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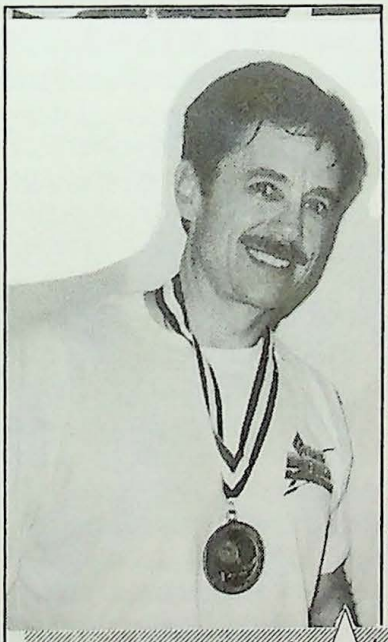
Cole and Fontana Capture Regional Titles

For Matt Fontana, second place was just not good enough. Known as one of Florida's top Open players and finishing 2nd in the "North" Regional motivated Fontana to strive for an even better finish in the "South" Regional and he proved that he was up to the task as he captured the Gold at the Ft. Lauderdale Regional Qualifier.

As a "surprise" entry into one of the most competitive Regional Singles Championships, **Chris Cole** demonstrated the fine art of "control". Over the past 10 years Cole, who lives and plays in Flint Michigan has won both Regional, National and a World Racquetball Championship. Chris is well known as a quick, control player and he proved, once again that he still has "it". Chris was placed as the #4 seed in the Open draw and defeated **Matt McElhiney**, **Randy Pfahler** and the defending State Champion, **Aaron Metcalf** in the semi-finals (13, 6). The defending Champion and top seeded **Tim Hansen** was defeated in the 2nd round by **Ross Greenberg** in an exciting 11-9 tiebreaker. Ross then faced off against a determined **Matt Fontana** in the semifinal but this time lost the tiebreaker 15-10, 9-15, 11-0. The final was a display of fine racquetball skills and mutual respect of the players; Cole defeated Fontana 15-8, 15-8 to take the 1st place title.

Undaunted, Fontana regrouped and prepared for the "South" Regional - 3 weeks later. Defending Champion and #1 seeded **James Lorello** defeated Rick Fusari in the first round and then faced Miami's **Julio Junkie**. *Continued pg. 4*



Layton Wins National Award

Mitt Layton, from Jacksonville was honored at this years US National Singles Championship. Mitt was named the National Age Group Player of the Year for 1997. In addition to his National and US Open Championships, Mitt had a great year here in Florida, winning 2 Regional Singles titles and finishing 2nd in the Open division at the State Singles .Congratulations Mitt!

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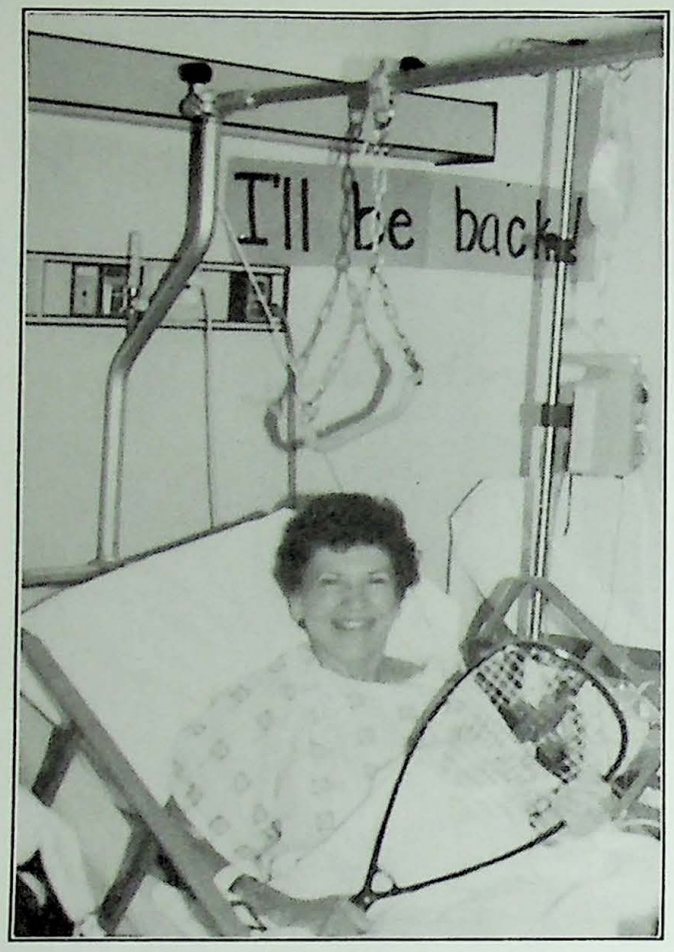
I'll Be Back!

Florida's own "Grand Dame" of Racquetball, **Jo Kenyon** recently underwent hip replacement surgery. Jo who has been well known for her incredible conditioning and competitive nature is determined to make it back onto the court -- and soon!

Jo came through the surgery very well and was in good spirits when she returned home to begin rehab.

We can't wait to see you playing again!



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RACQUETBALL REVIVAL

- How do you start a racquetball revival? At the **Suncoast Family YMCA** in Clearwater. District Executive Jan Smith and Membership/ Health Director Juana Molina developed a plan to revitalize the racquetball program. Court times were reserved weekly for junior players, court maintenance was stepped up and programs to attract new players were planned. To accomplish this plan to attract new players, a call went out to Team Ektelon member Tom Davis. Fellow team members Nick Hawk, John Scargle and Jim Vineyard heard about the plan and joined in. The result has been several enthusiastic fun filled clinics, with a demo night and more clinics being planned.

The lifeblood of racquetball and the path to growth for the sport has to be attracting new players. The clinics at the Y conducted by Team Ektelon members Nick Hawk, John Scargle, Jim Vineyard and Tom Davis are aimed at the young and beginning adult players to accomplish this.

Future clinics will be aimed at continuing the development of junior players and new to the sport adults. Racquet give-a-ways are planned for junior players dedicated to the sport. More demos are planned for players with some of those antiques from the closets and garages to see some of the advances made in the last few years in racquet design and material.

How's the racquetball revival going? At the Suncoast YMCA in Clearwater with the director of Jan Smith and Juana Molina and with the assistance of Team Ektelon members, the revival is going great!

