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St. Louis High School League

by Brad Heger

When the Ladue High School boys' racquetball team won the 1986 St. Louis High School Racquetball League championship they were justly proud. After all, they had put together back-to-back championships, two undefeated seasons, and a 28-0 team record that carried the gigantic "St. Louis Cup" home to their school's display case for a year's glory.

While winners of the St. Louis League, which is sponsored by Head Racquet Sports, have made a tradition of laying claim to being the best high school team in the state, they probably didn't realize they had just as much right to claim a national championship as well. Unfortunately, that claim comes from the fact that there do not seem to be any other high school leagues in the nation — at least, none that compete interscholastically. Fortunately, that situation may change.

This year the St. Louis league has joined ranks with the AARA, a move that could prove super important in the history of racquetball as an established sport in the U.S. The concept of racquetball as a high school sport has been an ideal of racquetballers for many years.

Memphis State and others, most recently Cal State at Sacramento (See *National Racquetball*, March 1986) have brought team racquetball to the collegiate level, developing talent and providing the beginning of a feeder system for professional racquetball.

But junior programs (as successful as DP and Penn's Junior League, and some others have been), have never seemed to be able to get established in the high schools. This is not so in St. Louis, where high school racquetball has been reality since 1978.

The answer in St. Louis was the establishment of racquetball as a recognized extracurricular activity in the high schools. For



Above, Ladue High School's #1 seed, Ken Marks (left), returns a shot to #6 seed, Scott Sagel. At right, #3 Dwight Holmon (left) awaits return from #4 Scott Summers during team practice at JCCA in St. Louis.

the past nine years, St. Louis high schools have been teaming up with local racquetball and fitness club owners to establish and coordinate play among as many as sixty teams (both girls' and boys') representing St. Louis area high schools. Public as well as private schools participate.

One of the keys to the success of the league is the cooperation between the club managers and the high school "coaches", or sponsors. Early on, the establishment of an executive committee made up of high school teachers and parents helped to shape the league. This committee directs the league activities, setting formats, making changes and rulings when necessary. Their contact with the clubs is Rick Lukasek, the manager of a local club who has served as the league director for the past two years, and the one who makes things happen. With the league's affiliating with the AARA this year, Lukasek has been named the AARA's "United States High School Commissioner".

Originally, the competition took the familiar form of corporate leagues in



Defending champions, Ladue Rams Racquetball Team (from left to right): Sponsor ("Coach") Brad Heger, #7 Barry Sandweiss, #5 Team Captain Neil Jaffe, #1 Ken Marks, #4 Scott Summers, #6 Scott Sagel, #2 Warren Bilchik, #3 Dwight Holmon.

which employees (students) formed teams of three to five players and competed within the corporation (school). It was basically an intramural sport.

Then the schools decided to "pool" their teams so that there was competition between the schools, though each school could enter as many three-man (or three-woman) teams as they wished. Some schools opted (and still do) to continue to limit their competition to within their own student body, as an intramural sport.

One of the earliest and most important changes made was to switch away from the "corporate" league to a format more in tune with high school sports. In 1979, the executive committee established a team format not too unlike team tennis.

Under the present arrangement, each school is allowed to enter one boys' and one girls' team at the varsity level, and any number of teams at the junior varsity level. Each team plays a ten game schedule, generally five at its

"home" club and five "away". At each meet, the best of seven sets (five in girls' & junior varsity play) determines which team can claim a victory.

The idea was to apply natural school rivalries to help promote interest. It worked.

Nancy English, a Parkway West High School teacher and her school's racquetball sponsor, finds the sport has continued to grow in popularity among the students. "It's certainly a team our high school has begun to recognize. There's lots more interest because of this league. When we have winter pep assemblies, racquetball is always recognized right along with basketball and wrestling." The Parkway West girls' team, according to English, received outstanding recognition for their championship season in 1986. "We really got some notice."

Most of the people involved in the league think

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the team format is essential to success at the high school level. Ken Luecke, a member of the league's Executive Committee since its inception, likes the team format because, "It gives more kids the opportunity to represent their school, and that's really important." Luecke coordinates four teams representing DeSmet High School, a private Jesuit school in St. Louis County.

Chris Wright, a 1985 graduate of Lafayette High School, agrees. "I felt like I was doing something for the school."

The level of play is not too shabby, either. Wright, for example, is currently the No. 1 Men's Open Player in St. Louis. In December he placed fourth in the Junior World Tournament in Miami for the 18-and-under Open Class. His only loss in three years of play in the high school league was to Andy Gross, currently in the top 25 in the RMA Pro rankings, who dominated the high school league during his tenure there (see *National Racquetball*, June 1984).

Ken Marks, a Ladue High senior who anchors the current champions by playing their number one position, accompanied teammate Warren Bilchik and Wright to Miami for the Jr. World Tournament. Marks and his partner, Leigh Ann Coutu of Wilmington, DE won first in the 18-and-under Mixed Doubles.

"It's amazing how the caliber of play has gone up," notes Luecke, whose own teams consistently place in the "final four".

"An awful lot of folks have put an awful lot of time and effort into this league over these past years," adds Gary Hendren, Athletic Director at Parkway Central High School, and a coach whose varsity teams have won four championships. "There are plenty of individual tournaments the kids can enter. This gives them a chance to compete in a different kind of tournament."

The league is not without its problems, of course, but even the best programs need debugging. Many disagreements have often brought about rulings on problems that have bugged racquetball in general, not just the high school league.

The league adopted a mandatory eyeguard rule early on, and makes players stick with it. The league also made its own ruling on what constituted "professional" status, setting a \$99.00 cash limit on lifetime winnings for students who wished to compete in the league.

Some schools have been slow to officially recognize their "teams" and offer much less support than do the more active schools. While some of the schools offer athletic letters for their racquetball athletes, for example, others strictly limit the school's involvement.

Some of the happiest headaches caused by the high school league are among fitness club managers trying to find court time for

their members in the early afternoon time slots. The 3:00-5:00 slots have become boomers in St. Louis.

The clubs offer reduced rates to students competing in the league. The situation has been profitable both for students searching for practice time and for the clubs wanting to put their courts to full use. Each school chooses a club to provide courts for its "home" matches and for practices. The club is paid from league entry fees for interschool meets, and on a pay-as-you-play basis for practice sessions.

The high school racquetball "coaches" in St. Louis are usually faculty or parent volunteers with varying levels of expertise. What all of the volunteers offer is enthusiasm for their students and for a sport that can provide a lifetime of enjoyment. Whatever some of them can't offer the players in terms of their own racquetball skills and experience, is available through the local clubs. Clinics and lessons are available through local pros and through Head, which is a new sponsor of the league this year.

The season ends with the top teams being invited to a playoff tournament weekend which draws hundreds of players, parents and friends. All-Star teams are selected by a vote of the coaches at the end of the season and recognized with certificates from the league. The league receives daily newspaper coverage in reporting "box scores" as well as weekly standings, and has in the past received some attention from local television sportscasters. Not bad in a sport where even the pros get very little major media recognition!

The implications of widespread high school programs for the sport are tremendous. Many believe that a good junior feeder program is the key to the future of the racquetball industry and to clubs that have to cut a profit to stay in business. With the league joining ranks with the AARA this year, racquetball has taken an important step (small as it may seem) forward. Similar programs established in other parts of the country would provide opportunities for interstate team competition, with the attendant publicity for the teams, the schools and the sport itself.

Marty Hogan graduated from Ladue High School before the St. Louis League was established (and was far beyond the level of play of that early league), but his alma mater is the current "national" champion. Perhaps ten or even six or five years from now, the high school team that wins the St. Louis High School League championship will have to go much farther than their hometown before they can claim a "national championship". Even they hope so.

