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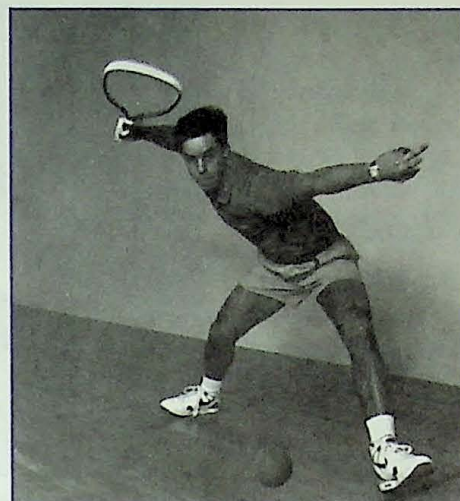
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The LRA Remembers Lance Nelson Racquetball Champion Dies in Memphis Accident

From Scripps Howard News Service, Memphis, Tenn.

Lance W. Nelson, a former Alexandria, La., resident was killed when the car he was driving struck and killed three teenagers riding bikes along a suburban road in Germantown.

Some police officials said it is possible Nelson simply didn't see the three youths, who were riding westbound in the middle of the westbound lane. Police said a witness who saw the car shortly before the accident, but not at impact, said he did not notice anything unusual about the car.

Officials said it was not unusual for teenagers to be riding bicycles at 11:30 p.m., especially during summer vacation. Police said none of the youths was wearing head protection, and there didn't appear to be any reflectors on the bicycles. To date, no charges have been filed in the case.

Lance began his racquetball career at the age of 12 in 1982. Some of his career victories and highlights include:

- 1984 LA State Men's A Champion
- 1985 Member of the Ektelon Team
- 1986 Wins 3rd in DP National Championships
- 1991 LA State Men's Open Singles Champion
- 1991 LA State Open Doubles Champion
- 1991 TN State Open Doubles Champion defeating #1 team, Andy Roberts and Quinn Roberts

- 1991 Silver medal in World Collegiate Championship Singles and Doubles
- 1992 Repeats as Silver medalist in Singles and Doubles in World Collegiate Championship
- 1992 wins 1st place in American Racquetball National Association, National Intercollegiate Championship

Lance was selected to play for the #1 rated racquetball team in the nation at Memphis State University. For 4 years, he was MSU's Gold and/or Silver medalist World Championship winner in both singles and doubles.

Lance was a 1988 graduate of Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria, La., and a senior business major at MSU. He is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ragan K. Nelson of Alexandria, two sisters and a paternal grandmother.

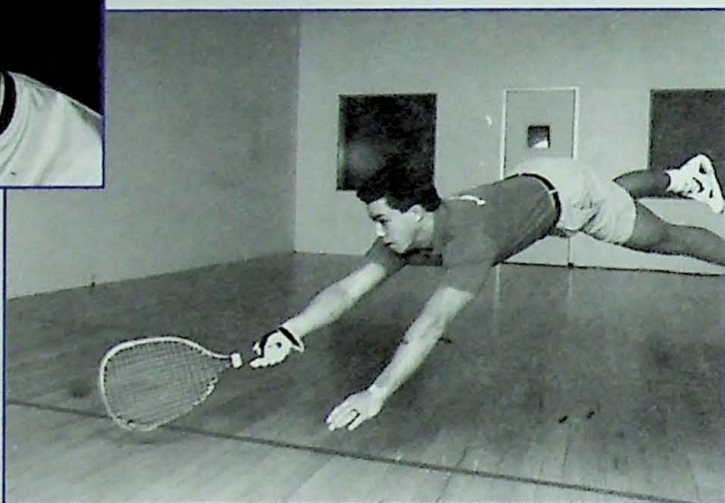
The LRA will remember Lance as a winner on and off the court. "A championship heart comes before a championship player," reflects LRA chairperson Marcia Richards, "and Lance will always be remembered as a good friend with a championship heart who was a great champion of the game."

The LRA has made a \$100.00 contribution to the Lance Nelson Memorial Racquetball Scholarship Fund. More information on contributions found on page 2.

*"Lance was
a winner . . .*



*. . . on and
off the court."*



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***Lance Nelson
Memorial Racquetball
Scholarship Fund***

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LRA Announces Organizational Structure

Marcia Richards, Chairperson

In order to best serve the members of LRA, we have listened to your input over the past several months and announce the following organizational changes for the coming year.

Please feel free to call on any board member with suggestions and ideas for continually improving our racquetball organization.

Again, thank you for your interest and we look forward to a successful year of increased member participation, exciting tournaments and events that we all can enjoy as members of LRA.