FRA GOLF? Yes, it's true! The 1st annual FRA Golf outting was held in Orlando in mid-April. 20 players enjoyed the day on the course - 40 enjoyed only the post tournament party! Team winners were Harvey Miller & Carla Alford and runners-up Gordon & Lindy Kirkland Cheryl Lee won the Closest to the Pin contest and Guy Meadows "ripped" the Longest Drive - way to go Guy! Check out the FRA Results web site, maintained by Bill & Kassi Herr for future events.

THIS RACQUET WON'T CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

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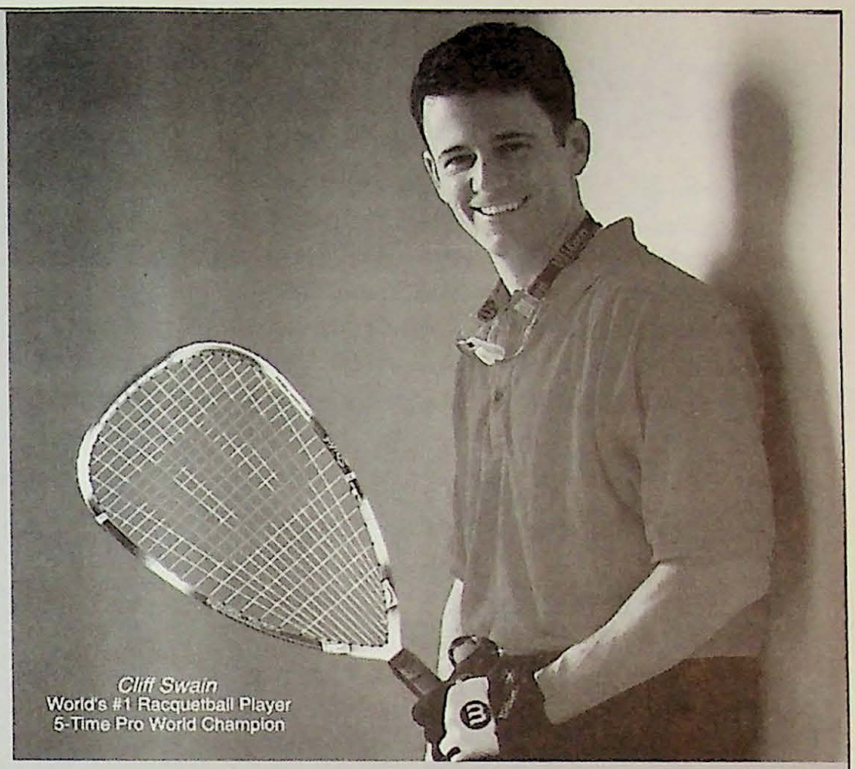
YOUR LIFE IS RACQUETBALL).



THE T22 TITANIUM WITH POWER HOLES.
(CHANGE IS GOOD).

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Surviving Rehab *by Janet Tyler/ Team* EKTELON

Stepping onto the courts in Houston this year was a triumph of sorts for me. Eighteen months ago I was not a happy person, displaced from the sport I love due to a series of surgeries and treatments to correct a genetic problem with my wrist. Now that I am on the brink of returning to action, I've been asked to write an article on perseverance. I accept the assignment only because I don't ever want to see another competitor give up hope, and if I can make a few suggestions to help someone in a similar situation, I'll feel twice blessed.

First, it's important to come to terms with the injury and accept the length of time you'll be out of action. It does no good to trick yourself into believing you'll be the exception to the rule when it comes to prescribed recovery time. Some things just can't be rushed, and you are better off not pining away on the sidelines dreaming you'll be out on the court any sooner than the doctors say is realistic. What you can do, though, is watch others play and imagine yourself in the rallies, taking certain shots and moving fluidly around the court. If you watch a match using this kind of mental imagery, you gain a sense that you are actually practicing, even though you haven't hit a shot. And as an added bonus, you never lose a match played outside those four walls!

Second, try to stay involved in other ways. I became much more involved in teaching, and became an AmPRO Certified Instructor. Helping others improve their game is as exciting as making those improvements on your own. When one of my students won her first regional title, it meant as much to me as it would have if I'd won it myself. Teaching took me back to the basics, and the repetition and refinement of technique helped me to reinforce those skills.

Find inspiration everywhere. This was truly the key to my perseverance. On the days I walked by those courts to the cardio room, I always noticed a man bent and slowed by the ravages of aging and progressive osteoporosis. It was a major effort for him just to get through those front doors, yet he religiously kept to his workout schedule, which included the treadmill, weights and laps in the pool. No matter how I felt, I knew that his pains were greater than mine, yet he persevered. I've also known some amazing people who played racquetball between chemotherapy treatments and maintained their passion with every ounce of energy they could muster. They are my heroes, and I respect them for their awesome courage.

Try not to dwell on how far from 100% you are, but instead think of how far you've come. Looking down on a stiff, swollen and aching wrist was depressing at times. Yet the more I fixated on the slow slight movements, the more I could begin to see some light at the end of the tunnel. My friends didn't always understand the joy I felt at the slightest increase in mobility, but I was trying hard to think of how much better it was than the weeks, and sometimes months before.

This has not been one long episode with a clear beginning, middle and an end. I have had the challenge of coming back more than once, and still face one more surgery to remove the hardware. I have found hope, the faith and the passion, though to do it all one more time. Anyone facing similar setbacks will surely find the results worth the effort. Play ball!!

Regional Results

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Julio, who over the past 5 years has been quietly improving his game pulled out all the stops as he knocked Lorello out of the event (and back to his new baby's side) 7-15, 15-13, 11-9. Julio then faced Ormond Beach's **Nick Xynidis** who has proven again and again that he has what it takes to be the best - he certainly has one of the biggest serves in the game! Nick defeated Junkie 10-15, 15-13, 11-5 to move on to the final. **Matt Fontana** came into the event as the #2 seed and defeated **Todd Friderich, Alain Pujolar** and **Tim Hansen** to reach the finals (15-11, 9-15, 11-3). Matt's speed and determination proved to be just too much as he captured the Gold defeating Xynidis 15-11, 15-13.