Pepsi-AMF Head Midwest High School Championships

Twenty-three high schools were represented in the Pepsi-AMF Head High School Championships. Ninety-six students participated in the event. Favored Ladue just held on to the boy's team title when Scott Summers (Ladue defeated Dan Soiab [Lafayette] in the semifinals of the Boy's B Division. The match went the entire three games with Scott taking the tiebreaker 11-9. There were no surprises in the girl's team title as Nerinx Hall took the honors. Results for the tournament are as follows:

BOY'S A

- 1 Warren Bilchik (Ladue)
 - 2 Ken Marks (Ladue)
 - 3 Bob Horner (Francis Howell)
- Consolation - Kevin Brandt (Bayless)

BOY'S B

- 1 Scott Summers (Ladue)
 - 2 Scott Sagel (Ladue)
 - 3 Dan Soiab (Lafayette)
- Cons. - Greg Kleinschmidt (Ft. Zumwalt)

BOY'S C

- 1 Bill Bremer (Lafayette)
 - 2 Greg Schnatmeier (Lafayette)
 - 3 Todd Zimmerman (Lafayette)
- Consolation - Dave Meihaus (Kirkwood)

BOY'S TEAM STANDINGS

1	Ladue	17
2	Lafayette	15
3	Parkway West	10
4	Fort Zumwalt	9
5	SLUH	7
6	Rosary	6
7	Francis Howell	5
8	Kirkwood	4
9	Bayless	3
9	DeSmet	3
11	Parkway Central	1
11	Vianney	1
11	Crestview	1
	CBC	0
	Clayton	0
	Lindbergh	0
	St. Mary's	0

GIRL'S A

- 1 Chris Deer (Nerinx Hall)
- 2 Jen Yokota (Hazelwood West)
- 3 Nikki Flowers (Eureka)

GIRL'S B

- 1 Molly Cowles (Lafayette)
 - 2 Nora Buriks (Webster G.)
 - 3 Mary Jo Mannion (Nerinx)
- Cons. - Laurie Whitehead (Nehville)

GIRL'S C

- 1 Wendy Potts (Ft. Zumwalt)
 - 2 Julie Smith (Nerinx)
 - 3 Donna Panter (Ft. Zumwalt)
- Consolation - Lisa New (St. Joseph)

GIRL'S TEAM STANDINGS

1	Nerinx Hall	15
2	Mehlville	11
3	Fort Zumwalt	10
4	St. Joseph Academy	6
5	Lafayette	6
6	Webster Groves	4
7	Parkway West	3
8	Principia	2
8	Hazelwood West	2
10	Eureka	1
11	Parkway North	0

Twenty-five high schools participate in the St. Louis High School League on a weekly basis. The League is comprised of 500 students. The Pepsi-AMF Head High School Championships is just one of the extra events held by the St. Louis High School League.

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Presidents Column by Van Dubolsky

One of the many services the AARA offers to its members is to act as a clearing house for all the sanctioned tournaments held across the United States. The results of these events (about 800 per year) are recorded by the tournament directors and sent to the national office where they are compiled and used to produce the national rankings.

Every tournament is pre-designated at a particular level ranging from closed state tournaments (Level 1) up to the National Championships (Level 6). Last May your board of directors voted to adopt a revised point value system for the rankings based upon reported tournament activity, and increased player demand for a National Invitational category (a new Level 5). The new system emphasizes the State Championships (Level 3), the Regionals (Level 4) and the National Events by awarding greater point values for these as compared to the usual Open Tournaments (Level 2). Please note the new point values for each level as they are listed at the end of this article.

As a reminder, here is a quick review of how the rankings are produced. Each tournament director is asked to fill out the appropriate forms after their event. These forms list the top eight finishers in each division. Each place, 1st - 8th, is awarded a designated point value and each player receives that number of points. The points are cumulative and are kept current by deleting any that are over one year old. For example, points earned in October of 1985 will

be deleted as of November 1, 1986. This allows us to maintain an active record of player performance.

Up until 1984 the national office attempted to handle the tournament load by itself. For the past two years the American Racquetball Handicapping System (ARHS) in Minnesota had been the official ranking organization for the AARA. ARHS served us well but very recently they closed their doors and once again the national office will be processing these results in house. By the time you read this, the transition of records (no small task) should be complete and the rankings should be up to date.

With regard to these rankings, there will always be arguments as to their validity. Some players accumulate lots of points as their states offer a greater number of sanctioned events over a year's time. This produces an obvious quantity vs. quality debate. But one thing is for certain; just about everyone checks the rankings published in *Racquetball In Review* and in the *Tournament Programs* searching for their own name.

We are always looking for a better, but still cost effective and practical, way to rank our players nationally and we are open to your suggestions. In the meantime, if you feel your points are not correct there are probably reasonable answers as to why: misspelled names, misplaced results, unreported tournaments, etc., do produce inaccuracies. Give us a call at (303) 635-5396 and we will do the best we can to straighten it out so that your ranking is a correct one.

What's My Ranking?

Adopted Ranking System As of June 1986

Level 1 Closed State Tournament		Level 1 Club (in house) Tournament	
1st	30	1st	10
2nd	20	2nd	5
3rd	15	3rd	3
4th	10	4th	2
5th-8th	5	5th-8th	1
Level 2 Open Tournament		Level 2 Closed State Tournament	
1st	50	1st	20
2nd	30	2nd	10
3rd	20	3rd	8
4th	15	4th	5
5th-8th	10	5th-8th	3
Level 3 State Championships		Level 3 Open Tournament	
1st	150	1st	50
2nd	100	2nd	30
3rd	75	3rd	20
4th	50	4th	15
5th-8th	25	5th-8th	10
Level 4 Regionals		Level 4 State Championships	
1st	250	1st	100
2nd	150	2nd	60
3rd	100	3rd	45
4th	75	4th	30
5th-8th	50	5th-8th	20
Level 5 National Invitationals		Level 5 Regionals	
1st	300	1st	175
2nd	200	2nd	100
3rd	150	3rd	70
4th	100	4th	40
5th-8th	75	5th-8th	35
Level 6 Nationals		Level 6 Nationals	
1st	600	1st	500
2nd	400	2nd	200
3rd	300	3rd	100
4th	200	4th	75
5th-8th	100	5th-8th	50
9th-16th	50	9th-16th	25
(minimum draw of 48)		(minimum draw of 48)	

New Directions

by Luke St. Onge, Executive Director

One of the highlights of my involvement with racquetball and the AARA took place in early January. Forty-four of the most highly dedicated leaders of our sport convened at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for three days of intensive training, planning and interaction for the future of racquetball.

Twenty-seven inches of snow fell the day they arrived. It was the largest snowfall in Colorado Springs' history, lending an atmosphere of winter wonderland to the setting. The agenda was extensive dealing with membership services, programming, rules, membership expansion, club services, manufacturers supporting services, rules and virtually every area that affects our organizations and future. Secretary General George Miller of the United States Olympic Committee opened the seminar, followed by an orientation by Broun Mayall of the Miller Brewing Company which sponsors the Olympic Training Center.

The group was broken into four sections which met as problem solving action groups. There was plenty of time for open forum in which every aspect of the AARA

and racquetball was examined.

Words fail to convey the professionalism, sincerity and excitement of the state and regional leaders. We can all be truly proud of our elected leaders. They are a rare, dedicated group and the future of the AARA is in good hands.

