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from the editor

I had the pleasure of having a little email exchange with Drew Stoddard recently (former editor of National Racquetball) in pursuit of some insight on an issue that flares up every now and again — you know, that pro thing. Mr. Stoddard had penned an editorial *fifteen years ago* [January 1986] that urged the then-AARA to establish “open” racquetball in the truest sense of the word.

At that time, “money-earning pros” were restricted from playing in amateur events, while those same amateur tournaments routinely offered substantial cash prizes to their weekend warriors. In these



events, amateurs could win cash (equal to a round or two of earnings at a pro stop), and it would have no effect on their amateur status. On the other hand, pros (with the stated goal of *playing racquetball as a profession*) were denied that same earning potential and restricted from amateur events altogether.

How then, asked Stoddard, could anyone justify allowing an “amateur” to win \$1,000 at one event and retain their amateur

status, and an early-ousted “pro” to win \$250 at another and lose theirs? The term “shamateurism” was bandied about.

The rules governing amateur status today evolved from that mid-80's debate. The rigid, narrow view of defining pros vs. amateurs on the basis of pro-only earnings (in any amount) gave way to a kinder-and-gentler eligibility policy taken from tennis ... “open” became “open.”

So who's eligible? The player who consistently reaches the quarters of a pro stop and wins, oh, \$750.00 (I'm guessing here) 10 times in a season, to bring home a whopping \$7,500.00 in “salary” for the year (less expenses ...). We all know that's not a living wage, but it may be enough to keep that individual motivated to keep playing at their peak — so they have the option of putting those earnings “in trust” with the USRA, then drawing against those funds for travel and training expenses. Those who exercise that option want to stay in the game, but they've still got to keep a day job, just like you and me.

Today, at an amateur “open” event (particularly nationals), you should expect to play any “eligible” athlete. If a local event offers cash in its open divisions, you should expect to compete against someone whose name appears on the top-50 list on page 33 (or of that calibre). Even then, you might still have a pretty good chance of winning. In fact ... it's wide open.

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... on the cover ... After a semi-final finish at the Pro Nationals, Rocky Carson went on to win his first USRA National Singles title. Photo: John Foust.

... this page ... Kersten Hallander also did well at the Pro Nationals, then followed up with her first semifinal finish in Houston to earn a U.S. Team appointment for her singles play. Photo: Christie Hyde.

reader forum

NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN?

When my opponent, Skip Kiphart, objected to my wearing lens-less handball eye protectors in the Texas State Tourney two years ago, I was furious. No one had ever challenged me for wearing them, and in all my playing years I had never known anyone to receive an eye injury while wearing the handball guards.

Reluctantly, I put on official racquetball eye protectors and fought the steam and sweat on the lenses during our match. When I cooled down after the match I concluded that, in spite of the inconvenience of wearing the official lenses, Skip was right — and it IS the rule. Ever after, I wore the official lenses not only in matches, but in practice as well.

A few months ago, while playing a friend several practice games, I fought the steam and sweat on the lenses until the fourth game. I then traded out to my old handball "goggles." My friend's first service return hit me square in the eye, the racquetball protruded through the lens-less guard and struck my eyeball. The impact popped my cataract implant halfway out of its pocket behind the iris, spreading the iris vertically — and it stuck that way. After trying pupil dilation several times to free the lens, my ophthalmologist now says that only an operation can correct the problem.

Now I play with the cataract lens stuck half behind and half in front of the iris, with the iris elongated vertically and with distorted vision. Only a few months before reaching the age of 80 I've finally learned the value of wearing official racquetball guards when playing the game. But, I learned it the hard way.

Bob McAdam • Crowley, Texas

OTRC CORRAL

I was reading the article from the May-June issue entitled LOB-bying for Court #5 at the Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club and thought that the real story about this club was barely described.

During the 80s, I was a frequent victim of this "Dodge City" racquetball saloon.

At that time, club members included every age and level of gunslinger from Malcolm Roberts (60+) to Vinnie Ganley (30+) and Lori Basch (19+). They never played half-heartedly, but kept the intensity and adrenaline flowing so that every match during challenge court resembled a showdown at the OK Corral.

Twenty years later, this club still has some of the best players this side of the Mississippi. U.S. Open champion Terry Fluharty is one of the new sheriffs in town, and he's got a team of other hard-hitting partners who have played at the highest level and brought gold medals back to Orlando.

The Orlando Racquet & Fitness Club has supported the game of racquetball and should be recognized for their commitment and vision to be successful at our sport where other health clubs have failed. I wish we had 50 clubs in America that could maintain this incredible level of play over twenty years.

How many players like myself have passed through this club over that time period and become a better player? I sure miss being a victim!

Sandy Tucker • Fountain Inn, SC

HELP THE REF!

After reviewing the [U.S. Open] videotape, I can understand why some of your readers commented on what they considered "poor officiating" — notably in the finals match between Jason Mannino and Cliff Swain.

In defense of that official and the controversial calls, the fact that there were no line judges and the referee was in a precarious position (above the left wall, rather than the center) it is understandable that those were "judgment calls" without benefit of a center court position or seeing through the camera lens at floor level. For most of us, it appeared that the best calls that could be made were made, under the circumstances.

This example brings to light what I think is an even greater problem ... the growing lack of understanding of the basic

"Rules of Racquetball" by its players. I have been in tournaments where referees had no idea what the second line from the sidewall was (Drive Service Zone). After all, in most tournaments the players become the referees, this is where the problem worsens ... when players take their own, wrong interpretations of the rules on to the next match they referee!

In every issue you devote several pages of instruction by top players on how to hit a stronger forehand or backhand, which makes them become better players. But what if, on a regular basis, you devoted some space to inform those players on the rules?

I am not talking about rules that would be considered "judgment" calls such as short serves or double bounces. But what about some of the things to look for when calling blocking, screens, or avoidable hindrances? I think this could be done with some simple illustrations and short explanations.

After all when these rules were devised they were written by committee, which means that the overwhelming majority of players don't know the reasoning behind the rule.

I do not think that this will eliminate the "controversies" that take place in all tournaments, but I do think that is a positive step in the right direction.

Cliff Meyers • Baltimore, Maryland

[Great idea, and with the wealth of referee talent in the field, there should be plenty of volunteers to write these types of rule "tipsheets." We'll let you know what type of response we get. — Editor]

COST FACTOR

The cost of events is not so much at issue as the amount of matches you play. That's why I like to play in the national masters events. They are round robin and you do not have to worry about single elimination. Most players I know are not elite players, they are average, but love to play the game. At best I am a top B player, but in a single elimina-

tion tournament I usually only get to play one of the top players – but in round robins you have a chance to play more. I could play all day, everyday, and not reach the level of the top players. But I still like to go to the masters tournaments. I think if more tournaments would offer round robin they would get a better draw.

Jim Emerson • Northville, Michigan

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

I want to take the time to say what great event this year's nationals was — the play was tough and the venues were great. And I want to give a special note of thanks to your great staff members Kevin Joyce, Heather Fender and Tyler Ohlbrecht. When my wallet was stolen, these people were so helpful and kind that it made not want to forfeit and just go home. One even went so far as to give me money out of their own pocket. Now I've been a professional athlete for a long time, but never have I seen such kindness and warmth as I see in this sport. You meet people in this game who become your friends for life! And I also just want to take the time to say "thank you" to those people who are the sport's great players (Ruben, Cheryl, Jackie, and Jimmy Lowe).

They say the sport is dying. I say, how can it when you have great people in it? There's just no way possible that it can die! Thank you,

Marcus Riggins • Atlanta, Georgia

GOOD, NOT SO GOOD

I am writing this letter to let you know how proud I was to be a part of the U.S. Nationals 2000. I waited eight years to participate in this event, 1992 being my first and only time. I felt I was ready for the competition and was proud to come home with a silver medal in the Women's 35+ division.

I realize now how much work the entire USRA staff devotes to such a big event. I hope to participate again next year and would like to thank them all for the work they do for the players who love to compete and love to feel the pressure

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

The Racquetball Hall of Fame recognizes and honors those athletes and contributors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as players or in the development, leadership, and advancement of the sport. The award is based upon years of consistent excellence in one or more of the following areas - **ATHLETICS**: The person must have influenced other competitors with his or her performance through any or all of the following: high performance standards; sportsmanship and fair play; competitive techniques; persistent and inspirational leadership. **CONTRIBUTOR**: The person must have made a significant and noteworthy contribution, that has left a lasting, positive effect on the advancement of the sport. The person's efforts should have been devoted to the sport and organization, not for personal or financial gain or for self-aggrandizement.

Additional criteria include a minimum age of 35, minimum terms of service and/or performance on an amateur or pro tournament circuit, plus nominees must submit complete resume documentation addressing the specifics of their performance and/or service to be considered. For more information on submitting Hall of Fame nominations, refer to online guidelines accessed via www.usra.org | Index | "Hall of Fame". Deadline for submitting nominations is **SEPTEMBER 1**.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS & BOARD NOMINEES SOUGHT

Three persons will be elected to the USRA Board of Directors in May of 2001. Interested candidates can get on the ballot in two ways: by committee nomination (contact committee chair Jim Garner at 205-988-3819 or via email to: Garner17@aol.com) or by petition (with the signatures of 100 licensed USRA members). To obtain petition forms, write the USRA at 1685 West Uintah, Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2906. Signatures must be obtained between October 1 and December 15, 2000 — with completed forms submitted to the national office no later than December 30 for verification. The term of office is three years and includes the commitment to attend two annual meetings (in the spring and fall), serve responsibly and take a leadership role on committees.

In support of the nominating process, interested individuals are invited to serve on the nominating committee which makes preliminary review of candidate qualifications, followed by recommending an approved slate of candidates. If you are interested in serving in this capacity for a two-year term, please contact this year's committee chair, Jim Garner, at 205-988-3819 or via email to: Garner17@aol.com.

— I know I do. It's never fun if you can't feel the pressure and I did feel it, match after match.

On another note involving rules, a rather disturbing thing happened in one of my matches. After her first serve fell short, my opponent was getting ready to serve without checking me, when a spectator yelled out her name loudly from the stands. That translated, for me, into an unfair warning to my opponent. It was so obvious and I was so offended I demanded to see a tournament director, who told me there was no rule governing spectators and that they can do whatever they want.

I present you a scenario where, let's say, ESPN is filming an Open final. The score is 10-10 in the tiebreaker and my favorite

player (let's just say Cheryl Gudinas, cause she's so mental) is ready to serve. She's just made a phenomenal dive to get the serve back after she was winning the tiebreaker 10-2, but had lost eight points straight. She's too pumped to notice that her opponent's racquet is up. Me, her number one fan, Anita Maldonado, yells: "Cheryl, don't serve, look back!" I could just as easily just yell "Cheryl" because, as loud as I do it, she would — no doubt — look back. End of scenario: Fair, or not? I didn't think so.

Anita Maldonado • Bronx, N.Y.

CORRECTION: We missed a photo credit in the last issue — the shots of Jason Mannino on pages 23-24 of the May/June edition were taken by Joe Paraiso of Filter Design in San Diego. Thanks for the great art!



2000 "Finals"
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Goals. Every player has them. As they traveled to Houston for the Ektelon U.S. National Singles Championships, some kept them simple – win one match or just have fun. For others, "Finals" goals are far more serious.

Adam Karp had hopes of becoming the first man to three-peat as the men's Open champion. After playing second fiddle to Karp the past two years, Michael Bronfeld was aiming for his own third title. And scattered throughout the draw were youngsters Jack Huczek, Josh Tucker, Shane

Vanderson and Rocky Carson, who each had plans to give the veterans something to think about.

After gold medal performances in the World Championships, Pan Ams, Tournament of the Americas and National Doubles, Jackie Paraiso came to the Downtown Houston YMCA in pursuit of the elusive national singles title. But Cheryl Gudinas arrived with dreams of becoming the first woman to capture back-to-back titles since the reign of Michelle Gould. Female up-and-comers were also on the proving ground, with Rhonda Rajsich, Brooke Crawford and Kristen Walsh all seeking – at least – national team appointments with semi-final finishes. Or better ...

However, only one can walk away with the title of national champion, and no one could have predicted the upsets, surprises, heartbreak and triumph that played out en route to naming Rocky Carson and Cheryl Gudinas as the 2000 National Singles open division winners.

Youth Verses Experience

Seventy-nine athletes opted to take a stab at the men's open title, ranging in age from 16 to 47. Early on, one of the youngest entrants, Bart Crawford, faced off against living-legend Ruben Gonzalez, the oldest men's open athlete, in the round of 64. Fourteenth-seeded Gonzalez took an early lead, winning the first game, 15-3, but his junior opponent refused to give up. Crawford grabbed a 10-4 lead in the second game before the Hall of Famer went on a hot streak, scoring seven-straight points to re-take the lead. But the junior national team member remained focused and hit a hot streak of his own, winning the game 15-11 to force a tiebreaker. Although Crawford was able to keep the score close in the tiebreaker, experience eventually overcame youth, as Gonzalez won 11-8.

But Gonzalez' experience was not enough to keep him alive in the round of 32, where he fell to Texan Todd O'Neil, 15-5, 15-11, and became one of four seeded players to be ousted in the round. Sixteenth-seed Shane Vanderson fell victim to Dale Valentine, 15-11, 15-14, while 15th-seed Erin Brannigan was knocked out by Dan Llacera, 15-13, 15-11. Richard Baer also toppled No.10 Chris Wright in a tiebreaker, 13-15, 15-7, 11-8.

Very Sweet Sixteens

The 16's were especially sweet to Bud Muehleisen award-winner and twelfth-seeded Jimmy Lowe, who upset fifth-seeded Jason Thoerner in an outstanding performance against the '99 quarterfinalist, topping him 15-8, 15-6.

Eighth-seeded Doug Eagle dropped his first game to No.9 Mike Locker, and was down 11-7 in the second game before mustering a huge comeback to force a tiebreaker. The momentum of his 15-12 second-game win carried over into the deciding third, where Eagle toppled Locker 11-6.

"I was hitting well through the first and second game, and getting the shots I wanted," Eagle said. "I just wasn't capitalizing on them until I got down 11-7. I knew if I just hung in there, I would find it."

O'Neil and No.3 Brian Fredenberg, both from the Dallas area, battled for the city's bragging rights in the 16's. Although it was close for the first few points of game one, when the two were tied at 5-5, O'Neil recovered the serve and rattled off ten straight points for the win. But '99 bronze medalist Fredenberg was not ready to throw in the towel. Acing his powerful drive serve again and again, he rallied back to take the second game, 15-11, and force a tiebreaker. There, O'Neil jumped out to an 8-4 lead, but Fredenberg's big serve tied it up again at 8-8. After a controversial call that favored Fredenberg, the momentum was heavily shifted towards him, and he aced his way to the 11-9 victory.

Fourth-seed Dan Fowler had his hands full with 13th-seed Chris Crowther. Although Dan took the first game, 15-9, Crowther fought back to force a tiebreaker with a 15-13 second-game win. Fowler was able to finish off the match, 11-5, in the tiebreaker. Seventh-seed Jack Huczek also went to a tiebreaker against Rich Baer after dropping the first game. But, the junior athlete pulled out a 12-15, 15-9, 11-5 victory.

The two top seeds, Adam Karp and Michael Bronfeld, rolled into the quarterfinals with two-game wins over Valentine and Llacera, respectively, while sixth-seed Rocky Carson topped No.11 Josh Tucker.

Surprises

No one could have predicted the surprises and upsets the quarterfinals would hold, or that Dan Fowler would be the only one of the top-four seeds to advance into the semifinals. The fourth-seed picked up an impressive straight-game win over Lowe, 15-9, 15-9, but it paled in comparison to the matches that followed.

Carson proved that Fredenberg's deadly drive serve was not only returnable, but could also be returned offensively. The weapon that had rendered Fredenberg's previous opponents helpless appeared harmless for Carson. "I enjoyed returning his serve,"

by christie hyde



ABOVE: ROCKY CARSON; BELOW: DOUG EAGLE.



commented Carson after his 15-7, 15-13 victory. "I was reading his serve well. I wasn't always trying to roll it out, but I was trying to put pressure on him to make the next shot."

Bronfeld, who had competed in six of the last seven men's Open finals, took on 17-year-old Huczek in the next quarterfinal match-up. From the moment he stepped on the court, Huczek took control of the match. "He dictated the whole first game," said Bronfeld, who dropped the opening game 15-4. The two-time champion managed to come back and take the second, 15-11, but never could get into his game, losing the tiebreaker 11-3.

"Even in the second game, which I won, I wasn't playing all that great," Bronfeld remarked. "He skipped a few balls here and there, and I just hung in there. He took me completely out of my game."

The last quarterfinal ended up being one of the most surprising, as Eagle dashed Karp's hopes for a three-peat. Eagle rallied from a 7-13 deficit in the first game to win it 15-13. Karp bounced back with a 15-6 victory in the second game, forcing the tiebreaker, where Eagle managed the 11-9 victory.

