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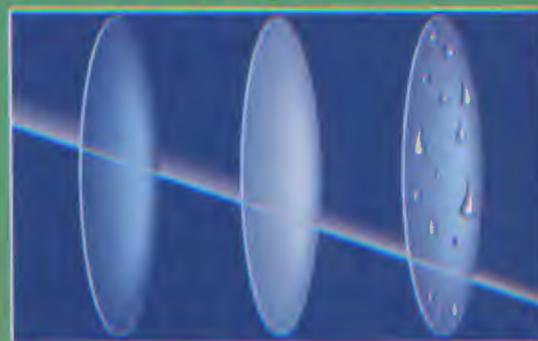
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By Linda Mojer

It seems that every time we turn around, there's something else to celebrate. This issue it's the tenth anniversary of National Singles at the Downtown YMCA in Houston. Like most monumental events, anyone who has experienced the Downtown YMCA clearly recalls their first time getting lost in the catacombs on their way to a match — or the locker rooms. Courts are stacked atop one another, spread out this way and that, and once you get off the elevator on the second floor, you're completely turned around (and I have a good sense of direction...). But after two days, you'll be an old pro who smugly gives directions to the dazed and confused. The Downtown YMCA is definitely "a character" in its own right — one that continues to engage. And then there's all that great competition.

Here in the office, we're celebrating an ever-increasing volume of mail from our readers, responding to proposals, articles, or simply expressing opinion. Freelance writers and photographers are also coming forward with story ideas and suggestions. Happily, we've been able to formalize our freelance structure, so anyone interested in writing or "snapping" for us should contact the office for a copy of the policies. As a non-profit, we're still low on the payscale, but willing to negotiate for worthy material.

Beyond singles, the season remains packed with the Junior Olympics, Elite Camps, the VI World Championships in Montreal, the World Seniors in Albuquerque and National Doubles in Phoenix — plus television coverage of selected events. We'll run the annual photo contest in a revised format later this year, call for designs for the 25th anniversary year logo and begin making preparations for the AARA's silver anniversary in 1993. All that, along with producing a doubled-in-size magazine from just one year ago, is guaranteed to keep us busy and you entertained!

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FEATURES

AMATEUR VS. PRO

How do pro tour players continue to compete on the amateur circuit? John Abbott investigates how "amateur status" works in racquetball, as well as in other Olympic sports.

EKTELON WORLD INTERCOLLEGIATES

Tim Sweeney and Cindy Doyle win second intercollegiate titles in Canton, Ohio. Southwest Missouri State University runs away with the St. Onge Cup. Over 200 other entrants bring home hardware as well!

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Junior Team USA members Elkova Icenogle and James Mulcock take St. Louis -- and Prime Network audiences -- by storm.

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Ten Years and Counting. The cover collage shows some of the souvenirs from past championships at Houston, including pins, bagtags and the sought-after gold medal!



READER FORUM

GOOD SPORT

I am writing this letter in regard to a recent tournament I participated in. While playing I was injured in the second game of my match. (I later found out that my ankle was broken.) I played a girl named Susan Leigh, and from the very start of the match she was just a wonderful sport. She was so concerned and so compassionate when I hurt myself, she even carried me to the locker room! She was a joy to play even before I hurt myself.

So, a big thanks to Susan Leigh, a good sport, a good player, and wonderful attribute to the game of racquetball!

*Terri McDonnell
Schaumburg, Illinois*

CROSS TRAINING

The following article appeared in the March issue of Houston Health & Fitness Magazine:

If you're a racquetball player who's looking for an alternative to running, in-line skating might well be the answer. What began as a fad five years ago has now become a full-fledged sport.

- * A 30-minute skate burns as much as 300 calories and also works the hips and thighs. Advanced skaters can burn up to 500 calories in the same period of time.

- * The mechanics of skating place little or no stress on hip, knee, and ankle joints. In essence, you get all the benefits of running without the wear and tear on the body.

- * Skate smart by wearing protective equipment. Knee pads and wristguards are standard, and you should also consider the use of a helmet. Skaters can easily reach speeds of more than 15 mph, and a wipeout can do some serious damage if you're unprotected.

- * Rent skates until you're sure you like the sport.

- * When you buy skates, be aware

that the price range is about \$75-\$300. Manufacturers include Bauer, Rollerblade, Ultra Wheels, California Pro, and Turbo-Blade.

*Marc Auerbach
Houston, Texas*

SET IN STONE

I am writing to express my outrage about a tournament incident. After the women's draw was posted, a player arrived, disagreed with the draw and threatened to leave unless it was changed. The person in charge of the draw relented. Another player took the brunt of the change and ended up losing in the semi-finals when she surely would have made it to the finals had the draw not been altered.

I would like to recommend that once a draw is done, it stands. This way tournament directors can simply say they have been instructed not to change a draw. It will often be difficult to make a draw, but people should give it their best shot and then that is it, period.

This case was complicated by a supposed standing of a player in a different level, but I don't believe that points accumulated at an A level should be carried over and affect an Open draw. If we keep doing this we will only be encouraging people to play down.

*Judy Bryant
Arlington, MA*

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

I wrote in my last note to you that I believed racquetball was the best sport in the world. I felt the same way about handball. I started playing it at age seven. I may have the dubious distinction of having been active in handball and racquetball longer than anyone else. I will have been playing for 70 years by May 7 this year when I will turn 78.

I've never been any good at either handball or racquetball. Everyone I've helped has eventually beaten me. But my love for both sports has never diminished.

*Sincerely,
Joe Sawbridge*

INSUFFICIENT RETURN

I have been playing racquetball for many years now, and have been a member of the AARA for several of those years. I have noticed over those few years which I have been a member the little amount of return that I receive as a member of this organization. For instance; your magazine is the weakest by far, the pictures, the articles, some of the information, and is so thin I couldn't roll it up to kill a fly. You offer no kind of discounts for any racquets, gloves, bags and some other related necessary supplies to keep the average racquetball enthusiast in the court. The designs of some of your t-shirts and sweaters which I have seen advertised in your magazine are some of the worst displays of artwork which has ever been put on a shirt. The creativity level of those items are just not pleasing to the eye. Come on guys, I know you can do a lot better than that. Getting back to your magazine, you need more color photos in the magazine as well as more coverage of the Bay area events. All I ever hear from in the magazine are from places way out yonder, no where near our state of California. Maybe if you exploit this sport a little more and bring more attention to it, then maybe you open the eyes of a lot more people. Secondly, why should I pay a yearly fee when I am only playing for a trophy and not for cash. There is no legal license needed to participate in an event that is only handing out trophies. But, I know your going to say that it's all for a very good cause to promote the amateur racquetball field. This is true, but please don't cut us short just to support the needs of

the other guy, we also need the help out here in this sport. I love this sport and I'll put this game on top of any sport out there, except for skiing maybe. So please guys take care of your people before your people start to look at things in my perspective and see that there is a change needed up top.

*Michael D. Alonzo
California*

[Editor's Note: This letter was reproduced unedited.]

PEN PALS

A short while back, students wrote to your Olympic hopefuls. I would like to thank you for passing the letters on to your athletes. The response was overwhelming. The students received great responses. Some even received more than one response. Two members of your Junior Racquetball Team called and volunteered to talk to those who wrote to them.

They arrived last Friday and visited with those students plus spoke to two gym classes. Everyone enjoyed talking to and being photographed with Craig Rappaport and Rusti Icenogle.

Once again, thank everyone for their support. The project was an amazing success. Approximately one hundred letters have arrived from athletes with more coming every day.

I have found from this experience that people training for the Olympics are very special people.

*Deb Miller, Librarian
Good Hope Middle School
Hampden Township, PA*

[Editor's Note: The request for letters from Olympic hopefuls was passed along to members of both the U.S. National Team and Junior Team USA, who each responded individually.]

RULES, RULES, RULES

Racquets, like tectonic plates seem to move at the rate of 1/2" every year or so. Pretty soon, we might as well use squash racquets!

I'm ticked by the USOC and IOC blanketly banning Beta Blockers in competition. Though I doubt I'll ever compete, I take a beta blocker for high blood pressure. Is USOC banning all of us with such a condition from competition?

*Ethan A. Winning
Walnut Creek, CA*

I strongly oppose lengthening the racquet any further. It can be easily predicted that racquets will get progressively larger, creating more and more of a "short-rally" game. A "short-rally" game has no appeal to the "masses" (that means TV), and the association will have to be increasingly forced to alter the rules to slow the game down (e.g., the one-serve rule in the pros). Personally, the larger "sweet spot" has actually decreased the time I need to get my "timing" and, paradoxically, cut down on my "on-court" hours. I know of a few others that have mentioned this to me. Needless to say, I hope this proposal change is voted down.

*James Wookcock
Davison, Michigan*

I would like to propose the following rule change: If a person reaches a certain age by the end of the Nationals competition, then that person is allowed to play in the next higher age division at a regional or qualifying event for the Nationals.

For example, my birthday is May 10 at which time I will be 40. If I play the regionals I must enter the 35's because my regional is May 1-3. Effectively, I am at a 51 week chronological disadvantage against my

opponents. However, two weeks after my birthday I could play 40's in Nationals although I am prohibited from possibly gaining a seed at the Nationals if I could win the 40's at regionals.

*Ralph Kusehe
O'Fallon, Illinois*

I wonder where it will end with racquet lengths. 21" is plenty. You should not have let them do it in the first place.

As for the national rankings, how do you figure that out? They're pretty much meaningless. For example: I refed a D match recently that included one of the nationally ranked Novice players. This guy was sand-bagin' big time. I'm a good B player and he would have given me trouble. But it is nice to see your name in the rankings.

Rule change proposal: If during the course of a rally, a player has obviously been passed and is not going to retrieve the ball, but it hits the player making the pass, after the pass, the rally should still go against the passed player.

*Robert Kaempfen
Somerville, NJ*

I disagree with the proposed rule changes for the following reasons:

Change #2 is unnecessary. How many of our ten million players have had eye injuries while warming up? It may be possible if four (4) doubles players warm up at the same time, but we all know racquetball players are smarter than that.

Change #3 is unnecessary. We all wonder why racquetball players become disenchanted and eventually quit playing. Some of the main reasons are: Too many stupid rule changes and oversized, overpriced racquets.

READER FORUM

I am still trying to figure out why we have an 11 point tiebreaker in a three game match. 11 point tiebreakers were implemented when the game was 21 points, and 11 was considered half a game. Three games to 15 makes a lot more sense. If not, then the tiebreaker should be 7 or 8 points.

Like it or not, racquetball will never be as popular as tennis. Promote it for what it is, a great "Lifetime Sport."

*Mike Mojer
Orlando, Florida*

I'm writing to thank you for the proposals on the ballot.

#1 - It encourages all players to participate and everyone has a chance to improve.

#2 - This is a good rule, because I have seen players get hit during warm-ups. "Let's Practice Safe To Play Safe."

#3 - Good rule to help racquet manufacturers and players. They think the longer the stick, more whip in their slick.

I encourage everyone to study and learn the rules of racquetball. Why be a part of something and never learn the etiquette of it?

*Cecil Haynes
Warren, Ohio*

MEN'S PRO TOUR DECISION UNTIMELY?

In an era which is moving toward open sports the decision of the MPRA (pros) to prohibit their players from playing in amateur events is a very big setback for the sport. In my opinion their action should effectively preclude their consideration for being selected to represent the USA in the Pan Am Games and the Olympics if racquetball is elevated to Olympic membership.

*Dick Evans
Hillsboro, West Virginia*

RESPONSE FROM JIM HISER: I would disagree that the MPRA decision is a very big setback for racquetball. To the contrary, I believe the decision provides better opportunities and a more competitive forum for a greater number of players.

Until very recently the men's professional tour was disorganized and really provided few incentives for the top players. For this reason "professionals" played both amateur and professional racquetball. (This was permitted as long as they funnelled their winnings through the AARA.)

Now the reorganized MPRA tour provides greater opportunities and financial rewards, thus activating almost all the top players. This higher level of competition can only enhance the quality of racquetball at both the amateur and professional levels.

The rules do not preclude amateurs from competing at either professional or amateur tournaments. The same amateur rules still apply, but because of the decision of many of the top players to compete only professionally, many more opportunities arise for those who decide to remain amateur. Although the U.S. National Team has lost many top quality players, there still remains a wealth of talent among the remaining amateurs. In the last two Olympic Festivals, John Ellis and Chris Cole, two remaining scholastic amateurs and current U.S. Team members lost in close tiebreakers to champions and current professionals Egan Inoue and Andy Roberts. The difference in ability levels is not as great as many perceive.

With reference to the 1995 Pan American games, the current international amateur rules will apply. Any professional who decides to try out for the team must declare their desire to return to amateur status by March of 1993. If a current professional

does decide to return to amateur competition he must apply in writing by March 1993 and then from that point on he must submit his prize money to the AARA. Again they may compete in professional events but they will not be allowed to accept the prize money.

As racquetball continues to grow, the need for a true professional tour and a true amateur U.S. Team expands. As with any sport, a viable professional tour provides role models, greater exposure for the sport, new possibilities for sponsor involvement and a higher level of competition.

The amateurs, the true amateurs, have a greater opportunity to make the U.S. Team. Although our team will certainly miss the talents and experience of the professionals I believe our top amateurs will respond with enthusiasm and dedication and successfully defend the world championship title in Montreal this August.

ON MEDICINE

First of all I would like to congratulate you on your magazine. I look forward to its arrival. The magazine along with my AARA membership truly do represent a good value.

What I like the most about your magazine is that it seems to symbolize good health through a natural process. A lot of the time it has nutritional advice, endurance exercises and game strategies, as well as level improvement tips. It shows that if we take good care of our bodies and work hard we all have the potential to improve our game considerably.

Being an athlete (not just a racquetball player) I appreciate this natural process of improvement. We all realize that we are what we eat and we get out of the game what we put into it. I have the benefit of having one distinct advantage over most

athletes that read this publication. I am a third year post-graduate chiropractic student.

Chiropractic health care really impressed me as I'm sure it would many athletes who really care for their bodies in order to maintain optimal performance levels. This type of health care stresses that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It is all done without drugs and the healing process is accomplished without any side-effects.

Dr. Rainey's column is very informative and appealing. However, to me it is not practical, especially for a publication which should stress more conservative practical rehabilitation. His explanations of disorders are concise and accurate however his treatments can be a little radical.

His treatment procedures are highly biased. They ultimately tell us that to heal a simple inflammation (e.g. trochanteric bursitis) we need a steroid injection and inflammatory medications. I wonder where we can get that? We cannot get this over the counter, much less do it ourselves. He is promoting medicine...not health. Come on, we're not stupid athletes any more. Do we really want steroids in our bodies? Just ask Lyle Alzado what therapeutic effects steroids have. It is not necessary to list the side effects of this radical form of treatment, everyone knows that steroids are not good for our bodies.

A second thing that caught my attention is Dr. Rainey's diagnostic procedures. I don't know of one radiologist that would take a bone scan for a simple stress fracture. Again he takes the radical route before mentioning the conservative one first.

I'm sure that Dr. Rainey means well but if it were not for my educational background he would scare me from

engaging in athletic activities. A bone scan sounds very scary...and an injection? I don't think anyone likes shots.

I suggest that you add another health related column to your publication. One that emphasizes what the individual athlete can do for him/herself during injuries. How to prevent them, what to eat, and what to look for in case a primary health provider is actually needed. One that will emphasize prevention and address the cause of the problem...not the symptoms.

A Doctor of Chiropractic fits this description to a tee and I can give you some names of doctors that I feel the magazine readers would benefit from tremendously. Racquetball Magazine is in a position to start a trend in health and fitness oriented publications.

Thomas E. Resendez
San Jose, CA

RESPONSE FROM DR. RAINEY: Thank you for your opposing position to articles I write for RACQUETBALL Magazine. I agree with you that this magazine represents a conglomeration of informative articles that deal with health and racquetball and how we can improve ourselves. Any athlete knows that participating in sports activity has the potential for injury. And so it is with racquetball -- people sustain injuries.

As the U.S. Team Physician, I was asked by the AARA to provide medical articles related to our sport. As a board certified orthopaedic surgeon in private practice, I try to provide articles that deal with injuries common to racquetball players, and what to do once you have an injury.

From another perspective, your suggestion of articles pertaining to preventative health is an excellent one

and would provide welcome information to supplement the magazine. This magazine is ours as members of the AARA, so providing information that is useful to its readers is a primary goal.