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Regional News

Region 1

1987 New England Regionals

The New England Regional Championships have been scheduled for April 10-12, 1987 at the Cambridge Racquetball Club. This year sponsors are Penn Athletic Products and Michelob Light. Winners of championship divisions will receive free entry into the AARA National Championships held Memorial Day weekend in Houston, TX.

Last year's Regional Championships had over 500 entries and many players had to be turned away due to large entries. Players are strongly urged to mail their application prior to entry deadline. If the draw exceeds 400 players, play may begin as early as 2:00 pm on Friday.

We are pleased this year to have for the first time, Michelob Light as co-sponsor. Unfortunately, because of Massachusetts' laws regulating the sale of alcohol, we cannot give away free beer as we had in past years.

The Cambridge Racquetball Club, host of this year's event, is an established tournament facility having hosted both state and regional tournaments in the past.

State directors in each state will also be asked to vote for candidates for the 9th Annual Yogi Adler Sports Person of the Year award which will be presented on the Saturday evening of the tournament.

Many of last year's champions are expected to return and defend their titles. Each of the six New England states is expected to be well represented making the Regionals the premier tournament of the season.

Bay State Games

In a recent announcement, Douglas Arnot, commissioner of the Bay State Games, stated that the sport of racquetball will be included in the 1987 Bay State Games.

The inclusion in the Bay State Games is another step forward for our sport eventually becoming an Olympic sport.

Qualification tournaments will be held at six regional sites throughout the state in June with the top four finishers in each division advancing to the finals in July.

Region 4

Florida Racquetball Association News

Working with an entirely volunteer staff, FRA News must rely heavily upon the information network of the membership. Reporters are not assigned to cover each tournament, nor are any available to follow-up on each story idea. Give us your ideas in an organized fashion and you'll be credited within the story that appears as a result. We can offer you the satisfaction of seeing your name in print, and together we can produce a newsletter that the entire state can be proud of.

To submit articles, tournament reports, ideas or suggestions, please include the name, address and telephone number of a person who can be contacted for details. Then, simply provide the five w's (who, what, where, when, why — and how) of the event. As long as it includes the basic information, we'll make a story out of it. A report can be in the form of a letter to any one of the regional editors, or directly to: Linda Mojer, FRA News Editor, 915 North Kentucky Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

Over a year ago, the FRA Board of Directors began discussing the possibility

of producing a state newsletter. Perhaps more so than other states, this particular decision was one that required a great deal of research, planning and commitment by the board members. Sure, we had undertaken to establish sanctioning and ranking guidelines, but everyone supports improved quality at the tournaments they attend. We had heard our share of grievances at various events around the state, making rulings by committee and thrashing out the results for months afterward. We have even upgraded the caliber of referee services by testing people's knowledge (and patience) with clinics and examinations reminiscent of finals week in high school. But this is different.

The FRA News is generated solely by volunteer effort. Five regional editorial boards have been established to collect news about any and all tournament events across the state. Editorial policies are flexible — anything relating to racquetball submitted to a regional editor will be considered for publication. Letters to the editor, black & white photographs, and opinions (controversial or otherwise) will be welcomed. Through equal and enthusiastic effort, all of you will be represented in these pages. We challenge you to join us in this statewide project — writing, winning, arguing and growing!

Florida Intercollegiate by Lori Basch

Gators! Noles! Knights! Hurricanes! It's time once again for the Florida State Intercollegiate Racquetball Championships. The event will be held at the Orlando Tennis & Racquet Club on March 13-15.

While this tournament thus far has been a small one, it has always been exciting for all the players. Why? First of all, it seems to regularly draw a lot of excellent college-aged players who are both state and nationally ranked. Secondly (and most importantly), this event involves the only team format for intercollegiate competition in racquetball on both the state and national levels! The excitement and school spirit always run high!

What is the format of intercollegiate team racquetball? A team is comprised of numbered 1-4 men's and women's singles players, and number 1-2 men's and women's doubles teams. A team can have more than four singles players or two doubles teams, but the additional players must be spread across the divisions beginning with number 1.

Team points are accumulated by the players as follows: the winner of a division receives 10 points; runner-up, 7 points; third place, 4 points, and fourth place, 2 points. In addition, a player receives two points per match won except for the finals and third place matches. There is team competition within each men's and women's team, then each school's total combined score (men and women) is tallied for an overall win.

Last year Florida State University won the tournament by eight points over the University of Florida, with St. Leo College near Tampa placing third. In the men's singles competition, FSU students battled it out as Jeff Bowman defeated John Ross in the finals. Angie Browning defeated Lori Basch in the all UF women's final.

Our goal this year is to increase participation in this tournament. If you are a full-time undergraduate student (no age limit) or know someone who is, please spread the word about this event and get in touch with me for an entry. Even if you are simply affiliated with a college or university that has racquetball courts and

would like to help out, I'd love to hear from you.

Region 12

West Section

Juniors interested in taking part in the '87 AARA Junior Regionals should make note it has been set for May 7-10 at the Old Pueblo Courthouse in Tucson, AZ. Tournament director Rocky Lemmert has promised a great time for all and that may even include the tournament. Tucson has a good base of junior players which should make this one of the best ever. Players coming from out of town should be prepared to play by 1:00 pm on Friday. For more information, contact Rocky, (602) 747-7400 or 790-9755.

Salt Lake City and the Sports Mall Metro will play host to the AARA Adult Regionals on April 22-26th. The tournament is being held on a Wednesday through Saturday basis and players should plan accordingly. According to tournament director Rick Strout out of town players will not be scheduled until late Thursday afternoon. Plan to arrive in Salt Lake no later than 1:00 to 2:00 pm in order to rest up for your match. If you have a conflict make sure to clearly mark your entry. For more detailed information, contact Rick Strout, (801) 328-3116.

Remember players, if you are interested in playing nationals, you must take part in regionals.

Players looking for additional information pertaining to racquetball within your state, or the other states in your region, may contact the various state directors at the following numbers: Colorado, Sherry Armstrong, (303) 771-2767; Utah, Toni Dever, (801) 423-1325; New Mexico, Gary Mazaroff, (505) 266-9213; Arizona, Donna Angelopolus, (602) 893-7655; regional director, John Foust, (303) 750-3210 or 699-8121.

Region 15

Region 15 Singles Championships

The AARA 1987 Regional Singles Championships will take place on April 16, 17, 18 & 19 at the Kent Pacific West Sport and Racquet Club. Look for a fantastic draw and competition. Hospitality will be excellent for this event. Call: (206) 473-2266 for entry forms if you have not received them by March 10th.

Advisory Board of Players

We are seeking six to twelve racquetball players from within our Region 15 to act as an advisory board of players to help us meet the needs of our racquetball playing community. This advisory board would only have to meet three times each year in January, May and September. Those of you who may be interested, please contact Sid Williams, (206) 473-2266.

Eyeguards

Due to the liability factor for providing a safe environment for players competing in AARA sponsored events, it has become necessary to make properly worn eyeguards a condition of play at all future AARA sponsored events we hold.

Appeal

As a player of racquetball who, as of last August, became 50 years old and loves to play the game which has been so much a part of my life over the last nineteen years, I appeal to every tournament

director in our nation and especially Region 15 to please, please include the age divisions of 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 in their tournament events. Can any of you imagine a worse fate than to still have the health, desire and ability to compete in a sport you really enjoy, but no one will allow you to do so in a class of play that meets your age or ability level. Consider all the players in our region who yearly turn 50 who would normally be entering the Opens, A, B, C, D and Novice classes of play who now want to play an aged division of play. Where can they play if you never offer them the opportunity? While we're about it, what about the Junior divisions of play? We have got some great junior players in our region who are constantly having to compete in the Adult divisions of play simply because our local and regional tournament directors seldom offer them a Juniors class of play. No sport can survive without the infusion of new blood to carry it upwards to greater heights. I want my son and daughters to derive the same pleasures and benefits from the sport of racquetball that I have received, and I sincerely believe that you want the same for your children. So, let's us together start to assert some player influence with our tournament directors towards these goals of more divisions of play for all who want to play the game of racquetball.