"I was one-and-one against Adam before today," Eagle remarked following his win. "With my increased focus and physical conditioning, I felt like I definitely had the upper hand. I knew it would be a battle, but I didn't really dwell on the fact that he beat me last year."

Only Two Can Survive

The semifinals were set, the pressure of team qualifying had passed, only one of the original top-four seeded players was still in the running, and youth was up first. Huczek, 17, and Carson, 21, took the court in a battle for a debut appearance in the final. As he had the previous day against Bronfeld, Huczek quickly took control of the match and jumped to a 7-0 lead. "Jack was playing out of his mind," Carson commented on his opponent's opening streak. "I couldn't believe how good he was playing. He was beating me, because he was playing that much better than I was."

But, Carson's experience from the pro tour began to kick in as he inched his way back into the match, eventually taking the lead. Although Huczek tied the game up at 11-11, Carson captured the 15-11 win. Carson's winning energy carried over into the second game, where took the match with a 15-6 win.

"Rocky has a really good mental game," Huczek credited his opponent after the loss. "He really controls the tempo. He slows the game down really well. That really took me out of my game. Going into the match, I knew what he was going to do, but I didn't prepare myself enough mentally to handle that."

"The determining factor today was mentality. I told myself that whomever wins this match is going to be more mentally tough, and he was more mentally tough. As I get older, I will get better — physically and mentally — in order to overcome in matches like I had against Rocky."

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All four semi-finalists were named to the U.S. National Team, but only two could advance into the final. Left: Carson vs. Huzcek, Below: Fowler vs. Eagle. Action photos: John Foust.



The second semifinal match between Fowler and Eagle marked the first time the two had ever played each other in singles or doubles, but they were prepared. "It's going to be a great match," commented Eagle beforehand. "I'm looking forward to this."

Fowler dominated the first game, picking up an easy 15-3 win, and leaving the crowd wondering if Eagle had exhausted all his energy against Karp the day before. But Eagle, who had overcome large deficits in the two previous rounds, once again battled back from being down 9-4 in the second game to tie at 11-11. The two competitors exchanged the lead three times before Eagle was able to pull away for the 15-13 win.

Eagle's momentum carried into the tiebreaker, where he led 6-1 before Fowler showed that he, too, could mount a comeback. Fowler took a 10-7 lead, but on three different attempts, could not manage to score the final point to finish off the match. On the third sideout, Eagle decided he would not allow his opponent as fourth chance to win the match, as he scored four-straight points for the 11-10 tiebreaker victory.

"My practice of meditation has been the biggest part of my performance," Eagle said. "I get out there and it quiets everything down. I can see through the illusion that there is pressure. I can separate myself out and make it feel like I'm just hitting at the club."

Carson Crowned

Eagle entered the finals with a Texas crowd, full of friends and family, loudly supporting him, but it wasn't enough against Carson, who led throughout game one for a 15-7 win. Eagle was able to pick up an early 4-2

lead in the second game, but Carson quickly crushed it when he ran out twelve unanswered points to lead 14-4. The championship-winning point eluded Carson for several rallies, allowing Eagle to make a late push. After four attempts at match point, Carson finally put the match away for a 15-7 victory.

"I think my focus wasn't there completely," Eagle said following the match. "I should have been able to tune in and allow it to happen, but every time I had a set up, I was leaving it up for easy points for him. It's going to be really difficult to win if you are going to give him points like that."

Carson was a gracious winner as he came off the court, repeating one main sentiment. "I just want to thank the Lord, because that's where this came from. I'm honored and grateful to win this title"

Veterans & Fresh Faces

The women's Open draw saw the return of several veterans to the U.S. National Singles Championships, in addition to several fresh, young faces. Three-time collegiate champion Tammy Brockbank returned to the competitive ranks for her honeymoon, after she and Sean Brown were wed the weekend prior to the championships. Former-pro Liz Alvarado also returned to competition, joined by junior national team-members Kristen Walsh, Adrienne Fisher and Janel Tisinger, plus collegiate athletes Rhonda Rajsich, Brooke Crawford and Johanna Shattuck.

Heated Round of 16

The opening round of 32 saw Cara Pellowski take sixth-seeded Kristen Walsh to a tiebreaker, 15-11, 12-15, 11-1, but the action really began to heat up in the 16s. Defending champion Cheryl Gudinas suffered jangled nerves against Alvarado before finally calming herself enough to pick up the 15-9, 15-10 win. Michelle Lucas pushed fifth-seeded Kerri Stoffregen to a tiebreaker, before Stoffregen advanced with a 15-2, 11-15, 11-5 win.

Eighteen-year-old Walsh's opening-round jitters had disappeared by the 16's, where she topped ninth-ranked pro Doreen Fowler, 15-14, 15-13. The only upset of the round came at the hand of Rajsich, who ousted seventh-seeded Brockbank, 10-15, 15-3, 11-4.

New Faces in Quarterfinals

Of the eight ladies who advanced to the quarterfinals, three were rookies to the national team-qualifying round, and were quickly initiated by the veterans. Gudinas handed eighth-seed Aimee Roehler a 15-9, 15-3 loss, while fourth-seed Kersten Hallander knocked off Stoffregen, 15-11, 15-2. Third-seed Jackie Paraiso crushed junior-athlete Walsh, 15-0, 15-2, along with any dreams she had of making the adult National Team – at least for this year.

But Rhonda Rajsich, who lost in last year's quarterfinals to Robin Levine, refused to bow out to second-seed Laura Fenton. Although Fenton, who has been suffering from severe back problems since last year's U.S. OPEN, jumped to a controlling 8-1 lead, Rajsich continually fought to stay in the match, but lost the first game 15-11. Feeling confident from her late-game push, Rajsich grabbed a 12-0 second-game lead, and never looked back, winning 15-5. Fenton could not keep up with her youthful opponent in the tiebreaker, as Rajsich cruised to the 11-5 victory.

"This was my goal, and I achieved it," an overwhelmed Rajsich commented after her win. "I'm on a ride though, and I don't want it to end. Jackie is going to have her hands full tomorrow."

But Rajsich had to face another opponent before she met Paraiso in the women's Open semifinals. She first played her women's 24-and-under semifinal match, where she toppled Janel Tisinger, 11-9, 11-4. Rajsich then went directly from one court to another to take on Paraiso. But, her women's open match did go as smoothly, as she fell 15-4, 15-3 to the top-ranked pro.

"I didn't want to forfeit my 24's match this morning, because I just like playing," Rajsich said. "I want to play as much as possible. Unless I'm on my deathbed, I will not forfeit a match."



Top: Aimee Roehler waits for Gudinas to bury a forehand. Middle/Bottom: Paraiso kept Rhonda Rajsich off balance with shots that had the youngster diving much of the match.





Above: Gudinas vs. Hallander semi-final
Below: Gudinas vs. Paraiso in the final



The second semifinal match was a bit more thrilling, between two of the best conditioned female athletes in the game – Gudinas and Hallander. The defending champion took an early 4-0 lead, and held it until reaching game point at 14-9. Yet, Gudinas was unable to finish off the first game, allowing Hallander to move within one point at 14-13 before she finally scored the elusive game-ending point. Inspired by her late-game rally, Hallander dominated the second game, leading through the entire game to a 15-8 victory, which forced a tiebreaker. The two kept it close early on, but at 7-6 Gudinas scored four unanswered points for the 11-6 win.

"I was not prepared for Kersten's drive serve," admitted Gudinas, who was aced several times in the second game. "There was absolutely no flow for me personally in that entire match. Kersten is a good player and took advantage of that."

One More Time

The women's open final pitted two athletes who were anything but strangers. Both were national team members. Both were 1999 Pan Am Games gold medalists; Gudinas in singles and Paraiso in doubles. Both have held the top-two positions in the WIRT rankings. Paraiso had won their last two meetings, in the finals of Pro Nationals and the New Mexico Pro-Am, but Gudinas had been the last woman to hand Paraiso a loss at a major singles competition, defeating her in the semifinals of last year's national singles championships. Paraiso has nearly every title to her credit, except for national singles, and Gudinas wanted to be the one who kept that one from her. "I'd like to be the one who keeps her from winning it for another year."

Cheryl grabbed an early 5-0 lead in the first game before Jackie managed to pick up some points to tighten the match slightly at 6-3. Gudinas went on to score eight unanswered points to lead 14-3, but the final point to end the game eluded her for several rallies. Paraiso jumped back into the game to make it 14-7 before Gudinas finally finished off game one, 15-7.

The momentum of Paraiso's late game rally continued into the second as she grabbed a 4-0 lead. But Gudinas came back to tie the game at 4-4. The two kept the game close, exchanging the lead six times before they tied again at 11-11. Gudinas then hit a hot streak and got to match point at 14-11. Paraiso once again mustered a late-game rally to move within one point at 14-13 before Gudinas put away the match, 15-13.

"I can't believe it," an ecstatic Gudinas said after being presented her second-straight gold medal. "I never expected to get out to that lead. This is the first tournament that I've won with my parents here. This is unbelievable."

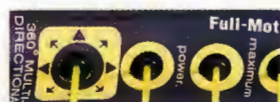
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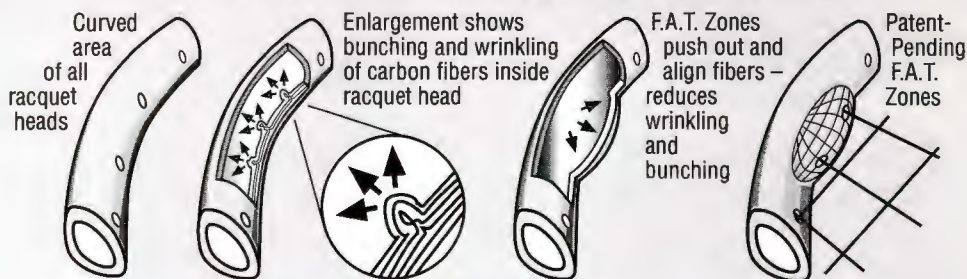


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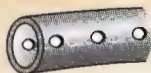
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New Blood for the National Team

This year's U.S. National Team has a distinctively youthful profile, thanks to the addition of Jack Huczek, 17, Rhonda Rajsich, 21, and Rocky Carson, 21. Prior to the qualifying round of the U.S. National Singles Championships, the youngest member of the Team was 27-year-old Adam Karp, and the average age of players on the roster was 33.

Racquetball youth came out in full force in Houston, where they gave the veterans a run for their money to claim their own places on the team roster.



Huczek, who still has three years of eligibility for the Junior Team, became the youngest male to ever qualify for the adult national team when he ousted two-time champion Michael Bronfeld in the quarterfinals. "I'm shaking right now," the 17 year old said following his quarterfinal victory. "I don't know what to say. It's awesome."

Rajsich not only brings youth to the National Team, but diversity as well. In addition to being an all-star racquetball player, she's a top basketball player as well. She recently completed her junior year at Stephen F. Austin State University as a guard on their women's basketball team, which captured their conference championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Championships.

For many years, Rajsich's dream has been to qualify for the National Team. "I'm overwhelmed," she said after topping Laura Fenton in the quarterfinals to qualify for the Team. "I'm so happy right now. I don't think it's fully hit me yet. I doubt it will until sometime tonight."

Carson picked up his second appointment to the National Team en route to the men's Open title. His first stint on the Team came after he won the 1998 World Intercollegiate Championships as an 18-year-old college freshman.

His first appointment to the Team enabled him to travel to Bolivia for the World Championships, where he took the bronze medal. "The 1998 World Championships was the best trip of my life," Carson commented. "One of my goals was to be able to play for the USA at the World Championships again. It's an honor to be able to play for your country."

Remaining members of the U.S. National Team include Cheryl Gudinas (qualified at singles), Jackie Paraiso (singles/doubles), Kersten Hallander (singles), Kim Russell (doubles), Laura Fenton (doubles), Doug Eagle (singles), Dan Fowler (singles), Mike Guidry (doubles), Ruben Gonzalez (doubles), Adam Karp (doubles) and Andy Roberts (doubles). Tom Travers is the Team's head coach.



Singles Semifinalists appointed to the U.S. National Team in Houston — Above (top to bottom): Jack Huczek, Rhonda Rajsich & Rocky Carson.

Far right (top to bottom): Doug Eagle, Dan Fowler, Cheryl Gudinas, Kersten Hallander, Jackie Paraiso

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Men's OPEN	#6 Rocky Carson (Santa Maria, Calif.) def. #8 Doug Eagle (Houston, Texas) 15-7, 15-7	M50+ A/B	David Gross (Sioux Falls, S.D.) def. Jon Wuerffel (Destin, Fla.) 10-15, 15-7, 11-9
Men's Elite	Alvaro Beltran (Mexico) def. Mitch Williams (Washington, N.C.) by default	M50+ C/D	Garry Carter (Napa, Calif.) def. Jerry Williams (Beaumont, Texas) 12-15, 15-12, 11-8
Men's 24-	Alvaro Beltran (Mexico) def. Javier Moreno (Memphis, Tenn.) 15-1, 15-4	M55+ A/B	Ronald Yonkee (Roselle, Ill.) def. Fred Roe (Santa Monica, Calif.) 15-6, 15-1
Men's 25+	Mike Dennison (Twinsburg, Ohio) def. Tom Fuhrmann (Wichita Falls, Texas) 12-15, 15-13, 11-6	M60+ A/B	Grant Morrill (Middletown, Pa.) def. Bob Baudry (Baton Rouge, La.) 10-15, 8-15, 11-8
Men's 30+	Kevin Graham (Madison, Wis.) def. Jim Minkel (Houston, Texas) 15-4, 13-15, 11-8	M55/65+ C/D	Steven Lavorgna (Wayne, N.J.) def. Ronald McElwee (Huntsville, Ala.) 5-15, 15-12, 11-2
Men's 35+	Armando Alonso (Winter Springs, Fla.) def. Lance Gilliam (San Antonio, Texas) 15-7, 15-13	Women's OPEN	#1 Cheryl Gudinas (Chicago, Ill.) def. #3 Jackie Paraiso (San Diego, Calif.) 15-7, 15-13
Men's 40+	Tim Hansen (Boynton Beach, Fla.) def. Noel DeLaRosa (Austin, Texas) 15-9, 15-3	Women's Elite	Susan Acosta (Mexico) def. Adrienne Fisher (Centerville, Ohio) 7-15, 15-9, 11-5
Men's 45+	Ruben Gonzalez (Staten Island, N.Y.) def. Tom Travers (Westlake, Ohio) 15-10, 15-7	Women's 24-	Rhonda Rajsich (Phoenix, Ariz.) def. Brooke Crawford (Klamath Falls, Ore.) 12-15, 15-11, 11-5
Men's 50+	Mitt Layton (Jacksonville, Fla.) def. Ed Remen (Apex, N.C.) 15-9, 13-15, 11-4	Women's 25+	Kerri Stoffregen (Cincinnati, Ohio) def. Johanna Shattuck (Denver, Colo.) 12-15, 15-9, 11-3
Men's 55+	Ron Galbreath (New Wilmington, Pa.) def. Roger Wehrle (Flowery Branch, Ga.) 4-15, 15-8, 11-7	Women's 30+	Michelle Lucas (Annandale, Va.) def. Doreen Fowler (Rockville, Md.) 15-8, 15-13
Men's 60+	Bobby Sanders (Cleveland, Ohio) def. Jim Wilking (Salt Lake City, Utah) 14-15, 15-6, 11-9	Women's 35+	Kersten Hallander (San Diego, Calif.) def. Anita Maldonado (Bronx, N.Y.) 15-0, 15-14
Men's 65+	Otis Chapman (Cleveland, Ohio) def. Don Alt (Ft. Myers, Fla.) 2-15, 15-7, 11-8	Women's 40+	Malia Bailey (Norfolk, Va.) def. Debra Tisinger (Canoga Park, Calif.) 15-11, 15-10
Men's 70+	Joe Lambert (Dallas, Texas) def. Barney Friesth (Sioux Falls, S.D.) 15-10, 9-15, 11-0	Women's 45+	Susan Pfahler (Neptune Beach, Fla.) def. Meena Evans (Advance, N.C.) 15-11, 13-15, 11-1
Men's 75+	Earl Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) def. Bernard Sand (Waterloo, Iowa) 15-6, 15-7	Women's 50+	Agatha Falso (Boca Raton, Fla.) def. Terry Rogers (San Mateo, Calif.) 15-12, 15-11
Men's 80+	Earl Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) def. Cam Snowberger (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) 3-15, 15-2, 11-2	Women's 55+	Gerri Stoffregen (Cincinnati, Ohio) def. Agatha Falso (Boca Raton, Fla.) 15-2, 15-11
Men's 85+	Harry Steinman (Baltimore, Md.) unchallenged	Women's 60+	Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.) def. Sylvia Sawyer (Orem, Utah) 15-2, 15-6
Men's A	Steve Tillotson (El Cajon, Calif.) def. Brian Stone (Atlanta, Ga.) 15-13, 15-10	Women's 65+ W70 & 75+	Jo Kenyon (Tallahassee, Fla.) unchallenged Mary Low Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) def. Christine Stephens (Lumberton, Texas) 15-0, 15-0
Men's B	Michael Wang (Plano, Texas) def. James "Batman" Russell (Chuluota, Fla.) 14-15, 15-11, 11-7	Women's 80+	Mary Low Acuff (Asheville, N.C.) unchallenged
Men's C	Chris Coy (Elk City, Okla.) def. Jim Zimmerer (Hamilton, Ohio) 15-14, 8-15, 11-0	Women's A	Isabel Nagelin (Manassas, Va.) def. T.J. Baumbaugh (Rockville, Md.) 15-11, 15-8
Men's D	Jeff Bell (Bridgeport, Conn.) vs. Ken Newberry (Dallas, Texas) 15-7, 15-6	Women's B	Valerie Willis (Raleigh, N.C.) def. Cheryl Kirk (Naperville, Ill.) 15-5, 15-7
M24- A/B	Scott Makosiej (Pembroke, N.H.) def. Cesar Castro (Houston, Texas) 15-7, 15-10	Women's C	Rosie Gonzalez (Corpus Christi, Texas) def. Pamela Trent (Baltimore, Md.) 15-11, 15-1
M24- C/D	Chris Coy (Elk City, Okla.) def. Christopher Winter (Zoar, Ohio) 15-5, 15-8	Women's D	Ramona Vonondarza (Boca Raton, Fla.) def. Chieko Mineo (Dallas, Texas) 15-6, 15-2
M25+ A/B	Eric Jubin (Stafford, Texas) def. Ryan John (Canton, Ohio) 15-9, 13-15, 11-8	W24-/25+ A/B	T.J. Baumbaugh (Rockville, Md.) def. Esther McNary (Gales Ferry, Conn.) 15-9, 14-15, 11-9
M25/30+ C/D	Cesar Jimenez (Houston, Texas) def. Billy Ray (Clovis, N.M.) 15-1, 15-12	W24-/25+ C/D	Denielle Mathieu (Frankfield, Mo.) def. Ramona Vonondarza (Boca Raton, Fla.) 15-14, 7-15, 11-6
M30+ A/B	Mike Nolan (Magnolia, Texas) def. Livingston Denegre-Vaught (Kingwood, Texas) 13-15, 15-14, 11-2	W30+ A/B	Catherine Land (Winterville, N.C.) def. Lia Sullins (Houston, Texas) 15-9, 15-7
M35+ A/B	Edwardo Munoz (Pflugerville, Texas) def. Camilo Orellana (Houston, Texas) 15-7, 10-15, 11-4	W35+ A/B	Ann Doucette (Berwick, Maine) def. Kelly Goddard (Prince George, Va.) 9-15, 15-14, 11-10
M35+ C/D	Philip Suarez (Victoria, Texas) def. Douglas Edwards (Corpus Christi, Texas) 15-8, 15-3	W30/35+ C/D	Caron Chung (Chester, Va.) def. Joanna Reyes (Corpus Christi, Texas) 11-15, 15-13, 11-10
M40+ A/B	Clinton Allen (Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio) def. Ron Fowler (Lithona, Ga.) by default	W40+ A/B	Isabel Nagelin (Manassas, Va.) def. Sharon Barrett (Watauga, Texas) 15-0, 15-10
M40+ C/D	Paul Gornberg (Houston, Texas) def. Jim Zimmerer (Hamilton, Ohio) 15-4, 15-10	W45+ A/B	Sharon Barrett (Watauga, Texas) def. Donna Cooper (Ft. Worth, Texas) 14-15, 15-6, 11-5
M45+ A/B	Bob Talley (Niceville, Fla.) def. Robert Frazier (Toney, Ala.) 15-11, 15-7	W40/45+ C/D	Rosie Gonzalez (Corpus Christi, Texas) def. Cherie Evans (Bothell, Wash.) 15-5, 6-15, 11-9
M45+ C/D	Randy Williams (Kingwood, Texas) def. Marc Scher (Katy, Texas) 15-7, 7-15, 11-1	W50+ A/B	Cookie Wachtel (Massillon, Ohio) def. Patricia Schof (Kenner, La.) 15-9, 11-15, 11-1
		W55/60+ A/B	CeCe Palaski (Venice, Calif.) def. Sylvia Sawyer (Orem, Utah) 15-7, 15-10