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Juniors Work Hard To Achieve Top Rankings

From Times-Picayune reports,
Margaret Schonberg -
contributing writer

Nicholas Laird

Nicholas Laird is the 11 year old son of John and Thea Laird of Covington who ranks first in the state, 11th in the nation, and 6th in the world. Laird played in the International Racquetball Federation World Junior championships in December with more than 200 players representing 10 countries.

"I played well in my first two rounds," Laird said. "I beat the Canadian national champion. But then my performance dropped and I was beaten by Joe Gooden of Texas."

"I'm going to practice and play a lot more because I plan on winning the 12 and under age bracket next time," Laird stated.

Nicholas and David met at Franco's. "Everyone who plays racquetball comes to Franco's on Tuesday and Thursday nights to play round-robin, David said.

David and Nick play in "any tournament we can get our hands on. At least once a month," Nick stated.

But competition is strong, even between the partners. "I'm older and better," David said.

David Anastasio

David began playing racquetball three years ago after watching his father, Roger, play in tournaments. David, 15 years old, will be a junior at St. Paul's school in Mandeville. He practices three hours a day, four days a week

David enjoys the odd shots which occur when the ball "bounces funny" and is hard to anticipate where it will go. "I like making comebacks when I'm losing and I really like beating someone older than me who thinks they are just playing a kid," Anastasio says.

"I've set my goals high. I want to play on the world tour someday," Anastasio concludes.

"I'm younger and I'm 10 times better," Nick countered.

"Ron Franco and Brian Lowe, the club racquetball pro, really work with and encourage the kids, John Laird said. Lowe said the boys "seem real dedicated and that's what its going to take along with a lot of hard work, to reach their goals. They both have a lot of potential."



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WALLBANGER, BATON ROUGE

Women Open

1st Marcia Richards
2nd Vicki Garrett
3rd Shelly Ruiz
Cons Karen Kattengill

Women A

1st Pattie Schof
2nd Janice Owens
3rd Jan Nick
Cons Tere Watkins

Women B

1st Jan Nick

Women C

1st Carrie Landry
2nd Nikki Lilley
3rd Ashley Cooper
Cons Margie Putnam

Women D

1st Paige Holstein
2nd Michelle Creel

Women 25+

1st Tere Watkins
2nd Ashley Cooper
3rd Nicki Lilley
Cons Janice Owens

Women 35+

1st Pattie Schof
2nd Karen Kattengill
3rd Janice Owens

Men 19+/25+

1st David Rahn
2nd John Davis
3rd John Ledig
Cons Troy Palsi

Men 35+ A

1st Rick Chiquelin
2nd Joe Kadi
3rd Ken Hood
Cons Ed Drukteinis

Men 35+ B

1st James Lilley
2nd Tim Taylor
3rd Mike Fusilier
Cons Bill Fontenot

Men 45+ A

1st John Pease
2nd Cyril Hentze
3rd Gene Ferris
Cons C.J. Scarpero

Men 45+ B

1st Joel Markert
2nd Ken Roberts
3rd Bob Baudry
Cons George Bonfanti

Men Open

1st John Davis
2nd Steve Rogers
3rd Brian Lowe
Cons Rob Schmidt

Men A

1st Rob Schmidt
2nd Al Schof
3rd Cyril Hentze
Cons Adrian Lahare

Men B

1st Mark Volterre
2nd Michael Fusilier
3rd J.D. Dedebant
Cons James Lilley

Men C

1st Kyle Bordelon
2nd R.J. Tamplain
3rd Ken Davis
Cons Parker Ewing

Men D

1st Reese Purpera
2nd Blaine Purpera
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COMPETITIONHow 1993 Team Club Champions
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Each player represents the club they belong to -- your team. Each time a player advanced in the bracket, your team received 5 points. Consolation brackets receive 1 point for advancing. All divisions are treated equally. A trophy is passed around each year to the winner.

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AARA Regional Championships

Elmwood Fitness Center hosted this successful championship event on April 23-25. Over 150 players from Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Mississippi participated. A special thanks to Premier Athletic Club and Adrian Lahare, club pro, for providing extra racquetball courts for the overflow of matches.

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Men Open

1st Brian Lowe
2nd Charles Pecot

Men A

1st Mark Bloom
2nd Lance Landry
3rd Ted Alvendia
Cons Jack Long

Men B

1st Ruben DeSimone
2nd Jim Diamantides
3rd Mark Volterre
Cons Tim Buisson, Sr.

