MI
- 4T. Debra Bryant, NC
- 4T. Peggy Clark, MN
- 4T. Lisa Heilman, MN
- 4T. Josee Moore, FL
10. Lorraine Galloway, NY

Women's 30+

1. Karin Sobotta, WA
2. Kim Machiran, MO
3. Mary Bickley, PA
4. Kelly Kirk, MN

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5. Mary Lyons, FL
6. Linda Leasure, FL
7. Michelle LaBonne, IN
- 8T. Lori Harper, WI
- 8T. Lori Perino, MT
- 8T. Wyllis Vidrine, OH

Women's 35+

1. Linda Moore, NE
2. Marcy Lynch, PA
- 3T. Carol Bastien, IL
- 3T. Kelly Kirk, MN
- 5T. Carol Frenck, VA
- 5T. Debbie Tisinger, CA
7. Mary Lyons, FL
8. Val Shewfelt, UT
- 9T. Carol Kriegler, MN
- 9T. Peggy Ludwig, OH

Women's 40+

1. Laura Patterson, MI
2. Janet Myers, NC
3. Debbie Chaney, IN
4. Nancy Lee Jensen, NE
5. Sue Dipiano, MO
- 6T. Jane Greene, NE
- 6T. Susan Hendricks, AZ
- 6T. Susan Pfahler, FL
- 9T. Mary Bickley, PA
- 9T. Darcy Chastain, MN

Women's 45+

- 1T. Merjean Kelley, CA
- 1T. Linda Miller, IN
3. Agatha Falso, FL
- 4T. Donna Ebner, MO
- 4T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
6. Judy Sands, IL
7. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
- 8T. Marta Groess, MN
- 8T. Grace Touhy, IL
10. Shelley Ogden, OH

Women's 50+

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Nancy Butts, WI
3. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
- 4T. Nidia Funes, CA
- 4T. Kendra Tutsch, WI
6. Mildred Gwinn, NC
- 7T. Margaret Hoff, IL
- 7T. Kathy Mueller, MN
- 9T. Kay Halverson, CT
- 9T. Rose Hernandez, UT

Women's 55+

1. Kathy Mueller, MN
2. Helen Dunsmoor, ID
3. Marion Crawford, NY
4. Jo Kenyon, FL
5. Joanna Raida, PA
6. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
7. Annabelle Kovar, NE
- 8T. Maria Hagain, GA
- 8T. Marion Johnson, TX
- 8T. Carol Stevens, FL

Women's 60+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Lola Markus, IL
3. Mary Walker, CA
4. Mary Low Acuff, NC
5. Jane Graham, GA
6. Reta Harring, WI
7. Rebecca Dixon, OH

Women's 65+

1. Reta Harring, WI
2. Mary Low Acuff, NC
3. Rebecca Dixon, OH
4. Phyllis Melvey, ND
5. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA

Women's 70+

1. Mary Low Acuff, NC
2. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR

Women's 75+

1. Mary Low Acuff, NC

BOYS

Boy's 8 & under

1. Jeremy Robbins, TX
2. Tyler Hollingsworth, OR
3. Matthew Hammond, OH
4. Dan Sheppick, OR
- 5T. Sam Basta, MO
- 5T. Justin Erdman, OH
- 5T. Andrew Grissom, CA
- 5T. Ross Lennertz, WI
- 9T. Jamin Godwin, FL
- 9T. Brad Slocum, FL

Boy's multi-bounce

1. Geoffrey Mora, CA
2. Matthew Hammond, OH
- 3T. Michael Kamin, TX
- 3T. Garrett Stone, MN
5. Brad Slocum, FL
6. Tyler Hollingsworth, OR
7. Justin Erdman, OH
- 8T. Andrew Grissom, CA
- 8T. Marhsall McDade, TN
- 8T. Alex Roske, MN

Boy's 10-

1. Clay Burris, FL
2. Jack Huczek, MI
3. Jim Gooden, TX
4. Cory Martin, WI
5. Blake Vonkaenel, NE
6. Buck Harper, WI
- 7T. E.J. Basta, MO
- 7T. Scott Conway, NC
- 7T. Bart Crawford, OR
- 7T. Logan Sauter, WI