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Moreno, Acosta win Intercollegiates!



DIVISION ONE MEDALISTS (L-R): JOHANNA SHATTUCK, SHANE VANDERSON, JAVIER MORENO, SUSANA ACOSTA, LUIS MUNOZ, RHONDA RAJSICH

Hundreds of top collegiate racquetball players took a second spring break when they trekked to sunny Tempe, Arizona, for the 2000 E-Force 28th World Intercollegiate Championships, April 5-9. And 90-degree temperatures only set the stage in Tempe, where the Arizona Athletic Club and L.A. Fitness saw plenty of heated action on the courts.

The men's No.1 singles division began to heat up in the quarterfinals, with the early exit of top-seeded Aaron Granberg, of Minnesota, at the hand of Arizona State's Luis Munoz, a former-Mexican National Team member. Munoz had retired from racquetball three years ago, then returned to the sport only three months prior to the event after hearing that the intercollegiates would be held in Tempe. "The only reason I'm playing in this tournament is because it is being held in Tempe," Munoz said. "This is a huge comeback for me."

The quarterfinals also gave U.S. Junior National Team-members Josh Tucker and Shane Vanderson fierce competition, as they fought for a chance to advance to the semifinals side-by-side on the main exhibition courts, which share a common glass sidewall.

Tucker, representing Missouri Southern State, took on California-Riverside's Chris Crowther in a three-game battle. After dropping the first game to Crowther, 15-13, Tucker rebounded to take the second 15-9, but was unable to hold on in the tiebreaker, losing to Crowther 11-9. "The difference in the tiebreaker was whomever made the fewer amount of mistakes," a disappointed Tucker commented. "He got some key shots that I didn't make."

Baldwin Wallace's Vanderson was pitted against Southern Colorado's Erin Brannigan in their quarterfinal match. Brannigan, filling the shoes of '99 champion Luis Bustillos for the Thunderwolves, lost the first game, 15-9, but quickly bounced back for a 15-7 win in the second to force a tiebreaker. But Southern Colorado's hope for back-to-back champions was dashed as Vanderson put away the match with an 11-7 win.

While Vanderson credited the support of his Baldwin Wallace teammates with his win, Brannigan felt the pressure of his team on his shoulders. "I don't like to think about [filling Bustillos' shoes], but it's a big deal," Brannigan said following his loss. "It's tough going to USC, because you have other players on your shoulders. I feel like I put a lot of the pressure of my team on myself, and it was evident [in my play]."

In the fourth quarterfinal match-up, Memphis' Javier Moreno continued to roll through the draw by defeating Chihuahua's Oviedo Baca, 15-8, 15-2.

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Semifinal Scar

After exchanging wins in the first two games, the heated semifinal match between Munoz and Vanderson took a frightening turn on the first rally of the tiebreaker when Vanderson dove head first into the back wall, injuring his neck. After laying motionless for several minutes while staff on hand attended to him, Vanderson finally sat up and then walked off the court to the loud applause of onlookers. He continued to ice his neck off the court and then proclaimed that he wanted to finish the match.

Vanderson returned to the court to rattle off seven unanswered points to earn a lead that carried him to the 11-3 victory. "I don't know why the injury [didn't affect my game]. Maybe it woke me up," a joking Vanderson said following the match. "Maybe I needed a little hit in the head."

After the excitement of the first semifinal, the second match-up between Moreno and Crowther was a bit of a letdown. Although a strong Crowther managed to put up more points than anyone before him had done, he was unable to upset the Mexican National Team member, dropping the match 15-12, 15-6.

A Little Pressure

Both Vanderson and Moreno entered the finals carrying heavy emotional baggage along with the weight of their teams on their shoulders. After the loss of his grandmother last Christmas, Vanderson was playing his heart out for her and his teammates. Moreno was facing a final chance of winning the top singles title, plus the opportunity to end Memphis' 10-year title dry spell.

Both players came out blasting in the first game and, after exchanging the lead several times, Moreno managed to put it away, 15-14. "Shane was playing very good," Moreno said. "I kept telling myself 'it's ok... it will come' when he was beating me." And it did come to Moreno in the second game, with his 15-7 game win for the match, and gold medal.



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Mexican Athletes Coming On ...

Although the Intercollegiate Championships have fielded international players for several years, Y2K saw the first non-U.S. college bring home a team title. A strong Mexican team from the University of Chihuahua dominated the women's draws, winning three singles and two doubles gold medals en route to the women's international team title. Two Mexican National Team members – Susana Acosta and Javier Moreno – knocked out prospects for the U.S. National Team by capturing the "team cut" titles in the No. 1 men's and women's singles divisions.

Top-seed Susana Acosta cruised through the No.1 women's draw into the finals, where she topped U.S. Junior National Team-member Brooke Crawford for the win. Chihuahua's Dina Garcia and Claudia Corpi also picked up wins in the women's No. 2 and 3 singles division finals, respectively, over a pair of Brigham Young athletes. Acosta and Garcia added the women's No. 1 doubles win to the Mexican university's gold medal count, while Corpi and partner Farah Estrada grabbed another gold for the team in No. 2 doubles over Brigham Young's Jamie Christensen and Ning Spears.

Although the Chihuahua men's team did not post as good of a performance as the women, finishing fifth in the men's international team standings and winning three bronze singles medals, several Mexican athletes gave gold medal performances for U.S. universities.

The University of Memphis' Javier Moreno, a Mexican National Team member, grabbed the men's No. 1 singles and doubles titles, with fellow teammate and Memphis Tiger Caesar Carrillo, who won the gold in No. 2 singles. Former-Mexican National Team member Luis Munoz came out of a three-year retirement to help out Arizona State with the No.1 singles bronze medal, and seven of Southern Colorado's medals were thanks to Mexican students on the men's roster.

The Mexican athletes' sweep of the No.1 divisions marked two-straight years that U.S. players have been shut out of the top intercollegiate singles titles. The last U.S. players to win them were Rocky Carson in 1998 and Tammy Brockbank in 1997. Could it be that this year's fierce competition from south of border is a warning that the U.S. domination in the sport may be coming to an end?

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Memphis Ends Dry Spell, BYU, USC Continue Streaks

After a 10-year dry spell, the University of Memphis Tigers reclaimed their place atop the men's team standings at this year's E-Force World Intercollegiate Championships. Memphis, which has more than 35 team titles to its credit, had not won a men's or overall team title since 1990 when they were led by Todd O'Neil. No. 1 singles champion Javier Moreno headed this year's team, which captured four gold, a silver and a bronze medal.

Memphis Head Coach Larry Liles (below, with trophy) was also named the 2000 Intercollegiate Coach of the Year at the championships.



Southern Colorado extended its national and international overall team title-winning streak to three years by squeaking past the University of Chihuahua in the international race by only 19 points. However, the Thunderwolves enjoyed a 729.5-point lead over Brigham Young in the race for the national overall title.

Brigham Young dropped this year's international women's team title to a dominant Chihuahua team, but did manage to continue its national women's team winning streak by picking up a sixth consecutive women's title.

Baldwin Wallace dominated the Division II ranks, grabbing all three of the team titles. The Yellow Jackets finished with more than a 1,200-point lead over second-place finisher Bryant College.

"Last year I knew I could have won it, but I lost 15-14, 15-14 to Nacho [Bustillos]. So, I cried and prayed for this year," an overwhelmed Moreno said. "I told Caesar [Carrillo] last year that I could have won it, but this year I had to win it. I trained very hard for this, and everything was been so perfect this year. This tournament was meant for me."

Ladies Up

In the women's race for the No.1 singles title, the action didn't begin to simmer until the top-four seeds met up in the semifinals. There, another Mexican National Team member, Susana Acosta, faced off against hometown-favorite Rhonda Rajsich. Acosta had breezed into the semifinals, with her previous two opponents only scoring a total of six points against her. But Rajsich gave her a run for her money, but still came up short of the win, losing 15-10, 15-11.

In the other semi-final, Southern Colorado's Johanna Shattuck took the court against U.S. Junior National Team-member Brooke Crawford. After falling behind early in the first game, Crawford was sparked by what she felt had been a bad call, then rallied back for the 15-5 win. "I got mad about that bad call, and I guess that's what I needed to wake up and start playing," she said.

Crawford repeated her slow start in the second, letting down a bit as she dropped it to Shattuck 15-14. "I was tired in the second game," Crawford said. "But she really took me out of my game, too. She was hitting a lot more angles and a lot of lob serves ... [it] took me a while to adjust to that slower game style." A quick study, Crawford had fully adjusted by the tiebreaker, as she handed Shattuck the shutout, 11-0, to advance to the finals.

Despite returning to the faster-paced game she is more accustomed to against Acosta, Crawford could not hold off the strong Mexican player, losing in the finals, 15-13, 15-11.

The gold medal was the second one of the day for Acosta, who had picked up the No.1 doubles title with Dina Garcia for the University of Chihuahua earlier, over Southern Colorado's Shattuck and Branda Toloumu. Moreno also ended up with two gold medals, winning the men's No.1 doubles with Caesar Carrillo over another pair of Thunderwolves, Brannigan and Willie Tilton.



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FINAL SINGLES RESULTS

- Men's No. 1: Javier Moreno (Memphis) def.
Shane Vanderson (Baldwin Wallace) 15-14, 15-7
- Men's No. 2: Caesar Carrillo (Memphis) def.
Willie Tilton (Southern Colorado) 15-7, 15-10
- Men's No. 3: Jeffrey Garner (Memphis) def.
Sammy Menache (Southern Colorado) 15-0, 15-5
- Men's No. 4: Erwin Bernal (Southern Colorado) def. Sonny Harrison (Arizona State) 15-4, 15-5
- Men's No. 5: Jesus Gutierrez (Southern Colorado) def. Brian Rigney (Arizona State) 15-8, 15-4
- Men's No. 6: Nick Giunta (Southern Colorado) def. Andy Warner (Arizona State) 15-2, 15-2
- Women's No. 1: Susana Acosta (Chihuahua/Mexico) def. Brooke Crawford (Santa Clara) 15-13, 15-11
- Women's No. 2: Dina Garcia (Chihuahua/Mexico) def. Karen Carter (BYU) 15-3, 15-1
- Women's No. 3: Claudia Corpi (Chihuahua/Mexico) def. Karen Whitt (BYU) 15-2, 15-5
- Women's No. 4: Michelle Gollaher (BYU) def. Farah Estrada (Chihuahua/Mexico) 15-3, 15-3
- Women's No. 5: Jamie Christenson (BYU) def. Karla Loebick (Baldwin Wallace) 15-2, 15-0
- Women's No. 6: Ning Spears (BYU) def. Meghan Henty (Penn State) 15-4, 15-2

FINAL DOUBLES RESULTS

- Men's No. 1: Caesar Carrillo/Javier Moreno (Memphis) def. Erin Brannigan/Willie Tilton (Southern Colorado) 15-8, 15-2
- Men's No. 2: Erwin Bernal/Sammy Menache (Southern Colorado) def. Jeffrey Garner/Brad Jantz (Memphis) 15-5, 15-9
- Men's No. 3: Sonny Harrison/Andy Warner (Arizona State) def. Lee George/Jesus Gutierrez (Southern Colorado) 15-2, 6-15, 11-6
- Women's No. 1: Susana Acosta/Dina Garcia (Chihuahua/Mexico) def. Johanna Shattuck/Branda Toloumu (Southern Colorado) 15-6, 15-12
- Women's No. 2: Claudia Corpi/Farah Estrada (Chihuahua/Mexico) def. Jamie Christensen/Ning Spears (BYU) 15-10, 14-15, 11-7
- Women's No. 3: Holli Huff/Kara Watterson (BYU) def. Jamie Johnson/Michelle Thornton (Baldwin Wallace) 15-5, 15-3
- Mixed No. 1: Nick Giunta/Dina Pardee (Southern Colorado) def. Travis Passey/Valorie Woodbury (BYU) 3-15, 15-11, 11-0
- Mixed No. 2: Christie Funk/Lee George (Southern Colorado) def. Michelle Gollaher/Ron Scoville (BYU) 15-11, 15-13
- Mixed No. 3: Jodie Ellsworth/John Mattson (BYU) def. Rob Albright/Becky Kerber (SW Missouri State) 15-0, 15-0

TEAM RESULTS

Overall International Team

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9. Santa Clara University . . . 210
10. Stephen F. Austin State University . . . 140
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Overall National Team - Division II

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3. Clarkson College . . . 111
4. Nichols College . . . 101

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ellis & paraiso win pro nationals

Las Vegas. A city full of chances. Where visitors put all they have on the line in hopes of being a winner. So it's only fitting that Vegas host the Bud Light Pro-Nationals, where the best pro racquetball players are drawn to put all they have on the line in hopes of walking away a champion.