Yesenia Delbusto demonstrated her ability to play championship singles racquetball as she defeated all comers in the "North" Regional. Delbusto knocked of the top seed **Susan Pfahler** in the semi-finals 14-15, 11-15, 11-4 only to face the "other half of the team", **Mary Lyons** in the final. Lyons, who prior to the tournament had not competed in a singles match in 2 years, defeated Georgia's **Andrea Gordon** and **Susan Cox** to reach the final. The match featured two players with completely opposite styles - Yesenia (Boom-Boom) Delbusto and Mary (Dinker) Lyons -- the only similarity was a deceptively slow court coverage technique (slower than they looked) displayed by both competitors. The match proved to be very exciting as Delbusto bashed, banged and splatted and Lyons pinched, dinked and rekilled anything she could get her racquet on. When the alternating momentum had finally stopped, Delbusto came out on top taking the tiebreaker 11-8 to take home the Gold.

The "South" Regional featured 4 completely different semi-finalists - **Teri Lawrence**, the #1 seed defeated **Laura Brandt** but was stopped in the 2nd round by **Helen Marseco**. Helen, who had a ***GREAT*** tournament had already defeated **Kathy Geels** and the #4 seed, **Susan Pfahler**. **Janet Tyler**, the #2 seed defeated **Patty Powl** and the always tough **Melanie Britton** (#3 seed) to reach the final. The final was a re-match from Saturday night's age group semi-final in which Helen won in an exciting 11-5 tiebreaker. The final however, took on a different look as Janet took control of her "worn out" opponent 15-11, 15-5 to capture the Championship.

Thanks to our tournament staff, Susan Pfahler, Van Dubolsky, Laura Brandt and Patty Powl for many hours of hard work and to the management and staff of our host clubs, **Racquetpower**, the **Quadrangle East Athletic Club** and **Weston Athletic Club** for a job well done. These events take a great deal of planning, hard work and clean up by the club staff. A very Special Thanks to **DeSalvo's Italian Restaurant, Baglemania, Susan** and the staff at the **RP Cafe** and especially to **EKTELON** and **Penn**, the National event sponsors.

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U.S. National Singles -

Blame it on "El Nino"!

Almost everything else has been blamed on El Nino, so why not? It was a "hot & dry" National Championship for Team Florida. As the week long event drew to a close, only 5 players were competing in finals matches. For many states, 5 would be a good number but not for Florida. In past years we've had many more. For the 5 finalists however, it was an exciting event. Two of the 5 had never competed for a National Championship and they rose to the occasion- taking the Men's 25 C/D and Women's C titles. Andy Silva, from Miami, blew through the Men's 25 C/D division defeating 3 Texans then Doug Hale from North Carolina in the final (15-10, 15-12) to capture the Championship title. Christine Fenton from Orange Park (suburb of Jacksonville) competing the Women's C division played in a 5 player round-robin. Christine defeated all 4 opponents in her first National Championship. Congratulations to Andy & Christine on a great tournament.

Three other "experienced" Floridians were not so fortunate in their finals attempts but should feel no shame in achieving second place finishes in the National Championships. Susan Pfahler, competing in the Women's 40+ division came from the #3 seeded position to face Chris Evon in the final. Feeling fortunate for having made her way through this very tough draw, Susan knew that her final would be difficult. "Miss Evon is always tough." And she was; she defeated Susan 15-7, 15-13.

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MENS OPEN SINGLES

1	Aaron Metcalf	520
2	Matt Fontana	485
3	Tim Hansen	320
4	James Lorello	180
5	Hector Capo	165
6	Scott Reiff	160
7	Nick Xynidis	150
8	Julio Junkie	125
T9	Ron Burris	120
T9	Allan Engel	120

MENS A SINGLES
Cutoff/ 250 points

1	Daryl Cooperrider	225
2	Greg Stoner	200
3	Jose Lopez	150
T4	Fabrizio Avelar	115
T4	Joseph Kovalick	115
T6	Mike Craft	100
T6	George Dewiliby	100
T6	Mark Farias	100
9	Dennis Rivard	95
10	John Perry	70

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MENS B SINGLES
Cutoff/ 200 points

1	Frank Dispenza	185
T2	Dan Shupsky	145
T2	Andrew Silva	145
4	Dean Kachel	115
5	Dennis Reaves	90
T6	Mike Bell	80
T6	Don Carter	80
8	Doug Blackmer	70
T9	Brett Kash	65
T9	Fabian Kopetman	65

MENS C SINGLES
Cutoff/ 150 points

1	Oswald Rolle	150
2	Jesus Manuel Inigo	140
T3	Alex Hamrick	100
T3	Benny Lupo	100
T3	Don Pratt	100
6	Bart Huber	95
7	Tracy O'Neal	90
8	David Aaronson	85
T9	Jim Carothers	80
T9	Andrew Silva	80

MENS D SINGLES
Cutoff/ 100 points

1	Scott Haber	75
2	Aaron Price	70
T3	Juan Carlos Diaz	50
T3	Shannon Golden	50
T5	Murray Hann	50
T5	Dick Hooley	50
T5	David Hutchins	50
T5	Wayne Leap	50
T5	Leo Mesa	50
T5	Luis Pacheco	50
T5	Mike Rud	50
T5	Will Suero	50
T5	David VonStein	50

MENS NOVICE
Cutoff/ 100 points

1	Lamar Hires	85
T2	Ryan Mills	50
T2	Samit Pithe	50
4	Phillip Burns	30
5	Brandon Deegan	20
6	Aaron Price	10
7	Michael Rubin	10

MENS ALL AGE (19+)

1	Don Petrella	600
2	Scott Erker	400
3	Eric Harper	350
T4	David Cato	300
T4	Alain Pujolar	300
6	Mike Harmon	285
7	Adam Kemp	165
T8	Ron Jennings	150
T8	Nick Xynidis	150
10	Larry Peek	125

MENS 25+

1	Matt Fontana	580
2	Aaron Metcalf	400
3	Ralph Cuesta	195
4	John Ledig	175
5	James Lorello	150
6	Mike Martino	145
7	Ross Greenberg	125
T8	Matt Bishop	120
T8	Jose Sanchez	120
10	Blaine Mitchell	100

MENS 30+

1	Hector Capo	425
2	Joe Canuel	355
3	Curtis Winter	250
T4	Cedric Bell	200
T4	John Scargle	200
6	Ralph Cuesta	180
7	Norman McNutt	165
8	Blaine Mitchell	155
9	Julio Junkie	125
10	Mike Hodgkinson	120

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MENS 35+

1	John Scargle	470
2	Scott Cullins	400
3	Greg Stoner	200
4	Greg Diaz	185
5	Jeff Kristjansen	160
6	Cedric Bell	155
7	Pete Scondras	125
8	Paul Owens	110
9	Brent Huber	105
10	Ken Arrowsmith	100