Boy's 12-

1. Shane Vanderson, OH
2. Lane Mershon, GA
- 3T. Grant Barker, MO
- 3T. Matthew McElhiney, FL
- 3T. Joel Worthington, KS
6. Jason Jansen, ND
7. Adam Taylor, IN
- 8T. Ashley Conway, NC
- 8T. Scott Fisher, NY
- 8T. Tyler Massey, AL

Boy's 14-

1. Ryan Staten, KS
2. Jeffrey Garner, AL
3. Rocky Carson, CA
4. Dan Gottlieb, NY
5. David Liakos, NE
6. Justin Carey, NY
- 7T. Lee Hammons, CA
- 7T. Brandon Henline, GA
- 7T. Blake Silha, MT
- 7T. Willie Tilton, CO

Boy's 16-

1. Mark Hurst, FL
2. Eric Storey, UT
3. Sam Ryder, WI
4. Matt Davenport, MO
5. Paul Strike, OH
- 6T. Jed Bhuta, AL
- 6T. Terrance Holbrook, UT
- 6T. John Stanford, Jr., FL
- 6T. Abe Valdez, OR
10. Brit Berkey, IN

Boy's 18-

1. Shane Wood, MA
2. David Hamilton, OH
3. Eric Storey, MA
4. Bucky Freeman, TX
5. Craig Donaldson, MO
- 6T. Brian Berkey, IN
- 6T. Erik Ekman, MA
- 6T. Brian Gomez, OH
9. Aaron Granberg, WI
10. Jed Bhuta, AL

GIRLS

Girl's 8 & under

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH
2. Ashley Mora, CA
3. Melissa Holden, CA
- 4T. Kelley Fisher, OH
- 4T. Katie McClure, GA
6. Jesi Fuller, NM
7. Katie Lyons, FL
8. Brittanie Heatherman, GA
- 9T. Lindsay Fuller, TX
- 9T. Brandi Hanson, OR

Girl's multi-bounce

1. Kelley Fisher, OH
2. Adrienne Fisher, OH
3. Molissia Martin, WI
4. Jesi Fuller, NM
5. Ashley Murphy, MO
6. Deidra Kamin, TX
- 7T. Abigail Hobart, FL
- 7T. Ashley Mora, CA
9. Dianne Meyer, OR

Girl's 10-

1. Kimberly Irons, OH
2. Crystal Winfrey, OH
3. Adrienne Fisher, OH
- 4T. Melissa Holden, CA
- 4T. Molly Law, CO
- 6T. Carie Olson, ME
- 6T. Megan Stone, MN
- 8T. Jeanine Fuller, NM
- 8T. Mary Sweeney, NY
- 8T. Candace Tueller, UT

Girl's 12-

1. Rebecca Dulloff, TX
- 2T. Kristina Matchett, OR
- 2T. Melanie Mueller, CO
- 2T. Niece Strand, MN
- 5T. Heather Holden, CA
- 5T. Kindra Sears, IN
- 7T. Keely Brannigan, ID
- 7T. Leslie Hogan, WI
- 7T. Carie Olson, ME
- 7T. Jane Rombach, MO

Girl's 14-

1. Sara Borland, IA
2. Katie Gould, MO
3. Megan Guardiani, MA
4. Jill Brittain, OR
- 5T. Becky Bowman, IN
- 5T. Melissa Boyd, UT
- 5T. Susan Debanko, AZ
- 5T. Heidi Hallaran, GA
- 5T. Haley Hobart, FL
- 5T. Leissa Marquart, NE

Girl's 16-

1. Sadie Gross, SD
2. Vanessa Tulao, TN
3. Melisa Boyd, UT
- 4T. Erin Frost, OR
- 4T. Katie Gould, MO
- 6T. Dionna Brown, CA
- 6T. Erica Daniels, CA
- 6T. Meadow Krantz, MN
- 6T. Diane Torrey, MA
10. Colleen Hallaran, GA

Girl's 18-

1. Sadie Gross, SD
- 2T. Tammy Brockbank, ID
- 2T. Vanessa Tulao, TN
- 4T. Andrea Beugen, MN
- 4T. Christy Gould, MO
- 4T. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
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May 24
Ektelon U.S.
National Singles
Downtown YMCA
Houston, Texas
713/659-8501
May 26