However, this year's Pro-National deck was missing one of its high cards – Sudsy Monchik. The 1999 champion was forced to sit out of this year's tourney due to a wrist injury, which put him in a cast just before the event. But, the absence of the top-ranked player only added to the excitement of the championships, as everyone realized that the title was truly up for grabs.

After a less-than-earthshaking round of 64 at the Las Vegas Sporting House, the 32's rattled everyone. U.S. and Canada's teen-sensations Jack Huczek, 17, and Kane Waselenchuk, 18, each upset seeds No.9 Dan Fowler and No.8 Derek Robinson, respectively, in five grueling games apiece. Fabian Balmori also ousted 12th-seed Luis 'Nacho' Bustillos, while Erin Brannigan topped Mike Johnston, both in four.

The sweet sixteen just *wasn't* for several players. Although the top-five seeds cruised to easy wins, No.6 Adam Karp met his match in Louis Vogel, losing 11-8, 11-8, 10-12, 11-5. Seventh-seeded Rocky Carson had to rally back from a two-game deficit to defeat Mike Locker, 5-11, 8-11, 13-11, 11-2, 11-1. The two amazing teens (Huczek and Waselenchuk) faced off, with the elder Canadian southpaw pulling out the 11-7, 8-11, 11-5, 11-2 win to advance to the quarterfinals.

Fourth-seeded Tim Doyle opened up the quarterfinals with a win over No.5 Mike Guidry, 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, 11-1, and No.3 John Ellis followed with an easy three-game win over Vogel, 11-4, 11-6, 11-9. Remarkably, it was the top-two seeds, Cliff Swain and Jason Mannino, who faced the fiercest competition in the quarters.

Former-intercollegiate champion Rocky Carson ended any hopes that Mannino had of repeating his U.S. OPEN-winning performance, as he knocked him off, 11-6, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5. The typically-cocky Mannino made no excuses. "There was nothing in particular that caused me to lose this match," he said. "It was just everything. These things happen. I played bad. There is no excuse."

Top-seeded Swain took the court against the young Waselenchuk, in what many thought would be a quick and painful match to watch. Swain ran out to a 7-0 lead before the junior Canadian got on the board with an ace. Swain took the first game 11-4, but



ABOVE (L-R): TIM DOYLE & CHAMPION JOHN ELLIS
BELOW: CHAMPION JACKIE PARAISO & CHERYL GUDINAS
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Waselenchuk was not ready to be counted out. In the second game, the two tied at 3-3 before Kane pulled to a 7-3 lead, then managed to maintain a 3-4 point lead straight through to an 11-7 win. The third was more of the same, as the two kept it close until they tied at 5-5, when Waselenchuk rattled off six unanswered points for the 11-5 win.

Facing the possibility of a quarterfinal ousting at the hands of a junior Canadian player in the second-largest pro tournament of the season, Swain knew he had to come out blasting in the fourth, and that's exactly what he did, dominating the game with an 11-1 win to force a fifth-game tiebreaker. Using the momentum of his fourth-game win, Swain served up five aces to his junior opponent enroute to an 11-8 victory.

"Not knowing much about a player can be a weapon," Swain commented after the marathon match that ran late into the night. "You have no clue what their weaknesses are. I saw Kane play last night, and he looked tough. I wasn't that surprised at how well he played. I could tell he was loaded with talent, and he's a great player."

The first, all-California semifinal opened with Ellis continuing his dominance, as he ran out to a 5-0 lead in his first game against Carson. Although Carson managed to get on the board, he never pulled closer than a four-point margin, losing the first 11-6. The second game opened with tighter scoring, but after knotting at 5-5, Ellis racked up six unanswered points for an 11-5 win. The third game appeared to mark Carson's exit from the round, as Ellis once again jumped to a 5-0 lead, but Carson fought back to bring the game even at 8-8 and again at 10-10, before pulling ahead for the 12-10 win. But Ellis refused Carson another chance at getting back into the match, as he secured his spot in the finals with an 11-5 fourth-game victory.

"I needed to turn my game up," said Carson following the match. "And unfortu-

nately I made a few crucial mistakes. A few skips. A few close calls. That's how racquetball goes. It's one reason why you love it, and one reason why you hate to lose."

The second semifinal proved that Circus Circus was well-chosen as the host hotel of the tournament, as both Swain and Doyle offered their best acrobatics. Both players, who had previously relied on their serves as an asset, later found them to be a burden, as Swain repeatedly hit his short, or foot faulted, and Doyle blasted numerous serves long.

Doyle grabbed the first game 11-7. Swain bounced back to take the second, 11-6. In the third, Swain held at least a two-point lead until he stalled at 10-7. Unable to put away the game, Doyle rallied back to tie it up at 10-10 before Swain pulled away for the 12-10 win. Doyle took his own turn at experiencing difficulty in scoring the elusive final game point when he jumped to a 10-5 lead in the fourth, allowing Swain to come back to tie at 10-10. Doyle finally recovered the serve on a double bounce and scored two quick points to win 12-10, and force the tiebreaker. Doyle continued to roll in the fifth game with a 9-2 lead, but Swain returned with seven unanswered points to tie it at 9-9 before Doyle finished off the match with two quick points to reach his second final this season.

"I have been really focused on this tournament," Doyle commented. "This was a tough win. Cliff is really tough on that glass court, because of all the angles he can hit



at me. This court brings out more skills than we are used to at other tournaments, because of the front wall and sidewall glass."

In the Sunday afternoon final between Doyle and Ellis, the long five-gamer from the previous evening appeared to have taken its toll on Doyle, while Ellis was on fire and grabbed the first game 11-2. Although Doyle managed to take the second game, 11-5, Ellis cruised to victory in the next two games, 11-2, 11-4, to capture his first Pro-Nationals title.

"This is big, but it's not the end all," Ellis commented following his win. "My body feels good. I'm really positive. I'm about to get married. My life is going really well right now, and this just adds to it."

Women's Pro Division

The women's pro division also saw its share of early-round upsets. Although the top-four seeds remained untouched into the semifinals, several other top seeds did not fare as well. Seventh-seed Phyllis Morris was ousted in the opening round by up-and-coming junior-athlete Sara Borland in three games, 11-2, 11-5, 12-10, while Chile's Loreta Barriga knocked out ninth-seed Doreen Fowler, 11-4, 11-3, 11-5. Michelle Lucas and Angela Burth were also first-round casualties at the hands of Kerri Stoffregen and Karina Odegard, respectively.

Barriga continued to upset top-seeded

players in the 16s, where she defeated eighth-seed Kim Machiran, 11-8, 11-8, 11-2, to earn a spot on the quarterfinals. However, the Chilean's luck ran out in the quarters against Jackie Paraiso, as she lost in three straight games of 11-0, 11-4, 11-3. Kersten Hallander avenged her U.S. OPEN loss to Susana Acosta, defeating the top Mexican 11-2, 11-10, 2-11, 11-5. Cheryl Gudinas and Christie Van Hees also advanced to the semifinals with wins over Kerri Stoffregen and Lisa Hjelm, respectively.

Van Hees and Gudinas continued a fierce rivalry in their semi, with Van Hees taking an early lead in the first, and Gudinas keeping the score close until they tied at 9-9. The two exchanged the lead several times before Gudinas finally earned the needed two-point margin to win it 13-11. Hot off a good start, Gudinas jumped out early in the second, 4-0, but Van Hees rallied back to take control and an 8-6 lead. But once back on serve, Gudinas rattled off five-straight points for the 11-8 win. In the third game, Van Hees once again took early control of the game for an 8-0 lead, before Gudinas managed to inch her way back. She tied the score at 10-10 before putting away the match, 12-10.

"I didn't play that well, compared to how I wanted to play," Van Hees said following her loss. "My consistency against Cheryl is a big problem right now. I need to learn to overcome that, because we are going to meet up in draws all the time."



In the second semifinal pairing, Jackie Paraiso brought a devastating service game to her match against Kersten Hallander. Hallander repeatedly lost the serve in the sidewall glass and dropped the opening game 11-8. Paraiso's serve continued to trouble Hallander in the second, but with Paraiso leading 10-5, Hallander hit a hot streak. Refusing to give up the second game without a fight, the two exchanged the serve nine times before Kersten ran off four-straight

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points to tighten the game at 10-9.

After five more sideouts, Paraiso was finally able to score the elusive last point for the 11-9 win. After that close call in the second, Paraiso refused to let Hallander back into the match, as she drove through to an 11-3 finish.

"I had a little bit more trouble with the glass against Jackie," Hallander admitted after the match. "I settled down and began to deal with it, though. I wanted to maintain my number-four ranking at this tournament, and I did that."

The finals between Gudinas and Paraiso did not prove to be as exciting as many had hoped. Although Gudinas was able to maintain a close score in the beginning of the first two games, Paraiso eventually took control, winning the first two games 11-7, 11-5.

Gudinas appeared to have lost her desire in the third game, as Paraiso cruised to the 11-1 victory.

"I did not feel like I was hitting the ball clean. I missed so many easy forehands," Gudinas explained. "I skipped so many balls that I didn't skip this morning against Christie. And that's probably because of all the emotion I put into my match against Christie. That was a big deal for me, and I think I had a little letdown afterwards."

The win marked Paraiso's second-consecutive Pro-Nationals title, however she had already secured her top WIRT ranking before she had entered the court. "I really didn't have any pressure — other than money and pride — going into the finals," Paraiso commented. "It's nice to finish the season undefeated though."

Kane Proves He's Able

Sudsy Monchik was out of commission. Cliff Swain did not make it to the finals. But neither of them were the talk of the Las Vegas Sporting House. Both were outshone by a fresh-faced Canadian named Kane Waselenchuk who took the pro tour by storm with his IRT debut.

Kane, who has been highly regarded in Canada since he defeated Sherman Greenfeld at last year's Canadian Nationals, had never traveled south of the border to participate in an IRT stop, but joined fellow-Canadian National Team members Christie Van Hees and Lori-Jane Powell in Las Vegas for the Pro-Nationals.

He entered the men's pro draw, and was seeded #40, but that did not deter the 18-year-old. After topping Greg Thomas in the first round, he posted a five-game upset over eighth-seeded Derek Robinson in the round of 32, winning 7-11, 11-6, 12-10, 2-11, 11-5. Kane then faced off against U.S. Junior Team-counterpart Jack Huczek, who had ousted Dan Fowler earlier. The teens battled for the right to advance to the quarterfinals, and the slightly elder Kane was victorious, 11-7, 8-11, 11-5, 11-2.

The young Canadian would now meet top-seed and second-ranked player Cliff

Swain. "With guys like Cliff, I can't go into the court thinking I'm going to beat them," Kane admitted. "He's probably the best-ever racquetball player. I can't go into the court thinking that I'm going to beat him in three straight."

Although Kane would not defeat Cliff in three-straight, he also would not fall that easily either. After losing the first game 11-4, Kane rallied back to win the next two, 11-7, 11-5, and suddenly the top-seeded player was in danger of losing to the a young unknown from Canada. However, Cliff regained his composure to win the fourth game 11-1 and force a tiebreaker, which he also won 11-8.

"I would say that kid has a future," Cliff credited his opponent following their match. "He has everything it takes. He has no fear."



Although Kane was unable to advance to the semifinals, he did not view his loss to Cliff as a defeat. "I never even expected to get any points, to tell you the truth," the excited young player remarked. "Even though I didn't really win, I count it as a win. Taking one of the best players in the world to tiebreaker is unbelievable. I'm so proud of myself."

Several of the top pros in Las Vegas took notice of Kane's accomplishments, with champion John Ellis noting, "The kid obviously has game. More than anything, I was impressed on how he handled the moment. A lot of people playing Cliff for the first time would be a little overwhelmed. He handled it and put himself in a position to win."

Kane is one of the up-and-coming athletes recently signed by E-Force. "This was the first opportunity I had to see Kane play," said E-Force's Tim Doyle. "He's got a lot of skill. Hopefully he'll be able to get himself down to the tournaments, because he looks like he's in top-10 shape right now." Kane is currently seeking a sponsor to help him financially so that he may begin playing the pro tour full time next season.

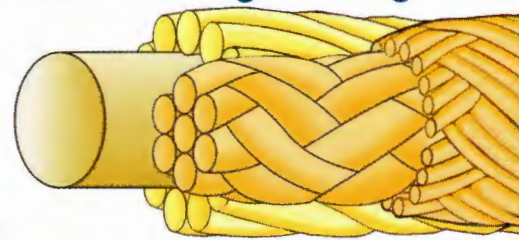
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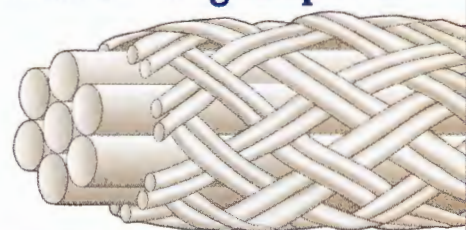
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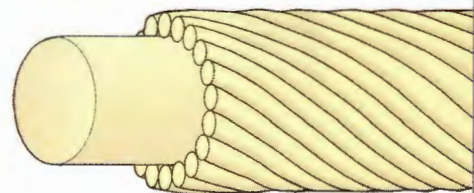
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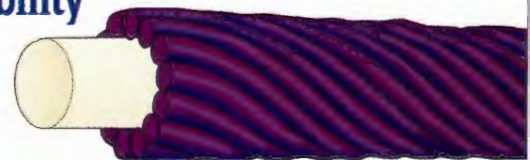
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ProFILE Tour News



The IRT recently named Derek Robinson of Kennewick, Washington as Director of the IRT Satellite Tour for the United States and Canada. Robinson, currently ranked No.9 on the tour, will take advantage of his years of experience playing throughout the country, plus his knowledge of events and tournament directors to continue to build the IRT's Satellite Tour.

The IRT Satellite Tour brings the excitement of the IRT Tour to amateur events throughout the country, by offering IRT ranking points, appearances by selected IRT pros, tour programs, court stickers, the Pro Penn ball and a variety of other benefits. Each IRT Satellite event also provides additional exposure and support for the tour by promoting official and endorsed products of the IRT.

For more information on how to host an IRT Satellite Tour stop in your area, please contact Derek Robinson, via email, at: BigD@3-cities.com.

1999-2000 IRT SEASON SCORECARD

New Orleans	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain.....	6, 1, 6
Stockton	Sudsy Monchik def. John Ellis.....	(7), 5, 8, 5
Albuquerque	Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik.....	7, 11, 8-2 (injury)
Chicago	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain.....	8, 3, 5
Memphis	Jason Mannino def. Cliff Swain	8, (4), 8, 8
Lakewood	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain.....	(9), 7, 6, 2
Boston	Sudsy Monchik def. Tim Doyle.....	12, (5), 9, 15
Fairfield	Cliff Swain def. Jason Mannino	3, 7, 3
Minneapolis.....	Sudsy Monchik def. Cliff Swain.....	(9), 2, 9, 7
Modesto	Cliff Swain def. Sudsy Monchik.....	3, (7), (8), 8, 10
Las Vegas	John Ellis def. Tim Doyle.....	2, (5), 2, 4
Portland	Cliff Swain def. John Ellis	(4), 6, 5, 9

1999-2000 WIRT SEASON SCORECARD

Albuquerque	Jackie Paraiso def. Cheryl Gudinas	9, 9, 8
Memphis	Jackie Paraiso def. Christie Van Hees	(8), 11, 1, (5), 2
Lakewood	Jackie Paraiso def. Cheryl Gudinas.....	(7), 3, 5, (10), 1
Las Vegas	Jackie Paraiso def. Cheryl Gudinas	7, 5, 1
Portland	Cheryl Gudinas def. Kersten Hallander.....	11, 3, 3

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IRT TOP-50 SEASON RANKINGS

	Player	Last Year	Total
1.	Sudsy Monchik	1	3,984
2.	Cliff Swain	2	3,660
3.	John Ellis	3	3,070
4.	Jason Mannino	4	2,796
5.	Tim Doyle	6	2,263
6.	Mike Guidry	5	1,985
7.	Rocky Carson	11	1,839
8.	Adam Karp	8	1,726
9.	Derek Robinson	7	1,650
10.	Dan Fowler	10	1,427
11.	Mike Locker	15	1,271
12.	Louis Vogel	14	1,053
13.	Luis Bustillos	21	815
14.	Ruben Gonzalez	25	744
15.	Andy Roberts	9	705
16.	Doug Eagle	13	611
17.	Scott Reiff	39	553
18.	James Mulcock	20	551
19.	Erin Brannigan	34	512
20.	Mike Johnston	44	491
21.	Alvaro Maldonado	27	470
22.	Ryan Homa	54	421
23.	Fabian Balmori	70	405
24.	Brian Pointelin	59	389
25.	Jack Huczek	95	358
26.	Dan Llacera	19	324
27.	Jeff Bell	24	278
28.	Kane Waselenchuk	NA	270
29.	Chris Crowther	39	241
30.	Kyle Veenstra	78	221
31.	Greg Thomas	62	216
32.	Jeff Wilson	NA	202
33.	Bruce Moore	NA	196
34.	Doug Ganim	36	171
35.	Todd O'Neil	31	136
36.	Mike Dennison	127	130
37.	Mitch Posner	NA	128
38.	Shawn Royster	43	118
39.	Sameer Hadid	41	116
40.	Alvaro Beltran	141	115
41.	Kris Odegard	58	114
42.	James Lockhart	37	113
43.	Jason Jansen	NA	112
44.	Woody Clouse	139	103
45.	Tim Sweeney	NA	102
46.	Rob DeJesus	29	98
	Kelly Gelhaus	25	98
	Jason Wagner	141	98
49.	Rob Simmons	75	90
50.	Jim Frautschi	167	80
	Eric Muller	16	80