However, some items in your letter contradict your medical background. You mention the use of steroid injections for painful inflammatory conditions in comparison to Lyle Alzado's condition of steroids causing a brain tumor. First of all, the type of steroids implicated in Lyle Alzado's condition are anabolic/androgenic steroids, which are significantly different than the type of steroid injection prescribed by a physician for inflammatory disease. These steroids are called by many names, including DepoMedrol and Celestone, and are specific for inflammatory disorders that we all experience from time to time while playing racquetball. These medicines are beneficial in the proper hands, locally absorbed and without systemic effects. They do differ significantly from the anabolic type of steroids that are used as performance enhancing drugs.

You also write of anti-inflammatory medications and access to them. You state that you cannot obtain them over the counter, but only by seeing a physician and obtaining a prescription. However, several anti-inflammatory medications are commonly dispensed over the counter without prescription, such as Advil, Nuprin and aspirin. Certainly these medications provide a conservative treatment for inflammatory conditions.

In my articles I try to select conditions that commonly affect us as racquetball players competing from the club level to the professional. I welcome ideas from readers and I will try my best to supply informative material that will benefit you. Please feel free to send those suggestions to me in care of the AARA office.

INDUSTRY NEWS

WILSON INTRODUCES NEW RACQUET LINE

Wilson Sporting Goods Company has introduced an entirely new line of racquetball racquets to re-establish the company's presence in the racquetball market.

"We've taken the technology inroads we've made in performance tennis racquets and translated them to racquetball," said Jill Mehrberg, marketing manager for racquetball.

At the top of the new line are two racquets with Wilson's patented Hammer System — a concept that has taken the tennis world by storm. The new Hammer 2.7 and Hammer 4.0 racquetball racquets have weight taken out of the handle while maintaining mass in the head.

This revolutionary "hammer" design not only produces a lightweight, extremely maneuverable racquet, but it also raises and extends the heart of the sweet spot up into the middle of the racquet face, where most balls are hit. This gives the Hammer

racquets the highest and largest sweet spots of any racquetball racquet on the market. "Tennis players are raving about the benefits of this system," said Mehrberg, "and we're sure racquetball players are going to be just as eager to pick up the Hammer!"

Also new this year from Wilson are the SPS 5.5, Dimension 7.0, Reflex DTB, Staff Pro Oversize and the Enforcer Oversize. The entire Wilson line is available to dealers now and will be shipped to stores in August. Suggested retail prices range from \$24.99 to \$199.99.

ESTUSA SIGNS OBREMSKI TO LONG TERM AGREEMENT

Men's professional racquetball player Dan Obremski from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has accepted a multi-year offer to endorse Sportstech Industries, Inc. Estusa/USTech racquetball products.

Obremski will join an impressive USTech professional staff including sport legends Jimmy Connors, John Lloyd and ten-time world squash champion Jahangir Khan.

USTech's National Racquetball Program director, Scott Winters explains that "Dan will fit in perfectly among our Sportstech pro staff because of his competitive accomplishments, and his professionalism on and off the court."

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FEATURE

HOW CAN PLAYERS ON THE PRO TOUR COMPETE IN AMATEUR EVENTS, AND AMATEURS TAKE HOME PRIZE MONEY FROM PRO EVENTS? IT'S...

... A MATTER OF STATUS

By John P. Abbott

At last year's American Amateur Racquetball Association (AARA) national singles championships in Houston, the semi-finals featured Tim Doyle, Egan Inoue, Andy Roberts and Tim Sweeney, all of whom had been fixtures on the AARA circuit for years. At the same time, they were all ranked in the Top 20 on the men's pro tour; Doyle, who would lose to eventual champion, Sweeney, was No. 2 and Roberts No. 3. How could that happen, some wondered, echoing a question that had been asked over and over again by fans, tournament officials and promoters. How could pros play in an amateur event?

The issue of pros competing as amateurs -- and vice versa -- isn't limited to racquetball; it applies to virtually all Olympic sports. Logically, we would assume that professionals accept money for competing in their sport, while amateurs don't -- but logic doesn't always prevail. For example, how to explain someone like Carl Lewis, who ran in the Olympics and yet was a millionaire thanks to endorsement deals and trust funds? The fact is that Lewis, and scores of athletes like him, are all technically classified as amateurs as long as they adhere to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) rules concerning eligibility, the

primary one of which does not allow them to accept prize money unless it is placed in a trust fund in their name under the auspices of their sport's national governing body (such as the AARA in the case of racquetball).

Why would a player want to retain his or her amateur status given the lure of playing professionally? The answer, ironically enough, is money.

"For players on the border of making a living through racquetball, the AARA offers a lot of good options," says Andy Roberts, who has held virtually every amateur title and is currently ranked second on the pro tour. "The AARA provides insurance, grant money, tuition benefits and a number of other services. For players who lack experience, the AARA is a good way of establishing themselves before moving up to the pros."

Logically, we would assume that professionals accept money for competing in their sport, while amateurs don't -- but logic doesn't always prevail.

"I enjoyed everything about playing amateur racquetball," says Roberts, who recently gave up his amateur status. "I enjoyed traveling to foreign countries and representing the United States on the U.S. Team.



Andy Roberts

That gives you a great feeling. I'll always endorse the amateur game. When my pro career runs out, I plan to return to the amateurs."

The most definitive step towards resolving the pro-am issue came last October in Toronto when the top 16 players on the men's International Racquetball Tour (IRT) voted to relinquish their

amateur status and "clearly define themselves as professional athletes in the sport of racquetball." The ruling affected about a dozen of the game's top players, who for one reason or another had held on to their amateur status, including Dan Obremski, Roberts, Doyle and Inoue (Tim Sweeney was the only one to retain his status, primarily so he can continue his studies at Southwest Missouri State University, where he attends on scholarship.) The ruling applies only to the top 16 players; those outside the top 16 are free to continue playing amateur events as long as they maintain their status, a relatively simple procedure (see sidebar on Page 15). In addition, the ruling mandates that any player in the Top Ten cannot play in a non-IRT-sanctioned event unless an appearance fee is paid.

It is important to note that the October '91 ruling does not *prohibit* pro players from participating in amateur events. It merely stipulates that if they *do*, they must forfeit half of their winnings on the pro tour.

From an overall perspective, the decision was aimed at a very small group of people, but in practical terms it sets a precedent that will have a profound impact on the sport in the years ahead.

"Until we could create a tour that would offer enough money to sustain these players it made sense for them to take advantage of all possible routes, such as AARA competition," says Hank Marcus, commissioner of the IRT. "The tour itself used to encourage players to play in amateur events even though it was not in its best interest...because it was in *their* best interest. But as the pro tour began to expand, some of our best players were finding that they were overcommitted. They were spending all their time on the road trying to play in both pro and amateur tournaments. Also, there was no real incentive to stay in the AARA; for instance, our top player, Andy Roberts, had won everything he could in the AARA. His career there had basically run its course."

The issue came to a head after VW Credit, Inc., put in \$100,000 to help sponsor the tour. The new corporate sponsor, the tour's largest ever, was understandably concerned about exclusivity; as is true in any sport, the more often that players play the less their market value. As Marcus says, "We didn't want our pro players competing all over the place. People would see a player at a pro stop one week and the next week in an amateur tournament. It was confusing to the public. Today, you can't see the pros unless you go to a pro stop or watch it on television. That creates more of a demand for them ... and that was our whole idea."



Jim Hiser

To vote to relinquish their amateur status was a hard choice for many, particularly Roberts, who gave up his spot on the U.S. Team as a result. "It was extremely tough for me to drop off the U.S. Team," he says. "But our rationale was that VCI had made a commitment to us, and we didn't want to water down our own commitment by continuing to play amateur events. We felt like we had to make that commitment to our fellow pros."

Torn by divided loyalties, Roberts says that he was for the change but would have preferred to make it effective this summer — after the world championships. "By making the decision in October, we didn't really give the U.S. Team a chance to work in their new players. It could have been timed better, but I think it will work out well for both sides. It gave the pro organization an identity; if the public wants to see Andy Roberts play now, the only place they can see me is at a pro event. On the other hand, it gives amateurs a chance to step up and make players out of themselves."

From the AARA's perspective, Associate Executive Director Jim Hiser called the ruling "a great opportunity for the people who decided to go pro." That's a rather generous assessment in light of the effect that the ruling had on the composition of the U.S. Team, which will defend its world title in

Montreal this summer. Three of the team's top five players were forced to resign, including Brian Hawkes, Doyle and Roberts, a veteran of five world championships. The U.S. remains head and shoulders above the rest of the world thanks to its all-but-invincible women's team, but the men's team could face a challenge from Canada.

"The amateurs who elected to remain amateurs now have a legitimate chance to make the national team," Hiser says. "Before, they would run into players like Doyle and Roberts and nine times out of ten they had no chance to win. Now they all have a chance so it's a big boost for them. As for those who chose to go pro, they weren't that interested in playing on the national team, although some would have liked to play against Canada one more time in Montreal."

Three of the team's top five players were forced to resign, including Brian Hawkes, Doyle and Roberts, a veteran of five world championships.

The AARA filled the holes on the team with the top finishers at last year's national singles championships: Chris Cole, Mike Guidry and Tim Hansen. The team seemed set until Guidry notified the AARA just a few weeks before it was bound for Honduras for a major competition

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Molly O'Brien

that he, too, had elected to turn pro and give up his amateur status. In the wake of this departure, the AARA decided to go with its current U.S. National Doubles champions John Ellis and Eric Mueller in Honduras; they will play doubles together and Ellis will fill the last singles slot. Both are spectacular juniors but they lack international experience.

"Mike's decision to go strictly pro was a good move for him but it put us in a real bind," Hiser admits. "We'd like to develop some policies in the future so this kind of thing won't happen again. Perhaps the IRT could make an exception for players who are on the U.S. Team that would allow them to get their full earnings rather than losing half their income just because they're playing on the team."

When asked about the relationship between the AARA and the IRT Hiser says, "We try to support each other as much as possible. I believe there needs to be a successful, viable pro tour. I also believe that amateurs should be amateurs and pros should be pros. I don't think they have to be completely separate. I like the idea that amateurs can go to a pro tournament and see how they do against the pros, but they can still come back and play on the U.S. Team."

Some of the most interested spectators of the IRT ruling were the

officials of the Women's Professional Racquetball Association (WPRA). Although similar discussions have occurred in the women's pro ranks, to date the WPRA has set no limitations on when or where its players compete. Virtually all the pros play amateur tournaments; in fact, only three have given up their amateur status, including Lynn Adams, who has retired, Caryn McKinney, who is nursing an injury, and Molly O'Brien, executive director of the WPRA.

"We do not govern what our players do outside of our own tournaments," O'Brien says. "They're free to play in amateur tournaments or be members of the U.S. Team. Quite frankly, we're not in a position to offer enough to them to set restrictions on what they do outside of the tour. The men have reached a point where they can offer more money and more tournaments...and more visibility. But until we get to that point we don't feel we can ask our players to make the same kind of decision. It would only create a lot of bad feelings."

Jackie Paraiso-Gibson, currently No. 1 on the WPRA circuit, continues to maintain her amateur status so that she can play on the U.S. Team. "There's no money involved in being on the team, but there are a lot of advantages. As part of the team you get to travel to other countries, see new places and meet new people. There's also a lot of camaraderie on the team. It would have been awesome if racquetball had been played in Barcelona this summer."

Paraiso-Gibson emphasizes that AARA benefits such as grant money

RETAINING YOUR AMATEUR STATUS

In order to compete in any AARA event, or be a member of the U.S. National Team, a player must be classified as an amateur. An amateur is any athlete who has not accepted prize money in a professionally sanctioned event; you can accept prize money as long as it is placed in a trust under AARA guidelines, or in a money market trust or CD with the financial institution of your choice. The AARA must be included as a recipient of all deposit records.

Retaining your amateur status is a relatively simple process. Here are the guidelines.

1. If you win money in any event, you must endorse the original check and submit it to the AARA, which puts it into an account in your name.
2. You must fill out and submit AARA expense forms with your authorized signature; copies of receipts must be included to verify your expenses. Legitimate expenses include: mileage to practice and tournaments, purchases of equipment required to train or play, travel, food and lodging for racquetball events, health club membership fees, coaching fees, medical care for racquetball injuries, and telephone expenses related to racquetball. (Expenses that are reimbursed by sponsors or other supporters are not deductible.)
3. The AARA reimburses you for those expenses out of your winnings. The balance is kept in the account for as long as you remain an amateur.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- * If coaches' fees are included, you coach must submit these fees as income for income tax purposes.
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**Jackie Paraiso
Gibson**

and insurance are also important factors in her decision to remain an amateur, but she admits that the paperwork can be daunting. "It's very tedious. You have to keep all those receipts and records of your expenses. That can be very hard when you're on the go every weekend to a different tournament. It's the only thing I don't like."

In the wake of the men's decision, the women pros are more conscious of the issue than ever. But as Molly O'Brien points out, what the women need now more than anything is visibility. "We have to use every vehicle we can to get exposure," she says, "even if it's an amateur tournament. We want people to know who Jackie Paraiso-Gibson is, who Michelle Gilman is, just the way they know who Steffi Graf is. We can't deny that visibility now by putting a limit on the appearances our players make."

"We can probably learn some lessons from the (men's) move," she admits. "We'll see how it affects the amateur organization because that's truly our feeder system."

If it does anything, the IRT decision will create a need for understanding between the professionals and the amateurs. "For the sport to continue to grow and flourish, we have to address both the needs of the IRT and the AARA," says Mike

Arnolt, member of the AARA Board of Directors. "To get the maximum exposure for the sport, we need to be more coordinated, more in tune. In that way, the success of one will fuel the success of the other."

Hank Marcus of the IRT agrees. "For the players who chose to go pro, this is their chance to be professional athletes just like those in other professional sports. They now have a way to earn a legitimate living without having to play all over the place. On the other side of the coin, this is going to encourage a lot of young players who used to get frustrated when they lost to pros in the round of 16 or 32 at amateur tournaments. There's a lot of young talent out there ready to be developed. This will give those young people something to shoot for beyond high school and college."

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Marcus doesn't discount working closely with the AARA in the future. "There are a number of projects we can work together on for the betterment of the sport," he says. "One of the things we're looking at now is exchanging information and expertise in regard to television broadcasting. That's an area where we could both stand to benefit."



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A QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY

What are the policies in other sports that govern pro-amateur status? And who determines those policies? The answers to those questions vary from sport to sport, often with surprising latitude.

BASKETBALL

"It's easy for us," says Craig Miller of USA Basketball. "We're required to follow the rules of our international federation for eligibility." Those rules were changed in 1989 when the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) voted to allow pro players — specifically those in the National Basketball Association (NBA) — to compete in the Olympics. Before that ruling, the only players who were considered professionals were those under NBA contracts; Magic Johnson's counterparts in Europe and South America may have been earning \$500,000 a year throwing hoops but they were still permitted to represent their countries in the Olympics. In fact, it wasn't until Eastern European and Soviet athletes began to make NBA teams that the ruling was changed.

The USA selection committee has some freedom in choosing in the 12-man Olympic team although the Barcelona squad will be comprised almost exclusively of NBA all-stars. "We decided to use a mix of college and pro," Miller explains. "The first 10 players we named were pros but the committee also wanted to include at least one amateur. There's a possibility that the last two spots on the team will go to collegians."

TENNIS

Not so on the USA Olympic tennis team: the three men and four women players are all seasoned pros, including former No. 1 Jim Courier. "When tennis became a gold medal sport in 1988, it was used to introduce the concept of the 'elite athlete,'" says Robert Smith,

chairman of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Olympic Committee. "The elite athletes were the best in the world without distinction between pros and amateurs. That eliminated all the variations that different countries used to determine amateur status. The concept has since stretched to hockey and basketball and may continue to grow sport by sport."

When tennis was reintroduced into the Olympics in 1984 in Los Angeles after a 60-year hiatus, it was restricted to players 21 and under regardless of their professional status; Steffi Graf and Stefan Edberg won the gold medals that year. The age limit drew criticism for its arbitrary nature and by 1988 the International Tennis Federation, the ruling body of the sport, had adopted the elite athlete concept. This year, each country will select its team on the basis of computer rankings, wild cards and qualifying tournaments. Teams are limited to four men and four women so even if one country has 10 of the top 20 players in the world, only four can compete.

BOXING

The situation is much different in boxing. Under the guidelines of the International Amateur Boxing Association, Olympic boxers can receive benefits such as financial aid for school and training, money for travel and lodging, expenses for medical care, even compensation for lost salary. But amateurs are strictly prohibited from competing against pros; in fact, they may not even spar with pros according to USA Boxing, the national governing body for the sport in the U.S. To help defray expenses, the USOC has established an athletic subsistence program for boxers. Currently, 36 athletes are receiving funding from both the USOC and USA Boxing.



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THE LINE ON HOUSTON

Who can win Houston in 1992? With the top Men's Pro Tour players out of the running, the field is wide open. For the women, injuries as well as strong showings throughout the year give some of the up and coming players an even chance for upsets. Who are your picks?