6th Spring Open
Pikes Peak YMCA
Colorado Springs,
CO-719/598-2328

JUNE

June 2

Double Dare
Parma Courts
Parma, OH
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June 3

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Los Altos, CA
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Turlock, CA
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June 7

10th Ann. Pepsi
Cup/CO Team
Aurora Ath. Club
Aurora, CO
303/750-3250

June 9

Aloha Open
Omni Sports Club
Winston-Salem, NC
919/760-3663

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Diabetes @ Athletic
Club of Boca Raton
Boca Raton, FL
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Roast Open
Congress Park

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Powell, OH
614/548-4188

LA Games/1995
June Classic
Elmwood Fit.Center
Harahan, LA
504/464-4896

Summer Bummer
Supreme Courts
Memphis, TN
901/794-2288

Yogi Berra's
Summer Blast
Yogi Berra's R/B &
Fitness
Fairfield, NJ
201/444-0859

4th Crystal Coast
Classic @ Sports Ctr
of Morehead City,
NC-919/726-7070

June 10

14th Gold Country
Open @ Auburn
Court House
Auburn, CA
916/885-1964

June 16

For Women Only
Harbor Square
Athletic Club
Edmonds, WA
206/235-3186

Super 8 Summer
Sizzlers @
Sagebrush Ath.
Club
Havre, MT

June 17

Summer Splat
Modesto Court
Room

Modesto, CA
209/577-1060

Dinosaur Athletic
Club Open
El Cajon, CA
619/670-5087

June 23

Firecracker
Sports Club of
Asheville
Asheville, NC
704/252-0222

Star of the North
Games
Roseville, MN
612/785-5678

June 24

Ektelon U.S.
Junior Nationals
Los Caballeros
Sports Village
Fountain Valley,
California
714/546-8560

JULY

July 1

Hawaiian Open
Racquetime
Monroeville, PA
412/466-7325

July 7

Coors Light
Summer Doubles
Continental Athletic
Club-Powell, OH
614/548-4188

First Security
Games @ Idaho
Falls Racquet Club
Idaho Falls, ID

208/522-2712

Redwood Empire
Open @ Rancho
Arroyo Racquet
Club-Petaluma, CA
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4th Gatorade
Summer Splash
Tampa Interbay
YMCA-Tampa, FL
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July 14

Summer Pro Am
Northeast
Racquetball Club
Columbia Heights,
MN-612/572-033

Summer Sizzler R/B
Tournament
Quadrangle West
Athletic Club
Clearwater, FL
813/535-4901

4th Steve Powers
Memorial
Bally's Holiday Spa
Falls Church, VA
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July 15

Commonwealth
Games
Lancerlot Fitness
Vinton, VA
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July 20

Georgia Games
Athletic Club
Northeast
Atlanta, GA
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Wilson US Skill Nationals Lakewood Athletic Club Lakewood, CO 303/989-5545

July 21
Summer Games Classic Ath. Club
Lyndhurst, NJ
201/444-0859

July 27
International Masters Invitational
Northwest RS & HC

St. Louis Park, MN
507/257-3353

July 28
Ballard Open Olympic Athletic Club—Seattle, WA
206/783-0427

Bluegrass State Games @ UR
Seaton Center
Lexington, KY
606/288-6011

15th Cystic Fibrosis Courts Plus
New Bern, NC
919/633-2221

July 29
Outdoor Event Spanish River HS
Boca Raton, FL
407/881-5077

AUGUST

August 4
Mid Summer Shoot Out @ The Club
Orlando, FL
407/645-3550

August 11
Summer Sizzler Pro Am @ NE Racquet Club—Columbia

Heights, MN
612/572-0330

Friendly Restaurants Dbls. Open @ Nautilus
Erie, PA
814/868-0072

August 12
Doubles Warm-Up Quadrangle West
A.C.—Clearwater, FL
813/535-4901

August 18
Tournament of Champions
USA Fitness &

Racquetball Ctr.
Closter, NJ
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SEPTEMBER

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