Intercollegiate Racquetball

The American Collegiate Racquetball Association market research letter has been sent to each college in Washington State and each State Director in Region 15. If your college has not received it and you are interested in participating in Intercollegiate Racquetball, please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope and I will send you a copy of the questionnaire to give to the proper authority at your college. Send your inquiry to: AARA, c/o Region 15 Commissioner, P.O. Box 9309, Tacoma, WA 98409.

AARA 1987 ADULT REGIONALS

Region 1 — April 10-12
Cambridge Racquetball Club
215 First
Cambridge, MA 02142

Region 2 — March 27-29
Off the Wall Racquetball Club
230 Osse Avenue
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Region 3 — April 10-12
Allentown Racquetball Club
601 Union Street
Allentown, PA 18101

Region 4 — April 24-26
Atlanta Health & Racquet Club
1775 Water Place
Atlanta, GA 30339

Region 5 — March 26-29
Rime Fitness Center
89 Robert Jermison
Birmingham, AL 35209

Region 6 — April 10-12
The Club Olympiad
2120 North Woodlawn
Wichita, KS 67208

Region 7 — April 10-12
Racquetball & Fitness Center
7700 Torino Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229

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Candidates for AARA Board of Directors

MICHAEL ARNOLT - INDIANA

I am 42 years old and live in Indianapolis, Indiana. I hold a B.A. in Journalism from Indiana University and am a club owner and a freelance writer. I am currently on the AARA Board of Directors serving as AARA National Rules Commissioner, and President of the Indiana State Racquetball Association.

The thrust of my direction on the Board is and will be: improving and maintaining services to individual members and state organizations. One area which deserves solid attention is the accuracy, timeliness, and quality of *Racquetball in Review*. *Racquetball in Review* will become a high caliber newsletter, or you will know why. There is no forgetting the rules. I am intent on adopting or changing only those rules which make the game easier for all players — casual and tournament — to understand and play. Other areas of special interest which I will push for are: development of junior racquetball, women's programs and the inclusion of all men's and women's age groups in all tournaments. I believe strongly that our failure to make a continued effort in those territories will stop what should be a steady growth in racquetball. Most important to me when I convinced Indiana to join the AARA four years ago, was the assurance of a voice in the orderly growth of the sport. Be you a player or manufacturer, the AARA will be a forum which you can address and receive a reply. That's a promise I will keep.

P.S. Don't look for miracles unless you are willing to supply a little of the magic (work).

IVAN BRUNER - WISCONSIN

I am married to Virginia Bruner and live in Madison, Wisconsin.

I have been in the land development and building business for 31 years, building residential and commercial buildings. I have built four racquetball clubs and participated in them are partial owner and managing partner. I still have ownership in one club in Madison.

I served on the Metropolitan YMCA Board of Directors for Madison for six years, being the chairman of the Property Committee and vice president of the Board.

I served on the AARA Board for a three year period and during that time I served as commissioner for one year and vice president for one year.

For the past 11 years, I have assumed the responsibility of maintaining a list of Masters and Golden Masters players and in conjunction therewith, I have arranged dates, times and clubs to host a National Masters and Golden Masters Singles Invitational Tournament to be played in a warm climate each February, a National Masters and

Golden Masters Doubles Tournament each August and a Golden Masters Singles and Doubles each April. These tournaments are very well attended.

We have approximately 550 who receive invitations to the tournaments. The reports of the competition, camaraderie and fun are extremely positive.

We as a group are willing to cooperate with the

AARA in any way possible that might assist all concerned. I have been asked to head this group on behalf of the AARA and I have accepted.

VAN DUBOLSKY - FLORIDA

I have spent a large part of the last twenty

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WESTERN USA	EASTERN USA
SACRAMENTO, CA	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
■ June 3-7	■ July 22-26
■ June 10-14	■ July 29-August 2
*■ June 17-21	
DENVER, CO	MANCHESTER, NH
■ June 24-28	■ August 5-9
■ July 1-5	■ August 12-16
ALBUQUERQUE, NM	PHILADELPHIA, PA
■ July 8-12	■ August 19-23
■ July 15-19	■ August 26-30

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Candidates

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years of my life involved in racquetball. I joined the AARA in 1973 and since that time I have stayed active within the association at all levels. I acquired the Florida State Director's job in 1979 at a time when no one else wanted the position. We now have one of the strongest and most active state associations in the country. In November of 1982 I received a special nomination to the National Board of Directors. I was especially proud to be voted into a permanent position in the National organization during the 1983 general membership election. I served as the National Commissioner until this past year when I was elected to the office of President of your Association. The Presidential appointment is for the length of two years but my Board appointment is up this year. I am seeking re-election to the Board because I feel there is much to accomplish and I would like the opportunity to serve out a complete term of the office as

President. I truly believe in the philosophy, ideals and objectives of the AARA and I would like nothing better than to continue to serve all association members. Thank you for your support!

JOHN FOUST - COLORADO

Having been involved with racquetball in Colorado now for almost 13 years, starting in 1974, I believe I have shown more than just a flash in the pan commitment to the development of racquetball. During this time I've seen numerous changes evolve not only on a state level but a national level as well. Through it all, I've tried to remain consistent and work toward a steady growth of racquetball for those who count — the players.

During this period, I've held various positions with the Colorado Racquetball Association starting as a board member and eventually serving as President in 1981-82. Since that time, I have continued to support the CRA/AARA as a board member and editor of our state association newsletter. I just recently re-

signed from the state board to devote more time to my position as Regional Director (Colorado, Arizona, Utah and New Mexico) and allow the opportunity for new leadership to step forward. I will continue to work with the CRA board when needed. On a national level, I have served as racquetball coordinator for the National Explorers Olympics.

As a prospective national board member, I believe my biggest contribution may be as a person whose views have remained consistent through the years and who has made an honest commitment to seeing the development of racquetball continue to grow. Should this growth arise through referee certification, our new teaching program, high school program or development of creative programming for clubs, I will be there to do what I can.

I would appreciate your support this spring.

JIM HISER - MICHIGAN

I am 39 years old and live in Flint, Michigan. I hold a Ph.D from

Michigan State and am head of the Men's Pro Tour. I am currently on the AARA Board of Directors serving as AARA Vice President. I was the tournament director for the 1985 U.S. National Championships.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the last three years, I have attempted to contribute to the development of various grassroots programs, with a vision of improved junior and recreational player participation.

My reward of contributing to the growth and establishment of the AARA speaks for itself. The first three years have provided an avenue for the implementation of numerous programs, but unfortunately, one only begins to learn the system and initiate new ideas when suddenly the term expires.

Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to continue my efforts for the next three years.

OTTO DIETRICH - COLORADO

I have played racquetball since 1973 and have been an active member of the AARA (and its predecessor — the IRA) since 1975. I moved to Korea in the summer of 1975 and in the following year organized and directed the Korea Racquetball Association until 1980.

Upon returning to United States in 1980, I became active in the Georgia State Racquetball Association, serving as a director since 1983. Although I have been very active at the organizational level, I am best known for my involvement in the area of rules and refereeing.