1999-2000
Season

WIRT TOP-50 SEASON RANKINGS

	Player	Last Year	Total
1.	Jackie Paraiso	1	897
2.	Cheryl Gudinas	2	634
3.	Christie Van Hees	3	572
4.	Kersten Hallander	4	487
5.	Susana Acosta	13	436
6.	Lisa Hjelm	26	369
7.	Kim Machiran	25	284
8.	Phyllis Morris	14	270
9.	Doreen Fowler	12	240
10.	Michelle Lucas	8	223
11.	Lori Jane Powell	10	207
12.	Jennifer Dering	32	205
13.	Lourdes Sanders	NA	186
14.	Jane Meyers	9	181
15.	Angela Burth	23	155
16.	Jo Shattuck	35	138
17.	Josee Gand'Maitre	26	129
18.	Rachel Gellman	42	106
19.	Angela Grisar	NA	104
20.	Loreta Barriga	NA	86
	Denise Mock	33	86
	Kerri Stoffregen	21	86
23.	Karina Odegard	21	85
24.	Laura Fenton	11	81
	Sadie Hall	33	81
	Robin Levine	6	81
27.	Kristen Walsh	38	75
28.	Sara Borland	NA	53
29.	Peggy Stephens	NA	52
	Johanna Rivera	NA	52
31.	Lorraine Galloway	24	51
32.	Sandy Kubany	16	50
33.	Ramona Vonondarza	NA	40
34.	Crystal Csuk	NA	35
	Lupita Torres	NA	35
36.	Linda Moore	26	32
37.	Shannon Feaster	NA	30
	Aimee Roehler	15	30
39.	Stephanie Munger	46	29
40.	Amanda MacDonald	30	21
	Kara Pellowski	NA	21
	Mickey Richer	NA	21
43.	Alicia Blaakman	NA	20
	Cyd Evans	NA	20
	Holly Remen	NA	20
46.	Paula Truman	NA	11

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In the last issue we tackled my magical ceiling ball, which is critical, both on return of serve as well as during a rally. Today I want to take you to the next, logical step (after learning the ceiling return) by showing you another shot that can be used effectively both on the return of serve and in a rally. What happens when a ceiling ball goes long? A back wall setup. That's why we'll learn my Magical Off-the-Back-Wall Shot in this lesson — it's a weapon I can't and won't do without.

"Off the Back Wall" is one of the most offensive shots in the game today and you want to take complete advantage of it when the opportunity arises. It takes patience and practice, but too often I see lower level players hit the ball either into the back wall or jump up to reach the high shot and then go back up to the ceiling with it. More often than not it is fear that causes these reactions. Why not let a long ceiling ball come off the back wall and make an offensive return? As always, I'll show you a trick-by-trick, how-to method of taking a ball off the back wall so you can gain the confidence you'll need to use this shot offensively rather than defensively.

Two of the main reasons why players "blow" this shot is due to poor footwork and judgment of the ball. I'll address both of these areas so you, too, can have a magical off the back wall shot just like mine!

Sudsy's Magic Show ... Off the Back Wall!

TRICK #1: Ready Position

Whether you are returning a serve, or already in good center court position in the middle of a rally, you want to be:

- Down and ready
- Legs spread wider than shoulder width apart
- Knees bent
- Bent slightly at the waist
- Racquet up and in the middle of your stance
- On the balls of your feet, ready to push off



TRICK #2: The Step

- Eyes are on the ball at all times
- Take a step back towards the back wall and run back
- Racquet lifts into "early racquet preparation" position



Photos by Kurt Silvershield

TRICK #3: The Swing

- Racquet is completely up ready to hit
- Non-hitting arm touches back wall to check distance by feeling where I am - do not take your eyes off the ball to look
- Legs spread ready to hit a normal backhand shot
- Legs begin to shuffle with the shot



TRICKS #4 & #5: The Contact Point & Follow-Through

- Feet are stopped, set, and spread
- Normal backhand stroke is used (See March/April 1999 issue)





Making Good Judgments

The key to taking shots off the backwall is that – once you have the proper footwork and stroke technique – you need to learn how to judge the ball correctly.

The height at which your opponent hits the ball and how hard it leaves their racquet determines where the ball will wind up on its second bounce. You need to know this information so when you set up to hit an off-the-back-wall shot, you are a step, or step-and-a-half, behind where you think the ball will wind up on its second bounce. Then you shuffle *with* the ball off the back wall, *not ahead* of the ball.

Proper positioning will give you the leverage you need to generate the power and consistency required to have a magical off-the-back-wall shot like mine.

Do not — I repeat — **do not** ... go out and wait for the ball where you think it's going to end up on its second bounce (Fran Davis calls this camping out) ... because often you guess wrong. By "camping out" and waiting

for it, you will lose both accuracy and power, and you'll probably hit off your back foot — a no-no in stroke mechanics. You need to shuffle with the ball to make the best judgment as to when and where to hit it.

Well, there you have it. My magical off-the-back-wall shot (only diagrammed with my backhand, but your forehand technique is exactly the same), which continues to be one of my most offensive weapons on the pro tour.

The keys to a consistent off-the-back-wall shot are proper footwork and how you judge the ball. This shot will add a whole new dimension to your offensive arsenal. Don't take this shot lightly because back wall opportunities occur more often than you could imagine and you want to be prepared and confident to respond with a good offensive winner.

See you next issue for some of my magical advanced shots.

What's the best serve in racquetball (besides an ace...)? It's the serve that exploits your opponent's weakness. For many players, that weakness shows up when they are forced to hit a ceiling ball or a slow, dropping shot that barely comes off the back wall.

A good lob serve forces your opponent to deal with hitting a ceiling ball return and digging shots out of the back corner. If your opponent has any weaknesses in these areas, you will surely see your share of set ups.

Another reason to learn an effective lob serve is to give yourself lots of time to get out of the service box and into good center court position.

For instance, maybe you are fatigued and just can't move as quickly as you would like. Or perhaps you are playing someone who is extremely powerful and returns your drive serves before you can get set up in center court. Whatever the reason, a lob will give you the time you need to get ready for the next shot.

Let's look at the "do's" and "don'ts" of an effective lob serve. But let me say this first ... I know there are many different styles and habits in racquetball. So if you already hit a really good lob serve — and your technique is different than what is described in this article — don't change it! As the saying goes ... "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!" But if your lob is inconsistent, or gives your opponent too many setups, give these tips a try. There are sound mechanical reasons behind these techniques and they will help you master a solid, consistent lob serve.



Game Plan: Lob Serve ! by Derek Robinson & Lynn Adams





BACKSWING

<< Do !

Keep your backswing short. This is one serve where you don't want to have power and you don't want to snap your wrist. Keep your wrist locked and gently lift your arm up through the ball.

Don't !

Don't take a big backswing. Because this is a soft, controlled serve, a large backswing is too difficult to control and provides too much momentum. Momentum equals power, and you don't want power on your lob serve.





CONTACT

<< Do !

Make contact with the ball at waist height or higher. This allows you to keep your wrist locked and stable while you lift your arm up through the serve.

Don't !

Don't make contact low, below your waist. The problem with controlling the ball low is that it forces you to use your wrist to flick the ball up. Once you use your wrist, you lose control over the serve.





FOLLOW-THROUGH

<< Do !

You want to stop your follow-through at the top of the swing. This keeps you from hitting the ball with too much power.

Don't !

Don't take a full swing. When you follow through completely, you tend to do so with a wrist snap and that means there is too much power and loss of control of your lob serve.





BALL DROP

<< Do !

Drop the ball high, so you can make contact at waist height or above.

Don't !

Don't bend over and drop the ball low, as if you are preparing for a drive serve. Once you bend at the waist, your lob serve is compromised.





board highlights by Luke St. Onge

RULES — The board adopted the one serve rule as "official" in all open division play. After a trial period of several years, one-serve modifications are now the official rule for competition in the open divisions.

This means that, in all sanctioned events, open divisions must be played using one-serve, unless stipulated otherwise on the event entry.

- The moratorium on rule changes was extended through 2004.

PROGRAMS — In response to growing concerns about the state of women's racquetball, the board made a commitment to development in several areas, including directed and immediate steps to keep young women in the game. Two initial programs were proposed which provide young women with the needed feeder system through both the collegiate and professional ranks.

First, the board passed a unanimous resolution to establish a women's intercollegiate scholarship fund, with an initial budget of \$10,000 for the development of women's college teams. Secondly, the board approved a proposal to manage the Women's Pro Tour. With both of these areas in a very serious state of decline, it was felt that a concerted effort would be needed to salvage them. Additional development programs for women are under review and will be brought forth at the November Board meeting for discussion.

The board adopted the following schedule of recognized qualifying events for national championships:

<u>Sanctioned Event =</u>	<u>Recognized Qualifier for:</u>
State Singles Championships	Junior Olympics
Junior Qualifier	Junior Olympics
National High Schools	Junior Olympics
National Intercollegiates	National Singles
Regional Qualifier	National Singles
WSMRA Championship (Jan)	National Singles
NMRA Championship (Feb)	National Singles
U.S. Military Championships	National Singles
Alaska/Hawaii residents	exempt from qualifying
Active duty overseas military	exempt from qualifying

ELECTIONS — Based on general election results, three-year board terms went to high-vote-getters Otto Dietrich [with 22.5% of the vote], Van Dubolsky [17.3%], and Annie Muniz [21.6%]. The election of officers named Otto Dietrich as President; Shelley Ogden as Executive Vice-President; Jim Garner as Secretary; and Annie Muniz as Treasurer, each for a two-year term. Three athlete representatives were also named: Malia Bailey, Chris Cole and Mike Guidry (Bailey was re-elected to her current term as an athlete rep, terms for Cole and Guidry will become effective in January of 2001).

FINANCIAL — The board unanimously passed the financial and budget reports for 2000-2001.

- Passed unanimously that the USRA enter into an agreement with Active.com to establish an online USRA storefront for the development of expanded e-commerce. [See "Industry News" on page 52]

AmPRO Instructor Certification Clinic Schedule

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July 19-20	Sorrento Valley Racquetball/Fitness	San Diego, CA	Gary Mazaroff	505-266-8960
July 28-30	Racquetball & Fitness Northwest	San Antonio, TX	Dan Davis	713-895-8688
July 28-30	The Honolulu Club	Honolulu, HI	Gary Mazaroff	505-266-8960
August 25-27	The Alaska Club	Anchorage, AK	Jim Winterton	315-426-9204
September 20-21	Orem Recreation Center	Orem, UT	Gary Mazaroff	505-266-8960

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19th German Open & 13th European Open

Submitted by Mike Mesecke

The 19th German Open was held in Hamburg on April 7-9 and, along with IRT professional Luis Bustillos of Mexico, it drew many players from all over Europe. Players from the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Spain joined German players to enjoy another real international event in Hamburg. "Europe and Germany are going through rough times these days, but I'm glad that this year's German Open attracted so many players," said Mike Mesecke, tournament director and General Secretary of the German Racquetball Federation.

Top-seeded Bustillos had no problems in the Open division, with defeats over Curtis Morgan (USA) in the quarterfinals

defeated Jennifer Blanton (USA) with scores of 15:3/6:15/11:1. Germany's Ramona Vonondarza and Aldona Piec placed third and fourth, respectively.

The Men's B division was won by Jeff Marshall (USA), followed by Paul Devos, the only Belgian player in this year's tournament. "He's played the last three German Opens, he probably likes it here," said Mike Mesecke with a smile.

The Men's C division was totally in German hands as 16-year old Daniel Seidel won against Stefan Schooss, also from Germany. Both came into the final by defeating players 20-30 years older. The next generation in Germany is already on its way... "They have great talents here in Hamburg", admitted Luis Bustillos, "I hope they will stay in racquetball, because they have potential."

The Senior's 35+ were dominated by Antonio Bebia (Spain), followed by Rico Southee (USA), while GRF-President Joerg Ludwig had no problems winning the Masters 40+ division against Gisbert Goede in the final.

In the men's doubles, open finalists Bustillos and Klippel teamed to win that division against Achim Loof and Trevor Hayter, current European Doubles Champion, in a close and exciting match 15:11/10:15/11:4.

<< Pictured left: Doubles finalists (L-R): Achim Loof, Martin Klippel, Luis Bustillos, Trevor Hayter. Photo: courtesy Ramona Vonondarza.

"We had a successful German Open / European Open with great and close games. I hope we can attract other high-level players coming to our event next year. It's always good for us and our sport here in Europe," said Joerg Ludwig during the awards ceremony.

The German Racquetball Federation thanks everybody who came and played in the 19th German Open/13th European Open and also invites you to compete in next year's 20th German Open, April 6-8, 2001.

Results of the 2000 Canadian Nationals

Submitted by Cheryl McKeeman

MEN'S SINGLES – Open: Kane Waselenchuk, Mike Green, Brian Istace, Chris Brumwell; B: Grant Johnson, Adrien Deveau, Brian Dunbar, Glen Yaretz; C: Bob Fong, Wade Lehner, David Van Meetelen; D: Ken Storozuk, James Bileski, Aaron Dowling, Dave Antrobus; 35+A: Brian Valin, Kurt Faester, Marc Caouette; 35+B: Jerry Campbell, Keith Callander, Dan Smith, Gary Resch; 40+: Bob Buckingham, Graham Tamaki, Mike Bell-Irving, Ron Brown; 45+A: Cliff Hendrickson, Michel Gagnon, Dale Marshall,



and four-time European Champion Achim Loof in the semis. Earlier, in a European "classic" quarterfinal, Achim Loof had advanced past Trevor Hayter in three games.

Martin Klippel, No.1 of the European Racquetball Tour (ERT), also had no problem reaching the final. The No.2 seeded Klippel beat Netherlands' Pascal Matla in the semis to prove once more that he is Germany's best young talent and the future of German racquetball. Oops, he's not just talent anymore, he IS Germany's top player! Even though he lost the final to Luis Bustillos 14:15/15:1/11:2, he seems to be prepared for the World Championships in San Luis Potosi, Mexico this August.

No surprises in the Women's Open division, as No.1 seeded and top-ranked Yvonne Kortjes from Bad Toelz, Germany



CONTINGENTS FROM ARGENTINA (FAR LEFT: OSWALDO & DANIEL MAGGI) AND VENEZUELA (MANUEL MEDINA, NEAR LEFT, CENTER) WERE ON HAND IN HOUSTON TO ENJOY THE USRA ANNUAL BANQUET—WITH A HAWAIIAN THEME! PHOTOS: JOHN FOUST

Japan Open 2000

Submitted by Yasushi Tanahara

The biggest racquetball event in Japan – the Japan Open Singles 2000 – was held in Tokyo during the Golden Week (series of holidays from end of April to beginning of May)

This year, there were 431 entries (295 men and 136 women) from all over Japan as well as Korea, U.S. military bases and California.

In the men's Open division, Amari Yoshinori and Usami Hirotake made it to the final, each defeating former- and present-national champions and national team members. In the final, Amari defeated Usami, proving his real power and pride of former national team player to the young rookie. In women's open, the grand slam queen, Miyamoto Hiromi, defeated Mukai Youko to avenge the early round loss at the National Championship.

Results — Men's Open: 1. Amari Yoshinori, 2. Usami Hirotake, 3. Sakai Shoichi, Shimizu Hiroshi. Women's Open: 1. Miyamoto Hiromi, 2. Mukai Youko, 3. Noda Etuko, Ooya Mioko. Men's B: 1. Yoshikawa Masanori, 2. Noguchi Yasuo, 3. Annou Takayuki, Okamoto Izumi. Women's B: 1. Inami Chizuko, 2. Ozaki Emi, 3. Asari Yuko. Men's C: 1. Ikeda Hajime, 2. Horiguchi Masaki, 3. Kurita Hiroaki, Izumi Takeshi. Women's C: 1. Muromachi Tomoko, 2. Tamano Yuki, 3. Niwa Shoko, Nishide Youko.

Konichiva!

Submitted by Kersten Hallander

Akio Hanaki and Shigemi Yasuda held their wedding party earlier in the season at a sport club in Yokohama, with over 60 people, who enjoyed 80 liters of beer all day! Now the couple has a follow-up celebration, as they will welcome their first child in late December. Shigemi, who had qualified for her World Team roster to compete in San Luis Potosi, Mexico this August, resigned her team appointment with the news, but seems happy with the reason!