Tim Sweeney >>>

Age: 25
Height: 5'8"
AARA Ranking: #2, Open
Hometown: Chicago
Titles: Defending singles
champion, 91 & 92 World
Intercollegiate champion.



Doug Ganlm >>>

Age: 26
Height: 5'8"
AARA Ranking: #4, Open
Hometown: Powell, Ohio
Titles: 91 Olympic Festival
doubles champion, 90
World Champion, doubles.



<<< Chris Cole

Age: 25
Height: 5'9"
AARA Ranking: #5, Open
Hometown: Flint, Michigan
Titles: 92 Tournament of
the Americas champion, 90
Olympic Festival finalist.



<<< John Ellis

Age: 19
Height: 5'6"
AARA Ranking: #2, 18-
Hometown: Stockton, Ca.
Titles: 91 National Doubles
champion, 91 Junior
Olympic champion.

Michelle Gilman >

Age: 21
Height: 5'11"
AARA Ranking: #1, Open
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Titles: Defending singles &
doubles champion, 91
Olympic Festival champion



Lynne Coburn >>>

Age: 25
Height: 5'6"
WPRA Ranking: #5
Hometown: Baltimore, Md.
Titles: 92 Tournament of
the Americas champion, 91
Olympic Festival finalist.



<< Dot Fischl-Kelly

Age: 29
Height: 5'7"
AARA Ranking: #3, Open
Hometown: Allentown, Pa.
Titles: 89 National Doubles
mixed open champion, 87
Tourn./Americas champion.

<<< Robin Levine

Age: 22
Height: 5'8"
AARA Ranking: #6, Open
Hometown: Sacramento
Titles: 92 Tourn./Americas
and 91 Olympic Festival
doubles champion.



Other names to watch: Men — Tim Hansen, Joel Bonnett, Bill Sell, Jeff Evans, Brian Rankin, Mike Bronfeld, Lance Gilliam, Jim Floyd, Dave Peck. Women — Toni Bevelock, Jackie Paraiso-Gibson, Malla Bailey, Kaye Kuhfeld, Marci Lynch, Kim Russell, Cheryl Gudinas, Chris Evon, Mary Lyons, Cindy Doyle, Rapsy Friedman.

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Weather-wise, it wasn't anyone's idea of a great spring break. In Canton, Ohio there was a little snow, a little hail, some rain — just about every type of weather featuring mostly cloudy — but tucked inside the Hall of Fame Fitness Center, players at the Ektelon World Intercollegiate Championships provided all the heat anyone could want. Southwest Missouri State University turned it up early, rocketing its players through the modified draw for its second consecutive team win over Memphis State University, while Tim Sweeney and Cindy Doyle each took their second respective division #1 individual titles and won positions on the U.S. National Racquetball Team.

For Sweeney, the current U.S. national open singles champion, advancing through each round was a two-game proposition. In a move

designed to help promote the event, former Chicago Bears offensive guard Revie Sorey graciously offered himself as a first round sacrifice to the defending champion. A graduate student of athletic administration at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Sorey gave Sweeney his first victory, 15-3, 15-3. In succeeding rounds, Sweeney assigned his opponents to their respective "red, white and blue" consolation rounds with wins over Steve Moschkau (University of Wisconsin) 15-6, 15-8, Dave Wershay (Ferris State) 15-4, 15-9, Jamie Sumner (Utah Valley Community College) 15-2, 15-10 and U.S. team colleague Chris Cole (University of Michigan-Flint) 15-13, 15-8.

Working his way up from the #2 position for Ferris State, Jim Floyd had closer calls as he neared the final but started out strong with wins over Scott Westphal (Northwestern) 15-0, 15-3, Jerry Steck (Brigham Young University) 15-3, 15-10, and Jim Ellenberger (University of Wisconsin) 15-3, 15-10, before going to his first tiebreaker against Nick Rallis (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor) to win 14-15, 15-6, 11-5.

In the semi-final between Floyd and Joel Bonnett of Memphis State, the back-to-back Saturday matches seemed to have an effect on both players, with Bonnett taking a 13-7 lead in the first game only to lose 15-14 after Floyd rallied back. With his player in the lead, MSU coach Larry Liles had turned his attention to another match and was shocked when he returned during the second game to find the tide turned. "I just told him to play one point at a time" said coach Liles during a timeout, but nothing seemed to go right for Bonnett after the disappointing first

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Jen Yokota.*



PRE-GAME

I haven't used my first serves consistently yet. I'll work on that, try to keep him off balance, pass a little bit and try to neutralize his speed."

Tim Sweeney

Last year I started out real well in both games, but I tried to end the rallies a little sooner than I should have and I wasn't returning the serves effectively at all. He still has that serve, but when it's my turn I'll try to serve right into him."

Jim Floyd

game loss. He went through a series of racquet changes as he broke strings trying to end each rally in his favor with harder and harder shots. Clearly exhausted by the effort, Bonnett finally succumbed to Floyd's second game peak at 15-5.

In the final, Sweeney wanted to "draw first blood" and opened game one with an ace serve to the backhand, a forehand kill down the line, and a second crack ace to the left before Floyd knew what hit him. Even after a trading sideouts, Sweeney popped a backhand pinch winner and another ace serve to the backhand to put the score at 5-0 within minutes. Renewed by a timeout at 7-3, Sweeney dropped in one more service winner, but eight skips by Floyd and a series of crisp passes won the game for Sweeney, 15-7.

If Floyd's characteristic slow start was evident, so was his comeback style in the second game. Using his backhand to advantage and dusting off the overhand pinches, Floyd moved to a 9-4 lead before both players hit a defensive rut and traded sideouts six times apiece. Floyd was the first to break the string and log point 10 with an overhand forehand pinch, then ran it out without losing a rally. Pulling his own service aces into play, Jim went to 14 with an ace z-serve to the backhand, then took game two with a drive to the forehand that cracked out an inch beyond the short line.

Said Sweeney, "I think I may have been overconfident going into the second game and just took it for granted that I'd win it. Somebody forgot to tell him though. He moved me like crazy and wouldn't let me set up and shoot. He played really good."

With the tiebreaker up for grabs, both Sweeney and Floyd began to re-evaluate their play. With the serve, Floyd repeated his ace z for the first point, then Sweeney skipped a forehand pinch and Floyd didn't, putting the opening score at 3-0. "When he was up 3-0, I thought I would just relax and try to get back in it" said Sweeney, and did by regaining serve and driving an ace to Floyd's backhand. It was slow going as Floyd continued to win rallies until he lost his fifth point on appeal. Sweeney made his move and aced twice to the forehand and pulled into the lead at 6-4, then didn't look back. Sideouts came and went, but rallies were won strictly on the basis of who



Sweeney prepares to rip a backhand while Dave Wershay thinks about court coverage.
Photo: Steve Lerner



Sweeney and Floyd



Gray and Doyle

as a freshman in 1989. Going to a tiebreaker against Sweeney in Canton was an improvement over last year's straight game loss, which may be a comfort at the national singles in Houston, where it is quite likely he'll meet Sweeney again. "Without his serve, I mushed him," said Floyd. It was that close.

would skip first, rather than the sharp shotmaking of the first two games. At match point for Sweeney, both players had a flash of foresight.

On a high return of serve on the backhand, Floyd stepped up but Sweeney had a hunch "There are a few players who would play that last shot and I thought Jimmy might try and shoot it. I moved up a little bit more, then saw it skip. I had a feeling that he might try to shoot it at his eyebrows." Floyd agreed, "I thought I had it and then right when I stepped forward I caught myself thinking 'don't shoot it.' There was just that little doubt, but I did it anyway -- oh, well."

Oh well. This year's win gave Sweeney his second intercollegiate title, and marked the anniversary of a very good season which began in Phoenix this time last year. The 1991 intercollegiate championship was Sweeney's first U.S. team qualifying win, which he followed up with an even better showing at the national singles a month later with a win over Egan Inoue in the finals. He will defend that title in Houston over Memorial Day weekend.

A senior, Floyd ended his intercollegiate career following the final after four consecutive years of making it into the final and one win,

COASTLINE CC A SURE BET

It was an "all-California" final on the women's side, between best friends representing Coastline Community College. The playing styles of Cindy Doyle and Holly Gray were also strikingly similar, due to early coaching from Larry Liles at Memphis State University, where both were enrolled as freshmen in 1989. That year, Doyle won the #1 U.S. team qualifier and Gray won the #4 division. Three years later, the skills of the two have equalized somewhat and Gray held out hope of unseating her teammate until the last.

Plagued by training injuries and shoulder surgery since her win in 1989, Doyle had reached the finals of the past two intercollegiate championships but not regained her title. Like Jim Floyd, a winner in 1989 but not since, Doyle wanted very much to go out a champion in her final year of eligibility. "I had mixed feelings about whether or not getting on the [U.S.] team was really a goal. I don't think I played the tournament to get on the team ... I played because I wanted to win. I wanted to see where I could be."

Where she was, and stayed, throughout the tournament was in the winners bracket as she advanced with straight game wins. Awarded the #1 seed position for her finals

All intercollegiate photography by Steve Lerner.

appearance last year (winner Elaine Hooghe graduated last year and is pregnant with her second child), Doyle received a bye in the first round, then moved quickly past Heather Flory (University of Iowa) 15-10, 15-2, Christianne Cipperello (Providence College) 15-3, 15-8, Rachel Gellman (University of New Mexico) 15-0, 15-2 and Ohio hopeful Amy Kilbane (Baldwin Wallace College) 15-6, 15-3.

Unseeded Holly Gray's advance was not as effortless. Diagnosed with a case of bronchitis just prior to the tournament and advised against competing, Gray was told to expect shortness of breath and severe coughing spells on the court if she chose to play. Complicating her decision was the risk of forfeiting a year of collegiate eligibility if she withdrew from the tournament, so she proceeded with caution, citing "I've got nothing to lose."

Her trip to the final began with easy wins over Holly Hines (Baldwin Wallace College) 15-1, 15-4 and Tonya Northcutt (University of Oklahoma) 15-2, 15-2, but got rougher against former MSU teammate Carrie Healy and world junior champion Heather Dunn (Southwest Missouri State). In tiebreakers, Gray defeated Healy 12-15, 15-9, 11-3 and Dunn 15-4, 9-15, 11-8, under the watchful eye of a concerned Cindy Doyle. In the semi-final, Gray made quick work of #2 seeded Terry

Latham (University of New Mexico) 15-4, 15-7 to earn her shot at the team.

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Despite their friendship, Doyle gave nothing away and returned the first serve with authority, burying a backhand down the line. Rallies and points stayed even up to 4-4, when Doyle's forehand began to do damage, and Gray began to skip shots on both sides. An ace serve at 13-9, followed by return of serve errors gave the first game to Doyle, according to plan. "She [Holly] said before this whole thing started that if she made it to the finals, she would be real confident, so I'm going to work with that. And I've been there to support her all weekend, but I won't be able to do that in the final. I'm going to have to bear down and focus."

Using that focus, Doyle remained in control for the second game, keeping Gray from scoring until she had a firm 6-0 lead. Holly's offense came in short bursts which forced sideouts but did not gain her any points, and clearly tired her further.

At 8-2, Gray won a long rally with an excellent get, then followed with an overhead down the line for a point. It was her last until match point, where she again made a series of last ditch efforts, scoring when Cindy skipped a backhand. Still, it took another five sideouts for Doyle to score the final point on a forehand cross court pass to take the win 15-4.

"I wasn't trying to tire her out, letting a rally go on longer than it needed to, but in the middle of the second game you could really see her slow down. That's when I couldn't afford to let my concentration lapse, since she's been going all-out under pressure all weekend, and could have come back any time."

For the first time, organizers of the 19th annual intercollegiate qualifier used the Olympic format "satellite draw," which guarantees each singles entrant at least three matches. Once eliminated in a starter gold



Pamela Troutman
Junior, Memphis State

I'm in the #6 division. This is my first time at a nationals so it's an inspiration watching all these good players. After about a month in an intermediate racquetball class the coach asked me to come on the team.



Ryan Covell "Doogie"
Sophomore, Ferris State

I liked the red, blue, white and gold divisions... I'm in the semis of #2 doubles and I just lost in the semis of #4 singles so I've got to play for third singles tomorrow and doubles tonight. I've been busy.



Samantha Foster
Senior
Penn State

Unfortunately this is my last year, but I got to play a lot of good matches. Our team is doing well though and I've had alot of fun.



Seth Mallos
University of
California,
Berkeley

Before, most of our team would lose early and we'd just be hanging around, but now we're still playing.

bracket, players moved across and down into secondary divisions and continued to compete for team points. Red, white and blue division medals were awarded in addition to the regulation gold division in Men's and Women's #1 through #6 singles brackets and #1 through #3 doubles.

In fact, when all the presentations were over, the number of medals awarded was nearly that of the number of entrants. Said National Tournament Director Margo Daniels, "The format is great for the players, they get to play so much more. It's a bit more difficult to handle at the desk, but I'm getting the hang of it the more we use it." With help from AARA Associate Executive Director Jim Hiser, Ohio Racquetball Association volunteer Shelly Ogden and ACRA board members, the complex system of scorecards, scheduling and refereeing was handled in characteristic style by Daniels, who kept things running smoothly and ahead of schedule all weekend.

ALL AMERICAN TEAM NAMED

In addition to the individual and team awards, the 1992 All American Intercollegiate Team was selected from among the finalists in all divisions. Winners in doubles were also added to the team



Sally Melendez
Central Texas Univ.

My husband is very supportive of my racquetball and my studies. I have a small daughter too, so this is a little like a vacation, with courts.



Michael W. Leach
University of California, Davis

It's been a lot of fun. It's a little over my head but I've had two good games. I'm in the men's #2 white division. I think this will be my last match ... win or lose.



Margo Daniels and Shelly Ogden keep things on schedule.

for the first time this year, bringing the number of honored inductees to 36.

THE 1992 ALL AMERICANS

Singles All Americans

Travis Aldinger (Penn State), Linda Arnold (MSU), Fabian Balmori (MSU), Jeannette Carter (BYU), Perpetua Domitrovich (Penn State), Cindy Doyle (Coastline CC), John Ellis (SMSU), Allan Engel (SMSU), Bruce Erickson (SMSU), Jim Floyd (Ferris State), Holly Gray (Coastline CC), Chris Jones (Univ./Oklahoma), Alicia Kinney (SMSU), Kim Kohl (SMSU), Dave Larry (MSU), Jeff Linsk (MSU), Stephanie Munger (Univ./Kansas), Lance Nelson (MSU), Donna Panter (SMSU), Simon Roy (SMSU), Tim Sweeney (SMSU), Pam Troutman (MSU), Cindy Van Orman (BYU), Jen Yokota (SMSU)

All American Doubles Teams

Mike Engel/Simon Roy (SMSU), John Ellis/Billy Perrone (SMSU), Allan Engel/Bruce Erickson (SMSU), Heather Dunn/Jen Yokota (SMSU), Jenny Spangenberg/Alicia Kinney (SMSU), Kim Kohl/Donna Panter (SMSU)

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NATIONALS

MULCOCK AND ICENOGLA WIN HIGH SCHOOLS

**EKTELON AARA
NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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In early March, the South Hampshire Racquet Club in St. Louis hosted the annual Ektelon U.S. National High School Racquetball Championship for the third consecutive year. The site has been a lucky one for Elkova Icenogle who has won the event in each of those years and for James Mulcock, who made his first trip to the championship from Albuquerque and did an excellent job of retaining his Junior Team USA position for another year.

Current members of Junior Team USA, Icenogle and Mulcock logged their wins in front of Prime Network



Elkova Icenogle and James Mulcock

cameras, another first for Mulcock and old hat for Icenogle. The finals were taped from the newly renovated exhibition court at the St. Louis facility and rebroadcast nationally two weeks later.

Mulcock advanced from the #2 seed position by defeating Jim Zalaudek 15-4, 15-2, Matt Meeker 15-10, 15-4, Toby Lepera 15-10, 15-9 and #3 seeded Craig Rappaport 3-15, 15-4, 11-9 to reach the final. Thoerner appeared out of nowhere in the draw, eliminating J. Pat Huber 15-1, 15-0, Brad Hansen 15-8, 15-7, Steve Uhlarik 15-6, 15-12 and #1 seeded Shane Wood in the semifinal 15-9, 15-2. In their final, Mulcock went to his second tiebreaker, and Thoerner his first, with the win going to Mulcock 11-15, 15-11, 11-9.