Appointed to the National Rules Committee in 1982, I was instrumental in refining the AARA Rulebook and the National Referee Certification Exam. I also serve as the Rules and Referee Commissioner for Region IV which includes Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

My real expertise (and true love) is refereeing matches — especially the difficult ones. At last year's U.S. National Singles Championships, I refereed 37 matches. I have refereed numerous finals matches at the national level during the past four years, including the AARA Nationals as well as both men and women professional tournaments including the DP Nationals.

Often mistakenly thought to be on the AARA Board of Directors, I hope to make that honor become a reality this year.

OFFICIAL AARA BALLOT

Listed below is the slate of candidates. The slate consists of six (6) candidates of whom only three (3) may be selected. The ballot should be filled out by checking three (3) selections only and then clipping and mailing the ballot to: AARA, 815 North Weber, Suite 203, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Note: All ballots must be received by midnight, May 8, 1987 in order to be eligible. Those selected will serve a three (3) year term commencing in May.

☐ MICHAEL ARNOLT
☐ IVAN BRUNER
☐ VAN DUBOLSKY

☐ JOHN FOUST
☐ JIM HISER
☐ OTTO DIETRICH

Signature _____

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Schedule of Events

April 2-5
Harvey Chiropractic Doubles
Lynmar Athletic Club
2660 Vickers Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Bernie Nunnery (303) 598-4069

April 2-5
Illinois Racquetball Association
State Singles
Diane Gabrisko (815) 469-9065

April 3-5
Cardiac Classic
Regency Courts
2402 Wooten Boulevard
Wilson, NC 27893
Mike Dimoff (919) 291-7675

April 3-5
Delaware State Doubles
Pike Creek Court Club
4905 Mermaid Boulevard
Wilmington, DE 19808
Ed Young (302) 239-6688

April 3-5
FAC Milk Pro-Am
Fairmont Athletic Club
3328 West Genesee Street
Syracuse, NY 13219
Dick Malone

April 3-5
Junior Regional 9 Championship
Coliseum Racquet Club
8715 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180
Jim Hiser (313) 292-3940

April 3-5
NJ State Open Singles
Spa 23 & Racquet Club
381 Rt. 23
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444
John Denley (201) 851-0700

April 3-5
Royal Open
Royal Racquetball Club
607 Middle Courty Road
Coram, NY 11727
Mike Jones

April 3-5
Super Seven 8
Coliseum Racquet Club
8715 Telegraph
Taylor, MI 48180

April 3-5
Womans Downeast
Racquetball International
North Windham, ME
(207) 892-3231

April 3-5
21st Point Tournament
21st Point
Youngstown, OH
(216) 758-2334

April 7-11
Ogden Athletic Club
1221 East 5800 S.
Ogden, UT 84403
Ed Dillback (801) 479-6500

April 8-12
Grand Junction Athletic Club
2515 Foresight Circle
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Ray Jamsay (303) 245-4100

April 8-12
Spring Shootout
CSU Racquetball Club
REC Sports Dept., 204 Moby
Fort Collins, CO 80523
Gary Coonan (303) 221-1859

April 10-12
Adult Region 1 Championships
Cambridge Racquetball Club
S215 1st.
Cambridge, MA 02142

Paul Hendrickson
(617) 491-8989

April 10-12
Adult Region 3 Championships
Allentown Racquetball Club
601 Union Street
Allentown, PA 18101
Mary Musewicz (215) 821-1300

April 10-12
Adult Region 6 Championship
The Club Olympiad
2120 N. Woodlawn
Wichita, KS 67208
Bob Piper (316) 686-4000

April 10-12
Adult Region 7 Championships
Racquetball & Fitness Club
of San Antonio
7700 Torino Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
Cliff Dilley (512) 344-8596

April 10-12
April Fool's Beach Party
Sports Illustrated
3150 45th Street
Highland, IN 46322
Fred Bojrab (219) 924-0690

April 10-12
Ram State Singles Championship
321 Village
Lansing, MI 48911
Jim Easterling

April 10-12
RI State Doubles Championship
Newport Athletic Club
66 Valley Road
Middletown, RI 02840
Roger Gradey (401) 846-7723

April 10-12
West Virginia State Championship
Olympic Sports World
2804 Birch Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Jerry Harmon

April 10-12
Woodbridge Open
The Club at Woodbridge
585 Main Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Tammy Campanella (201) 634-5000

April 11-12
Junior Regional 5
Montgomery Athletic Club
5675 Carmichel Park
Montgomery, AL 36177
Jack Sorenson (205) 277-7130

April 16-19
Adult Region 15 Championships
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

April 21-25
Adult Region 12 Championships
Sports Mall
5445 South 900 E.
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
John Packard (801) 261-3426

April 23-26
Indiana State Singles Jr. & Adult
Court Club
3455 Harper Road
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Burt Nickelsberg/Mike Arnolt
(317) 776-0222

April 23-25
Ohio State Singles
Sawmill/Westerville
Columbus, OH
(614) 889-7698

April 23-26
Signature Classic #5

4 North Dubois Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120
Dave Negrete (312) 398-4656

April 24-26
Adult Region 11 Championships
Kings Court
700L Cahill Road
Edina, MN 55435
Tuk Peterson

April 24-26
Junior Region 2 Championships
142 Landing Avenue
Smithtown, NY 11787
Al Seitelman (516) 360-0979

April 24-26
Morris County Open
Olympic Racquetball Club
Randolph Park West
Randolph, NJ 07869
Debbie Russo (201) 328-0660

April 24-26
Penn Monroe Open Racquetball
Championship
The Racquet Club of Pittsburgh
Racquet Lane
Monroeville, PA 15146
Judi Stadler

April 24-26
Three Days In April
Riverview Racquet Club
4940 Plainfield, N.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
Roy White (616) 363-7769

April 27-29
Golden Masters Singles & Doubles
Invitational Falcon Complex
2495 Luke Court
Buford, GA 30518
Dorn Romig (404) 963-6434

April 27-29
King Neptune Classic
Bath & Racquet Club
Sarasota, FL
Judi Schmidt

April 28-May 2
Y.M.C.A.
737 East 200 S.
Salt Lake City, UT
Ruth McGovern (801) 533-9622

April 30-May 3
Pontiac Open
Pikes Peak Y/USO
P.O. Box 1694
Colorado Springs, CO 80901
Gary Alexander (303) 471-9790

May 1-3
H.D. Hotspurs Open
Tacoma Athletic Club
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

May 1-3
Macomb County Racquetball Assoc.
Players Club
Warren, MI

May 1-3
New Jersey State Championships
Kings Court
525 Riverside Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Jon Denley (201) 851-0070

May 2-4
Blue Point Open
Blue Point Court Club
9 A Montauk Highway
Blue Point, NY 11715
Ron Digiacoia (516) 363-2882

May 5-8
Body By Schliebe
6100 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67208
J.D. Frederick (316) 681-1573

May 5-9
Tri-City
551 East State Street
American Fork, UT 84403
Ron Peck (801) 756-5224

May 7-9
Adult Region 14 Championships
Garden Racquetball & Athletic Club
2000 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940
Ed Martin

May 7-10
Invitational
Denver Sporting Club
5151 DTC Parkway
Englewood, CO 80111
Don Kriete (303) 779-0700

May 9-10
Junior Region 8 Championships
North Hills Athletic Club
N-85-W 15960 Appleton Avenue
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
Alvin Barasch (312) 763-7300

May 13-17
Mountain Madness
Evergreen Athletic Club
2932 Highway #74
Evergreen, CO 80439
Cheryl Haller/Kip Lyle
(303) 674-6902

May 13-17
Spring Classic Pepsi Cup
Aurora Athletic Club
2953 South Peoria
Aurora, CO 80014
John Foust (303) 750-3210

May 14-17
Signature Finals #6
4 North Dubois Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120
Dave Negrete (312) 882-4636