Terry Mosdell; 45+B: Bill Mosdell, Roger Chong, Rob Dixon, Don Grey; 50+A: Eric Easton, Ron Papiranski; 50+B: Dave Saulnier, Colin O'Shea, Charlie Troger, Brian McDowell; 55+: Bill Condratow, Bruce Stocks, Colum Barry, Brian Cantwell; 60+: Bob Doyle, Harold Stupp, David Bates, Allan Holley; 65+: Nick Cioran, Bill Bodnarek. Wheelchair: Jake Smellie, Mark Cormack, Ray Boudreau.

WOMEN'S SINGLES – Open: Christie Van Hees, Lori-Jane Powell, Amanda MacDonald, Chantal Turgeon; A/B: Shanda McKnight, JoAnne DiTommaso, Brandi Jacobson-Prentice, Myriam Laforge; C/D: Debra Zick, Sue MacLeod, Jeanette Clark, Cheryl Redford; Senior: Diane Hambley, Debby Holley, Karen Hala, Leona Chong.

MEN'S DOUBLES – Open: Ceresia/Green, Istace/Waselenchuk, Uly/Shepley, Powell/Odegard. B: Dunbar/Lepage, Ross/Johnson, Deveau/Smith. C: Fong/Fung, Cordick/Bernier, Resch/Dyck, Antrobus/Semeniuk. 35+A: McPhee/Marshall, Buckham/Loucks, Hendrickson/Pentland, Trembley/Tamaki. 35+B: Lebrun/Bousquet, Kimberley/Kotulak, Van Meetelen/Grey, Houlihan/Burke. 45+A: Gaucher/Mosdell, Mattson/Slater, McCulloch/Troger. 45+B: O'Shea/Cioran, Saulnier/Meissner, Mosdell/Burdge, Bell/Demello. 55+: Barry/Stocks, Haslop/McBride, Bates/Drysdale, Jenkins/Cantwell.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES – Open: Odegard/MacDonald, Powell/Ward, Grand'Maitre/Turgeon, DiTommaso/Hambley. B/C: MacLeod/Schier, Laforge/McKeeman. Mixed Doubles – A: Loucks/Ward, Dunbar/Hodgin, Saulnier/Hambley. B: Bell/McKeeman, McCulloch/Moffat, Yaretz/Schier, Smith/Laforge.

Racquetball Canada Elections

Submitted by Dave Arsenault

At its recent Annual General Meeting, the membership of Racquetball Canada elected two new Directors to its Executive Board. Elected were Ms. Cheryl McKeeman, from Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mr. Ken Barteski from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Ken will be assuming the VP of finance portfolio, and Cheryl will be handling the job of communications for the association. Both positions are for a term of three years. Usher Barnoff from Calgary, Alberta was elected for a second term as President.

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Surprise Recognition Awards

At its annual banquet in Houston, the USRA brought several "surprised" winners to the podium to receive framed awards from USRA Board Treasurer Annie Muniz. The Presidential Award was accepted by Jennifer Dering on behalf of Dianne Lewis and the New York Racquetball Association. The Joe Sobek Contributor Award was presented to Marc Auerbach of the Texas Racquetball Association, for his dedication and service to the association in general, and to "The Finals" in particular.

All four finalists in the Men's 25+ division at the National Doubles in Baltimore last fall were cited for their outstanding sportsmanship, and we co-awarded the John Halverson Fair Play award. On hand to accept the award were the silver medal Minnesota team of Jim Frautschi and Mike Locker. Florida champions Ross Greenberg and Aaron Metcalf were not in attendance, but were recognized for their part in the fair play honor.

Remaining awardees [named in the May/June issue] included Athletes of the Year Adam Karp and Cheryl Gudinas, Peggy Steding age group award winner Jo Kenyon, Bud Muehleisen age-group award winner Jimmy Lowe, and Hall of Fame inductees Van Dubolsky, Ruben Gonzalez and Jim Winterton.



Board Election Results

The results of the U.S. Racquetball Association's Board of Directors elections were announced at the U.S. National Singles Championships in Houston, with Otto Dietrich (re-appointed as President), Van Dubolsky and Annie Muniz (re-appointed as Treasurer) each accepting three-year terms. Continuing in service on the USRA Board of Directors are: Vice-President Shelley Odgen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Secretary Jim Garner, of Pelham, Ala., Keith Calkins, of Penn Valley, Calif., John Giunta, of Portland, Ore., Jack Hughes, of Burlingame, Calif., Geoff Peters, of Chicago, and athlete-representatives Malia Bailey, of Norfolk, Va. and Eric Muller, of New York.



TOP: JENNIFER DERING & ANNIE MUNIZ; CENTER: ANNIE MUNIZ & MARC AUERBACH; BOTTOM: MIKE LOCKER, JIM FRAUTSCHI, MUNIZ
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Wedding Bells at Regionals

By John Foust

There was more than racquetball being played at Denver's outlet Regional at the Lakewood Athletic Club on April 8. It was a special time for

Annette William's and Jim Gillhouse as they choose this beautiful Colorado day to join hands in marriage. After having met at a racquetball tournament in Colorado Springs, they decided to marry in conjunction with the sport that brought them together. The initial plan was to have the ceremony on the court, but the tournament was in full swing. A nearby park had to do.

Nonetheless, the whole event still had a racquetball flair. The ceremony was conducted by AmPro Director of Instruction Gary Mazaroff (minister #1484). That's right, Gary is an ordained minister and this was wedding number 30. Annette's daughter Christina



gave away the bride as a small group of players looked on. Afterwards everyone took a moment to sign the traditional wedding racquetball, have a sip of champagne, and then it was back to the courts. Best wishes on a very happy marriage!

PICTURED ABOVE (TOP): CHRISTINA WILLIAMS; (STANDING L-R): APRIL SETTELL, KIMBER SCHUMANN, GARY MAZAROFF, PETER HAGEN, TINA HAGEN, ANNETTE WILLIAMS (BRIDE), JIM GILLHOUSE (GROOM), JEFF WICHES, MARY LOU FURAUS. PHOTO BY: JOHN FOUST.

Peck Named Junior National Coach

Texan Gregg Peck was selected as the U.S. Junior National Team Coach in May. Peck dominated the pro tour in the 80's, and now has re-directed his focus into teaching juniors about the sport he loves. "My first love is teaching kids to play racquetball," Peck said following his appointment. "I want to give them the fundamentals and let them build their own games off their strengths and weaknesses."



Peck will select two assistant coaches to help him with the U.S. Junior National Team. "I want to find assistant coaches who can bring several things to the table," he said. "I want people the kids will listen to, respect and work well with. A coach must have the ability to have fun, because if the kids are having fun, their skill level will increase drastically."

The U.S. Junior National Team members are selected on the basis of their finishes at the U.S. Junior Olympic Championships and U.S. National High School Championships.

A Magical Evening

Submitted by Jim Easterling

On Saturday evening, March 25, 2000, the Racquetball Association of Michigan hosted a banquet for its new Hall of Fame inductees, in conjunction with the State Singles Championships at the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing.

The MAC restaurant hosted the special event in the "Spartan" banquet room, set with eight round tables, (each seating eight) with white table cloths and centerpieces at each table, plus long tables for coffee/tea service and door prizes, a cash bar, a podium with a microphone and even a TV (more about this later). At each place setting was a program for the evening, making everything look first class.

As the emcee for the evening, I planned to welcome people to the banquet at 8:00 and start the presentations at 8:45 pm ... but there was a slight problem. Remember the TV? Well, the MSU Spartans basketball team was playing Iowa State that night and the winner went on to the Final Four. So, by 8:45, seventy percent of the people in the room were watching the game. I approached one of the inductees and suggested that maybe I would start the presentations a little bit later because of the game. He politely told me that if I touched the TV set, he would break my arm.

Everything seemed pretty clear. I went up to the person at the cash bar and told him as soon as the game was over to turn off the TV and unplug it from the wall. I then went back to my table, sat down, tried to stay focused on the job at hand – the actual induction of four Hall of Famers – twiddled my thumbs and prayed, "God, please don't let this game go into overtime." The game was over at 9:03 pm and I was speaking at the podium at 9:04 pm.

Things went great the rest of the evening. I introduced Irene Ackerman-Chmura, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1993, and she presented our first inductee of the evening, Richard J. Caretti from Grosse Pointe Park, who made a short speech and spoke about how honored and how humble he was to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Next up was Tom Brownlee, who was inducted in 1985, and he presented inductee number two, Johnny

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Caretti, Yellen, Northern, Pudduck

Northern from Detroit, who talked about how he had been out of racquetball for a while because of his bad back and he thanked several people who helped him along the way to become a better player.

The next presenter was Lynn Hahn, who was inducted the very first year of the Hall of Fame 1984, and he introduced our third inductee, Ronald Pudduck from Dexter. At the podium, Ron joked that he would try and shorten his acceptance speech to two or three hours, then thanked his wife for putting up with all his many late nights and many hours of playing racquetball. He also spoke about the battles that he and Lynn Hahn had had over the many years at tournaments.

Fred Lewerenz (also inducted in 1984) introduced Mike Yellen from West Bloomfield, our fourth and final inductee of the night. Mike spoke for quite a while and was thankful for many things and people throughout his career. He said that he was lucky as a kid to be working at the Southfield Athletic Club as a towel boy. He said that he was lucky that his timing (in learning the game in the mid 70's) was just right. He thanked Leonard Karpeles for being his coach, Tom Brownlee for being his teacher, Fred Lewerenz for playing many, many hours with him and always being there for any kind of help that he needed along the way. Mike thanked his family for all of their support over the years. Mike also said that although he may have won a few more tournaments than some of the past inductees that he was honored for his

plaque to be on the Hall of Fame Wall with some of the "movers and shakers" of the past.

The last person on the program was Tom Blakeslee, President of the Racquetball Association of Michigan, who spoke briefly about all of the new inductees, welcomed everyone to the banquet, then thanked all the people on the Hall of Fame Committee for doing such a fine job.

There was one special event that happened while I was checking people in at the beginning of the evening. When Mike Yellen walked in with his wife Becky and spotted Bill "Radiation Man" Gottlieb (an inductee from 1993), Mike got down on his hands and knees, bowed and touched the floor and said "I can't believe it, the one and only 'Radiation Man' is here." That's Mike Yellen – five time national champion, USRA Hall of Famer, Jewish Hall of Famer, cited by *RACQUETBALL* magazine as the player of the century, and the only person to ever land a \$1,000,000 racquetball contract – bowing to someone nicknamed "Radiation Man." Now people, that is what I call a magical moment! If I live to be 102 years old I will never forget that scene.

Junior Elite Camp

Submitted by Hal Mitlitsky

On May 6-7, the New York State Racquetball Association sponsored a second Junior Elite Camp at Club Fit in Briarcliff Manor, New York, where 25 juniors took part. The camp featured some of the best talent and the best instructors the sport has to offer, including Jim Winterton, former-U.S. Team head coach and the



legendary Ruben Gonzalez, along with seven AmPro instructors: Juliet Campbell (President of the Connecticut Racquetball Association), New Yorkers Lorraine Galloway, Jennifer Dering, Kori Grasha, and Anthony Defusto, plus Stephanie Munger of Alaska and Jo Shattuck of Colorado. Strength coach with the U.S. Olympic Team and N.J. Nets, Rich Snedekar, was also on hand.

The juniors received one and a half days of intense personalized instruction including lectures and one-on-one with Ruben, individual instruction, videotaping and analysis by the AmPro instructors, plus strength and conditioning classes. The last half-day was spent in round-robin competition. Many of the attendees plan to go on to play at the Junior Nationals to be held in Minnesota in June.

First class hospitality was provided throughout the weekend, all the juniors left the camp better players and better competitors, and a good time was had by one and all. A special thanks to Juliet Campbell for her kind assistance.

Cenikor lends Manpower

Long before the 650 players began to arrive in Houston for the Finals, event set-up was well underway at the Downtown

YMCA aided by volunteer workers from Cenikor. It's no small task to convert a gymnasium into an athlete's village for the players to relax and socialize in ... tents, carpeting, equipment, display booths,

tables and chairs all must be man-handled up to the second floor of the YMCA for starters! Afterwards, with flooring in place, banners hung and bleachers situated, the facility was ready to welcome players. Then, each morning at 7:00 am, an eight-man crew from Cenikor, a Houston based facility for adult rehabilitation, arrived and worked until the last matches of the day were assigned to a court - serving lunch, replenishing drink coolers and sweeping court floors throughout the holiday week. Thanks to Cenikor for making "The Finals" a success!

Photo – Crew leader, Danny Samuel (front row, right) with Cenikor workers shown after teardown on Memorial Day.



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Middle: Women's C-Tech Sonic 2000 Mid.

Below: Python Racquetball recently added the "Frost" RAD Turbo eyeguard to its product line. See Python display ad on page 59.



C-TECH SONIC Shoes from HEAD

HEAD has unveiled four new styles in their performance indoor court footwear collection for Fall. Available for men and women, the C-Tech Sonic 2000 series is a high performance shoe line designed to keep racquetball players close to the ground while offering maximum cushion and stability. The new line offers a lighter weight, low to the ground, stabilizing shoe, which utilizes a new graphite mesh GraphTech plate to add exceptional support for the midsole. Contour Tech is HEAD's proprietary system which contours all parts of the shoe to the natural curves of the human foot for a more comfortable fit. All styles in the line feature a mesh upper and a visible GraphTech window for a high performance look, and will be available in retail stores in July.

The men's line will be available in two mid-cut styles in a white/black/red or white/navy/red color combination and in a low-cut model, in white/black/red, with a suggested retail price of \$79.95 for the mid and \$74.95 for the low. The women's style meets a high demand in this category, by being the first women's indoor court shoe offered in a mid-cut style. It will be offered in white/black/red with a suggested retail price of \$69.95.

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The partnership will provide multiple benefits for USRA members in organizing games, leagues and tournaments. Through LeagueLink, Active.com's leading web-based service for administering teams and leagues, racquetball programmers can now completely automate routine management tasks such as registration, scheduling, venue management, officials scheduling and results reporting. As early as the coming fall season, USRA members will also be able to access services such as event sanctioning, membership renewal, and member status with password-protected access to the USRA database. Future services will include a racquetball-specific, online store for USRA members and players to purchase items via the USRA web site.

"This partnership provides tremendous opportunities for our members, tournament athletes and the everyday player, as well as advancing racquetball growth nationwide," said Linda Mojer, USRA Associate Executive Director for Communications. "Active.com is bringing leading-edge technology to the game, with innovative, online services that will have far-reaching impact on the sport, now and in the future."

For more information about Active.com and its services, call 888-309-1322 or e-mail feedback@active.com. To view LeagueLink product information, visit www.active.com/leaguelink/.

Ektelon Expands Triple Threat and Accessory Lines

Ektelon has introduced two new Triple Threat racquets, building on the success of its first model, the Triple Threat Deliverance. With the introduction of the Hornet (immediate right) and Vendetta (far right), Ektelon hopes to offer a racquet for every playing style.

The Vendetta features Power Web, which creates longer main strings of uniform length through an inverted "ring" in the throat of the racquet. The grommet-less throat increases frame durability and stiffness. The Hornet features patented double-barrel grommets, reducing the number of holes for less vibration. It has a large head size of 104 sq.in. and only weighs 195g.

Wilson Footwear recently announced that proceeds from the sale of their women's shoes would be donated to The Beast Cancer Research Foundation.

Ektelon has also expanded its accessory line with a new glove and three new types of eyeguards. The new Fusion glove offers the ultimate in dive protection with impact pad reinforcements. Top quality Cabretta sheepskin and double-stitch construction create added protection against wear.

The three new eyeguards include the Magnum, which is made of lightweight polycarbonate with adjustable sidearms and head strap. They have hinged, graphite composite frame and a distortion-free, curved, shield design with anti-scratch hard coat and anti-fog treated lenses. The Hornet eyeguards also have anti-scratch and anti-fog treated lenses of polycarbonate with adjustable hinged sidearms and head strap. The third new eyeguard model is the Vendetta, which is value oriented. They are made of a lightweight composite and feature hinged, adjustable sidearms and head strap. The Vendetta also has anti-fog treated lenses.