MENS 40+

1	Terry Fluharty	1100
2	Ron Burris	365
3	Ken Arrowsmith	360
4	Randy Pfahler	195
5	Bob Ford	180
T6	Bruce Davis	165
T6	Jeff Kristjansen	165
8	Sal Perconti	160
9	Mitt Layton	150
10	Jacky Grayson	115

MENS 45+

1	Mitt Layton	700
2	Rick Fusari	515
3	Don Prater	355
4	Oscar Corsaut	250
T5	Mike Distefano	225
T5	Sal Perconti	225
7	Ken Hooley	215
8	Reuben Triplett	210
9	Ron Marseco	160
10	Van Dubolsky	150

MENS 50+

1	Rick Fusari	800
2	Mike Winslow	515
3	Russ Deegan	200
4	Steve Kantrowitz	180
5	Jerry Rand	165
T6	Tom Davis	160
T6	Steve Feldman	160
8	John Green	150
9	Lee Handley	110
10	Dennis Booth	95

MENS 55+

1	Jerry Rand	330
2	Jim Vineyard	240
3	Leo Bourque	205
4	Bill Kehrig	200
5	David Houser	180
6	Frank Borgon	150
7	Fred White	135
T8	Craig Shaak	100
T8	Frank Shumer	100
10	Jay Aimis	65

MENS 60+

T1	Don Alt	250
T1	Frank Shumer	250
3	Milas Turney	165
4	Mike Weins	140
5	Marty Silverstein	120
T6	Dan Day	100
T6	Clement McIntosh	100
T6	Joe Miller	100
9	Gene Verweibe	85
10	Joseph Carlantonio	50

MENS 65+

1	Don Alt	850
2	Milas Turney	250
T3	Joe Miller	150
T3	Mal Roberts	150
5	Marty Silverstein	150
T6	Nate Finkel	100
T6	Robert Harper	100
T6	Gene Verweibe	100
9	Mike Weins	60
10	Dan Day	50

MENS 70+

1	Nate Finkel	250
2	Mal Roberts	250
3	Mike Landy	150
4	George Spear	50

MENS 75+

1	George Spear	350

MENS 80+

1	George Spear	900

WOMENS OPEN

1	Janet Tyler	425
2	Yesenia Delbusto	385
3	Susan Pfahler	300
4	Melanie Britton	250
5	Lynn Slaughter	230
6	Patty Powl	205
7	Susan Cox	180
T8	Susan Hann	160
T8	Teri Lawrence	160
10	Mary Lyons	150

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WOMENS A
Cutoff/ 400 Points

1	Corinne Turnbull	400
2	Alina Polak	235
3	Karen Weins	190
4	Kassi Herr	180
T5	Jennifer Christiansen	100
T5	Nancy Fasano	100
T5	Rachael Trinkowski	100
T8	Leslie Butler	80
T8	Darcey Hinstorff	80
10	Sue Adams	75

WOMENS B
Cutoff/ 350 Points

1	Patty Chikalla	155
2	Leslie Butler	430
3	Jan Kerrigan	75
T4	Chris Sweeney	60
T4	Linda Walker	60
T6	Debbie Halula	50
T6	Rachael Williams	50
T6	Kelly Zimdars	50
9	Mindy Meadows	40
10	Claire Lewis	35

WOMENS C
Cutoff/ 250 Points

1	Stephanie Thomas	185
2	Terri Hench	175
3	Sam Gibbs	150
4	Robin O'Neal	130
5	Teri Alberto	100
6	Laurie Joliff	80
T7	Kim Jacklitch	75
T7	Paula McNeish	75
T7	Patti Tome	75
10	Teresa Bell	70

WOMENS D
Cutoff/ 200 Points

1	JoJo Lindquist	150
2	Kay Hornbuckle	130
3	Tracy Hunter	75
4	Melanie Stowell	70
5	Tracy Comlish	50
6	Jeanie French	30
7	Caroline Collins	20
T8	Kim Miller	10
T8	Shirleen Smith	10
T8	Debbie Thibodeau	10

WOMENS NOVICE
Cutoff/ 150 Points

1	Margarita Sixto	150
2	Miryan Blandon	100
3	Heather Moore	75

WOMENS ALL AGE (19+)

1	Yesenia Delbusto	450
T2	Sam Gibbs	425
T2	Kim Jacklitch	425
4	Shana Costa	400
5	Isabel Delgado	260
6	Michelle Couden	200
7	Patty Powl	170
T8	Sue Cox	150
T8	Rachael Trinkowsky	150
10	Leslie Butler	135

WOMENS 25+

1	Susan Cox	150
2	Teresa Fitzgerald	105
3	Vivian Gomez	100
T4	Michelle Couden	50
T4	Lindy Kirkland	50
6	Isabel Delgado	30
7	Jennifer Wilson	25
8	Fanny Scargle	20
9	Maria Marcano	15

WOMENS 30+

1	Lori Lepow	420
2	Patty Powl	150
T3	Melody Butler	100
T3	Robin O'Neal	100
5	Teri Lawrence	75
6	Laura Brandt	50
7	Jennifer Christiansen	30
T8	Teri Alberto	15
T8	Kathy Geels	15
10	Terri Hench	10

WOMENS 35+

1	Melanie Britton	400
T2	Susan Pfahler	250
T2	Janet Tyler	250
4	Helen Marseco	200
T5	Susan Hann	150
T5	Corinne Turnbull	150
7	Laura Brandt	125
8	Linda Walker	60
T9	Patty Chikalla	50
T9	Jennifer Christiansen	50
T9	Jan Watson	50
T9	Karen Weins	50

WOMENS 40+

1	Jean Trimble	625
2	Karen Bouchard	450
T3	Dori Moss	150
T3	Susan Pfahler	150
5	Angela Chang	120
T6	Sue Adams	75
T6	Maria Silva	75
8	Cari Kresa	50
T9	Mary Jo Murray	30
T9	Lynn Slaughter	30

WOMENS 45+

T1	Renee Fish	500
T1	Karen Weins	500
3	Angela Chang	325
4	Barbara Rogers	125
T5	Judy Arnold	25
T5	Paula McNeish	25

WOMENS 50+

1	Agatha Falso	650
2	Min Taroreh	150

WOMENS 55+

1	Jo Kenyon	300

WOMENS 60+

1	Jo Kenyon	1200

BOYS 18

1	Nick Hawk	400
2	Benny Lupo	175
3	Larry Peek	175
4	Danny Akes	150
5	Matthew McElhiney	100
6	Jayson Welch	75
7	Mike Harmon	50