May 15-17
Junior Region 7 Championships
Racquetball & Health Clubs
of Houston
5890 Point West Drive
Houston, TX 77036
Chuck Albores (713) 988-5528

May 15-17
River Festival Tournament
The Club Olympiad
2120 North Woodlawn
Wichita, KS 67208
Bob Piper (316) 686-4000

May 15-17
Severence AC Tournament
Severence AC
Cleveland Heights, OH
(216) 291-5550

May 15-17
Super Seven Finale
Backwall Racquetball Club
2 Ajax Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Jim Hiser

May 15-17
Third Racquetball Spring Thing
Omega 40
P.O. Box 1141
Ormond Beach, FL 32074
Scott Nelson (904) 672-4044

May 21-25
National Singles
Houston YMCA
1600 Louisiana Avenue
Houston, TX 77002

June 2-6
Ridge Athletic Club Tournament
Ridge Athletic Club
4304 North Foothill
Provo, UT 84604
Joel Tuai Leva
(801) 224-6969

June 19-21
Tacoma Open
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams
(206) 473-2266

June 20-24
National Juniors
Columbus, OH

June 26-28
White River Park State Games
4 Sites TBA
White River, IN
Mike Arnolt (317) 776-0222

July 10-12
White River Park State Games
Finals - Greenbriar
1275 West 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260
Mike Arnolt (317) 776-0222

July 14-17
Steel Days
Tri-City
551 East State Street
American Fork, UT 84403
Ron Peck (801) 756-5224

July 17-21
Pioneer Days
Deseret Gym
161 North Main
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
Marty Frustaci
(801) 359-3911

July 31-August 2
Washington State Doubles
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

August 21-23
Florida State Doubles Championship
Sarasota Bath & Racquet Club
2170 Robinhood
Sarasota, FL 33577
Judi Schmidt
(813) 921-6675

August 21-23
Masters & Golden Masters
Invitational National Doubles
Edison Racquetball & Health Club
511 Old Post Road & US 1
Edison, NJ 08812
Pete Talbot (201) 287-4444

August 21-23
National Masters
Invitational Doubles
Greenbrook, NJ 08112
Pete Talbot (201) 287-4444

September 17-20
Adult Region 15 Doubles
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

September 17-19
Pan American Games Tourney
Point AC
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

September 24-26
North American 40+ Tournament
Albuquerque, NM

October 2-4
Holiday Open
Pac West
5227 South Puget Sound
Tacoma, WA 98409
Sid Williams (206) 473-2266

October 22-24
National Doubles
Arizona Athletic Club
Tempe, AZ



Rankings

Mens Open

- 1 Andy Roberts, TN
- 2 Doug Ganim, OH
- 3 Kelvin Vantrese, IL
- 4 Tim Hansen, FL
- 5 Mike Lowe, CA
- 6 Don Kelly, CO
- 7 Tom Montalbano, NY
- 8 Dave Negrete, IL
- 9 Jamie Sumner, UT
- 10 Charlie Nichols, FL

Mens Novice

- 1 Steven Rovinsky, TX
- 2 Chris Woll, MA
- 3 Bruce Cameron, CA
- 4 Chris Swartzel, OH
- 5 David Hernandez, TX
- 6 Steve Lerner, OH
- 7 Craig Lerner, OH
- 8 Kevin Markle, OH
- 9 Ernie Smith, PA
- 10 Bobby Annis, WA

Mens Wheelchair

- 1 Chip Parmelly, CA
- 2 Jim Leatherman, MD
- 3 Jim Golden, TX
- 4 John Foust, CO
- 5 Gary Baker, TX
- 6 Rick Benavides, TX
- 7 Les Gorsline, PA
- 8 Andy Jones, TX
- 9 Shane Hickey, WV

Mens A

- 1 Tom Sanchez, TX
- 2 Dan Llacera, NY
- 3 Oscar Bazan, CA
- 4 Jim Bolger, OH
- 5 Dave Picard, MA
- 6 Glenn Warren, FL
- 7 Leo Pininiczka, CA
- 8 Dan Verbeck, MI
- 9 Bruce Evans, CO
- 10 Ed Shivokevich, NY

Mens B

- 1 Mark Jenkinson, NJ
- 2 Don Childs, TX
- 3 Jim Grant, MA
- 4 Frank Chavez, CA
- 5 Dan Verbeck, MI
- 6 Lorenzo Albino, TX
- 7 Frank Brown, CA
- 8 Craig Pepin-Donat, NY
- 9 Mike Carter, FL
- 10 Jay Walrod, CA

Mens C

- 1 David Huck, TX
- 2 Charles Cooper, CA
- 3 David Nova, ME
- 4 Harold Lyche, CA
- 5 Hector Lopez, CA
- 6 Bill Hargus, TX
- 7 Mike Singer, CA
- 8 Robert Wexler, TX
- 9 Mike Onderko, PA
- 10 Dustin Delong, WA

Mens D

- 1 Brett Arriola, TX
- 2 Tom Dykwell, CA
- 3 Mike Hartman, FL
- 4 Mike Mertz, TX
- 5 Darren Corbett, MA
- 6 Carl Domijan, MA
- 7 John Jacober, NJ
- 8 Randy Womack, TX
- 9 Ray Anderson, MA
- 10 Doug Micalec, IL

Mens 8

- 1 Jon Boyett, CA
- 2 Mark Hurst, FL
- 3 Joseph Friedman, FL
- 4 Blake Hansen, IA
- 5 Brent Zimmerman, MI
- 6 Wesley Miller, TN
- 7 Robbie Thompson, AL
- 8 Frank Dean, Jr., AL

Mens 10

- 1 Jon Xynidis, FL
- 2 Andy Thomas, WI
- 3 Frank Dean, Jr., AL
- 4 Sudsy Monchik, NY

- 5 Ryan Smith, FL
- 6 Brad Hansen, IA
- 7 Brent Thompson, FL
- 8 J. J. Anderson, CA
- 9 Scott Zimmerman, MI
- 10 Jason Mannino, NY

Mens 12

- 1 Craig Cxyz, FL
- 2 Sudsy Monchik, NY
- 3 Nicky Xynidis, FL
- 4 Ariel Labra, CA
- 5 Allan Engel, FL
- 6 Jimmy Ellenberger, WI
- 7 John Ellis, CA
- 8 Patrick Pond, TX
- 9 Brett Beugen, MN
- 10 Scott Russell, NY

Mens 14

- 1 Robbie Walden, FL
- 2 John Ellis, CA
- 3 Will Epperson, AL
- 4 Mike Altman, FL
- 5 Ross Greenberg, FL
- 6 Joey Paraiso, CA
- 7 Eric Merlis, NY
- 8 Tim Talley, WI
- 9 Chris Weinert, MN
- 10 Nolan Glantz, NY

Mens 16

- 1 James Lorello, FL
- 2 Ray Abady, NY
- 3 Brad Munroe, WI
- 4 Nolan Glantz, NY
- 5 Tim Doyle, NY
- 6 Bryan Adams, TX
- 7 Eric Ramm, CA
- 8 Brian Rankin, FL
- 9 Joey Paraiso, CA
- 10 Eric Mueller, OH

Mens 18

- 1 Mike Bronfeld, CA
- 2 Todd O'Neill, VT
- 3 Todd Stead, MN
- 4 Oscar Gonzalez, FL
- 5 Drew Kachtik, TX
- 6 Chris Wright, MO
- 7 Bobby Rodriguez, CA
- 8 Rob McKinney, PA
- 9 John Ross, FL
- 10 Tim Sweeney, IL