Icenogle, representing Placer High School of Auburn, California took her win in a rematch against Britt Engel of Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida in straight games of 15-3, 15-4. To reach the familiar winner's circle, Elkova defeated Mary Glarner 15-2, 15-0, Jennifer Koop 15-0, 15-0, Jennifer Modica 15-7, 15-2 and Tammy Brockbank 15-7, 15-3. Following her singles win, Elkova and her brother Jaron proceeded to take first place in mixed doubles and secure second place in the overall team standings behind Lafayette High School.

Both singles winners earned an automatic one-year appointment to Junior Team USA for their wins in St. Louis, extending their present terms by five months. Mulcock qualified for the team against a field of 40 challengers in September; Icenogle has been a member since her win at High Schools last year.

The event attracted a full contingent of local competitors and an increased number of players from across the country. St. Louis has continued to earn its site selection on the basis of a strong local support

system which encourages intramural high school racquetball competition, as well as one of the largest high school league systems in the nation. Headed by Jim Murphy of the South Hampshire Racquet Club, the group includes some fifty schools and several hundred athletes who compete regularly.

In team play, Lafayette High School (St. Louis) took first place on total points earned by its squad, followed by Placer High School (Auburn, Calif.) in second place and St. Joseph's Academy (St. Louis) in third.

FINAL RESULTS

Boys Gold Qualifier:

James Mulcock (N.M.)
Jason Thoerner (Ga.)
Craig Rappaport (Pa.)
Jaron Icenogle (Calif.)
BLUE Winner: Brad Hansen (Iowa), RED Winner: Brian Gomez (Ohio), WHITE Winner: Matt Prather (Mo.)

Girls Gold Qualifier

Elkova Icenogle (Calif.)
Britt Engel (Fla.)
Tammy Brockbank (Idaho)
Amber Frisch (Texas)
BLUE Winner: Stacey Olson (Mo.), RED Winner: Christy Gould (Mo.), WHITE Winner: Mary Glarner (Mo.)

Boys Doubles

Jason Thoerner/Andrew Haywood
Jason Bernerth/Jeremey Bernerth

Girls Doubles

Jennifer Modica/Stacey Olson
Anne Lavigne/Beth Wesolich

Mixed Doubles

Elkova Icenogle/Jaron Icenogle
Tammy Brockbank/Shane Dodge

Team Results

Lafayette High School
Placer High School
St. Joseph's Academy

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GOLDEN MASTERS IN PITTSBURGH

By Dick Kincade

The 1992 Golden Masters singles and doubles tournament was hosted by the Racquet Club of Pittsburgh in Monroeville April 9-11. Gene Grapes and Al Shatner organized the event for the third time and, as in the past, John Pushak, Suzy Klingensmith and the staff ran the tournament to perfection.

Paul Banales of Phoenix was the only double winner, edging Tom Waltz in the 55+ singles and teaming with Ron Puddick of Michigan to take the 55+ doubles. Jo Kenyon of Florida won the women's 55+ singles.

Florida's Don Alt and Harvey Clar of California put on a great display in the 60+ singles with Don winning this time. Victor Sacco of New York edged Ed Witham of Ohio by two points in the round robin scoring system, even though Ed beat Vic 21-19 in their head-to-head match.

Nick Sans scored a gratifying win for the 70+ championship when he finally defeated perennial winners, Luzell Wilde of Utah and Earl Acuff of North Carolina. Though Nick has beaten each of them before, it was the first time he was able to subdue both in the same tournament.

In doubles, Harvey Clar and New Yorker Dan Llacera won the 60s, John Bareilles and Mal Roberts took the 65s, and Earl Acuff and Luzell Wilde dominated the 70s.

The weekend highlight was the inspiring singing of Cy Dietrich during the banquet at the Racquet Club. The delicious banquet capped a great three days of competition and camaraderie. All joined in a moment of silence for champions John Becker, who passed away from cancer and Ross Stevenson, who is fighting a great battle against the disease.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ivan Bruner, the founder of the Masters' Association, reviewed the direction of the program, which now has more than 750 registered members. Harvey Clar summarized details of the first International Masters tournament to be held in Phoenix this June. Participants are expected from Canada, Japan, Mexico, South America and Europe. Joe Goldman outlined the festivities planned for the Masters Doubles in Boston July 30 through August 1. His committee has left no stone unturned to ensure the best possible entertainment, accommodations, hospitality and competition at the Boston Athletic Club. Don't miss this one, Masters players!

**MASTERS DOUBLES
BOSTON, JULY 30 - AUG. 1**

**MASTERS SINGLES
PHOENIX, FEBRUARY 1993**

**GOLD MASTERS
SINGLES & DOUBLES
BALTIMORE, APRIL 1993**

Tony Pineros told about an international doubles tournament in Culi, Columbia in November for those who want to combine a nice

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and women's
national masters
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vacation with their racquetball. The National Masters singles will be in Phoenix in February of 1993, and John Bareilles will host the Gold Masters singles and doubles at the Baltimore Athletic Club next April.

So, all you 45's and over, mark these dates on your calendars and plan ahead for great round robin competition. Players in this year's Golden Masters played twelve to fourteen matches (singles and doubles) so there is plenty of racquetball. For information on joining the Masters Association (\$25) and receiving all entry forms and other mailings, write or call Ivan Bruner, 5555 Odana Road, Madison, WI 53719, 509662-2149 or Paul Banales, 4201 North 83rd Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85037, 708/966-3000.

WOMEN'S SENIOR - MASTER NATIONAL INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Jo Kenyon

The 1992 Women's Seniors/Masters National Invitational Tournament attracted a draw of forty-five ladies from fifteen states including California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, North and South Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Wisconsin boasted the most players with eight ladies from the Badger state. Virginia was a close second, with seven participants. The event was held February 28-29 at the beautiful Charlotte Central YMCA under the competent direction of Todd Payton and supported by the facility's cordial and friendly staff. This was a Level Five tournament and a designated regional qualifier for women in divisions 45 and over who plan to compete in Houston.



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Players competed in five round robin divisions using a self-officiated format of two games to 11. Total points were tallied with one bonus point awarded for each game won and two bonus points for each match won. Total point accumulation determined the winner in divisions of seven or less. Divisions with two flights had a championship playoff between high point winners in each flight to determine the winner. As in the past, after the singles competition was over, a blind doubles draw was created by drawing names. This resulted in several exciting and closely contested matches which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tournament Director Todd Payton endeared himself to everyone and did a super job of organizing and running a smooth and enjoyable event. Players were treated to a delicious courtside breakfast on Friday and Saturday and due to exceptionally beautiful weather were able to enjoy a light lunch on the patio each day. Players were given a folder from the YMCA that included the planned tournament activities, a complete list of player names and addresses, a schedule of matches for each division and a list of recommended local restaurants for the ladies to choose from. Players also received a lovely purple and teal collared souvenir shirt.

An awards banquet was held at the "Y" on Saturday evening where the players acknowledged Todd with a standing ovation for a job well done. Each player was given a souvenir group photo with a raffle number on the back. Numerous prizes were given away during the drawing including water bottles, cooler cups, T-shirts, gym bags,

umbrellas, and two tickets to the local Hornets basketball game. Lovely engraved glass plates with wood display stands were awarded to the top finishers in each division.

At the player's meeting on Friday morning an announcement was made regarding the organization and plans for a Masters International Racquetball Tournament to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in June of this year. It is anticipated that players from several foreign countries will be participating in this event and an invitation to sign up was extended to all the masters ladies present.

Women's participation in the National Masters Association tournaments was discussed at the banquet. A resolution was written and presented to the ladies for endorsement and subsequent presentation to the AARA Board of Directors. A women's committee met to address the comments and suggestions made by the participants at this year's Women's Senior/Master National Invitational Tournament. Discussion also included proposed revisions in the tournament format and possible dates and sites for next year's event.

Following the banquet, the majority of the women celebrated as the fun-filled event came to a close. Despite the difficult economic times, the tournament saw a 36% increase in attendance from last year, and attracted high calibre players from all corners of the country. Each year as the tournament continues to grow, we are again afforded the opportunity to compete with our peers, renew old acquaintances, develop new friendships and enjoy the unique camaraderie that is synonymous with our sport of racquetball.

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- James Mulcock vs. Jason Thoerner -- Elkova Icenogle vs. Britt Engel
- 1991 Ektelon U.S. National Doubles (Phoenix, Arizona)
- John Ellis/Erle Muller vs. Doug Ganim/Jeff Evans
- Michelle Gilman/Jackie Paraiso-Gibson vs. Malla Bailey/Toni Bevelock
- 1991 Penn World Challenge (Colorado Springs - SportsChannel)
- Roger Harripersad (Canada) vs. Raul Torres (Mexico)
- 1991 Penn World Challenge (Colorado Springs - Prime Network)
- Robin Levine vs. Sue MacTaggart -- Sherman Greenfeld vs. Brian Hawkes
- 1991 Penn U.S. National Outdoors (Gainesville, Florida)
- Lauren Sheprow/Robin McBride vs. Mary Lyons/Susan Morgan Pfahler
- Brian Hawkes/Greg Freeze vs. Tim Hansen/Jason Waggoner
- 1991 Penn Pacific Rim Championships (Honolulu, Hawaii)
- Michelle Gilman vs. Heather Stupp
- Tim Hansen/Jim Floyd vs. Mike Ceresia/Ross Harvey
- 1991 Ektelon U.S. Junior Olympics (Burnsville, Minnesota)
- Elkova Icenogle vs. Jenny Spangenberg -- John Ellis vs. Sameer Hadid
- 1991 Ektelon U.S. National Singles (Houston - Prime Network)
- Tim Sweeney vs. Egan Inoue (Men's Open)
- Charlie Garrido vs. Brian Rankin (Men's 19+)
- 1991 Ektelon U.S. National Singles (Houston - SportsChannel)
- Michelle Gilman vs. Toni Bevelock (Women's Open)
- 1991 Ektelon World Intercollegiate (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Elaine Hooghe vs. Cindy Doyle -- Tim Sweeney vs. Jim Floyd
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- Michelle Gilman/Jackie Paraiso vs. Malla Bailey/Toni Bevelock
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PRO UPDATE

INTERNATIONAL RACQUETBALL TOUR OPENS VOLKSWAGEN CREDIT SERIES

ROBERTS WINS FIRST V.C.I. STOP

"Andy Roberts" became the answer to a future racquetball trivia question after his first Volkswagen Credit Series Championship win in Dallas, Texas.

In the long awaited debut of this three event series, the International Racquetball Tour showcased its best on Prime Network in a finals match that brought out the best in Roberts as he defeated #1 seed Drew Kachtik in four games to take the number one ranking for himself.

Notably absent from the event was Egan Inoue who missed his second consecutive event after a tough loss in Riverside to Dan Obremski. In that match, Inoue suffered a torn ligament in his knee and will miss the balance of the season. A great competitor, he will be missed while he recuperates and trains toward a hopefully speedy recovery.

The round of 32 passed with no major upsets as each of the top players sharpened their games for the shot at playing the finals on television. The second round had two upsets as #11 Dave Johnson surprised #6 Dan Obremski in four games and winning his three games by wide margins. #10 Mike Yellen showed flashes of his old brilliance by knocking out #7 Brian Hawkes in four games, winning three straight after losing the first 11-2.

Johnson continued his great play, moving into the semi-finals with an

upset win over #3 Tim Doyle 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 11-7. This is the second time this season that Johnson has knocked his training partner out of an event. The other top seeds moved into the semi-finals with little trouble as Kachtik, Roberts and #4 Mike Ray all won in four games over Jack Newman, Yellen, and Ruben Gonzalez, respectively.

Both semi-finals were also four game wins as Kachtik took out Ray 11-10, 0-11, 11-10, 11-4 in a match that easily could have gone to Ray. Roberts got stronger with each game and ended Johnson's run 7-11, 11-6, 11-3, 11-0 building up great momentum for the finals.

The first two games of the finals were very tight, with Roberts taking the first game 11-8. Kachtik fought to a second game win of 13-11 but it took too much out of him as Roberts dominated the last two games 11-3 and 11-6 to take the title.

The V.C.I. Series moves on to New York for another televised event in April followed by the series finale in Los Angeles in June. Roberts joins Kachtik as the only two event winner on the International Racquetball Tour and takes his number one ranking back for the second time this season.

ROBERTS WINS TWO IN A ROW

The International Racquetball Tour added another new venue to its circuit and traveled to Little Rock, for the Arkansas Pro-Am. Due to other commitments or injuries,

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missing were several of the top players including #2 ranked Drew Kachtik, #7 Brian Hawkes, #12 Egan Inoue, #13 Woody Clouse, #15 Tim Sweeney, and #16 Mike Ceresia. Two upsets highlighted the first round as #21 Todd O'Neill got past #12 Dave Sable and #23 Joel Bonnett knocked out #10 Aaron Katz. The round of sixteen had its own huge surprise as #18 Dale (not #8 Dave) Johnson took out #2 ranked Mike Ray to make his first career quarterfinal. Dave Johnson fell in the 16's to #9 seed Mike Guidry while the other players in the top eight all survived into the quarters.

Top seeded Andy Roberts made it into the semi-finals over Guidry to face #5 Dan Obremski who took out #4 Ruben Gonzalez. Third ranked Tim Doyle moved on with a victory over #6 Jack Newman and was to meet #7 Mike Yellen who ended and tightened his grasp on the number one ranking as the first player to win three events this season. Next stop, Pittsburgh.

BAILEY & PARAISO- GIBSON MOVE TO THE TOP!!

ANCHORAGE FEBRUARY 15-17

Malia Bailey is proving she has the ability to stay at the top. Malia won her second stop this season in Anchorage by defeating Jackie Paraiso-Gibson in four games. The Alaska Athletic Club has hosted the women's pro event for over ten years. In addition to the pro singles, the club teamed the pros with local players in a mixed doubles competition to play for a \$2,500 purse.

PHILADELPHIA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1

Shawnee-at Highpoint hosted the fifth WPRA event in Chalfont, Pennsylvania. Once again this season, Jackie Paraiso-Gibson fought a very hard battle to be crowned the champion of the Grand Slam and take over the #1 ranking spot. Facing

a very "hot" Robin Levine, Jackie managed to maintain her focus to pull off the victory. Upsets were the talk of the tournament: #17 ranked lefty Robin Levine defeated big names Toni Bevelock, Kaye Kuhfeld, and Marcy Lynch. Marcy Lynch upset #1 seeded Malia Bailey for her first trip to the semifinals in her pro career!

TOUR NOTES

* The Pros teamed up with local radio celebrities and sponsors in Philadelphia for a fun evening of mixed doubles to kick off the tournament.

* Lynn Adams and Marcy Lynch conducted a total of four clinics at local schools to promote racquetball during the Philadelphia tournament. Some clinics had over 400 students attend! Lynn was also the main attraction at the club on Saturday when she hosted a free clinic for over 40 tournament participants and guests.

* Dottie Fischl-Kelly made her third consecutive appearance in the semifinals. She has had big wins this

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season over Toni Bevelock and Lynne Coburn.

* Caryn McKinney and Michelle Gilman were not able to compete in Anchorage or Philadelphia. Gilman plans to be ready for the Toronto event and McKinney is planning her first workout on the court to test her achilles injury after a long lay-off. We are unsure if McKinney will be ready for Toronto in April.

* Lynn Adams received the "Lynn Adams Quilt" which was made up of patches from all the volunteers at the Philadelphia event. The quilt was presented to Lynn on Sunday before the finals as a keepsake from all the friends and fans that she has met and who have watched her play over the years.