BOYS 16

1	Matthew McElhiney	480
2	Mike Harmon	475
3	Danny Akes	285
4	Jeremy Best	175
5	Clay Burris	85
6	Nick Hawk	60
7	Justin Meadows	25
T8	Ryan Mills	10
T8	Brad Slocum	10

BOYS 14

1	Matthew McElhiney	600
2	Justin Meadows	400
3	Clay Burris	350
4	Johnny Miller	125
5	Brad Slocum	75
T6	Chris Akes	50
T6	Carlos Paez	50
T8	David Hutchins	30
T8	Pete Scondras	30
10	Dan Bushek	20

BOYS 12

T1	Clay Burris	350
T1	Brad Slocum	350
3	Chris Akes	180
4	Jamin Godwin	170
5	Scott Haber	125
6	Brendan Walker	85
7	Chris Mitchell	80
T8	Raymond O'Neal	50
T8	Justin Polak	50
T8	Bryan Wilson	50

BOYS 10

1	Jamin Godwin	400
2	Timmy Parrish	280
3	Brendan Walker	110
4	Geoffrey Hunter	75
T5	Chris Akes	50
T5	Mitchell Dubolsky	50
T5	Pete Scondras	50
T8	Trevor Pusch	30
T8	David Zahner	30
10	Tom Lynch	20

BOYS 8

1	Jamin Godwin	400
2	Michael McNutt	250
3	Harrison Slocum	150
4	Calvin Godwin	100
5	Pete Scondras	50
6	Marc Kovalick	30
7	Nicholas Deangelo	15
8	Tom Lynch	15

BOYS 8 Multi-bounce

1	Cameron Pfahler	350
2	Michael McNutt	250
3	Calvin Godwin	225

GIRLS 18

1	Melissa Harmon	100

GIRLS 14

1	Carolina Paez	30

GIRLS 10

1	Katie Lyons	150

GIRLS 8/ & Multi-Bounce

1	Sarah Parrish	225

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Florida Racquetball Association Tournament Ranking System

Tournament Level

	1-local	2-open	3-state	4-regional	5-invit.	6- national
1st Place	*30*	*50*	*150*	*250*	*300*	*600*
2nd Place	*20*	*30*	*100*	*150*	*200*	*400*
3rd Place	*15*	*20*	*75*	*100*	*150*	*300*
4th Place	*10*	*15*	*50*	*75*	*100*	*200*
5th Place	*5*	*10*	*25*	*50*	*75*	*100*

*The USRA National Office Currently provides all state rankings, using results provided by tournament directors.
*FRA rankings reflect only points accumulated in indoor 4 wall events.
*Once a player reaches the "cut off" limit in a skill division, that player is no longer eligible to compete in that division and MUST move up to the next higher skill level. Players may NOT drop back down to a lower skill level once their ranking points drop below the cut-off limit.

Skill Division Cut Off Limits

Division	Men	Women	Division	Men	Women
A	*250*	*400*	*C*	*150*	*250*
B	*200*	*350*	*D*	*100*	*200*

*Players ranked in the top 10 in any skill level may NOT compete in a lower skill level and will NOT be listed in the rankings.
*Cut off limits apply to skill level and age+skill level divisions.
*Once a player has won a skill division in a Level 3 event, he/she may NOT compete in that skill division in future Level 1-2-3 events. He/she may compete in the Level 4 event that year but must move up following that event. This rule applies to doubles and also applies even if the player has not reached the designated cut-off limit.
**If you have any questions regarding the ranking system or your status, please put your question in writing and mail it to the FRA or E-mail us at fralyons@cybermax.net

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Results from the South Regional Singles Quadrangle April 17-19th, 1998

MENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
OPEN	Matt Fontana	Nick Xynidis	Tim Hansen	Julio Junkie
A	Ken Harper	Jose F Lopez	Mitch Slater	Dennis Rivard
B	Frank Dispenza	David Marrero	Dean Kachel	Paul Sotolongo
C	Sheldon Johnson	Oswald Rolle	Donald Pratt	Ed Bec
D	Gerardo Mora	Jeff Kinni	Samit Pethe	Brad Dollinger
All Age	Eric Harper	Nick Xynidis	Alain Pujolar	Mike Harmon
25+	Matt Fontana	James Lorello	Blaine Mitchell	Ralph Cuesta
30+	Hector Capo	Ralph Cuesta	Cedric Bell	Blaine Mitchell
35+	Scott Cullins	Jeff Kristjansen	Ken Arrowsmith	Cedric Bell
40+	Ken Arrowsmith	Bob Ford	Jeff Kristjansen	Bruce Davis
45+	Mitt Layton	Rick Fusari	Don Prater	Van Dubolsky
50+	Mike Winslow	Steve Kantrowitz	Russ Deegan	Dean Kachel
50/55+	Don Alt	Jerry Rand	Bill Kehrig	Fred White
65/70+	Don Alt	Marty Silverstein	Nate Finkel	Mal Roberts
WOMENS	**WINNER**	**RUNNER-UP**	**3RD**	**4TH**
OPEN	Janet Tyler	Helen Marseco	Melanie Britton	Teri Lawrence
A	Isabel Delgado	Jan Watson	Nancy Fasano	Kassi Herr
All Age	Isabel Delgado	Patty Powl	Kathy Geels	Teri Lawrence
35+	Melanie Britton	Helen Marseco	Janet Tyler	Sue Hann
40+	Jean Trimble	Dori Moss	Maria Silva	Angela Chang
45+	Renee Fish	Angela Chang	Jackie Jones	Barbara Rogers

Results from the JCC Memorial Tourn. WPB JCC/ May 24-25th, 1998

MENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD
A	Larry Aft	Robert Centos	Joseph Kovalick
B	Paul McCarthy	Steven Shapiro	Walter Goldberg
C	Juan Collada	Michas Collada	Michael Bingham
D/Nov	George Morales	George Cartos	Mark Kovalick
M19/25+	Andy Lewis	Glen Carlson	Roberto Cantos
M40/50+	Joseph Kovalick	Juan Collada	Walter Goldberg
M55+	Don Schmidt	Paul McCarthy	Harold Jacobson