Men C

1st Dick Armstrong
2nd David Long
3rd Nicolas Laird
Cons Brian Berke

Men D

1st Scott Landry
2nd Matt Warren
3rd Vaughn Schmitt
Cons David Nieto

Men 19+

1st Al Schof
2nd Rory Arcement
3rd Jamie Arroyave
Cons David Thille

Men 25+

1st John Davis
2nd Chris Ladner
3rd Tim Kozlowski
Cons Tim Buisson, Jr.

Men 30+

1st Byron Williams
2nd Charles Pecot
3rd Glenn Bell
Cons Cornelius Bibbs

Men 40+

1st Howard Walker
2nd Dan Davis
3rd Cornelius Bibbs
Cons Kenneth Williams

Men 45+

1st Jay Schuartz
2nd Marc Auerbach
3rd Dan Davis
Cons Tim Buisson, Sr.

Men 50+

1st Warren Reuther
2nd Don Childs
3rd C.J. Scarpero
Cons Ron Morris

Women Open

1st Gail Woods
2nd Joan Slater
3rd Marcia Richards
Cons Bridgette Barron

Women A

1st Jessica Rogers
2nd Barbara Burger
3rd Catherine Abueg
Cons Kathy Petro

Women B

1st Jan Nick

Women C

1st Pauline Wenn
2nd Dee Butler
3rd Holly Murray
Cons Deb Imbraguglio

Women D

1st Holly Murray
2nd Carrie Landry
3rd Nicki Lilly

Women 19+

1st Annie Muniz
2nd Bridgette Barron

Women 30+

1st JoAnn Slater
2nd Marcia Richards

Women 40+

1st Beverly Hale
2nd Renee Hebert
3rd Pattie Schof
Cons Deb imbraguglio

Women 45+

1st Pattie Schof

Women 50+

1st Renee Hebert

Women 55+

1st Marilyn Brandt

Men 55+

1st Bob Baudry
2nd David Stiles
3rd Lloyd Brandt
Cons Tom Tomlinson

Men 60+

1st Ridland Kiphardt
2nd Gene Ferris
3rd B.J. Scott
Cons Jules Sachs

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male and female
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Men 65+

1st Richard Davis
2nd Dale Henry
3rd Vincent Boudreaus
Cons Danny Lyons

Men 75+

1st Danny Lyons

Junior Regional Results

"Team Louisiana" participated in the AARA Junior Regional Championships in Dallas, Texas. Here's how our guys did -- CONGRATULATIONS!

18 and under

1st Jeff Bloom

18 and under A

1st Jeff Bloom

16 and under

1st Mark Bloom
Cons David Anastasio

14 and under

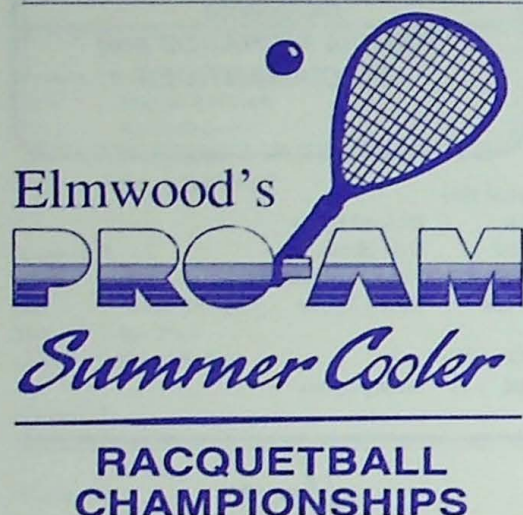
1st Mark Bloom
Cons Raymond Talamo

12 and under

2nd Nicholas Laird



The Pro-Tour Is Coming to Louisiana



On August 4 - 8 come see the Pro's compete for **\$12,500** in prize money at the Elmwood Fitness Center "Summer Cooler".

IRT clinics will also be available at NO CHARGE for amateur participants. Provided by Ektelon Professionals, the adult clinic is Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm and the junior clinic is Saturday, August 7, at noon.