**PENN PRO SERIES
BONUS POOL STANDINGS**

1. Jackie Paraiso-Gibson	6950 pts (4)
2. Malia Bailey	5200 pts (4)
3. Dottie Fischl-Kelly	3450 pts (3)
4. Lynne Coburn	3400 pts (4)
5. Marcy Lynch	2650 pts (3)
6. Marcy Drexler	2250 pts (3)
6. Kaye Kuhfeld	2250 pts (3)

CURRENT WPRA RANKINGS

1. Jackie Paraiso-Gibson, CA
2. Malia Bailey, VA
3. Toni Bevelock, CA
4. Dottie Fischl-Kelly, PA
5. Lynne Coburn, MD
6. Marcy Lynch, PA
7. Michelle Gilman, ID
8. Kaye Kuhfeld, IN
9. Marci Drexler, CA
10. Robin Levine, CA

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**INTERCOLLEGIATE RESULTS
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SINGLES

Men's #1 Singles: Tim Sweeney (SMSU), Jim Floyd (Ferris State), Chris Cole (Univ./Mich.-Flint), Joel Bonnett (MSU), Jamie Sumner (Utah Valley CC), Scott Reiff (MSU), Brian Rankin (SMSU), Nick Rallis (Univ./Mich.-Ann Arbor). RED: Richard Maggard (Blue Springs CC), WHITE: Iner Nielsen (Broome CC), BLUE: Dave Wershay (Ferris State). Men's #2 Singles: Travis Aldinger (Penn State), Chris Jones (Univ./Oklahoma), Alex Uy (Rensselaer PI), Chris Carmona (CSUS). RED: Tony Barreras (Texas A&M), WHITE: Guy Hardy (Univ./Okla.), BLUE: Kevin Graham (Univ./Wisc.-Bau Claire). Men's #3 Singles: Simon Roy (SMSU), Fabian Balmori (MSU), Larry Meeusen (Ferris State), Mike Sabatini (Penn State). RED: Morgan Schultz (USMA), WHITE: Dave Feldman (Univ./No.Iowa), BLUE: Mike North (BYU). Men's #4 Singles: Allan Engel (SMSU), Lance Nelson (MSU), Ryan Covell (Ferris State), Nathan Passey (BYU). RED: Dan Simon (Univ./Missouri), WHITE: Russ Potter (Univ./Mass.), BLUE: Alex Tinsley (Univ./Kansas). Men's #5 Singles: John Ellis (SMSU), Dave Larry (MSU), Jeff Kummier (Ferris State), Craig Turner (CSUS). RED: Jason Freeman (UC/Berkeley), WHITE: Jim Kokernak (Univ./Mass.), BLUE: Dylan Wick (Univ./Wisc.). Men's #6 Singles: Bruce Erickson (SMSU), Jeff Link (MSU), Charles White (Ferris State), Y.M. Sageev (UC/Berkeley). RED: Omar Zaman (CSUS), WHITE: Chris Berg (Univ./Iowa), BLUE: Jason Tetach (Univ./Wisc.).

Women's #1 Singles: Cindy Doyle (Coastline CC), Holly Gray (Coastline CC), Amy Kilbane (Baldwin Wallace), Terry Latham (Univ./New Mexico), Rachel Gellman (Univ./New Mexico), Jenny Spangenberg (SMSU), Heather Dunn (SMSU), Rusti Icenogle (Princeton). RED: Nicki Lewin (UCLA), WHITE: Noel DeBarruel (CSUS), BLUE: Carrie Healy (MSU). Women's #2 Singles: Stephanie Munger (Univ./Kansas), Perpetua Domitrovich (Penn State), Jen Ocif (Rensselaer PI), Binky McGrew (MSU). RED: Holly Hines (Baldwin Wallace), WHITE: Melissa Marx (Texas A&M), BLUE: Julie Huston (USAF Academy). Women's #3 Singles: Jen Yokota (SMSU), Cindy Van Orman (BYU), Yael Gmach (UCLA), Jane Flores (Texas A&M). RED: Stephanie Sarkin (CSUS), WHITE: Debbie Helman (SUNY-Binghamton), BLUE: Bobbi Jo Bell (Bryant). Women's #4 Singles: Alicia Kinney (SMSU), Jeannette Carter (BYU), Annie

Elliot (CSUS), Stacey Elliot (MSU). RED: Regina Knotts (Penn State), WHITE: Melanie Bowers (USMA), BLUE: Amy Weisbin (UCLA). Women's #5 Singles: Donna Panter (SMSU), Linda Arnold (MSU), Tracey Turco (Penn State), Patricia Colozzo (Bryant). RED: Robin Lindell (USMA), BLUE: Tracy Turco (Penn State). Women's #6 Singles: Kim Kohl (SMSU), Pam Troutman (MSU), Samantha Foster (Penn State), Ann Brozier (USMA). RED: Maria Acompora (Bryant).

DOUBLES

Men's #1 Doubles: Mike Engel/Simon Roy (SMSU), Joel Bonnett/Lance Nelson (MSU), Travis Aldinger/Bill Spyropoulos (Penn State), Jeff Kummier/Dave Wershay (Ferris State). Men's #2 Doubles: John Ellis/Billy Perrone (SMSU), Fabian Balmori/Scott Reiff (MSU), Ryan Covell/Larry Meeusen (Ferris State), Tim Hammer/Jason Smith (CSUS). Men's #3 Doubles: Allan Engel/Bruce Erickson (SMSU), Kevin Hymen/Jeff Linsk (MSU), Steve Maasch/Jeff Vilker (Univ./Wisc.), Craig Turner/Omar Zaman (CSUS). Women's #1 Doubles: Heather Dunn/Jen Yokota (SMSU), Rachel Gellman/Terry Latham (Univ./New Mexico), Christine Cipperello/Lisa Kirsch (Providence), Nicki Lewin/Tracey Ransdell (UCLA). Women's #2 Doubles: Jenny Spangenberg/Alicia Kinney (SMSU), Bobbi Jo Bell/Erin O'Connell (Bryant), Linda Arnold/Stacey Elliott (MSU), Jeannette Carter/Cindy Van Orman (BYU). Women's #3 Doubles: Kim Kohl/Donna Panter (SMSU), Kenly Krag/Pam Troutman (MSU), Samantha Foster/Tracy Turco (Penn State), Tracy Call/Hannan Alnadjar (Univ./Mass.).

MASTERS RESULTS

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Men's 55:

Paul Banales (Ariz.) def. Tom Waltz (Conn.).

Men's 60:

Don Alt (Fla.) def. Harvey Clar (Calif.).

Men's 65:

Victor Sacco (N.Y.) def. Ed Witham (Ohio).

Men's 70:

Nick Sans (Calif.) def. Luzell Wilde (Utah).

Women's 55:

Jo Kenyon (Fla.) def. Joanna Ralda (Pa.).

Men's 55 Doubles:

Paul Banales (Ariz.)/Ron Puddock. (Mich.) def. Pete Talbot (N.J.)/Tom Waltz (Conn.).

Men's 60 Doubles:

Harvey Clar (Fla.)/Dan Liacara (N.Y.) def. Joe Goldman (Mass.)/Joe Lambert (Texas)

Men's 65 Doubles:

John Bareilles (Va.)/Mal Roberts (Fla.) def. Ivan

Bruner/Chet Howard (Wisc.)

Men's 70 Doubles:

Earl Acuff (N.C.)/Luzell Wilde (Utah) def. C. Allen Shepherd (Md.)/Cam Snowberger (Pa.)

WOMEN'S SENIOR/MASTER RESULTS

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Women's 35+:

1. Vicky Luque, GA
2. Sue Rows, WI
3. Carol Deutsch, GA
4. Joanie Pitts, VA
5. Joanna Boyte, NC
6. Maria Fulmer, NC

Women's 40+:

1. Janet Myers, NC
2. Willie Grover, GA
3. Linda Miller, IN
4. Bev Powell, IL
5. Nancy Kronenfeld, IL
- T-6. Holly House, WI
- T-6. Bernadette Bruner, WI
8. Liz Lyon, GA
9. Mary Jo Epley, VA
10. Rosalind Gusinow, WI
11. Jan McClure, GA
12. Margit Harris, VA

Women's 45+:

1. Agatha Falso, FL
2. Meri Jean Kelley, CA
3. Pat Tarzon, IL
4. Margaret Hoff, IL
5. Jan Howard, VA
6. Mardel Marcus, OH
7. Janice Lucht, WI
8. M. Donna Christian, OH
9. Millie Moon, SC
10. Kendra Tutsch, WI
11. Nancy Loomis, VA
12. Carol Pellowski, WI
13. Nancy Keenan, VA

Women's 50+:

1. Sharon Hastings-Welty, OR
2. Nancy Butts, WI
3. Mildred Gwynn, NC
4. Jean Tull, VA
5. Marion Johnson, TX
6. Pauline Kelly, IL
7. Joyce Solberg, OH

Women's 55+:

1. Jo Kenyon, FL
2. Kathy Mueller, MN

Women's 60+:

1. Lola Markus, IL
2. Jane Peterson, FL

Women's 65+:

1. Jo Ann "Pete" Jones, CT

Women's 70+:

1. Mary Low Acuff, NC

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9. Jimmy Alvarado, FL
10. Kelly Gelhaus, CA

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1. Jay Rand, FL
2. Brett Zimmerman, TX
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6. Bill McCormick, TN
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10. Tom Helms, FL

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1. Tony Dequattro, RI
2. Dave Goodman, OH
3. Vic Mandella, CA
4. Scott Robinson, NH
5. Shane Vanderson, OH
6. Gabe Gose, NM
7. John Hunter, SC
8. Steve Long, NE
9. Rocco Mazzo, NJ
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MEN'S D

1. Scott Boyd, UT
2. Tom Drew, RI
3. Ken Gordon, OH
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5. Gabe Gose, NM
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10. Kyle Bowman, TX

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4. Armando Cabrera, NJ
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8. Mike Mulea, MA
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10. Mark Prokosh, MA

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1. Allan Engel, FL
2. Charlie Garrido, TX
3. Brian Rankin, MO
4. Mike Locker, MN
5. Alan Dogon, RI
6. Brian Simpson, IN
7. Dan Fowler, MD
8. Tuan Hguyen, FL
9. Rick Alvarez, FL
10. Eduardo Avila, NM

MEN'S 28+

1. Sam Waske, VA
2. Stephen Arizmendi, NY
3. Joe Cline, NJ
4. Joe Hassey, AZ
5. Jim Jeffers, IL
6. Jim Bolger, OH
7. Scott Erker, FL
8. Shad Thayer, CO
9. Curtis Winter, FL
10. Bruce Erickson, MO

MEN'S 30+

1. John Scargle, FL
2. Vinnie Ganley, FL
3. Bill Sell, CA
4. Dave Peck, CO
5. Steve Cutler, UT
6. Randy Forrest, FL
7. Dave Negrete, IL
8. Johnny Northern, MI
9. Ray Martinez, NJ
10. Bill Gates, VT

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1. Jim Young, PA
2. Craig Kunkel, CA
3. Stu Hastings, MI
4. Walter McDade, TN
5. Steve Coray, UT
6. Chuck Gates, MA
7. Johnny Northern, MI
8. Dane Crisp, TX
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10. Bobby Corcoran, AZ

MEN'S 40+

1. Gary Mazaroff, NM
2. Jim Bailey, VA
3. Davey Bledsoe, GA
4. Dave Kovanda, OH
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MEN'S 45+

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2. Herb Grigg, IL
3. Bill Wolfe, NY
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9. Frank Ciociola, NY
10. Gary Myers, CA

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1. Jack Ross, FL
2. Earl Black, FL
3. Ron Galbreath, PA
4. Ron Johnson, IL
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6. Roger Wehrle, GA
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1. Paul Banales, AZ
2. Hal Lackey, NC
3. Harry Keast, CA
4. Don Alt, FL
5. Bob Drouin, NH
6. Jack Kroger, IN
7. Frank Taylor, OH
8. Jim Ralley, CA
9. Jerry Holly, CA
10. Charlie Douglass, IN

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1. Harvey Clar, CA
2. Dan Llacera, NY
3. Barney Priest, SD
4. Vance Lerner, CA
5. J.D. Driver, MI
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2. John Bareilles, VA
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1. Jack Pearce, TX

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4. Marian Abrams, CA
5. Barbara Reppart, NM
6. Martha Satterfield, TX
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8. Allyson Lyon, CT
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10. Anna Tang, CA

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4. April McAfee, FL
5. Kim Cusano, CT
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2. Sue Rinehart, OH
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4. Arlynn Abramson, NY
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6. Lisa Hoffman, NY
7. Tatiana Liendo, OH
8. Janice Marcel, MA
9. Almee Perry, VA
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1. Kim Russell, GA
2. Cheryl Gudinas, IL
3. Laurie Czarnetasky, FL
4. Dana Sibell, MN
5. Kelley Beane, NH
6. Chris Deer, MO
7. Janet Tolson, FL
8. Karen Forbes, OH
9. Amy Kilbane, OH
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3. Janelle Marriott, RI
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3. Shelley Ogden, OH
4. Agatha Falso, FL
5. Willie Grover, GA
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7. Ellen Green, GA
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6. Pat Tarzon, IL
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2. Sylvia Sawyer, UT
3. Mildred Gwinn, NC
4. Jo Kenyon, FL
5. Nancy Kay Butts, WI
6. Jean Tull, VA

7. Joann Jones, CT
8. Marion Johnson, TX
9. Sarah Conoway, NM
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2. Kathy Mueller, MN
3. Cleata Ching, PA
4. Mary Wlaker, CA
5. Norma Carlisle, UT
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2. Lola Markus, IL
3. Claire Gautreau, TX
4. Phyllis Melvey, ND
5. Jane Peterson, FL
6. B.G. Railey, CA
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WOMEN'S 65+

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WOMEN'S 70+

1. Mary Low Acuff, NC
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WOMEN'S 75+

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WOMEN'S 80+

1. Zelda Friedland, NM

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9. Evan Pellowski, WI
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3. Mat Kelly, CO
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8. Brian Berlin, NY
9. Shane Dodge, ID
10. Eric Hardeman, TN

BOYS 18-

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2. John Ellis, CA
3. Jason Thorne, GA
4. Sameer Hadid, CA
5. Sonny Harrison, WA
6. Eric Muller, KS
7. Craig Rappaport, PA
8. Jim Ellenberger, WI

9. Justin Jahn, OR
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1. Elkova Iconogle, CA
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5. Jenny Spangenberg, CA
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PARI TIP #10: PROPER FOOTWORK

*By Fran Davis
Assistant U.S.
Team Coach*

Welcome to our 10th PARI Tip. Last issue we covered in detail the importance of getting down in good "ready position" so your body is able to move and spring into action as quickly as possible to retrieve the shots hit by your opponent. The four important aspects of the *Ready Position*, if you recall were:

1. Be square to frontwall, not sidewall.
2. Bend at the knees, not the waist.
3. Your legs should be wider than shoulder width apart.
4. Racquet up.

These four points are applicable both during a rally (photo 1), as well as on the return of serve (photo 2). Being *Down* and *Ready* is a main ingredient in retrieving balls effectively and efficiently.

IN REVIEW

At the end of PARI Tip #9 I informed you that in the next issue I would be covering the serve, but for good reason I changed my mind. I began to think that the ready position alone was really useless unless the person had proper footwork. As a result I have elected to cover foot-

work and expand on the topic of getting down and ready in this issue and will do the serves next time.

THE CROSSOVER STEP

Now that we have reviewed the ready position we are ready for the footwork. The footwork off the ready position directly affects consistency, accuracy and power both during the rally and on the return of serve. If and when possible you want to be square to the sidewall, just prior to hitting, so you can have the same fundamental



Photo 1



Photo 2

Footwork off the ready position directly affects consistency, accuracy and power ...

strokes as the basic forehand and backhand strokes. You can accomplish this by using the *crossover step* from the ready position whether you are in the middle of a rally in center court (see picture 1A & 1B) or returning serve (see picture 2A & 2B). If the ball is on the right side of the court you crossover with your left leg (lefties opposite) or if the ball is on the left side of the court you crossover with your right leg (lefties opposite). By crossing over properly you can obtain maximum leverage and power.

COMMON ERRORS

Don't be one of those lazy or inexperienced players who side steps and hits open stance (facing frontwall) a majority of the time even though you have time to crossover. The only time you should side step and hit open stance is during a rally (see picture 1C & 1D) or on the return of serve (see picture 2C & 2D) when the ball is *blasted* at you and you have no time to react, let alone crossover and swing. This is what we call the last resort...desperation (do whatever you have to to get the ball to the front wall regardless of form or anything).



1A. Crossover, Center Court



1B. Crossover, Center Court

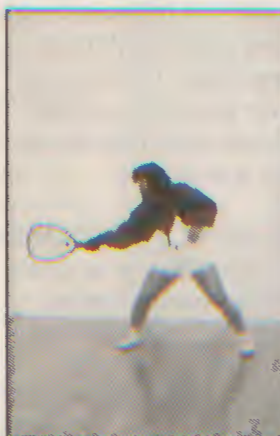


2A. Cross over, Return of Serve

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2B. Cross over, Return of Serve



In summary, if we can get *down and ready*, coupled with proper *footwork* we can not only retrieve a lot more balls, but we can also do a lot more with it once we get there. Too many of us are very content to just get to the ball and be defensive or just pray it makes the front wall. Let's take it one step further and learn that with proper footwork we can be a bit more offensive and deliberate with the left up balls our opponents hit.

Remember if you have one without the other, the "down and ready position" without "proper footwork," or "proper footwork" without the "down and ready position," the solid foundation we are trying to build will definitely suffer.

Good luck in experimenting with this and you will see just how quick you really are and can appear to be. See you next issue for the SERVE.

INCORRECT FORM: Clockwise from upper left – Center court open stance (forehand-1C), Return of serve open stance (forehand-2C), Center court open stance (backhand-1D), Return of serve open stance (backhand-2D).