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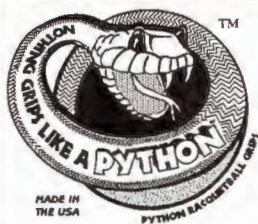


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July 12-15	NMRA International Masters Championships [5]	Colorado Springs, CO	816-229-1300
July 14-16	Big Brother/Big Sister @ Courts Plus Of New Bern	New Bern, NC	252-633-2221
	Powerhouse Open @ Powerhouse Gym	Bend, OR	541-389-2009
	Virginia Commonwealth Games @ Lancerlot Sports Complex	Vinton, VA	540-981-0205
July 15	NWFC Shoot Out Series @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-432-0881
	Summer Pick Of The Pairs @ Allentown Racquet Club	Allentown, PA	610-821-1300
July 21-23	Georgia Games Championships @ Georgia Tech Student Athlete Complex	Atlanta, GA	404-370-0881
	Summer Blue Grass State Games @ University Of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	606-223-1699
	2nd Annual Body Check Classic @ Body Check Health & Fitness	Winston-Salem, NC	336-765-8228
	2nd Annual Fairfax Open @ Fairfax Racquet & Health Club	Fairfax, VA	703-527-7785
	2nd Happy Days & Special Times @ St. Andrews Family Fitness	Charleston, SC	843-556-2518
July 22	Hot Tamale Shoot Out @ Racquetball & Fitness Of San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
28-30	Ballard Open @ Olympic Athletic Club	Seattle, WA	206-789-5010
	Quad West Summer Classic @ Quad West	Clearwater, FL	813-535-4901

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August 4-5	Only Doubles @ Nautilus Fitness Center	Erie, PA	814-868-0072
August 4-6	Killshot Classic @ Robious Sports & Fitness	Richmond, VA	804-330-2222
	The Los Cab Open @ Los Caballeros	Fountain Valley, CA	714-546-8560
	North Carolina State Doubles @ The Sports Center [3].	Fayetteville, NC	910-947-3202
August 4-12	IRF 10th World Championships	San Luis Potosi, Mexico	719-635-5396
August 5	One Day Shoot Out @ Maverick Athletic Club	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
	Summer Shootout @ Classic Athletic Club	Fairfield, NJ	973-742-8806
August 11-13	Summer Sizzler Open @ Twin Arbors Athletic Club	Lodi, CA	209-334-4897
	3rd Annual Summer Splat @ Greenville Racquet & Fitness	Greenville, SC	864-281-1983
August 12	NWFC Shoot Out Series @ Northwest Fitness Center	Houston, TX	713-432-0881
August 25-27	25th Annual Best Of Texas @ Racquetball & Fitness Of San Antonio	San Antonio, TX	210-344-8596
	Aspen Hill Tournament @ Aspen Hill Club	Silver Spring, MD	301-598-5200
	Christy Foundations Summer 2000 @ N.C. Central University	Durham, NC	919-676-4394
August 26	Women's Saturday #3 @ Valley Athletic Club	Tumwater, WA	360-352-3400
29-Sept. 2	IRF 12th World Senior Racquetball Championships [5]	Albuquerque, NM	505-266-8960

september ...

September 1-3	Stockton Pro-Am @ In Shape - West Lane	Stockton, CA	209-472-2100
September 2-4	15th Annual Warren Finn @ JCC	Houston, TX	713-551-7211
September 8-10	California State Doubles @ Los Caballeros [3]	Fountain Valley, CA	714-546-8560
	Warm Up Doubles @ Merritt Athletic - Security	Baltimore, MD	410-298-8700
September 9	Fall Pick Of The Pairs @ Allentown Racquet Club	Allentown, PA	610-821-1300
	One Day Shootout @ Maverick Athletic Club	Arlington, TX	817-275-3348
September 15-17	American Family Open @ American Family Fitness	Richmond, VA	804-330-3400
	Outback Blast It @ The Sports Center	Fayetteville, NC	910-864-3303
	22nd Annual North Valley Open @ North Valley Athletic Club	Chico, CA	530-891-4700
September 22-24	Texas State Doubles @ Northwest Fitness Center [3].	Houston, TX	713-432-0881
	Aspen Hill Tournament @ Aspen Hill Club	Silver Spring, MD	301-598-5200

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Aug.29-Sept.2	IRF 12th World Senior Racquetball Championships [5]	Albuquerque, New Mexico	505-266-8960
October 4-8	Ektelon 33rd USRA National Doubles Championships [6]	Baltimore, Maryland	719-635-5396
November 15-19	5th U.S. OPEN Racquetball Championships [5]	Memphis, Tennessee	719-635-5396
December 16-20	ProKennex 12th IRF World Junior Championships [5]	TBA	719-635-5396

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- 2T. Eric Lackscheide, MO
- 2T. Javier Moreno, TN
- 4T. Rob DeJesus, AZ
- 4T. David Ghio, CA
- 4T. Jorge Hirsekorn, FL
- 7T. Anthony Voorhies, AZ
- 7T. Damian Zamorano, AZ
9. Frank Tinker, AZ
10. A.J. Lombard Jr., AZ

Men's 24-A/B

1. Scott Makosiej, NH
2. Cesar Castro, TX
3. Justin Jones, OH
- 4T. Jackson Burnette, MD
- 4T. Ben Croft, IL
- 4T. Jamie Edwards, TX
7. Brad Jantz, WI
- 8T. Roberto Cantos, TX
- 8T. Vincent Creazzo, NY
- 8T. Jason Ganahl, MO

Men's 24-C/D

1. Chris Coy, OK
2. Chris Winter, OH
3. Kris Robinson, KY
- 4T. Brian Arnett, KY
- 4T. Mike Gaffney, PA
- 6T. Amarinder Bedi, TX
- 6T. Brandon Cortese, MI
- 6T. Sid Harshavat, IL
- 9T. Bobby Irby, TX
- 9T. Jeff Parsons, OK

Men's 25-A/B

1. Eric Jubin, TX
2. Ryan John, OH
3. Arturo Burrue, TX
4. Bob Jackson, MS
- 5T. Kipp Atwell, LA
- 5T. Ray Ferrara, NJ
- 5T. Shane Loveless, TX
- 5T. Marco Mijares, GA
- 5T. Cary Slade, IL
10. Shaun Stone, OK

Men's 25-C/D

- 1T. Emmanuel Drege, TX
- 1T. Cesar Jimenez, TX
3. Jerry Buchanan, LA
- 4T. Sriman Chennareddy, TX
- 4T. Robert Georgantas, MD
- 4T. Ryan Kinnaman, AR
- 4T. Steve Reisser, TN
8. Joe Marfone, TN
- 9T. Juan Castaneda, IN
- 9T. Boone Connors, TN

Men's 30-A/B

1. Mike Nolen, TX
2. Livingston Denegre-Vaught, TX
3. Cary Slade, IL
4. Dale Durboraw, OR
- 5T. Chris Baker, MS

- 5T. Glen Childers, TX
- 5T. Marcus Riggins, GA
- 5T. Jeff Waters, TX

Men's 30+C/D

1. Billy Ray, NM
2. Merle Walker, OH
- 3T. Clay Coldwell, TX
- 3T. Twayne Howard, MI
- 3T. Grant Macuba, IL

Men's 35-A/B

1. Eduardo Munoz, TX
2. Dave Peterson, AL
3. Camilo Orellano, TX
4. Ed Fink, TX
- 5T. Ron Fowler, GA
- 5T. Gary Mayfield, MO
- 7T. Michael Bryce, IL
- 7T. Bill DiGregorio, NJ
9. Clinton Allen, OH
10. Elpidio Corpuz, IL

Men's 35+C/D

1. Philip Suarez, TX
2. Doug Edwards, TX
- 3T. Jeff Bell, AZ
- 3T. Kerry Hughes, TN
- 5T. Matt Bucher, MD
- 5T. Greg Hogsed, SC
- 5T. Brian Sanderford, AR
- 8T. Bill Branner, VA
- 8T. Cruz Jimenez, TX
10. Michael Ocello, MO

Men's 40-A/B

1. Clinton Allen, OH
2. Ron Fowler, GA
3. Claude Crocker, SC
4. Larry Sharpe, LA
- 5T. Ed Barlow, RI
- 5T. Lewis Forrest, MI
- 5T. Howard Thornton, MN

Men's 40+C/D

1. Paul Gomberg, TX
2. Jim Zimmerer, OH
3. Karl Wendt, TX
4. Philip Suarez, TX
- 5T. Terry Marshall, OH
- 5T. Wayne Skinner, LA
- 5T. Dave Slama, AZ
- 5T. Bill Vagas, OH

Men's 45-A/B

1. Bob Talley, FL
2. Bob Frazier, AL
3. Keith Butts, TX
- 4T. Steve Conn, LA
- 4T. Eric Sigel, PA
6. Dave Gross, SD
7. Paul Siegerist, OK
- 8T. Billy Cannon, AL
- 8T. Paul Sagherji, TX
- 8T. Bill Wilt, TX

Men's 45+C/D

1. Marc Scher, TX
- 2T. Chris Scott, TX

- 2T. Randy Williams, TX
4. Donald Acklin, PA
5. Doug Sanders, TX
- 6T. Dean Cline, MI
- 6T. Larry Hicks, KY
- 6T. G. Earl Teabout, LA
- 6T. Jerry Williams, TX
10. Eddie Lacost, TX

Men's 50-A/B

1. Dave Gross, SD
2. Jon Wuerffel, FL
3. David Lorenz, TX
4. Donald Acklin, PA
- 5T. Harvey Brannigan, ID
- 5T. Ed Cortez, TX
- 5T. Norman Hanks, TX
- 5T. Clarence Simmons, LA

Men's 50+C/D

1. Garry Carter, CA
2. Jerry Williams, TX
3. Marc Scher, TX
4. Frank Kerwick, FL
- 5T. Johnny Bright, TX
- 5T. Peter Kochis, OK
- 5T. Ron Maestas, NM
- 5T. Tom Sikorski, TX

Men's 55-A/B

1. Ron Yonkee, IL
2. Paul Pearce, TX
3. Wayne Toyne, VA
4. Fred Roe, CA
5. Ken Foster, TX
- 6T. Leon Booker, MD
- 6T. Tom Fehsel, IL
- 8T. Nolan Gilley, GA
- 8T. Eric McPherson, TX
- 8T. Cliff Meyers, MD

Men's 55+C/D

1. Steve Lavorgna, NJ
- 2T. Paul Abbott, CA
- 2T. Leo Kouremetis, AK
- 4T. Willie Davenport, VA
- 4T. Robert Sholly, TX
- 6T. Bob Case, TX
- 6T. Frank Kerwick, FL
- 6T. Jim Railey, KY
9. Ben Youssef, VA
10. Bill Dunn, TX

Men's 60-A/B

1. Grant Morrill, PA
2. Bob Baudry, LA
3. John Ramsay, TX
4. Don Davis, IL
5. George Scheffel, MS

Men's 60+C/D

1. Ron McElwee, AL
2. Duane Smith, TX

WOMEN

Women's Elite

1. Adrienne Fisher, OH

- 2T. Jennifer Dering, NY
- 2T. Phyllis Morris, NC
- 2T. Cara Pellowski, WI
- 2T. Janel Tisinger, CA

Women's 24-A/B

1. T.J. Baumbaugh, MD
- 2T. Brenna Bilbrough, OR
- 2T. Veronica Ramirez, TX
4. Kelley Fisher, OH
- 5T. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
- 5T. Danielle Jameson, TN
- 5T. Danielle Mathieu, MO
- 8T. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
- 8T. Sarah Wells-Nelzen, TX

Women's 24-C/D

1. Danielle Mathieu, MO
- 2T. Lauren Barrett, MO
- 2T. Paula Pero, MD
- 2T. Jennifer Snyder, TX
5. Michelle Lexow, IL
- 6T. Kayla Whitehead, MO
- 6T. Rebecca Zingman, MD
8. Katie Brewer, OK

Women's 25-A/B

1. Esther McNany, CT
- 2T. Candi Hostovich, VA
- 2T. Catherine Land, NC
- 2T. Veronica Ramirez, TX
5. Nathania Stewart, GA
- 6T. Stephanie Jones, OK
- 6T. Graceanne Kane, NC
- 6T. Julie Keen, NC
- 6T. Maria Moreno, TX
- 6T. Nicole Wynne, NC

Women's 25+C/D

1. Ramona VonOndarza, FL
- 2T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 2T. Tish Seballos, TX
4. Teri Brauer, MD
5. Michelle Hoagland, MN
- 6T. Stephanie Fife, NC
- 6T. Tracie Valentine, MD
- 8T. Leigh Buchanan-Toth, TX
- 8T. Abigail Placke, TX
10. Edith Smith, NC

Women's 30-A/B

1. Catherine Land, NC
2. Lia Sullins, TX
3. Sandra Adams, TX
4. Carla Kinslow, TX
- 5T. Lynn Hiorns, IL
- 5T. Cathy Radloff, IL
- 5T. Diane Taylor-Whitman, MA
- 5T. Valerie Willis, NC

Women's 30+C/D

1. Caron Chung, VA
2. Bridget Kundrot, MI
3. Carla Moats, IL

Women's 35-A/B

1. Ann Doucette, ME
2. Kelly Goddard, VA
3. Rhonda Kochis, OK

- 4T. Sheri Bushay, AR
- 4T. Patrice Calvi, IL
- 4T. Madeleine Edwards, TN
- 7T. Sandy Gross, SD
- 7T. Diane Huron, VA
- 7T. Beth Rist, LA
10. Suzanne DeNeal, OK

Women's 35+C/D

1. Pamela Trent, MD
2. Joanna Reyes, TX
3. Sharon Wilks, NC
- 4T. Gail Gabrysh, TX
- 4T. Nicki Sagmoe, MO
6. Julie Wiedis, NJ
- 7T. Rosie Gonzalez, TX
- 7T. Fran Gower, MD
- 7T. Camille Hatcher, SC
- 7T. Shannon Tate, OK

Women's 40-A/B

1. Isabel Nagelin, VA
2. Sharon Barrett, TX
3. Sandy McCall, TX
4. Donna Cooper, TX
- 5T. Kassi Herr, FL
- 5T. Marsha Kazarosian, MA
- 5T. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 5T. Farah Lewis, TX

Women's 40+C/D

1. Rosie Gonzalez, TX
2. Cherie Evans, WA
3. Gail Gabrysh, TX
4. Sharon McNeill, MD
5. Chieko Mineo, TX

Women's 45-A/B

1. Sharon Barrett, TX
2. Donna Cooper, TX
3. Pattie Schof, LA
- 4T. Kay McCarthy, TN
- 4T. Lynne Weisbart, IL
6. Cynthia Huge, CT
7. Cathy Stryker, VA
- 8T. Catie Schlick, MO
- 8T. Karen Weins, FL
- 8T. Veronica Yorski, MD

Women's 45+C/D

1. Bonnie Koehne, LA
2. Nila Gresham, CO

Women's 50-A/B

1. Cookie Wachtel, OH
2. Pattie Schof, LA
3. Sharon Brockbank, ID
4. Ly Abbott, AK

Women's 50+C/D

1. Jan Stelma, NC

Women's 55-A/B

1. CeCe Palaski, CA
2. Marquita Molina, CA
3. Cookie Wachtel, OH

Women's 60-A/B

1. Sylvia Sawyer, UT

MEN

Men's Open

1. Jack Huczek, MI
2. Mike Locker, MN
3. Jimmy Lowe, WA
4. Rocky Carson, CA
5. Dan Llacera, DE
- 6T. Doug Eagle, TX
- 6T. Dan Fowler, MD
8. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
9. Todd O'Neil, TX
10. Josh Tucker, MO

Men's A

1. Cary Slade, IL
2. Steve Tillotson, CA
- 3T. James Davis, TX
- 3T. Sunny Osagie, AR
5. Kipp Atwell, LA
6. Joe Clinton, TX
7. Clay Burris, FL
8. Brian Stone, GA
9. Felix Marrero, LA
10. Eric Riemann, IL

Men's B

1. Michael Wang, TX
2. James Russell, FL
3. Brandon Cortese, MI
4. Larry Weene, MA
5. Jason Hicks, KY
6. Filip Vesely, NV
7. Peter Michael, TX
8. Craig Sparks, AZ
- 9T. John Dill, TX
- 9T. Martin Gonzalez, IL

Men's C

1. Chris Coy, OK
2. Sriman Chennareddy, TX
3. Cam Grundman, MN
4. Reinaldo Rodriguez, FL
5. Harish Chopra, MI
6. Mike Gaffney, PA
7. Jim Zimmerer, OH
8. Garry Carter, CA
- 9T. Tony Roselli, IL
- 9T. Mike Williamson, TN

Men's D

1. Jeff Bell, CT
2. Ken Newberry, TX
3. Muhammad Jawad, TX
4. Christopher Nichols, AR
- 5T. Joe DeRoche, IL
- 5T. Bryan Shaw, MO
7. Mike Dolitsky, FL
- 8T. Sid Harshavat, IL
- 8T. Robert Villanueva, FL
10. Joe Snyders, MD

Men's Novice

1. Dan Larochelle, NH
2. Garrett Jordan, TX
3. Chris Bryan, AR
4. Matt Larochelle, NH
- 5T. Francis Aguilera, CA

- 5T. Jodi Pack, OH
7. Not a Member, TX
- 8T. Chris Herrera, NM
- 8T. Jeff Schrieber, NY
10. Dan Odierno, NH

Men's 24-

1. Richard Ross, PA
- 2T. Kyle Veenstra, WI
- 2T. Mitch Williams, NC
- 4T. Jack Huczek, MI
- 4T. Not a Member, TX
- 6T. Jason Bledsoe, FL
- 6T. Jeffrey Garner, AL
- 6T. Mike Patalano, RI
9. Paul Strike, OH
10. Alvaro Beltran, CA