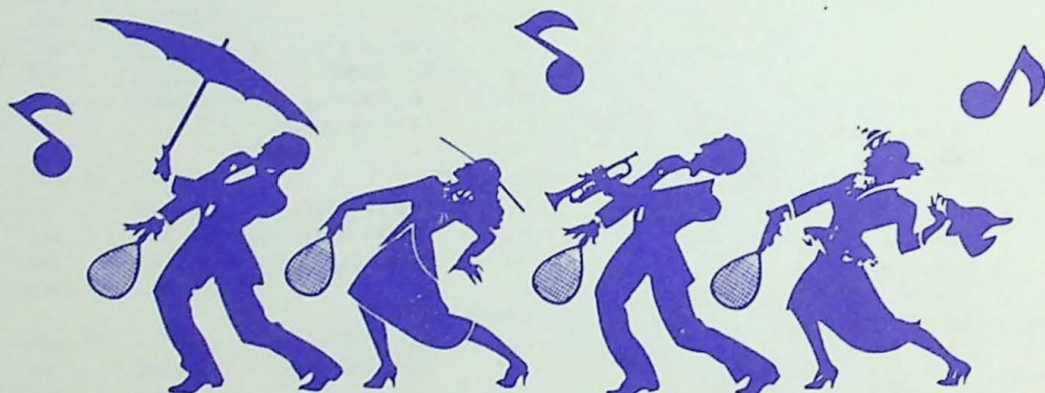
Participate in one or two of the 18 divisions for singles and doubles play. OR just be sure to purchase tickets to see the Pros in action throughout the event. Tickets

range from \$10 - \$20 per day or you can purchase a Four Day Pass good for ALL matches for \$45.

Entry fee for amateurs includes admission to all pro matches. 1st event - \$60; 2nd - event \$20.

Shuttle transportation from The Brent House, the host hotel on Jefferson Highway, to Elmwood will be provided to all pro-am participants. Room rates are just \$49 per night.

For more information please call tournament director Vicki Garrett, 504-733-1600.

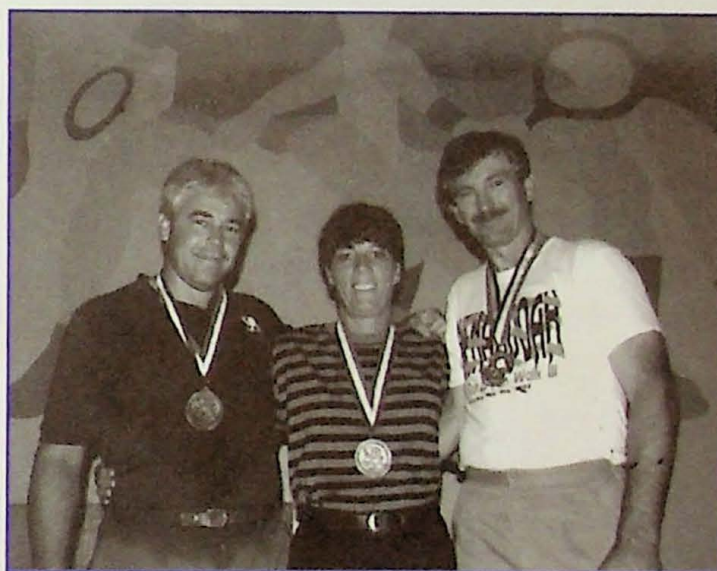


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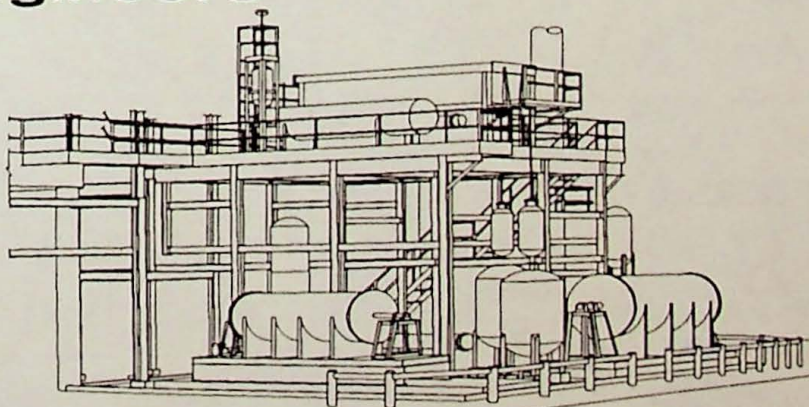


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August

4 - 8 Elmwood's PRO-AM
Summer Cooler

4 - 7 U.S. National Golden
Masters Double Champion-
ships, Minneapolis, MN

20 - 22 World Gym Summer Tourney
Terrytown, LA

October

8 - 10 STATE Doubles
Franco's, Mandeville

20 - 24 Ektelon U.S. National
Doubles Championships,
Phoenix, AZ

TBA STATE Senior Olympic
qualifier

September

7 - 11 IRF World Senior Champion-
ships, Albuquerque, NM

10 - 12 Premier Tournament
Metairie, LA

24 - 26 Kenner YMCA Tournament
Kenner, LA

November

TBA Turkey Shoot
Elmwood Fitness Center
Harahan, LA

December

18 - 22 IRF World Junior Champion
ships, Jacksonville, FL



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