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PARI NEWS

By Connie Martin

It has been a long time coming, but we are finally going to have Level III Clinic! The dates have been confirmed by the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for

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Bob Book graduated from Duke University with a B.A. in Psychology. In fact, while attending school he was looking for a "fun" summer job, began working at a racquetball club and ended up with a full time career.

Bob presently works at the Metro Sports Athletic Club as the Racquetball/Squash Program Director and Head Teaching Pro. His creative and innovative thinking has led to the development of summer sports camps that include scuba diving, wind surfing, kayaking, frisbee, racquetball, wallyball, racquetball

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Coincidentally, Bob's work was chosen for reprint in this issue of RACQUETBALL Magazine, so a sample of some of his unusual and entertaining instruction follows. If you like it, you'll find more in the state news section.

tournaments where participants play opposite-handed doubles wearing motorcycle helmets and knee pads, and racquetball leagues which include videotaped analysis of matches.

Bob also finds time to write and speak about his profession. He is the North Carolina Racquetball Association's featured writer and has been a speaker at IRSA's (the International Racquet Sports Association) National conventions for the past two years.

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Bob has been a recognized PARI Teaching Professional for four years. The clinic and certification gave him the skills and confidence to become one of the few PARI teaching professionals in the country. He has been able to use his degree in psychology to figure out what motivates and demotivates people to participate and win.

If you are ever in the Durham area and wish to have a lesson from Bob, please contact him at 919/286-7529...but watch out, or he may get you skiing down a slope in a kayak with a frisbee in one hand and a racquetball racquet in the other!

PARI OUTLOOK

By Bob Book
**POWER, POWER,
POWER!**

"Can you FEEL the power!"

"I can FEEEL the power!"

"Can you SEE the power!?.....I said can you SEEEEEE the power?"

"No, not really."

"Take your sunglasses off!"

"Oh, sorry...Power on!"

"Hallelujah!"

Power, power, power. I teach a lot of lessons to people who want to hit with more power. So I want to shed some light on the subject. I asked a physicist friend of mine to write me a simple formula for generating power with a racquetball swing. He came back two hours later with a three page equation/formula that looked like my worst nightmare from a college calculus final exam! "NOT!", I thought, and thanked him for his efforts. So much for that idea.

Fortunately, there are some fairly simple things you can do to dramatically increase you power, and you don't even need to brush up on your physics or calculus (SWEET!) While we all know that weight training or an oversized racquet will increase power, tremendous power is naturally generated from a mechanically correct swing - even an almost mechanically correct swing!

Proper stroke mechanics boil down to two simple concepts. The first is Body Rotation. Ideally, a

player's body should be facing the sidewall when hitting. This permits correct (and natural) upper and lower body rotation which is needed to maximize power. It's amazing how many of us fail to do this before hitting, usually from playing up too far forward and therefore losing the precious time needed to turn our bodies. Imagine a major league baseball player, standing at home plate, with the side of his body facing the pitcher. As the pitch approaches the plate, he quickly rotates his upper torso slightly away from the pitcher, and then unwinds with a swing that accelerates through the ball.

Upper and lower body work together in generating a crisp, rapid swing. Imagine how difficult it would be if the batter were forced to completely face the pitcher and still try to hit a home run. This is what many of us do when we face the front wall (failing to turn sideways) while swinging, and thereby dramatically reduce power.

The second component on proper mechanics involves the swing itself. The greater the distance our racquet travels before hitting, the greater the racquet speed, which has a dramatic impact on generated power. *Failing to raise one's racquet above one's head is*

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DECEMBER 27-31

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the most common mechanics flaw in 95% of novice, "C," "B," and even some "A" player's swings. While they may get their racquets up when drop-hitting for practice, they have very poor racquet preparation in a game and lose about 50% of their power when playing. They crush the ball in practice, but can't do it in a game during a rally.

A great drill for making proper racquet preparation a habit is what I call a "Racquet-up" drill. Stand about 5 feet behind the safety line and rally the ball continuously down the middle of the court, saying "racquet up" before you hit every ball. Be sure to turn sideways as well, and get your racquet up immediately after every ball you hit in preparation for the next shot. Rallying the ball continuously with early racquet prep' is a much more real, game-like way to reinforce correct habits. (It helps to hit with about 75% power at first, and watch that you don't drift too far forward while hitting.)

They crush the ball in practice, but can't do it in a game...

Unfortunately, even players with proper racquet prep' will often still lose power from contacting the ball too high. This, too, will shorten their swing and compromises body rotation and power. Contacting the ball too high (for an offensive shot) occurs most often from drifting too far forward as the rally progresses.

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED INSTRUCTION

By Jack Newman

In this issue our topic will be Practice Drills. This is one of the most common subjects at all of our camps. We will discuss some great practice drills to get you ready for your tournament and league matches.

First it is important to realize that perfect practice is the key to improvement. All the pro's on the "America's Most Wanted" staff use these same drills to help make them the top players in the world.

Second we must realize that to improve you must commit the time to doing practice drills. If you only play matches you will develop bad habits. By practicing and perfecting drills you can correct bad habits and develop confidence in your shot-making.

Drop and Hit - This first drill is used as a warm-up for later drills. Start at the short-line and drop the ball forward and hit your shots. It is important that you hit one shot at a time. First hit all down-the-lines, pinches and then cross-courts. Have a goal of hitting 10 good shots in a row. After you hit good shots start moving back in the court to different positions, (short-line, five-foot-line, 3/4 court, back court). Hit all forehands first and then all backhands. It is important to start this drill close to the front wall, to make it easier and help develop

confidence. This is a good warm-up drill, but our other drills mimic actual playing situations.

Shuffle and Hit - This time throw the ball a few feet forward and let it bounce a couple of times. This will make you shuffle forward hit the ball and move like you would in a match in order to hit the ball. Copy the drop and hit drill by starting at the short-line hitting different shots (down-the-line) pinch (cross-court), then moving back to different spots on the court. Make yourself hit 10 good shots from each position.

Ceiling Ball Drill - Start with your forehand in

back court and hit as many good ceiling balls as you can. If you hit a bad ceiling ball, set up and go for the killshot. This drill allows you to practice both ceiling shots and kills. Remember that your goal is to hit good ceiling shots. Then move to the backhand side and repeat the drill. This drill is ideal for two people to practice.

This is just a sample of a few drills our staff and campers do. In future issues we'll describe other drills that can be done alone or with a partner. For further information on camps in your area refer to our ad below.

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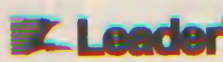
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WHAT'S THE CALL?

*By Otto Dietrich
AARA National
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Question: I play racquetball with a wooden tennis racquet that I've shortened

to comply with the AARA's 21-inch length limit. I've also added weight to the racquet's head by attaching coins with duct tape. I refuse to play with racquets made of other material or even a wooden racquetball racquet without the added weights. Is my racquet legal? The current rule really doesn't address this issue.

Bob duRivage, Detroit, Mich.

Answer: Your individualism is admirable. But the use of a racquet NOT manufactured for this sport seems to create the same kind of

liability problems as the use of "safety lenses" that were NOT manufactured for racquet sports. Namely, if an accident happened, the manufacturer could point to the modification and misuse of the tennis racquet as having voided any stated or implied warranty of product safety. While you might be willing to downplay the importance of that responsibility, the AARA is not. Therefore, the ruling is that, in addition to the requirements of Rule 2.4, "racquetball must be played with a racquet manufactured specifically for the sport. Moreover, the racquet must be unaltered except by a factory-approved person."

Do the coins you've attached to your racquet extend beyond the normal surface of the racquet? If so, they present a safety hazard for your opponent even if they stay firmly attached. The possibility of their becoming dislodged presents another type of hazard. Incidentally, there are several acceptable ways of adding weight to a racquet's head.

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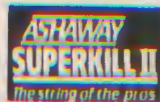


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Lead tape, for instance, can be purchased at many pro shops. Such tape not only clings securely to the racquet, but doesn't protrude (like a coin would) beyond the racquet's normal dimensions.

Another safety concern raised by your letter is the wrist thong. Does your racquet have one? If so, you must have designed the method for securing it to the racquet. What assurance is there that the thong will remain securely attached?

While you might find some people to play racquetball with when you use that racquet, I would not be one of them. I recommend that you consider compromising your individualism in this area for the safety of your opponents.

Question: Can a "screen serve" be called if the server stands about 4 feet from the side wall and the serve doesn't violate "drive serve rule?" Several of the folks I play with argue that if you don't break the drive serve rule, then it can't be a screen. Also, can a screen serve be called in doubles?

Norman Goldetsky, Hopkins, Minn.

Answer: Rule 4.10(i) rule says that a screen serve is one that passes "so close to the server" that the receiver doesn't have a "clear view of the ball." This is one of those dreaded judgement calls that referees sometime have to make! The drive serve rule (Rule 4.10(h)) was never meant to define the ONLY case when a "screen" can occur. Instead, the drive serve rule was designed to take the "judgement" out of calling one type of "screen serve" — namely when the server stands very close to the side wall and serves between himself and that wall.

So, a screen serve can occur no matter where the server stands—in the center of the court as well as near the side wall—if (i) the served ball passes close to the server and (ii) the closeness of the ball impaired the receiver's attempt to return the ball. Therefore the referee must be alert on every serve and be prepared to call a "screen serve" if it happens.

ONE FINAL SHOT! Don't forget that June 1 is the deadline for submitting rule changes for the next year. If you have one in mind, drop me a line at the AARA national office or at my home address on page 29 of the rulebook.



RACQUETBALL ACHES AND PAINS: BURSITIS - WHAT IS IT?

*By Rhett Rainey
U.S. Team Physician*

Countless cases of bursitis are treated every year. It is seen for a variety of different causes, from direct trauma to overuse conditions. Basically it is an inflammation of a bursae which is a small sac-like membrane. It can be located between tendon and bone, tendon and muscle or between tendon and skin where they pass over a bony prominence such as the elbow or knee cap. The function of a bursae is to provide a lubrication surface which reduces friction that could otherwise limit the function of a joint or muscle.

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Most bursitis is of the chronic traumatic type. It usually starts when you overload muscles and cause more friction than the bursae can tolerate. This is exactly what happens in racquetball when repetitive motions occur in the shoulder, elbow or knee. The wall of the bursae thickens in response to irritations and subsequently becomes swollen. As the bursae wall thickens in response to the irritation caused by repetitive motion, the area becomes swollen. The more the bursae wall thickens, the less it is able to perform its lubricating function. Direct pressure on a bursae can also lead to bursitis such as hitting your elbow on the wall, getting hit by a racquet or falling onto your knee. Sometimes bursitis can occur without an obvious cause but most often is related to overuse or direct trauma.

Acute bursitis is caused by a direct blow to the area involved. Sometimes abrasions are associated with direct trauma and the swollen, inflamed bursae can become infected. This is a much more serious problem that should be evaluated immediately. Infected bursitis will present increasing pain, redness, swelling and possible fever.

Bursitis can affect different areas of the body differently. The amount of pain, swelling and loss of function depends on the area affected.

ELBOW BURSITIS

The elbow is at greatest risk for trauma during racquetball. You can swing your racquet and hit your own elbow, your opponent can hit your elbow or you can dive for a shot, hit the floor and sustain direct trauma to this area. Since your elbow is not well padded, it is very painful when

trauma in this area occurs. The bursae between the skin and bone at the tip of the elbow is most susceptible to injury. It can become inflamed due to sports activity, a direct blow, or prolonged pressure or friction. This is termed olecranon bursitis.

Athletes who forcefully straighten their arm as we do when swinging a racquet, often have chronic traumatic olecranon bursitis. Any time repeated forceful motions occur across a joint there is a friction buildup between the skin and bone. This is similar to the pistons in an engine. When there is no oil lubricating the moving parts, heat caused by friction causes wear and tear. The same thing occurs in your elbow except the oil is the bursae, and when there is too much friction, inflammation occurs. This results in swelling at the tip of your elbow and is sometimes accompanied by pain. Often the swelling is visibly noticeable and restricts the joint motion.

KNEE BURSITIS

As in the elbow, there are many bursae in the knee. The pre-patellar bursae, located over the knee cap can suddenly swell from a direct blow, such as falling on your knees. Swelling and pain usually occur within 48-72 hours after injury. If the trauma is severe enough, this can occur even if protective padded braces are worn.

Three tendons cross over the pes anserine bursae, which is located on the inside aspect of the knee. In this area friction can occur between the tendons and bone causing a bursitis. Swelling can occur but is generally not as severe as the prepatellar bursitis. The infrapatellar bursae lies below the knee cap and can also

become inflamed, primarily from repetitive stress due to excess running or jumping.

SHOULDER BURSITIS

Overhead motions that are used in racquetball often overload the shoulder musculature and chronic bursitis can develop. Sharp pain accompanied by an inability to raise the arm as well as loss of shoulder function are typical symptoms. Shoulder bursitis is sometimes accompanied by other conditions such as a torn rotator cuff. Repeated irritation can cause the bursae to thicken and lose its ability to lubricate, causing inflammation of the tendon or rotator cuff, which can then spread to the surrounding bursae.

TREATMENT

Many cases of bursitis clear up by simply resting the extremity involved or by padding the injured area. This protects the area from further inflammation. Ice applied at regular intervals can help to reduce the swelling and pain. Heat will usually make it worse. Sometimes anti-inflammatory medication such as ibuprofen helps. Occasionally, aspiration (draining) the swollen bursae and compressive wraps will speed recovery. If the bursitis persists, treatment with a corticosteroid injection may be recommended. Various forms of physical therapy such as ultrasound can be useful. On occasion the bursae may become so swollen that they will not respond to conservative treatment and require surgical removal of the inflamed bursae.



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A resident of Los Angeles, California, Chip Parmelly sits on the Board of Directors of the National Wheelchair Racquetball Association and frequently holds racquetball clinics to teach individuals at all levels of the game. Chip has put together some basic tips that would help someone newly introduced to wheelchair racquetball. They are intended to help teachers and trainers alike understand some fundamental aspects of the sport.

TIP ONE: THE SERVE

The same as in able bodied racquetball, the proper serve often times will dictate the outcome of the rally. Of course, a great serve is one which the opponent cannot return. However, what is taught by most professional trainers is a serve that does not allow the receiver to return in an offensive manner. It is found that the lob serve is most effective in obtaining this result.

Chip Parmelly has been the uncontested #1 wheelchair racquetball player in the world for the past six years.



This serve should be initiated from the center of the service box. The full or half lob serve are both very effective and usually result in a low percentage return.

TIP TWO: COMING OUT OF THE BOX

Once the ball is served, the player should pull straight back and position him/herself behind the short line, (approximately five feet). This will place the server on the offensive for the return of serve. Note: when pulling back out of the service box, keep in mind rule 4.11(k) of the AARA official rule book concerning out serves.

TIP THREE: RECEIVING THE SERVE

As taught by PARI instructors, the receiving position for an able bodied player ideally is an arm's length from the back wall plus one step to center. However, due to the double bounce rule in wheelchair racquetball, a receiver should move approximately two feet further to the front court.

This will enable the player to better position him/herself to return a lob serve as well as a drive.

Once the ball is served, the sooner the player can anticipate which side of the chair will come in contact with the ball the better. If the ball is served to the backhand side of the player, he or she should position their chair at a forty-five degree angle from the front wall, moving the chair forward or backward in

relation to where the ball will take its second bounce. This same rule applies for the forehand shot.

TIP FOUR: CHAIR SKILLS

As with able bodied racquetball, the most important aspect of the shot is getting to the ball and setting up for the swing. This means concentrating first on pushing the chair to the ball and second, on the swing. A common error found with most players is that they worry about hitting the ball before they actually get to it. A drill can be used here to help a player overcome his/her tendency to swing before reaching the ball. The player is in the chair, as if he/she were going to receive a serve. A second person should locate themselves in the front court and throw a ball to one side or the other of the receiving player. The receiver then pushes themselves to one side or the other and should catch the ball in the hand they would normally hold the racquet with. This will give the player a better idea of what they need to do to get to the ball in order to make a shot.

TIP FIVE: POSITIONING DURING THE RALLY

Once the rally begins, it is important to try to maintain center court positioning. Ideally, as with the able bodied game, the object is to move your opponent from center court to a less offensive position on the court. After making a shot, a player should try to regain center court approximately thirty to thirty-five feet from the front wall. Again, a common mistake here is made when after a shot is executed the player tends to focus on the result of the shot instead of focusing on keeping his/her chair in motion towards an offensive position.