Men's 25+

1. Brian Pointelin, UT
2. Tim Hardison, SC
3. Mike Dennison, OH
4. Mike Locker, MN
- 5T. Tom Fuhrmann, TX
- 5T. Raymond Maestas, NM
7. Russ Bruns, VA
- 8T. Jamal Harris, MD
- 8T. Aaron Metcalf, FL
- 8T. Chris Zalegowski, NH

Men's 30+

1. Kevin Graham, WI
2. Jim Minkel, TX
3. Don Costleigh, NY
- 4T. John Davis, LA
- 4T. Jim Frautschi, MN
6. Eugene Coyle, IL
- 7T. Dana Levy, FL
- 7T. Brad McCuniff, IA
9. Ira Holland, VA
10. Jody Morris, TX

Men's 35+

1. David Watson, OK
2. Dave Negrete, IL
3. Armando Alonso, FL
4. Jimmy Lowe, WA
5. Rick Ferrin, CA
6. John Scargle, FL
- 7T. Salvador Acosta, TX
- 7T. Scot Consoli, FL
9. Jim Grant, MA
10. David Barnes, RI

Men's 40+

- 1T. Terry Fluharty, FL
- 1T. Tim Hansen, FL
3. Bill Lyman, IL
4. Joe Thomas, MA
5. Patrick Gibson, TX
6. Greg Hodges, MI
7. Glenn Leib, PA
8. Ruben Desimone, TX
9. Ron Argenbright, ME
10. Hester Jackson, GA

Men's 45+

1. Russ Palazzo, CT
2. Gary Mazaroff, NM
- 3T. Keith Eksuzian, MA
- 3T. Ruben Gonzalez, NY
- 5T. Jim Luzar, WI
- 5T. Randy Stafford, TN
- 7T. Joe Clinton, TX
- 7T. Mike Murphy, OH
- 7T. Darryl Warren, CA
10. Mitt Layton, FL

Men's 50+

1. Bill Welaj, NJ
2. Mitt Layton, FL
3. Don Scales, TX
4. Dave Warner, MN
- 5T. Ed Remen, NC
- 5T. Joe Silius, IL
7. Horace Miller, IL
8. Dan Davis, TX
- 9T. Not a Member, IL
- 9T. Terry Michnya, MD

Men's 55+

1. Ray Huss, OH
2. Glenn Allen, VA
3. Tom McKie, TX
4. Warren Reuther, LA
5. Ron Yonkee, IL
6. Len Wilson, PA
7. Leland Rients, MN
8. Ron Galbreath, PA
9. Dennis O'Brien, ID
10. Dan Jones, GA

Men's 60+

1. Jim Wilking, UT
2. Rex Lawler, IN
3. Ron Hutcherson, IN
4. Ron Adams, CA
5. Charlie Garfinkel, NY
6. David Jordan, NJ
7. Grant Morrill, PA
8. Bobby Sanders, OH
- 9T. Jim McPherson, TX
- 9T. Bob Webster, AL

Men's 65+

1. Don Alt, OH
2. Jerry Holly, CA
3. Kenneth Moore, CA
4. Otis Chapman, OH
5. Don Maxey, TX
6. Paul Banales, AZ
7. Ron McElwee, AL
- 8T. John O'Donnell, IL
- 8T. Ed Olah, IL
- 8T. Frank Trask, ME

Men's 70+

1. Joe Lambert, TX
2. John O'Donnell, IL
3. Barney Friesth, SD
4. Robert Miller, SC
5. Len Kaiser, CA
6. Not a Member, TX
- 7T. Carl Buschner, MA

- 7T. Philip Dziuk, IL
9. Mal Roberts, FL
10. Stan Fugate, FL

Men's 75+

1. Nick Sans, CA
2. Earl Acuff, NC
3. Robert McAdam, TX
4. Bernard Sand, IA
5. J.W. Studak, TX
6. Bill Gencarella, CA
- 7T. Bill Matotan, NM
- 7T. Not a Member, NC
9. Al Romero, NM
10. Robert L. Thompson, FL

Men's 80+

1. Earl Acuff, NC
2. George Spear, FL
3. Cam Snowberger, SC
4. Ben Marshall, TX
5. Charlie Russell, CA
6. Not a Member, NC
7. Harry Steinman, MD
- 8T. Harvey Greenfield, CA
- 8T. C. Allen Shepherd, MD
10. Bill Sherman, TX

Men's 85+

1. Harry Steinman, MD

WOMEN

Women's Open

1. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
2. Lisa Hjelm, CA
3. Denise Mock, TX
4. Aimee Roehler, NJ
5. Kersten Hallander, CA
6. Terri Thornton, MN
7. Kristen Walsh, UT
8. Lourdes Sanders, CO
9. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
10. Susan Pfahler, FL

Women's A

1. Isabel Nagelin, VA
2. Not a Member, TX
3. T.J. Baumbaugh, MD
4. Sandra Adams, TX
5. Ponttee Dodds, IL
- 6T. Jean Gordon, MN
- 6T. Karen Roykoff, ME
8. Christa Davis, TX
9. Catherine Land, NC
10. Vivian Gomez, FL

Women's B

1. Cathy Radloff, IL
2. Valerie Willis, NC
3. Angela Deltito-Cook, PA
4. Rhonda Kochis, OK
- 5T. Cheryl Kirk, IL
- 5T. Fanny Scargle, FL
7. Janice Kennedy, GA
8. Donna Spano, MA
9. Carol Loomis, OR
10. Antoinette Bell, CO

Women's C

1. Rosie Gonzalez, TX
2. Joanna Reyes, TX
3. Bridget Kundrot, MI
4. Pamela Trent, MD
5. Heather Westphal, VA
6. Not a Member, PA
7. Ann Matto, FL
8. Kelly McCloskey-Romero, NM
9. Gennie Salinas, TX
10. Sharon Wilks, NC

Women's D

1. Ramona VonOndarza, FL
2. Chieko Mineo, TX
3. Katie Brewer, OK
4. Samaria Bennett, TX
5. Bonnie Koehne, LA
6. Melody Hoagland, MN
7. Jennifer Herr, CA
- 8T. Lauren Barrett, MO
- 8T. Laura Edgar, GA
- 8T. Jamie Johnson, OH

Women's Novice

1. Sarah Parrish, FL
2. Alyson Webb, OH
3. Marcy Ruiz, TX
4. Burtie Zimmerer, OH
5. Wesley Toland, AR
6. Monica Haynes, TX
- 7T. Kimberly Adamonis, PA
- 7T. Dina Alwan, FL
- 7T. Connie Coile, FL
- 7T. Jamie Futera, NY

Women's 24-

1. Rhonda Rajsich, AZ
- 2T. Kristen Fritz, PA
- 2T. Kristen Walsh, UT
4. Shannon Feaster, MD
5. Brooke Crawford, OR
6. Vallana Perrault, MN
- 7T. Aimee Roehler, NJ
- 7T. Janel Tisinger, CA
- 9T. Megan Bals, NE
- 9T. Adrienne Fisher, OH

Women's 25+

1. Kerri Stoffregen, OH
2. Tina Hagen, CO
- 3T. Kim Herrold, SC
- 3T. Jo Shattuck, CO
- 3T. Jen Yokota, MO
- 6T. Kelley Beane, NH
- 6T. Cara Pellowski, WI
- 6T. Aimee Roehler, NJ
9. Debra Bryant, NC
10. Lisa Marie Papp, GA

Women's 30+

1. Michelle Lucas, VA
2. B.J. Ehrigott, CT
- 3T. Doreen Fowler, MD
- 3T. Micky Richer, CO
5. Kelley Beane, NH
6. Lorraine Galloway, NY

- 7T. Jennifer Dering, NY
 7T. Lori Lepow, FL
 9. Michelle Shewchuk, MN
 10. Laura Brandt, FL

Women's 35+

1. Denise Mock, TX
 2. Lorraine Galloway, NY
 3. B.J. Ehr Gott, CT
 4. Lori Lepow, FL
 5. Kersten Hallander, CA
 6T. Anita Maldonado, NY
 6T. Debra Tisinger, CA
 8. Solanna Taragan, CA
 9. Alice Douglass, IN
 10. Ponttee Dodds, IL

Women's 40+

1. Debra Tisinger, CA
 2. Malia Bailey, VA
 3. Val Shewfelt, UT
 4. Linda Moore, NE
 5. Roz Petronelli, MA
 6. Deb Stefandel, IN
 7. Sallie Benedict, VA
 8. Peggy Stephens, KY
 9. Jodi Paul, PA
 10. Mary Beke, AZ

Women's 45+

1. Susan Pfahler, FL
 2. Karen Key, AZ
 3. Meena Evans, NC
 4. Linda Bentzel, PA
 5. Nan Higgins, NH
 6. Lesley Kishigian, MI
 7. Joanne Pomodoro, MA
 8. Debbie Chaney, IN
 9T. Jere Luttner, TX
 9T. Brenda White, IL

Women's 50+

1. Merjean Kelley, CA
 2. Terry Ann Rogers, CA
 3T. Agatha Falso, FL
 3T. Shelley Ogden, OH
 5. Mary Jane Weldin, DE
 6. Sharon Huczek, MI
 7T. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
 7T. Pattie Schof, LA
 7T. Cathy Stryker, VA
 10. Ly Abbott, AK

Women's 55+

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
 2T. Nidia Funes, CA
 2T. Gerri Stoffregen, OH
 4. CeCe Palaski, CA
 5. Mary Lou Furaus, NM
 6. Mildred Gwinn, NC
 7. Marquita Molina, CA
 8. Agatha Falso, FL
 9T. Shirley Crouse, IL
 9T. Margaret Hoff, IL

Women's 60+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
 2. Sylvia Sawyer, UT

- 3T. Naomi Eads, MO
 3T. Gloria Piscoran, OR
 5. Jeanne Leben, AZ
 6T. Lola Markus, IL
 6T. Jean Tull, VA
 8. Marion Crawford, NY

Women's 65+

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
 2. Lola Markus, IL
 3T. Grace Brickner, CO
 3T. Ruth Zenk, FL

Women's 70+

1. Reta Haring, WI
 2. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
 3. Dorothy Vezetinski, WA
 4. Tillie Davies, AZ
 5. Mary Lou Kackert, NM

Women's 75+

1. Christine Stephens, TX
 2. Helen Deysher, PA
 3T. Mary-Low Acuff, NC
 3T. Eleanor Quackenbush, OR
 5. Beth Keene, TX

Women's 80+

1. Mary-Low Acuff, NC

BOYS

Boy's 6 & Under

- 1T. Grayson Gurney, ID
 1T. Keith McElhany, SD
 1T. Marco Rojas, CA
 1T. Brandon Waldon, LA
 1T. Kyle Walsh, UT
 6T. Jose Dias, CA
 6T. Parker Dolbin, UT
 6T. Tyler Forbus, LA
 6T. Nick Gottsleben, SD
 6T. Thomas Trowbridge, ID

B6- Multi-Bounce

1. Joseph Lee, LA
 2. Ryan Kutner, TX
 3. Sam Reid, OR
 4T. Alec Gonzales, CA
 4T. Steven Kochis, OK
 4T. Timothy Lerow, CT
 4T. Jackson Rogers, NM
 8T. Colin Kush, CT
 8T. Tyler Small, CA
 8T. Nathaniel Stevens, CO

Boy's 8 & Under

1. Joseph Lee, LA
 2. Jose Rojas, CA
 3T. Jordan Faith, CO
 3T. Erick Podwill, OR
 5. Taylor Knoth, OR
 6. John Sanderson, UT
 7T. Josh Goedker, MI
 7T. Carson Green, ID
 7T. Matthew Hunter, FL
 7T. Not a Member, TX

B8- Multi-Bounce

1. Miguel Martinez, AK
 2. Joseph Lee, LA
 3. Erick Podwill, OR
 4. Dan Ring, MN
 5T. Matthew Hunter, FL
 5T. Taylor Knoth, OR
 5T. Daniel Lerow, CT
 8. Taylor Drury, WA
 9. Not a Member, NM
 10. Ryan Kutner, TX

Boy's 10-

1. William Lee, LA
 2. Jonathan Doyle, OH
 3. Sean McGrath, IN
 4. Chad Laforest, NY
 5. Matt Sauter, NH
 6. Daniel Borisov, WA
 7. Jansen Allen, TX
 8. Allan Crockett, AL
 9. Jose Rojas, CA
 10. Erick Podwill, OR

Boy's 12-

1. Chris Coy, OK
 2. Allan Crockett, AL
 3. Nick Arturo, AK
 4T. Tripp Isley, NC
 4T. David Lewis, CO
 6. Drew Toland, AR
 7. William Lee, LA
 8. John Edwards, WA
 9T. Andrew Grissom, CA
 9T. Brady Prince, MN

Boy's 14-

1. Drew Toland, AR
 2. Steven Klaiman, TX
 3. David Laforest, NY
 4. Brad Slocum, FL
 5. Shane Karmelin, GA
 6. Chris Coy, OK
 7T. Chris Crockett, AL
 7T. Devin Drury, WA
 9. Aaron Fitzgerald, LA
 10. Ryan Mimms, KY

Boy's 16-

1. Michael Lawrence, AL
 2. Clay Burris, FL
 3T. Bart Crawford, OR
 3T. Josh Epstein, NY
 5T. Jack Huczek, MI
 5T. Craig Klein, FL
 5T. Rusty Powell, LA

8. Colin Owens, CO
 9. Jacob Karmelin, GA
 10. Dain Taylor, IN

Boy's 18-

1. Jack Huczek, MI
 2. Mitch Williams, NC
 3. Zack Miller, CA
 4. Dan Beaudry, CO
 5. Shane Vanderson, OH
 6. Robby Gunther, AK
 7T. Bart Crawford, OR
 7T. Adam Taylor, IN
 7T. Josh Tucker, MO
 10. Matt Everding, MN

GIRLS

G6- Multi-Bounce

1. Elizabeth Brenner, OR
 2. Sierra Adam, CO
 3. Katie Faith, CO
 4T. Michaela Christiansen, ID
 4T. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM
 6. Blake Plaster, ID
 7. Katie Nelson, WA
 8. Hannah Edwards, WA
 9. Kelsi Nelson, WA

Girl's 8 & Under

1. Wesley Toland, AR
 2. Kaitlin Inglesby, OR
 3T. Nicole Grundman, MN
 3T. Stephanie Moyle, OR
 5T. Brooke Bolender, OH
 5T. Brianna Musselman, PA
 7. Not a Member, VA
 8. Tia Smith, OR
 9. Stephanie Rojas, OR
 10. Buffy Misanin, VA

G8- Multi-Bounce

1. Wesley Toland, AR
 2. Nicole Grundman, MN
 3. Ceara Odell, NM
 4. Brianna Ho, WA
 5. Sierra Adam, CO
 6. Nicole Carrell, WA
 7. Tia Smith, OR
 8T. Rebecca Machiran, MO
 8T. Julia Negrete, IL
 8T. Kaitlynn Pacinelli, NM

Girl's 10-

1. Wesley Toland, AR
 2. Holly Hettesheimer, OH

3. Brittany Legget, OR
 4T. Sharon Jackson, IN
 4T. Not a Member, NM
 6. Shannon Inglesby, OR
 7. Emily Melgaard, ID
 8T. Paige Hunter, FL
 8T. Not a Member, VA
 10. Shanae Taylor, IN

Girl's 12-

1. Sarah Hettesheimer, OH
 2. Rebeka Kopf, NY
 3. Jenny Epstein, NY
 4. Ashley Willhite, OR
 5. Kelley Fisher, OH
 6. Kara Mazur, CT
 7T. Not a Member, VA
 7T. Bethany Huard, NH
 7T. Michelle Key, AZ
 7T. Ashley Murphy, MO

Girl's 14-

1. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
 2T. Not a Member, AK
 2T. Lindsay Deutsch, CA
 4. Alyson Webb, OH
 5. Adrienne Fisher, OH
 6T. Not a Member, NM
 6T. Ashley Legget, OR
 8. Elise Wilson, CT
 9. Kelley Fisher, OH
 10. Renee Leetch, AR

Girl's 16-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
 2. Cari Mitlitsky, NY
 3. Erica Beaudry, CO
 4T. Katie Brewer, OK
 4T. Janel Tisinger, CA
 6. Crystal Winfrey, OH
 7. Not a Member, NM
 8T. Brie Benton, NH
 8T. Jenny Cary, OR
 8T. Krystal Csuk, IL

Girl's 18-

1. Kristen Walsh, UT
 2T. Jenny Cary, OR
 2T. Adrienne Fisher, OH
 4T. Brooke Crawford, OR
 4T. Jane Rombach, MO
 6T. Gillian Berrich, CO
 6T. Ellie Swanson, AK
 8. Lauren Deutsch, CA
 9T. Kris Alatorre-Martin, VA
 9T. Sara Borland, IA

EVENT LEVEL/DESCRIPTION

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5-8
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2 = Open Tournament	50	30	20	15	10
3 = State Championship	150	100	75	50	25
4 = Regional Championship	250	150	100	75	50
5 = National Invitational	300	200	150	100	75
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