Results from the '98 Orlando Cash Classic OFRC/ May 15-17th, 1998

MENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
CASH	Rubin Gonzales	Aaron Metcalf	Allan Engel	Matt Fontana
OPEN	Mike Harmon	John Cole	John Perry	Jeremy Best
A	Joe Carter	Ron Vittitoe	Kevin Jumper	Frank Dispenza
B	Terry Adams	Ron Jennings	Dan Shupsky	Mike Thompson
C	Alex Hamrick	Randy Forbes	Mike Lear	Shannon Golden
Novice	Timmy Parrish	Corey Kovalick	Lamar Hires	
All Age	Jason Bledsoe	John Cole	Frank Dispenza	Jeremy Best
B12/14	Corey Kovalick	Timmy Parrish	Cory Osburn	Raymond O'Neal
B16/18	Todd Feldman	Mike Harmon	Justin Meadows	
25+	Matt Fontana	John Ledig	Scott Rubin	Chuck Teschke
30+	Norm McNutt	Mike Hodgkinson	Mike Colon	Pete Soltren
35+	Scott Cullins	Scott Consoli	Dana Levy	Robert Morgan
40+	Bill Greaney	Mark Murray	Marshall Weiner	Dee Parrish
45+	Jerry Salsano	Don Prater	Ross Smith	John Crea
50+	Rick Fusari	Terry Thomas	Frank Kerwick	Lee Handley
55+	Jack Ross	Bill Kehrig	Jack Sussman	Frank Borgon
Open Dub	Consoli/Kirkland	Ledig/Chris Z	Cashion/Owens	Ganley/Smith
A Doub	Burns/Burns	Bach/Tuminelli	Johnston/Vittitoe	Hodgson/Storey
B Doub	Burt/Sussman	Ballotte/Wortman	Herr/Meadows	Canale/Kerwick
35 Doub	Owens/Cashion	Greaney/Morgan	Fuqua/Stophel	
40 Doub	Murray/Salsano	Burt/Fuqua	Weiner/Quiles	
45 Doub	Ross/Burns	Crea/Prater	Metlin/Sussman	James/Cantelli
50 Doub	Handley/Thomas	Burton/Canole	Hodgson/Storey	Mojer/Cantelli
Mixed	Jean Trimble	Maria Silva	Boob	Sam Gibbs
OPEN	Scott Consoli	Peterson	Moore	Tony Shawver
Mix A/B	Weins Kovalick	Joliff Quiles	Mindy Meadows Guy Meadows	

WOMENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
OPEN	Linda Prusaczyk	Jean Trimble	Terry Lawrence	Melissa Harmon
A	Karen Weins	Carla Alford	Kassi Herr	Lindy Kirkland
B	Corrine Karnbach	Laurie Jolliff	Sam Gibbs	Marcy Stein
All Age	Jan Watson	Sue Hann	Teri Lawrence	Melissa Harmon

Results from the North Regional Singles Racquetpower March 20-22nd, 1998

MENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
OPEN	Chris Cole	Matt Fontana	Aaron Metcalf	Ross Greenberg
A	Mitch Williams	Steve Silverman	George Dewilliby	Mark Farias
B	Horatio Perez	Robert Forte	Terry Adams	Frank Dispenza
C	Johnny Miller	Che Lopez	Tony Blankenship	Tracy O'Neal
D	James McDonald	Indiano Pama	Daniel Fowler	Lamar Hines
All Age	John Cole	Mike Harmon	Ron Jennings	Chi Yan
25+	Aaron Metcalf	Matt Fontana	Steve Frazier	Ross Greenberg
30+	Curtis Winter	Joe Canuel	John Scargle	Norman McNutt
35+	John Scargle	Gregory Hodges	Vinnie Ganley	Brent Huber
40+	Terry Fluharty	Randy Pfahler	Ron Burris	Gregory Hodges
45+	Oscar Corsaut	Mike Distefano	Sam Machotka	Lee Bateman
50+	Rick Fusari	Sam Machotka	John Green	John Pease
55+	Jim Lane	David Houser	Leo Bourque	Frank Shumer
60+	Bob O'Brien	Milas Turney	Frank Shumer	Mike Weins
65+	Milas Turney			
WOMENS	**WINNER**	**RUNNER-UP**	**3RD**	**4TH**
OPEN	Yesenia Delbusto	Mary Lyons	Susan Pfahler	Susan Cox
A	Corinne Turnbull	Alina Polak	Karen Weins	Kassi Herr
B	Vivian Gomez	Sharon Steeley	Valerie Willis	Patty Chikalla
C	Christine Fenton	Stephanie Thomas	Patricia Tome	Judy Justice
D	Chistina Aguirre	Carolyn Brooks	Paula Pero	Jeny Kriakov
Novice	Carrie Peppler	Margarita Sixto	Miryan Blandon	Heather Moore
All Age	Yesenia Delbusto	Susan Cox	Alina Polak	Vivian Gomez
30+	Lori Lepow	Patty Powl	Valerie Willis	Carolyn Brooks
35/40+	Susan Pfahler	Andrea Gordon	Corinne Turnbull	Sue Hann
JUNIORS	**WINNER**	**RUNNER-UP**	**3RD**	**4TH**
8- MB	Cameron Pfahler	Calvin Godwin	Michael McNutt	Sarah Parrish
8-	Kenny Green	Harrison Slocum	Michael McNutt	Sarah Parrish
10-	Jamin Godwin	Connor Reynolds	Timmy Parrish	Brendan Walker
12-	Brad Slocum	Eric Gordon	Shane karmelin	Brendan Walker
14-	Justin Meadows	Clay Burris	Jacob karmelin	Brad Slocum
16-	Matt McElhiney	Mike Harmon	Danny Akes	Jeremy Best
18-	Nick Hawk	Danny Akes	Marcus Hughes	Benny Lupo