ODE TO AN AGING ATHLETE

By Jack Ross

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*We enter the court and each takes a side
We bang the ball slowly 'til each finds his stride
Next sides are switched without saying a word
We speak here at levels where words are not heard*

*There's mutual respect for our shared years of playing
It's quieter there and it's known without saying
We've chosen each other, we've comparable skill
We'll fight the good fight and we'll go for the kill*

*I lob a few serves and alter my play
Looking for weaknesses in the midst of the fray
My adrenaline pumps in the heat of the battle
And sometimes I shout my opponent to rattle*

*There's a sense of aliveness when I've played a close game
A feeling of fulfillment that's hard to explain
I've now lost a step and my muscles get sore
But I still play the game. It's one place I still score*

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WANTED

Individuals to network with wheelchair racquetball athletes in each state. If you would like to be the contact person for wheelchair racquetball in your state, please call the national office for more information (719/635-5396), or write John Foust, AARA Commissioner for the Disabled, 4633B South Frazer, Aurora, Colorado 80015, 303/699-8121.

WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

By Luke St. Onge

For the first time in six years the I.R.F. World Racquetball Championships will be held on the North American continent. In 1988 the Worlds were held in Hamburg, Germany, and in 1990 in Caracas, Venezuela.

This is your chance to travel to the beautiful city of Montreal, Canada, see the best racquetball in the world, share time with players from 35 countries, and cheer the U.S. Team on to victory.

The Worlds will take place from August 12 to August 21 at the Entreprises Nautilus Plus, Ville d'Anjou (Montreal), Quebec, Canada. Reasonable accommodations can be made at Journey's End Anjou, 8100, rue Neuville, Ville

d'Anjou (Quebec), Canada, H1J 2T2, 514/493-6363, which is the same hotel where all the teams will be staying. Full details can be found on page 59 of this magazine.

Ever wanted to play in the World Championships yourself? If you are over 35 you can compete in the I.R.F. World Senior Championships scheduled for Albuquerque, New Mexico during Labor Day week, September 8-12. Here's your chance to compete against not only the best in U.S. age groups, but among those from 12 other countries as well. It's conducted in a round robin format and the hospitality cannot be beaten. Look for the official entry blank on page 13.

So attend the Open World Championships in Montreal this summer and cheer on the U.S. Team, and then compete in the most prestigious age group competition at the Senior World Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico over Labor Day Weekend. I'll see you there.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Keith Calkins

The 1992 National Singles Championships are upon us again and we welcome all the players and guests who will join the AARA in celebrating our 10th consecutive year at the Houston Downtown YMCA. This week-long event will include the semi-annual meeting of the National Board, an industry trade show at the Hyatt, State Presidents and General Membership meeting, Ektelon Party, Penn/AARA-YMCA Party, 10th anniversary Banquet, televised finals, and the best racquetball that can be played at the amateur level. On behalf of the Board of Directors we encourage you to come to Houston and participate in all of these activities.

Newly elected board members will have their first official meeting and will select new officers for the 1992-93 year. It has been my pleasure to serve as

AARA President this past year and I would like to comment on a few of the things we have accomplished.

The board approved and will balance the largest budget in the history of the AARA. We thank our Treasurer, Steve Lerner, for his leadership with this task. RACQUETBALL Magazine has become a showpiece for our organization, again with special thanks to Linda Mojer and her staff for their efforts. Our national championships have become highly organized and extremely successful under the direction of National Tournament Commissioner Margo Daniels and the behind the scenes work of the national staff. The Club Recreational Program is off and running with over 60 clubs enrolled. John Mooney has made this happen and we know that it will grow in the months ahead.

We have again completed an aggressive year in televising our sport — an area that continues to be critical for our growth and development. Our number one priority in 1991 was the promotion of junior racquetball, and through the efforts of Jim Hiser we have made great strides toward this goal. We are proud of our Junior National Team and believe the emphasis will pay off in the future. The new format for regional



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tournaments has been well received, successful and will improve competitive opportunities for the tournament player. Networking through State Presidents to the state organizations has also been highly productive and we thank Kevin Joyce, and each state president, for making this happen. I would be remiss if I did not mention the high level of support we have received from all our volunteers, sponsors, and the USOC.

The U.S. Team Committee chaired by Carol Pellowski has also had a busy year. Our national team participated in the Pacific Rim Games, the Olympic Festival and the Tournament of the Americas. Coach Jim Winterton and Assistant Coach Fran Davis have made tremendous strides with the team, assuring that its members are not only consistent champions, but that they represent the model that the U.S. Olympic Committee is seeking from national teams.

Obviously, I have only touched on some of the areas where we have focused our efforts this past year. I would comment on the committee structure that we currently employ, with its many standing committees that are extremely active within the organization. Most are chaired by a board member who has done a fine job this year and I personally wish to thank each of them: Otto Dietrich, Allan Seitelman, Steve Lerner, Margo Daniels, Ivan Bruner, Mike Arnolt, John Foust, and Van Dubolsky. There are also many of you who served on committees and councils that are not board members and deserve our utmost appreciation for all that you have and will continue to do for our sport. Thanks and God bless each of you.

In closing, I would simply say that racquetball is fortunate to have such special people who care so much for other people. Each is unique, but together we are a Giant. Keep up the great work!

And our very special thanks to AARA Executive Director, Luke St. Onge, who each year seems to give us more of a piece of the rock. We know that this is much more than a job to you. For that, the Board and the membership continually respect and admire you for not only working for us but for being like us as we enjoy this game of racquetball!



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AROUND THE GLOBE

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL

The 1992 World Racquetball Championships, sponsored by Miller Lite, at Entreprises Nautilus Plus Ville d'Anjou in Montreal, Quebec, Canada will take place August 12-21.

Team play will begin on August 13 for the World Championship team trophy, followed by individual medal rounds. The official ball for the event will be supplied by Wilson Sporting Goods Company.

Teams from throughout the International Racquetball Federation (IRF) have been invited to compete. In the 1991 World Challenge Cup held in Colorado Springs, top teams from Canada, Mexico and the United States provided an action packed championship preview.

The official host hotel will be the Journey's End Anjou, 8100, rue Neuville, Ville d'Anjou (Quebec) Canada H1J 2T2. For reservations, call 514/4993-6363. To fly United Airlines and receive your AARA discount, call 800/251-4041 and cite reference number 521GO when making your travel plans.

For further information, please contact the 1992 "Miller Lite" World Racquetball Championships, Entreprises Nautilus Plus, 999, boul. Taschereau, bureau 2000, Greenfield Park (Quebec) Canada J4V 3M3, Tel: 514/465-5814, Fax: 514/672-0998.

USA WINS TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS IN HONDURAS

A squad comprised of largely new appointees to the U.S. National Racquetball Team made an excellent showing at the VII Tournament of the Americas with team and individual gold medal wins.

In singles, former U.S. Olympic Festival finalist Chris Cole of Flint,

Tournament of the Americas delegation:
Top row: Steve Lerner, Rhett Rainey, Chris Cole, Tim Hansen, Eric Muller, John Ellis, Paul Henrickson. Front row: Lynne Coburn, Robin Levine, Jackie Paraiso Gibson, Kim Russell, Fran Davis.



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Michigan defeated junior star John Ellis of Sacramento, California in three games, 15-13, 13-15, 15-9. In the previous round, Cole had advanced past teammate Tim Hansen of West Palm Beach, Florida in straight games of 15-10, 15-13. In his semi-final, Ellis took an impressive victory over Canada's top player Sherman Greenfeld, 15-8, 15-9.

Newcomer Lynne Coburn of Baltimore, Maryland took a first-time career win over current #1 ranked pro player Jackie Paraiso Gibson of San Diego in a tiebreaker, 8-15, 15-13, 15-4. In the semi-finals, Coburn defeated Canada's Carol McPetridge in another slow starting match, 11-15, 15-7, 15-10. In her semi-final, Paraiso Gibson defeated southpaw teammate

Robin Levine of Sacramento, California, 6-15, 15-10, 15-10.

In doubles, the U.S. team logged its only defeat, with a loss by current national doubles champions John Ellis and Eric Muller (Kansas City, Kansas) to Canada's top team of Mike Ceresia and Roger Harripersad in straight games. For the women, current U.S. Olympic Festival doubles champions Robin Levine and Kim Russell won their final against Canada's Heather Stupp and Vicki Brown, 15-4, 15-4.

Final team standings were: United States, Canada, Mexico and Costa Rica.

BOLIVARIANOS GAMES TO CONSIDER RACQUETBALL AS FULL MEDAL SPORT

At the last meeting of the Presidents of Racquetball Associations of Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Panama and Bolivia (ODEBO), it was unanimously decided that racquetball will be officially taken into consideration as a medal sport during the upcoming "Juegos Bolivarianos" to be held in Bolivia in 1993.

CANADA MASTERS FESTIVAL

The Regina Court and Fitness Club will be the venue for the racquetball component of the Canadian Masters' Summer Sport Festival in the city of Regina, Saskatchewan July 18-25. In the past both the Senior and Junior Canadian National Championships have been contested on its courts. For further information about the festival, call 1/800-661-1992.

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HONOREES ANNOUNCED

At its October meeting, the AARA Board of Directors pre-selected several annual award winners for recognition at the National Singles Banquet in Houston.

The female age group athlete of the year award has been designated the "Peggy Steding" award for the first time in 1992, and will go to Kathy Mueller of Minnesota.



Kathy Mueller

The Male Age Group Athlete of the Year award will go to Paul Banales of Arizona.

Following a rigorous selection process which concluded in February, Jim Austin was selected for induction into the AARA Hall of Fame.



Paul Banales

Tim Sweeney and Michelle Gilman are the 1991-92 Athletes of the Year (photos on page 19), and have already been honored as the AARA's nominees for the AAU Sullivan Award and the USOC Athlete of the Year.

In addition, other surprise selections for annual service awards will be announced at the banquet, including the winners of the Joe Sobek outstanding contributor award, the John Halvorsen Fair Play award and the State Presidential award.



Jim Austin



*Inventor of racquetball
Joe Sobek*

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COLLEGIATE UPDATE

By Neil Shapiro

By the time you read this the St. Onge Cup, emblematic of being the finest college racquetball team in the world, will be safely housed on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Much like the Davis Cup in tennis or the Stanley Cup in hockey, the St. Onge Cup will be a perpetual trophy given to the winning team for display at their college or university

for one year. Each year's winning team will then be required to bring it to the annual site for the World Championships and try to reclaim it for the following year. Each year the winning school's name will be inscribed on the trophy. The ACRA decided to honor the man who had done more for racquetball in the last ten years than anyone else. It is with pleasure that we present the St. Onge Cup for the first time to Southwest Missouri State University for winning the 1992 Championships.

Every year the AARA/ACRA requests site bids for coming World Championships. We again encourage any private club, college or university to request a proposal package to bid for the 1993 World

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Championships. We are extremely eager to hold this tournament on a college/university campus. If your school is interested please send a letter to me or to the AARA.

We would also like to know your opinion of the Olympic format that guaranteed all participants a minimum of three matches in this year's World Championships. If you prefer this format to the traditional draw, which is single elimination, we would like to hear from you. We are trying to maximize the amount of play that everyone can get at the tournament until we get it just right. Some people have suggested that doubles play be restricted to players who do not participate in singles; that instead of three doubles events we have only one; that the number of women's divisions be reduced and that all participants be lumped together and a single draw (separately for men and women) be held for everyone. Whatever you prefer we'd like to get your opinion so please help us plan for 1993.



NOSTALGIA

Compiled by John Mooney

5 YEARS AGO: 1987

Two new rule changes were instituted: 1) Lensed eyewear became mandatory for all AARA sanctioned tournaments. 2) A screen serve became a fault serve. ** Egan Inoue cited by the professional racquetball players as having the fastest serve in racquetball. ** Brett Harnett was ranked number one in Men's professional racquetball and Lynn Adams the top Women's Professional. ** Andy Roberts and Trina Rasmussen were still the top ranked amateurs. ** The Head Air Express racquetball was on the market and it was packaged individually in boxes or three balls to a can. ** There were 52 AARA sanctioned tournaments between April 1 and May 30, 1987. This compares to 116 AARA sanctioned tournaments for the same period this year. Who said racquetball was dying? ** Memphis State University seniors Andy Roberts and Toni Bevelock won the national

intercollegiate singles titles, but their wins were not enough to clinch the team title. Sacramento State won the overall team title over Memphis State by one point, 237 to 236. ** Viking Sports introduced the Cabretta Stay Soft Glove, made of specially tanned sheepskin cabretta leather and you could wash it and it would dry soft. ** Mid-sized Racquetball Racquets were in.

TEN YEARS AGO: 1982

Chuck Love, then editor of National Racquetball, suggested that racquetball needed change to maintain its position as a recreational competitive leisure time activity. He suggested that we should include a telltale board on the front wall. Ten years and still no telltale board for racquetball! ** Lynn Adams regains number one ranking in professional racquetball from Heather McKay. ** Paul Haber's "hands" beat Bud Muehleisen's "racquet" in Court Sports "Match of the Century." Using a handball as the exhibition ball, and with Haber using handball gloves against Muehleisen's racquet, the contest was on. Held at Mem-

STATE NEWS

In the Works: Barbara St. Onge is presently working on interviewing past racquetball greats for a "History of Racquetball"

phis State University, the stakes were the prestige of the handball player with side bets rumored to be somewhere between \$40,000. and \$60,00. Haber won the match in three games with the final match point for Haber on an avoidable hinder. I wonder if we will ever see this type of match again.

FUTURE NOSTALGIA

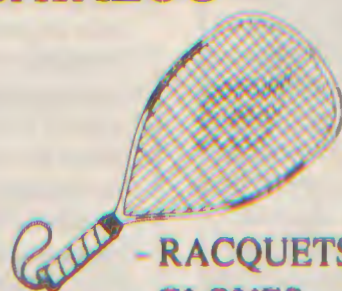
Barbara St. Onge is presently working on interviewing past racquetball greats, regular players and administrators for the "History of Racquetball." We'll soon have taped interviews by the dozens, which will become articles for upcoming issues of the magazine for everyone's enjoyment. Look for them in 1993.

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METRO REGIONALS

The AARA would like to thank the adult and junior metro tournament directors who have run regional events this year. These important qualifiers for the nationals demand many hours of planning, coordinating and attention to detail — for which all of you are to be commended! Club owners, managers and volunteers are also an integral part of these events. Listed below are the regional results which have been received at the national office as of April 15. The next issue will carry the remaining results.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Westerville & Sawmill Athletic Club
Tournament Director: Steve Lerner

MEN'S DIVISIONS

OPEN: Doug Ganim def. Chris Cole
A: Jerry Ayers def. Gordon Gallagher
B: Tony Hannon def. Jon Donahey
C: Dave Goodman def. Shane Vanderson
D: Ken Gordon def. Ken Franz
19+: Brian Simpson def. Nicholas Strike
25+: Jim Bolger def. Carl Gatewood
30+: Johnny Northern def. Carl Gatewood
35+: Johnny Northern def. Ron Woolard
40+: Dave Kovanda def. Ron Woolard
45+: Ray Hues def. Tom Perna
50+: Bobby Sanders def. Jerry Davis
55+: Charles Gunn def. Ray Kasl
60+: Jim Herron def. John Leech
65+: John Leech def. Gerry Leone
70+: Erving Zeltman def. Worthy Gee
DEAF: Vic Peterman def. Tim Stanton

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

OPEN: Jessica Hadler def. Val Springer
A: Sharon Park def. Sharon Davis
B: Janda Samara def. Nanci Jasper
C: Darla Furze def. Chris Bellman
D: Candi Kirchhoff def. Debbie McCament
19+: Karen Forbes def. Amy Kilbane
25+: Pat Bornhorst def. Delois Leaphart
30+: Mary Bickley def. Peggy Ludwig
35+: Shelley Ogden def. Sharon Park

- 40+: Shelley Ogden def. Karen Henkle
45+: Garri Stoffregen def. Peg Shaw

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Racquetpower Health & Fitness
Tournament Director: Aaron Metcalf

MEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Tim Hansen def. Glenn Warren
A: Merve Bony def. Doug Moore
B: Robert Matheny def. Andrew Haywood
C: Charles Rossup def. Hector Rios
D: Mark Jamerson def. John Balsavage

- Novice: Allan Smith def. Ray Stanislas
19+: Rob Kulp def. Rick Alvarez
25+: Curtis Winter def. Oscar Alvarez
30+: Vinnie Ganley def. Randy Pfahler
35+: Mitt Layton def. Randy Pfahler
45+: Leo Marsocci def. Bob Heller
50+: Don Alt def. Jim Vineyard
55+: Don Alt
60+: Don Alt def. Jack Voetash
65+: Mal Roberts def. Paul Gorman
70+: Carlos Sana def. Jack Murphy

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Kersten Hallander def. Susan Morgan Pfahler
A: Carl Kress def. Jo Zayas
B: Jan Watson def. Laurie O'Donnell
D: Mary Ann McCullen def. Sharon Myers
19+: Sue Cox def. Amanda Simmons
25+: Sue Cox def. Amanda Simmons
30+: Janet Tyler def. Michelle Scott
35+: Susan Morgan Pfahler def. Agatha Falco
40+: Agatha Falco def. Sandra Holtzman
45+: Agatha Falco def. Sandra Holtzman
50+: Jo Kenyon
55+: Jo Kenyon