Mens 19+

- 1 Tim Hansen, FL
- 2 Lance Gilliam, TX
- 3 Jim Jeffers, IL
- 4 Mike Bronfeld, CA
- 5 Brent Huber, FL
- 6 Chris Winter, FL
- 7 Jim Alvarado, FL
- 8 Ron Digiacomo, NY
- 9 Mike Gedgoudas, AL
- 10 John Scargle, FL

Mens 25+

- 1 Mark Morrison, FL
- 2 Bill Land, LA
- 3 Bill Lyman, IL
- 4 Al Caballero, FL
- 5 Danny Winn, AL
- 6 Randy Pfahler, FL
- 7 John Peterson, NY
- 8 Randy Olsen, ME
- 9 John Scargle, FL
- 10 Larry Fox, MI

Mens 30+

- 1 Jim Doyle, CA
- 2 Bill Simon, FL
- 3 Stu Hastings, MI
- 4 Bobby Corcoran, AZ
- 5 Dave Kovanda, OH
- 6 Stan Wing, FL
- 7 Ron Woolard, OH
- 8 Dennis Aceto, MA
- 9 Todd Taylor, FL
- 10 Tim Doyle, TX

Mens 35+

- 1 Craig Kunkel, CA
- 2 Dave Kovanda, OH
- 3 Van Dubolsky, FL
- 4 Herb Grigg, IL
- 5 Joe Weiss, CA
- 6 Steve Chapman, FL

- 7 Bill Taliaferro, TX
- 8 Mickey Bellah, CA
- 9 Mitt Layton, FL
- 10 John Hennen, TN

Mens 40+

- 1 Herb Grigg, IL
- 2 Bob Riley, FL
- 3 Ed Remen, VA
- 4 Tom Rumsey, FL
- 5 Mike Winslow, FL
- 6 Ed Vlock, FL
- 7 Tony Conti, FL
- 8 Fred White, FL
- 9 Tom McKie, TX
- 10 Jack Ross, FL

Mens 45+

- 1 Charlie Garfinkel, NY
- 2 Ed Vlock, FL
- 3 Tom Rumsey, FL
- 4 Ron Johnson, IL
- 5 Terry Banderas, CA
- 6 Rex Lawler, IN
- 7 Dario Mas, DE
- 8 Jude Smith, OK
- 9 Bob Wetzel, CA
- 10 Sid Williams, WA

Mens 50+

- 1 Paul Banales, AZ
- 2 Charles Wickham, NC
- 3 Otis Chapman, OH
- 4 Don Woodington, FL
- 5 John Fay, TX
- 6 Sonny Marcus, FL
- 7 Bob Wetzel, CA
- 8 Pat Colombo, NY
- 9 Skip Elman, MA
- 10 Harvey Clar, CA

Mens 55+

- 1 Harvey Clar, CA
- 2 Pat Whitehill, WA
- 3 Charles Lake, VA
- 4 Dan Llacera, Sr., NY
- 5 Pierre Miller, IN
- 6 Jim Herron, OH
- 7 Leo Rodriguez, CA
- 8 Duane Russell, MI
- 9 Richard Caretti, MI
- 10 Robert Harper, FL

Mens 60+

- 1 Victor Sacco, NY
- 2 Bert Morrow, CA
- 3 Malcolm Roberts, FL
- 4 Saal Lesser, NY
- 5 Dick Kincade, CO
- 6 Carl Loveday, CA
- 7 Alfred Rossi, CA
- 8 Luzell, Wilde, UT
- 9 John Becker, GA
- 10 Robert Craig, Jr., IN

Mens 65+

- 1 Luzell Wilde, UT
- 2 Earl Acuff, VA
- 3 Kal Gladstone, CA
- 4 Norman Creamer, FL
- 5 Art Goss, CO
- 6 Nick Sans, FL
- 7 Don Goddard, MT
- 8 Carl Loveday, CA
- 9 William Gillio, CA
- 10 Robert Craig, Jr., IN

Mens 70+

- 1 John Pearce, TX
- 2 Allen C. Shepherd, MD
- 3 Ike Gumer, KY
- 4 Norman Creamer, FL
- 5 George Spear, NY
- 6 Jim Scott, CA
- 7 Charlie Higgins, NH
- 8 Jerome Singer, CA
- 9 Don Brown, ME
- 10 Andy Trozzi, MA

Mens 75+

- 1 Don Brown, ME
- 2 Howard Cole, NM

Womens Open

- 1 Trina Rasmussen, CA
- 2 Mona Mook, CA
- 3 Cindy Baxter, PA
- 4 Mary Dee, NH

- 5 Chris Evon, IL
- 6 Elaine Mardas, OH
- 7 Crystal Fried, CA
- 8 Cindy Doyle, NY
- 9 Terry Latham, TX
- 10 Kim Despain, UT

Womens Novice

- 1 Frances Peters, TX
- 2 Sally Torrez, CA
- 3 Lisa Dooley, TX
- 4 Elizabeth Bailey, TX
- 5 Donna Duncan, CA
- 6 Becky Dubolsky, FL
- 7 Donna Gaines, FL
- 8 Joanne Trenkle, CA
- 9 Kay Heskett, OH
- 10 Alicia Palaez, FL

Womens Handicap

- 1 Kathy Hagerty, AL
- 2 Charlotte Morris, AL
- 3 Bobbie Jo Almond, AL
- 4 Kay Cody, AL
- 5 Mary Lasli Dean, AL
- 6 Brenda Pike, AL

Womens A

- 1 Mary Rasmussen, OK
- 2 Kari McDonough, CA
- 3 Anne Ralles, OH
- 4 Margaret Olawaye, IL
- 5 Lisa Riley, MA
- 6 Pam Wright, NH
- 7 Wilda Armstrong, OH
- 8 Monique Biondolillo
- 9 Evelyn Donofrio, NJ
- 10 Rhonda Torres, CA

Womens B

- 1 Janet Burke, MA
- 2 Kara Childs, TX
- 3 Tamera Anderson, TX
- 4 Chris Collins, FL
- 5 Mary Doukakis, CO
- 6 Debbie Pistone, TX
- 7 Ann Wert, CA
- 8 Jo Kenyon, FL
- 9 Christi Macri, ME
- 10 Becky Lewis, AL

Womens C

- 1 Mercedes Mendoza
- 2 Kerri Bjork, TX
- 3 Linda Wych, IN
- 4 Sally Torrez, CA
- 5 Julie Lenhart, OH
- 6 Kim Perry, CA
- 7 Terry Kelsey, FL
- 8 Kathy Shalhoob, CA
- 9 Debbie Little, MA
- 10 Melissa Myers, IN

Womens D

- 1 Tammie Giles, TX
- 2 Vicki Higley, WA
- 3 Colleen McGowan, MA
- 4 Cynthia Polley, TX
- 5 Connie Vickroy, CA
- 6 Susan Chrisman, FL
- 7 Mary Jo Neubauer, IN
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- 9 Lynette Abott, TX
- 10 Rolande LeBlanc, ME

Womens 8

- 1 Debra Derr, FL
- 2 Jennifer Thompson, FL
- 3 Dawn Marie Gates, IL
- 4 Julie Quinlan, FL
- 5 Sadie Gross, MN
- 6 Beth Knitter, WI
- 7 Kelly Newsome, FL
- 8 Ginger Gelhaus, CA
- 9 Lyndsey Patton, FL
- 10 Reyna Hastilow, FL

Womens 10

- 1 Alyssa Boland, MT
- 2 Jill Butler, CA
- 3 Andrea Beugen, MN
- 4 Britt Engel, FL
- 5 Sara French, FL
- 6 Elkova Icenogle, CA
- 7 Kati O'Day, FL
- 8 Shannon Feaster, IL
- 9 Dawn Marie Gates, IL
- 10 Samantha Simmons, FL