Results from the Quad West Spring Classic Quadrangle West/ March 6-8, 1998

MENS	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
OPEN	John Scargle	Peter Scondras	Terry Fluharty	Mike Martino
A	Greg Stoner	Ron Vittitoe	Bruce Middleton	Tim Yore
B	Jeremy Lynch	Edward Kizito	Doug Blackmer	Brett Kash
C	Tim Bissell	A. Wolfinbarger	David Fleishman	Tracy O'Neal
D	Mike Rud	James Taylor	JR Tapper	M. Skywalker
B14-	Chris Akes	Pete Scondras	Corey Kovalich	Tom Lynch
M25+	Matt Bishop	John Ledig	Mike Martino	Jim Hundley
M30+	Dana Levy	John Brandvik	Scott Consoli	Adam Kemp
M30B	Don Carter	Reno Birt	Bill Herr	Allen Adkinson
M35+	John Scargle	Dana Levy	Scott Consoli	John Brandvik
M40+	Terry Fluharty	Ken Arrowsmith	Sal Perconti	Jacky Grayson
M45+	Sal Perconti	Reuben Triplett	Rick Fusari	Don Prater
M50+	Rick Fusari	Ron Burdo	Lee Handley	Tom Davis
M55+	Jim Vineyard	Ron Burdo	Tom Davis	Dan Day
M65+	Dan Day	Jim Fyfe	Tim Furco	Mike Weins
WOMENS	**WINNER**	**RUNNER-UP**	**3RD**	**4TH**
OPEN	Janet Tyler	Sue Hann	Patty Powl	Melody Butler
A	Darcey Hinstorff	Leslie Butler	Kassi Herr	Laurie Zacco
C	Terri Hench	Robin O'Neal		
Age	Janet Tyler	Sue Hann	Patty Powl	Karen Weins

Results from the Ned Gordon Championship Lakeland YMCA/ April 3-5th, 1998

DIV.	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	3RD	4TH
OPEN	Orlando Cabana	Ron Burris	Mike Harmon	Derek Newcomer
MA	Randy Grossglass	Nick Hawk	Joe Kovalick	Clay Burris
MB	Dan Shupsky	Don Carter	Matt Cyr	Paul Zimdars
MC/D	Richard Greaves	Frank Cutri	Malcom Hamilton	Jim Allen
Novice	William Smith	Corey Kovalick	Kevin McDonald	Troy Nation
Jr. 8-	Matt Allen	Melissa McDonald		
Jr. 10-	Marc Kovalick	Melissa McDonald		
B12-	Chris Akes	David Zahner	Kevin McDonald	
B14-	Clay Burris	Justin Meadows	Corey Kovalick	Troy Nation
B18-	Mike Harmon	Danny Akes	Jeremy Best	Nick Hawk
M35/40+	Jacky Grayson	Ron Burris	Don Carter	Ed Dale
M45/50+	Ken Hooley	Joseph Kovalick	Mike Thibodeau	Bob Christ
M55/65+	Earl Black	Marty Silverstein	Richard Greaves	Eugene Verweibe
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Father's Day Special

by Marc Burns

It can be heaven, or it can be hell.

For those who have tried it, you know that playing competitive doubles with your son or daughter (or mother or father) can be harrowing, an emotional rollercoaster. It's unavoidable-- there's just so much baggage you both bring on to the court.

For my 19 year old son J.B. and me, though, the weekend of May 15-17th at The Club in Orlando was pure heaven.

We competed in the Men's A Doubles, and faced some stiff competition. But we were up to the challenge. J.B. dominated the right side (we're both righties), smoking winners from all over the court and playing with the highest level of composure he'd ever exhibited. I was so proud, and so moved. We were truly in sync, athletically and emotionally.

Still, in the final, we were down 4-10 in the tiebreaker. But we hung in there getting a side out, moving to 6-10, losing our serve, getting a side out, moving to 8-10, losing our serve again, getting another side out, then serving out to win at 11-10!

As the match ended, J.B. and I embraced, savoring what we had accomplished. It was one of those rare golden moments that parents live for.

Oh, one more thing. J.B. promises me that it's just a matter of months before **he's** playing the left side and I'm over where I belong, on the right. I told him that nothing would make me happier.

Editor's Note: As a parent and competitive player I have experienced the same exhilaration, competing with my son, Jimmy - win or lose, every shot he hit was a victory for me. I can say that I have been lucky enough to achieve a great deal in racquetball, in city, state, regional, national and international competition and the #1, most memorable moment of my 23 years of playing racquetball was playing my first game of Open doubles with my son; it was incredible to see him compete at that level - far above his skill level.

The future of our sport depends upon our ability to teach our children - any children, the many benefits and pleasures that can be derived from playing racquetball. It is unfortunate that many clubs do not provide young players with instruction, some do not even allow children to play on their courts at all. Talk to your club managers and owners and convince them that our kids are the future of our sport and the future members of their clubs; it is in their best interest to teach a kid to play.

"Take a kid to court!"

National Singles *Continued from pg. 4*

Don Alt from Ft. Myers faced long time friend and competitor, Otis Chapman in the Men's 65+ division. Otis proved to be a formidable opponent on this day as he defeated Don 15-9, 15-6 and forced Don to take the Silver medal. George Spear, from Venice rarely gets any 80+ competitors but this year he faced the best. George faced Luzelle Wilde from Utah in the final and was defeated 15-9, 15-12.

In an unexpected twist, Mitt Layton the '97 40+ Champion was defeated by Jesus Montezuma (TX) in a tough semifinal match -15-5, 12-15, 11-8. In the Men's 45+ division Mitt came into the draw in the #2 seeded position and rolled along until he ran into Jim Luzar (WI) in the semifinals. Mitt won the first game 15-13 but lost the second 15-9 and the tiebreaker 11-7. Mitt's Player of the Year Award may have been the Jinx - just like Eileen Tuckman last year! Mitt did leave a lasting impression on all of the banquet attendees as he spoke following his award presentation. Mitt thanked all the appropriate people then mentioned his wife, Jill and the help she has provided as a Massage Therapist. Mitt's naive "southern" style may have gotten him in trouble however when he spoke about how Jill would "Jump On and Jamm On" any sore spots he had. Needless to say, the room erupted into laughter and the embarrassed Mitt was left to try to explain the innocent comment. We never knew that we had a stand-up comedian in our midst!

Other Team Florida players who made the long trip to Houston and contributed to an overall great event:

Ralph Cuesta (30+ Consolation Winner)
Tim Hansen (35+/ 4th)
Terry Fluharty (35 & 40+ top 8)
Rick Fusari (45 & 50+ top 8)
Mike Distefano (45+ top 16)
Mike Bell (45+ A/B top 8)
Graig Shaak (55+ A/B 3rd)
Robert Smith (55+ C/D top 8)
George Spear (75+ top 8)
Isabel Delgado (A Consolation Winner)
Vivian Gomez (B top 8, 25+A/B 4th)
Patty Powl (25+ top 8)
Isabel Delgado (25+ A/B 3rd)
Lori Lepow (30+ top 8)
Jean Trimble (40+ top 8)

Congratulations to all Team Florida players. We look forward to the US National Doubles Championships, scheduled for October 15-18th in Baltimore, Maryland. For an application, call the USRA at 719-635-5396.