GREENBROOK/WARREN, NEW JERSEY

King George Racquet Club
Racquets Club at Warren
Tournament Director: Lisa Gaertner

MEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Nolan Glantz def. Rob McKinney
A: Kevin O'Callahan def. Joe Durla
B: Bob Paradiso def. Frank Smith

- C: Rocco Mazzo def. Robert Meade
D: Hermilio Alicea def. Dan Carver
Novice: John Hogan def. Russ Maziarka
19+: Joe Durla def. Michael Bronzo
25+: Bill Serafin def. Chris Fine
30+: Kevin Devine def. Lee Carter
35+: Jim Young def. Steve Goldberg
40+: Russ Montagne def. Bill Wela
45+: Bill Wolfe def. Ron Galbreath
50+: Fred Letter def. Ron Galbreath
55+: Nick Farkooh def. Dan Llacera
60+: Dave Egbert def. Marv Rosenberg
65+: Robert Faby
80+: Tony Zengaly

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Dot Kelly def. Lynne Coburn
A: Sheri Viscount def. Stacey Morris
B: Hilda Reedon def. Helen Thomas
C: Natalie Russell def. Jeannine Smith
D: Kim Grasso def. Ginny Farrell
Novice: Karla McVey def. Marcy Oberly
35+: Teri Gatars def. Pat Musselman
45+: Pat Marion def. Idelma Urella
Karen San Fillipo

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Clayton Valley Athletic Club
Tournament Director: Brad Carter

MEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Michael Bronfeld def. John Ellis
A: Mike Asher def. Scott Devillers
B: Brian Sianeros def. Greg Berg
C: Robin Davis def. Stanley McGinnis
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25+: John Winnings def. Tim Moore
30+: Mike Hollenbeck def. Robert O'Brien
35+: Robert O'Brien def. Rodger Briggs
40+: Rodger Briggs def. Ed Ritner
45+: Gary Myers def. Brad Parra
50+: Gregg Stafford def. Ken Moore
55+: Russ Bates def. Ken Moore
60+: Jim Bailey def. Hugo Soto
65+: Robert Yoxall def. Ralph Greco
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WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Robin Levine def. Louise Winter
A: Mary Kucel def. Susy Bobenrigh
B: Valerie Skinner-Martin def. Marian Abrams
C: Ana Tang def. Barbara O'Neil
25+: Louise Winter def. Mary Tessier
30+: Kimberly Perry def. Debi Baker
35+: Vicki Fisher def. Elaine Dexter
40+: Elaine Dexter def. Nidia Funes
45+: Nidia Funes

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Racquetball & Fitness of San Antonio
Tournament Director: Bruce Hendin

MEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Mike Guldry def. Todd O'Neil
A: Ron Renn def. Jerry Hecht
B: Jeff Meyers def. James Golden
C: Ruben Desimone def. Johnny Soliz
D: Jesse Carter def. Keith Fangmeier
Novice: Royce Reece def. Ali Soleimani
19+: Ricky Suber def. Giovanni Mendez
25+: Ross Smith, Jr. def. Mark Hickey
30+: Larry Mereys def. Byron Williams
35+: Dane Crisp def. Glen Huey
40+: Howard Walker def. Chris Kenkade
45+: David Pearson def. Jack Jackson
50+: Robert Hill def. Tom Reardon
55+: Dirk Stronk def. Frank Ford
60+: Bill Reese def. Win Brisben
65+: Richard Davis def. J. W. Swaak
75+: Fred Felton
80+: John Pearce

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

- Open: Jo Ann Slater def. Jennifer Risch
A: Dora Tames def. Mary Esther Middleton
B: Lisa Hundley def. Jennifer Jeter
C: Anne Fangmeier def. Teresa DeVaugh
D: Stephanie Strong def. Paula Foster
19+: Alma Fuentes def. Jessica Rogers
25+: Sally Melendez def. Naomi Morgan
30+: Jill Guthrie def. Jo Ann Slater
35+: Brenda Beard def. Patricia Westmark
40+: Jane Vigil def. Becky Zimmerman

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Atlanta Sporting Club

Tournament Director: Caryn McKinney

MEN'S DIVISIONS

Open: Will Epperson def. Charlie Nichols
 A: Grant Morsan def. Robert Rauach
 B: Frank Cunningham def. Jason Bernerth
 C: Brad Shapiro def. James Lee
 D: Brad Shapiro def. Scott Gardner
 Nov: Martin Sewell def. Blair Cumble
 19+: David Hunter def. Grant Giles
 25+: Charlie Nichols def. Jay Werner
 30+: Chuck Muller def. Ken Green
 35+: Jerry Wickliffe def. Robert Blankenship
 40+: Jay Schwartz def. Jerry Wickliffe
 45+: Jay Schwartz def. Wayne Vincent
 50+: Bob Webster def. Al Delorato
 55+: Jack Weems def. Dave Payne
 60+: Clemens McIntosh

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

Open: Kathy Treadway def. Robin Whitmire

A: Karen Locke def. Jenni Fuller
 B: Supen Dunn def. Janet Salter
 C: Janet Salter def. Mandi McClure
 D: Anna Ross def. Concepcion Prat
 25+: Ellie Morgan def. Sheila Collins
 30+: Kathy Treadway def. Martha Lenoir
 35+: Vicki Luque def. Ann Hemphill
 40+: Janet Myers def. Willie Grover

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dupage Racquet & Health Club

Tournament Director: Geoff Peters

MEN'S DIVISIONS

Open: Jim Floyd def. Jim Jeffers
 A: Tom Utterback def. Steve Kalai
 B: Bill Marshall def. Steve Faingold
 C: Evan Poulaskidas def. Thomas Kato
 D: Kevin Johnson def. Thomas Kato
 19+: Mike Smith def. Steve Kalai
 25+: Johnny Northern def. Keith Minor
 30+: Bill Lyman def. Andy Pitcock
 35+: Steve Brandvold def. Gary Hunley
 40+: David Olson def. Bruce Nelson
 45+: Herb Grigg def. Barry Berger
 50+: Ron Johnson def. Dave Young
 60+: Pierre Millar def. Donald Grieve
 65+: Tex Hoeach def. Dick Wadewitz
 NRAD: Ron Tkachuk def. Richard Nell

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

Open: Cheryl Gudinas def. Diane Gronkiewicz
 A: Sara Meline def. Cathy Waggoner
 B: Mickey Girup def. Rossie DeAngel
 C: Nancy Rocha def. Karen Green
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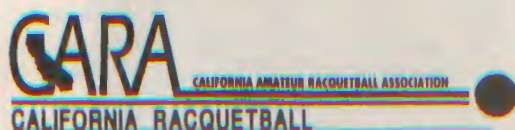
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ALL AROUND

STATES ADOPT NEW LOGOS, UPGRADE NEWSLETTERS



Alabama, California and New Hampshire sent out newsletters during the first quarter of the year, all sporting new looks.



California received more than 40 submissions before deciding on their new logo. The winning design was submitted by Oscar Bazen, who is also the new CARA President! Oscar sketched the winning design during a lull in presentations at the AARA Leadership Seminar in January.



It is great to see the enthusiasm and creativity that is put into upgrading your newsletters. Congratulations to these three and to all, keep up the good work!

COLORADO

AIR FORCE CAPTAIN BARB FAULKENBERRY NAMED ATHLETE OF THE YEAR [Reprinted from Ektelon Team News]

When Barb Faulkenberry first picked up a racquetball racquet as a 13-year-old, she had no idea the game would become such an integral part of her life. "I started playing at

my local YMCA in Clearwater, Fla.," Faulkenberry remembers. "At that time, the adult players could kick a junior off the courts if they wanted to use the court." Despite the limited practice sessions, Faulkenberry participated in the 1976 Junior Nationals, losing to the eventual champion, Jamie Abbott. That was the first year that girls were allowed to compete.

Just before leaving home for college in 1978, Faulkenberry won the women's state championship in Florida, where there was only one division for all female competitors. She headed off to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. "I was lucky enough to arrive at the Academy with the third entering freshman class in which women were allowed to attend," she commented.

Faulkenberry won the Intercollegiate Nationals three of her four years at the Air Force Academy. A victor at many state tournaments, she had the honor of being an inaugural member of the AARA U.S. National Team in 1981. "It was great to compete in the first World Games," she said. "I won a silver medal, finishing behind Cindy Baxter."

After her graduation from the Air Force Academy in 1982, Faulkenberry lived in California, Georgia, and the District of Columbia before returning to Colorado Springs to teach in the Physical Education department at the Academy. "I teach classes in self-defense, physical fitness, swimming, unarmed combat and, of course, racquetball," she said. The Air Force holds its own worldwide racquetball tournament each year and there is also an annual all-military competition. In the years since her graduation, Faulkenberry has won the women's division of both competitions every time she's played in the tournaments, making that a total of seven worldwide military titles.

Perhaps Faulkenberry's greatest honor in her distinguished racquetball career is that she was named the Air Force's Athlete of the Year in 1991. "It was an honor for me to win, and I think it also says something for the sport of racquetball," she remarked.

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FLORIDA

1992 STATE SINGLES IN ORLANDO

Reprinted from FRA News

Nearly 400 entrants, a classic Mercedes door prize and some of the toughest singles competition in years marked the return of the FRA State Singles to Orlando, after a three year stint in Jacksonville. Players from all corners of the state were glad to reduce their "drive time" to compete on the ten familiar courts of the Orlando Fitness and Racquet Club, as they had done for much of the 1980s.

Tim Hansen took a short break from his chiropractic studies to make the trip to Orlando, claiming the #1 seed position from last year's champion, James Lorello, who did not enter the event this year. Hansen had been unable to attend the 1991 state

championship due to his U.S. National Team obligations, but was glad to be back. Bruised and battered from tiebreakers leading to the final, opponent Rob Kulp couldn't match Hansen's shotmaking and was forehand "pinched to death" in two games of 15-8, 15-3. For Hansen, it was a special victory, marking his fourth state championship title. His first three were in 1984, 1986 and 1988 — all won at the Orlando site.

The women's open draw was also filled with tough competitors, despite the noticeable absence of Jacksonville's Mary Lyons and Claudia McCarthy, as well as locals Diane Green and Julie Pinnell. The top seeds were unchanged, with Kersten Hallander claiming her #1 spot as the defending champion and Susan Morgan-Pfahler moving into the #2 position. In their rematch, Kersten took commanding leads in both games before Susan began inching her way back from a 12-5 deficit in the second. A series of forehand lob serves, followed up with soft forehand pinches pulled the score to a much closer 14-13, before Kersten was able to close out the match 15-6, 15-13.

The highlight of the event came on Saturday evening with the giveaway of a 1976 Classic Mercedes sedan to benefit the Arnold Palmer Children's Hospital. Donated to the cause by Rudi Vukovic, the car alone brought in hundreds of spectators on Saturday and made winner Steve Rampersad of Orlando one of the happiest ticket buyers when his name was drawn to receive the car. For those juniors in the tournament who were too young to win the car, door prizes provided by E-Force, Ektelon, Head Sports, Penn and Spalding were distributed in a separate drawing.

Tournament directors Mike Mojer, Lori Basch, Mike Smith and Marshall Weiner were assisted by Linda Mojer, who flew in from Colorado Springs to nitpick, check eyeguards and confirm birthdates for the event at her former home club. "It was great to see all my old friends at sea level — and it was so thoughtful of them to all meet right at the club..." Registration was handled by the very able team of Jo Kenyon and Sue Gilberti, with even more cheerful help from Pete and

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Ann Geisler, John Linde and Jean Trimble. Thanks to the efficient team and good planning, not one of the 600 matches fell behind schedule. Although not competing, FRA President Mary Lyons was on hand to conduct the annual board meeting and to "defend my seedings" before rushing back to Jacksonville on Saturday.



IDAHO

GILMAN & GOULD TO WED

Boise: Michelle Gilman recently announced plans to marry fiancée Ron Gould this summer. The two plan a July 4 wedding, then a leisurely cruise before Gilman resumes training for the 1992 VI World Championships in Montreal the following month. Congratulatory

racquetball lessons for two years now, and he's gone from a "novice" to a low "A" player at his club. I jokingly tell him that I'm like a good mechanic who can tell what's wrong with an engine just by listening to it. He recently commented that he really likes my most recent instructional articles and wondered what other people thought about them. I told him that I never get much feedback, and therefore was considering not writing much anymore. He said that if my "phone lessons" and articles help him, they surely must benefit the people as well. That got me to thinking a bit, and gave me a crazy idea.

Just for fun and to see what would happen, I took phone calls from around the state and gave free "phone lessons" in January. It was such a success in our state, I've offered to repeat it nationwide in May. I'll want your name, rating, level at your club, a description of your game, and opinion of your strengths and weaknesses. If no one calls, I won't take it personally - I'll just assume you are either busy or forgot, and I can give my dad a call in Maryland and talk to him about ACC basketball and teach him a couple of new serves!

If you're interested in a phone lesson, call 919/286-7529, ext. 232 on June 10, 11, 12, between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

NORTH CAROLINA

HONEY, WILL YOU GET THE PHONE?

By Bob Book

Reprinted from the Wall Nut Journal

"Sure...Hello!...Oh, Hey Dad...Pretty good...Yeah, it's a good thing Laettner made those free throws...Uh huh...So, how's your game these days?...Not much power on your backhand...Uh huh...Dad, I'm pretty sure you're contacting the ball a little too high and too close to your body, probably from playing up too far forward during the rallies. Try playing back a little deeper and give yourself a little more room away from the ball before hitting your backhands...Talk to ya soon and good luck in tonight's league match. Oh, and take two aspirins and call me in the morning!"

This may sound funny, but I've been giving my dad long distance, over-the-phone

OHIO

OHIO KICKS OFF REGIONAL SERIES

Reprinted from Racquetball Around Ohio

Over 750 participants in 38 age and skill divisions competed in the first scheduled metro regional for the states of Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Kentucky in Columbus, Ohio at the end of February.

The Men's Open featured state champions from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. The top two seeds, Doug Ganim from Ohio and Chris Cole from Michigan, both members of the U.S. National Team, squared off for what was expected to be a hard fought final match. They had beaten

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Tom Travers, Ohio, and Brian Jorgenson, Pennsylvania, respectively in the semi-finals.

Cole and Ganim have played each other several times during their careers and almost every match has ended in a close tiebreaker. However, this time it was all Ganim. Cole started the match flat and Ganim took advantage, building a 9-2 lead in the first game. That set the tone for the whole match with Cole never really finding his rhythm and Ganim looking sharper than ever. When the dust had settled, it was Ganim on top by 15-6, 15-6.

The women's open division featured state champions from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Top seeded Mary Bickley, Pennsylvania ran into a tough Val Springer, Michigan in the semi-finals. Springer defeated Bickley in a tiebreaker and went on to meet Jessica Hedler, Ohio, who had defeated Peggy Ludwig, Ohio, in their semi-final match.

In the finals Hedler continued her march towards the title with a fairly easy first game win over Val Springer 15-7. In the second game, Hedler looked tired and her previous knee surgery was obviously starting to bother her as her mobility began to suffer. Springer sensed the weakness and came on even stronger. Hedler, knowing she would probably have even more trouble in the tiebreaker fought back. The second game took over an hour to play with the score neck and neck the whole way. When the dust had settled it was Ohio's Jessica Hedler pulling out the first regional win of her career by the score of 15-14.

TENNESSEE

A PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE

By Walter McDade, President TARA
Reprinted from TARA Newsletter

Listen up, Tennesseans! I've got a challenge for you. Tennessee is ranked 21st in the nation for state membership size. We currently have 523 active members. We could move into the top ten if we doubled our membership. My challenge to each of you is to sign up at least one new member for Tennessee. If we all sign up someone, anyone that doesn't necessarily play racquetball, the Tennessee membership can double - more growth than any state in the nation! Let's go for it. I'm signing up my mother, accountant, close friends - everybody that I'd like to educate about racquetball. Just think, it could be in your doctor's office rack, business waiting rooms, etc. I think we can do this.

Who benefits? You do. It will bring Tennessee more funds to spend on you, your tournaments, your newsletters, clinics, and best of all we will be known nationally as a state that is really promoting racquetball for everyone. (Players and non-players).

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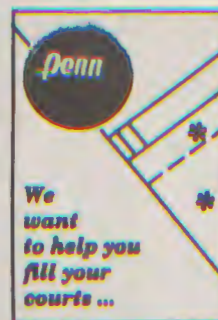
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