Womens 12

- 1 Britt Engel, FL
- 2 Talya Dodson, CA
- 3 Jennifer Lee, PA
- 4 Erica Willhite, OH
- 5 Elkova Icenogle, TX
- 6 Melissa Smith, MI
- 7 Kristy Lavelley, MN
- 8 Hayden May, CA
- 9 Jodi Willems, WI
- 10 Robyn O'Toole, FL

Womens 14

- 1 Amy Simonetta, FL
- 2 Michelle Gilman, OR
- 3 Erica Willhite, OH
- 4 Hannah Spector, FL
- 5 Tina Alonzi, CO
- 6 Robin Levine, NY
- 7 Jackie Charbonneau
- 8 Stephanie Pinola, PA
- 9 Martha Gates, IL
- 10 Tori Hanson, WI

Womens 16

- 1 Vicki Yarns, FL
- 2 Tami Dodson, CA
- 3 Claudia McCarthy, FL
- 4 Tanya Spangler, WA
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- 6 Shelly Ashton, WI
- 7 Robin Levine, NY
- 8 Carrie Healy, GA
- 9 Sara Ali, NY
- 10 Susan Cox, FL

Womens 18

- 1 Elaine Mardas, OH
- 2 Michelle Gilman, OR
- 3 Robin Levine, NY
- 4 Carrie Healy, GA
- 5 Dina Pritchett, TN
- 6 Vicky Yarns, FL
- 7 Claudia McCarthy, FL
- 8 Leigh Anne Coutu, DE
- 9 Cheryl Gudinas, IL
- 10 Wendy Crews, MD

Womens 19+

- 1 Lori Basch, FL
- 2 Teresa Beresford, TN
- 3 Jan Curtis, FL
- 4 Jo Hastings, MI
- 5 Roz Olson, TX
- 6 Angie Browning, FL
- 7 Fran Kenck, IL
- 8 Melanie Britton, FL
- 9 Julie Ozuna, TX
- 10 Liz Sepeda, TX

Womens 25+

- 1 Mary Lyons, FL
- 2 Diane Bullard, FL
- 3 Kathy Treadway, AL
- 4 Pat Musselman, PA
- 5 Janet Kelleher, NH
- 6 Kathy Langlotz, TX
- 7 Barbara Faulkenberry
- 8 Janis Hawkins, KS
- 9 J. J. Risch, TX
- 10 Jan Peterson, PA

Womens 30+

- 1 Gail Woods, LA
- 2 Susan Morgan, FL
- 3 Connie Peterson, OR
- 4 Debbie Sloan, CA
- 5 Mary Jo Murray, FL
- 6 Linda Mojer, FL
- 7 Joan Azeka, IL
- 8 Terry Hokanson, CA
- 9 Eileen Tuckman, FL
- 10 Margaret Lucas, TX

Womens 35+

- 1 Eileen Tuckman, FL
- 2 Agatha Falso, FL
- 3 Mary Jo Murray, FL
- 4 Grace Touhy, IL
- 5 Sherry Armstrong, CO
- 6 Terry Voboril, KS
- 7 Linda Miller, IN
- 8 Johanna Merriss, CA
- 9 Calvina Fay, TX
- 10 Toni Dever, UT

Womens 40+

- 1 Agatha Falso, FL

- 2 Maite Urza, WA
- 3 Judy Schmidt, FL
- 4 Joan Pearce, TX
- 5 Grace Touhy, IL
- 6 Marianne Johnson, TX
- 7 Carmen Zamora, TX
- 8 Yoko Cox, PA
- 9 Vicki Edelmann, MA
- 10 Mildred Gwinn, NC

Womens 45+

- 1 Judy Schmidt, FL
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- 4 Jo Kenyon, FL
- 5 Marion Johnson, TX
- 6 Mildred Gwinn, NC
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- 10 Shirley Elgaway, FL

Womens 50+

- 1 Jo Kenyon, FL
- 2 Shirley Elgaway, FL
- 3 Mary Walker, CA
- 4 Cleata Ching, PA
- 5 Julia Atherly, FL
- 6 Claire Gautreau, TX
- 7 Mareda Zoumberous
- 8 Joanna Raida, PA
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Womens 55+

- 1 Mary Lou Acuff, VA
- 2 Julia Atherly, FL
- 3 Janet Kettman, CT
- 4 Mareda Zoumberous

Womens 60+

- 1 Claire Gautreau, TX
- 2 Mary Lou Acuff, VA
- 3 Betty Stone, TX
- 4 Raye Johnson, NM
- 5 Roz Cowle, NY

Womens 65+

- 1 Mary Lou Acuff, VA
- 2 Eleanor Quackenbush

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Health Club
475 Grace Street
Addison, WI 60101

Region 9 — February 20-22
29th Fitness Center
2701 29th Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Region 10 — March 6-8
Greenbriar
1275 West 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Region 11 — April 24-26
Kings Court
7001 Cahill Road
Edina, MN 55435

Region 12 — April 21-25
Sports Mall
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Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Region 13 — April 3-5
Rocky Mountain Health Club
1880 Westland Road
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Region 14 — May 7-9
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Your Overall Goal: Power With Control

by Steve Strandemo

Your ability to hit with power is crucial in today's game — and can help move you many pegs up the ladder — but aimless, uncontrolled power will get you in as much trouble as the good that it brings and will sabotage your efforts to develop a sound game. Conversely, you can't expect to win big matches with a totally defensive game, where you simply keep the ball in play by hitting ceiling balls, passing shots, and lob serves while waiting for your opponent to make all the errors.

Ideally, the goal to strive for is what we might call "controlled maximum velocity", where you blend power and control in your strokes, your shot selection, and your overall approach to the game. The realists in good racquetball are learning that to become complete players who can adjust to every type of opponent, they must develop confidence in their ability to play with both power and control.

The great virtue of controllable power is that it enables you to play tough against any type of player. When you can pound the ball accurately, low enough to keep it from coming off the back wall as a setup, you generate more mistakes by your opponent (such as left-up shots and balls that carom unintended off a side wall) because you cut down on his reaction time and put him on the defensive — either jamming him or forcing him to move quickly and to hit while on the move or stretched out. This lowers his scoring efficiency while increasing your offensive opportunities.

For example, power with control will nearly always beat the adept control player because you can hit at a speed that minimizes his chances to set up comfortably and hit accurately and thus keep the game controlled to his liking. This same power in your game will help keep the blaster at bay by keeping him under constant pres-



sure. As one of the original control-era pros, I've had to change my swings on the forehand and backhand to gain more power. Now I can hit the ball

hard enough to stay in the rally against the "shooters" and create my own offensive opportunities. Power itself is not the crucial factor when killing the ball straight-in or as a pinch — accuracy is what counts — but it does help give you more chances for the knockout punch by putting your opponent on the defensive and forcing weak returns.

Therefore, have an appreciation for power, but remember that your ability to sting the ball unbelievably hard is not enough to keep you advancing if you can't keep the ball low with a minimum of skips. If you are a dedicated shooter and you're on your game and getting setups from your opponent, you'll bury him. But when you're out of the groove and wild, your opponent doesn't have to be awed or intimidated by your power — he must simply hang in there until you skip the ball or wait for his chance to rekill your shots in center-court, off a side wall, or off the back wall.

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Denver, CO 80202
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June 20-24
Sawmill Athletic Club
3111 Hayden Road
Columbus, OH 43220
(614) 889-7698

Pan American
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September 17-19
STBA
Colorado Springs, CO

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