Sunshine State Games
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Letter to the Editor

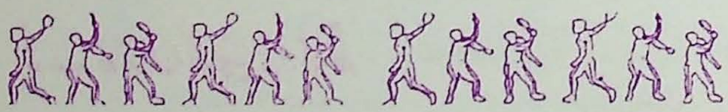
Sirs,

I would just like the Florida Racquetball Association to know that the Lakeland YMCA Tournament run on April 4 & 5 was run as smoothly as a player could hope for. It was myfirst time playing at that facility & it was very enjoyable. It was arranged well, the hospitality was as good if not better than larger tournaments & most importantly all matches started on time.

I hope if you can put this in the Racquetball News that it would help to get some more players for their next tournament. I live in Boynton Beach & it was a 3 hour drive, but well worth it.

Yours truly,
Martin Silverstein

Note: *Thanks for the positive feedback Marty! Unfortunately tournament directors usually hear only complaints; I know the Lakeland Y directors will be glad to hear from you. The good news is that there are a number of clubs around the state that run quality tournaments - we hope that more players will get the word and begin to play in these smaller events.*



1998 3-Wall National Racquetball Championship

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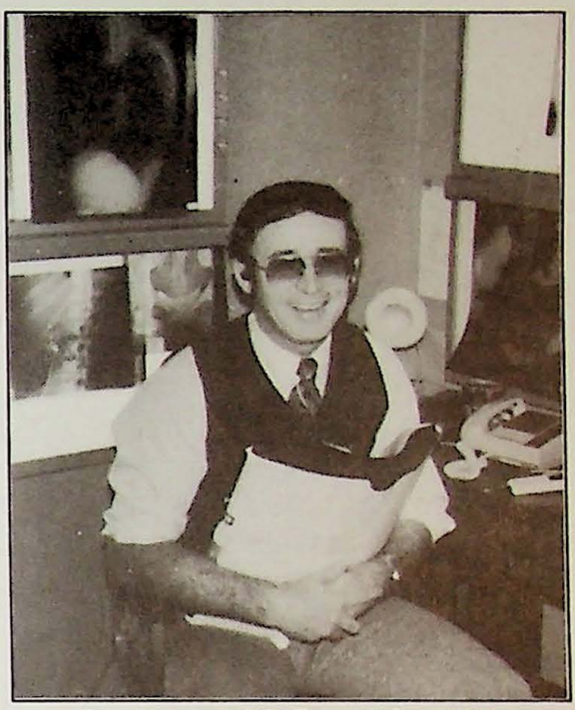
Team Florida Players at the U.S. National Singles

"I Have A Dream"

By Mary Lyons



Dr. Everett McCormick - 1980

These words have been spoken so many times, in so many circumstances but never so clearly as with two innovative men who have recently passed away. **Joe Sobek**, the inventor of the sport of racquetball died of congestive heart failure in March of this year and **Dr. Everett McCormick**, from Jacksonville, the inventor of Bi-Rak-It finally lost an ongoing battle with cancer in May.

These two men who had vision for their sport - a sport which thousands would one day enjoy- a vision that small children and senior citizens alike would be able to play. Sobek's game, racquetball took off and is now played in 91 nations, by 7 million players and is a class A Olympic sport on the verge of becoming a full Olympic sport. McCormick's sport, Bi-Rak-It, so similar to Sobek's, yet so unembraced by the racquetball and handball communities.

The idea for the sport of Bi-Rak-It was born out of Everett's wish to make the world a better place - to help people use more of their brains and bodies - using both hands and both sides of the brain, to become more complete people. Bi-Rak-It, a great game and one of the best physical and mental workouts that you can get is currently played by only a handful of players - mostly ambidextrous racquetball players or old handball players. The sport was not embraced and now that Dr. Mac is gone, it is unlikely that it ever will be.

I did not know Mr. Sobek, but I did have the pleasure of meeting him and in 1994 I was honored to receive the Joe Sobek Contributor Award from the AARA. I am proud to say that I knew Dr. Mac and worked with him to promote Bi-Rak-It. I honestly enjoyed playing the sport, especially with him - he was truly an excellent athlete and an honorable man. Dr. Mac continually strived to help others, even to the point where he was taken advantage of by some. Dr. Mac told me, in his unmistakably softspoken manner on more than one occation that he knew that "they" were using him and his money, but that he hoped that his trust in them would "turn them around"; an eternal optimist.

These are two men who had vision for thier sport, Sobek's dream was realized but unfortunately Dr. Mac's has, as of yet, not. I am very proud to say that I have met both men, played both sports and I can honestly say that I am truly a better person for having known Dr. McCormick; I will miss him very much.

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June 26-28	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle Athletic Club Quad West Summer Classic Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
July 10-12	**2**	**Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club** **Sunshine State Games Championship** Tourn. Director: Mary Lyons 904-270-2224
August 1	1	Clearwater, Quad West Athletic Club State Doubles Warm-up Tourn. Director: Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
August 14-16	**3**	**Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club** **1998 State Doubles Championship** Tourn. Dir: Ken Arrowsmith 813-949-4402
August 28-30	2	Ormond Beach, Omega 40 Omega Bucks Classic Tourn. Director: Nick Xynidis 904-672-4044
September 1-5	5	Albuuerque, New Mexico IRF 10th World Senior Championships For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
September 11-13	**4**	**To Be Announced** **1998 Regional Doubles Championship**
October 9-11	2	Coral Springs, Quadrangle East 3rd Annual Steve Chapman Memorial Tourn. Dir. James Lorello 954-753-8900
October 15-18	5	Baltimore, Maryland 1998 US National Doubles Championships For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
November 6-8	**2**	**Auburndale, Recreation Center** **State 4-wall Outdoor Championship** Tourn. Dir: Chris Shelton 941-965-5545
November 11-14	5	Memphis, Tennessee Promus Hotels 3rd Annual US Open For Info: USRA 719-635-5396
November 20-22	2	Orlando, Orlando Fitness & Racquet Club OFRC Holiday Cash Classic Tourn. Director: Mike Mojer 407-645-3550
December 4-6	2	Clearwater, Quadrangle West Athletic Club Quad West Winter Classic Ken Hooley 813-535-4901
December 18-22	6	IRF 10th World Junior Championships For Info: USRA 719-635-5396

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